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Community News

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

CHEER in cooperation with the HSC Colonias Initiative Partners is having its third annual Back to School Health Fair. on August 20 from 2-6 PM at the Brackett ISD old gym. If you don't have house numbers for EMS to see from the road, please stop by and get them. The 911 people will be here to provide you with numbers and a placard to place them on your house for free. We will again have shots available for those who need them. Please bing your child's shot record. Dental checks by the Department of Health Services dentist will be provided. Many agencies will be here to provide you with glaucoma screening, blood sugar testing, and many other services too numerous to name will be participating, Free backpacks will be given out courtesy of Senator Uresti. Again, we will be giving out schools supplies to the students. This year we are asking the community to assist us in our program called Stuff the Bus by providing school supplies, and placing thom in a box at and placing them in a box at the Dollar General Store, at Carmen's Boutique, or at the County Extension Office. When you are out shopping pick up something for school supplies, and place them in the boxes around town. If you

BRACKETTVILLE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

want to help, but don't want

to shop, checks can be made out to CHEER and mailed to PO Box 706, Brackettville, TX

78832 or dropped at Carmen's Boutique, or Dollar General. All members of the community may come to the Back to School Health Fair to take advantage of the various

Brackettville City Council will be having a Budget Workshop on August 17 at the City Hall 119 West Spring St. starting at 5:30 PM. Work shop call to order, roll call (quorum not required), Review and Discuss - Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and adjourn. The undersigned do hereby certify that the Agenda mentioned above was posted on the Bulletin Board located at City Hall, 119 West Spring Street. On Thursday, August 13,2009 at 11:00 AM.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

The 2009 sales tax holiday begins at 12:01am on Friday, August 21, and ends at midnight Sunday, August 23. For information call (800) 252-5555 or (512) 463-4600. The Tax email address is http://www.window.state.tx.us./

TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR

The Teen Challenge Ministry Choir will be at First Baptist Church of Brackettville this Sunday Morning at 11:00am. They will be sharing in song and in testimonies the wonderful love of Jesus Christ. For more information call 563-

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The CSFP Over Age 60 &
TEXCAP Family Distribution will be on Friday, August 21 from 11am - 5pm at the newspaper office. Please do not arrive early. All food must be picked up on this day. Food will not be held for you to pick up at a later time. All clients must present a Photo ID every month. Distribution dates for 2009 are as follows: August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18

PROGRAMA DE COMIDA

El Programa CSFP arriba de 60 anos de edad y TEXCAP Familia Distribuiran el Vernes, Agosto 21 de las 11 5 en la oficina del periodico. Por favor no lleguen temprano. Toda la comida tene que ser recogida en este dia. La comida no puede estar detenida para otro dia. Todos los clientes tienen que presentar prueba de identidad cada mes. Los dias de distribucion sera: Agosto 21, Septiembre 18, Octubre 16, Noviembre 20, Diciembre 18.

Perez awarded deed to home after year long battle with appraisal district

Roger Perez re-filed the deed and attorney fees. to his house at the Kinney County Courthouse this month after he lost it for non-payment of \$3.74 in tax a year ago.

In June 2008, Perez attempted to enter his home, located at Lot 113, Unit 15 of Fort Clark Springs, and was surprised when his key did not fit the lock on the door.

Perez later found out that his house had been sold at a sheriff's sale six months earlier on November 6, 2007 for the sum of \$1,063.63 to Ned W. Allen of Fort Clark Springs and Floresville for not paying a portion of his taxes assessed by Kinney County Appraisal District (KCAD).

The house was valued at \$30,679.

According to a tax statement dated February 23, 2007 and issued by KCAD, then led by Chief Appraiser William Bill Haenn, the Unit 15 property holder owed \$3.74 in tax from the year 2006 and \$75.87 in tax

between the sheriff's sale and erty in June 2008, Perez contin- utilities and maintain the lawn During the six month period Perez' attempt to enter the prop- ued utilize the property, pay the when he technically did not



Perez Gets His Home Back

Aug. 3rd (Mon.) Aug. 7th (Fri.)

Aug. 8th (Sat.) Aug. 11th

Aug. 12th (Wed.)

Aug. 14-15 (F-S)

Aug. 18th (Tues.)

Aug. 20-22 (T-S)

Aug. 25th (Tues.)

Spet. 5th (Sat.)

Spet. 8th (Tues.)

Sept. 12th (Sat.)

Sept. 15th (Tues.

Sept. 18th (Fri.)

Sept. 22nd (Tues.

Sept. 26th (Sat.)

Sept. 29th (Tues.

Oct. 3rd (Sat.)

Oct. 6th (Tues.)

Oct. 10th (Sat.)

Oct. 13th (Tues.

Oct. 17th (Sat.)

Oct. 20th (Tues.

Oct. 23rd (Fri.)

Oct. 27th (Tues.)

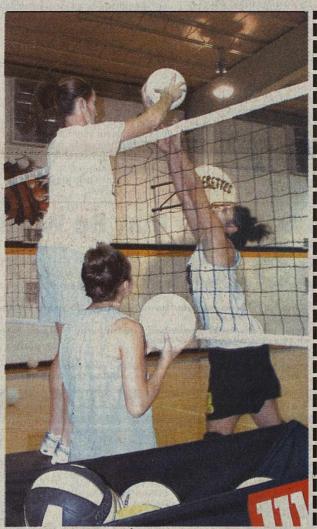
from the year 2005; a total of \$113.65 with taxes, penalties Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Pictured from left: Roger and Rosa Elva Perez were awarded the deed to their Fort Clark home after a year long battle with the Kinney County Appraisal District.

even own it.

On July 16 and 23, 2008, Perez with his former attorney attempted to reclaim his home under the Texas Property Code Chapter 34, Section 34.21, and presented a certified check to Haenn, however Haenn refused to accept the payment citing Texas Property Code 34.21, Subchapter B. Haenn contended Perez never applied for a "homestead exemption" in Kinney County and the sale of the property was legal and the appraisal district followed due process.

Perez, 78, refused to just walk away and paired with a new attorney, Lorri Michel of Austin, took his battle to the courts and in a confidential settlement between the parties last month, Perez was awarded the deed to his Fort Clark home and has since taken possession of it.

Family members say Perez, with ties to this community dating back to the early years of Fort Clark, is happy to be back in his home.



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Varsity Tigerettes practice with Head Coach Lindsey Kunz.

Brackett Tigerette Volleyball Schedule



Dual w/Del Rio & Laredo Sabinal JV Tourney D'Hanis Tournamen Dual w/Leakey & Crystal City SWTJC Tournament OPEN

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Brackett

Happy 90th Birthday **Tite Fuentes**



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Tite Fuentes 90th birthday was celebrated with a dinner at The Salt Grass Steak House in San Antonio in the company of her son and daughters; Joel and Oralia Jaso from Eagle Pass, Jessie Jaso and Hope Molina

City council sets hours for mayor Self-help grant inspection pending

By Katie Brown The Brackett News

At the City Council meeting Tuesday night, Lorena Mello, from the district office of Sena-50 backpacks to the Back to School Health Fair being held next week. Senator Uresti will not be able to personally attend the Health Fair due to previous obligations. However, Mello will be doing an outreach program in Brackett to address any concerns that citizens want to bring to the attention of Senator Uresti. Mello will be here the first Wednesday of every month at the library from 8am

Pat Sitzes addressed the council on behalf of CHEER, the Center for Health Evaluation, Education & Resources, a non-profit organization. CHEER has been heavily involved in our community for the past three years by providing services to Brackettville such as mobile mammography, diabetic education classes, the Back To School Health Fair and working with the Lions Club for the community health fair in November. Pat Sitzes

ference in Austin; a program designed to help communities promote health and wellness by tor Uresti, announced that once creating an environment that again Senator Uresti is donating would encourage people to get more exercise. Governor Perry created the Governors Physical Fitness Advisory Board (GACPF) in 2001 as a means to keep him advised on matters related to physical fitness, sports,



Last July, Sitzes attended the exercise and health and nutrition Bring Health Back to Texas con-education. The legislature directed the Texas Department of State Health Services to make \$400,000 per year in general revenue available for use by the GACPF to provide grants to local mayor's councils for the development and implementation of wellness and fitness programs in communities across the state.

Since 1990 there has been a significant increase in the preponderance of obesity in Texas. From 1991 to 2001 the percent of overweight and obese adults in Texas rose from 46 to 60 percent. Obesity directly affects costs for health care and costs for lost productivity. Obesity can also be linked to an increased risk for certain diseases such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension and a decrease in life expect-

Ten communities are selected to receive the grant money each year. A requirement for application is the creation of a Mayors' Physical Fitness Council comprised of key members of the community who can identify local solutions tailored to ad-

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Grass Valley, Hagee Trust file lawsuits against water district

Grass Valley Water and the John C. Hagee Royalty Trust have filed for intervenor status in Toledo P. Boulware v. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. A hearing has been set on Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the 63rd Judicial District Court of Kinney County with Judge Enrique Fernandez presiding.

An intervenor is someone who wants to become a party to a lawsuit because he has the same claims against the defendant, or he feels that the decision in the lawsuit might unduly impact him, so he wants to be part of any settlement and/or wants to have an opportunity to present his case to the judge.

According to the lawsuit filed by Grass Valley, "This intervention is essential to protect Grass Valley Water L.P.'s ground-

A mediated settlement agreement signed between parties in the Boulware lawsuit on July 17, greatly increased the permitted amounts of groundwater that parties to the Boulware lawsuit received compared to the amount granted to them by the district in January 2005. Additionally, the parties agreed to increase the permitted amounts for John Boerschig, Virginia Shahan and Tully Shahan, currently designated by the district as being within the Edwards-BFZ Aquifer. These E-BFZ Aquifer permits were previously not at issue in this case. Before review of the settlement agreement, Grass Valley was not aware that any E-BFZ Aquifer permits were at issue.

Grass Valley is a Texas limited partnership that has leased groundwater rights associated with approximately 22,510 acres of land in Kinney County and has applied for six regular permits from the District to pump 22,510 acre-feet of groundwater per year from the E-BFZ Aquifer in Kinney County.

A permit hearing was conducted regarding Grass Valley's permit applications before an independent hearing examiner on June 9, 2008, and concluded on June 11, 2008. The examiner issued a proposal for decision regarding Grass Valley's permit applications on Feb. 19. The amount of groundwater recommended by

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What's your opinion? tbnews@sbcglobal.net

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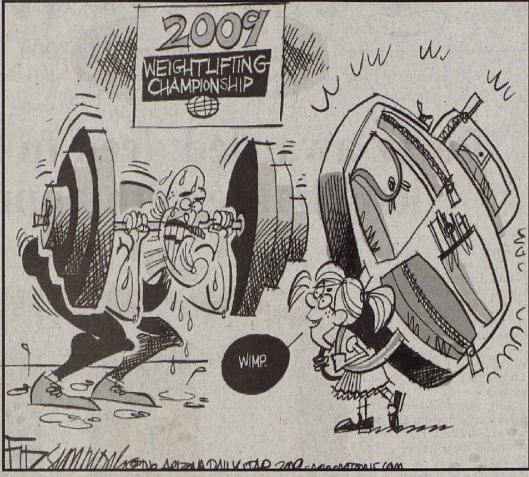
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Review financial strategies after life events need to compromise and choose an investment strategy that's "down the middle." At the same time, you'll do (k) to an IRA or your new applying to sat some common goals.



Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

If nothing ever changed in your ife, you could probably chart your financial and investment strategies and then forget about them. But your life is full of changes and many of them will require you to take a new look at how you save, invest and protect your family

Let's run through some of the most common milestones in life and see what sort of moves you might

make in response:
Marriage It sounds obvious, but once you're married, you have to stop thinking in terms of "one" and start thinking of "two" in most as pects of your life including your fi nances. For example, if you are an aggressive investor but your spouse

want to set some common goals, such as saving enough for a down

payment on a home.
Children When you have children, you have to protect them today and invest for their future. Your first step, then, might be to purchase life insurance. You can typically buy a term life policy at very reasonable rates. The exact amount of coverage you need depends on your individual situation, but you'll probably want at least enough to pay off your mort-gage and send your children to col-lege should anything happen to you. And to protect your income, you might want to consider disability insurance. Finally, it's never too soon to start saving for college. You might want to consider opening a taxadvantaged account, such as a Sec-

tion 529 college savings plan.

Job changes When you leave a job, you may well have an important decision to make about your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you don't need the money right away, you might want to avoid cashing out your plan, aggressive investor but your spouse is more conservative, you both may diate tax bill and you'll have fewer

401(k) to an IRA or your new employer's plan, if it allows such transfers. Before taking action, con-

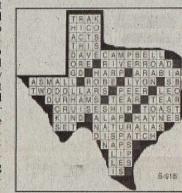
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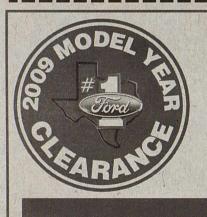
Remarriage If you ever remarry, you may need to change the benefi ciary designations on your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts You also may need to work with your attorney to revise your will, living trust and other documents related

to your estate plans.
Retirement For many decades, you saved and invested for your retirement. Once you retire, however, you should move away somewhat from the "accumulation" phase and start thinking instead of how best to manage the money you have accumulated. That means you'll need to decide when to start taking Social Security and how much to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your 401(k) and IRA. A professional financial advisor can help you develop a withdrawal rate that's suitable for your individual situation. You'll encounter many important events on the road of life. By make ing the right financial moves along the way, you can help make the journey more pleasant

Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

I addressed it only briefly on Twitter.com this week, but it appears that we have an elected city leader or leaders that have some old school ways of thinking, also known as racist thoughts, behaviors and sayings. It has been brought to the newspaper's attention over and over again over the last two years, but recently it has made its way to the attention of some of our city council members. I have been told by first hand witnesses that one or some of our elected officials sit in various locations across the city and slam members of other races and use racial slurs. This is something we can not tolerate and if you hate the people who live here then what are you doing? Why do you live here? How in the world can you call yourself a servant of the people? More importantly how did you get elected by the people you hate? I'm proud to say that one of our alderwomen was brave enough to bring it up in a public meeting. Without calling out names, she stated the council needed to be careful with their words in the public arena. Maybe now that this person or these persons have been exposed, they'll resign or one of the first hand witnesses will rise up and tell the council what they've heard. It has to stop. Yes we are different, but that doesn't mean we can't live together in peace, especially in a small town.





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Brackett High School Band



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - The Brackett High School Band students name in alpa order: Judy Adams, Luara Adams, Korlee Allen, Leslie Allen, Cynthia Bland, Bryan Calk, Emily Calk, Calli Campos, Clay Flores, Amanda Flores, Meghan Flores, Shannan Gammill, Sariah Guartuche, Rolando Gutierrez, Tanner Hinsey, Heather Knox, Tierra Kuykendall, Jenna Musgrave, Robert Payne, Garon Rueda, Aracely Salazar, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith and August Stevenson.



Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - Pictured from left: The Brackett High School Band Director Cheryl Hunter and the winner of the drawing Ms. Debbie Kuczak. The High School Band had a drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card which was held on the Fourth of July. The students were able to raise enough money for a week long summer camp in Al-

The "Whole" Note

CLASS SCHEDULE

7:55 1st Bell 1st Period 8:00 - 8:50 2nd Period 8:55 - 9:50 (announcements) 3rd Period 9:55 - 10:45 4th Period 10:50 - 11:40 5th Period 11:44 - 12:30 Lunch 12:30 - 1:05 6th Period 1:10 - 1:56 7th Period 2:00 - 2:46

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

8th Period 2:50 - 3:36

Criminal Justice (8:00-8:50) U.S. History/College Alg. (9:00-9:50) Economics/Government (10:00-10:50) Eng Comp/Lit (11:00-11:50)

Jones Elementry Intermediate School Open House

Thursday, August 20th PK - 3rd 6:00 PM and 4th - 6th 6:30 PM.

- Come meet your teacher
- · Learn about class routnes
- · Drop off your school supplies
- Learn about different grade level expectations

Project Graduation 2009-2010



This week instead of reviewing a musical or music score, I am going to write about the Fighting

Brackett Tiger Band. Over the summer, two groups of band students have gone to camps to improve their playing, marching, and leadership skills. The first was an exclusive group of our drum majors, Tanner Earwood (head), Ashley Shadwick (co), the Jr. Drum major, Heather Knox, and our head and assistant flags, Cynthia Boand and Aracelli Salazar

They went to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas and for a week studied intensively in music, conducting, marching, and flag routines. At the end of the week, everyone put together a show to display what they had learned. The drum majors and the flags improved

Two weeks later these leaders taught all they had learned to the rest of the band at our band camp at Sul Ross University. The college was very generous, and let us use their field, band hall, and dorms. The training began on Tuesday with a quick overview of marching commands in front of the band hall and then we went inside to practice some possible pieces for Marching Season. Towards the end of the day, when it was cooler, we all packed into the bus and rode to the field to practice some marching.

During that week we started to rch and play. We did sectionals to work on each individual player's technique. On Thursday, we traveled up to Balmorhea State Park for some swimming and a cook-out provided by one of our chaperones, Mrs. Rueda. Friday night, the band had a party to celebrate the week. Our party included a march off, a snack bar (kind of), an awards ceremony, a pieing, where Tanner and Ms. Hunter got pied, and lots of fun including the crowning of our Band King and Queen Brian Caulk and Amanda

Saturday, we packed up, turned in our keys, and left for Brackett. Thank you to our chaperones, Mrs. Rueda and Mr. Gammill, and to Mr. Smiley for driving us (on his vacation). Overall, the week was very successful and we accomplished a

This year's theme for Marching Season is Louisiana Jazz. We are going to play songs like " Just a closer walk with Thee medley" and this year, we are coming back with a 'one' in region and are going to state! It's time our town got excited about our band! They are always there to cheer on the football team at games, Home and Away, and this year, with Band Director Ms. Cheryl Hunter, this band is going to get better than ever!

The Brackett High School Graduation this year. There are many questions, decisions and many questions, decisions and plans that must be made at this first meeting. Please Attend. Your students will not be ing their first parent meeting.
The ProjectGraduation meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 6pm in the High School Auditorium. Parents and needed at this meeting. They will meet, as a class with their sponsors, a little later. Thank you. Brackett High School Guardians will be asked to be much more involved in Project

Brackett Atheltic Booster Club

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will be having a meeting on Monday, August 17th at the gym starting at 7 pm. Officer elections will be held. Plan to meet the Tigers and Tigerettes. Junior High and High School parents are wel-

at the Football Stadium at 7 pm for an ice cream and des-sert social. The athletes will be signing autographs and intermingling with the public.

How can you help support the Booster Club?

Help out with anything.
Donate: food, money, time, etc.... Help at Booster Club Events

Please help support our kids, together we can make a difference!!

2009 - 2010 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).

This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Education Code, Chapter 38, Health & Safety, Subchapter A, General Provisions.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or priva

Vaccines	Kindergarten	7ª Grade	8*- 12* Grade
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis ^t (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)	5 doses or 4 doses ²	3 doses ³ 1 Tdap/Td booster ⁴	3 doses ³ 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 10 years ³
Polio ^{t, 6}	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ^{1, 3, 11} (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses ⁷	2 doses ⁷
Hepatitis B ^{1, g, 11}	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella ^{1, 9, 11, 12}	2 doses	2 doses	I dose ⁹
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Back the School Health Fair August 20th, 2-6PM CHEER in cooperation with the HSC Colonias Initiative Part-

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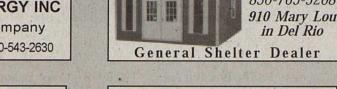
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City council sets hours for mayor Self-help grant inspection pending

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dress the specific needs of the area. Recipients of the grant money would then work within their areas to encourage community efforts to increase opportunities for physical activity. Examples would be to provide education on good nutrition or set aside a day encouraging employees to walk to work or ride a bike.

Sitzes asked the City Council to consider forming a Mayors' Physical Fitness Council. Information on the grant will be available in Septem-

Raul Garcia, Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. presented to the City Council their qualifications as engineers to work with the city on engineering projects dealing with water, sewer, streets and drainage; to assist with the required plans and with the preparation of applications to state and federal agencies for grant money. While they would provide these services to the city at no cost, it would be with the understanding that if the city receives the grants Garcia & Wright would be hired as the engineers for the project, taking the project from its' inception through completion. Garcia presented several references, ORCA will not accept an application for STEP including a water project they are currently do- Fund assistance until CDBG (Community Devel- Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Picture at right

City Manager Henry Garcia stated he signed the contract with ORCA on the Planning and Capacity Grant. "We have been awarded a grant of and has the capacity to begin and complete a \$21,900 and the purpose of that is to do our self-help project. As a result of the letter Garcia planning and capacity; resurveying some of the sent, representatives from ORCA will meet with areas in the city, converting the city maps into city officials and citizens of Brackettville to dedigital format and doing some zoning and street termine if the community is committed to and improvement studies. This is a two year project. has the capacity to complete a self-help program Official funding is September 1.

Mayor Feagley has set office hours in order to accommodate the needs of the citizens to address all of the STEP criteria, then an invitation to any concerns they may have. He will be in his apply for funds will be extended. Garcia asks office at City Hall on Mondays from 8am until 12 noon. In the event he is ill or out of town, zens attend the Town Hall meeting and show Mary Flores, Mayor Pro-Tem will be available. support for our community On Tuesday, August 18th at 5:30 pm there will be a Town Hall meeting with representatives from ORCA. Brackettville is always contending with Mayor Feagley, Alderman Williams and Alderwater leaks that are a drain on our resources. At women Flores, Buitron, Garza and Mendoza. the June meeting of the City Council, Mr. Esser, Esser and Company, Planning and Consulting, suggested that Garcia send a letter of interest to ORCA for the Texas Small Towns Environment Program (STEP). Communities may apply for the Texas STEP by invitation from ORCA only. ing for Carrizo Springs. Carrizo Springs received opment Block Grant) staff and representatives of Raul Garcia

a 100% grant from the Office of Rural Commu- the potential applicant have evaluated the selfhelp process and have determined that self-help is a feasible method for completion of the water or sewer project and that the community is ready using its' own employees and equipment. If the assessment is favorable and the community meets that our community leaders and interested citi-

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. Present were



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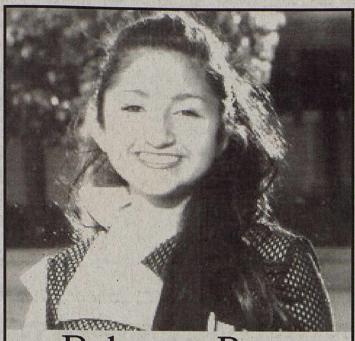
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Rebecca Pena

Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News - On June 16, 2009, Rebecca Pena, daughter of Oscar & Cindy Pena of Chula Vista,

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Rebecca is the Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Josie Pena of Brackettville, Tx. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Troy and Sylvia True of Kenedy, TX. And the late Gilbert Meyer of Brackettville.

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OBITUARY

Ralph J. Viestenz

September 8,1923 - August 9,2009

Ralph James Viestenz born on September 8, 1923 went to be with the Lord on August 9, 2009 at the age of 85. Ralph is a retired veteran of the United States Army, enjoyed

playing golf, listening to the Glenn Miller Band and Lawrence Welk Band.

He is preceded in death by his wife Hilda L. Viestenz, daugh-

ter Konnie Lee and son Kreg A. Viestenz. Survivors include his loving sons Kirk A., Kerry D. and Kirby J. Viestenz, grandchildren Kris C., Kreg C., Konnie S., Klancy, Kyle and Kelsey, great grandchildren Heather, Summer Rose and

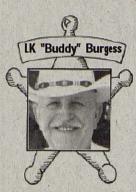
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at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, August 3

2:57pm, A alarm company called stating a alarm was going off at a residence on Hwy 90. The owner of the residence called stating it was a false

5:08pm, A woman called requesting a deputy at her residence in reference to a family disturbance. A deputy was notified and enroute to the residence.

7:44pm, A 911 call was received about a reckless driver on Hwy 277. A deputy was no-

10:33pm, Ramiro Laredo Jr., 20, of Midland, was arrested for debit/credit card abuse. Laredo was released on a \$10,000.

Sergio Hernandez Castillo, 24, of Eagle Pass, was arrested for non-payment for child sup-

port. Castillo was released on a was notified of the situation. \$1,000. bond. 7:29pm, Fort Clark Security

Tuesday, August 4

3:05pm, Fire Chief of Campwood called the SO stating there was a lot of smoke coming from the direction of Hwy 334. A deputy was notified and

5:12pm, Sentry Security called the SO stating a alarm was going off at a local business. A deputy was notified of the situa-

8:37pm, Fort Clark Security called the SO to report there was a rattlesnake in front of The Post Theater. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Daniel Hernandez, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested for states application to adjudicate guilt. Hernandez was released the same day on a \$3,000. bond.

Wednesday, August 5 4:11am, A woman called to report a broken down vehicle in the middle of Hwy 90. A deputy

was notified of the situation. 8:28pm, Keith Bernard Suever, 49, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. Suever was released on August 10 with time served.

Thursday, August 6 1:13am, Sentry Security

call to report a suspicious car possibly a drug dealer. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Thursday, August 6 8:25pm, A call was received from a unknown caller to report a juvenile driving erratically. A deputy was notified of the situa-

Friday, August 7
2:00pm, Rodrigo Perez, 25, of Brackettville, was arrested for theft by check. Perez is still being held at press time.

2:30pm, Steve David, 23, of is still being held at press time. 4:10pm, A man called to re-

port stuff missing from his property. A deputy was advised.

8:54pm, A 911 call was received tified from a woman stating she needed a. had broken down on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified.

Saturday, August 8 12:46am, A woman called deputy and Border Patrol were

6:27pm, A woman called stat-

of the situation.

6:55pm, A woman called stating a dog had attacked her cat.

A deputy was advised. 9:57pm, A man called 911 to report a dog had just been hit by a car. The on call city employee was notified of the situa-

Sunday, August 9

12:40am, Adalberto Longoria, 29, of Del Rio was Adalberto arrested for public intoxication. Longoria is still being held at press time.

2:29pm, A woman came to the SO to report someone had Pasadena, was arrested for stolen her purse from a local espossesion of marijuana. David tablishment. A deputy was in-

6:18pm, A woman called to report a loose dog chased her cat up a tree. A deputy was no-

11:55pm, A woman called to deputies assistance because her car report a man was driving recklessly on Ann St. A deputy was

Monday, August 10 4:05am, A 911 call was re-

stating she heard shots fired on ceived from a woman requesta ranch located next to hers. A ing assistance for medical reasons. EMS was notified of the situation.

10:00am, Sentry Security ing that her husband was intoxicalled stating a alarm was going cated and he was verbally abusoff at a local business. A deputy ing her. A deputy was informed was dispatched to the location.

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Jeff Janca

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Grass Valley, Hagee Trust file lawsuits against water district

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"the (settlement) agreement and subsequent district board and court orders approving the (settlement) agreement violated the district's rules, the district's groundwater management plan, and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, among other laws.

The Boulware lawsuit and both of these lawsuits could very well have been avoided, and can certainly be settled easily, if the district would recognize that they are elected to responsibly manage and permit the groundwater resources in Kinney County using the Texas Water Development Boards preferred 'adaptive management techniques'," said Loren Baxter, a general partner with

"They were not elected to thwart the legal rights of groundwater owners and dictate their own personal prejudices. Nor were they elected to 'play favorites' when it comes to permit allocations. Somehow they have conceived the idea that the groundwater is theirs to do with as they see fit. Fortunately, there is a judicial system which allows aggrieved parties to present

The Hagee Royalty Trust filed for intervenor status in the Boulware case claiming that the settlement agreement "requested by the plaintiffs would award groundwater withdrawal permits that would be, in some cases, over twice the amount originally recommended by and permitted by the" district, which would have a direct impact on groundwater production and spring flow

According to the lawsuit, La Fonda Ranch is a working cattle and hunting ranch with springs, creeks and streams which are used and required for operations on the ranch. The Trust has

The district deemed that some permits held by the trust expired on June 11, resulting in a decrease in the amount of groundwater that can be produced. The trust and other applicants would have to compete for a smaller share of the district's available

The share of available groundwater awarded to the plaintiffs will substantially impact the trust's future ability to enjoy water from its springs and to access and use its groundwater, according

· The trust "seeks a declaration that the action taken by the (district) on the 16th day of August, 2007, approving the (settlement agreement) violated Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the rules of the district, and the management plan of the district,

Current plaintiffs in the Boulware lawsuit include Toledo Boulware individually and as trustee, Dos Angeles L.P., Zach and Kayla Davis, D.M.C. Partners Ltd., Willie Jo Dooley L.P., Hayden G. Haby Jr., Dennette Haby Coates, Melanie and John Jones in their capacity as joint representatives of the Ben Jones Jr. Estate and Ben Jones Sr. Estate, McDaniel Farms Inc., Jewel F. Robinson, and 4-S Ranch.

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tion, fireplace, fenced yard & carport!

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nice upgrades. REDUCED!

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New Listing: 221 Oak Lane Fantastic 2 story home, 3BR/3B 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades, great location! \$199,500. SALE PENDING 29 Lamotte: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/

breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced to sell. \$155,000: Motivated seller!

132 De Zavala: Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area,

1100 + /- sq. ft. REDUCED \$35,000. 23 Oak Lane: Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. Mature Oaks. 2100 + /- sq. ft.
Andérson/Travis: Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot \$42,500.

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Fairway Circle: 2 golf course lots, walking distance from Las Moras creek, \$25,000. 143 Walnut: Immaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots overlook ing green area. Must see! \$42,000. Make an offer! 104 McClernand: 2BR/2B Townhouse/Historical District. 1260 + ... - sq. ft. REDUCED

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the examiner was reduced based on a water balance for Kinney County in the E-BFZ the examiner prepared, which relied on permit allocations set out in the settlement agreement.

Grass Valley has requested a declaration from the court that

their case to an impartial judge and obtain justice," he added.

on the trust's property, La Fonda Ranch.

permits from the district to withdraw groundwater.

groundwater because of the settlement agreement.

to the lawsuit.

and that such action by the board be declared void.

47 TX's "Our Lady of ACROSS University" 1 TX Meat Loaf hit: • 49 TXism: "

54 Australian marsupial

58 TX Fort Hood's

59 this Howe

coached for

60 many TX speed

limits are 70

"Alamo Rent

is not based in TX

Astros & Ranger

55 protective & affectionate

1st unit came from

Fort , MD

Anything watermelon" (fake) for Love" 52 site of 47-across: 5 "legal eagle" charges Antonio 6 this Baldwin was in 53 TXism: "good ___' boy"

"Mini's First Time" with TX Luke Wilson 7 TX Audie in WWII 8 TX V.T. Hamlin's

cómic: "Alley 9 TXism: "you're dancing

field" (dangerous) 6 TXism: "he could shoot the eye out of " (good shot)

8 ideal neighborhood baseball site (2 wds.) this Ron directed

TX Bill Paxton in "Apollo 13" (init.) 22 this Malden was in "Nuts" with UT-grad

23 TXism: "brains

box" (computer) 24 garlic and onion in TX chili

30 this Sally was in "Foxes," ('80) with TX Randy Quaid

34 Ranger league (abbr.) 3 eastern Houston 35 West Texas rock 36 Richmond is seat of

Fort County 37 the best TXns

39 TX Roy Orbison had one in '40s (2 wds.) 43 Jester was only gov.

to ____ office ('49) 10 TXism: ' 44 in Hidalgo Co. on 83 45 "yes" so, of border him packing

61 dir. to Dallas from Denton (abbr.) 12 TXism: "school DOWN (teacher) 1 TXism: " 13 coastal hurricanes had wings he'd be often move an eagle" 14 2nd half of the 2 in Comanche Co. Bible (abbr.) on hwys. 6 & 16 15 UT-grad Wallach suburb on 225 4 TX Jewel stores were bought by Albertsons 9 TX Willie's "Farm Aid __" was in '90 in Indianapolis

Texas Bays" 19 TXism: "dancing like a bobber 20 what May, Rocket, & Spur scouts look for 24 TX outlaw Bass (init.) 29 rustled cattle

16

30

25 good golf score plucked chicken" 26 TX-born Joan Crawford film: What You Did"

56

42

27 Texas A&M's "Corps of 28 this Pease resigned 31 TXism: "hog

Nolan (init.)

governorship in '69 (pistol) 32 Rangers president

42 did a farm chore: COWS 48 Jack of "Big Bad John" with TX Dean 50 TX has been passed down

33 done loudly

38 TXism: "if it had

40 TXism: "sidekick"

41 once a giant U.S.

electronics co.

Verde County 56 Cowboys & Texans 57 music instruments with parallel strings

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snake it

would have bit you