

Better late than never: Marion decides to redistrict

GAIL K. REIL News Messenger
JEFFERSON — Marion County will redistrict its county commissioners precincts after...

Princt 3 Commissioner Eugene Robinson, where most voters are of a minority race...

Nick of time: Marion County Commissioners set workshop to redraw precinct boundaries...

Come Lately" as far as redistricting is concerned. "We've had this item on the agenda since January," he said...

Robinson said he is the one who put the item on the agenda in the past. Until December 30, court records indicate the agenda item was either tabled or voted down.

WEATHER Forecast for the Marshall area calls for partly cloudy skies, with a low in the upper 40s and a 50 percent chance of rain. "Scoopshot" 1-903-935-7918

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COLUMN ONE Sheriff continues investigation

JEFFERSON — THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT is continuing an investigation into Friday's shooting of an area woman during a dispute with her husband...

DPS continues accident probe

LUBBOCK — TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY officials are awaiting results of an autopsy to determine the cause of a fatality accident that occurred Monday in Harrison County...

EPA proposes new actions

DALLAS — THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) has established a regional network of indoor air quality professionals and is developing an educational program...

Three candidates file for office

MARSHALL — JIM AMMERMAN III, Harrison County Democrat Party chairman, said Thursday that Constable Jim Havelle had filed his candidacy for Harrison County Constable Precinct 1...

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3 bedrooms, 2 baths, heat & air, fenced yard, carport. RENTED! THANKS, CLASSIFIED!

IRS mails New Year's greetings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service offers this sobering reminder to anyone ignoring a holiday hangover — 110 million tax forms will start appearing in Americans' mailboxes Jan. 2...

After years of mailing its packages just after Christmas, the IRS this year decided to turn its annual Christmas card into a New Year's greeting.

At the Marshall Post Office, stacks of forms piled high on three large rolling carts are already waiting to be sorted out for the Thursday mailing.

According to local Postmaster Marshall Richards, the Marshall Post Office has more than 10,000 of the forms ready to go on Jan. 2. The Post Office serves 9,000 city addresses, 4,500 rural route boxes and 1,900 post office boxes, he said.

Last year, the IRS wrote the mailout from Dec. 26 to Dec. 28. This year, what agency officials described as a further effort to avoid disrupting holiday spirits, the agency postponed the date again.

Most taxpayers should receive their Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ by the end of next week, but a few may already have their packages thanks to eager local postmasters who ignored IRS instructions and jumped the gun.

The IRS is mailing the forms at a cost of \$32 million.



IT'S TAX TIME — Mark Crenshaw, customer service representative for the Marshall Post Office, begins sorting through the more than 10,000 1991 tax forms from the Internal Revenue Service to be mailed out to Marshall taxpayers on Thursday, Jan. 2. (Photo/Willgo)

SLAYINGS PUZZLE POLICE

No clues: Authorities ask for help in solving the murders of four teens in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — The parents of four teen-age girls murdered in a yogurt store pleaded today for help in tracking down the killers.

The police need additional eyes and ears, said Frank Sorci, the stepfather of two of the four Austin girls.

The FBI's behavioral sciences experts are compiling a profile of possible suspects.

The victims, who police say were each shot once in the back of the head, were Jennifer Harrison, 17, her sister, Sarah Harrison, 15, Eliza Thomas, 17, and Amy Ayers, 13. Jennifer Harrison and Ms. Thomas were store employees.

Since the investigation began, police have received nearly 1,000 calls, but they still have no suspects.

"I'm sorry to say there's little evidence," Lt. Andrew Waters said Monday. "It's getting very frustrating. We've run through most of the phone tips we've had. The information has dried up, and we haven't gotten anything."

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Bush makes first stop on 12-day mission

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — President Bush crossed the world today to begin a difficult round of trade talks with U.S. allies. He was welcomed to Australia with a low-key New Year's reception and a display of holiday fireworks.

Bush had grounds to commiserate with the new prime minister — a get-acquainted session.

Talking trade: Australians greet president with New Year's celebration

ter, Paul Keating — both face economic problems and uncertain roads to re-election. Australia is suffering one of its worst recessions in history.

Their working meeting tonight will be a get-acquainted session.

Bush was greeted here by a boisterous tabloid headline — "Bush Battles" — in the Telegraph-Mirror. The story proclaimed that Australian farmers have Keating's support for confrontation with Bush over U.S. wheat subsidies.

On his first day in Australia, Bush got a low-key welcome at Sydney Airport.

On Dec. 6, police responded to a fire at I Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop. They found the four bodies tied up in the back of the store. Police believe the fire was started to cover up the murders.

City dedicates 'birthday' plaque

JAMES OSBORNE News Messenger

MARSHALL — The Marshall City Commission made history Monday — holding its first-ever meeting outdoors.

150th birthday: Commission holds first-ever outdoor meeting Monday

Carlie. Williams said the plaque unveiled Monday on the sign located on U.S. 59 South commemorates the names of the committee members involved with making Marshall's birthday celebration a success.

"The plaque is there as a lasting symbol of the work which was done in commemorating this 150th birthday year," said Williams.

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