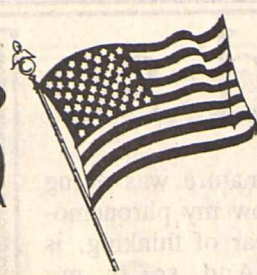


# The Brackett News



Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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## County detention center on hold Children's faith brings rain

By Wes Robinson  
Contributing Writer

Kinney County Commissioners took no action on the proposed detention center at a special meeting last Friday.

Commissioners, county officials and the public voiced many concerns about the need, expense, location and profitability or liability of the facility.

The main issue was whether or not the facility could pay for itself. According to County Attorney Tully Shahan, a formula is used to determine the amount paid by the government for federal prisoners.

"That formula is the daily average of prisoners you hold, times 365, divided into the cost to operate your jail," Shahan said. "So if it cost us X amount of dollars to operate our jail how are you going to make money."

"I talked to the Sheriff in Rocksprings yesterday and they make about what they spend. Here, I think that's about what we've done."

Another concern was the figures used in the proposal made by Delgado Durrant the previous week. Many of the numbers

were incorrect and changed just prior to the meeting.

"The reason that we're here today, discussing a 144 bed facility, is because in their (Delgado Durrant) first presentation, they said that we were going to deposit in our general fund \$388,600, as opposed to the 96 bed which was \$81,000. With their new figures that they gave us last time, our profit went from \$388,600 down to \$165,949, that's keeping this facility 94 percent full," said Commissioner Francie Wylie.

"Well even with good figures, we're cutting such fine lines. I mean the difference of a dollar a day per prisoner makes a tremendous difference in the total revenue or liability," said Commissioner Pat Melancon.

It's just your best guess, is what it amounts to, and I think we need to be more informed on what the facts are to make the best guess."

"I've talked to a lot (15) of people in the community and I've had no one come up and say 'Hey that sounds great, lets keep going!'" added Melancon.

"We all agree we need a new jail. We at least need new offices

for our Sheriff's Department at the very minimum. But we do not need a 144 bed (facility) that's going to put us in the hole someday. We need something that the county can manage," said Wylie.

One idea, presented by a citizen, was to have a much smaller prison that was designed to be added on to.

"The only reason we went with a bigger jail was because of the money," said Commissioner Nat Terrazas. "That's not there now."

"One of the questions that I think really needs to be answered is their expense," said Shahan. "When they tell us this is how much expense we're going to have what all are they including?"

"I'm very unhappy with what's going on here, in the presentation they're making, and I think we need to back up and reevaluate this whole deal," said Wylie. "I don't want to go into a 144 bed facility, having to keep it 94 percent full, just to pay them \$439,526 a year."

"Something's wrong somewhere, and I haven't figured out  
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Pictured above, are some of the 70 children and 15 adults, who were led by Brother Clay of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity as they prayed, using child-like faith, for rain. The group walked through the City of Brackettville last Friday morning. "We prayed to the Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity," said Brother Clay. Pictured below is Ann Street late Friday afternoon. Areas of Brackettville received one inch of rain that day.



## Brackettville celebrates Fourth of July

By Dianna Walker  
Contributing Writer

Brackettville will be celebrating the 4th of July starting at 9 am with a parade which will start at the top of Ann Street by the Alternative School and end by the courthouse. The program will be presented by the 4th of July committee, at 9:30, which at that time the Korean Veterans will be honored. There will be a guest speaker from Laughlin AFB Talking about our wonderful country. There will be first, second and third prizes for the best represented float celebrating the 4th of July.

Randolph AFB will be doing a fly over around 10:30 a.m. They should be flying near the courthouse area, which everyone should be able to see from Rendezvous Park.

The volleyball tournament will start right after the program which will be around 10 a.m. The tournament will be played at Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark Springs, where the booths and entertainment will also be. The booths will have plenty of food such as brisket, hamburg-

ers, hot dogs, Frito pies, snow cones, BBQ and soft drinks. The kids will be able to enjoy the Castle Bounce and games. There will be booths of all kinds with programs presented by the Border Patrol. The music will be provided by Ultimate Tejano Jamzz FM 100.7.

The day will end with fireworks across from the horse statue, near the creek on Fort Clark. They will start as soon as it gets dark. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Dept. will be there to control the fireworks. Plan a day of fun and enjoy each other for the best 4th of July ever.

There is one thing that everyone must remember, there will be no entrance to the Fort Clark Springs pool from Rendezvous Park. Members and their guests must go through the Security Gate to get to the pool. There will be a person watching at all times to make sure this is under control. The following organizations are the groups who will be working hard to make sure we have a fun and safe day: The Knights of Columbus, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, First Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge, VFW, Rio Grande Electric, U.S. Border Patrol, Seminole Indians, Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville and Kinney County Historical Society.

## First Cases of Anthrax in 2001 Reported in Uvalde and Val Verde Counties

Contributed by Henry Lutz

Two cases of anthrax have been confirmed in deer from Uvalde and Val Verde Counties in Southwest Texas, and livestock health officials are urging producers in the area to consult their private veterinary practitioners about vaccinating livestock against this disease that resurfaces periodically. Many long-time ranchers in the area have experienced sporadic outbreaks and routinely inoculate their livestock against this disease that is weather-dependent and can develop during warm spring and summer months.

"Anthrax is caused by Bacillus anthracis, a spore-forming bacteria. The disease often occurs after we have periods of wet, cool weather followed by several weeks of hot and dry conditions," explained Dr. Dan Baca, a veterinary epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "When livestock graze in an affected pasture, they can ingest the spores that are on the grass or ground. Historically, most of Texas' cases each year occur in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass."

The triangular area takes in portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde and Maverick counties. However, if conditions are right, cases could occur anywhere in Texas, stated Dr. Baca. In 1997, cases were confirmed in Edwards, Val Verde, Terrell, Webb, Starr and Uvalde counties. An anthrax case in 1997 also was confirmed in Parker County, in north Texas.

Dr. Baca said ranches with confirmed cases are quarantined until at least 10 days after all livestock are vaccinated, and after proper disposal of all carcasses. "By halting the movement of animals, any livestock exposed or incubating the disease will not spread infection to

other ranches," he said. "It's not unusual for one premise to have livestock losses, while livestock on an adjacent ranch remain healthy."

Anthrax is a reportable disease in Texas. While laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, Dr. Baca said that suspected cases also are to be reported to the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242. A veterinarian is available to take calls 24 hours a day. If outbreaks occur in dairy animals, Dr. Baca advised producers to call the TAHC immediately for assistance to prevent potential human exposure through milk products.

Signs of the disease in livestock and deer can include sudden death, rapid bloating of the carcass, and blood oozing from body openings. "After talking with several ranchers, we're assuming a number of suspected cases occur each year, but are not reported," he said.

To prevent contaminating the ground with anthrax spores which can remain dormant for years, Dr. Baca said TAHC regulations require that the property or livestock owner thoroughly burn carcasses of animals that may have died from anthrax. The animal's bedding, manure and the surrounding soil also should be burned. This keeps predators or wild pigs, coyotes or dogs from being exposed to the disease. Because anthrax strikes during dry periods, he said carcass disposal can pose its own dangers, so precautions must be taken to keep the fires from 'getting out of hand.' To avoid spreading spores, he said the TAHC recommends that carcasses be burned where they lay.

Dr. Baca also advised producers to wear long sleeves and gloves when handling the carcasses or when working or vaccinating livestock to avoid contaminating any sores or

scratches on arms or hands. General sanitation procedures should be followed after handling livestock, and equipment used on the animals should be disinfected. Pets should be kept away from dead carcasses. Bones of dead animals may also pose a disease threat. Healthy animals should be moved from anthrax-contaminated areas.

"It is possible for ranchers to contract a skin form of anthrax, so if any wounds appear to be infected, see your physician for appropriate antibiotic treatment," he said. "Although movies and popular mythology portray anthrax as an invariably fatal human disease threat, the often fatal pulmonary form of the disease is nearly non-existent in developed countries. Producers may want to talk with their physician or contact the Texas Department of Health if they have human health questions."

"Hunters often ask about anthrax, and by the time hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to any cases," said Dr. Baca. "However, my best advice always is to shoot only healthy-looking animals. By the time an animal displays signs of anthrax that can include staggering, trembling or convulsions, death is inevitable."

Dr. Baca said several steps need to be taken when anthrax occurs:

1. Properly dispose of animal carcasses by burning to prevent exposure to other animals, such as predators or dogs. Remove healthy livestock from the area.
2. Vaccinate livestock if cases occur in the surrounding areas. Because the anthrax vaccine is a "live" vaccine, it should not be administered concurrently with antibiotics. Vaccinated animals are to be withheld from slaughter for two months.
3. Restrict movement of livestock from an affected premise until animals can develop immunity through vaccination.

## Briefs ...

### The Convincer

On Friday and Saturday, June 29th and 30th, "The Convincer," a vehicle called designed to demonstrate the importance of seat belt use, will be in the parking lot beside Super S and in front of the laundrymat. The car will demonstrate the effect 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 two day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

### Another body recovered

On Monday, June 18, Agents from the Eagle Pass Station monitoring surveillance cameras observed what appeared to be a body floating in the Rio Grande River. Members of the Eagle Pass Station Boat Patrol responded and verified it was an adult male. The body had no identification. The body was turned over to the Maverick County coroner.

### Rose named to honor roll

Dusty Rose of Brackettville was named to the Honor Roll for the spring semester at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. A liberal arts major, he is the son of Pat and Sharon Rose. Students must earn a 3.5 - 3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

### Driving safety classes

Val Verde Regional Medical Center and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will cosponsor a '55 Alive/Mature Driving Class', Monday, July 16th and Tuesday, July 17th, from 2 - 6 p.m. in the Lab Conference Room. Seating is limited so early reservations are a must. Please contact Dick Koch, 775-7668, or Al Frank, 774-4373, to reserve your place today. Val Verde Regional Medical Center, quality health care here at home!

### Weekly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period June 18-24, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total. Abilene...19, Brackettville...232, Carrizo...297, Comstock...19, Del Rio...219, Eagle Pass...704, Llano...21, Rocksprings...36, San Angelo...27, Uvalde...83, Sector Total...1,657, Other Than Mexicans...126.

### INSIDE

#### Empowering Families

"Joan, I'll never forget how your kids looked when they showed up at my house in the middle of the night last night. Tony even asked if they could come and live with me. They were really scared." *Lifestyles/Page 4*

#### I could be wrong!

In a recent Time magazine, there was an article about phobias. Now I'm not going to explain them, I'm not making fun of people with phobias... *Opinion/Page 2*

#### Making a difference

The thunderstorm last Friday night brought ¾ of an inch of rain at my home. Most folks that I talked with had at least that much. I hope you had more! *School/Page 5*

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## Little league tournament set



Pictured, top row from left to right, Ashley Stephenson, Roxane Gomez, Ivy Garcia, Ashley Resendez, Bianca Martinez, Bianca Terrazas. Front row, left to right, Miranda Salmon, Elena Molinar, Emily Fuentes, Elidia Molinar, Katie Yeager. Coaches pictured are Severo Martinez and Elda Terrazas.

By Alma Gutierrez  
Contributing Writer

School softball field in Brackettville.

The Kinney County Little League team is preparing for the 2001 Little League All-Star Tournament. The 9 and 10-year-old softball girls and the Senior league boys will be playing in the tournament scheduled for Monday, July 2, at the High

The 9 and 10-year-old boys, 11 and 12-year-old girls and boys will be traveling to out-of-town tournament games.

We want to wish them good luck and we hope the community will join in supporting all of our Kinney County All-Star teams.

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# I am afraid so

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

In a recent Time magazine, there was an article about phobias. Now I'm not going to explain them, I'm not making fun of people with phobias, and I'm certainly not going to tell you how to get over any, but I found some of them interesting.

Ablutophobia is the fear of bathing. This is not to be confused with the fear of underarm deodorant.

Aleltophobia is the fear of chickens. It is said that Col. Sanders suffered with this for years. Auroraphobia we all know as the fear of the Northern lights. Why else would we live here? Bogypophobia (I'm not making these up) fear of the bogeyman. That's me! Chrometophobia is the term used to describe one fearful of money. And Plutophobia is the fear of wealth. I'm safe. Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of school. I should have found this out years ago.

Ergophobia is what everyone claims I have, the fear of work. Years ago I should have developed Gamophobia, the fear of marriage. Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia - yep you guessed it, the fear of long words. If you didn't have it before, you do now.

I used to have mnemophobia, the fear of memory, but I forgot why. And I got over the fear of names, nomatophobia, for the same reason. I quit being afraid of becoming bald, phalacrochophobia, because I couldn't

change what nature was doing to me. But now my phronemophobia, the fear of thinking, is acting up. And so is my politicophobia, the fear of politicians.

I also have developed syngenesophobia, a fear of relatives. If you knew some of my relatives, you'd know why. I finally got over my fear of beautiful women, venustrophobia. But now I have zemphobia, the fear of the great mole rat and walloonphobia, the fear of walloons. Up till now I didn't even know they existed.

If you're afraid of everything, then you have panophobia. My worst fear is alloxophobia, the fear of opinions. I do not want to hear yours. But I could be wrong.

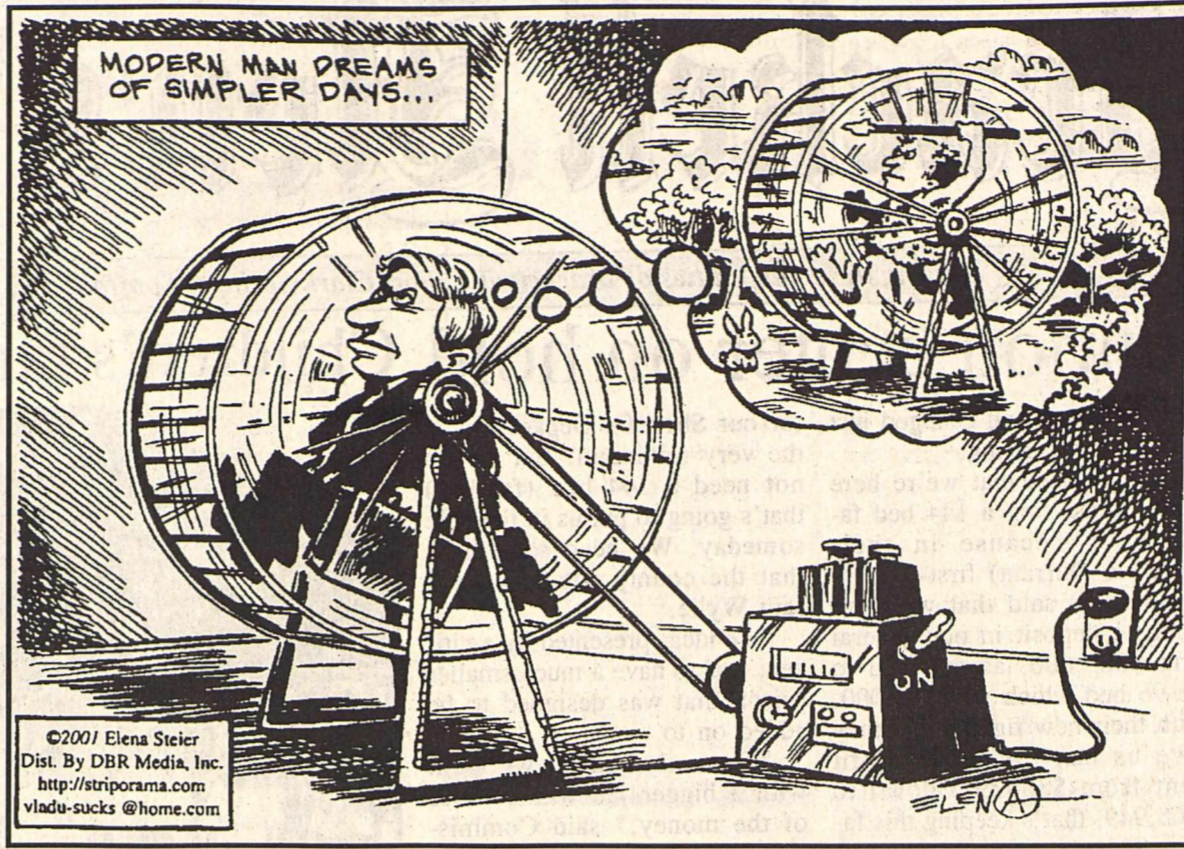
## Education is at the top of the agenda

Capitol Comment  
By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

The Senate and the House of Representatives have made historic progress toward an education reform plan that represents the most significant changes in federal education policy in more than 35 years.

Reflecting President Bush's education priorities, the legislation focuses on three basic principles:

- \* Requiring states to test students and measure their progress in grades three through eight;
- \* Rewarding states that improve children's education;



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\* Reducing federal red tape and giving states and local school districts unprecedented flexibility in how they decide to use their federal education funds.

To qualify for certain federal education funding, states will have to demonstrate that student performance is improving for children in all economic categories. They will have to provide parents with more information about their schools and with more alternatives when their kids are trapped in failing schools, such as the ability to transfer to another public school. Underachieving schools are to get help under the plan, but they will face serious consequences for persistent failure.

This is a landmark bill because, for the first time, both parties in Congress have agreed that real reform requires that parents must have a say-so and more control over their children's education. Parents — and the public — will have access to detailed school-by-school "report cards" on the performance of their schools. That provision of the legisla-

tion follows the outline of my "Parents' Right-to-Know Act," providing parents with accurate records of school performance. States will make the information available to parents and the public on the Internet and through other means that ensure broad distribution.

I also have included an amendment to the education reform bill that offers even more options to public schools - options that parents of children in private schools have long enjoyed. This amendment would remove the obstacles preventing public schools from being able to offer single-sex classrooms and single-sex schools to parents and students who choose them. Public schools should be able to tailor their programs to what best fits the needs of students in their particular area.

Most of the time, co-education classes are going to be the right answer for children's educational needs. But in some circumstances we find that students do better in a single-sex atmosphere. We want parents who might not be able to afford private school or might not have

the option of parochial school to be able to go to their school board and request, perhaps, a single-sex eighth-grade math class for boys, or a single-sex chemistry lab for girls. Or some districts might want to establish single-sex schools, some of which have had great success in improving the test scores of previously failing students of both sexes.

In addition, the bill includes my legislation providing federal incentives for mid-career or retired professionals to enter classrooms and teach where they can make a real difference.

Meaningful education reform is finally at the forefront of the congressional agenda. Congress has worked with the White House to produce constructive legislation that enjoys bipartisan support. As a result, we will have more accountability in our schools, increased flexibility and strengthened local control. Schools will measure their progress in terms of demonstrably improved results — rather than compliance with a one-size-fits-all federal rule.

## Good news for Texas producers

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

Have you ever wondered how the federal government spends your money? This time of year is what we in Washington call the "Appropriations Season." Starting each summer, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate pass a series of 13 spending bills that provide funding for the federal government. This year, one of the first spending bills to pass will be the agriculture appropriations bill. As many of you know, I pay special attention to this bill because I'm the chairman of the subcommittee.

The agriculture spending bill funds the U.S. Department of Agriculture and its agencies and programs. This year's spending bill is great news for Texas agriculture producers. Many of the programs funded in this bill will directly impact farmers and ranchers in our great state.

Right now my bill is scheduled to come before the House of Representatives sometime this week, but I want to provide each of you with a preview of what's to come.

I know that many of you are concerned about Foot and Mouth Disease. My subcommittee is putting more money into prevention exercises and the enhancement of an eradication plan. We're funding an additional \$120 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for protection exercises, control and awareness programs. We're working hard to keep our country, our consumers and our livestock owners safe from the effects of this dangerous disease.

Another program that directly benefits Texas farmers and ranchers is the nearly \$30 million provided for the Wildlife Services Program. Farmers and ranchers in Texas and across the country lose millions of dollars each year from coyotes, bobcats or wild dogs preying on calves, lambs and small goats. Controlling the population of wild animals that prey on cattle, sheep, goats and crops is a priority for Texas producers.

Cotton and livestock producers in Texas get even more good news. We're providing additional funding to the boll weevil and cattle tick pest management programs. These eradication programs are essential for ensuring healthy cotton crops and livestock. This money will help rid producers of two pests that have plagued these industries for far too long.

A \$79 million increase in agriculture research will certainly benefit Texas producers. Farmers and ranchers have been struggling with low commodity prices for some time now. Profit margins are tight. New research that can lower costs, puts money into the pockets of producers.

These are only a few examples of the many wonderful programs that help keep American agriculture producers the best in the world. Our producers provide the world's safest and cheapest food supply. This bill ensures that American producers have the tools they need to continue providing America with inexpensive and abundant food.

### Big Mama Sez!



To see a young couple loving each other is no wonder; but to see an old couple loving each other is the best sight of all.

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## OUTDOORS

### The effects of floods and fires in Texas

While residents in southeast Texas cope with flooding or its aftermath, some Texas firefighters are faced with an increasing wildfire load. Vegetation in south and west Texas is very dry and fire-prone. Careless use of fireworks, particularly in these two regions, in conjunction with the Fourth of July holiday period could lead to additional wildfires. That some areas of Texas are fire-prone while other areas are flooded is somewhat ironic, but the contrasting conditions are indicative of the size and variability of the state.

A drought index map prepared by the Texas Forest Service shows the area south and west of a Corpus Christi to San Antonio to San Angelo to Big Spring line as generally having high to extreme wildfire danger. Those with Internet access can find the drought index map at the Texas Interagency Coordination Center home page at <http://ticc.fws.gov> under the heading of fire risk assessment. "When dry weather coincides with the Fourth of July holiday period, irresponsible fireworks use will increase the likelihood of wildfires," says Bobby Young, associate director for forest resource protection with the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin.

"Wildfire danger is generally low to moderate across much of the state at present, but if hot, dry conditions persist for any length of time, vegetation will dry rapidly and become increasingly fire-prone. With more vegetation present across the landscape because of abundant, early season rains, any wildfires that do arise should be expected to burn more intensely and be more difficult and dangerous to

control."

The state fire control leader offered several suggestions for safe fireworks use. Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws. Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings. Follow directions carefully — with close adult supervision.

Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose handy.

Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers and never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.

Young also suggested additional outdoor fire safety tips

including: comply with any outdoor burning bans, establish firebreaks around burn barrels and around brush piles to be burned, and avoid burning on dry, windy days.

Avoid using welding and other spark-producing equipment around dry grass. Keep vehicles out of tall, dry grass that might contact hot exhaust systems. Dispose of smoking materials properly.

The Texas Forest Service asks that everyone help make the Independence Day holiday and the rest of the summer safer and more enjoyable by practicing good outdoor fire safety.

### Sports safety in the sun

Sports enthusiasts at every level take special safety precautions to prevent sports related injuries. A soccer player would never go onto the field without his or her shin guards and a baseball player would never go to bat without a helmet. That is why it is important to teach athletes another one of the most important and life saving precautions: sunscreen.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with more than 1 million new cases diagnosed every year. Studies have confirmed that sun exposure is responsible for the development of at least two thirds of all melanomas, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

To prevent skin cancer, sports enthusiasts and their fans should follow these sun precautions from the American Academy of Dermatology:

- The sun's rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If possible, limit your outdoor activities during this

- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- Avoid reflective surfaces which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.
- Protect children. Minimize sun exposure and apply sunscreen to children aged 6 months and older.
- No shadow...seek the shade! If your shadow is shorter than you are, you're likely to sunburn.
- Avoid tanning beds.

- For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology at (888) 462-  
DERM or visit [www.aad.org](http://www.aad.org).

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**Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....**

**Wednesday, June 20**  
 6:28 p.m., DPS Trooper Richard Slubar, responded to a report of about 1 or 2 tons of asphalt spilled on Hwy 90 west. An employee from the Highway Department was advised.  
 10:50 p.m., A woman reported an individual urinating in public. Deputy Larry Robinson responded.  
**Thursday, June 21**  
 1:30 a.m., Eduardo Pena, 31, from Brackettville, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Trooper Slubar. Pena posted bond the next day.  
 2:49 p.m., A dispatcher from Laughlin Air Force Base called to report that one of their vehicles

had run into a tree on Hwy 131. Trooper Slubar responded to the call.  
 9:00 p.m., Security Link advised the Sheriff's Office, the alarm at the middle school was on. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to the call.  
**Friday, June 22**  
 5:13 a.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy. Deputy Robinson responded.  
 2:30 p.m., Jose Luis Barron, 31, from San Antonio, was arrested by Deputy Pena for a warrant out of Comal County. Barron posted bond the next day.  
 6:20 p.m., A man reported three small children walking on Ann Street. Deputy Pena was ad-

vised.  
**Saturday, June 23**  
 9:29 a.m., A man reported the keys were locked in his car. Chief of Police Alonzo responded.  
 1:18 p.m., A 911 caller reported the drivers of two red trucks were driving recklessly on Hwy 90 west. The Del Rio Police Station was notified.  
 8:42 p.m., A woman requested an employee from the city to pick up a dog.  
**Sunday, June 24**  
 12:22 a.m., A woman called the 911 requesting a deputy and an ambulance. Deputy Robinson responded.  
 12:45 a.m., Gabriel Tafolla, 32, from Uvalde, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Trooper Slubar. Tafolla posted bond the same day.  
 3:30 p.m., Guillermo Guillen, 63, from Natalia, was arrested by Deputy Pena for a warrant out of Webb County. Guillen is still in jail.



Pictured are students who participated in the Tiger Basketball Camp held at Brackett ISD from June 18 - 22, where they learned the fundamental skills of basketball and individual playing skills. Back row, from left to right, Tres Rueda, Whitney Massingill, Oscar Sierre, Kody Yeager, Michael Stephenson, Seth Frerich, middle row, left to right, Robert Davis, Tillman Davis, Travis Nowlin, Martin Flores, Travis Bonner, Lane Nowlin, in front, left to right, Chris Blake, Jared Harris, Kevin Bonner, Vincent Garcia, Casey Couch, Shaun Davis and Jesus Balderas.

**DPS troopers' drug seizures top \$100 million mark**

According to 2000 figures released today by the Traffic Law Enforcement Division, DPS troopers seized narcotics valued at \$122.3 million while on normal patrol activities-compared with \$55.4 million dollars in 1999. (Dollar figures reflect street value.)  
 "Our training in spotting criminal activity after routine traffic violations keeps drugs out of Texas neighborhoods," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Wanted criminals roam our highways everyday and our job is to put them behind bars where they belong."  
 The 1,785 drug cases filed by the Traffic Law Enforcement Division in 2000 is the highest ever

recorded by DPS troopers. Cocaine seizures totaled 1,682 pounds and marijuana seizures topped 75,000 pounds. More than 20,000 arrests also were made for a variety of non-drug criminal violations, ranging from homicide to auto theft.  
 "By simply enforcing the traffic laws, our troopers put murderers, rapists and wanted criminals out of commission every day," said Traffic Law Enforcement Chief Charles Graham.  
 Also in 2000, DPS troopers arrested nearly 31,000 drunk drivers, handed out 550,000 speeding citations and issued about 160,000 safety restraint tickets. Troopers also provided assistance to 74,000 motorists.

**Uvalde mobile clinic not in use**

The United Memorial Hospital Mobile Health Care Clinic which was located at Garner State Park during the summer of 2000 will not be in operation during the 2001 summer season. Due to the low patient volume, UMH Administration determined that it was not feasible to continue this project.  
 For emergencies, you may go to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, located at 1025 Garner Field Road (830-278-6251). The ER is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week with a physician on duty.  
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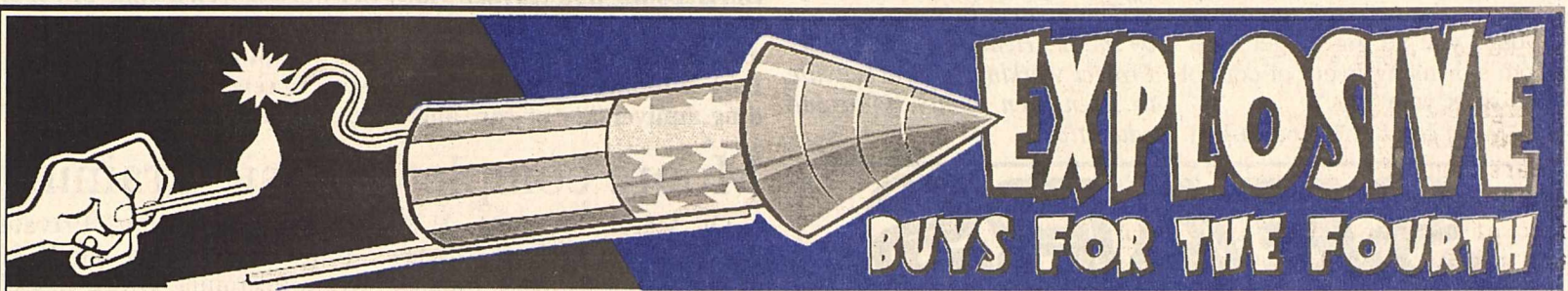
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Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Joan, I'll never forget how your kids looked when they showed up at my house in the middle of the night last night. Tony even asked if they could come and live with me. They were really scared."

"I was worried sick when Tom and I got home and they weren't here. I even called the police. What am I going to do sis?" Joan said through her tears. "Tom is getting worse. He's drinking more and two nights last week he didn't come home. I had to call in sick for him at work. The kids are getting to the point that they're afraid of him. I'm getting notes from school saying they're in trouble and not doing their homework. I'm tired of it. I can't take it any more."

Marie took her sister by the hand as she pushed the coffee cups to the side of the table. "Joan, you've got to get help. Tom's drinking is out of control and so is your life."

"What can I do?" Joan asked.

"Well, the first step is to admit that there's a problem and decide that you aren't going to make any more excuses for what's going on. Quit going out with Tom when he is drinking. That just enables his alcoholic behavior. The second step is to go and visit with the school counselor. Let her know what's going on in the kids' lives. She'll know how to help and can work with them about their behavior at school. She can suggest a family counselor for you and a support group for spouses of alcoholics."

"But sis, it's so embarrassing. I don't know if I can do it."

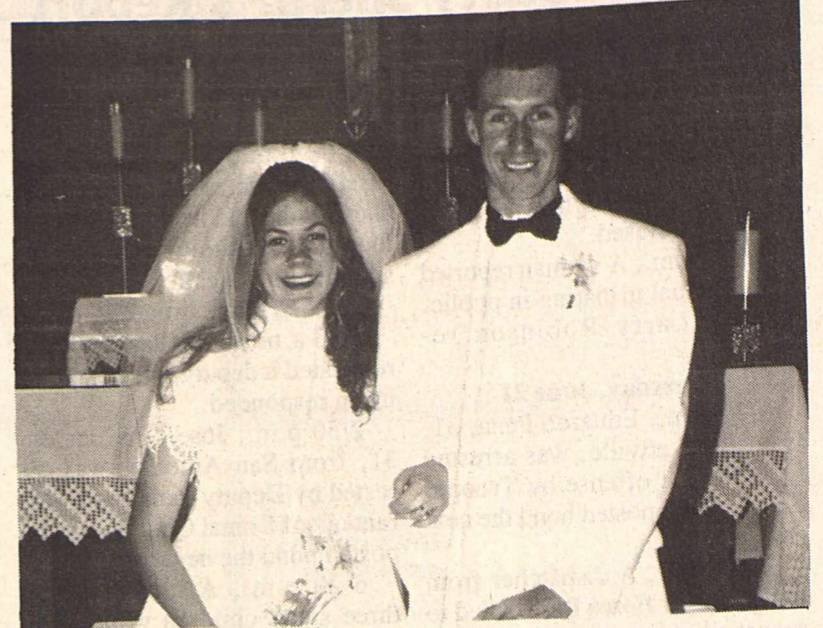
"I'll go with you Joan. Get your clothes on. We'll stop by the church and spend some time in prayer. God loves you and will see you through this. We can also spend some time with our pastor. He's very understanding and knows about alcoholism and its fallout."

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

## Celebrating 50 years of marriage Perez, Wallace unite in marriage



Doris Young and Hayden Haby Sr. were married June 2, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Uvalde, Texas. On June 2, 2001, a reception and Bar-B-Q supper was held at the Edwards County Park Building in Rocksprings, Texas, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Haby Sr.



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wallace

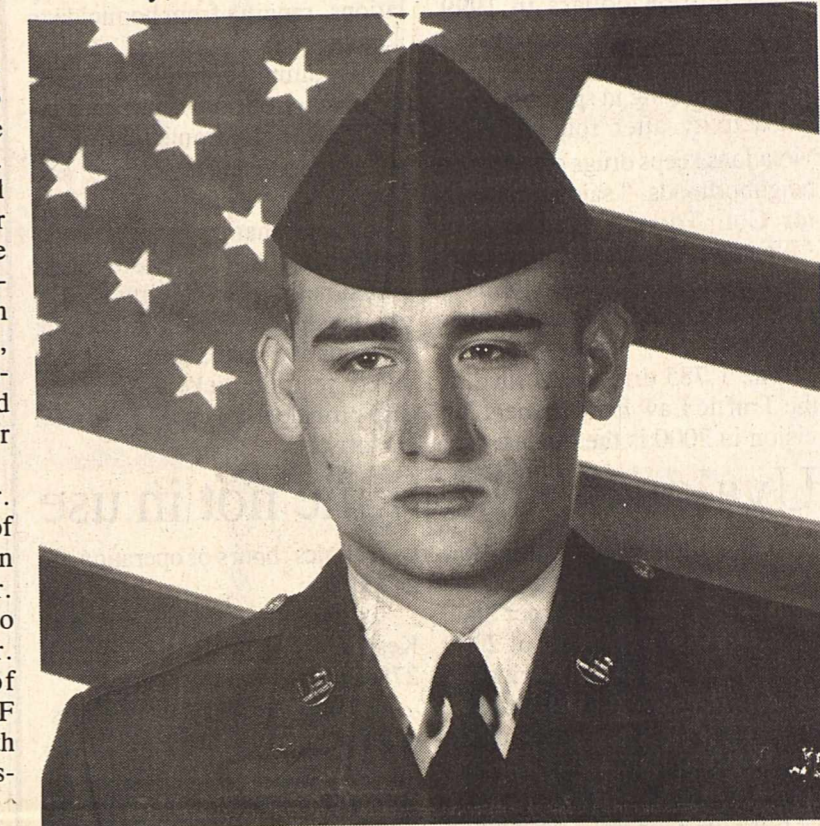
Samantha Perez and Timothy Wallace were married June 23 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with a BBQ reception following.

Samantha, daughter of Pete and Leslie Perez of Brackettville, graduated with a B.A. in English, Honors Program, at UTSA in May 2001.

Timothy, son of John and

Trish Wallace of Frankston, Australia, graduated with a B.S. in Kineisiology from UTSA in Dec. 1999.

Timothy and Samantha ran for the UTSA track team throughout their college terms. They will be leaving for Frankston, Australia in July where they will be making their home.



### Moore completes Basic Training

On March 15, 2001, U.S. Army Private Richard Charles Moore completed basic training and graduated from Advanced Individual Training in Combat Engineering at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

During the training, Private Moore received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Attending the graduation were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Richard Pena from Brackettville, Texas; his sister, Martha Marlana and his mother, Rebecca Moore of Del Rio, Texas.

Upon graduation, Private Moore reported to the U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Del Rio for two weeks of recruiter duty. On April 4, 2001, Private Moore reported to his permanent duty station with the 10th Engineering Unit at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. Moore is a 2000 graduate of Del Rio High School and joined the Army in November 2000.

Moore is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Moore of Del Rio and the great-grandson of Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas, Jr. also of Del Rio, the late Serapio T. Cardenas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Atanacio Pena of Brackettville. His father is USAF (retired) TSgt. Richard Kenneth Moore of Springfield, Tennessee.

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## TMA task force to study safety of genetically modified foods

Austin — A special Texas Medical Association Task Force on Genetically Modified Foods met on Wednesday to launch a yearlong study into potential health effects of genetically modified foods.

TMA President Tom B. Hancher, MD, of Columbus appointed the task force to study the issue of genetically altered foods and provide accurate information to physicians that they can share with their patients regarding the safety of such foods. Dr. Hancher said accurate information on genetically altered crops is needed because, if safe, they could be beneficial to the

agricultural economy of the United States and help ease famine in underdeveloped countries.

"In developing countries, crops that have been genetically engineered to be more resistant to disease and to be more productive would be a tremendous asset," Dr Hancher said. "But at the same time, we want to be certain those crops are safe for human consumption."

Last Monday, hundreds of protestors gathered outside the Biotechnology Industry Organization conference in San Diego complaining that insufficient research has been conducted to

ensure genetically altered foods are safe.

"I think it's important for physicians to know how they should advise their patients on how to react to these products," Dr. Hancher said. "They are going to be on the grocery store shelves. Should we be concerned and avoid those products, or should we consider them safe?"

The panel included physicians, lawmakers, Texas Department of Agriculture officials, consumers, representatives of the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and representatives of the Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute.

Speakers at Wednesday's meeting included Dr. Hancher, who gave an overview of the initiative, and Trey G. Powers, director of legislative affairs for the Texas Department of Agriculture. An update on the latest research on genetically modified foods was given by Fuller W. Bazer, PhD, executive associate dean of the A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Andy Vestal, PhD, associate professor and extension specialist for the A&M Department of Agricultural Education.

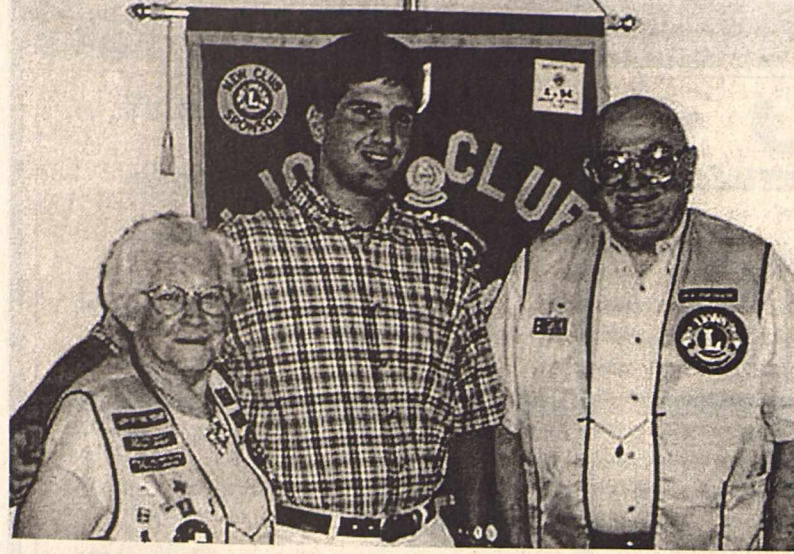
The task force also received input from State Rep. David Swinford (R-Dumas), chair of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, as well as representatives from the Texas Farm Bureau, Consumers Union, and TMA councils on Public Health and Scientific Affairs.

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Lions Club awards scholarships Trotter resigns, two positions to be filled at BISD



From left, Lion President Wilma Lewis, Scholarship Winner Chris Petrosky and Lion President-elect Tom Saylor

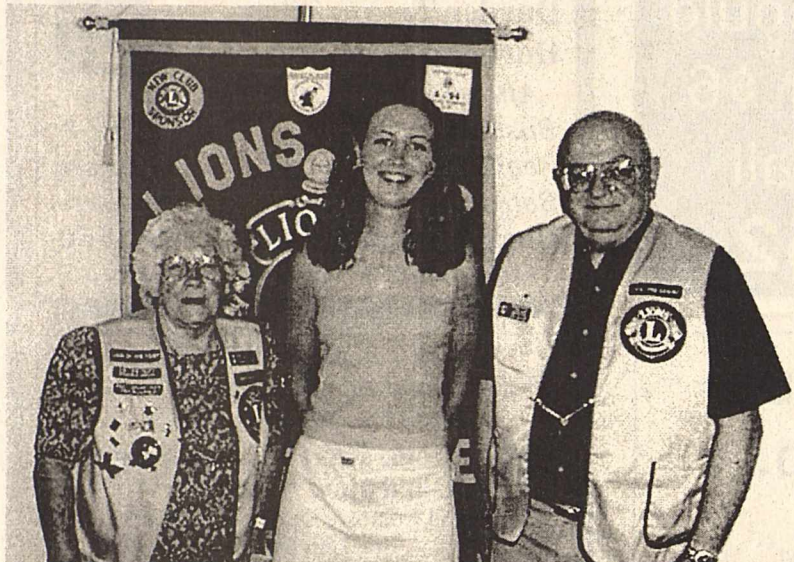
Leslie Meyer, daughter of Phyllis and Les Meyer, and Chris Petrosky, son of Mary and Carroll Petrosky, are the winners of \$1000 scholarships from the Brackettville Lions Club.

Leslie spoke to the club on June 7th. Introduced by Lion Tom McNew, chairman of the Lions scholarship committee, Leslie thanked the Lions for selecting her. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in business.

On June 21, Chris spoke to the Lions. He thanked the Lions

Club for awarding him a scholarship and told of his future plans. Chris will be attending Texas Lutheran University, where he will major in business/mass communications. He will also be a member of the TLU tennis team.

Lion McNew complimented both these students on their outstanding academic and extracurricular accomplishments and stated that the committee was also very impressed with the community service record of both Leslie and Chris.



From left, Lion President Wilma Lewis, Scholarship Winner Leslie Meyer and Lion President-elect Tom Saylor

**Making A Difference**  
By Taylor Stephenson

The thunderstorm last Friday night brought 3/4 of an inch of rain at my home. Most folks that I talked with had at least that much. I hope you had more! Keep it coming!

One of the difficult things in life is when independent living is not possible anymore for the elderly. This week, we're facing that problem with my mother-in-law who turned 90 this past February. She has lived here for a couple of years and the senior apartments have been a great place for her to live. Through the help of local agencies, she has been able to live by herself for those two years. The time has come when she needs more care. She'll return to New Mexico where there are more family and friends to support her at this time of need.

**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.

We're grateful to all of those who have helped with her care, particularly a wonderful lady named, Elvia who has given Abbie the care that she needed in this difficult time.

I urge all to stay involved with life. Don't seclude yourself from reading, doing and socializing because of aging. Keep your minds active with a book or a hobby. Go to the Center for Aging for a meal and some social life. Play golf, sing in the church choir, or throw some horseshoes once in a while. Just make sure that your mind and body stay active. That way, you'll stay healthier mentally and physically.

BISD hopes to fill its final two teaching positions by the time the paper is published this Thursday. Last week, Woodie Trotter re-

signed her position indicating that she will move to Austin to teach and to be closer to her children and grandson. Woodie has been active in the theatrical productions at Fort Clark Springs. She has taught Pre-Kindergarten students for the past four years. She loves music and art. Our best wishes go with you, Woodie. The other position is vocational agriculture at BHS.

The statutory deadline for resignations passed on June 25. After that date, a school board does not have to release folks who want to resign. Teachers and administrators are given contracts signed by the board obligating the school district to hold the position for the teacher. The deadline is written in law and it basically says to teachers and administrators that if you plan to

move, look for positions early. Work has begun on improvements to football field bleachers. Mike Bizzell was awarded the bid for this project that will be completed before the first scrimmage in late August.

I was pleased that both of our basketball head coaches held basketball clinics for the younger players. The clinics were well attended and Head Coaches Thomas and Nowlin did a fine job with the instruction. We have volleyball and football clinics coming up in the next few weeks.

We're half way through the summer as we celebrate 5 weeks out of school this Friday. I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the change from the routine that centers on the school. Have a great week!

Students attend Farm Bureau seminar

San Angelo - Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 38th annual Citizenship Seminar here June 4-8 were Susannah Davis, Jared Hobbs, and Megan McWilliams. Sponsored by the Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to John Paul Schuster of Kinney/Val Verde county FB president.

"Farm Bureau - Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

"Dale Bullock (TFB Field Representative), Jade Lusk (2000 Miss TFB), and Kerri Schneider, the 2000 TFB Speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Op-

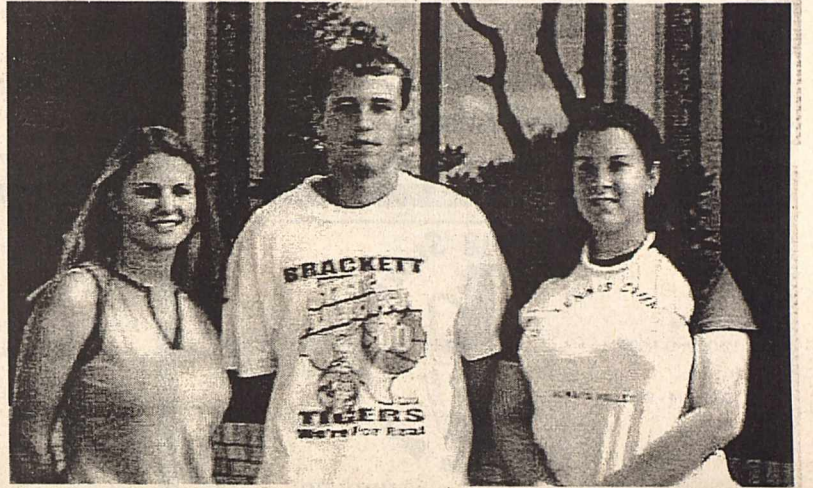
portunities." The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise,"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution,"; and Clebe McClary, a motiva-

tional speaker, "Press on Regardless."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

The students were entertained on Thursday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker.



From left, Susannah Davis, Jared Hobbs and Megan McWilliams

SWTJC board announces plans for building project

Members of the Southwest Texas Junior College board of trustees approved a budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 and announced plans for a building project in Eagle Pass at its regular board meeting June 21.

The new budget totals \$24,324,252, a 10.8% increase over fiscal year 2000-2001. Included in the budget is a 2% across-the-board pay increase for SWTJC employees.

To help pay for the new budget, board members were informed that the college anticipates increasing tuition costs \$7 per semester hour beginning in the fall semester.

Following the regular meeting of the SWTJC board, Uvalde architects Jack and John Graves went over plans for a new addition to property owned by the Southwest Texas Junior College Foundation, Inc. in Eagle Pass.

The plans call for a 13,000 square foot addition to the property for use by Sul Ross Rio Grande College. Included in the new addition are three major classrooms, a library, computer labs and a teleconferencing room.

An 800 square foot covered walkway will connect the new

addition to the building currently being used by Sul Ross Rio Grande College at the Eagle Pass facility. The building project will also include 29,000 square feet of new parking.

The board approved adver-

tising for bids on the project with a due date of July 17. Bids will be presented to the board at its regular meeting on July 19.

Architect Jack Graves estimates an eight to ten month construction time for the project.

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BISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Taylor Stephenson or the Section 504 Coordinator, Paula Renken at 563-2491.

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Distrito tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para information sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Taylor Stephenson, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Paula Renken at 563-2491.

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# Preparing ourselves to be the bride of Christ

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June is a month frequently set aside for weddings. What should we, as the bride of Christ, be doing to prepare for ours? The word of God says "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (1 Cor 12:27). "There should be no schism in the body; but the members should have the same care one for another and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." (1 Cor. 12:25-26)

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. 4:2,6)

What do we have to look forward to at the wedding? "In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithful-

ness; and thou shalt know the Lord." (Hosea 2:18-20).

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10).

What do we say then? "The Spirit and the bride say, come; and let him that heareth say, come. (Rev. 22:17) "He which testifieth these saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20).

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## We must remember the coming of the Spirit

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

The Holy Spirit is an equal partner in the Trinity—He has an effect in our lives. We can call on him to guide us and guard us. The celebration of Pentecost marks the coming of the Spirit—the beginning of the second half of the church year. For the next few weeks I will be writing a series of article on the Holy Spirit, his gifts and what it means in our daily lives.

Have you mailed your Pentecost cards? Baked cookies, made candy? Decorated your house?

By Dave Crowe  
Contributing Writer

Back in the seventies, I was taking film production and acting classes at the University of Texas at Austin. The Philosophy and Sociology classes were so large (200-300 students), that the poor professors never noticed an extra student or two. I loved those classes, they were filled with life. They were about life.

Anyway, I remember this one class, in front of the professor was a table and on this table was a large, empty pickle jar, a box of rocks (assorted sizes), a box of pebbles and a box of sand.

He took the jar, turned it upside down and we all agreed that it was empty. At least as empty as all our heads at 9 o'clock in the morning. He took the three

largest rocks (the size of your fist) and put them in first. Then he proceeded to fill the jar with rocks, say 2" in diameter. When he had finished, all agreed, that the jar was full.

Then he began to pour in the pebbles, lightly shaking the jar so that the pebbles rolled into the areas between the rocks. Obviously wrong before, we once again agreed that the jar was indeed full. Wrong again.

He began to pour in the sand which once again filled up the small places between the rocks and the pebbles. Now the jar was finally fully full. To that even the professor agreed.

The professor explained that what we were looking at was our lives.

The rocks are the most important things - your family, your partner, your spouse, your

children, your health. If everything else was lost and only these remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles represented the other things that matter in your life. Your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff. Remember, "Never sweat the small stuff."

What is the object here? I'm glad you asked. If you fill your jar (life) with the sand first, then there is no room for the pebbles and rocks. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are truly important.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness and well being. Take time to play with your children. Take the time to get medical check-ups. Take the time to have a little fun.

Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time for work, time to clean the house, to give that dinner party or fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first.

Speaking of rocks, after class in the hallway, I asked the professor, "When you started to fill the jar, you started with three really large rocks. Was there a special reason you didn't say?"

He winked and said, "I started to fill the jar of life with the most important things first. The first three rocks were God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit."

He shook my hand and said, "Thanks for noticing." Then he got a really serious look on his face and said, "Do I know you?"

"No," I answered. "But God does." We both walked away smiling.

## Don't turn Him away

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Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many.

And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, come; for all things are now ready.

And they all with one consent began to make excuse, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee, have me excused.

And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee, have me excused.

And another said, I have married a wife, and, therefore, I cannot come.

So that servant came, and showed his Lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind.

And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

For I say unto you, that none of those men who were bidden shall taste of my supper. St. Luke 14:16 - 24.

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## Obituary...

### Gene Rudman

Genevieve "Gene" Sims Rudman, age 90, of Brackettville passed away on June 20 at her home. She was born in Brackettville and lived most of her life there. Gene was preceded in death by her husband Richard Rudman. Together, the Rudmans were in business in Brackettville for many years. She is survived by a son E.J. Wallen and wife Martha of Kerrville, a daughter, Gene Ellen Nixon of Brackettville, five grandchildren, Suzanne Wallen of Boston Mass., Dr.

Martin Wallen of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Amy Wallen and husband Mark Spaulding of San Diego, California, G.W. "Dub" Nixon of Rosharon, Texas, Debbie Horton and husband John of Houston, also, two great grandchildren, Shannon and Spencer Horton of Houston. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in the Masonic Cemetery of Brackettville. The Rev. Ken Sellers and Rev. William Adams officiated the graveside rites.

## Coalition challenges group to support Medicare reform

Washington, D.C. - In response to a report issued today by the Alliance for Retired Americans, Citizens for Better Medicare challenged the union-backed organization to support comprehensive, bipartisan Medicare reform rather than trying to renege their failed campaign for a government-controlled prescription drug program.

"Medicare was designed to deliver 1965 medicine to a 1965 senior population - but a lot has changed in 36 years," said Tim Ryan, Executive Director of Citizens for Better Medicare. "Medicine has changed. Our senior population - living longer and healthier than ever - has changed. But Medicare hasn't really changed and the program is not meeting the health needs of today's seniors."

"Rather than engage in partisan political attacks, the unions would do better to engage in a constructive debate about the best ways to strengthen and improve the Medicare system for today's seniors as well as the generations of seniors to come."

"The irony of the union attacks is that most union retirees already have prescription drug benefits," said Ryan. "But the union's own approach jeopardizes the good private coverage for millions of union retirees who could end up a one-size-fits-all government plan."

Citizens for Better Medicare is a grassroots organization representing the interests of patients, seniors, disabled Americans, large and small businesses, pharmaceutical research companies and many others concerned with Medicare reform.

Members of Citizens for Better Medicare include the Kidney Cancer Association, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, United Seniors Association as well as more than 300,000 individual supporters.

Neither have I. In many churches the observance of this first and greatest anniversary in Christian history goes virtually unnoticed. Early Christians, were they to join us at church, would be baffled by our lack of excitement over this holiday. For the first few centuries there were only two dates on the Christian calendar: Easter and Pentecost. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and all the rest were not yet celebrated. Christians honored just the two fundamental facts of our faith.

Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus sent his Spirit to be with us. The day the Spirit came—the day of Pentecost—was forever afterward observed not only as "the birthday of the Church," but as a day of rejoicing for each individual believer. "It is much better for you that I go," Jesus told his disciples (John 16:7).

Could there be anything better, those first followers of his

must have asked, than to have Jesus with them? His actual physical presence in their midst?

Yes, Jesus insisted. "If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete) came. And ever since, Christians have affirmed Jesus' words: It is to our advantage. Hundreds of hymns across the centuries have acclaimed the day that brought us something better. . . 'Spirit of mercy, truth and love, O shed thine influence from above; And still from age to age convey, The wonders of this sacred day.' [Author unknown, 1774]

Holy Spirit, thank you for coming not only on a great day in history, but into my life today and everyday. You are welcome to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church anytime. God Bless You!

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on earth.

He has chosen time and place for each of us to be born so that we could learn the lessons that we personally need. Thus we can do the most good with our individual talents and personalities. However, he will never force us to do anything. We must learn to obey him because we want to, or we will lose our opportunities to be what we could have been.

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Foundation hires Environmental Operations Director

Abilene - Marwan S. Kharboutli has been hired to be the environmental operations director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Kharboutli will provide oversight of all environmental monitoring, testing and quality control. He will work closely with the Texas Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and state and federal fish and wildlife officials. He will also be responsible for collecting and managing the EMS database.

Kharboutli earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Aleppo University in Syria. He obtained a master's degree in

entomology from West Virginia University and a doctorate in entomology from Auburn University.

For the last 4 years Kharboutli, an entomologist, has been in a research and extension position at the Southeast Research and Extension Center at the University of Arkansas-Monticello, a division of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. He has done extensive research on insecticides and has several publications to his credit. Kharboutli said he is looking forward to joining the foundation.

"I would move today if I could, but I have obligations to fulfill," he said. He hopes to begin work with

the foundation about June 18.

"I've known Dr. Kharboutli for many years and am excited about the expertise he'll bring to the foundation," said Charles Allen, foundation program director.

"He is a very hard worker and a meticulous data collection person." Kharboutli has a wife, Jumana Albasha, and two young children.

Barry Smith is the new statewide environmental monitoring specialist for the foundation and will report to Dr. Kharboutli. Smith has been with the foundation for three seasons, starting in 1999 as a district EMS.

Smith is originally from Abilene and has always worked in agriculture.

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Continued from Page 1 where yet, but until we figure it out, I'm not prepared to go any further with this," added Wylie.

County Judge Herb Senne said he would speak with Delgado Durrant about the courts concerns and schedule another meeting with them to answer the courts' questions.

No representatives from Delgado Durrant were at the meeting.