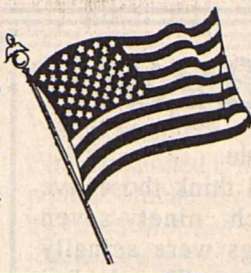


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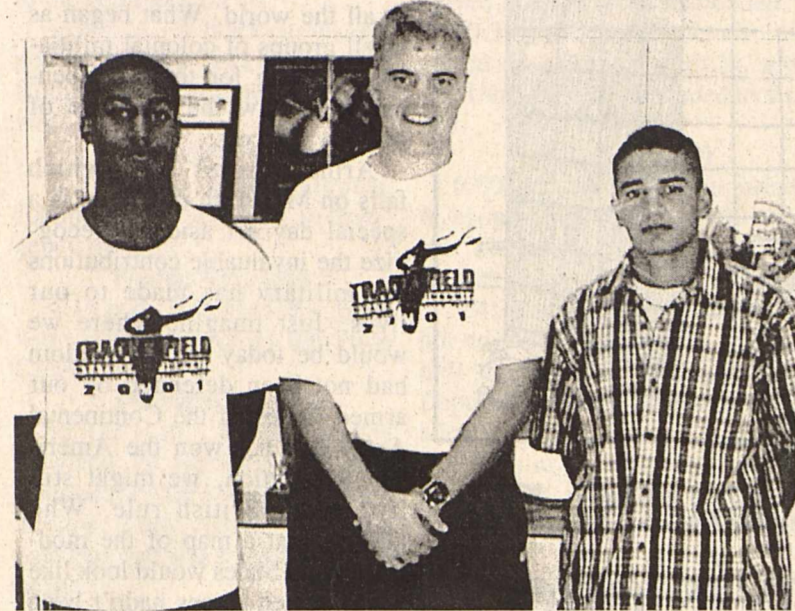
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Toms wins gold at State Kinney County water bill may not reach Senate floor



Pictured from left to right are Damian Toms, State Champ, Coach Walt Brock and Thomas Crowe, fifth place State winner.

By Coach Walt Brock
Contributing Writer

Damian Toms ran at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin last Friday and showed a packed crowd at the U.T. Mike Myers Stadium that he is king of the AA 400m dash.

Toms who ran in lane one crossed the finish line with a time of 48.62 a new school record and his personal best. However, Eugene Shelton of Hull-Daisetta, in lane five, crossed the finish line with the same exact time of 48.62.

Crowe earns fifth at State

Thomas Crowe ran at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin last Friday in front of a packed crowd at the U.T. Mike Myers Stadium. Crow was given lane 6 for the 800m and showed that he was one of the top 8 fastest runners in the state. Crow ran his personal best (1:59.22) in what was his last high school race.

Waiting an hour for the official results, it showed that even the best technology couldn't give an account for who crossed first. For what was the first time in UIL history two gold medals were given for the AA 400m, the closest race in track history. Damian Toms ran his last high school race finishing #1 in the state. Toms is the first state champion of Brackettville. He has been talking to Texas A&M Kingsville and McMurry Universities. Congratulations to Damian for all of his hard work, faith, and dedication.

Crow had always wanted to break the two minute mark and he did with a time of 1:59.22 giving him fifth place and a new Brackett High School record. Congratulations to Thomas for all of his hard work and achievements.

Buchanan speaks to Rotarians

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met Thursday, May 10. Past president Frank Cheaney reported on the District 5840 Annual Conference in Fredricksberg the previous weekend, which he, Tino Guzman, and Bill Heann attended. Cheaney described the most impressive part of the meeting as being the moment when exchange students from different countries marched down to the stage. Each carried his or her country's flag.

President, Joe Harden, then asked Cheaney to conduct the installation ceremony for new member, Lynn McCarson, who is the new president of the Brackettville Bank and Trust. Cheaney gave a brief history of Rotary and presented her with a membership packet and a Rotary pin.

The speaker for the day was Dr. Lynn Buchanan, osteopathic physician and Board Certified family practitioner. She and her husband, Dr. Daniel Chartrand, a Board Certified OB and GYN physician recently built and now operate the Rio Vista Medical Center in Del Rio at 2209 Bedell Ave.

Dr. Buchanan brought Patrick Garman with her. He is known in Brackettville since he was the Manager and Director of the Warm Springs Physical Therapy and Rehab Center in Brackettville and Del Rio until Warm Springs recently closed both facilities. Garman now is located with Dr. Buchanan and Dr. Chartrand at Rio Vista, and the Rio Vista Clinic is now offering rehab services.

Nurse Practitioner, Jan Patluck, also attended the Rotary meeting. She also works with Dr. Buchanan, and she lives here on the Fort having been a member for many years.

Dr. Buchanan is interested in teaching. She is presently involved in directing and teaching adult diabetes education classes that are sponsored by the Community

The outcome of House Bill 3243 was still in doubt after the drafting committee meeting last Tuesday afternoon.

The bill has already passed the state house of representatives and moved on to the state senate where it was referred to the senate natural resource committee.

Committee members Zack Davis and Jim McDaniel requested Senator Frank Madla present a substitute bill to the natural resource committee. Madla declined but urged the committee to meet again and reach some agreement.

The original bill passed the natural resource committee with a favorable recommendation.

At Tuesday's meeting the original bill was amended. The amendments included one of the seven

board positions being agriculturally related. Agricultural was defined as anyone who possesses an agricultural exemption on property owned and/or anyone who leases and/or operates land under an agricultural exemption. The temporary board will be considered from lists provided by Kinney County Commissioners Court, City of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District and Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

The bill will now be referred to a joint committee. If it fails to leave committee prior to the end of the legislative session, it will not be voted on by the senate and will effectively kill the bill.

If passed, the bill will allow for the creation of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation Dis-

trict. The district would be created with the intent to retain local control over water rights and resources, and to serve public use and benefit.

The committee consists of Alex Solis, Larry Sofaly, David Luna, Tully Shahan, Herb Senne, Francis Wylie, Jim McDaniel, Zack Davis, Jim Bader, Bret Trant, Charlie Foust, and Wes Robinson. James Crumley and Robert Elledge served in advisory positions.

Whether an agreement was reached remains to be seen.

When asked if he would support the amended bill Davis replied, "We have to review the changes and get with our people tomorrow. Then we will make our decision."

911 provides life saving link, EMT course registration open

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford,
EMS Director

Most people know that when emergency medical help is needed, dialing 9-1-1 on the nearest telephone brings quick response. But some people may not think about exactly who is answering that call for help.

Kinney County EMS and Texas Department of Health remind you and your family that emergency response teams provide a lifesaving link between ill and injured individuals and medical care in Kinney County.

"Emergency medical response across Texas is provided every day by dedicated, trained professionals, working in ambulances and trauma centers stocked with lifesaving equipment," said Kathy Perkins, Chief of TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management.

The Texas Trauma System, made up of 185 trauma centers across Texas and on alert with your call to 9-1-1, coordinates in-hospital care so that patients receive care that they need in the hospital as quickly as possible.

"Nearly 45,000 trained, certified emergency personnel are part of Texas EMS," Perkins said. "They respond to people in need and give the best emergency medical care possible. These highly-trained medics treat patients from the emergency scene to the hospi-

tal and are an integral part of our emergency care system for victims of sudden and serious illness and injury."

On Monday, May 14, Kinney County Commissioners' Court passed a resolution honoring EMS caregivers all over Texas and in Kinney County.

This resolution was passed anticipating EMS Week, May 20 - 26th, 2001. The Kick-off is a thank you Bar-b-que for EMS members and special helpers from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th.

During the week, lots of activities are planned, including special demonstrations of CPR and Automated Electronic Defibrillators, Summer Safety Hints for school aged children and adults as well.

The Elementary School will participate in a mural contest with the theme "Answering the Call." We'll also be hosting an open house for the public on Thursday, May 24, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the EMS Station at 401 South Ellen St.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We'll put out some of our special state of the art equipment for you to check out.

Please come and tour our great EMS Station and meet our talented "EMSers"!

A reminder as you travel the streets and roads of Texas with your kids: Where a child sits in a vehicle can be a life or death decision made by his or her parents!

The back seat is the safest place for children to ride.

Motor vehicle crashes still cause about one of every three injury deaths in children. Estimates indicate that children aged 12 and under are up to 36 percent less likely to die in a crash if they are in the rear seat of the vehicle.

Recently in San Antonio, "Take a Back Seat for Safety," observed that about half of the children at one school arrived in the front seats of vehicles. Transporting your child safely should be your goal this summer.

The best place in a vehicle for your children is in the back seat with proper seatbelts and restraining devices. And while you're at it, why not set a good example as a role model and use your seatbelt, because seatbelts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent!

As summer approaches, children have increased risks of injury and death because of their summertime activities.

Here is some information about safety problems of "wheeled recreation" and children: in 1998, 203 children aged 14 and under died in bicycle-related crashes.

Bike helmets are 88 percent effective in reducing the risk of brain injury and have contributed to a 60 percent decline in death rates from bike accidents.

Since 1992, at least 37 children aged 14 and under died from in-line skating injuries. Brain injury is the leading cause of sport- and recreation-related death.

Nearly half of all children's sport- and recreation-related head injuries are caused by bicycle, skating and skateboard incidents. [I collected this information from Texas Department of Health and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration]

EMT Basic course starts for sure on Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. We still have a few slots open, so please contact the office at 830-563-9090 or come by the station at 401 S. Ellen St.

Our regular office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. EMS personnel are on duty at the station 24 hours a day.

If you have an emergency call 9-1-1.

Please be aware that the first ambulance on a call must have at least two EMS certified people on board. Second and third ambulances out while the primary unit is committed to a call, are allowed to have a minimum of one EMS certified individual on board with a non-certified driver.

There is always at least one EMS certified person with our patients.

Briefs ...

Commodities given

The USDA Commodities will be at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 116 W. Crockett St. on Monday, May 21, 2001.

Substance Abuse Prevention Conference

Quad Counties Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the 63rd/83rd Juvenile Probation Department invites all area youth and the general public from both sides of the border to its first annual "U.S./Mexico Border Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Conference" on May 19, 2001 from 8-5 pm at the Del Rio Civic Center with music and other fun activities for the entire family!! There will be a dance after the conference from 7-11 PM. Admission is free. For more information call (830) 774-7411 or email us at Quad@delrio.com.

Fine arts show

The Medina Valley Art Society will hold its Spring Fine Arts Show and Sale on Saturday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Castroville Elementary School Cafeteria in Castroville.

There is no entrance fee for the event. Artists from around the state will provide a variety of fine art works to include oil paintings, watercolor paintings, other 2-dimensional media, photography and 3-dimensional art.

Visitors will be able to view art, meet the artists, and shop in a leisurely setting in historic Castroville. Castroville has many places of interest including historic homes and antique shops. In addition, the Spring Castroville Antique Show will be in progress the same weekend at Koenig Park in Castroville.

For more information, contact Janice Montieth at (210) 673-1865 or Colleen Gibson at (830) 931-3743.

Del Rio Weekly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period May 7-13, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...18, Brackettville...338, Carrizo Springs...398, Comstock...35, Del Rio...348, Eagle Pass...754, Llano...5, Rocksprings...13, San Angelo...25, Uvalde...66, Sector Total...2,000, Other Than Mexicans...113

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Empowering Families

"Why did he have to die?" Ten-year old David was crying uncontrollably over the death of his best friend.

Pulling David close to him, John comforted his son. For what seemed like endless moments...
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Making a difference

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Local masons present Lamar Medals



Pictured from left to right, front row - Wes Robinson, Ray Kurtz, John Wylie, Lamar Medal recipient, Brittany Shewbart, Lamar medal recipient, James Stafford and P.M. Moore; back row - Jack Taunt, Tom Faulkenberry, Tom Ertle, Worshipful Master, Manuel Madrid, Chuck Hall and Randall Stiles, District Masonic Relations Officer, 43rd Masonic District. Las Moras Masonic Lodge presented the Lamar Medals on Monday, May 14. The medals are given by the Masonic Lodge to outstanding graduates each year in memory of Mirabeau Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas.

Chunky is in again

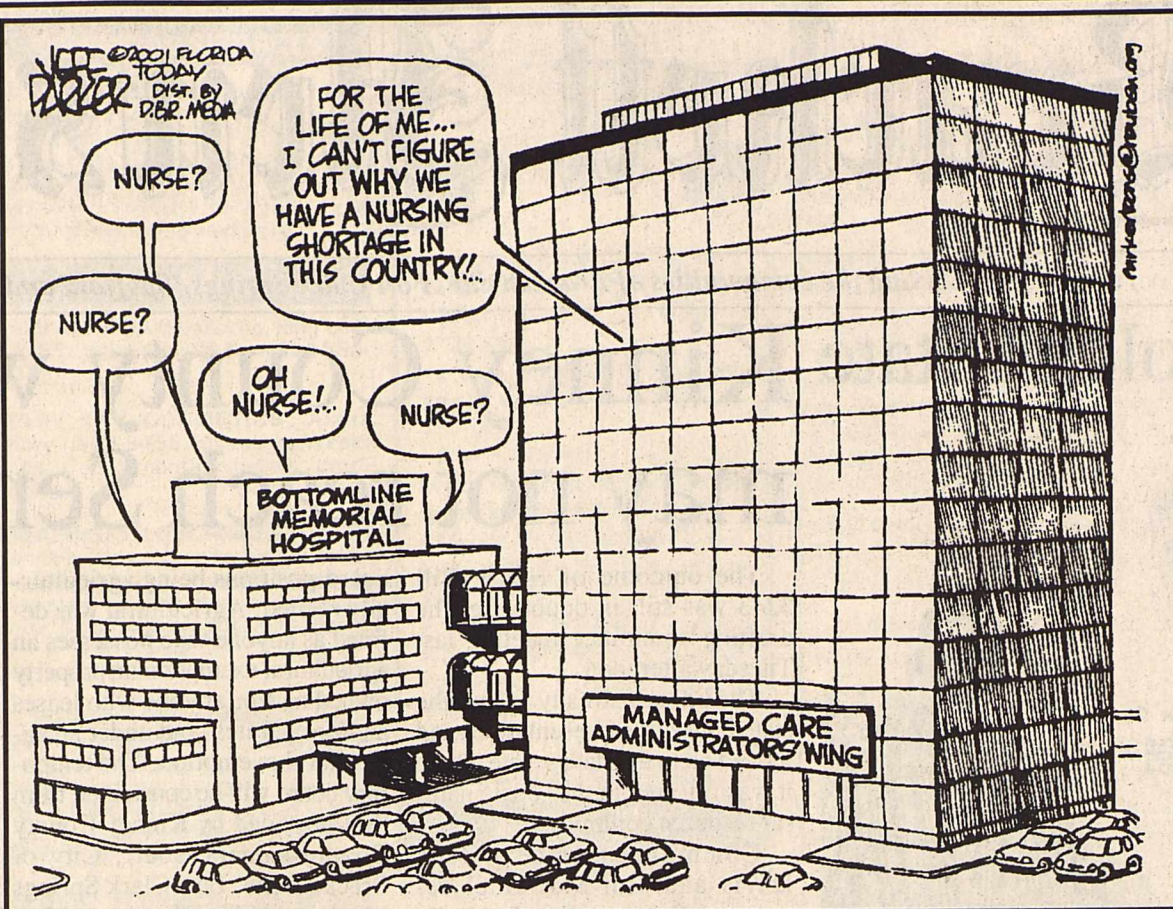
But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

In a recent article from People magazine, I found some great news. This is news that should please men and women alike around the world. From sunny California we get enlightenment from folks that set trends. The Hollywood celebrities have decided that the skinny look is out. The same people that gave us sunglasses have now declared the super thin model to be a thing of the past. Someone finally came to the same conclusion I did years ago. Bones are straight. It takes a little tissue to make curves. I like it. I am glad that no one has to starve any longer to feel pretty. We can all relax on our diets and enjoy food. Get that cholesterol up there where it ought to be. No more slim-fast for this fat boy. Plump is what I'm talking about.

Let's live a little. I never did think those five foot nine inch, ninety-seven pound darlings were actually that cute anyway. They looked anemic to me. I thought some of them needed to be wormed. Go see a doctor at the very least. Take a pill. Put some meat on those bones!

I wanted to spread this exciting information to all that would listen to me. Everyone, especially women, must want to hear that flesh is back in vogue. I knew all would appreciate my relating my recent discovery. The first three women that I told the story to gave me a disgusting look.

I happily told them that the overweight look was in style. One said I should be slapped. I still haven't encountered anyone who fully comprehends the beauty of the situation. What did I do wrong?



Honor the defenders of our freedom

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

In the two centuries since the United States of America came into existence, our armed forces have become the most respected in all the world. What began as small groups of colonial militiamen fighting for their independence is now the pinnacle of military success.

Armed Forces Day, which falls on May 19th this year, is a special day set aside to recognize the invaluable contributions the military has made to our lives. Just imagine where we would be today if our freedom had not been defended by our armed forces; if the Continental Army had not won the American Revolution, we might still live under British rule. Who knows what a map of the modern United States would look like if our armed forces hadn't been there throughout the years.

During the 20th century, the role of our armed forces has expanded tremendously. No longer is our military allowing our enemies to fight on U.S. soil. During both world wars, our forces were drawn into global conflicts in which freedom and democracy were at stake. In both conflicts, it was the U.S. armed forces which made the difference, and since then, nations around the world have looked to the United States for leadership and protection.

In the 45 years since President Harry Truman first proclaimed "Armed Forces Day", our world has gone through many changes. Communism has failed. The Cold War is over and the walls that once divided the East from the West have fallen. The many accomplishments of the United States of America could not have been achieved without the strength and dedication of our armed forces.

The men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces are a priceless segment of our population. The freedom they have provided for over 200 years is also priceless. On this Armed Forces Day, I'd like to say thank you to those of you who have served your country. You are a brave symbol of our nation's success and freedom. Thank you.

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Big Mama Sez!



It's difficult to watch our children make the same mistakes we have. But remember, the lesson is better learned if they live it themselves.

You decide: Is this the same nation our forefathers envisioned?

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." - George Washington, President

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor." - George Washington in his first Presidential Proclamation.

"Our Constitution is made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." - John Adams, President of the USA

"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this - that it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." - John Quincy Adams, President of the USA

"The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests." - Andrew Jackson, President

"We have staked the future of the American civilization upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." - James Madison, President.

"The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty. A student's perusal of the sacred volume will make him a better citizen, a better father, and a better husband." - Thomas Jefferson, President

"Whatever strikes at the root of Christianity tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government." - The Supreme Court in People vs. Ruggles 1811

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the

Gospel of Jesus Christ." - Patrick Henry, Patriot

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and his Apostles...to this we owe our free constitutions of government." - Noah Webster

"The Christian religion, in its purity, is the basis and source of all genuine freedom in government. I am persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable, in which the principles of Christianity have not a controlling influence." - James Madison

"If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule for God, and to do that, thou must be ruled by him... Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants." - William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania

"In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed." - Noah Webster

"By removing the Bible from schools we would be wasting so much time and money in punishing criminals and so little pains to prevent crime. Take the Bible out of our schools and there would be an explosion in crime." - Benjamin Rush, founding father, 1745-1813

The above are a few quotes from the founding fathers of this nation. Now you decide what the men who formed this nation thought about the place of Christianity in government and education.

For me it is obvious that they did not believe that religion in general and Christianity in particular should be, or even could be, removed from government. To them the daily guidance of God, through prayer and study of the Bible, was an integral and

inseparable part of their ability to govern correctly. They did not intend for there to be a wall placed between religion and government because such a wall of separation was totally inconceivable to them.

They understood and accepted that the only principles upon which a democratic republic could be successfully founded were the divine principles of Christ. They believed the Bible should be taught in schools and used as a learning aid and a textbook. They believed that God himself founded this nation, and that if this nation ever turned away from God, he himself would punish it for that grave mistake.

It is crystal clear that the nation which now bears the name United States of America is not the same nation that those great men envisioned. It is also crystal clear that they were right in their belief that the abandonment of Christian principles in government would mean the destruction of the nation they fought and died to build.

It is a sad part of my life that I must watch that destruction, when it could be so easily stopped by allowing God back into our government and schools and letting him guide our actions every day, instead of hiding Him away in our churches so that unbelievers won't have to be made uncomfortable by His presence. Where God is not - there is Satan.

Mark 4:21-23 - "He said to them, 'Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.'"

First aid for a nursing shortage in Texas

Capitol Comment
By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

In January, a seriously ill two-year-old boy from a town in the Panhandle had to be airlifted to Galveston for treatment of a respiratory condition. This occurred not because his hometown hospital lacked the appropriate equipment to treat him; rather, the life-saving flight was necessary because the hospital did not have enough nurses on staff to provide the small child with the level of skilled care he so badly needed. What a frightening experience for the boy and his parents it must have been.

While unusual, this was not an isolated case. Nursing vacancy rates in Texas range from 10 percent to as high as 18 percent in some speciality areas. I am concerned that such scenarios may become entirely too familiar in our state and across the country unless we mount a concerted effort to recruit and train more nurses.

We are in the midst of a nursing shortage that touches every community - urban, suburban and rural. No sector of our health care system is immune to it: across the country, hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices and other providers are struggling to find nurses to care for their patients. Often, when patients are denied admission to facilities, there are beds available but not enough nurses to care for the patients who occupy them.

Nationwide, over the past five years, enrollment in entry-level nursing programs has declined by 20 percent. Attracted to lucrative jobs in the new economy, high school graduates are not pursuing careers in nursing in the numbers they once did. If these trends continue, we stand to lose a vast number of nurses at the same time they will be badly needed to care for the millions of baby boomers enrolling in Medicare.

In an effort to address this situation before it becomes a

crisis, I have introduced legislation to strengthen our nurse training programs and provide graduate education funding for hospitals that are affiliated with nursing schools. The Nurse Reinvestment Act, which enjoys bipartisan support, would establish grants, scholarships and loan repayment programs so more individuals will be able to train as nurses.

For nurses already working in health care, it would open doors to advanced education and training. In addition, it would establish programs to educate young people about the profession of nursing.

Texas' health care systems will be in bad shape if we do not act quickly.

While past nursing shortages were cyclical in nature, the emerging shortage is driven by other forces. We are not replacing as many nurses as retire annually. At the same time, more than 3,000 qualified applicants for Texas nursing schools had to be turned away last year due

to a lack of instructors. We need to invest in training the teachers who educate our nurses. The legislation I have introduced addresses this situation specifically by supporting nurse education and training through Medicare, Medicaid and Public Health Service programs.

It is estimated that, by 2007, Texas needs to double the number of graduates from its nursing education programs to meet the anticipated demand for care. My legislation specifically funds training programs for geriatric nurses, a specialty that will be in higher demand over the next 15 years as the baby-boom population reaches retirement age.

Tomorrow's nurses will need to be experts in managing complex diseases and utilizing the latest technology. The Nurse Reinvestment Act not only seeks to increase the numbers of nurses in our country, but in doing so, would ensure that every nurse has the skills needed to provide quality care to all patients.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 7

10:27 a.m., An employee from the Texas Department of Transportation radioed the Sheriff's Office, wind surfers were north of 693 on 277. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded.

5:30 p.m., A Constable from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported that he was going to pick up a white 92' Nissan parked next to the cemetery on 1st.

9:39 p.m., A black car was reported driving recklessly, east from town. Check point was advised.

Tuesday, May 8

4:27 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter delivered an emergency message.

Wednesday, May 9

4:10 p.m., On FM 2804 goats were reported seen at the Pinto Creek.

Thursday, May 10

12:00 p.m., Joshua Bryce Rowland, 19, from Big Lake, was arrested for a DPS warrant by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. Rowland paid fine and was released on Saturday.

12:37 p.m., A woman reported that her daughter had an accident on FM 693. EMS and Trooper Ashley were advised.

3:03 p.m., A man wanted to file a complaint on someone who had been hitting his fence. Deputy Fritter responded.

8:10 p.m., A 911 call was received of gun shots that were being fired next to the Wool and Mohair. Deputy Manuel Pena was advised.

9:50 p.m., A 911 call about loud music on James St was received. Deputy Pena responded.

10:33 p.m., A vehicle was reported speeding on Sheedy St. and 1st. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

Friday, May 11

6:30 p.m., A woman reported that someone had stolen \$400 dollars out of her purse in school. Deputy Pena responded.

7:45 p.m., A woman reported her windshield was hit by a baseball at a Little League game. Deputy Pena responded to the situation.

9:28 p.m., A man requested to speak with a Deputy about his daughter. Deputy Karl Chism was advised.

Saturday, May 12

3:46 a.m., An employee from Union Pacific called the Sheriff's Office to report the door open on a box car. The man wanted some-

one to check it out. A Border Patrol Agent was advised.

6:00 p.m., An accident was reported on Hwy 90 west near the A.J. Foyt Ranch. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie, Deputy Pena, Val Verde EMS, and Brackett EMS were notified.

Sunday, May 13

3:50 p.m., Emma Sanchez Salas, 26, from San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Salas posted bond the

same day.

7:37 p.m., A woman from Edwards County reported an accident but it was not in Kinney County.

7:45 p.m., A man reported damages in the Fort near the pool. Deputy Pena responded.

8:50 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a burglary.

8:51 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a call of a reckless and intoxicated driver that was reported seen around Brown St.

Garden Club funds sprinkler system

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club concluded it's season with a potluck luncheon meeting hosted by Clara McCord. Members enjoyed an interesting and informative program presented by Joe Goebel.

A new slate of officers, for the 2001-2002 season, was installed by outgoing President Clara McCord. New officers are: President, Ruby Cheaney; 1st VP, Pasty Callnan; 2nd VP, Donna Gracie; 3rd VP, Carol Miller; Secretary, Joyce Bergey; Treasurer, Rosie

Mattingly.

The outgoing officers and all the members of the Garden Club are pleased and proud to have achieved their goal this past season to raise the money to fund the purchase of a sprinkler system for the Service Club. We thank all clubs, organizations and individuals who contributed time, money and effort to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

The Garden Club will resume regular meetings beginning the second Thursday in September.

Brackettville winners listed in SWTJC Creative Arts contest

Winners in a variety of visual arts and literary categories were recognized April 25 during the awards ceremony for the 20th Annual Southwest Texas Junior College Creative Arts Contest.

The awards ceremony was held in the Matthews Student Center Ballroom at SWTJC Uvalde.

Receiving awards from Brackettville and the surrounding area were: Greg Estrada, honorable mention drawing with pencil, grades 7-8; Courtney Frerich, first place essay, grades 7-8; Kami Berg, third place poetry, grades 9-10; Beau Watkins, first place short story, grades 9-10; Ryan Frerich, second place essay,

grades 9-10; and Candice Ingram, first place computer-generated graphics and second place charcoal, grades 11-12.

Brackettville winners in the community division were: Caleb Wylie, first place computer-generated graphics; Karen Crumley, first place short story; Jon Cristy, third place short story; and Patricia C. McKelvy, third place essay.

Winning entries in this year's contest will be published in the 2001 edition of The Palm's Leaf, a compilation of visual arts and literary winners. The magazine will be available next fall.

Senior Center open house

On Sunday, May 20, the Uvalde Senior Citizens Center will hold an Open House from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Demonstrations will be presented on woodcarving, leather working, calligraphy, art, painting, woodworking, computers, and several other new planned activities for the Center. You will be able to view the work of the presenters and sign up for new and existing classes.

The Uvalde Senior Citizens Center came into being as the dream of Herby Ham, who

founded the Center, along with the assistance of many businesses and individuals who shared his insight. There are current and new activities for most every interest and all adults, regardless of age, are invited and welcome to participate. Most of the activities are free or very low cost, but the Center does operate on donations which are always appreciated.

Please make plans to visit the Open House and see all the opportunities available at the Senior Center.

Amistad NRA changes headquarters schedule

Amistad National Recreation Area has changed it's headquarters office hours. The office on US Highway 90 just west of Del Rio is now open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. Acting Superintendent Todd Brindle said, "Our weekend visitation is very low and we feel our limited staff resources are better spent in the field, where most of our visitors are. We're rearranging schedules to put more people in the park instead of in the of-

fices." Visitors needing boat use permits can still find automated machines in front of the headquarters building, and at the Diablo East and Rough Canyon boat ramps. Ranger stations at Diablo East, Rough Canyon, and Pecos are staffed intermittently.

For more information, visitors may call (830)-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

Diabetes classes offered

Hearing that you have diabetes is not good news. But it's not as bad as you think. There are treatment options available to you today that were completely unknown just ten years ago. You can live a long, healthy life with diabetes - and you will, as long as you keep your blood sugar levels under tight control. Yes, you have to control your diabetes. Diabetes is four times more commonly found in Hispanics. Here are some practical steps you can take to cope with diabetes

- Find someone willing and able to answer your questions on diabetes. An excellent source of information is the American Diabetes Association, 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383) or use the Internet Web site www.diabetes.org.
- You'll also want to see a certified diabetes educator. They will likely be the person who teaches you the "nuts and bolts" of dealing with diabetes.

Both a certified diabetic educator and a registered dietitian are available at the Adult Diabetes Education Classes in Del Rio. These classes are under the direction of Dr. Lynn Buchanan and are free to those with diabetes.

- Assemble a good medical team. Start with your doctor, or "primary care physician." You will be relying on him or her to recommend the other members of your health care team.

You can call to register by calling Christina at (830) 774-7591.



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Others choices can affect us

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Why did he have to die?" Ten-year old David was crying uncontrollably over the death of his best friend.

Pulling David close to him, John comforted his son. For what seemed like endless moments, David wept, his tears wetting his father's face. John held David tightly, and whispered over and over, "it's all right, it's all right." John's strong embrace and his words of confidence gave his son warmth and security that was needed at this moment.

Finally David calmed a bit. Choking the words, he repeated, "Why Dad? Why didn't God stop this awful tragedy?"

"David, it's hard to understand how God who loves us so much could stand aside while such a tragedy occurs. Many are asking the same question.

You see son, when God created us he gave us free will. That means we all have choices. It also means that bad things can happen because of other people's wrong choices. God didn't want us to be robots. He wanted to give us the opportunity to respond to his love by choice. He also wanted us to be able to develop integrity and love in our hearts so that we would always make choices that would bring good to ourselves and to others.

Terry did not have to die son. This very moment he should be alive and the two of you should be playing ball or running in the field. It was someone else's decision. A young man chose to drink too much.

Then he chose to drive under the influence. Then he made a decision to pass another car when there wasn't enough room.

Terry's angel was there to comfort him in that split second of pain. Then together, they went into

the presence of God. We know this because Terry loved God and had given himself to Jesus. Terry is alive; he lives in another world and in another dimension. But, you can still talk to him and tell him how much you miss him."

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

Perry signs hate crimes bill

Austin - With the mother and father of James Byrd, Jr., looking on, Governor Rick Perry today signed the hate crimes bill passed by the Senate on Monday.

The legislation has been named the James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Act, in memory of the African-American man who in 1998 was dragged to death behind a pickup in a racially motivated killing.

"In the end, we're all Texans, and we must be united as we walk together into the future," Perry said. "That's why I have signed House Bill (HB) 587 into law. Texas has always been a tough-on-crime state. With my signature, Texas now has stronger criminal penalties against crime motivated by hate."

HB 587 will increase penalties for hate crimes motivated by prejudice or bias. The bill would also provide assistance to local jurisdictions for the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. The act will raise the penalty by one level for a crime determined to be motivated by hate. Under current law, spray painting a church with a swastika carries a maximum penalty of 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine. HB 587, which takes effect September 1, will increase the maximum punishment to 1 year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

HB 587 was authored by State Rep. Senfronia Thompson of Houston and sponsored in the Senate by Rodney Ellis of Houston, who authored the companion bill. Dallas Sen. Royce West and Dallas State Rep. Steve Wolens also attended the signing ceremony.

"This bill needed Governor Rick Perry's name on it, and I'm very grateful for that. This bill needed and deserved Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff's vote, and I appreciate that. And this bill needed and deserved the leadership of the speaker of the House to get it through that body," Ellis said. "But more than anything else — take it from someone who started down this road in 1991 — this bill needed a tough, strong black woman named Senfronia Thompson to put the heat on to get this bill passed."

After signing the bill, Perry presented the pen he used to the parents of James Byrd, Jr.

Falcon graduates

Nick Falcon, son of Lupe and Martha Falcon of Brackettville, graduated from Midland College on May 11, 2001. Nick Falcon was attending Midland College in Midland for two years. Nick received his Associate of Applied Science with Honors. While attending school, Nick maintained a job as well as his family, wife Lisa, two sons, Damien and Daniel, and a daughter Siarra.

"This is the best Mother's Day gift that I've ever received, something that I will cherish and can remember all my life," said Mrs. James Byrd, Sr. "At least I have something good to remember from his death. It's been hard. It's been real hard to live through it."

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff on Monday praised the action by the Senate in passing HB 587, particularly the tone of the debate despite the high emotions surrounding the bill. Ratliff was among the 20 members who voted in favor of final passage of the bill. He rarely casts a vote on legislation before the Senate, although has the right to do so because he still represents the 1st Senatorial District. Ratliff has cast his vote on only two other bills this session, the General Appropriations Bill and the bill targeting racial profiling that was passed by the Senate in April.

"I felt like it was probably very important that we send a message to the world that crimes committed from a motivation of hatred are not to be tolerated in the state of Texas," Ratliff said.

Helicopter to be used for eradication

(Abilene) - A helicopter is the latest tool to be used in the continuing effort to eradicate the weevil in the Corpus Christi area, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials say.

The helicopter will be used to safely treat areas not as accessible to fixed-wing aircraft, including areas with restricted or congested airspace.

The use of the helicopter is good news for residents and businesses near cotton fields on the edges of the city. The foundation has always taken steps to ensure insecticide does not drift into these areas, and the addition of the helicopter will allow for even more precise applications.

These precise applications should speed the progress of eradication, further reducing the need

Regatta rolls on the Riverfest

Bandera's RiverFest 2001 is fun for the entire family with the "Anything that Floats but a Boat" Regatta with its coveted Bandera Cup being awarded. Precision Riders will present the flags at 10 am to open the event, Saturday, May 19 at Bandera City Park on the beautiful Medina River. Music, arts and crafts, children's activities, food and beverage will continue until 7pm. Admission is \$3 adults, children under 12 get in free.

The Regatta floats down the Medina at 1 pm with every design imaginable, all contesting for the Bandera Cup. After the awards, the Kayak Races for all ages and levels begin splashing fun. Kayaks are provided.

A \$1,000.00 Shopping Spree in Bandera County is the First Raffle Prize, with a Bandera weekend package for two (lodging, din-

ner, breakfast), Kayak, Event Tickets at the Cabaret and other prizes to be awarded.

Music starts with Lanette Pennel and her popular Hill Country group and continues with Nathan Hamilton and the No Deal Band from Austin. The next well know local group is Rune River Percussions, all playing at the main stage, central at RiverFest overlooking the river.

Children's activities are close by, with Moon Bounce, bubbles, water and birdseed play, a musical band with instruments, arts and crafts to keep young ones well entertained.

Artists and craftsmen exhibitors from throughout the region will have unique wares. Food vendors will have barbeque, hamburgers, sweets and other treats. Bring your swimsuit, the family and come play with us on the river!

It's a Girl!



Mya Alexa Garcia was born on April 19, 2001, at 4:58 pm weighing 6 lbs. and 9.4 ounces, 21 inches long. Michael and Mayra are her proud parents.

Texans overpay local phone companies for calls; Rural, border telephone customers hit hardest

Austin - Texans pay nearly \$537 million in overcharges every year to local phone companies, with rural and border customers paying disproportionately more than their urban neighbors, a new report shows.

Texans are charged nearly six cents a minute by local phone companies to connect in-state long-distance calls, compared to about a penny per minute to connect a call to another state. But local phone companies' actual cost for this service is only about a cent.

According to a new study, Telecommunications and the New

Texas Economy by noted economist Dr. M. Ray Perryman, this gap in pricing means Texans pay \$536.8 million more per year than necessary on their phone bills.

The report found that rural customers are hardest hit by these excess charges because they make more in-state long-distance calls - about 125 minutes more per year - than Texans in major metropolitan areas. And as a percentage of income, the fees take a "bigger bite out of the wallets" of both rural and border residents, Perryman said.

In Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, Bexar, and Travis counties, residents pay \$312.8 million in overcharges per year. Customers in rural areas pay \$114.8 million and Texans living along the border - from El Paso to Brownsville - pay \$108.9 million, according to the report.

In Harris County alone, the overcharges are \$89.9 million, and in Dallas County, they total \$54.8 million per year.

"Texans pay more than four times as much to connect in-state long distance calls as they do for out-of-state calls - even though the cost of the service is about the same for both," said Perryman, president and CEO of The Perryman Group, an economic and financial analysis firm headquartered in Waco.

"This burden is disproportionately harder on rural customers, who spend 14 percent more time on in-state long-distance calls than their urban neighbors," Perryman said. "Most rural Texans also pay higher rates for these connections - many of the least populous areas have rates well above the state's average, some as high as 15 cents per minute."

"These costs take a bigger bite out of the wallets of customers in rural and border areas, where per capita income is lower," Perryman said. For example, he added, in some rural counties, local residents pay nearly 13 times as much

as urban Texans, as a percentage of income.

In January, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) asked the Legislature for authority to reduce or eliminate these overcharges. The PUC also recommended the Legislature eliminate a fee known as the carrier common line charge; this subsidy, which is included in the fee charged by local phone companies to connect in-state long distance calls, alone totals \$278 million per year.

In 1984, landmark court decisions and sweeping changes in policy by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opened the door for the deregulation of the telephone industry. Since that time, the cost local phone companies charge to connect in-state long distance calls has steadily declined nationwide, from 17 cents per minute to less than 2 cents per minute in some states. But not in Texas.

"Even though the cost to connect an in-state long distance call is the same as an out-of-state call, Texas has been much slower than others in reducing these charges," Perryman said.

"As a result, all Texans pay several times more than they should for in-state calls."

Further, he said, the high fees dull the state's competitive edge and undermine economic growth. Perryman said while returning this money to customers may be an option, using the funds to augment investment in high-speed Internet services in underserved areas would produce more dramatic economic gains.

Even on a conservative basis, he said, the benefits of such an investment over 10 years would be \$3.8 billion in yearly production and nearly 53,000 new jobs for the state's border regions; \$31.8 billion in yearly production and nearly 312,000 new jobs in metro areas; and \$2.3 billion in yearly production and nearly 35,000 new jobs in the state's rural counties.

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Playground improvements complete, school year comes to an end

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The elementary school playground is beautiful thanks to parents, friends, and volunteers from Jones Elementary. Kindergarten teachers wrote a grant early in the year to improve the playground. Then, funds were put into the project to help with the grant from the parent/teacher organization and from BISD. The project included the addition of trees, picnic tables, and a covered-shaded area adjacent to the grounds. All equipment sports a coat of new paint that adds the finishing touches to our playground. When we work together, we can do so much! I am impressed. The playground grand opening will be Friday, May 18, at 2:00 pm. A plaque will be mounted on the covered picnic area in memory of Maria DeLeon.

The Junior-Senior Prom was the absolute best that we have had in years. Parents, teachers and students worked together to build a beautiful Casino that was the scene

for a formal dance. There was lots of good food and a great DJ inside. Students played card games with script money. Local businesses and friends of the class had donated door prizes. I counted as many as 60 dancing in the Service Club in one of the dances. The students requested that John Paul Schuster keep the prom open another 30 minutes beyond the scheduled 11 pm closing time. He did and they had a grand time. Many times, our proms have closed early because students leave. This one was very successful. Kaylia Thomas and a cast of students and parents who helped her deserve lots of credit.

How about Damian Toms, our first gold medal winner in the state track meet in years? Damian ran the 400 and even a photo finish couldn't separate the first and second place winners. The state committee announced dual gold medalists. I don't know how long or if we ever have earned the gold before. We have had students go to the state track meet some 25

to 30 years ago. What a sterling achievement from this fine young man. Also, Thomas Crow ran his best time ever in the 800 and placed 5th. We're very proud of these two and of our fine young coach, Walt Brock. This is Coach Brock's second year to teach and he already has coached a state champion.

As we wind up another school year, parents are invited to attend each and every one of our closing events. You'll enjoy the commencement exercises for PK, 8th grade and also of the Class of 2001.

Visitors to Fort Clark remain in awe at what we take for granted. I hope someday that we can stop complaining long enough to realize we have the best, least expensive area to live in the country.

We are in the midst of end of course tests in Algebra, English, History and Science. Our students are prepared because they have great teachers. We're having a great week at BISD. You have one too!

Leslie Meyer wins DAR Good Citizen Award

At the regular meeting of Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Leslie Meyer was announced as Brackett High School's DAR Good Citizen. Given annually to a high school senior, this award honors the girl who has most demonstrated the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism in her class.

Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meyer and ranks 4th in her graduating class. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was secretary for the National Honor Society, was selected Dutchess this year from the History Club, served as treasurer of the Science Club, was on the Yearbook staff, and was elected Student Council President. She was captain of the Varsity Vol-

leyball team and also played varsity tennis and varsity golf, where her teams won District. She is an All American Scholar and has been selected as Artist of the Month. During the past year she served her community as a docent for the Kinney County Arts Council Christmas Tour of Homes, was a volunteer reader for the 3rd grade, participated in the Lutheran Church Youth Group, as well as helping keep the church lot clean and being a server at their annual dinner. She was a blood donor and coordinated the local canned food drive for the Student Council. She plans to attend Angelo State University this fall majoring in business.

Pat McKelvy, local educational chairman for the chapter, presented Leslie's resume to the group

and in turn, received the certificate, DAR Good Citizen Award medal, and check to be presented to Leslie at her high school Awards Day ceremony.



Leslie Meyer, a senior, is this year's recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award.

Insuring Texas kids is necessary and possible

A scratched knee and runny nose are all part of being a kid. But what happens when a scratch becomes a broken bone, or a runny nose becomes the flu? For families with insurance the answer is simply a visit to the physician; for those without insurance, the answer is to go to the emergency room or hope the flu goes away on its own.

Currently in the state of Texas there are 1.3 million uninsured children. To help reduce this number and provide affordable insurance for working families, the Texas Legislature launched the TexCare Partnership, a new children's health insurance campaign that incorporates the new state-federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), along with Medicaid and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge working parents who cannot afford health insurance for their children to contact their local TexCare Partnership office about signing up for one of these programs.

CHIP is designed for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid—the state-

federal program that provides care for low-income Americans—but cannot afford to buy private insurance. It covers services such as hospital care, surgery, x-rays, therapies, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, emergency services, eye tests and glasses, dental care, and regular health check-ups and vaccinations.

To qualify for CHIP, a child must be:

- * A Texas resident;
- * A U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (the citizenship or immigration status of the parents does not affect the child's eligibility);
- * Under age 19;
- * Uninsured for at least 90 days;
- * Living in a family that meets certain income requirements (for example, a family of four with a monthly income between \$1,000 and \$2,600, depending on the age of the child).

Children who enroll in CHIP receive 12 months of continuous coverage but must re-enroll once a year.

With CHIP many families only pay an annual fee of \$15 to cover

all their children in the plan. Higher-income families pay monthly premiums of \$15 - \$18, which covers all children in the family. Some families also will have co-payments which will not exceed \$90 a year for doctor visits, prescription drugs, and emergency care.

Since CHIP began in May 2000, TexCare Partnership has enrolled 314,360 children, out of an estimated potential of 473,189 families. Twenty-five thousand children whose families earn too much to qualify for CHIP were referred to Medicaid and another 42,864 were referred to Texas Healthy Kids Corporation, a public-private initiative to provide affordable private health insurance for children.

Thanks to TexCare Partnership, parents are reporting fewer visits to the emergency room and more visits to primary care physicians for routine care.

To contact TexCare Partnership to see if your children qualify for one of its programs or to receive more information about health insurance, dial (800) 647-6558 or visit their Web site at www.texcarepartnership.com.

OUTDOORS

Texas Parks and Wildlife launches water safety campaign

A Little on the Wildlife Side
Contributed by Henry Lutz

Austin, Texas — Contrary to what's portrayed in the movies, drowning victims do not scream and splash when in distress. Like most of the 380 adults and children who drowned in Texas last year, they just go under. Keeping a close watch on persons in and near the water is one of the messages Texas Parks and Wildlife is emphasizing as part of an expanded water safety campaign this summer.

Known for promoting boating safety, TPW officials say they recognized the need to expand their awareness campaign to include general water safety. Education materials and public service announcements with the slogan "It Only Takes a Second" will be distributed this month focusing on three messages: learn to swim, wear a life jacket, and watch over your family.

"When we encourage people to 'watch over your family' near the water, we're encompassing several messages, including never swim alone, keep a close watch on friends and family in the water, and keep a constant eye on children," said Steve Hall, education director for Texas Parks and Wildlife. Hall recommends that groups or families assign one person as a lookout to keep a constant watch over both adults and children in and near the water.

"It's especially important to be aware of hazards when you're on an open water body like a lake, river or bay," added Hall. "Someone who is a weak swimmer may be in the water at waist level and their next step could be a 10-foot drop-off."

Practical advice from water rescue experts includes the steps "reach, throw, then row." The first step is to use a rope, tree branch or other object to try to reach the swimmer from shore. The next step is to throw something buoyant such as a life jacket, inner tube or a plastic foam ice chest. If the first two steps fail, put on a life jacket and row out to the swimmer with a boat or a raft.

"Unfortunately, we see many multiple drowning cases where folks go into the water to rescue a friend or a loved one who is drowning and they end up becoming a drowning victim as well," according to Dennis Johnston, chief of water safety enforcement. "It's essential that you first try to help the swimmer using the reach, throw, and row method. If those steps don't work and you must go into the water because there is no other option, it's essential that you wear a life jacket, take a flotation device for the swimmer, and call

for help or alert someone before you head into the water."

—Last year in Texas, 380 children and adults drowned. (TPW)

—Males comprised nearly 80 percent of people who drowned in Texas last year. (TPW)

—Drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death for children aged 1 through 14 years, accounting for 940 deaths nationwide in 1998. (National Center for Health Statistics)

Childhood drownings and near-drownings often occur when a child is left alone, even for a few seconds. It is surprising to many parents that young children tend not to splash or make noise when they get into trouble in the water and thus usually drown silently. Most children who drown in pools were last seen inside the home, had been out of sight less than five minutes, and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

How young children drown tends to vary by age. For example:

—Children under age 1 most often drown in bathtubs, buckets, and toilets.

—Children aged 1-4 years most often drown in swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

—Children aged 5-14 years most often drown in swimming pools and open water, such as lakes and rivers.

Water Safety Tips

—Learn to swim.

—Wear a life jacket. Children and adults should wear properly fitting life jackets. Do not use air-filled swimming aids such as "water wings" in place of life jackets. Air-filled aids can give parents and children a false sense of security and increase the risk of drowning.

—Watch over your family. Never swim alone or without adult supervision, and keep a constant eye on everyone in or near the water.

—Alcohol and water activities

Maximize your catch using electronics

Though most fishermen limit their use of electronics to simply reading the bottom or locating the fish, success in deep water fishing comes from the careful study and understanding of all that your instruments tell you. The fishing pros at Mercury Marine and Zebco add that by observing and keeping a careful record of the bass environment year-round, electronics can help you predict the location of the fish with more precision.

Here's how: Bass, especially those in deep water, follow a definite pattern of relating to zooplankton, bait fish, thermocline (stratified water by temperature) and structure. For example, when the wind blows from a certain direc-

don't mix. Never drink alcohol before or during swimming, boating or water skiing.

—Watch children at all times. Make sure an adult constantly watches young children swimming, playing or bathing in water. Do not read, talk on the phone, go to the bathroom or do any other distracting activity while supervising children around water.

—Be aware of your swimming limits, and stay within them. If you cannot swim, do not go in the water without a life jacket, and be aware of possible drop-offs. Swimmers should swim parallel to the shore so that if they tire, they are close to the shore.

—Before diving, check the depth. Check the water depth before entering. The American Red Cross recommends 9 feet as the minimum depth for diving or jumping.

—Drowning victims make little noise. Contrary to the stereotype, drowning victims rarely splash or make any noise. Know how to detect a drowning victim: head back, mouth open, no sound.

—Reach, throw, row, then go for help. Remember the phrase "reach, throw, row, then go for help." If a swimmer is in danger, do not immediately dive in to assist. Even strong swimmers risk drowning when trying to save someone. Reach: Try to reach the swimmer with an object first, such as a pole, long stick, or a rope. Throw: Throw the swimmer a buoyant object such as an inner tube, tire, piece of wood, or a plastic foam ice chest. Row: Put on your lifejacket and paddle out to the swimmer with a boat or raft, and take a flotation device for the swimmer. Go for help: Find a life-guard or call 911. If you must go in the water to assist the swimmer because there is no other option, be sure to let someone know, wear a life jacket, and take a flotation device for the swimmer.

tion the zooplankton moves. So, too, will the baitfish and bass. On the contrary, when the air is still, these elements will react differently.

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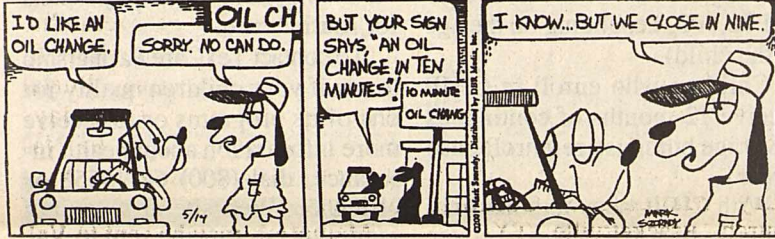
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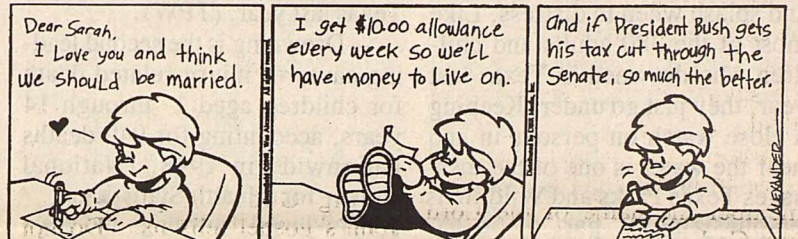
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- 1 Gift for a graduate
- 5 Excess fat
- 9 Snatches
- 14 Dairy product substitute
- 15 Ms. Falana
- 16 Texas athlete
- 17 Poems written to be sung
- 18 Item for Palmer
- 19 Launch vehicle
- 20 Sharers
- 23 Forest denizen
- 24 Famous General
- 25 Roadway abbr.
- 28 Assaults
- 32 National
- 34 Does a bartender's job
- 35 Race loser
- 37 Is not, informally
- 38 Prefix for aircraft or trust
- 39 Man for 13 Down
- 40 Com-manded
- 41 Soar
- 42 Aware of the duplicity of
- 43 Items cast and counted
- 44 Vacillate
- 46 Highly respected
- 48 Summer-time in NJ
- 49 Company agt.
- 51 Eggs: Lat.
- 52 Poor judgment
- 58 Room darkener
- 61 Appear
- 62 Some of this and some of that
- 63 Dijon dads
- 64 Melville novel
- 65 Part of a lemon
- 66 Localities
- 67 State whose motto is: "Agriculture & Commerce": abbr.
- 68 Beasts of burden
- DOWN
- 1 up; confine
- 2 One who co-starred with Farrell and Burghoff
- 3 Person concerned with the things to come
- 4 Inns
- 5 Movies: slang
- 6 Girl's name
- 7 Crooked
- 8 Trite
- 9 Chin covering
- 10 Truckers' vehicles
- 11 Keg contents
- 12 Franklin, to friends
- 13 Foreign woman: abbr.
- 21 French possessions
- 22 Adamant refusal
- 25 Operate a 747
- 26 Sold
- 27 Diminutive endings
- 28 Rich
- 29 Start
- 30 Therefore
- 31 Dasher's owner
- 33 Place where blood is analyzed
- 34 Do a gram-matical task
- 36 Cross
- 39 Planted
- 43 "la France!"
- 45 Marshal Matt Dillon
- 47 Follower of Joseph Smith
- 50 Lindbergh
- 52 Notion
- 53 Word with one or how tree-climbing animal
- 55 Bones of the hip
- 56 Farmyard sound
- 57 off; dozes
- 58 Baden-Baden, for one
- 59 Pronoun
- 60 Homonym for a letter

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?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- On what ship did Germany warn Americans not to sail in New York newspaper ads?
- What composer was celebrated on the AIDS benefit disc, "Red Hot + Blue"?
- What carmaker was the first American awarded Hitler's Supreme Order of the German Eagle?
- What did Jackie Mason say "is the only country in the world where the food is more dangerous than sex"?
- What sport's ball was originally stuffed with boiled feathers?
- What member of the pea family is also known as the ground nut or the monkey nut?
- What was the last battle of the Napoleonic Wars?
- What was used to hang the sword that made Damocles such a symbolic name?
- What movie earned Tina Turner the NAACP's Best Actress award in 1985?
- How many pairs of wings does a tsetse fly have?

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
All the pieces fall into place, finally solving a dilemma of long standing. Later in the week, a social outing puts you to the test. Mind your manners!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You experience some problems with an elderly relative. However, there's no need to panic. Help is on the way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A careless error causes some angst at work. Do your utmost to correct it. Enlist the aid of a willing co-worker.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
It's time to slow your pace down somewhat. You'll feel better physically and mentally. This weekend, you shine at a social event.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
The romantic in you rises to the fore. However, be realistic about that person you've just met. Take more time to get to know this person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You are right to be suspicious about someone's contradictory statements. You're not getting the whole truth. Dig deeper to find out what's really going on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You must be careful to conserve your energy. Be sure you get plenty of rest. By week's end, you feel better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
It's not wise to take everything at face value at work. Go beyond the surface. You'll be surprised at what you learn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
You begin the week in a very philosophical mood. However, don't let this distract you from your work. You can ponder the meaning of life on your own time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Education is an important concern now. Be sure you've chosen the right school or course of study. This weekend, a family get-together is inspiring.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
It's a good time to undertake a home decorating project. You have innovative ideas and the energy to implement them. Consult a friend for more guidance.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your imagination is acting up this week. However, there's nothing to what you're thinking. Your mate is perfectly in tune with you.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Sugar Ray Leonard, May 17; Pope John Paul II, May 18; Grace Jones, May 19; Cher, May 20.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Alpha	11. Omicron
2. Beta	12. Phi
3. Chi	13. Psi
4. Delta	14. Rho
5. Epsilon	15. Sigma
6. Gamma	16. Tau
7. Iota	17. Theta
8. Kappa	18. Upsilon
9. Lambda	19. Xi
10. Omega	20. Zeta

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1. The Lusitania; 2. Cole Porter; 3. Henry Ford; 4. Great Britain; 5. Golf; 6. The Battle of Waterloo; 7. The peanut; 8. A ham; 9. Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome; 10. One

Waiting patiently brings order Jesus' touch is always on our lives

Gateway Ministries
By Charolette Corey

There is a difference between patiently waiting and procrastinating. When a person is patiently waiting, there is order. When a person is procrastinating, there is evidence of a mess. Take for instance the difference between an iris bulb hidden in the ground. It patiently waits for the appointed time and season for it to bloom in all its splendor giving glory to God. It is even glorifying God while it is patiently waiting in the earth, letting God work his miracle of life in its hidden parts. What seems to be an eternity brings forth beauty that gives praise to its creator. Whereas, the pool of stagnant water becomes a breeding

Rejoice in his salvation

St. Johns Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice. Selah.
Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.
We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners; the Lord fulfill all thy petitions.
Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought down and fallen; but we are risen, and stand upright.
Save, Lord; let the king hear us when we call. Psalms 20.

ground for mosquitoes and eventually, as the grass and earth inside it has no way to be cleansed, it begins to give off a stifling odor of death and rotting putrefaction. The slime, while it exits is a breeding ground for germs, disease, and all manner of filth.

In our own lives let us take inventory. What are you patiently waiting to do? Does it give glory to God even as you wait? Does it give a good testimony of the work he is doing in you? Will the results give glory to your creator? Or... is the thing you are putting off causing a mess in your life or others around you? Is it drawing more chaos into your life like a magnet? Has it become a stumbling block not only for yourself, but for others?

Now is the time to take action. God's word has called you "more than a conqueror." God's word says that you can "do all things through Christ who strengthens you." God's

Jesus comforts our troubled hearts

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

There is a statistic floating around that says that two out of every three people who regularly attend church services in the United States are hurting. That means that if you don't happen to be hurting, chances are that two people you will meet today are. When you pass people on the street or at the post office, sit across from them at lunchtime, or spend time with them at work, you don't always know what is in their hearts and minds.

All of us carry so much with us: joys and sorrows, gratitude and grumblings, health and sickness, confidence and worries. We shouldn't be afraid to lay all of these at the feet of our loving God. Chapter 14 of John's gospel tells us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and have faith in me." (vs.1) Later in this same gospel, Jesus says: "Anyone who loves me will be true to my

word says that he "has not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind." God's word says that he is God of order.

What steps do you take to overcome the Spirit of Procrastination? 1. Admit there is a problem and call it what God calls it...sin. 2. Repent and ask God to forgive you 3. Receive his forgiveness. 4. Ask him what should be your priorities and how to put your steps in order. 5. Ask him to give you the strength to accomplish the task. 6. Ask him to send you help, whether for advice, or others' physical strength. Remember, humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up. Use this time to glorify him, renew your mind, and strengthen the bond you have with him. Choosing what is right in his sight will cause him to turn your filthy rags into His righteousness.

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

word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him. (vs. 23) Peace is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you. I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Do not be distressed or fearful. (vs. 27)

Especially if you are one of the hurting ones, listen carefully to John's gospel. These words of the risen Jesus are meant to bring comfort and peace to everyone who listens. We who love the Lord and keep his word are promised that Jesus and the Father will make a dwelling with us.

In the last few weeks, our community has suffered some tragedies—the deaths of some very special people. I pray we can let this promise of the risen Jesus bring us comfort. This promise is cause for great Easter joy, the kind of joy that can help transform hurt to hope.

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

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

It is amazing to me that one of the most important things in the world is so taken for granted that we don't often talk about it. Without it a baby may grow up severely handicapped. Without it any adult will probably find themselves the victim of anxiety and depression. Because of it many die each year. Because of it, many suffer beyond recovery.

What I am referring to is the human touch. Without contact with its mother (or a maternal figure), a child may grow up to have a severely distorted image of security. With too much, (abuse) a child may grow up to believe that love can only come in negative forms. The human touch may also kill by the transmission of disease when care is not taken by a physician. The human touch may save life by providing the rhythm for the heart after it has stopped beating. But most often, the human touch conveys a sense of be-

longing. When a mother or father cradles their baby in their arms, there is a perception of security. When a male and female hold hands while courting there is an understanding that they are connected in a special way. When one person reaches out and hugs another there is the assurance that one is never alone in facing the struggles of the world as long as there are friends.

After the resurrection, Jesus knew his friends and followers were going to miss him. His presence with them had been extraordinary – God walking side by side with ordinary humanity. His influence on their lives was without parallel – they left family, jobs and friends to become outcasts from their churches. His comfort given as Rabbi altered their understanding of love – Peter especially was humbled by the friendship of the man whom he renounced three times. In John 14:26, Jesus promises to stay in touch with these friends forever through the Holy Spirit who will teach them all things

and help them remember those things about Jesus that touched their lives. Jesus' touch, though no longer flesh on flesh, would be forever a comfort helping them, and now us, manage the day to day pressures of living in a world seemingly gone crazy.

The peace Jesus promises is real! His touch is ever-present through the manner in which, first the Holy Spirit and then other children of God reach out to each of us. We are offered teaching, remembrance, a hug, a wiping away of a tear, or the touch that brushes the arm or the forehead. By this we know that Jesus stands with us in all that we encounter and there is no need to fear anything, even death.

Join us at 10:45 am Sunday, as we seek to understand better the story of God's relationship with humanity and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit that God has sent us as a reminder that we are of great value to our Creator.

Obituaries...

Marshal Conner

Marshall C. Conner passed away on May 9, 2001 at the Kerrville Veterans Affairs Hospital in Kerrville Texas from a 2-year battle with cancer.

Born on August 25th 1927 to Marshall C. and Goldie V. Hostetter in Lexington Virginia.

Mr. Conner served in the United States Armed Forces for over 30 years, between the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force retiring in May of 1966. Mr. Conner served as Fire Chief and Fire Crash Rescue Unit Instructor for the Kelly Air Force Base at the Victoria Facility in San Antonio, Texas. After retiring from the armed forces he worked at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville where he served as a Security Officer for almost 29 years.

He married Norma Allemeier on Feb 14, 1990, she survives. He is survived by one brother Carl, of Lexington Virginia, and sisters Dot, also of Lexington, and Percilla, of Selma, Alabama.

Betty Schlatterer

Also surviving are stepsons Wayne Suever and his wife Cindy of Fort Jennings, OH, Gary Suever and his wife Diane of New Port News, VA. Keith Suever of Brackettville, TX, Jeff Suever of Omaha, NE, Bernie Allemeier of Colorado Springs, CO, and his wife Jenny, Willie Allemeier in Ramstein AB Germany and his wife Jacqui, and step daughter Judy Carson of Sterling, VA. Also surviving are 8 step-grandsons and 5 step granddaughters.

Mr. Conner was a life member of the VFW Post 8552 Del Rio, Texas, and a member of the Brackettville Lions Club. He was also a member of the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Brackettville, TX.

A memorial service was held at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio Texas on May 15th at 2:15 p.m.

Mass was held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 12:00 noon on May 16th.

Betty Schlatterer

Betty Beverly Schlatterer, 80, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at her home. She was born Nov. 3, 1920 in Oelwein, Iowa. Survivors are her daughter, Luanne Schlatterer Pendorf and her husband Phil of Arvada, Colorado. Brother, Edwin McConnell of Clifton, Colorado.

Memorial Services were at 10 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Ken F. Sellers Jr., officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2001, at Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Memorials may be sent to Val Verde Regional Medical Center Hospice, 102 Center Dr., Del Rio, Texas 78840. Funeral Arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home @ 114 Fletcher Dr. Del Rio, Texas 78840 (830)-775-2000.

When will we have revival of the family?

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

America needs a massive spiritual reawakening! We, all of us, need a very loud wake up call!

America did not get into the shape, that she is in overnight. It took some 50 years to decay to this state. In the 'happy days' of the 1950's, we were a nation filled with happy, contented, God loving Christians.

Times were good, with little or no unemployment. Economics were at an all time high, inflation was at an all time low.

Nearly all homes had two parents, sometimes more, if one's parents lived in the same household. There was lots of supervision for the children. Sanity ruled the day.

Dad was the breadwinner of the family. With God's help, he provided for and protected the household. Everyone's role in the family was clearly defined. Each person knew, who they were and where they fit in.

At the kitchen table, everyone could communicate his or her thoughts and feelings, ideas and plans for the future. The family acted and thought as one unit.

Couples met and fell in love. After they got to know each other well enough to believe that they were compatible and happy enough together to create a life together, that would last a life time, they married. They understood the meaning of 'love.'

Even then, one in seven, marriages failed. Somewhere in the early sixties, the family structure started to crumble and eventually collapsed.

We stopped eating together. We stopped communicating. Everyone seem to be moving in different directions. Families that stayed together because they

had prayed together, now weren't. Thank God for the few that did.

Fast forward to the present day. How bad have things gotten? Do you really know? Would you really like to know? Well, fasten your seat belts because the ride (the truth) might get a little rough.

Today, 1 in 2 marriages ends in divorce. Over one million, last year alone. You ask, how can that be? Lack of commitment, lack of communication, lack of compromise, lack of cooperation, the list goes on and on.

What kind of people have we become? Before I give you the facts, numbers and statistics, let me say this.

Do you remember, when we were taught that, it only takes a few bad apples to ruin the barrel.

What started out as a few has turned into an epidemic. Let's take a hard look at our teenagers, that soon will want to get married and start a family. Virginity at graduation is less than 20%. The longer after graduation a person waits to get married, the lower percent. Thank God for the 20%.

In 2000, there were 10 million new cases of (STD) sexually transmitted diseases reported -10 million. Of all high school Seniors, 59% have experimented with drugs and/or

alcohol. One in 3 boys and 1 in 4 girls use to some degree, on an almost daily basis.

Last year, there were 70,000 assaults in our schools. This does not include the number of shootings and murders.

Last year, 400,000 people attempted suicide. 30,000 adults and 5,000 teenagers were successful. That's four, each and every hour.

Let's talk about children.

One in 5 babies are born to single mothers. The highest age group by percentage is 20-30 year old. Half of the babies born to married women spend the day with someone else, because the mother has to work.

Did you know, that in Texas, last year 167 children died from abuse and/or neglect? Nearly 5,000 nation wide - 5,000 of our children. Here in Texas, last year 7,000 children were removed from the custody of their parents. Nearly a quarter of a million, in the whole country. One in 4 girls and 1 in 9 boys, will be sexually abused before they reach the age of 18, at the rate of nearly 1 million each year. Let's talk about the elderly. Did you know that nearly 1 million of this nation's elderly are abused and/or neglected each year?

Is there hope for the children? The elderly? The family? The nation? It is time for the 'revival of the family.'

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Providing employment opportunities for the disabled is crucial for thousands of Texans

By Lyndal Rimmert, President, TIBH Industries
Contributing Writer

There are hundreds of thousands of Texans with disabilities in our state today, most of whom have the ability and desire to work and give back to our community. These Texans are eager for suitable employment opportunities in their hometowns, so they can be near their families.

TIBH Industries, a private, non-for-profit corporation, has worked for more than 20 years with community rehabilitation programs across the state to build the Texas State Use Program, which creates job opportunities for Texans with disabilities. Today, the program provides employment opportunities for more than 5,700 Texans with disabilities across the state - the largest state program of its kind in the United States in terms of hours worked and wages paid.

The success of the Texas State Use Program is extraordinary. Texans with disabilities from

across our state have jobs building products and provides services through the program. But while we've made tremendous strides toward providing employment for Texans with disabilities who can and want to work, we must continue to develop new avenues of employment to ensure the program's growth and success in the future.

Historically, the Texas State Use Program has provided products such as pencils, safety vests and office paper to state agencies and governmental entities without generating much attention from the business world. But as the program begins to move disabled workers into the higher-dollar realm of high technology, it has caught the attention of both business and government.

Organizational changes a few years ago at the Texas Council on Purchasing From People With Disabilities, which governs the State Use Program, created a situation in which the rules delineating what qualifies as a product or service to which a disabled worker has legitimately added value are sketchy at best. In some cases, the private sector has complained that the playing field is not level and that companies employing disabled workers have an unfair advantage.

It is time to develop rules that will ensure the vitality of the State Use Program and that will allow the program to be fair to business without limiting opportunities for Texans with disabilities.

TIBH Industries applauds the Texas Council on Purchasing From People With Disabilities' recent efforts in this arena.

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The Brackettville Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St., Brackettville, TX. Beginning May 29, 2001 through June 15, 2001. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MCW-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

Federal judge orders discovery in landmark HMO case

Miami - U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno today issued a major ruling in the racketeering lawsuit brought by the country's physicians against the nation's largest HMOs.

Judge Moreno's order calls for full discovery in the landmark lawsuit accusing the HMOs of fraud, extortion, and racketeering. The ruling requires discovery be completed by early next year. Today's order follows an eight-hour hearing held on Monday.

"This order is a major step forward for America's physicians," said Archie Lamb, lead co-counsel for the doctors. "For years, doctors have fought the HMOs daily as they put corporate profits ahead of patient care. The discovery order will allow us the opportunity to prove that these companies engage in systemic attempts to cheat doctors, control medical decisions through non-payment, and manipulate the amount and kind of necessary care provided."

"This order must be creating havoc in the corporate headquarters of the giant, investor-driven HMOs," Rocky Wilcox, General Counsel for the Texas Medical Association, said. "This order will rip back the curtain and expose to the American public all the dirty tricks these HMOs play every day. For the first time, the nation will see exactly what these companies have been doing to doctors and their patients - and it's not been the management of care."

"We believe that the evidence will paint an alarming and highly detailed portrait of what we have charged in these lawsuits," said Frank Staggers, M.D., president of the California Medical Association. "It will show that these plans have engaged in serious violations of federal anti-racketeering laws, that they have purposefully enriched themselves as part of a scheme to defraud physicians and their patients, and that they have been trying to force the physicians of America to do their dirty work."

"We have tried for years to resolve our concerns with the plans through endless discussions, on a case-by-case basis," David Cook, General Counsel for the Medical Association of Georgia said. "Subsequently, we sought resolution through state legislation and active enforcement of those laws and even petitioned the United States Congress. We have arrived at this federal courthouse in Florida - after futile and lengthy attempts to fix a mounting problem - as a last resort. But now that we're here, we are grateful that Judge Moreno has seen fit to allow us to turn the floodlights on the predatory exploitation of our physicians and their patients."

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