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**Grass Valley hearing slated for Monday** 

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Governmental Meetings

The Brackettville City Council will host their next Regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at 6pm in the City Annex on Highway 90.

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors will hosts a Regular meeting in the FCS Board Room on Saturday, June 14 at 9am.

Kinney County Commissioner's Court will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, June 16 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

Brackett ISD Board of Trustees will meet again on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 in the **BISD Board Room.** County Court

Kinney County Court will be held on June 18 at 9am in the County Courtroom.

**District Court** 

The 63rd District Court will be held on July 1 at 9am in the District Courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse.

Carlos Uresti Visit Representatives for State Senator Carlos Uresti will be visiting Brackettville on Friday, June 5, at the City Annex at 3pm

#### **BISD Summer Hours**

Central Office summer hours start Monday, June 2nd. The office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Hazardous material seminar rescheduled Due to a job conflict of the presenter the Hazardous Material Awareness Level will be rescheduled at the earliest convenient time. All participants will be notified by phone and please pencil in June 16th from 3-5 pm on your calendar. Everyone will be notified by phone when rescheduling is completed. The second session will remain on June 30th.

tar Case.'

Managing Editor After a half decade of dealing with the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation Dis-Water, LP (Grass Valley) of Kingsbury, Texas, will finally have their day in the spotlight. The long awaited permit hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 9 at 10 a.m. in the Kinney County District Courtroom.

**By Allison Taylor** 

preme Court Ruling in the Gui- ley amended their application trated by Vay.

Water Conservation District where the Texas Supreme Court trict (KCGCD), Grass Valley ruled the District's rules to be Grass Valley, overseen by Hearinvalid.

The first application Grass Valley filed was for a Historic where approximately a dozen Use permit back in 2003. Since people were declared interested Grass Valley had no historic use, they withdrew the application and submitted another applica- works in environmental, natural Grass Valley Attorney, tion for a Regular Use permit resources, water and utility law Michael Booth stated, "I feel on June 3, 2005 in the amount and other areas of law. pretty good about our case, par- of 10,998 acre feet. In a letter

requesting a total annual pro-325,851 gallons.

ing Examiner Attorney John J. Vay, was held on December 18, parties opposed the permits. Vay, an attorney out of Austin,

Monday's hearing is open to ticularly after the Texas Su- dated July 13, 2007, Grass Val- the public and will be adminis-

A press release from KCGCD The Guitar case is Guitar duction of 22,510 acre feet of stated in a telephone conference Holding Company, L.P. v. water. An acre foot is one acre on June 3, "(Vay) explained Hudspeth County Underground of water one foot in depth or that the burden of proof is on the applicant and the applicant The Preliminary Hearing for would therefore present the first opening remarks. He went on state that the order of presentation would continue with Terrill, McCarthy, Shahan, Dietzman and Hall, Huntsman and Rosenberg. Vay related that each party would be allowed five minutes for opening remarks and that cross examination would be limited by the scope of prefiled testimony. The hearing is expected to last about two and one half days."



Give It Up For Guidry Courtesy Photo

Submitted by J.J Guidry

Educators.

J.J. Guidry, former Editor of TBN, was selected for the honor of Who's Who Among American Teachers and Educators

Local Summer **Programs and** 

Activities

The Kinney County Library Summer Program: Monday - Thursday until Wednesday, July 2. Ages 3-8: 10am until 11:45am. Ages 9 and up: 1pm until 5pm.

**BISD** Summer School: June 2 - June 23, 8am until 12 noon.

**Tiger Gym**: All June, Monday - Thursday, 2pm until 6pm.

Tiger Weight Room: June 16 - July 24, Monday Thursday, Junior high: 9am until 11am and high school 6:30 until 8:30pm.

Volleyball Camp: June 30 - July 3, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 5th-9th graders and cost \$30.00.

Softball Camp: July 14 July 17, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 3rd-9th graders and cost \$30.00.

Pool: Monday - Thursday 7am until 10pm and Friday Sunday 7am until 12 midnight

Golf Course: Open everyday 8 am until 6pm except Monday

Weekly Activities at the Teen Center

Horseback Riding Lessons: Lindy Orozco is offering lessons, for more information call 830-422-2379. First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: July 21 - July 25, 9am until 12 noon. Offered for children 4 years of age through 6th graders

First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: TBA

#### Auditions for Missoula Children's Theatre

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Monday, June 9, 2008 at the school auditorium from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 10:00 am and plan to stay for the full two hours. Students, entering 1st grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to audition. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be presented on Friday, June 13, at 7pm and Saturday, June 14, at 3pm at the school auditorium. For more information, call Dee Dee Brown at 563-2814.

#### Benefit for St. Judes Children's Hospital

St. Judes Children's Hospital can use the front of any greeting cards you receive throughout the year for craft projects. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions is needed. For details, call Vada at 830-563-9377.

Weekend

**WEATHER** 

Friday



to greater achievement," said Brackettville native J.J. of Who's Who.

Guidry has been honored by being selected for inclusion in the 11th edition of Who's Who premier educators. Among American Teachers and

cial Studies Department at Kermit High School's student-athletes. playoffs. "This is a tremendous honor, High School. He teaches junior- Kermit has a 99 percent passing reserved only for those educators level U.S. history. Over 90 per- rate for all of its student-athletes. Brackett High School. He is the who personify the values and cent of his students have passed mission of the teaching profes- the Exit Level TAKS social studsion - educators who not only ies exam. This year he had a 97 football and softball. In 2006, former editor of The Brackett teach, but inspire their students percent passing rate.

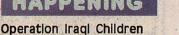
Jones Elementary makes a scientific come-back

grams he oversees is a mandatory Guidry is the chair of the So- tutorial program for all of Kermit

he was chosen as the District 1- News.

In addition to his teaching 2A Softball Coach of the Year Carol Lynn Martens, publisher duties, Guidry is the high school and led the Lady Jackets to a bicoordinator for Kermit ISD's 21st district championship. He took Each year, Who's Who recog- Century Community Learning over the boys' basketball pronizes 5 percent of the country's Centers Program. One of the pro- gram the following year. This season, the Jackets finished 19-10 overall and advanced to the

> Guidry is a 1991 graduate of Guidry is the head boys' bas- son of Richard and Diana Ward ketball coach, and also coaches and Jerry Guidry. Guidry is the



Frontier Baptist Church is collecting school supplies to send to Megan Reinhold to distribute to Iraqi children. Donations can be dropped off at Carmen's Boutique through June 30. Monetary donations can be made by making out your check to Frontier Baptist Church designated for "Operation Iraqi Children". Send checks to Frontier Baptist Church, PO Box 616, Brackettville, TX, 78832. For more information call Rose Reagan 830-563-9429.

#### 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.

South Texas Food Bank The South Texas Food Bank will be closed all day on Thursday, June 5th. This is due to the Empty Bowls Event that we have on that day. All of the staff will be busy all day setting up for the event. We will resume operation on Friday, June 6th at 8:00am. There is still time to buy your tick-

ets for the event. Encourage your families and friends to buy tickets. Remember that this fundraiser benefits you and your clients. The more successful the event, the better we can serve you to help your families.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Giris ages 6-18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-ANYTIME. 373-0873 www.tenstarcamp.com

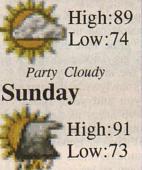


FCS Youth Center Opens With A New Attitude Photo By Laura Meyer

The Fort Clark Springs Association Youth Center recently re-opened to the public with a new look. The center was closed for approximately 7 months for remodeling including new floors, tv's and games. Tentatively, in August, the center will host Tae Kwon Do lessons from a Martial Arts instructor. Lessons will be 1 hour and 45 minutes each at a cost of \$50 for 6 lessons. October through May it will host line dancing on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm and Aerobics on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 10am. The center also rents as a party facility as long as the event does not interfere with regular openings. The center is open for children ages 7-14 on Friday evenings and for children ages 15-18 on Saturdays.

Low:76 Party Cloudy/Windy Saturday

High:94



Isolated T-Storms

After Jones Elementary stu- Skills (TAKS) Test last year, scores. dents failed to make passing Principal Alma Gutierrez, her scores on the science Texas As- staff and volunteers, announced of the students pass the Read- Students with a commended sessment of Knowledge and this year's drastically improved ing with 25 percent commended score did not miss more than

and 82 percent passed the Math Third grade had 100 percent with 23 percent commended. three questions.

> Fourth grade had 90 percent of the students pass the Reading with 23 percent commended. 82 percent passed the Math with 21 percent commended and 98 percent passed the Writing with 46 percent commended.

> Fifth grade had 82 percent of the students pass the Science with 28 percent commended. 95 percent passed the Reading with 34 percent commended and 90 percent passed the Math with 33 percent commended.

Sixth grade had 99 percent of the students pass the Reading with 38 percent commended. 88 percent passed the Math with 38 percent commended.

Results include the second administration of the tests.

A total of 135 tests came back commended, 32 students were commended on all TAKS tests taken and 18 students received perfect scores.

Gutierrez stated, "This is a credit to all partners that share in the responsibility of educating our children. It is apparent we are a committed community.



Letter to the Editor

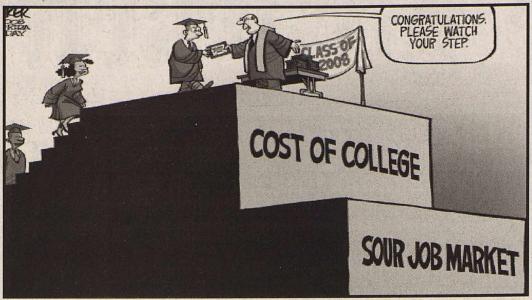
First let me start by thanking Allison and her staff, for keeping The Brackett News thriving and for giving me the opportunity to submit my experiences here in Kabul, Afghanistan with the United States Air Force. I hope folks take the opportunity to read my blog and if you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact me.

I'm currently in Kabul, Afghanistan on a 365 day deployment. Before you think that our military is cruel for sending me here, let me be the first to tell you I volunteered to come here. Why? Well hopefully after reading this you will understand. I feel a sense of pride being here, helping these people and this country get back on its feet. That's what we do as Americans we go around the world doing good things for people. If you look hard enough you might be able to read about it and sometimes you can hear about it in the evening news but you have to wait until the end of the program. The United States Military will continue to be ambassadors for good and hopefully make our country and our citizens proud with the work we continue to do around the world to changes lives; one person at a time. Do I believe the last sentence changing lives? I have to believe that people want better. I need to believe that those little Afghan children asking me for water every day will someday be productive members of the Afghan society. Maybe I'm disillusioned, but we should be able to put our differences aside and work for a common good, the good for the people of Afghanistan

Today I realize that changing lives is going to be harder than just one person. I was on the flight line advising our Afghan Army counter parts with the offload of cargo for the Afghan National Army (ANA) and the Afghan National Police (ANP) and we heard a loud blast; the realization set in that this place is not secure. Less than one mile down the road you could see black smoke and several minutes later our phones rang with the news that a suicide bomber had targeted a coalition convoy and set off explosives. Coalition forces weren't hurt or injured, but several Afghan citizens did get killed (according to AP). These people are trying hard to get by and we see it every day from our interrupter who is ready to go on vacation make working for the American government in hopes of receiving his you want to go crawl under the work visa to go to America . In the interrupter's eyes we are still the land of opportunity, "Innocent people just died", was all he said. The Afghan people are no different than you and I. We struggle with gas prices or the cost of food and the Afghanis struggle everyday to stay alive and to make Afghanistan better.. The sooner on vacation. We always have a we make Afghanistan better the soon we Americans can come home.

**Miguel DeHoyos** 





# Vacation dread



### The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Does the thought of getting covers and hide for the rest of iced tea and your note cards. I the summer? Vacations are supposed to be fun not a hassle. We don't have to dread going good time once we get there. So let's start now and make it a equipment, my purse and tools that help us most: our tim- aid bag and things to do before ers and Control Journals.

I travel a lot during the year. Michele, my assistant and I have gotten this down to a science. It is always fun to get away car repair, directions. from home for a little while, but there is nothing much better buy once you get there than sleeping in your own bed after several days of travel.

You know that feeling you get walking into a fresh clean hotel room. I want you to have turn home after your journey. the idea)

You can do this very easily by not being rushed and little plan- bag and personalized toiletries ning.

for mom and dad.

door

laundry.

Let's first think about the your castle. Walking in the set thermostat, check freezer door and being greeted with a clean home will make it all worth it. Then crawling into a bed that has fresh clean sheets; these things have to be done

before you leave. Sit down with a nice glass of Change sheets, swish and swipe, dishes done, vacuum, hotspots keep my Packing Control Jour- checked.

nal on 4 X 6 note cards in a small photo album. These are bandages, sunscreen, bug personalized for me. I have a spray checklist card for clothes, joyous occasion. We can do this carryon luggage, food, toilet- without you becoming a vacaby taking babysteps using the ries, speech bullet points, first tion banshee.

Control Journal just for you to I leave and when I get home. Here are the headings for download for free. http:// www.flylady.net/pages/ each card. Travel Arrangement: tickets, control journals.asp

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each family member with their out over it. This summer is gospecific needs. ing to be fun if we will do a Babybed, little planning now and not put Equipment:

things off to the last minute. Are stroller, computer, sleep mathat same feeling when you re- chine, cpap, crockpot, (you get you ready to FLY into Fun this summer?

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Emily Cooper

June is one of the most popular months for weddings. This may be due, in part, to June being named for Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage.

Of course, Juno and her husband, Jupiter, probably had very little trouble with money, but if you are getting married Toiletries: main bathroom this month, you and your spouse will need to work together on your finances - which Things to do before you means, among other things, way you want to come home to leave: Stop mail, board dogs, that you will have to reconcile your investment styles.

As you set up a household Things to do when you get together and establish common home: start mail, get dogs, unlong-term financial goals, you pack bags immediately, start will need to make investing a priority. But you and your Clean house checklist. spouse may well have different attitudes about investing, and some of those differences may be due to your respective gen-First aid kit; Medications, ders.

A major, long-term study by researchers at the University of Making this list now will California found that women help you get ready to leave trade stocks less often than men, do more research before making an investment decision, I have even made a Packing and tend to stick with their investments longer.

The results? Women investors' portfolios outperformed those of men by 1.4 percent a Have a great vacation year, according to the study. whether you travel or stay So, one might conclude that home. I just want you to enjoy women's "buy-and-hold" investing style can pay off in the long run.

> While it may be useful for you and your spouse to keep these gender-based tendencies in mind, you will still have to work out some common ground as you create investment strategies to meet your objectives. The key is open and frequent

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communication.

Talk to each other and learn what the other is thinking. Ask yourselves these types of questions: Do we both want to save for a house? If so, when do we want to buy it? If we have children, do we want to help them pay for college? Do we want to retire at about the same time? What do each of us want to do during retirement?

Once you've started talking about these and other issues. you'll be able to start creating appropriate investment strategies.

And after you begin investing, you may well find that you can discover ways to "complement" each other's tendencies and preferences that is, your "aggressive" choices can balance your spouse's "conservative" ones, or vice versa.

However - and this is an important "however" - both you and your spouse still need to be aware of the potential dangers of staying too much in your "comfort zone." If you are an aggressive investor, willing to take greater risks with your principal in exchange for potentially higher returns, you still could get "burned" by chasing after too many "hot" stocks, many of which will have already cooled by the time you invest, and, in any case, may not be suitable for your needs.

On the other hand, if your spouse is a conservative investor and consistently favors "conservative" investments such as bonds and Certificates of Deposit, he or she might not get the growth potential needed to help you achieve your joint goals.

Furthermore, fixed-rate investments can incur "inflation risk" - the risk that their returns may not even keep up with the inflation rate.

As newlyweds, it's important for you and your spouse to learn to adapt to each other's personal styles in many ways and it's just as important to accommodate each other's investment styles.

It can take some work, but it's well worth the effort.

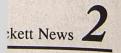
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4-Her's Show Fashion In Style

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grant of \$3,500 from the Texas tion, personal lifting devices,

Association of School Boards' and personal protective equip-

Risk Management Fund. Grant ment. Facilities security initia-

monies will help implement loss tives, driver improvement, and

prevention and safety initiatives vehicle safety were the primary

to reduce the potential for prop- areas receiving grants under the

erty losses and on-the-job inju-ries and raise safety awareness. property casualty program area. "Applicants did a superb job

A total number of 206 public of analyzing their hazardous ex-

school districts and education posures, loss prevention needs,

entities received grants of and developing loss prevention

\$550,000 from the Fund this initiatives to mitigate their im-

year. Since 1998, the Fund's pact on district resources," Th-

Loss Prevention Grant Program ompson said. "The review and

has distributed 1,381 total grants evaluation process covered al-

of more than \$3.4 million to most two months and was ex-

compensation and property/ca- wealth of well-justified applica-

Kinney County 4-H presented a fashion show on May 11th at the courtyard behind the Ft. Clark Springs office.

Proud members modeling the garments that they constructed are Kate Frerich, Gage Brown , Tyler Schuster, Maddie Frerich, Emma Palmer, Morgan Brown and not present was Alexa Solis. This group was led by Mrs. Yolanda

Fund members in the worker' tremely difficult given the support of our member' efforts

tion submitted," he said.

Photo By Shelby Schuster

ries and raise safety awareness.

'The safety and well being

of all employees and prevention

of losses are crucial issues in the

workplace. The Fund is dedi-

cated to partnering with its mem-

bers to save valuable resources

and do everything we can to

help educate staff to provide for

a healthier work force and crate

a safer work environment," said

Edwin Thompson, director of

TASB Loss Prevention Services.

"We are quite proud that the

Fund has been able to award

sualty programs.

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### **BHS Sports Awards** Castillo; Bonner named best all-around



Julie Castillo

Brackett High held its annual sports awards assembly May 29 in the high school audiorium. presented as follows: Julie Castillo was awarded

All Around Athlete.

Aguirre were named Most Valuable Player in Volleyball.

The Most Improved volley- Football. ball player was awarded to Nena Molinar.

Fighting Heart award in volmitment to saving valuable lolevball.

been major objectives of the

Improved award in cross coun-

award.

Tigerette golf.

Whitney Gum was awarded

For Most Improved in Ten-Kelsev Bruce.

The All Around Athlete was Travis Bonner.

Most Valuable Player for Year The Tigerette awards were Offense Football was Travis Bonner. In Defense Football, Fermin

was given to Jacob Schroeder.

Most Improved Basketball

In Tennis, Jaime Sandoval was named Most Improved.

Lane Nowlin earn the Most The Most Improved award

was given to Shaun Davis. In track, Travis Bonner was

The Fighting Heart award to Tony Esquivel and Isaac

was Ashley Stephenson in award was given to Fermin Travis Bonner, Cesar Cantu, Villanueva. Most Valuable Player in Ten- sented with the Sportsmanship rael DeHoyos, Albert Flores,

Track Award. nis, the award was given to Player was given to Travis Bianca Stewart, and Anolda Bonner.

Brandon Allen was named Baseball Newcomer of the

Travis Bonner

The Most Improved award went to Mike Flores in Baseball

Brackett High School All Scholar Athletes were Gabby Schroeder and Cesar Cantu.

Jacob Schroeder and Bailee Allen were presented with the Ronnie Armbruster Fighting Heart Award.

This year's 2007-2008 All Scholar Team constisted of Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Stella Guajardo, Haley Hale, Sahara Rodriguez, Josh Smith, Erica Villanueva, Chris Blake, Victor Cantu, Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Jessica Earwood, Brianna Escamilla, Brook Gose, Ramon Gutierrez, Lila Molinar, Jeff Sitgraves, Katryna Swilley, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes, Summer Allen, Katie Most Improved was awarded Braesicke, Becca Mann, Samantha Moore, Luara Swinson, Jacob Schroeder, Bai-Tiger Track Fighting Heart lee Allen, Chuy Balderas, llanueva. Moises Gonzalez was pre-Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Davis, Is-Daphne Hunt, Gabby In Baseball, Most Valuable Schroder, Ashley Stephenson,



**District receives loss prevention grant** "Raising awareness and rebeen awarded a loss prevention grants focused on fall preven- ducing injuries and losses is a win-win situation and this highly successful program will continue to be an integral part of the Fund's overall focus,"

cal resources and increasing pro-

ductivity. Safety in the work-

Fund's Loss Prevention Grant

Program since its inception. The

Fund remains steadfast in its

pledge to provide continued

to achieve their loss prevention

and safety goals," he said.

Thompson said. " We applaud participating district and education organizations for their com-Julie Castillo was given the

place and loss reduction have

In cross country, the most valuable player was Kelsey Valuable in Baskettball. Bruce

Haley Hale earned the Most was Joe Anthony Sanchez.

trv In Tigerette basketball, Julie Castillo and Bailee Allen Valuable Player in Golf. were named Most Valuable

Player Hayley Harris was given the most Improved Basketball named Most Valuable Player.

was earned by Meghann Davis. Talamantes.

The Most Valuable Player

Villanueva was awarded Most Daphne Hunt and Natalie Valuable Player. Israel DeHoyos was Most

Valuable Player for Linemen The Mr. Versatility award

In cross country, Manny Rosas was named Most Valuable Player.

Lane Nowlin earned Most

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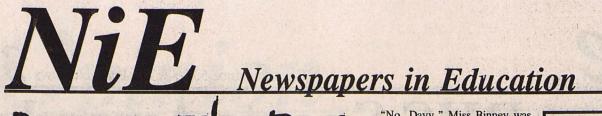
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# Ramona The Pest

Chapter 7: Seat Work, Part 2 The story so far: Miss Binney asks Ramona and her classmates to draw pictures of their houses. To make her picture interesting, Ramona adds what looks like black scribbles.

The next day seat work got harder. Miss Binney said that everyone had to learn to print his name. Ramona saw right away that this business of names was not fair. When Miss Binney handed each member of the class a strip of cardboard with his name printed on it, anyone could see that a girl named Ramona was going to have to work harder than a girl named Ann or a boy named Joe. Not that Ramona minded having to work harder - she was eager to learn to read and write. Having been the youngest member of her family and of the neighborhood, however, she had learned to watch for unfair situations.

Carefully Ramona printed R the way Miss Binney had printed it. A was easy. Even a baby could print A. Miss Binney said A was pointed like a witch's hat, and Ramona was planning to be a witch for the Hal-loween parade. O was also easy. It was a round balloon. Some people's O's looked like leaky balloons, but Ramona's O's were balloons full of

"I like the way Ramona's O's are fat balloons full of air," Miss Binney said to the class, and Ramona's heart filled with joy. Miss Binney liked her O's best!

Miss Binney walked around the classroom looking over shoulders. "That's right, boys and girls. Nice pointed A's," she said. "A's with nice sharp peaks. No, Davy. D faces the other way. Splendid, Karen. I like the way Karen's K has a nice straight back

Ramona wished she had a K in her name, so that she could give it a nice straight back. Ramona enjoyed Miss Binney's descriptions of the letters of the alphabet and listened for them while she worked. In front of her Susan played with a curl while she worked. She twisted it around her finger, stretched it out, and let it go. Boing, thought Ramona automati-

cally. "Ramona, let's keep our eyes on our work," said Miss Binney. "No, Davy. D faces the other way." Once more Ramona bent over her

paper. The hardest part of her name, she soon discovered, was getting the right number of points on the M and N. Sometimes her name came out RANOMA, but before long she remembered that two points came first. "Good work, Ramona," said Miss Binney, the first time Ramona printed her name correctly. Ramona hugged herself with happiness and love for Miss Binney. Soon, she was sure, she would be able to join her letters

together and write her name in the same rumply grown-up way that Beezus wrote her name.

Then Ramona discovered that some boys and girls had an extra let-ter followed by a dot. "Miss Binney, why don't I have a letter with a dot after it?" she asked.

"Because we have only one Ramona," said Miss Binney. "We have two Erics. Eric Jones and Eric Ryan. We call them Eric J. and Eric R., because we don't want to get our Erics mixed up.

Ramona did not like to miss anything. "Could I have another letter with a little dot?" she asked, knowing that Miss Binney would not think she was pestering.

Miss Binney smiled and leaned over Ramona's table. "Of course you may. This is the way to make a Q. A nice round O with a little tail like a cat. And there is your little dot, which is called a period." Then Miss Binney walked on, supervising seat work.

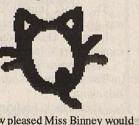
Ramona was charmed by her last initial. She drew a nice round O beside the one Miss Binney had drawn, and then she added a tail before she leaned back to admire her work. She had one balloon and two Halloween hats in her first name and a cat in her last name. She doubted if anyone else in the morning kindergarten had such an interesting name.

The next day at seat-work time Ramona practiced her Q while Miss Binney walked around helping those with S in their names. All the S's were having trouble. "No, Susan," said Miss Binney. "S stands up straight. It does not lie down as if it were a little worm crawling along the ground.

Susan pulled out a curl and let it spring back. Boing, thought Ramona.

"My, how many S's we have that are crawling along like little worms,"

remarked Miss Binney. Ramona was pleased that she had escaped S. She drew another Q and admired it a moment before she added two little pointed ears, and then she added two whiskers on each side so that her Q looked the way the cat looked when crouched on a rug in front of the fireplace.



How pleased Miss Binney would be! Miss Binney would say to the kindergarten, "What a splendid QRamona has made. It looks exactly like a little cat."

"No, Davy," Miss Binney was saying. "A D does not have four corners. It has two corners. One side is curved like a robin redbreast."

This conversation was so interesting that Ramona was curious to see Davy's D for herself. She waited until Miss Binney had moved away before she slipped out of her seat and over to the next table to look at Davy's D. It was a great disappointment. "That D doesn't look like a robin," she whispered. "It doesn't have any feathers. A robin has to have feathers." She had watched robins pulling worms out of her front lawn many times. They all had feathers on their breasts, little soft feathers mussed by the wind.

Davy studied his work. Then he scrubbed out half his D with his eraser and drew it in a series of little jags. It did not look like Miss Binney's D, but it did look, in Ramona's opinion, more like the front of a robin with feathers mussed the wind, which was what

Miss Binney wanted, wasn't it? D like a robin redbreast. "Good work, Davy," said Ramona, trying to sound like her teacher. Now maybe Davy would let

her kiss him. "Ramona," said Miss Binney, "in your seat, please." She walked back to look at Davy's seat work. "No, Davy. Didn't I tell you the curve of a D is as smooth as a robin redbreast?

Yours is all jagged." Davy looked bewildered. "Those are feathers," he said. "Feathers like a robin.

"Oh, I'm sorry, Davy. I didn't an ... " Miss Binney behaved as mean ... if she did not know quite what to say. "I didn't mean you to show each feather. I meant you to make it smooth

and round." "Ramona told me to do it this way," said Davy. "Ramona said a robin has to have feathers."

Ramona is not the kindergarten teacher." Miss Binney's voice, although not exactly cross, was not her usual gentle voice. "You make your D the way I showed you and never mind what Ramona says.

Ramona felt confused. Things had such an unexpected way of turning out all wrong. Miss Binney said a D

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should look like a robin redbreast, didn't she? And robins had feathers,

didn't they? So why wasn't putting feathers on a D all right? Davy glared at Ramona as he took

his eraser and scrubbed out half his D a second time. He scrubbed so hard he rumpled his paper. "Now see what you did," he said

Ramona felt terrible. Dear little Davy whom she loved so much was angry with her, and now he would run faster than ever. She never would get to kiss him.

And even worse, Miss Binney did not like D's with feathers, so she probably would not like Q's with ears and whiskers either. Hoping her teacher would not see what she was doing, Ramona quickly and regret-fully erased the ears and whiskers from her Q. How plain and bare it looked with only its tail left to keep it from being an O. Miss Binney, who could understand that Santa Claus in the chimney would make a

fireplace smoke, might be disappointed if she knew Ramona had given her Q ears and whiskers, be-

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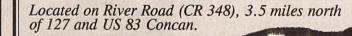
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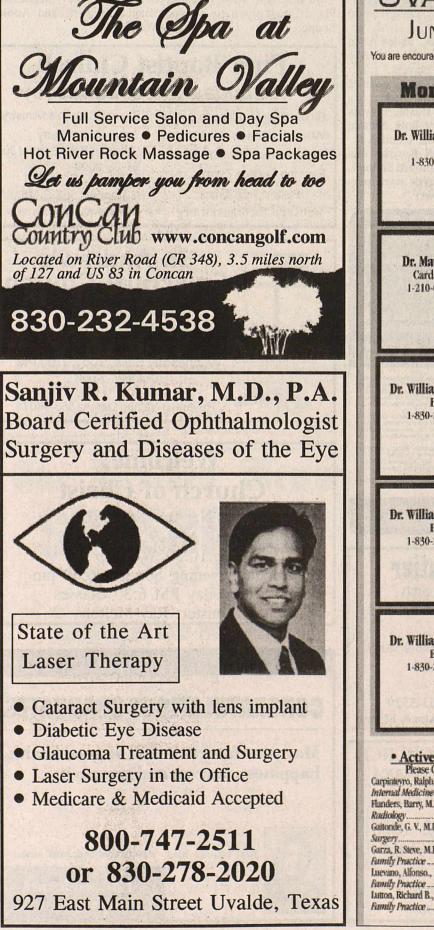


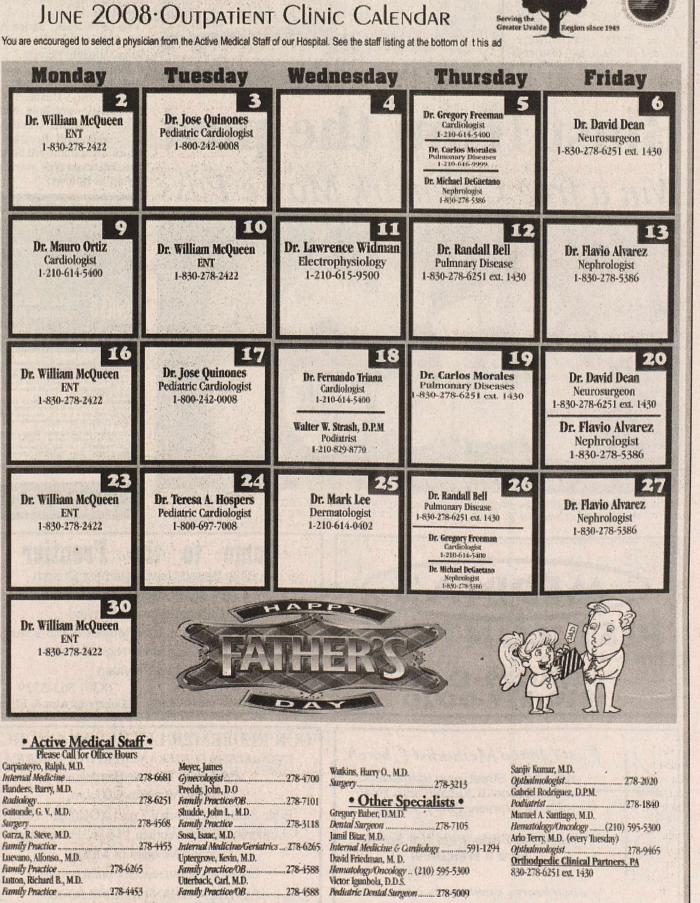


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Submitted by KCH

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### OBITUARY

Antonio F. Cruz December 19, 1922 - May 18, 2008



Antonio F. Cruz passed away May 18, 2008 at his home in Brackettville, Texas. Antonio was born December 19, 1922 in Del Rio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Geronimo and Maria Cruz, and his sister Rosa Cruz.

Antonio is survived by his wife of 62 years: Victoria Cruz; two sons: Santiago and his wife Lydia Cruz of Alvin, Texas and Armando and Dottie Cruz of Clearwater, Florida; daughter: Juanita and her husband Victor Poppaw of Sugarland, Texas, also two grandsons: Carlos and Fernando Cruz; granddaughter: Amanda Ford; and several nieces and nephews.

Antonio was a loyal employee with the Texas Department of Transportation (TDOT) for 22 years, a member of the Knights of Columbus and honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 in the 318th Infantry as a light mortar crewman in the European Theater being awarded three Bronze Stars.

Visitations were Thursday, 5-9:00 PM, May 22, 2008 at G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel. Funeral services were held Friday, 10:00 AM, May 23, 2008 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Brackettville, Texas. Officiating Father Anton Quang Dinh Van.

Pallbearers are Leonard Gomez, Tomas Gomez, Camilo Cruz Jr., Cristoval Cruz, Leopoldo Rocha and Richard Terrazas.

### Kinney County Sheriff 's Report

LK "Buddy" Burgess

Monday, May 26 9:45 pm A caller from Val Verde Sheriff's office stated a man driving a four wheeler that might have been drunk. 10:30 pm A man called re-

questing EMS. Wednesday, May 28 5:41 am A caller reported ing held at this time. the alarm going off at a local business. A deputy was notified.

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deputy was dispatched. 9:30 pm A woman from Fort Clark Security called the Val Verde office to report an electrical fire at the swimming pool pump. A deputy was dispatched and there was no fire.

Thursday, May 29 3:00 pm Cesar Ortiz, 20, of Brackettville, was arrested to serve time on revoked probation. Ortiz was released two days later with time served. 3:00 pm Jose M. Chavez Garcia, 38, of Coahuila, Mexico, was arrested for evad-

ing arrest/detention with motor vehicle. Garcia is still be-12:57 pm A woman reported a truck that ran off the

highway two miles out of 6:32 pm A caller reported Brackettville. The woman said

deputy was notified. The vehicle was later recovered. Friday, May 30

10:08 pm A woman called reporting her house had been broken into. A deputy was notified and en route to the location

Saturday, May 31

7:31 am A caller reported being chased by three Pit Bull dogs by the Little League field. The caller also stated the dogs walking around the EMS station. A city employee was informed.

10:20 pm An unknown caller reported a fight in progress. A deputy was informed.

11:16 am An unknown caller reported a vehicle on Hwy 90 close to George Rose Lane. There were three men in the vehicle and were seen putting bundles in the vehicle.

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### **June news from DS**

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Barbara Hogan State Health Nurse

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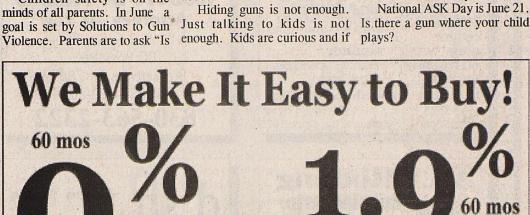
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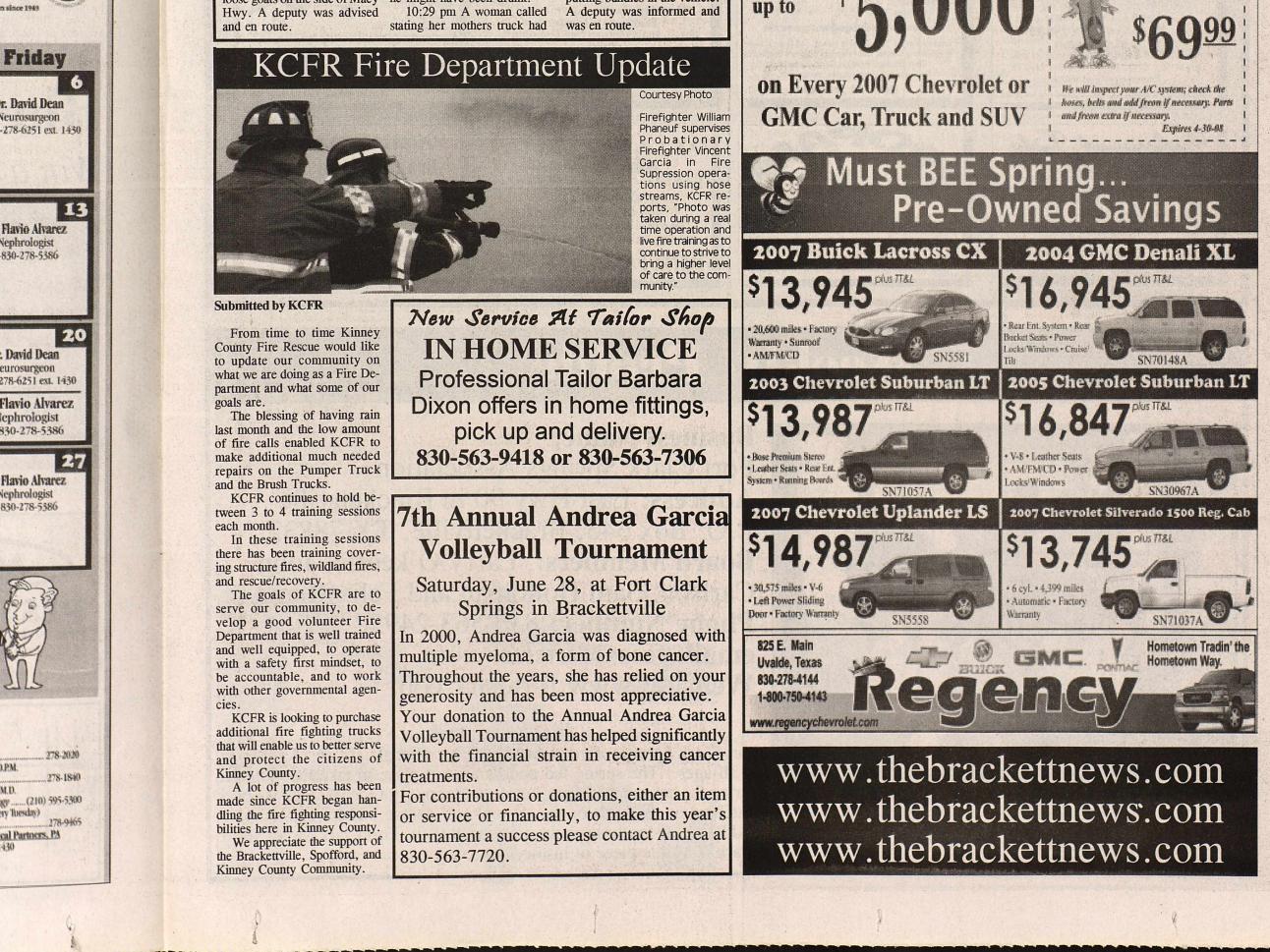
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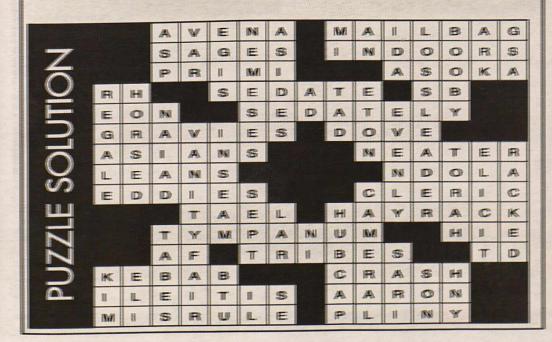


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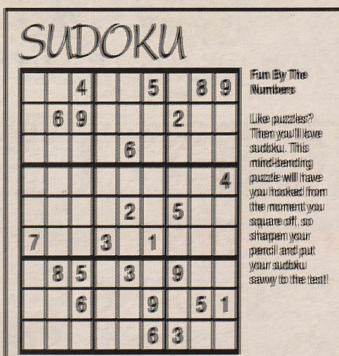
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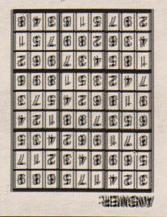
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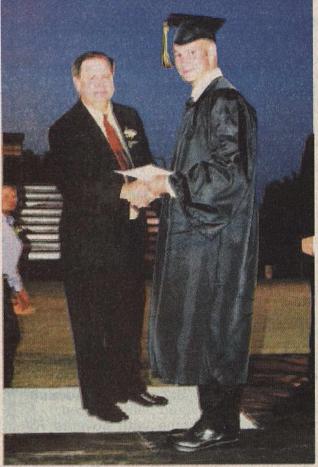
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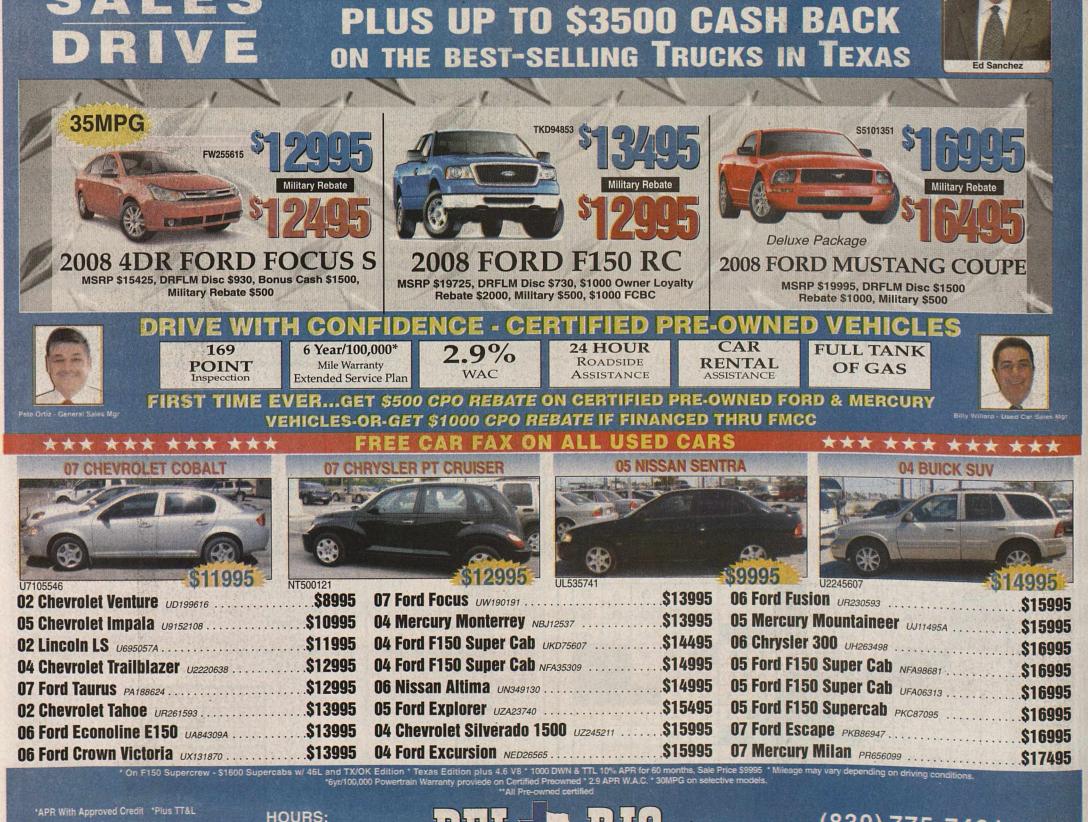


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