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News BRIEFS

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be fill three positions on the board 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.

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 The-

For more information call

Lynn McNew, 563-9229.

cordially invite you to the ance of the Fort's facilities. Brackettville Bash 2006 on May Clark Springs.

The bash is a family affair so bring everyone. There will be golf, softball and volleyball tour- thanked for the improvements Meet. naments.

For questions or more information contact any Brackett nic tables. 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 base-

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 1:30p.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



High: 89 Low: 63

Sunday



Partly Cloudy High: 92 ow: 60

Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

sociation (FCSA) membership Pellin presented information on elected David Palmer, Nolan R. the financial status of the cor- has increased from 25% last fis-Brandt and John H. Carlson to poration. of directors at their annual mem- placed on the collection of past last year's income. bership meeting on Feb. 25.

Thirteen members declared write-in cadidates.

1,083 and will serve for three

elected with 596 votes and will and \$237,811 in our impound 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 re-Red Hatters Meet sults 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 FSCA 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 Brackettville Bash 2006 recognized several individuals The USBP Brackettville Wel- and groups for their efforts to fare and Recreation Association personally improve the appear-

Bob Hendrix cleaned the 13th at Rendezvous park on Fort stone on several historic buildings and his volunteer efforts were recognized.

> The RV park volunteers were they made to the kitchen area and for repairs made to the pic-

A group of golfers were thanked for their generosity in nance barn, adding concrete placed sixth. 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 reported Pellin.

due assessments," said Pellin. their candidacy, including nine had been collected in past due year to 42% this year," contin-Of the 3,566 votes tabulated voluntarily foreclosed upon, 28 tributed to the increase in fuel by the accounting firm of Glen, members enrolled in payment prices. Graf and Bowers (GG&B) in Del plans and one foreclosure by le-Rio, David Palmer received gal action was being pursued.

Nolan R. Brandt was re- \$187,937 in our regular account coming.

"The motel occupancy rate cal year to 38% this year. The "Major emphasis has been golf course is slightly ahead of

"The RV Park's occupancy Pellin also stated that \$117,000 rate has decreased from 45% last assessments, 39 properties were ued Pellin. The decrease was at-

Pellin also stated the establishment of a lot resale program "Our cash position as of the that allows the association to list the U.S. Government as a Calmorning of March 24, 2006 is and sell lot for members is forth-

board members.

White was nominated and reelected 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 vary Post in 1852.

In 1946, Brown & Root used The meeting adjourned, but the facility to operate a guest fund for a total of \$424,748," was quickly followed by an or- ranch until the property was

Fort Clark Springs election results announced at annual meeting ganizational meeting for the new purchased by North American Town in 1971.

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

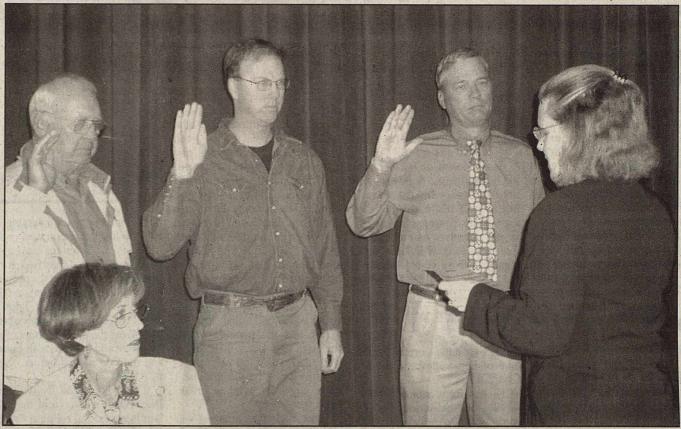
It is a Texas nonprofit cor-

Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.

poration, but is not tax-exempt.

Board of Directors February 25, 2006 **Nolan Brandt** John Carlson **David Palmer Monica White**

Robert Windle



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 In Current Issues and placed second and Bianca sent more than 25 students to Events, Lily Hernandez placed Stewart placed fourth.

participate in the University In- second. terscholastic League District

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

Individually, Rachel Swinson placed first, Alison Carroll replacing siding on the mainte- placed fifth and Seth Frerich

> 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.

placed first overall. Individually, Wylie placed second, R. Swinson placed fourth and Justin Calk placed fifth.

Roth place eighth. In Number Sense, L. Swinson

placed first In Persuasive Speaking, Bai-

lee 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 Dramatic Publishing Company.

In Ready Writing, Alanna

In Mathematics, the team Conoly placed second and Miles Braesicke placed fifth. In Social Studies, the team placed first overall. Individually

Joe Steelman placed first and In News Writing, Arlene 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

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 satisfac-

Certificates may be ordered online at www.texas online.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

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 Eveland tral Texas was distributed by

of New Braunfels gave a presen- Eveland. tation about the weather in gency Planning Committee involved in thinking ahead in (LEPC) meeting on Mar. 27. Eveland explained how to disaster.

read clouds and offered information on tornadoes.

citizens may want to stay away nity involved. Members from gymnasiums, cafeterias and any rooms where glass lines the to attend the meetings. outside wall during severe

The LEPC holds informative Brackettville at the Local Emer- meetings to get the community

case of an emergency or natural The meetings inform people how to help out in the event of Eveland also suggested that a disaster and get the commu-

> strongly encouraged the public LEPC meetings are held every last Monday of the month at

Information on lightning and 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building lightning safety in South Cen- 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

personal questions?

I was standing in the Wal-Mart 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 limits, bad manners, uncouth Montell Williams? I'm not sure you get it! what I said to her, but I'm sure it was something I had to pray way when a man opens his walabout later, but to this very day let. I guess that gives the impres-I think -Geez, that lady had sion that you're not a gold dig-

Here's another good one...I wrote a check for gas at a con- I am going nuts with the quesvenience store in Eagle Pass and tions I am getting from a few the guy behind the counter tells strangers here in town related to me I looked better in my driver's me buying this paper. license photo than I did in real PUBLIC NOTICE: I have my life! AMAZING! No woman in limits. Mind yours! the entire United States of America has EVER thought that! with dark dress pants. -Leigh V.

What makes strangers ask 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

I was taught to look the other

Some things are personal and

· Tip: Don't wear white socks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't sell cheaply

changed little in the years since our descendants. Esau sold his birthright for bread and stew.

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 reational offerings.

and nature make up the atmo- ible course that will damage our sphere that we have to offer our legacy to those who follow.

Recent local events have members and visitors. This is the made it apparent that man has legacy that we have to leave to

The plan for the arbitrary sale of our common use area for Fort Clark Springs has been \$15,000 is an idea worth disoccupied since the 19th century carding! The small amount of money gained will not offset the me that there are so many complete ruination of a wildlife habitat area that features num- seem to live under rocks. I can bers of wild oak trees.

Esau looked no further than his hunger pains. Surely we can herds, our flocks of wild take into account the overall turkey's, and to enjoy our rec- beauty and historical value of Fort Clark Springs, before we This combination of history launch ourselves on an irrevers-



ney County and Fort Clark love of home shows in all that Springs. While living here I had Chuck does. the pleasure of teaching in the knowing one of this towns fin-

I have personally known as a leader and a friend. Chuck is home grown from Brackettville, he has raised four for the future of Brackettville. daughters here and is now ful-

family when I moved to Brack- Water Board and found him to ettville in 1989. At that time, I have integrity and true concern knew him to be a rancher and a for his fellow citizens of Kinney teacher who was straightfor- CountyWith honest, integrity, ward. I then served with Chuck love of family and community, on the Kinney County Livestock Kinney County cannot go wrong Committee and learned he is voting for Chuck Hall for "Jusman of honesty who follows the tice of the Peace. rules. Later, I worked with

I am a past resident of Kin-filling a grandpa's dream and his

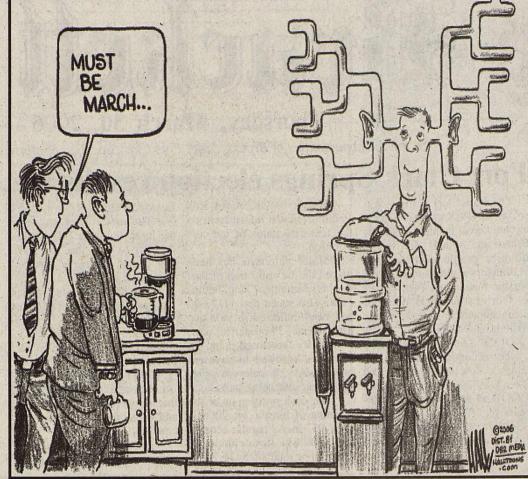
He has spent countless hours Brackett School system and serving on committees for this community to help the youth and to protect out county.

I have always know Chuck to Chuck Hall for more than 15 be fair and honest and would be years, as a teacher, as a rancher, a great asset to the position of "Justice of the Peace.

> Please consider Chuck Hall **Monica White**

I first met Chuck Hall and his Chuck on the Underground

W. B. Miller



We Are At War!

It is positively astounding to people in the United States who 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 Limouhappening, but they don't care. All they want is more personal eryone else. After all, you can't it, Ahab! make egg salad without break-

ing a few eggs by death. This man is in danger from his god?



The Way I See IT

Steven R. LaMascus

of being executed for having a Bible in his possession while our Marines at Guantanamo have of a man; his hand will be against sine Liberals may know what is been thoroughly chastised for, possibly, not showing the proper respect to the Koran. Let me tell power, and if it takes the de- you something about that. I don't struction of the United States as care!! I'll respect the Koran when settled in the area from Havilah a free and independent nation they show the proper respect for for them to achieve their goals, my Bible and the Christian faith, well, that is just too bad for ev- and not one second before. Got

Don't be fooled by the thin You see, what we are at war lam is a peaceful religion that is with is not just terrorists. We are accepting of all other religions, at war with a religion and an ide- it is a bald-faced lie. A look back

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 everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his broth-And, "His descendants 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 lies. When we are told that Is- changed in three thousand years. The descendants of Ishmael are still wild donkeys of men, and their hands are still ology. A perfect example of this at the beginning of the Muslim against everyone. When they is the recent turmoil in Afghani- religion should show any reason- don't have a common enemy to in federal income taxes. Until last stan over the Christian convert. ing person that peace is not in fight, they fight each other. year, Texas taxpayers did not have This man converted from Islam them. They are a violent, venge- Their very religion is a revolt the ability to deduct their sales to Christianity. When he was dis-ful bunch who desire nothing against their heritage. They untaxes. Now they do. covered with a bible in his pos- more than your death. The Ko- derstand nothing, but they do session he was immediately ar- ran (spell it any way you please) respect power. If we knuckle rested and charged with apos- makes it very plain that it is an under to them on anything they tasy. Yep, that's right apostasy, honorable thing to kill an infi-will misunderstand it as weakness or the falling away from one's del. Infidel — that's me and you, and attack all the more strongly. religion, is a crime in most Mus- if you are my Christian brother The only answer is to use violim countries, and is punishable or sister. The Muslims are prom-lence against violence against by death. Nearly everything in ised great rewards for killing us, violence. They do respect supea Muslim country is punishable and who does not want rewards rior force. Now you know the truth, make up your own minds.

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

pire 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 Also, where are the calls from 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 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.

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

Thank You Fort Clark Springs Association

Members that voted for: . Gil Raymer Larry O'Keefe
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off its national tour. The exhibit went by the bi- they on two legs or four?

By Nathan Tabor

Believe it or not, People for

may have finally gone too far.

latest animal rights campaign-

hibit appeared in 17 cities be- display, she gasped. Courtney

zarre title, "Are Animals the New Slaves?" It compared the shenanigans to its credit in the lynching of black Americans to the killing of animals for food. crosses the line. In New Haven, Twelve panels showed such im- Connecticut, the situation surages as noosed black men hang- rounding the exhibit became so and there are laws to punish those ing from trees, juxtaposed with volatile that police had to be who engage in such conduct. shots of slaughtered cows. But, called in. This has to be insensieven though PETA now appears tivity at its highest. to be pulling back, the damage has already been done. The existing the variation of the var

'We're not continuing right The group, which decries the now while we evaluate. We're killing of chickens but appar- reviewing feedback we've reings, has decided to suspend its quite negative."

fered the positive feedback. Were

past, but this latest stunt truly

fore PETA decided to put the was quoted as saying, "How can you possibly compare the bruality that our ancestors experienced here...to animal cruelty?"

> In an article in the New Ha-Michael Perkins put it even more bluntly: "I am a black best interests at heart. man! I can't compare the sufbeings to the suffering of this elty today." What about the lack lence.

of compassion for innocent hu-PETA spokesperson Dawn man babies who fall victim to the Ethical Treatment of Animals Carr told the Associated Press, abortion? Apparently, that's not on PETA's radar screen.

the major news media for PETA ently has no stand on the par- ceived-most of it overwhelm- to discontinue its outrageous, tial-birth abortion of human be- ingly positive and some of it publicity-seeking tactics? After all. PETA had to apologize ear-I'd really like the chance to lier this year when it compared just a few weeks after kicking see those individuals who of- mistreated animals to Holocaust

What does PETA have to do PETA has certainly had some 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, 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. en Register newspaper, It is a single-issue group that tax our way, and we should not does not seem to have America's

And it seems that PETA wants fering of these black human to do something else. It's fully prepared to use the pain of slacow." PETA's Carr responded very and the Holocaust to try to in published reports, "Obvi- push its questionable agenda. ously, the circumstances are Comparing a black man to a cow different, but the lack of com- is like yelling "fire" in a passion that allowed humans to crowded theater. It's not free be enslaved and lynched and speech-it's a bomb-throwing for women and children to be tactic which simply draws feelmistreated is similar to the lack ings of anger and outrage to the of compassion that makes it pos-surface. In fact, it could easily sible for animals to suffer cru- be interpreted as inciting vio-

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

The Junior High girls track Talamantes placed fifth with a team placed second in the time of 20.6. Rockprings track meet on Wednesday, March 22.

cluding 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 placed fourth with a time of Bruce, Elena Molinar and Gose placed second with a time of 4:48.1.

placed first with a time of 9:36, 27'3" 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 placed third with 27' time of 19.5, Harris placed fourth with a time of 20.2 and

In the 800 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 2:45 The 400 meter relay team in- 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

6:59.6 and Escamilla placed sixth with a time of 7:05.4. In the shot put, Ashley

In the 2400 meter run, Bruce Shadwick placed sixth with

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

In the triple jump, Gose

In the high jump, Billings placed second with 4'

In the 200 meter dash, Allen

27.6. Clark ran with a time of

Blake and Rigby placed sixth

Rodriguez and Stewart placed

fourth with a time of 1.55.59

placed fifth with 28'3:.

In the Shot Put, Rigby

In the triple jump, Molinar

placed fifth with 26'10.5".

Charles Conoly placed fourth

In the long jump, Stewart jumped 14'8.5", Clark jumped

12'6" and Titchenell jumped

In the high jump, Stewart

Letsinger jumped 4'6" and

The 800 meter relay team,

Jr. High boys go to Rocksprings track meet The Jr. High boys partici- Molinar ran with a time of 65.1.

pated in the track meet on Wednesday, March 22 in placed fourth with a time of Rockspings.

Jaime Sandoval ran in the 29.0. 2400 meter run with a time of 11:23.24.

The 400 meter relay team, 6.20.22 and Sandoval ran with including, Brandon Allen, a time of 7.39.73. Travis Titchenell, Steven Rodriguez and Sam Stewart ran including, Clark, Novel, Chris with a time of 53.6.

In the high hurdles, John with a time of 4.41.05. 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. with 27'6" and Josh Smith Cody Clark ran with a time of placed sixth with 26'4" 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 13'4" Letsinger ran with a time of 68.5 placed fourth with 4'10" and Novel placed fourth with a

time of 21.43. In the intermediate hurdles Novel jumped 4'4".

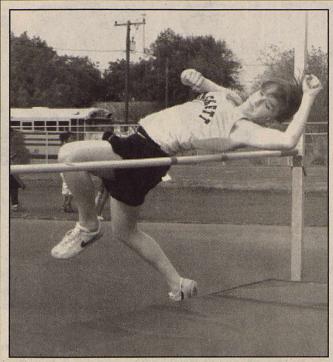


Photo by Leigh Volcsko Junior jumper Eighth grader, Cheyenne Billings competes in the high jump at the district track meet last Wednesday, March 28 at

Varsity girls won 1st at Rocksprings track meet

place at the Rocksprings track time of 2:54.1. meet last Thursday, March 23.

In the 1600 meter run, Gray placed fourth with a time of cluding, Anolda Watkins, fourth with a time of 14.1. Daphne Hunt, Samantha Moore and Bianca Stewart, placed 1st Braesicke placed second with a The 1600 meter relay team, with a time of 53.7.

The 800 meter relay team including, Stewart, Hunt, Moore B. Allen placed fourth with a and Watkins placed second with time of 53.3. including, Allen, Titchenell, a time of 1:54.5.

> including, Stewart, Hunt, Katie of 28.8 and Bianca Terrazas Braesicke an Bailee Allen placed placed fifth with a time of 29.9. 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 third with a time of 6:12.86. Schroeder place 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.

time of 2:53.9 and Lauren fourth with 4'2".

The Varsity girls won first Cornelius placed sixth with a

In the 100 meter dash, Moore The team beat Harper by 34 points. placed second with a time of 13.8 The 400 meter relay team in- and Natalie Aguirre placed

In the 400 meter run, time of 69.4.

In the intermediate hurdles,

In the 200 meter dash, The 1600 meter relay team Watkins placed third with a time

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

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 In the 800 meter run, high jump, Stewart placed sec-Braesicke placed fifth with a ond with 4'4" and Moore placed

Varsity Tiger track team competes at Rocksprings

ticipated in the track meet at with a time of 24.1. 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

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

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

In the intermediate hurdles, Gonzalez ran with a time of

In the 200 meter dash.

The High School boys par- 26.6 and Ortiz placed fifth

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"

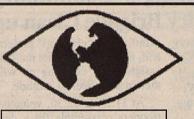
In the discus throw, Moore placed second with 127'6" and Braesicke placed seventh with

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 Schroeder ran with a time of placed first with 5'8"

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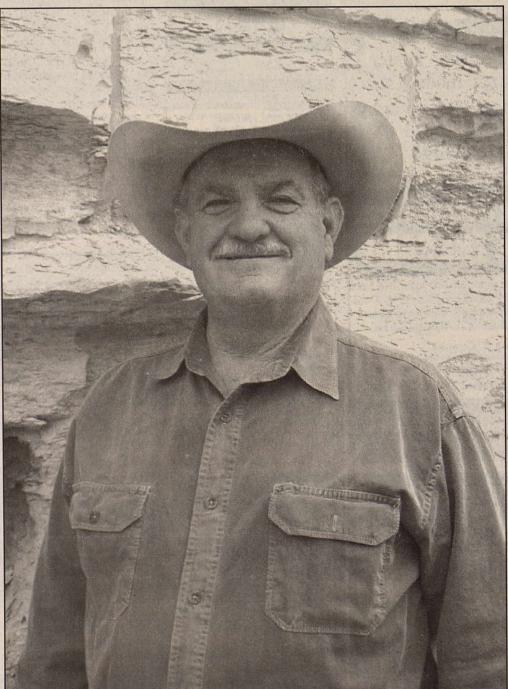
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Early voting begins April 3 and ends April 7. The final voting day is Tuesday April 11. I need your vote.

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

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A Look Back This Week

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

Bush signed a major campaignallowed comatose Karen Ann National Archives and destroy-Quinlan to be removed from a ing others.

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

Volunteer troopers are gradually heading North, East, and West their usual cheerful attitude. to summer quarters and grazing.

crew left behind will report to food and great fellowship. duty Saturday, April 1st at 9

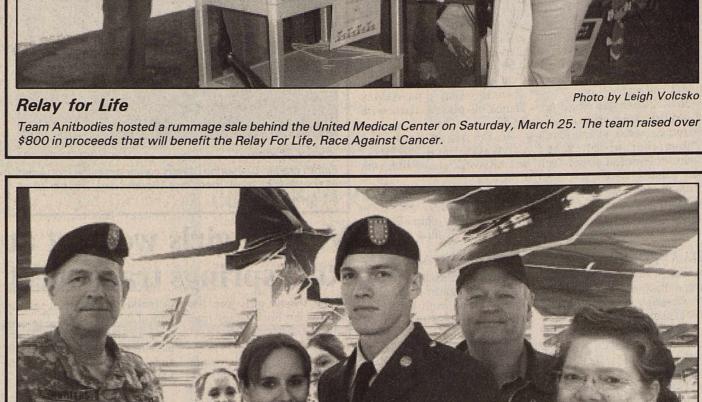
The FCSA's Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade" is ties. up to the challenge in taking

Submitted by Woodie Hornberg action on the "clean-up" projects Clippity-Clop, Clippity Clop, and, move forward with multiple assignments, carrying on with

At 11:30 to 12:30, volunteer However, the troopers with troopers reassemble for a delidelayed orders and the skeleton cious meal and revel in the best

So, no volunteer will be a.m. and muster at Shafter Hall. turned away, regardless of limited or unlimited physical abili-

And that's no "April Fools"



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.

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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Others like an icon on their desktop that they double click. For instance, let's say you 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 un-

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.

This sure helps relieve the stress on that hand that clicks all day!

Thank you

The family of Evelyn Whitely would like to send our sincere thanks you everyone who has sent cards, flowers and prayers our way. Those who have come to visit and share with us will never know how much it means.







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.

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 tbsp. 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 mixture. Press remaining mixsubstituted with only appearance ture into 9x13 inch pan. 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

1 sm. jar or can whole mushrooms not thaw!

fins are better nutritionally for me

and my family. Sylvia R.

Timely Tips by Kate Worth

neighbors love the cheese dip I easier, I use a meat thermometer

bring to potlucks, which is served probe to create the hole for each

in a round bread bowl. To warm clove. This way, when I insert the

in the recipe. This way, my muf- warm. Lynette M.

NUTRITION TIP - When mak- is then sealed and placed in the



Goodies From G.G. Vada

Baldree

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

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.

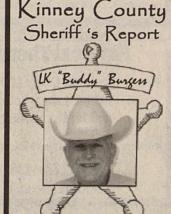
*Soften ice cream only until dippable enabling to mix. Do



Governor Perry discusses Linebacker project

Courtesy Photo

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.



ing bran muffins, I substitute stone- oven. After baking it, I can bring Sunday, Mar. 12 ground whole wheat flour for half the whole thing, bag and all, to 9:00 p.m., James Henry of the all-purpose flour called for my destination, and it will stay McDaniel, 38, of Tulsa, Okla. was arrested by Deputy HOLE-Y COW! - It can really Ramon Gutierrez for an outbe a pain to insert cloves into that standing warrant for theft by POTLUCK - My friends and holiday ham. To make things check in Victoria. McDaniel

Tuesday, Mar. 14

was still being held at press

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

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. Airlife support was put on standby. Eagle Pass EMS transported a patient to meet the helicopter at the entrance of Fort Clark Springs. Brackettville Manny Pena reported loose VFD set up the landing zone.

Thursday, Mar. 16 12:25 a.m., Kenneth Wayne tion. Acy, Jr., 18, of San Angelo was possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Acy was released the same day after securing a \$1200

11:23 p.m., A 911 caller reported a minor automobile accident without injuries on Hwy. 90 near Sycamore Creek. 2:50 p.m., A man called to Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation and en route to to request deputy assistance in 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, ported a fight in the parking BVFD and TxDOT were all dispatched to the location.

Saturday, Mar. 18 2:33 p.m., Reserve Deputy

owner was advised of the situa-3:10 p.m., A woman called arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for to request deputy assistance in and en route to the location. regards to her tires being slashed. Deputy Ring was in-

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

7:10 p.m., A woman called 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 relot 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 goats on Standard Lane. The to report four pitbull dogs fighting in a small pen in Spofford: Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation

3:11 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible suicide near formed of the situation and en the county line. Val Verde



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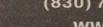
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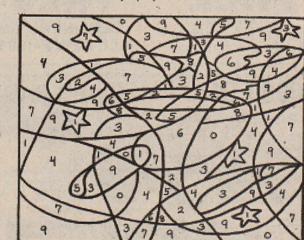
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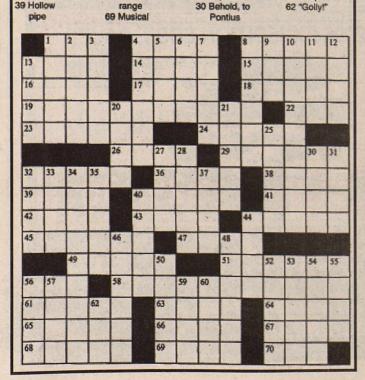
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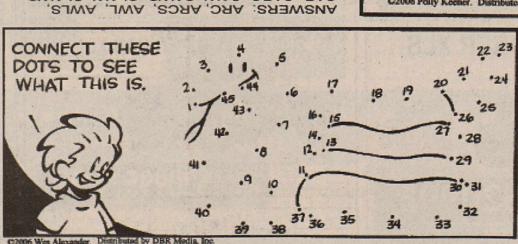
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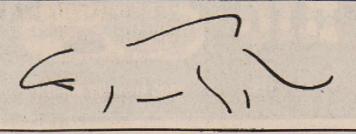


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2. Old Enough? Children under 18 should always be accompanied by an adult rider.

3. Wear a helmet!

Be sure the helmet you purchase is approved for ATV use. Eye protection, boots and gloves are also important riding gear.

4. Stay off the Roads. Keep to the trails and brush paths. ATV tires are made to grip dirt and have too much traction for paved surfaces, making it harder to steer and easier to lose control.

5. Be a Lone Rider.

Ride without passengers. Riders use weight and balance to control vehicles and subtle shifts by a passenger can lead to a loss

6. Control Yourself!.

Keep your speed low enough to handle the surprises. When traveling in the brush, be on the look out for small animals that may dart out in front of you.

7. Stay off the Hooch! Do not drink alcohol when operating an ATV.

8. Know where you are. It is important to scout the area you'll be riding in and keep a map close by in case you become disoriented and get lost.

9. Know the Law! Every state has different laws about where to ride and how old you must be to ride. In Texas riders can find the laws for ATVs on the Department of Public Safety website: www.txdps.state.tx.us 10. Ride the right ride.

The ATV Safety Institute recommends: Engine Size for Ages 6 and Older: to 70 ccs; 12 and Older: to 90 ccs and 16 and Older: 90 ccs and up.

Editor's Note: This article referenced information provided by The Texas Department of Public Safety.

Dry conditions could affect spring turkey hunting

turkey season remain promising, biologists.

hunting season opens April 1 and runs through May 14 in 153 counties. The spring eastern tur-Texas counties from April 1-30. your area. Special youth-only weekends May 20-21.

from previous years, which older birds out there," said T. Wayne Schwertner, TPWD turkey program leader. "Despite dry conditions across most of the 792-1112. state, I'm not concerned about have not been stressed from a temperature standpoint.'

What hunters could see this spring are lean birds due to a lack of food supplies as habitat conditions continue to deteriorate from lack of rainfall. "The drought is not resulting in serious adult mortality, but turkeys are not going to be rolling butterball fat, either," Schwertner

Statewide regulations allow the use of shotgun, rifle, handgun, legal archery equipment, or key; however, individual land- the fringes to begin with. The

noted.

dry conditions across Texas, eas may further restrict the deprospects for this year's spring vices to be used. The bag limit birds up there. for Rio Grande turkey is four thanks to a carryover of mature turkeys per license year. Regugobblers, according to Texas lations and bag limits vary by Parks and Wildlife Department county, so check the county specific rules where you are hunt-Rio Grande spring turkey ing. Only gobblers are allowed spring hunting season. Consult the 2005–06 Outdoor Annual for key season is open in 42 East season dates and bag limits in

Eastern turkey hunting is limare set for March 25-26 and ited to shotgun, lawful archery equipment or crossbow, with a We have a decent carryover one-gobbler bag limit. All harvested eastern turkeys must be means there should be some taken to a check station within tion nearest you, contact a risk of losing birds. TPWD field office or call (800)

the overall health of our turkey ing to try their skills in some of Forest or Grassland before headpopulations going into the the national forest lands in spring hunting season. We had should note some areas may still a fairly warm winter so the birds be inaccessible due to debris from Hurricane Rita, which could create challenges and opportunities for hunters as birds find new haunts.

the dry conditions and just accessing the woods right now will be challenging," said Gary Calkins, TPWD district wildlife biologist in Jasper. "Some of the areas are going to be miserable, like on the Angelina (Neches/ lot of damage; there weren't a of public hunting lands in East crossbow to take Rio Grande tur- lot of birds up there except on Texas.

damage and they've got a lot of wild turkeys in Texas, but ac-

Calkins cited reports indicating some shifting of birds in the to be harvested during the eas and birds may be using marginal habitat because of the loss. We didn't have much of an acorn crop to begin with and the birds after the opening week. storm put a hurt on turkeys.

Overall, other than the access issue, hunting is going to "The birds are big and healthy so the drought has not affected their health and that's a bright 24 hours. To find the check sta-side. I don't feel like we're at

Hunters are urged to contact the U.S. Forest Service's district Hunters in East Texas hop-ranger office for each National ing afield. Here is the contact information:

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trict (936) 897-1068 Davy Crockett Ranger "Hunting will be tricky with District (936) 655-2299

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If you intend to hunt in the national forestlands, a TPWD Annual Public Hunting Permit (available for \$48 wherever is included in the Super Combo hunting licenses are sold) is and Lifetime Hunting license Dam B Wildlife Management needed and provides access to Area). The Big Thicket took a several hundred thousand acres

Last year marked the first full ment requirement.

AUSTIN, Texas - Despite owners and public hunting ar- Sam Houston did not take much month spring season for eastern cording to TPWD district biologist David Sierra in Tyler, a majority of the harvest still ocaftermath of the storm. "Some curred during the first part of areas in the southern end of the the month. "It's like deer sea-Pineywoods have definitely seen son, no matter how long you some shifts from traditional ar- make it, most of the harvest still takes place early on.

What that means for serious hunters is less pressure on the Sierra said hunters looking for opportunity should try the Caddo National Grasslands or be pretty good," he predicted. explore standby hunting on one of the department's wildlife management area drawn hunts, like at Pat Mayes WMA.

As to prospects in his district, which covers the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion of East Texas, Sierra expects there will be fewer jakes available due to poor hatches last year, but still plenty of "uneducated" 21/2-year-old gobblers to call up.

"We had a good mast crop here and there so birds that ranged could find enough food to carry them over," he noted. "Body conditions should be in good shape overall.

Hunters are reminded that a Texas Upland Game Bird Hunting Stamp is required in addition to a valid Texas hunting license. The stamp endorsement packages. Non-residents who purchase the Non-resident Spring Turkey License are exempt from this stamp endorse-

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Brush Trails

Steven R. LaMascus

Truth is that most hunters are of the number of deer I have seen from solid rests at ranges of 100 yards and less. Today, with most benchrest to see what tiny box blinds over a feeder posicrawling on the buck's ear.

practice!

once a month. If you can't find the time for that much practice you should rethink your priorities anyway. When you are at the rifle range, first shoot a few rounds from the bench rest at the prescribed 100 yards to make certain that your rifle is properly sighted in - I recommend that you sight it to hit at least 2 terrible shots. I have lost count inches high at 100 yards. Then get away from the bench! Take wounded by hunters shooting ten shots standing at 100 yards, then go to 125 and shoot ten shots kneeling, being careful to help. Usually we shoot from the deer hunting being done from hold and squeeze. Poor practice makes for poor performance in the groups we can shoot. We never tioned to give a really easy shot, field. Then go to 150 and shoot k about getting off the bench there isn't any excuse for wound- 10 shots sitting. If you find this and doing some real practice ing a deer. Under those conditions too much then cut it to five shots. you should be able to hit the tick Five shots at each of the four disciplines - bench, standing, kneel-Here's my advice to you: ing, and sitting adds up to one box of ammo a month. Almost all Go to the rifle range at least of us can afford that much ammo.

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which is by faith. Verse 23. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three



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of his house; by the which he months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; came heir of the righteousness and they were not afraid of the King's commandment. Hebrews 11:7, 23

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Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

Many times those in track would face obstacles like hard falls, scrapes and scratches and yet they would get up and go on. The coaches worked very hard When you went out for track to help them do better or do they gave you a pair of shoes their best and that reminds me school colors. That uniform told in track and in the Christian life everyone which school you were that it takes a lot of coaching proudly. When we accept Christ well. May we wear the colors of we get a set of spiritual clothes, Christianity proudly and run well, (1 Corinthians 9:24,

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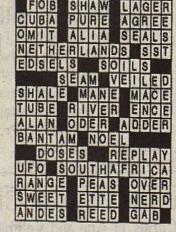
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ROCK DOCTOR PRODknowledgeable and will get you UCTS, 8333 Melrose Dr., Lenexa, KS 66214 (receive \$2). to. Generally, firms such as H&R Send in the UPC from a Rock Block and Jackson & Hewitt do Doctor Granite Cleaner or Grana great job, and they're not as ite Polish. Also send your dated expensive as some private tax cash register receipt with price preparers. Whomever you circled. Store form required.

HP ADVANCED PAPER REBATE, P.O. Box 10000-11, Dept. 11, Offer O, Douglas, AZ 85655 (receive \$3). Send in the UPC from a 500-sheet ream of HP Advanced Paper along with LISTEN LARGE MAIL-IN your dated (between 8/14/05 REBATE, P.O. Box 134, Dept. and 2/28/06) cash register restmarked by 5

LIFE BUILDING SETS, P.O. Elephant Set). Send in three Life radio service. You can print the set of Legos. Limit four offers plete-Vehicle-Solution-quired. Must be postmarked by 5/1/06.

Positive Campaigning

Yes, I have only campaigned for your vote by the positive word. You have learned about me being an honest person dedicated to her family and committed to her job wholeheartedly. A candidate with the ability, qualification, and knowledge to perform the job as Justice of the

If elected to the office, I pledge to treat and answer to everyone fairly and equally. I commit to you to be present in the office, attentive to your needs. I will also continue to attend the educational seminars required by the Justice of the Peace to better serve you.

I respectfully ask for your vote for the Run-off election, April 11, 2006. Early voting starts Manday, April 3rd - 7th.

Narce Villarreall

Candidate for Justice of the Peace

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You've Been Flocked! Citizens of Brackettville:

Keep your eyes open for a splash of pink, because the flamingo flock is on the move! If you want to send the flock to a friend or foe, it cost a \$5.00 donation to the Relay for Life. If you do not want the flock sent to anyone, just moved, it costs \$8.00. All proceeds will go to the Relay for Life. There is also an insurance policy of \$12.00 to insure that the flock doesn't return



to your yard and that the flock gets sent to a friend or foe. Get into the fun of flocking for a good cause. For more information call Alison Carroll at 563-5028 or Samantha Davis at 563-2794. Flocking will be over May 1, 2006.