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Community News

CHEER's Back to School Health Fair

Parents please mark August 21st from 2pm-7pm on your calendar to attend the Back to School Health Fair at the BSD cafeteria. Immunizations will be available for those who need them before school starts. Many agencies will be attending this event, and providing blood sugar testing, blood pressure screening, 911 information, and other health related information. Anyone in the community can come to the health fair. For more information, please call Pat Sitzes at 563-5528.

LEPC Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008 is the next meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee at 7 pm in the classroom of the Kinney County Fire Rescue. This meeting is open to all residents of Kinney County and we will be discussing what we can do to get Hazardous Material information to all residents of our county, an open house and table for the Lions' Club Health Fair. Our top priority is always the setting up of emergency shelters during disasters and this is ongoing in the planning stages. For info 563-2347

TOPS Meeting Planned

A TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly will be meeting at Slater Hall, First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street in Brackettville on July 24. Weigh-ins will be from 5-5:30pm. Meeting will be from 5:30 - 6pm. TOPS is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support group. Call if you have any questions: Junetta Myers, 830-563-9984 or 830-703-6221. email:junetta-2002@yahoo.com

Jalapeno Recall

Following FDA Consumer Warning, H-E-B Issues Precautionary Recall for Products Containing Raw Jalapenos. (SAN ANTONIO) - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a warning asking consumers to avoid eating raw jalapeno peppers or foods made from raw jalapenos to prevent additional cases of Salmonella illnesses. H-E-B is issuing a precautionary recall of all fresh jalapenos, fresh pico de gallo and prepared items containing raw jalapenos. The recall by H-E-B is voluntary and only a precaution. No customers have reported any illnesses. Committed to ensuring the safety of its customers, H-E-B is removing the products from its stores immediately. The precautionary recall does not include canned, cooked or pickled jalapeno peppers.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

High: 91
Low: 73

Saturday

High: 95
Low: 72

Sunday

High: 97
Low: 73

Sunny

New water Management Plan allows for more studies in Kinney County

By Allison Taylor
Editor

The amended water Management Plan for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) was approved by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on June 19. This accomplishment comes after the District agreed to revise their Management Plan according to stipulations in the mediated settlement agreement of *Boulware v. KCGCD*. The TWDB must approve all Management Plans before they may be enacted by a district. KCGCD adopted the Plan by resolution on March 27.

KCGCD is required to have a management plan in place in order to provide the most efficient use of groundwater, to control and prevent waste of groundwater, controls and prevents subsidence, addresses conjunctive surface water management issues, addresses natural resource issues, addresses drought conditions, addresses conservation, recharge enhancement, rainwater harvesting, precipitation enhancement, or brush control, where appropriate and cost-effective and addresses in a quantitative manner the desired future conditions of the groundwater resources. This is according to Section 36.1071 of the Texas Water Code.

The 2008 Management Plan differs significantly from the Plan previously adopted under former General Manager Darlene Shahan.

Under the new Management Plan, it identifies the different known fault zones and allows studies to identify other possible zones within the county,

whereas the previous plan did not.

The new Plan also addresses the need for science and studies within the county and it is necessary to seek federal funding for these such studies to gather data.

Lack of science has been a real concern of the Board of Directors. President Lloyd L. Davis, Jr. and Vice President Dr. Kent Lowery have been seeking federal funding to pay for a water balance study to be conducted by the United States Geological Survey. The Board passed Resolution 2008-03, a resolution in appreciation of the Honorable Senator Kay Bailey

Hutchison and the Honorable Representative Ciro Rodriguez for their continuing effort to secure research funding for the study of the groundwater resources of Kinney County, according to General Manager Diana Ward.

KCGCD Vice President Dr. Kent Lowery stated permit applications filed previous to the adoption of the new Management Plan will not be affected by the new plan. Lowery says pending permit applications will be processed under the old Plan, as per state law.

The most notable pending application is Grass Valley Water, LP who is requesting a trans-

port permit in the amount of 22,510 acre feet or 325,851 gallons per year. "As general manager of the District I have been working with the applicant in the Grass Valley Water Project to ensure that base flow is maintained in Las Moras Springs. Tools such as monitor wells and real time data acquisition collectors will be used to closely evaluate groundwater production, if the Board approves the permits," said Ward

KCGCD Rules Committee will meet today at 1:45 pm at Slater Hall on James Street to discuss recommendations regarding the District Rules for consideration by the Board.

What's Happening

Disaster Relief Needs

The Baptist Men Disaster Relief Temporary Child Care will be collecting the following items for : Crayons/colored pencils, Construction paper/ pipe cleaners, small hand sanitizer, black permanent markers, Wet wipes/gallon Ziploc bags, Kleenex (Boxes/ travel size), Paper towels, Baby wipes, Diapers, plastic baby rattles, baby shampoo (travel size), baby wash (travel size), Toothbrush/ toothpaste for children, Sippy cups, toddler spoon, barrettes and hair accessories, Coloring books and playdough. Contact the church at 830-563-2245.

Computer Classes

The Kinney County Library will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Office" class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning July 8. "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning September 9.

Local Governmental Meetings

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a special meeting on Friday, July 25 at 11:30 am to discuss, consider and approve a conservation plan for Devils River minnow.

Groundwater Management Area #10 will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 30th from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at the Conference Center of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, 1615N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas 78215. GMA#10 will review of Status of Desired Future Conditions in GMA-10 by Local Ground water Conservation Districts

Letters to our Troops
If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that the are not forgotten.

Sales Tax Holiday
Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 15, 16 and 17 - the state's annual tax holiday. For information call (800) 252-5555 or http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo

First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: August 11-15. Details TBA.

Local Summer Youth Programs
FCS Pool: Membership required. Monday - Thursday 7am until 10pm and Friday - Sunday 7am until 12 midnight. FCS Golf Course: Open everyday 8 am until 6pm except Monday. Call for fee schedule 830-563-9204
Weekly Activities at the FCS Teen Center - Membership required.
Horseback Riding Lessons: Lindy Orozco is offering lessons, for more information call 830-422-2379.



First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Photo by Joe Williams

Jenna Musgrave performs in a skit at the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, July 23. The VBS is having skits every morning and will continue through Friday.

Tax facts: KCAD v. Perez

On November 6, 2007 a property located at Unit 15 of Fort Clark Springs was sold for taxes by the Kinney County Appraisal District at a sheriff's sale.

Roger Perez, a man who thought he owned the property in Unit 15, says he was surprised when he tried to enter his home last month and his key did not fit the lock.

Perez was later informed and court documents show his house, valued at more than \$30,000 was sold to Ned Allen for \$1063.63, making Allen the new, legal owner of the property.

Below is a timeline provided by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson of San Antonio, the law firm representing the KCAD. The timeline shows the process by which KCAD was able to put the property up for sale:

- In addition to current tax statements, at least 3 delinquent notices were mailed each year after the account became delinquent. Two of the notices warn that a lawsuit will be filed if taxes are not paid. Thus prior to suit, at least ten delinquent notices were mailed to the address on the tax roll. The address on the tax roll is the physical address of the property.
- 9/1/2005: Original Petition filed for tax years 2001-2004 for \$3,335.60.
- 9/13/2005: Roger Perez served citation by Sheriff and Rosa Elva Perez served on the same date in Maverick County
- 9/19/2005: Roger Perez made a payment to Kinney CAD in amount of \$3,335.59 which covered the taxes, penalties and interest that was due but the court costs remained due, thus by law the lawsuit remained active.
- 10/6/2005: Court cost collection letter sent by the firm (exhibit available)
- 2/1/2006: Unpaid taxes for tax year 2005 rolled into the suit totaling
- 6/16/2006: Pending litigation notice mailed on taxes advising Mr. Perez that taxes of \$942.96 and \$501 court costs were due to avoid having the case set for trial. (exhibit available)
- 1/15/2007: Set for trial notice mailed advising Mr. Perez of a 2/23/2007 court date. (exhibit available)
- 2/1/2007 unpaid taxes for tax year 2006 rolled into the lawsuit

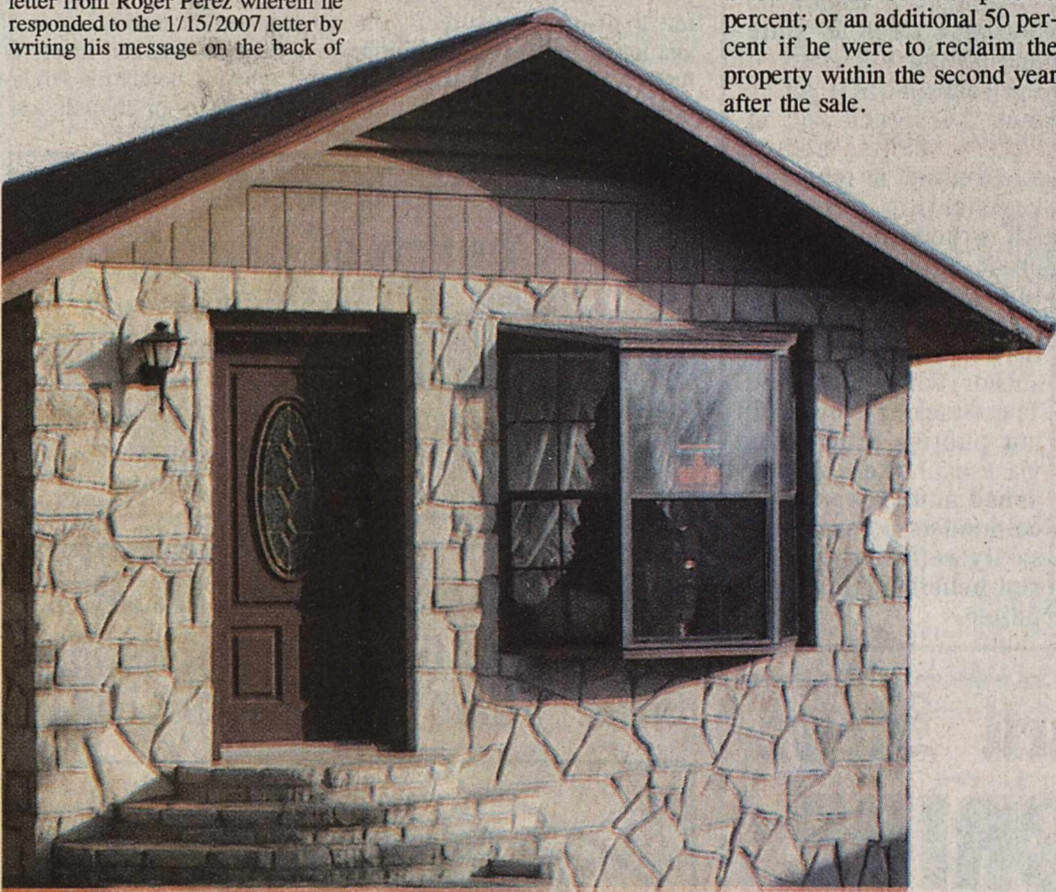
bringing the total amount due on this date \$1,687.19 plus court costs

10. 2/22/2007: Firm received letter from Roger Perez wherein he responded to the 1/15/2007 letter by writing his message on the back of

fyng that Mr. Perez received notice of Tax Sale (exhibit available)

19. 10/11/2007, 10/18/2007

homestead in the first year after the date of sale by paying the amount it was sold for plus 25 percent; or an additional 50 percent if he were to reclaim the property within the second year after the sale.



the set for trial notice. Mr. Perez stated that he did not pay the taxes because he disputes the legality of the MUD tax. (exhibit available)

11. 2/22/2007: Mr. Perez tendered payment of \$1,573.54 which left a balance of unpaid taxes totaling \$113.65 plus court costs

12. 2/23/2007: Judgment entered by the court on 2/23/2007 for the remaining taxes and court costs that were due

13. Notice of judgment is sent to Mr. Perez by the District Clerk (date of notice is not available)

14. 8/3/2007: Notice of Intent to Enforce Judgment mailed (exhibit available)

15. 9/4/2007: Firm receives correspondence from Roger Perez disputing legality of the MUD tax. (exhibit available)

16. 9/19/2007 First Notice of tax sale was sent by the firm (exhibit available)

17. 10/4/2007 Order of Tax Sale filed with the court and notice of sale was issued by the Sheriff via certified mail

& 10/25/2007: Tax Sale advertised in Brackett News:

20. 11/6/2007: Sheriff sale where in property is sold to W. Ned Allen for the sum of \$1,063.63. (Sale proceeds are dispersed as follows: Property Market Costs \$50, Sheriff's Fee \$248.88, Printer's Fees and Recording Fees \$141.59, Court costs \$501 and Kinney CAD taxes \$122.16)

Perez maintains he paid his taxes according to the statements he received and was not aware, the \$113.65, a rollover amount from the past, was what locked him out of his home. Perez has receipts that reflect his 2005 and 2006 taxes are paid in full and all but the \$3.74 from 2007 have been paid and is seeking to reclaim his home as the law provides.

In accordance to Texas Property Code (TPC) Chapter 34.21, Perez can present a check to the Kinney County Tax Collector's Office and reclaim his residence

KCAD Chief Appraiser William Haenn refers to a different section of the same law and says Perez failed to file for a "homestead exemption" so the property was not considered his homestead leaving Perez only until the 180th day after the sale to reclaim his home. Haenn contends Perez lives in Eagle Pass. Two times now Perez has tried to reclaim his home at the KCAD and Tax Assessors offices, once on July 16 and again on July 23, but has met resistance and left without a deed to what he says is his homestead.

Editor's note: In the first story about the Perez Foreclosure July 17, in the fourth paragraph from the end on Page 3 there was a failure to cite Perez' statements. This typing omission could have led one to read the statements as fact versus Perez' opinion. TBN apologizes for the error.



Letter to the Editor

Sent via email From: kinneycad@sbcglobal.net, Sent: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 09:25:26 Subject: Between You & Me.

Dear Leigh, Very disappointed, but not surprised, with your reporting of the Roger Perez situation. You spun the story as if Mr. Perez was the victim. On the contrary, Mr. Perez is a delinquent taxpayer who made a conscious decision not to pay his property taxes. There are consequences under Texas law for not paying property taxes. The Appraisal District is under contract with the taxing units to collect property taxes in Kinney County. The Appraisal District in turn contracts with the law firm of Lineberger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to collect delinquent taxes. Our law firm never, I repeat never, "forecloses" on any property ... banks and mortgage companies foreclose, we do not. We seek a judgment from the court and an order of sale from the judge in accordance with Texas law. Exceptionally misleading choice of a word on your part but sensational nonetheless.

I do not "contend" anything! I provided you with public information which is irrefutable fact contained in the public record.

Mr. Perez should be looking for the person who signed his name to multiple certified mailings which informed him of every step in the process and how he could remedy his situation. He chose to ignore those options. Mr. Perez knew very well he no longer owed the property ... another irrefutable fact! He is not homeless ... he lives in Eagle Pass. When your children don't do their homework, what do you do? What recourse does your readership have when you don't do your homework? Mr. Perez has not paid a plug nickel in assessments to Fort Clark Springs Association since January 2005 and owes the Association a whopping \$3,648.50 in back-assessments. I guess your story achieved your intent of making folks feel sorry for Mr. Perez while fueling their distrust and contempt for the evil Chief Appraiser and the Appraisal District. You should be ashamed of yourself as a journalist. The lesson to be learned here is not to jump on a one-sided story in Brackettville when there is a full moon!

William F. Haenn, RPA, RTA, CTA Chief Appraiser

Email From: The Brackett News tbnews@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 2:19 PM To: kinneycad
Subject: Re: Between you and me

Dear Mr. Haenn: I am a grown woman and take full responsibility for my actions and will not allow you to lecture me like a child. I find your response to be crass and it makes me think you do have something to feel guilty about. I will tell you like I tell everyone else. I am not a journalist, nor have I ever claimed to be one and if a story makes you upset, then it was meant for you.

Thank you and I am open to putting your thoughts in the letter to the editor section this week.

Leigh V.

Email From: kinneycad@sbcglobal.net To: tbnews@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: Between you and me Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:06:14

Leigh, You are encouraged to print my comments word for word, but only if you also print your response word for word!
William F. Haenn, RPA, RTA, CTA Chief Appraiser

Email From: tbnews@sbcglobal.net To: kinneycad@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: Between you and me Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:45:50

Not a problem.

Leigh V.

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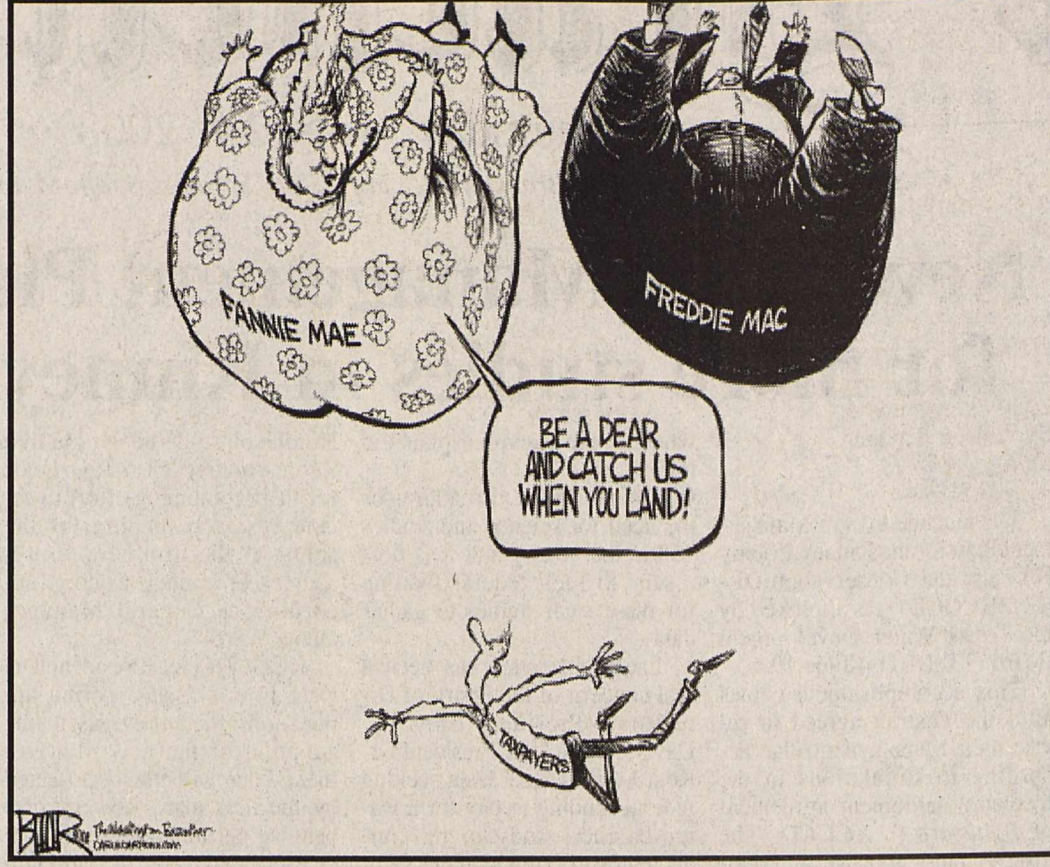
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Bonds vs. Bond Funds: What's right for you?



Emily Cooper

As an investor, you may find that bonds can be a valuable part of your portfolio.

But choosing to invest in bonds is one thing — and choosing how to invest in them is another.

Basically, you've got two choices: individual bonds or bond-based mutual funds. Which approach is right for you?

There's no one right answer for everyone. So let's review some of the common reasons for investing in bonds and see how they are addressed by individual bonds and by bond funds:

Diversification — By investing in bonds, you can help diversify a portfolio that may be dominated by stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect you against a loss in a declining market). While individual bonds can help diversify your holdings,

you may be able to achieve broader diversification by investing in a bond fund, which may own a mix of corporate and government bonds.

Fixed rate of return — When you buy an individual bond, you receive a fixed interest rate and predictable interest payments. Until your bond matures, or unless it is "called" (bought back) by the issuer, you will always receive the same rate of return.

But a bond fund does not pay you a fixed rate of return; instead, you receive dividends, which will fluctuate, based on the underlying bonds' interest rates and capital appreciation.

Return of principal — If you buy an individual bond, you will get your principal back when the bond matures, provided the issuer doesn't default. (However, before the bond matures, its value will rise and fall, based on current market interest rates.)

Bond funds do not mature and have no obligation to return your principal, so you could lose some or all of your initial investment when you sell your shares which is based on current market values.

Costs — You can invest in most types of bonds for a relatively small fee or commission.

But if you buy a bond fund, you will be subject to the same types of charges — such as sales charges, management fees and service fees — that are attached to many types of mutual funds.

Taxes — When you own individual bonds, you'll pay current income taxes on your interest payments, but you won't be subject to capital gains if you hold your bonds until they mature. However, if you purchase bond funds, you could be subject to capital gains taxes in two different ways: if you sell your fund shares for a profit or if the fund manager sells an underlying bond for more than it's worth. If that happens, the capital gain — and the tax obligation — will be passed on to you.

This increased capital gains liability is one reason that many people put bond funds in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as an IRA or a 401(k).

Before investing in a bond or bond fund, consult with your financial advisor to see which vehicle is appropriate for your needs. Also, before purchasing a bond fund, read the prospectus carefully. The prospectus contains more complete information, including the funds investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses as well as other important information that should be carefully considered before you invest or send money.

By getting the help you need, and by doing some homework on your own, you can find the bonds or bond funds that can help you make progress toward your key financial goals.

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Publishers PLOG

I believe Mr. Haenn, our County Appraiser, to be a very knowledgeable man (I even liked him a wee bit until yesterday), but he lost my respect when he emails me to express his discontent over a story and uses words intended to make me feel as though I am a lesser person than he - and let's add he did it from work and emailed his comments to about 400 of his closest friends. Taxpayer money well spent?

Does he not have other people to "foreclose" on??? Shouldn't he be out there appraising and not trying to solicit support for his hurt feelings? Taxpayer money well spent?

I believe you can win a battle, but still end up being a big fat LOSER when you step on a person's neck to get there.

I am not an enemy of Mr. Haenn.

Mr. Haenn's attitude towards people he feels are intellectually inferior to him has again turned out to be his very own worst enemy.

The next time you want to prove that you are smarter than me - which can't be that difficult a task - be sure you're not on the taxpayer's dime.

Maybe more people would not think you were "evil" as you say, if they knew you were not going to rain down your wrath upon them before, during and after a conversation with you. I even joked prior to going to Haenn's office for an interview that I would have hell to pay on Friday morning no matter what I wrote. Can you imagine my surprise when my words came to pass?

I would also like to mention that every organization relating to this story was contacted: Perez, FCS, Allen, KCAD and their attorneys. Not everyone responded in a timely manner, but that's just the paper business. I do find it curious, however, that Mr. Haenn was able to get an exact figure from Fort Clark Springs on the amount Perez owes in assessments when the newspaper was told that information was unavailable. So if Mr. Haenn wants to know your business he can just call FCS, get it and then email it to all the people on his address list then use it in a letter to the editor while he's being paid by the county government. What was that about abuse of power? Does Haenn work for FCS and I don't know it? I think I will call Haenn and ask him how much I owe FCS, I know I owe something, that way I can save the 10 seconds I would spend on hold waiting for the accounting department.

I'll keep paying my taxes so that you have plenty of time to write your friends about how ignorant I am.

You'll still feel the need to pick not only my job apart piece by piece, but everyone else's job, too. Taxpayer money well spent?

I'll still owe the Fort last month's membership fee, but my heart will still be full of joy and love for my fellow man.

Get happy, sir. You truly have so much to give to this community, but your anger gets in the way.

MORAL TO THE STORY: PAY YOUR TAXES AND IF YOU WANT A CRITIQUE OF YOUR LIFE CALL KCAD.

Leigh V.
SELF IMPORTANT,
QTIP USER, THAT LOVES
HER JOB and MOM

P.S. The rancher shoot out and death happened in Del Rio but TBN thanks everyone for the tips they called in. Keep the news tips coming! We love it.

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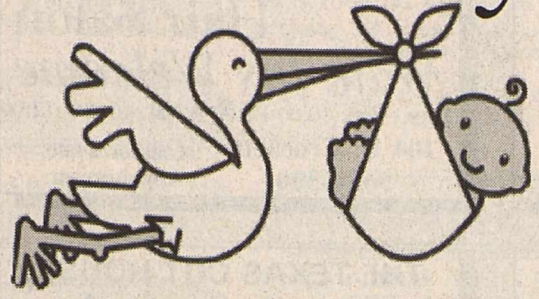
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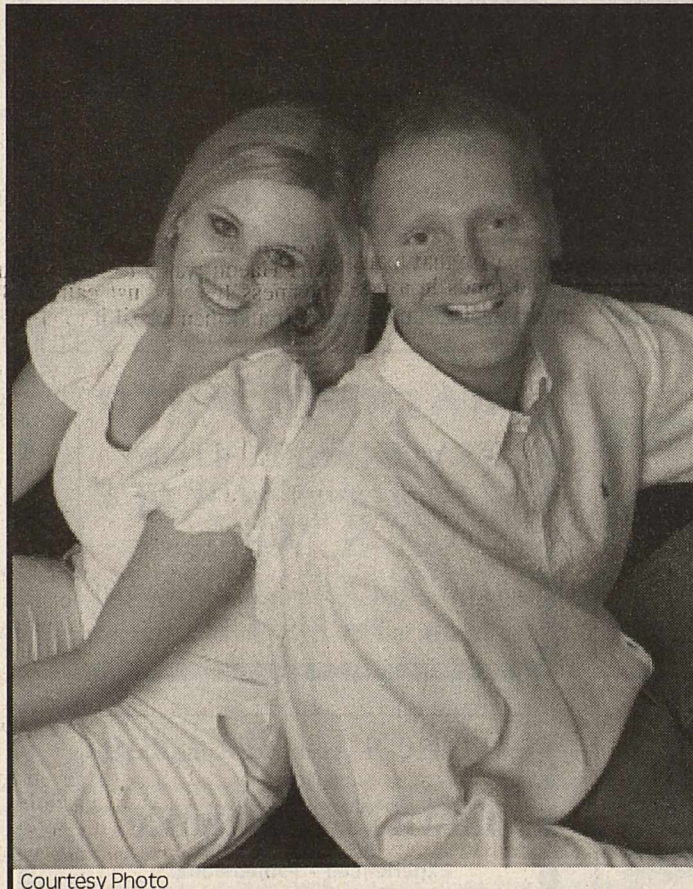
It's a boy!



Howard Thomas Roberson III

Roby and Cecilia Roberson of Fort Clark Springs are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Howard Thomas Roberson III was born July 18th at 12:09 AM at the Val Verde Regional Hospital in Del Rio. Howard weighed in at 7 lbs and 14 oz and was 21 inches in length. Howard was welcomed home by his sister Angie, 10, and his maternal grandmother, Laura de Pena from Chacacayo, Peru.

Wind-Starks To Wed



Courtesy Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wind of Wharton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth of Wharton to William Herman "Stormy" Starks of Wharton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Caven Woodward of Junction and the late Mr. Charlie Morgan Starks.

Laura is the granddaughter of Mrs. Evelyn Cochran of Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wind of Wharton and the late Mr. John Earl Cochran and the late Mrs. Muriel Wind. Stormy is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Riley formerly of Brackettville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herman Starks formerly of Uvalde and Mason.

The couple will recite their vows at the First Baptist Church in Wharton on August 9th 2008.

Laura is a 1999 graduate of Wharton High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A & M University. She is a fifth grade elementary school teacher at Newgulf Elementary in Boling I.S.D.

Stormy attended Boling High School and Uvalde High School. He graduated from the Texas International Cotton School in Lubbock, Texas. He is President of Caney Valley Cotton Company in Wharton. He also serves on the board of directors of the Texas Cotton Association.

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Vada Baldree

Hearty Dip
1 pound ground beef
1 slice of medium onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped

1 can diced Ro-Tel tomatoes
1 package taco seasoning
1 pound of Velveeta cheese, cubed.

Brown ground beef. Drain off fat. In large sauce pan, combine all ingredients. Cook over medium to low heat, stirring constantly. After cheese had melted, cook 10 to 15 minutes. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Cinnamon Pecans
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla

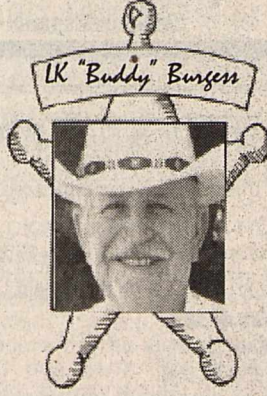
2 Tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups pecans
Combine all ingredients except pecans in a medium sauce pan over medium heat.

Cook until sugar is dissolved. Add pecans and continue to cook, stirring frequently.

Cook until pecans are completely sugared with no syrup left in the pan.

Spread on wax paper and let cool. Break into pieces and store, covered.

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Tuesday, July 8

9:39 pm A 911 caller reported a Ford F150 Super Crew hit a deer on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed of the situation and was enroute.

Wednesday, July 9

11:50 pm Robert Montoya, 36, of Brackettville, was arrested for the possession of a controlled substance. Montoya was released on a \$2,500 bond.

Thursday, July 10

7:15 pm A woman reported that someone tried to break into her property and had minor damage. A deputy was informed.

11:30 pm Rene Rodriguez, 30, of Brackettville, was arrested for reckless driving. Rodriguez was released on a \$1,200 bond.

A woman reported that there was a four-wheeler driving recklessly without lights and all over the road. Deputies were notified of the situation.

Friday, July 11

12:30 am Jerney D. Bero, 25, of Palatine, Illinois, was arrested for public intoxication. Bero was released the following day and fined \$305.

Joseph P. Martin, 24, of Addison, Illinois, was arrested for public intoxication. Martin was released the following day and fined \$305.

Brain J. Artz, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Artz was released on a \$1,200.

10:00 am Sentry Security reported a burglar alarm was going off and wanted a deputy to see if there was any problem. The deputy reported that the owners were home and they did not know that the alarm was going off.

7:20 pm A caller reported children were riding four-wheelers and aggravating some dogs. A deputy was dispatched.

9:55 pm A 911 caller reported two FedEx trucks driving reckless down Hwy 90. Unit 3 was informed and enroute to the location.

10:19 pm A woman reported that there was under age drinkers near a local residence. A deputy was informed.

Saturday, July 12

1:54 am A man reported that he heard seven gunshots from an area behind the cemetery and then later saw a four door Dodge pickup leave the scene. The deputies were advised of the situation.

8:00 pm A caller reported a pickup with two people inside

pulled up in a pasture and started to shoot at the microwave tower. Unit 3 was informed and enroute to the location.

11:30 pm Edward Solis, of Spofford, was arrested for public intoxication. Solis received jail time, which was served.

Sunday, July 13

11:24 am A caller reported that a motorist had a flat tire and needed assistance. A deputy was informed and enroute.

12:00 pm A woman reported that a man was pounding on the door and yelling for another woman at her hotel room at FCS. The caller stated that there was no one but her in the room.

4:50 pm Tomar Contura Barksdale, 50, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, which passed the motion the revoke his probation and is still being held at press time.

8:06 pm Arturo K. Ferguson, 48, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Ferguson was released on a \$1,500 bond.

10:35 pm Raul Mata, 35, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Mata was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Monday, July 14

6:24 am Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a local business.

2:50 pm Lionel Olivares, 24, of Brackettville, was arrested for criminal mischief. Olivares was released on a \$1,200 bond.

Tuesday, July 15

9:54 pm A 911 caller reported a reckless driver going east on Hwy 90. A deputy was dispatched.

Wednesday, July 16

10:35 am Jesse Sanchez, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested for terroristic threat. Sanchez is still being held at press time.

9:34 pm A caller from Fort Clark Security reported a brush fire. Unit 21 was dispatched.

Thank You

From the depths of my heart, I want to thank the people whose many kind acts helped me cope with Garland's tragic death.

The EMS Group that responded so quickly. The Kinney County Sheriff Burgess and his deputies who were compassionate and thorough.

To all who sent delicious food and hugs.

Pastor Jean Reardon, First United Methodist Church for wisdom and prayers for all the friends and neighbors who were filled with shock and grief.

All who helped with the Memorial Services and the reception hosted by the ladies of the Church.

I will forever be grateful to my "Fort Clark family" for each act of love.

I need your continued prayers for me and I will pray for Our Heavenly Father's blessings on each one of you who loved Garland.

Ann Gambrell Barron

Simmons honored Summa Cum Laude



Shanae Simmons, granddaughter of Charlene and Wylie Simmons, recently completed her junior year at the University of Texas at Austin as a Sociology Major and Women and Gender Studies Minor.

This spring Shanae accomplished a 4.0 while taking 20 hours this semester giving her the title of Summa Cum Laude.

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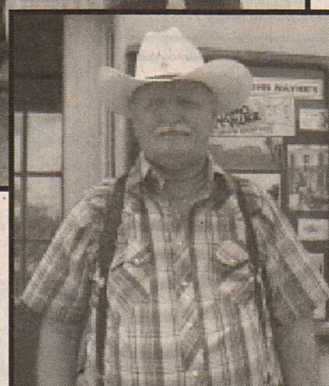
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BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HISTORIC HOME on Colony Row. Hardwood floors and upgrades throughout. Spacious screened porches overlooking 3/4 acre golf course. 4BR/3B. What a treasure. Reduced to \$145,000.

155 BLISS CIRCLE, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained \$35,000.

NEW LISTING: 1073 Fairway Circle. UNDER CONTRACT 407 FT. CLARK RD. Unique Townhouse located in the heart of the Historical district. 1BR/1B. Covered parking in the back. Appliances included, CHA. Great decor! Great price! Approx. 945 sq. ft.

CORNER OF TRAVIS/ANDERSON. 1 lot w/metal RV cover & 33' travel trailer. \$10,000.

BEAUTIFUL, LARGE HISTORIC rock home. - Calvary Trail culdesac. UNDER CONTRACT 223 POMPEY - SOLD

BRACKETTVILLE: NEW LISTING: 602 N. Ann St. Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home w/FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft. 154 CROCKETT, 4BR/2BA, 2 car garage, privacy fence. No Assessments, near Border Patrol Office. \$120,000.

221 Acres Prime Hunting. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/ panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674 BEVERAGE BARN HWY 15: UNDER CONTRACT

HAVE BUYERS, NEED LISTINGS! OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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Photos of the Week

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First Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School 2008



EMPLOYEE PRICING PLUS UP TO \$8600 CASH BACK ON THE BEST-SELLING TRUCKS IN TEXAS



Ed Sanchez

*08 F150 Supercab-Supercrew with owner loyalty \$3000

<p>Auto Trans Speed Control, Air Condition IKE64513</p> <p>\$19495 Military Rebate \$18995</p> <p>2008 FORD ESCAPE LLS MSRP \$21885, DRFLM Disc \$890, Customer Cash \$1500, Military Rebate \$500</p>	<p>Auto Trans., Power Pkg, Satellite Radio, Cruise Control TDK09888</p> <p>\$16495 Military Rebate \$15995</p> <p>2008 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XL MSRP \$24765, DRFLM \$2270, Rebate Cash \$2000, FCBC \$1000, Military \$500, Owner Loyalty \$3000</p>	<p>Power Windows, Power Locks, Chromed Wheels, 4.6 V8 TDK94583</p> <p>\$19995 Military Rebate \$19495</p> <p>2008 FORD F150 SUPERCREW MSRP \$28910, DRFLM Disc \$2915, Rebate Cash \$2000, FCBC, \$1000, Military \$500, Owner Loyalty \$3000</p>
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Pete Ortiz - General Sales Mgr

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MONTH

*2.9% APR OR \$1000 CUSTOMER CASH ON ALL CERTIFIED PREOWNED VEHICLES



Billy Willard - Used Car Sales Mgr

***** FREE CAR FAX ON ALL USED CARS *****

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK
06 HUMMER H3

N8152294 **\$23995**

• LEATHER

01 FORD EXPEDITION

ULB55916 **\$9995**

04 DODGE DAKOTA

US638318 **\$10995**

05 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS

UX669881 **\$11995**

05 CHEVROLET COBALT

N7566019 **\$11995**

05 FORD FREESTYLE

UGA54050 **\$13995**

05 JEEP LIBERTY

UW708966 **\$13995**

04 DODGE RAM1500 QUAD CAB

U250240A **\$12995**

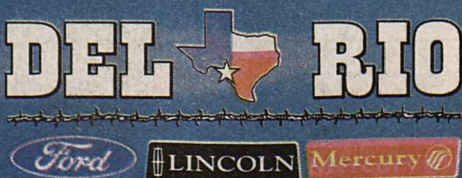
06 NISSAN ALTIMA

UN349130 **\$14995**

* On F150 Supercrew - \$1600 Supercabs w/ 46L and TX/OK Edition * Texas Edition plus 4.6 V8 * 1000 DWN & TTL 10% APR for 60 months. Sale Price \$9995 * Mileage may vary depending on driving conditions. **All Pre-owned certified

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