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Red Hatters Limited
"Red Hatter Limited" will meet Aug. 8th at 12 noon at The O'Keefe's Residence at 306 Oak Lane on Fort Clark. Ladies from Brackettville and Fort Clark are urged to sign-up early at the Adult Center. Red Hatters enjoy delicious gourmet food and hilarious fun. This event gives area ladies an opportunity to don their red and garishly adorned chapeaus and experience great fellowship. It is recommended that red hatters carpool or ride in golf carts since parking is limited.

Local Governmental Meetings

The **Kinney County Commissioners Court** will meet on Monday, August 20 at 9 a.m. The appointment of Directors to the water board is on the agenda.

The **BISD School Board** meets August 13 in the Central Office Board Room at 6:30 p.m.

Brackettville City Council meets on August 14 at the City Annex on Hwy. 90.

Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, August 18, in the Board Room at 9 a.m.



PIZZA PARTY!!!!

Back to school pizza party at Smiley's Saturday August 25, 7 p.m. Free Pizza, Free Drinks, Free Ice Cream. 830-563-5960. Rain location will be in the BISD Cafeteria.

Alamo Village

Alamo Village Trailride and Cattedrive Oct. 18-21. If interested, call 830-563-2580.

63rd District Court Docket

The Honorable District Judge Tom Lee will be hearing the following case of interest: August 20, Petit Jury Trial with panel reporting at 9 a.m. The State of Texas vs. 2106CR-David Luna, 2107CR-David Luna, 2108CR-David Luna. Michael Reyes, Atty.



Trophy Pics

TBN is looking for the best hunting photos for its Award Winning Hunter's Guide. If you have a photo of a great kill or a story about the one that got away, submit it to the paper: tbnews@sbcglobal.net or drop by 111 W. Spring. Deadline for photos, stories and reserving ad space is August 31.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High: 86
Low: 72
Scattered T-Storms

Saturday
High: 90
Low: 73
Partly Cloudy

Sunday
High: 90
Low: 73
Mostly Sunny

Rain, Rain, PLEASE, go away

Local emergency response team tests the waters

After four years of near record drought, Kinney County farmers and ranchers are not asking for the rain to go away completely, but maybe just stop long enough for them to get some work done.

Like many other areas across the state, Kinney County has recently recorded unusually high amounts of rain, and early on July 30, the Las Moras Creek spilled over its banks and forced emergency planning teams into action.

The National Weather Service Station at Fort Clark Springs, unfortunately, has only a two inch rain gauge, so an ac-

curate rain recording from early Monday was not available, but citizens across the county reported personal gauge readings of up to 8 inches by 10 a.m.

As the county's water level began to rise, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was able to put their skills and equipment to the test.

By 8 a.m. Incident Commander and Kinney County EMS Director Bruce Hudgens, Communications Commander Leslie Jones and Texas State Guard Captain Joe Goebel were

assembled at the EMS Building on South Ellen Street in Brackettville, and working to coordinate evacuations, shelter accommodations, as well as any necessary search and rescue operations.

All proper city, county, state and federal leaders were notified of the emerging situation and a voluntary evacuation of Unit 1 on Fort Clark Springs was enacted.

By noon the water was steadily rising and the command center was preparing to

demobilize.

County resident Sarah Lane was the only resident, to date, to report serious damages to her home. Lane's house was flooded and sustained water damage throughout. Lane does not have flood insurance, but Hudgens and other leaders are working to see if any disaster funding will be available to assist her.

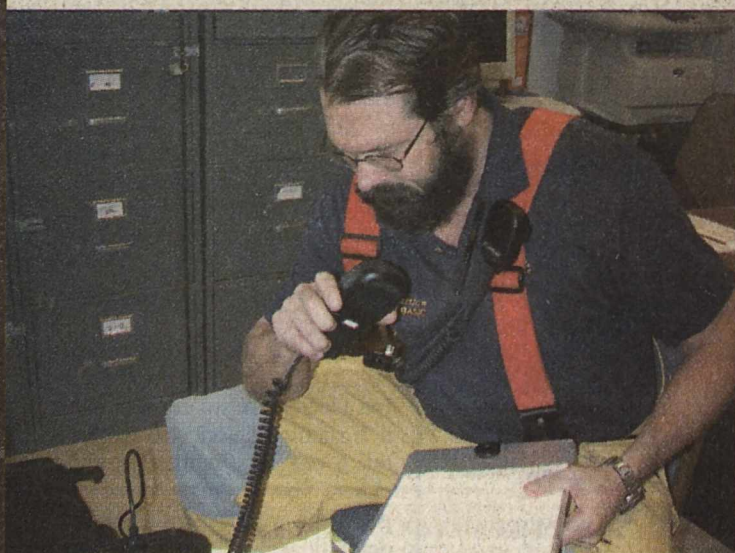
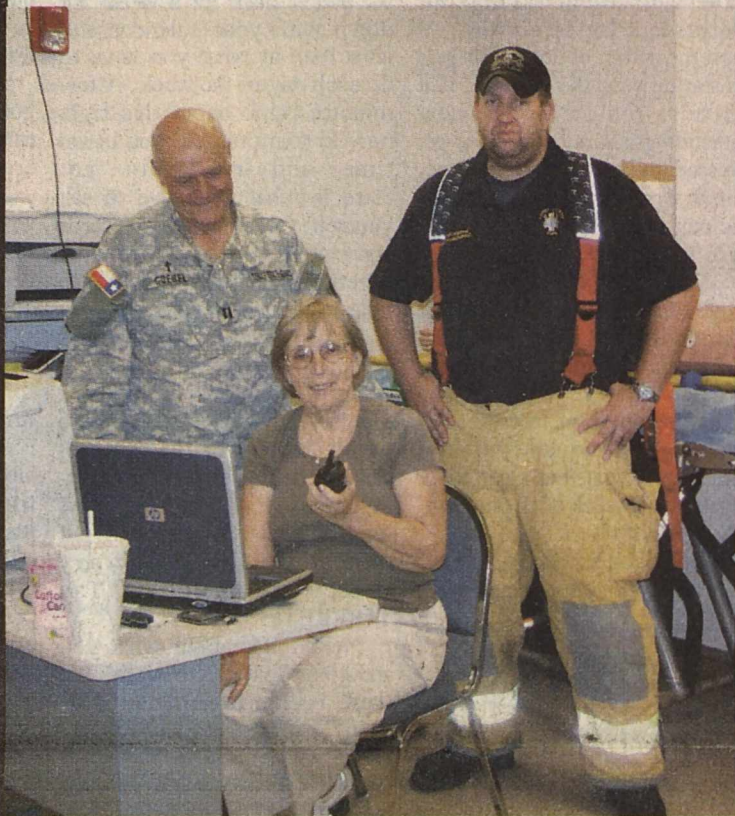
The county's civic center, tax office and EMS building, along with BISD's field house and

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Preparing For The Worst

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Top: From left: Texas State Guard Captain Joe Goebel, LEPC Communications Commander Leslie Jones and Incident Commander and Kinney County EMS Director prepare to demobilize their command center after the water along the Las Moras started to subside on July 30. Below: Kinney County EMT Kent Partlow tests the satellite communications equipment.



A little talk at Gossip Park

Submitted By Cindy Edwards RCEC Communications Coordinator

Rio Grande Electric Co-op GM/CEO Dan Laws and Area Operations Manager Danny Samaniego met with residents of Fort Clark Springs Unit 1, Thursday, July 26, 5:30 p.m., at Gossip Park.

Laws and Samaniego discussed the recent upgrades made in Unit 1, including new underground cabling.

Residents were anxious to know when the work would be completed and the grounds restored to their pre-construction state.

Laws explained the unusual weather we have been experiencing makes it difficult to state exactly when everything will be completed, but Laws assured the residents everything would be as good or better than it was previously.

He explained they would benefit from the new loop-fed system which would allow electricity to be re-routed, in case of a problem.

This would minimize the outage length, and inconvenience to residents.

KCAD serious about collecting tax dollars

Collection enforcement vital to providing public services

Submitted By KCAD and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Kinney County Appraisal District remains aggressive when it comes to collecting property taxes.

The law firm they have hired, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (Linebarger Goggan), is issuing 933 final warning letters to property owners who have failed to pay \$753,725.08 in delinquent property taxes to the Kinney County, City of Brackettville, Brackett ISD, Fort Clark Springs M.U.D., Kinney County Groundwater Conservations District and the City of Spofford.

Property owners have ten days to pay their taxes or else they will subject to legal proceedings that could result in the foreclosure and sale of property.

Steve Saucedo, Partner of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson said, "The warning letter issued by Linebarger Goggan is serious, and the consequences of not paying taxes can result in the loss of property.

Failure to receive a notice does not alter your tax liability or limit penalty and interest charges.

We will remain diligent in collecting taxes from those who ignore their tax responsibilities. To do otherwise would be unfair for those who pay their taxes on time."

Saucedo warned, "Property owners who ignore their tax bill are subject to being sued. The lawsuit will seek the foreclosure and the sale of property. When a lawsuit is filed, the property owner becomes responsible for additional court costs and service fees that can easily exceed \$750 over and above their tax obligation. Every account referred to the Firm that does not have a bonafied hold (ie: active payment plan, over 65 deferral, etc.) is subject to enforcement, irregardless of size."

Saucedo warns, "There are two things you can't avoid --- death and taxes. We stand ready to help you with them later. If you get a notice from Linebarger Goggan, respond immediately. Avoiding your tax obligations will only make matters worse."

Senior citizens, aged 65 or older and disabled homeowners (as determined by

the federal Social Security Administration), may secure their homestead against tax suit and sale by filing a deferral affidavit with the Kinney County Appraisal District.

However, the tax and interest will continue to accrue at 8% annually, and the total amount due must be paid before the property is sold or transferred.

Saucedo emphasized, "If you get a notice from Linebarger Goggan, respond and pay the taxes immediately. The sooner you respond the less you have to pay."



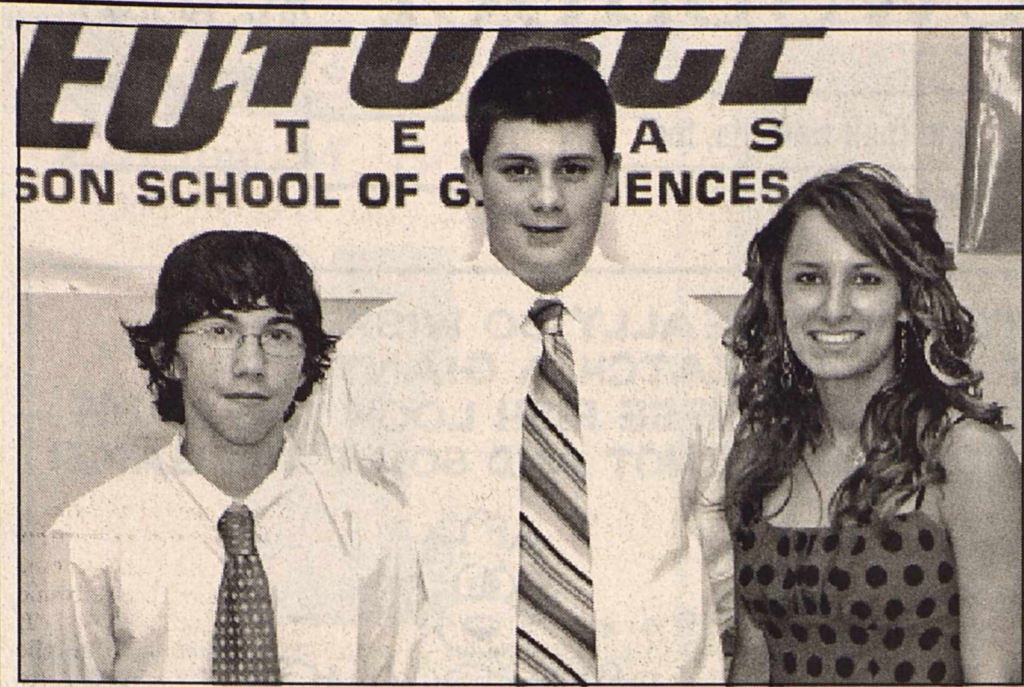
County Appraiser's Office

Kinney County Appraisal office at 412 South Ann Street, located across the street from the County Courthouse is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. until 12 noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

For Taxpayer Assistance Contact:

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP,
711 Navarro, Suite 300,
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(800) 876-6144

Kinney County
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412 S. Ann Street,
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GeoFORCE Summer Academy Participants Courtesy Photo
Area participants in the GeoFORCE Texas 10th grade summer academy include: (from left) Dominique Zvorak of Del Rio High School, Jeff Sitgreaves and Brooklyn Gose of Brackettville High School

Gose, Sitgreaves attend GeoFORCE summer academy

Over 200 family members and friends attended closing ceremonies for the GeoFORCE Texas 10th grade summer academy held June 9 in the Matthew's Student Center Ballroom on the campus of Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

Representing Brackettville High School were Jeff Sitgreaves and Brooklyn Gose.

The academy began on June 2 and included a week-long tour of various parks and geological sites of interest in Utah and Arizona, including Zion National Park, Grand Staircase — Escalante National Monument, Glen Canyon Dam, the Grand Canyon, Sunset Crater volcano and Wuptaki Ruins.

Funding for summer academies is provided by industry sponsors Shell, ExxonMobil, Chevron, BP, Marathon, ConocoPhillips, Minerals Management Service, Alcoa Foundation, AT&T Foundation, Dominion Exploration, Halliburton, Schlumberger,

Swift Energy and Vulcan Materials Foundation.

A total of 40 students from high schools across Southwest Texas were selected in 2006 to be participants in the program designed to inspire students to pursue the geosciences. The University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences manages the GeoFORCE Texas Program in partnership with Southwest Texas Junior College.

Members of UT Austin's Jackson School staff presented various special awards to summer academy participants, during the closing ceremony.

Jeff Sitgreaves of Brackettville received special recognition for having a perfect score on the test given all academy participants at the conclusion of the week-long event.

Through week long summer academies featuring geology-based field trips, research projects and course work led by university professors, GeoFORCE Texas hopes to ex-

pose students to the geosciences in ways that motivate them to actively pursue geology as a future course of study.

Ashabranner makes Dean's List

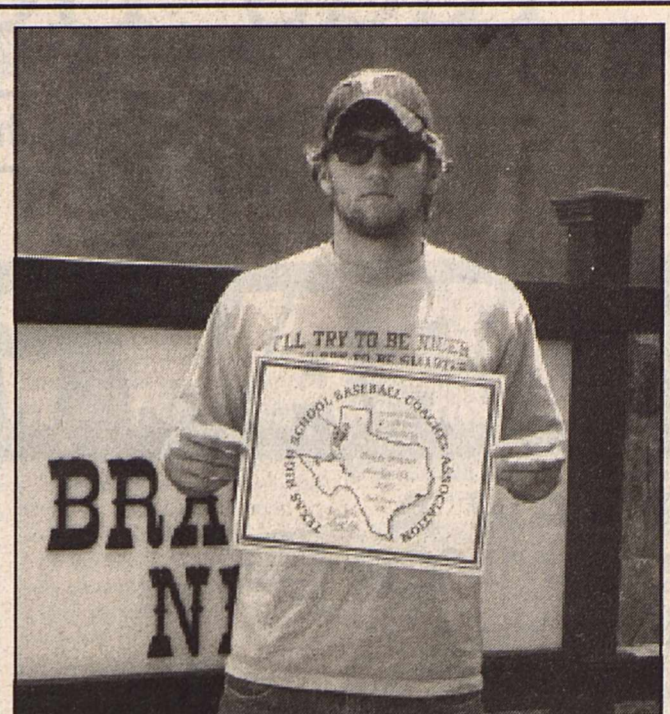


Juliann Ashabranner, former Brackett High School graduate, has been recognized for making The Dean's List at McMurry University this Spring 2007.

McMurry University takes pleasure in presenting this certificate to Juliann Ashabranner for scholastic achievement qualifying for The Dean's List.

This recognition is according to only those students who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the past semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashabranner are very proud of her for this achievement along with running track and working at JCPenny's all at the same time.



Bonner wins All State Photo by Laura Meyer
Travis Bonner, a senior at Brackett High School, received 2nd Team All State award for the 2007 baseball season.

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Hurry in today! Most classes start in late August.

Eligibility is based upon family income or dislocation from a job. Applicants must apply and must be determined eligible prior to the first day of class.

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Kids' Home Newspaper

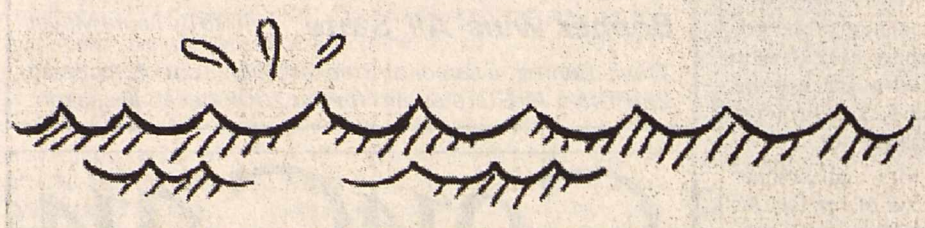


Games, rhymes and riddles for children and their parents, too!

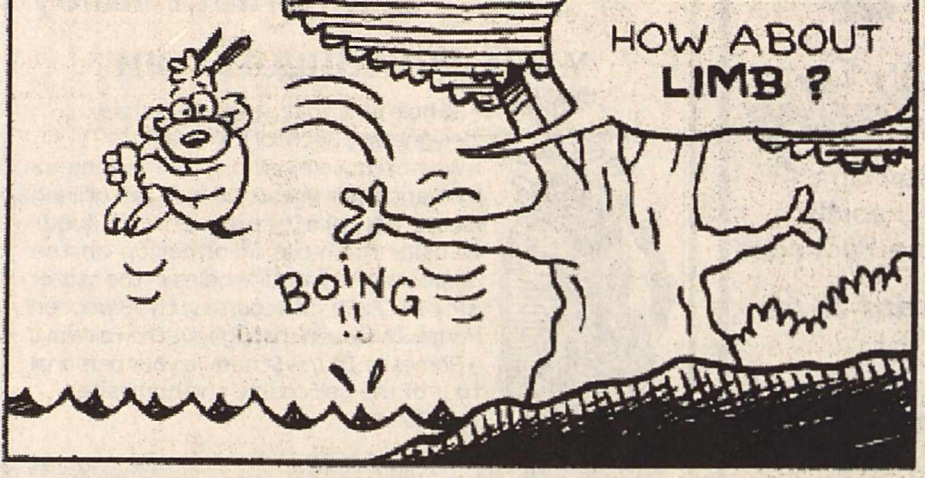
By J.R. Rose-Copley News Service

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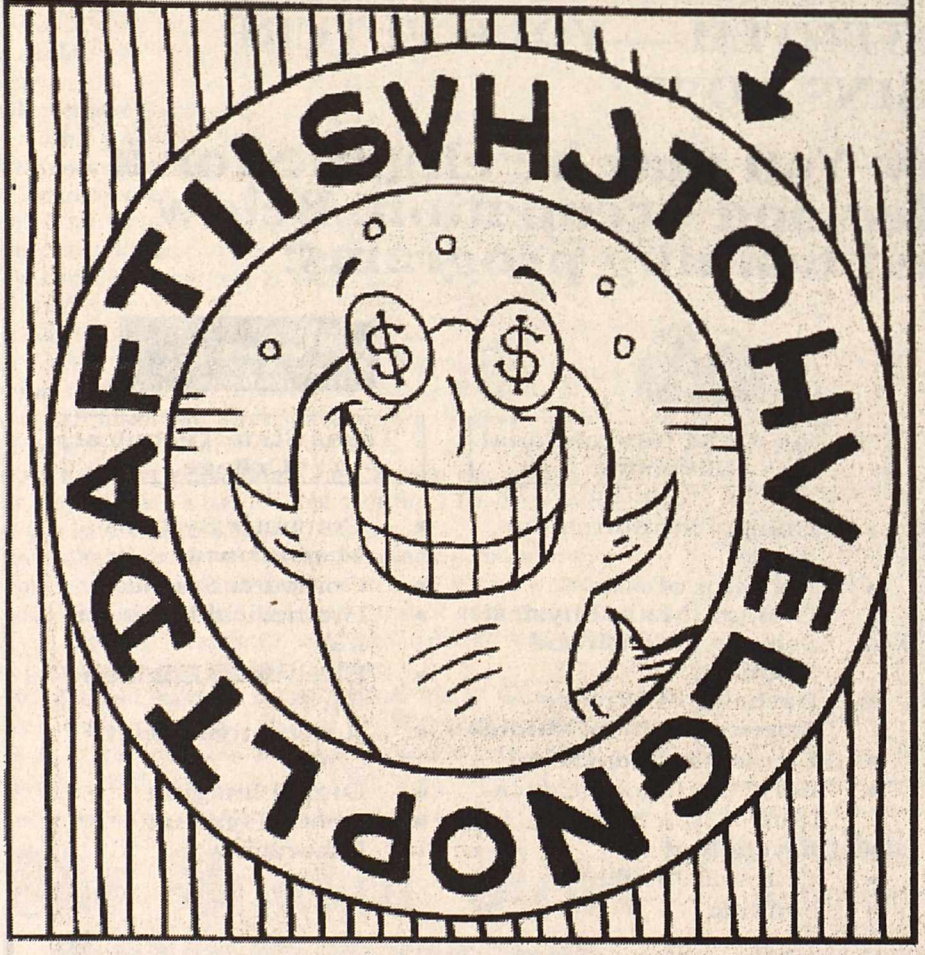
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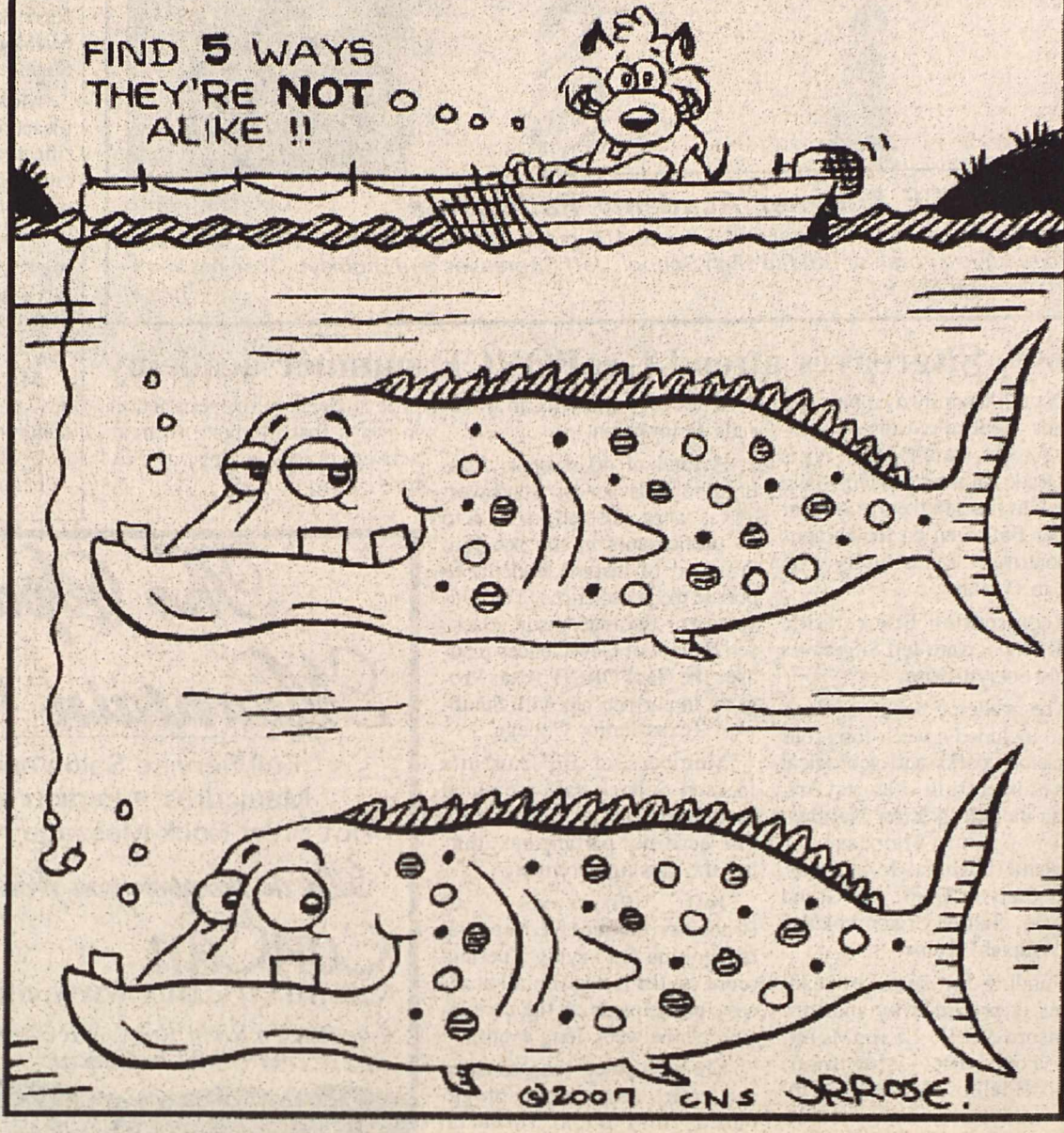
GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR SWIM...



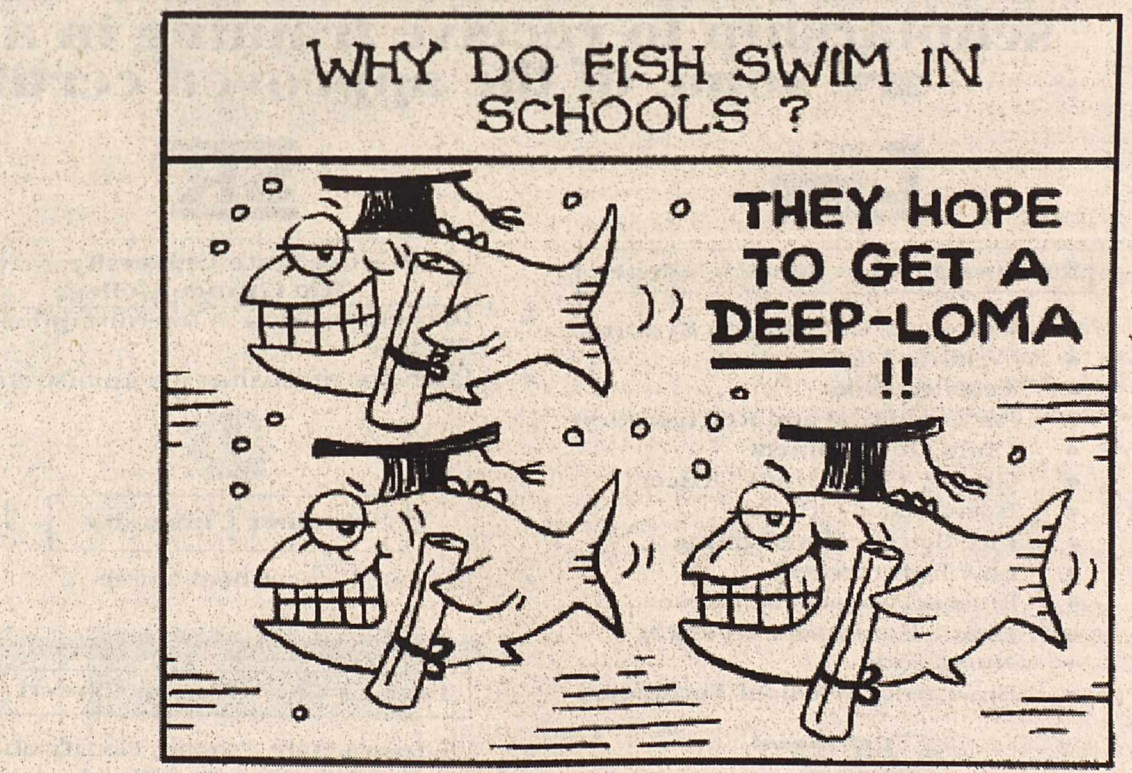
START AT THE ARROW AND WRITE DOWN EVERY OTHER LETTER TO SEE WHICH FISH IS WORTH THE MOST...



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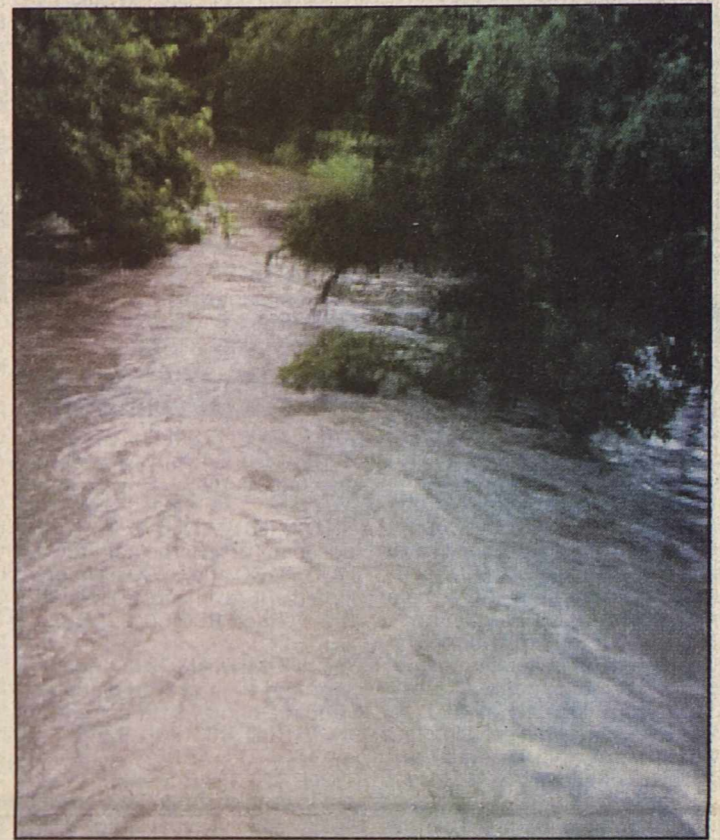
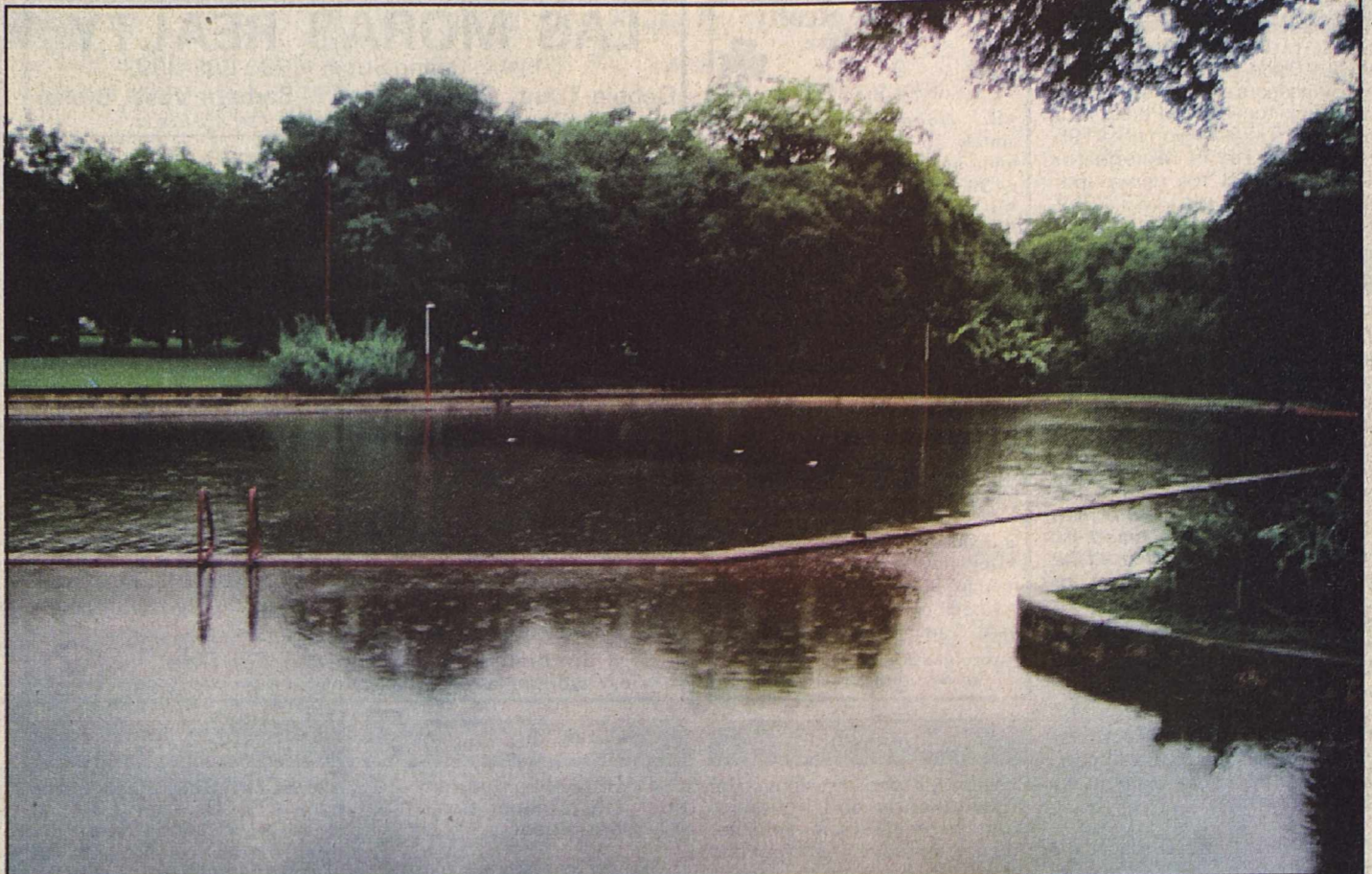
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