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WATER BOARD MTG
The Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a regular meeting TODAY, June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse

KINNEY LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS
Will be having a car wash on June 13th and 14th at M's Tire Shop starting at 10am to raise money to support your boys 9-10 and 11-12 All-Star teams. Donations appreciated.

BASKETBALL CAMP
Coach Almanza will be having a Basketball Camp on June 22-25th, 2009 at the Brackett High School from 9am - 1pm. Participants can be from 2nd-8th grade. The cost to register \$35.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM
Brackett ISD will be having Summer Food Program on June 1- July 16, 2009. Breakfast 7:30am-8:30am. Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm. Children 1-18 eat for free. Adults prices: Breakfast \$2 and Lunch \$4. (All food must be eaten in cafeteria!)

FREE CAMP
Get Fit Brackett for ages 6-12 years old Activities include: swimming, sports, games, arts and crafts, nutrition lessons and more. FREE breakfast and lunch Location: Brackett High School. Time and Days First Week: Tue - Fri, 8 am - 4 pm Remaining 3 Weeks: Mon-Thu, 8am - 4pm. Dates: June 23 - July 16 Deadline for Applications: June 23. Applications are available at Jones Elem/ Inter Office and Central Office.

Talamantes takes his show on the road

Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - Isaac Talamantes, son of Abel and Mari Talamantes, will be a part of the 2009 Summer Travel Baseball Team that will play in Ohio, Illinois, Virginia and Florida over the summer. Talamantes will leave for Chicago June 13.



Former county employees targeted by vandals

Former Kinney County Attorney Tully Shahan and the nearly retired Chief Appraiser William Haenn were both victims of criminal mischief in the early morning hours on June 9. The glass front door of Shahan's small law office located on South Ann Street in Brackettville was completely destroyed by what Kinney County

law enforcement officials believe was a pellet gun. Shahan discovered the damage around 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and has since boarded up the door until it can be repaired. Fort Clark Springs security discovered the damage to the windows of an automobile owned by Haenn parked near his home on Colony Row around

2:05 a.m. on routine patrol of the area. The sheriff's department was notified and attempted to make contact with Haenn to no avail. Haenn did later contact local authorities to report his findings. The matter is still under investigation and details regarding the persons of interest in the case were not disclosed.



Summer is Here...

Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - David Lopez, Jr., 1, of Brackettville enjoys a cold ice cream cone from Burger N Shake. Baby David is the son of David Sr. and Joslyn Lopez.

Trig Star competition a success

Luis Pinto Azevedo, a Rotary Club exchange student at Brackett High, won first place in the 2008-09 TRIG STAR competition held at BHS on May 14. He was hosted by the Anita and Kevin Kenedy. Luis is planning a career in Business. Second place winner was Jeff Sitgreaves. He is the son of Kay and Andy Sitgreaves. Third place winner is Katryna Swilley, daughter of Marsha and Scott Swilley. Mrs. Jamie Ballew, a Math Teacher at Brackett High, is the proud instructor of the three

winner. Local top two winners participated at the State level competition. The contest, with a participation of more than ten students, was sponsored by Abner Martinez, R.P.L.S. owner of Amistad consulting services, Inc. Each winner received a small scholarship. TRIG STAR is a competition consisting of a timed test to solve trigonometry problems that incorporate the use of right angle formulas, circle formulas, and the law of sines, and the law of cosines. The contest helps to promote careers in surveying

and mapping to students at the high schools across the country. The contest is sponsored by the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors and cosponsored locally. Special recognition is given to the following local businesses that contributed financially to the Trig Star competition. Fort Clark Springs Association, Rio Grande Electrical Coop, and Amistad Consulting Services, Inc. of Del Rio, Texas. For more information on surveying and mapping careers, visit: www.trig-star.info.



Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - Pictured from left: Katryna Swilley, Abner Martinez and Jeff Sitgreaves.

City to collect cardboard for free

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Carl Esser of Esser and Company gave a presentation to the City Council June 9 regarding the Texas Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) Fund. The purpose of STEP is to "provide guidance, assistance and support to community leaders and residents willing to use self-help to solve their water and sewer problems," according to the RAC, Rural Assistance Center. "These monies may be used for materials, engineering services and related administrative services. These monies may not be used to pay a contractor to install the infrastructure," said Esser. "You have to use

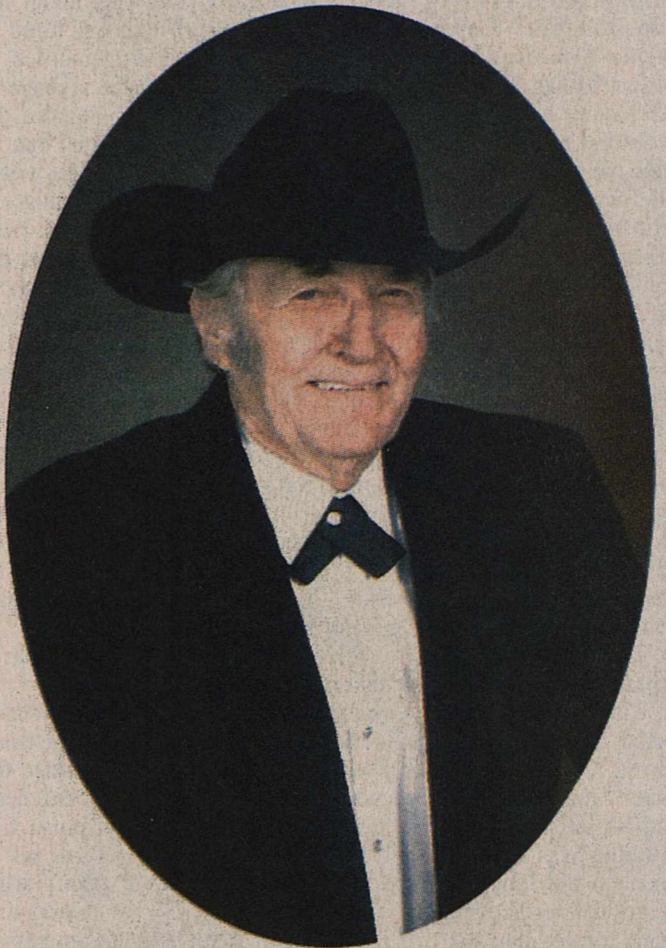
your own city forces or volunteers in the community to conduct and implement that activity." Esser stated that as the city is always contending with water leaks that are a drain on resources, it should submit a letter of interest to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas STEP program. If the CDBG staff and representatives of the potential applicant determine that the community is committed to self-help, has the capacity to begin and complete a self-help program (using its own employees and equipment) and meets all other STEP criteria they are then invited to apply for funds. Once an application is submitted it is very com-

petitive for the funding. The maximum grant award is \$350,000. The council unanimously voted to submit the letter of interest before the deadline of June 30th. The application deadline, if invited to apply, is October 16 with awards to be granted in December 2009. A motion was made and passed to authorize the city manager Henry Garcia to act as the city's executive office and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Criminal Justice Grant program. Garcia then requested a fully equipped police vehicle "to the tune of a

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John S. Fritter

March 3, 1939 - June 9, 2009



Memorial Service
Kinney County Civic Center
Saturday, June 13 at 4 p.m.

Burial immediately following at the Kinney County Cemetery

County Judge Fritter dies

Kinney County Judge Johnny Fritter passed away in Uvalde after a long battle with a respiratory illness on the afternoon of June 9.

Fritter was elected to the highest office in county government in November, 2006 after retiring from the Kinney County Sheriff's Department as Chief Deputy earlier that same year.

Fritter, born and raised in Brackettville, had a long career in area law enforcement. Fritter was first introduced to his beloved career while in the military as a police officer. Once Fritter returned home he held the position of police chief for the City of Brackettville several times starting in the mid-seventies until 1992.

The truckers that traveled through town at the time used to call Fritter the "red devil" on the radio because he would wait on the edge of town in he personally-owned red Mustang and ticket them for speeding. Later he was renamed the "blue angel" when the City provided him with a blue sedan.

In 1992, Fritter took the position as Chief Deputy for Kinney County under then Sheriff Norman Hooten and when current Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess took office in December 1995, he kept Fritter on.

Burgess was quoted in 2006 saying, "He was an excellent chief deputy with an advanced law enforcement certificate and he always kept good records."

Although plagued by illness during his time as county judge, the people in the community pledged their support for him and remained hopeful he would make a full recovery.

The county commissioners will meet on June 15 for their regularly scheduled meeting. It was not clear at press time if the court will move to appoint a replacement or not.

Excerpt from Johnny's Eulogy

...Yes, Johnny Fritter will be greatly missed. When asked about some of their fondest memories, both family and friends said that there were so many. Dedra talked about one of hers being the day she and Steve were married. On top of being one of the best days of her life, Johnny made it even more memorable, not only for her and Steve, but for everyone in attendance. She said that she and Johnny had joked around about having a "Shotgun Wedding". Well, Johnny actually showed up with his double barreled shotgun over his shoulder and escorted Dedra down the aisle. Everyone exploded with laughter...except for Steve, of course. He just stood there wide eyed as Johnny walked up, gave him that Johnny Fritter smirk and handed him his beautiful bride-to-be. In another memory, Cody recalls how, while attending the law enforcement academy in Uvalde, another great lawman told Cody how Johnny was "one of the last of a dying breed". Cody says that he has always looked up to Johnny and hopes to be even half the man AND lawman that he was. And Connie has numerous personal memories that she will always cherish but she wanted it known that Johnny was very kind hearted, despite his tough exterior. She said that he has helped many people in many different ways. Connie remembers how on many occasions Johnny would come home with a \$20 bill and give it to her. She would ask him where it came from and he would explain how someone had been going through a tough time and now they were paying back the loan. These were times when they were short on money themselves. Johnny would always lend a helping hand when he could to those who truly needed it. Johnny Fritter's passing was somewhat expected but still a great loss. Cody and Dedra talked about how, regardless of the circumstances, it's still a shock to them. To them, since they were kids, Johnny was larger than life. Kind of...unbreakable. They innocently thought that he would just be around forever. Well...his memory will be.

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

Mayor gets an office; hours to be determined

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\$35,000 grant".

The City Mayor will finally have an office in City Hall, with hours yet to be established. Not since the previous mayor Carmen Berlanga has there been a designated office for the mayor to conduct business and to be available to address concerns of the general public.

Brackettville resident Abbie Garcia expressed concerns that the city has hired a police officer (Thomas F. Nemia) who does not have a car or a badge and yet has been on the payroll for five months. He stated that, "Even if he gets all the paperwork, he finishes and does pretty good academically; but what about the responsibility?" Garcia He indicated that the officer was hired as having been qualified for the job and yet he is not qualified to wear a badge. Garcia expressed concerns that we (the taxpayers) are paying him a salary while he goes to school to acquire the necessary credentials. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Flores cited that he does have an office and he has been doing administration work. The mayor explained that because Nemia had let everything expire he was taking the required measures to again be certified. Henry Garcia stated that (Nemia) has taken all the courses the legislature has required of all present and new law enforcement officers. He has completed that and is now waiting for the state to send in the paperwork to take a licensing test. By that time he can do actual citations for violations on the criminal side. He has also been working with Garcia to identify code violations in the City and to rectify those violations.

Action was taken to amend Ordinance 2005-10-11 Section D4 to discontinue charge for commercial cardboard that is separated from the commercial waste. It will read: Commercial and/or Nonresidential Industrial Waste disposers will be charged a use-based rate of \$20 per cubic yard (non-compacted waste will be charged \$7.50 per cubic yard). This fee will be charged to all commercial accounts using water and/or sewer services."

The city will continue to pick up commercial cardboard that is separated from the commercial waste at no charge.

Kinney County Pool Committee Chairperson Martha Padron asked the council to provide additional services and assistance for the County Recreation Pool and Park. The city provided the water Memorial Day weekend so that Randy Castilla could clean and fill the pool as well as test the filter and pump systems. Everything was in remarkably good order and the pool is set to open on the June 19. Padron was not present to specify what additional services and assistance was needed. A motion was made to provide water for the month of June. The motion passed with Mary Flores abstaining on the grounds that she needs more information. Then general feeling was that the city wanted to be a part of this project for the children of Brackettville.

Garcia reported that the maintenance crews will be cleaning up the city easements. Those with easements that are blocked with items such as vehicles or bulk trash will be asked in writing to remove the material. If the maintenance crews remove these items the bulk rate fee will be charged to the owner.

All council members were present with the exception of Demetrius Williams.



Give yourself a little slack!



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

There is a thought that is keeps coming up today! I think the God Breezes are blowing. It is one of giving a little slack to those around us. I looked it up in the dictionary and it means to be more relaxed, less tense. Wow! I think we all need a dose of slack. The slack we usually bestow is toward the people around us. I think it is time to give ourselves a little slack. We don't have to be perfect! That means you don't have to beat yourself up every time you don't live up to your own expecta-

tions. If the truth be known; those expectations are not really yours anyway! They were put on you at a very young age by people who thought they were teaching you the right way! There is no right way! There are lots of ways to do things! As a result your little child's creativity was stomped on. You were told "My way or the highway!" Well what does that mean to a little kid anyway? This is a scary thought of rejection and abandonment. So we do what we are told! It is time that we gave ourselves just a little slack! We deserved unconditional love when we were growing up. We didn't have to prove ourselves to be worthy of love. If you didn't get it then or even if you did and you lost that loving feeling after getting married; you can get it back. It starts with Finally Loving Yourself! FLYing is all

about being kind and giving yourself just a little slack. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to beat yourself up when you make a mistake! I want for you what I have; ease. That peace came into my life because I started loving myself. At first I began with the words that I said over and over to myself in meditation. I would focus on my breathing and breathe in "I Love" and breathe out "Myself". I know that sounds too simple but it was an action that I could take to eliminate my negative thinking. Then I started making sure I had eaten and had drunk enough water. I would get dressed to lace up shoes and fix my hair and face each day. These are simple gifts that I give myself every day. Each habit I established was all about being kind to me. I deserved to be loved day in and day out. I was the only one that could do this for me. If I looked for this love in someone else it would not have been unconditional on my part! I would have thought that I needed to do something to be worthy. It was only after I eliminated the negative thinking that I could experience my own unconditional love and appreciate someone who loved me as much as I love myself. Loving yourself is not selfish. It is your God given right! If you don't love yourself; you can't love others. Give yourself a little slack!

"Cutting Losses" can be more painful than you think



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Why do stock prices fall? Various factors are involved, but in a nutshell, prices drop when more people want to sell stocks than buy them. Conversely, the more people who buy a particular stock, the faster that stock's price will rise. If you've studied basic economics and the law of supply and demand, you've already got a pretty clear sense of why stock prices move the way they do. And yet, while the process sounds fairly logical, the behavior of many investors isn't — which gives you some good investment opportunities right now.

To understand why so many investors have acted in a way that may be counter-productive, let's look at consumer behavior in another context. Suppose a hypothetical couple, Mike and Mary Ann, bought a house five years ago for \$200,000. They liked everything about the house, and it was the right size to meet their family's needs for many years to come. However, the sharp decline in the housing market has caused Mike and Mary Ann such concern that they decide to sell their house, even though they can only get \$160,000 for it. By selling now, they reason, they can avoid further drops, and when the market stabilizes, they can buy another house in the same neighborhood.

To sum up: Mike and Mary Ann took a \$40,000 loss on a house they didn't even need to sell. In essence, they were betting that the housing market, against all historical evidence, would not recover enough to compensate them for staying put. Most people would question the rationality of this type of behavior. Yet many of these same people do the same thing when it comes to investments.

Specifically, over the past year and a half, they have sold investments — even quality investments — that still met their needs for growth, income or a combination of both. And when they've sold these investments, they've taken losses — sometimes, big losses. Just like Mike and Mary Ann, they thought they must sell now to avoid bigger setbacks later.

Don't make that mistake. If you weren't planning on selling your investments before the market decline, why sell them now, when you'll just be locking in a loss? Many successful investors hold the same investments for 20, 30 or 40 years — in fact, sometimes they pass these investments on to their children, who also hold them for decades. Are you so sure that your investments, which may indeed have declined 40 percent or more over the past couple of years, won't recover those losses and climb to new heights in the years ahead?

You may someday need to sell, but do so for the right reasons — a change in your goals, a need to rebalance your portfolio or a fundamental change in the companies in which you've invested. In the meantime, not only should you hold on to the investments that that still meet your needs, but you should also consider adding new investments while the price is so low. The more shares you own, the better your financial position will be when the market turns around.

This type of behavior takes patience, discipline and faith in our markets. But over the past century, the investors who have demonstrated these traits have been well rewarded — and there's no reason you can't attain the same results.

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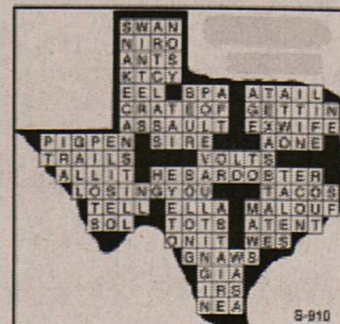
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JONES E/I SCHOOL 2008 - 2009 Principal's Award

Every year the Principal's Award is awarded to students with top academic and behavior achievements.

This year Jones Elementary/Intermediate School would like to recognize the following students for their second and fourth years of receiving the Principal's Award.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

WINNERS:

KINDER: Alix Pearson, Asia Williams, and Ty Edwards.

FIRST GRADE: Zuehl Conoly, Delilah Luna and Nicole Mestas.

SECOND GRADE: Tanner Slubar, Kristina Rangel and Kaili Price.

THIRD GRADE: Destiny Ocasio, Lyna Salazar and Kirstin Frerich.

FORURTH GRADE: Tyler Schuster, Danielle Gerardo and Karena Martinez.

FIFTH GRADE: Elizabeth Rangel, Kayla Morelli and Max Stoffel.

SIXTH GRADE: Gabby Sandoval, Matt Gutierrez and Maddie Frerich.



FOUR TIME WINNER:
TYLER SCHUSTER

Two Time Winners: 2008 - 2009



Tanner Slubar



Kate Frerich



Maddie Frerich



Gabby Sandoval

2009 County 4-H Camp



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News -Front Row: Emma Palmer, Walt Ashley, Sam Palmer, Webb Ashley and Dante Luna. Back Row: Christie Palmer, Bryan Calk, Abigail Gutierrez, Korlee Allen, Kathryn Letsinger, Summer Allen, Sarah Davis, and Daylone Miller.

A lively crew of fifteen Kinney County 4-H'ers attended County Camp at the beautiful H.E.B. Foundation Camp above Leakey on June 1st. This summer camp is a shared effort involving Mr. Pigg, the extension agent for Real county, and many energetic helpers from Leakey, Campwood, Brackettville, Rocksprings, and Sonora. The camp was attended by over 125 kids ranging in age from eight to eighteen years old. The kids made crafts, played games, learned shooting skills in the shooting sports trailer, ate S' mores, learned to dance, paddled in canoes, and swam until they had webs between their toes!

One of the highlights of the three day camp was a shaving cream war that required everyone to participate. It took place on a large playing field resulting in a hundred and twenty-five completely white monsters of all sizes! The kids then jumped in the river to finish the event off. The kids challenged themselves to do things they had not done before and make new friends to boot!

JONES E/I SCHOOL 4th NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLLS 2008 - 2009

"A" Honor Roll: 1ST GRADE: Diego Castillo, Zuehl Conoly, Levi Earwood, Mason Eckenrod, Logan Fisher, Cati Guzman, Delilah Luna, Desiree McKaskle, Nicole Mestas, Aaron Pacheco, Stetson Schuster and Trey Seargeant. 2ND GRADE: Kristal Cook, Kyle Garza, Kaili Price, Kristina Rangel, Lucero Rodriguez, Zane Shamsher, Matthew Sheedy, Tanner Slubar, Taylor Smith, Connie Talamantes, Sara Titchenell and Brendan Turkett. 3RD GRADE: Ayme Bruce. 4TH GRADE: Danielle Gerardo, Christina Janca, Tyler Schuster, Alexa Solis, and Abbey Stoffel. 5TH GRADE: Hannah Baggett, Jeyson Price, Elizabeth Rangel, Max Stoffel and Donovan Swilley. 6TH GRADE: Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Madison Frerich, Rivers Maddox, David Ortega, Ariana Rodriguez and Te'a Sandoval.

All "A" All Year Long: 1st GRADE: Zuehl Conoly, Mason Eckenrod, Cati Guzman and Stetson Schuster. 2nd GRADE: Kyle Garza, Kaili Price, Kristina Rangel, Lucero Rodriguez,

Zane Shamsher, Matthew Sheedy, Tanner Slubar, Taylor Smith and Brendan Turkett. 4th GRADE: Christina Janca, Tyler Schuster, Alexa Solis and Abby Stoffel. 5th GRADE: Jeyson Price, Elizabeth Rangel and Maxwell Stoffel. 6th GRADE: Peyton Bonner, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Maddie Frerich and Rivers Maddox.

"AB" Honor Roll: 1ST GRADE: Brilla Buitron, Kristopher Creel, Javier DeLeon, Michael Falcon, Martin Garcia, Elyssa Hernandez and Lizette Rivas. 2ND GRADE: Eduardo Calderon, Alejandro DeHoyos, Mya Garcia, Sofia Martinez, Gracie Maddox, Judit Pinales, Klarissa Rodriguez, Franny Smith, Kimmie Stafford, Jewel Swift, Aries Talamantes, Karina Terrazas and Natalee Terrazas. 3RD GRADE: Rodrigo Elizondo, Chasity Flores, Kirstin Frerich, Virginia Guerrero, Jackie Pacheco, Haley Pearson, Edgar Rivas, Lyna Salazar, Sabrina Sanchez, Jeremiah Sandoval and Dakota Valenzuela. 4TH GRADE: James Amescua, Britney Castilla, Kymie Creel, Erick

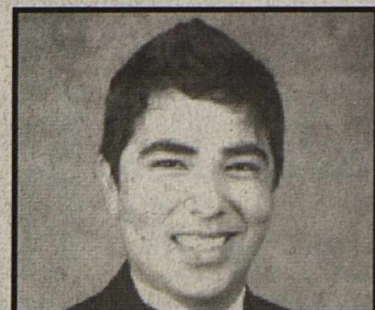
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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2009



Eric Gaona

Name: Eric Gaona
Mother: Norma Diego
Siblings: Karina Gaona and Edgar Gaona
What are your plans after graduation? I believe going to SWJC for my basics and then transfer to UTSA.
What teacher influenced you the most? I believe two teachers Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Bader.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Go to college and try to do so much better in my classes.
What will you miss most after graduation? I will miss my friends, some classes and teachers.



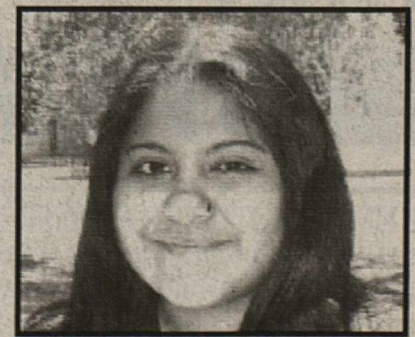
Bianca Martinez

Name: Bianca Martinez (B.Mart)
Mother: Noemi Martinez
Father: Severo Martinez
Siblings: April Martinez
What are your plans after graduation? Attend Sol Ross State University in Alpine and major in history.
What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that influenced me the most was Mrs. Bader.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Being on my own and starting my life.
What will you miss most after graduation? My friends and family and all the good times we had.



Laura Kirsten Swinson

Name: Laura Kirsten Swinson
Mother: Veronica Swinson
Father: Tom Swinson
Siblings: Todd and Rachel
What are your plans after graduation? I will attend the University of Texas at Austin.
What teacher influenced you the most? All of my teachers have helped me learn and mature throughout high school.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Being more independent, taking new classes, and hanging out with my brother and sister.
What will you miss most after graduation? Spending time with my parents and Oscar, our dog.



Felisha Abrego

Name: Felisha Abrego
Mother Or Guardian: San Juanita Gomez
Father Or Guardian: Henry Gomez
Siblings: Javier and Marisol Gomez
What are your plans after graduation? I'm not sure, I want to do a lot of things in life and I'm just going to do the things that I like and suits me.
What teacher influenced you the most? It's not really teacher, more like teachers, my three brilliant math teachers who helped me get through my high school years and Math TASKS, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Ballew. Thanks a bunch!
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Getting out of school! Exploring the world, I plan on doing a lot of traveling.
What will you miss most after graduation? The art room and Mrs. Bader of course! I love doing all the projects in that class and I have enjoyed learning the different types of art. Then also who could leave out your friends, I'll miss them so much.

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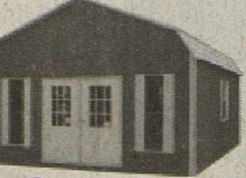
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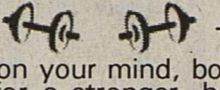
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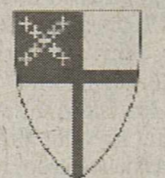
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Slate - Zerkle Wedding

Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Tracy Jean Slate and Mont V. Zerkle were united in marriage June 6, 2009 at Brackettville Church of Christ. The bride was attended by Cassidy Zerkle, daughter of the groom and Cody Zerkle, son of the groom was best man and ring bearer. A beautiful reception in the Church Fellowship Hall followed the ceremony. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Slate, parents of Tracy - would like to thank all their friends who worked so hard to make this special event a success. You are a blessing and so very dear to our hearts.

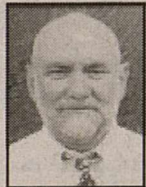
"Red Hatters' Luncheon"

Surmising that Fort Clark Springs is overdue for an elegant event, "Viola Veronica Crout" has put in motion plans for another "Red Hatters' Luncheon."

In order for ladies to make long range plans, she thought it appropriate to begin weekly "Blips" in TBN to publish the particulars regarding the scheduled time, place and registration. Therefore, as Viola V. Crout has directed - time, July 8th 12:00pm - place, FCS's Service Club - registration, Adult Center starting June 22nd.

She also urges for FCS ladies and their guest to sign up for a delicious lunch, soothing music and wholesome enjoyable fellowship. There is also a distinguished, delightful "Mystery Guest" that many will enjoy seeing again.

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Brotherly Love

Flag Day is Sunday, June 14



Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - Armando Avila recently placed a wreath at the grave of his brother Juan J. Avila Jr. who was reportedly the only person from Brackettville to be killed in the Vietnam War. Juan was only 18 years old.

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Monday, June 1

7:50pm, A call was received from a local store stating there had been an accident. A deputy was advised.

Tuesday, June 2

9:33pm, A call was received from a alarm company reporting an alarm going off at a ranch on FM 3348. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

9:51pm, A woman called stating that her childrens father gave her permission to take the children out of town, and now the father is claiming he never gave her permission. The mother stated she had the children since Friday.

Wednesday, June 3

6:35am, A caller reported they hit a deer on Hwy 90 west. A deputy was advised.

Thursday, June 4

8:40pm, A Border Patrol agent called stating a cow was loose on Macy road 693 about six miles out. A deputy was advised.

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Saturday, June 6

12:27pm, A man called to report a unknown woman was sitting on his mothers porch. A deputy was informed of the situation and enroute to the location.

2:30pm, A call was received from a local store stating a woman had locked herself in the restroom for over a hour, and refused to come out. A deputy was notified.

11:55pm, A off duty officer called to report a white Chevy pickup on west Hwy 90 was driving erratically and at high speeds. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, June 7

12:35am, A woman called to report a disturbance near the

cemetery. A unit was advised.

9:18am, A woman came in to the SO to report someone had stole her keys from her house.

3:55pm, A call was received from a security alarm company reporting an alarm going off at the BHS band hall. A school employee was advised.

8:00pm, Paul Henry Hinojosa, 35, of Sonora, was arrested for motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Hinojosa is still being held a press time.

8:45pm, Hilario Garcia, 23, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Garcia was released June 8 on a \$1,200 bond.

OBITUARY

Inocente A. Longoria



December 26, 1934 - June 4, 2009

Inocente Arredondo Longoria, age 74, entered into rest June 4, 2009, in Plano, Texas, after battling cancer for 2 years. She was born December 26, 1934 in Brackettville, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Arredondo, Sr. and Ofelia Luna Arredondo. Brother, Paul Arredondo, Jr. and Son, Mario Martinez. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Irma Stephenson and husband Terry. Brother, Claudio Arredondo and wife Odelia. Grandchildren: Ryan Vincent, Heather Clark, Jeremiah Stephenson, Tessi Skinner and husband Jeff. Great-grandchildren: Ryder and Bryna Skinner. Visitation was held Monday, June 8, 2009, from 5:00PM-9:00PM, Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7:00PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 10:00AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas.

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New Listing- 4/2 on Ann Street, remodeled kitchen and bathroom, large corner lot with pecan trees, recently painted throughout, enclosed porches, move-in ready. Only \$129,995.00

3/3 Brick Home on the golf course, over 2000 sf. study, fireplace, attached carport, beautiful tile floors throughout. Only \$199,000

2/1 Mobile Home, remodeled kitchen, covered parking, no maintenance yard, \$17,500

2 Bedroom 2 Bath Condo- Unit 1303, 2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must See! \$62,000

Unit 14 - 2 Lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. Make Offer!

Golf Course Lot on fort Clark Road- \$4500

962 Acres off 674 north of Brackett, improvements, wells, good hunting --\$1195 an acre

Rentals Available-

*2 and 3 bedroom rental- furnished, short or long term

*1/1 Masters Condo- furnished, long term lease, call for more information

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FORT CLARK 29 LAMOTTE 3/2/2 MOTIVATED SELLER. Stucco hm w/tiled floors throughout, FP in large kitchen/breakfast area and screened porch over looking green area. 2031sq ft. w/many upgrades. Fantastic home and location! PRICE REDUCED TO \$155,000.

HISTORIC WAINWRIGHT HOUSE #29 COLONY ROW: UNDER CONTRACT

132 DE ZAVALA - ADORABLE A-FRAME 2BR/1B W/300 SQ.FT. LOFT AREA. 1100+/-SQ.FT. @ \$38,000.00

NEW LISTING: 23 OAK LANE - THIS LOVELY 2000+/-SQ.FT. CUSTOM BUILT HOME W/ BACKYARD CABANA IS A MUST SEE! 3BR/2B ON A LARGE CORNER LOT W/BEAUTIFUL MATURE OAK TREES IN BACK AREA.

89 WARD RD: Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with bonus and media Rms. Fenced yard, 3,000 approx. sq. ft. REDUCED \$180,000

Corner of Anderson/Travis: cute 3BR/1.5B with carport and storage unit on 1 lot. \$42,500

143 Walnut: Immaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots over looking green area. RV hookups. Must see! \$42,000.

Fairway Circle: 2 golf course lots. Walking distance from Las Moras Creek. \$25,000.

104 McClelland Located in the historical district, 2BR/2B townhouse. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft. REDUCED

155 BLISS CIRCLE, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained mobile home on two lots. \$35,000.

80 BAYLOR ST. 3B/2B HOME IN HISTORICAL DISTRICT. 1836 SQ.FT. REDUCED TO \$60,000.

UNIT 14, RV lot with metal cover with 1998 Wilderness 27' travel trailer. \$32,000. Will sell property w/out Trailer @ \$27,000

COMMERCIAL: New Listing: Ideal commercial property in a prime location on US Hwy 90 Metal constructed bldg. w/storage, workshop, office and restroom. Priced to sell!

221 ACRES: PRIME HUNTING APP. 1400 SQ. FT. log cabin w/ panoramic views. CHA 25 miles N. of Brackettville. FM 674

OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SEALED BIDS will be received by the Brackett Independent School District, Central Office, located at 400 N Ann Street, Brackettville, TX, for the following projects: H.V.A.C. Units (and installation) for Hunt Library, BHS Field House, and Jones Intermediate Building Bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Proposals received after 10:00 A.M., or not accompanied by required documents, will be returned, and not considered. Specification sheets are available at the district Central Office. BISD reserves the right to waive formalities or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the most advantageous bidder.

Stan Metcalf Realtor

- **184 ACRES** 13 miles from Brackett. Three acre +/- lake stocked with Bass, Deer, Turkey, Dove & Quail Hunting
 - **SUNSET LANE - 2BR, 1.5 Bath.** Fully furnished in porch-casita. Located in a nice neighborhood. Owners wanted, make offer.
 - **CORNER LOTS AVAILABLE** on Fairway circle.
 - **RV LOT AND COVER** in neighborly friendly Unit 13. FCS with 4 storage shelves, washer & dryer. Sold
 - **CONDO FOR SALE**
 - **CONDO SOLD**
 - **HAVE BUYERS - NEED LISTINGS!**
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Ed Stanfield, Broker

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Answer: Pg 2

ACROSS

- TXism: "I _____" (I declare)
- Robert de _____ starred with TX Helmond in "Brazil"
- TXism: "short as an _____ eyebrow"
- Pilot Point FM before it was KZMP
- TXism: "slippery as an _____"
- fashionable resort
- TXism: "faster than a prairie fire with _____ wind"
- Valley acquisition: _____ oranges
- TXism: "get while the _____ is good"
- TX Triple Crown winner in '46
- Martha, Shirley, or Connie to TX Willie
- TXism for an untidy place
- horse male parent
- TXism: "busier than _____-armed cook in a truck stop"
- TX Dale Evans sang "Happy _____"
- elec. measurements
- TX Gary Morris' "One Fall Is _____ Takes"
- TXism: "if _____ he'll crow"
- TX Charley Pride's "(I'm So) Afraid of _____"
- Tex-Mex treats
- TXism: "_____ a windy" (lie)

DOWN

- TX "Babe": Mildred _____ Didrikson
- this Dian wrote "Cattle Kings of Texas"
- TX Billie _____ Estes
- TXism: "rug rats"
- TXism: "hard as putting up _____ in a windstorm"
- TXism: "chew _____ awhile (think about)"
- this Craven directed TX Lisa Hartman in "Deadly Blessing"
- chews persistently
- this Scala was in "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Audie
- April deadline agcy.
- org. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
- TXism: "a dead bite" (beware)
- in Runnels Co. on 83
- where you won't find a nude model at Baylor (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he's always huntin' something to meddle in"
- _____ de La Salle led 1st French expedition to TX
- TXism: "hard as _____ a tornado"
- rear of the boat
- TXism: "coon's _____" (long time)
- "_____ Fair"
- TXism: "hotter than _____-dollar pistol"
- TXism: "you can write _____ ink"
- TX Willie wrote "Night _____"
- martial art: _____ chi chuan
- dir. to Quanah from Post (abbr.)
- showman Barnum
- TX Willie's dad
- _____ Bissinger book: "Friday Night Lights"
- TXism: "we're seein' _____ eye" (agree)
- TXism for "good-bye"
- TX "tail _____" (lies)
- SMU course (abbr.)
- overwhelming defeat
- Astro's leag. (abbr.)
- 49ers city (abbr.)
- TX Ginger's dancing partner Fred
- dog gullets
- TXism: "if he _____ dog he wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)