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Community

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."

SPIRIT SHIRTS FOR

The Brackett High Cheerleaders are taking orders for the 2009-2010 Spirit Shirts. All shirts are \$12 each ranging in child to adult sizes. Shirts may be pur-chased from Cheer Sponsor Chica Hernandez after 3:30pm in Room #2 in the Junior High Building. All orders must be pre-paid and turned in by September 29.

LIONS CLUB PLANS SPECIAL MEETING On Oct. 1, 2009, the Brackettville Lions Club will be hosting a special dinner meeting honoring Mr. Marion Wills. Mr. Wills was a charter member of the Brackettville Lions Club and Superintendent at BISD. Anyone who is a former Lion, who would like to become a Lion, who taught or attended school while Mr. Wills was there is invited to attend. RESERVA-TIONS ARE REQUIRED. If you want to attend Oct. 1st, FCS Service Club, please call 563-9229.

WATER BOARD MEETING TODAY Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District KCGCD will hold a Public Hearing of the Rules for 2009-2010 on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 1:00pm in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse located in

CYBER CAFE HOURS Kinney County Public Library Extends Hours Starting September 8th the Library Annex (now known as the Library's Cyber Cafe) will extend its hours until 8:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday nights, thanks to volunteers that have offered to monitor the cafe. The Cyber Cafe has 11 public PC's and wireless access for the public's use. Come in enjoy a cup of coffee and serf the net. For more information call 830-563-2884

KCCA DONATIONS The Kinney County Church Alliance is in need of financial donations. Due to the increase need in our community the Benevolence account is depleted. Please send your check to KCCA Benevolence Fund P.O Box 1109 Brackettville, Tx 78832. Your donations help purchase groceries, to pay utility bills, meet special needs of those who are struggling. For more information contact Nathan Lafrenz, Jean Reardon, Joe Goebel, or Jeff Jenca. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Creekside chef calls it quits

Benjamin says Dorris cheated her out of pay



Holly Benjamin

jamin resigned her position on shortages in her paychecks.

properly and was forced to resign. erty County.

Benjamin said that she has its owner/manager, she had to forty work hours per week. given them the benefit of the

September, 9, citing repeated ger of the restaurant is currently as little as \$6.25 per hour and has Benjamin, an employee for the be heard in a Houston court in eight hours last week from forty Creekside Restaurant located at October. The case involves plus hours per week in May. the golf facility on Fort Clark Dorris' non-payment of vendors Springs, stated she was not paid in a turnkey well project in Lib-wage is \$7.25 per hour.

been a loyal employee and, even ployment with Creekside Ben- than one occasion, but specifiin the face of all the controversy jamin agreed to be paid nine dol- cally on August 25, she affirmed

Creekside chef Holly Ben- doubt for more than six months. payWchecks, the chef said she she should have received if paid Billy Jack Dorris, owner-man-discovered that she had been paid at \$9 per hour. embroiled in a fraud case due to seen her hours decrease to about looking for another job, but feels

The current rate for minimum

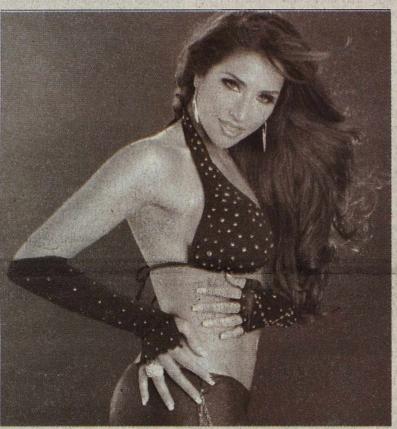
An inspection of Benjamin's In a recent review of her only \$50, or \$22 less than what tions either.

Benjamin says she is currently betrayed by the Dorrises.

Restaurant Owner Jacob Dorris said, via telephone Wednesday, that he did not know what we were talking At the beginning of her em- timesheets revealed that on more about and when pressed, said he was unable to comment on the situation. Jacob then said his surrounding the restaurant and lars an hour and be given thirty she worked a total of eight manger/father Billy Jack Dorris hours, but her gross pay was was not there to answer any ques-

A rose by any other name:

Hometown singer Jazmin Lopez releases new CD



By Katie Brown The Brackett News

Juanita and Ignacio Lopez were migrant workers who followed seasonal work from Texas to Wisconsin. It was 1980 and Ronald Reagan would be elected the 40th President of the United States. Juanita and Ignacio had returned to Texas and stopped to visit a cousin, Joe Garcia, who lived in Brackettville. They were amazed to find that the Garcia children spoke English so well and they wanted that for their children who only spoke Spanish. They were told that the school system here was like a private school with small were only allowed to speak En- very talented and very dediglish. They made the decision to move to Brackettville to raise one of four children, was three while.' years old and the second youngest at that time.

The Lopez' rented a place to Brackett. Juanita baked cookies and cakes out of their home to sell just as she baked and sold her baked goods in Wisconsin to supplement their income. They inquired about and eventually bought the empty building across from the school that had been vacant for years and

expanded their menu. Later the girls. "She did it so good quickly than most students". In they added hamburgers and fries that a man from the station reflection he wondered if he did with the school children in asked if I could bring her to the anything or if they even con-

In the meantime, Patricia began to take ballet classes through the Episcopal church here in Brackett. Juanita, who grew up in Guanajuato, Mexico, had attended Catholic schools and taken dance and piano lessons. activities. Gutierrez said, "I She wanted that for her girls too. always saw talent in Patty and achievement awards. Music and Little Patricia wanted to dance encouraged her to pursue her the arts permeated many of her and according to her mother, took classes for years. During this same time period, she began taking piano lessons, first in Del Rio and then in Brackett from Lynn McNew. McNew cated to her talent. She was a

Mom's Patricia was Patty to "Queen of Tejano Music". Selena had died in April of that year. Patty was thrilled to have in Del Rio and voice lessons been asked; she knew how to from McNew. "All she wanted dance but did not know that she to do was Selena's music," could sing. So, she mimicked McNew said. She sent her to questing things like tamales, TV station from Eagle Pass came professional. Rocco said that tortillas and barbacoa; so they up to record the performance of she "took what I gave her more

go', so I said well, take the other told Rocco how thankful she girls too." At this time, Juanita was for the help he had given was working at the school and her. was involved in many of the

the part of Selena in the pro- sports also. Rocco Fortunato classes and that the children recalled that, "She's always been York City which they could not one of her games and remarked afford and as Juanita and Ignacio on how well Patty played ball were both working to support and interacted with others. hard worker. She even played their family they declined. Her their children. Patricia Lopez, organ at church for a short mother recalled, "At the same studio and the producer in San said he could be a producer for everyone else. When Patty was her; she has everything she fourteen, Alma Gutierrez, a needs to be a singer. I said, she live before buying a lot in teacher at BISD, held the first doesn't sing, she just mimics. ever celebration for Cinco de He asked her to sing and handed Mayo and she asked Patty to be her a microphone. She sang and Selena Quintanilla-Perez, the he said 'See, she has everything she needs.

Patty took modeling classes

channel to do it over at the TV nected. She was obviously talstation," said her mother. "I ented. When she later returned told Alma and she said 'yes, let's to Brackett to visit family she

In school, she was a good student who received several activities including that as a Patricia was invited to come cheerleader and a band particito San Antonio to audition for pant. Patty was very active in posed movie on her life. It said that years later he ran into would require a trip to New an individual who had umpired

Patty started recording in a time, a man from San Antonio Antonio started seeking a record label. Meanwhile she looked for a group she could perform with and found Blue Magic and then with El Ultimo Tren in Del Rio. Her mother accompanied her to every practice and performance, protecting her daughter who was still in junior high school. In 1998 they went to a dance in Acuná. The group that was performing was Regional Del Bravo. The lead singer was impressed with Patty and she prior to that had been the Ti- the words. There was also a see Rocco Fortunato, the per- joined the group, but he held gers Den. People began re- Selena look-alike contest and a son for anyone wanting to go her back, not giving her many

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Water District seeks additional funding

for water study

By Diana Ward Special To The Brackett News Louis Rosenberg, attorney for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District reported to the Board of Directors that he and representatives of the United States Geological Survey had met with representatives of Laughlin Air Force Base to request funding for the Western Edwards Water Balance Study.

The purpose of the study is to determine how much water enters the county, how much is used, and how much leaves the county. The study includes Kinney, Edwards, and Val Verde counties.

"We met on the 13th," Rosenberg said. "I came down with two representatives, Mr. Joseph (state director) and George Ozuna (assistant state director) that made the presen-

tation. "The purpose was to take the study that we have outlined, that the board and the public has seen, and to give e Air Force the chance opt in if they want to participate either as stakeholders' status or actively, or the real money issue at stake is do you want to put some money in to help provide additional funding for the project. We briefed them on the status of the project which is two fold. The initial \$300,000 is underway for being expended and the \$200,000 from GS for this fiscal year is going towards monitoring equipment. They expect to have most of the \$500,000 committed before the end of the fiscal year which would be by the end of Sep-

"The Air Force representatives said that they want to participate in a staff of technical basis in any event, but our real request was to get them to put some money in the pot to help the science go further. One of the reasons that we want the Air Force in, from the point of view of USGS, is the more federal agencies they can have involved in it, the better chance they've got to get their funding level sustained for the full five years that we have projected for the project.

'The National Park Service from Lake Amistad member did not make any promises about participating on more than a will-attend-the-meeting basis. (United States) Fish and Wildlife (Service) was unable to schedule to come down here, but the people that we talked with in connection with the Devil's River minnow both were invited and understand what the project is. We were trying to get all those federal agencies on the same frequency.

This Week's Local Forecast

Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Sept. 10-16



Friday Thursday F-storms Likely T-storms 91/72 92/71



Saturday T-storms 91/69



Sunday T-storms 92/71

Precip Chance: 70% Precip Chance: 50% Precip Chance: 50% Precip Chance: 30% Precip Chance: 20% Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 10%



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Wednesday Partly Cloudy 92/70

Weather Trivia

Who developed the temperature scale?

Fahrenheit developed the scale. ul : Iswan Gabriel 1714,

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LETTER to the Editor

This is the second of the newspaper articles I have published. Kim Novak, well known journalist just passed away last week. He stated, "Love your country, NEVER trust your government!" truer words never spoken. Millions of well intentioned, good hearted Americans voted in Barack Obama hoping he would improve our government and way of life. When Obama started appointing "Czars", did the alarms go off in your head? Czars belongs in Russia, not in the United States of America! Where are Czars in the Constitution? Quietly, our president has surrounded himself with 36, soon to be 40, Czars. Every one of these Czars are self admitted communists, Socialist, and revolutionaries from the groups Apollo and Storm. The Czars appointed last week to be in charge of the environment, Van Jones, was a member of Storm. That's right, the left wing revolutionaries of which Robert Ayres is a member. Remember him? The man who blew up Federal buildings in the 80's? This man, Van Jones, worked for and with Robert Ayres. Millions upon millions of dollars are being given to these Czars and NO ONE knows where it is going! There is no accountability as they do not report to Congress! NONE of the Czars were vetted! Their backgrounds were not investigated by the senate as are all of the offices authorized by the constitution. These men do not report to or answer to congress, only to the President. Sounds like Nazi Germany again??? Where are the howls of protest?? We are beginning to see them in the TEA parties and in the Town Hall Meetings. These are not staged protest, these are honest hard working happening to our country. We are about to hand over to the government, every piece of information about our lives, so that beaurocrats can decide what is best for us with our health. We are not smart enough to choose the best and most economic insurance plan, we are not smart enough to choose the best Doctor. They need to do it for us. The well intentioned, honest people of this country voted for a man from whom the words flowed like honey. He said everything they wanted to hear. His words are not what he is. He went throughout the world apologizing for this great nation, telling the world that the imperialistic United states had been wrong in its foreign policy and that he would straighten it out. Colin Powell said it best, when he said, "the only land the United States has ever asked for was the land to bury its dead." We have poured billions into foreign nations for food / drought relief, Tsunami relief, aids relief. We have poured American blood into the lands of foreign nations in an effort to win freedom for the oppressed, and all we have asked in return was a handshake and a thank you. Instead, now we have a President apologizing for all that we have given. My father and all of his brothers fought in World War II and Korea. Some of them lost lung, eyesight, and mental peace. They fought for the country they loved, and for the constitution on which it was based. My father is now asking what has happened to the country he enlisted for and risked his life and limb for. Last week, in Massachusetts, a law was passed that allows the government to go into homes, WITHOUT A WARRANT, to destroy personal belongings, to confiscate material, all allowed if they fear that there is a chance of the spread of pademics from that home. What happened to the Bill of Rights? What happened to the Constitution??? Is Massachusetts the only state in which that can happen? We must return to the Constitution. We cannot go to the polls and blindly vote for people because what they say. We need to find out who and what we are voting for! You wont see the real person on CBS, NBC, ABC, or on CNN. They are after the ratings, not the truth. I am a Constitutionalist. I still believe in my country. But we are on a time clock and the clock is running. Please get on your knees and pray. Please write your congressmen and stop this threat that is as big a threat as Germany, Japan, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Russia or any other enemy we have ever faced. This enemy is hidden behind kind words that are heard by the gentle and kind hearted of this nation who want to believe them. But the threat is real. 1 Peter 5: 8 says the devil is like roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I submit to you the roaring lion is in our government, and we

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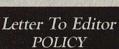
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Americans that are scared to death. Like me, they are terrified of what is knock! Knock! your neighborhood is being evacuated!



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here it is that time of year again when we are faced with the threat of evacuation from our homes. We never know when we this could happen because of fire, tornadoes, storms, floods or hurricanes. It is up to us to be prepared! Don't wait think this can't happen to you. We have seen power outages from ice storms and raging fires down under. Please take this plan and pull it together to help keep you calm in a storm. 1. PEOPLE: Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family. Include wholesome snacks and treats for the children: dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars. 2. PETS: Keep pet carriers and leashes readily available to lead pets to safety. Also take pet food with you. 3. PICTURES: Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moment's if you have to move fast. Color cramps too.

code it so you can find it!

to be refrigerated like insulin. Have small ice chest and cold and go. If you have babies; remember their formula or medications. 6. PURSES and PETRO: This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies and grab it. You may not be able to use an ATM in the event of a power outage. Make sure your car always has a half a tank of gas. 7. PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS: According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing: coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blanket, stuffed animal or toy. A game or a deck of cards could keep them occupied and calm too.

8. PLANNER/CALENDAR/ CONTROL JOURNAL: These documents have all the information you will need from phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you don't have to try to remember.

9. PERSONAL PROTECfolder that you can easily grab pared. Take medication for

10. PHONES, RADIOS, 5. PRESCRIPTIONS: Take FUEL FOR THE CAR: Many of your medications with you. us have cell phones now. Al-Don't forget the ones that have ways keep them charged up and have a charger in the car or an extra battery. They may not packs readily accessible to pack work in the event of power outages, but then they might. Know which local radio station has emergency bulletins. Keep your battery powered radio tuned to that local station and have plenty of batteries for it. Also keep a old type regular phone that does not operate with electricity. GAS PUMPS don't work without power either. You can't leave if your car is on empty. So keep your car fuel tank topped off when it hits a half of tank. This way you will have gas to drive at least a couple of hours. Evacuation routes are usually bumper to bumper traffic. Having a tank

filled will keep you less stressed. 11. PATIENCE: This is one of the most important things to pack. Keep it inside of you so that you have a clear calm head. Having your P's to Preparedness list guiding you will keep you patient. In the event of an evacuation there will be lots of displaced people. Being patient will make things less stressful. Your children need to see you calm and collected. This will help keep them calm too. We can TION: Many of us still have that FLY in the face of Danger and notice. 4. PAPERS: Have all time of the month. Be sure and Emergency if we are prepared. your important papers in a lock grab a box of your preferred pro- Don't wait till you are being box at a bank and only keep tection. It may be hard to find if asked to evacuate. Everyone copies at the house. This keeps you have been evacuated. Stress thinks that it could not happen you from panicking. If you have can cause our bodies to do to them. Well it could and it is them at home then put them in a strange things too. So be pre- up to you to make sure you are prepared. Don't wait! DO IT.

1 Gun, 2 person 2009 SEASON For more information

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The CITY OF SPOFFORD will hold a meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 14, 2009 at Spofford City Hall. To consider adopting a porposed tax rate for tax year 2009.

The proposed tax rate is 0.432900 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in CITY OF SPOFFORD 0.000000%.

Fort Clark

old a meeting at 9:00 A.M on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the M.U.D. Board Room to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year

The proposed tax is .017500 per \$100 of value. The proposed rate would increase total taxes in Fort Clark M.U.D. by 0.000000 %

LETTER to the Editor

Citizens of Brackettville: Rumors are the City of Brackettville is proposing increases in pay to council to \$1,000 per month each and \$60,000 per year for the City Manager. The budget shows we are to receive LESS revenue than last year.

We still have the \$30 per month extra charge on our gas bill above the actual usage.

If the City of Brackettville has such revenue to afford big salary increases, then why are we the citizens still paying an extra \$30 each month on top of the gas used? And our streets need repair, street signs are missing and not replaced.

Concerned citizens, please attend the next city council meeting and voice your opinion.

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A rose by any other name:

Hometown singer Jazmin Lopez releases new CD

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songs as he feared she would quickly usurp his position. After a few months, feeling stifled, Patty formed her own group Paty Y Su Milenio.

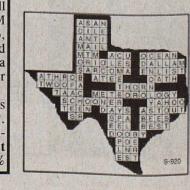
After Patty graduated high school she signed a contract with Servando Coano Rodriguez and the name of her group was changed to Paty Lopez and Boots. Through him they recorded under the record label Univision. Her music was being promoted across the southern United States and her career was just taking off when there was an accident that claimed the life of her sister Julie. Patty was devastated; they were very close. Univision agreed to give her time to heal.

She moved to San and worked as a waitress, a dental assistant and even as a licensed gym instructor teaching aerobics. On the weekends she performed with various groups and occasionally with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra. "She is the type of singer who can sing any time of music, from the Norteña Posada and Mariachi to Country or wedding music," said her mother. She could sing in English or Span-

Patty accepted a position with Univision in San Antonio to interview different performing groups. As Patty had performed with most of the Mexican groups, she knew all of

Still waiting for her big break, she worked with Univision for three years. Her mother encouraged her to live a good moral life and prayed that God would open a window for her. It happened. Univision in Los Angeles called for her to come out for an interview to host a program on MTVTr3 called ReMexa, a musical program. She was hired. At the same time she got a call to come to Chicago to perform Duranguense music, a type of Mexican music which originated in Chicago. She signed on with producer Pedro Avila and will tour with the Chicago group Alacranes Musical as their opening performance. Pedro changed her name to Jazmin Lopez, the name of her just released CD, "Noche de Copas".

Last weekend Jazmin was in Texas and performed at a festival in Houston. Her extremely proud mother was, of course, there to support her Patricia.



We hope to see you there!! Sanjiv R. Kumar, M.D., P.A.

You're invited

Wayne & Babe Russell Birthday Party!!!!

Wayne and Babe Russell will host a joint birthday party on

Friday, September 11, at the Uvalde Adult Activity Center.

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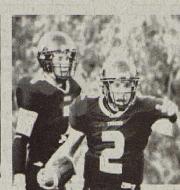
Tiger Gridiron Thomas Hurney

ball (and in other sports too, I six yards in three plays and had matter are the ones on the next, which is an awful thing for six seconds, max. scoreboard. Such was the case a reporter to have to admit, but Friday night at Tiger stadium, there it is. As I said before, the deciding vote in such matas an opportunistic Harper team Harper had to kick, and the Ti-ters, and he decided that the play topped Brackett 28-13 in the gers had the football, but at hadn't ended, that a fumble had Tiger's home opener.

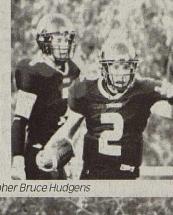
Sam Stewart

typical (i.e., methodical) horn touchdown. Brackett drive with a four-yard thetics, but it succeeded, which thought that the play was over, is all that matters (see above) and as did the fans, the coaches, the Tigers led 7-0.

There's an old adage in foot- their own 41, but gained only some point a routine running









The Tigers scored first, as play became a loose (stripped?) junior Sam Stewart capped a ball, and, seconds later, a Long-

Tiger Page

At issue is the amount of time touchdown run on a second and that passed between the end of goal. The PAT kick wouldn't the play and the referee's have won many awards for aes- whistle. The home-team kids Cash and I, and people who live The Longhorns took over at in 'tents on the steppes of Mongolia, who don't know that much about American football, imagine) that at the end of the to punt. To be honest with you, but they can tell you that a typigame the only numbers that I'm not sure what happened cal play should only run about

At any rate, the referee casts occurred, and that Harper had scored, so that was that. The PAT was good, and the two teams were tied at seven apiece, with just over nine minutes remaining in the half.

More fireworks in the second half, as Harper's Johnny Martinez took the second half kickoff all the way to the house, as they say. The Longhorns led 14-7, but the Tigers, unfazed, came right back with a 13-play, 72-yard drive, culminating in a 10-yard touchdown run by Sam Stewart, his second of the evening. The extra point was botched, though, and Brackett trailed by one.

Harper quarterback Jake Whitten is not possessed of a rocket arm, but he is resourceful, and he can run. He kept two Longhorn touchdown drives alive with his feet, and took it in himself on a quarterback keeper from the Brackett three to put the visitor's up 28-13, and thus the game ended with the Tigers on the wrong end of that 28-13 tally. Brackett hosts traditional rival Rocksprings Friday night at Tiger Stadium, with kickoff set for 7:30. As departed Cowboy's wideout Terrell Owens would say, bring your popcorn, because this should be a good one

The Tigerette Traveler



Morgan Knox

This summer I was lucky enough to visit New York City, New York. I had a lot of fun. New York City is about 32 hours from Brackettville. To get into New York City we had to go in a tunnel that went under a river. My first impression of the city was "WOW, COOL! There are a lot of high buildings." My tour was on a double-decker bus. I saw a lot of people, they were always getting in front of the cars, even on a green light! We started in Times Square. There were theatres and people selling things. We went past the humongous Empire State Building. There are 181 floors. It was a cloudy day and we could not even see the top. We went to China Town, which is a section of the city where Chinese people had immigrated. All the signs were in Chinese. Our next stop was the Statue of Liberty. You

catch the ferry in Battery Park. tery Park there were people per-

There was a huge metal ball with a forming and dressed up like the flame burning near it. The guide told Statue and even Spiderman. We us it had landed there from the World ran back to our tour bus, we Trade Center on 9/11. It is now a mealmost missed it. As we went to morial to that day. The Statue of our next stop we passed the Liberty was awesome! The ferry Brooklyn Bridge, which is over went over the rough water, I 100 years old. We ended with slipped and slid on the deck, and the United Nations, and Cenfelt kind of sick. France gave tral Park. In the park there was the statue to the US as a gift. a pond with ducks, you could There was a guy dressed up as rent a horse carriage to take you the designer of the Statue who around the park. The air was nice my sister and I got to talk to. I and cool, and it was raining a bought a crown and a torch so little. We left New York after that I could go as the Statue of seeing the lights come on in Liberty for Halloween. When Times Square. It was quite a we returned on the ferry to Bat- thrill, I would love to live there!



Brackett VB vs. Carrizo



The Varsity Volleyball team was defeated by Carrizo Springs on September 8, 25-19, 23-25, 25-14; 25-23, 15-13.

Game contributors were: Aces — Rachael Nash(1), Digs Nena Molinar(19), Kills — Paige Nowlin(8), Setting -Cheyenne Billings(18) and Blocks — Paige Nowlin (1).

The next Varsity Volleyball game will play in Brackett against Utopia on Saturday, September 12.

Pictured at left: Brackett Varsity Volleyball Team.





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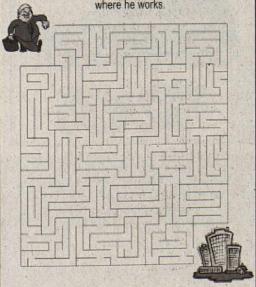
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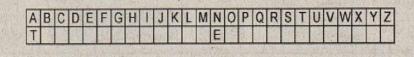
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Hint: Quote by Larry King



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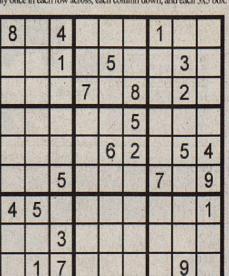
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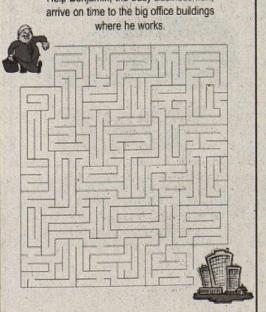
Sudoku

Page 6 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every

Answer

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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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

informed of the situation.

Saturday, August 29 12:55pm, A woman called to report a reckless driver traveling on Hwy 90 headed West. A deputy

was informed of the situation. 2:22pm, A man came into the SO to report a vehicle was traveling very close to him while driving on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified.

3:52pm, A man called to report a U-Haul truck was traveling with the back door open and spilling paperwork all over Hwy 90. A deputy was

5:17pm, An alarm company called to report a alarm was going off at the school. A deputy was advised of the

11:43pm, A woman called to report a suspicious man walking through her yard screaming. A deputy was A deputy was notified. notified of the situation.

Sunday, August 30 12:08am, Jesse Sanchez, 28, of Brackettville, was arrested for

still being held at press time. 2:08am, A woman called to report she could see a male and female arguing across the street. one in the area. A deputy was notified of the situ-

report a fight which resulted in wanted a deputy to come by her two individuals being arrested.

2:30am, Michael R. Valenzuela, 39, of Sonora, was arrested for assault, family violence and public intoxication. Valenzuela is still be-questing to speak with a deputy. ing held at press time.

2:30am, Graciela, M. enroute to the location. Valenzuela, 29, of Brackettville,

was arrested for assault, family requesting a welfare check on about a situation involving his leased on a \$1,200, bond.

Monday, August 31 11:57am, A 911 call was received from a man stating his wife had taken his truck and he did not know where she was. A deputy was

7:13pm, A man called 911 stating a semi truck was driving recklessly, traveling East bound on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

Tuesday, September 1

9:58am, A call was received from FCS Security requesting a deputy to kill a deer that had a broken leg. A deputy was notified and stated the deer was already dead.

10:49am, A woman called to report a reckless driver on Hwy 90 heading East. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

7:54pm, A woman called stating her trailer hinge had been stolen and it may have been her neighbor. A deputy was notified.

Wednesday, September 2 4:45am, A woman called to re-

residence behind hers in the alley. 8:46am, A man called request-

ing to speak with a deputy in reference to his mother. A deputy was informed. public intoxication. Sanchez is

5:30pm, A call was received from VVSO to report a stranded motorist on Hwy 277 South. A deputy was notified but found no

9:55pm, A woman called stating she thought someone was 2:25am, A deputy called to breaking into her house and she house. A deputy was dispatched to the residence.

Thursday, September 3 9:48am, A woman called re-A deputy was informed and

OBITUARY

Hector R. Pena

April 23, 1942 - September 4, 2009

ettville, entered into eternal rest with the Lord on Friday,

September 4, 2009 in Del Rio. He was born April 23, 1942

in Brackettville. Hector was an extremely devoted husband,

father, grandfather, and brother. He served 3 years active

duty with the United States Army. Following the military,

Hector worked with Civil Service at Laughlin AFB and re-

tired after 41 years. Preceding him in death were his par-

ents, Antonia R. Peña and Guadalupe T. Peña; brother,

Armando Peña and son, Hector Peña Jr. Family members

left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 42

years, Hortencia O. Peña; son, Adrian Peña and wife Laura

J.; daughter, Regina P. Salinas and husband Rudy; grand-

daughters, Cheyenne Peña and Kaitlyn Lopez; grandson,

Jacob Lopez, all of Brackettville; sister, Juanita Gamey and

husband Jose of Del Rio; and brother, Robert Peña and wife

Elva of Mission, Tx. Funeral services were scheduled for

Monday, September 7, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary

Magdalene's Catholic Church in Brackettville. Interment

was follow at the Catholic Cemetery. Full military honors

Signup for livestock indemnity

"Program Ends Sept.14"

(Uvalde/TX), Sept. 4, 2009 - Uvalde-Kinney-Maverick-Real

County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Di-

rector Nancy R Condit reminds eligible ranchers and live-

stock producers of the Sept. 14 deadline for applying for

benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Indemnity

Program for calendar year 2008 and 2009 losses that oc-

curred on or before July 12, 2009.. The Livestock Indem-

nity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for

livestock deaths resulting from an eligible natural disas-

ter. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract grow-

ers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortal-

ity due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurri-

canes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat

and extreme cold. The following table provides the final

dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment

Date of Livestock Death - Calendar Year 2008, Jan. 1,

2009 to July 12, 2009, July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009

Final Date to File a Notice of Loss - Sept. 13, 2009, Sept.

Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment - Sept

for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

13, 2009, 30 days after death is apparent

will be presented by the United States Army.

At the age of 67 years, Hector Reschman Peña, of Brack-

12:41pm, A woman called

ceiving calls from a unknown number. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Community

6:52pm, A woman called stating she need a deputy at her residence because she was having problem with a individual. A deputy was

Friday, September 4 10:08am, A 911 call was re-

ceived from a man stating there had been a one vehicle roll over accident on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was dispatched to the scene, no injuries were reported.

that he had gotten a report of a possible break in. He advised that some guns had been stolen 6:00pm, A man called stating

there was a possible intoxicated driver. A deputy was informed. Saturday, September 5 1:10am, A 911 call was received

from a unknown caller stating there ceived to report a one vehicle was a under age individual drinking. A deputy was notified. 1:42am, A call was received from

port loud music coming from the Fort Clark Spring Security stating someone at the gate wanted to report a assault. A deputy was dis-

SO to speak with a deputy to ation.

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violence. Valenzuela was re- her mother because she was re- daughter. A deputy was notified. 9:17pm, A call was received

about a man beating up on his girlfriend. A deputy was notified.

9:30pm, Armando Estrada, 37, of Brackettville, was arrested for aggravated assault causing severe bodily injury to a family member and family violence. Estrada is still being held at press time.

11:17pm, A man called to report minors were breaking glass at the commissary at the Fort. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, September 6

2:15am, A woman called to re-10:19am, A deputy radioed in port that a unknown man was on her porch. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Monday, September 7

1:07am, Fort Clark Security called to report there was graffiti at the Fort Clark Springs. A deputy

1:19pm, A 911 call was reroll over accident on Hwy 90 West. A deputy and EMS were dispatched to the scene, one individual was transported to Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

11:56pm, A woman called 911 patched to the location to take state- to report two individuals trying to break into a residence. A 5:33pm, A man came into the deputy was advised of the situ-

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND NOTICE FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS. Request for Proposals: Middle Rio Grande **Development Council announces** the availability of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2010 in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Regional Funding available this year is up to \$71,402.00. Eligible project categories under this include: Enforcement, Source Reduction and Recycling, Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Regis tered Transfer Stations, Household Hazardous Waste Management, Installation of Scales at MSW Landfills, Technical Studies and Local Solid Waste Management Plans, River and Lake Clean-upsand Texas Country Clean-ups, Educational and Training Projects. Eligible applicants are: Cities, Counties, Public Schools and School Districts, General and Special Law Districts and Regional Planning Commissions (Councils of Governments) in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council service delivery area. Please note that as per TCEQ guidelines, applications for the collection and/or transportation of MSW are not eligible for funding, furthermore, as a matter of policy the MRGDC Board does not solicit applications for soft costs. For more information on this request for project proposals, and/or a copy of an application packet, please contact: Mario A. Chavez, Solid Waste Coordinator, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX, 78834, phone (830) 876-1286. Proposals shall be accepted until 5 P.M.- October 12, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY ROAD MAP In order to confirm county maintained roads by Kinney County and to be in compliance with Texas Transportation code \$258.002, a map indicating the location of said roads will be available for public inspection in the Kinney County District Clerks office. A public hearing to confirm and adopt the road map will be held on October 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kinney County Courtroom.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING ON PROPOSED 2009-2010 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICEOF INCREASE **OF OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Pursuant to 111.00/5 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Brackettville, TX. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the Proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes any salaries, expenses, or allowances of each elected county official that are proposed to be increased; and the amount of the proposed increases.

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