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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.

Brackettville Bash 2006

The USBP Brackettville Welfare and Recreation Association cordially invite you to the Brackettville Bash 2006 on May 13 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 Brackett Welfare and Recreation officer at (830) 563-6000.

City Closed for Good Friday

City Hall will be closed on Apr. 14, 2006 in observance of Good Friday. The City Landfill will be closed Friday and Saturday, Apr. 14 and 15.

Super S Open House

Super S is hosting an Easter Tour Open House this Saturday, Apr. 8, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be tents and refreshments. Come meet the owners and encourage them to open a bigger store in Brackettville.

Annual Flower Show

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club will hold their annual flower show on Sun., Apr. 9, from 2-4 p.m. This year's theme will be "Tea and Roses" and will be held in the Administration Courtyard and lobby. Refreshments will be served. The event is free to everyone. Enjoy the lovely table settings and floral arrangements and have a cup of tea.

Free showing of The Passion of Christ

The movie, "The Passion of Christ" will be shown at St. Mary Magdalene Church on the evening of Apr. 10. Showing will be in the old St. Mary Magdalene Church and will begin at 7 p.m. There is no charge and no offering will be taken. Parental discretion must be used for children under 13 years of age. Children and teenagers including those above 13 years of age must be accompanied by parents.

Disaster Training

The American Red Cross will be conducting disaster training on Sat. Apr. 8, at 9 a.m. A course in sheltering and shelter operations will be taught. All disaster training is free. Come be trained in the largest disaster assistance organization in the world. Call Jane Pratt at 775-8626 to sign up or ARC at arcdrbo@yahoo.com.

Post Office Hours

Service counter hours will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.

Weekend Weather

Friday

Sunny
High: 92
Low: 55

Saturday

Sunny
High: 85
Low: 53

Sunday

Sunny
High: 86
Low: 55

Simmons crowned Miss Kinney County



Kinney County Royalty
From left: Miss Congeniality Ivory Perez and Miss Kinney County Timmeka Simmons. Simmons and her court will represent the Kinney County over the next year.

At the first pageant in more than thirty years, Timmeka Simmons was crowned Miss Kinney County by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce on Apr. 2.

Simmons, a senior at Brackett High School, smiled as the first Miss Kinney County, Rachel Clementz (1971) placed the crown on her head after a full day of competition.

Four pageant delegates, including Simmons, Ivory Perez, Kristina Flores and Serenity Gammill each participated in a personal interview early Saturday morning.

Later in the evening at the historic Post Theatre on Fort Clark Springs, the young ladies competed in a fashion wear and evening gown competition.

The delegates also delighted the full house with dance performances.

In the superlative awards, Simmons, the granddaughter of Wylie and Charlene, was awarded Best Smile, Best Interview and Best Fashion.

Simmons is 17 and listed dancing, tennis, volleyball and basketball as her hobbies.

Perez, 18, daughter of Roger, was first runner-up and named Miss Congeniality.

Perez's hobbies include running, reading and shopping.

Flores, 15, daughter of Bertha Reyes, was awarded Best Hair and Best Evening Gown.

Flores enjoys dancing, cheerleading and modeling.

Gammill, 15, daughter of Guy and Laura was awarded Most Photogenic, Best Personality, Best Eyes and People's Choice. Gammill sings, sketches and reads for enjoyment.

The event was hosted by Miss West Texas Teen Galaxy Ana Alicia Anguiano, of Del Rio and Gus Garcia, formerly of

Brackettville.

Also in attendance was Miss West Texas Latina Kayla Lopez, Miss Val Verde Brenda Torres, Pre Teen Dreams of Crown Queen Sydney Almaraz, Miss Queen of Soul Jessica Payne and Miss Universal National Queen Nicole Mestas.

"Timmeka will have the chance to advance to a state level pageant. She will also be working with Queens for a Cause throughout the state," said Claudia Cruz Lopez, owner of Innermind Connection, a pageant production company based in Del Rio.

"She has a busy schedule full of appearances. Bigger and better things are in the works for the near future and a Little Miss and Pre Teen Miss Kinney County are a possibility after all the requests and enthusiasm about the come back of the Kinney County Pageant," continued Lopez.

Simmons' first official appearance as Miss Kinney County was on Apr. 3 when she greeted more than 20 ladies bicycling across the country to raise money and awareness for breast cancer related issues.

"We will have the delegates appear at the Cinco De Mayo Festival and in the July Fourth Parade.

"Timmeka will get the opportunity to judge a little miss pageant in Del Rio soon," said Mary Martin, President of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a lot of work, but it turned out really nice," concluded Martin.

Simmons' next appearance will be at Greenwood Park in Del Rio on Apr. 9. She will be judging a child pageant and wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Energy saving tips from local co-op

Submitted By Rio Grande Electric Co-op

"We receive calls each week from consumers asking how they can save money on their electric bills," said Danny Samaniego, Area Operations Manager for Rio Grande Electric Cooperative. "Our employees report getting phone calls at night from people who are not members of the Co-op, but who know they work here. Since people who are not Co-op members can rarely speak to a representative of their own electric company, we direct lots of folks to our website, www.riogrande.coop. There, they can access the "Online Energy Audit Tool", which asks them specific information about their home and energy usage habits. It will then provide an 'energy-saving prescription', so to speak, that is custom designed for them, based on how they answered the questions about their home."

The following are some excerpts from the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about home energy usage on the website, for those who may not have Internet access.

What's the single biggest user of electricity in my house?
If your house has central air conditioning, the air conditioner will probably be the biggest user

by far. Although used only a few months of the year, the annual cost can be much greater than the annual cost of your refrigerator, which is typically the next largest user. In hot climates, the annual air conditioner cost can exceed a thousand dollars. You can get a very rough idea of what your air conditioner is costing you by subtracting the electric portion of your bill in a spring month when you aren't using your air conditioner from the electric portion of the bill in the summer when you do use it. This gives you the monthly cost. Multiply this by the number of months you use your air conditioner to arrive at your approximate annual cost.

My neighbor's bills are much lower than mine, even though they have children, and are home more than we are. Why are my bills so high?

There are a number of factors that cause differences in energy bills, so comparing your bill to someone else's is like comparing apples to oranges. The ages of major appliances, especially refrigerators and air conditioners, can make a dramatic difference in your bill. In addition, if your house leaks air like a sieve while your neighbor's house was just weatherized and insulated, you will have much higher heating and cooling bills. Other factors that

can result in significant differences in bills are the number and kinds of lighting fixtures, thermostat settings for heating and cooling, the number of loads of laundry, old refrigerators out in the garage, and hobbies which result in electricity use.

What's the most common mistake people make in trying to save energy around the house?

Common mistakes people make include:

- letting the furnace or air conditioner salesperson sell them a unit that's much bigger than they need,
- not getting the ducts checked for leakage when installing a new heating and cooling system,
- thinking that "since heat rises, we only need to insulate the attic." Floors over a basement or crawlspace, walls and windows also matter.
- not using ceiling and portable fans to improve comfort in the cooling season. They use very little electricity! Use them to circulate air in the house, to make the house feel cooler by doing this, the thermostat setting for your air conditioner can be raised to 85°F, and still maintain the same comfort as the lower setting.

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Energy Saving Tips

Ford and Ramirez granted another motion for continuance

John Ford and Linda Ramirez both requested a continuance at their hearings in the 63rd District Court on Mon., Apr. 3.

Ford is charged with one count of theft by public servant and one count of fabricating physical evidence. Ford was granted a continuance in his case.

L. Ramirez is charged with two counts of theft by check and was also granted a continuance in her case.

An evidentiary hearing was held in the case of Juan Pablo Munoz for possession of marijuana.

Peter Schafer Cantu of San Antonio was arraigned to revoke community supervision for numerous probation violations. P. Cantu originally pled guilty in for possession of marijuana. P. Cantu could face time in a state jail facility.

Roger Cantu was also arraigned to revoke community supervision for numerous probation violations. R. Cantu originally pled guilty for possession of marijuana. R. Cantu could face time in a state jail facility.

Jose Luis Ramirez Jr. was indicted for failure to stop and

render aid on Feb. 17, 2006. J. Ramirez could face from six months to five years in a state jail facility. The case was continued in order for the defendant to hire an attorney.

The case against Abel Talamantes Jr. for racing on highway resulting in bodily injury/death was continued until Apr. 25.

George S. Reed was set to be arraigned for theft of livestock but filed a waiver of arraignment.

Erlinda Velasquez appeared for aggravated assault causing bodily injury. The case was continued.

Benjamin Tovar was indicted for assault on a public servant. The case was continued.

Nathan M. Luna was arraigned to revoke community supervision for violation of probation. Luna could face time in a state jail facility. This case was continued in order for Luna to hire an attorney.

George Garcia was arraigned to revoke community supervision for violation of probation. Garcia originally pled guilty to evading arrest

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Judge Lee's Docket

Women ride for awareness

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce welcomed 23 courageous women from the Woman Tours Group, Apr. 3.

The Tour Group members are riding bicycles across the country to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. The diverse group includes women from all over the United States and one from Australia.

Karen Bell, a rider from San Antonio took the opportunity to visit with her parents, Cecil and Rosa Smith, that reside in Brackettville.

"I know the ladies were impressed by the reception they received," said Smith.

The women were escorted into town by the Kinney County Sheriff's Department where they parked their bikes on the front lawn of the Service Club at Fort Clark Springs.

The ladies were treated to cold ice water and a warm meal after their journey from Lake Amistad.

The ladies were also given time to rest and browse around before Phil Coburn took them on a guided tour of the Fort.

Early Tues. morning, the ladies packed up their gear, turned on their odometers that read 1,270 miles and set off for Camp Wood.

The ladies will ride on to Vanderpool, Kerrville, Blanco, Bastrop, Louisiana, Mississippi with stops here and there all the way to St. Augustine, Florida.

Woman Tours was founded by Gloria Smith and is a women only tour. These women, ages ranging from 38 to 72, are riding 3,060 miles from San Diego, California to St. Augustine, Florida.

The women have already endured rain, snow and ice as they have traveled across the Southwest.

For more information about the Woman Tours, log onto www.woman-tours.com



Riding for a cause
Ladies from the Woman Tours group break for lunch at the Fort Clark Service Club April 3. The women will complete their breast cancer awareness tour in Florida.

Photo by Allison Taylor

Editors Weekly BLOG

I go strutting into church this past Sunday and I think - Why are they doing communion at the beginning? Ahhhhhh! I went to church for 10 minutes because I didn't set my clock one hour ahead. My whole week has been messed up.

This is for all young women and my single - maybe not so young anymore - friends:

If you have to pick up your boyfriend for dates b/c he doesn't have a car - break up!

If he does not have a checking account - with money in it - Keep looking!

If he still has a picture of his ex in his wallet or anywhere in his house - reconsider!

If he lives with his mama - run the other way!

If he has a mullet and baggy pants - keep running!

If your boyfriend or husband beats you on Sunday afternoons for sport then you need to pull yourself together, get some counseling and believe that you are worth more than you think.

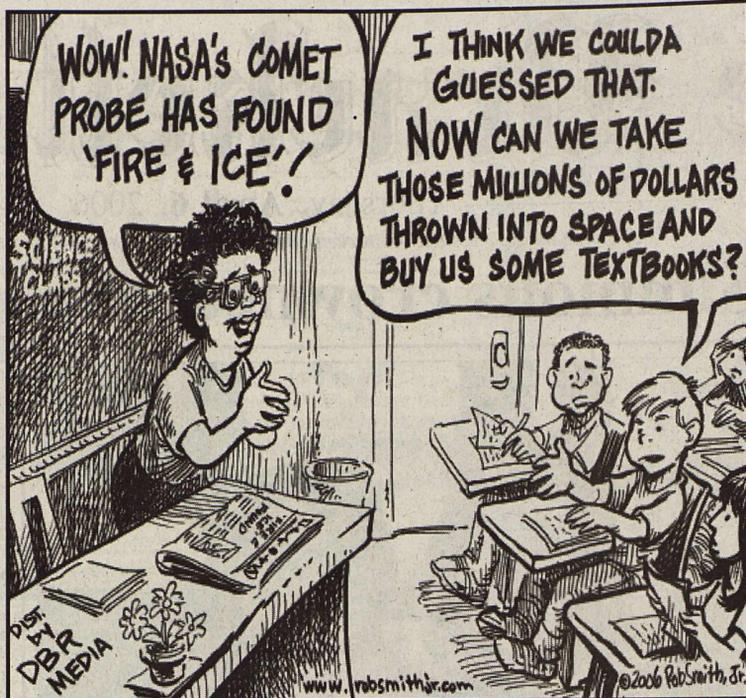
Do not let acts of abuse go without a word! Amistad Family Violence Center 24 Hour Hotline 830-774-2744

CORRECTIONS:

The Brackett News erroneously printed Ingram Ready Mix as the name of the business in the photo caption: Page 1, "Got Cement?" on March 23, 2006. The cement company was Amistad Ready Mix.

On March 30, 2006, Page 1, Fort Clark Springs election results announced at annual meeting, The Brackett News erroneously dated an information box February 25, 2006. It should have read March 25, 2006.

The Brackett News regrets any inconvenience these mistakes may have caused and offers their most sincere apologies.



Dream big

By The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Contributing Writer

Do you remember as a child dreaming of becoming an adult? What happened to those little kid dreams? Have they been tossed aside like toys of our youth or is there still a little glimmer of those dreams trying to find their way into reality?

For many of us there were choices along our road to adulthood. Those choices didn't always reflect what our dreams were. Our dreams were shifted to the back burner because other things took priority. This is not to say that those priorities were good or bad; it is just the facts of life. I want us to think about how we can rekindle those dreams.

In our sidetracked natures we usually can't look past our noses when it comes to dreams. We want what we want and we want it now. If our dreams are not easily attainable we have a tendency to allow our perfectionism to beat us up and tell us that we can't do that because it will take too long. Our dreams fall by the wayside while we go about our daily grind. "Oh why even bother, I will never be able to do that!"

Dreams can become realities if we will envision them. This is to see the finished product. Maybe your dream is to write a book. What does the cover look like? Is it on the best-sellers list? Can you see your name in print at the bottom of the cover? Then you have to take step; babysteps to make the dream a reality.

This is what I did when I wrote my first book Sink Reflections. People have asked me how long it took me to write it. They seem to be shocked when I tell them it took me two weeks. The reason it took me two weeks is because I laid down some strict rules for making sure this happened. I already had my routines in place. It is with these routines that I was able to use them to make my book come to life.

My hard and fast rule was that as soon as I got dressed to shoes each morning, made my bed, ate breakfast, cleared my hotspots (coffee table in front of my line of vision), swiffed my floors and emptied my dishwasher; I could write. My job was to turn on the computer but not my email or my browser. The toughest rule was not answering the phone during my writing time. My writing assignment was ten pages or three hours which ever came first. By noon each day I was finished. In two short weeks of consistently following my self-imposed schedule and rules; I had a manuscript.

I didn't allow anything to get in the way of my vision. I saw my book, I could feel my book and I knew it was just a matter of simple babysteps to release that book from my head. Do you have a dream that you have lost your vision for? Sit down today and write down what that vision is. See it! Now what simple babysteps can you take each day to make your dream a reality?

Don't scoff at your dreams; Dream Big as the song says by Shupe and the Rubberband. You can make your dreams come true one babystep or just 15-minutes at a time. Let your routines make your dreams a reality!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The right choice for Justice of the Peace!

Does it really matter who puts the biggest picture or ad in the paper, or who is on the front or last page? No! What matters is who really is being honest and true.

I strongly believe Narce Villarreal is the best choice for Justice of the Peace! It is time for a change - to treat everyone the same, be honest and true even after the election is over, not just trying to get votes.

I have known Narce for more than 6 years and know her to be a reliable and dependable person. Always ready to listen and be there any time you need it.

It's time that Brackett stands up for itself and we get people into office that we can trust completely.

Please consider voting for Narce.

Melony Talamantez

Recovering from recent Texas wildfires



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

No one can fully prepare for the most destructive forces of nature. When they occur, we must respond as best we can. We lend a hand to our neighbors and try to help the people most affected get back on their feet. This is a lesson we were reminded of with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. And unfortunately, we again experienced devastation with the wildfires in North Texas and more recently in the Texas Panhandle. The damage caused by these fires was considerable. Over 800,000 acres burned, as the largest single wildfire in Texas history blazed through county after county in the Panhandle. Between 4,000 and 5,000 head of livestock were lost. Homes, barns and other buildings were destroyed. Thousands

of miles of fence line and power lines were left in ruins. And 11 lives were claimed by this mammoth blaze.

While authorities continue their task of assessing the damage, our recovery efforts are underway. On March 20, I spoke with 17 county judges from impacted areas, and I was extremely impressed with the coordination of local authorities. It was the single-largest mobilization of firemen in state history. More than 700 professional and volunteer firemen lent their services. These heroic firefighters answered the call when they were needed, and showed no fear in the face of grave danger.

Financial relief is also on the way. I worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to secure funds to help farmers and ranchers recover. These efforts paid off for Texas, as the USDA, on March 24, approved \$8.1 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding.

Agriculture producers in 16 counties are eligible for the ECP

extension. In addition, we expect to receive federal disaster relief. All Texas counties can already receive public assistance under the disaster declaration made by President Bush on January 11 for our December and January fires. That declaration will cover 75 percent of costs for many of our firefighting and other emergency protective measures.

Under that disaster declaration, the federal government is providing additional assistance to individuals in the counties most affected in December and January. They may apply for aid, including grants to pay for temporary housing and home repairs, as well as low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses. For the most recent fires, the federal government is in the process of assessing damage and adding new counties to the list eligible for individual assistance.

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The USDA has also established temporary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) guidelines that will provide crucial support to livestock producers in the Panhandle. The guidelines were established to help cattle producers in 27 North Texas counties and six Oklahoma counties. These guidelines will support producers by allowing them to remove dry grass in CRP acreage and move more cattle to the area. I understand these guidelines may need to be extended as recovery efforts continue, and I will work with the USDA on behalf of farmers and ranchers to see that we get this

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Varsity track girls place second

The Varsity girls track team placed second at the Jourdanton track meet on Saturday, April 1, 2006.

The 400 meter relay team placed second with a time of 53.1, including, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart and Samantha Moore.

The 800 meter relay team placed second with a time of 1:53.8, including, Stewart, Hunt, Moore and Watkins. The 1600 meter relay team placed second with a time of 4:27.0, including, Stewart, Hunt, Bailee Allen and Katie Braesicke. In the 3200 meter run, Harmony Pettett placed sec-

ond with a time of 13:38.0 and Gabby Schroeder placed third with a time of 13:53.0.

In the high hurdles, B. Allen placed second with a time of 17.4 and Becca Mann placed fifth with a time of 19.5. In the 800 meter run, Braesicke placed second with a time of 2:46.6 and Lauren Cornelius placed fourth with a time of 2:52.2. In the 100 meter dash, Bianca Terrazas placed sixth with a time of 13.5. In the 400 meter dash, Braesicke placed sixth with a time of 68.0. In the intermediate hurdles, B. Allen placed third with a time of 52.2 and Mann

placed fourth with a time of 53.4.

In the 200 meter dash, Watkins placed second with a time of 28.5 and Terrazas placed sixth with a time of 29.5. In the 1600 meter run, Pettett placed third with a time of 6:16.7 and Schroeder placed fourth with a time of 6:18.6. In the shot put, B. Allen placed fourth with 30' 2.25". In the triple jump, Hunt placed fifth with 30'.

For the JV girls, Summer Allen placed fourth in the high hurdles with a time of 21.4 and S. Allen also placed fourth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 62.1.

Varsity boys track run in Jourdanton

The varsity boys participated in the track meet at Jourdanton last Saturday, April 1, 2006.

The 400 meter relay team placed fifth with a time of 47.9, including, Fermin Villanueva, Miles Braesicke, Jacob Schroeder and Cesar Ortiz.

In the high hurdles, Tres Rueda placed second with a time of 15.5 and Moses Gonzalez ran a 20.7 for the JV boys.

Villanueva ran in the 100

meter dash with the time of 11.8.

Rueda placed first in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 45.01. Gonzalez ran a 50.7 for the JV boys. In the 200 meter dash, Schroeder ran a 25.8 and Ortiz ran a 24.9.

The 800 meter relay team ran with a time of 1:40.5, including, Villanueva, Braesicke, Schroeder and Ortiz.

Braesicke and Villanueva participated in the shot put.

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

Brand Wylie participated in the pole vault.

Schroeder jumped 35' 2" in the triple jump.

Schroeder, Travis Bonner and Villanueva participated in the long jump.

Bonner participated in the high jump.

7th grade girls run in track meet

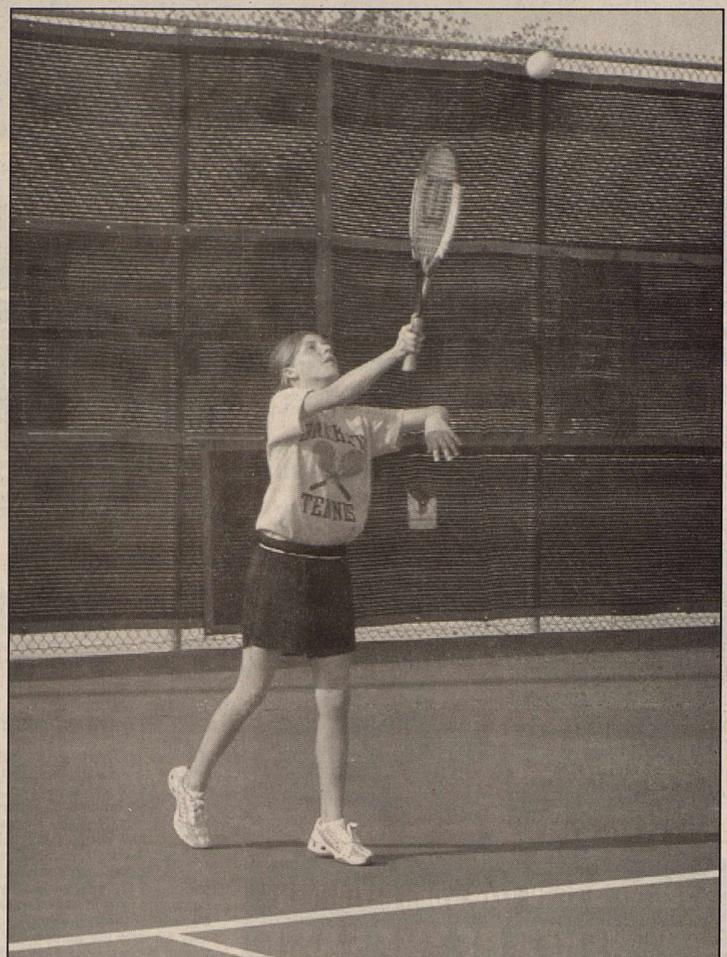
The 7th grade girls participated in the district track meet on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

The 400 meter relay team placed first with a time of 61.9, including, Haley Hale, Stella Guajardo, Brenda Pacheco and Cheyenne Smith. The 800 meter relay team placed first with a time of 2:13.7, including, Guajardo, Icela Rueda, Rachel Nash and Hale.

The 1600 meter relay team placed first with a time of 5:10.7, including, Smith, Erika Villanueva, Pacheco and Nash. In the 800 meter run, Villanueva placed first with a time of 3:19.3. In the 100 meter dash, Pacheco placed first with a time of 15.4, Rueda placed second with a time of 16.3 and Guajardo placed third with a time of 16.4.

In the 400 meter dash, Nash placed first with a time of 75.0 and Smith placed second with a time of 75.2. In the 200 meter dash, Villanueva placed first with a time of 34.3, Hale placed second with a time of 34.5 and Rueda placed third with a time of 34.8.

In the shot put, Paige Nowlin placed fourth with 20'4". In the long jump, Smith placed first with 11'2".



Serve it up
7th grader Susu Seargeant serves it up at the District Tennis Meet on Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

8th grade girls track placed 2nd

The 8th grade girls placed second at the district track meet on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

The 400 meter relay team placed fifth with a time of 59.1, including, Lauren Hernandez, Elidia Molinar, Cheyenne Billings and Brooklyn Gose. The 800 meter relay team placed third with a time of 2:08.2, including, Hernandez, Nydia Talamantes, Karley Harris and Elidia Molinar. The 1600 meter relay placed first with a time of 4:50.0, including, Billings, Kelsey Bruce, Elena Molinar and Gose. In the 2400 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 9:30.7, Briana Escamilla placed second with a time of 10:46.8 and Courtney Kirkland placed third with a time of 11:43.8.

In the high hurdles, Elena Molinar placed second with a time of 19.1, Harris placed third with a time of 19.9 and Talamantes placed fifth with a time of 21.2. In the 800 meter run, Bruce placed first with a time of 2:42,

Susu Seargeant placed second with a time of 2:54 and Bianca Cruz placed third with a time of 2:56. In the 400 meter dash, Gose placed fourth with a time of 72.0.

In the intermediate hurdles, Elena Molinar placed third with a time of 58.7, Harris placed fifth with a time of 62.6 and Marisol Aguirre placed sixth with a time of 62.8. In the 1600 meter run, Escamilla placed first with a time of 6:36, Cruz placed second with a time of 6:40 and Kirkland placed third with a time of 6:57.

In the shot put, Ashley Shadwick placed third with 25'11" and Ivy Garcia placed second with 23'4.5". In the discus, Shadwick placed second with 72'8" and Garcia placed third with 71'11". In the triple jump, Gose placed fourth with 25'11".

In the long jump, Gose placed fourth with 12'8.5" and Sarah Davis placed sixth with 11'10". In the high jump, Billings placed second with 4'2".

Fort Clark Springs couples Golf tournament

The results for the Fort Clark Springs Couples Golf Tournament for Mar. 30, 2006.

Winners for the day were John Ballard, Marilyn Ballard, Pat Alexson and Charlie Alexson with a net score of 40.25. Placing second for the day was Debbie Isaacs, Wayne Isaacs, Sharon Boucher and Bob Boucher with a net score of 42.25.

In third place was Darlene Sandwick, Don Sandwick, Marian Weber and Jerry Weber with a net score of 42.50.

Placing 4th place was Ann Malin, Jim Burns, Orlene Alvis and Loyd Alvis with a net score of 42.75. "Weekly couples' tournaments are still being held every week as long as people sign up," said Debbie Isaacs.

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Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2005. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2006.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2006 renditions is April 17. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 17 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

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¡Cuidese de las multas! "Presente" su propiedad antes del 17 de abril.

Una "declaración de propiedad" es un reporte para el distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. enlista toda la propiedad que poseyó o controló el día 1º de enero de este año.

¿Quién debe hacer una declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaración incompleta o falsa, se le puede imponer una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor y el cambio ante su junta de revisión.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2005. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2006.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 17 de abril es el último día para mandar sus declaraciones para el 2006. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 17 de abril. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo otros 15 días después del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para la extensión.

¿Dónde hago mi declaración?

Haga su declaración con su distrito local de valoraciones en:

Para más información, visite su distrito de valoración y obtenga una copia de

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¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1° de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2006 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados. La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa pasada, a su nueva casa.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2005, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2006—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2006. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1 de mayo. Si necesita más tiempo, puede ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2006 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2005, you won't need to reapply for 2006 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2006. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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The word, wed, is derived from the ancient Greek word for "pledge."

Just before her wedding, a Bulgarian bride will toss a dish filled with wheat, coins and a raw egg over her head. If the dish breaks, it signifies good luck to come.

In Mexico, it is customary during the vows for a white ribbon or for a rosary, called a "lasso," to be draped around the necks of the newlyweds to symbolize their joining together.

The traditional Caribbean wedding cake, the "Black Cake," is a recipe handed down from mother to daughter and improved upon by each succeeding generation.

The basic ingredients of an island wedding cake include a pound of flour, a pound of brown sugar, a pound of butter, and a pound of glazed cherries, raisins, prunes, currants, and a dozen fresh eggs. The cake is traditionally served with a Hard Rum Sauce, and all of the dried fruits are soaked in rum in a crockpot for anywhere from two weeks to one year. Traditional Lithuanian Marriage: First, there is the matchmaker who puts the couple together and arranges the dowry. Then there is the wedding ceremony itself which consists of several very specific customs, and finally, there is what is called in Lithuania the atrgriztai, or the coming back, during which the bride and groom return to the bride's parents' home, where the bride is now welcomed as a guest rather than as a member of the family.

Terrazas family honor



SSGT Maria Sparks, daughter of Richard and Julia Terrazas, has been in the United States Air Force Reserve for four years and on active duty for the past three. SSGT Sparks is a C5 Aircraft Maintenance Scheduler Craftsman for the 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland A.F.B., in San Antonio, Texas. In those 4 years she has been promoted twice and has received the following awards: The Air Force Achievement Award, Plans and Scheduling Technician of the Year, Airman of the Quarter, Airman of the Year, Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award from the city of San Antonio, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon.

SGT Graciela Krumm, daughter of Richard and Julia Terrazas, was the Supply Sergeant for the U.S. Army Texas National Guard for two years and was on active duty in the U.S. Army for four years. She is currently an inactive Reserve.

She has received such awards as the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal w/ 2 oak leaves and Army Commendation Medal.

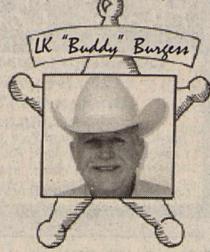
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W01 Stephen Garrett Krumm, son of Ralph George and Theresa Krumm and son in law of Richard and Julia Terrazas, is currently an OH 58D Kiowa Warrior Student Pilot in the U.S. Army.

He has been on active duty since November 1999. He has received such awards as the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, War on Terrorism Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal w/ 1 oak leaf, Army Commendation Medal w/ 2 oak leaves, OEF Service Medal, OIF Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Rigger Badge, Novice Jumpmaster and 1/75th Ranger Combat Scroll.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, March 20
1:02 p.m. Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a residence on HWY. 90.

Tuesday, March 21
9:33 p.m. A man called to report a travel trailer using his water and electricity without permission. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed and enroute to the location.

4:00 p.m. Juan R. Bautista, 27, of Mexico was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for a DWI warrant out of Wichita Falls.

10:51 p.m. A 911 caller reported a possible break in. Deputy Gutierrez was informed of the situation.

Thursday, March 23
11:25 a.m. Carlton Green, 56, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy James Blankenship for

failure to appear on a DWI. Green was released the same day on a \$3,000 bond.

9:32 p.m. An employee of Val Verde Regional Medical Center called in to report an assault victim.

Friday, March 24
5:15 p.m. Dennis A. Daventport, 28, of Leakey was arrested by Deputy Manuel Pena for a harrasment warrant out of Uvalde County.

Saturday, March 25
9:44 a.m. A man called to report a vehicle out of gas on Hwy 90 east towards Uvalde.

11:33 a.m. A man called to report that he had shot himself in the foot and he was going the hospital in Del Rio. Deputy Pena and Sheriff Burgess were notified.

Sunday, March 26
12:00 a.m. Hector, Jaime Gonzalez, 50, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Ashley for DWI revoke probation our of Boerne. Gonzalez was released March 28 on a \$2,000 bond.

12:48 a.m. A Pico's employee requested a deputy at the fuel pumps. Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation.

2:30 p.m. A Fort Clark Security employee requested someone to check on her father at Fort Clark.

5:52 p.m. A Fort Clark Security employee reported a break in at the Amphitheater. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

6:29 p.m. A man called to request assistance with an individual at his residence. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

Monday, March 27
8:45 a.m. William Clyde Adams, 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Blankenship for aggravated assault causing bodily injury. Adams was later released on a \$3,000 PR bond.

Tuesday, March 28
4:06 a.m. John Edward Sellers, 34, was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for failure to appear. Sellers is still being held at press time.

3:30 p.m. A local store employee reported a car accident. Deputy Blankenship was dispatched to the location.

4:30 p.m. James Mitchell, 42, of Louisiana was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for bail jumping. Mitchell was released the next day on a \$7,500 bond.

Saturday, April 1
2:16 a.m. An employee of a local establishment reported a fight. Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation.

4:46 a.m. A local restaurant

employee reported a break in. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation.

11:30 p.m. Michael Louis Gonzalez, 21, of Bartlett was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for a probation violation out of Bell county. Gonzalez is still being held at press time.

Sunday, April 2
1:57 a.m. A 911 caller requested an ambulance. EMS was paged and Deputy Kenneth Frietag was notified of the situation.

3:28 a.m. Samuel Cruz Fernandez, 27, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Frietag for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Fernandez is still being held at press time.

Monday, April 3
Mario Sato Rodriguez, 60, of Uvalde was arrested for DWI by Deputy Gutierrez. Rodriguez is still being held at press time.

3:35 p.m. Samuel Newton Waddell, 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Blankenship for injury to a child. Waddell was released the next day on a \$2,000 bond.

3:55 p.m. Johnny Joe Waddell, 17, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Blankenship for injury to a child. Waddell was released the next day on a \$2,000 bond.

Peanut Butter Galore and more!

Oh, the love affair of peanut butter! I remember as a very young child that in order to make your sandwich moist enough to swallow as it contained almost no oils, you put either Jelly with it or my favorite, mayonnaise! (my children always replied with "yuck!") But failure to do so produced a very fry, gummy something far from a five star rating.

Did you know that p. butter was originally made in 1890 for people who could not eat meat so to provide them with a high protein substitute? Thank goodness for the improvement over the years.

Most of us still indulge in peanut butter regularly, some more than others. That brings to mind a special friend of mine and her husband enjoy a pb&j sandwich each day for breakfast.

With that said, I dedicate today's recipes to them.

- Peanut Butter snack mix
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tbsp. honey
- 5 to 6 cups corn cereal squares or crisp cereal
- 3 to 4 cups pretzels, sesame sticks and/or cheddar flavored fish or crackers
- 1/2 cup dry roasted unsalted

peanuts and/or sunflower seeds (optional)

1/2 cup raisins or dried fruit mix

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips.

Preheat over to 325 degrees. In small microwave safe bowl, micro peanut butter and honey on high for 45 seconds or until peanut butter is melted.

Stir and set aside.

In large bowl, combine cereal, pretzels and peanuts. Pour melted peanut butter mixture over cereal mixture, toss to coat.

On foil lined baking sheet,

evenly spread cereal mixture.

Bake 10 minutes stirring once. On wire rack, cool completely. Stir in raisins and chocolate. Store in airtight container or plastic storage bags.

Peanut Butter popcorn

1/2 cup peanut butter

1 tbsp. honey

1 bag (3.5 oz.) microwave popcorn, cooked according to package directions (about 10 cups popped popcorn)

In large microwave safe bowl, microwave peanut butter on high 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in honey. Add popcorn and toss

until evenly coated.

- Peanut Butter S'mores
- 1 tbsp. peanut butter
- 4 graham cracker squares
- 2 large marshmallows
- 2 slices banana (if desired)
- Evenly spread peanut butter on graham cracker squares

On microwave safe plate, arrange crackers, then top each with marshmallows.

Microwave at high 15 seconds. or until marshmallows puff.

Top each with banana slice, them remaining graham cracker square. Serves one.

Charles W. "Chuck" Hall Justice of the Peace

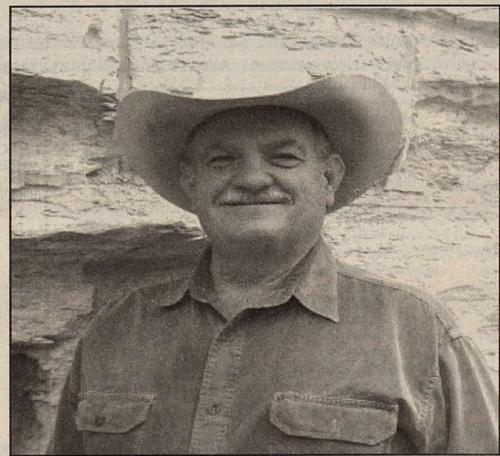
I have been asked by many what the job of JP entails. It is not easy. It involves far more than clerical work. The JP is called to help retrieve bodies from the Rio Grande and various other dangerous and uninviting areas of our county. The job also involves going to car accidents to sort through wreckage, identify persons and pronounce deaths.

I was called after midnight on Christmas day to pronounce a death and order an autopsy. I was not able to return to my family for many hours. At all hours of the day and night I have had to magistrate persons who have been arrested. I have to listen carefully to all evidence in hearings. Determining judgements is a difficult part of a JP's routine.

Certificates showing attendance at office workshops are not judicial credentials and do not prepare anyone for these tasks. But these are but a few of the sacrifices that I am more than willing to endure.

The timing in my life could not be more beneficial to committing myself to the duties that this office not only requires but demands. A major portion of the well-being of our county is dependent on the proper and efficient operation of the office. Revenue generated/collected since I took office has increased 20% from the previous 3 month average.

The final voting is Tuesday, April 11. Precinct 1 votes at the EMS Building. Precinct 2 votes at the High School auditorium. Precinct 3 votes at the Senior Citizens Apartments on Spring Street. Precinct 4 votes at the Library Annex. I need your vote.



Voter's Guide Survey: Distributed by TBN to Justice of the Peace Candidates: Name: Charles W. "Chuck" Hall Where were you born and raised? I was born in Covina, California. I have lived in Kinney County since 1951 Why are you running? My father first sparked my interest in the JP job when he held the position. I have served the citizens of Kinney County as a schoolteacher, as a volunteer fireman, as a volunteer ambulance driver, as a director of the Water Conservation District, as a city councilman, as a board member for the Livestock Show and now I am asking to continue to serve as the JP What are your goals for this position? I will provide honesty, fairness and justice. I will treat everyone equally. I will not dismiss tickets for special friends. I will run an office that is open to everyone. I hope the citizens will feel free to call me and ask me questions. I am not above criticism and scrutiny. What is your educational background? 1966- Brackett High Graduate; 1968- Associate in Arts Degree SWTJC, Uvalde; 1970- Bachelor of Science Degree, Mathematics Major, Sul Ross, Alpine; 1982- Master of Education Degree, Sul Ross, Alpine. What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? As the current JP I have exhibited, intelligence, understanding, commitment, honesty and fairness. At BISD, one of my duties was to write grants and prepare budgets. I will be able to use this experience to prepare the budget for this office. Why should the community vote for you? I have shown that I am available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I have been a dedicated public servant for 36 years. I am a trusted worker for our community. In 100 words or less describe how you being JP will benefit the community? (Please include personal biography) The confidence shown by law enforcement officials has already increased since I took office. I am a Christian and try to make decisions in all hearings based on fairness for both sides as well as the community. I want our county to live in peace. No one is above the law. Even though everyone makes mistakes, there is a big difference between making a mistake and deliberately violating the law. I believe that I have the intelligence to recognize the time to be lenient and the time to be strong and firm.

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ANSWER - 4

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Regular Permits

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District is currently in the process of amending rules for regular permits. A public hearing will be held on April 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. to consider amendments to the current rules.

The District passed Resolution 2005-04 on June 3, 2005 adopting a 90 day moratorium on the processing of all applications for regular permits that had not been declared administratively complete on that date.

The resolution was passed with a vote of 5-1. Directors voting for the resolution were Tootsie Herndon, Don Hood, Duke Meek, Christopher Ring and Cecil Smith. Director Beth Ann Smith voted against the resolution. Director Chuck Hall was absent.

The moratorium was put in place to allow the District time to determine water availability, authorize total water production and implement proportional reduction of production and to use the information as a basis for issuing new regular permits.

The moratorium also allowed time for public input and for the General Manager to develop proposals to bring to the Board on the amount of water permitted by type and zone, amount of water necessary to meet exempt users needs and recommended process for new regular permits. The General Manager was authorized in the moratorium to retain experts to assist in the process.

Public hearings were held on August 11 and August 25, 2005 to receive public comments on the issues raised at the June 3, 2005 meeting. Comments were made by Allie Blair, Mike Booth, Chris Hale, Melanie Jones, Jeri Moravits, Ray Smith, C.R. Williams, Joe York, and Robert Young.

The moratorium was extended for 60 days by a vote of 4-1. Directors Tootsie Herndon, Don Hood, Christopher Ring and Cecil Smith voted for the 60 day extension; Beth Ann Smith voted against the extension and Chuck Hall and Duke Meek were absent.

The Board also adopted groundwater availability numbers on August 25, 2005. The numbers were based on availability given in the draft of the Plateau Region Water Plan dated March 17, 2005.

The groundwater availability numbers are allocated by management zones. The management zones were adopted by Resolution 2005-01 on Febru-

ary 22, 2005.

The three management zones are the aquifers in Kinney County, namely: the Edwards, the Edwards/Trinity and the Austin Chalk.

The groundwater availability numbers adopted by the Board in the Edwards Aquifer Management Zone is 8,725 acre-feet. There has been 2,860.35 acre-feet of Existing and Historic Use permitted with an additional 583 acre-feet in exempt use claimed by the City of Brackettville, leaving 5,281.65 acre-feet of available water in the Edwards Aquifer.

There have been 14 regular permit applications filed in the Edwards Aquifer asking for a total of 13,308.33 acre feet. John Boerschig filed one application on March 9, 2005 which was administratively complete on May 13, 2005, requesting 714.33 acre-feet. Tim Ward filed an application on May 5, 2005, for 150 acre-feet which is not administratively complete. Timothy Moravitz filed 4 applications on May 26, 2005. The applications are for 130 acre-feet, 40 acre-feet, 40 acre-feet and 36 acre-feet for a total of 246 acre feet. The applications are not administratively complete. Tully, Jamie and Tulisha Shahan filed an application for 600 acre-feet on June 3, 2005. The application is not administratively complete. Virginia Shahan filed an application for 600 acre-feet on June 3, 2005. The application is not administratively complete.

Grass Valley filed 6 applications on June 3, 2005, for 1,833 acre-feet each for a total of 10,998 acre-feet. Grass Valley's applications were administratively complete on March 7, 2006. A hearing was set for March 13, 2006. The hearing was adjourned with no action taken.

Directors Chuck Hall, Duke Meek, Christopher Ring and Beth Ann Smith voted to adjourn; Don Hood and Cecil Smith voted against the motion; Tootsie Herndon was not present.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District office is open

Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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The District office can be reached by phone at 830.563.9699, by fax at 830.563.9606, or by email at kegcd@sbcglobal.net.

Judge Lee's Docket

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with the use of a motor vehicle. The case was continued. Armando de Jesus Rojas pled guilty and waived his right to a trial by jury for DWI with a child passenger under the age of 15.

The case against James Mitchell for taking wildlife without consent of the owner was continued in order for the defendant to hire an attorney.

Energy Saving Tips

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What is the average setting on an electric hot water heater?

Typically, water heaters have three temperature settings: high, medium and low. These settings correspond roughly, depending on the age and condition of the water heater, to about 160°F for high, 140°F for medium, and 120°F for low. Most people have the temperature set to medium, or around 140°F. If it is not already there, you should consider lowering the thermostat

to 120°F, which will save you about 3 to 5% in water heating costs for each 10°F reduction. You might want to consider a timer for your water heater that turns it off when not in use, say between 10 or 11 pm to 6 am. This would also lower your water heating costs by cutting down the amount of energy lost through the walls of the tank during the night.

My central air conditioning blows cool but not cold air and

seems to be always running. I have heard that dirty coils in the condenser could cause this. Is this something I can check and clean myself and, if so how would I go about it?

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expensive perfume. He had been telling his disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and be crucified but they did not understand, (Matthew 16:21 and 26:2). He also told His disciples to go and find a young donkey colt and bring it to Him. He got on the young donkey colt, (Zechariah 9:9) and rode into Jerusalem where coats and branches were laid in His path. People were shouting and greeting Him as a King that day, (Matthew 21:7-11). Have we received Him as King and Savior? (Luke 19:38 and Mark 1:15).

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Jesus Betrayed

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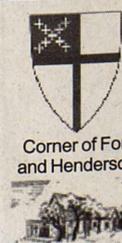
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON REGULAR PERMIT APPLICATION BEFORE THE KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will conduct a PERMIT HEARING as described below on Monday April 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse located in Brackettville, Texas, and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The hearing will be conducted on the following Application for a Regular Permit:

Proposed Regular Permit Number	Proposed Regular Permit Applicant/Holder and Landowner	Proposed Location of Well(s)	Proposed Annual Groundwater Production Amount
RP05-E-2005-001	John Boerschig 4320 Katy Hockley Rd. Katy, TX 77493	N29° 21' 38" W 100° 20' 56" I. & G.N. RR CO. Survey No. 93, Abstract No. 432; approximately 2,500 feet from the South property line and approximately 10,000 feet from the East property line (mountain portion of the Evans U-Bar Ranch) 6397 contiguous acres with the land where the well is to be located	714.33 acre feet Edwards Aquifer

The Application for a Regular Permit, if issued as a final Permit, would authorize the permittee to drill one well and withdraw 714.33 acre-feet annually of groundwater therefrom within the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District for the purpose of agricultural use, according to the terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The conditions contained in the proposed Regular Permit include, but are not limited to, provisions for the permit term, groundwater withdrawal amounts, purpose of use, location of point of withdrawal, place of use, requirements for meters, maximum rate of withdrawal, fees, monitoring, record-keeping and reporting requirements, type of beneficial use, limit on waste, oversight by the District, termination, interruption, and suspension of groundwater withdrawal amounts, restoration of groundwater withdrawal amounts, amendments, registration of wells, water quality, well construction, operation, maintenance and closure, well head protection and spacing, filing and recording of permits, change of address or telephone numbers, payment of fees, compliance with applicable law, and enforcement.

The General Manager has completed the requisite administrative completeness and technical review, and has prepared a recommendation. A copy of the General Manager's recommended Proposed Regular Permit, along with the Application, and related correspondence is available for public inspection at the offices of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, Courthouse Annex, 522 East Ellen, Brackettville, TX 78832, Monday, Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. If you have questions on any information in this notice or in the event you require additional information on hearing procedures, you may contact the General Manager or other staff at the District office at 830/563-9699.

ISSUED this 31st day of March, 2006, in Brackettville, Texas, on the recommendation of the General Manager.

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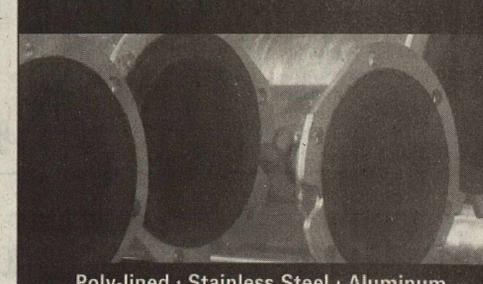
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