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Local Dollar General store nears completion

The Dollar General store on Hwy. 90 West has rapidly taken shape and is set to open its doors to a receptive community in a few months.

"Dollar General is pleased to open a new store in Brackettville. Dollar General sells quality general merchandise such as health and beauty aids, packaged food products, home cleaning supplies, housewares, stationery, seasonal goods, basic clothing and domestics," said Dollar General Spokesperson Emily Snyder.

Dollar General was founded in Scottsville, Kentucky in 1939 as J.L. Turner & Son. It is now a Fortune 500 company with more than 8,000 company-owned stores and is the largest retailer in the nation.

Company founders proclaim to have pioneered the dollar store concept in 1955, by opening stores that sold all items for \$1.

According to dollar general.com, Dollar General continues to strengthen its position as a consumer-driven distributor of consumable basics. The company's mission is sim-

ply to serve others. Dollar General carries it out by making value and convenience the hallmarks of its business strategy.

Thirty-three percent of Dollar General's merchandise is still priced at \$1 or less.

With small stores averaging 6,800 square feet, Dollar General stores feature a focused assortment of highly consumable merchandise, making shopping for basic necessities simple and hassle-free.

Dollar General stores are concentrated in under-served rural and urban neighborhoods.

Dollar General is in touch with the needs of its customers and the issues that are important to them and their families. An ardent supporter of literacy and education, Dollar General has served more than 50,000 people through its literacy referral program.

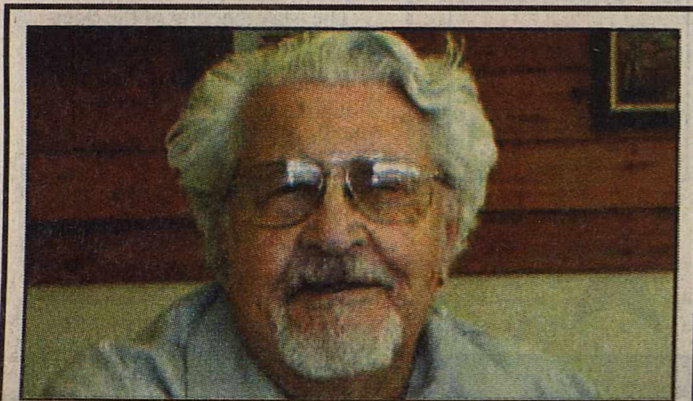
Today, the company's network of more than 8,000 company-owned retail outlets is the largest of any retailer in the nation. Dollar General employees number more than 64,500 in 34 states.

Salute on Memorial Day



Honor our soldiers on Memorial Day

Local soldier John H. Hernandez, far left, stands with some Iraqis during his most recent service tour. Hernandez has since returned to the United States.



Local Treasure

Ray Kurtz, of Fort Clark Springs, celebrated his 90th Birthday with family on May 20.

News BRIEFS

Shuttle for BJH graduation

Brackett Eighth grade graduation will be held on June 1 at 9 a.m. in the BHS auditorium. A shuttle service (bus run) for the graduation exercise from elementary, high school and cafeteria parking lots will start at 7:15 p.m. They will be transporting guests to the stadium and back to the parking lots after the ceremony.

BHS graduation

Brackett High School Graduation will be on June 2 at 8 p.m. The Kinney County 4-H Horse Project will be having a Trail Ride on Saturday, May 27th. The trail ride will begin at the Fort Clark Stables at 10:00 a.m. Any 4-H Horse project member interested in riding will need to bring their Coggins papers with them for the Fort Clark gate to check. This will be a fun and exciting event for the whole family. Lunch will be served at the Red Bridge after the trail ride is completed. Project members, please remember to drop your lunch items by the Brackett Cleaners. If you have any other questions, please contact Roy Jay Harris at (830) 968-7398 or Jenifer Harris at (830) 968-7397. Hope to see ya'll there!

4H Trail Ride

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Tiger Band Awards Banquet

Submitted by BISD Music Dept.

The Brackett Tiger Band recognized its members at a banquet on May 23.

Recognized Tiger Band Members:

The flute section: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Katie Braesicke, Christie Dodson, Clarissa Garcia, Jessica Siegal and Danika Villarreal.

The clarinet section Marisol Aguirre, Samantha Davis, Amanda Flores, Serenity Gammill, Christie Gomez, Stella Guajardo, Abby Gutierrez, Haley Hale, Karley Harris, Diana Honstein, Areli Reyes, Icela Rueda and Laura Swinson.

The bass clarinet section: Brooklyn Gose, Lauren Hernandez, Vicky Resendez, Anna Sandoval and Ashley Stephenson.

The alto saxophone section: Ramon Gutierrez, Ashley Shadwick and Jacob Schroeder.

The tenor saxophone section: Steven Brinker, Miranda Letsinger and Tyler Mc.Donald.

For baritone saxophone: Sam Childress.

The trombone section: Cynthia Bland, Bodie Harris, Robert Payne, Victor Robledo,

Aracely Salazar and Joshua Smith.

The baritone section: Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Cody Clark and Cassandre Gomez.

The tuba section: Adam Acquire and Zachary Ring.

The drum line: Kaden Berg, Chris Blake, Charlie Rose, Adam Sandoval, Jamie Sandoval and Aaron Travieso.

The mallet percussion section: Emily Calk and Austin Shebart.

The Color Guard members recognized were Laura Adams and Ashley Stephenson. Both girls received a service award for the past marching season.

Cassandra Gomes and Samantha Davis received awards for serving as drum majors.

Micheal Stephenson was announced as the Tiger Drum Major for 2006-2007.

Students accepted into the ATSSB Region Honor Band were recognized. Laura Swinson, Ashley Stephenson, Cassandra Gomez, Emily Calk and Bryan Calk (alternate) were given a pin.

Brooklyn Gose, name first chair in the junior high honor

band was given a trophy.

Several students attended UIL Solo and Ensemble contest at Uvalde. Students receiving medals for Division I Ratings included the woodwind trio consisting of Kaden Berg, Katie Braesicke and Laura Swinson (piano).

Swinson qualified for state by performing a Class I Solo for Memory and Earning Division I Rating. She will attend the state contest on May 29 at TSU in San Marcos.

Several students received special caption awards (voted by the band members):

Junior High

Most Improved Woodwind: Marisol Aguirre.

Most Improved Brass: Ayland Letsinger.

Most Outstanding: Bryan Calk.

Most Improved Percussion: Jaime Sandoval.

Most Outstanding Woodwind: Brooklyn Gose.

Most Outstanding Percussion: Chris Blake.

High School

Most Outstanding Woodwind: Jessica Siegel.

Most Improved: Samatha Moore.

Most Improved Percussion: Adam Sandoval.

Most Outstanding Woodwind: Laura Swinson.

Most Outstanding Brass: Micheal Stephenson.

Most Outstanding Percussion (piano): Charlie Rose.

The Director's Award was presented to Cassandra Gomez (2004-05) and Ashley Stephenson (2005-06) for Outstanding Band Achievements throughout their band careers.

The final award of the evening was the John Philip Sousa Award, the most prestigious award presented in the thousand of high schools across America. It is given annually to a graduating senior who had accomplished many great things and demonstrated leadership while in the band. Cassandra Gomez was presented with a plaque.

The Band Boosters and band members presented Band Director Jim D'Camp with a plaque of appreciation. D'Camp will be retiring at the end of the school year after 28 years as a teacher in Iowa and Texas.

CPL Retail Energy offers simple conservation tips

HOUSTON (May 23, 2006) - Now that warmer weather is here, it's time to start preparing your home for the summer heat. CPL Retail Energy offers some simple tips that can help you stay cool, conserve energy and save on energy costs.

Keep your thermostat setting under control. During the summer, turn up the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher throughout the day and turn the air-conditioner off when you are not at home.

Cover the windows. Keep your window coverings closed on the south, east, and west windows during the hot months to help maintain a comfortable climate inside.

Switch from Incandescent to Compact Florescent Bulbs (CFLs). CFLs last four to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs - and they only require one quarter of the energy! Take a look at all of those bulbs around the apartment - it adds up.

Use appliances efficiently. Do only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use the cold water setting on your clothes washer

when you can. You can conserve up to 75% of the energy required to run the washer by using cold water. Also, be sure to clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use and use the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer if you have one.

Save the dryer. Use a stand-alone clothes rack to dry your clothes. If you must use your dryer, try to dry two loads consecutively to make the most of the heat you generated in the first load.

Install Low-flow water fixtures: Save energy while saving water. A low-flow showerhead can reduce your water usage by two thirds.

Take Showers. Start taking showers instead of baths. Baths consume two and a half times more hot water than a shower.

Set your ceiling fan in reverse. Something as simple as setting your ceiling fan in reverse will circulate the warm air, pulling it away from the ceiling and cooling off the room. Ceiling fans use about the same electricity as a 100-watt light bulb and costs just pennies a day to run.

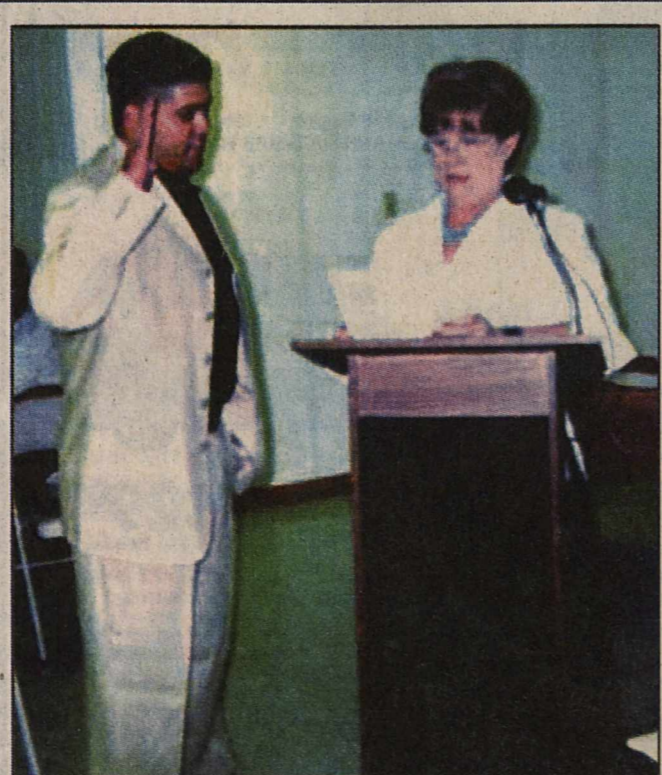
Use the microwave. When-

ever possible, use the microwave instead of the oven. The microwave uses two-thirds the amount of energy as a regular oven.

Be smart with home electronics. Turn off your computer and any other home office equipment when you're not using them. Also switch to a flat-panel monitor and you'll use one third of the power compared to conventional monitors.

For additional tips or more information about CPL Retail Energy, please call 1-866-322-5563, visit cplretailenergy.com or e-mail us at customer.care@cplretailenergy.com. Customer care representatives are available from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. CST, Monday through Saturday.

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Mayor sworn in

New Mayor Eduardo (Eddie) Esparza was sworn in at the City Council meeting on Tuesday night by District/County Clerk Dora Sandoval.

Courtesy photo

Weekend Weather

Friday

Mostly Sunny
High: 98
Low: 72

Saturday

Partly Cloudy
High: 96
Low: 73

Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High: 97
Low: 73

Thank You

I would like to thank each and everyone who came out to vote. It is an honor to serve you, the citizens of Brackettville. I look forward to working for the community.



Eddie Esparza

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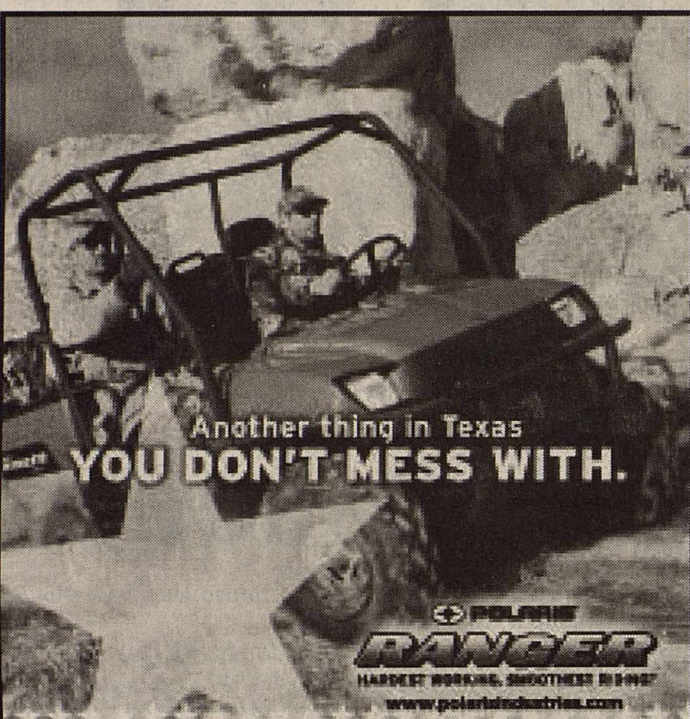
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What great coverage on the relay for life! I live in Lampasas, Texas and look forward to receiving The Brackett News on a weekly basis. The stories and information provided gives us a sense of home although we have been away for seven years. The topics each week keep us posted on what is happening around town. The relay for life event along with your coverage has left me with a sense of something positive for Brackettville.

I am very involved with "Relay for Life" for Lampasas County and have been part of the committee for several years. It seems up here that publicity and getting the community involved is hard. Over the last several months I have not read your paper without some type of information or fundraiser event for relay. Your coverage and dedication to the event is to be commended.

To the young lady along with others that headed up the relay. You are an inspiration to all. I always tell people if you just give relay one chance you will be hooked. Relay brings people together young and old from all walks of life. This allows many to set differences aside throughout a community for the sole purpose of finding a cure for cancer. Brackettville from coverage on relay, relay teams and local sponsors you all have made a difference.

Annie Barrow Trotter

Historical Society

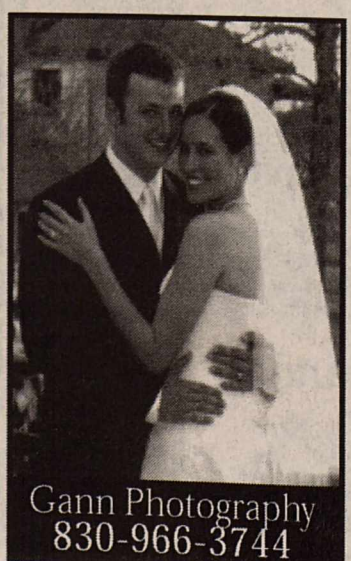
The May meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, the 27th at 10 a.m. in the Palisado Building with a coffee and donut (maybe brownies) social at 9:30. The program will be a walking tour of our Historic District led by Bill Haenn, a very informative and entertaining event. Wear comfortable shoes and bring along a bottle of water for the tour. This will be our last meeting until September. For those of you who will be here for the summer, we will be dedicating and installing the Cavalry Formation plaque at our Unit Memorial site on Saturday, June 17 at 11 a.m. For those of you who will be leaving for the summer, be safe, have a great summer, and we'll see ya'll in the fall.

Editors PLOG

I went to the prom this past weekend in a tank top! I didn't really get invited - I just flashed my laminated press pass - you know the one with the chew marks from my dogs. The Service Club was decorated so beautifully and the music was good and loud. I feel kinda' old b/c the only song I knew the words to was AC/DC's Back In Black. I had a little flashback to the Richmond Coliseum, in front of the stage with a lighter, wearing a leather jacket and a black mini - the eighties were just so wonderful! P.S. If you were upset over my last PLOG, then you didn't get it. Or maybe you did!

The Brackett News Seeks Local Input & Contributions

The Brackett News is currently looking for contributing writers and photographers, please call 830-563-2852 or email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net. If you have an idea, comment, suggestion and/or a concern regarding TBN content, please call 830-563-2852 or email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net.



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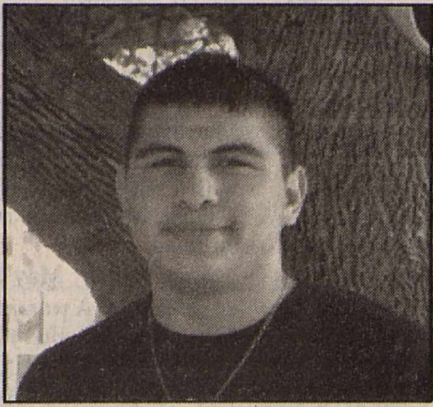
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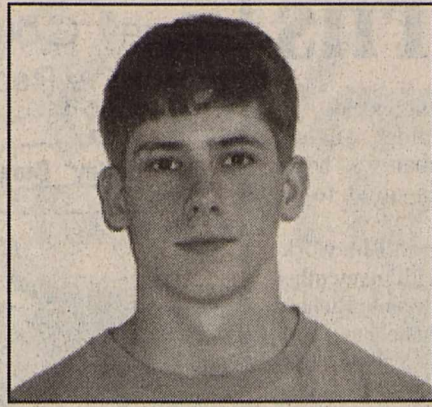
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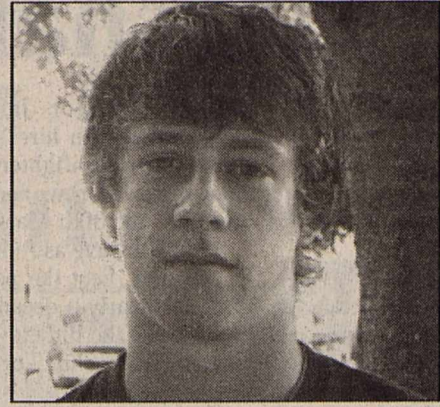
Gumaro Martinez

Mother: Rosa Martinez
Father: Erbey Martinez
Siblings: Erbey Jr., Rafael and Nolberto
Plans after graduation: Attending Our Lady of the Lake University.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Meeks, she got me organized.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Having my own life on my own two feet.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? The only thing school related that I would miss is high school football and my wonderful family.



Joe Steelman

Mother: Angie Steelman
Father: Billy Steelman
Siblings: Lane
Plans after graduation: U.S. Air Force
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew
What are you looking forward to after graduation? New experiences, seeing the world.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Those people I have grown close to.



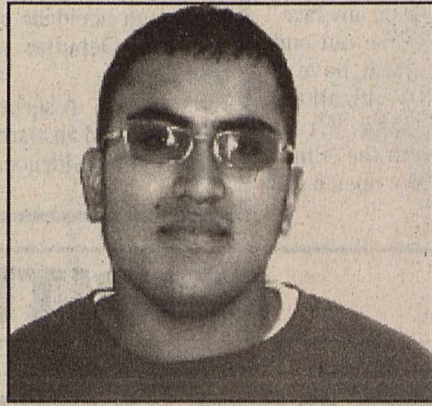
Mason McWilliams

Mother: Xyan McWilliams
Father: Alan McWilliams
Siblings: Megan
Plans after graduation: I am going on a trip to Cancun and will be attending Angelo State University in the fall.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew has influenced me the most out of all of my teachers. Not only did she teach me math, but she helped me get through high school and taught me so much more that will help me in my future.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? After graduation, I am excited about going off and starting a new chapter in my life. I am ready for new experiences.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I am going to miss all of my friends, family and the small town friendliness that I am surrounded by here in Brackettville.



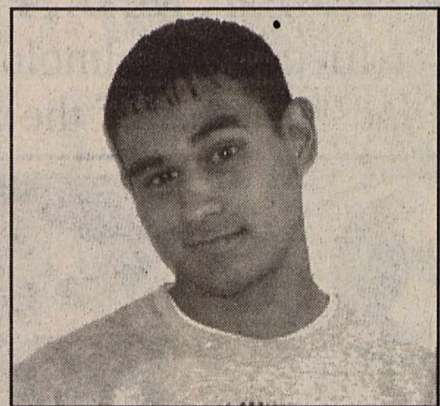
Brand Wylie

Mother: Francie Wylie
Father: Thomas Wylie
Siblings: Caleb Wylie, John Wylie, Caitlin Wylie, Jacob Puda, Eil Woolsey and Leon Woolsey
Plans after graduation: Pursue a Masters Degree in computer science at the University of Texas at Austin.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? The abundant new experiences that will present themselves faster than I handle them.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Meals prepared from the heart by my loving mother.



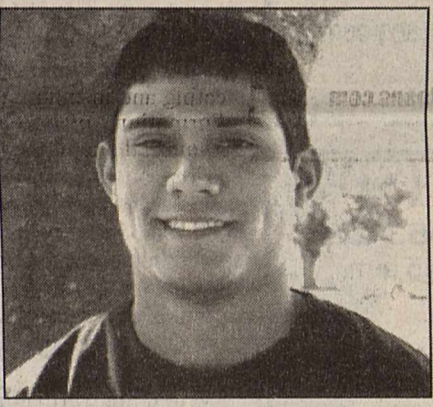
Joe Daniel Villanueva

Mother: Mary Jane Villanueva
Father: Fermin Villanueva Jr.
Siblings: Fermin III, Erica and Victor
Plans after graduation: To work on the Rail Road
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Curry: Thanks for all your help.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Working and making a lot of money.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Not school.



Ricky Ortega

Mother: Blanca Ortega
Father: Ricardo Ortega
Siblings: Mirza, Brenda and David
Plans after graduation: I want to work for a year and then go to college. I want to become a state trooper.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Making my dreams come true.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My friends and the school pranks and just the fun.



Tres Rueda

Mother: Yolanda Rueda
Father: Gilbert Rueda
Siblings: Icela-13, Garon-11
Plans after graduation: Attend San Angelo State University in the fall.
What teacher influenced you the most? Coach Charlie Marquardt because he showed me the value of respect on and off the field and he has been such a great coach and friend.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Starting anew chapter of my life. New opportunity, getting to become independent and making decisions on my own.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My family, home cooked meals and my friends.



Timmeka Simmons

Mother: Franee Sneed
Father: Timothy Phillips
Guardian: My grandparents Charlene and Wylie Simmons. I am thankful for my grandparents because without them I wouldn't be here.
Siblings: I have three sisters, Shanae Simmons, Elexis Sneed and Tia Sneed. They call us sisters "A bag of brown sugar".
Plans after graduation: I will be attending The University of San Antonio and I plan to major in social work because I love to help people in need. I also want to take dance and modeling in the future.
What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that influenced me the most was my coach, Mrs. Marquardt. She helped me on the court and off the court. She was always staying up late to help figure our ways for us to win and I am very thankful. When we had our volleyball meetings after practice, I always looked forward to her lessons. But most of all I loved that she never lost faith in the team and being there for us was her number one priority. Thank you so much Mrs. Marquardt-you are my hero.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? I am ready to live on my own and accomplish all my goals.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss volleyball the most.



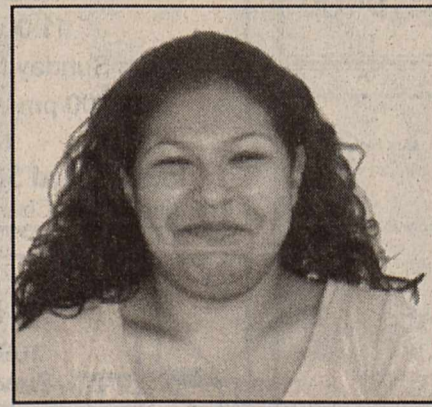
Cassandra Mata

Mother: Gracie Mata
Father: Ronaldo Mata
Siblings: Nicole Campos
Plans after graduation: I will be going to Odessa College and majoring in Computer Information Systems.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. L. Frerich, she has helped me throughout my high school years. Thank you for your support!
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Getting out of Brackett and making something of myself.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss my friends the most, especially the ones I have known since kindergarten and grew up with.



Lily Hernandez

Mother: Onesima Hernandez
Father: Nazario Hernandez
Siblings: Jose, Miguel and Diana
Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to attend Saint Edward's University in Austin for the Fall of 2006. I plan to study communications and Italian.
What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher who has influenced me the most would have to be Mrs. Ballew. She has been my math teacher since I was in eighth grade. I have learned so much from having her. Mrs. Ballew has the ability to help students understand concepts that seemed impossible. She is not only a teacher but a mentor. Through her influence, I have learned discipline and learned to reason, but most of all, Mrs. Ballew has taught me to appreciate learning.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? I'm looking forward to traveling after graduation. I'm going to be taking a trip to Washington and experiencing the cultural differences. Also, I can't wait to just relax, no stress for a little while.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I'm going to miss everyone in school! I have gotten so accustomed to seeing the same faces everyday and hearing the same comments and funny jokes. I'm going to really miss the different characters and personalities we have in our graduating class.



Sarah Lee Sandoval

Mother: Angelica Sandoval
Father: Rey Sandoval
Siblings: Ana - 13, Rey Rey - 7, Aurelio - 7 months
Plans after graduation: I plan on going into the Navy. I will be leaving Dec. 18.
What teacher influenced you the most? I think the teachers that influenced me the most are from sixth grade: Mrs. Starck, she always taught me that life is not always easy. Two other ladies have influenced me: Mary Payne and Marla Madrid. They both taught me that you have to work hard for what you want. Thanks guys!
What are you looking forward to after graduation? I'm looking forward to all of the new experiences and all the new places that I will see in the Navy. I'm also looking forward to leaving Brackett.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss all of my friends and family and most of all I will miss everyone from high school.

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The Marshal Returns

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Alamo Village

Back in the Spring of '92, out at the old west town of 'Alamo

Village', Mayor James T. "Happy" Shahan hires a fairly well known gunfighter by the name of Dave Crowe and swears him in as the 30th Marshal.

Marshal Dave as folks began to call him, kept the peace out there for nearly a decade, helping to make the little town a fun place to visit, while keeping the desperados at bay.

After retiring Marshal Crowe drifted up to Bandera, where he cowboded for a spell at the local dude ranches, like the famous 'Flying L Ranch'.

After a 6 year absence, last week Marshal Crowe received a message from Virginia Shahan, which read "Marshal Dave, your gun is needed once again at Alamo Village." Marshal Crowe will be arriving at Alamo Village in time for Memorial Day Weekend Celebration's. He will once again pin on the badge, strap on his six-shooter and spurs to protect and serve the citizens and visitors who will be coming

from all-around the world. The slightly older, slightly paunchy old lawman was heard to say, "it feels good to be needed again".

Marshal Dave will be working side by side with many other Alamo Village veterans, Richard Curilla, Alamo historian, filmmaker and summer show coordinator for over 20 years. Jana Ring, who has played "Miss Kitty" for the past 10 years. Most of the time you'll find her in the 'Trading Post'. Blake Lewis, who has performed music, worked in the 'gunfights' and blown the village up from time to time in the movies, has worked at the Village off and on for many years. David Lee Murray, long time singer, musician, songwriter, who turned gunfighter last year, will be returning for his 2nd season. This explosive mix of talent is guaranteed to put a smile on any face.

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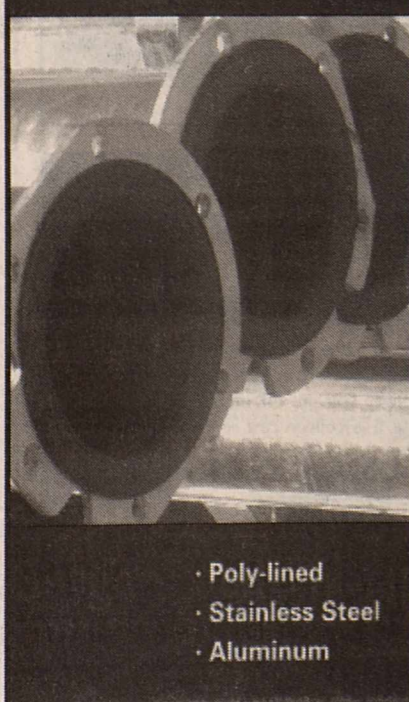
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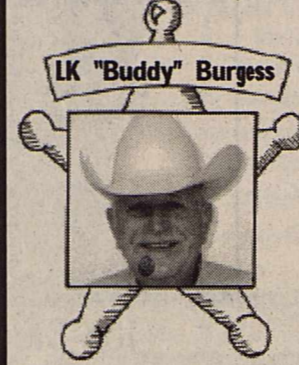
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Saturday, May 13

5:00 p.m. A man called requesting an officer because a woman was campaigning in front of City Hall. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

7:00 p.m. A man called in reference to a problem at City Hall.

Monday, May 15

2:22 p.m. A 911 Call reported an accident on HWY 90 East. Deputies were advised.

3:45 p.m. A security company reported an alarm sounding off at a residence. Deputy

Gutierrez was informed.

10:27 p.m. A 911 caller reported a vehicle accident on HWY 90 West. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the location.

Tuesday, May 16

3:20 a.m. An Employee of Kinney County Detention Center requested a deputy to file a report on a vehicle accident.

8:30 p.m. Yvette Salazar, 21, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana by Deputy Gutierrez. Salazar was released to her mother by the order of Judge Herb Senne.

8:30 p.m. Jonathan Cervantez, 19, of Del Rio was arrested for possession and transporting marijuana by Deputy Gutierrez. Cervantez was released on a 5,000.00 bond and a 10,000.00 bond from Judy's Bail Bonds.

Wednesday, May 17

12:00 a.m. A woman called to request a deputy to check on her mother. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was informed.

10:00 p.m. A 911 caller reported a domestic disturbance. Deputy Freitag was notified.

A woman called requesting a Deputy at Alamo Village a deputy was advised.

5:12 p.m. Kathy Gail Murray, 46, of Del Rio was arrested for deadly conduct with a fire arm by Deputy Freitag. Murray was released on bond.

Friday, May 19

3:25 p.m. A woman called to report that there was a bunch of guys fighting. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

4:00 p.m. A woman came in to report her dog was lost.

7:40 p.m. Deputy Manuel Pena radioed the Sheriff's office to request a report on a flat tire on a trailer.

Sunday, May 21

11:15 a.m. Guillermo Hurtado Jr., 21, of Rosenberg was arrested by Deputy Pena for probation violation, dangerous drugs out of Ft. Bend County. As of press time, Hurtado has not been released.

Oscar Hernandez Garcia, 52, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Fernandez for D.W.I. As of press time, Garcia has not been released.

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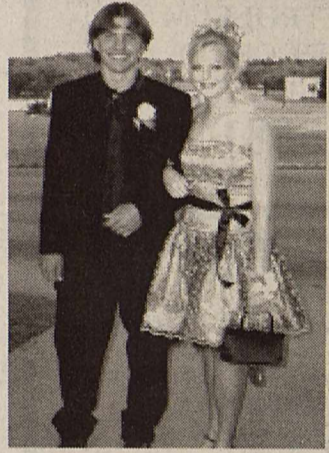
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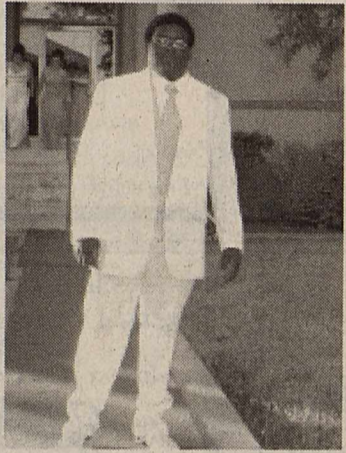
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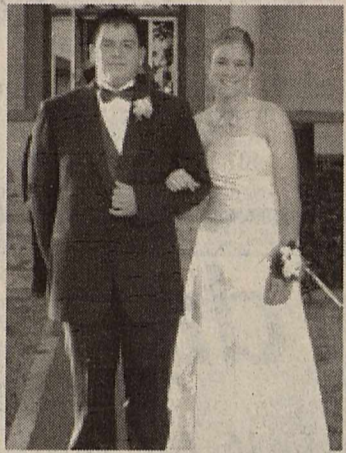
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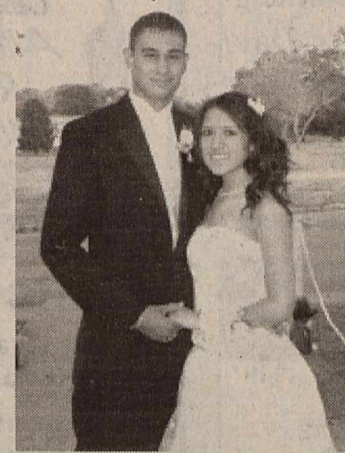
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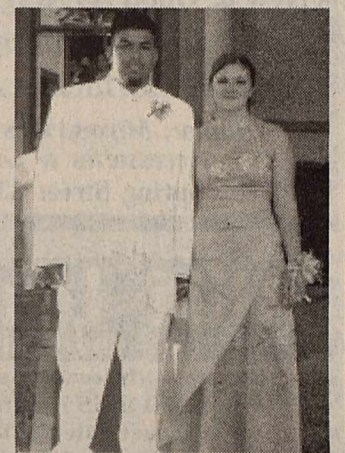
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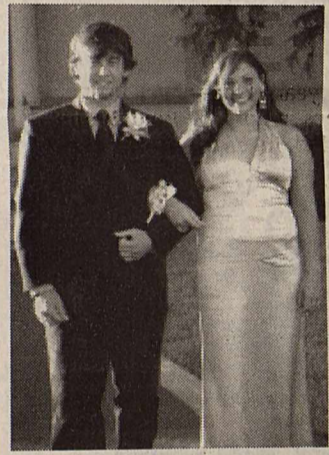
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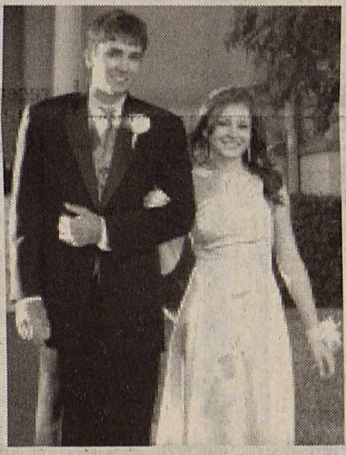
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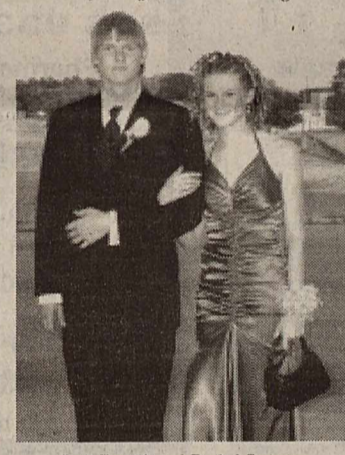
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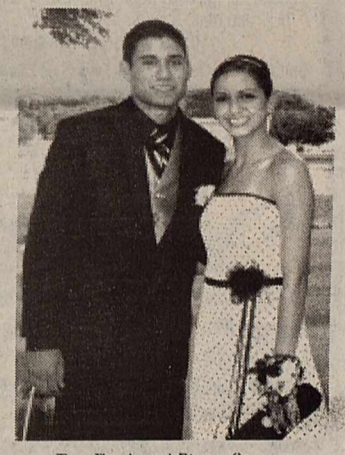
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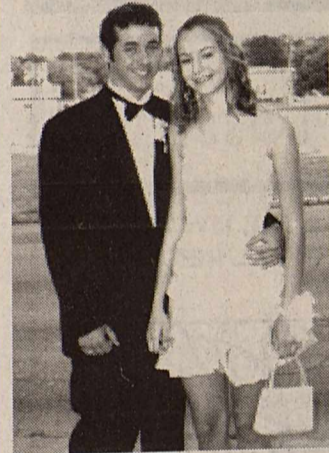
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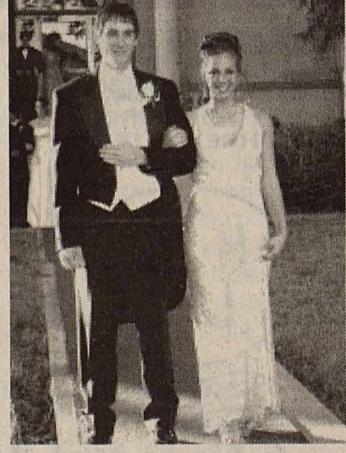
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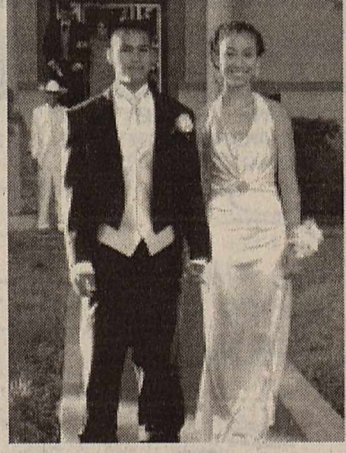
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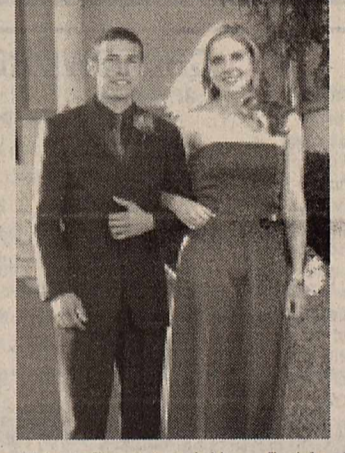
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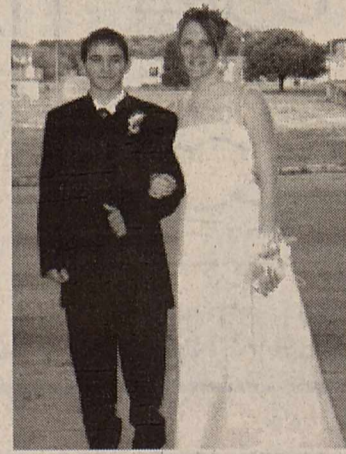
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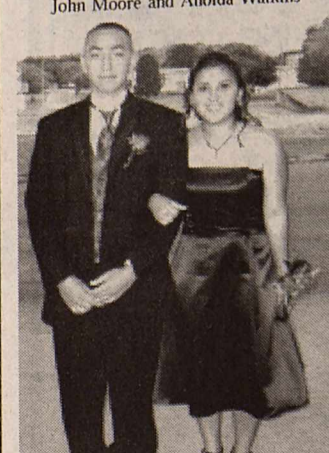
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1 Family member
5 Writer of stories for boys
10 Change positions
14 Lacked originality
15 Satellite of Saturn
16 Biblical brother
17 "You wouldn't ___"
18 ___ book; enjoy literature
19 On the outs
20 Becomes exhausted
23 Neglect
24 Charge
25 Union of old
28 Honey factories
33 Stay
34 Lacking sufficient funds
35 Dig lightly into water
36 Receives

DOWN
1 Word with scratch or itchy
2 On ___ with equal to
3 Colombia's neighbor
4 Upper throat tissues
5 Skillful
6 Mil. officer
7 Horned animal
8 Within; pref.
9 Declare positively again
10 Become an expert in
11 Musical instrument
12 Miles
13 Type of school; abbr.
21 Pintail
22 duck
25 Stories
26 In need of a diet
27 Extremely

others: abbr. important
28 Land ___; assist
29 Opening
30 Notions
31 Large bird
32 Locations
34 Plum variety
37 Draws
38 Coast
40 King toppers
41 Fender mark
43 Corrects
44 ___ up; joined efforts
46 Color
47 Divided
48 Friend at the école
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50 Radar screen image
51 Hindu queen
52 Go over a manuscript
53 Italia's capital
57 Faith; abbr.

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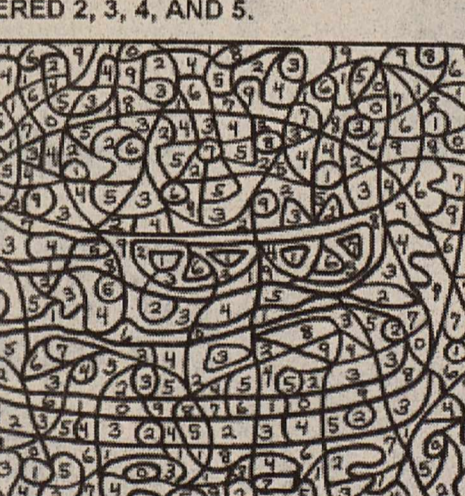
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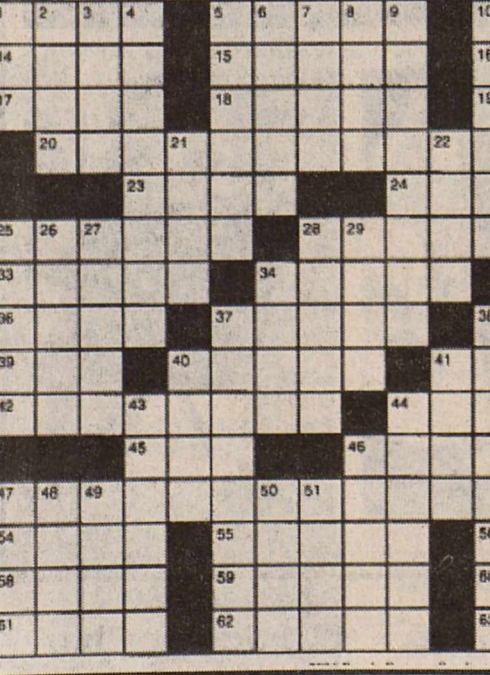
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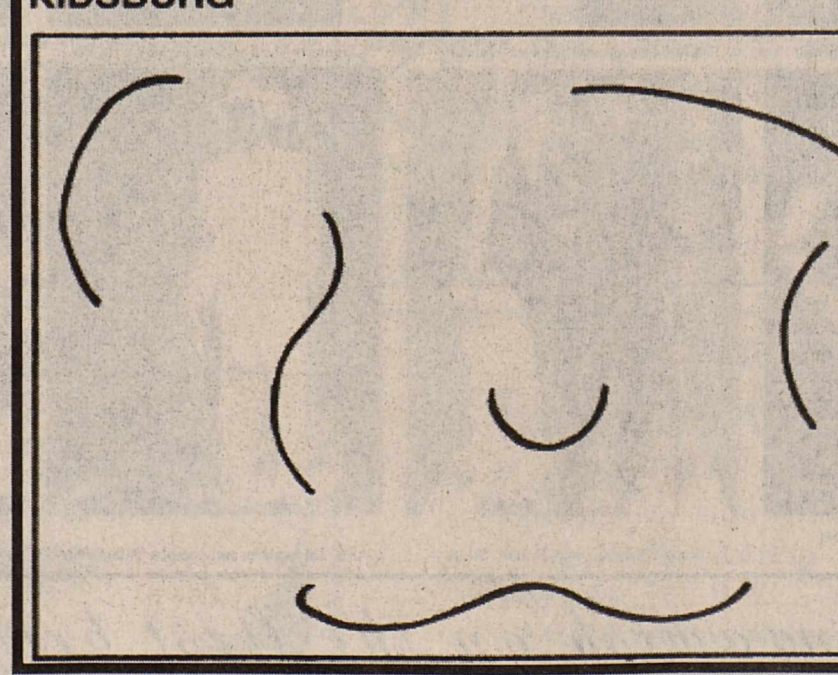


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The hearing will be conducted on the following Applications for Regular Permits:

| Proposed Regular Permit No. | Proposed Regular Permit Applicant/Holder and Landowner | Proposed Location of Well(s) | Annual Groundwater Withdrawal Amount (Acres-feet) |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| RP13-E-2006-008-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 01: 29° 25' 05.27" N 100° 15' 48.75" W (GVW1) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |
| RP14-E-2006-010-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 02: 29° 24' 37.01" N 100° 16' 33.82" W (GVW2) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |
| RP15-E-2006-011-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 03: 29° 24' 37.05" N 100° 17' 5.81" W (GVW3) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |
| RP16-E-2006-012-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 04: 29° 25' 30.16" N 100° 16' 59.33" W (GVW4) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |
| RP17-E-2006-013-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 05: 29° 25' 34.24" N 100° 16' 16.45" W (GVW5) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |
| RP18-E-2006-014-01 | Grass Valley Water, LP 1155 Jones Lane Kingsbury, TX 78638 | Well 06: 29° 25' 30.38" N 100° 15' 43.21" W (GVW6) 9,626 contiguous acres where all wells will be located | 1,833 acre-feet |

The Applications for the above Regular Permits, if issued as final Permits, would authorize the Permittee to drill six wells and withdraw groundwater therefrom within the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District according to the terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The conditions contained in the Proposed Regular Permit include, but are not limited to, provisions for the permit term, groundwater withdrawal amounts, purpose of use, locations of points of withdrawal, place of use, requirements for meters, maximum rate of withdrawal, fees, monitoring, record-keeping and reporting requirements, type of beneficial use, limit on waste, oversight by the District, termination, interruption, and suspension of groundwater withdrawal amounts, restriction of groundwater withdrawal amounts, amendments, registration of wells, water quality, well construction, operation, maintenance and closure, well head protection and spacing, filing and recording of permits, change of address or telephone numbers, compliance with applicable law, and enforcement.

The General Manager's documentation of the administrative and technical review, the recommendation on the application, and a recommended Proposed Regular Permit, along with the Application, and related correspondence, will be available for public inspection at the offices of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, 522 East Elken, Courthouse Annex, Brackettville, TX 78632, during the week of May 29, 2006 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday during the hours of 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; and Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 - 5:00 pm; or call (803)563-9699 for an appointment. If you have questions on any information in this notice or in the event you require additional information on hearing procedures, you may contact the General Manager or other staff at the District office at 830/563-9699.

Conservation District's Annual Report Includes Drought Conditions

Submitted by KCGCD

Exempt Wells
General Manager Darlene Shahan reported on the number of exempt wells, new regular permits issued, and local drought conditions in Kinney County as part of the Annual Report during a regular meeting of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District on April 20, 2006.

There are a total of 960 wells currently registered in the county. 928 Exempt Wells registered with the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District within the first few years of its creation. New Exempt Wells registered in the county include two wells registered in 2003; 17 in 2004 with one replacement well; and 13 in 2005. There were two replacement wells drilled in 2005 and some asphalt test holes. There are seven Exempt Wells pending with two of those being monitor wells.

New Regular Permits
On October 22, 2005, Regular permits were granted to John Hagee Royalty Trust for two permits in the Austin Chalk Aquifer for 260 acre feet each and two permits in the Edwards Trinity Aquifer for 2,540.00 acre feet each. John Boerschig was permitted 636.30 acre feet in the Edwards Aquifer on April 10, 2006.

Well Log Reports
A report of complaints filed with the State of Texas to get well logs filed with the District as required by District Rule was included in the Annual Report. "As you can see we are getting some well logs turned in and we are getting those things up to date," Shahan said. "I only have three still pending." There were nine complaints filed.

Drought conditions in Kinney County
Shahan addressed drought issues in Kinney County and the State of Texas. A graph was presented showing the flow rate in Las Moras Springs. Shahan included a chart depicting gage height. "On April 14, you will start seeing a dip in the flow rate. That is a pretty significant dip. It goes from 2.0 to .05... We are having some pretty drastic things happening at Las Moras this week. I haven't checked today's graph to see what is going on. But this is something that the District really needs to look into and see who's pumping right now, where they are pumping and if it is having an effect on Las Moras".

The United States Geological Survey information can be accessed on the USGS Website: http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/bx/nwis/uv/?site_no=084563-00&agency_cd=USGS.

Director Duke Meek added that Las Moras Springs had quit flowing twice in the mornings during March and then started flowing again. Although the USGS gage had not indicated a halt in spring flow, the district will be sending the information to the District's consultant with LBC Guton for suggestions on District action.

The General Manager stated, that any ceasing of flow at the springs at Fort Clark would be important information for the District to have when it happens.

A U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook map was included in the drought report. The National

Weather Service predicts the drought to persist or intensify through June of 2006.

A summary of Texas drought conditions by the Texas Water Development Board was included in the report.

The Palmer Drought Severity Index showed that in September of 2005, Kinney County showed slightly wet conditions; however, by December 24, 2005 conditions were gauged as an incipient dry spell and by April 15, 2006, Kinney County was experiencing a moderate drought.

Readings from the Edwards Aquifer monitoring well in north-eastern Kinney County are also available to the District for review.

Texas Parks and Wildlife takes readings on stream flow and water quality during their visits to areas of Kinney County. Information from these site visits would also be available to the District for review.

It was suggested that current pumping reports be obtained from Permittees to determine how much and where pumping is currently taking place. All accumulated data could be reviewed by the Board of Directors and used in making determinations to protect flows in all creeks and springs in Kinney County.

Update on study by Ron Green "Investigating the Groundwater Systems of Uvalde County"
Shahan included three update reports from Ron Green who is conducting a study in Kinney and Uvalde Counties. Green, staff scientist for Southwest Research Institute, is conducting a study titled, Investigating the Groundwater Systems of Uvalde County. The three main components of the project are hydro geology, water chemistry and structural geology.

Discussion of dye test study
Shahan reported that she and President, Cecil Smith, had spoken to Robert Potts (General Manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority) yesterday. He had offered that there is not any dye test scheduled under Mr. Green's study. EAA may decide to do further studies after they have their T&R meeting in sometime in May. He added that they may make a decision after that to go ahead and do some tracer studies in Uvalde County; but, right now, they have not scheduled one.

President Smith stated that Dr. Green would be giving a presentation regarding the study to the Edward Aquifer Authority (EAA) in San Antonio on May 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the EAA building and that anyone who wants to attend may do so. (Note: Ron Green's update has been re-scheduled for the May meeting of the EAA Board to be held June 28, 2006, at 2:00 at the EAA Offices in San Antonio, Texas. For those not able to attend the June meeting, another presentation will be made on July 11, 2006 at the EAA meeting to be held in New Braunfels, Texas.)

Cecil Smith confirmed that the EAA would discuss the dye test after Dr. Green's report is presented.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District office is open Mon., Tue. and Fri. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and on Wed. and Thu. from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m.

Boating season kicks-off with good news, bad news

AUSTIN, Texas — National Safe Boating Week kicked-off May 19 with a mixed message from the previous year. Overall, boating accidents, injuries and fatalities continued to decrease; however, with about half of the accidents involving alcohol and 85 percent of boating fatalities recovered not wearing life jackets, many of the incidents were preventable.

The Boating While Intoxicated law is strictly enforced by TPWD game wardens and other law enforcement agencies. A person arrested for BWI may be jailed for up to 180 days, be fined as much as \$2,000 or both. A law that took effect in 2001 includes possible suspension of an automobile driver's license for failing to submit to alcohol testing when suspected of operating a vessel while intoxicated.

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