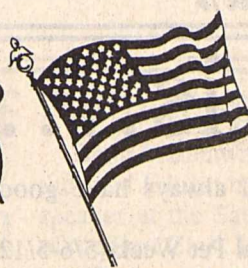


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## City holds public hearing on transfer station

At a public hearing held on April 30, the City of Brackettville, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and concerned citizens of Brackettville discussed what will be required of the City after receiving a permit to operate as a transfer station.

Guy and Laura Gammill and Ann Baker expressed concerns about the problems they have had with their easement road since the City erected a fence on either side of the City annex building in September of 1999 and placed a gate across their easement road.

At that time, the Gammills voiced their concerns to David Luna, City Manager. The Gammills were also concerned about the only access to the collection site being across that easement, where previously there had been access on either side of the city annex building.

"Originally they fenced across the easement and broke our water line. Mr. Luna himself suggested enclosing the property with a deer fence along the right-of-way and placing the gate in another location along highway 90," said Guy Gammill.

"We agreed with that proposal, but were later told (by Luna) that it wasn't cost effective for the city to do that, because the compactor would have to be moved," Gammill said.

Luna says he never agreed to a proposal to fence along the right-of-way.

"At one point, we were also told, all it would take was a vote from the city council to turn off our water," said Gammill.

Originally, there were multiple entry ways into the site, but after the fence was put up, the Gammills easement road became the only way in, which led to the dispute.

Luna said that putting the fence up was only to prevent illegal dumping, it was not a personal attack against the Gammills.

"I did not wake up the morning that I put up the gate thinking, 'I'm going to make the Gammill's life miserable.'" Luna said. "It was to control the facility and do the job that I needed to do for the citizens of the City of Brackettville at the least cost."

When the situation was not remedied, in the October 1999 City Council meeting, they took their concerns to the TNRCC.

When the TNRCC visited the collection site to see what the

Gammill's were talking about, they found the site had other problems.

After the inspection, the City was sent a letter of violation notice in February of last year, citing outstanding alleged violations against the city regarding the citizen's collection site.

The first violation stated that the collection site was receiving commercial wastes and in some cases was being delivered by collection route operators. According to Mike Graeber, Project Engineer for the TNRCC, commercial businesses and collection routes cannot use the facility as it is now. Once the registration is issued for a transfer station, commercial waste will be allowed to be taken to the facility and commercial haulers will be able to take waste to the site.

Luna points out that the violations are alleged, and that the collection routes that take waste to the site are not considered commercial haulers.

The second violation cited that there were more than 500 tires on the site. TNRCC rules state that no more than 500 tires are allowed on the ground at a citizen's collection site. The tires must also be chopped and covered according Health Department rules.

The citizen's collection site no longer maintains over 500 tires at the facility.

The letter also stated that the Operational Standards for Transfer Stations requires that the City meet the requirements put forth by the TNRCC regarding easement protection. Since the facility is not a registered transfer station, this was only included as an area of concern. The letter stated that the City should take steps to ensure that the intent of this rule is adhered to during the course of any solid waste operations to occur at the facility.

According to John Gillen, of the TNRCC's Office of Public Assistance, access to the easement is something that they (the Gammills) must work out with the city.

"We can't dictate how they do it, we can only say what it is they have to do," said Gillen. "That is outside our scope of jurisdiction."

The TNRCC simply states what the rules are, and the City must do what it takes to come into compliance.

"We had no problem whatsoever with the way Brackettville

was trying to run this until one day, I tried to drive in and they had a hole in the middle of the road and were trying to shut the whole thing off," said Ann Baker.

Baker is a grandmother raising three children and says she would find it difficult if she had to open a 20 foot metal gate every time she needed to get in or out.

Laura Gammill stated how important it is that she be able to get in and out very easily because of her position as an emergency room nurse. She said that she felt it was important to have the assurance that she would be able to get to the hospital quickly when emergency situations occur.

As of yet, the city has never closed the gate across the easement.

The City's proposed plans are to abandon the use of the easement and erect a 10 foot fence along the west side of the easement road. Effectively, the easement will be fenced out of the collection site.

The City will continue to operate as they have been until the site is brought up to transfer station standards and becomes registered.

"Once we issue a registration, they've got two years to construct the facility. Before we can actually authorize them to use that facility, we have a field officer come out and check to see if they have everything," said Graeber.

Luna says that it was never the City's intention to step on anyone's toes.

"We want to respect everyone's rights. That is our sole intent. That has always been our sole intent," he said.

"Probably when this is all over, we will put up a 'for sale' sign and hope someone will buy this place back, because the biggest mistake we ever made was trading water to buy this place."

Also at the meeting, Genie Nixon, executor of the Rudman estate, expressed concerns about contamination coming from runoff from the "garbage gobler."

Graeber assured Nixon that contamination at a transfer station is very little, if any.



Back row from left to right, Schiller Hill, Damian Toms, Chris Petrosky; front row left to right Jeffrey Tipps, Isela Ramon and Thomas Crow. All of these students are bound for various State UIL competitions. See related stories, page 5.

## Border Patrol anti-smuggling unit closes down smuggling group

DEL RIO - A six month investigation into a major immigrant and narcotics smuggling organization by agents with the San Angelo Border Patrol Station's Anti-Smuggling Unit ended April 27, 2001 with the sentencing of three principals in the organization.

Victor Hugo Mancera-Rosas, Jose Javier Mancera-Rosas and Victor Velez-Gutierrez were arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, November 7, 2000, by agents from the San Angelo Anti-Smuggling Unit and the Dallas District Office. The three were charged with alien smuggling (violation of Title 8 United States Code, section 1324) and fraud and misuse of visas, permits and other documents (violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1546 and 1028).

The investigation into the group began in March of 2000, and revealed the group was a well established major organization involved in the smuggling of illegal aliens and narcotics, as well as, the manufacturing and selling of counterfeit documents.

The group manufactured a variety of documents, including resident alien cards, social security cards, and auto liability insurance cards. They also falsified Mexican Passports and assisted illegal immigrants in obtaining Texas identification cards and drivers licenses.

Records indicate the group was

manufacturing 80-100 counterfeit document sets per day, selling them for \$100 to \$120 per set. It was estimated the activities of the group generated revenues of approximately \$10,000 per day.

In addition to the counterfeiting of documents, it was discovered the organization had the ability and the means to sell complete counterfeit document manufacturing set-ups.

When the three were arrested, agents seized a complete computerized document making system, including blank I-551 cards, blank social security cards, Mexican passports, and an assortment of Immigration and Naturalization Services rubber stamps. Also seized were two handguns, a .45 semi-automatic and a .357 caliber revolver.

All three principals were Mexican Nationals. Velez is a lawfully admitted permanent resident; while the two Manceras were not legally in the United States.

Jose Javier Mancera-Rosas and Victor Velez-Gutierrez each were sentenced to 12 months in prison, while Victor Hugo Mancera-Rosas received a 10-month sentence.

During the six-month investigation, agents revealed the group smuggled more than 100 illegal immigrants per month. Agents also seized 549 pounds of marijuana the group had smuggled into the United States.

## EMS informs community on handling emergencies

EMS Update By Carolyn Rutherford

Read 'n' Heed Department: there is a special insert in this newspaper with the eye-catching title, "This Information May Save Your Life!" It contains information in English and Spanish about what to do and where to go if we have an emergency in Brackettville. We are working on a similar one for Spofford.

This is the result of your Local Emergency Planning Committee's efforts to inform the community about important emergency actions. The LEPC is also conducting a survey to locate invalids, shut-ins, and people living alone. This information is kept strictly confidential and will be used only in an emergency. Please fill out the form and return it to Carolyn Rutherford at EMS as soon as possible. The surveys will go out through the schools and then through the mail.

On a related topic, the American Red Cross is offering Kinney County residents Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Basic First Aid on Saturday June 9th (8:30 am to 5:00 pm). All previous participants in the Table-top exercise, EMS personnel, LEPC members, or those who have already attended the Red Cross Shelter Management Course are urged to attend. Call Carolyn Rutherford at 830-563-9090 or Jane Pratt at 830-775-

826 for further information.

Everyone should understand the importance of wearing seat belts and teaching your kids to do the same. There are many people in our community who are deeply concerned for the safety of our kids while they are in vehicles and because of this, EMS is sponsoring a drive to get information out to families who are seen allowing their kids to be unrestrained while in vehicles.

If you receive this information, please be sure to read it and follow its suggestions. When my kids were small, I taught them that the car wouldn't budge until they were secured in their seats and safely belted in the car. It was pretty easy to teach them, and I can remember being in a hurry and having them tell me, their Mom, "this car won't budge till you're seat belt is on." It usually irritated me, but I carried through to set a good example.

You should belt your kids in appropriate child restraint systems especially in town. Most accidents occur very close to home. A vehicle wreck at a low speed (like 20 m.p.h.) can cause injury and even death to small children, because their anatomy and physiology is not built to withstand even light forces.

Parents and care-takers, I beg you, please make sure your children are all restrained in the correct type of restraint system.

The LEPC is checking into a

special program developed for high school aged people that shows them exactly how alcohol affects their ability to drive. We are committed to keeping our children in this county safe. It is our responsibility as good neighbors. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Carolyn Rutherford at EMS 830-563-9090.

If all goes as planned, Kinney County EMS Training Program will sponsor an EMT Basic course here in Brackettville later in May, 2001. For more information, please call the office. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Once again, starting May 1, 2001, the EMS Station will be manned 24-hours a day by EMS personnel. This step is to assure prompt response to emergencies at all times of the day and night. For second and third calls, back up crews are available once the primary crew is committed to a call.

A Texas Department of Health Personnel Variance allows the second and third ambulances to respond if the primary ambulance is committed to a call, with less than TDH required crews.

At all times there will be at least one EMS certified person caring for our patients. If you have questions about this or any other EMS-related information, please call the office. If you have an emergency, call 911.

## Briefs ...

### Music recital

The piano and voice students of Lynn McNew will be presented in recital on Sunday, May 6th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Calvary Room at Las Moras restaurant.

Participating in the recital will be Brooke Bowlin, Katie Bowlin, Chris Blake, Emily Fuentes, Katie Braesicke, Jackie Duncan, Whitney Hobbs, Cody Clark, Alexis Beucher, Kristal Rangel, Abby Guitierrez and Timmecka Simmons.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

### School Board

As of Tuesday, May 1, 1995 early voters have gone to vote in the BISD School Board of trustees election. The official date to vote is Saturday, May 5, from 7am to 7pm at the school's Central Office.

### Cinco De Mayo

On May 5th, The Las Moras Hispanic Organization will celebrate its 6th Annual Cinco De Mayo Festivities.

The day will begin with a parade down main street and end at the Brackettville Civic Center where there will be an all day entertainment, food, games, the crowning of Little Mr. & Miss Contest, Talent Show, Crowning of King & Queen of 2001 and will end with a dance by "Tocante."

### Special Olympics Fun Run

On May 5, the Del Rio Sector will sponsor the Fifth Annual Border Patrol Fun Run in support of Texas Special Olympics. The run will begin and end at the entrance to the Border Patrol Air Operations Facility at the Del Rio International Airport (West 15th Street).

Registration for the event, open to the general public, will begin at 7:30 am. The run will start at 9 am. Entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 15 and under. Entry fee includes a Texas Special Olympics T-Shirt.

Trophies will be awarded to the first place male and female overall winners. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place male and female finishers in each age group.

Individuals may register on the day of the event.

### Service for veterans

American Legion Post #298, will hold a service for all veterans in Brackettville and surrounding areas, on Memorial Day May 27, 2001, 11 a.m., at Seminole Cemetery.

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## Dipprey bridges communities

By Amy Davis Contributing Writer

First graders in Mrs. Alma Gutierrez's class at Jones Elementary will welcome Sheila Dipprey and two first graders from Barron, Wisconsin, this Saturday. Dipprey will also be joined by the student's mothers and a few friends.

The group of visitors has many things planned while in Brackettville. They will attend the Cinco de Mayo festivities at the Civic Center on Saturday, visit Mexico on Sunday and will join Gutierrez's class for a pool party that evening.

On Monday, the group will visit the school at 9:00 am to meet with school representatives. Later in the morning, Dipprey will have writing workshops for the 3rd and 4th grade students, and will spend the afternoon with the first grade students.

Dipprey, a first grade teacher at Almena Elementary, in Barron, took an interest in Brackettville in the fall of 1999, when she had migrant students from Brackettville in her class. When the students returned to Jones Elementary, she

wanted to keep in touch. That is when she began, "Bridging Communities Across the States."

"Bridging Communities" is a pen-pal program between first-graders at Jones Elementary and those at Almena Elementary. The children write letters to one another about once every month and e-mail, from the classroom, about three times every week.

Gutierrez says that the pen-pal program has encouraged better writing skills in her students.

"It has really enriched our writing in the classroom. The students are learning about friendship and are getting involved with hands-on Internet skills," she said.

As a result of the program, students have learned letter writing and e-mailing skills. They have learned the process of writing and delivering a letter as well.

Dipprey is also a published children's book author. She published her picture book about llamas titled, "Do You Hear Their Hum?" after being offered an unexpected grant from Bob Geurink, a Michigan business and farm owner, while on a plane to visit Brackettville last year.

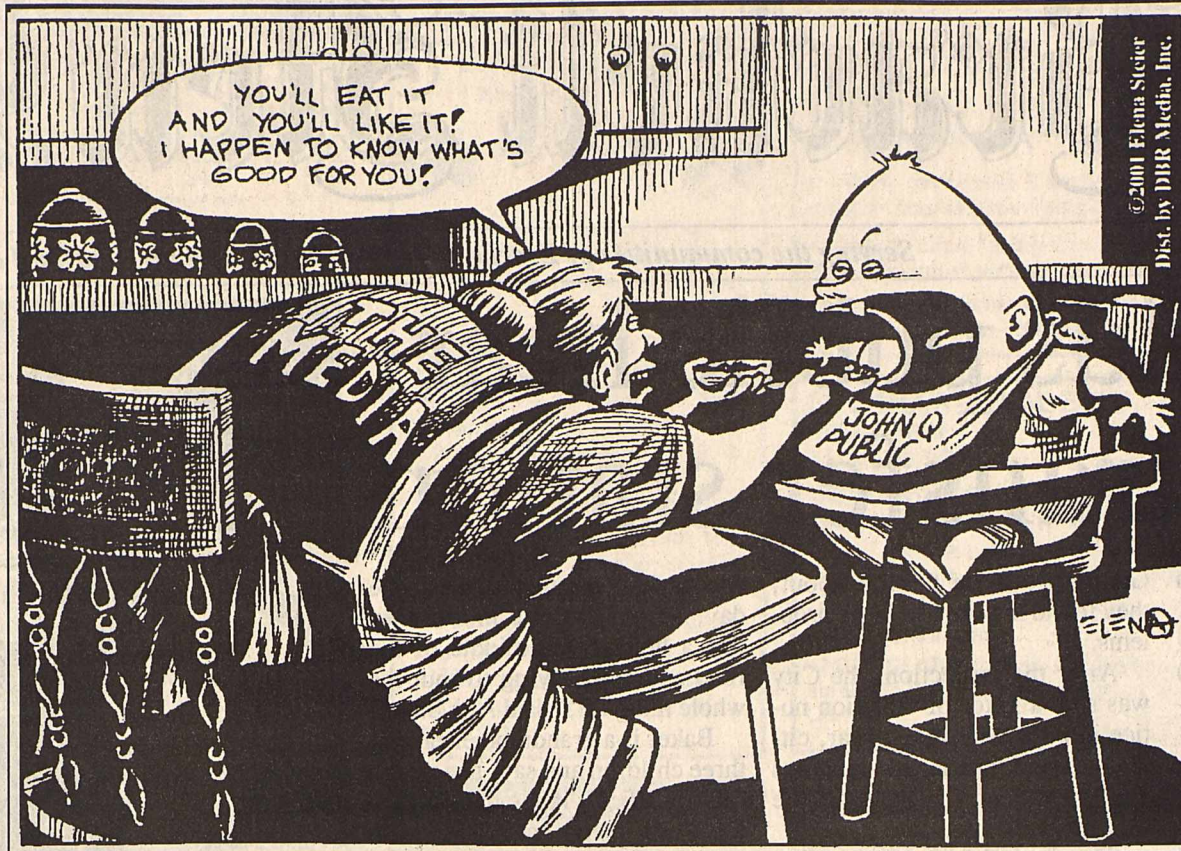


# May 2001 is....

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

(I just love all of the things that May happens to be.)  
Better Sleep Month (yes you'd better!)  
Get Caught Reading Month (or else what?)  
More Than Just a Pretty Face Month (this is me!!)  
National Digestive Diseases Month (huh?)  
May Day (5/1)  
National "Get Happy" Week (5/1-5/7) (why just a week?)  
(SOS) Sibling Appreciation Day (5/2) (my brother loves me)  
Tax Freedom Day (5/3) (it's about time)  
Flexible Work Arrangements Week (5/6-5/12) (I hope the boss is reading)  
Goodwill Industries Week (5/

6-5/12) (I always have good-will)  
National Pet Week (5/6-5/12) (do you need petting?)  
National Teacher Day (5/8) (why do we only get one day?)  
National Transportation Week (5/14-5/20) (what are we going to transport?)  
World Trade Week (5/14-5/20) (trade it for what?)  
Hug Your Cat Day (5/15) (I'll hug your cat)  
Biographers' Day (5/16) (you don't want to read mine)  
Visit Your Relatives Day (5/18) (visit your's)  
World Turtle Day (5/23) (give me a break)  
These are for real. Somebody actually has time to think these up.  
They need a life. But I could be wrong.



# The first 100 days

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

It's been a big week for President George W. Bush. Exactly 100 days ago Mr. Bush was inaugurated as the forty-third president of the United States.

The "hundred days" benchmark is considered a significant point in a new president's career. The benchmark gained traditional fame when President Franklin D. Roosevelt won passage of more than a dozen New Deal bills in 1933.

As President Bush celebrates his 100 day benchmark, it's been hard to miss news of the event. Just about every media outlet has invited pundits from the left and from the right to discuss the president's accomplishments and so-called "short-falls." They've debated every issue known to politics. We've heard about the crisis in China, the proposed tax cuts and even the Bush family pets. But there's one very important topic that all of these pundits and commentators have failed to address: how do the people of America feel about President Bush and his first 100 days?

I think you could listen to Washington, D.C. analysts for days and still not understand how our new president has impacted the country. Most of these television "experts" are not speaking from personal experience. Their expertise merely reflects their personal views. These opinions are not reflective of the veterans in Del Rio or the school teachers in Laredo or the farmers in Midland.

So for a fresh vantage point, I'd like to share a few notes from constituents in the 23rd district.

A resident of Big Lake writes, "We're so lucky to have G.W. looking out for us! He did a great job getting our men back from China. Because of his hard work, those brave men and women are back with their families on U.S. soil."

A constituent in San Antonio writes, "I want to commend President Bush for all the work he's doing to help the families of America. My husband and I have two wonderful children - I cannot tell you how much a child tax credit will help our family. The extra money could help us save for their education and plan for our future. Thank goodness someone finally put this idea on paper and is fighting to make it happen!"

And finally, a constituent in Del Rio called to tell me, "President Bush has done exactly what he promised to do. He has shown that character does make a difference. I'm happy to see some dignity restored to the White House. Tell him to keep up the good work!"

No doubt about it. President Bush is a strong leader who is living up to his promises. He has led with a steady hand. In just 100 days, he's already addressing many of America's most pressing problems. From education to energy to the economy and foreign affairs - he's getting the job done.

The president's first 100 days have been productive, positive and focused. His emphasis on respect and results has begun to change the way Washington does business. If we've come this far in just 100 days, imagine the progress we'll make over the next four years.

## Plastic surgeons join together to help children

By Steven R. LaMascuso  
Staff Writer

The conversation was a bit difficult to carry on through the impedance of earplugs and the reports of shotguns a few feet away. I was speaking with Senator Ken Armbrister and surprisingly the conversation, instead of political, was focused on hunting in South Texas.

Shooting as Senator Armbrister and I talked, were Dr. Jim Fox, a plastic surgeon from Austin, Tom Hupp of Uvalde, owner of All Steel Construction and one of the team sponsors, Beaumont Watkins,

rancher and ex-sheriff of Uvalde County, and two other shooters I didn't recognize. Waiting to shoot were various and sundry other persons and personages one would not normally expect to find in quantity at such an event as a sporting clays competition.

The actual truth is that this was not primarily a sporting clays shoot; that was just the excuse, the real impetus for this event was Austin Smiles.

Austin Smiles was begun in 1987 by a group of plastic surgeons from the Austin area who decided they wanted to use their talents for more noble purposes

than improving the bustlines of insecure ladies. Austin Smiles is, to quote the brochure, "a non-profit organization providing reconstructive plastic surgery, primarily cleft lip and palate repairs, to the children of Austin and a 10-county surrounding area." And the family's ability to pay the high price of plastic surgery does not enter into the equation. Since 1987, the surgeons of Austin Smiles have performed over twenty-five hundred corrective operations.

Austin Smiles also has a long reach to the south, into Latin America, where there are three medical missions each year. These missions last a week each,

and the surgeries are done without payment. One in about 500 children is born with a cleft lip or palate. Austin Smiles is dedicated to doing all it can to help as many children as possible "smile for the first time without shame or embarrassment through the gift of a complete smile." Contemplate for a moment how you would like to be unable to make yourself understood because you couldn't speak like a "normal" person. Has anyone ever hurt you without meaning too? Multiply that by a million and you may understand vaguely how such a child feels.

The teams, 19 this year, are

sponsored by companies or individuals, like Tom Hupp, who pay a substantial amount of money for the honor. Also involved are shoot sponsors such as McBrides Gun Shop of Austin. These people are less interested in promoting themselves than they are the use to which their money is put.

If you want to know more about Austin Smiles, if you wish to make a donation, maybe sponsor a team for next year's shoot, or if you think you might like to volunteer for duty you can write to: Austin Smiles, PO Box 26694, Austin, Texas 78755-0694. Your donation is tax deductible.

## Texans assess America's place in the world

Capitol Comment  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Earlier in the year these columns included questions seeking readers' opinions about the unique role America plays on the world stage. Texans weren't shy in sharing with me their ideas on how to best use our military and diplomatic power. As has been the case with previous questionnaires, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The first question I asked on this topic was, "The United States has deployed troops in response to humanitarian crises in countries such as Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti in recent years. These situations, while grave, do not directly threaten America's national security.... How do you think our country can best meet its responsibilities in the world, and how broad do you think those responsibilities ought to be?"

A whopping 89 percent of you who responded said the United States should cut back significantly on these kinds of military assignments, and encourage our allies to take on more of this responsibility. Only 7 percent said we should maintain the same level of peace-keeping commitments as we did the past eight years, and even fewer of you, 4 percent, said we should expand our role in peacekeeping missions.

The second question I asked dealt with the need for our country to develop a missile defense system. This question resonated with Texans, as 85 percent of you said we should proceed with the development of such a system, and only 15 percent of you rejected the idea.

The final question I asked was: "What, in your opinion, is the most significant foreign or national security matter now confronting the United States?" (This poll, remember, was taken before the incident in April in which an American aircraft was forced to land in Chinese territory, and the Chinese government detained its crew for 11 days.)

The Middle East, for 50 percent of you, remains the most important foreign policy and security issue facing our country;

38 percent of you said China should be our first priority, followed by 3 percent of you who indicated the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be at the top of the list. Only 1 percent said the Balkans ought to occupy that spot. The remaining 6 percent indicated various other areas of primary concern, the most often listed being illegal immigration. Others cited the stability of Latin America, the Philippines and Indonesia, the security of the Panama Canal, and Africa (in regards to the problem of modern slavery in Sudan). Many said threats of domestic terrorism ought to be higher on our list of defense priorities.

Here are some of the comments I received regarding U.S. national security priorities:

From Hereford: "We need to keep our nose out of places not directly related to our own national security."

Liberty: "We must pay our soldiers better and provide them better benefits. This includes our National Guard and Reserve soldiers."

Huntsville: "We need to look at Central and South America. While we weren't paying attention, Venezuela has elected a socialist government that is allying itself with Cuba, and Peru is going in the same direction. The Sandinistas are trying to take over Nicaragua. All the good work Reagan and Bush did in this neighborhood is being rolled back."

Fort Worth: "It is time the American people learn what it is costing them to protect our 'friends' in the Middle East while they hold us up on the price of oil. What do they pay us for defending them?"

Fair Oaks Ranch: "It is counterproductive to involve ourselves in missions such as the Balkans. They are bad for our troops' morale, reduce our readiness and are endless. Their true cost is hidden in the defense budget."

Boerne: "It is my understanding that the communist Chinese now have control of both ends of the Panama Canal, the Panama railroad and former U.S. military bases there. This is a cause for concern."

Hondo: "The Clinton administration was hoodwinked by the

Chinese dictatorship - the next big threat to world stability."

Helotes: "Bring our troops home. Yugoslavia is a European problem and has been since 1914."

Wake Village: "Rebuild our military to the level of strength it was for the Gulf War."

Bonham: "Adults with integrity are finally back in charge in the White House. They have the judgment to decide how to best use our resources."

Ozona: "The biggest threat to national security is the National Democratic Party."

Gainesville: "Missile defense is extremely important. The Iraqis are completely unpredictable."

Winnsboro: "Star Wars has been tested twice and it has failed both times. Forget it."

Lockhart: "Terrorism and treason right here in the United States are my biggest worry."

San Antonio: "Full speed ahead on missile defense. We need to let other countries know there will be a high price to pay if they threaten us."

Tyler: "I've been paying taxes to support NATO my entire life and I think those dues are paid. Let Europe take care of itself. Ditto the United Nations."

I was proud to read the thoughtful replies of so many who responded to this survey. Texans have always been prepared to do more than their fair share for their country.

Service is important to Texans, which is why nearly one of every 10 serving in uniform today calls Texas home. America must weigh its national security responsibilities and put them in proper perspective in order to maintain the ability to defend our interests at home and abroad.

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Residents do well in contest

Brackettville had many of winners at the 20th Annual Southwest Texas Junior College Creative Arts Contest on April 25, 2001. Several hundred participants from all around the area met at the Student Center on the Uvalde college campus to receive their awards. Master of Ceremonies was Willie Edwards.

Receiving Honorable Mention in Pencil Drawing category, Grades 7-8 division, was Greg Estrada.

Placing 3rd in Poetry category, grades 9-10 division, was Kami Berg. Also placing 3rd in the adult division of the Essay category was Pat McKelvy, as well as John Cristi placing 3rd in the Short

Story category of the adult division.

Ryan Frerich's "Benjamin Franklin" placed 2nd in the Essay category, 9-10 grade division. Candice Ingram placed 2nd with her Charcoal drawing "Richard" in the 11-12 grade division.

Candice also placed 1st in the Computer Generated Graphic Art category with "Personal Property" in the 11-12 grade division. Kaleb Wylie placed 1st in the adult Computer Generated Graphic Art division.

Karen Crumley won a 1st place with her Short Story in the adult division. Following the awards ceremony punch and cookies were served.

Haenn shares memoris of Germany's Spandau Prison

Bill Haenn, program chairperson for the month of April, ended his month with an extremely interesting and informative twenty minutes concerning the time he was stationed at Spandau Prison in Germany while a lieutenant.

Although Spandau Prison initially held many prisoners after World War II, Rudolph Hess was the longest "resident" and, for many years, the only "resident." Even so, the routine and rotation had to be followed precisely because of the political pressure continu-

ally exerted by the Russians during this period of history.

Haenn explained the tremendous political aspects of keeping Mr. Hess in the prison as well as the difficulty since the guarding of the prison was rotated between the French, British, Americans and Russians on a monthly basis. The Berlin blockade had failed to stop the Americans from maintaining their rotation responsibilities although the corridor was the only land route into Berlin.

Entrance by land was limited to the train. The Berlin airlift began since trains could not transport all the food and necessary supplies that were needed to keep Berlin functioning. These supplies and men were flown in around the clock. Construction on the Berlin Wall was begun during the period that Haenn was stationed in Germany.

Haenn shared a picture and his memories of the changing of the guard as well as a picture of Spandau Prison itself. He also recalled perhaps the strongest memory of his duty tour at the prison was the smell of turnips which was the principle food of the Russians.

Author speaks to Historical Society

Doug Braudaway, Del Rio Author and Educator, was the guest speaker at the Saturday meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society. His topic was the history of Val Verde county and its relationship to Kinney County.

Both county seats were settled because of their proximity to spring water. The army established Fort Clark, spawning Brackettville, while San Felipe Springs in Del Rio had the last abundant water moving west into the desert.

Fort Clark garrisoned soldiers in Del Rio to protect the settlement, and later in world wars I & II, guarded the Railroad Bridge across the Pecos River.

The Rio Grande made irrigation in Val Verde County practical, and it thrived as an agricultural center for years. There are

still many vineyards, and Del Rio hosts the oldest continuous winery in Texas. At one time Del Rio was also known as the wool and mohair capital of the world.

Many colorful people have walked through Val Verde history; from the famous hanging Judge Roy Bean, (who never hanged anybody) to Goat Gland Doctor Brinkley who provided many jobs that helped Del Rio through the depression. Dr. Brinkleys clear channel radio station in Mexico blanketed the continent with more wattage than all the stations in the U.S. combined. This also made local D.J. "Wolfman Jack" famous.

Mr. Braudaway covered a broad subject in a masterful, interesting manner, and we are looking forward to having him back again.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

**Monday, April 23**  
 5:45 a.m., A man reported a power outage on Gove St. CP&L was notified.  
 A 911 call was received about cattle on Hwy 90, 10 1/2 miles out of town.

**Tuesday, April 24**  
 4:30 p.m., A local woman reported her flip phone missing from her truck, while she was shopping at a local grocery store. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

**Wednesday, April 25**  
 5:35 p.m., A brown billfold was found on the corner of Hwy 90 and Ann Street. The owner came to the Sheriff's Office to pick it up.

**Thursday, April 26**  
 4:14 p.m., A black Ford pickup was reported driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley responded.  
 9:20 p.m., A woman reported a skunk that was acting strange in front of her house. A city employee was notified.

**Friday, April 27**  
 6:15 p.m., Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a report of a person in a red two door Chevy car driving on Hwy 90, throwing bottles out the window and driving recklessly.

7:14 p.m., A man reported his swimming pool, still in the box, missing. Chief of Police Alonzo responded to the call.  
 8:15 p.m., A stranded white Ford bronco with two females in it, was reported being seen on the Highway. Deputy Manuel Pena was notified.

**Saturday, April 28**  
 4:40 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported a white Ford F-150 with two males from Uvalde and Dilley who went on the Fort. Security notified the Sheriff's Office about them and Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson responded.  
 2:57 p.m., A local man reported two 18 wheelers speeding. Chief of Police Alonzo was notified.  
 8:55 p.m., A woman reported a man trying to commit suicide. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and Chief of Police Alonzo were notified about the situation.  
 9:25 p.m., Samuel Fernandez Jr., 21, from Brackettville, was arrested for family violence by Chief of Police Alonzo. Fernandez is still being held.  
 10:04 p.m., On FM 2804, a woman reported goats on her ranch. Deputy Pena advised the owner.

10:17 p.m., Del Rio Police Department notified that a white Ford 250 was being chased. Deputy Pena and Trooper Slubar were advised.  
 11:07 p.m., Cars driving fast and making skid marks were reported on Ann and Gove Street. Chief of Police Alonzo and Border Patrol responded to the call.

**Sunday, April 29**  
 11:59 p.m., A Fort Clark resident was receiving threatening phone calls. Deputy Robinson responded to the call.

Cavalry Brigade cleans up on Saturday

Jumping hurdles is FCS Community Council's "Cavalry Brigade's" forte! On Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 am is the monthly scheduled clean-up.

The "muster" of volunteers will meet in front of Shafter Hall and receive assignments compatible to their liking and abilities.

Besides creek cleaning, grounds pick-up, a very desirable lot given to the Historical Society needs sprucing up to attract a buyer. The money from the sale

will be utilized to take care of ongoing restoration projects.

The "Cavalry Brigade" is composed of willing volunteers, who try to make a positive difference at FCS. Weather is no barrier, since the "Brigade" can accommodate in door shine-ups.

The helpers are also rewarded with a delicious lunch from 11:30 - 12:30 with fun and fellowship thrown in - also, the satisfaction of making things better for others.

Obituary.....

Mabel Bertha Parham age 94, of Brackettville passed away May 1, 2001 at Santa Rosa Northwest Hospital.

Mabel was born July 3, 1906 in Brackettville.

Survived by Daughters: Nell Smallwood, Brackettville; Ruth Dennis, Rusk, TX. Son: Lee Parham; Uvalde. Sisters: Dorothy Patterson, Del Rio; and Faye Davis, San Angelo. Brothers: Cecil Tidwell, Post, TX; Floyd "Pete"

Tidwell, Uvalde; Richard Tidwell, Del Rio; and Marcus Tidwell, Brackettville. 11 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by husband; Whitt Parham, daughter, Mildred Babore; brother, Bill Tidwell; and sister, Bessie Yancey.

Graveside Services will be 4 pm Friday, May 4, 2001, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde.

Comptroller delivers tax rebates

Austin - The State Comptroller's office has sent \$199 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 4.8 percent increase over the \$189.8 million allocated to cities and counties in April 2000. Sales tax rebates for the first four months of 2001 are up 4.6 percent, compared to the first four months of last year.

The Comptroller's office sent sales tax rebates totaling \$183.5 million to Texas cities, 5.1 percent higher than last April's payments of \$174.6 million. Rebates of \$15.4 million to Texas counties were up 1.7 percent compared to allocations of \$15.1 million in April 2000.

The state's six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$70.6 million. Another \$6.8 million went to 58 special purpose districts.

April sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March.

For details of April sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report* on the Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html)

The new sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, May 11.

Adult children use Internet to help parents cut Rx drug bills

Thousands of adult children of U.S. seniors are now using the Internet to have their parent's prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad.

Previously seniors had to personally travel to Canada or Mexico to obtain their prescription medicines at fair prices - until now.

"U.S. consumers of all ages are now able to legally use the Internet to fill their (and other family members as well) U.S. prescriptions abroad according to longstanding FDA guidelines," says M.J. McCormick, developer

of [www.Medicines.MD](http://www.Medicines.MD).

This website is a consumer focused website offering free quotes and full access to regularly updated international price lists for more than 800 popular brand name prescription drugs, as well as more than 1300 generic medicines.

Visitors are able to compare their U.S. prescription costs when the same medications are purchased from abroad using the Internet. Complete ordering information is available by visiting [www.Medicines.MD](http://www.Medicines.MD).

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<p><b>2001 Grand Prix SE</b> #9563</p> <p>V/6, Air Conditioning, Remote Control, Cruise Control, 4 Speed Auto Trans</p> <p><b>\$321.74</b> per mo.</p> <p>35 payments of \$321.74, 1 final payment of \$9,798. Based on sales price of \$19,995 at 6% with \$1,000 down + T.T.&amp;L.</p>	<p><b>2001 Century</b> #9610</p> <p>V/6, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 4 Speed Electronic Radio Powerload, Cassette</p> <p><b>\$320.09</b> per mo.</p> <p>35 payments of \$320.09, 1 final payment of \$9,253.20. Based on sales price of \$19,895 at 3.68% with \$1,000 down + T.T.&amp;L.</p>	<p><b>2001 Aurora</b> #9126</p> <p>V/8, Air Conditioning, 17" Aluminum Wheels, Precision Control System</p> <p><b>\$481.50</b> per mo.</p> <p>47 payments of \$481.50, 1 final payment of \$14,125.60. Based on sales price of \$31,995 at 6.3% with \$1,000 down + T.T.&amp;L.</p>

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# Waiting until you are married is the very best choice

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Thanks for staying after school Mrs. Sanchez. I need to talk to someone."  
"Jessica, I'm glad you have confidence in me. What can I help you with?" Mrs. Sanchez replied. Jessica continued. "Well, it's about my boyfriend and kind of hard to talk about."  
"Remember Jessica, I once was your age and I remember it well. Everything you tell me will be just between the two of us. Believe me I know how hard it is."  
"My boyfriend," Jessica stammered, "is giving me a lot of pressure to have sex with him. I am really afraid. I know that lots of other kids are doing it."  
Mrs. Sanchez took Jessica's hand and looked straight into her eyes. "Lots of kids like to brag

about things they are not doing. They think it makes them look grownup. But," she continued, "sex is not something you should fear, rather it is something you should revere and save for the one man you will want to be yours forever. And, that time is not now, and your boyfriend is not that man."  
"But," Jessica interrupted, "he says there will never be anyone else."  
"I know," Mrs. Sanchez continued with a sigh. "I heard that many times when I was your age, and you will hear it many times as well. It means nothing until both of you are standing before God and the church and receiving the beautiful sacrament of marriage the way God has planned it for you."  
There are many dangers in having sex before you are married and

committed. There are more than thirty sexually transmitted diseases. Ten of them are incurable and some are deadly, like AIDS.

When I was your age, one in thirty teens would have a sexually transmitted disease by the time they graduated. Now it is one in four.

God didn't tell us to be sexually pure just to ruin our fun. It is good advice for a long and happy life."  
This column is brought to you

by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

## OUTDOORS

### 2000 A Great Year For Texas Hummingbird Watchers

A Little on the Wildlife Side  
By Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas — Hummingbird watchers were treated to an exceptional year in 2000 with observations of 17 of the 18 species documented in Texas, according to the Texas Hummingbird Roundup survey. Only the green-breasted mango was absent.

"It was a great year for the program," says Mark Klym, coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup with Texas Parks and Wildlife, "and we are learning a lot about hummingbirds and their ecology through our roundup volunteers."

In its seventh year, the Texas Hummingbird Roundup enlists volunteers to conduct backyard surveys that help biologists learn more about the range, distribution, favored sites and feeding habits of the 18 hummingbird species found in Texas. The roundup enables hummingbird enthusiasts to conduct field research and report their findings to TPW biologists.

Volunteers are provided survey forms, feeder tips, scarlet sage seeds and "A Quick Reference Guide to Texas Hummingbirds" in return for a \$6 donation. Upon completion of the survey, roundup participants receive a decal and a newsletter that documents the results of the year's roundup. Anyone who is interested in humming-

birds is encouraged to participate, Klym said.

Last year, 1,148 volunteers participated in the roundup, with 38 observers in 19 counties having hummingbirds visit over the winter months. Six species of hummingbirds recorded for the state visit primarily in the winter, and as more Texans keep their feeders active, more reports are received about these birds. According to Klym, the most common species in Texas by far is the ruby-throated hummingbird. Males are dark-green-backed with a ruby-red throat over a white breast. Females are dull-green-backed and white-breasted. Although found primarily in the eastern part of the state, large numbers of migrant ruby-throats along the Texas coast bring throngs of birdwatchers to Rockport in September.

While ruby-throated hummingbird migrations attract attention in the east, it is the large number of species that draws hummingbird enthusiasts to West Texas. In the Davis Mountains, as many as nine species may be seen in late summer and early fall. Rarities such as the Berylline hummingbird and the Costa's hummingbird add to the excitement, Klym said.

Roundup participants also answer questions about the favorite plants of hummingbirds. This year, as in all previous years, the

strong preference was for the salvia species, with lantana, coral honeysuckle, hibiscus, Turk's cap and trumpet vine all showing frequently on the reports. These plants are all common native Texas plants, while hummingbird bush, a commonly sold non-native plant, placed fourth on the list.

Surprises in last year's census included Lucifer hummingbird and white-eared hummingbird, traditional West Texas species, observed and photographed in Fredericksburg and a late fall

broad-billed hummingbird in Howard County. In West Texas, a rare visit by a Costa's hummingbird was recorded in Brewster County, while Jeff Davis County was visited again by a Berylline hummingbird.

Information on participating in the Texas Hummingbird Roundup can be found on the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/birding/humrunup.htm>). For more information contact Mark Klym at (800) 792-1112. SL 4/23/01

## FARM/RANCH

### Bonilla addresses Foot-And-Mouth Disease

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla (R-TX) questioned several U.S. Department of Agriculture officials today on the potential of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the United States.

Mr. Bonilla, chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, directed his questions at U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, who testified before a subcommittee hearing on the Agriculture Department's fiscal year 2002 budget.

"Madame Secretary, you know that we are all thinking about the problems that other countries are having right now with foot-and-mouth disease. The people of America are concerned about the threat this presents to our own livestock producers. I'd like to know if the USDA is doing everything possible to prevent an outbreak and does the department have the tools and resources to contain any outbreak that may occur," asked Mr. Bonilla.

In response to Mr. Bonilla's questions, Secretary Veneman outlined the Bush Administration and USDA plans to prevent and control a potential outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. The new agreement between the Department and OMB would include paying farmers the fair market value of any livestock that have to be destroyed to control an outbreak. The promise of compensation is intended to encourage farmers to quickly report any signs of

the disease.

"Foot-and-mouth disease is not new, nor is the need for prevention efforts and contingency planning," said Mr. Bonilla. "The budget proposes funding several pest and disease eradication programs, but we cannot handle this one on our own. I need to know that the Department of Agriculture is behind my subcommittee. I need to know that the Department is doing everything within its power to prevent and potentially control this disastrous disease."

Secretary Veneman assured Mr. Bonilla that the Department of Agriculture has broad legal authority to spend whatever money it needs to control an outbreak of animal and plant diseases. The USDA has already taken steps to ban imports of livestock and raw meat from the European Union. The Department has also increased its inspection staff at international airports.

"I find it somewhat alarming that foot-and-mouth disease could be just outside the gate. But now is not the time to focus on the 'what if.' Now is the time to focus on prevention, control and ultimately extinction. I'm committed to this goal and I'm pleased to hear Secretary Veneman shares my thoughts," said Mr. Bonilla.

Foot-and-mouth disease has not been reported in the United States since 1929, but officials at today's hearing did caution that the chances of a U.S. outbreak do exist.

# Bats in the mist nets

Big Bend National Park—Bats are finally getting the respect they deserve and starting to shed their Hollywood image as the heavies with leathery wings. Among others they are indispensable in pollinating many types of plants and in consuming tons of flying insects that bedevil farmers. With 20 species recorded, bats make up one quarter of all mammal species found in Big Bend National Park. There are more different species found here than in any other national park, including Carlsbad

Caverns.

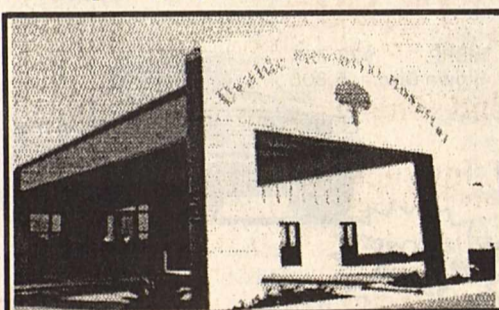
This is one of the reasons that bat biologist Jana Higginbotham likes to come to Big Bend to net and band bats every year. Participants in her "Bats of Big Bend" seminar on May 19 will do just that. The course is part of the Big Bend Seminars program put on every year by the Big Bend National History Association. The seminar requires staying up late at night, of course, but it gives people the opportunity to watch

as Higginbotham identifies and bands bats after catching them in "mist nets" strung where bats hunt for their insect food. Recent seminars have encountered some very unusual species (but no vampire bats which are not found in the U.S., not to worry).

Instructor Jana Higginbotham has been studying bats in Big Bend since 1996 and has also studied bats in Costa Rica and South America. Cost for the seminar is \$50 per person or \$45 for mem-

bers of the Big Bend Natural History Association. The fee includes two nights' camping at the Chisos Basin campground.

To register for the seminar or to receive a complete catalog of 2001 seminars, write to the Big Bend Natural History Association at P.O. Box 196, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834 or call 915-477-2236 or email to [bbnha@nps.gov](mailto:bbnha@nps.gov). Association members receive a 10 per cent discount on registration fees.



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# Tiger track to go to state Ramon heads to State UIL meet

By Walt Brock  
Contributing Writer

The Tiger Track team competed at the Region IV AA Track Meet last Friday and Saturday. The Tigers competed in a number of events and made the finals in all of their running events including both relays. Damian Toms (400m) and Thomas Crow (800m) both qualified for state in their individual events.

The sprint relay team (1. Jesse Hidalgo, 2. Eliot Stone, 3. Raymond Gomez, 4. Damian Toms, alternates Lee Davis and Tito Hidalgo) made the finals with a prelim (acutrack) time of 43.70. In the finals they placed 5th with a time of 43.91.

Thomas Crow competed in the 800m and qualified for the finals with an acutrack time of 2:03.10. Crow ran his personal best during the finals on Saturday with a time of 2:00.48, a school record, giving him the silver and a trip to Austin to run for state.

Damian Toms ran great in the prelims with the fastest time of 50.14 in the 400m dash. Toms went all out in the finals with no one close, running his personal best time of 49.63, a school record. This time gave Toms the gold and a trip to Austin to compete with the top runners in the state. Toms also competed in the

long jump.

Jesse Hidalgo qualified for the finals on Friday with an acutrack time of 23.24 in the 200m dash. Hidalgo placed 7th overall on Saturday.

The mile relay team (1. Raymond Gomez, 2. Jesse Hidalgo, 3. Thomas Crow, 4. Damian Toms, alternates Lee Davis and T.D. Smith) did a great

job winning their heat in the prelims on Friday running a 3:29.03 giving them a shot at the finals. On Saturday the mile relay team placed 5th overall with a time of 3:28.34. This team also broke a school record with 3:27.62 at Jourdanton this year.

The Tiger Track Team placed 6th overall out of 52 teams of Region IV at the Regional Track

Meet with 26 points and have two going to run at state. Damian Toms and Thomas Crow will run on Friday, May 11, at the University of Texas at Austin.

It has been a very long time since any boys have gone to state from Brackett. The kids are excited and would appreciate your support for their chance at state titles.

Isla Ramon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ramon, qualified for the UIL Academic State Meet in Computer Applications on Saturday, April 21, in San Marcos. Isla, a junior at Brackett High School, has competed for two years in Computer Applications. She has received First Place honors two consecutive years at the UIL Academic District Meet. This year, Isla received Third Place honors at the UIL Academic Regional Meet. State competition will be held on Saturday, May 5, in Austin.

The purpose of the academic contests is to teach thinking and problem solving skills stated Bobby Hawthorne UIL Academic Director. UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships.

## 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

Honor Roll as provided by BISSD:

- 7th Grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Dana Bonner, Blair Lambert, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie
- AB Honor Roll**  
John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Jessica Crane, Liliana Hernandez, Tanya Molinar, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Adon Santellano, Timmeka Simmons, Brandy Smith
- 8th Grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Tillman Davis, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Cody Robinette, Shanae Simmons
- AB Honor Roll**  
Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Cody Edwards, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Ryan Moore, Oscar Si-

- erra, Celina Terrazas, Evaristo Villarreal, Kody Yeager
- 9th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Smith, Star Smith
- 10th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Diamantia Flores, Maria Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer, Tammy Smith, Elizabeth Threadgill
- 11th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Sarah Gammill, Erica Gloria, Isela Ramon, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson,
- 12th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Carissa DeLos Santos, Schiller Hill, Leslie Meyer
- A & B Honor Roll**  
Stephanie Coronado, Hector Febres, Nancy Hill, Dulce Jimenez, Allison LaMascua,

- David Lattimer, Arnold Pinales
- 10th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Robert Franklin, Jared Hobbs, Douglas Sanchez, Eliot Stone
- 11th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Michelle Bizzell, Susannah Davis, Charles Gomez, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Candice Ingram, Joseph Luna, Manuel Madrid, Guillermo Molinar, Jaime Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Ricky Sandoval, Julie Solis, Ana Talamantez, Asa York
- 12th grade  
A Honor Roll**  
Caleb Baker, Joy Bollier, April Crumley, Miguel DeLeon, Enriqueta Garza, Isaac Gutierrez, Samuel Hunt, Julie Juarez, Laura Martinez, Sofia Martinez, Christopher Petrosky, Jessica Pina, Mariana Rivas, Brittany Shewbart, Dustin Slubar, Damian Toms, John Wylie

## High school track goes to Regionals

The high school girls went to the Regional Track Meet in San Marcos on April 27 and 28.

In the 100 Hurdles, Celeste Hill placed 5th. In the 300 Hurdles, she placed 4th. Queta Garza, Melinda Villareal, Stacey Castilla, and Celeste Hill placed 9th in the 800 Relay.

Melinda Villareal placed 6th in both the 100m and 200m. In the 800m, Stephanie Coronado placed 8th. In the 3200m, Lacey Dodson placed 12th.

## Petrosky, Hill advance to state

Schiller Hill and Chris Petrosky, seniors at Brackett High School, finally met their goal last Thursday - a trip to the State Tennis Tournament. They went into the Regional tournament in San Marcos, seeded second, and ended with the silver medals.

On Wednesday, they defeated teams from Nixon-Smiley, and Premont, advancing to the semifinals. They then defeated Danbury before losing to Thorndale in the championship round. The pair earned a play-back and defeated San Antonio Cole for second place and their first trip to the State Meet.

In boys singles, Levi Duncan met up with the number one seed, who was the eventual Regional

champion, and was defeated in the first round.

Michelle Bizzell and Brittany Shewbart defeated the fourth seeded Boling girl's doubles teams and San Antonio Cole to make it to the semifinals before losing two straight matches to be eliminated. Susannah Davis and Leslie Meyer lost in the first round to the Regional Champions from Port Aransas in a three set decision.

Sarah Meyer also was eliminated from play in the first round by the defending two-time State Champion from San Antonio Cole.

Hill and Petrosky will be competing in the State meet at Lakeway in Austin, on May 7 and 8.

# Senate passes bill to toughen prohibition of children riding in pickup beds

AUSTIN - After debating the measure in two session days, the Senate passed a bill Tuesday that would prohibit children younger than 18 years of age from riding in the back of a pickup or truck or on a flatbed trailer.

Current state law prohibits children 12 years old and younger from riding in the bed of a truck, pickup or on a trailer at speeds greater than 35 miles per hour.

Senate Bill (SB) 399, authored by Lubbock Sen. Robert Duncan, first came up for consideration on the Senate floor Monday, but final action on the measure was left pending after several senators voiced their opposition.

Houston Sen. Mario Gallegos said Monday that the bill would lead to "open season" for police

to pull over Hispanics because many Hispanics have only a pickup for transportation.

"It concerns me, that under your law (SB 399), Latinos going to work - not bothering anybody, looking like they're 16 but really are 36 - are going to be stopped," Gallegos told Duncan. "We're trying to stop racial profiling and a lot of other things. This would be open season on those folks that I represent in Harris County."

Duncan responded that the bill is not intended to promote harassment of Hispanics but to protect children, regardless of ethnicity.

"This bill is designed as a public safety measure to prevent injuries to the 12-year-old Latino who is required to ride in the back of a

pickup by an adult who hasn't thought this through," Duncan said, "to the 12-year-old Anglo who is required to ride in the back of a pickup by an adult who hasn't

thought this through."

The vote for final passage of the bill was 22 for, seven against, one present but not voting and one absent.

## Lot's of music at Old Mason Market's May Show

The Hill Country will be alive with the sound of music as various local groups hit the stage at Old Mason Market's Third Saturday Trade days, May 19-20th. On Saturday from 1-4 pm a group of songwriters in Mason, known as Arsenault, Beam and Watson, will fill the air with the sweet sound of melody. In the spirit of Market Days, they will present uplifting and fun Texas music.

These artists will perform solo pieces as well sometimes joining together, they bring a diverse style that merges and emerges into sounds as unique as Mason itself! Jeri Arsenault describes her style as "Middle Western", John Beam is a devoted Country ala Texas style writer, while Darryl Watson produces Texas Bluesy Roots music. All three currently reside in the Mason, Texas area and will have info and CD's at the stage area. Sunday afternoon shoppers will be treated to a special performance by singer/fiddler Sammy Geistweidt and singer/guitar player Scott Hofmann, members of the famous Hill Country band, Southern Image. Scott and Sammy, both originally from the

Fredericksburg area, will be playing country music favorites from 1-4 pm in the food court.

In addition to the music performances, there will be all kinds of antiques, arts and crafts, unique gift items, outdoor accessories, hand made furniture, fresh flowers and plants, as well as American, German, and Mexican food, and much more. Old Mason Market is located just north of Mason, TX and will be open Saturday May 19th from 9 am - 6 pm and Sunday May 20th from 11 am

- 5 pm. Admission: adults \$2, kids 6-12 \$1, children 5 and under get in free.

On Saturday June 2 nd from 8-3 pm, Old Mason Market will be hosting an area wide garage sale involving Mason and 6 surrounding counties. Booths are available for only \$10 and admission will be free! For more information on the garage sale or Old Mason Market's Third Saturday Trade Days call 915-347-1840 or visit the website at www.oldmasonmarket.com.

## Salvation Army workers attend training

More than 200 Texas-based Salvation Army disaster workers will spend three days training to respond to various types of disasters on May 1-3 at The Salvation Army's statewide camp and conference center, Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian.

Courses at the conference will include: Mass Care and Shelters, Food Handling, CPR and Basic First Aid, Ham Radio Communications and Volunteer Recruiting.

Any time there is a natural disaster in Texas, The Salvation Army responds to help people in crisis. The Army operates under a Statement of Understanding with the State of Texas for disaster relief efforts and provides services in cooperation with local governments. In its official capacity, The Salvation Army maintains representation in the Emergency Operations Center set up for each disaster.

"Disaster relief is a very important part of The Salvation Army's work all across our country," said Lt. Colonel Robert J. Tritton, Texas Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army. "In Texas, we have a unique responsibility in that the State has designated the Army as an official partner in providing services

whenever there is a major crisis. We take this responsibility very seriously. This annual training conference for Salvation Army disaster workers will further ensure that we are ready to immediately respond whenever there is a disaster anywhere in Texas."

As an official provider, the Army works in conjunction with other relief organizations, such as Local/State/Regional Emergency Management Organizations, Federal Emergency Management

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**ACROSS**  
1 Task  
4 Words spoken before a meal  
9 Etc. or Thurs.  
13 Feels miserable  
15 Spins  
16 Unexciting  
17 \_\_\_ out; obscure  
18 Nearly  
19 Mauritania's neighbor  
20 Sugar  
22 March date  
23 Part of a finger  
24 Word with force or strip  
26 Puts up  
29 Ties  
34 City liberated in 8/44  
35 Crows  
38 Billy  
Graham's field: abbr.  
37 Part of a window frame  
38 Della  
39 Serape  
40 Full of: suff.  
41 Author of John Brown's Body  
42 Bucks  
43 Communiqués  
45 Puffs away  
46 Fraternity letter  
47 Pound down  
48 Sticker for a good school paper  
51 Most animated  
56 \_\_\_ stick  
57 \_\_\_garde  
58 Path  
60 Actor  
61 French cup  
62 Swing around on a pivot  
63 Accomplished  
64 Word of welcome  
65 3 months  
in 34 Across  
DOWN  
1 Poke  
2 Paintings  
3 Hard hit  
4 Free  
5 Uncooperative one  
6 Thousands and thousands of years  
7 Detective's delight  
8 Separate  
9 Think highly of  
10 Boy's name  
11 Work with hay  
12 Batter's delights: abbr.  
14 Letterer's pattern  
21 Food: slang  
25 Those who run for a second term  
26 Site of an English derby  
27 Worker's delight  
28 Gardner and others  
29 Canadian  
30 Furnace  
31 Irritable person  
32 Shelter, for some  
33 Weavers' reeds  
35 Well: Lat.  
38 Adjust  
39 Gary and Jackie  
41 Cry from Bo Peep's charges  
42 Early 31st-century year  
44 Gentle, caressing touch  
45 Seasoner  
47 Uplight  
48 Ran  
49 Matador's opponent  
50 Opposed to: dial.  
52 Terrible ruler  
53 Extensive  
54 Only  
55 Word whose homonym has a g and an h  
59 Poor mark

**ROARING TWENTIES**  
In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?  
Today's Category: CONSTELLATIONS  
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**Trivia Time** by Walter Branch  
1. How was President Franklin D. Roosevelt related to President Teddy Roosevelt?  
2. How does a baby elephant suckle?  
3. What letter ends all Japanese words not ending with a vowel?  
4. Who was Beaver Cleaver's teacher?  
5. What New Mexico resort town got its name from a radio game show?  
6. How many fingers did Anne Boleyn have?  
7. What is the difference between two square miles and two miles square?  
8. What is the world's largest office building?  
9. Who hosted "The \$64,000 Question"?  
10. How many points does the word, quiz, without blanks, score if it is the first word played in Scrabble?

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper  
**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Slow down the pace as you go through the week. Rushing around just won't get everything done. By week's end, you're exhausted but satisfied with what you've accomplished.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A colleague hasn't been pulling his weight. This puts you in a bit of a sticky situation. However, you can resolve this by week's end.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You are in no mood for excuses. It is right for you to hold others accountable for their actions. Don't let them off the hook.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Some contemplate a change of careers. Be sure, though, this is really what you want. Money can't be the most important factor.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A co-worker's adversarial attitude takes you by surprise as the week begins. Do your best to make peace. Barring that, be cordial.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) While you're yearning to get away, this isn't a good time to travel. Shelve those plans for a later date. This weekend, children's needs take precedence.  
**Celebrity Birthdays:** Wynonna, May 3; Randy Travis, May 4; Lance Henriksen, May 5; Roma Downey, May 6.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Tap into your creative side, which is at the forefront this week. Anything of an aesthetic nature pleases you. Over the weekend, shopping is an adventure.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The week begins on a peaceful note, which suits you just fine. However, things heat up as the days go by. Fortunately, you're not involved and can maintain a low profile.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Sit back and let others take the lead this week. You're at your best just going with the flow. By week's end, you're ready for a special social event.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're happiest this week working with your hands. Your creativity makes projects flow easily. This weekend, outdoor activities are favored.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Tread lightly in touchy conversations, especially where politics is concerned. You'll never convert the other person's point of view. It's a waste of time to try.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A nagging cold or allergy plagues you this week. This saps your energy. However, by week's end, you're in the pink again.

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**Trivia Time Answers**  
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1. They were fifth cousins; 2. With its mouth; 3. N; 4. Miss Landers; 5. Truth or Consequences; 6. 11; 7. Two square miles; 8. The Pentagon; 9. Hal March; 10. 44  
May 4.....Sapopo Castillo  
May 4.....James Conrad  
May 4.....Cubie Kurtz  
May 5.....Tom Faulkenberry  
May 5.....Eleanor Frerich  
May 5.....Johnny Smith  
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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**  
1. Andromeda  
2. Aquarius  
3. Ara  
4. Aries  
5. Big Dipper  
6. Capricorn  
7. Cygnus  
8. Delphinus  
9. Gemini  
10. Leo  
11. Libra  
12. Little Dipper  
13. Lyra  
14. Mensa  
15. Orion  
16. Pegasus  
17. Taurus  
18. Ursa Major  
19. Ursa Minor  
20. Virgo



# Families need God and each other God's sheep must choose to follow him

Gateway Ministries  
By Charolette Corey

Families are the core of the church. A man and a woman are the first church. Their children are an expansion of that church with the father being the head or spiritual leader of that church. In this day and age with men being seen and heard less and less in that capacity, we see more and more dysfunctional families.

Often the struggling single mom feels overwhelmed with the job of raising her children by herself. This is when the church should step in and help her.

The woman should be willing to place her trust in the counsel of the pastor or assigned counseling couple (as long as it lines up with the word of God). Single fathers are also an occasional example where they need church couples so that the hus-

band can mentor or be the male advisor to the younger man as well as his wife being available to advise and help with areas which are not easily understood by men.

Christians are all one big family with one body (the body of Christ), one God, and one spirit, the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is our head. He is our intercessor, our Mediator to the Father. No matter what happens in your family, nothing is bigger than Jesus and the name of Jesus is over every name that can be named. He is our shepherd. He leads us. The Holy Spirit guides, teaches and comforts us.

In times of crisis, God is always there. Even when families make foolish choices that lead them into troubled times, nothing happens that surprises him. Even though he knows in advance what their choices will be, he allows them to make them because they are not a puppets.

Yet, we believe that if families have a close relationship with him, they will be more aware of the "door" he offers them to walk through, a door that brings them a better result to their problems.

He always has the answer to their problems if they but wait on him and listen to his answer. God's answer will often be opposite to what they expect to hear because they are used to hearing what the world has to say. God will often surprise them because his wisdom is higher than the world's.

Families need each other. A godly community needs godly families. In order to build more godly families, please choose to assemble at the church of your choice. No one is left alone, single or couples, we all need each other. The assembly needs each other. We are family!!!

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

First United Methodist Church  
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

I read an interesting piece just this week. It was about Jesus as shepherd of his people. Now that isn't a unique image. We find the imagery of shepherd used quite often in the Bible as a way of expressing the relationship of humanity to God. David, the shepherd boy, grew up to be God's choice as king for the people of Israel. It was the shepherd boys stone and slingshot that saved the army of Saul, King of Judah against the giant, Goliath.

I am aware that many around Brackettville know a lot more about sheep than I do, so I am not going to explain shepherding to you.

I do, however, want to take you to a place mentioned in the 23rd Psalm, where we read (NASB), "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters." There it is. The shepherd directs the sheep to a green pas-

ture where their wants for nurture are met. Those of us who read it with our own agenda may often misread that imagery. We can imagine it to say, the Lord, our shepherd, is going to give us what we need to survive. We don't have to worry that this world is hard to live in, because, if we are good, God will give us all that we deserve for being so good.

I hope I am not too bold in saying, you can lead sheep to green pastures but you can't make them stay there. In fact, the next line in the Psalm tells a very important story.

The shepherd leads the sheep to "quiet" waters. The reason for that line is because sheep are "unaware" that they will enter swift waters for a drink not realizing that their wool will become soaked and they will no longer be able to keep their head above the surface.

So, they drown. The shepherd, knowing this, directs them away from that danger. However, if you have ever seen sheep stick their heads through

a fence to get to the grass that is on the other side, you will realize, sheep are just naturally curious about their environment and often wander away and into trouble of all sorts.

Perhaps that is the reason that Jesus speaks of himself as a shepherd in the 10th chapter of John. We, Jesus' sheep, tend to wander far from the fold, doing lots of things that bring trouble into our lives.

When we hear Jesus' shepherd voice we can find our way back because that voice is one that we know can help us find that which we need to weather the storms of our lives. The shepherd can only guide the sheep where there is safety and nurture, if the sheep wander away the shepherd calls. And if the sheep don't heed the call, it isn't the shepherd's fault.

Join us at 10:45 am next Sunday, as we seek to understand better the story of God's relationship with humanity and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for all to which God has guided us.

## Family revival comes to Brackettville

Church Alliance of Brackettville  
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

Psalm 127:3 reads, "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; The fruit of the womb is a reward." We who are parents are very lucky. God gifts us by allowing us to care for his children as babies and on up through their late teens. We are given the awesome opportunity to influence the lives of our kids, God's children. It is not only awesome, but very scary. For the times are dangerous and filled with temptations that lure our kids to throw away their lives. Beginning Sunday, May 6th, we are going to reclaim our community and begin reinstalling family values in Brackettville.

The Church Alliance of Brackettville will be holding an old-fashioned tent revival May 6th through 13th. There will be special music and special preaching oriented to bringing our families closer together once more. It will be a time of soul-searching and Spirit-watching. It will be a time that will refresh your soul and strengthen you family bonds. Bring the kids and Grandma, all are welcome.

On Sunday May 6, music will

be led by The Voices of Fort Clark beginning at 6:00 pm followed by Brother Dave Crowe of Frontier Baptist Church who will bring the evening's message. Rev. Arnold and Aurora Menchaca of A & A Ministries will be our guests on Monday, the 7th. Tuesday, the 8th Rev. Ken Sellers of First United Methodist Church will preach and The Borderline Singers of Del Rio will lead the music. On Wednesday, the Children's Choir of Gateway Ministries will bless us with music; Pastor Bob Corey of Gateway will provide the Word. Thursday will bring the church family of St. John's Baptist to lead our service, with Sister Judith Adams leading music and Brother Bill Adams preaching God's Word for our families. Friday, our special guests will be Pastor Eddie De La Rosa, of Templo Cristiano in Uvalde, whose church is also leading the music. On Saturday, we will welcome Brother Terry Simon of First Baptist Church in Quemado and that church's Youth Choir. Concluding the week with God's for our families will be Pastor Charolette Corey of Gateway Ministries; music will be by Jack and Marymichael Rogers of

Wimberly, Texas.

You will hear the sounds of praise and worship emanating from the tent on Gove street just north of Burger and Shake on land belonging to Tully Shahan. Come and see what the joy is all about. Bring the family and join us in our commitment to family values. God has good news for your family! It awaits you at "Revival of the Family" May 6 through 13, beginning each evening at 6:00 pm!

The Church Alliance invites you also to join with us in donating to the De Leon trust at the bank. Our community is called to share with Mr. De Leon and his remaining family in their time of loss.

## Daniel comes out unharmed

St. John's Missionary Church  
By Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

Then said these men, we shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the Law of his God.

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever.

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me, for

## Remember the meal Jesus prepared

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

I love picnics. I especially like breakfast picnics. When I was growing up along the Mississippi River in Illinois, we would very often take a picnic breakfast and go up along the river and cook bacon and eggs over an open fire. For some reason, everyday food always seemed to taste better outside in the fresh air.

When our kids were little, we lived across the street from a park in Lubbock and they

thought it was great to take their little lunch boxes over to the park and have a picnic lunch. I think they could probably still tell you that they had peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fresh lemonade!

I also like fish. Again, growing up along the Mississippi we always had wonderful catfish to eat. Even today, when I go home to visit my brothers, they always promise me a big catfish "feed"; cooked outside, even if it is on a grill rather than over an open fire.

I don't like to catch and clean the fish, but if someone else will do that part, I'll sure help with the eating!

John's gospel reflects this kind of activity. In the beginning of chapter 21, the disciples are fishing and not having much luck catching anything. Jesus comes along and tells them to cast their nets again.

Even though they do not recognize Him at first, they cast their nets on the right side and, as we all know the story, they catch more fish than their nets can hold.

In the meantime, Jesus has started a fire on the beach and is cooking fish and bread—an outdoor barbecue.

And who is invited to eat the meal Jesus cooks? Peter, who only a few days earlier had stood warming himself by a fire and denied he even knew who Jesus was.

This meal in John's gospel is often seen as a suggestion of a eucharistic meal.

Peter, like us, is the type of person Jesus would invite to a barbecue, to a eucharistic meal. Saints and sinners all, we are invited to come to the table and feast with Easter joy. Even if, like Peter, we once denied knowing the Lord, we are still invited to come, to eat, to be filled with the presence of the risen Christ.

As we get ready for the approaching summer, with barbecues, outdoor activities and time spent vacationing, maybe near the water, let us not forget the meal Jesus has prepared for us at His table—the feast of His body and blood—which He so willingly gave for us.

Lord, as we begin our summer activities, help me to be mindful of the banquet you continually prepare for me, for us.

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

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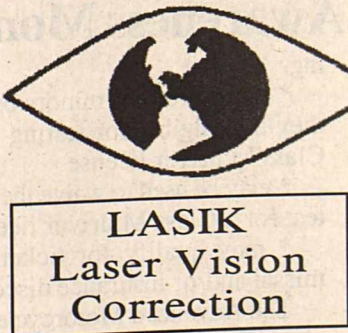
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**May Named Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month**

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Texas, and DPS urges all motorcycle enthusiasts to attend a professionally taught motorcycle course to hone their skills.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in his proclamation declaring May Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, urged all Texans to use Texas roads safely.

"Motorcycling is a popular form of transportation and recreation for many Texans. Our beautiful roadways and 12-month riding season contribute to Texas having one of the nation's largest motorcycling populations," Perry said. "We want everyone to be safe when they are traveling in Texas."

"More than 630,000 people in Texas have driver licenses that qualify them to operate a motorcycle," said Clifton Burdette, coordinator of the DPS motorcycle program. "Operating a motorcycle safely requires the use of special

mental and physical skills. Riders attain these skills by attending professionally taught motorcycle operator training courses, as well as through personal experience."

In addition to professional training, riders should wear quality protective equipment-including a helmet-use sound judgment and know Texas traffic laws to help keep themselves safe.

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit offers basic and advanced motorcycle operator training courses in nearly 50 locations statewide. In 2000, more than 12,962 Texans took either the basic or advanced course.

The Basic Motorcycle Operator Training Course:  
• is for new or inexperienced riders or those with a Class M driver license who have not ridden for several years. Motorcycles and helmets are provided to students who need them during training.

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• is required for minors before they are eligible for testing for a Class M driver license.

• may be used to waive the road test for a Class M driver license.

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The Advanced Motorcycle Operator Training Course:  
• is an 8-hour course for experienced and licensed riders wishing to improve their cornering, braking and swerving skills using their own motorcycle.

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Information about the Motorcycle Safety Unit classes can be found on the DPS website at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb). For additional information on motorcycle training, call the unit at 1-800-292-5787. The unit can be reached by e-mail at [motorcycle.safety@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:motorcycle.safety@txdps.state.tx.us).

## The secret of eternal youth

By Debbie Farmer  
Contributing Writer

I have found the secret of eternal youth: Have your mom move in down the street. Oh, I must admit that when she first moved so close it was a shock to see her on a daily basis after all these years on my own. After all, no one else ever tells me that I look tired or that I need to go see the dentist. But let-me-tell-you, it's done wonders for my outlook. I haven't felt so young since I was, say, thirteen.

Now don't get me wrong, I didn't regress all at once. In fact I'm not quite sure how it happened. One day I was happily in my mid-thirties, holding down a job while taking care of a house and two children, and the next, I was getting advice from my mother on how to effectively floss my teeth.

I should've recognized the signs when I'd say something like, "I've finally worked out a plan to redistribute our contributions to our tax deferred annuity which increases our non-taxable return to well over market value. What do you think?"

And my mom would reply, "That's nice, dear. Are you sure you're eating enough? You look a little thin."

One time I remarked on how the uncertainty of a global economy could affect the overall performance of the stock market, and she just looked at me and asked to know if I was using the water filter she gave me for my last birthday since "you never

know what's in tap water these days and it will help clear up your skin."

Although suddenly becoming a middle-aged teenager isn't necessarily bad, sometimes I find myself reacting in ways I can't explain - like automatically rejecting my mom's advice even though I know she's right. In fact, last night after a speech on how adding more fiber to my diet would increase the overall health of my digestive track, I caught myself thinking "I won't and you can't make me!" And on top of that I'm having sudden urges to get my belly button pierced and have a giant Ying-yang tattooed on my lower back. And I've started listening to really loud rock music in the car.

And it's not just me. My friend Linda, a successful woman with three children and a masters degree in education, refuses to wear socks with her tennis shoes every time her mother comes to visit.

Luckily I manage to metamorphose back into a qualified adult when I'm around my children.

"Don't sit so close to the television," I say to my eight-year old daughter. "It's bad for your vision."

But she just rolls her eyes and asks me when I'm going to stop worrying so much.

I want to look at her and say, "Never! I'm your mother and that's my job." But I have a feeling she wouldn't understand.

However, despite my best efforts, my transformation doesn't last long. Just when I'm getting

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