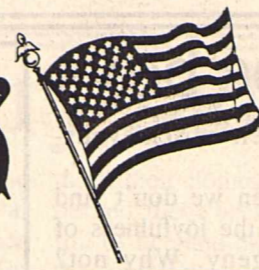


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## Seat Belt enforcement begins next week

Buckle your seat belts because Sunday, June 24 - Saturday, June 30 is Seat Belt Awareness Week.

The Brackettville Police Department, along with EMS, DPS, Kinney County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Constable, are joining together to crack down on seat belt violations.

According to Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo, the goal of Seat Belt Awareness Week is to make people aware that if a vehicle is moving, passengers, especially children, need to be properly restrained.

"We're hoping people will recognize the importance of this law," said Alonzo. "It could save a life or prevent someone in your family from being hurt," he said.

Chief Alonzo will be passing out literature throughout the week emphasizing the importance of seat belts and child restraints.

On Monday, June 11, Commissioners approved a resolution supporting Seat Belt Awareness Week in Kinney County. At the June 12 meeting, The City of Brackettville also voted to support a similar resolution, naming June as Seatbelt Awareness Month.

The resolution states that "Buckle Up America" is forging broad, community-based partnerships to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats to 90 percent by

2005, in order to save the community lives and taxpayer dollars.

According to the resolution, increasing the seat belt use rate from 68 percent to 90 percent, an estimated 5,536 fatalities and 132,670 injuries would be prevented, child fatalities would be reduced by 25 percent, and the nation would save \$8.8 billion annually.

Research shows that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children in that car are also unbuckled. The effectiveness of correctly installed

child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and children.

As part of Seat Belt Awareness Week, a vehicle called, "The Convincer," will be in the parking lot beside Super S and in front of the laundrymat on Friday and Saturday, June 29th and 30th. The vehicle will demonstrate the effects a car accident has on passengers while they are wearing seat belts, as opposed to when they are not. There will be demonstrations throughout the day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

*On average each day, seven children age 14 and under are killed, and 866 more are injured, in motor vehicle crashes. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA, 1999); Fifty-one percent of the children under age 5 who died in traffic crashes in 1998 were unrestrained. (NHTSA, 1999); Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants under one year and by 54 percent for toddlers age 1-4. (NHTSA, 1999)*

- The safest place for any child 12 years old and under is in the back seat. Every child should be buckled in a child safety seat, a booster seat, or with a lap/shoulder belt, if it fits.
- Infants up to about 20 pounds and up to 1 year old should ride in a rear-facing child seat. The child seat must be in the back seat and face the rear of the car, van, or truck.
- Never hold your baby in your lap when you are riding in the car. In a crash or sudden stop, your child can be hurt badly or killed.
- Kids over 20 pounds and at least 1 year old should ride in a car seat that faces the front of the car, van, or truck.
- Older kids over 40 pounds should ride in a booster seat until the car's lap and shoulder belts fit right. The lap belt must fit low and snug on their hips. The shoulder belt must not cross their face or neck. Never put the shoulder belt behind their back or under their arm.

## Alamo Village celebrates Fourth of July

Start making plans to attend Alamo Village Movie Location's Second Annual Gunfighter Competition and a day of good old family fun to be held July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gunfighter teams from throughout Texas will be competing and numerous awards will be given out including one for Best Overall Show, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Authentic Costume.

Other events include a variety of children's games and the opportunity to make your own rope the "Old West" way. Alamo Village's own Western Beat Band featuring Benny Padilla of Monument, New Mexico, and Bobby Barnett of LaVeria, Texas, will provide live music.

"We hope to have something

to please all ages," said Alamo Village owner/operator Virginia Shahan.

The world famous movie set was originally constructed over a two-year period from 1957-59, for John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo" and since that time more than 200 major feature films, TV movies, mini-series, documentaries, commercials and music videos have been shot there. Located seven miles north of Brackettville on FM Road 674, some of the more recent projects shot at the Village include the feature film "The Bullfighter," starring Willem Dafoe, Michael Parks and Michelle Forbes, and the family western "Jericho" starring soap opera hunk, Mark Valley, World Champion Rodeo Clown Leon Coffee, Buck Taylor, (newly on

"Gunsmoke") and award winning actor R. Lee Erney.

While at the Village, visitors can tour any one of the 18 walk-in displays including an Old West Jail, Bank, Church, Parson's House, Livery Stable and more than two dozen other adobe and board and batten buildings. There's also a Wagon Museum, John Wayne and Old West Museum, three gift shops and a full-service restaurant among many points of interest.

For more information call Alamo Village at (830) 563-2580 or write P.O. Box 528, Brackettville, TX 78832. Visit our website at [www.alamovillage.com](http://www.alamovillage.com) or e-mail us at [happy@hilconet.com](mailto:happy@hilconet.com).



On Saturday, June 16, the Seminole Indian Scouts celebrated "Juneteenth," with a parade down Ann St. The Kinney County Historical Commission won first place in the parade.

## Rotarians learn about saddles

Stan Conoly is Rotary Program Chairman for the month of June, and he invited historian, Bob Erickson to speak on Thursday, June 14, about the saddles used in the Cavalry. Mr. Erickson came dressed in character as a Cavalryman, and he brought with him three saddles that illustrated those used during various time periods, and changes made as they worked to improve the design. Erickson is well acquainted with his subject since he renovates old saddles, rebuilding and recovering them.

Erickson first remarked that you would never see a large man in the Cavalry. The weight requirement for a man was 135 pound to 145 pounds. A horse can carry approximately 1/5 of its weight, and these horses were called upon for extremely demanding work. A saddle had to fit the horse to keep the animal from becoming too sore to ride.

In the Civil War, the horses were smaller than they are today, and so were the men who rode them. Any horse they could find was used, and the

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## EMS gives hot weather warning

EMS Update  
By Carolyn Rutherford

You need to know about the efforts of the City of Brackettville Police Chief, Arnulfo Alonzo in arranging a seatbelt awareness campaign from June 24 through 30, 2001.

There are many events planned during this six-day period: a graphic demonstration of what happens to unrestrained occupants in vehicles involved in car wrecks; information on how and when to use seatbelts and other passenger restraint devices; and much more information. Some of the demonstrations will be across from Super S at the parking lot in front of the laundry-mat.

Our EMT Basic course started on June 5, and between Nueces Canyon (Campwood), Utopia, Sabinal, and Brackettville sites we have 18 students. I hope that at the end of the course, Kinney County EMS will have 5 more qualified and skilled certified EMT Basic volunteers.

Right now, we have just had the first major test and they look good! Students will learn next about how to approach and assess patients for injuries and illnesses. That part is probably the most difficult to learn, especially



Contractors are putting the finishing touches on the new Pico store which will be opening soon.

## New Pico store to open soon

By Anthony Kusenberger  
Contributing Writer

You have seen the construction, you have awaited its arrival, and soon, Pico will be open and ready to welcome you with open arms.

We would like to thank the people of Brackettville over the past eight years. Thanks to your patronage we are able to build a bigger, better and much more convenient facility.

The new facility will consist of some of your old favorites such as our homestyle fried chicken and great tasting hamburgers. Our breakfast menu and current deli menu will also be served in the new location.

In addition to old favorites, we are featuring some new products. The first is our Picadilly Pizza. A wide variety of pizzas will be available in sizes ranging from personal pan pizzas to large family size pizzas. Another added feature will be our tropical snow (Hawaiian Shaved Ice). These snow cones are a big hit with children as well as adults. Our new 15 door cooler will allow you to quench your summertime thirst with almost any type of drink your heart desires.

In the old store, seating was a problem - but not in the new store. We have a much larger seating area in the main store and seating in the new laundrymat.

The laundrymat features some of the newest equipment Maytag has to offer. We will have 16 washers and 10 oversized dryers. In addition, we are also installing two triple load

washers that are excellent for washing sheets, blankets and comforters.

We appreciate your patience during the store construction and ask for your additional patience when we begin our fueling facility. Our plan is to tear down the old store once our new store is open, and then begin construction on our gas islands. No more headaches and frustrations from waiting in line just to fuel your car. We will have six pumps with card readers that will allow you to have pay at the pump capabilities. It will also allow 24 hour fueling. Two of the pumps will feature premium diesel.

We hope to open the store before the 1st of July and the new fueling facility six weeks later. Once the new fueling facility is complete, our new full service drive thru window will also be available. Until then, there will still be fuel available at the store. The hours of fuel operation will be from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be an attendant on duty to assist our customers with the temporary fueling situation.

We would like to thank our general contractor Mike Bizzell for his hard work and help through this project. We would also like to thank our manager Ricky Alvarado for his hard work and community involvement. A grand opening will take place once the new fueling facility is in operation.

Pico is a small, family-owned business that takes pride in our products and services as well as the communities in which we serve.

## Briefs ...

### Volleyball camp

The 4th Annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp will be held for 5th-9th (Grades 2001-2002 School Year) from July 2-6, 2001, from 8:30-12:00 plus \$25.00 (includes T-shirt). Registration is due by June 29, Dusty Brotherton Box 2027, Brackettville, TX 78832. Any questions, call Dusty Brotherton 563-3303.

### Fourth of July

The 4th of July Committee is getting ready for the annual 4th of July celebration here at Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The parade and program will be in Brackettville and the booths and entertainment will be at Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark Springs. Korean Veterans will be honored this year. To enter the parade call Augusta Pines 563-9779. To enter the Volleyball Tournament, \$50.00 per team or to have a booth \$25.00 per booth call Alma Gutierrez 563-3139 or Monica Castillo 563-3017. Korean Veterans call Howard Wakefield 563-2989 or Ruben Martinez 563-9103.

### Football Camp

The 2nd annual Tiger Football Camp will be held on July 9th through July 13th. The camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon Monday - Friday. The camp is for incoming 6th grade through incoming 9th grade for the 2001-2002 school year. The cost of the camp is \$25, which will include a camp T-shirt. The camp will primarily focus on learning the fundamentals of the game of football, learning the Brackett Tiger offense and defense and learning how to have fun playing football. Deadline for registering and receiving a camp T-shirt is July 2nd. Walk-up registration is allowed, however, a camp T-shirt may or may not be available. Registration forms are available at the Football Field House or at Central Office. If you have any questions, please call Coach Yeager at 563-2491 x.190 or 563-9344.

### Weekly statistics

Apprehensions by Border Patrol agents in the Del Rio Sector for the period June 4-10, 2001. Brackettville...226, Carrizo Springs...396, Comstock...26, Del Rio...223, Eagle Pass...553, Rocksprings...13, Uvalde...102. Other Than Mexicans...99.

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## Boys will always be boys

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

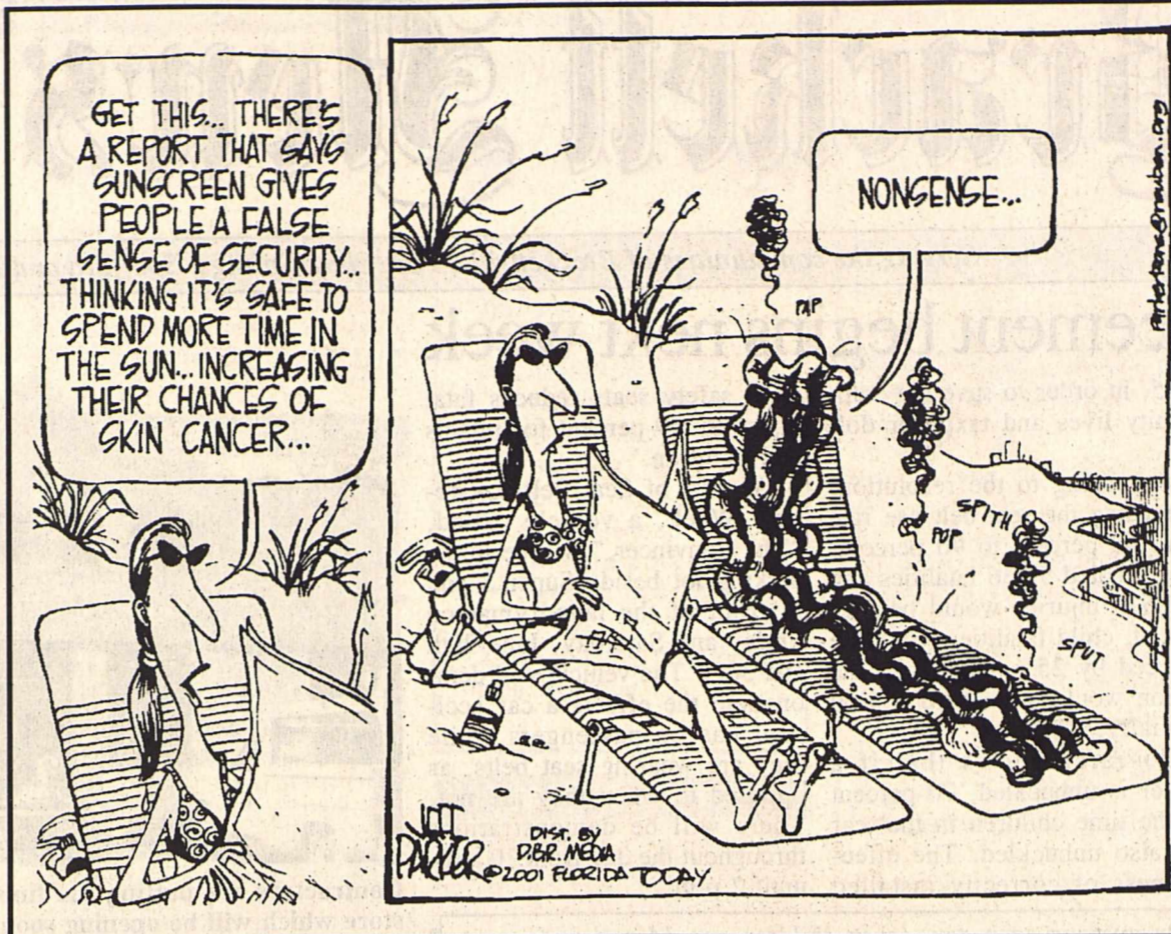
Children amaze me. I'm not talking about the teens. I am referring to the little ones. The toddlers. They are so full of wonderment. Most of them know how to live each moment to the fullest and happiest extent possible. Pure love from God is shown in tiny tots.

In church one Sunday I witnessed a young lad who delighted all of us that were able to watch him. I confess that my attention wasn't entirely on the sermon. He made me happy while he made his mom miserable. She did not find him even remotely amusing.

Children are that way. They make us laugh when they do cute things. As long as they're somebody else's children they are adorable! I was that way when my kids were young too. I never understood why everybody else

laughed at their mischievousness.

All too often we don't find amusement in the joyfulness of our own progeny. Why not? Why can't we savor the merriment of our offsprings? To the mother in church who was slightly embarrassed, I say don't be. He's just a boy. He'll grow out of it. Or maybe he won't. Perhaps he'll stay that way forever. He may continue to find frolic and fun in every thing and every body. If so, what's wrong with that? What's wrong with enjoying one's self? I know. I know exactly why you want your son to behave. You're afraid he'll grow up to be like me. I don't blame you. It's the main reason I never wanted to have a son myself. I knew exactly what he would have turned out to be like. That thought scares me and I'm fearless. But I could be wrong.



## Foot And Mouth Disease: The Facts and the Future

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

How often do you think about Foot and Mouth Disease?

I think about the disease pretty often. As many of you know, I'm the chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. I meet with farmers and ranchers on a weekly, sometimes daily, basis. The one issue they are all concerned about is a potential Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in our country. It's a frightening thought. But it's not just the farmers and ranchers who are concerned about the subject. There are a lot of rumors and fictional tales out there. I'd like to set the facts straight.

Foot and Mouth Disease - also known as Hoof and Mouth Disease - is a highly contagious viral disease of cattle and swine. The disease is characterized by fever and blister-like lesions followed by erosions of the tongue, lips, mouth and area between the hooves. This is where the disease gets its infamous name. Although many animals affected by the disease do recover, it leaves them debilitated and useless for production.

FMD can be spread by animals, people or materials that bring the virus into physical contact with susceptible animals. An outbreak can occur when people wearing contaminated clothes or footwear pass the virus to other animals. It can also occur when animals carrying the virus are introduced into susceptible herds or when contaminated vehicles and facilities are used to move or hold animals. You should know that although people can spread the disease, it is not believed to affect humans.

Many people ask why we go to such great lengths to eradicate the disease if the animals don't die. It's important to understand that FMD is highly contagious. Nearly 100 percent of exposed animals become infected. The United States has been free of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) since 1929, but if an outbreak occurred it could potentially cost our livestock industry billions of dollars in just the first year. We simply cannot take any risk with FMD.

Now that you know some of the facts, let me tell you what we're doing to prevent an outbreak. President Bush and his Administration are working closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to protect the United States from FMD. The USDA has already taken steps to ban imports of livestock and raw meat from the European Union. The Department has also increased its inspection staff at international airports. Officials are checking baggage of all travelers who indicate they have been on a farm or in contact with livestock. Any soiled footwear is disinfected and swine products are confiscated.

Beyond travel and imports, the USDA is educating livestock owners and urging them to report unusual animal health symptoms. They've come up with an agreement that would include paying farmers the fair market value for any livestock that have to be destroyed to control an outbreak. The promise of compensation is intended to encourage farmers to quickly report any signs of the disease. And just recently my Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee approved a bill that will provide additional funding to combat a possible outbreak. We're putting more money into prevention exercises and the enhancement of an eradication plan. We're working hard to keep our country, our consumers and our livestock owners safe from the affects of FMD.

We're doing everything possible to prevent Foot and Mouth Disease from entering our country. But if it gets through the gates, we'll be ready.

## There is a difference between tolerance and acceptance

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

At last someone is taking a stand against the rabid liberalism that has run amok in the United States. The organization taking the lead is a national coalition of Jews and Christians called Toward Tradition and they are announcing that they are refusing to be "terrorized by tolerance."

Director Yarden Weidenfeld says that the mission of Toward Tradition is "fighting secular institutions that foster anti-religious bigotry, harm families, and ultimately jeopardize the survival of America."

Amen, Mr. Weidenfeld!

He goes on to say, "...the left in this country has misused and misapplied the term 'tolerance' to impose a rigid, politically correct ideology on America."

"The country likes the word 'tolerance' because it sounds American, as in being compassionate and good to guests."

He also says that the left has perverted the word to the point where it means that dissent on subjects that were once moral is-

sues like sexuality and abortion is no longer allowed, because those who do so are labeled as "intolerant."

He is so right. "Tolerance" has become a buzzword; one that connotes a politically liberal concept instead of an acceptance of another person's faults. I can tolerate a great many things in the name of liberty.

I will tolerate a person speaking ill of my favorite politicians. That is his right.

I will tolerate someone who is an atheist. I don't agree. I will try to lead him to the truth. But I will not deny him his right to believe or disbelieve in any way he chooses. Nor will I deny him the right to speak openly about his beliefs.

I will tolerate vegetarians, though I am carnivorous.

I will tolerate Catholics, though I am protestant.

I will tolerate Jews, though I am Christian.

These are what the Constitution guarantees. The freedom to believe and practice these things in the way you choose. That is what tolerance really is.

I will not, however, bow to the pressure of the liberal terrorists who want to force me to accept things that are immoral,

perverse, and damaging to the very fabric of this nation, and more personally to my family and friends. That is not tolerance! That is oppression.

Many of the things I tolerate in the name of liberty are diametrically opposite of my personal core beliefs. I detest atheism. It is wrong, and it is dangerous. But that person has the right to his beliefs, just as I do, and I will fight for his rights, just as long as he does not try to force me, through legal trickery and semantic acrobatics, to abide by his beliefs. At that point he stops being my misguided countryman and becomes my mortal enemy.

I have friends who are homosexual. I tolerate them. In fact, I love them dearly. I worry about them. I think they are lost and I am sad that they have not found the way, but they are still my friends. I tolerate them, not their perversion. They do not try to influence me or my daughters in any way. I doubt my daughters even know who they are. However, if they tried to force that (for lack of a better word) "lifestyle" on my family, they would then become my enemies.

That is what the liberals are

trying to accomplish. They don't want us to tolerate. They want us to participate. They want to remove our willingness to disagree. They want us to become like so many sheep, and to simply follow along with whatever they tell us is the right and tolerant thing to do. They want us to be malleable, moldable, able to rationalize anything, no matter how immoral and perverse, as acceptable because it has been deemed politically correct by those who set the ever-changing rules of the moment.

Once again I tell you, I will not tolerate the intolerable. I will not accept the unacceptable. You have many rights under the Constitution of the United States, but you do not have the right to force me to accept perversion, immorality, and vulgarity as good and normal and proper. Get used to it, or get ready for a fight!

Genesis 6:5,6 - The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

Big Mama Sez!



A measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.

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## OUTDOORS

### Help wildlife only when help is needed

Austin, Texas — It happens every spring. Birds start singing, young animals start moving around, and the phones at Texas Parks and Wildlife information desks start ringing. Young animals inevitably mean more phone calls from people concerned about injured, orphaned or what they perceive as out-of-place animals.

While these calls come from well-meaning people, studies have shown that most of the calls are unnecessary. The calls place the animal and the state's volunteer resources under unnecessary stress, according to John Herron, TPW wildlife diversity branch chief. "Many well-meaning wildlife rescues are actually wildlife kidnappings, with a doe standing there calling for her fawn while someone herds it off to the car," said Herron.

Herron says that with a few simple considerations the number of calls received by an already stressed network of volunteer wildlife rehabilitators could be cut in half.

The most common scenario when someone brings in an "orphaned" animal is one of a young animal apparently abandoned in or near the nest. "Adult animals will seldom willingly make themselves visible at the nest," explained Mark Klym, information specialist with the wildlife diversity program at TPW. "They want to avoid attracting attention to the nest, especially from predators. As a result, we seldom see the adult animal near the nest, even when

the young are creating a racket."

It is common in Texas to happen upon a seemingly orphaned or abandoned fawn. Doe deer frequently leave fawns bedded down while they go foraging. "Unless the fawn is covered with fire ants or is in obvious need of medical assistance, do not handle or disturb it," Klym said. "Your presence will place undue stress on the animal, and the doe will not return while you are nearby."

If a wild animal really needs help, it is important for the well-being of the animal and for human safety that it receive the best care possible. It is illegal for anyone to possess wildlife without the required permits. TPW issues permits to highly trained wildlife rehabilitators.

### Workers' comp gets overhaul

Austin - The Senate last month voted passage of a bill that would make sweeping changes to Texas' workers' compensation system. House Bill (HB) 2600 is intended to rein in growing costs in the system, thereby encouraging more businesses to participate, said the bill's sponsor, Lubbock Sen. Robert Duncan.

"The cost of workers' compensation insurance has skyrocketed," Duncan said.

HB 2600 has been under scrutiny for several weeks, with scores of protestors following the bill's progress in the Legislature. Several hundred witnesses registered to testify when the bill was heard by the

The best solution is to leave the bird or animal alone and call someone trained to handle wildlife. If you must move or handle the animal or bird, it is important to care for it properly. "Keep the animal warm in a dark and quiet place until arrangements can be made to take it to a rehabilitator," recommends Rosie Roegner, TPW wildlife permits coordinator. "This will keep the animal relatively calm, creating less stress and reducing the chance of further injury." Never offer the animal food. Bread is not digestible by most birds. Hot dogs and hamburger will make hawks and owls ill. Cow's milk will sicken many young mammals. Rehabilitators will know what is best to feed these animals.

Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

One of the key provisions of HB 2600 is the creation of health care networks for injured workers. The networks were at the heart of much of the floor debate on the bill.

Several senators, led by Mario Gallegos of Houston, questioned Duncan about the fact that numerous workers' groups around the state oppose the bill and the possibility that injured workers' will not be as free to choose their doctor under the network plan.

Although HB 2600 was the subject of a lengthy and sometimes heated debate, the bill was passed by a 25-5 vote.

# Erickson gives presentation on Cavalry saddles

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 animals were killed in the battles in tremendous numbers. Later, in the Indian Wars, the demands placed on the horses were more specific. They had to be able to travel long distances for long periods of time and often in extremely hot weather while carrying a rider and his gear. Endurance was important.

The designs of the saddles changed as time went on. The quest was for one that served the needs well and could be adjusted to fit the horse. As time went on, horses got bigger and much was demanded of them. Though they were larger, they also lost weight

when ridden continually under such radical conditions.

The McClellan saddle, which was the first Erickson spoke about, was adopted in 1859 and was designed by George B. McClellan, who was stationed at Fort Clark as a Captain in 1850. It was uncovered, and had a skirt, fenders and hooded stirrups with the tree covered with rawhide. With changing weather conditions, rain and perspiration, saddle trees became wet and dry often and would split, so in 1867, the tree was covered with leather. In 1872, the skirt was removed, but the tree was still leather-covered. A blanket roll was tied behind the

saddle.

In 1874, a new design was selected and an ordinance came out, but the saddles were not issued because so many saddles were left from the Civil War, and these were used as late as 1877. In 1885 another design came out. The skirt was removed, and it had stirrups that could be adjusted by the rider.

The early horses were equipped with a very small saddlebag and they were soon changed to be larger. However, its size and weight changed the balance and that meant an adjustment had to be made. The saddle was moved backward about 2 inches and the stirrups forward to put the balance in the center of the saddle. This was extremely important because if the horse was ridden all day and the saddle happened to rub against its shoulder blades, they would be swollen and sore the next day.

For the saddle to fit well and

stay in place, the back of the horse needed to be straight (horizontal to the ground) and not sloped since that could cause the saddle to slip and roll around. Saddles measured from 11 inches to 12 inches to provide variation; they were fitted to the horse, not the rider. If a soldier was lost, or his duty changed, the saddle always stayed with the horse.

In the early days, nosebags with no vents were used for watering horses, but in 1885, vent holes were put in them. Grooming equipment such as a currycomb was kept in this. The soldier also carried a feed bag of oats and ammunition.

Erickson told another interesting sidelight that not many people would know. When the men returned back from an excursion that had lasted for a week or so, they would stop outside the fort. They would not have bathed while they were gone, and they stripped and

threw their clothes into a heap and burned them because they were full of lice and other insects that they didn't want to bring onto the fort.

A very careful count was made of every ounce of equipment and clothing the horses had to carry. John J. Boniface, First Lt. in the Fourth Cavalry, spelled this out in detail in his book, "The Cavalry Horse and It's Pack."

Both Cavalry horses and the men had tremendous endurance. Mackenzie rode 160 miles to Mexico and back in 32 hours and had to fight a battle during this trip, and return through the Mexican Army. He only lost one man.

It is difficult to imagine just how demanding life was for a cavalryman in those days, and Bob Erickson was thanked profusely for sharing some of his knowledge of history and giving us an accurate view of what was involved in living at that time.



Little Mr. Cinco De Mayo

Congratulations, JT, on winning the title for 2001. We are very proud of you and your accomplishment.

With all our love,  
 Mommy & Roman

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Monday, June 11

4:15 p.m., Maria Guadalupe Martinez, 37, from Brownsville, was arrested for 2 warrants from Cameron County by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar. Martinez was released to Wackenhut.

4:15 p.m., Jaime Garcia Chavez, 27, from Brownsville, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for Traffic Violation, failure to ID, and a United States Marshal warrant. Chavez is still being held.

### Tuesday, June 12

12:20 a.m., Efarie Gutierrez, 27, from Marion, TX, was arrested for a warrant from Comal County by Trooper Fernandez. Gutierrez posted bond the same day.

12:20 a.m., Macarion Jose Saucedo, 23, from New Braunfels, was arrested by Trooper Fernandez for a warrant out of Comal County. Saucedo posted bond the same day.

2:29 p.m., It was reported that a dog was killing goats, and attacked a man. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

### Wednesday, June 13

1:08 a.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a family argument.

10:30 p.m., Jose Luis Flores, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested for Public Intoxication by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Flores was released Friday for time served and cash paid.

### Thursday, June 14

8:09 a.m., A woman requested a deputy to speak with over an argument. Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson responded to the call.

9:36 p.m., A woman reported a man for domestic violence. Deputy Pena was advised.

### Friday, June 15

1:58 a.m., A security alarm went off on a ranch by Hwy 90 east. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

11:10 a.m., Leticia Reyes, 28, from Ft. Worth, was arrested for a warrant out of Tarrant County by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Reyes posted bond the next day.

12:00 a.m., A man reported a boy had taken four tires from his shop. Deputy Pena was advised.

6:00 p.m., On Hwy 277 north, the driver of a white suburban was reported driving recklessly and possibly intoxicated. Trooper Wylie and Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

8:13 p.m., The driver of a red mustang with the word "Boss" on it was reported running stop lights and signs. Chief Alonzo was advised.

### Saturday, June 16

6:59 a.m., A woman called the Sheriff's Office requesting assistance from a deputy.

7:14 a.m., On FM 1572, a burglary was reported. \$132 worth of items was reported stolen. One thermal blanket, one pair of white Reebok shoes, two twelve packs of beer, one six pack of juice, and three large pocket knives. Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena Sr. and Deputy Pena Jr. responded to the call.

11:06 a.m., The driver of a fuel truck was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east.

1:41 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent radioed to report a vehicle with marijuana in it.

4:15 p.m., Brandon Scott Oliphant, 20, of Uvalde, was arrested for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana by Deputy Pena. Oliphant posted bond the same day.

4:15 p.m., Britton Jarl Sieckenius, 18, from Uvalde, was arrested by Deputy Pena for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Sieckenius was released the same day on a paid bond.

### Sunday, June 17

12:30 p.m., A woman reported her silver 2001 Toyota Corolla had been keyed on the passenger side and on the right side of the trunk. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

7:12 p.m., Sheriff Burgess notified Deputy Pena that a store room was open.

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# Children do not have to make their own mistakes - they can learn from others' Caution advised around pools this swimming season

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

The two neighbors sat under the tree discussing recent athletic events in town. It was hot and the iced tea was refreshing. "By

the way," Ed said, "did you hear about Steve down the street?"  
"Yeah," Dave answered. "It's too bad. I feel sorry for his family. They were pretty embarrassed when the police came to their house and arrested

Steve. The whole neighborhood was watching. It was some silly matter of drugs or something."  
"Drugs is a pretty serious matter Dave," said Ed.

"Well things could be a whole lot worse. Steve will get out of it and eventually do all right. Every kid has to learn for himself. I remember when I was his age. My dad and mom tried to tell me stuff. You know how parents are. But I had to find out for myself and learn in my own way."

"Look Dave," Ed said, "it's a parental cop out to let kids get by with things just because we believe they have to try things out for themselves. The fact of the matter is, they don't have to do bad things just to find out what the consequences are."

"Didn't you do things like that when you were young?" Dave interrupted.

Ed continued, "I'm very thankful that I had parents who cared enough for me that they were willing to guide me and that they helped me understand what the consequences were. I didn't have to try drugs to learn what they would do to me. I didn't have to learn from bringing embarrassment to my family. I didn't have to learn from going to jail."

"I learned from watching and listening to my dad and mom. I learned that when I followed their advice, everything turned out good."

A very wise man said a long time ago that parents are to correct their children (Proverbs 29:17). It is the fool that spurns his father's teaching (15:15) and to be a fool's parent is grief and the father of a numskull has no joy (17:21).

*This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working to strengthen family, faith and education in Brackettville.*

"I only turned my back for a few seconds."

Too often these are the words spoken by a parent after a child drowns. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under 4.

Weekend water outings in June can be the most deadly. Most drownings take place on weekend afternoons in May through August, with June the peak month. In Texas, 63 people drowned in June 1999.

Preliminary data also shows that in Texas 387 adults and children died from drowning in 1999, usually in a lake, river or creek (153) or a swimming pool (64). Another 270 were admitted for at least 24 hours of hospital treatment and 97 were treated but not admitted. Frequently the drowning victim was a child who was left unattended.

"Even the most innocent lapse in parental attentiveness can be deadly," said Jim Soper, manager of the Public Swimming Pool Inspection Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Small children can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone, and there's rarely splashing or cries for help to alert anyone that a child is in trouble."

According to a U.S. Product Safety Commission survey, most drownings and accidents occur while children are being supervised by one or both parents. An incredible 77 percent of young drowning victims were missing from sight five minutes or less, 46 percent were last seen in the house, and 69 percent were not expected to be at or in the pool where they drowned.

Drownings at residences often happen not at the child's home but at the home of grandparents or neighbors who have no young children.

"These homeowners often

ask 'why do I need fences or other protection around my pool? I don't have any kids.' But it's visiting children who get into trouble while the adults are elsewhere chatting," Soper said.

Almost half of all submersion incidents at pools happened at someone's home, and half of these were at the victim's home and the other half at another person's home.

Health officials advocate layers of protection around swimming pools because one good barrier may not be enough. Having multiple safeguards such as fences, door latches and alarm systems is more effective. Install pool covers designed to prevent children from falling or otherwise entering the pool. If poorly designed covers are used, children can fall into the pool and drown.

Pool safety is a community issue, and many communities have fence codes. Some local building codes require a fence, an alarm or other barrier to prevent access from the back door to the pool. Parents may call local police or health departments to report a pool without a fence or other protection. They also can encourage their communities to adopt local building codes that require additional safety barriers for pools.

You can help reduce the chances your child will be a statistic. Teach children these safety rules:

- If you're playing with something that falls in the swimming pool, do not go into the pool to get it yourself. Ask an adult to get it for you.
- Never play close to the edge of the pool because you can fall in.
- Always stay away from the deep end of the pool.
- Never run on the pool deck or boat dock.
- Always jump in feet first.
- And a rule that's excellent

for all ages: Never swim alone. Some additional suggestions to help keep your children safe:

- Never leave your child alone near the water, even for just a few seconds. Be actively attentive and keep small children within arm's reach.
  - Avoid swimming in natural bodies of water where water may not be sanitary and dangerous currents, debris and rocks can't be seen from the surface.
  - Always use approved personal-flotation devices rather than inflatable toys to keep your child afloat.
  - Have a first-aid kit, a phone and emergency phone numbers nearby.
  - Be sure all neighborhood pools have fences or walls at least 4 to 5 feet high all the way around that do not have footholds for children to climb. Avoid vertical bars more than 4 inches apart and chain link fences that provide footholds.
  - Keep chairs, tables and other items that would enable a child to climb over away from pool fences.
  - Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The latch should be out of a child's reach.
  - Purchase alarms. Doors alarms cost about \$6 at hardware stores. Wrist alarm bands go off when children get wet. And a pool alarm goes off if anything weighing more than 10 pounds falls in.
  - Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
- For more information, call TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch, at 512-834-6635, or check the TDH Web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/gs/pools.htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/gs/pools.htm).

## Crumley graduates from SWT

Joshua James Crumley graduated Cum laude from Southwest Texas University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice on May 12, 2001. To graduate Cum laude, a student's grade point average must be between a 3.4 and a 3.6. Josh graduated with a GPA of 3.57. He is now living in San Antonio where he is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

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WHEREAS, since research shows that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children in that car are also unbuckled; and

WHEREAS, a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has affirmed that states with standard enforcement laws have significantly higher seat belt and child safety seat use, and that the correct use of seat belts has contributed to a decrease in the number of fatalities by up to 45 percent, and that the effectiveness of correctly installed child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 69 percent for infants and children.

I as Mayor, support and endorse the public education initiatives of Buckle Up American or Buckle Up City of Brackettville and encourage the public-private partnership among public officials, law enforcement agencies, associations, community and health groups and businesses to work to ensure that all children and adults buckle up; and

I as Mayor, support and endorse primary seat belt legislation in Texas that will help in preventing needless injuries and deaths to children and adults.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signature and seal on this 12th day of June 2001.  
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Mayor City of Brackettville

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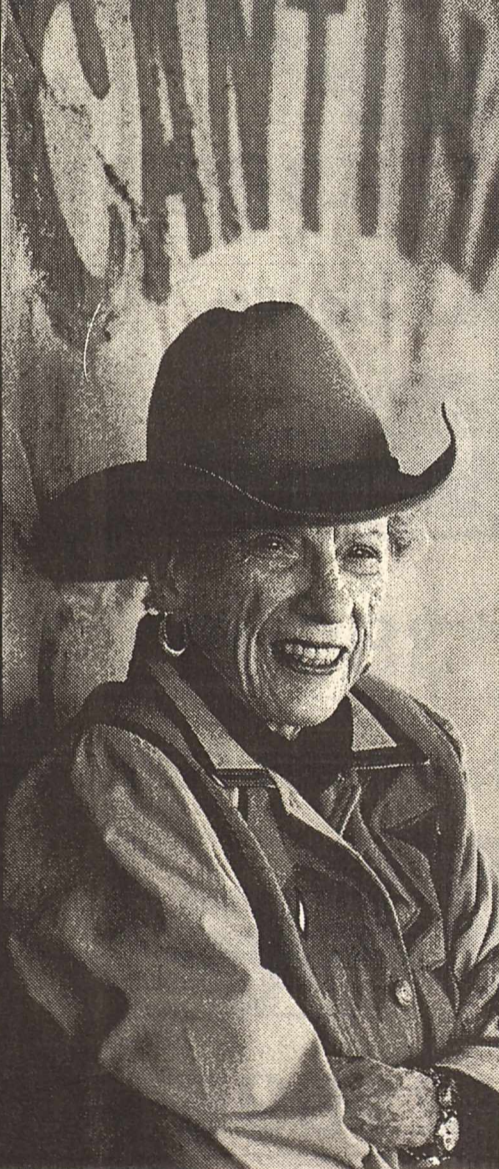
All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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## Remodeling continues, Kactus Korral in Harwood does well

Making A Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

The summer continues to be hot and dry as we make preparations for the next school year. The Board of Trustees adopted a school calendar at their regular June school board meeting. Because of legislative action that was signed by the governor, the school calendar for 2002-03 (2 years away) will begin during the week of August 21. That's about a week later than next year's calendar that begins on August 15. We'll do what it takes to comply with the new law.

Remodeling continues as new carpet will be laid in every classroom in the Junior High School during the week of June 25. The new stage is being laid over the existing stage floor in the school auditorium. The building has been repainted. The science lab now has no ceiling tiles and the wall between the lab and the adjoining classroom has been removed. We're gaining, but have many more projects to complete before the next school year can begin.

This past weekend, we took a day trip to Harwood, Texas, which is about 60 miles east of San Antonio just off of I-10. We visited Al and Rose Jenkins'

Kactus Korral. The Kactus Korral is a booming business of growing, grafting, and selling of cactus.

Work on the cactus is done in 75 buildings about the size of a gym floor 50'x90'. In these buildings is a virtual sea of color as cactus in blocks of red, yellow, orange and green - all different sizes - grow. We watched workmen graft two different types of cactus. Cacti that reach market size are shipped by truck all over the United States. This business employs about 100 plus truck drivers that take the cactus to the markets all over the US. We were amazed at the size and scope of this operation. The business has a retail store where you can buy cactus of any size, color and shape. The Kactus Korral makes a great day trip for young and old.

The Jenkins have a home in Fort Clark Springs in the Oaks. It's the Spanish style home just as you cross the draw in the Oaks. Fort Clark Springs is proud to have Rose and Al Jenkins among its residents.

I enjoyed a father's day card from my Missouri Grandson that said to "the chief engineer from the little caboose." It made me smile. Father's Day is special for fathers and for their families. Have a great week!

## Host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their

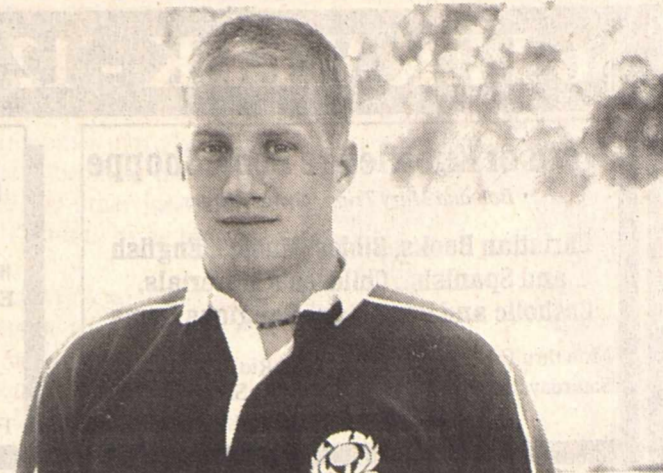
itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Latvia, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Mongolia, Italy, Paraguay, Australia, Sweden, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and many other countries. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975.

The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Brackettville area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818.



Brent Smith, a former Brackett Tiger, recently completed a successful rugby season at Angelo State University, and has been honored for his playing ability. After his first year of playing rugby for the Rams, he was selected as Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Forward. Brent has also been nominated to the All-Conference Team. ASU placed second in the State Conference Tournament, defeated only by Baylor who went on to the National Rugby Championship. Brent and his team have been invited to play and tour in Wales next summer.

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**ROARING TWENTIES**  
In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **FAMOUS ACTORS**

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**Trivia Time** by Walter Branch

1. What little-known film was re-released during the FDR-Churchill summit in Morocco?
2. How old was the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant when it overheated in 1979?
3. What U.S. state was the site of the murders of civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Henry Schwerner in 1964?
4. What is a mature horse called?
5. What word has been defined as "the high cost of leaving" and "biling minus cooing"?
6. Whose first words to Spencer Tracy were: "I'm afraid I'm a little too tall for you, Mr. Tracy"?
7. How many people were shot by Bernhard Goetz in a New York City subway in 1984?
8. What finger is called the minimus?
9. What Somerset village was the birthplace of Britain's most famous cheese?
10. Who was the longest-surviving leader of any of the nations involved in World War II?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 21...Marjorie McComick	June 23.....Hazel Ivey
June 22.....Michael DeLeon	June 24.....Tommy Gass
June 22.....Jacqueline Green	June 25....Engarcia Villarreal
June 22.....Manuel Morin Jr.	June 26.....Gladys Humphrey
June 22.....Beau Smallwood	June 27.....Rubie Kelley
June 23.....Emily Honeycutt	June 27.....Joe Rivas Jr.

**HOROSCOPES**  
by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A domineering type gets in your way this week. Try to steer clear of this person as much as possible. Over the weekend, you get much needed rest and recreation.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You rush pell-mell through the beginning of the week. Later, you're able to slow down and take it easy. A social invitation you receive is unappealing.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A chance encounter with a Libra could lead to romance. Utilize tact in a sticky situation that comes up at work. This weekend, take a break from everything.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're a bit restless and edgy as the week begins. That's because you need more rest. See to this over the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're the lucky recipient of some important information. Use this to your best advantage at work. Co-workers follow your lead.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Time alone is what you need to clear your head. However, this is next to impossible early in the week. Later, when things slow down, you find some solitude.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent development in your career points you in the right direction. Success is on the horizon. Over the weekend, a family outing is pleasant and care-free.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be gentle when disciplining a child. Patience and understanding are better than simple punishment. This weekend, keep the lines of communication open with your mate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Guard your health this week. A sick co-worker could be spreading his germs. Later in the week, a domestic crisis turns out to be trivial.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A volatile superior has you biting your tongue at work. Do your best to just do your job efficiently. Your efforts are rewarded in the long run.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your wardrobe could use an overhaul. Weed out those clothes which are old and out of date. Over the weekend, you take time out to rest.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your cheerful attitude is contagious at work. As a result, you receive a spate of social invitations. However, do be careful to weed these out.

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Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc. 10. Emperor Hirohito  
1. "Casablanca"; 2. A year old; 3. Mississippi; 4. A stallion; 5. All-  
mony; 6. Katharine Hepburn; 7. Four; 8. The little finger; 9. Cheddar;

**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Arnaz	11. Guinness
2. Astin	12. Hanks
3. Beatty	13. Matthau
4. Cruise	14. Nabrau
5. De Niro	15. Newhart
6. DeVito	16. O'Neal
7. Dreyfuss	17. Plummer
8. Ebsen	18. Reeve
9. Fonda	19. Rifter
10. Gable	20. Rooney

# Let God develop a good name is to be desired above all things work of patience in you

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Have you ever wondered how to handle a situation where someone wants to beat you to the check-out counter at the grocery store, or there is a rush to the door of your favorite restaurant, or it's hot, you're tired and you are trying to find a parking spot before your makeup melts down your cheeks and someone pulls in front of you? This is your Motto: "Hugo 1st."

What in the world do you mean by "Hugo 1st" you say? Well, it's a sneaky way of reminding you of scripture that says "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is not what your "flesh" wants to do, but it is what we learn from developing patience in the Lord. As we do all things "as unto the Lord," then he alone is glorified.

It is hard to be humble (which is not the same as being a doormat). "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:10) "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the

proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:5-7)

Like I said, it's not easy, but God calls us to choose his way over the way of the flesh. Only with the power of the Holy Spirit can one achieve this. My own flesh has balked on me on many occasions, but it is part of following "...peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail in the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." (Heb. 12:14-15)

Just pretend that the other person is Jesus, himself, and submit yourself unto him knowing, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

So, remember the little motto: "Hugo 1st" and say "You go first!" and in doing so, give glory to God as he develops a work of patience in you. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Here is yet another question, food for thought, something for your consideration and reflection.

What is your good name and reputation worth to you? Your family? Your community?

If you were to die today, like it or not, the people that knew you the most and the least, will estimate your worth as a person, a friend, a neighbor. What would you like to be known most for? You know, people will say, he/she always did this or always said that or always could be counted on to do... he/she was a ...?

What kind of legacy are you building? How you are remembered will be determined by your actions. What you did and said or didn't do or say, while you were alive. It's up to you how you will be remembered.

Last Sunday, as you know, was Father's Day. I've spent a lot of time this past week thinking about the relationships between fathers and their children. (I lost mine this past October.) Our earthly fathers and our

heavenly father both want pretty much the same things for us. Both want us to be happy, successful and living meaningful lives.

What is happiness? Success? Meaningfulness? Each mean different things to different people.

I would like to tell you a couple of stories. Perhaps you've heard them before, perhaps not. Either way, they are worthy of being retold.

The second World War (WWII) was a time of heroes. Lt. Commander Butch O'Hare, was a fighter pilot in the South Pacific in 1942. Butch was such a person. One day, his entire squadron (every plane) assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington, took off on a mission. Once airborne, Butch realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tanks. He didn't have enough fuel to complete the mission and return, so he was ordered to return to the ship.

As he was returning to the ship, he ran into a squadron of Japanese bombers speeding their way towards the American fleet. He couldn't reach his squadron. He was alone, only he stood between the bombers

and the fleet. He did the only thing that he could do. He attacked the enemy. Surprise was on his side and he destroyed five bombers and sent the rest running for home.

Butch became the navy's first Flying Ace and he was the first naval aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. One year later, Butch was killed in a spectacular aerial dog fight at the age of 29.

His home town of Chicago, never forgot him. Hence, the O'Hare Airport is a living memorial.

Many years earlier in Chicago, there was a man named Al Capone. Big Al virtually owned the city. Al Capone was a gangster, involved in bootlegged booze, prostitution and murder. Big Al stayed out of jail

for a very long time because of another fella - Easy Eddie.

Easy Eddie was Al Capone's mouthpiece, his lawyer. It was said that Easy Eddie was the very best legal mind that money could buy. Easy Eddie took care of Al.

Al took good care of Eddie. He and his family lived in a mansion and they had the best of everything. Eddie had a soft spot - his son. He gave him everything, but a good name, a good example, a good reputation.

Eventually, Eddie tried to rectify all the wrong. He testified against "Scar-Face" Capone and sacrificed his life. Within a year, he was cut to ribbons by machine gun bullets on a lonely Chicago street.

Easy Eddie was Butch O'Hares father.

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## I am pretty great

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

A long time ago one of my sons was given an assignment in CCD to "name three things you like about yourself." As I recall, he wrote "1) I am good at sports. 2) I always make 100 on my math tests. 3) I am pretty great!"

Remembering that little list (especially the last modest self-description) makes me smile. How often he had heard negative things about himself: "You didn't pick up your room... You aren't nice to your sister... You're forgetting your manners..." It was only right that he should be as aware of his bright side as he was of his darker one.

Then I started thinking how aware I constantly am of my negative qualities, probing my faults and confessing things about myself that I feel need changing. Of course that is important. But it is just as important for me to remember those things God has already changed in me—the strengths He has given, the places in me where "grace does abound."

So I decided to try an exercise we always asked the couples on Marriage Encounter weekends to do. Fold a piece of paper in half lengthwise; on one side write all the things you dislike about yourself and on the other side write all the things you like about yourself. Most people, me included, have no trouble with a long list of "dislikes." Making an equally long list of "likes" is often more difficult.

Psalm 8:4-6 says, "What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? You have made him a little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor." God wants us to recognize our good qualities—He wants us to be mindful of the gifts He has given us.

Why not celebrate yourself today? Right now, make a list of three things you like about yourself. Remember we are children of God and we are pretty great!

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

## Obituary...

Anthony "Tony" C. Warrior, age 33, passed away June 11, 2001 in Houston, Texas. He was born September 20, 1967 in Del Rio, Texas. He was a long time resident of Del Rio, Texas.

He is survived by parents: William and Ethel Warrior of Del Rio, Texas. Son: Ryan Anthony Warrior of Del Rio, TX, fiancée: Patricia Carillo of Del Rio, TX, and sister: Veronica Warrior of Ft. Worth, TX. Aunts: Azola Warrior-Rasberry of St. Louis, Missouri, Stella Winfield of Ft. Worth, TX and uncle: Murrell Hall of Ft. Worth, TX. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, June 15, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Del Rio Funeral Home Chapel. A service

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**NOTICE OF SALE.** The State of Texas, County of Kinney: By virtue of an order of sale dated June 4, 2001, and issued pursuant to judgement decrees of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on June 4, 2001, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in July 2001, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Steps of Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, of said County, in the City of Brackettville, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and the State of Texas, to-wit: No. 3105, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Reginaldo Rivas, et al; Lots 12 and 13, Block 6, Veltmann Addition, City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas; Tr. 2: The South 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 12, Original Town of Brackett, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3107, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Marco-Antonio Guzman, et al; Lots 67 and 68, Block J, Fort Clark Springs Unit No. 27, Kinney County, Texas No. 3140, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Paul L. Merritt, et al; Lot 27, Fort Clark Springs Unit 25, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3191, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Elena Blackmon, et al; Lot 14, Block 5, Fort Clark Springs Unit No. 27, Kinney County, Texas; or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. If the judgement(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated at Brackettville, Texas, June 4, 2001. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** - Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Alderman of the City of Spofford, Texas will be received at the office of Mr. Carl Esser, Planner, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 2116 W. Main St. Uvalde Texas 78801 until 5:00 p.m. July 20, 2001 for the following work: Nine (9) flush type fire hydrants and twelve (12) standard gravity fed On-Site Sewage facilities (OSSF's), including all appurtenances. Bids must be submitted on the Proposal and Bid schedule forms provided, and must be accompanied by a cashiers check, or a approved bidders bond from a reliable Surety Company in an amount of not less than 5% of the maximum total bid, payable without recourse to the City of Spofford, Texas as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract with the City of Spofford within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract. Bids without check or proposal bond will not be considered. The envelope containing bid shall indicate clearly on the front that it is a bid for Spofford fire hydrants and septic systems. The successful bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved Surety Company holding a permit from the state of Texas to act as Surety and acceptable according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the owner. Attention is called to the requirement of the Davis Bacon Act, that not less than the minimum salaries and wages setforth in the Contract documents must be paid on this project and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Proposals forms, plans, and specifications may be obtained from Hunter Associates Texas Ltd. 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 250 Austin, Texas 78752 upon payment of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars, which is non-refundable. The right is reserved, as the interest of the City of Spofford may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in bids received. This project is being funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. J.B. Herndon, Mayor City of Spofford, Texas, Mr. Carl Esser, Planner Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

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