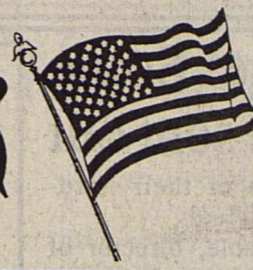


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## Help requested for Anthrax study UMC welcomes pediatric doctor

Ranchers in southwest Texas are being asked to report recent livestock or wildlife losses that may be due to anthrax to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) in Uvalde at 1-830-278-7173 or the Texas Animal Health Commission's Area 5 office in Beeville at 1-800-658-6570, so that disease researchers can collect tissue and blood samples for field diagnostic trials and an extensive study of the anthrax bacteria in the area. This year, the disease has killed livestock and wildlife in Edwards, Val Verde, Uvalde, Kinney, Real and western Bandera counties. Although domestic livestock may be vaccinated, there is no approved vaccine for free-ranging deer that cannot be run through chutes for vaccination.

"Several staff members from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, have traveled to Uvalde to collect samples for the studies, commented veterinarian Catherine Tull, who works in TDH's Zoonosis Control in Uvalde. "We need 'freshly dead' animals that died within the past three or four hours and have not started to decompose. Researchers can be dispatched quickly from the Uvalde area to the location of the carcass to collect samples. Ranchers will not be expected to handle the samples

but are responsible under state regulations to burn the carcasses after the samples are taken.

Dr. Tull said sample collection efforts will continue through August 3, and reports can be taken from ranchers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. "The researchers will greatly appreciate the opportunity to collect samples," said Dr. Tull.

"The CDC and state human and animal health agencies, including the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Health, and Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory have an interest in learning more about the occurrence of anthrax and the use of field diagnostic tests," commented Dr. Terry Conger, state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "We also are collaborating with David Ashford, a veterinary epidemiologist from the CDC who is working to learn more about the incidence of human exposure to the disease."

In the outbreak area, clinical confirmation is still pending on two suspected human cases of cutaneous (skin) anthrax after two ranchers developed skin lesions characteristic of anthrax after handling livestock. She

encouraged ranchers in the area to wear latex or work gloves and long sleeves when handling livestock, carcasses or anthrax vaccine. Dr. Tull said ranchers should seek immediate medical attention if they develop unusual sores on their arms or hands.

Anthrax is caused by a spore-forming bacteria that remains dormant in the soil until activated by periods of cool, wet weather, followed by several weeks of hot, dry conditions. The bacteria rises to the surface, where it contaminates soil and grass. Animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, exotic and domestic deer, and horses can ingest the bacteria as they graze. By the time an animal displays signs of the disease, which may involve staggering, trembling, convulsions, or bleeding from the body openings, death usually follows.

Anthrax outbreaks depend on the presence of the spores in the soil and suitable weather conditions. The outbreaks usually end when cooler weather arrives and the bacteria becomes dormant.

United Medical Center Clinic is proud to announce that every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dr. Catherine Young is available to see children for acute problems as well as physicals and immunizations.

Dr. Young is Board Certified in Pediatrics. She attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Hermann Hospital in Houston and completed her Fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care there also. She was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics with the University of Oklahoma Medical School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was the Associate Director of the Pediatric Critical Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma. For the last four years, she has been the Medical Director for Outreach Services for Ft. Duncan Medical Center. Currently, she is the Medical Director for Kinney

County EMS and for the City of Eagle Pass Fire Department.

Dr. Young was born in Laredo, Texas, and is a Benedictine Sister from the Monastery of St. Scholastica in Boerne, Texas.



Pictured is Dr. Catherine Young, the pediatrician at the United Medical Center Clinic.

### Briefs ...

#### Sports physicals

Physicals will be held on Thursday, August 2nd, at the United Medical Center. Girls will start at 9 a.m. and boys will start at 1:30 p.m. Please bring the physical forms with parent/guardian signature in the proper places. If your child did not receive a physical form in the mail, they may pick one up at the Central Office or the Field House.

#### Golf tournament

The first annual Brackett Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held August 11, 2001, at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course. The entry fee is \$30 which includes Mulligans, lunch, green fees, and refreshments on the course. For more information please contact call Candy Hobbs at 830/563-2591 or write to Brackett Athletic Booster Club, c/o Candy Hobbs, P.O. Box 1031, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Please help support our youth.

#### Davis on honor roll

Texas A & M University has named its honor students for the 2001 spring semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours. Among those recognized were Zachry Davis, Jr., a sophomore.

#### St. Louis Day

The 19th St. Louis Day will be celebrated in Castrovilla on August 26. There will be a mass at 9 a.m. at the historic St. Louis Church. The festival will begin at 11 a.m. at Koenig Park. There will be food booths, games for children, bingo and much more. Call 830/931-2826 or visit [www.castrovilla.com](http://www.castrovilla.com).

#### Weekly statistics

Border Patrol apprehensions from July 22-26, 2001:  
 Abilene ...24, Brackettville ...177, Carrizo Springs...278, Comstock...26, Del Rio ... 168, Eagle Pass...550, Llano...6, Rocksprings...3, San Angelo ... 27, Uvalde...82, other than Mexicans...108.

## Governor Baggett recounts 19 years of Rotary

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

When a Rotary District Governor begins a term in office, custom requires him or her to visit Rotary clubs around District 5840. This year's visit proved particularly rewarding when Governor Dick Baggett and his wife, Miwes, visited the Brackettville Rotary Club, Thursday, July 19. The Governor's Assistant, Amond Grant, accompanied them.

The Governor's area of expertise is Human Resources and he is a consultant, speaker, trainer and author on the subject. As might be expected, Governor Baggett's address cut right through the mush of hot-summer-apaty, called into consciousness the deepest meaning of humanitarian service, and inspired members to action for the coming year. It also filled them with gratitude for the opportunity provided by Rotary to serve humanity around the world.

ting was the free lunch they received at school.

She offered these children an opportunity to take part in a project to feed starving children in other parts of the world. With heartfelt compassion and understanding, these children took part voluntarily for two months by contributing what money they could. Once this started, the children became involved and became enthusiastic. The project lasted for two months, and the amount collected came to \$48.00. Mrs. Baggett added with a smile, that \$30.00 of that was in pennies, which had to be counted and rolled.

These children who know what it means to be deprived and have experienced hunger were encouraged to honor their own compassion and help others in worse condition. One of the rewards of their participation was enrichment of their own self-esteem.

Governor Baggett spoke of what belonging to Rotary means to him. He reminded members that an organization such as Rotary, made up of business and professional people, could easily get caught up with matters of the mind - planning in particular. He urged members not to forget the heart. Then, he recounted some of his own experiences during the nineteen years he has been a Rotarian that brought home to him the importance and the value of being a member of an organization dedicated to the service of humanity.

Governor Baggett earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and psychology from Texas Christian University, a Master of Science in Administration from Trinity University and obtained a Certificate in Human Resource Management from Southern Methodist University's MBA studies. He has been an active civic leader and has been involved in countless service organizations.

When he and his wife were in California attending the Training Session for District Governors, they met and became friends with a couple from Japan. The following day they were put together with two couples from Germany.

Baggett said he grew up hearing about the Second World War from his uncle and father. He himself served in the Army in Vietnam. At the training session, he found himself sitting and interacting with people from countries who were formerly enemies of the United States. He was deeply touched when he realized the significance of this. Only one generation later these

His first task in Brackettville was to award Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent of Brackettville School System, a Paul Harris Fellowship. One thousand dollars had been given Rotary International by the local club in Stephenson's name. The donation will be used in Rotary's humanitarian work. Stephenson is a past president of the Brackettville Club and has worked and supported Rotary for many years.

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Baggett then called upon his wife, Miwes, who spoke briefly about her role in a project sponsored by Rotary. Mrs. Baggett teaches fifth grade in a school populated by students from low-income families. She remarked that for some of them, the only meal they could be sure of get-

### EMS Update By Carolyn Rutherford

Our EMS course is right "smack-dab" in the middle. Students are learning about medical emergencies, such as heart attacks, strokes, heat and cold related illness, poisonings, allergic reactions, and emergency childbirth. . . whew! In case you're wondering, this is the "nitty gritty" of EMS. The next block of classes covers the blood and gore -- soft tissue injury. These students not only learn about these maladies but also what to do about them. Once we've covered this next block, the students are ready to start their internships in the Emergency Rooms and Ambulances.

Welcome Jenny Hollmig, who has joined our full time staff this week. She is a Texas Department of Health certified EMT Basic and lives in Del Rio. We are so happy to have her with us!

A lot of folks lately have asked us about their blood pressure. Blood pressure is the way the body regulates how much blood is pushed and how hard. Actually, the brain regulates this bodily function. Blood pressure that is too low is a problem because the crucial organs, the brain, heart, and kidneys don't get enough circulation to keep the body working well. The results of blood pressure that is too low can be dizziness, fainting, and general weakness. Some-

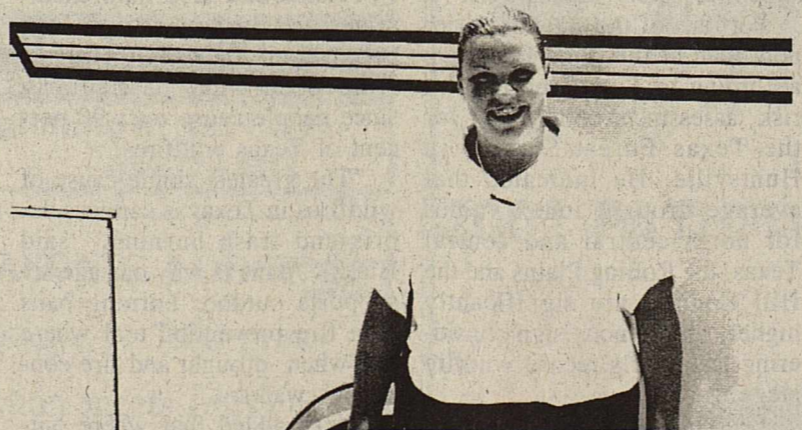
times, abnormally low blood pressure is a sign of shock (too little blood flowing in the body). If you see someone who is dizzy, pale, sweaty, and not feeling well, have them lie down (if they can tolerate it without having trouble breathing) and put their legs up about 8 inches. This allows the blood that's pooled in the lower extremities to return toward the brain. Then call us at 9-1-1 because these folks need to be checked out. You don't have to bleed on the outside to be losing blood or fluid on the inside.

Blood pressure that is too high is dangerous as well. High blood pressure (hypertension) means that your arteries all over, but especially in the brain, have excessive pressure from within and exert enormous pressure against those blood vessels. If this condition continues unchecked, you can suffer from a hemorrhagic (heavy bleeding) stroke or a blockage of a cranial artery within the brain. The results of such an incident (cerebrovascular accident) can be devastating because of damage to the automatic and motor controls inside your brain. If someone you know suddenly is unable to speak, has weakness on one side, or just seems unusually weak, call 9-1-1 because they need to be assessed at the hospital. Hypertension and stroke are two of the leading causes of death and disability in our country. You don't have to be old to suffer from it. The best prevention of a stroke is to make sure to have your blood pressure checked at least four times per year. There are many medications available today to help out with this problem.

If you would like your blood pressure checked, come by the EMS station Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and we'll be happy to check your blood pressure at no cost to you!

If you have an emergency, call 911. Kinney County EMS business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Kinney County responds to emergency calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our first unit responds with a minimum of two TDH certified personnel; other subsequent responses for medical emergencies may be staffed with less than TDH required minimum crews. Please know that in all cases there is always a TDH EMS certified crew member with the patient.

## KINNEY COUNTY EMS



Jenny Hollmig, of Del Rio, has joined Kinney County EMS as a full-time EMT Basic.

### Border Patrol agents find bodies

Border Patrol Agents of the Del Rio Sector recovered bodies of two individuals, and rescued another last week. On July 19, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station located the body of an adult female near Catarina, Texas. On July 20, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station located the body of an adult male approximately 11 miles west of Carrizo Springs. On July 21, agents from the Eagle Pass Station rescued an adult male suffering from exposure to heat on Highway 57.

The individuals had entered the United States illegally by crossing the Rio Grande River.

Border Patrol officials stress that the heat and drought conditions in Southwest Texas are severe and are not expected to improve in the near future. Persons considering illegal entry into the United States should reconsider. The conditions are too dangerous.

The U.S. Border Patrol is doing everything possible to prevent the unnecessary suffering and/or death of illegal immigrants, but they cannot do it alone. Citizens are encouraged to call the Border Patrol to report persons in need of assistance. Call (888) 299-4402 or (888) 536-4566, toll free.

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Let the taxpayers rejoice! Some rebate checks have been sent out

Washington - Last Friday, millions of American taxpayers were mailed tax rebate checks as part of the Bush tax relief plan that Congress passed a few weeks ago. Paul Beckner, president of Citizens for a Sound Economy issued the following statement regarding this momentous event: "The Treasury Department will begin to send out tax rebate checks to literally millions of American taxpayers. This much needed tax rebate is due to President Bush's tax relief plan, which passed Congress a few weeks ago. "These rebate checks should provide an additional boost to the economy, as taxpayers receive a few hundred dollars they can use to purchase items such as clothing for their children as they prepare to go back to school, or perhaps a new television. Some taxpayers may even choose to pay down some of their debt. "Irrespective of what the pundits and so-called experts say, this tax rebate, and the president's tax plan will be good for our economy because it gives taxpayers more freedom over their lives by allowing them

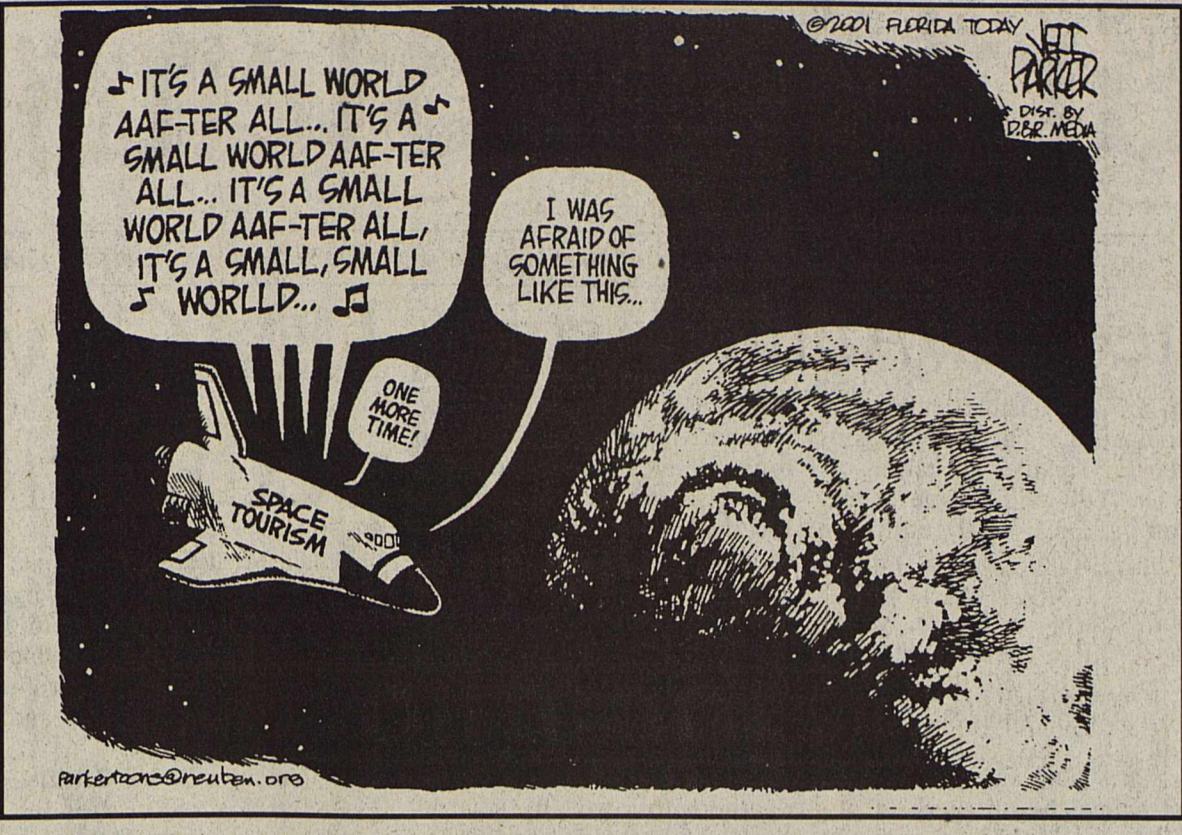
to keep more of their hard-earned money." Peggy Venable, director of Texas CSE, added: "On behalf of Texas' 48,000 members we wish to say thank-you President Bush and thanks to those in Congress who worked to pass this tax relief package. Without their courage to stand up for what they believed was right, Americans would have continued to suffer under the burden of high taxes and bigger government." For more about CSE's position on tax relief please visit http://www.cse.org.

CSE is a grassroots advocacy and education organization dedicated to economic freedom. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Bill Peacock at (512) 472-6478. Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) is a grassroots advocacy and education organization dedicated to economic freedom. CSE recruits, educates, motivates, and mobilizes hundreds of thousands of volunteer activists to fight for less government, lower taxes, and more freedom. CSE's state affiliate, Texas CSE, has 48,000 active members.

Big Mama Sez! Many married couples have learned that a joke can be the shortest distance between two points of view.

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Logic is often indispensable

The way I see it By Steven R. LaMascus

Logic is something that would appear indispensable in everyday life. It seems so simple and is yet so often lacking in our decisions. When my daughter does something wrong and gets in trouble for it I ask her if she knew she would be punished for what she did. Usually she will answer yes. I never fail to be surprised. I find it difficult to understand how anyone can logically arrive at the conclusion that they should carry out a course of action which they are sure will result in punishment. It is, as Mr. Spock would say, illogical. The obvious fact that I have done the same does not mitigate the illogic.

That is just as true about other things. We quite often cannot take a set of absolute, concrete facts and arrive at a logical conclusion. We allow our emotions to taint our decisions, we have pre-existing prejudices that influence our conclusions, and sometimes we just don't get it. We can take a set of easily understandable circumstances and arrive at a variety of conclusions. That is why there are Republicans and Democrats, Liberals and Conservatives. If

logic really were easy we would all arrive at the same conclusions from the same data. But sometimes the total lack of regard for facts that is displayed by the rank and file causes me to despair. When we have a murder we scream for gun control as if the gun acted of its own volition. When juvenile crime rates go through the roof we scream that the schools are to blame. When we have a natural disaster we rant and rave that the National Weather Service is at fault because they didn't give us sufficient warning. When we get killed in a car wreck we blame the manufacturer because he didn't make the car safe enough. If we die of lung cancer we blame the tobacco grower because we smoked two packs of cigarettes a day. I'm sorry, but none of the above are logical. Guns do not kill people, other people do! Parents, not schools, are responsible for the actions of their children! The NWS does not cause tornadoes! Carmakers do not make us drive like idiots, put on makeup, or talk on cell phones in heavy traffic! And nobody forced us to take up a bad habit like smoking or chewing

tobacco. It is totally insane to blame an inanimate object for the shortcomings of humans. We need to re-establish contact with reality in this country. Instead of gun control we need criminal control. Instead of suing tobacco companies we need to gather up our courage and simply not smoke or chew. Instead of suing the carmakers we need to drive like reasonable people. Instead of yelling our heads off at the school system we need to evaluate our own shortcomings as parents. And if we do not do these things we need to be logical and accept the blame for our own faults, because in the end the fault lies with you and me. We have stood back and allowed this to happen by not being vocal enough. We have allowed a few unreasoning, illogical, overactive, over-publicized know-nothings to override our sense of reality and force their own skewed priorities on the whole country. It is our fault for letting them get away with it. And if we don't take action to correct the problem the demise of the United States will be just as much our fault. It's your decision, but I sure wouldn't wait too long to make it.

OUTDOORS

Scorching heat increasing wildfire threat

Scorching summer heat continues to bake the Texas landscape, increasing the grip of drought across the state and raising the specter of wildfires. State fire control leaders fear that abundant vegetation promoted by winter and spring rains could fuel dangerous wildfires if dry weather persists and Texans fail to exercise all possible fire safety precautions. Portions of the state are drier now than at this time last year, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville. He indicated that average drought index values for north central and central Texas, the Rolling Plains and the Hill Country are significantly higher, an ominous sign considering last year's record wildfire sieges.

People who live adjacent to or within areas of undeveloped grass, brush or forest should be extra cautious with all outdoor activities that could spark a wildfire, said Mary Kay Hicks, state wildfire prevention coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in McGregor. She added that these residents should quickly take steps to improve the "survivability" of their homes before a wildfire occurs in their vicinity. The fire prevention coordinator offered several tips to improve fire safety around the home. Keep lawns mowed short for a distance of at least 30 feet around your home and wider on the downslope side of homes built on slopes. Remove leaves and debris from roofs and gutters. Eliminate tall grass and weeds from around structures

and decks and from under overhead utility lines. Prune lower tree branches and remove tall brush from under trees. Screen under decks and behind house vents with wire mesh. Stack firewood well away from the house. Keep shrubbery and flower beds near your home well-watered and free of dead leaves and branches. Texans can also help themselves and each other by taking precautions to keep wildfires from occurring, particularly since people cause over 90 percent of Texas wildfires. "The greatest single cause of wildfires in Texas is careless debris and trash burning," said Hicks. "This is why our agency supports outdoor burning bans as a fire prevention tool where and when drought and fire conditions warrant." Hicks added that where out-

door trash burning is allowed, use a burn receptacle equipped with a metal screen or grid and surrounded by a wide fire break down to bare soil. She also recommended that all outdoor burning be postponed when dry, windy conditions prevail and vegetation in the area is dry and fire-prone. Other recommended safety precautions include using welding, grinding and other spark-producing equipment well away from dry grass. Avoid driving vehicles through tall, dry grass to prevent hot pollution control equipment from igniting the grass. Watch out for rocks or metal when bush hogging or mowing. Dispose of smoking materials properly. Check hay balers frequently for hot spots and overheated bearings, and keep a fire extinguisher readily available. The bottom line is that most Hispanics don't consider themselves victims. So let's not pretend they do. Hispanics have a bright future in America. Our nation will continue to grow culturally richer because of this growing population. We should appreciate and celebrate our culture, but we should not allow ourselves to be labeled as victims. We are just as smart and will work just as hard as any other American. I don't know about the people who represent these "professional minority" groups, but when I look in the mirror every morning I first see an American. I'm proud of my culture, but more proud and grateful to say I live in this country.

Texan's water is often not reused

By Susan Combs Contributing Writer Texas' population is expected to double by 2050. And that means the state's water resources will be strained by municipal demands - especially during times of drought - if we don't take action now. Today Texas uses 17 million acre-feet of water annually. That number is expected to increase to 20 million acre-feet by mid-century. It's clear we must find a way to reuse our state's water. According to information provided by the Texas Water Development Board's Regional Water Planning Groups, 27 percent of the state's water use

We are not victims

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

Hispanics from all over the world are assimilating in our great country. Their population numbers are at an all time high. As with most immigrants, they are chasing the American Dream and catching it in record numbers. This is happening because Hispanics are not victims. Each Hispanic, whether born here or a recent immigrant, represents an opportunity for success as a proud American.

That's why it was distressing to read media accounts of a new "survey" released by the National Council of La Raza. The survey attempts to portray Hispanic-Americans as victims. I couldn't disagree more. In fact, recent studies show us that Latinos are steadily assuming a greater role in the social, economic and political life of our country.

The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute has dedicated itself to studying the Latino population. Their research reveals that there is a booming Hispanic middle class, with good prospects for future growth. Average Latino income has almost doubled in the past decade and the amount of Latinos with a college education has risen almost 50 percent. These numbers prove that Hispanics are NOT predisposed to be poor, uneducated citizens. On the contrary, recent research shows the complete opposite. It proves to us that with hard work and self discipline Hispanics have the ability to achieve the American Dream.

All too often Hispanics are portrayed as victims, cowering in the neighborhoods, waiting for the federal government to rescue them. This is simply not the case. I am a descendant of Mexican immigrants. Three of my four grandparents came here from Mexico in the early 1900s. I was born in a housing project and grew up in the barrios of San Antonio. We never felt we were victims. My maternal grandmother worked as a maid in a downtown hospital for 30 years. She earned enough money to buy a home and have a pension. My father often worked two jobs to make ends meet. For a time while growing up, we even had to live in a small mobile home in my grandmother's back yard. No problem. Our attitude was always positive. We knew we lived in the greatest country in the world. And we knew that opportunity existed if we were willing to go to school and work hard.

More opportunities exist today than ever before for all ethnic groups. Universities compete for minorities. Financial aid is more plentiful than ever. Employers are aggressively working to diversify. Job training programs thrive. Advocacy groups that use scare tactics do Hispanics a great disservice. By making Hispanics feel like victims, these groups prove they are far out of touch with the people they claim to represent. Instead, they should encourage immigrants and young Hispanics to take advantage of the incredible opportunities that already exist.

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

**Tuesday, July 17**  
6:30 p.m., Ricardo Rodriguez, 27, from San Antonio, was arrested for Fictitious Registration and Inspection, by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Rodriguez is still being held.

11:48 p.m., Windows were reported open at the Elementary School. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

**Wednesday, July 18**  
9:00 a.m., Gregorio Ruiz, 27, from San Juan, TX, was arrested by DPS Trooper Wylie for no driver license, insurance, and registration. Ruiz is still being held.

5:10 p.m., A resident of Fort Clark Springs reported an attempted break in.

9:45 p.m., A resident of Fort Clark, reported that someone punched a hole through his door

and tried to get in.

**Thursday, July 19**  
7:18 p.m., A white Honda Tracker with two males and one female was reported as looking suspicious. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar, Deputy Manuel Pena Jr., and the Border Patrol Checkpoint were notified.

9:00 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent reported a dead deer on FM 1572. Game Warden Henry Lutz was advised.

**Friday, July 20**  
2:05 a.m., A man was cited for Public Intoxication and was requested to appear before the Justice of the Peace in two weeks.

2:30 p.m., Nicole Price, 26, from Brackettville, was arrested for warrants out of Bexar and Val Verde County by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Price posted bond the

same day.

9:30 p.m., Deputy Chism reported the front door to Jones Elementary unlocked.

**Saturday, July 21**  
2:45 p.m., A caller made a false 911 call. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo made sure everything was ok.

**Sunday, July 22**  
1:10 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to people locked behind a gate.

2:40 p.m., A woman reported a bad smell. A city employee was advised.

3:30 p.m., An employee from the City Pool, requested to send a city employee because the pool was overflowing.

8:51 p.m., An employee from a local store requested a deputy.

**Tomb of the unknown Mason**

By R. W.: James D. Ward  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Texas

There is a "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" ... and now Texas will have a "Tomb of the Unknown Mason."

During construction of a highway in El Paso in June 1998, an unmarked grave was uncovered. There were remnants of a Masonic Apron and a Masonic ring with the body.

Doctor (and Brother) Gil King, a member of Washington Lodge No. 1117 was called to investigate the discovery, and it was determined the body was a male, about 55 years of age, and it was probably buried in the 1850's.

Since no family members were known, and rather than re-inter the brother in a pauper's grave, the body was offered to the Grand Lodge of Texas. R. W.: James Ward accepted the body and contacted the Fort Worth Masonic

Service Bureau to donate a gravesite. PGM Joseph Regian is working on getting a marker donated and engraved and the body will be re-buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth on August 29th at 10:30 a.m. with full Masonic Honors. Many of the Grand Officers will be present for the graveside burial ceremonies.

This will be a good time to show our support and that the Masons of Texas truly care for our Brethren.

**A short lesson on Texas history**

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee met at the Alamo Complex on July 19, 2001. Chairman Dale Herrick presided and led the group in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

During the business meeting, Pat McKelvy, a member of Uvalde's Caddel-Smith Chapter, made a motion, which carried, that the 6 page pamphlet "Emancipation des Noirs, Politique de l'Angleterre" be purchased for \$1,225.00 from Michael Vinson.

This was during the period in Texas when Charles Wickliff was appointed by President Polk as a confidential agent to Texas. The joint resolution offering Texas statehood in the Union had been passed, and the president had received information that led him to believe that the ministers of Great Britain and France in Texas were exerting themselves to defeat annexation.

Wickliff was instructed to hasten to Texas in order to counteract the contemplated interference

and to urge upon the Texas authorities the desirability of accepting speedily the offer of annexation.

Meanwhile, as it gradually became known in French political circles that Charles Guizot, Prime Minister of France from 1840 to 1848, was planning unstinted support for England's policy to uphold the independence of Texas, rather than annexation to the United States, there was a great outcry in France.

This pamphlet was then published in Paris in 1845 to deter French co-operation with the British, and claimed that their emancipation of slaves only resulted from a consideration of the consequences to their world trade and not from any feelings of philanthropy towards Blacks. The end result was the French support for the recognition of slavery in the new state in Texas.

Raines interpreted the pamphlet this way: "The feeling for France on these questions: let Texas and

Oregon belong to the United States since they cannot belong to France."

The pamphlet will be a valuable addition to the archives in the DRT Library.

Several other less expensive items recommended for purchase by the Library Director, Elaine Davis, were also approved.

Library holdings are acquired through donations of individual gifts and of funds for the purchase of additions. The gift of memorials honoring family members and friends is a valued tradition of the library. Families of persons so honored are notified of the contribution, and the gift provides a lasting tribute to the collections of the library.

The resources of the DRT Library are available on an equal basis to all researchers who abide by library policies. Much of the material is rare or fragile, and it is essential that particular care be taken in handling each item.

**Texas highway-rail crossing collisions increase in 2000**

(Austin) - Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza is urging motorists to be cautious when approaching any highway-rail intersection. This safety reminder came following the release of figures showing highway-rail crossing collisions in Texas increasing for the second year in a row.

According to the final 2000 statistics from the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration, 388 collisions occurred at highway-rail crossings in Texas last year compared to 365 in 1999. Texas once again led the nation in the number of collisions last year.

"We are starting this new century on a discouraging note," said Chairman Williams. "Ironically in our fast-paced, high tech world when it comes to crossing any train track, we must recall the old-fashioned advice our grandmothers gave us - stop, look and listen."

"Texas has almost 12,000 miles of mainline track and 18,000 highway-rail crossings- the most of any state in the nation," said Commissioner Matthews. "That's why when crossing a train track, it's important to remember that anytime is train time."

"Even if you see a train miles down the track, it's closer than you think," added Commissioner Garza. "A freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied—that's the length of at least 18 football fields. It's a deadly game that the train will always win."

Williams, Matthews and Garza noted the 52 highway-rail fatalities

recorded in 2000 represented an increase from 41 fatalities the previous year. The state also recorded 164 injuries in 2000, down from 175 injuries in 1999.

Texas counties recording the most highway-rail crossing collisions in 2000 included: Harris (43); Dallas (22); Wise (14); Bexar (13); Tarrant (13); Montgomery (12); Jefferson (11); Webb (9) and Collin (7).

Statistics reveal that crossing gates were present in 24 percent of highway-rail crossing collisions recorded last year. More than half (55 percent) of the motorists involved never stopped at the intersection before being hit.

Thirty-four trespasser fatalities

were reported in 2000, compared to 42 in 1999. This represents the first decrease of trespasser deaths since 1991.

According to preliminary data compiled by the Railroad Commission of Texas, 113 highway-rail grade crossing collisions have already occurred in the state through the first four months of 2001.

Through a joint effort with the "Operation Lifesaver" program, the Railroad Commission works year round to educate drivers about rail crossing safety with classes held in schools and other venues statewide. Operation Lifesaver classes emphasize the safety message of "Look, Listen and Live."

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Vela, Meza to wed in September



Mr. Jose Vela and Mrs. Graciela de la Rosa de Vela of Brackettville, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter Leticia (Chata) Vela to Jorge Luis Meza. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Meza of Crystales, Mexico. The bride elect is a graduate of Brackettville High School and longtime employee at Stop N Shop. They plan a September 22, 2001 wedding.

Baggetts share experiences

*Continued from Page 1*

former enemies were working together to fight a war on hunger and disease, and for humanitarianism and peace.

He asked if we remembered the picture taken during the Vietnam war of a 9 year-old girl running naked through the streets of Anlok Vietnam, screaming in pain and burning from Napalm. The picture won a Pulitzer Prize.

The girl, now a woman, is named Kim Foo. She was featured speaker at the training session. Baggett was very moved since as a Sergeant in the Army, he had been in Vietnam at that very time. Her message was that it was far better to forgive even such a horrible injustice than to

harbor hate or seek revenge. Baggett and his wife were deeply moved by her address. Later, they happened to be in an elevator with her. He wanted to say something to her but was so choked with emotion that the elevator was discharging its passengers before he finally managed to do so. As they stepped out, he said, "Kim," and she turned to face him. He was flooded with feeling, but finally was able to speak. The only words he could say were, "I'm sorry."

Baggett touched his listeners' hearts as he told his story and left the group feeling enabled by being a part of an international effort to bring peace and a better life to mankind.

Committing to stay in your marriage is the first step

*Empowering Families*  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"I've just about had it with Jim," said Cathy. "I can't communicate with him. He won't sit down and talk, ever. I can't get to his feelings. It's like I've lived with a man for ten years and don't really know him. I feel like we're total strangers."

"I know how you feel," said Rhonda, taking a sip of her coffee. "There's not a woman alive who hasn't had that complaint. Jack and I were at that point three years ago. I felt like we had grown apart and I was ready for a new life."

"But I thought you and Jack were the perfect couple," Cathy spoke with surprise.

"We covered it up pretty well for a long time. I had decided that I would stick it out for the kids. Besides Jack has always been a good father, and when you come right down to it a pretty decent husband. It was just that he never wanted to talk."

"What did you do?" Cathy asked.

"Well, the first thing I did was visit with my pastor. He gave me some good spiritual advice and recommended a Christian counselor. At first Jack refused to go to the counselor so I went alone. At the end of the first session, she asked me what I was doing to make the situation better. I had to admit that all I was doing was complaining which made things worse."

She helped me to see that men and women communicate differently. She also helped me to do some things to change myself. As I began to change, Jack got more agreeable. He finally went to the counselor with me and we began to get our marriage back on track. The first thing you need to do, Cathy is to make a commitment to stay with your marriage. I can tell you it's worth it. With help your marriage can be all that you want it to be."

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

Protect yourself from identity theft

Think of how many times a day you share your personal information. You may write a check at the grocery store, apply for a credit card, make a call on your cell phone, charge tickets to a ballgame, mail your tax return or buy airline tickets over the Internet.

With each transaction, you share your personal information: your bank and credit card account numbers, your income, your social security number, your name, address and phone number.

In 1998, Congress passed a law making identity theft a federal crime. The U.S. Secret Service, FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigate violations of the Act. Persons accused of identity theft are prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Unless you live your life in a bubble, you can't prevent the stealing of your personal information, but you can minimize the risks of this crime happening to you by following these suggestions from the Independent Bankers Association of Texas:

- Never divulge information about your social security number, credit card number, account passwords and other personal information unless you initiate contact with the person or company you know and trust.
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Most of us assume that thieves are only interested in the cash in our wallet or purse, when in many cases, they are more interested in access to sensitive information that can be used to steal our identity. Use caution and don't be the next victim of identity theft or other financial fraud.

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From left, Miwes and Rotary Governor Dick Baggett, who spoke to Rotarians at their July 19 meeting. The two shared their experiences in humanitarianism while they have been members of the Rotary club.

Boat ramps closed at Amistad

The new concrete boat ramp at Box Canyon and Panther Cave has been closed. Low lake levels due to continued drought is the reason for these closures.

The new boat ramp at Box Canyon, operable since February, has been out of service since July 19.

Panther Cave is now inaccessible due to shallow water and muddy conditions, and will be closed to motorized vessels.

"The good news," Brindle says, "is that our maintenance crew can take advantage of the lower lake levels, and continue to extend the length of the concrete ramp at Box Canyon."

It is unknown when these two areas will reopen. The lake is currently dropping about one inch per day, and only rain can bring the levels back up again. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune into AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/amis](http://www.nps.gov/amis).

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# Full staff hired, get kids involved in activities this year

Making A Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

We have a full staff hired for the 2001-02 school year. Positions have been filled in vocational agriculture and in all teacher/coaching positions. The staff looks like a good one. We're very excited.

This week, the foundation will be poured for the new technology training building. This new building will be used primarily for staff training. Someday, we may have distance learning at night and on weekends for adults and/or students. It will be a major addition to our facilities.

You can begin to get an idea about the bleachers at the football stadium. They will have much more room for school patrons. You'll enjoy the change.

Phyllis and I are in Missouri this week visiting my son and his wife. Of course, we'll spend time with little Taylor (Bubba) who is now three years old. He and I will spend lots of time exploring and talking before we return to Texas Thursday, July 26. The humidity will be high in Columbia, Mo. The comfort

index is predicted to be 105 to 110 degrees; so enjoy the cool ???, dry heat of Texas. Anyway, that's my son's analysis.

Band rehearsals will begin this next week. Then, football, volleyball, cheerleading will begin about the 6th of August. I encourage you to get your kids involved in one of these activities. They are fine student activities that stress teamwork, discipline and achieving goals. Raising kids is a lot easier if you will use the help that student activities provide for you.

We hope to have our budget put together for board review by August 7. This will be the final major item to get completed for the 2001-02 school year. Have a great week!

# Education reform creates the perpetual money machine

By Don M. Fisher, Iconoclast Staff Writer  
Contributing Writer

Testing means business, a multimillion dollar business.

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test costs the state of Texas about \$40 million per year to administer, and the state has signed a \$233 million contract with NCS-Pearson and a half-dozen subcontractors to give the new tougher, content-based TAAS II (whose name is being changed to TAKS).

Texas Education Agency (TEA) commissioner Jim Nelson unveiled this Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exam, giving the state exam a new acronym. But the real cost may be many times that. High-stakes testing nationwide has established an industry: test preparation.

The business of providing schools with aids to boost their test scores did not exist before the 20-year-old era of standardized test graduation requirements and a state and national curricula. According to vendors who sell test prep materials, up to 10 percent of school districts' budgets now go to producing software, workbooks, teacher training, and other special programs. The 1998 law that created TAKS states that it is the responsibility of the local board and the administration to retrain teachers and be sure that students pass, said Keith Cruse, managing director of the TEA's Student Assessment Division. School districts where scores remain below the state-dictated average three years in a row are subject to being taken over by a "special master" from TEA, who will order the board and administration to do what is necessary to improve. If the district still does not score high enough, it can be disbanded and its students sent to a surrounding district.

"We've got to get them all convinced" that current lessons and teaching methods for most teachers will have to change, Cruse said. "If it's going to take money to get the scores up where they ought to be, you'd better spend the money," he said.

Those stakes will get higher with the adoption of the 2001 U.S. education bill. The House version orders guidelines for each state to create its own test; the Senate version requires the National Assessment of Education Progress, an instrument whose content is dictated by an Education Department board. Either version orders local districts to give students a test upon which their federal funding will depend. That order, school officials and vendors say, puts money in the pockets of the education industry.

Local principals said they are solicited weekly by private companies offering TAKS remediation guides. State education conventions and large meetings are usually surrounded by more than a hundred vendor booths hawking free samples of their test preparation materials and giving away toys, souvenirs,

(ARA) - It's that time of year again - put away the beach bags and get out the back packs - school is just around the corner. This is an ideal time for parents and students to develop strategies to reduce the stress and anxiety that comes with the start of a new school year.

Begin by establishing daily routines before school starts. According to Harvard child psychologist Dr. Larry Kutner, a.k.a. "Dr. Dad," this is especially important for young children since they have more difficulty with transitions. One way to do this is to practice your morning schedule the week before school actually starts. Find out how long it takes to get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and head out the door. This will help

alleviate any last-minute morning hassles.

Designate a space in your home specifically for doing homework. It may be better if this area is not in the child's room because there are often too many distractions there. Developing good study habits at an early age will help your child improve responsible behaviors long-term.

Discuss how your children might deal with bullies and other situations that concern them. If your children are prepared to deal with difficult circumstances, there will be fewer problems and worry when they arise. For strategies on discussing these issues with your younger children, Dr. Kutner recommends www.tonymtime.

com, a program developed jointly by Stand for Children and Tony's Pizza. The Web site features tips and activities that teach children about responsibility, respect, rules and relationships.

Review safety and school rules with your children to avoid any confusion. It's important to understand how to safely board and exit a bus, as well as how to cross streets before and after school. In addition, discuss what is appropriate to bring into a classroom and what is not.

Set a time each day to talk with your children about their school day. This conversation could take place during dinner, in the car, or right before bed. Have reasonable expectations for what the conversation will be

like. Asking, "How was school today?" is likely to get a standard response of, "Fine." Asking more specific questions such as, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" may be a better way to start a conversation. But whichever approach you choose, it is important to maintain an open dialogue with your children and be aware of their daily activities and what they are learning.

Most important, be enthusiastic. Acknowledge your children's concerns about the challenges of a new school year, but help them get excited about learning and making new friends. By preparing yourself and your children ahead of time, you'll pave the way for a successful start of the school year.

# The agony of Ecstasy

Teen trial use of Ecstasy has doubled in the last five years. With its reputation as a safe drug - one that is not addictive and can't get you into trouble, taking Ecstasy is just harmless fun, right? Wrong.

Just one month after the U.S. Sentencing Commission dramatically raised the penalties for selling the so called "safe club drug," two 17 year-olds died in Memphis from taking Ecstasy. The Sentencing Commission received a mandate from Congress to stiffen sentences for dealing in Ecstasy and recent research studies reveal that the drug is far from the "safe, happy, party drug" it is promoted to be. It has some very serious, long-term effects.

Once only sold in clubs and at raves, a new White House Drug Policy Report shows it is now available in schools, on the streets and even some coffee shops. A survey by the Department of Health and Human Services revealed that use of Ecstasy by high school sophomores and seniors is up 55%.

The 2000 Monitoring the Future Study found that use of Ecstasy in the past year by 8th graders increased by 82% and use in the past month by 10th graders increased 44%.

The origins of the drug make fascinating reading: developed in 1914 as an appetite suppressant, it was later used by psychiatrists to help patients get in touch with their feelings. The FDA disallowed further use of the drug in 1986 after animal testing proved it caused brain damage. Then it surfaced in the clubs and raves as the "feel good" drug of the nineties.

Erika Christensen, the young star of the award-winning movie Traffic, recently hosted a special program about the dangers of Ecstasy on PBS.

Rosalie from Chicago was one of the young people interviewed on the PBS show. "The worst mistake I ever made was taking Ecstasy," she said. "Yeah, it feels good, but now I have to deal with a mental disorder directly related to taking Ecstasy. I even attempted suicide during a comedown."

One of the immediate dangers of taking Ecstasy is dehydration and exhaustion while more serious dangers include memory loss. A study published in "Neurology" shows Ecstasy leads to difficulties retaining what is seen and heard. Not only does the drug cause problems while someone is taking it, but it can interfere with normal learning and memory long after one stops taking it.

and even tote bags to carry the vendors' "freebies" and samples.

TEA, teachers' associations, or other agencies include a vendor area when booking conventions or similar large meetings, usually charging those vendors for space. The trend is now nationwide.

"It has created quite a little cottage industry here," said Charles McCarthy, principal of Arlington High School, a suburb of Boston, Mass. "Not a week goes by that I don't get some advertisement in here guaranteeing higher test scores for more money."

Some states, like Illinois and New York, contract for their own remedial materials. Florida offers a list of approved vendors for its upcoming content test.

"I really thought the major textbook publishers would put us out of business a long time ago," said Martha Starkey, a

20-year veteran classroom teacher who has sold test preparation materials 17 years for Educational Design, a nationwide corporation that concentrates on the market for individuals, and covers every exam from high school to law school. "But TAAS is what makes room for us."

She said the state constantly changes the annual test, creating a new market every year.

"They (textbooks) can't change as fast as we can," she said.

Other vendors we talked to agreed, but said the market is rapidly changing and highly competitive. "This is high-risk publishing," said Michael Gregory, who sells test preparation materials in Virginia. "The test changes as the political dimension of the state legislature changes. In the best case scenario, the test is going to be revised, and last year's materials

are going to be worthless. Your materials have a very short shelf-life and an even shorter production schedule."

Chad Threet, co-founder of Austin-based Sleek Software, which provides computer programs schools can use to design remedial programs to meet their students' particular test needs, said the education reform movement has created a perpetual market. The "political pendulum" is still swinging. "The more rigorous the test, the more difficult it is, that makes it essential for schools to get help," he said. "It is very difficult to create materials like this yourself."

Schools can't keep up with professionally written standardized tests on their own, Gregory said. They don't have the time or research capabilities to find out how the test itself works. And traditional textbooks are no help.





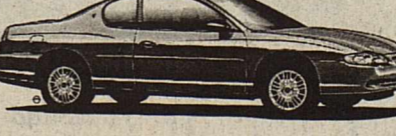
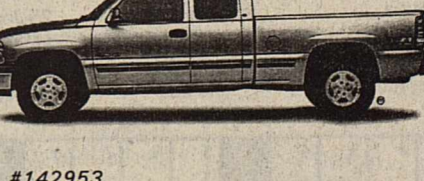
"There's not a textbook out there that teaches the way the (state curriculum) has to be taught in Virginia if your students are going to pass (the state's test). We develop lessons that are just not available anywhere else. Teachers usually aren't very good writers; they aren't particularly articulate and they don't know much about standardized testing," Gregory said. Threet said Sleek rarely seeks out classroom teachers to prepare their software.

"We look for people who have a lot of experience writing test materials," he said. "Teachers don't have time to do all the things they're being asked to do," he said. "We try to provide teachers the tools to get in there and deal with the core issues of accountability. We can make it more efficient to prepare students and free the teacher up to do more . . . without having to

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1 Beer ingredient
5 Metal post
9 Put off
14 Discharge
15 Prefix for date or room
16 With speed
17 Do a fall chore
18 Headliner
19 Relaxes
20 Method of crossing a pool
23 Eye-poking stoooge
24 Part of an addr.
25 Play by Karel Capek
28 Toiled
32 One who is brown in summer and white in winter
34 Large piece of meat
35 Banking transaction
37 Rara
38 Ms. Lee
39 Helps in crime
40 good example; be a role model
41 Under-ground passage
42 Nick-name for writer Stein
43 Scatter
44 Ship
46 Failure's opposite
48 NJ's zone, in summer
49 Old Testament book
51 Pole with a broad blade
52 Confusion
58 Word with center or duty
61 Forest creature
62 Pupil's surrounding
63 Like Pisa's tower
64 Secular
65 One of three that crossed the sea
66 Sounds
67 Gaelic
68 Roe
DOWN
1 Cook's seasoning
2 General Bradley
3 Explorer Zebulon
4 River transports
5 Learn well
6 Household pests
7 RBI or ERA
8 Earth: Lat.
9 Gloomier
10 Fencing prop
11 Los Angeles and Louisiana, for short
12 1 of 5 in a Shakespeare play
13 Oui
21 Shortly lower
22 Kitchen units
25 Joan
26 Ties
27 Cut again
28 Praised
29 Painter
30 River in Europe
31 Getters
33 Cleverly plan and direct a group project
34 Unflinching
36 Aleutian island
39 Shining
43 Skin mark
45 Expels
47 Force
50 Perennial bestseller
52 Bird's feature
53 King
54 Lectern site
55 1 of 5 "Greats"
56 Digit
57 Basil III or Peter III
58 Baseball fan's accessory
59 Suffix for Wyoming and Seattle
60 By means of

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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?
Today's Category: CHARACTERS FROM SHAKESPEARE
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch
1. What was Beaver Cleaver's real first name?
2. Who won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for "Tales of the South Pacific"?
3. What Saudi Arabian king was assassinated by his nephew in 1975?
4. What two suits are the one-eyed jacks in a deck of cards?
5. What Manhattan thoroughfare was nicknamed "Millionaires' Row"?
6. What is the simplest gem in chemical composition?
7. How many pounds are there in a kilogram?
8. Who was the first U.S. billionaire?
9. Who said, "Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair; he bleaches his face"?
10. What is the term for an organism that lives on or in another?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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July 28.....Eleanor Garza
July 28.....J.D. Samaniego
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July 29.....Dorthea Dirk
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July 31.....Maria Terrazas
July 31.....Ruben Terrazas
July 31.....Theresa Terrazas
August 1.....Antonio Rubio

HOROSCOPES
by Charles Cooper
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) While you don't make much progress on the workfront, it's not a tragedy. You find this is a slow time in general. This weekend, pursue recreational interests.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The best part of the week is the early part to get things done. Later, you can feel free to slack off a bit. Over the weekend, take time out for a family member's problems.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Socializing shouldn't be uppermost on your to-do list this week. Instead, concentrate on a difficult work project. By week's end, you're happy with the progress you make.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're being overly suspicious of a co-worker. Not every conversation centers around you. This is the time to mind your own business.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Trying to defuse tensions at home gets you nowhere. Let this situation resolve itself on its own. This weekend, peace is happily restored.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're taken by surprise at your business partner's innovative suggestion. Implement it fully. You'll both benefit from the success it produces.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You may shine socially this week, but not everyone is enamored of you. You have some making up to do with a family member. Do this before the weekend rolls around.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This isn't the week to indulge in procrastination. A project you've been putting off needs to be addressed now. You can relax once everything is cleared up.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're presented with a difficult challenge at work. However, you're up to the task. Just be sure all your research is in order before starting.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A financial check finds you in pretty good standing. However, consult your mate about any joint purchases. Be sure you shop for the best buys.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're almost ready to make a romantic commitment. However, your usual fear of such things is holding you back. Waiting too long could find you single and alone.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) News of major import affects the entire family. However, it's happy news and nothing dire. Some weekend social invitations aren't worth the time or trouble to attend.
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Roaring Twenties Solution:
1. Antony 11. Laertes
2. Ariel 12. Macbeth
3. Brutus 13. Macduff
4. Cassius 14. Ophelia
5. Cleopatra 15. Othello
6. Hamlet 16. Paris
7. Iago 17. Polonius
8. Juliet 18. Portia
9. Julius Caesar 19. Richard III
10. King Lear 20. Romeo

Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.
1. Theodore; 2. James Michener; 3. Falsal; 4. Hearts and spades; 5. Fifth Avenue; 6. The diamond; 7. 2; 8. John D. Rockefeller; 9. Johnny Carson; 10. Parasitic

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