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News BRIEFS

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held, Sat. May 6 at 6 p.m. until Sun. May 7 at 6 a.m. at Tiger Stadium. There are 14 local teams and the public is invited to come and show their support. For more information contact, Alison Carroll at 563-5028.

2006 Miss Kinney County Beauty Contest

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce (KCCC) along with Brass Ring Productions of Del Rio, are sponsoring the 2006 Miss Kinney County Beauty Pageant to be held this Saturday, April 1st at 7 p.m. at the Fort Clark Post Theater. Tickets can be purchased at the door. There are five Kinney County Contestants that would like the support of the community. The prize will be a cash scholarship of \$500.00 along with her crown and sash donated by KCCC.

Red Hatters Meet

South Texas Hill Country Red Hatters will meet on Saturday, April 8, 2006, Alto Frio Convention Center, Leakey, TX. All interested Brackettville Red Hatters are invited. Cost is \$12.50 and needs to be to Lynn McNew by April 1st. For more information, call 563-9229.

Voices of Fort Clark meet Monday

The Voices of Fort Clark will meet on Monday, April 3rd, 6:00 p.m. to prepare music for Easter Sunrise Service.

Rehearsal will be at Post Theatre.

For more information call Lynn McNew, 563-9229.

Brackettville Bash 2006

The USBP Brackettville Welfare and Recreation Association cordially invite you to the Brackettville Bash 2006 on May 13th at Rendezvous park on Fort Clark Springs.

The bash is a family affair so bring everyone. There will be golf, softball and volleyball tournaments.

For questions or more information contact any Brackettville Welfare and Recreation officer at (830) 563-6000.

Cake Walk

There will be a cake walk Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Casual Plus (by Super S).

Proceeds will go to the Brackett under 14 select baseball team.

After the cake walk, there will be a raffle for a fresh water culture pearl bracelet, the cost is \$2.00 for one chance.

Local postal service announces new hours

Beginning Friday, Mar. 24, 2006 the window service counter at the Brackettville Post Office will be closed for lunch from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Office hours will now be from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. until 4:25 p.m.

Weekend Weather

Friday

Partly Cloudy
High: 89
Low: 64

Saturday

Thunderstorms
High: 89
Low: 63

Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High: 92
Low: 60

Fort Clark Springs election results announced at annual meeting

The Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) membership elected David Palmer, Nolan R. Brandt and John H. Carlson to fill three positions on the board of directors at their annual membership meeting on Feb. 25.

Thirteen members declared their candidacy, including nine write-in candidates.

Of the 3,566 votes tabulated by the accounting firm of Glen, Graf and Bowers (GG&B) in Del Rio, David Palmer received 1,083 and will serve for three years.

Nolan R. Brandt was re-elected with 596 votes and will serve three more years.

John H. Carlson received 542 votes and will also serve a three year term.

Other Election Results: Candelario "Ray" Reyna received 232 votes. Gilford Raymer received 490 votes; Bill Haenn: 96 votes; Larry O'Keefe: 519 votes; Drue Duncan: 1 vote; George Nickolay: 1 vote; B. Schroeder: 2 votes; Ned Sitzes: 2 votes; Richard Carl: 1 vote, and John Johns: 1 vote.

According to the election results presented by GG&B, 2,252 ballots were mailed out, 1,248 were received, 1,222 were counted and 26 were deemed uncountable.

The ballots were sent out in early February by U.S. Mail. Members then returned the ballots directly to GG&B for tabulation by March 15, 2006.

The FCSA Certification Committee met in Jan. of this year to certify the list of memberships eligible to vote in the election.

In accordance with the FCSA charter bylaws, memberships had to be current on all assessments and other fees to the association to be considered eligible to vote.

Each membership was entitled to one vote.

Board President Monica White welcomed members and recognized several individuals and groups for their efforts to personally improve the appearance of the Fort's facilities.

Bob Hendrix cleaned the stone on several historic buildings and his volunteer efforts were recognized.

The RV park volunteers were thanked for the improvements they made to the kitchen area and for repairs made to the picnic tables.

A group of golfers were thanked for their generosity in replacing siding on the maintenance barn, adding concrete steps to all the tee-boxes and for providing the materials for improvements to the cart paths.

White also thanked the Historical Society, Festival Committee and Cavalry Brigade for their continued efforts to make improvements.

Director of Operations Ron Pellin presented information on the financial status of the corporation.

"Major emphasis has been placed on the collection of past due assessments," said Pellin. Pellin also stated that \$117,000 had been collected in past due assessments, 39 properties were voluntarily foreclosed upon, 28 members enrolled in payment plans and one foreclosure by legal action was being pursued.

"Our cash position as of the morning of March 24, 2006 is \$187,937 in our regular account and \$237,811 in our impound fund for a total of \$424,748,"

reported Pellin.

"The motel occupancy rate has increased from 25% last fiscal year to 38% this year. The golf course is slightly ahead of last year's income.

"The RV Park's occupancy rate has decreased from 45% last year to 42% this year," continued Pellin. The decrease was attributed to the increase in fuel prices.

Pellin also stated the establishment of a lot resale program that allows the association to list and sell lot for members is forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned, but was quickly followed by an or-

ganizational meeting for the new board members.

White was nominated and re-elected as the board President; Carlson: Vice President; Brandt: Secretary and Palmer: Treasurer. Board Member Robert Windle will continue in his current capacity as a director.

FCSA is a privately owned association that consists of 3,959 members and spans over approximately 2,700 acres.

Fort Clark was established by the U.S. Government as a Calvary Post in 1852.

In 1946, Brown & Root used the facility to operate a guest ranch until the property was

purchased by North American Town in 1971.

Fort Clark Springs as it is known today is a private residential recreational community.

It is a Texas nonprofit corporation, but is not tax-exempt.

Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.

Board of Directors
February 25, 2006

Nolan Brandt
John Carlson
David Palmer
Monica White
Robert Windle

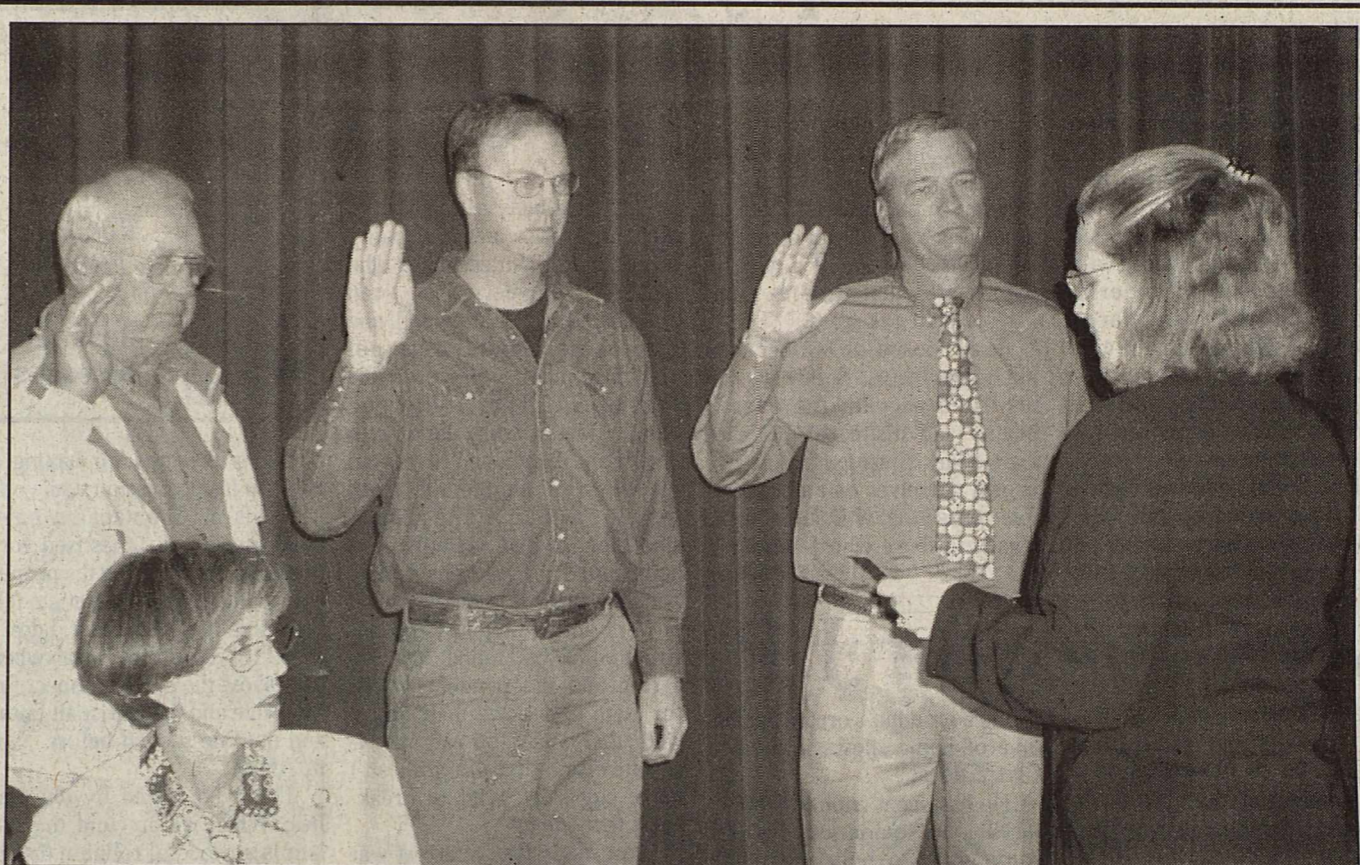


Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Swearing In

Genell Hobbs, lower left, looks on as FCSA Board President Monica White, far right, swears in three new directors. From left: John Carlson, David Palmer and Nolan Brandt swear to uphold the bylaws of the Association at the Fort's Thirty-fifth Annual Membership Meeting.

BHS accounting team places first at UIL Meet

Mathematics and Social Studies teams take top slots as well

Brackett High School recently sent more than 25 students to participate in the University Interscholastic League District Meet.

UIL District Results:
In Accounting, The team placed first overall.

Individually, Rachel Swinson placed first, Alison Carroll placed fifth and Seth Frerich placed sixth.

In Calculator Applications, Laura Swinson placed seventh, Brand Wylie placed eighth, Laura Meyer placed ninth and Robert Davis placed tenth.

In Computer Applications, Joe Steelman placed fifth and Leon Woolsey placed seventh.

In Current Issues and Events, Lily Hernandez placed second.

In Mathematics, the team placed first overall. Individually, Wylie placed second, R. Swinson placed fourth and Justin Calk placed fifth.

In News Writing, Arlene Roth placed eighth.

In Number Sense, L. Swinson placed first.

In Persuasive Speaking, Bailee Allen placed third and John Moore placed sixth.

In Poetry, Dana Bonner placed third, Daphne Hunt placed fourth and Summer Allen placed sixth.

In Prose, Alison Carroll

placed second and Bianca Stewart placed fourth.

In Ready Writing, Alanna Conply placed second and Miles Braesicke placed fifth.

In Social Studies, the team placed first overall. Individually Joe Steelman placed first and Jacob Schroeder placed sixth. The team also included Ryan Koog and Michael Stephenson.

The One Act Play advanced to district.

Individually, Bonner and Hunt selected for All Star Cast.

The One Act cast performed "What are we going to do with Mama?" by Zinita Fowler and presented with permission by the Dramatic Publishing Company.

Order Birth and Death Certificates Online

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recently announced that birth and death certificates can now be ordered online.

This is part of DSHS's move to streamline requests and increase customer satisfaction.

Certificates may be ordered online at www.texasonline.com. Verification of any birth, death, marriage or divorce, regardless of date is also available online. Forms for ordering by mail can be downloaded from the DSHS web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us.

Candidates for city election draw for ballot order

The City of Brackettville announced the order in which candidates will appear on the May 13 ballot.

The drawing was held on Mar. 23 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Joe Garza, Matt Bland, Beverly Garcia and Lydia Tipps appeared in person to draw.

City Maintenance Supervisor David Martinez was selected to draw for Eddie Esparza, Chica Garza, Betty Ward and Joe Boy Williams.

The order is as follows:

Mayor
Eddie Esparza
Joe N. Garza
Alderman Place 2
Matt Bland
Beverly (Bev) Garcia
Alderman Place 4
Francisca "Chica" Garza-Hernandez
Betty M. Ward
Alderman Place 5
Joe V. (Joe Boy) Williams, Jr.
Lydia Morin Tipps

Meteorologist speaks to LEPC

Community urged to attend meetings

Meteorologist Larry Evland

of New Braunfels gave a presentation about the weather in Brackettville at the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting on Mar. 27.

Evland explained how to read clouds and offered information on tornadoes.

Evland also suggested that citizens may want to stay away from gymnasiums, cafeterias and any rooms where glass lines the outside wall during severe weather.

Information on lightning and lightning safety in South Cen-

tral Texas was distributed by Evland.

The LEPC holds informative meetings to get the community involved in thinking ahead in case of an emergency or natural disaster.

The meetings inform people how to help out in the event of a disaster and get the community involved. Members strongly encouraged the public to attend the meetings.

LEPC meetings are held every last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building on Helen Street.



One Act Cast

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Front row from left: Micheal Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Daphne Hunt, Alison Carol, and Lauren Cornelius. Back row from left: John Moore, Josh Kluzek and Director Lynn McNew rehearse "What are we going to do with Mama?"

Editors Weekly BLOG

What makes strangers ask personal questions?
 I was standing in the Walmart in Colonial Heights, Virginia when my two teenagers were babies - maybe 3 and 2 - when this stranger asks me if my children had the same father! What!!! I'll give it to the lady, they did not favor much at the time, but was she working for Montell Williams? I'm not sure what I said to her, but I'm sure it was something I had to pray about later, but to this very day I think -Geez, that lady had nerve!
 Here's another good one...I wrote a check for gas at a convenience store in Eagle Pass and the guy behind the counter tells me I looked better in my driver's license photo than I did in real life! AMAZING! No woman in the entire United States of America has EVER thought that!

And there's not a man in the world that would dare utter those words and expect to get a date out of it!
 What makes people want to know that kind of business?
 When I was younger, the ONLY two things my mother ever spoke about was Jesus and weather. Everything else was off limits, bad manners, uncouth - you get it!
 I was taught to look the other way when a man opens his wallet. I guess that gives the impression that you're not a gold digger.
 Some things are personal and I am going nuts with the questions I am getting from a few strangers here in town related to me buying this paper.
 PUBLIC NOTICE: I have my limits. Mind yours!
 Tip: Don't wear white socks with dark dress pants. -Leigh V.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't sell cheaply

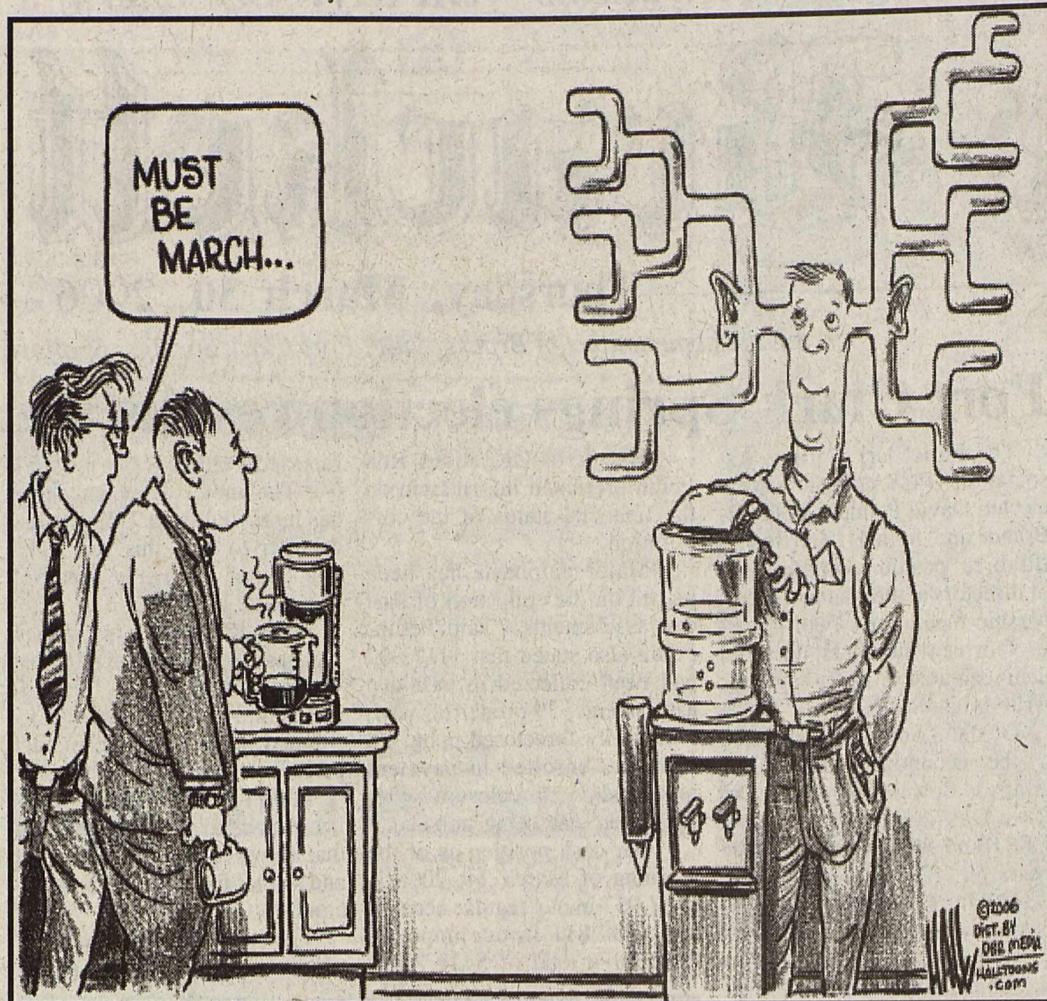
Recent local events have made it apparent that man has changed little in the years since Esau sold his birthright for bread and stew.
 Fort Clark Springs has been occupied since the 19th century and is unique in all of South Texas. We offer abundant wildlife viewing, a meandering spring fed creek and large, stately trees throughout the area. Visitors come to see out deer herds, our flocks of wild turkey's, and to enjoy our recreational offerings.
 This combination of history and nature make up the atmosphere that we have to offer our

members and visitors. This is the legacy that we have to leave to our descendants.
 The plan for the arbitrary sale of our common use area for \$15,000 is an idea worth discarding! The small amount of money gained will not offset the complete ruination of a wildlife habitat area that features numbers of wild oak trees.
 Esau looked no further than his hunger pains. Surely we can take into account the overall beauty and historical value of Fort Clark Springs, before we launch ourselves on an irreversible course that will damage our legacy to those who follow.
 Ned Sitzes

My Choice for J.P.

I am a past resident of Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs. While living here I had the pleasure of teaching in the Brackett School system and knowing one of this town's finest men.
 I have personally known Chuck Hall for more than 15 years, as a teacher, as a rancher, as a leader and a friend. Chuck is home grown from Brackettville, he has raised four daughters here and is now fulfilling a grandpa's dream and his love of home shows in all that Chuck does.
 He has spent countless hours serving on committees for this community to help the youth and to protect our county.
 I have always known Chuck to be fair and honest and would be a great asset to the position of "Justice of the Peace."
 Please consider Chuck Hall for the future of Brackettville.
 Monica White

Chuck on the Underground Water Board and found him to have integrity and true concern for his fellow citizens of Kinney County. With honest, integrity, love of family and community, Kinney County cannot go wrong voting for Chuck Hall for "Justice of the Peace."
 W. B. Miller



Seeking Equality for Texans on Taxes



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

In checkout lines all across Texas, consumers watch as items are scanned, knowing they will have to pay the price the store charges plus state sales tax on the total. Until recently, the federal government even taxed you on the part of your income you had already used to pay state sales tax, but that changed after a victory in Congress for the people of Texas.
 State governments have various options for raising revenue. Some levy income taxes, some use sales taxes and others use a combination of the two. But until Congress passed tax cuts in 2004, Texas was effectively penalized for exercising its independence in choosing not to assess an income tax. (When I was state treasurer, I fought efforts to pass a state income tax in Texas and we won.)

Citizens of other states who pay state income taxes have long been able to offset some of what they pay by deducting their state income tax on their federal tax returns. But those paying only a sales tax, like Texans, could not deduct their state taxes. This law was grossly unfair to Texans, and was costing Texas taxpayers almost \$1 billion a year.
 So, Texans had their purchases taxed by the state government, and then they were taxed by the federal government on the income they had just used to pay the sales tax. It did not sit well with me to have Texans paying additional taxes on the very money they used to pay their state tax.

All Americans should be treated equally when it comes to deducting their state taxes, whether they pay state income taxes or sales taxes. I worked with fellow Texan, Congressman Kevin Brady, to include this deduction in the tax relief bill of 2004. This deduction can make a difference. A family of four in Texas that itemizes and uses the sales tax deduction saves about \$408 a year in federal income taxes. Until last year, Texas taxpayers did not have the ability to deduct their sales taxes. Now they do.
 This deduction was set to expire this year, but I am working to change that. I pushed for the inclusion of a two-year state and local sales tax deduction extension in the 2005 tax bill, and I am happy to report to you that the U.S. Senate responded by passing the Tax Relief Extension Act last year. Now we need to get the full Congress to pass the extension so that Texas will continue to have the same tax relief opportunities as the rest of the nation.

This extension is a good start, but I am far from finished pursuing fairness for Texans. This deduction must be made permanent, and I will continue to fight for this in the Senate.
 Sales tax deductibility is not only an issue of fundamental tax fairness, but is also an economic stimulus that creates jobs and improves the lives of the 55 million Americans living in the seven states which do not levy income taxes, but do levy sales taxes (Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming).

Texans have the right to choose their own method of assessing state taxes. Taxing on income tends to discourage people from trying to earn more because the government takes more money for each extra dollar earned. On the other hand, collecting money through a sales tax tends to encourage people to save money because you are not taxed on money you do not spend. This, in turn, motivates people to plan for the future, setting money aside for retirement, college and health care expenses.
 We do not tell other states to tax our way, and we should not be penalized for not following their way either. When the federal government fails to put our method of taxing on equal footing with other methods, it interferes with our right to govern ourselves as we see fit. You work hard for your money, and I do not want the federal government reaching into your pockets to take money that it is not entitled to. There are too many taxes already, and double-taxing Texans because we choose not to have a state income tax is unacceptable.

We Are At War!



The Way I See IT

Steven R. LaMascus

It is positively astounding to me that there are so many people in the United States who seem to live under rocks. I can understand the Hollywood and Limousine Liberal sets not knowing what is going on in the real world. The Hollywood bunch live in fairy land with Peter Pan, Bambi, and Elvis, and wouldn't recognize the truth from a bad script. The Limousine Liberals may know what is happening, but they don't care. All they want is more personal power, and if it takes the destruction of the United States as a free and independent nation for them to achieve their goals, well, that is just too bad for everyone else. After all, you can't make egg salad without breaking a few eggs.
 You see, what we are at war with is not just terrorists. We are at war with a religion and an ideology. A perfect example of this is the recent turmoil in Afghanistan over the Christian convert. This man converted from Islam to Christianity. When he was discovered with a bible in his possession he was immediately arrested and charged with apostasy. Yep, that's right apostasy, or the falling away from one's religion, is a crime in most Muslim countries, and is punishable by death. Nearly everything in a Muslim country is punishable by death. This man is in danger

of being executed for having a Bible in his possession while our Marines at Guantanamo have been thoroughly chastised for, possibly, not showing the proper respect to the Koran. Let me tell you something about that. I don't care!! I'll respect the Koran when they show the proper respect for my Bible and the Christian faith, and not one second before. Got it, Ahab!
 Don't be fooled by the thin lies. When we are told that Islam is a peaceful religion that is accepting of all other religions, it is a bald-faced lie. A look back at the beginning of the Muslim religion should show any reasonable person that peace is not in them. They are a violent, vengeful bunch who desire nothing more than your death. The Koran (spell it any way you please) makes it very plain that it is an honorable thing to kill an infidel. *Infidel*—that's me and you, if you are my Christian brother or sister. The Muslims are promised great rewards for killing us, and who does not want rewards from his god?

If you want to read what the Bible says about this, go back to Genesis and read about Isaac and Ishmael. You see, Ishmael is the progenitor of all the Arab races. The Bible tells us of Ishmael: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." And, "His descendants shall be settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the border of Egypt, as you go toward Asshur. And they lived in hostility toward all their brothers."

So you see, nothing has changed in three thousand years. The descendants of Ishmael are still wild donkeys of men, and their hands are still against everyone. When they don't have a common enemy to fight, they fight each other. Their very religion is a revolt against their heritage. They understand nothing, but they do respect power. If we knuckle under to them on anything they will misunderstand it as weakness and attack all the more strongly. The only answer is to use violence against violence against violence. They do respect superior force. Now you know the truth, make up your own minds.

Are animals the new slaves? Too far with equal rights for animals.

By Nathan Tabor
 Believe it or not, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals may have finally gone too far. The group, which decries the killing of chickens but apparently has no stand on the partial-birth abortion of human beings, has decided to suspend its latest animal rights campaign—just a few weeks after kicking off its national tour.
 The exhibit went by the bizarre title, "Are Animals the New Slaves?" It compared the lynching of black Americans to the killing of animals for food. Twelve panels showed such images as noosed black men hanging from trees, juxtaposed with shots of slaughtered cows. But, even though PETA now appears to be pulling back, the damage has already been done. The exhibit appeared in 17 cities before PETA decided to put the

campaign on hold. PETA spokesperson Dawn Carr told the Associated Press, "We're not continuing right now while we evaluate. We're reviewing feedback we've received—most of it overwhelmingly positive and some of it quite negative."
 I'd really like the chance to see those individuals who offered the positive feedback. Were they on two legs or four?
 PETA has certainly had some shenanigans to its credit in the past, but this latest stunt truly crosses the line. In New Haven, Connecticut, the situation surrounding the exhibit became so volatile that police had to be called in. This has to be insensitivity at its highest.
 Vakiya Courtney is a vegetarian. But when she saw the PETA display, she gasped. Courtney was quoted as saying, "How can you possibly compare the brutality that our ancestors experienced here...to animal cruelty?"
 In an article in the New Haven Register newspaper, Michael Perkins put it even more bluntly: "I am a black man! I can't compare the suffering of these black human beings to the suffering of this cow." PETA's Carr responded in published reports, "Obviously, the circumstances are different, but the lack of compassion that allowed humans to be enslaved and lynched and for women and children to be mistreated is similar to the lack of compassion that makes it possible for animals to suffer cruelty today." What about the lack

of compassion for innocent human babies who fall victim to abortion? Apparently, that's not on PETA's radar screen.
 Also, where are the calls from the major news media for PETA to discontinue its outrageous, publicity-seeking tactics? After all, PETA had to apologize earlier this year when it compared mistreated animals to Holocaust victims.
 What does PETA have to do to attract the ire of Katie Couric, Diane Sawyer, and the rest of the stars in the media universe? No pet-lover wants to see a beloved dog or cat brutalized—and there are laws to punish those who engage in such conduct. And, in America, we're perfectly free to choose whether or not to be a vegetarian.
 But PETA doesn't seem to believe in free choice when it comes to the lives of average Americans. Instead, the group wants to dictate not only what food we put on our tables, but how agri-business does business. It is a single-issue group that does not seem to have America's best interests at heart.
 And it seems that PETA wants to do something else. It's fully prepared to use the pain of slavery and the Holocaust to try to push its questionable agenda. Comparing a black man to a cow is like yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. It's not free speech—it's a bomb-throwing tactic which simply draws feelings of anger and outrage to the surface. In fact, it could easily be interpreted as inciting violence.

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Larry O'Keefe
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New Change Renew

J.H. girls track team places second at Rocksprings meet

The Junior High girls track team placed second in the Rocksprings track meet on Wednesday, March 22.

The 400 meter relay team including Lauren Hernandez, Elidia Molinar, Cheyenne Billings and Brooklyn Gose placed fourth with a time of 58.3.

The 800 meter relay team including Hernandez, Nydia Talamantes, Karley Harris and Elidia Molinar placed fourth with a time of 2:11.9.

The 1600 meter relay team including Billings, Kelsey Bruce, Elena Molinar and Gose placed second with a time of 4:48.1.

In the 2400 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 9:36, Briana Escamilla placed fourth with a time of 10:57 and Courtney Kirkland placed sixth with a time of 11:09.

In the high hurdles, Elena Molinar placed second with a time of 19.5, Harris placed fourth with a time of 20.2 and

Talamantes placed fifth with a time of 20.6.

In the 800 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 2:45 and Bianca Cruz placed sixth with a time of 3:02.

In the 400 meter run, Gose placed third with a time of 70.3 and Billings placed sixth with a time of 72.1.

In the intermediate hurdles, Elena Molinar placed fourth with a time of 60.6 and Harris placed fifth with a time of 61.0.

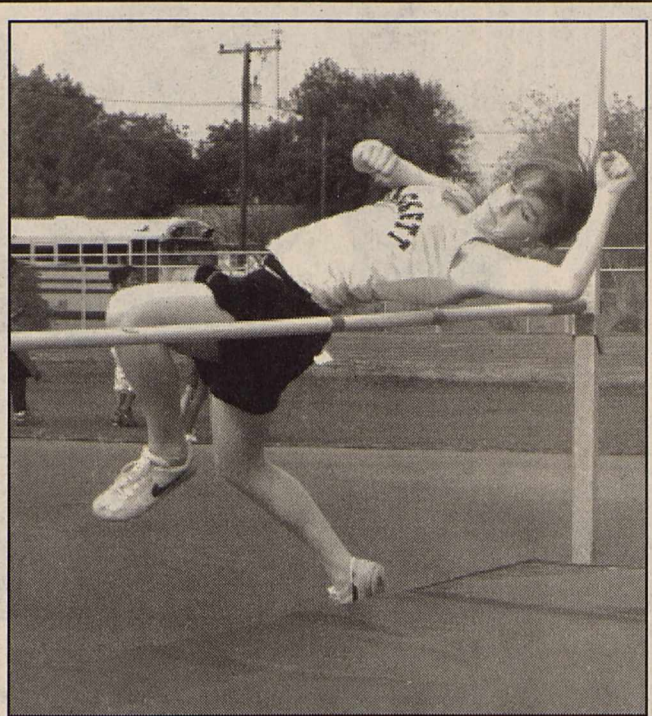
In the 1600 meter relay, Cruz placed fourth with a time of 6:59.6 and Escamilla placed sixth with a time of 7:05.4.

In the shot put, Ashley Shadwick placed sixth with 27'3".

In the discus throw, Ivy Garcia placed third with 71'11" and Shadwick placed fifth with 67'9".

In the triple jump, Gose placed third with 27'.

In the high jump, Billings placed second with 4'.



Junior jumper
Eighth grader, Cheyenne Billings competes in the high jump at the district track meet last Wednesday, March 28 at La Pryor.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Jr. High boys go to Rocksprings track meet

The Jr. High boys participated in the track meet on Wednesday, March 22 in Rocksprings.

Jaime Sandoval ran in the 2400 meter run with a time of 11:23.24.

The 400 meter relay team, including Brandon Allen, Travis Titchenell, Steven Rodriguez and Sam Stewart ran with a time of 53.6.

In the high hurdles, John Gray ran with a time of 22.97 and Paul Novel ran with a time of 21.43.

In the 800 meter run, Josh Smith ran with a time of 3:02. Daniel Molinar ran with a time of 3:17. Bodie Harris ran with a time of 3:15.

In the 100 meter dash, Stewart ran with a time 13.71. Cody Clark ran with a time of 13.92. Guy Rigby ran with a time of 14.47.

In the 400 meter dash, Gray ran with a time of 72.0. Ayland Letsinger ran with a time of 68.5 and Novel placed fourth with a time of 21.43.

In the intermediate hurdles

Molinar ran with a time of 65.1.

In the 200 meter dash, Allen placed fourth with a time of 27.6. Clark ran with a time of 29.0.

In the 1600 meter run, Gray placed fourth with a time of 6:20.22 and Sandoval ran with a time of 7:39.73.

The 1600 meter relay team, including Clark, Novel, Chris Blake and Rigby placed sixth with a time of 4:41.05.

The 800 meter relay team, including, Allen, Titchenell, Rodriguez and Stewart placed fourth with a time of 1:55.59.

In the Shot Put, Rigby placed fifth with 28'3".

In the triple jump, Molinar placed fifth with 26'10.5", Charles Conoly placed fourth with 27'6" and Josh Smith placed sixth with 26'4".

In the long jump, Stewart jumped 14'8.5", Clark jumped 12'6" and Titchenell jumped 13'4".

In the high jump, Stewart placed fourth with 4'10", Letsinger jumped 4'6" and Novel jumped 4'4".

Varsity girls won 1st at Rocksprings track meet

The Varsity girls won first place at the Rocksprings track meet last Thursday, March 23. The team beat Harper by 34 points.

The 400 meter relay team including, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Samantha Moore and Bianca Stewart, placed 1st with a time of 53.7.

The 800 meter relay team including, Stewart, Hunt, Moore and Watkins placed second with a time of 1:54.5.

The 1600 meter relay team including, Stewart, Hunt, Katie Braesicke and Bailee Allen placed third with a time of 4:36.6.

In the 3200 meter run, Harmony Pettett placed first with a time of 13:33.9 and Gabby Schroeder placed second with a time of 13:35.6.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed second with a time of 17.7 and Becca Mann placed sixth with a time of 19.1.

In the 800 meter run, Braesicke placed fifth with a time of 2:53.9 and Lauren

Cornelius placed sixth with a time of 2:54.1.

In the 100 meter dash, Moore placed second with a time of 13.8 and Natalie Aguirre placed fourth with a time of 14.1.

In the 400 meter run, Braesicke placed second with a time of 69.4.

In the intermediate hurdles, B. Allen placed fourth with a time of 53.3.

In the 200 meter dash, Watkins placed third with a time of 28.8 and Bianca Terrazas placed fifth with a time of 29.9.

In the 1600 meter run, Pettett placed second with a time of 6:12.85 and Schroeder placed third with a time of 6:12.86.

In the discus throw, B. Allen placed second with 94'7.5" and Bianca Martinez placed sixth with 79'7.5".

In the triple jump, Hunt placed sixth with 29'2". In the high jump, Stewart placed second with 4'4" and Moore placed fourth with 4'2".

Varsity Tiger track team competes at Rocksprings

The High School boys participated in the track meet at Rocksprings last Thursday, March 23.

The 400 meter relay, including, Fermin Villanueva, Travis Bonner, Jacob Schroeder and Cesar Ortiz placed fourth with a time of 47.67.

In the high hurdles, Moises Gonzalez ran with a time of 23.62.

In the 100 meter dash, Villanueva placed sixth with a time of 11.9 and Travis Bonner ran with a time of 12.4.

In the intermediate hurdles, Gonzalez ran with a time of 51.24.

In the 200 meter dash, Schroeder ran with a time of

26.6 and Ortiz placed fifth with a time of 24.1.

The 800 meter relay team, including, Villanueva, Travis Bonner, Schroeder and Ortiz placed fifth with a time of 1:40.66.

In the shot put, John Moore threw a 37'2" and Miles Braesicke threw a 37'5.5".

In the discus throw, Moore placed second with 127'6" and Braesicke placed seventh with 105'.

In the triple jump, Schroeder jumped 34'3".

In the long jump, Schroeder jumped 15'10", Bonner jumped 17'4.5" and Villanueva place fourth with 17'8.5".

In the high jump, Bonner placed first with 5'8".

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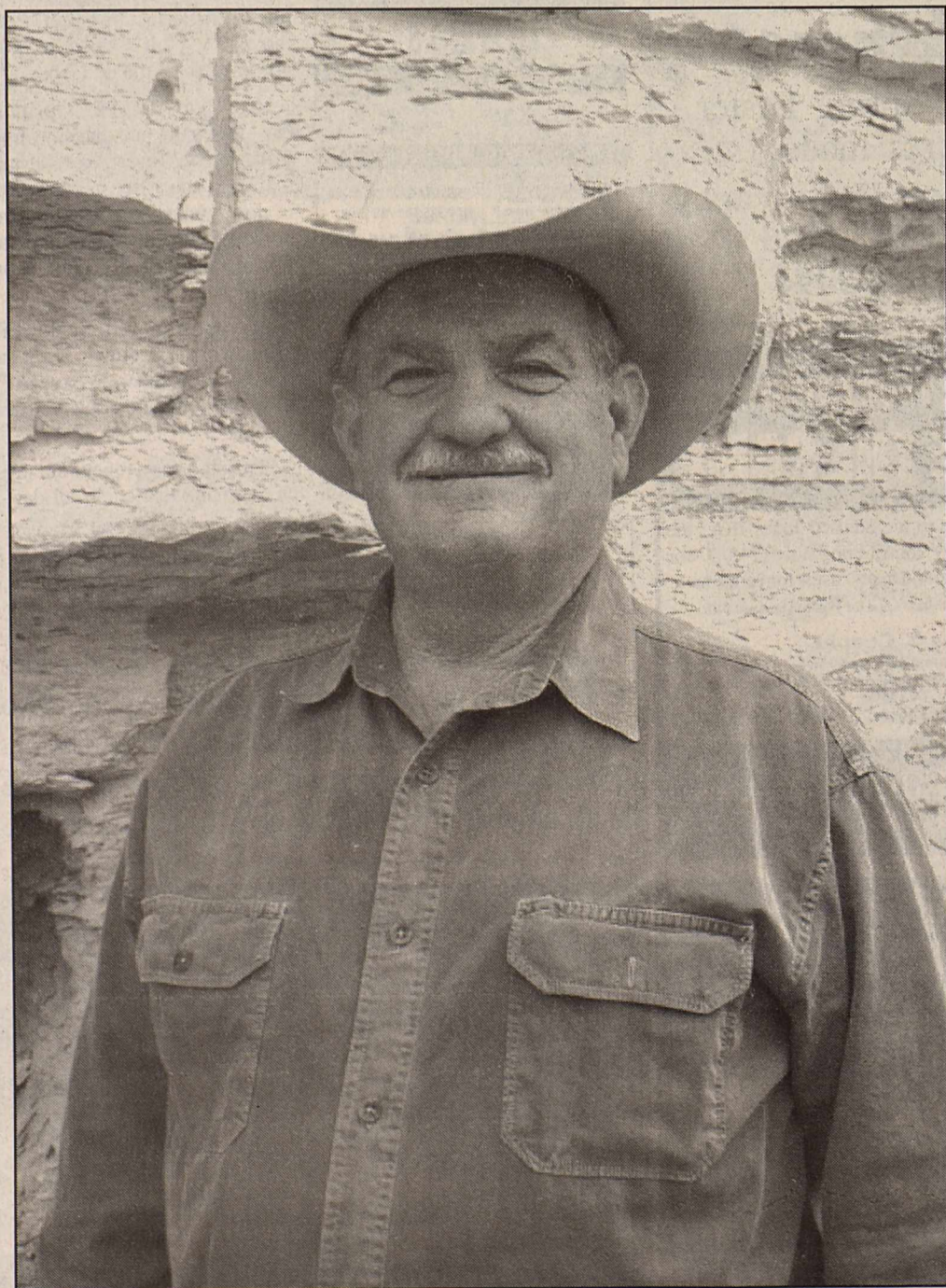
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Early voting begins April 3 and ends April 7. The final voting day is Tuesday April 11. I need your vote.

Free Bar-B-Que Sunday April 2 at Rendezvous Park, Fort Clark Springs at noon.

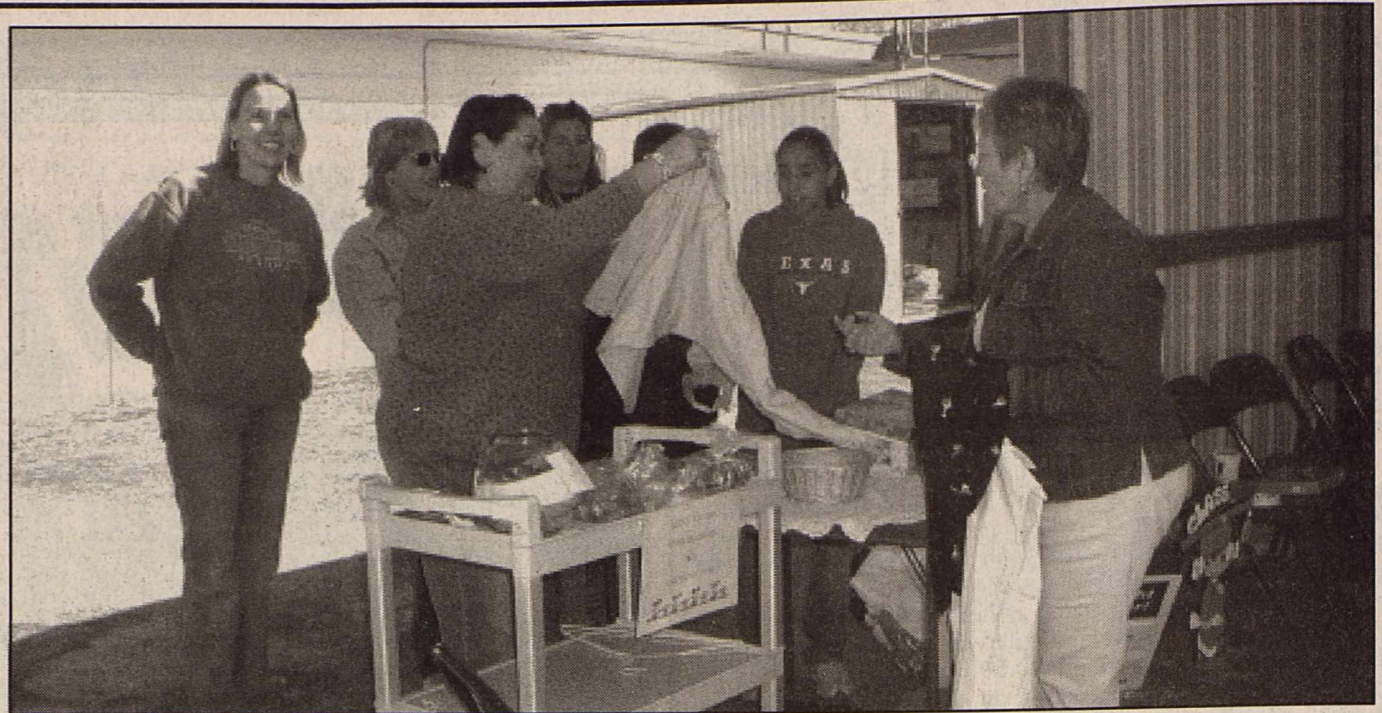
A Look Back This Week

On March 30, 1867, Alaska was sold to the U.S. by Russia for \$7.2 million through the efforts of Secretary of State William H. Seward ... March 27, 1884, the first long-distance telephone call was completed between Boston and New York ... March 31, 1943, "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway ... April 2, 1947, the UN Security Council voted to place the Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan under U.S. trusteeship ... March 29, 1951, Julius Rosenberg, his wife, Ethel, and Morton Sobell were found guilty of conspiracy to commit wartime espionage ... March 29, 1961, the 23rd Amendment was ratified, giving the District of Columbia citizens the right to vote in presidential elections ... March 30, 1972, North Vietnamese forces launched the largest attacks in four years across the demilitarized zone ... March 29, 1973, the last U.S. troops left Vietnam ... April 1, 1973, North Vietnam released some 590 U.S. prisoners by this date ... March 31, 1976, in a "right to die" case, the New Jersey Supreme Court allowed comatose Karen Ann Quinlan to be removed from a respirator ... March 28, 1979, a partial meltdown released radioactive material at a nuclear reactor on Three Mile Island near Middletown, Pa. ... March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously wounded in Washington, D.C., by John W. Hinckley, Jr., who also shot and seriously wounded a Secret Service agent, a policeman, and Press Secretary James Brady ... April 1, 2001, a U.S. Navy spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter plane over the South China Sea, killing the fighter pilot ... March 27, 2002, President Bush signed a major campaign-finance reform bill into law ... March 29, 2005, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said that he would not resign after a UN commission issued its second report on the Iraq oil-for-food scandal, which criticized him ... April 1, 2005, Samuel Berger, who served as national security adviser to President Bill Clinton, under a plea agreement with the Justice Department, subject to approval by a judge, pleaded guilty to intentionally removing classified documents from the National Archives and destroying others.

Fort Clark Spring's Community Council's Cavalry Brigade Clean up

Submitted by Woodie Hornberg
Clippity-Clop, Clippity Clop, Volunteer troopers are gradually heading North, East, and West to summer quarters and grazing. However, the troopers with delayed orders and the skeleton crew left behind will report to duty Saturday, April 1st at 9 a.m. and muster at Shafter Hall. The FCSA's Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade" is up to the challenge in taking

action on the "clean-up" projects and, move forward with multiple assignments, carrying on with their usual cheerful attitude. At 11:30 to 12:30, volunteer troopers reassemble for a delicious meal and revel in the best food and great fellowship. So, no volunteer will be turned away, regardless of limited or unlimited physical abilities. And that's no "April Fools"



Relay for Life

Team Anitbodies hosted a rummage sale behind the United Medical Center on Saturday, March 25. The team raised over \$800 in proceeds that will benefit the Relay For Life, Race Against Cancer.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko



Barrett graduates basic training

Private 1st Class Caleb Barrett (US Army) graduated basic training at Fort Jackson, SC on January 20th. Shown here with Post Commander Brigadier General Schwitters and family members, PFC Barrett received special awards for exemplary achievement during basic training. PFC Barrett ranked number one in marksmanship in his company and was 2nd in overall performance in a class of over 500. He is currently in helicopter mechanic school at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. After completing mechanic school, his plans are to attend warrant officer school and then pilot training.

Courtesy Photo

OBITUARY

Joseph A. Munoz, age 49 passed away March 27th at a hospital in San Antonio. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Munoz Jr. of Brackettville, his children, brother Robert Munoz, sister in law Ruby Munoz, sister Jeanne Torres, nephews Michael, Patrick, Anthony Munoz, Vincent Torres and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Viewing will be today at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held tomorrow, Friday March 31, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, burial immediately following at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery.

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Computer Geek tip of the week

Submitted by Silk Mooney

One thing that makes computers both interesting and frustrating is that there are so many ways to do the same things. For instance, let's say you want to open a program like WordPerfect. Some people would go to Start, Programs, then choose WordPerfect. Others like an icon on their desktop that they double click. Each to their own, as they say. But, for those of you who prefer what are called "hot keys," meaning that you use the keyboard just as much as the mouse, here's a quick trick.

Open any office application, like WordPerfect or Excel. Press the Alt key, it's on your keyboard next to the spacebar. Now look at your top menu bar - that's the one that says File, Edit, View, Insert, etc. Notice that now one letter in each word is now underlined. That's your hot key to opening up that menu. For instance, the F in File is underlined.

If you press Alt F, the File menu will drop down. Let's say you want to choose "Save As". Now just press the letter S. There you go.

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Cook right into Spring!

Wow! What an exit to Winter and entry for Spring! Hopefully the rain was just a taste of the much needed blessings to come for the dry and thirsty land.



Goodies From G.G.
Vada Baldree

The first featured recipe is a little pricey to make but we all need to splurge once in a while for a fancier dish. Imitation crab, I'm sure, will not work satisfactory as this needs baking.

Crab Imperial
1/2 green bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 tsp. pimento, finely chopped
1 tsp. dijon mustard
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
1 lg. egg, slightly beaten
1/2 cup mayonnaise
* 1 lb. lump crab meat
Dollop of mayonnaise to spread on top
Paprika to garnish

In medium size bowl, combine first 7 (seven) ingredients; blend well. Add crab meat and using fingers, mix well being careful lumps are not broken. Place mixture in an 11 inch casserole or in crab shells. Top with a very thin layer of mayonnaise and sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

* Canned crabmeat may be substituted with only appearance and slight change in texture without any real problem.

Tortellini Kebobs
1-2 packages fresh cheese tortellini
1/2 stick pepperoni
1 (5 oz.) jar pimento stuffed olives
1 sm. jar or can whole mushrooms

1 bottle italian salad dressing
small wooden skewers
Cook tortellini as directed on package. Drain, rinse with cold water.
Slice pepperoni in 1/2 inch rounds, then slice in half. In large bowl, combine all ingredients, using enough dressing to marinate all. Cover; refrigerate 4 to 6 hours or overnight.

To serve: using wooden skewers, thread tortellini, pepperoni, olive and mushroom on skewers.

Ice Cream Pudding Delight
78-80 butter crackers, crushed
1/4 cup sugar
1 stick oleo, melted
*1 qt. vanilla ice cream
2 sm. boxes vanilla instant pudding
2 cups milk
1 (8 oz.) container non-dairy whipped topping
Mix together crackers, sugar and oleo. Set aside 1/2 cup of mixture. Press remaining mixture into 9x13 inch pan.

Blend together ice cream, pudding mix and milk. Pour over crust and chill for 1 hour. Top with whipped topping and sprinkle with remaining crackers mixture.

*Soften ice cream only until dipplable enabling to mix. Do not thaw!

Timely Tips by Kate Worth

NUTRITION TIP - When making bran muffins, I substitute stone-ground whole wheat flour for half of the all-purpose flour called for in the recipe. This way, my muffins are better nutritionally for me and my family. Sylvia R.

POTLUCK - My friends and neighbors love the cheese dip I bring to potlucks, which is served in a round bread bowl. To warm it, I place the filled bowl in a floured oven cooking bag, which

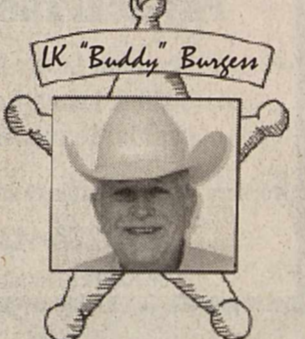
is then sealed and placed in the oven. After baking it, I can bring the whole thing, bag and all, to my destination, and it will stay warm. Lynette M.

HOLE-Y COW! - It can really be a pain to insert cloves into that holiday ham. To make things easier, I use a meat thermometer probe to create the hole for each clove. This way, when I insert the cloves, they don't break off as they normally would. Peggy D.



Governor Perry discusses Linebacker project
The Kinney County Sheriff's department discussed the linebacker project at a meeting with Governor Rick Perry in Austin. Pictured from left: Deputy Karl Chism, Deputy Travis Barrett, Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, Governor Rick Perry, Deputy James Blankenship and Mike Schaffer.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, Mar. 12
9:00 p.m., James Henry McDaniel, 38, of Tulsa, Okla. was arrested by Deputy Ramon Gutierrez for an outstanding warrant for theft by check in Victoria. McDaniel was still being held at press time.

Tuesday, Mar. 14
2:00 p.m., A post office

employee called to request deputy assistance with a disruptive individual that would not leave the premises.

2:50 p.m., A man called to report a suspicious truck parked in front of his ranch.

5:29 p.m., A 911 caller reported a single car rollover on Hwy. 277, near Cow Creek. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched. Maverick County EMS and Fire were called for assistance. Airlift support was put on standby. Eagle Pass EMS transported a patient to meet the helicopter at the entrance of Fort Clark Springs. Brackettville VFD set up the landing zone.

Thursday, Mar. 16
12:25 a.m., Kenneth Wayne Acy, Jr., 18, of San Angelo was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Acy was released the same day after securing a \$1200 bond from Best Bail Bonds.

11:23 p.m., A 911 caller reported a minor automobile accident without injuries on Hwy. 90 near Sycamore Creek. Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

Friday, Mar. 17
10:21 a.m., A woman called to report a cement truck overturned on Hwy. 674, 18 miles north of town with injuries Sheriff Buddy Burgess, EMS, DPS, BVFD and TxDOT were all dispatched to the location.

Saturday, Mar. 18
2:33 p.m., Reserve Deputy Manny Pena reported loose goats on Standard Lane. The owner was advised of the situation.

3:10 p.m., A woman called to request deputy assistance in regards to her tires being slashed. Deputy Ring was informed of the situation and en route to the location.

7:33 p.m., A woman called to report possible theft at her residence on East El Paso Street.

7:10 p.m., A woman called to request deputy assistance in regards to a missing person. Deputy Gutierrez located the man and later reported that everything was okay.

Sunday, Mar. 19
1:05 a.m., A 911 caller reported a fight in the parking lot of a business on Hwy. 90. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched and cleared the scene by 1:17 a.m.

1:34 a.m., A woman called to report four pitbull dogs fighting in a small pen in Spofford. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation and en route to the location.

3:11 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible suicide near the county line. Val Verde S.O. was notified.



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WORD PILE By Mark Szorady
COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 23 WORDS.
EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS

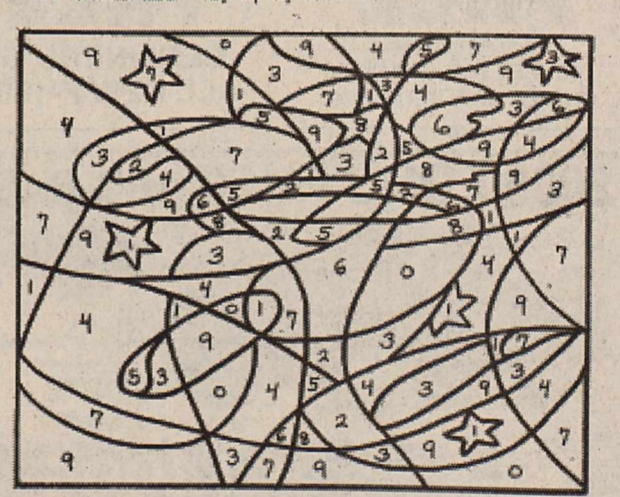
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ANSWERS: ARC, ARCS, AWL, AWLS, CAR, CARS, CAV, CAWS, CLAW, CLAWS, CRAW, CRAWLS, LAW, LAWS, RAW, SAC, SAW, SCAR, SCRAWL, SLAW, WAR, WARS, WAS



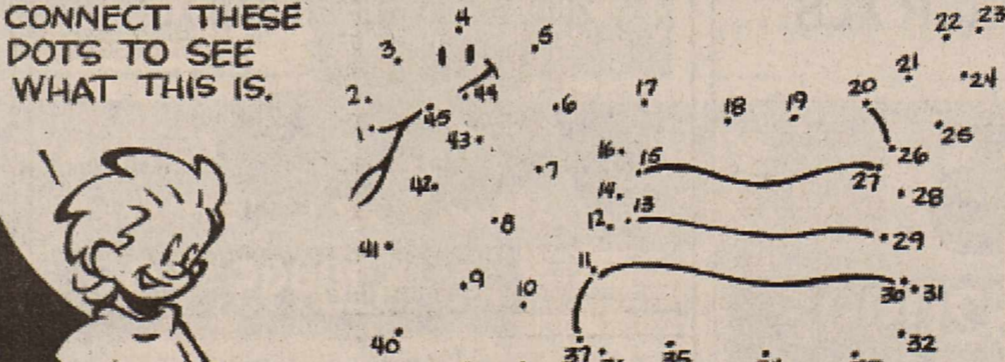
Mystery Mosaic

DIRECTIONS: TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY MOSAIC PICTURE, DARKEN ALL PIECES NUMBERED 2, 5, 6, and 8.



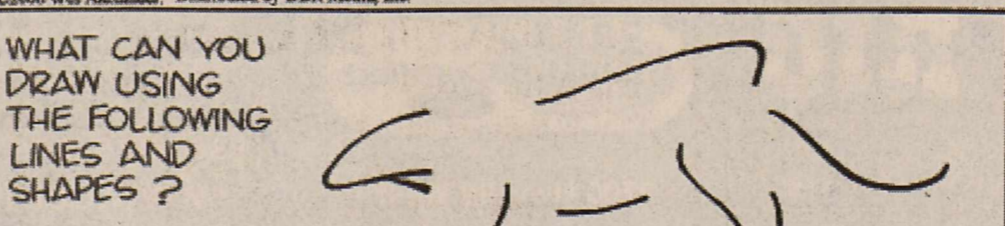
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