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BRIEFS

Rabies Vaccination Clinic
Saturday, April 2, 2005. City Hall. 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. \$7.00 per animal.
Distemper/Parvo will be available upon request.

Fort Clark Ladies Golf
Game F & T's minus 1/2 handicap. Winners were Sharon Boucher, 1st place; Sheri White, 2nd place; Orlene Aivis, 3rd place. Tie for 4th place were Dianne Daniels and Barb Miller.

Support group
There is some interest in the Brackettville area for an Alzheimers and related dementia support group. The first meeting will be April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Slator Hall, 210 James St. For more information contact Jewel Robinson at 563-2852.

LEPC hosting raffle
The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090.

Cajun Fest in Del Rio
The Whitehead Memorial Museum invites you to Cajun Night. Saturday, April 2 at the museum grounds, 1308 S. Main Street. All you can eat dinner with shrimp, crawfish, fried catfish, hushpuppies and french fries. Beer will be sold by the pitcher. Food served from 6 to 8 p.m. with entertainment from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$20 at the door; \$7 for kids (\$12 at the door).

Sorority chooses new officers

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the beautiful O'Keeffe residence on Thursday, March 24, 2005. A lovely lunch was served by hostess, Donieta O'Keeffe and a program was presented by Kathy Kardus on photography. Officers were chosen as follows: Dee Curry, President; Donieta O'Keeffe, Vice-President; Joy Ralston, Treasurer and Elizabeth Goebel, Secretary.

Booths available for City Festival

To set up a booth for the Spring Festival, sponsored by the City of Brackettville and Kinney County, contact City Hall at 563-2412. The event is Saturday, April 23 at the civic center. Booths are 10 x 10 and available for \$25 each. Bring your own tables and chairs. Deadline is Monday, April 4.

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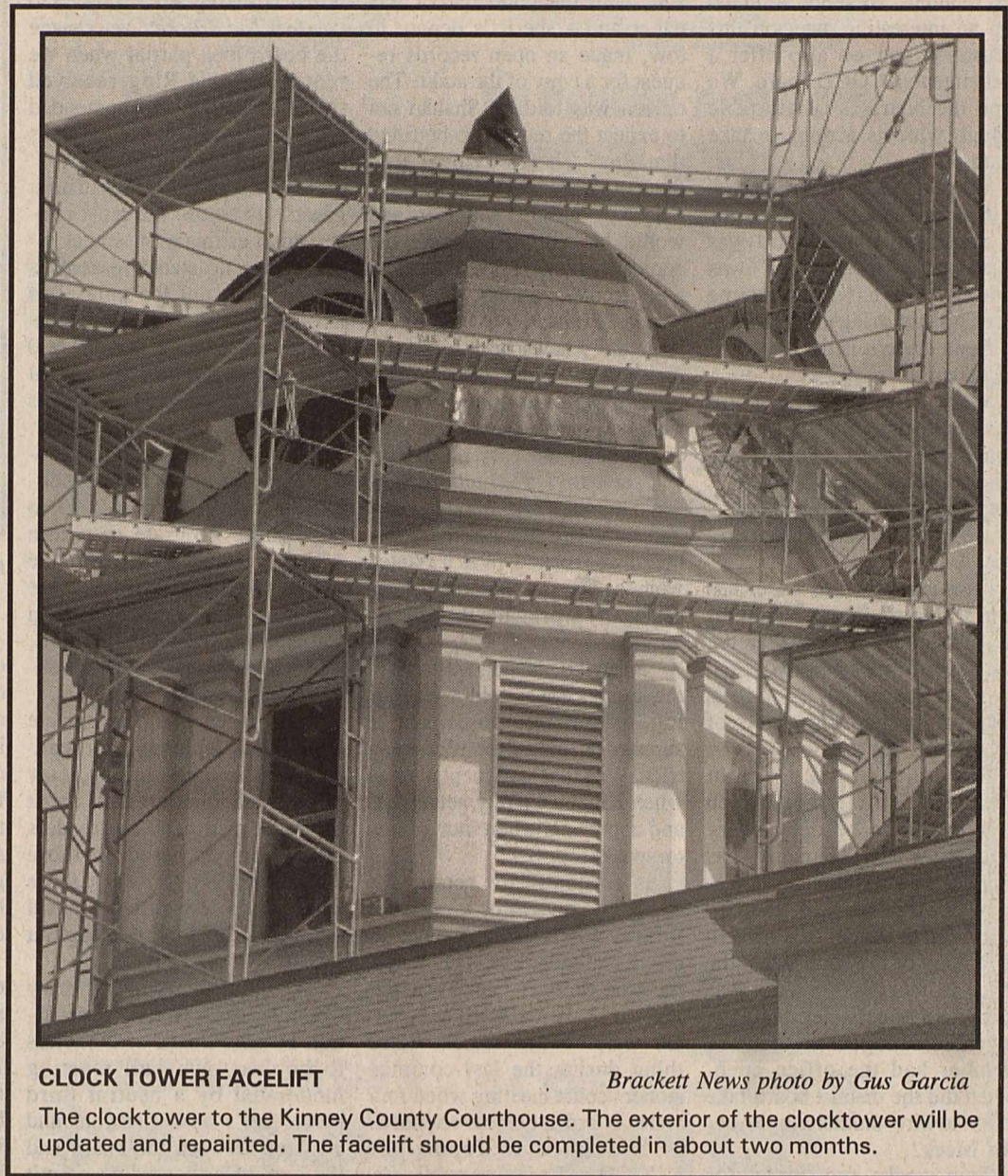
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Free HazMat course offered

Kinney County EMS is sponsoring a two-day Hazardous Materials class for beginners. This class is for recognition of hazardous materials and their safe handling, or to recognize to be a safe distance away from the hazard. Included is an Incident Management System class teaching the duties of all responders in the event of a HazMat incident. The classes are on April 9 and 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, held at the Civic Center. Cost is free. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The first person driving up on a Hazardous spill may be you. Contact EMS at 563-9090 to leave your name, or just show up at the door on the day of the class. The class will be taught by Wayne Prall, Corpus Christi Battalion chief and Halo Flight Medic.

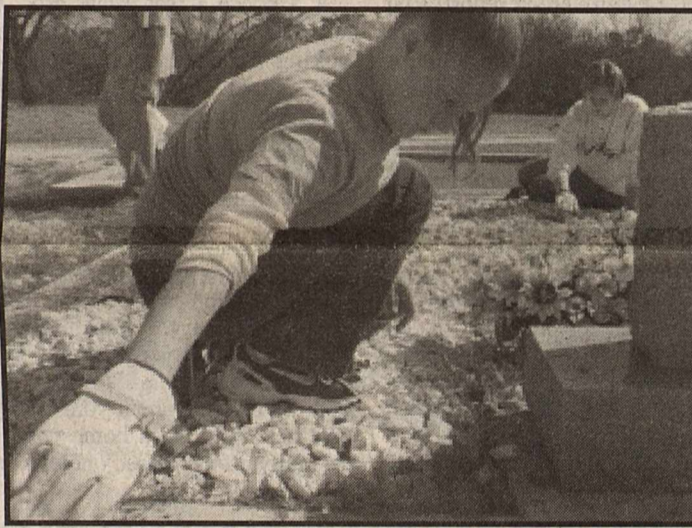
Court ratifies bills; hires temp worker

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met to approve and discuss the hiring of a temporary short-term maintenance person. So far, no applications had been received, but Albert Payne, foreman for the Kinney County Maintenance Crew gave his recommendation of hiring a temporary employee for the post. The temporary worker would be covered under the county's insurance. The court approved the hiring of a temporary employee for 520 hours at \$7.50 per hour. The court also discussed the \$60,000 shortfall in the justice of the peace budget. Judge John Ford noted that the county is down \$20,000 in ticket fees from last year. The court also ratified Kinney County Detention Center receipts and disbursements. The county ratified \$13,552.70 for the month of January.



CLOCK TOWER FACELIFT
The clocktower to the Kinney County Courthouse. The exterior of the clocktower will be updated and repainted. The facelift should be completed in about two months.

Laughlin Airmen help refurbish Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery



Airmen 1st Class Jennifer Whitesides and Jessica Johnson, 47th Medical Group, help clear debris around the headstone of a grave.

By Airmen 1st Class
Olufemi Owolabi
37th FTW
Public affairs

Seventeen Laughlin members trooped out as a team March 18 to refurbish the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery near Brackettville. The group of XLers mowed grass and cut weeds around headstones during the project to clean up the cemetery. "This project lets the community know that we care about them...and when we get involved with the community around us, I believe it makes the community want to be more involved with the base," said Senior Airman Jennifer Whitesides, 47th Medical Group

bioenvironmental engineering flight apprentice. Airman Whitesides, who also volunteered in last year's project at the cemetery, said it was a good project to be involved with. The cemetery is the burial site of four Medal of Honor recipients. It is maintained by the Seminole Indian Scouts Association, a group of scout descendants. The project creates a positive relationship between the Brackettville community and Laughlin. It also shows that Laughlin not only cares for their own members, but they care for others. Airman 1st Class Jessica Johnson, 47th Medical Operations Squadron, said she volun-

teered for the project so that she could make an impact in the community other than the base. "(Before I decided to volunteer), I thought it would be nice to do something for the community and not just for the base," Airman Johnson said. "I think the community of Brackettville really appreciated our help and I am sure all of us were proud to do it." Furthermore Airmen Johnson said she would love to participate again whenever the time for another project comes. A group of Laughlin volunteers periodically help maintain the cemetery as needed. Laughlin members were also joined by members of Randolph Air Force Base's 19th Air Force to clean up the cemetery.

Kinney Water District Accused of Ignoring own permit rules

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By Colleen Schreiber
Texas Livestock Weekly

BRACKETTVILLE — If only they could go back. That's what many resident landowners in Kinney County are now saying about their decision to vote in a water district here.

Some eight months after initiating the process, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District has finally completed all of the evidentiary permit hearings for the 42 applicants who filed for historic and existing use permits. But the fight is far from over.

The board has voted on permit amounts for the majority of the applications. There were some clear winners and some clear losers, the majority falling into the second category. None of the applicants really expected to be permitted for the full amount they sought, but they had hoped that everyone would be treated fairly under the district's rules. Some contend that was not the case. The Kinney County Groundwater District has a three-tiered permitting system. "Existing use" permits are the senior-most water right, followed by "historic" and then "new" use. If water has to be rationed in the county, new users are to be cut first, followed by historic use and then existing use.

In the case of Kinney County, the district's rules define "historic use" to mean the time period between Jan. 1, 1960 and Dec. 31, 1991. "Existing use" is from Jan. 1, 1992 through Jan. 7, 2003, while "new use" is anything after that time period. The rules say applicants are

entitled to the maximum amount of water beneficially used without waste in any one given year during the specified historic use period.

Landowners unhappy with the outcome contend it was evident early in the hearing process that some board members were not interested in following their own rules. They also insist that those members also dismissed the recommendations made by Steve Walthour, a disinterested third-party expert hired by the district to review all permit applications.

Walthour's charge was not only to review the evidence presented by the applicants but also to come up with a recommended allocation for each applicant based on the evidence presented.

Walthour came to Kinney County with plenty of experience, as he was the one who reviewed the thousand or so permits filed with the Edwards Aquifer Authority. When it came time to vote on permit applications, however, the majority of the Kinney County board acted contrary to Walthour's recommendations.

Kinney County board member Beth Ann Smith says she was taken aback at her fellow board members' behavior. Smith, elected in November, is the newest member of the board. She also is the only landowner who makes her living in agriculture. She questioned each case in which fellow board members made motions to deviate significantly from Walthour's recommended figure, and says the standard answer was "the evidence is in the file."

"I have no clue as to how other board members ultimately made their decisions on permit amounts," Smith says. "Walthour's recommenda-

tions were supported by evidence, but when I tried to find out the particular evidence that the other board members relied on, in every instance, they refused to engage in any discussion.

"They obviously had their minds made up ahead of time and were carrying out some agenda other than applying the evidence to the district's rules," she insists. "Also, in every instance where they went against Walthour's recommendations, they went below his number. They never departed up, only down."

There was one exception. Board member Chris Ring was the only applicant who received more water than Walthour recommended. Ring was granted more than twice the amount recommended. His claim was primarily based on spring flow and not agricultural use. Ring asked for and received a permit for water that is simply flowing out of the ground and into the creek, though spring flow is not considered a "beneficial" use.

Ring claimed 7160 acre-feet of historic annual use. He also claimed the same amount for existing use. Based on the evidence provided by Ring, Walthour recommended 516 acre-feet for historic use and 241 acre-feet for existing use. The board, however, voted to grant 1095-acre feet for historic use, 212 percent of Walthour's recommendation, and 360 acre-feet for existing use, 149 percent of Walthour's recommendation.

Rules require that the larger of the two amounts be permitted, thus Ring was granted a permit which allows him to use 1095 acre-feet of water on an annual basis. From the beginning, even be-

fore the water district was formed, two distinctly different water camps arose in Kinney County — those who live on the land and make some or the majority of their income from the land, and those who live in town, who worry that irrigators and water marketers are going to pump the county dry.

As one landowner described it, "In the permitting process you were branded by which side of the courtroom you sit in." Austin-based attorney Paul Terrill represents a handful of landowners who had their permit applications significantly cut.

"Everyone knows what's going on here," Terrill says. "They're trying to stop water marketing, and to do that they made a decision to issue historic use permits in the smallest amount possible."

Terrill does not represent any so-called "water marketers," yet he contends his clients got "slaughtered" in the permitting process because the board disregarded its own rules.

A case in point, he says, is Toledo Boulware, who has a 4100-acre farm of which 3000 acres were irrigated during the historic period. Boulware claimed a little more than 17,000 acre-feet of water. Walthour recommended a little more than 15,000 acre-feet, but the district voted to give him approximately 6600 acre-feet.

"Boulware got cut by almost 9000 acre-feet, or about 44 percent of what Walthour recommended," Terrill says. Another client, Justin Burk, currently farms alfalfa. Burk was able to prove up 4085 acre-feet and Walthour agreed with that figure, yet the board cut his historic use permit by almost 70

percent. The amount permitted is so small, Terrill says, that in a dry year it's possible Burk would run short of water and most likely would not be able to get the six to seven cuttings of alfalfa he's used to getting. And Burk, unlike many in Kinney County, has the more modern, more efficient center pivot LEPA system.

In almost every case, those protesting the permit requests contended that applicants who flood irrigate instead of using the more modern, water-efficient system were being wasteful and should be entitled to only the amount of water necessary to grow crops using drip irrigation.

It appears the board tended to agree, but Terrill says that in doing so, the board strayed from its own rules. Nowhere in the rules is there mention of irrigation efficiency as a basis for permitting of historic or existing use, he points out.

"The property that is now owned by Justin Burk was irrigated back in the 1960s using unlined ditches and furrow flood," Terrill notes. "The protesters and the board have attempted to apply modern standards of waste to what was not wasteful back in the 1960s. Not only was it not wasteful, it was customary. That was the norm."

In general, Terrill says rather than follow their own rules to determine maximum historic use, the board tended to allocate permits based on the lesser amount of the figure proposed by Steve Walthour or an amount proposed by Al Blair, an expert presented by the protestants. If either of those two figures were higher than three acre-feet, they capped the permit at three acre-feet per acre. See Water/Page 7

EDITORIAL

Last Friday this newspaper was publicly accused of being slanted by Duke Meek, a board member of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD). The following is our rebuttal. We hope to show you an interesting slant on this accusation and we also offer a challenge to KCGCD board. We hope the board is comfortable enough with its actions to take us up on it.

Meek announced the reason he had not thanked voters for electing him to the board was because the "local paper" was slanted. We have to assume Meek was referring to The Brackett News since it is the only "local paper".

Meek cited no instances of bias reporting. So we are left wondering if he disagrees with editorial beliefs of this paper or simply doesn't want the facts concerning the water district reported.

Case in point, this paper has been trying to obtain a copy of the district's '04 audit for the past several weeks. Why would we want the audit? To write a story on the financial status of the district.

For the past six to eight weeks the district office, which is supposed to be open every Wednesday and Thursday, has only been open a few days. We know because we have gone by every day to check. It is hard to get a copy of the audit when the office is not open. When it was open, someone other than the general manager or a board member had the office open. When did the district board take action to hire another employee, Mr. Meek?

Two weeks ago our editor made an appointment with Darlene Shahan the district's general manager. When he arrived half an hour early last Wednesday afternoon Shahan waved at him as she left the office. Shahan had placed a note on the office door saying it was closed due to illness. When he caught up to Shahan at her husband's office she denied having ever made the appointment.

Is it suspicious the office was closed 30 minutes prior to an appointment with the editor of the "local newspaper"? Who was sick?

The following day a local citizen, with the publisher of this paper and a sheriff's deputy in tow, made an open records request for a copy of the audit. The citizen was told by Shahan not to expect the request to be filled that day. The individual told Shahan they had brought their own copy machine with them and would be willing to make the copies. Shahan refused to allow them to make copies.

The Brackett News called a large daily newspaper to inform them of the water district's refusal to release open records. That newspaper received a copy of the audit the very next day.

Meek told the audience, at last Thursday's meeting, everyone in Austin thought the water board was related. Was it slanted when he failed to mention he occasionally works for the Shahan family?

When the meeting was started the audience was told it was for informational purposes, not in support or opposition of the district. Was that statement slanted when Kinney County permittees and applicants were not invited to speak?

Is it slanted to report the KCGCD board of directors formed a quorum when five directors attended last Thursday's meeting at Fort Clark Springs RV park? Is it slanted to report the water board did the same thing during the last commissioners court meeting when four water board members attended? Is it slanted to report the KCGCD did not post public notice as required by law for either of these meetings they attended in quorum?

Is it slanted to report the board has repeatedly violated the open meetings and open records acts? Is it slanted to report the district violates its own rules? Is it slanted to report when the district violates state law? Is it slanted to report the district's attorneys keep quitting?

Is it slanted to report the percentage of Steve Walthour's recommendations for permit applicants versus what the board granted? Do you not want the public to know what actions the board is taking Mr. Meek? Do you feel The Brackett News made the board look partial when we reported Chris Ring received twice the amount recommended by Walthour from you and his fellow board members?

Is it slanted when the district grants far below the most conservative estimate of annual recharge for no stated reason? Is it slanted to tell the public we have no science, yet it has been known since 1962 that 70,000 acre feet is the average annual recharge in Kinney County? Is it slanted to tell the public Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board confirmed that number in 2003 to be 69,500, accurate to within 1%? Is it slanted to report the number is conservative because it does not include the Austin Caulk aquifer or any rainfall, recharge or underflow from adjoining counties?

This paper would appreciate Duke Meek telling us, our readers, and his constituency, how it is slanted to report facts about the water district. If our readers form opinions based on those facts, did the paper slant those opinions or where they slanted by the actions of the district board?

We challenge the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors to hold a town hall meeting moderated by a neutral third party. Let's have questions and answers between the board and the permittees regarding permit application and the effect of district rules and decisions. Then the public can decide who is presenting slanted views or giving preferential treatment.

The Brackett News reports the news; elected officials make the news. If you don't like the facts reported Mr. Meek, change them, the newspaper doesn't have that option.

Big Mama Sez! Live today as if it were the last.

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MUD Road Bond election

Submitted by Larry Sofaly With the recent talk of a bond election to repair the roads on Fort Clark, questions and rumors have been flying!!!! Who can vote? Where do I vote? Who will pay for the bonds? How much will my taxes increase? Well hopefully, this letter will answer most of your questions. Our engineer Ron Rosin, Bob Walker and myself took a day and a half to drive every road on Fort Clark. Roy Rosin evaluated each road as to the extent of repair required. He took the information and developed a preliminary engineering report. The report includes roads that need very little or no repairs to roads that are unpaved and require paving.

So, here we go!!!! The election will be held May 7, 2005 at the board room of the Municipal Utility District. The purpose of the election is to approve a \$5.4 million dollar bond issue and Municipal Utility District operation and maintenance tax to pave and repair all streets on Fort Clark Springs Association Property. Who can vote? You must be a registered voter in either Precinct 1 or 4 and you must be a resident on Fort Clark Springs. Who will be taxed? Every landowner on the Fort will be taxed according to the value of their property as listed with the Kinney County Appraisal District. How much will I be taxed? If all of the roads on the Fort are repaired, you will be taxed \$1.09 per \$100.00 valuation of your property. However, I anticipate we will use about \$2.2 million on this project. In that case, your tax would be about \$.45 per \$100 valuation. Some examples of tax rates follow: if your property were valued at \$20,000.00, your tax would be \$90.00 a year: \$50,000.00 property would be taxed at \$225.00 a year and \$120,000.00 property value would be taxed at \$540.00 per year. I know these are only a few of the questions that are out there. If you have further questions, please feel free to call or stop by the MUD office and ask. Our number is 563-2828.

Ten steps to owning your own home

- 1. Obtain a credit report. You can request a free online credit report from any of the major credit-reporting agencies - Equifax, Transunion or Experian. 2. Attend a home-buying workshop conducted by HUD, real estate organizations or lenders. These will guide you through the basics of the home-buying process and outline a to-do list on how to proceed. At these workshops, you can learn about HUD down payment and closing cost assistance and grant programs, your eligibility and how to apply for these. HUD plays a large role in homeownership by making loans available for lower- and moderate-income families. 3. Contact a lender. Lenders can help pre-qualify you for loans and help you determine your buying power. Pre-qualification is an informal but necessary way to see how much you may be able to borrow. Without any obligation, this helps you arrive at an estimate of the amount you may have available to spend on a house. 4. Choose a real estate broker. Determine what you are looking for in a home. Your home should fit the way you live, with spaces and features that appeal to the whole family. Before you begin looking at homes, make a list of your priorities. 5. Do your homework. Visit several homes. Ask lots of questions. Research home prices in the area before you bid on the home of your choice. Take pictures. Make notes. 6. Be realistic about your capabilities. Aim for a home you can really afford, based on what you earn and what you owe.

7. Determine what type of loan program is best for you. Lenders now offer several affordable mortgage options which can help first-time homebuyers overcome obstacles that made purchasing a home difficult in the past. Lenders may now be able to help borrowers who don't have a lot of money saved for the down payment and closing costs, have no or a poor credit history, have quite a bit of long-term debt or have experienced income irregularities. 8. Enlist a home inspector. He or she will bring out potential problems that could require costly repairs down the road. An inspector checks the safety of your potential new home. 9. Buy a home insurance policy. A paid homeowner's insurance policy is required at closing, so arrangements will have to be made prior to that day. Plus, involving the insurance agent early in the home buying process can save you money. 10. Enjoy your home and invest in it. Owning a home has many benefits. When you make a mortgage payment, you are building equity. Owning a home also qualifies you for tax breaks that assist you in dealing with your new financial responsibilities like insurance, real estate taxes and upkeep.

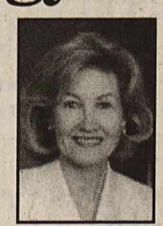
Texans say top priorities are taxes, energy and transportation

This January, a new Congress will be sworn in and will begin setting its legislative priorities. As I contribute to the process on behalf of Texas, I use information I gather from many sources, including my annual Listening Post. In this year's survey on domestic issues, you provided excellent feedback and suggestions for dealing with energy, transportation, tax relief, legal reform, and more. The largest number of responses came in support of tax relief measures that, without congressional action, are set to expire in 2011. More than any other provision, the respondents said, relief from the Marriage Penalty was the item to preserve. Permanent elimination of the Death Tax, lower marginal tax rates on all income brackets, and maintenance of the higher child tax credit were also heavily supported. Gordon and Nancy, from Richardson, summed up their position on tax relief in this way: "We don't want this relief so much for ourselves as we do for our children and their children. "We had hoped to leave them with a better world than the one we have now, or at least similar to what we remember from our growing up years." Other comments were short and to the point. Lee, from Austin wrote: "The alternative minimum tax needs reform." "Eliminate the income tax and IRS and institute a consumption tax," was the terse reply of Stephen, of Highlands. Dale, who lives in Flower Mound, said he favored elimination of the Marriage penalty, lower marginal tax rates, and the higher child tax deduction, and added, "I also want a balanced budget."

Legal reform questions generated a large number of reactions. The greatest number approved prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Medical liability and tort reform drew many responses on both sides. Fern, from Beaumont, argued, "Lawsuits and the threat of lawsuits are the only way to keep big business from putting out bad products and taking advantage of the little guy." Carolyn, who hails from Friendswood, had a different take, saying she wants to see tort reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits from driving up insurance for doctors. "I lost my OB-GYN for this reason, and he was the best doctor I ever had," she wrote. Energy policy generated many comments. Most of you said the United States should increase domestic oil and gas drilling and production, while nearly as many argued on behalf of renewable resources. Raising federal requirements for fuel efficiency was much less popular. James, of Kilgore, said, "I believe our tax dollars are wasted on funding for solar and wind energy." John, of Pflugerville, counters that he wants, "Massive emergency federal funding research and development of alternative energy sources." "Get out of dependency on foreign oil, NOW."



Weekly Report Henry Bonilla



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Now that is not all bad, but maybe you'd like to save some money without a lot of planning ahead.

Surprising how inexpensively homemade mixes can be made and stored. In the future, I'll share some with you. Hope there will be some you'd like to use. Today: 3 versions of homemade salami.

Homemade Salami

2 lbs. lean ground beef, 1 cup water, 1/4 tsp. onion powder, 1/2 tsp. garlic powder, Pepper-corns to taste or 1/4 tsp., ground black pepper, 1 tsp. mustard seed, 1 tsp. liquid smoke, 2 1/2 tsp. Morton's tender quick or Meat cure salt.

Combine all ingredients and mix gently. Shape into three rolls, about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in Aluminum foil and refrigerate 24 hours.

When ready to cook, pierce the bottom foil on each roll several times with a fork. Place rolls, pierced side down on broiler rack in broiler over two to three cups of water. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven for 90 minutes.

Slice and serve warm or cold.

Hamburger Salami



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3 lbs ground beef, 1 Tbsp. Morton's Tender Quick, 1 Tbsp onion salt, 1 Tbsp. garlic salt, 1 Tbsp. pepper corns, 1 Tbsp. mustard seed.

Mix all ingredients thoroughly, store in refrigerator, mixing thoroughly each day for three days.

On fourth day, shape into rolls of desired shape and size and place on to of rack of broiler pan.

Bake at 175 degrees on top rack of oven for four hours, turning after two hours.

Summer Sausage

2 lbs. extra lean ground meat, 2 Tbsp. Morton's Tender Quick, 1 cup water, 1 1/2 tsp. liquid smoke, 3/4 tsp. garlic powder, 1 tsp. mustard seed, 1 tsp. black pepper or pepper-corns, crushed red pepper to taste.

Using fingers, mix all ingredients together until "mushy". Refrigerate 24 hours, covered. Shape into 3 or 4 rolls. Bake on rack, in pre-heated 300 degree oven for one hour. Do not let rolls touch against each other while baking.

After cooking, wrap each roll separately and tightly in foil and refrigerate. You may also freeze for later use.

Suppression vs. control: What's the difference?

Lexington, Ky. (March 29, 2005) — Standing in the lawn and garden department, a shopper has many choices in fire ant control. One product claims year-long control of the pest, while the other claims year-long suppression.

Because both products work for an entire year, it makes sense to pick the cheaper one and check out, right?

Not exactly. The language on pest control products actually corresponds to specific guidelines governed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A subtle difference in wording can mean a significant difference in the amount of control a product is promising to provide.

Knowing what those differences mean will help homeowners make a more informed decision when selecting a product.

For example, "control" and "suppression" claims can be confusing. Both suggest a degree of effectiveness against the pest, but clearly there is a defined difference between the two claims.

"To make any kind of fire ant control claim, EPA requires a product provide a minimum of 90 percent control for at least 30 days for mound treatments and 60 days for broadcast treatments," says Dr. Bart Drees, Texas Fire Ant Project director at Texas A&M University (TAMU) in College Station. "Suppression claims are for broadcast treatments only and should provide 80 percent control for 60 days.

Sometimes 70 percent is acceptable if testing was done under adverse conditions, but in no case would less than 70 percent be acceptable to make a claim of suppression. Both claims apply to a reduction in new and existing mounds."

Therefore, when selecting a fire ant product, if it promises "control", a homeowner can expect a higher level of effectiveness during a longer period than with a product promising "suppression".

Over 'n Out Fire Ant Killer (fipronil) is a pesticide showing 12-month control of fire ants, meaning a homeowner can expect 90 percent reduction in fire ant activity during the course of one year. Ortho Max (bifenthrin) has shown suppression of fire ants during a 12-month period, meaning a homeowner can expect 70 percent reduction in fire ant activity during the course of one year.

As a graph on the website shows — composite data from trials conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension and USDA-APHIS — the level of control the two products provide during a 12-month period is significantly different.

Because of the significant drop in effectiveness over time, EPA requested bifenthrin not make claims of protecting lawns and preventing formation of new mounds for 12 months, agreeing to accept claims of six-month control and 12-month suppression pending further testing.

EPA also requested bifenthrin not claim it "provides season-long control protection" as according to EPA, "a season is usually 12 months", meaning data does not support season-long control against fire ants.

If a fire ant product promises control or suppression for a period of time, it should reduce activity and new mound formation by a bare minimum of 90 percent for claims of control and 70 percent for claims of suppression.

If products exhibit less than that, take it up with their manufacturers, because it means they aren't living up to their claim.

Always reading a pesticide label before using or purchasing is important, but beyond just reading it, understanding the

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, March 21
9:35 a.m., A man reported sheep on Highway 693. The owner was notified.

9:56 a.m., Railroad employee reported three individuals locked in one of the locomotive engines. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to Spofford. Deputy Fritter reported there was no train near Spofford. The Railroad employee was called back and he stated that the train went into Uvalde County. Deputy Fritter was notified.

3:00 p.m., Nathan Luna, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Ring for motion to revoke probated sentence of theft. Luna was still being held when the report was made.

11:15 p.m., A Val Verde dispatcher stated he had received a call concerning an individual sitting too close to incoming traffic. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was notified.

Tuesday, March 22
10:49 a.m., A woman stated she had locked her keys in her vehicle. Constable Bobby Guidry was dispatched.

1:48 p.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a residence on Highway 693. Deputy Ron Ring was informed.

3:24 p.m., A man reported a vehicle hauler was dragging it's ramp on Highway 131.

11:01 p.m., A woman reported a wreckless driver driving a gold or tan dodge truck heading west on Highway 90. Val Verde police department was notified.

Wednesday, March 23
2:25 a.m., A man stated he

thought he heard someone in his yard. Deputy Freitag was informed.

9:47 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a wreckless driver on Highway 90 east of Brackettville. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified.

Thursday, March 24
4:46 p.m., Guy David Smith, 47, of Jermyn, Texas was arrested by Constable Guidry and Deputy Ring for probation/violation and failure to appear in court. Smith was still being held when the report was made.

5:45 p.m., A woman reported a goat loose on Highway 90. The owner was notified.

Friday, March 25
11:30 a.m., Rene Castro, 19, of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for a fugitive warrant out of Val Verde County. Castro was later released after posting a \$2,500 bond.

8:00 p.m., A woman stated another woman was harrasing her inlaws and wanted a deputy to go see her and see what the problem was. She refused to give her phone number.

Sunday, March 27
10:48 a.m., A man reported that his black with green letter-

ing 4 wheeler had been taken. He also stated he already reported it to the Eagle Pass sheriff's office. Deputy Manuel Pena was advised.

10:48 a.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent stated he needed to speak with a deputy concerning an accident. He spoke with Deputy Pena and Trooper Tony Ashley was notified.

2:10 p.m., A woman reported that she and other neighbors did not have no water pressure. A city employee was informed.

3:37 p.m., A man stated that

a man was fighting kids under the Sycamore bridge on the Val Verde County side. The Val Verde police department was notified.

6:45 p.m., A woman stated that a gray van ran over her dog. Deputy Freitag was informed. Deputy Freitag went to a local trailer park and requested Deputy Pena's assistance.

9:35 p.m., A woman reported underage drivers driving wrecklessly in a red Ford SUV on Brown Street. Deputy Freitag was dispatched.

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¿Cual es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2005. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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Attorney General Abbott settles dispute over Blockbuster's No Late Fees Program

AUSTIN, TX - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced an agreement with Dallas-based Blockbuster to settle allegations that the video and game rental company deceived consumers in the advertising of its "No Late Fees" program.

Attorney General Abbott alleged Blockbuster's advertising campaign failed to clearly disclose that a consumer who rented a video or game from Blockbuster and kept it out more than seven days after its due date would be charged the selling price of the video or game.

If the consumer later wanted to return the item, he would be charged a "restocking" fee of at least \$1.25.

Abbott also alleged Blockbuster didn't sufficiently disclose that the "No Late Fees" program was offered only at participating stores - a fact that caused some customers to rent items under the false impression they would not have to pay late fees.

"Advertisers may not use catchy slogans if those slogans are misleading," Attorney General Abbott said.

"Blockbuster's 'No Late Fees' program wasn't what it claimed to be, and this settlement ensures that the company will fully

disclose to Texas consumers the complete terms and conditions attached to the offer."

Blockbuster, which has more than 500 stores across Texas, began advertising its "No Late Fees" promotion on television and radio and in stores in December 2004.

Under the terms of the settlement with Texas and 46 other states, Blockbuster agreed to fully disclose in future advertising the existence of "restocking" fees or other charges associated with a rental that has been converted to a sale.

In addition, Blockbuster has agreed that its Web site and stores will prominently display the terms of its return policy and applicable charges if a video or game is not returned. Any current "No Late Fees" signs in company-owned stores must be removed, and participating franchise stores will be asked to do the same.

Blockbuster also promised to provide a full refund or credit for any rental item that was converted to a sale under the "No Late Fees" program upon the return in good condition of the items rented.

The company will also give refunds of "restocking" fees. Customers who believe they

are entitled to a refund may obtain complaint forms at company-owned stores and participating franchise stores or by writing Blockbuster at 1201 Elm Street, Suite 2100, Dallas, TX 75270, Attention: Mr. Steve Krumholz, Sr. Vice President.

A refund request must be submitted by April 28, 2005, or within seven days of discovering that late fees were being charged.

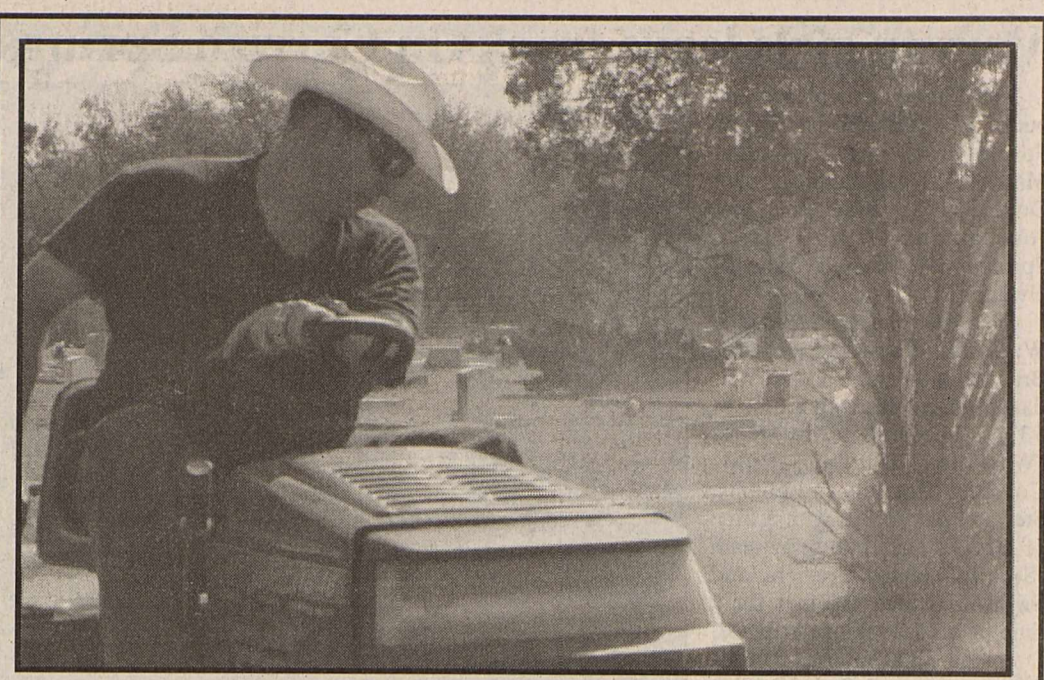
To be eligible for a refund, customers must have rented the product after December 31, 2004.

Customers who have a claim against a nonparticipating franchise store that failed to indicate it was not participating in the "No Late Fee" program will be reimbursed with Blockbuster rental coupons.

Of the roughly 500 Blockbuster stores in Texas, more than 400 are participating in the "No Late Fees" program.

As a courtesy, the Attorney General's Office is providing a copy of Blockbuster's complaint form on its Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

However, customers are responsible to submit the completed form in person at a Blockbuster store, or by mail at the address above.



SPRING CLEANING

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi
Top Photo: Chief Master Sgt. Ron Prothro, 47th Mission Support Group, helps get rid of weeds at the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery during a clean-up session March 18. Bottom Photo: Airman 1st Class Oscar Vargas, 47th Communications Squadron, picks dirt and cleans up a grave at the Seminole Cemetery March 18. More than 15 Laughlin members volunteered for the clean up.

2005 Galveston historic homes tour set

GALVESTON - Galveston Historical Foundation will host the 31st Annual Galveston Historic Homes Tour during the first two weekends in May 7, 8 and 14 and 15 of May.

Participants will be able to view as many as 12 of the island's architecturally and historically significant private homes, from the wildly extravagant and romantic 1887 Landes "Castle" to a recent elaboration built around a vernacular 1928 rental cottage, with a range of age and opulence represented in between.

From castle to cottages, guests will be escorted through these 19th and 20th century homes by knowledgeable volunteers and will experience an intimate view of the richness of Galveston's architectural heritage and way of life, both past and present.

The Galveston Historic Homes Tour will begin with a Champagne Evening Tour on Friday, May 6. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., guests will sip champagne, feast on sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and enjoy live music by Sparky Koerner's Jazz Express, as they tour four homes in the heart of the Silk Stocking Historic District.

The Champagne Evening Tour is a special block party and viewing opportunity for anyone who wants to enjoy even more historic homes than are on the regular tour, with music, food, drink and pleasant company. Only one of the Champagne Tour homes will be open during the regular Homes Tour.

New Events at Galveston Historic Homes Tour 2005:

This year's Homes Tour will include Linen and Lace; a Mothers' Day Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show. Mothers and their guests can begin Homes Tour Sunday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with a celebratory Champagne Brunch at the historic Garten Verein, Galveston's unique 1880 German dancing pavilion at 2704 Avenue O.

After brunch, a fashion show will feature Victorian costumes provided by Peggy Wardell of Peggy's Victorian Corner and spring/summer wear from

Chico's, one of the Strand's newest boutiques.

Linen and/or lace are the preferred attire for this kick-off to Mothers' Day and the Homes Tour. Another new program this year is the Sea Adventure Day Camp at the Texas Seaport Museum, offered by GHF's education department, featuring the 1877 tall ship ELISSA and other nearby historic attractions.

Designed to be as fast-paced and entertaining as it is enriching and educational, Day Camp hours are: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Parents who find their children less than enthralled with historic homes now have an alternative, fun-filled activity to offer their offspring.

Also new this year will be a Shuttle Bus Service offered by Galveston Island Tours during all four days of Homes Tour.

While many of the homes are within walking distance of one another, tour visitors have always been responsible for their own transportation to farther-flung sites.

This year they need park only once, and be driven in air-conditioned comfort with a knowledgeable coordinator to answer questions and impart Galveston lore. The shuttle bus service, which costs \$10 and covers all four days of the tour, is optional. Homes tour ticket holders who prefer to use their own vehicles may still do so.

Homes tour ticket holders can also enjoy several Galveston museums and places of interest

for free or reduced rates on May 7, 8, 14 and 15.

Homes Tour tickets will provide admission for \$3 to the 1838 Michel B. Menard House, 1605 33rd Street; for FREE to the tall ship ELISSA and Texas Seaport Museum, Pier 21; for FREE to the 1921 Galveston County Historical Museum; for \$3 to the 1859 Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway, where the current exhibit:

Something Borrowed, Something Blue: Weddings at Ashton Villa, 1884, 1916, focuses on the historic weddings of Matilda Ella Brown and her daughter Matilda Alice Sweeney; and for FREE to the 1839 Samuel May Williams House, 3601 Avenue P, where the current exhibit: Galveston Architecture, A Shared Legacy: Black and White Photos by Ellen

Beasley, is also open to Homes Tour ticket holders. Tickets for the 2005 Galveston Historic Homes Tour are \$15 in advance and \$20 the days of the event.

Tickets for the 2005 Champagne Evening Preview Tour are \$60 and tickets to the Mothers' Day Champagne Brunch are \$45; each includes a weekend tour ticket. Reservations for the Sea Adventure Children's Day Camp are \$30 per day. Galveston Island Tours shuttle service costs \$10 per person and covers all four days of the tour.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Galveston Historical Foundation at (409) 762-3933 or visiting the website galvestonhistory.org for more details, a list of houses included in this year's tour, and prices.

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- 1. You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- 2. You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- 3. You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

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¡Cuidese de las multas! "Presente" su propiedad antes del 15 de abril.

Una "declaración de propiedad" es un reporte para el distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. enlista toda la propiedad que poseyó o controló el día 1º de enero de este año.

¿Quién debe hacer una declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaración incompleta o falsa, se le puede imponer una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- 1. Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor y el cambio ante su junta de revisión.
- 2. Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- 3. También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2003. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2004.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar sus declaraciones para el 2005. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 15 de abril. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo otros 15 días después del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para la extensión.

¿Dónde hago mi declaración?

Haga su declaración con su distrito local de valoraciones en:

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Varsity girls leave tracks in Carrizo Springs

The Varsity girls placed 2nd out of 17 schools in the Carrizo Springs track meet Thursday, March 24. Team standings were Devine (133), Brackett (116), Jourdanton (79), Carrizo Springs (69), Pearsall (55), and Uvalde (51).

The 400 relay team (Anolda Watkins, Rachel Swinson, Brandy Smith and Vanessa Williams) placed 4th with a time of 53.1. The 800 relay team (Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Courtney Frerich and Bianca Stewart) placed 3rd with a time of 1:53.7. The 1600 relay team (Stewart, Hunt, Frerich, and Swinson) pulled together for a time of 4:16.2 taking 1st place.

In the 3200 m. run Juliann Ashabrunner took 2nd (13:12.1) and Gabby Schroeder took 3rd (13:24.7). In the 800 m. run Hunt placed 2nd (2:29.6) and Ashley Castillo placed 6th (2:48.1).

In the 400 m. dash Swinson with a time of 62.7 took 1st and Stewart took 4th with a time of 66.6. Frerich ran a 49.9 in the High hurdles taking 4th place. Watkins ran a 28.1 in the 200 m. dash placing 4th.



Photo by Pam Hale

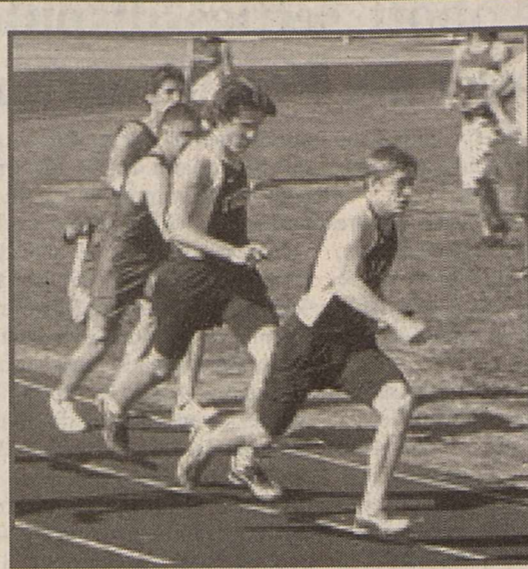
Julie Castillo caught in action while competing during the long jump at the Carrizo Springs meet.

Ashabrunner again took 1st place in the 1600 m. run with a time of 5:52.8 while Schroeder placed 4th (6:16.0) and A. Castillo placed 5th (6:33.2).

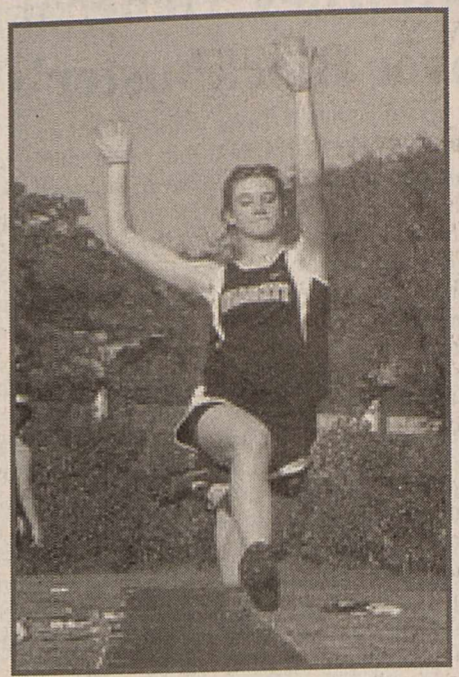
In the field events, Frerich placed 1st with a 5' high jump and Emily Valenzuela had a 4'6" high jump taking 5th place.

In Junior varsity, Lauren Cornelius was the only one to place taking the 6th place in the 400 m. dash with a time of 1:11.9.

The girls track team will be competing in Rocksprings today, with District in LaPryor on Friday, April 8.



Above: Brand Wylie and Cody Edwards during the hand off of the 400 m relay. The relay team ultimately took the bronze metal. Right: Rachel Swinson reaches for the sky during the long jump competition.



Photos by Pam Hale

Junior High heads to Rocksprings for meet

The Junior High girls track team gladly took second place during the Rocksprings meet held on March 23.

The 400 relay team (Ashley Resendez, Katie Braesicke, Becca Mann and Brook Gose) placed second with a time of 58.3.

The 800 relay team (Gose, Braesicke, Harmony Pettett and Samantha Moore) had a time of 1:59.6, good enough for first place. 1600 relay team (Resendez, Braesicke, Gose and Moore) took second with a time

of 4:55.06.

Harmony Pettett placed first in both the 1600 m (6:38.0) and the 2400 m (10:26.1) and Brianna Escamilla took third (10:56.9) in the 2400 m.

Mann took third in the high hurdles with a time of 19.5 while Nena Molinar placed Fourth (19.9).

Lela Molinar had a time of 3:02 in the 800 m run, good enough for fifth place.

In the 400 m run, Chylene Billings took fifth (75.4) and L. Molinar sixth (75.6).

Mann placed second (58.3) in the intermediate hurdles. Moore placed second (29.7) in the 200 m dash.

In the field events, Ivy Garcia threw a 30'7" in the shot put getting third place and Bianca Martinez took fourth with a 29'9 1/2" throw.

In discus, Martinez threw 67'2" getting third place.

Pettett placed 5th with a jump 26'4 1/2" for the triple jump. Moore placed fourth in the long jump (12' 3/4") and placed third in the high jump (4'2").

Pearsall hosts Pioneer Days

PEARSALL, TEXAS - The Frio Pioneer Jail Museum Association announces its 8th Annual Pioneer Day Celebration, Saturday, April 9.

This years event will feature the western artwork of local sculptor, Mr. James Deutch.

Mr. Robert Stevens, historical author, will be making a presentation of memorabilia belonging to former Pearsall Sheriff and Texas Ranger Walter Durbin. Durbin's notorious claim to fame is the 1894 kill of then newspaper editor A. W. "Will" Carter, in Gabe Hahns Saloon.

Several items belonging to Durbin will be presented to the museum by Stevens.

Stevens authored the book

Walter Durbin Texas Ranger & Sheriff.

Also providing a point of interest will be the chuckwagon of Art and Judy Berry.

He will be cooking camp-style and providing samples of western style cooking throughout the day.

We encourage competition in the bean cook-off and our salsa contest. This has been a popular activity and we are looking for some excellent entries once again this year.

The Walker Schulz band will perform country swing music and Missy y Exspresion will end the day of entertainment.

We will have demonstrations, vendors, food booths, dominoes, petting zoo, cake

walk, a pig scramble for the kids, and our auction of donated items.

Come join us at the Pioneer Jail Museum Association's 8th Annual Pioneer Day celebration, Saturday, April 9, on the grounds of the Pioneer Jail Museum.

For information contact Robert Gorhum, 334-4181.

Tigers even up baseball record

The Brackett Tigers baseball team have an early season record of 4-4 with a 1-0 district record with an 11-4 win over Comstock on 3-22.

Leading the way offensively

are Freshman Catcher Travis Bonner with a batting average of .363, Senior Pitcher/First Base Kody Yeager with an average of .333, and Junior Short Stop Robert Sanchez with an

average of .322.

Pitching has been strong with Seniors Anthony Munoz and Kody Yeager as well as Junior Leon Woolsey are leading the way.

DPS needs your help finding Teresa Barnett, missing from Marshall

The DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse is focusing its Project FindME spotlight on Teresa Lanette Barnett this month.

Foul play is suspected in her case, and DPS needs your help to find her and anyone responsible for her disappearance.

"Even the smallest bit of information regarding Teresa Barnett's disappearance could help investigators solve this case," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr.

Teresa was last seen in Marshall, Texas, on Aug. 7, 1987.

She went missing at about 10:30 a.m. in the Eckerd's parking lot off of Highway 59.

Her vehicle was later found unlocked and abandoned in the same parking lot.

Her purse was subsequently found beside a roadway approximately three miles away.



Teresa Barnett, missing since Aug. 7, 1987.

Teresa's birthday is Oct. 28, 1956, and she would be 49 this year.

She is described as a 5-foot-2-inch white woman, weighing 100 pounds. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, a small scar above

the right side of her lip, and pierced ears.

She also wears glasses. At the time of her disappearance, she was 30-years old.

DPS encourages anyone with information about this case to call the nearest DPS Special Crimes office or the Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243.

Individuals could earn up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person(s) criminally involved in the disappearance of Teresa Barnett.

The Project FindME list can be found on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch/findme/0tenspot.htm>.

Media representatives who want to learn more about Teresa's case should contact the local investigating agency, the Marshall Police Department, at 903-935-4575.

2005 Potato Fest in Pearsall May 13, 14

This year, the Potato Fest is May 13 and 14 and we are happy to announce the 2005 Potato Fest has been moved to the new Comino Real Regional Park in Pearsall on Interstate Highway 35.

The new Frio County park has a covered pavilion for the bands who will be entertaining this year, cinder block booth spaces provide a variety of arts and crafts, food and drink booths, two volleyball nets for our volleyball tournament, a basketball court for our 3-on-3 basketball tournament and pits for Washer Pitchin'.

The new park provides ample

space for the Potato Fest Car Show, Moore's Greater Shows (our Carnival again this year), Chuckwagon Cook Off and CASI sanctioned Chili Cook Off for this year.

There will also be a 5K Run with a variety of age categories and Potato Sack Races on Saturday.

Information about the Potato Fest and its events can be obtained from the Pearsall Chamber of Commerce by calling 830-334-9414, or writing to us at 317 South Oak, Pearsall, Texas 78061, our fax is 830-334-3318 or email us at pearsall@grandriver.net.

American Cancer Society Camp Discovery looking for volunteers

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Every summer approximately 135 kids and 100 adult volunteers spend a week at Camp Discovery having fun, learning new things and growing and developing as people.

Would you like to join in on the fun?

The American Cancer Society is looking for 100 volunteers to serve as counselors and medical staff for its summer camp to be held July 17-23.

The camp is held at the beautiful Lions Camp located in the heart of the Texas hill country in Kerrville, approximately 50 miles northwest of San Antonio. The purpose of the camp is

to provide children with cancer a fun, relaxed natural environment where they can learn new things.

Volunteers must be at age 19 or older with prior experience preferred.

For more information or to request a volunteer application, please call Phyllis Caron at 512-919-1910 or email Phyllis caron@cancer.org.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?
Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?
If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2005 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

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Water district accused of ignoring its own rules

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"The only exception to this unwritten rule is a select few current board members, former board members and their relatives," Terrill claims.

Jim McDaniel farms in the water-rich Pinto Valley. McDaniel has an artesian well capable of pumping 1000 gallons a minute.

Branded a water marketer, McDaniel has been right smack in the middle of the water controversy from the very beginning.

He says he does not have any plans to stop farming in the near future, but at the same time he admits that if he chooses to quit farming at some point, he wants the right to do what he wishes with his water so long as he does not harm his neighbors.

The board voted to cut McDaniel's permit for existing use by about a third and his historic use 61 percent. In the end, he was permitted 1308 acre-feet.

"I can still probably get by in a wet year," McDaniel says, "but in a dry year I'm dead. I'll get to June and then I'll have to get on my knees in front of this board to ask for more water so I can finish out my crop."

For the past 18 years, McDaniel has also leased the Gilbert Woodward family farm which overlies the Edwards Trinity and Austin Chalk aquifers. The absentee landowner asked McDaniel to handle his permit application.

McDaniel hired an attorney to assist him with the permitting process on his own farm, in part because he had to prove up use on artesian wells. He did not hire an attorney for the Woodward permit because it was much more straightforward in that he had electric records to use as proof.

He submitted all of those records to Walthour, and Walthour proposed a figure with which McDaniel agreed. It was this amount of water that he applied for in the Woodward permit.

The permit was protested, but when it came time for the actual hearing, no one showed up to testify against it, thus no evidence was documented against this particular permit. Still, the board voted to cut the historic use permit for the Edwards Trinity portion of the permit by 30 percent.

Zack Davis purchased his 400-acre farm in Pinto Valley in 1988. He says the most impressive attribute of the property was the water. He has artesian wells that are capable of pumping 1900 gallons a minute.

Davis is a stock farmer. He runs cattle, sheep and goats on small irrigated oat fields, and during the summer he raises hay. He is also one of the landowners in Kinney County who has considered marketing his water.

"I have to look at my options," Davis remarks. "What's the most productive use of this resource? Is it more productive for me to fight coyotes so that I can raise lambs, or is it more profitable to put this water in a pipe and sell it to the city?"

"I feel it is my property right to do what I will with my water as long as I don't harm my neighbors... whether I put it on this field and market a crop or I put it in a pipeline and sell it to city 'X'."

That line of thinking appears to have worked against him in the permitting process. Davis claimed 2501 acre-feet of historic use. Walthour recommended 1725 acre-feet, and the board ultimately permitted 593 acre-feet.

There were numerous others, like Hayden and Doris Haby, who were only permitted about 28 percent of the amount Walthour recommended.

The Texas Water Development Board determined that 69,000 acre-feet of annual recharge are available in Kinney County.

That number, however, fails to take into account the underflow coming from Edwards County to the north. Terrill charges that the board purposely chose to disregard this significant source of water, the underflow, because they didn't want that water to be available for historic use.

The non-water marketers and the environmental activists, the side with which most board

members appear to be aligned, contend there is significantly less water available because the 69,000 acre-feet fails to take into account the amount of water necessary for adequate spring flow.

Some of those board members cite a figure in an old Soil Conservation Service study which indicated that no more than 15,000 acre-feet of water were ever used for irrigation purposes in Kinney County during the defined historic use period.

Terrill calls the suggestion "ludicrous."

"What they're relying upon is self-reported data and random observations by government employees making visual inspections," Terrill comments. "There was no district in place at the time, there was no reporting requirement, no metering, there was no reason for people to keep track of how much water was used because there was no regulatory authority."

Terrill insists that the board's use of such sketchy information as a basis for restricting historic use permits means either "ignorance of the rules or willful disregard for those rules."

Disregard for the board's own rules is only one of many complaints voiced by the landowners here.

Numerous complaints have been filed with the Attorney General's office, along with several allegations of open records violations.

After listening to the district's audio tapes of a December 10 board meeting, Terrill made an open records request to the district's general manager, Darlene Shahan, for a copy of the tape. He has yet to receive it.

"The reason that tape has not been produced is because it shows a clear violation of the district's rules," Terrill charges.

During that meeting, he says, the district's president, Don Hood, made a motion to continue the final hearings until March. The final hearing is when an applicant finds out how much water the board is willing to permit.

"The president said he needed to know the total amount asked for by all the permit applicants before he could make a decision on how much to permit each individual," Terrill says. "That is completely irrelevant to the permitting process. The only thing that is relevant is whether groundwater was used during the historic period for a beneficial purpose and, if so, in what amount. What other people were permitted is irrelevant."

The district's lawyer told them in the meeting that it was irrelevant.

"That discussion is on the tape, but now I can't get the tape. I know it exists. I heard it with my own ears."

Adopting Hood's motion to extend all hearings until March, Terrill adds, also meant the board was no longer in compliance with Chapter 36 of the Water Code, which says the board must make a determination on a permit within 35 days following the final hearing. Actually, he says, the 35 days had long passed for many of the permit applicants well before the December 10 hearing.

The actions of the board on that particular day led Terrill to file a Petition for Mandamus Relief for his client, Toledo Boulware, based on the "35-day" rule. The petition pointed out that by failing to act on Boulware's application until March 11, 2005, 133 days would elapse since the close of Boulware's final hearing.

In response to Terrill's petition, the district rescheduled the remaining hearings and actual permitting for the last two weeks in January.

Terrill was involved in the Edwards permitting process under the EAA as well.

"Some of those applications were protested, but the entire process was handled much more professionally and much more orderly," Terrill insists. "It was more like a normal contested case hearing. There were rules of procedure and rules of evidence that applied, and the applicant's attorney had an opportunity to find out what the opponent was arguing."

"In Kinney County there was no discovery. I had to rest my case without knowing what the

protestants' claims were, and I had no chance for rebuttal."

Terrill claims the district's general manager failed to do her job in several instances, including the hearing reports for Terrill's clients.

"I faxed the pleadings to the district a couple of days prior to the final hearing, yet the district manager didn't give those pleadings to the board members until moments before the final hearing was to start," Terrill says.

"The majority of the board members didn't seem to be bothered by that, though. I asked to address the board, and they wouldn't even let me state my objection on the record. That's how interested they were in engaging in reasoned discussion. Then they proceeded right to a vote, and they voted to cut my clients significantly without giving any thought to the objections I outlined in the pleading. They already had their minds made up."

There have been numerous complaints of conflict of interest, such as board members publicly protesting some applications and in some cases even offering testimony from the dais during hearings.

"It's unethical," Terrill says, "because these board members are sitting as fact finders, and yet they've clearly shown that they have no impartiality."

Jim and Jennifer McDaniel have filed an ethics violations against two board members. In part, the violations have to do with members of Save Our Water who also happen to be district board members, running for reelection on a campaign to "save the county's water."

Terrill understands why the McDaniels are upset.

"Those board members announced their predisposition for the outcome of some of the cases before the board voted, and in some cases before the board even heard testimony from particular applicants," Terrill says.

"Clearly, those board members did not base their decisions on what a particular applicant was able to prove up, but rather they voted in a particular way based on whether a particular ap-

plicant was a so-called water marketer," he insists.

Tully Shahan, the husband of the district's general manager, is the county attorney, and as such he has prosecutorial discretion over open government charges against the district. Shahan also represents the commissioners court, which fills vacancies on the district board.

Until November, a majority of the district board was appointed by the commissioners court. The first vacancy was filled by Tully Shahan's brother-in-law, Hadley Wardlaw, with whom Darlene and Tully Shahan share an interest in the Shahan family ranch. The third vacancy was filled by Chris Ring, Tully Shahan's next-door neighbor.

Tully Shahan also has served as attorney for the district, his family and other clients appearing before the district, and the Kinney County Farmers and Ranchers Coalition, an unincorporated nonprofit organization which falls in line with the SOW group. Members include both Darlene and Tully Shahan, and board members Hadley Wardlaw and Chris Ring.

On many occasions the board has voted against the advice of its own legal counsel. Consequently, they've had difficulty maintaining legal counsel and are currently without counsel.

The district also has a debt problem, and Terrill says it appears the district is attempting to transfer some of that debt to the permit applicants by making them pay for the entire permitting procedure, including costs incurred by the district.

"The applicants are already paying for their own attorney and consultants, and now they're trying to stick the applicants with the district's lawyers' fees and their consultant's fees," Terrill says.

"The Constitution doesn't allow them to do that. If they try to carry through with that, they'll certainly end up in court."

He also questions how the district has handled its finances. Under the district's rules, permit applicants must pay an application fee in advance based

on the amount of water claimed on a per acre-foot basis. If the district permits less water than the full amount claimed, the applicant is entitled to a fee refund for the amount not permitted.

Those application fees were supposed to go into an escrow account. Terrill says there are some indications, however, that the district has taken that money out of escrow, put it into the general revenue fund and then spent it.

"It's quite possible that there is no money now to pay back those refunds that the applicants are legally entitled to under the district's rules," Terrill says.

Things have gotten so far out of hand in Kinney County that there is talk that the Legislature is considering dissolving the district altogether and transferring jurisdiction to the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Several years ago, when the Edwards authority was being formed, an effort was made to include Kinney County, particularly the part over the Edwards Aquifer. Now some of those same petitioners have gone back to the EAA asking to be admitted. That topic was on the agenda at the most recent Edwards authority meeting, and the 17-member board voted unanimously to take in Kinney County if the legislature dissolves the Kinney County district.

Many of the Kinney County permit applicants favor inclusion into the EAA. Not everyone in Kinney County is happy about the idea, of course. Among the strongest opponents are the Shahans. Others who publicly protested at the recent EAA meeting were Kinney County Groundwater District board members Tootsie Herndon and Don Hood.

Board member Beth Ann Smith admits that some Kinney County residents and even some outsiders view this as big government interfering with the local control process, a process which the legislature has sid time and time again that it supports.

"I'm all for local control," Smith says, "but there comes a point in which these water dis-

tricts have to answer to someone."

The only other option is a legal battle, she says, and many landowners, like her and husband Richard, have already spent substantial amounts on legal fees just to get through the permitting process.

Neil Kerr is one of the few applicants who chose not to hire a lawyer to help him in the permitting process.

"Maybe it was wrong that I didn't get a lawyer to fight them for taking my water away, but I'll be damned if I'm going to go back into debt up to my eyeballs," Kerr says. "That should not be what the water process is all about."

Kerr was permitted about three acre-feet per acre.

"Maybe I should be happy with that, but the rules say I am entitled to what I used back then," Kerr says. "I realize that water is precious, and that we have to conserve it, but I know for years my farm was farmed at a much more intense level than we farm now with no detriment to Kinney County."

"Some of the board members want to compare Kinney County farmers to farmers in Uvalde who mostly drip irrigate with pivots," he continues. "A lot of them were given help to finance pivots. If the district is going to cut our water, are they going to give us a no-interest loan so we can put in a \$100,000 pivot system?"

Like many of the other permit applicants, Kerr doesn't see how inclusion into the EAA would negatively affect him.

"I was initially in favor of a district because I thought it would protect us, but it seems all it's done is take our water away."

McDaniel believes joining the EAA is their only hope at this point.

"I'd rather deal with a devil I don't know than a devil I do know," McDaniel remarks. "A couple of years ago I was quoted as saying 'no way in heck I wanted to be in the Edwards,' but now I'm saying 'please take me.'"

"I've dealt with five water

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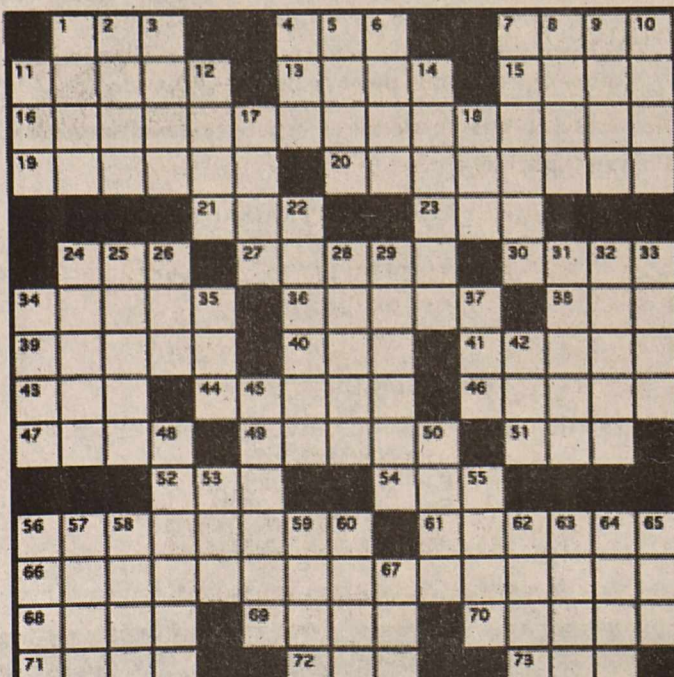
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

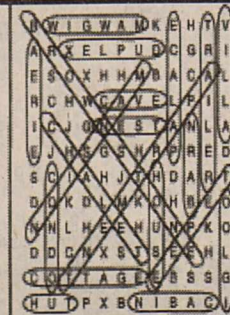
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Domestic matters are your focus early in the week. Later, it's back to the grindstone. By week's end, you're satisfied with the outcome.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have some great ideas at work. However, try not to push them too hard. Eventually, co-workers will come around to your way of thinking, so be patient.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's best to leave certain home-improvement projects up to the experts. You'll be glad you did in the long run. Later in the week, you find some time just to relax and get away from stress.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A slight misunderstanding with your mate has you a bit out of sorts as the week begins. Fortunately, this doesn't last long. This weekend, travel is in the offing.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Right now, you're not seeing eye-to-eye with a business partner concerning finances. Perhaps it's time to consult an expert. A well-meaning loved one may have some ideas, but it's best not to implement them.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your fine mind is challenged this week by a friend's philosophical question. This could have you doing some research. In the process, you learn some wonderful new things.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted to lash out at someone this week in a sarcastic manner. Don't give in to that. Those words won't easily be taken back and forgotten.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're brimming with energy and self-confidence this week. As a result, you're at your most productive. Over the weekend, quiet times are best.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You haven't exactly felt very social lately. This week, though, you have an obligation you can't ignore. Happily, you'll find you have a delightful time.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try to avoid putting yourself into the middle of a controversy. Granted, you've watched this brewing for a long time. Ultimately, though, it doesn't concern you.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money is a sticking point this week. Perhaps you've been just a tad reckless. Address this before it gets out of hand.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Not everyone understands your particular brand of humor. Thus, a disagreement is possible with a friend. Do your best to explain what you really meant.



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I'm in love with another man

Rick didn't expect to see Amy.

He figured she'd written him off as a lost cause. His thoughts raced for something to say.

For a long minute he just looked at her. She seemed happy and content.

"You look great. I'm glad you're here. How've you been?" He stammered.

Words were lost in the moment.

Amy was feeling sorry for this man whom she had loved. She hadn't known what to expect.

She hadn't seen Rick since the trial and sentencing. She studied his face. He hadn't changed.

Motioning to his prison uniform he quipped. "I'm sorry I didn't have time to get some

nicer clothes." Trying to make light of the circumstances, he feigned a laugh.

"How're the kids?" He asked. The circumstances of the prison made everything feel awkward. He wished he could reach through the wire and touch her.

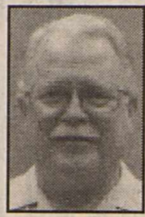
Her presence brought longings to hold her and feel the warmth of her body.

He felt a burning in his eyes and quickly looked down at the floor.

"They're doin' ok Rick." She said. "They miss you. They keep asking when you're coming home?"

Rick kept his eyes on the floor. He didn't want Amy to see the tears in his eyes.

He blinked a few times to



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clear the tears away then looked up. "I need to get outa here, Baby! It's drivin' me nuts. My cellmate's a crazy black guy that prays all the time. Every day's the same. Sometimes I don't know what day it is! Have you talked to my lawyer?"

"No, Rick. I don't talk to your lawyer. When he needs to talk to you he'll be here."

Rick exploded. Standing up and pushing his chair over at the

same time he yelled.

"Somebody's got to help me!" The guard quickly walked up behind him and put firm hands on his shoulders. Rick spun around, fists clenched. "That'd be real foolish Richardson," the Guard said firmly.

Rick's body went limp. He slumped back into the chair. Amy's voice was quiet and calm. "You haven't changed, have you?"

"If you loved me you'd get me outa here!" Rick exclaimed. Then he pleaded. "Do something, please do something."

Amy studied his face and his eyes for several long moments.

Then she smiled and said, "Rick, I'm in love with another man."

The wonders of Jesus

Then said Jesus unto them again, verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not; but for to steal, and to kill, and to



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It is rumored that they pay a couple of people over ten thousand dollars a month to make him or should I say his body look good.

I am talking about Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) and the tomb



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

(Red Square in Moscow) where he is buried.

He was a founder of Communism and the Soviet Republic (USSR) It is also rumored that

it is getting harder and harder to keep him looking good.

There is the body of a person who died centuries earlier that is not available for us to see.

Shortly after His death you could see it but within three days, (1 Corinthians 15:4) it was, by the power of God, changed (resurrected).

He appeared to more than 500 people after His resurrection, (1 Corinthians 15:5,6). Hundreds of year's earlier predictions were made about

His body, (Psalms 16:10 & 49:15). Many promises are made to us in the Bible concerning the resurrection of Jesus.

In John 11:25 Jesus said He was the resurrection and He promised life (with Him for those who believe) after physical death.

In John 14:19 He promised because He lives, we will live after death.

See you in Church next Sunday.

FCA last meeting Sunday

The last regular meeting of this school year for the adult chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is Sunday, April 3 at St. Andrew's Episcopal/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Fort Street at 2 p.m.

Discussion and planning will take place for the "Meet Your Prayer Partner" event April 20 for the Church Alliance Senior Banquet set for April 27 and for the All Night After Prom Party on May 21. Plans will also be made for the upcoming softball/

baseball concessions in April to raise money for the student FCA chapter to help send students to FCA summer camps.

Donations of cash door prizes to be awarded to students who attend the After Prom Party are continuing to be accepted from the community.

Checks for this purpose may be sent to Rhonda Marquardt or Tiffany Blore at Brackett High School. For more information, contact Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699.

OBITUARY

Michael David Meyer

Oct. 25, 1979 - March 23, 2005

Michael David Meyer, 25, entered into rest March 23, 2005, in Floresville, Texas. He was born Oct. 25, 1979 in Del Rio, Texas.

He is survived by his parents David Lee and Josephine Meyer; sister Kristin Lee Meyer of Brackettville; brother Gregory Timothy Meyer and wife Laura of Portugal; grandmother: Adela Meyer; nieces and nephews: Chris Meyer, Jake Meyer and Britney Meyer.

Visitation was Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27 at Sunset Memorial Oaks Chapel, 114 North St., Brackettville, Texas. Rosary was recited Sunday March 27.

A Mass of Christian burial was Monday, March 28, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic



Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840 (830) 778-2020.

ATPE celebrates 25th anniversary

Sen. Hutchison to speak at annual convention

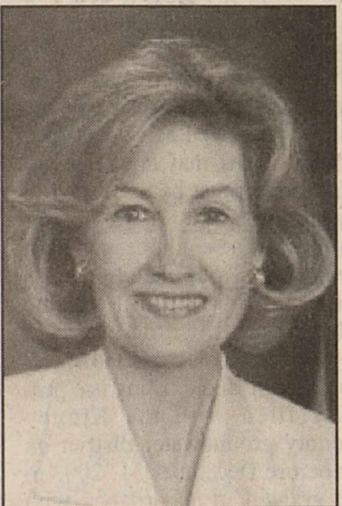
This week nearly 1,500 teachers from across Texas are expected to attend the 2005 ATPE state convention at the Austin Convention Center (500 E. Cesar Chavez). During the event, the Association of Texas Professional Educators will honor recent teacher accomplishments, present awards for excellence in media coverage, commemorate the association's 25th anniversary and further establish ATPE's legislative positions.

ATPE State President Randall Iglehart emphasized the significance of the convention.

"This is an important time for us with our anniversary and for this state as the Legislature considers major changes to public education and funding. Our members are going to show up in large numbers and I'm not surprised that the event has garnered attention and response from Washington," Iglehart said. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) will speak to ATPE members during the convention on Friday (500 E. Cesar Chavez) from 2-2:15pm. The senator played a key role in the formation of one of ATPE's parent organizations so it is quite appropriate to hear from her during the educator group's 25th anniversary.

In 1973, State Representative Kay Bailey (as she was then known), worked with the founders of ATPE leading the charge to defeat legislation allowing collective bargaining and unionization of school personnel.

The bill would have effectively precluded ATPE's parent



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

organizations, the Texas Professional Educators (TPE) and the Association of Texas Educators (ATE) from forming statewide nonunion organizations representing public school employees. Similar bills had led to the unionization of teachers in many other states.

Then in 1975, she helped arrange a press conference announcing the creation of the statewide organization, the TPE. In July of that same year, the ATE formed as well.

The two merged in 1980 beginning with 18,000 members, and today, ATPE is the largest educators' group in the state with 105,000 members and the largest nonunion organization in the United States.

"We are delighted to have Senator Hutchison at this year's convention. We've come a long way, and she was a key to our beginning. Undoubtedly she will be a key to our future success as well," Iglehart said.

South Texas Cattle Women meet April 19

The April meeting of the South Texas Cattle Women will be Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m., in Dilley, Texas. The group will use the meeting room at Pacho's restaurant on IH35 north frontage road. A dutch-treat lunch will follow. Dan Byfield, of *Liberty Matters* magazine, will be our 11 a.m. speaker. He is very involved in the issues of private property rights and our rights of liberty. He will speak concerning the Trans Texas Corridor issue as well as other current topics of interest. Come join us for an excellent speaker and enjoy lunch. Anyone is invited to attend. We are not a closed meeting.

For information call Nora Gorhum, 830-334-4020

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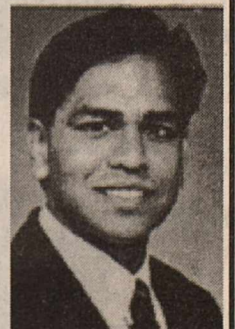
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