Thursday, June 29, 2006

Glory Road

June 29 & 30 July 1 & 2

8:30 pm at the Old Quarry Amphitheater, Fort Clark Springs

Chamber BBO

Friday, June 30 6 pm at the Fort Clark Swim Park Plate Sale \$6

Parade, Hotdog Plate

Sale & Concert July 1 at 9 am down Ann St. Participants meet at 8 am in front of BHS at the Tiger. FREE Veterans Band Concert at the Swim Park following Parade. Plate Sale \$2.50 Children & \$6 for Adults

Annual Gunfighter Competition July 1 at Alamo Village Cates open at 9 am

Fireworks

pm on Tuesday, July 4th at the

Empty Saddle, Fort Clark Springs

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Dollar General schedules holiday week opening

to open the doors of a their new health and beauty aids, pack- store," said Bill Bertholf, a Dol- store's manager. Brackettville store on July 5.

fore the department store's nery, seasonal goods, basic 8,000 company-owned stores in planned opening, a small staff clothing and domestics," said 34 states, "the prices are low and of twenty men and women are Dollar General Spokesperson will be the same from one town rapidly working to put fixtures Emily Snyder in a statement re- to the next," continued Bertholf. together and stock the shelves leased in May. with merchandise.

ville. Dollar General sells qual- counted prices.

Dollar General is scheduled ity general merchandise such as aged food products, home clean- lar General Store Merchandiser. With less than a week left be- ing supplies, housewares, statio-

"Dollar General is pleased to also sell milk, eggs, butter, Spring St. and will provide 6 to open a new store in Brackett- cheese and frozen foods at dis- 10 new jobs in Brackettville.

With the buying power of named over the next week.

The 8,492 square foot store The Brackettville store will is located on Hwy. 90 West and

Carolyn Conoly, of Brackett- p.m. on Sunday.

"We are the little community ville, has been named as the

Other staff members will

Efforts are being made to get the store opened on July 4, "but I can't guarantee it," said Bertholf as he returned to stock-

Dollar General store hours will be: 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mon. through Sat. and 10 a.m. until 8

GENERAL comes to Brackett.







Photos by Leigh Volcsko

Brackettville locals work to ready the new Dollar General Store for it's opening scheduled for July 5.

News BRIEFS

Veterans. Celebrating America

Fulton Street beside the high

school at 8 a.m. and start at 9

a.m. World War II Vets will ride

marshals. The celebration at the

end of the parade will be held at

the Fort Clark Springs swim

The celebration will feature

concert by the Corpus Christi

Veterans Band. Hotdog and wa-

termelon lunch plates will be

park area.

The parade will assemble on

is the theme for the parade.

Feral hog attacks young man

Independence Day Glory Road There will be a parade Sat..

History comes to life! The July 1st to honor World War II Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will proudly perform "The Glory Road" June 29 & 30 and July 1 & 2 at the Am-

phitheater at Fort Clark Springs. This production recaptures the color and adventure of Fort on a float and serve as parade Clark at the height of its glory. Admission for adults will be \$5. Admission for children under 12 will be \$3. Ticket Info 830-563-9229 or by mail: PO Box 813, Brackettville, TX 78832.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will have a Barbeque dinner on Friday, June sold for \$5 for adults and \$3 for 30 at the swim park, beginning children. WWII veterans will reat 6:00 p.m. Menu will include ceive a complimentary lunch. barbeque chicken and sausage with the trimming for \$6.00 a plate and \$1.00 for drinks. Come eat then walk up the hill to the play.

Soccer Registration

Soccer registration will be held Sat. July 1 from 11am to 2pm at the Public Library. The cost will be \$60 per child.

Fireworks

Fireworks will be on Tues., July 4 on Fort Clark Springs in front of the Empty Saddle at 9 p.m.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

Isolated T-storms High:96 Low:72

Saturday



High:91 Low:71



Scattered T-storms High:90

4th of July Float: We will be having a 4-H 4th of July Float. It will be held on Saturday, July 1st. If you would like to participate please arrive at 8 a.m. Meet between the new high school and Ag Shop to help decorate and the parade will begin at 9 a.m. Don't forget to wear red, white and blue!!

4-H Points: Just a reminder 4-H Points are due Friday, June 30th by 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Project record forms must be turned in with your 4-H Points. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 563-

Warning System Signals:

TEST: Single tone that lasts 10-15 seconds (sounded each day at noon). FIRE CALL: Three tone on & off) Lasts 1 minute. Frontier Baptist Church will (Sounded for Fire Dept. fires and be hosting a one day Vacation house and structure fires) Bible School for ages 5 years STORM: Steady tone that lasts through 8th grade Friday, June 30, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch 3 minutes. If it repeats in 5 min., and refreshments will be served. means severe weather.

In honor of Cpl. Charles "Carlos" Gomez By Cassandra Gomez



He awakes strong and confident, Ready to face a brand new He and his friends work proudly to defeat all obstacles, come

what may. He stands tall, he stands proud, underneath a banner that gracefully waves.

He stands tall, he stands proud. He must fight for the home of the brave. There is courage running through his blood and there is honor in his heart.

He fights for our Freedom and for our lives. He bravely does his part. My brother is an American Soldier, one of the best in all the

land. He's one of the few, the proud, a US Marine and he fearlessly takes a stand. He fights for you.

He fights for me. He fights for this country, the land of the Free.

and injured by a wild hog on a ranch north of town on June 25.

Preliminary law enforcement reports state that 23 year old Ronald James Harold, of Houston was flown by helicopter to University Hospital in San Antonio for injuries sustained to his left leg after an adult feral hog attacked him.

Harold was trying to release a trap-style pen when it charged at

The young man suffered a large bite on the back of his lower from 100 to over 400 pounds. The

The hog was later shot and killed by the ranch owner.

was in Kinney County visiting with friends.

website notes that with each generation, the once domesticated animal, has become more aggreshog that had gotten caught in a sive in order to develop the traits needed to survive in the wild.

"A feral hog may reach shoulder height of 36 inches and weigh

causes a continuous sharpening of the lower tusks. They have It was also reported that relatively poor eyesight but have Harold recently completed his a keen sense of smell," read "The service in the U.S. Airforce and Feral Hog in Texas" report by wildlife biologist Rick Taylor.

"Feral hogs are unprotected, The Texas Parks and Wildlife exotic, non-game animals. Therefore, they may be taken by any means or methods at any time of year. There are no seasons or bag limits, however a hunting license and landowner permission are required to hunt them," continued Taylor.

To read the entire report, visit leg and puncture wound to the hogs have four continuously the Texas Parks Wildlife Diviupper thigh. Harold is reportedly growing tusks (two on top, two sion website at: www.tpwd.com.

Ponce Padron appointed to city council

that expires in May 2007.

Padron will serve out the last

The council approved a reso-

tative to speak on the City's be-

County Groundwater Conserva-

Ponce Padron was appointed by a unanimous vote to serve as Alderman Place #1 at a special city council meeting on

Council members Mary Flores, Lydia Tipps, Chica Garza and Matt Bland all voted in favor of accepting the resignation of Alderman Tully Welch.

Welch, a Trooper for the Department of Transportation, was transferred from Brackettville and no longer eligible to serve on the council.

Padron was sworn in by City Secretary Bonnie Mayes in a small ceremony at City Hall on June 22.

The City plans to oppose the

pending application by Grass Valley Water, a limited partnership corporation that is applying for 10,998 acre feet of water to sell to the City of Laredo

tion District meeting.

for public supply use. In the city secretary's monthly report, Mayes stated ity account, \$4,031.45 in the Attendant.

account vear of Welch's two year term \$1,787.92 in the land account for a total of \$30,873.13.

Mayes also reported lution to authorize a represen- \$41,545.97 in unpaid bills for May and \$15,891.79 in unpaid half at the upcoming Kinney bills for June.

Mayes stated theft of utility services, pipeline leaks and customers not paying their bills were all contributing factors for the \$26,564.63 deficit.

After nearly forty-five minutes in executive session, Mayor Eduardo Esparza entertained the council's vote to hire Zandra Castillo as Utility Clerk and Louis Antonio Guajardo as there was \$25,053.76 in the util- Meter Reader/Collection Site



Ponce Padron

Ponce Padron was sworn in as Alderman Place #1 by City Secretary Bonnie Mayes on June

Editors Weekly PLOG

We're Moving

The Brackett News will be moving their office to 107 W. Spring on June 30. For information, please call 830-563-2852 or 830-776-3180.

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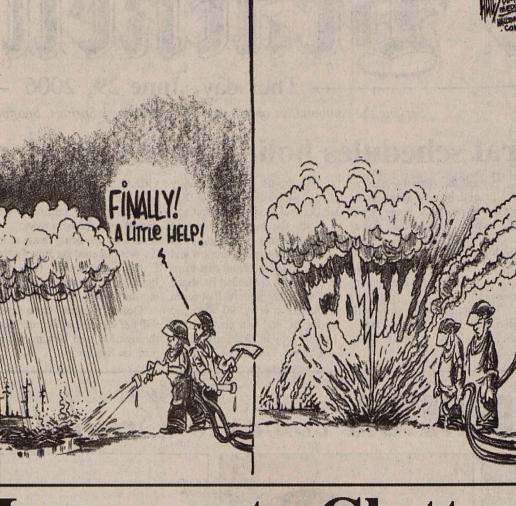
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Immune to Clutter



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

When was the last time you sat down to just color, draw, play music, sing, paint or whatever your talent is!

When our homes are cluttered and CHAOS reigns supreme, we don't have time to do the things that fulfill us!

So that gets put on the back die! That little flame is the passion that is inside of you!

How sad that we have hidden our little light under a bushel basket all because we don't think we have time!

So what is your talent? I never knew what mine was until I got my home in order! I the clutter in your brain too!

always knew I could do anything and motivating!

It was only 4 months after I started my routines that I began writing! It even shocked me! At that time I was still caught

up in my perfectionism and wanted it to be just perfect before I would let anyone see it.

It is much more fun now! I write to my hearts content and give it to the world every day!

one is perfect and I feel great about the message. Clutter does not bless our

burner and the flame begins to to rob us of our passion, love, stand back and look at it! How money and time! Let go of your clutter and

find yourself with more time than you ever dreamed possible.

It is hard work organizing clutter that is why I say that you cannot organize clutter; you can

This villain comes into your I set my mind to do, but I never home and holds you hostage forknew my talent was in writing ever; unless you get wise to his evil intentions and toss him out on his ear!

Clutter slips in unexpected and slowly adds more clutter to your home! It robs you of your

Oh let's do a little test! Just clean off the coffee table in your living room. Go spend 5 minutes doing it.

Now make it completely It may have mistakes, but no clear; no what-nots; just a clear space! Feather dust the table or wipe it down.

It has been a while since you homes! It is a villain that comes have seen that surface! Now start putting stuff back on it till it begins to feel uncomfortable!

I wager that after about 3 items you stop yourself, because is doesn't look good, but the truth is how it makes you feel only get rid of it! That goes for inside is why you stop! We become immune to our clutter!

We don't think our things are clutter but if your spouse piles the dining table up with something they are working on, it is clutter.

Our stuff is a project that we

are going to get back to. Practice picking up after yourself and putting things away when it is time to stop working on it. You can get it back out later. Recognize your clutter, release it and find your passion

Editor's Note: For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www. FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her new book, Body



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Financial Focus: Take Steps to Avoid **Investment Scams**



Emily Cooper

It's unfortunate, but true: Unscrupulous people and companies do try to take advantage of unsuspecting investors.

And the Internet has made it a lot easier for these predators to reach a mass audience.

To avoid potential ripoffs, you need to be vigilant, and you need to ask questions - lots of

While there are many types of fraudulent activities floating around the Internet, one of the most common scams resembles a "pyramid scheme," by which shady operators initially appear legitimate by using money coming in from new recruits to pay off early stage investors.

If you participate in such a plan, you might make a little money right away, only to be encouraged — or required — to buy a "membership" so you can boost your earnings.

However, when the pyramid gets too big, it will eventually implode, because, at its heart, it is a dishonest arrangement that can never truly be funded enough to reward all investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has issued guidance for you to defend yourself against "get rich quick" schemes.

Here are a few of the SEC's suggestions:

• If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

This piece of advice has been around a long time, and it's just as valid today as when it was first uttered.

If someone promises you a does that make you feel? Next high rate of return, be suspi-

Compare what's being offered with current returns of well-known stock market in-

 Investigate a company before you invest. The company that "pitches" you an offer may well have an impressive-sounding name, but that doesn't mean

Before you spend a dollar, contact the secretary of state where the company is incorporated to see if the company is, in fact, a corporation, and whether it is in good standing.

You can also call your own state securities regulator to see whether the company, or whoever is promoting the offer, has a history of complaints or frauds.

If the company has only a post office box or is unwilling to provide you with information about its location or management, you are looking at a "red flag" already.

• Ignore "testimonials." If a company is fraudulent, it won't have much trouble generating fake testimonials from "satisfied customers."

· Say "no thanks" to "guar-

When a promoter guarantees you a high rate of return, you can be assured there's something In the investment world.

high returns are typically only achieved by higher-risk vehicles - and they don't offer guaran-

In fact, no reputable financial professional will promise you a specific return on a stock or other variable security.

Forget about "Shortcuts"

Most of the schemes you will encounter promise big returns in short periods of time.

But in reality, that hardly ever happens. Substantial growth in invest-

ments typically occurs over a long period of time - which means that, as an investor, you need patience and discipline above all else.

Ultimately, there is no shortcut to investment success.

You need to evaluate each investment opportunity based on your individual goals risk tolerance, portfolio balance and time horizon.

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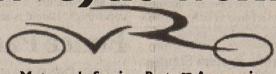
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He had been married for over 30 years to Sarah. She had been his encouragement and his support all those years. But one day, Sarah took ill. It had caught them both off guard. Vance would stay by his wife's side, eventually seeing her slip away into eternity and into the arms of the Lord

It is hard letting go of a loved one and it was not easy for Vance. He took comfort in knowing that Sarah was now in heaven and no longer battling a disease and that he would one day be reunited

Brother I.

ing for some time with higher

taxes and more and more rules.

The colonists were tired of be-

ing in bondage and ruled by

They wanted their freedom!

On June 7, 1776 Richard

Henry Lee of Virginia asked the

Continental Congress to declare

independence from Britain. The

Congress met and a committee

appointed Thomas Jefferson to

someone else.

write a draft.

The problem had been brew-

Vance was an author and books. He decided to write a book about his and Sarah's struggles during her illness. Vance honestly wrote about what he struggled with and how he leaned upon the Lord Jesus for help and strength.

His book entitled, "Though I Walk Through The Valley" ended up being his best selling book he had ever written. He received numerous letters thanking him for writing it and for his encouragement. Vance was amazed at the response.

In John 16:33 Jesus says, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Life is full of trials and difficult times.

July Fourth; Declaration of Independence

was read and slightly rewritten.

tion of Independence was ac-

July 4, 1776. This great country was founded on an idea that

men and women, be free. This holiday we can enjoy the many

freedoms and privileges that men

and women fought and died for.

price. We re planning a family

get together with a picnic and

maybe some fireworks but the

neat thing is that we are free to

make choices. I am also reminded

of the freedom that was made

available to us many years ago

when Christ died on the cross

for us, (1 Corinthians 15:3&4).

it! Oh, how wonderful it is to be

free from the penalty of sin,

All we have to do is accept

That freedom came with a

On July 2,1776 the Declara-

cepted and it became official on day. Brother J

Christ. He knew that since Jesus life was not over and that the overcame sin, hell, and the grave Lord was opening a new door for preacher and had written many and that he had Jesus Christ as his him to go through. How about Lord and Savior, that he too could overcome. During his difficult

> when faced with difficulties, depression, discouragement, and the death of a loved one try to Jesus wants to help you where drop out of life. They begin to you are at, so come as you are, isolate themselves and many just He will not turn you away. Jesus give up on living. Can I tell you how Vance finished his life? Vance not only wrote the book, but after its release he was overwhelmed with invitations to speak in various Churches and conferences. There were so many invitations that he was unable to go to everyone.

Vance did not give up on life. He leaned on Jesus and allowed Vance like many others placed Jesus to comfort him and encourhis hope and his trust in Jesus age him. Vance knew that his

rious future we can look forward

See you in Church next Sun-

to, (1 Peter 1:8&9).

you? Has something devastating happened to you? Has your time, Vance drew near to the Lord. world been turned upside down? Unfortunately many people If so, then cast all your cares, your heartache upon the Lord Jesus and allow Him to help you. loves you very, very much.

Thank You

I wish to thank all friends and family that helped and came to celebrate my birthday on June 19th.

Special thanks to my sons Albert and Oscar Payne for the surprise birthday dinner.

Thank you also for the gifts, I appreciate your kindness.

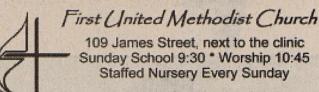
Julia Payne

In the loving memory of **James Dwight Welch**

(Pop Welch) 8/7/22 - 6/19/06 A beautiful, kind soul left our world...

He was a tremendous teacher/father/husband/friend. Some things are too deeply felt to be fully expressed, so... Thanks to all who supported our family in our hour of sorrow. Your generosity of time energy and food was most appreciated. We sincerely want to thank Fort Clark Springs employees for their kindness and support.

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OBITUARY

Jim Welch

Jim Welch, age 84, left us on June 19, 2006. He had been ill for many months and had excellent care provided by Hospice, daughter Victoria, care takers Joe Avila and Tonie Harris. People from Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs were very attentive, thoughtful and kind. Jim spent 24 years in the U.S. Army and truly loved the service. He is survived by wife Bea, daughters Linda Robinett who resides in Goovette, Ark., Victoria Isaacs of Fort Clark and Rebecca Francois of Cincinnatti, four granddaughters, two great grandsons, one sister and many nieces and nephews. The way we see his life was like a staircase, each step being part of the journey. Some steps are smooth and unobstructed. Some steps have loose stones or gravel. Picture a strong and secure handrail along side of each step. That handrail represents the strength and security we have in God, and he had support till the very end.

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Bea Welch

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On June 28 Jefferson's draft (Revelation 1:5) and the joy of a new life in Christ and the glo-Great th



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him

Corner of Fort

and Henderson

that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publishin Decopolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

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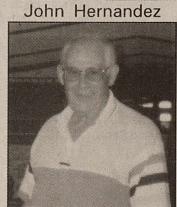
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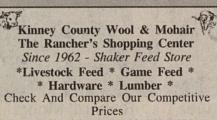
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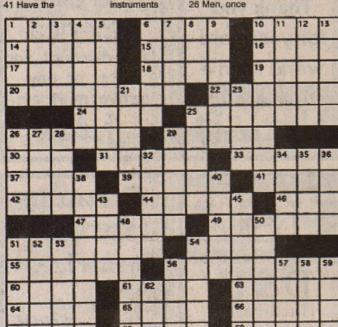
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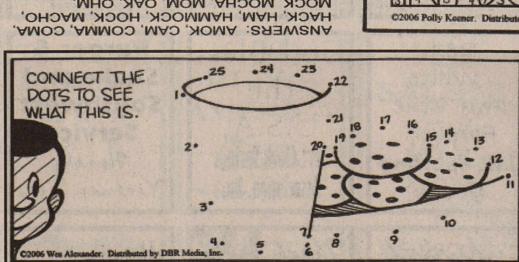
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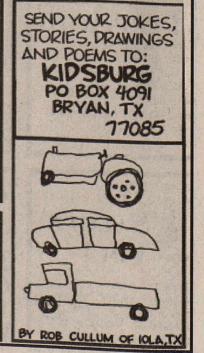
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Summer travel tips while on the go

Newswise - Whether you're help the adjustment further. hopping a plane to Europe, loading the kids into the minivan for a trip to the Grand Canyon, or heading to a cabin in the woods, summer vacations are all about getting away and having a good time.

And while you're packing and preparing, don't forget one travel essential: a good night's sleep. With all you want to see and do, away from your usual bed, it can be hard to fit sleep in.

faster than a cranky sleep-deprived child, a jet-lagged world traveler, or worst of all, a car crash caused by drowsy driving. Fortunately, says a University of Michigan sleep specialist, there's a lot you can do before and during your trip to help keep those problems from happening.

Sleep can be pretty disrupted during the summertime for many travelers, and the sleep disruption can start even before travel begins," says J. Todd Arnedt, Ph.D., a sleep psychologist who directs the Behavioral Sleep Medicine Program at the U-M Health System. "But if you can maintain good sleep prac- just how badly driving ability can tices, you'll find that your vacation will be more enjoyable because you'll feel more rested dur- long hours and compared their ing the daytime.

The whole idea of traveling clashes with a lot of the regular habits and schedules that are needed for good sleep. A comfort- month after having a few alcoholic able bed, a regular bedtime, a calm drinks. evening and a quiet dark room all make it easier for kids and grownups to get to sleep and get a full night's rest. But vacations can turn all of those good sleep habits on their head.

Our routines get disrupted, we stay up late to squeeze in more sightseeing, and when we finally hit the sack, we're in a strange environment and thinking about the next day's adventure. Add in a change in time zone, or a little extra alcohol or stress, and it's a recipe for a restless night — which often means a very sleepy next day.

The bottom line for any traveler, Arnedt says, is to try for as normal a sleep routine as possible, including adjusting that routine for changes in time zone. And if you're driving during your vacation, it's important to know the signs of drowsy driving and pull off the road before you get in an accident. In some people, he notes, sleep problems that begin or worsen during a vacation might not go away after they return home. Insomnia, and the psychological effects such as frustration that can result, may linger long after the vacation ends.

So, what can a traveler do? Arnedt offers this information and

For vacations into other time zones: Whether you're crossing the continent or flying to another part of the world, the "jet lag" that results from adjusting to a new time zone and then adjusting back to vour usual one can really be a hassle. Your body's internal clock, which helps regulate everything from hunger pangs before meal time to your mood, gets out of whack when a few hours "disappear" from your day, or are added

A lot of this has to do with the amount and timing of exposure to light. Our brains produce a hormone called melatonin in response to the light and dark cycles we experience; it helps tell the rest of the brain and body that it's getting close to bedtime.

"Melatonin is our 'darkness' hormone, and when our brain thinks it's nighttime, it starts to produce it," explains Arnedt, a member of the U-M Sleep Disorders Center and an assistant professor of psychiatry and neurology at the U-M Medical School. "There's a relationship between when melatonin starts being produced in the brain, and when our bodies most feel like being asleep."

But when those light and dark cycles are disrupted, so is melatonin production - and our sleep patterns. Thankfully, you can reset your biological body clock, also known as your circadian rhythms. As soon as you get to your destination, or even in the days leading up to departure, expose yourself to the "cues" that tell your body what time it is in the new time

"That usually involves exposure to light in the new time zone, and increasing activity at the appropriate times during the day so that your body learns to adjust and live on that different time schedule," Arnedt explains. You can also buy a pill form of melatonin, which some people have found can

For vacations that involve driving: The great American road trip can turn tragic in an instant, if the person behind the wheel is sleepy.

A new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study concludes that being drowsy increases a driver's risk of a crash or near-crash by at least a factor of four - and that's only using data from crashes where police reports mentioned a sleepy driver. Many But nothing ruins a vacation more crashes and near-misses may be due to drivers who nod off or are less than alert.

"Driving while drowsy is the single greatest sleep hazard associated with driving trips, and more than 50 percent of individuals in major surveys say they drive miles you drove. T drowsy in any given year," says Arnedt. "A conservative estimate shows that more than 100,000 crashes, 71,000 injuries and more than 1,500 fatalities each year are due to driving while drowsy, and some estimates say 25 percent of all accidents may actually be attributable to it."

Arnedt's own research shows suffer from lack of sleep. He led a study of young doctors who work driving-simulator performance after an on-call night at the end of a heavy call month with their performance at the end of a light call

The study found that when they were sleepy, the doctors performed just as badly as they did when their blood alcohol level was 0.05 g% - just under the legal limit for driving while impaired. Getting good sleep is the first step to avoid- And though coffee can keep you 24 percent of the vehicle crashes teens said they had nodded off or ahead of them in the morning should feel no shame about calling it a night, even on vacation. age them to do so, for everyone's

Once you're on the road, how do you know when it's time to pull over and rest? "If your head is bobbing, you're yawning, or your eyelids are drooping, those are signs. If you're drifting into another lane, zoning out and missing exits, or drowsy driving and jet lag: driving on rumble strips at the side of the road, those are red alerts," says Arnedt. Another danger sign: trouble remembering the last few

hen, he says, "It's imperative to get off the road and engage in one of the two strategies we know are effective: taking a nap or having a dose of caffeine, or both."

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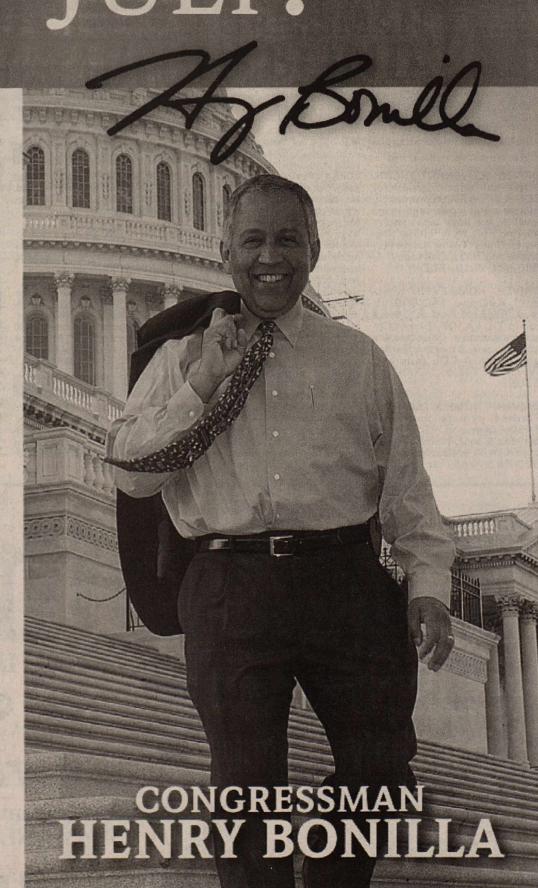
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The Smart Shopper

By Marla Armbrust

geous to the County.

THIS WEEK'S TIP: There's certain department store

That's because I find the prices are just a bit too high for my budget. However, I will say this - they have quality merchandise, which probably explains those prices.

Recently, they had an "early bird" Saturday sale. Many items were 40 to 50 percent off. This constituted great bargains, so off I went. I was able to purchase things I needed and had been shopping around for at great prices.

Best of all, these items are higher quality, as mentioned above, than things you'd get at places like Wal-Mart or K-

Believe me, I had been shopping around for these things I needed and went to several discount retailers.

What I wound up getting at this more expensive store was better merchandise for the same prices I would have paid at the discount retailers for shoddier merchandise.

It really does pay to shop around, as I always tell you.

They had one other promotion, which I've probably de-(nationally known) near me tailed in a rebate offer: Buy which I don't normally pa- two bras, get one free by mail. These bras are normally pretty high-priced, but you truly do get what you pay for.

> What was even more enticing about this offer is, the bras were 50 percent off! Now that's a bargain! What I'll get in the mail is a full-priced bra, so basically, I got two bras

You can't beat that!

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