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BISD registration is set for Friday at Auditorium

Brackett ISD will hold registration for students in grades 7-12 on Friday in the BHS Auditorium. Students may come anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pick up their schedules.

All students new to the district need to contact Michelle Frerich, school counselor, at 563-2491, Ext. 226 or 400, before the first day of school so that a schedule can be prepared. To enroll, all new students need to have their birth certificate, Social Security card, proof of residency, shot record, transcript (high school students), report cards, guardianship, and any special programs records.

KCGCD holds hearings today at Courthouse

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will be holding public hearings on permit applications today, immediately following their 1:30 p.m. special meeting at the Courthouse.

To protest or otherwise participate in the hearings, a person must submit a hearing registration form for each application in which they desire to participate.

The registration form must include a statement of the basis for which a person is participating.

Citizens group set to meet Thursday

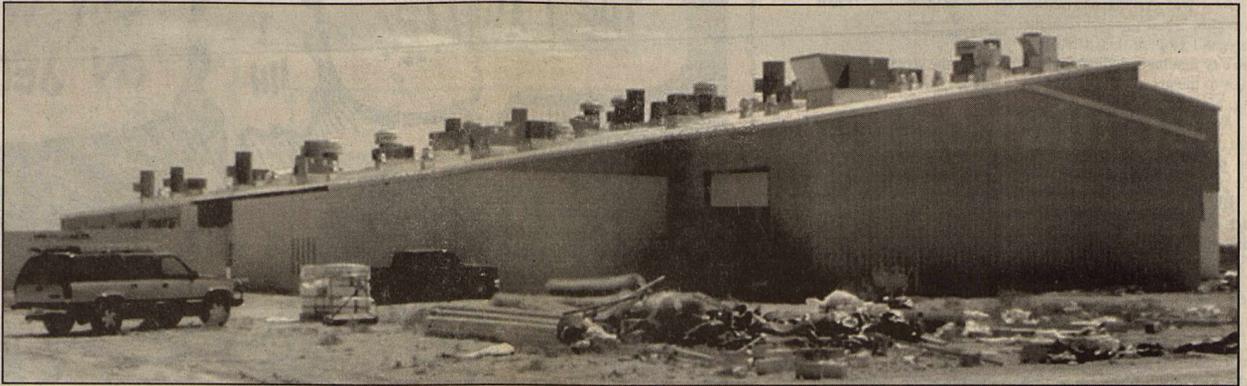
The Kinney County Groundwater Citizens grass roots movement will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the home of Jim and Silk Waters Mooney at 316 E. El Paso Street.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The topics covered in this meeting will be the continued planning of the "Citizens Understanding Groundwater" educational symposium scheduled for the month of October, the "Meet Your Waterboard candidates" townhall meeting scheduled for November, and a voter registration drive.

"If you are interested in water rights, we do hope you will join us," Silk Waters Mooney said.

"Kinney County Citizens does not ally itself with any interest group; rather, we are dedicated to creating an environment of communication, cooperation and education regarding groundwater issues. All viewpoints are invited," she added.

If you have questions, please call 563-3443.



Foreigners visit detention center

Last Thursday approximately 20 foreign dignitaries from Singapore and the Philippines toured the local detention center. The group is considering building a similar but much larger facility. If completed their center would be eight stories and house 7,000 inmates.

The 320-bed facility located in Kinney County is still under construction. According to Project Superintendent Joe Redman, construction is still on schedule.

"We're planning on being finished on Oct. 15," said Redman. The building is dried in and most of the construction is now being done on the interior.

Six years ago, county officials began exploring the feasibility of running a detention center with tax-based financing. Kinney County commissioners opted to pursue a privately-funded facility.

Riata Texas of Midland is funding the \$8.43 million facility. CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company, will operate the facility, which will house federal inmates.

"There is zero financial risk for the county," said Herb Sen-

ne, County Judge.

The total cost of the project includes \$7.2 million for general construction and built-in furnishings and equipment; \$543,548 for architectural engineering, construction, management and project administration fees; \$399,400 for development and interim finance costs to Riata Texas; \$238,000 for land costs; and \$50,000 for a betterment allowance and contingency fund.

"This is a big deal for us and a big deal for Kinney County," said Mike Patton, a marketing specialist with CiviGenics. "We've all faced a lot of difficulties over the last several years, but we have been constantly working and it has all come together."

The detention center will be on 60 acres of land, located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection.

CiviGenics expects to hire approximately 60 employees to operate the detention center.

"We will want to hire local personnel, as much as we can," he said. "We think there is a good labor pool here and in the surrounding counties. We will

pay competitive wages."

In addition to housing federal inmates, the detention facility will include office space and an evidence storage facility for the Kinney County Sheriff's Office.

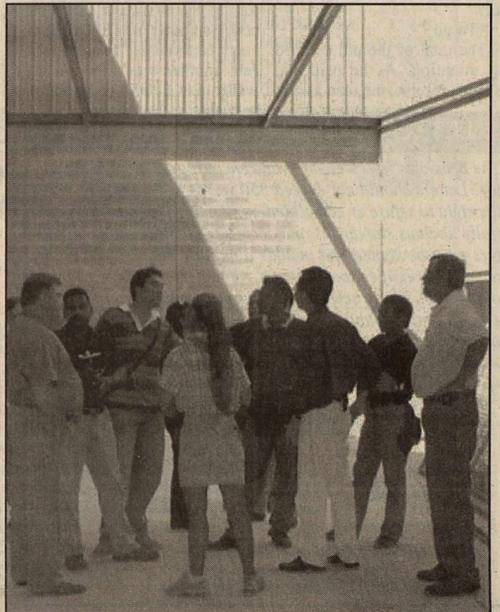
"The detention center will help us tremendously," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "We're hoping we can get some female prisoners in there instead of putting them in Wackenhut (Detention Center in Del Rio), and maybe get a cheaper rate."

Female prisoners cannot be housed in the local county jail, but officials have discussed holding female prisoners in the new detention center.

"The financiers and the operator are both very sensitive to county needs. If we feel like we need those accommodations made available, I'm positive they will make accommodations for us," Senne said.

The sheriff said the county plans to continue to house federal prisoners in the 28-bed local jail.

"My intention is to house federal prisoners here to offset the expense of the dispatchers because we'll still have to have dispatchers anyway," Burgess said.



Foreigners visit center Dignitaries from Singapore and the Philippines tour the detention center with Mike Patton of CiviGenics. Photos by Jewel Robinson

Corrigan's been working on the railroad

By JAMES C. REESMAN
Contributing Writer

Gene Corrigan spent most of his life as a dry land farmer and muleteer, but in 1986, at the age of 50, he went to work for the Durango and Silverton Railroad in Durango, Colo. He began as a seasonal employee during the April-to-October summer season.

It seems that the Durango and Silverton has a very stable work force. Corrigan had to apply three times for employment before he was hired. In the succeeding years, he earned promotion to conductor, the position that he holds today.

The LaPryor native recently

shared his railroad experiences during the Fort Clark Historical Society's monthly meeting.

The Durango and Silverton was built in 1881 as a spur line of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad from Alamosa, Colo., to the silver mines in Silverton.

It is a narrow gauge rail line. The rails of narrow gauge track are spaced 3 feet wide, compared with standard gauge that is 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches wide. Narrow gauge was chosen to reduce the cost of construction in the mountains.

The Silverton route was built in less than 12 months. The line linked Silverton with its silver deposits to Durango that had

coal deposits and a smelter. The mines were active until the silver played out in the 1850s. As a result, both Silverton and Durango grew into sizeable towns that quickly grew into tourist destinations with extensive shopping and dining facilities when the line was reorganized for rail tourism.

Today, the Durango and Silverton offers an all day excursion over 45 miles of some of the most impressive scenery in Colorado.

Three trains per day are scheduled to make the climb from Durango, elevation 6,500 feet, to Silverton, elevation 9,600 feet. The trains take three

and a half hours to make the climb at a speed of 15 miles per hour. The three trains are spaced about a half hour apart and begin leaving at 8:15 a.m.

All seats are reserved. Each train may pull from five to 15 or more cars. If more than 11 cars are pulled in one train, two steam engines instead of one are used to pull the train up the 2 1/2 percent grade.

Three types of cars are used: narrow gauge passenger coaches built in the late 19th and early 20th century, standard gauge freight cars that have been mounted on narrow gauge trucks and converted to open observation cars with two rows

of bus seats facing outward to the open sides to allow 24 passengers the fair weather fun of riding in the open air, and at the end of each train a first class parlor car with tables and chairs and a bar. One car, in the middle of the train, is converted to a concession and snack facility.

Two young women walk the train, selling souvenirs and answering questions. It takes three and a half hours to make the run to Silverton.

The 9 o'clock train arrives at 2:30 in Silverton and departs for the return to Durango at 2:45, arriving at 6:15. Reserved seats in the coaches and open-air cars ■ See CORRIGAN/Page 5

Rotarians to restore Little League Park



Rotary centennial project

Pictured at the Kinney County Little League Park are Rotarians Taylor Stephenson (from left), Dave Alexander, Brackettville Rotary Club centennial president Lynn McCarsen, Stan Conoly and Tully Shahan.

Photo by Bill Haenn

By BILL HAENN
Contributing Writer

On July 3, 1886, Lt. Francis H. French of the 19th Infantry, serving at Fort Clark, wrote in his diary: "Went over to town ... and after buying a straw hat went out to watch a game of baseball between a fat and a lean nine that was rather amusing."

Baseball and Brackettville have been a part of one another for at least 118 years. Unfortunately, the quality of the playing field has not improved much in all those years. It is time for change!

Rotary Clubs worldwide will celebrate 100 years of Rotary service this 2004-05 Rotary year. Each club has been challenged by Rotary International to perform a significant community service project in celebration of the centennial.

In 2001 the Brackettville Rotary Club selected as their centennial project the refurbishment of the Kinney County Little League Park. The project is an ambitious one that will require extensive coordination, fund raising, and hard labor. The goal is to provide the children of

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Eat in or carry out?

When I was in San Antonio at the Methodist Hospital, I had to marvel at the men and women that have dedicated their lives to the art of healing. I salute you all.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

As I was driving out of San Antonio, I had to marvel at the men and women that drive into the city that have dedicated their lives to the art of offensive driving. I salute you all.

As long as there is traffic in San Antonio, Texas, the medical profession will never want for patients to practice on.

But this isn't about any of that. When we were at the hospital the last time, waiting for Ty to come out of recovery, Connie asked me to go across to the food court to get her a cup of coffee. I did.

I went past Starbuckles. Too expensive. I walked up to another fast food place to get the coffee.

The man in front of me asked for a burger of some sort, hash browns and a drink. The check out clerk asked: "Eat in or carry out?"

"To go."
The total of the bill escaped my attention. As he paid and read his receipt, the man asked:

"What the @#\$\$%*# is this?"
The clerk responded: "What, sir?"

"This \$3.24 carry-out tax!"
"I don't really know, sir. It's just our policy. I can take back your order and refund your money if you'd like."

The man mumbled something about the guy's ancestry and walked away.

The clerk turned to me. "Yes, sir?"

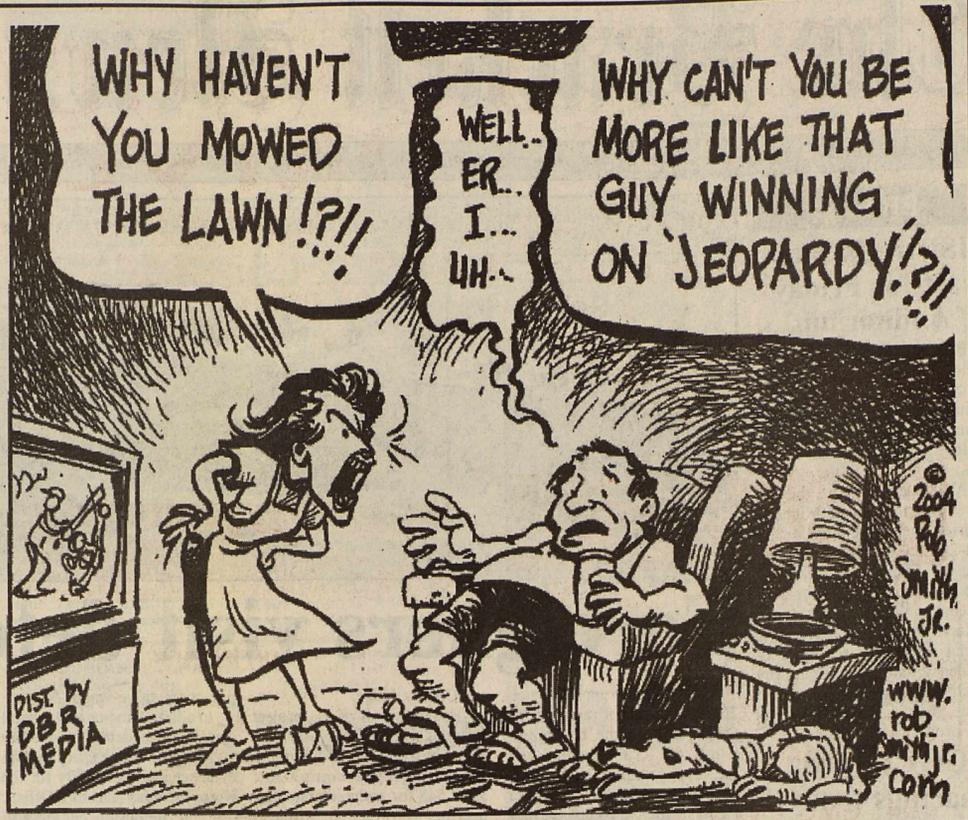
"Two coffees please."

"Eat in or carry out?"

Now I'm thinking. After what I just observed, why should I tell him I want them to go?

"I'll drink them both here, thank you."

I got my bill and checked to insure my smugness. At the bottom of the bill was a carry out tax! I am not joking. Eat in or carry out, you get tax added on. Just another way to drain my wallet. But I could be wrong.



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See Kerry for who he really is

I was prowling through the Internet news this morning and ran across a headline that really caught my eye. "Democrats Try to Show Public the Real Kerry," it screamed.

That was a tremendous surprise to me. I would have thought that was the last thing in the world the Democrats would want is for the public to see their candidate as the turncoat weasel he really is. What they really mean is that they want the public to see Kerry as the Democratic Party would like the public to perceive him, not how he really is.

They want the public to think of Kerry as a poor boy, grass roots, pulled-himself-up-by-his-own-bootstraps, common man, war hero. What they don't want is for the public to see Kerry as the boot licking, communist, treasonous, lying, do-anything-to-get-elected, filthy rich, liberal slime that he really is.

Kerry was in Vietnam for one reason only. When he joined the Navy, he had his sights set on a political career. His only goal was to get in, give himself some medals, and get out as quickly as possible, so he could use his "war experience" as a launching pad for political office.

He didn't care who he had to kill, betray or defame. He didn't care whose lives he destroyed.

He didn't care what lies he had to tell or who he had to use and then dispose of like trash. All he wanted was to further the

rampant ambition of John Forbes Kerry and any means was justified by the end.

If you think Kerry was a real war hero, you need to see a psychiatrist. Kerry was in Vietnam for four months.

He was assigned to Swiftboat 44 on Dec. 1, 1968, and had his first Purple Heart within 24 hours. He received three Purple Hearts altogether, without a single day lost to wounds.

In the four months on duty in Vietnam, he received the three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. Heck, Audie Murphy and Alvin York were slackers compared to Super Soldier Kerry.

I could overlook the suspiciousness of Kerry's medals—maybe he really did break a nail or stub his toe in combat. Since he won't release all his service records, we may never know the truth.

However, I cannot and will not overlook the unforgivable things he did upon his return to the states.

If you served in Vietnam, you should detest Kerry. He called you a baby killer, a murderer, a rapist, and every other vile thing he could think of.

He testified to these things before Congress, even though he personally never saw any war atrocities except those he himself committed.

You see, he admitted killing a woman, a baby, a 12-year-old boy, and an old man; but hey, that was an "accident of war,"



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

everybody else was doing it on purpose, just for kicks, because they liked it!

That's why there are so many Vietnam veterans who suffer from nightmares and flashbacks. They loved it so much they want to relive it in their dreams. That's why when my buddy Jerry Leverton, a combat Marine in 1968 and '69, returned from Vietnam, his hands shook so badly that he had to use an electric razor and couldn't hold a cup of coffee without spilling most of it. Not on your life!

Kerry's conduct while in Vietnam should give us all a hint of how liberals really feel about the poor, downtrodden masses. They're all for 'em! If you can't buy their votes, just kill 'em, call it an "accident of war," and write yourself up for a medal.

I can't believe that there are enough people in this nation with sufficient forgetfulness or historical blindness that John Kerry could be elected president. I can't believe that such a two-faced, chameleon-like, Benedict Arnold wannabe could deceive the number of voters required to elect him.

I fully expect him to carry California. Nobody who lives

there can recognize reality anyway. Most of them think they're watching a made-for-TV movie about a presidential race and can't wait to find out how it ends!

They probably don't even realize they're voting for the presidency of the U.S., but think they are voting for Kerry to win an Oscar for his starring role in "Fool the People and Get Elected."

But anybody who remembers the Vietnam years and saw the chaos and how our soldiers were treated by such paragons of patriotism as Hanoi Jane Fonda and her worshipful minion Hanoi John Kerry should be physically ill when confronted by such verbal sewage as Kerry ladies out to his adoring sycophants.

The frightening thing is that I really believe the treasonous slime ball stands a good chance of being the next president. Which goes to show how much faith I have in the American people to see through the lies and deceptions and determine their own best interests. Please, I beg, prove me wrong!

Do you think the Liberal Left would see themselves in the following Bible verse?

Ecclesiastes 10:1-3, "As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor. The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left. Even as he walks along the road, the fool lacks sense and shows everyone how stupid he is."

Olympians are hometown heroes

"The most important thing [in the Olympic Games] is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well." - The Olympic Creed Number Six

We've all been inspired by Texas' athletic stars, hometown heroes to many of us. But there is one star who seems to shine brighter with each summer victory. Lance Armstrong has done it again. He's accomplished what no other cyclist has done before, winning his sixth straight Tour de France.

The Austin native held up six fingers as he raced to the finish line in Paris, pedaling his way out of Montreaux and into history as one of the greatest athletes ever.

Cyclists from all over the world compete along 2,050 miles of road ranging from flat wheat fields to the steep Alps, making the Tour de France known not only for its beautiful terrain, but also as one of the most grueling sporting events of the modern era. Lance Armstrong has been an inspiration through his cycling accomplishments. Yet the headlines and glory fall a distant second behind his victory over cancer.

In October of 1996, while seemingly at the top of his game,



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

the two-time Olympian was stricken with pain and forced off his bike. Armstrong was given less than a 50-50 chance to live after testicular cancer spread to his lungs and brain. As if scripted by Hollywood, the promising athlete fought and persevered to defeat the disease - and then employed that same tenacity to get back on the bike and back on top.

Today, our Texas hometown hero uses his triumphs to serve as a symbol of hope, inspiration and survivorship. He established the non-profit Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF), which has become one of the nation's pre-eminent cancer research organizations. This year, the LAF sold yellow bracelets with the words "Live Strong" with a goal of raising \$5 million for cancer patients and their families. So far, LAF has sold seven million bracelets, bringing a total of \$7 million to the cause already and more on back order.

A Look at Athens The competitive side of Texas will continue to shine this sum-

mer as the country and the world heads to Athens, Greece for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

Every four years, the world comes together as one in celebration of the globe's most prestigious athletic event. All too often our nations are unified only through tragedy, but, for the past 108 years, the Olympic Games have brought us together for friendly competition.

In the first modern Olympic Games, approximately 300 athletes from 13 countries competed in only nine sports. This month, nearly 10,500 athletes from 202 countries will partake in 37 different events.

So who will be next in joining Lance Armstrong and Michael Johnson in Texas Olympic history? Texas is the home state of 29 athletes on the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team. We are proud to field more athletes than any other state, except California.

Fellow Texans will be cheer-

ing on their hometown heroes, including returning Olympians Mia Hamm, Sheryl Swoopes, Laura Wilkinson, Amy Acuff, Glenn Fuller, Connie Schiller Smotek, and Stacy Sykora. Texans are accustomed to being among the biggest and the best, but this competition is world class. Each one of these Lone Stars will be doing their utmost, competing for the gold and fighting to be among the great Texas Olympians.

I congratulate our Texas hometown heroes, Lance Armstrong and our Olympic athletes, in all they have achieved and have yet to accomplish. They make us proud.

To learn more on the Lance Armstrong Foundation visit www.laf.org and www.livestrong.com to order a Live Strong bracelet. Keep up to date on the US Olympic team and Olympic events at www.usolympicteam.com and www.athens2004.com.

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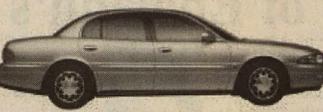


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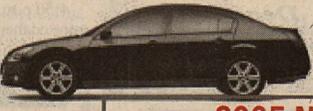
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Texas plans to protect black-tailed prairie dog

LUBBOCK — A working group committee of representatives from ranching and farming organizations, environmental groups, state and federal biologists, private landowners and others has completed a Texas plan to conserve the black-tailed prairie dog and its grassland habitat. The species is currently a candidate for possible listing as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The management plan created by the Texas Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Working Group sets a goal to have 293,129 acres of occupied prairie dog habitat in Texas by 2011. This represents 1 percent of the original available habitat in Texas as estimated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Preliminary estimates indicate there is currently 150,000 to 170,000 acres of occupied prairie dog habitat in the state, with a final inventory to be completed this summer. This acreage figure is based on aerial photo interpretation and subsequent ground truthing from county roads.

"Part of the good news in Texas is we have more than twice the occupied prairie dog habitat than was originally thought, which was around 68,000 acres based on a 1991 study," said Derrick Holdstock, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's black-tailed prairie dog program coordinator.

"It's also important to note

that regardless of the final decision on whether to list the prairie dog as threatened, the State of Texas and our partners in the working group are committed to implementing this management plan," Holdstock said. "It really doesn't matter whether it is on or off the list in terms of the Texas plan."

Work to develop the Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management Plan began in 1999 following petitions by environmental groups for the USFWS to list the black-tailed prairie dog as threatened. The Texas working group is part of a multi-state effort to restore the species.

The Texas plan has six goals:

1. Determine the current population size of black-tailed prairie dogs in Texas and establish a long-term monitoring program.

2. Develop and implement an effective education and outreach program.

3. Develop management options and guidelines that conserve prairie dogs at long-term sustainable levels.

4. Review and make recommendations for regulatory changes in the status of black-tailed prairie dogs.

5. Identify research needs and establish a research program that facilitates long-term viability of black-tailed prairie dogs in Texas.

6. Implement the plan.

"We don't want to prevent

listing the prairie dog as threatened," said Roger Haldenby of Plains Cotton Growers, a working group member. "We want to preclude the need to list the species by taking steps to make sure it remains part of the landscape and ecology of the plains."

The 25-member working group represents diverse stakeholders, from environmental groups like the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy to agriculture interests like the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Farm Bureau.

Black-tailed prairie dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) are important for healthy grassland ecosystems. Their burrows and surrounding low-cut vegetation provide habitat for a variety of other species, including western burrowing owls, mountain plovers, and the endangered black-footed ferret (currently extinct in Texas). Basic prairie dog biology and life history is on the TPWD Web site at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/wild/mammals/prairie.htm>.

In 1905, early explorer Vernon Bailey estimated there were 800 million prairie dogs covering 57 million acres in Texas. Since then, prairie dog numbers have been reduced by a variety of factors.

Threats to prairie dogs that are currently being evaluated include conversion of habitat to other uses, introduction ofylvatic plague, unregulated poi-

soning and trapping, recreational shooting; lack of state and federal regulations to conserve the species; and over-use for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes.

Besides the overall occupied habitat goal, the Texas working group has agreed to recommend a goal advanced by the interstate prairie dog conservation team. This would establish at least one prairie dog complex greater than 5,000 acres in Texas, and with at least 10 percent of the occupied acres in complexes greater than 1,000 acres. A complex is defined as a group of prairie dog colonies or towns no more than 4.3 miles apart.

"We probably already have that," said Holdstock, referring to the desired number and size of complexes in Texas. "What we need is to increase our total occupied acreage."

The management plan does not restrict landowners from controlling prairie dogs, but it does offer incentives to restore prairie dogs and the grasslands upon which they and other species rely.

The plan lists various government and nonprofit programs that offer financial grants, free land management advice and other technical assistance.

The Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management Plan is available on the working group Web site at <http://www.texasprairiedog.org/>.

OBITUARY

Ruby Lucille Standifer Phillips

Mrs. Ruby Phillips, beloved wife and mother, died peacefully on Friday, July 23, 2004 at age 81 years 7 months and 5 days.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Taylor, Texas on December 8, 1922, the eldest of four children born to Raymond Samuel Standifer and Thompsy Juanita Gray Standifer.

Mrs. Phillips is a direct descendant of William Bailey Standifer (great-grandfather) and his brothers James Williamson Standifer and Jacob Littleton Standifer. All three brothers were members of Steven F. Austin's original 300 colonists and all three fought in the battle of San Jacinto under General Sam Houston.

Mrs. Phillips finished her school years and college days in Baytown, Texas where she met her future husband, Dewey Eugene Phillips, of 55 years of marriage and lovingly raised two children in the Houston, Texas area.

Mrs. Phillips worked in Civil Service for over 30 years and retired in 1978 after working in such government establishments as the post WWII Ordinance Depot in Channelview, Texas; the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Houston, Texas; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Clear Lake City, Texas; and numerous Air

Force and Army bases throughout the U.S.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of the Church of Christ and a loving Christian all her life and was attending the Brackettville Church of Christ at the time of her death.

Mrs. Phillips was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers: Jack Standifer, Joe Standifer and Henry Standifer. Survivors include her son, Dewey Eugene Phillips Jr. and her daughter Kathryn Louise Phillips Silcox.

Mrs. Phillips was the loving grandmother of four grandchildren; Angela Silcox, Renee Phillips Sanders, Sheila Silcox Pierce and Johnnie Phillips; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda Sanders, Taylor Pierce, Justice Phillips and Cameron Pierce.

Graveside services were held in the Klein Memorial Park in Tomball, Texas with Minister Lonnie Ritchie of the Magnolia Church of Christ officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to "Friends of Hospice," P.O. Box 2301, Del Rio, Texas 78841.



Study of England's system may help Texas

With the cattle industry in England facing many of the same issues we are in the United States, I was recently invited to the United Kingdom to study what innovative steps can be taken to prevent an animal disease outbreak in Texas.

As a guest of the British government, I met with ranchers, veterinarians and livestock researchers to study cattle movement and animal identification, and how these issues may affect Texas.

As the largest cattle state in the nation, we certainly have a



Texas Yes!

Susan Combs

sizeable stake in the matter. Unfortunately, some of what I found was discouraging.

The United Kingdom's animal identification system which is used to help track cattle and prevent the spread of disease, is not flawless.

The amount of paperwork required of British farmers alone makes the system cumbersome and difficult.

A similar system would be tough on U.S. producers, particularly considering that 80 percent of our cattle producers have fewer than 50 head.

Another flaw involves timing.

After studying how the UK handled its outbreak of foot and mouth disease, I found that it took 14 days to determine conclusively that FMD was present. This lag time can make the

disease very difficult to control. The outbreak of foot and mouth disease lasted nine months in 2001 with an total cost to the UK of about \$20 billion in losses to agriculture, the food industry travel and tourism and related businesses.

While I came away with plenty of information that can be applied to the United States' effort to combat foreign animal diseases, I also found that much work remains to be done.

We are continuing to seek solutions to keep our vital cattle industry secure.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sunday, Aug. 1

6:47 p.m., A woman reported a possible break-in across the street from her residence on E. Edwards Street. The woman stated that she was watching her neighbors' dog when she saw somebody in the house. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the location.

Monday, August 2

2:40 p.m., A Fort Clark Security employee reported an intoxicated driver, driving reckless around the fort. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the fort.

3:57 p.m., A woman reported that a man was driving around her neighborhood sounding a police siren. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the location on Beaumont Street.

10:04 p.m., Fiedenio Martinez, 68, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Donald Page for injury to a child.

Tuesday, August 3

2:06 a.m., Galon Colton Baker, 36, of Alabama, was arrested by Deputy Page for driving while intoxicated. He was later released after posting bail.

4:50 p.m., A Pico employee reported that a customer was giv-

ing her a hard time. Deputy Ring was notified of the situation.

9:05 p.m., A man reported a blown transformer on East Thorn Street behind the school. Deputy Donald Page, BVFD and CP&L were all dispatched to the location.

9:15 p.m., A woman reported a mysterious object in a tree at her residence on Spring Street. Deputy Page was informed.

9:20 p.m., The Cline Checkpoint requested a deputies assistance in reference to a vehicle with severe damage from hitting a deer. Deputy Page was dispatched to the scene.

10:53 p.m., A woman reported some kids loitering around the school. Deputy Page was notified.

Wednesday, August 4

11:20 a.m., Sergio Ramos Delgado, 29, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving with an invalid license. He was later released after posting bail.

5:13 p.m., An unknown caller reported kids using drugs and drinking alcohol at the Fort Clark swimming pool. Chief deputy Johnny Fritter and Ft.

Clark security were notified of the situation.

6:39 p.m., A man reported a grass fire on Standard Lane about 5 miles south. The Brackett volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

10:56 p.m., The Maverick County Sheriffs Department reported a mountain lion on highway 277 north by the rest area, eating something by the highway. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Thursday, August 5

8:05 p.m., A man reported two missing children. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence on Spring Street.

9:20 p.m., A woman stated that a man was trying to jump from the water tower. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

9:30 p.m., A woman requested the assistance of a deputy. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Friday, August 6

12:02 a.m., The Val Verde Sheriffs Department reported that a Juvenile had escaped through a window.

Deputy Gutierrez and the Brackett Border Patrol were informed.

12:22 a.m., A man reported a vehicle parked and running in front of his residence on West 1st Street. The man also stated

that the vehicle has been there awhile. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

12:45 p.m., Roberto Deleon, 21, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Fernandez for driving with license suspended. He was later released after posting bail.

9:10 p.m., Abelardo Trevino, 21, of Uvalde, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch on a burglary and fugitive warrant. He was later released after posting bond.

Saturday, August 7

7:22 p.m., A man stated that he was being threaten by another man with a baseball bat. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched to the residence on North Beaumont Street.

8:22 p.m., A Ft. Clark security employee requested a deputies assistance going to a residence where a man was suspected of shooting a gun.

Sunday, August 8

5:20 p.m., A man reported a white van stranded on highway 90 by the dopplar radar site. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location.

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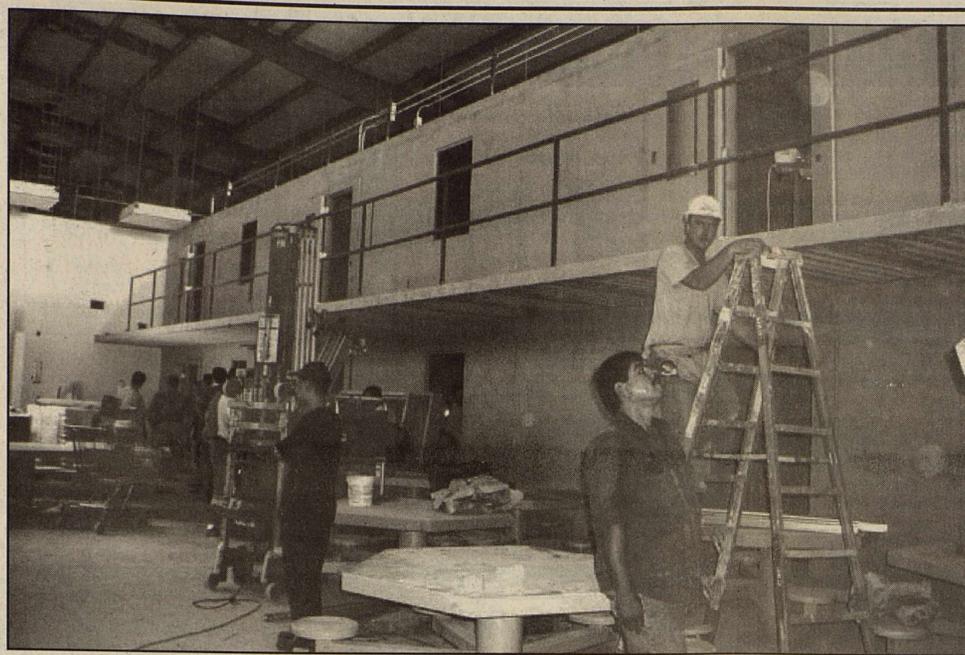
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Nearing completion

The 320-bed Kinney County Detention Center is expected to be completed on Oct. 15. The detention center will be on 60 acres of land, located on Highway 131, approximately 1.3 miles south of the Highway 90 intersection.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

Corrigan's been working on the railroad

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cost \$60. A reserved seat in the parlor car is \$90.

Corrigan said his workday as conductor begins one hour before train departure time in the call room of the station. Safety rules are reviewed with the crew and they learn what the makeup of the train is for that days run. The conductor and brakemen then inspect the train to insure that everything is ready to go and that the train is clean and properly made up with the required cars. The engine is then loaded with coal and water in preparation for the run.

An engine hostler has worked through the night maintaining fires in the six steam engines to ensure that the water remains hot and they are ready to roll on short notice.

A train crew consists of an

engineer, fireman, conductor and two brakemen who operate primarily as switch operators and as assistants to the conductor. The fireman has the hardest job of all. He will shovel over a ton of coal during the three and a half hours of the run.

Passengers are boarded and directed to their seats 15 minutes before departure. Staff members greet their guests and ask them to remain in their seats until tickets are collected. After that, they move freely about the train. When the train begins to move, the conductor begins collecting tickets at the front of the train, and works his way to the back.

The train runs through one of the most picturesque areas in the Rocky Mountains. Several flag stops are available to allow backpackers to dismount and

explore the mountains on foot for the day or for several days at a time. One stop serves a very exclusive resort called "Tall Timbers." Guests pay \$4,000 per week to stay there and the only way in or out is by helicopter or the train.

At one midpoint on the route is a track configuration known as a wye. A wye consists of three tracks connected by switches so that a train may be pulled up into one leg of the triangle, backed into a second leg and then pulled back onto the main line through the third switch with its direction reversed.

There are two legs of a railroad wye at Cline on Highway 90. One leg of that Durango and Silverton wye backs up to a very nice site on the Animas River. Parked on the end of that leg is a railroad camp car with built

in bunks, kitchen and toilets. It is rented to the public as a camping facility and is in great demand.

The most exciting view along the route is the stretch of track known as the high line. When the train traverses the high line, it moves at only 5 miles per hour. The tracks follow a ledge that is 450 feet above the Animas River. From the edge of the roadbed, it is a sheer drop to the river below. Most advertising pictures for the Durango and Silverton Railroad show a train moving on the high line.

Corrigan finished his presentation with additional comments about the many duties the train crew performs after the train returns to Durango. Workdays frequently approach the maximum allowable 12 hours in a 24-hour period.

Rotarians to restore Little League Park

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Brackettville a park they can be proud to call their own.

Dave Alexander, project chairman, has worked tirelessly over the past two years to raise the funds needed to complete the project.

Through the generosity of local businesses and guarantees of donated labor, the project has to date raised \$31,810, according to officials.

The Little League Park is used by all of the ballplayers in the city between 5 and 12 years

of age. It is used for Little League minor, major, T-ball and girls' softball games. On average 150 children use the field during the season.

When completed, the new Little League complex will feature new dug-outs, backstop, and fencing; new announcer's booth with public address system and concession stand; regulation field; functional restrooms; new spectator seating; a new electronic scoreboard (a gift of The Bank & Trust); new lighting and new asphalt parking area. In

other words, a quality ballpark the players and the community can be proud of.

The Brackettville Rotary Club recognizes the essential contributions of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, The First State Bank of Uvalde), The Bank & Trust, The Hilcrest Foundation, and the Rio Grande Council for Neighborhood Development.

The project is scheduled for completion in February 2005, officials said.

Please help ensure the future

of baseball in Brackettville through its youth. Your assistance is requested in securing funding, materials, labor and other requirements.

The Brackettville Rotary Club Federal Tax Exempt Certification number is 74 606 2030. All contributions will be used directly in support of the Little League program. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

Anyone wishing to make a donation of labor or funds, please contact Alexander at 563-2477.

BISD SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

The following is Brackett Independent School District's supply list for the upcoming school year that begins on Aug. 16:

Brackett High English I-IV
1-single subject-widerule 8x10 1/2 inch 3 hole spiral notebook (any color), widerule 3 hole notebook paper, 1 inch 3 ring poly-binder (any color) (no trapper binders for class), 3-ring organizer bag to hold supplies inside class poly-binder, 2 mechanical pencils #7 lead (equivalent to a #2 wooden pencil), extra lead for #7 pencils, eraser, package of notebook dividers (six subject dividers), 2 pens: one black and one red, 1 3 1/2" floppy disk for computer use, 1 pkg. colored highlighters.

Brackett Junior High
No. 2 lead pencils (no mechanical pencils); 1 red ink pen for grading/checking; colored pencils (map colors), at least 12 colors; package of at least 4 different colored highlighters; pink eraser; 12-inch ruler with markings in centimeters and inches; subject dividers, 1 Package for each class; 8 1/2-by-11-inch wide-ruled, loose-leaf, white notebook paper; pencil pouch/bag; no Trapper Keepers or similar notebooks with velcro fasteners.

Please use the color code given below to purchase the following items:

5 1-inch vinyl ring binders; 5 folders with pockets and fasteners (brads); 1 spiral notebook (for language arts).

Color Code: blue or light blue - language arts, red - reading, black - social studies, yellow - science, green - math.

Sixth Grade
2 black and white composition notebooks; 3 1" - 1 1/2" binders (yellow, green, blue); 6-8 pkgs. notebook paper; 3 pkgs. pencils (no mechanical pencils) 1 pkg. of markers; 2 pkgs. of pencil colors; scissors (minimum of 6"); ruler (inches and centimeters); protractor; highlighters; school glue; glue stick;

two boxes of family size Kleenex; pencil bag; combination lock; 2 pkgs. of red pens, 4 plastic folders w/brads (1-blue, 1-green, 2-yellow); 1-homework folder with pockets (your choice of design).

Fifth Grade
3-ring binder - 2-inch; notebook paper, supply for year - wide rule; subject dividers - 5 tabs; folders with pockets and brads - 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow, 2 purple; highlighters - yellow, green, blue, pink; red grading pencils - not pens; map colors/pencils - 2 sets; No. 2 pencils - no mechanical pencils please; 2 rulers - inch and centimeter; washable markers; scissors - pointed tips; erasers - small pink; pencil box - large enough to hold all markers, scissors, pencils, etc.; glue stick and small Elmer's school glue; Kleenex - 3 family size boxes; paper towels - two rolls; combination lock for locker (practice at home before school starts); Ziplocs - one box, quart size.

Fourth Grade
1 backpack-must fit in locker (wheeled backpack do not fit in lockers, No. 2 pencils - 48 count; 4 pkg. notebook paper (100 count each), 1 pkg. 8 count large markers, 1 pkg. 16 count crayons, 1 pkg. 12 count map pencils, 4 spirals (70 page size only), 2 plastic folders - any color w/pockets & brads, 1 zippered pencil bag, 1 pair scissors, 1 small gule stick, 1 box large Ziplock freezer bags (20 count), 2 rolls of paper towels; 2 boxes of tissues. BRING ONLY THOSE SUPPLIES LISTED.

Third Grade
1 pkg. 150 sheet notebook paper - wide rule, 1 ruler with inches and centimeters; 2 dozen No. 2 pencils; 1 pair of scissors (Fiskars); 1 large glue stick, 1 box of 24 count crayons, 1 box of 24-count map colors; 1 large pink eraser, 1 large roll of paper towels; 2 boxes family size Kleenex, 1 small plastic school box. NO BINDERS TEACHERS WILL BUY FOLDERS.

Second Grade

1 backpack, 1" binder with pockets, 1 box 24 count crayons, 1 box of 12 count colored pencils, 24 No. 2 pencils; 3 large erasers; 1-8 oz. bottle of glue, 2 pkgs. of wide rule paper, 2 boxes of family-size Kleenex; 1 roll of paper towels; 1 large zipper pencil/crayon bag, 2 large glue sticks, 1 composition book.

First Grade
1 backpack; 24 No. 2 pencils; 2 boxes of 24 crayons; 2 large glue sticks; a total of 12 Expo's dry-erase markers; 1 large eraser; 1 100-sheet spiral, wide-rule notebook; 1 pair of Fiskar scissors; 1 2-inch, 3-ring binder; 1 folder with side pockets; 1 school box; 2 boxes of Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 1 pack of subject dividers, 4 red pencils, 1 large zipper pencil pouch.

Kindergarten
1 backpack; 1 plastic school box (regular size); 1-1 inch binder with pockets, 1-large pencil pouch with 3-ring holes, 1 watercolor paints, 1-4 count package PLAYDOUGH (buy only Playdough brand not RoseArt), 20 No. 2 pencils; 16 pencil-cap erasers; 1 pair of scissors (Fiskars); 2 8-ounce Elmer's school glue; 2-apiral one subject notebooks, 3 plastic folders with brads and pockets - red, blue, green; 2-8 count Crayloa crayons, 1-16 count Crayloa colors; 1 box of family-size Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 1 box-gallon size-heavy duty Ziplock baggies, 1 box-quart size-heavy duty Ziplock baggies.

Pre-Kindergarten
1 plastic school box; 2 packages of 8-count crayons; 1 8-ounce Elmer's school glue; 1 pair of school scissors (Fiskar, not pointed); 10 No. 2 pencils; 1 box of family-size Kleenex; 2 rolls of paper towels; 2 plastic folders with brads and pockets - 1 yellow, 1blue; 1 backpack; 2 boxes of plastic Ziploc baggies (quart/gallon); 3 jumbo glue sticks, 1 big pink eraser, 1 bag of small pencil top erasers, 1 high quality pencil sharpener.

Pound cake is versatile

I do believe my very favorite food is desert! Not to sweet or gooey, but deserts that look and taste as such. The wonderful thing about a pound cake, is it is so versatile, you can eat it plain, with a thick slab of butter or layered with fruit. Try this nutty flavored cake for a change.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Toasted Almond Pound Cake with fresh berry sauce

Cake
3/4 cup unsalted butter¹, softened, 1 cup sugar, 3 eggs, 1 tsp. almond extract, 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract, 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour, 1/4 tsp. baking soda, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted & ground², 1/4 cup sour cream

Sauce
4 cups fresh raspberries, divided or strawberries, 1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup sugar, divided, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 2 cups fresh blue berries.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom of 9x5x3 inch loaf pan with shortening and sprinkle with flour.

Using a large bowl, beat butter at medium speed 1 minute or until smooth and creamy, add one cup sugar.

Beat 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time incorporating each one well. Beat in almond and vanilla extracts. Scrape down sides of bowl well.

In medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda and salt. Stir in ground almonds.

Beat in sour cream with the butter at low speed, add flour

mixture. Beat for 10 seconds. Finish stirring batter with rubber spatula until completely blended.

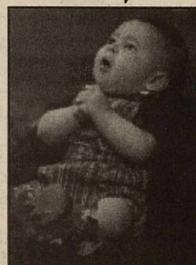
Spoon batter into pan, level with spatula; tap pan firmly on counter to settle batter. Bake 45-55 min. or until toothpick inserted comes out clean or edges of cake have pulled away from sides of pan. Cool on wire rack 10 min. Run knife around edges of pan, invert cake onto rack; cool completely

To make sauce: Put 2 cups of the raspberries in food processor or blender and process until pureed. Press through fine mesh strainer or food mill using finest insert. Place puree in small bowl. Whisk in 1/3 cup of the sugar until blended; whisk in lemon juice. In medium bowl, gently toss remaining 2 cups raspberries, blue berries and 1/4 cup sugar. Serve cake with berry sauce.

¹ If not using unsalted butter, omit additional salt called for in recipe.

² Tip: To toast almonds, place on baking sheet; bake at 350 degrees for 6 to 9 min. or until light golden brown. Cool, place toasted almonds in food processor; process until finely ground.

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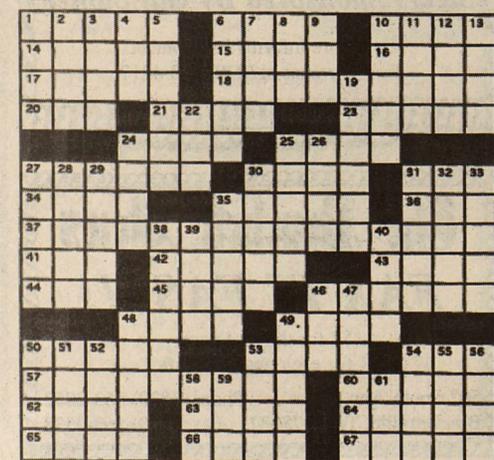
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- Maude
- Roseanne
- Topper
- Zorro

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could get in over your head concerning a credit card matter. Think this through carefully. Your budget may not be able to accommodate more debt.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're usually pretty self-reliant. This week, though, you will need help from a friend. Don't be too proud to ask.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Keep your wits about you this week. More precisely, you need to pay close attention to what's being said. What you learn is beneficial to your future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Minor domestic problems have happy endings. At work, though, it's best to stay out of the fray. Co-workers who are feuding could drag you into a mess.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're certainly no shrinking violet. However, this week, try to keep a low profile. This week-end, travel plans reach fruition.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're not in the mood for extra work. However, it comes your way regardless. If you resist the urge to procrastinate, you'll do fine.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You lack motivation this week. Perhaps you should get a check-up. This could have something to do with your overall health.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's fine to look to the future. In the process, though, don't ignore what's going on in the present. Later in the week, you're taken aback by someone's interference.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) For some reason, you feel you have a reason to be jealous. This won't do you any good in the romance department. Put aside those insecurities once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Being assertive this week gets you where you want to go. By week's end, a major goal is accomplished. Later, feel free to celebrate your success.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You like everything laid out very neatly. Thus, when an unexpected event occurs, you're slow to adapt. Try not to let this happen this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're swayed by what a co-worker tells you concerning money matters. However, don't act right away. You need to do more research before plunging in.

Prayer for our teachers this week

It is school time again! I am sure that there is a lot of praying going on this week. Surely there were prayers by teachers for themselves and their newest crop of students. Certainly there are prayers by parents whose budgets were stretched a bit too far for the stack of supplies and clothing that each new year requires.

And of course, there are the prayers of the students themselves - perhaps for a "good" teacher or a convenient schedule, for classes and seats near friends, or for a year full of excitement, popularity, and good grades. For myself, the most exciting part is the return to high school sports, especially football!

Teacher is one of the many ways Jesus is addressed in the Gospels. It is fascinating to me that there are so many different ways the English phrase "teacher" appears in the Greek New Testament. There is the literal teacher - from the word *didaskalo*, which is probably closest to "instructor". This word often appears in the King James version as "Master" in its



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older sense of the master of a classroom or the master of a guild.

Another phrase is *kathetes*, a compound word meaning "with authority" or perhaps even "against authority", and usually translated as "Master" (KJV) or "Teacher" (NIV). This emphasizes the complete authority of the Teacher, and Jesus reserves this title for himself (see Matt 23:10).

A Hebrew phrase, *rabbi*, also appears in John's Gospel (see 1:38, for example). It can mean a lot of things - such as "my captain" or even "my abundance". John is careful in his Gospel to explain to his Greek readers that the sense it is being used in his Gospel is as "teacher".

Our teachers give so much to our students. In many ways, our

teachers mirror the best qualities these Biblical words illustrate. First and foremost, they instruct our children. They demonstrate the mechanical and artistic learning of the millennia. They create opportunities for children to grasp new ideas and learn to apply the concepts in fresh situations. Like guild masters, they use both time-established methods and also search for the latest innovations.

Certainly we want our teachers to have authority in the classroom. We can best aid them in this endeavor by modeling correct behavior ourselves and appreciating their years of preparation, training, and experience.

Yes, we know our children better than anyone else, - but teachers know the art of instruction and their subjects better than most in our community.

We hold teachers to a special and sacred trust. We are obliged to treat them with respect.

Perhaps the phrase "Rabbi" captures the feeling the best. Teachers give abundantly. They sacrifice themselves in many ways in the classroom. Every year, they build a deep relation-

ship with the dozens of young faces in their classrooms.

These relationships tear at their hearts and minds and consume most of their waking hours. At year's end, the teachers surrender "their" students to another set of instructors so that the process can begin again. Heartbreak and good byes are a regular part of the teacher's life. Rarely will more than one student in a hundred say "thanks" to a teacher long after the report cards have been signed and the grade book is closed.

The teacher glimpses and shapes the future - but only rarely gets to see the end result. It is a difficult job, an emotional journey, a sacred trust, and a rare calling. We are deeply and richly blessed to have such fine teachers and staff in our school district. They need our prayers.

At First United Methodist Church, we'll take a little extra time this Sunday to pray for our teachers and our students. Join us for worship at 10:45 or come early for Sunday School at 9:30 AM in Slaton Hall. We'll be reading the words of the greatest Teacher of them all.

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thyself from thine own flesh?

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Angela looked at the tall buildings with amazement. It was hard to believe one of them would be her home for the next several years. She felt a rush of excitement. College began the next stage of her life.

John and Abbie looked at the same buildings with dread. Their daughter would be at the mercy of whatever lurked there.

Angela remembered the discussions about living in an apartment off campus as opposed to the dorm. Her parents' wisdom was that the dorm offered more supervision and would provide a stable meal schedule. She accepted the arrangement.

Inside the dorm, a floor su-



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supervisor met them and showed them to what would be Angela's new home and introduced them to Liz, her roommate.

The supervisor was explaining the rules when three young men poked their heads in the open door and said "hi." The dorm, she said, was coed and boys and girls were expected to behave themselves. John was

beginning to feel at the mercy of forces he could not control. It was a difficult moment.

As he looked around the room, he spotted a Bible lying on Liz's desk. "Yes," he thought to himself, "God is here." A Christian roommate was an answer to prayer.

As it came time to say good-bye, John felt mixed emotions. He knew it was even more difficult for his wife. John quietly closed the door to the room so they would not be bothered from the busy hallway.

He invited Liz to join them for a prayer and blessing. He asked that Liz and Angela stand together.

He made the sign of the cross on the forehead of each, and then he and Abbie put their hands on the shoulders of the two young women. John offered a prayer and gave each a blessing.

As he got to the door, John made the sign of the cross on the molding over the doorway and said, "May your angels guard you in all your ways and may they be a barrier for any harm that should come your way." (Psalm 91:11)

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HEALTH

Travel and Exercise Tips for Texas Arthritis Sufferers

Dallas - May is National Arthritis Month. For many Texas residents, this time of year means vacationing, gardening and outdoor exercising. For arthritis sufferers, these activities may be more enjoyable with some special preparation and by following these arthritis survival tips.

Arthritis affects one in every three people, according to DePuy Orthopaedics, a Johnson & Johnson company, a manufacturer of artificial knee, hip and extremity replacements to treat severe arthritis.

Outdoor Exercise
It is nice to get out in the sun to do your walking, biking, swimming or whatever activity you enjoy. Exercising outside, however, increases your chance of suffering heat exhaustion or heat stroke, so take precautions. Exercise in the early morning or late evening hours when it is cooler. Morning is a great time to get a good stretch and jumpstart your joints. When exercising, remember to start slowly, and gradually increase the time each day. Some outdoor exercising tips include:

- Drink lots of water.
- Pace yourself.
- Wear cool, lightweight clothing.
- Make sure your shoes are comfortable and lightweight.

Another warm-weather exercise tip is to consider the benefits of swimming. It is ideal for people with most types of arthritis. It enhances both strength and cardiovascular fitness, involves the entire body, and can keep

you cool. Consult your physician prior to beginning any exercise program.

Travel
Arthritis affects 4.57 million Texas residents, according to DePuy. For many of them, summer is a peak travel season. Taking vacations is not something that you should stop doing just because you have arthritis. You just need to do some extra planning.

Linda Jenkins, manager of a large travel agency, is also an arthritis sufferer. From her mix of professional experience and her experience as an arthritis sufferer, Jenkins gives many helpful tips on planning a summer trip:

- If you are renting a car, choose an arthritis-friendly car with ample leg room.
- When traveling by car, plan for frequent stops to get out and stretch.
- When traveling by airplane, allow plenty of time between connecting flights. Give yourself time to walk around and stretch your legs. Allow enough time between flights so you can make it from one gate to another without reaching through the airport. Don't carry on more luggage, purses, coats, etc., than you can comfortably cart around the airport between gates.
- On a long flight, get up and walk around. Also, lift your legs and move your wrists while sitting, to keep your muscles from tightening.
- Make sure that your hotels have the correct accommoda-

tions for your needs. Some hotels do not have elevators, for example, which could be a problem for people with bad ankles, knees or hips.

- Prearrange for carts or wheelchairs at airports that will pick you up from your gate and take you to your destination at the airport.

- Many people with arthritis use multiple medications. Carry these on the plane with you in case your luggage is lost or delayed.

- Consider organized tours designed to accommodate people with health challenges.

- Consider cruises. There is plenty to do, and everything is in close proximity, which limits the amount you will have to walk.

Around your home
Along with travel and outdoor exercise, summertime also means gardening and yard work for many arthritis sufferers. To enjoy your backyard and avoid unnecessary aches and pains, listen to your body. Stop at the first sign of discomfort. Other tips include:

- Wear a carpenter's apron for your gardening tools. This

way you won't have to hunt for them, walk back and forth to get them or carry them in your hands.

- Use smart tools. Choose long handles on rakes and other tools to reduce bending. Special large-grip handles reduce strain on the wrists.

- Avoid lifting and carrying things yourself.

- Sit rather than stoop. There are a variety of seats, scooters and benches for gardeners.

- Change positions frequently and avoid positions that put strain on your back.

- Get help. Recruit family members, or hire a young person in your neighborhood.

Avoid Sunburn
Some arthritis medications cause your skin to be sensitive to sun. Please check with your pharmacist or doctor if you are unsure about whether you medications cause photosensitivity.

By planning ahead and pacing yourself, you can enjoy summer despite your arthritis. For more information about arthritis or to find an arthritis specialist in your area, visit www.allaboutarthritis.com or www.jointreplacement.com.

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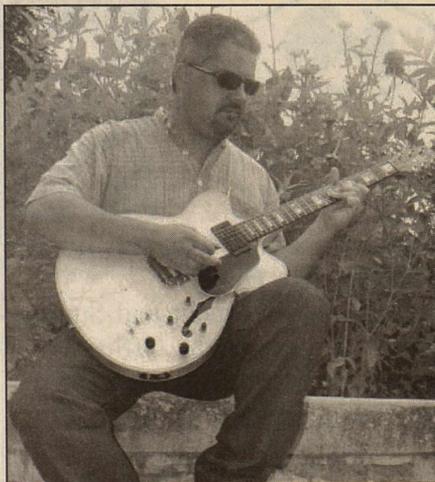
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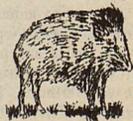
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