

The Brackett News

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The Brackett News is Loved by many, Cussed by some, Read by them ALL!

Kinney County Is Home To Damacio Talamantes - We're all waiting for you to come home soon!

Community News

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

A benefit Cornhole Tournament will be held at the courts at Brackett Square by the county pool on Saturday, October 3rd at noon. \$30 per team or \$15 for an individual. Entry fees can be paid at the event. Donations for Damacio Talamantes will be collected.

SEASON FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 6

The DSHS will be administering seasonal flu shots on October 6th from 10AM-2PM at the County Aging Service 103 Anne St. A donation of \$10 per shot will be collected. Any questions, call Pat Sitzes at 563-5528.

4H NEWS

For October 1, 2009 Kinney County 4-H members are planning a "thank you" to their community KINNEY County 4-H members are looking for ways they can give back to the community on Saturday, Oct. 10, in gratitude for the many years of support that 4-H has enjoyed locally. "Texas 4-H is more than 100 years old, and we know we wouldn't be thriving in this county without the help of many of our friends and neighbors, past and present," said Kathryn Letsinger, the secretary for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. "As a way of saying thanks, we are joining with thousands of 4-H'ers and other volunteers from around the state to organize 'One Day 4-H,' a community service day on Oct. 10," she said. In Kinney County, the day will consist of preparing and serving breakfast at this year's Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Annual meeting that will be held at the Civic Center. Then we would like to plant a tree at the children's city park by the swimming pool. Individually we will be doing any clean-up and fix-up projects that we can find. Anyone with an idea for a community service project, large or small, is encouraged to come by the AgriLife Extension office at 602 East Military and tell us what you have in mind! "Some projects may be beyond what we can do," he said, "but we hope to get a lot accomplished, and help make our communities better by giving back to them."

OLDEST COUNTY RESIDENT

Who's the oldest person in Kinney County? Are you 80, 85, 90 or 100 years old? We want to know who the oldest person in KC is. Call 830-563-2852 or email us at tnews@sbccglobal.net. Name and birth date required. So far we have Teresa Garcia, age 98!

OLD QUARRY CALLING

As the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts is beginning preparations for the 2009-2010 season, we are looking for a few good volunteers. The Old Quarry Society could never put on the productions you enjoy if we did not have dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers assist with sets, costumes, lights, sound, ticket sales, and box office to name a few. We are also looking for help with fund raising, as we are planning to replace the back stage curtains this year. If you have no experience, we will teach you. If you have experience, we will learn from you. To join us, please attend our monthly meetings, held the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Post Theatre. Or contact an officer: Wendy Knox, President; Donna Granchay or David Loftus, Vice-Presidents; Rosie Mattingly, Secretary; or Tom McNew, Treasurer. Season tickets will go on sale soon and the season will open in Nov. with the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Gospel Fest Sunday, October 18th starting at 3pm ice cream and cake in Slator Hall until 4:30pm music following in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church. Donations will benefit our reach ministries of Kinney County Church Alliance and FUMC.

Town shows support for local youth diagnosed with Leukemia

Damacio Talamantes, 16, a tenth grader at Brackett High was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

After months of not feeling well and multiple visits with area doctors, the young Damacio was taken to Methodist Children's Hospital in San Antonio and the leukemia diagnosis was made on September 21.

Family members say Damacio has a very positive attitude and his spirits are very high. Damacio believes that he will be able to overcome the

disease and his faith in God is very strong. Damacio, son of Jesus and San Juanita Talamantes, is said to want to make it back to play the last football game of the season in November.

Damacio has the benefit of being from a very large family, as well as being from a community that has stepped up and pledged their support to Damacio and his family during these difficult times.

Many family members and friends immediately started hosting fund-raisers including

the Fellowship of Christian Athletes who hosted a carwash on September 25.

The entire school district dedicated Monday, September 28 to Damacio and donned orange ribbons to bring awareness to the disease and students collected money for the family to aid in the medical ex-

penses.

Damacio's grandparents Raula and Santos Rivas with the help of their daughters organized a barbeque plate sale for today at 510 West El Paso from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Tiger football players have organized a Cornhole tournament for Saturday, October 3 at noon at the courts at Brackett Square near the county swimming pool with proceeds to benefit their teammate.

Donations for Damacio's medical care can be left at The Brackett News office at 111

West Spring Street in Brackettville or mailed in care of Post Office Box 466, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

According to cancer.org, "Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) goes by many names, including acute myelocytic leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, acute granulocytic leukemia, and acute non-lymphocytic leukemia.

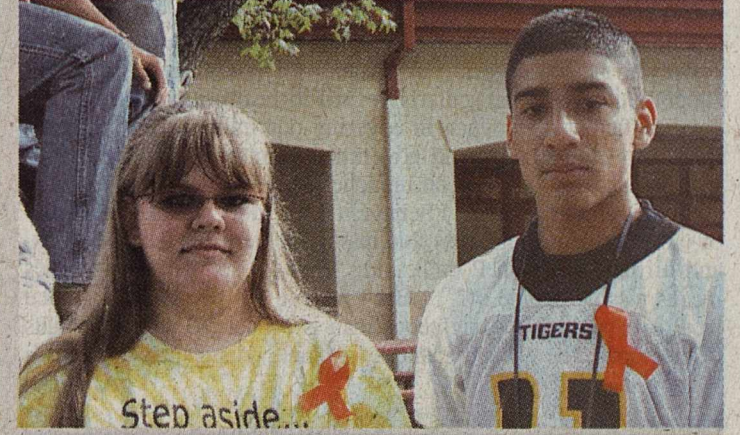
AML starts in the bone marrow (the soft inner part of the bones, where new blood cells are made), but in most cases it quickly moves into the blood."



FCA Car Wash Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News Fellowship of Christian Athletes raise money for Damacio by hosting a car wash.



Damacio Talamantes "D-MAC"



Orange Ribbons Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko- Tierra Kuykendall and Danny Molinar sport orange ribbons in support of Damacio.

County loses two of its own this week

Tulisha Shahan Wardlaw

December 3, 1941 - September 26, 2009



Tulisha Shahan Wardlaw, age 67 was victorious on Saturday, September 26, 2009 when she went to dance with her awesome Jesus. She was born in Del Rio, Texas December 3, 1941 to Happy and Virginia Shahan. Her childhood years were spent in Brackettville, Texas. After a couple of years at Baylor University, then Texas Tech University, Tulisha married her one and only love Hadley Wardlaw of Del Rio, Texas on December 27, 1963.

Tulisha was truly loved by her family and was known to plant many loving, giving seeds. She planted those many godly seeds with just about anyone who would listen! She was a determined, competitive person when it came to basketball, tennis, ping pong, 4-H competitions, selling jewelry, Bridge, Wii... and any other thing that she could hit head on. In the latter years, Tulisha handled the marketing for the family owned business, Alamo Village movie location in Brackettville, Texas. Organizing trail rides and acting as a liaison with movie productions kept Tulisha busy. She thrived on promoting and organizing events - a true talent.

A go-getter, lover of life, child of God, wonderful wife, mother and friend, Tulisha's drive was admired. After running her earthly race with endurance and perseverance, Tulisha's strength is now restored.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Lashawn and husband Rick of Fort Davis, Texas, and Leisha and husband, Tony Ashley of Brackettville, Texas. Son, Dutch Wardlaw and wife Casey of Del Rio, Texas. Grandkids are Miss Hadley and Maverick McIvor, Webb and Walt Ashley, and Cuatro and Cinco Wardlaw. Sister, Jaime Rains and husband Walt Rains, brother Tully Shahan and wife Darlene. Brother-in-law Benton Wardlaw. Plus, numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers are James Rains, Will Shahan, Jared Ty Shahan, Rob Mason, Steele Montague, Richard Curilla, Max Evetts, Jimmy Carter, Donnie Weiss, Kevin Kercheville, Cleigh Kercheville, Bobby Bruce, Mark Bruce, Frank T. Higgins, Robert Palacios, Urbano Cenicios, Dean Martin, Robert Ware and Paul Ware.

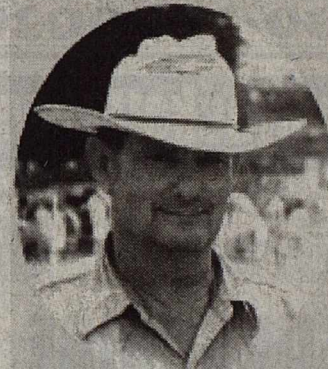
Visitation will be held Monday, September 28, 2009 from 4pm to 6pm Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Chapel of Remembrance.

Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 9:30am at the First United Methodist Church in Del Rio.

Interment to follow at the Wardlaw Ranch. (Casual celebration attire and comfortable shoes.) Memorials to be sent to First United Methodist Church, 100 Spring St. Del Rio, Texas, 78840 or West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, Texas, 46904.

Oscar Thomas "Tommy" Seargeant

January 20, 1924 - September 29, 2009



Oscar Thomas "Tommy" Seargeant, 85, passed away on September 29, 2009 in Brackettville, Texas. He was born on January 20, 1924 in Brackettville to Albert James Seargeant and Laura Lee Maddux. He was baptized at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church on February 17, 1924 and attended mass there all his life where he served as an altar boy and in later years as an usher. He ranched for over 40 years and served as Kinney County Judge for 16 years. He served on the Board of the Rio Grande Electric Co-op for 30 years. In 1971 he became the first president of Fort Clark Springs and served until 1978. He also served as a director of the First State Bank, Brackettville, for approximately 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Susan Lee, grandson Charles Lee Winters, brothers Albert James Seargeant Jr., Billy Maddux Seargeant, Larry Seargeant, and brother-in-law A. H. "Fred" Walker. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Wilda Jean Nash, sister Nell Seargeant Walker of Bryan, sister-in-law Alice Martin Seargeant of Brackettville, son Thomas Dee Seargeant and wife Barbara of Buda, son David Gene Seargeant and wife Helen of Brackettville, and daughter Anne Seargeant Ross and husband Henry of Brentwood TN.

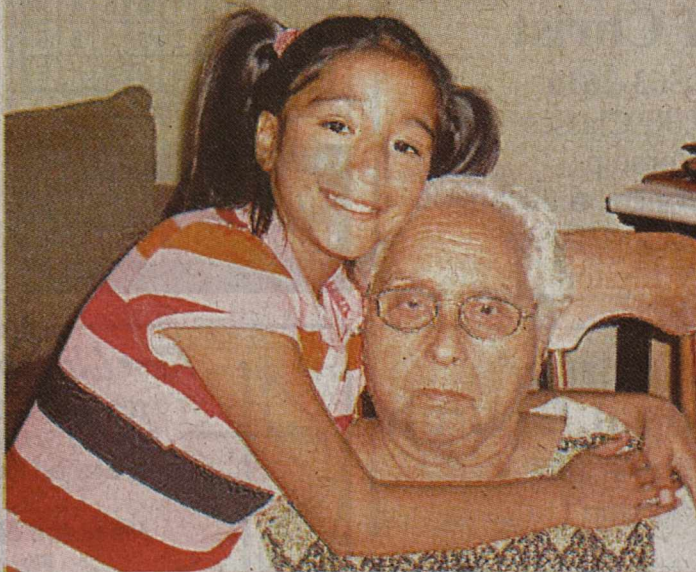
He is survived by grand children: Thomas David Winters, John Carter Winters, David Gene Seargeant Jr., John Thomas Seargeant, Stephen Matthew Ross; Christopher Lee Seargeant, Marla Seargeant McGlade, Rachel Susanne Ross, Suzanna Renee Seargeant and Jessa Maria Ross; great grand children: Tiffany Marque Winters, Thomas William Winters, David Gene Seargeant, III, Emma Jewel Seargeant and Kyle Thomas McGlade, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. Funeral services will also be at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10:00 am on Friday, October 2, 2009 with burial at the Catholic Cemetery. Officiating will be Reverend Pius Ezeigbo and Reverend Henry Clay Hunt III.

Pallbearers are grandsons: Thomas David Winters, John Carter Winters, David Gene Seargeant Jr., John Thomas Seargeant, Stephen Matthew Ross, and Christopher Lee Seargeant. Honorary Pallbearers are Jimmy Bader, L. K. "Buddy" Burgess, Lloyd Lee Davis, Zack Davis, Joseph Goble, Clay Hunt, H. C. Hunt, Henry Lozano, Neville Smart, Ernest Smith, W. J. Vaughn, David Winters, and Joe York.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to the Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery Association, PO Box 1412, Brackettville TX 78832. The family wishes to thank Maria Hernandez for the care she provided to our father.

Happy Birthday Consuelo & Idalia



Two very special BIRTHDAYS! Consuelo Castillo turned 84 and her great-grandchild Idalia Gonzalez turned 10 yrs. old. We love you both very much and wish you a wonderful and blessed birthday and many more to come.



Flag Football

Members of Brackett's Southwest Texas Youth Flag Football league have been preparing for their first game to be played in Uvalde October 3. Pictured front row from left: Javier De Leon, Giovanni Rodriguez, Chris Creel, Ty Edwards, Diego Castillo. Second Row: Michael Falcon, Witt Gutierrez, Stetson Schuster, Cayden Regalado, Ethan Garcia and Logan Fisher. Third Row: Javier De Leon, Mike Falcon, Bryan Fisher and Coach Frank Castillo.

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

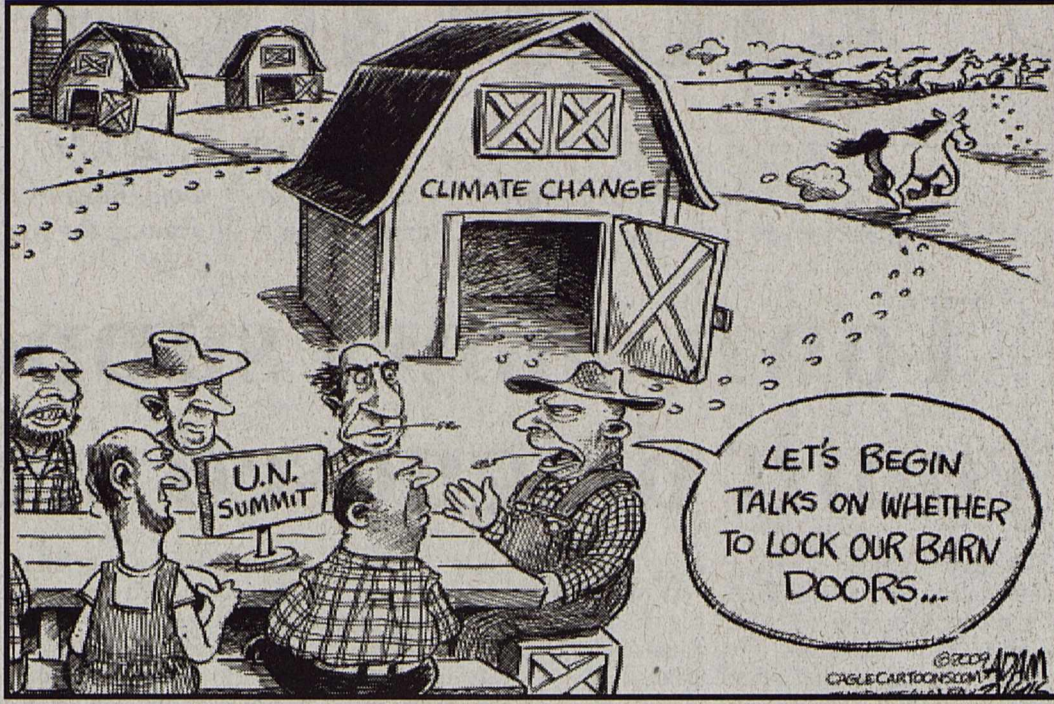
LETTER to the Editor

The letter to the editor on September 10th paper was a real wake up call for me. I realized some extremely important subjects had been broached, and felt I should examine them for my own edification. I knew that Robert David Sanders "Bob" Novak was a real pillar of the conservative establishment until he broke with President Bush over the invasion of Iraq. I thought Novak had it right when he observed "Always love your country - But never trust your government". I hadn't realized that he followed the observation with "That should not be misunderstood. I certainly am not advocating civil disobedience or rebellion". He definitely contributed constructively to the political dialog of his time.

I was surprised to learn President Obama had named a bunch of Tsars who were taking over the country having not been 'vetted' by investigative agencies, or the Senate Oversight committees. It turns out the observation was incorrect. Federal Law requires vetting of the Cabinet, Ambassadors, and most other high level appointees and hires of the incoming administration. 'Vetting' starts with the FBI, White House staffers, and finally the Senate (both Republicans and Democrats). I stopped worrying about the Tsars. Turns out Nixon had two, Reagan had one, Bush (1) had one, Clinton had three, and Bush (2) had four. Among the Tsars already appointed by Obama, none are called Adolph, Rudolph, Heinrich, or Joseph, and no Iron Crosses are evident.

The Massachusetts law referenced in last week's Letter to the Editor is "AN ACT RELATIVE TO PANDEMIC DISASTER PREPARATION AND RESPONSE" and simply allows the Governor to authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to take extraordinary measures if necessary "to assure the maintenance of public health and prevent disease". The bill also provides protection from liability for those responding to the emergency, and directs that special powers granted the Commissioner shall cease upon termination of the emergency. I was unable to confirm responders would be responsible for "destroying personal belongings". As for recent action's taken by our President, I believe they reflect positions he held prior to his election. I have called and emailed the president that I expect him to deliver, and I have conveyed the message to our elected officials I expect they will support him, with particular regard to healthcare reform. We have sufficient experience in covering our military, our veterans (me), our elders (me), and government employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government to make a public option credible. I believe it is the duty and responsibility of our President to address this major problem for the rest of us, and further, as Colin Powell said, "Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off". But I believe our president is guided by Proverbs 29:7, "A righteous man is concerned with the rights of the poor. The wicked man does not understand such concerns".

P. A. Hicks



Anger and perfectionism



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

When you finally have reached the absolute bottom and you think there is no place to go, there is always two more places. You can give up entirely and be planted six feet under or you can scream out for help and start pulling yourself up! You have a choice. The difference is you have to get mad and scream and not give up.

Anger is not a bad emotion. As women we have been taught to just take it and not explode with anger. Exploding with anger is rage and rage is not OK, but giving yourself permission that you are upset and angry is a good thing and telling the person that you are angry at. When you keep it in it is like poison. So what do we do to ourselves? We turn anger into sad and we feel sorry for ourselves for being mistreated. Then WHAT? The anger goes to sad and then to depression. We eat to make the hurt go away or we sleep to not have to deal with what is! It is all our perfectionism again sandwiched with that procrastination that paralyzes us into depression. I can see you all shaking your heads at me. "How can perfectionism be the foundation to my feeling bad." Well here is how it all fits together! When something goes wrong in our lives and we can't fix it, what do we do!

We can't fix it to make it right again or we can't change the other person; we want everything back the way it was!! Do you see the perfectionism rearing its ugly head? We do everything in our power to CONTROL THE ISSUES! And make it all better! Only to be shot down time and time again! So if we can't do it right what do we do! We were taught to do nothing!! I wish that was all we would do, but we have to turn it inward to abuse ourselves. When we are unable to fix things we begin to feel guilty because of our inability to make things right or perfect! We then start to beat ourselves up! It is bad enough when we have been abused by others but now we are abusing the only person that cares for you: YOU!

This is why anger is good! It is focused toward someone else and not yourself. Now it is not good to be angry all the time because you are in fight or flight mode and when you really need to scream out for help you will not be able to. Adrenalin is an amazing body chemical. It is a power surge that supplies the energy right when you need it! This is how a mother can lift a car off of a child. I have said it many times, "Too much of a good thing can be bad for you!" Try eating a whole chocolate cake! I have a good supply of adrenalin now! At one time I was totally depleted of my resources. I used them all up by always being upset and walking on eggshells. The adrenalin kept me from feeling what was happening inside my own body. It was a drug!

So anger can free you if you use it sparingly! Focus your justified anger toward what is making you angry and not at yourself. Do what you need to do to take care of the situation. Don't turn it inward to punish yourself when you can't fix it! You are not responsible for anyone but you! Let go of the guilt, pain and stress and be good to yourself by getting angry at the right person!

Then let it go and get on with your life! You have a job to do! You may not know what that job is but you choose life too! And if you stick around the breeze will come your way and you will set out on your journey. Life is a journey not a destination. So what anger have you been turning inward?

Do you have enough insurance and the right type?



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

September has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month — so you may want to take this opportunity to learn more about your life insurance needs and determine if you're adequately covered.

In fact, helping people understand the necessity of being properly insured and the need to seek professional advice regarding those needs is the ultimate goal of Life Insurance Awareness Month, which is coordinated by the nonprofit Life and Health Foundation for Education (LIFE).

Some 68 million adult Americans have no life insurance at all, according to LIMRA International, a worldwide associa-

tion of insurance and financial services companies. And many people with insurance have far less coverage than they need.

If you have loved ones depending on your income, it's important to discuss how life insurance may protect them. But choosing the right amount of coverage, and the right type, is not quite that simple. So let's take a look at two key questions you need to ask: How much insurance do I need? And what type of insurance is right for me?

There are many factors to consider when determining how much insurance you need. That's why you'll need to look at some key variables in your life, such as: How many children do you have? Do you plan for them all to go to college? Do any of them have special needs? How many years left on your mortgage? What other debts do you have? An experienced financial professional will be able to use the answers to these questions and others to help determine how much life insurance you need.

Your next step is to decide

which type of coverage best fits your needs. Essentially, your choice is between term insurance, which offers a death benefit for a specific period of time, and permanent insurance, which can provide lifetime protection plus the potential to build cash value tax-deferred.

Keep in mind that all guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company and that certain features come at additional costs.

There's no hard-and-fast rule as to which type of coverage to choose. However, when you're starting out in your career, and your children are young, you might find that term insurance could be a cost effective way for covering a short-term need (generally 20 years or less).

On the other hand, if you choose a permanent insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, you can potentially build cash value that you can access during your life on a tax-advantaged basis. Since permanent insurance has a cash value component, the premiums may initially be more costly than those for term insurance.

Which choice — term or permanent — is right for you? It depends on a variety of factors, including your cash flow, your investment portfolio and how many years you plan on keeping your coverage.

Also, you'll need to review your insurance coverage regularly to make sure it still meets your needs and addresses any changes in your situation. A financial advisor can help you make the right selections.

Taking steps today allows you to celebrate Life Insurance Awareness Month secure in the knowledge that you've taken the right steps to help protect your family.

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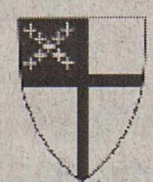
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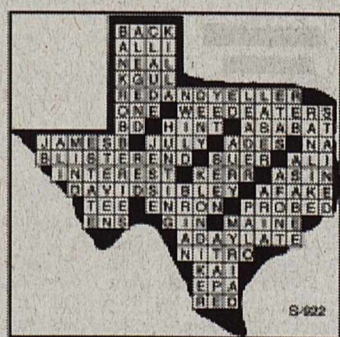
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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Sudoku Solution

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

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Brackett Tigers



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

I love the Texas hill country. It's scenic, green, and home to Leakey High School, the Brackett Tigers opponent last week.

Scenery, though, is small comfort when you have the tar beaten out of you by the away team, as the Tigers scored on their first four possessions to upend the Eagles 40-6 in their district opener.

To recap, the Eagles had the ball first but could only muster about nine yards in as many plays. Brackett took over at their own 12 and marched 88 yards in 7 plays. Halfback Victor Robledo took it in from 25 yards out on a second-down and eight, and the Tigers led 7-0.

There were pyrotechnics aplenty from senior Isaac Talamantes also, who returned two punts for touchdowns in a span of about three and a half minutes to put the Tigers up 21-0.

The Eagles offensive woes continued on their next possession, as quarterback Max Wil-

son was hit in the backfield by a host of Brackett defenders and fumbled (by the way, "host" refers to three or more defenders, and is, in fact, the only descriptive that may be used when describing multiple defenders).

I think I read that somewhere). Anyway, linebacker Shaun Davis recovered the loose ball and the Tigers were back in business at the Leakey 28. Halfback Brandon Allen (good to have you back, bud) took it in four plays later from the eight yard-line, and the Tigers led 27-6 at the half.

Brackett scored on their first two possessions of the second half too; and, predictably, both drives were capped by Victor Robledo touchdown runs.

The Tigers face off against district rival Center Point Friday night at 7:30.

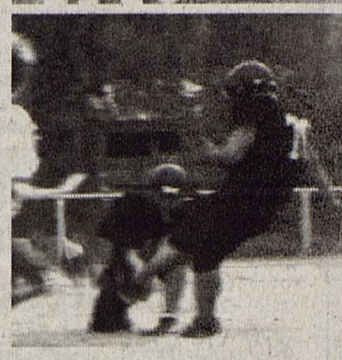
Brackett News Photos By Cash Letsinger - Tigers vs Eagles Friday, September 25.



	TIGERS	Leakey
Points Scored	40	6
First Downs	19	9
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	17/1/1	4/2/3
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/8/50	1/10/10
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	1/2/50	3/4/75
Total Yards / Avg per Play	333/6.8	76/1.9
Total Yards Rushing	323	13
Rushing Att/Avg	47/6.9	25/0.5
Total yards Passing	6	63
Pass Att/Comp/Int	2/1/0	14/6/0
Average Yards per Pass	3.0	4.5
Punts /Avg	0/0	5/32.2
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	3/128/43	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	2/37/18	7/100/14
Fumbles /Lost	3/0	2/1
Total Turnovers	0	1
Penalties /Yards	8/70	6/45
Sacks /Yards	1/6	0/0
TDs	6	1
TDs Rush/Pass	4/0	0/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	23:00	25:00

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Leakey	0	6	0	0	-	6
TIGERS	14	13	13	0	-	40

Cubs VS. Eagles



HS Volleyball vs LaPryor

Brackett defeats LaPryor

6-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-22

Brackett Leaders:

Aces - Cheyenne Smith (2)
Digs - Paige Nowlin (11)
Kills - Paige Nowlin (9)
Amanda DelBosque (7)
Assists - Cheyenne Billings (18)
Blocks - Paige Nowlin, Cheyenne Smith (1)

LaPryor Leaders:

Aces - Danielle Lopez (2)
Digs - Lexi Maldonado (23)
Kills - Elizabeth Bliss (9)
Assists - Danielle Lopez (16)
Blocks - Elizabeth Bliss, Patricia Sambrano (2)

Brackett District Record: 2 - 0

LaPryor District Record: 1-1

JH Volleyball parent recognition night

Monday, September 28, the "B" Team continued their season with a match at Brackett against Comstock. This was also Jr. High parent recognition night. The girls demonstrated improvement in the area of serving. Showing their ability of serving were 7th Graders Maddie Frerich and Karina Perez, Delores Garza and 8th Grade Judy "Cookie" Adams. It was a

"Team" effort as all 18 girls played during the two games. The girls won in two games:

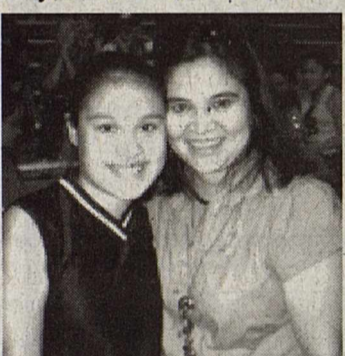
Game One-Brackett 25

Comstock 16

Game Two-Brackett 25

Comstock 18

The girls will then travel Sabinal for a Tournament on Saturday, 3rd October. They will also play away at Sabinal on Monday, October 5.



Brackett A team is 6-2

A Team defeats Comstock 25-7; 25-8

Passers: Leslie Allen 5, Korlee Allen 3, Morgan Brown, Marlinda Rivas, Clarissa Cruz, Shelby Schuster 2
Sets: Heather Knox, Korlee Allen each with 2 and Morgan Brown.
1 Kill: Clarissa Cruz, Korlee Allen with 1 Spikes: Mckenzie Castillo, Shannon Gammill, Korlee Allen 1
Servers: Korlee Allen 10, Jenna Musgrave and Conseula Rodriguez with 6, Clarissa Cruz 5, Shelby Schuster 3 and Leslie Allen 2



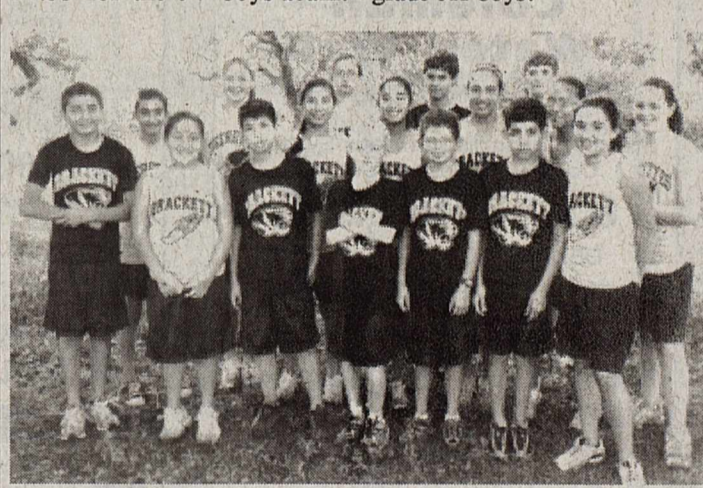
XC traveled to Nueces Canyon

Brackett Junior High and High School traveled to Nueces Canyon on Saturday, September 26.

The Varsity girls placed first, the individual results for the varsity girls were Kelsey Bruce 1st 13:30, Bianca Cruz 2nd 14:59, Sahara Rodriguez 4th 15:25, Haley Hale 5th 15:35, Erica Villanuava 7th 15:52, Cheyenne Smith 9th 16:05 and Icela Rueda 11th 16:29. The Varsity boys individual results were Joel Terrezas 3rd 20:12, Bradley Edwards 19th 22:52, Victor Roman 22nd 23:39 and Jamie Sandoval 27th 24:11. Junior Varsity girls individual results were Mercedes Ocasio 11th 18:04 and Sariah Guartuche 16th 19:49.

Adrain Hernandez placed 6th individually with a time of 21:53 for the JV boys team.

Eight grade Junior High girls individual results were McKenzie Castillo 11th with a time of 18:13 and Haley Smith 20th with a time of 22:18. Seventh grade JH girls individual results were Amber Resendez 16th 19:35, Alexis Castillo 17th 19:53, Maddie Frerich 19th 19:59, Gabby Sandoval 22nd 20:58, Ayssa Rodriguez 23rd 20:53, Cheyenne Pena 24th 20:59, Sierra Falcon 26th 21:48 and Rivers Maddox 30th 23:02. Eight grade Junior High boys individual results were Garon Rueda 10th 15:04, Dante Luna 16th 15:51, Wyatt Blake 19th 16:31, Bennie Brinker 20th 16:39, Marco Rosales 21st 16:45 and Sebastain Salinas 24th 17:25. Travis Earwood placed 21st individually with a time of 22:01, for the seventh grade JH boys.



Cross Country Photos Courtesy to The Brackett News By Pam Hale

The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

Remember as a child those nursery rhymes you used to sing? Did you ever wonder where they came from? Well here is the history of two of the oldest. "London Bridge Is Falling Down"- There are many more stanzas than we usually sing, 12 to be exact. Each stanza describes a different phase of the old Bridge's history that began during the Roman occupation of England.

The bridge, which spanned the Thames River, was originally made of timber and clay and was rebuilt over the years with many of the materials mentioned in the song; "wood and clay, bricks and mortar, then iron and steel." It was attacked by Vikings in the 1000s and suffered many fires that called for using the many different building materials. The first stone bridge was begun in 1176 and

took thirty-three years to construct. There were twenty arches which measured thirty feet wide and sixty feet high, and the bridge included towers and gates. The bridge was like a modern mall. The current of the river turned grist wheels beneath the bridge; while houses, apartments, shops, and a chapel were erected on top. By the year 1300 there were about 140 shops, some three stories tall, built upon London Bridge. The mention of silver and gold in the song refers to the shops that conducted business on the bridge.

The Great Fire of 1666 caused its arches and foundations to weaken, and resulted in thatched roofs being banned in London until 1994! The second London Bridge, begun in the 1820s, was built north of the old one. Eleven years later the 'new bridge' was opened, and the old one was torn down. The last three verses of the song refer to a "man." Many believe there was a man set to watch all night, to protect the bridge in case of fire, to guard the shops, or to keep strangers from crossing the bridge in the dark of night. In the 1960s the bridge could not

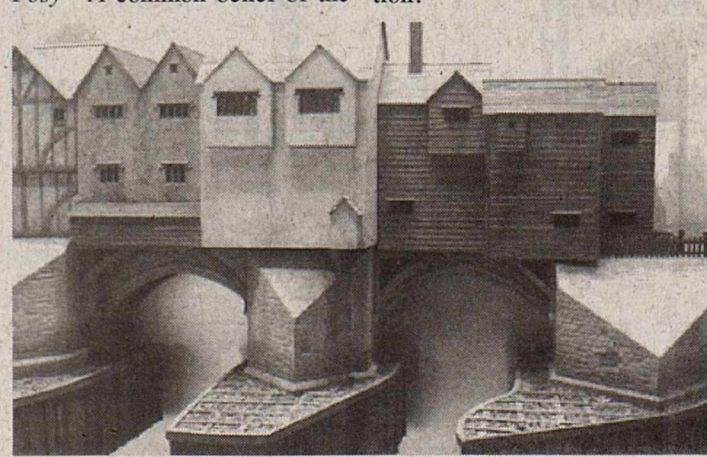
bear the demands of twentieth century traffic, so it was sold, shipped, and reconstructed stone by stone at Lake Havasu City, in Arizona "Ring around the Rosy" After you know the meaning behind this well-known nursery rhyme, it will appear to be almost sinister!

The song was first made popular during the Black Plague that devastated Europe in 1348-50. The first sentence of the rhyme is "Ring around the Rosy". One of the first visible signs of infection was red rings surrounding a rosy bump, all over the victim's body. "Pocket full of Poesy" A common belief of the

time was that the plague was passed from person to person on "foul air."

The rationale was that people could protect themselves from the bad air by keeping the air around them smelling sweet. It also helped them deal with the smell of death... As the sickness progressed a noticeable odor would be present.

Many people carried flowers to keep others from knowing they were sick. "Ashes, Ashes" Bodies were usually cremated to avoid passing on the plague. "We all Fall Down" This line needs little explanation.



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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by James Dean

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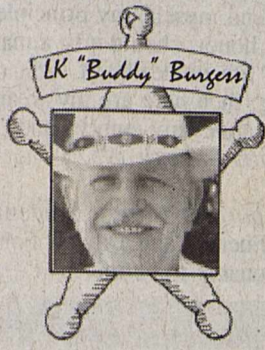
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The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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				9				7

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Wednesday, September 23
7:45am, A 911 call was received stating a vehicle on Hwy 90 East was driving recklessly headed towards Brackettville. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

5:30pm, A man called requesting to speak with a deputy. The deputy was notified to call the individual back.

Thursday, September 24
12:48am, A woman called stating she needed assistance from a deputy at her residence. A deputy was advised.

3:05pm, Fort Clark Security called requesting a deputy in reference to a residence being broken into. A deputy was dispatched to the residence.

Friday, September 25
12:47am, A man called stating he had hit a deer on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was notified.

10:35am, A woman called asking if any reports had been received of break ins, the woman stated she thought her car had been broken into. A deputy was dispatched to the residence.

3:45pm, Michael Falcon, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested for capias contempt of court.

Falcon was released the same day on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Saturday, September 26
1:00pm, A call was received from a motorist traveling East bound on Hwy 90, the motorist stated there was a dog on the side of the road that seemed to have a broken back. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

3:00pm, Fort Clark Security called requesting a deputy in reference to a vehicle entering the Fort after being told they were not permitted. A deputy was notified of the situation.

12:09am, Jesus A. Davila, 21, of Eagle Pass, was arrested for reckless driving. Davila was released the same day on a \$1,200. bond.

7:55am, Gilberto Gonzales Mendez, 45, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. Mendez is still being held at press time.

10:13pm, An alarm company called stating a alarm was going off at a ranch house. A deputy was dispatched to the residence.

Sunday, September 27

7:28am, A border patrol agent called stating they had a possible driving while intoxicated individual stopped. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

10:23pm, A man called stating that a individual on the side of Hwy 90 tried to flag him down. A deputy was advised and enroute to the location.

11:17pm, A man called to report there was three loose horses on the road. A deputy was advised of the situation.

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Joe's Kenpo Karate kids

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Joe Montemayor is a walking miracle. Having suffered an injury that resulted in a double hip replacement he was told that he would never walk again. Indeed, even he did not believe that he could ever recover. To complicate matters even further, he has four herniated disks. So, what is left for a man, who had devoted 40 years of his life to the sport of martial arts, was recognized by his peers and inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2007?

Joe met Connie Freeman, owner and operator of Connie's Gym in Brackettville. Connie said that Joe could not walk when she first met him. He could not foresee a useful purpose for his life. Looking back he says that God sent him an angel just when he was at his lowest point. Connie brought him a Bible and

together they read passages. As he developed his faith he also developed a desire to overcome his frailties. As he looked to a higher power for strength he looked to Connie's Gym to strengthen and rehabilitate his body. Today, Joe appears to have fully recovered. He will tell you that he still struggles with limitations, but he can walk, he can run, and he's teaching the art of Karate to students as young as elementary school children to adults of any age.

Most people think that learning karate is all about self defense, mastering some punches, kicks and blocks. There are many schools of thought on exactly what karate is. In the words of Paul A. Walker, a 4th degree black belt karate instructor, "Conventional martial arts wisdom tells us that karate is about perfecting our character, being truthful and honest, never giving up, building strong spirit,

trying our best at all times, adhering to strict discipline and etiquette, following "the path" or "the Way", and reaching our potential in life." Joe teaches a variation called American Kenpo Karate; street fighting self-defense. "I want to teach them discipline, physical strength and training. I want to teach them how to control and respect; how to respect each person." Kenpo Karate teaches children to listen to their parents and to become better students in school by obtaining a positive attitude. Joe encourages the students to maintain a good grade level or to refrain from coming to karate class until they do.

The art of Kenpo Karate makes use of both linear and circular motions; defined by the use of quick moves in rapid-fire succession intended to overwhelm an opponent. It teaches one to deal instantly and effec-

tively if the need to defend ones self arises. Joe teaches his students awareness. Children are especially vulnerable to strangers who are not acting with the best of intentions. By teaching his students awareness combined with the ability to defend themselves, he is arming them with tools of self protection. "When we do the philosophy and the bowing, it teaches that the warrior and the scholar must come together in order to come forward to fight. You can't just fight.....because there is always somebody better. If somebody comes to hurt you then you've got to have that thinker, the scholar and the warrior. A scholar might say, 'Look around you, if there is an avenue to escape, go.' He might say, 'Look around you, there's no way with five people against you; what are you going to do, call for help, choose the ground, edge your way so you might have an open-

ing or you'll think of something. Even a mouse will become vicious if cornered."

It is obvious how much the students respect and admire their teacher. They respond to his discipline without question. After a vigorous workout they take a break and get some water. The younger students look to the older ones with questions of technique. While all are taught the same basic style of karate, they are encouraged to develop aspects tailored to their own particular personal needs and strengths. Those who wear the red belts are student teachers. Eddie Garza, a student at BISD, and Johnny Estrada, a freshman at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, are both red belts. Johnny hopes to be a teacher some day.

From the youngest to the oldest they repeat their creed with the utmost respect for the principles of the art and for he who

has taken the time to help them fulfill their potential.

"I come to you with only Karate, empty hands. I have no weapons, but should I be forced to defend myself, my principles or my honor; should it be a matter of life or death, of right or wrong; then here are my weapons, Karate, my empty hands." Ed Parker-March 1957.

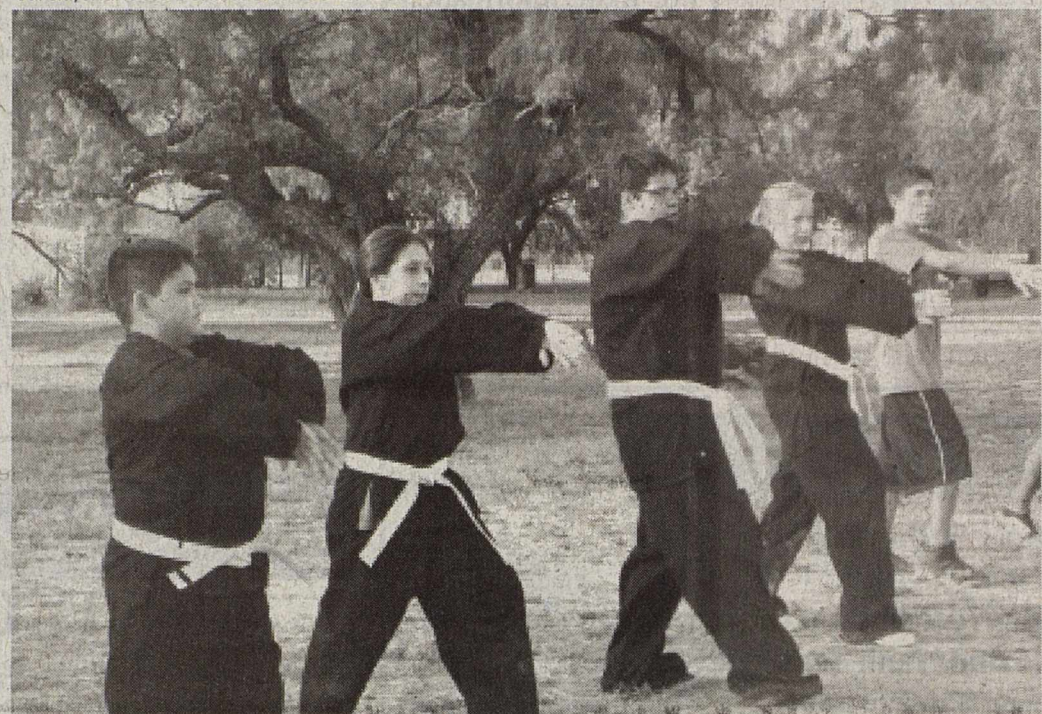
Reporters Note: Students Beth Fuentes and Daylon Fohn were unable to be there.

Karate Kids

Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Pictured from left: Brian Hernandez, Kaitlyn Lopez, Vincent Garcia, Charlotte Donaldson and Joel Terrazes.



Raymond Rodrigues
Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Raymond Rodrigues practices on Joe



Johnny Estrada

Brackett News Photo By Katie Brown - Johnny Estrada Demonstrates Technique with Joe while Eddie Garza looks on.




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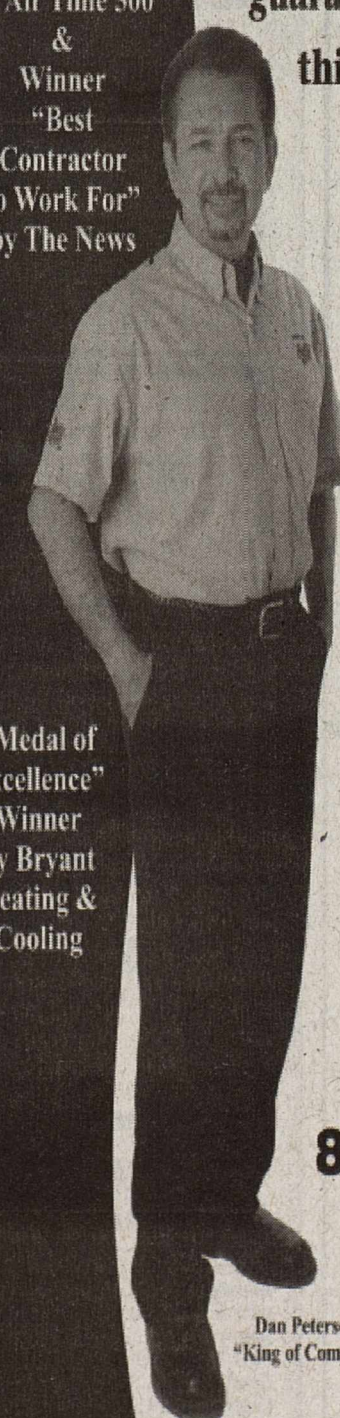
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "Ya'll come _____ ya hear?"
- 5 TX Pride's "_____ Have to Offer You Is Me"
- 6 this TX-born Charlie hit two HRs in a '59 World Series game
- 7 once a Port Lavaca AM, an apt station for the TX coast
- 8 coral snake warning "_____ kill a feller".
- 17 "hole in _____"
- 18 lawn tools invented by TX George Ballas in Houston (2 wds.)
- 21 this Devlin won TX Byron Nelson Golf Classic in '69 (init.)
- 22 what this TX Heloise will give to a reader
- 23 TXism: "blind _____"
- 24 TX Perot selected _____ Stockdale as '92 running mate
- 29 a really hot TX month
- 30 citrus drink suffixes
- 31 "Sha Na _____"
- 32 TXism for the handle of a work tool
- 34 one who inflates legal action
- 35 TX Foreman lost title to this Muhammad
- 36 "conflict of _____"
- 37 Kerrville is seat of this county
- 38 adultery, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 39 state senate dist. 22 incumb. in '94 & '98

DOWN

- 1 TX outlaw Sam Bass was a train-robber
- 2 TXism: "_____ who had no luck with these crimes (2 wds.)"
- 2 TXism: "_____ in his own mind" (ego)
- 3 Armstrong Co. seat
- 4 TX-born Foote wrote screenplay for "To _____ Mockingbird"
- 9 Arlington's "Hurricane Harbor" was once "Wet _____"
- 10 repudiate
- 11 "Are we there _____?"
- 12 "Mingo" Ames on "Daniel Boone"
- 13 Iowa Park newspaper
- 14 light emitter
- 15 Hobby & Love arrival guesses (abbr.)
- 16 some TXns were once called "Johnny _____"
- 19 TXism: "_____ ants out of a burning stump"
- 20 grass-_____ jeans
- 22 deer _____ season
- 23 is generally Nov.-Dec.
- 24 Joey of "Texas Across the River" (init.)
- 25 this MacGraw was in "Convoy" with TX Kris
- 26 TX Willie's "Georgia On My _____"
- 27 "wheeler-dealers" area: real _____
- 28 this Seagal was in '92 "Under Siege" with TX Tommy Lee
- 29 Archer City was the last hideout for this outlaw James
- 30 pirate Louis-Michel _____ patrolled the Gulf looking for loot
- 33 _____ Oak, TX
- 34 "you ain't _____ nothing yet!"
- 35 TXism: "busy _____"
- 37 1897 gold hunter
- 38 typeface (2 wds.)
- 40 this Denney was in "Precinct 13" film with TX Hawke
- 41 opera solo
- 44 _____ Duro Canyon
- 47 great in number
- 49 finish line? (2 wds.)

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KCGCD Board Won't Accept Responsibility for Wrong Doing

Grass Valley Water, L.P. ("GVW") would like to respond to statements made by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District ("KCGCD") Board Members in the recent article titled "KCGCD rebuts review by GVW published in Brackett News."

In this article, the KCGCD argues that the actions of the "New Board" can be distinguished from previous KCGCD Boards. Dr. Kent Lowery, the President of the KCGCD Board, in responding to GVW's statement that the KCGCD is not operating in accordance with state law, stated the following: "That was probably was true, and it was true and was proven to be true because of the lawsuits of the previous boards, but that is not true of this one. We have been extremely careful of that and have constant conversations with our council concerning: can we do this, is this right and is this in accordance with Chapter 36 and governing codes and state law."

President Lowery's description of the KCGCD Board's actions does not match what GVW and others have witnessed regarding KCGCD's compliance with applicable law. In attending KCGCD Board meetings, GVW often can not understand the justifications for many of the KCGCD Board rulings or orders. After the KCGCD meeting where the Board made a final ruling on GVW's production permits, GVW was forced to request written findings and conclusions from the KCGCD because GVW could not discern from the discussions during the meeting the justification for the KCGCD Board's denial. Additionally, GVW has continually had to point out notice deficiencies committed by the KCGCD Board. For example, the KCGCD Board did not properly notice a briefing on a USGS study in violation of open meetings law. Similarly, the KCGCD Board attempted to pass budget amendments and fee increases without proper notice or public hearings as required by the Boards own adopted bylaws. Anyone that regularly attends the KCGCD's meetings is aware that these violations are not isolated but commonplace. Time and space do not permit GVW to list the routine lack of compliance with the law that the "New Board" practices. GVW does, however, want to highlight one of the more serious violations of state law—the failure of the District to perform an annual audit.

The District has violated the audit law every year since the "New Board" took office in November of 2006. The Board of Directors is statutorily charged with this responsibility. Correspondence obtained by GVW pursuant to a Public Information Act request clearly shows that the KCGCD has been misleading the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") on the Board's attempts to comply with this law. On January 27, 2009, Mr. Kelly Mills of the TCEQ sent the District a letter inquiring as to the District's compliance with Texas Water Code requirements, more specifically, the District's financial audits and requested that copies of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2006, September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2008 be supplied to the TCEQ within in ten working days or a "written response if the audits have not been completed."

The District responded to Ms. Mills request on January 29, 2009 claiming that "[t]he Audits are in fact underway and the District is requiring the starting balance for each of the referenced years be properly established and thereby enable the audit to properly bring to date the necessary completion of the annual audit processes." The District went on to state that, "[t]his matter has been a priority for completion for the last six (6) months and will be forthcoming." We now know that only the 2005-2006 audit was even close to completion and that the KCGCD's other audits were not "forthcoming." Indeed, the "New Board" just hired an auditor to do the remaining audits.

The facts show that the "New Board" of the KCGCD has never complied with and even has unsuccessfully attempted to avoid these statutorily mandated audit requirements. President Lowery tried to address this in the article by stating the following: "[The KCGCD Board] did not request to avoid an audit. What we asked to do was a different kind of audit, and there are several levels of audits; what we asked to do was a Review of Financials type audit." President Lowery's justification for the KCGCD's attempt to avoid having to conduct an annual audit is misleading and inaccurate. A "review" is not a "different kind of audit". Reviews allow much greater latitude in client input and are not nearly as stringent as audits. By law, the District financial records must be **audited** so that the public can have confidence in what the KCGCD (or any other groundwater district) is doing financially. President Lowery admitted that, "[KCGCD] received a letter back from TCEQ saying what would be required and that they couldn't accept the other kind."

Despite the State Auditor in 2006 pointing out the serious problems with the District's accounting and budgeting including "a lack of accounting procedures, controls, and oversight that significantly increases the potential for errors, theft, and fraud...", the "New Board" has failed for three years to fix the problems and perform the statutorily mandated annual audits. Indeed, while the "New Board" has down played and misled the public about this matter, the State Auditor felt it necessary to re-audit the KCGCD. Instead of admitting that nothing has been done, the "New Board" chooses to blame the "old previous boards" and Diana Ward, the previous General Manager who the KCGCD Board hired to "rebuild the books." The law governing the KCGCD clearly states that "the Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the district", Tex. Water Code § 36.057(a). Section 36.153(a) also clearly states, "the **board** shall have an audit made of the financial condition of the district." It is the KCGCD Board's responsibility to ensure that these tasks are performed, not the General Manager. Even assuming that the General Manager's lack of knowledge did contribute to this situation, should it take a competent groundwater district board three years to figure this out? GVW feels the people who pay taxes and fees to the KCGCD deserve better.

Our greatest distinction between the "Old Board" and "New Board", is the use of intimidation. GVW has witnessed intimidation attempts by Board members to other Board members and Board members to the public. We believe the most aggressive example that GVW is aware of is the blatant intimidation attempt against one of GVW consultants, Dr. JA Lazarus. President Lowery, though a mischaracterization of the incident suggests he was justified by his actions on Friday, May 15, 2009, the day after a District Board meeting. Unfortunately, during most of the incident, Dr. Lazarus had Michael Booth, GVW's attorney, on her speakerphone. Mr. Booth heard a good deal of the conversation prior to and after the Sherriff's deputies' arrival. (Note: Dr. Lazarus was careful to make sure that Lowery was completely aware that GV's lawyer was conferenced in and audio-documenting the entire interaction). Mr. Booth describes the May 15th confrontation as "very hostile and gratuitously confrontational. I've never seen a district conduct business that way in my long history of working with all kinds of water districts across the state."

On Friday, May 15, 2009, numerous people, including Dr Lazarus, went into the district office and asked Mrs. Linda McDaniel for copies of the financial information presented at the district's hearing the day before. In any other Texas groundwater district, river authority, municipal water district, a copy of this information would have been given to requestor as required by Texas Water Code Section 36.153(b). Not so at the KCGCD district office. Instead, Dr. Lowery called the office, very angry that Dr. Lazarus was there requesting records and shouted at the district staff to "PUT HER ON THE PHONE." He then angrily insisted to Dr. Lazarus that those records were not public information and told her she had to leave because she had no right to even be in the office. Dr. Lazarus said she thought that was an interesting approach to public service and asked that he be civil and professional in their conversation. He shouted at her "I'm coming over there" and hung up; at which time she called GV's general counsel to confirm the specific public records for which she was hand-writing her request at Mrs. McDaniel's direction and also to put him on speakerphone to audio-document President Lowery's confrontational behavior.

Mr. Booth reports that the Sherriff deputies arrived in a rush & told Mrs. McDaniel and Dr. Lazarus that they had been dispatched (according to the police report, by Dr. Lowery's wife) to deal with a disturbance "that was going to occur" at the District office. When they found Dr. Lazarus and Mrs. McDaniel's quietly visiting, the deputies apologized to the ladies for what was clearly a misunderstanding and for their confusion. Dr. Lazarus assured them she & Mrs. McDaniel were equally confused but that she was confidant that Dr. Lowery would be able explain it all when he arrived. When Dr. Lowery arrived he was clearly agitated and again raised his voice telling Dr. Lazarus that (despite the fact that all five of them were in the office) that actually the office was closed and to get out. After pointing out the district's legal responsibility to provide access to the records and noting that no blame should be attributed to the district staff for doing their job, Dr. Lazarus quietly complied with Dr. Lowery's demand.

Of all the people who went to the KCGCD office to do business that Friday, only one person was told that the office was closed, that she had no right to be there, and Ordered to Get Out! Dr. Lowery's behavior was an egregious abuse of his authority as an officer of the district and reflected badly on KCGCD and on all locally elected officials. He ignored his professional responsibility to provide the public service he was elected to provide.

GVW does not believe that Dr. Lowery felt compelled to place unnecessary demands on Kinney Co's limited law enforcement resources in order to protect his own safety or the safety of the district's "public" office from some unnamed "threat" posed by the presence of one middle-aged female with whom he has worked with for years and who is one of his patients in his medical practice.

GVW would like to make it clear that at all times, the Kinney County Sheriffs deputies acted professionally and proper. The deputies had no part in Dr. Lowery's intimidation attempt.

As a footnote to this event, GVW had to file a Public Information Act request for the information that Dr. Lazarus was attempting to obtain. The District received this request on May 19, 2009. Section 552.221(d) of the Texas Government Code states, "[i]f an officer for public information cannot produce public information for inspection or duplication within 10 business days after the date the information is requested under Subsection (a), the officer shall certify that fact in writing to the requestor and set a date and hour within a reasonable time when the information will be available for inspection or duplication." The District did not mail its response until June 15, 2009. Not only was the response to the Public Information Act Request sent well after the 10-day limit, it was also completely unresponsive as to the items requested and offered little to no explanation as to why the information was not provided nor an estimated time as to when the documents might be available for inspection or duplication. GVW was forced to send a complaint to the Texas Attorney General's Office to aid in obtaining this information. Only after this complaint was filed did the KCGCD provide a full response to the request. The "New Board" continues to exhibit the same lack of transparency exhibited by the old board. In order to obtain public information in the past, it required constant Public Information Act requests to get the information; and it still does today.

GVW will have a more detailed discussion that will focus on the KCGCD's finances and incorrect budgeting and accounting practices and will show that the KCGCD is not "in the black" as the "New Board" claims.

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