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4-H opportunities

4-H can provide many opportunities for our area youth. Youth between the ages of nine and eighteen on August 31 or eight and in the third grade are eligible to participate in 4-H related activities. This is the time to select livestock projects for the upcoming show season. Anyone interested in exhibiting an animal in the 2006 Kinney County Livestock Show should contact the Kinney County Cooperative Extension Office to obtain information relating to the rules and types of livestock that can be exhibited.

To learn more about 4-H related activities and to sign up, everyone should mark their calendar for Sunday, August 28th from 3-5 at the Civic Center to attend our 4-H Awareness & Fun Day. We are also inviting you to our organizational meeting Friday, July 15 at 1:30 pm in the Courthouse upstairs to start planning ahead for our 4-H Halloween Carnival. Anyone needing assistance with livestock selection or wanting additional information can call 830-563-2442 Monday thru Friday 8-5.

Last chance for model search

Hollywood Video, The Innermind Connection, and Brass Ring Enterprises invite the Community to a Pep Rally in Support of Miss Del Rio Galaxy - Crystal Torres. This is a family event and food booths and entertainment will be available. The event is Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. This is also the Final Model Search for all those wishing to try out for this year's Plaza del Sol Mall - Glam Central Station (formerly known as the Fashion Board). Come walk the red carpet and cheer Crystal on! at 7 p.m. at Hollywood Video. Crystal will be featured on MTV - so bring your MTV signs.

2006 Miss Latina Texas pageant

Final Registration for Miss Latina Texas is Wednesday, July 20 at 7 pm at the Hollywood Video. Ladies throughout Texas ages 14 and up may compete in Teen, Miss or Ms / Mrs division. Pageant will be held Aug. 19 - 21 in Del Rio. For more information call Claudia at 703-8373 or visit themisstexaslatina.com

2005 Mini Latina Texas pageant

Mini Texas Latina is now accepting entries. Babies 6 months - 12 may register. Call 778-1825 and ask for Thelma Anguiano to register. Pageant is Aug 20 at the Paul Poag Theater. Submit 1 non-returnable picture of the contestant at the time of registration.

INSIDE

Baldree

I admitted before that chicken is not my favorite meat. That being the case, I do want it to be especially flavorful or not the usual fare. If that's what I'm having for dinner.

I believe you will agree. The following dishes are interesting enough to try.
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Adams

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.
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Riflers take first at national competition

Justin Calk, Franklin Hargrove, Crockett Clark and John White, coached by Philip Calk represented Texas at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Columbia, MO last week, competing in smallbore rifle.

The team won first place honors in both the Three Position Match and the Civilian Marksmanship Match and took 5th place in the silhouette match.

Justin Calk of Brackettville shot an individual score of 582 out of 600 to receive a third high individual in the CMP match.

The team took third high overall in smallbore rifle for the match while Texas returned home with the overall state trophy for the 4-H National Shooting Sports Competition.

Two of the three events the team competed in were relatively new events to the shooters. Although they all have several years of experience in shooting three position matches, three of them had never shot CMP in competition before and had limited experience shooting silhouettes.

Their ability to take on new games and perform so successfully speaks well of their overall shooting ability and of the quality of local 4-H Shooting Sports Programs.



From left: Coach Philip Calk, John White, Crockett Clark, Franklin Hargrove and Justin Calk.



Justin Calk receives third place individual medal for his score of 582 in the Civilian Marksmanship Smallbore Rifle Competition.

Investigation started by city

Housing Authority targeted

The Brackettville City Council authorized its attorney, Eddie Morales to launch an investigation into the Brackettville Housing Authority.

This came in the form of a motion from alderman Matt Bland and after an executive session.

"I'd like to make a motion to authorize the city attorney to move forward with this investigation of issues with the housing authority,"

"I may add that the preliminary report be presented to the council," Morales said.

"I'd like Mr. Bland to add to his motion that this be a preliminary investigation be conducted by me and the report presented to the council."

Garza cleared up the motion saying that Morales is to conduct a preliminary investigation on the housing authority.

The motion was seconded by council member Lydia Tipps.

There was no discussion and five votes in favor of the investigation.

Council members Mary V. Flores, Tipps, Francisca

"Chica" Garza, Tully Welch and Bland voted yes.

There was no discussion as to what issues the city had with the Brackettville Housing Authority.

This was during Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Also during Tuesday's city council meeting, the council approved reimbursing Mayes' travel for the city.

At the prodding of council member Flores, who noted she is paid mileage by her work, said the city should reimburse Mayes for her travel expenses. Council member Tipps agreed.

Following that, Bland inquired whether the city was going to reimburse the council and mayor for their travels. Tipps agreed; however a limit should be set.

Mayes updated the city that there was no land to be leased by the city for a brush area and there was no money for these expenditures. In other news, Joe Escamilla resigned from his post as Fire Chief. Joe Williams, will assume the duties for the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department.

Citizen's questions 'answered'

Previously, a set of questions was presented to the City Council and Mayor of Brackettville Joe Garza.

The questions were from Beverly Garcia, Garza told Garcia they would get back to her.

The Brackett News, received a set of answers, hand delivered by Duane Mayes, husband to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes.

The answers were from Hardin and Newsome, certified public accountants for the City of Brackettville.

In the document, the auditors said "The City Secretary, Ms. Bonnie Mayes presented the attached letter to Hardin & Newsome, CPA's on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. She asked that we respond to the council before the next scheduled council meeting.

Referring to Garcia's first question regarding the salary of City Secretary Bonnie Mayes which totaled \$14,531.25 year to date (YTD).

"The approved budget is \$22,500 for Ms. Mayes' salary for 2004-2005. Apparently, Rina Villarreal (former payroll clerk) made a clerical error when setting up Ms. Mayes' file in the payroll system. Ms. Villarreal calculated Ms. Mayes' salary as follows

- 22,500 (per year) / 12

- months = 1,875 (per month)
- 1,875 / 4 (weeks per months) = 468.75 (per week)
- 468.75 x 52 (weeks per year) = 24,375.

"Ms Mayes' salary should have been set up as follows :

- 22,500 (per year) / 52 (weeks per year) = 432.69 (per week)
- 432.69 x 52 (weeks per year) = 22,499.88

In reference to Garcia's question about the Brush Area Expense of \$25,478.09 YTD, the auditor's wrote:

"The \$25,478 spent in the Brush Area is due to TCEQ closing the illegal dump site and the city clean up of the site. Waste Management was paid \$24,936 of this amount, M's Tires \$328 to haul off tires, Eagle Pass landfill \$215. The fines and penalties regarding the Brush Area were not assessed because the City complied with the requirements of TCEQ to up the site. We are expecting \$0.00 more expenses this fiscal year.

Also questioned was street repair. About that, Hardin and Newsome wrote:

"Ms. Garcia mentioned in her letter that only \$232 had been spent on street repairs to date. This amount is right on budget. The street repairs were budgeted

to take place from March to September. As of May, the city has spend \$2,551.53 which is \$91.29 under budget.

The Capital Outlay YTD of \$59,275 was also brought to the attention of council and the mayor.

The auditors wrote: "As you are aware, the City of Brackettville received a Grant from the Forestry Service and a private citizen in the amount of \$54,690 (shown on January and February Financial Statements). This grant was to purchase a fire truck. This amount is in the account called REVENUE - GRANT. The check was written out of CAPITAL OUTLAY to purchase the vehicle. The checks total \$54,100, which is \$590 less than was received in the grant, the city profited \$590. The other CAPITAL OUTLAY expenses are computer expenses of \$3,894, fuel trailer (2) purchases of \$400, and asphalt machine for \$2,300.

Governmental accounting rules state that the checks for the truck are shown in Expenses and not offset to a Revenue account.

In reference to the situation with the city's gas, the firm wrote: "The firm was not involved with the gas services situation. We do issue monthly fi-

ancial statements to the City of Brackettville City Council. If anyone has a question about any item on the financial, we have always been available to answer questions.

About the budget, the firm wrote: "The approved budget is an Annual budget. The city budgeted \$4,806 per month, with a total budget of \$57,672 for the Utility Fund Maintenance/Repair account. The large expenditures in April/May were due to special projects of laying water and sewer lines, fire hydrants and manholes that is expected to cost \$0.00 more this year in implementation. This project is between the intersection of Beaumont Street and El Paso to Coffin Street. The city is over budget approximately \$11,000 at this point in the year due to the growth of the city. We expect normal spending in July - September.

"To understand the financial condition of the City at this time, the overall picture of Brackettville needs to be looked at on a consolidated basis, not by fund (i.e.) Operating, Utility). We do report by fund because that is the standard for governmental accounting. Here is a year to date summary based on May 2005 Financial statements. Consolidated Income State-

Operating Income	331,289.54
Operating Expenses	217,063.48
Prior Year Expenses	56,654.07
NET OPERATING INCOME	57,571.99
Utility Income	324,924.66
Utility Expense	368,457.49
Prior Year Expenses	0.00
NET UTILITY LOSS	(43,532.83)
NET INCOME - CONSOLIDATED	14,039.16

To that, they added, "Keep in mind that the goal of a governmental entity is not to be "making" money, but breaking even. Over the course of the year, we expect income to equal expenditures, per your budget.

"We have been very pleased with the staff at the City of Brackettville. We have been able to get information when requested and have been able to issue financial statements for the fiscal year on a monthly basis. We could not do that one year ago. We do feel like great strides have been made in improving the integrity of the financial statements for the City of Brackettville.

The responses were signed by Susan Newsome.

Local teen spearheads event to celebrate cancer survivors

Everyone has heard of cancer. Everyone is affected by cancer. Everyone knows someone with cancer. But not everyone does something about it.

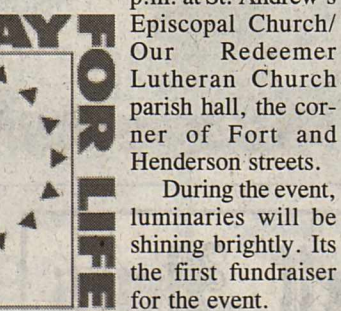
A local young lady, Alison Carrol, 16, is spearheading a campaign to "Unmask A Cure for Cancer."

Alison's father, Mike is in the fight for his life - literally. He's fighting cancer.

Alison has decided to do more than be there for moral support. She's the chairperson for Brackettville's inaugural American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

To help kick off the event, she's put together an event to honor all survivors of cancer. The event is July 30. It's a

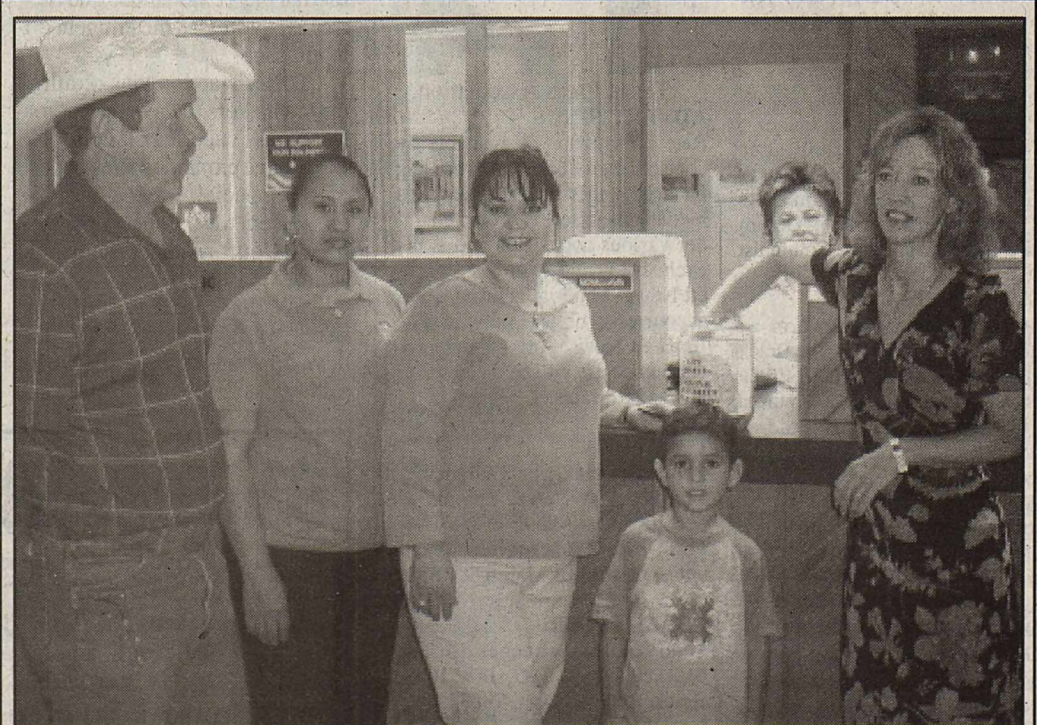
Mardi Gras theme and dubbed a Cancer Survivor's Reception and Celebration, it all kicks off at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church parish hall, the corner of Fort and Henderson streets.



During the event, luminaries will be shining brightly. Its the first fundraiser for the event. The highly-decorated luminaries are on sale for \$5 each. Alison, along with members of Brackett ISD's Fellowship of Christian Athletes are selling the luminaries.

Leadership is nothing new to Alison, she is a veteran of the prestigious Hugh O'Brien Leadership Camp.

For more information about the event or luminaries, contact Alison at 563-2073.



AND THE WINNER IS

Brackett News photo by Gus Garcia

The Local Emergency Planning Committee raffled off an original Bud Breen painting last week. The Bank and Trust Bank Manager Lynn McCarson drew the winning name. Donna Saylor of Dripping Springs, Texas was proclaimed the winner. Witnessing the event were Eddie Fowler, Debbie Buantello, Nancy Mendoza, Christian Luna, and Xyan McWilliams.

Don't forget the Alamo Jack Kilby helped put Texas on the high technology map

Did you know that Texas is the second-most popular travel destination in the United States? With summer upon us, Texans are busy mapping out their vacations.

The good news is that an exciting vacation doesn't have to include travel agents and complex flight arrangements.

Texans can find some of the country's greatest destinations right here in the 23rd Congressional District.

Take a stroll down the River Walk in San Antonio, explore out west or set up camp at one of the many recreational spots in the southwestern region of our state. The opportunities are endless!

I am fortunate to represent some of the most popular tourist sites in the world.

I encourage residents of the 23rd District to explore or revisit some of these famed spots. I have created a list of hot spots and summer events that are sure to provide an exciting and meaningful vacation.

Big Bend National Park You can enjoy sightseeing by personal car, backpacking, jeep touring, camping, fishing, float trips, hiking and wildlife viewing just to name a few of the many activities.

Commercial float trips on the Rio Grande are available through outfitters just outside the park.

Big Bend National Park is open year round, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. For more information visit www.nps.gov/bibe/home or call the park at 432-477-2251

Alpine/ Marfa: Labor Day Weekend; Big Bend Balloon Bash and the Marfa Lights Festival

There are few more amazing sights than the contrast of colorful hot air balloons in the morning West Texas sky above the Alpine Valley against the Davis Mountains-except perhaps for the

mysterious and unexplained Marfa Lights, seen by motorists almost every night of the year.

If your looking for wide open spaces and a touch of mystery this Labor Day weekend ... go West!

For more information visit the Marfa Chamber of Commerce online or call them at 800-650-9696.

San Antonio/ The Alamo & The Riverwalk

I am proud that more than 2.5 million people visit San Antonio each year to see the 4.2 acre complex known worldwide as "The Alamo."

The Alamo is open every day of the year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Visitation hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The jewel of San Antonio is the Riverwalk.

After the Alamo, it's the most visited attraction in the State.

The Riverwalk offers a variety of attractions and activities including riverboat rides, live music, art galleries, great shopping, and world class restaurants. For more information on the above attractions visit sachamber.org or call 210-229-2100/229-2100

Del Rio/ Lake Amistad, National Recreation Area

Situated on the U.S.-Mexico Border and near the city of Del Rio, Lake Amistad is known primarily for excellent water recreation including: boating, fishing, swimming, scuba diving and water-skiing.

Areas surrounding the lake provide opportunities for picnicking, camping and hunting.

Ciudad Acuna is just a short drive from the lake where visitors can cross the border for an afternoon of shopping and authentic Mexican cuisine.

For more information on the lake and the recreation area visit



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

www.nps.gov/amis or call (830)775-7491

Garner State Park

Profound canyons, crystal-clear streams, towering mesas, and chiseled limestone cliffs are among the many sites that you will discover within this intriguing terrain.

Garner State Park is found in the northern part of Uvalde County.

Located 30 miles north of Uvalde and seven miles north of ConCan, Garner State Park has ten acres of awe inspiring riverfront.

The park offers camping, hiking, picnicking, canoeing, fishing, swimming in the Frio River, miniature golf, paddle boat rentals, juke box dancing at the concessions building, and bike riding. "Friends of Garner State Park" has introduced a new program called "Cowboy Sunset Serenade."

This program gives an overview of the history of the American Cowboy through songs and cowboy poetry.

These performances are held from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/garner or call 830/232-6132

There are hundreds of ways to make Texas your vacation destination this summer. Take joy in the natural beauty and wonder of our state and invite a friend "down" to share in the fun. For more ideas about where to go with your family in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, visit www.TravelTex.com

Jack Kilby proved that Texas is becoming as well-known for science as it is for cowboys

Whenever I have traveled abroad and my hosts learn I am from Texas, they almost always mention "cowboys." The self-reliance, integrity and grit of the cowboy has become part of Texas' personality and the world knows it. What many people do not realize is that these qualities have helped Texans excel in every field of human endeavor, from sports to science.

One man who exemplified these traits in science was Jack S. Kilby, who passed away just a few weeks ago.

Jack was an engineer's engineer who was always listened to because he only spoke when he had something to say.

This unassuming man changed the world through his invention of the integrated circuit chips which made the desktop computer and a thousand other marvels possible.

During the hot Texas summer of 1958, Jack Kilby was on duty at Texas Instruments.

As a newly hired engineer, Kilby held down the fort at TI's labs while his fellow engineers went on vacation.

He had time to ponder sev-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

eral engineering problems and thought about the way transistors and diodes were manufactured out of semiconductor material and realized more than one of these devices could be made out of the same piece of material.

In doing this, he had the key insight which led to his invention a few months later of the integrated circuit, a discovery which led to the creation of an entirely new electronics industry.

The first integrated circuit consisted of a handful of transistors and diodes on a single chip.

Today, each ultra large-scale integrated chip holds the equivalent of more than 100,000 transistors and allows the production of low-cost computers and other products.

After this breakthrough, Kilby did not rest on his laurels.

He ended his career with more than 60 patents, including the invention of the hand-held calculator.

Nonetheless, it was the integrated circuit which won him the Nobel Prize.

Jack Kilby is not the only Texan known for his scientific expertise.

I am honored to call heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey a friend.

The surgical techniques he pioneered continue to save thousands of lives each year. While serving in combat in World War II he believed many lives could be saved on the battlefield and initiated the first "MASH" unit taking surgical treatment right to the combat area. In a similar fashion, Texas is a center of the field known as nanotechnology, in which scientists are able to build stronger, lighter and more durable materials molecule by molecule. Rice University's Dr. Richard Smalley and Dr. Robert F. Curl, Jr. have won the Nobel Prize for their work in creating large carbon molecules called "Fullerenes."

As a center for America's manned space program and home of great universities and some of the world's most important computer and semi-conductor manufacturers, Texas is becoming known as not only a land of cowboys but of high technology too.

Attorney General Abbott goes to court over open records dispute with Frio Co. Sheriff Alleges continued disregard for open records laws, asks court to compel release of information

AUSTIN - Attorney General Greg Abbott today filed a petition in Travis County district court alleging that the Frio County Sheriff's Office engaged in a deliberate effort to avoid disclosing public records to a citizen who requested them from late 2003 to the present.

The petition for writ of mandamus asks the court to compel Frio County Sheriff Lionel Trevino to comply with the law. It contends the sheriff and his employees in Pearsall should have complied with an Attorney General's ruling in March 2004 that the office release all of the requested information concerning the names of those authorized to execute bail bonds in the county, as well as cellular telephone and employment records of sheriff's office personnel.

The petition also alleges the sheriff did not contact the Attorney General about the issue timely, did not release the information as ordered and did not remedy this by filing a lawsuit

against the Attorney General to put the matter before a court.

"It has long been my philosophy that government officials must become more responsive to the public, not less," said Attorney General Abbott. "All citizens should be extended equal treatment by the government that serves them and that means openness and transparency in the conduct of the public's business."

"In this case, there was a pattern of violations of the law," Attorney General Abbott added. "The sheriff's office went to great lengths to develop excuses for not releasing information that is clearly public."

"It is not the job of the sheriff's office to independently decide which information it should shield from the public."

The citizen who requested information about the administration of the sheriff's office and bail bond businesses in Frio County, Robert Hererra Jr., made his first written request in November 2003.

Since that time, the sheriff's office has refused to fully release required information as ordered by the Attorney General.

Deputies explained to Hererra that the records were too voluminous to reproduce in a timely manner with a small staff and that personal information about certain individuals should not be open to public scrutiny.

However, the sheriff never provided the Attorney General these personnel files for review. Even after arranging to meet with Hererra to release the records, and after Hererra twice drove 100 miles round trip to view these records, the sheriff's office declined to release them.

The Attorney General asks the court to also order the sheriff to pay attorneys' fees and costs of litigation.

Perry expands the call of the special session to protect private property rights

Asks lawmakers to shield Texans from effects of Supreme Court Ruling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today expanded the call of the special legislative session to include legislation that limits government's ability to take property from private owners through eminent domain. The U.S. Supreme Court recently set a new legal precedent that allows government entities to seize private property for economic development purposes.

"Today I am expanding the

call of the special legislative session and asking lawmakers to take swift action to protect the private property rights of every Texan," Perry said.

"The Supreme Court's ruling would allow government to condemn your family's home, bulldoze it and build a new shopping mall or some other kind of economic development project simply to generate more tax revenue. I stand with an overwhelming

majority of lawmakers and citizens who believe that this starts us down a slippery slope that will lead to the erosion of Texans' rights."

"I support an amendment to the Texas Constitution because, by definition, the constitution is intended to protect the people from arbitrary acts by government that infringe on their basic rights.

One of the most basic rights in Texas is the right to own property, and government shouldn't be able to take that away to pad its tax coffers."

Gov. Perry's specific message allows lawmakers to consider "legislation relating to limiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for private parties or economic development purposes."

The Texas Constitution authorizes the governor to set the agenda during a special session of the legislature.

The governor called lawmakers into special session beginning June 21, and has asked them to consider school finance, education reform and property tax relief legislation.

Legislation has already been filed in the Texas House and Senate that addresses the eminent domain issue.

Today's action was required for lawmakers to have the authority to pass such legislation.

"I have expanded the purpose of this special session because this recent decision by the Supreme Court requires immediate action.

"We don't need to study this issue, we need to act, and I believe this legislature will," Perry said.

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Sez!



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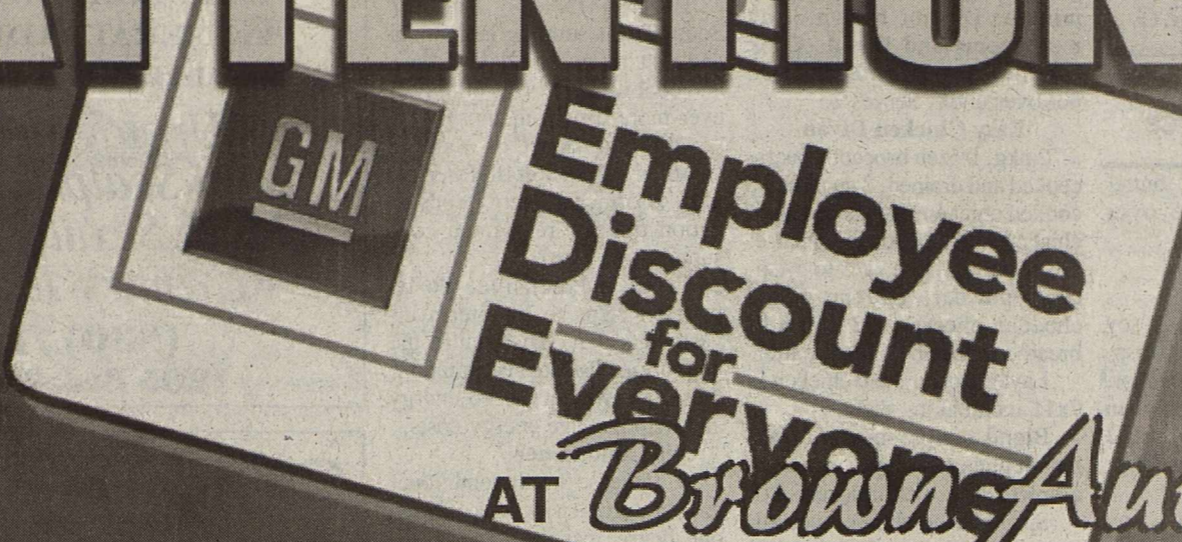
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Especially flavorful chicken CPL offers summer tips

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Chinese Chicken Breast
6 lb. chicken breast, boned and skinned, 5 tbsp. butter, 1 cup thinly sliced water chestnuts, 1 cup chopped bamboo shoots, 2 cups sliced celery, 2 cups pea pods, 3 cups chicken broth, 1/4 cup soy sauce, 2 1/2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. MSG, 1 tsp. each sugar and pepper, 2 tsp. cornstarch and 1 cup walnut halves.

Slice chicken in julienne strips and saute in 4 tbsp. butter until firm to the touch. Stir in the next 5 ingredients.

Blend cornstarch with small amount of water; add to chicken and cook until clear and thick, stirring constantly.

In small skillet, saute walnuts



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in the remaining 1 tbsp. butter until golden. Sprinkle over chicken. Serves 6.

Velvet Chicken with Mushrooms
1 tsp. cornstarch, 1 tsp. soy sauce, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 4 tsp. oil, 2 whole chicken breast, boned and skinned, 1 (4 oz.) can button mushrooms, 1 tsp. salt, 2 cloves garlic, minced and 2 tsp. minced ginger.

Blend 2 tsp. cornstarch, soy sauce, pepper and 1 tsp. oil in bowl; add chicken tossing/turning to coat. Let stand 10 minutes.

Drain mushrooms, reserving 1/4 cup liquid. Blend reserved liquid with 1 tsp. cornstarch and salt.

Saute chicken, garlic and ginger in 3 tbsp. oil in skillet for 1 minute. Do not brown. Add mushrooms and liquid. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Do not over cook. Serves 2.

Easy Chicken Divan
2 pkg. frozen broccoli spears, cooked and drained, 2 cups sliced cooked chicken, 2 cans cream of chicken soup, 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1/2 to 1 tsp. curry powder, 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs and 1 tsp. butter.

Layer broccoli and chicken in 7x11 inch baking dish.

Blend soups, mayonnaise, lemon juice and curry powder in a bowl. Pour over chicken.

Sprinkle the cheese over all, then top with crumbs tossed in butter. Garnish with pimientos.

Bake at 360 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Serves 6.

*Make two small casseroles in place of one, leaving off the bread crumb topping on one and freezing it for future use.

CPL offers summer tips

HOUSTON — Another South Texas summer is upon us and that means the heat is here and cool weather is becoming an ever-more-distant memory.

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- Wash full loads to decrease the amount of energy used.

- Wash at a lower temperature or on the economy setting to save even more energy.

- Hang clothing outside instead of running the dryer.

- Use your dryer for consecutive loads. Built-up heat between loads will use less energy.

Refrigerator and Freezer

- Defrost regularly. When ice builds up, your freezer uses more electricity.

- Do not place the refrigerator next to the oven. Also, make sure there is plenty of ventilation space behind and above it.

- Keep your refrigerator at least three-quarters full to maintain maximum efficiency.

Lighting

- Use energy-saving light bulbs that can last up to ten times longer than normal bulbs.

- Fit external lights with motion sensors and timers to make sure they are used only when necessary.

- Turn off lights when you leave a room.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, July 6
1:00 p.m., Gustavo Vasquez Martinez, 47, of Piedras Negras, Coah., Mexico; was arrested for intent to distribute or sell marijuana. He was released to the U.S. Marshals.

1:00 p.m., Felix A. Olivera, 32, of Austin, Texas, was arrested for possession with intent to distribute. He was released to the U.S. Marshals.

Wednesday, July 7
9:40 a.m., Diana Koch Ward, 51, of Brackettville, was arrested for states application to revoke community supervision. She was released on \$3,000 bond.

1:00 p.m., Terri Burnett/Shaun Lynn, 38, of Spring, Texas was arrested for a warrant of theft by check. She was released on a \$300 Personal Recognizance bond.

5:50 p.m., Guadalupe Lumberras, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested on a capias warrant for possession of marijuana. He was released on a \$7,500 bond.

Friday, July 8
10:47 a.m. Ariel Luna, 27, of Austin, Texas was arrested for driving while intoxicated, invalid licence. He was released on bond.

Tuesday, July 5
10:00 a.m., A man reported a burglary of a vacant residence on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Johnny Fritter took the report.

2:40 p.m., A woman reported an 18-wheeler was driving reckless on U.S. 90 going west. Dispatch notified Del Rio Department of Public Safety officials.

8:45 p.m., A person reported a motorcycle accident on Highway 2804, Pinto Creek Rd., Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was

dispatched to the scene.

Wednesday, July 6
1:35 p.m., A man requested a deputy to arrive at his church; Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

4:58 p.m., A man called 911 saying that in 30 minutes there was going to be a family disturbance at his residence. He asked that the department wait 30 minutes before sending anyone over to his residence. Deputy Freitag was notified and arrived at 4:59 p.m. At 5:05 p.m., Freitag reported everything was okay.

9:47 p.m., A woman reported that someone was knocking at the back door of her residence. She was calling from her job on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Freitag was notified and dispatched to the area.

10:37 p.m., A motorist called Kinney County Sheriff's office to report that two vehicles were driving weird. Deputy Freitag was notified.

Thursday, July 7
12:30 a.m., A woman reported that someone broke a window to her daughter's door. She said that the person had threatened one of her daughters and now was threatening her younger daughter. Deputy Freitag was informed.

1:30 p.m., A woman reported that someone had sliced her niece's dog. They sliced his throat, arms and belly. Deputy Freitag was notified.

8:23 p.m., A woman called to request a deputy to her residence to fill out an incident report. Deputy Ron Ring was notified and en route to the location.

Friday, July 8
3:24 p.m. A person called to report a rollover on U.S. 277

DPS was notified. One girl was injured with a broken arm.

Saturday, July 9
5:40 a.m., A security company reported an alarm going off at a local convenience store.

6:30 p.m., A woman asked to speak with a deputy in reference to her child's return. Deputy Page and deputy Frietag were notified of the situation.

7:49 p.m., Personnel from Capital DPS called to request help with a motorist that had a flat tire at the intersection of U.S. 277 and U.S. 693. Deputy Frietag and Deputy Page were notified and en route.

8:25 p.m., A woman reported a known fugitive was in town. Deputy Ring and Freitag were notified.

11:01 p.m., A man requested the Sheriff's Office send a deputy to the gate for a welfare check on Colony Row on Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Freitag was notified and he was en route.

Sunday, July 10
2:30 p.m., A man requested a deputy to his residence so that his son could speak with them. Deputy Pena was notified and en route.

6:45 p.m., A woman on Fort St. reported that her neighbor's dog was barking all night long and that the dog should be put inside the house instead of being outside and making all the other dogs bark.

6:58 p.m., A woman called to see if she could speak with a deputy in reference to a fender bender on Fort Clark springs. Deputy Ring was notified.

5:53 p.m., A woman called the office in reference of giving another woman parental consent over her two daughters. Deputy Ring was notified and dispatched.

Attorney General Abbott obtains child porn indictments

Victoria man indicted on 17 counts; Lee County seminary student nabbed

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today announced his Cyber Crimes Unit has obtained indictments by a Victoria County grand jury against Rickie Lee Smith on child pornography charges.

Smith, a 50-year-old delivery truck driver, was indicted on 10 counts of promotion of child pornography and seven counts of child pornography possession.

In an unrelated case, Cyber Crimes Unit investigators also logged their 60th arrest by apprehending Johnathan Keith Kana, a seminary student from Lee County, who traveled to Hays County allegedly to meet an individual he thought was an underage girl for sex.

"These child predator cases show, once again, why it is so important to track these people

down and put them behind bars," Attorney General Abbott said. "Sex offenders are endangering children across the nation, as recent national news reports have demonstrated, and I am committed to making Texas communities safer for all children and families."

A search warrant was executed at Smith's Victoria apartment in January and Smith fled to York, Pa., in late January or early February to avoid arrest by Cyber Crimes investigators.

Police officers in York arrested Smith on April 14 and he was extradited to Texas on May 20. He has been in jail in Victoria on \$50,000 bond since that time.

Promotion of child pornography is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Child pornography possession is a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Smith's case was referred to the Attorney General by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which had received the referral from Yahoo.

Kana, 23, was arrested in Buda after attempting to meet a person he believed to be a 13-year-old girl he had solicited on the Internet for sex.

In fact, the "girl" was an undercover Cyber Crimes Unit investigator who had been chatting with Kana online. At the time of the arrest, he was a student at a theological seminary in Illinois.

Attorney General Abbott has made pursuing sexual predators a top priority in his administration.

In addition to the Cyber Crimes Unit, which he established in 2003, his Fugitive Unit works to pinpoint and arrest convicted child sex offenders who have violated parole and could be stalking children.

To date, the Fugitive Unit has arrested more than 200 such parole violators. The Fugitive Unit also has arrested 16 unregistered sex offenders as part of Operation Missing Predator.

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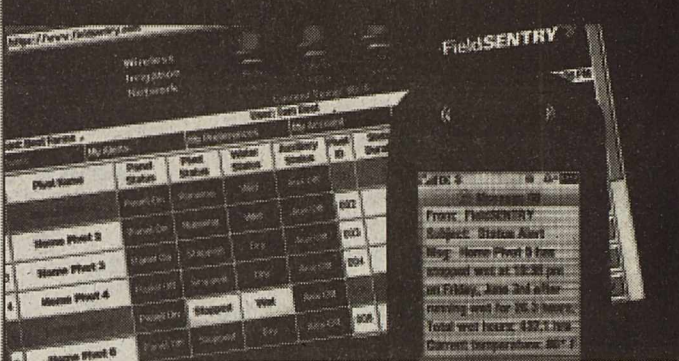
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Anthrax confirmed in Sutton County

Two ranches in Sutton County, Texas have laboratory-confirmed cases of anthrax in horses, deer and cattle, and laboratory results are pending for several other sites in the county, where livestock and deer losses have been reported.

Although this bacterial disease occurs almost yearly in this region of the state, cases have not been confirmed within Sutton County for more than 20 years. Typically, outbreaks are in Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney and Uvalde counties, but on rare occasions, cases have been confirmed as far south as Starr County, reports Dr. Thurman Fancher, director of Area 6 (West Texas) for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

"Anthrax is under-reported, because many ranchers in this area automatically dispose of carcasses and vaccinate livestock when they find dead animals that are bloated or bloody—common signs of the disease," said Dr. Fancher. "Anthrax is a reportable disease, however, and it's important to know when

an outbreak occurs, so other ranchers can be notified to vaccinate.

Dr. Fancher explained that it is common to see death losses in one pasture, but not across the fence. However, all livestock in an infected area should be vaccinated, to prevent potential losses.

There is no effective, approved manner to deliver anthrax vaccine to grazing wildlife that cannot be captured and confined. Dr. Fancher said that, during the anthrax outbreak, deer owners enrolled in the chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance program are to report death losses, but they should check with their private veterinary practitioner before collecting brain tissue from the animal for CWD testing. "If a dead deer has clinical signs of anthrax, we may need to avoid opening the carcass," he said. CWD has not been detected in Texas.

"Anthrax is an ancient disease that occurs worldwide. The first reports in livestock date back to 1500 BC," noted Dr. Fancher. "When an infected animal dies, the ground becomes contami-

nated with the spores of Bacillus anthracis bacteria, unless the carcass and soil are purified with a very hot fire. Even though spores do not multiply or spread underground, they can lie dormant in soil for decades, awaiting the perfect combination of weather and soil conditions to become vegetative. Animals then are exposed to the disease when they eat grass contaminated with the bacteria."

TAHC regulations require that the affected animal's bedding, its carcass, and nearby manure be burned with wood, diesel or gasoline (tires and oil create too much pollution), to cleanse the ground. Do not open carcasses. If there is a burn ban in the area, contact the TAHC Area 6 office in Lampasas at 1-800-658-6642 for disposal information.

Livestock on the premises must then be vaccinated and held under quarantine for a short time, to ensure any anthrax-exposed animals are not moved from the premises.

Laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medi-

cal Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, and suspected cases should be reported to private veterinary practitioners or the TAHC's headquarters in Austin at 1-800-550-8242."

Anyone handling or burning carcasses, or vaccinating livestock against anthrax should wear long sleeves and gloves. Exposure can cause a nasty, black sore that requires medical attention and antibiotics. General sanitation procedures should be followed after handling livestock, and equipment used on the animals should be disinfected. Pets should be kept from dead carcasses or bones of dead animals, which may pose a disease risk. Healthy animals should be moved from anthrax-contaminated areas. "Visitors to the area should not be alarmed by anthrax," said Dr. Fancher. "Just leave dead animals alone, and don't pick up shed antlers or old animal bones. By the time the area's hunting season begins, the cooler weather brings an outbreak to a close. If, after an outing, you develop an unusual sore, see your

physician for treatment." Actions that should be taken during an anthrax outbreak:

1. Properly dispose of animal carcasses by burning to prevent exposure to other animals, such as predators or dogs. Remove healthy livestock from the area.
2. Vaccinate livestock if cases occur in the surrounding areas.

Because the anthrax vaccine is a "live" vaccine, it should not be administered concurrently with antibiotics. Vaccinated animals are to be withheld from slaughter for two months.

3. Restrict movement of livestock from an affected premise until animals can develop immunity through vaccination.

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LeAnn Rimes performs at SeaWorld Aug. 20

Country-western star LeAnn Rimes is set to appear in concert at SeaWorld San Antonio on Saturday, Aug. 20 as part of SeaWorld Family Day.

Rimes, a Mississippi native, launched her career in 1996.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at SeaWorld San Antonio's Meadow Theater, with opening act Rick Treviño.

Concert tickets are on sale now while supplies last by calling SeaWorld San Antonio at (800) 700-7786.

Tickets cost \$10 per person, plus express shipping charges and can only be processed by mail. Park admission is required and not included in concert ticket price. Concert tickets will be

shipped beginning July 1.

On the day of the event, concert tickets must be exchanged for a wristband at the Meadow Theater beginning at 1 p.m.

There is a limit of one wristband per person, per ticket. Doors for the concert will open at 5:30 p.m.

Seating and admission for the performances are on a first-come, first-served basis. "SeaWorld Summer Nights," a special evening entertainment program features Shamu, our famous killer whale, who takes center stage during the "Shamu Rocks Texas" show; "Riptide" featuring talented youths from Russia and Romania who have lived and trained in the circus tra-

dition who are joined by local gymnasts and a live band that present dynamic, nonstop motion; and our newest show, "The Cannery Row Caper," starring funny sea lions Clyde and Seamore. "Summer Nights" is featured nightly from June 10-Aug. 14.

SeaWorld San Antonio will remain open daily through Aug. 21. Thereafter, the park will open Saturdays and Sundays only through Nov. 27, as well as Fridays, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, Oct. 21 and 28, Labor Day, Monday Sept. 5 and the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25. For more information, including park operating hours, call (800) 700-7786. SeaWorld San Anto-

Local landowners apply to participate in photo contest

Ninety-five landowners from 17 counties throughout the Hill Country have applied to participate in the first Images for Conservation Fund Pro-Tour of Nature Photography, a world-class championship that will match top nature photographers with landowners.

The Tour will be held April 1-30, 2006. The Pro-Tour is the world's first all-professional tournament of nature photography.

"The number of landowners applying is a clear indication of the growing interest in conservation for economic reasons," says Images for Conservation Chairman John Martin.

One of the applicant ranches is located in Kinney County.

The vehicle to promote this concept is the first Images for Conservation Fund Pro-Tour of Nature Photography, a world-class championship that will match top nature photographers with landowners who have taken steps to create a habitat conducive for wildlife photography.

The first Pro-Tour will be held April 1-30, 2006.

In the meantime, the Images for Conservation Fund is focusing its activities on identifying 20 landowners who will be matched with the same number of world-renowned professional wildlife photographers, as well as attracting sponsors for event.

The landowner applicant pool will soon be narrowed to the 20 participants and 5 finalists who will be matched with professional wildlife photographers from around the world who have already been selected to participate in the Tour.

Final selection will be based upon the diversity of wildlife and habitat on the property and the applicant's wildlife management practices.

"Nature photography has the unique ability to preserve habitat permanently by making it profitable," Martin said. "In 1996, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services estimated that more than 28 million people photographed wildlife—the same number of

people who played golf that year. Golfers spend billions of dollars on their pastime each year and support thousands of golf courses around the world.

Nature photographers have the potential to generate tremendous income for private landowners who lease professionally designed photo sites on prime habitat.

Landowners selected must have 500 contiguous acres of wildlife habitat located partly or wholly in any of the following 19 counties: Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Edwards, Gillespie, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Llano, Mason, Medina, Real, Travis, Uvalde and Williamson.

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ACROSS
 1 Plant new crops
 6 Of a church leader
 11 Make an offer
 14 Change
 15 Remain
 16 Keatsian work
 17 ___ with; writes to
 19 3rd and 4th words of "Home on the Range"
 20 Agency concerned with pollution; abbr.
 21 Fly
 22 Line on a weather map
 24 Stations
 26 Idaho's output
 28 Dull sound
 30 Counting calories
 33 Lessen
 36 Chauffeurs'
 spots, for short
 38 Golly
 39 Fords
 40 ___ law
 41 Movie detective
 42 Robot play
 43 Cut
 44 Dull finish
 45 Characterized by passionate feelings
 47 God of love
 49 Scolding ones
 51 Burial
 55 One who comes in 2nd
 57 Apostle; abbr.
 59 Branch of sci.
 61 Unfortunate
 64 Resinous substance
 65 ___ to myself...
 66 Muslim ruler
 67 Dutch commune
DOWN
 1 Went quickly
 2 Say "I do" without fanfare
 3 Part of a bride
 4 Poet's contraction
 5 Struggle
 6 Child's word
 7 Terminate
 8 Fastener
 9 First grader's task
 10 Renters
 11 Instrument on a warplane
 12 "What's the big ___?"
 13 Precious
 18 Unexceptional
 23 Scrap
 25 ___ for;
 27 Think the world of
 29 Short-tailed shorebird
 31 Like 8 Down?
 32 Man's nickname
 33 Land unit
 34 Oz's creator
 35 Haughtiness
 37 Ending for Joseph or nectar
 40 Harshest
 41 Throw
 43 Russian region
 44 Loch Ness resident?
 46 Spasm
 48 Noisy disturbance
 50 Narrow groove
 52 Diminished
 53 Log-rolling contest
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 55 Brazilian athlete
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 62 Gift of
 63 Drs.' group

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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and fill 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?

Today's Category: THINGS IN A REFRIGERATOR

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 14.....John McClure	July 16.....Stevie Juarez
July 14.....Lester Shinabarger	July 17.....Maria Elena Pena
July 14.....Lou Sofaly	July 17.....Davina Rios
July 15.....Nancy Frerich	July 18.....Carolina Aguilar
July 15.....Woodie Hornburg	July 18.....Rosalie Boyesen
July 15.....Brent Smith	July 18.....Louise Reese
July 16.....Carmen Berlanga	July 19.....Vella Gum
July 16.....Hugh Coates	July 20.....Ruth Dennis
July 16.....Carmen Hernandez	July 20.....Pam Hale

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Bacon	11. Jello
2. Beer	12. Juice
3. Bologna	13. Ketchup
4. Butter	14. Lettuce
5. Cheese	15. Meat
6. Cola	16. Milk
7. Cream	17. Mustard
8. Eggs	18. Pudding
9. Fish	19. Sausage
10. Hot dogs	20. Yogurt

FLOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Indulging in nostalgia is fine. Just don't let it make you melancholy as you're wont to do at times. Later in the week, an opportunity for advancement arises at work.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your mate is concerned with your work hours. Perhaps you have been neglecting this person. If so, remedy this over the weekend with a romantic dinner for just the two of you.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're full of vim and vinegar this week. However, try not to be overly critical as a result. Enthusiasm is fine, but don't accompany this with a sour attitude.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Restlessness mars the beginning of the week. You feel trapped in a boring routine. Be patient as things heat up pretty soon.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A fresh financial venture is on the horizon for you. Be sure to keep your eyes open for this opportunity. Later in the week, trust in a friend's advice.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you'll want to park yourself in front of the tube this week, get up and get moving! Neglecting your exercise regimen will only result in a lack of energy. Over the weekend, domestic chores need tending to.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're right to consider a co-worker's idea as half-baked. However, you can put on the finishing touches and make it work. Later in the week, pay attention to matters of health.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's some minor trouble on the home front. If you just stay out of the way, it resolves itself. This weekend, travel is in the stars.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're rather introspective as the week begins. This results in new insights. By week's end, you're sure of the changes you want to make in your life.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Get out those vacation brochures. It's time to start planning. This could be the opportunity for you to finally take that dream trip.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Legal and contractual matters are favored this week. These could very well relate to real estate. Over the weekend, family members crave your attention.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An outing of a cultural nature is possible midweek. On the work front, bigwigs are particularly demanding. Fortunately, you're up to the task.

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Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

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cipalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Praise God!! Colossians 1:13-17.

You've got to be a different man

Rick followed Warden Graves' instructions and showed up at the counseling center as directed. He figured he could play the game if it would get him parole or early release. A voice to his left said, "Hi Rick, my name's Jordan. Come in here." Pointing the way into a room, Jordan motioned for Rick to go in and sit down.

Rick began, "Is Jordan your real name or is that some kind of nickname?"

"Actually," Jordan answered, "it's a nickname I picked up 'bout ten years ago."

Rick looked around the room. Pictures and certificates hung on the wall. Scanning the pictures, his gaze fell on one in particular. He got up from his chair to have a closer look.

Jordan said nothing.

Rick looked at the picture and then at Jordan and back at the picture. Pointing to one of the figures, he said, "That's old Joe isn't it?" Jordan nodded affirmatively. Rick continued, "And that's Donovan?" "And the third one?" Rick asked looking at Jordan. "It kinda looks like you!"

"That is me," Jordan answered.

"How come you're wearing a prison outfit?" Rick asked in disbelief.

"Once I was an inmate here," Jordan answered. "But that's a story for another time. Right now we need to talk about you. I've



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got all your records right here. I've read every page. You got lot's of baggage to do something about."

Jordan began his questions. "What're your plans for when you get outa this place?"

Rick answered sounding confident. "Well I want to get my family back together and get a good job. I've got big plans and I know it'll work out."

"You sound like a blowhard, Richardson." Jordan was blunt. "Every man in this place's got big plans."

"And you sound like Warden Graves," Rick shot back angrily. "He doesn't believe me either."

Jordan softened his voice but was still blunt. "Look Rick, let's get beyond the bull. You and I have different reasons for being in this room together. The reason you're here is to make your chances better for getting parole and getting outa here. The reason I'm here is to help you to become a different man before you get out. You've got to become a different man or you don't have a chance of makin it on the outside."

Give me a brake!

This little sign is painted on the back of many big trucks. It reminds me of my summer schedule.

But I don't need a brake; I need a break. We have been busy all summer.

We are planning on going to a church camp in a couple of weeks and we are also trying to get some of our family to go. It is good to get away and have Christian fellowship. Maybe it is the change of pace, or just getting away from the everyday routine.

At most church camps they usually have good Bible study classes and sometimes they also have missionaries tell of their experiences.

There is also the preaching and it seems like God uses the camp to bless people or bring blessings into the lives.

Jesus took time to come aside and he told the disciples to do



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

the same, (Mark 6:31).

It could be somewhere quiet or with a group of people.

The Bible also talks about a spiritual rest that only Jesus Christ can give, (Matthew 11:28-30).

Just as we have to find a relaxing place to be refreshed physically the only place we can find rest for our souls is in Christ Jesus.

It is there we can find forgiveness for our sins and the gift of salvation, eternal life, and real rest (Romans 4:25 & 15:13).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Vida Nueva Church recreates Jerusalem Marketplace for Vacation Bible School Learning of Jesus' last days and resurrection

Vida Nueva Christian Center has created a Holy Land Adventure with a Jerusalem Market Place for the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School.

Children are enjoying Bible time games, crafts, food, music, and real life dramas.

This week long event started Monday, July 11th with a real life drama depicting Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Juan Mendez portrayed Jesus (photo) as costumed Vacation Bible students and teachers welcomed him into Jerusalem. Closing ceremonies will be held on Sunday, July 17, so there is still time for children to come out and enjoy the fun.

Currently the children are grouped into the twelve tribes of Israel. Each evening they travel back in time to the Jerusalem market place.

The market streets include a barnyard with various animals to pet, shops for pottery making, herbs and spices, weaving, carpentry, and a village playground. In the synagogue, at the heart of the Vacation Bible School experience,



children are learning of Jesus' last days and resurrection. Pastor Bernie and Maria Cervantes thank everyone who

contributed their time and talents to this year's Vacation Bible School.

They are especially delighted

that the community and various churches came together to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success.

Comptroller Strayhorn reports healthy gains

AUSTIN —Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today said the state received \$1.29 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 8.9 percent compared to June 2004.

Strayhorn delivered \$344.5 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 9.2 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.1 percent higher than last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$232.8 million to Texas cities, up 8.7 percent compared to July 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same period last year.

Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$20.7 million, up 9.7 percent compared to last July.

Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 9.7 percent higher than last year.

Ninety-seven special purpose taxing districts around the state received July sales tax allocations totaling \$9.8 million, up 13.5 percent compared to last July. Ten local transit systems received \$81.1 million in sales tax alloca-

tions, up 9.8 percent compared to a year ago.

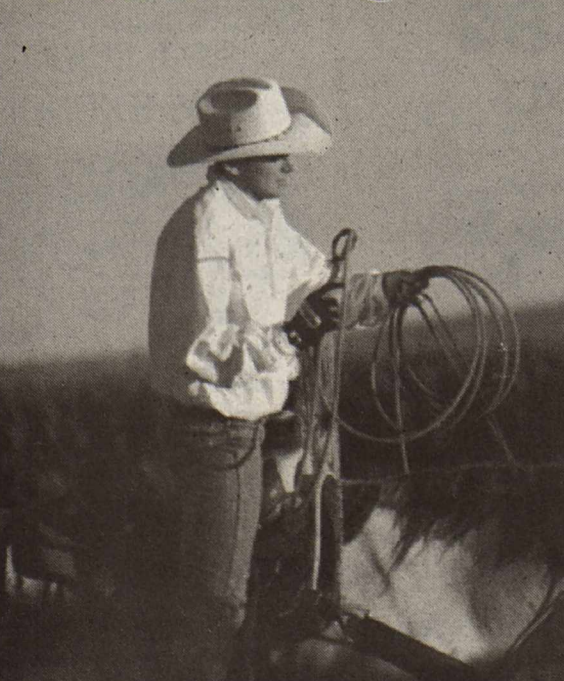
June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly repre-

sent sales that occurred in May.

For details of July sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the

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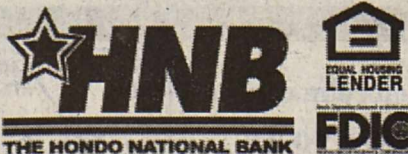
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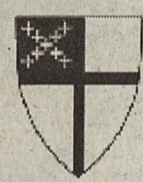


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Fort - Historical Area. Sale/Rent. 1 bed, 1 bath apt., carport, washer/dryer hookups, storage shed. Two lots. Sale price \$45,000. Rent unfurnished \$400.

Two RV Lots with small apt., carport. 2nd lot has cement block storage shed with 1/2 bath. Great low price!

On Lamotte St. Fort - Large, comfortable 3 bed, 2 baths on one large lot, privacy fence, double carport, spacious screen porch, workshop. \$98,000.

Del Rio - 3 lots behind Amistad Lodge and a short distance from the water. Owner will consider selling separately. All 3 for \$60,000.

Brackett - 2 bed, 1 bath, home. \$25,000.

Brackett - 7 lots on Spring St. orourke@the-i.net www.orourke Realty.net

MISCELLANEOUS

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REAL ESTATE

SPACIOUS RANCH STYLE Rock Home in a great area of Fort Clark Springs. 1,965 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car carport, bonus room or 4th bedroom, workshop and huge fenced yard. Everything is new including: jet tub and custom shower, built in appliances, over 1,000 sq.ft. of satellite tile, fresh paint inside and out and new carpet for \$127,500. Call Stephanie or Frank at 830-563-9566.

A BARGAIN. 100 Acres - \$44,900. Trophy whitetails. Rolling hills and draws, great access. Abundant turkey, quail, small game. More available. E-Z terms. Texas Land & Ranches, 1-866-899-5263.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

RESOW PAPAN BID
ALTER ABIDE ODE
CORRESPONDS MEA
EPA SOAR ISOBAR
DEPOTS YATERS
PLOP DIETING
ABATE LIMOS GEE
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RUR SEVER MATTE
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104 A-E Spring

NEW LISTING! Beautiful 3BR/3B home in "The Oaks", great location, recent upgrades. **A MUST SEE!**

Historic Townhome: large 2BR, 2B, with FP, CHA, carport & screened porch overlooking golf course.

Unit 32: 3BR, 2B doublewide, 1,695 + sq.ft., FP, room addition with hot tub, carport & workshop, corner lot with oaks!

936 Ac., 400 Ac., 138 Ac., & 111 Ac.

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Tejas Properties
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*** NEW LISTING -** Spanish style home in the Oaks - 2300 + sf. On corner lot, fireplace, fenced yard with new deck, front courtyard, sprinkler system, \$141,000.00.

*** 2/2 Native Stone** home in the Oaks with adjoining lot. Beautiful trees and Great Location!

*** In town, 2nd and Gove** - Nice home with huge fenced yard, carport, with second smaller home and storage buildings. Corner lot. Ready to move in. \$41,500.00.

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1997 Manufactured Home (with private well) 2,000 sq.ft. includes covered porch - "Log Cabin" outside wood with wood floors & fireplace. On 5.05 acres - Kinney County Ranch Estates - Price \$95,000.

Unit 7, Fort Clark Springs, Lots 17 & 18. 4BR, 2B, fenced yard and carport. \$66,000.

Historic Home - Single level, 2,580 sq.ft. - Extra large lot, 3BR, 2B, New hardwood floors. Requires seeing to appreciate. \$169,000.00.

The Oaks - 3BR, 2B, spacious fenced in yard, 2 space carport. \$149,500.00.

Bubba's Beverage Barn (SOLD) 208 Military Drive. \$210,000.00.

4.53 Acres off 19 Pepper Lane, Del Rio, TX.

110 Sunset, Lots 8 & 9, Unit 23, Fort Clark Springs. **Main House,** 2,540 sq. ft., 3BR, 1 1/2B, office/lart room, 2 car carport, 1 car garage. **G u e s t** house, 1,000 sq.ft., 2BR, 1 1/2B, large shower, open kitchen, living area. RV pad. Large connecting patio. \$198,500.00.

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2.0L DOHC Engine
Air Conditioning
AM/FM/CD
Floor mats
Rear window defrost
Automatic Transmission
MSRP \$16100
Rebate \$2500
DR FLM Disc \$1413
YOU SAVE \$3913
SALE PRICE **\$12187**

2005 RANGER S/C XLT
3.0L V-6
Air Conditioning
15" Chrome Wheels
Color Keyed Bumpers
AM/FM/CD
Overdrive Transmission
MSRP \$19530
Family Disc \$2247
Rebate \$2500
HD Bonus \$500
YOU SAVE \$5247
SALE PRICE **\$14283**

2005 FIVE HUNDRED SE
Automatic
17" Wheels
ABS Brakes
Premium Sound
AM/FM/CD
Speed Control
MSRP \$22840
Rebate \$500
DR FLM Disc \$2346
YOU SAVE \$2846
SALE PRICE **\$19994**

2005 EXPLORER XLS
4.0L SOHC V-6
Automatic Transmission
Air Conditioning
AM/FM/CD
Speed Control
Advance Trac
MSRP \$27415
Rebate \$2500
DR FLM Disc \$3304
YOU SAVE \$7326
SALE PRICE **\$20089**

2005 FREESTAR SE
3.9L OHC V-6
Auto Transmission
Dual AC
AM/FM/CD
Speed Control
4 Door
MSRP \$27870
Family Disc \$3280
Rebate \$4000
YOU SAVE \$7280
SALE PRICE **\$20589**

2005 FREESTYLE SE
3.0L 4V V-6 Engine
Traction control
AM/FM/CD
17" Wheels
Air Conditioning
Power package
Automatic Transmission
MSRP \$26670
Rebate \$500
Family Disc \$2722
YOU SAVE \$3222
SALE PRICE **\$22448**

2005 F-150 S/C STX
4.6L V-8
Automatic Transmission
AM/FM/6 Disc CD
Air Conditioning
Color Keyed Bumpers
17" Wheels
Total Vehicle \$26280
Ford Disc \$560
MSRP \$26730
Rebate \$2500
HD Rebate \$500
Family Disc \$3849
YOU SAVE \$7399
SALE PRICE **\$18881**

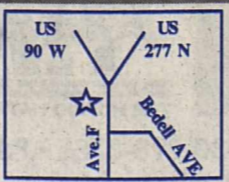
2005 SUPERCREW XLT
5.4L V8
Automatic Transmission
Limited Slip Axle
Air Conditioning
AM/FM/CD
T-tow Package
Total Vehicle \$32130
Ford Disc \$1245
MSRP \$30885
Family Disc \$4729
Rebate \$2500
HD Bonus \$500
YOU SAVE \$8974
SALE PRICE **\$23156**

2005 EXPEDITION XLT
5.4L SOHC V-8
Automatic Transmission
AM/FM/6 Disc
Dual Air Conditioning
Running Boards
17" Aluminum Wheels
MSRP \$35975
Rebate \$3000
Family Disc \$5478
YOU SAVE \$8478
SALE PRICE **\$27497**

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