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Kinney County Is Home To Roy Jay and Jenifer Harris and Family

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COMMUNITY NEWS

WATER BOARD MEETING

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting **TODAY**, November 12, at 2:00 pm in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

American Legion will meet at Slator Hall **TODAY**, November 12 at 6:30pm. All Veterans welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Henderson and Fort, will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Challenges of caregiving for alzheimers, dementia and any other health care concerns.

HEALTH FAIR

Will be held **TODAY**, November 12 at the Brackettville Civic Center from 12 noon - 6pm. Lions Eye bus will screen vision, Lions Hearing board will screen hearing. Flu shots will be available and CHEER will be available for assistance. For more information contact Lolima Lewis at 830-563-3033

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING

AA closed meetings will held at 109 Spring Street on Saturday at 7pm. Info: 830-261-9596.

PICTURES AVAILABLE!

Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. This includes Varsity Football, JV Football, Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Volleyball and JH Volleyball Info: 830-563-2852.

TIGER AUTO DECALS

Show your love for the hometown team with a window decal for your automobile. Stop by the newspaper office at 111 W. Spring. The decals are on sale for \$6 each or two for \$10 and feature the new tiger logo. Both Tiger and Tigerette decals are available.

FOOD BANK NEWS

The CSFP Over Age 60 & TEXCAP Family Distribution will be on Friday, November 20 from 11am - 5pm at the newspaper office. Please do not arrive early. All food must be picked up on this day. Food will not be held for you to pick up at a later time. All clients must present a Photo ID every month. Distribution dates for 2009 are as follows: November 20 and December 18.

PROGRAMA DE COMIDA

El Programa CSFP arriba de 60 años de edad y TEXCAP Familia Distribuiran el Vernes, Noviembre 20, de las 11 - 5 en la oficina del periodico. Por favor no lleguen temprano. Toda la comida tene que ser recogida en este dia. La comida no puede estar detenida para otro dia. Todos los clientes tienen que presentar prueba de identidad cada mes. Los dias de distribucion sera: Noviembre 20, Diciembre 18.

Former city manager goes to jail

Mayor Pro-Tem Flores testified she loaned herself money too

Former City of Brackettville Manager David Luna, convicted of theft by a public servant in August, 2008, was sentenced to 25 years in state prison and \$30,000 in fines on November 4, however District Judge Enrique Fernandez set aside the sentence and Luna will have to serve ten years community supervision and have to pay back more than \$64,000 in restitution. As part of Luna's community supervision, he is currently serving sixty days in the county jail facility and will be released in early January 2010.

David Luna was accused of stealing money from the city coffers by way of taking pay advances from 2000 through the

abrupt termination of his employment in 2003. According to the State Auditor's official investigation finally completed in 2007, after Luna was arrested and indicted, Luna received \$64,1758.25 in cash advances, a violation of the Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 52.

"The mismanagement and lack of accountability by all parties involved in Brackettville during those years created a climate where something like this could occur. There was a lack of any auditing or, at least, any professionally conducted auditing during those years, which at best was an ignorance of the law or at worst an absolute disregard for the law, including the Con-

stitution of the State of Texas," said Luna's defense attorney Michael A. (Tony) Reyes, of the Nicholas and Barrera Law Offices in San Antonio. Reyes continued, "Furthermore, any party who ever requested, prepared, signed, delivered, received, or acknowledged a pay-advance check, was guilty of violating the law in the State of Texas, under the provision of "law of parties" in the Texas Penal Code."

This calls into question whether or not other city employees and other elected officials serving during this time did not themselves violate the law as Article 3 states it is illegal for a city, "to lend its credit or to grant public money or anything

of value in aid of, or to any individual".

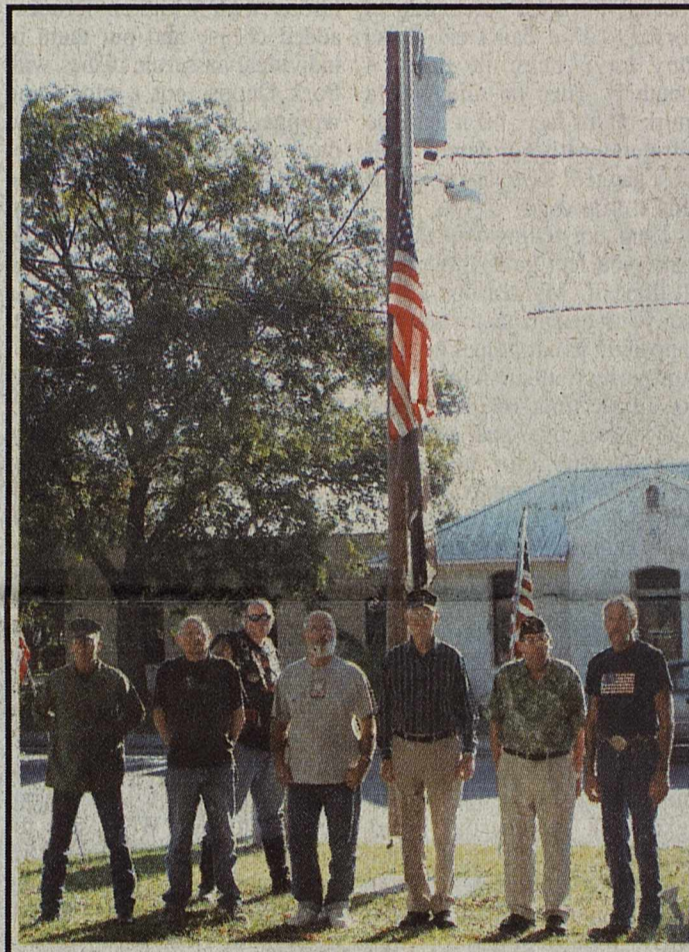
According to documents inspected by this newspaper and used as evidence in Luna's defense, it was discovered current Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Flores asked for and received at least 54 pay advances from the city and without an audit or records from the time period in question, it remains unclear whether or not any of the monies advanced to her were ever repaid. To date, Flores' activities have never been questioned, investigated, or audited by any law enforcement agency.

When questioned under oath Flores stated she may have requested and received, "five,"

advances and offered no explanation for the pay outs. In the last year, Flores stated in a regular city council meeting that she repaid the money when questioned by a citizen, but offered no evidence other than her word.

The only other current council member serving at the time was Francisca Chica Hernandez who, according to Reyes, was only one of a few employees at the time, that did not in any way facilitate or receive a cash advance.

Luna's weekly salary at the time of his dismissal was \$1,036.14. Luna was employed as the Chief of Police for the city in June, 1992, and became the city manager in April, 1993.



Veterans Raise The Flag

Brackett News Photo
By Leigh Volcsko -

Monty Montgomery led a group of local veterans at the annual Flag Raising on the Kinney County Courthouse Lawn on November 11.

Montgomery organized the event, Wayne Overball called the commands and Bart Baldwin raised the flag.

Other veterans attending the event were Shannon Jones, Tom Godfrey, Bob Nelson and John Wooddell.

Happy 95th Birthday Orville!



Orville Frerich

A few family and friends gathered to honor him with a birthday party, for his 95th birthday, in the home of Tony and Nancy Frerich, on Sunday afternoon, November 1. Father Pius of Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church was on hand to give him a special blessing.

The Ordinance regulating food establishments passes

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

After months of discussions between the owners of local food establishments and City Council, the proposed ordinance regulating food establishments was passed at the regular meeting of City Council on Tuesday. The ordinance stated that a person holding a valid food managers' certificate was to be on the premises any time the establishment was open for business. After some discussion regarding the feasibility of a certified individual being on site during all hours of operation, the Ordinance 2009-05-14, Section 2B, was amended to read: The owner or person in charge of the food establishment must possess a valid food managers' certificate issued by the state accredited certification program and that the certified food manager be held liable and or responsible for any violation during hours of operation. The ordinance passed without opposition.

Resolution 2009-10-08 was passed authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). "Every year, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development provides federal Community Development Block Funds directly to states, which in turn provide the funds to small, rural cities with populations less than 50,000," according to TxCDB online. This ordinance will enable City Manager Henry Garcia to submit a Texas Community Development Block Program application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Texas Step Fund. The Texas Step Fund program was established to help communities solve their water and sewer problems through self-help. The CDBG staff provides guidance, assistance, and support to community leaders and residents to accomplish what is necessary.

The City Manager has also been authorized to act in the same capacity in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The EECBG program is designed to develop and implement projects to improve energy efficiency and to reduce

energy use in the community. The ARRA was enacted by the 111th United States Congress in February 2009, based largely on proposals made by President Obama with the intent of providing a stimulus to the U.S. economy. Garcia has submitted a letter of intent to apply for funding through the State Comptrollers Office. "Cities with less than 50,000 in population have been allotted this pool of money based on their population. We were allotted \$20,000 but we have to apply for it," said Garcia. If the city receives this funding it must be used to improve energy efficiency.

Joe Montemayor and Constanca Freeman, licensed associates for Pre-Paid Legal, presented a program to the City Council on Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. Montemayor asked the City Council to consider making Pre-Paid Legal services available to their employees as a group benefit. Pre-Paid Legal has been in business since 1969 when it was started by Harland Stonecipher as a result of being involved in an accident that incurred accumulating legal expenses. Most people carry health, home and auto insurance, but are totally unprotected monetarily in matters requiring legal counsel. Plan benefits are

delivered through a network of independent provider law firms selected because they maintain the high standards required by Pre-Paid Legal. "The plans are designed to meet the most common legal needs encountered by your employees and their families," said Montemayor. While the plan would not cost the city anything, there would be a minimal monthly charge to employees who choose to participate in the group plan.

The council went into executive session and upon returning made and passed a motion to authorize the City Manager to pursue the aspects for a visiting Municipal Judge.

Garcia gave the City Managers Report. Marco Rodriguez, an employee, was recognized for his initiative to take classes on his own

time and on his own computer to earn his Class D Water License. He was praised for his dedication and for the example he has set for other employees.

Garcia alerted the City Council to the fact that there are some commercial accounts that have chosen to take their commercial garbage and place it at their place of residence in order to avoid paying the set fee for commercial garbage. As this is a violation of the ordinance, fees may be assessed and it may become necessary to ask for an amendment to the ordinance imposing stricter rules. Certified letters have been sent to the establishments in question and they have been refused and returned.

Mayor Feagley, Alderman Williams and Alderwomen Flores, Buitron, Garza and Mendoza were present.



Connie Freeman and Joe Montemayor

Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Nov. 12-18

This Week's Local Forecast							Weather Trivia
							What is a sudden, heavy shower called?
Thursday Sunny 78/55	Friday Mostly Sunny 76/57	Saturday Partly Cloudy 78/61	Sunday Mostly Cloudy 77/52	Monday Mostly Sunny 71/50	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 73/51	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 74/55	
Precip Chance: 0% Precip Chance: 5% Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 5% Precip Chance: 5% Precip Chance: 10%							ANSWER: A gullywasher.

"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

Guest Editorial

Veteran's Day 2009 11 Nov

We are engaged in the war on terror today, but I'd like to look back to a war that was very unpopular, a war in which our country was terribly divided, the Vietnam War. No matter how you feel about that war, it was a time of bitterness in our nation, a time of violence on the streets of our towns and cities. Violence against one another, those who were against the war and those who supported it fought many battles on the streets.

Meanwhile, in Vietnam itself, men and women were fighting as well, but they were fighting an enemy that wanted to destroy the freedom of the people of South Vietnam and put those people under a communist regime. Later we would find out just how terrible that could be. The men and women who were fighting there were our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. Just as is always the case in war the price was to be paid by our younger generation.

The first Medal of Honor in that war was awarded to an Army Special Forces Captain named Roger Donlon. Capt. Donlon was wounded in the stomach, left forearm and face, shoulder and both legs yet he continued to move and to lead his men in battle. For his bravery under fire he received the Medal of Honor. There are others who exhibited the highest forms of bravery during that war, but I only have room for one story and thought this a good one to tell.

The American Legion exists to support the Veterans of all our wars. The Legion believes it is necessary to safeguard and transmit to posterity, the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to hold to the standards of our past. Duty, Honor and Country. We are meeting the day after Veteran's Day, our post is being formed and we need you the Veteran of today to stand with us. Come to Slaton Hall on James St. across from the Methodist Church at 6:30 pm to join with us in this endeavor. The Post will bear the name of John Ward, Seminole Indian Scout and Medal of Honor recipient. We will enjoy a Pot Luck supper and then have our meeting.



Should you add "munis" to your portfolio?



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

It's election season. Although you won't be selecting either a new president or a new Congress, you may well have the opportunity to vote on something that can affect your city or state: municipal bonds. However, just because you vote to give your state or local government permission to issue municipal bonds doesn't mean you have to invest in them. But should you?

Before you can answer that question, you need to know what municipal bonds are and how they work. General obligation bonds are backed by property taxes and finance projects from cities, counties, school districts and states. Revenue bonds are backed by a specific revenue source and finance hospitals, utilities, airports, affordable housing and other public works. So when you invest in a revenue bond, you are being somewhat civic-minded, although you aren't confined to bonds issued by your city or state. You can get other tangible benefits from investing in municipal bonds, or "munis." First, you'll receive regular interest payments. Just as importantly, these payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes and possibly state and local income taxes as well. Keep in mind, however, that they may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Consequently, if you're in an upper tax bracket, you may be especially interested in munis. Still, before investing in a muni, you'll want to determine its yield. Basically, a bond's yield is the rate of return it promises at any given price; when a bond's price rises, its yield usually falls, and vice versa. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk. To compare the yield of a tax-free muni to that of a taxable bond, you must calculate its tax-equivalent yield, which is based on the muni's interest rate and your individual tax bracket. For example, let's say you are considering a tax-free muni that pays 4% interest, and you're in the 28% tax bracket. To determine the bond's tax-equivalent yield, subtract your tax rate (.28) from 1, giving you .72. Then divide the bond's rate, or .04, by .72, giving you 5.5%. This means you would need to find a taxable bond that pays at least 5.5% to equal the yield of a tax-free muni paying 4%.

Even if you've determined that a tax-free muni's yield compares favorably to that of a taxable bond, you need to assess some of the potential risks of owning munis. For one thing, municipalities are clearly not exempt from the effects of the long and harsh recession we've experienced. Consequently, some projects funded by munis may have trouble generating the revenue needed to repay the bonds' investors. Another potential issue to consider with munis is their liquidity. Some states, such as New York and California, issue a great many bonds, which are traded regularly. But some municipalities operate in more illiquid markets, so if you buy a muni from one of these issuers, you may need to hold it until it matures. Also, munis are traded "over the counter" rather than on an exchange, so it can sometimes be difficult to get a price quote for your bond, not to mention a buyer. These liquidity issues may not matter to you, however, if you intend to hold your bond until maturity, collecting regular interest payments along the way and eventually receiving your principal back. There is also credit risk when investing in bonds, where if the issuer defaults you could potentially lose all of your principal. In any case, as long as you've done your research and gotten help from a qualified financial professional, you may find that municipal bonds can benefit you so give them some thought.

Plan your meals around soup day!



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

When Robert and I married 13 years ago my Grandmother told him I was bossy! Oh well you have to be known for something. I guess this is what happens when you are the oldest. My Granny started telling me to be "saving".

She had lived through the great depression, World War II and had been widowed at age 29 with two children. My mother was eight years old and her brother was six when their father died. Granny had three mouths to feed. Granny told me this one thing that I think can help you with menu planning. She said, "Anytime you throw food into the trash from the refrigerator you have thrown money in the garbage can!" Think about dropping dollar bills down the disposal. We would never do that, yet each week we clean out our refrigerators and toss leftovers into the trash.

Now don't take this to the extremes the way I did! I subconsciously decided that in order to not throw food in the trash we could just eat out! You may not have leftovers in your refrigerator but they could be collecting on your backside. Eating out gives us a license to over eat because we paid good money for that food! Imagine that! We al-

ready have this way of thinking in our brains; we just need to adjust that to what we have in our refrigerators, pantries and freezers. In our "All or Nothing" way of thinking; don't go to the other extreme by not cleaning out the refrigerator. My husband broke me of that one day when I looked up and said what are you eating? He said, "beans! I started screaming in horror, "You can't eat those they have been in there a month!" Then he said with a smirk on his face, "If it is in the refrigerator it's fair game!" I almost gagged! Needless to say he didn't drop dead!

I am not telling you this to make you feel guilty! We have all done it. My reasons are to get your attention to what is happening in our homes because our perfectionism tells us we don't have time. We have been told all our lives that we were lazy or stupid or both. We aren't! We are smart creative fun-loving people who have been put down because our brains work just a little differently than the folks who raised us. Just like we had to practice our habits to establish them, we can take the same babysteps to learn how to plan what to eat and eat what we have planned! I like to plan for leftovers while I am making my menus out for next week. Wednesday is my soup day. I take those small amounts of things leftover to build my soup: Green beans, roast, potatoes, carrots and gravy. Add to that a can of crushed tomatoes or Rotel for spice and some more veggies and poof dinner is served. This may be the last day you ever have

to toss food into the trash. We have a plan. When I think back I have never made a soup from scratch, it has always been from leftovers. Today I am making Potato Soup because I had some leftover mashed potatoes. I made extra so that I would have them leftover.

This is the fourth meal they have been used in: Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Dinner, added cheese and put them in individual casserole dishes with Pork Chops, cut a block and wrapped my meatloaf around them yesterday and today is Potato Soup. We can be creative when we make it a game. Our game is to see what we can do with our leftovers. This also saves us time because we have a plan for the food that is pre-cooked! Our own fast food!

1st BabyStep: On Wednesday let's clean out your refrigerator. It is SOUP DAY write in on the calendar.

2nd BabyStep: Make a list of your family's favorite soups. Here is ours; Chili, Beef Stew, Vegetable, Split Pea, Potato, Chicken Noodle and Broccoli Cheese. I am sure you can come up with others. Write your soups on your calendar on Wednesday.

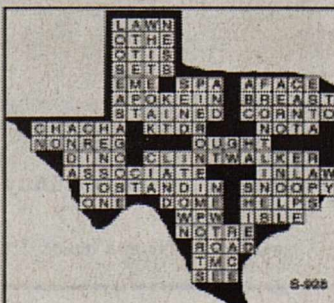
3rd BabyStep: Plan your menus for next week around what leftovers you want in your refrigerator next Wednesday for your Soup Night! See how simple this is. If you want a big pot of chili, make a pot of red beans and rice. Leftover red beans become the foundation to your chili. If you want Broccoli Cheese soup then buy and extra stalk of Broccoli and steam it with another meal. Chicken Noodle Soup could be roast chicken and make the broth from the leftover carcass. Split Pea starts with leftover ham. Beef Stew start with a big beef roast, potatoes, carrots and gravy. And the Veggie Soup is all the odds and ends that didn't work with the other soups. My Granny would always keep a container in the freezer for those little smidges of corn, green beans, rice or anything else that isn't enough by itself.

I love this! You can do it too! All it takes is starting with your Soup of the Week! Instead of making do; you plan for it!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her *New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

Sudoku Solution

1	6	3	8	4	7	5	2	9
5	8	9	2	3	1	7	4	6
7	2	4	5	6	9	1	8	3
2	7	5	9	8	6	4	3	1
3	4	6	1	2	5	9	7	8
8	9	1	4	7	3	2	6	5
6	1	2	7	9	8	3	5	4
4	5	8	3	1	2	6	9	7
9	3	7	6	5	4	8	1	2



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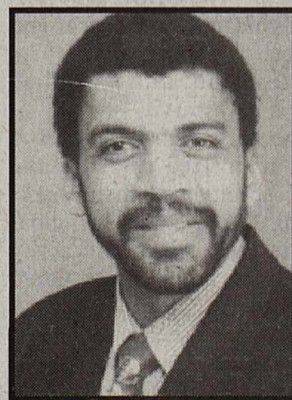


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Tigers defeat the Yellowjackets



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

It seems as though the Brackett Tigers are good for at least one rousing, signature win each year, and this year's big win occurred Friday night in Sabinal. Junior Sam Stewart gashed the Sabinal defense for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and the Brackett defense pitched a second-half shutout as the Tigers edged the Yellowjackets 33-21, in a game that was closer than the final score would have lead you to believe.

In fact, the Jackets held on to the football nearly six minutes longer than Brackett, and had a slight advantage in total yards, but of course the only numbers that matter are the ones on the scoreboard at the end of the game (obviously, that point has been reiterated in many a game summary by many a sportswriter, most of whom have more of a facility for writing than I do, but it still bears

repeating). Victor Robledo came up big, too.

The junior halfback had a 19-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, and, after Sabinal had gone up 21-13, returned the ensuing kickoff 76-yards for his second touchdown of the evening to pull the Tigers to within two just before halftime.

I'd be remiss not to mention Brandon Allen, who had a productive evening in his own right. He had a key 18-yard touchdown run just before the half, and kicked the extra point, too (note to the rest of the Tigers: typically, you don't get to kick the extra point after your own touchdown-that privilege, if you will, is reserved for kick-

ers, so don't bother asking).

But here's the best part. With the win, the Tigers claimed the final playoff seed in the district, and will face a familiar foe in the first round-the Junction Eagles, the same Junction Eagles who unceremoniously bounced the Tigers from postseason play a year ago. As a matter of fact, the game will be played at Barry Field in Hondo, just as it was last year. Game time is this Saturday at 1:30. You know what to do.... With the win, Brackett claimed the final playoff seed in the district and will face a familiar foe, the Junction Eagles, Saturday at 1:30 at Barry Field in Hondo.

Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volesko - "Bi-District Football Game" Brackett Tigers vs. Junction Eagles Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Hondo at 1:30pm. Please come out and support your Brackett Tigers!!! Gates will open at 12:00 p.m. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.



	TIGERS	Sabinal
Points Scored	33	21
First Downs	18	16
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	15/1/2	6/9/1
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	3/10/30	7/14/50
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	3/4/75	1/2/50
Total Yards / Avg per Play	321/6.6	332/5.4
Total Yards Rushing	286	124
Rushing Att/Avg	42/6.8	36/3.4
Total yards Passing	35	208
Pass Att/Comp/Int	7/3/0	25/16/1
Average Yards per Pass	5.0	8.3
Punts /Avg	3/30.0	2/37.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/22/22	1/8/8
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	4/120/30	6/143/24
Fumbles /Lost	1/1	2/2
Total Turnovers	1	3
Penalties /Yards	7/71	11/70
Sacks /Yards	1/11	0/0
TDs	5	3
TDs Rush/Pass	4/0	2/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	21:07	26:53

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Sabinal	7	14	0	0	-	21
TIGERS	6	13	0	14	-	33

Scoring Summary

Sabinal: 9 Plays, 70 Yards, at 8:37 1st Q, 1 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Good
TIGERS: 3 Plays, 53 Yards, at 7:31 1st Q, Robledo, Victor, 19 yard rushing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Blocked
Sabinal: 8 Plays, 63 Yards, at 5:12 2nd Q, 1 yard rushing TD.
PAT Pass Attempt - Good
TIGERS: 7 Plays, 65 Yards, at 2:05 2nd Q, Allen, Brandon, 18 yard TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Allen, Brandon - Good
Sabinal: 2 Plays, 45 Yards, at 0:52 2nd Q, 42 yard passing TD.
PAT Kick Attempt - Failed
TIGERS: 1 Play, at 0:52 2nd Q, Robledo, Victor, 76 yard kickoff return for TD.
PAT Rush Attempt - Failed
TIGERS: 7 Plays, 50 Yards, at 11:40 4th Q, Stewart, Sam, 12 yard rushing TD.
PAT Pass Attempt - C. Clark to J. Sitgreaves - Good
TIGERS: 4 Plays, 8 Yards, at 0:55 4th Q, Stewart, Sam, 3 yard rushing TD.
PAT Rush Attempt - Failed

School News:

The National Honor Society members are to be congratulated for their very successful fund drive for UNICEF. Throughout the month of October members raised \$939.61, which will be sent directly to UNICEF. This amount of money can vaccinate over 1800 children against polio for life, supply warm woollen blankets for over 300 children, provide over 900 packets of high energy food for malnourished children, or help children worldwide in countless other ways. The NHS members can be very proud of this excellent service to children.

Secondary Teacher Jamie Ballew is our National Honor Society student sponsor.

Varsity XC Team complete the Reional XC Meet

On Saturday, November 7, the Brackett High School XC Team traveled to San Antonio to compete in the Regional Cross Country meet. The Varsity girls team placed 2nd with 89 points, the individual results of the girls were Kelsey Bruce 2nd with a time of 12:01, Bianca Cruz 8th with a time of 12:53, Sahara Rodriguez 14th with a time of 13:08, Haley Hale 27th with a time of 13:31, Marissa Villareal 57th with a time of 14:11, Erica Villanueva 88th with a time of 14:48 and Cheyenne Smith 92nd with a time of 14:53. Joelson Terrazas placed 22nd for the Varsity boys with a time of 18:33. The Tigerettes will advance to the State meet in Round Rock on November 14, for the 3rd consecutive year. The Tigerettes have now qualified for the state competition for the fifth time in the last seven years.

Congrats to the following ladies who received District Recognition "Tigerettes"

- Nena Molinar — District 28-A MVP
- Paige Nowlin — 1st Team All-District
- Cheyenne Billings — 1st Team All-District
- Amanda DelBosque — 1st Team All-District

NCA Alamo City Spirit Championships in San Antonio

Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Brackett Varsity Cheerleaders: Jessica Earwood, Amanda Flores, Brianna Escamilla, Lilianna Valdez, Susu Seargeant, (Not Pictured) Bianca Cruz, Nevada Coe, Selina Gerardo and Ashley Shadwick (Mascot). Congratulations!!!! To the Brackett High School Cheerleaders for proving their talent this weekend at the NCA Alamo City Spirit Championships in San Antonio. They received 4th place in the Time Out Dance and a Championship Place in the Sideline Chant & Cheer, Congratulations Varsity Cheerleaders!!!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

During this holiday season and every day, we wish you all the very best.

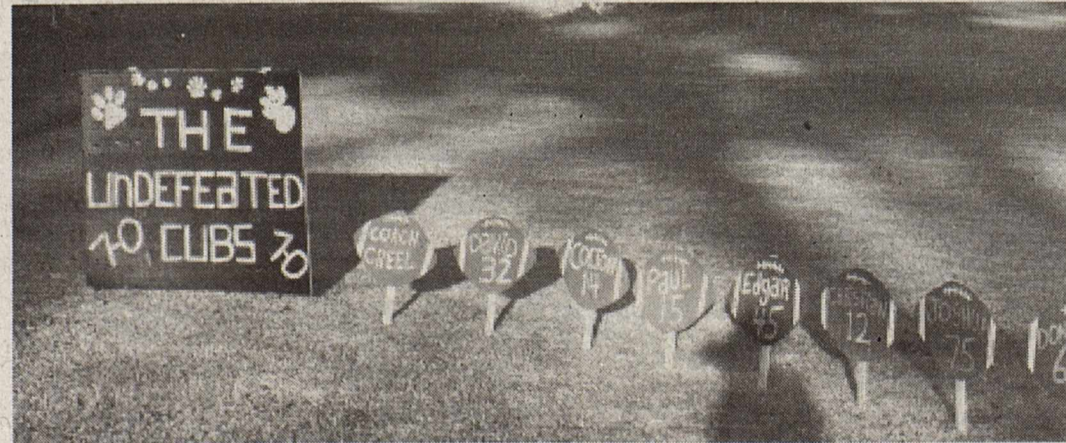
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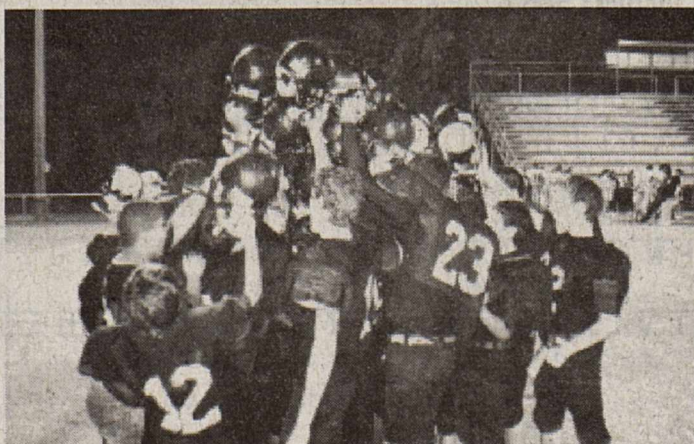
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Brackett Cubs defeat Sabinal Yellowjacket 52-6 on their last game on Thursday, November 5th with a record of 8-0. Players are Ryan Lindhorst (3), Brandon Sandoval (23), Jose Falcon (7), Peter Martinez (10), Forrest Maddox (11), Christian Quiroz (12), Colten Stephenson (14), Paul Resendez (15), Matt Gutierrez (20), Webb Ashley (21), Teno Flores (24), Joaquin Solis (25), David Ortega (32), Edgar Luna (45), Mark Garcia (50), Jose Talamantes (53), Arturo Castillo (60), Donovan Villarreal (62), Isaiah Clementz (63), Martin Guzman (65), Alberto Rocha (67), Jose Rivas (70), Clay Flores (72), Ryan Ahern (73), Joshua Pena (75), Hernan Talamantes (76), Dustin Sanchez (77), Blake Duncan (82) Coaches: Ricky Creel and Ralph Almanza



The undefeated Brackett Cubs celebrating their victory



The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

This week I reviewed the new show by the Old Quarry Society, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", that is opening this week. The cast includes Brock Tinney as 'Charlie Brown', Cindy Rhinesmith as 'Lucy', David Loftus as 'Schroeder', Sue Lowery as 'Peppermint Patty', Nathan LaFrenz as 'Linus', and Dave Rhinesmith as 'Snoopy'. The show is directed by Lynn McNew, and Tom McNew is the Stage Manager. This show is a recreation of Charles M Schultz's comics. The comics are about a child, Charlie Brown, who is both picked on and uplifted by his friends. The play features adults in a more than life-size set that gives them the appearance and feeling of being children. It incorporates great music, funny acting and side-splitting comedy that can be enjoyed by the whole family! The show includes many details that make the play come together, from a doghouse for Snoopy to lay on, to Linus' security blanket, to the Psychiatric Booth run by Lucy. Each actor brings a certain witty personality to their character that makes the play hilarious. If you have read the comics or watched the movies you will be amazed at how these actors portray the characters so realistically. Everyone sings great, but one voice I noticed above all was Dave Loftus in the character of 'Schroeder'. He has a smooth and melodic voice that you would expect Schroeder to have. Dave Rhinesmith does an exceptional job as Snoopy. He is so funny, and "Supertime" sung by him was my favorite song! Cindy Rhinesmith is like a reincarnation of Lucy. You will truly believe she is a 7 year old "queen". I loved Brock Tinney as 'Charlie Brown' the whole audience will want to run up and give him a comforting hug as you watch the Valentine scene. Pastor LaFrenz does an incredible job singing and dancing as 'Linus', his speech even captures the innocence of a young boy. Peppermint Patty is a funny character, and Sue Lowry is wonderful at using her knack for physical comedy to portray this character. The show takes you into the neighborhood of young kids as they tease and teach each other. I highly recommend you see this show. It is fun for the whole family! I know I will be seeing it (maybe to every show) because I have my season pass! The play will run this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 5:00 at the post theatre.

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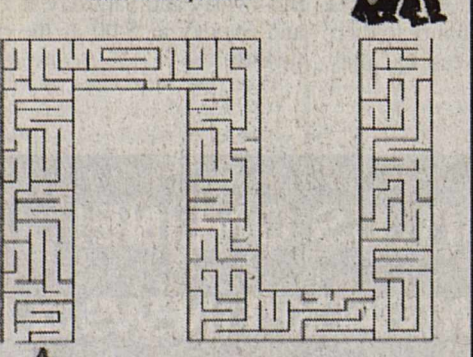
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Kidz Maze Mania
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 Veteran's Day
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Cryptogram
 A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
 Hint: Quote by Johnny Carson
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Sudoku Answer Page 6
 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Saddle Up

Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Walker Harris, center, with his parent Roy Jay and Jenifer won two saddles at the Lone Star Finals in Sequin. Walker participated in 18 rodeos across the state this year and won All Around for the year end and a clean sweep in Break Away Roping, Ribbon Roping, Barrels, Holes, Straights and Goats. Walker is the grandson of Carol an Buddy Burgess, also of Brackettville.

The Texas Perimeter Hike



The Texas Perimeter Hike by Smatt

When my parents first told me that a friend of my dad's living in Longview wanted to host me on my journey, I consulted a map. At the time, I was hiking north in East Texas, through towering pines and oaks and walnuts, and estimated that I would have to make a 100-mile detour to visit him. Just thinking about it made my feet hurt. However, when my parents mentioned that this man had both grown up with my dad and been the best man at their wedding, the distance seemed not only to shrink but to vanish as an obstacle altogether. You have to understand a bit about my dad to fully grasp the implication of such a visit. My father, though a loud and talkative man, is unusually quiet about his past. He does not often reminisce, at least not in front of an audience, and much of what I know about him has trickled down to me through siblings. A conversation with my dad's childhood friend would be akin to drinking from the source, and I wasn't about to pass up an opportunity to do that. From the start, Richard Hollingsworth was all smiles and laughter, tickled pink that he had found a willing audience to hear his and my father's childhood tales. A Presbyterian minister by trade, Richard possessed a kindness and approachability indicative of the best in his profession.

He called me "boy" a lot, as in "How 'bout that, boy?" saying it as much for emphasis as for familiarity. Richard even looked like my father, from his glasses and trimmed hair to his belly which betrayed a more than casual admiration for good food. In moments I felt right at home. The stories flowed from Richard's memory as if he had been talking about last week. He and my father grew up three doors down from one another, ran with the same group of boys, and went to the same schools and church. The Fort Worth of their youth seemed wild and untamed, a land still crisscrossed by clean streams and waterfowl, embedded with an identity distinct from its more industrialized neighbor. In one story, while still only kids,

were the only boys left in their bracket, Richard felt that victory was sure. During a break in the tournament, he invited a girl to come watch him win. Richard later claimed it was too much to concentrate on both golf and girl, and my dad subsequently won the tournament. Many years later, when Richard was in seminary in Kansas, he received a phone call from my dad who was also in Kansas with the army. As the story goes, my dad had two very important questions for Richard. He first asked him if he would be the best man at his and my mom's wedding. Richard accepted. My dad continued, "Okay, now can you give me a ride to the ceremony?" I am here today in part because Richard said 'yes' to both questions. Of course, he thought my dad was a tricky scoundrel, but they still made that ride together which stretched across three states and into South Texas. Almost fifty years ago, he provided this service to my father, displacing himself an enormous length, understanding that the distance was secondary to the individual and the union that was to come. On behalf of my family, I am happy and honored to have finally reciprocated.



Longview resident Richard Hollingsworth

Richard and my dad went hunting with two 22s and a shotgun. The two shot six fowl which they proudly presented as ducks to their parents. The "ducks" turned out to be coots, a non-palatable, mud-tasting bird that the boys had to dispose of. Another story pitted Richard and my dad against each other in a junior golf tournament. Both boys caddied and played as much as they could, yet Richard was typically the better of the two. When he and my dad

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November 2
12:10pm, A woman called requesting for a deputy to perform a welfare check on a family member she could not make contact with. A deputy was informed and enroute to the residence.

3:20pm, A man called to report property had been stolen from his residence and would like to make a formal report. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, November 3
12:18am, A woman called to report loose livestock on Hwy 90 West. A deputy was notified.

1:01am, A man called 911 stating his girlfriend had gone outside and there was a suspicious person in the yard. A deputy was notified and enroute to the residence.

7:05am, A call was received about a deer being hit by a vehicle on Hwy 90 West. TxDot was informed, stating someone would be on their way to pick up the debris.

Wednesday, November 4
7:05pm, Laughlin Air Force Base called requesting a deputy to keep a eye on a jet that skidded off the runway, they also stated it would be moved the following day.

7:07pm, A call was received from Eagle Pass PD stating they had received a call from an individual stating he had hit a deer with his vehicle with injuries reported. The man was not familiar with the area and did not know where he was. A deputy was notified and advised he would check Hwy 693.

Border Patrol agents were sent to check Hwy 131 South, where the accident was found. Maverick County was notified to send deputies and EMS to the location.

Thursday, November 5
6:34pm, A anonymous call was received stating a vehicle was traveling East bound on Hwy 90 with no tail lights. A deputy was notified.

Friday, November 6
1:56pm, A man called 911 to report a vehicle had hit the guard rail and was on the side of the road on Hwy 90. A deputy was promptly notified. EMS was also dispatched to the scene.

8:00pm, A woman called stating there was a reckless driver on Hwy 90 that might be intoxicated, who almost caused a head on collision. A deputy was informed and dispatched to the area.

9:53pm, A woman called to report loud thumping music being played in her neighborhood.

A deputy was notified.
11:51pm, A man called stating there was a possible reckless driver headed West on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified.

Saturday, November 7
1:45am, Robert Connell, 52, of Gonzales, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, first offense. Connell was released the same day on a \$1,200. bond.

5:11pm, A call was received from Outreach reporting a lift assist at the Senior Housing Apartment. A deputy was notified.

6:54pm, A woman called to report a incident at her residence. A deputy was notified.

7:05pm, A man called to report a disabled vehicle with a man standing outside the vehicle trying to flag someone down. A deputy was notified.

Monday, November 9
David Luna, 61, of Brackettville, was arrested to serve 60 days in Kinney County Jail.

OBITUARY

Lily Schwander

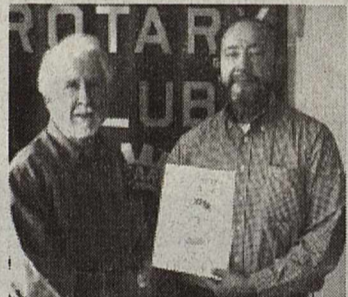


April 10, 1914 - November 6, 2009

Lily Schwander, age 95, was born in Cleburne, Texas to Ellis Emily Coopwood Howard and Dr. Walter Raymond Howard. Lily attended Cleburne schools until graduation in 1932. She furthered her education at SWTCC in San Marcos, Texas, majoring in education. She also attended business school in Cleburne, and SWTJC in Uvalde, Texas. She was a teacher for a number of years at the River School on the West Nueces in Kinney County. She also ranched along the West Nueces in Kinney County for many years. In the mid-seventies she moved from her ranch into Brackettville, Texas where she performed the duties of Deputy County and District Clerk at the Kinney County Courthouse for 15 years. Lily was a member of Beta Sigma for 25 years, holding all offices at different times over the years. She was an active member of PTA during her children's school years. Lily was preceded in death by her older sister Gladys Josephine Westphal, younger brother William Raymond Howard, grandson James Carl Honeycutt, and grandson Wesley Risinger. Left to cherish her memory are her son, Carl W. Schwander and his wife Courtenay and their sons, Mike, Mark, and Henry Schwander, and Will Risinger. Her daughter, Emily Honeycutt and her sons, Sam Pat, Bill Tom, and Joe Don Ferguson. Lily was also blessed with 23 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. The family wishes to thank Dr. Musquiz for his kind and loving care throughout these past years, Dr Lindsey and Dr. Manning for their care during her last days. The nurses on Station 2 and the respiratory therapists were all so caring and thoughtful. Visitation will be Monday, November 9, 2009 from 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, 302 E. Spring St. in Brackettville, Texas. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Church of Christ in Brackettville. Graveside services will follow at the Kinney County Cemetery. There will be a noon meal at the Fellowship Hall, Church of Christ for all of Lily's friends and relatives. Left with the honor of serving as pallbearers for Lily are: Clinton Brown, Pat Foster, Richard Terrazas, Zack Davis, Tony Frerich, and H.C. Hunt of Brackettville, Texas. Honorary pallbearers are: Marcus "Sonny" Tidwell, Ray Smallwood, Clay Hunt, Orville Frerich, and Camillo Cruz of Brackettville, Texas. Please visit our website at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our online guest book.

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ROTARY Club



ROTARY CLUB NEWS: At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on Thursday, October 29, Henry Garcia, Brackettville City Manager, was welcomed as a new member of the Rotary Club by Rotary President Charles Schmidt



ROTARY CLUB NEWS: At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on Thursday, October 29, Francis McMaster was welcomed as guest speaker by Rotary President Charles Schmidt. Mrs. McMaster is a former resident of Fort Clark and author. She introduced her newest book "Blue Pebbles & Other Gifts of Spirit" to the club members.



At the regular noon meeting of the Brackettville Rotary Club on Thursday, November 5, Rotary Club President Charles Schmidt introduced Sam Lark as guest speaker. Mr. Lark entertained the members present telling of his experiences as he progressed from "soda jerk" to pharmacist during a lifetime spent in a "drug store."

Arlynda Flores plays in Aruba



Flores plays in Aruba softball event. Students have all kind of summer experiences: going on vacation, working jobs, doing internships, or just relaxing for the summer. Few have the kind of experiences that St. Mary's University softball player Arlynda Flores had this past summer. Flores, a senior from Uvalde, traveled to Aruba to play softball in a 10-day tournament hosted by USA Athletics International, Inc. After arriving in Aruba, Flores only had two days to practice with her fellow teammates, who joined the team from all over the United States. Flores said that the players used the first couple days to learn and adapt to one another's playing style and skill set. According to Flores, she learned a great deal about different defensive tactics and styles of play compared to the style that she used at St.

Mary's. During her time in Aruba, Flores and her teammates were able to venture out to see the sights. Besides tournament play and sight seeing, the USA team hosted softball clinics for area children. Participation in an international softball tournament in Aruba and adapting to the cultural differences between Flores, her teammates, and her opponents has reaffirmed the sport that she dedicated so much time and effort to. Flores thanks the people of Brackettville and surrounding areas for hosting a softball tournament in July of 2008 to help her secure the \$2,300. she needed to make the trip and take part in the tournament. She was recommended for the event by St. Mary's University softball coach Donna Fields. Over the last two seasons with the Rattles, Flores has twice earned All-Heartland Conference softball honors and last seasons was named All-American. Last season, Flores finished third in the nation in home runs. Off the field Flores made it to the Heartland Conference President's Honor roll and received CoSIAD/ESPN The Magazine academic all-district recognition. Arlynda is the daughter of Joe and Diana Flores, granddaughter of late Stella and Kiko Guajardo. Proud aunts and uncles: Mary and David Campos, Honey Bee and Tom Gomez, Richard and Carmen Guajardo, Carlos and Betty Guajardo and numerous cousins. Arlynda we know that it is.

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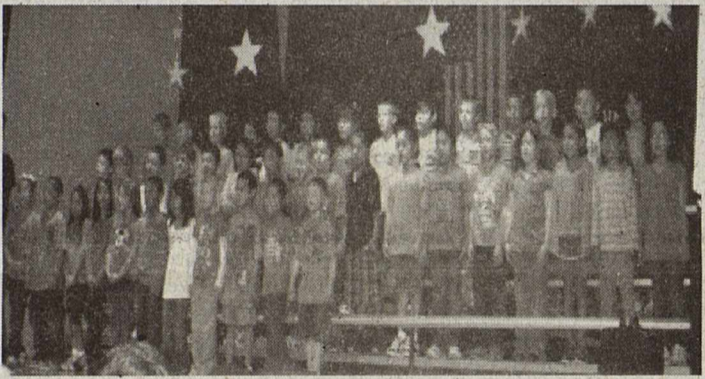
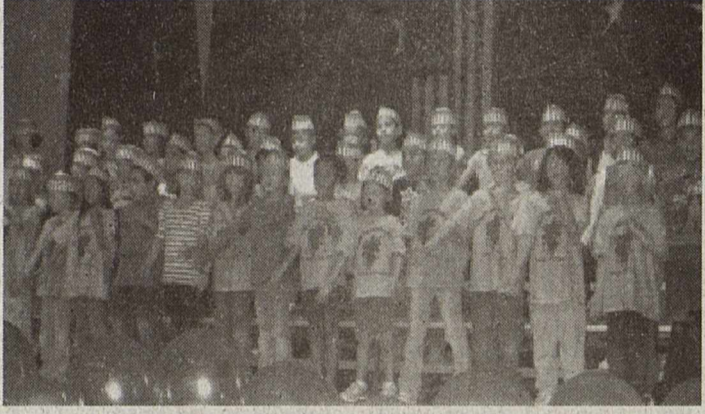
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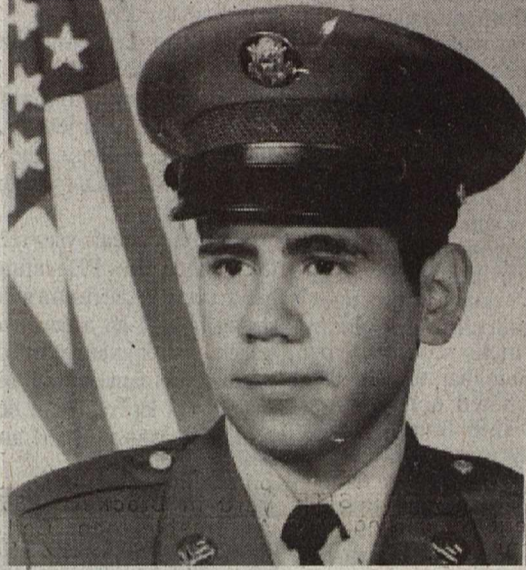
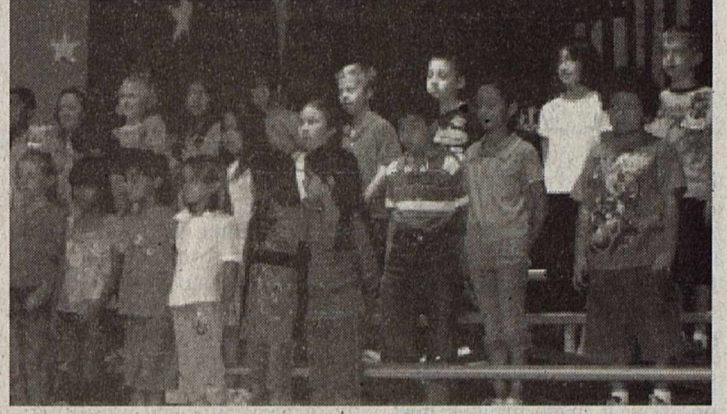
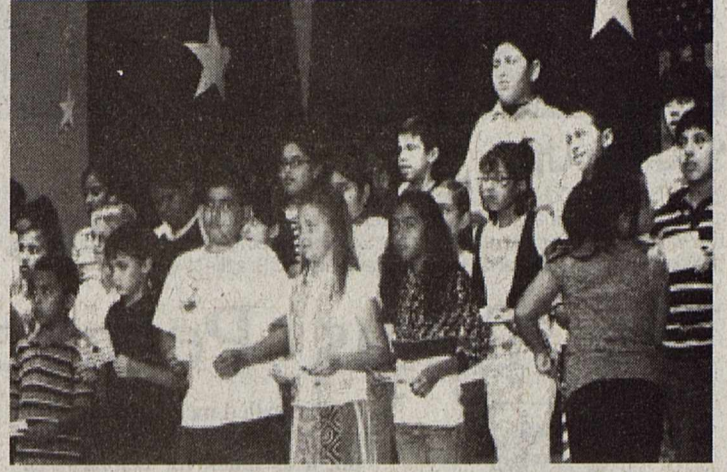
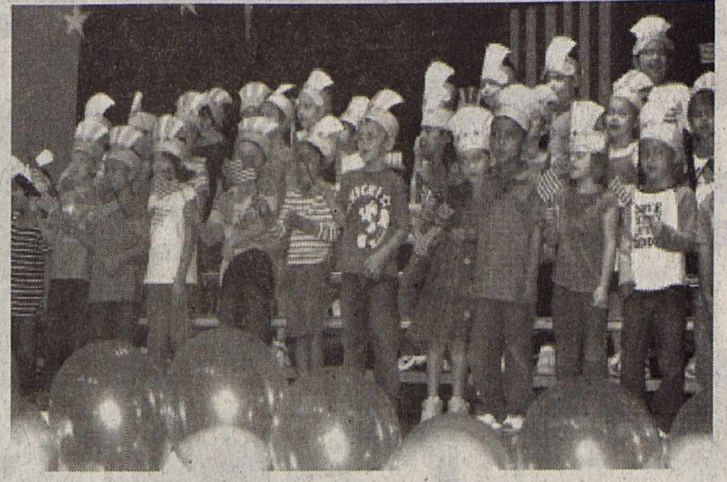
Dear Veteran,

Thank you so much for everything you do for us kids and Adults. Thank you for going to war and fighting for all of us kids. I know that you could lose your life in war and you could get in really bad conditions on your body. War is a very dangerous job. I just want to say "THANKS" for going to war and having to fight for our country and almost losing your life. I love that you would do that for us kids and being brave enough to fight for us. I know that you love us enough to go and fight for us and almost losing your life for us. THANK YOU!!!!

P.S. You my hero!

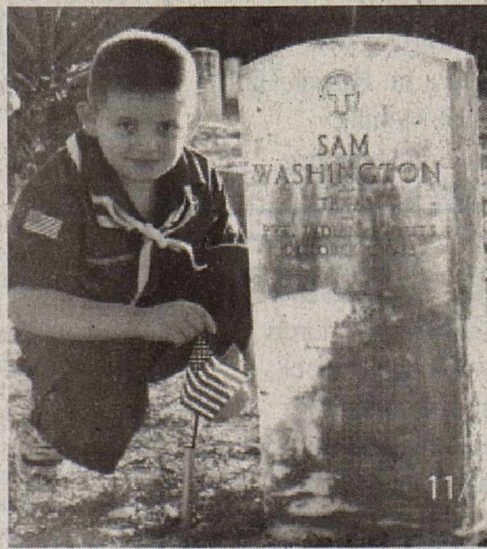
With deepest respect + Thanks

Destiny Terrazas



Guadalupe Falcon 74 thru 10-31-80 US Army 1977 POW in Iran; served in Korea, England, Germany and Iran.

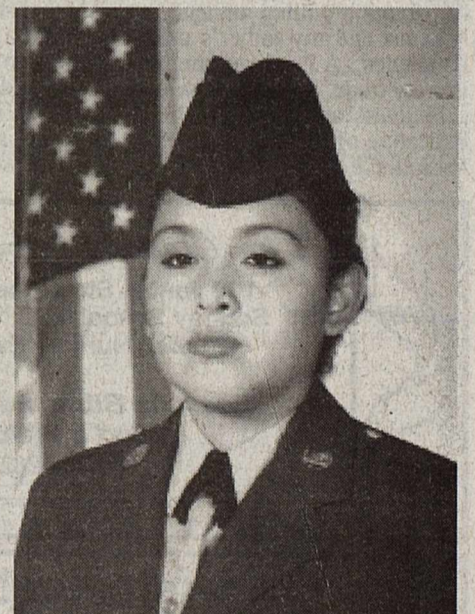
In Honor of Veterans Day, Cub Scouts Pack 257 showed their respect to fallen Heroes by placing Flags on their headstones



Veterans



John White, visiting Brackettville on November 11. Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat V 5 Purple Stars



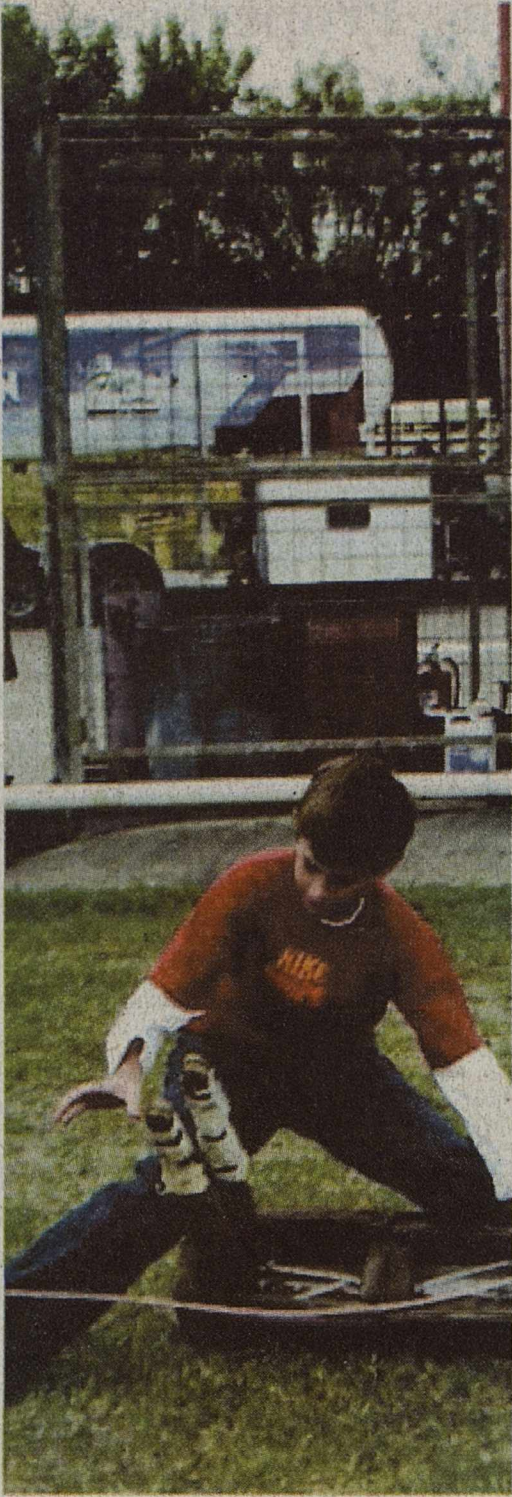
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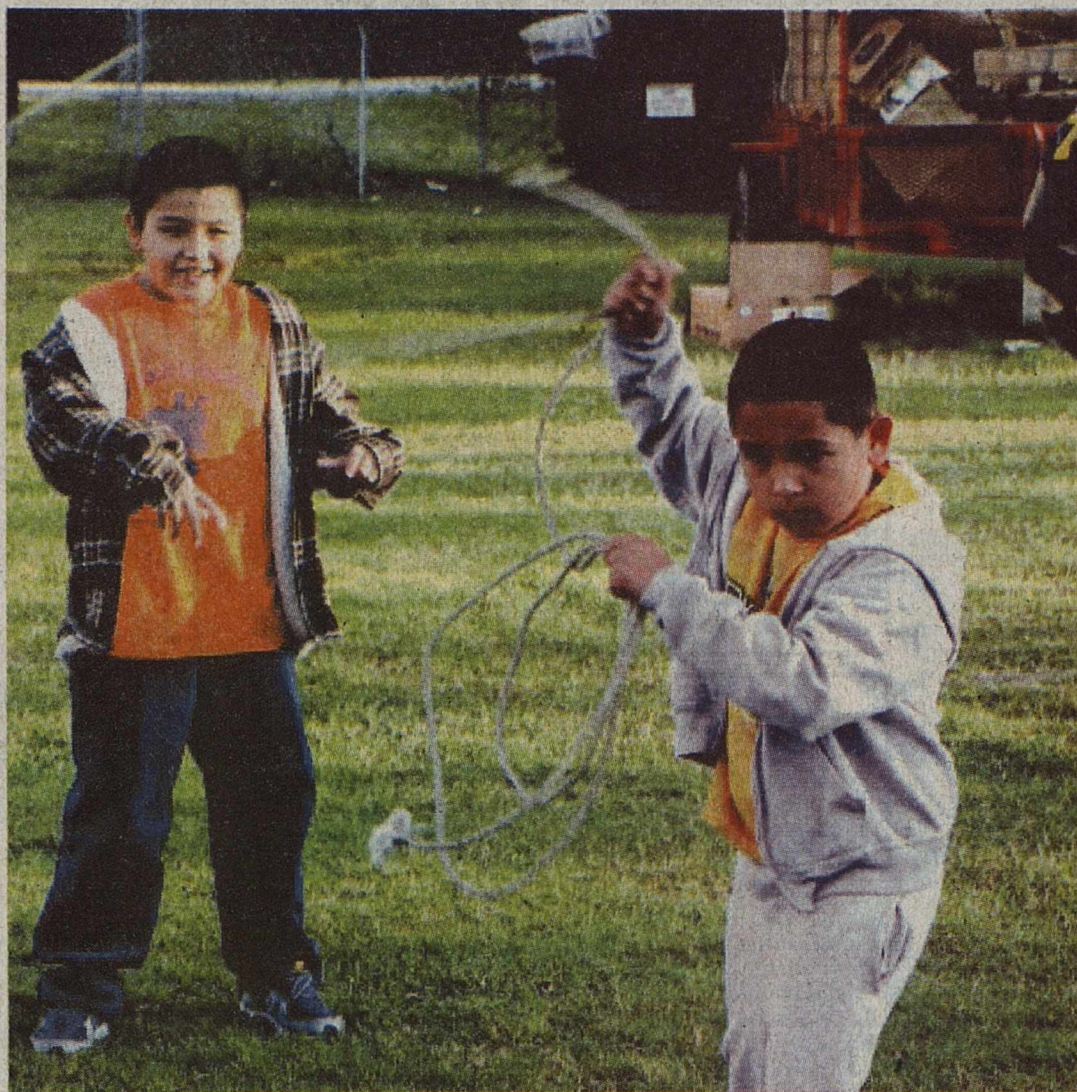
SSG. JUAN R. FALCON JR. He is currently stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado SSG. Falcon has served 13 years in the U.S ARMY He has served on multiple deployments over seas to include IRAQ, KOREA He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Falcon Sr. He is a father of 5 beautiful daughters.. not only is he Father, husband, a son or brother.. HE is our Hero!

Photos of the Week

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