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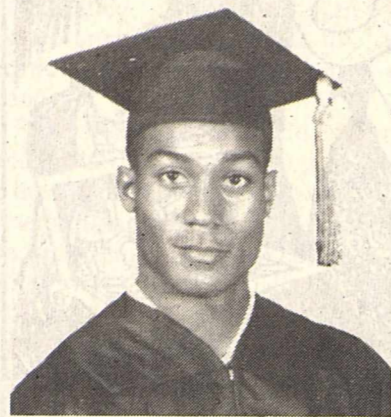
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## Toms signs with TAMUK Tigers excel at UT team camp

By Walt Brock  
Contributing Writer

Damian Toms signed with Texas A&M University at Kingsville last Thursday, who will be giving him a scholarship to run track. Head Coach Brent Erickson is excited about signing Toms and will place him in the 400m and will have him compete for both relays (4x400 and 4x100). Congratulations go out to Damian for all of his hard work and determination.



Damian Toms

By Jimmy Thomas  
Contributing Writer

Under the direction of Will Glaspy the Tiger Basketball Team competed in Border Battle 2001 at the University of Texas in Austin this past weekend. Brackett was one of thirty-one teams that competed throughout Texas and New Mexico. Brackett was one of only four 2A teams that competed from Texas and one of only two teams from Region 4.

The Tigers received camp instruction each day and played 10 games in two-and-half days. Friday, the Tigers defeated Ector, and West Sabine both 1A schools, and played The Woodlands, a school with 2000 enrollment, later that night. Saturday, the Tigers played 6 games from teams all across the state. Brackett played Schulenberg, Paradise, Hallsville, Grandview, Glen Rose, and Fort Worth Country Day. Out of the 10 games played, Brackett played 8 schools with larger enrollments including a narrow loss to 4A Hallsville.

The camp was a success providing an opportunity for team unity and player and team development. Brackett was one of 31 schools that are seriously interested in establishing a suc-

cessful program.

Special thanks go to Will Glaspy for volunteering his time and efforts this summer for our basketball program. Recognition also goes to the 11 players that were dedicated enough and desired to improve this summer. This is the most dedicated group as a whole towards achieving

success that Brackett has had in four summers.

Attending the camp were Seniors - David Campos, Carlos Gomez, Levi Duncan, T.D Smith, Tony Molinar, and Jaime Montalvo; Juniors - Boyd Brotherton, Jesse Davis, Jared Hobbs and Philip Munoz; Sophomore - Dietrich Davis.



Tigers basketball players battle for the rebound in a game this weekend in Austin at the 2001 Border Battle at the University of Texas. The team was under the direction of Will Glaspy.

## BISD campus still busy despite summer vacation

Making A Difference  
By Taylor Stephenson

The school board will meet in regular session Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room. Agenda items include consideration of a school calendar for 2001-02 and an update on school construction. Open positions include first grade, Vocational Agriculture, and Industrial Arts. Administration will recommend filling these positions as soon as interviews have been completed.

Jones Elementary School has been completely carpeted and has a fresh coat of paint outside. We're now in the process of painting doors and cabinets and completing clean up of this building. We have begun to wax and clean carpet at Brackett High School, Home Economics and the Band Room. Custodial and maintenance staff is busy trying to get all buildings ready before the start of the next school year. The summer is a very busy time. We have several high school students who have helped as temp-workers. They have done a nice job assisting district employees.

Construction has begun on the auditorium and high school annex. Bids have been awarded for the football field bleachers. Lots of folks have been busy changing their locations. One of the busiest has been Frank Taylor, Director of Technology. He is now housed temporarily in a

portable building on the East Side of the school.

Drivers Education classes begin meeting this Thursday, June 7. Mr. Ramon has taught the classes several years for BHS. The district pays half of the cost of the class while students must pay the other half.

One prime goal of the legislative session was to fund a teacher medical insurance program. This was done and we're grateful for the help for all school employees. Many of our employees are not covered by medical insurance now. It will help many of our employees.

It's hot and dry in Texas. Remember to think about the birds, deer, turkey and other wild animals that need water to survive. It's very hot. My wife refills our birdbath three times a day for the deer and other animals. They're very thirsty; so think of them.

At my home, we have baby Blue Birds, Fly Catchers, Baltimore Orioles, Cactus Wrens and are awaiting the arrival of baby Swallows. I still do not have Purple Martins and remain envious of those who do. It's such a beautiful time of the year to watch the babies being fed by their proud parents. The Blue Birds like me the least and won't let me get close to their birdhouse without giving me a warning. It's like raising our children; we must nourish, educate and protect the young. Have a great week!



On Thursday, May 31 at approximately 4 p.m., the driver of a dump truck carrying fill dirt for a foundation, overturned the vehicle on the corner of Ft. Clark Road and Scales Road. The driver was uninjured. Damages to the truck, which belonged to Bader Equipment Co. were estimated at less than \$500. The accident was investigated by Deputy Johnny Fritter.

## Warden Glenn says meltdown is imminent

"Over crowded and understaffed, Texas prisons are nearing the meltdown stage," says Lon Glenn, retired Texas Prisons System warden in his new book, "The Largest Hotel Chain in Texas" published by Eakin Press. It wasn't always that way. A few California lawyers and an activist federal judge ruined what was widely acknowledged as the best prison system in the nation. The old judge reached into the pockets of Texas taxpayers and extracted several billion dollars, forcing Texans to undertake the

largest prison expansion program in the history of the world. In this unblinking look at the past and present of Texas prisons, crucial questions are raised: Does the Texas prison system do what the people of Texas want it to do? Does it rehabilitate? Do our prisons make our society safe? Can we win the war on drugs? Is education synonymous with rehabilitation? Will Texas always have a need for the death penalty? You may not agree with the author's answers to these questions, but you won't

be able to forget the stark reality of his story. Lon Bennet Glenn began his career with the Texas Prison System in 1966, when at the age of twenty-one he signed on as prison guard at the Clemens Unit in Brazoria County. As he worked his way through the ranks to the position of warden, the prison system underwent tremendous change. Glenn, now of Angleton, Texas, has survived the convicts, the politicians, the press, lawyers, and federal courts to tell a story that the public deserves to know.

## Erickson experiences Living History School

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

If you happened to be in the Las Moras Restaurant on Thursday, May 31 at noon, you may have thought you were caught up in a time warp. A man in a sergeant's Cavalry uniform dating from around 1875 walked through the room. Rob Erickson was on his way upstairs to speak to the Brackettville Rotary Club.

Some historians gain their knowledge from reading books on the past. Erickson does that, but he also has spent time deeply immersed in the specific era. He has ridden horses over the territory; he knows what people wore and ate in those days and

the every day tasks they performed. He's more than a history buff on the Civil War and Indian War periods, he seems to be a reincarnation of some soldier who lived and fought in those days.

Bob isn't the only historian in the family. Diane spoke to the Rotary Club the previous week, talking about the life of a laundry woman for the Army, a role she learned when she and her husband attended the Living History School at Fort Laramie. For three years in a row for a week at a time, they lived as people did in 1875 on the Fort. This school was sponsored by the National Park Service and was a method of training for employees. The last course of this type was given in 1996.

Mr. Erickson lived the life of an Army private the first year they attended, he was corporal the next year and a cavalry instructor and sergeant the last year.

This was not an easy experience. The work was hard, the wool uniforms were hot in 100-degree weather, and the food was limited. Breakfast consisted of coffee and hardtack. If you were on a scouting expedition, it was hardtack and jerky. If you were on the fort, lunch would be based on meat of some sort or something like a stew.

A new career developed from these experiences, however. Erickson became knowledgeable about the accuracy of uniforms, guns, and such things from that historical period, and this led to him being hired later by movie companies when motion pictures were filmed about those days. He also could furnish men, horses, and whatever the movie people needed such as wagon teams and mule teams.

This attention to historical accuracy and detail came to the fore at the History School. For instance, the Army had issued saddles and horses to the men, and it was handled similarly at the Living History School. After the first day of hard riding, the men were in bad shape, and Erickson realized the saddles needed to be made to fit the horses. He began working on saddles and learned to rebuild and fit them.

A similar incident occurred

when he discovered that the long carbines they were firing, although they were from that time period, were not shooting accurately. He explored the problem and discovered the cause. Erickson explained that guns have to be kept clean, and in the Army, the guns were cleaned twice a day. "They used a steel ram rod, and the gun



Rob Erickson

powder was black in those days, which made it really tough." He examined the barrels in the old guns and discovered that this cleaning action had worn the barrels until they had actually become shaped more ovate than round. "Those bullets came out flying end over end!" Erickson said. He corrected this problem and the following year, the guns were far more accurate.

Erickson described in detail the experience of scouting the region and learning the historical accounts of "Custer's Last Stand." He said no one would ever know exactly what happened. Historians disagree, but no one can argue with the fact that the story intrigues people. "Two hundred sixty five men were killed in that battle. In the Civil War, thousands of men were killed at one time, and people don't even remember the name of the battle," he says.

After the Ericksons discovered Fort Clark, bought a membership and home here. That is only fitting, it seems. They undoubtedly belong here. Erickson is already booked to return in June for a program on saddles while Stan Conoly is program chairman.

## Briefs ...

### Bible School

First Baptist Church will be having their Vacation Bible School from June 11 - 15, from 9 am to noon. Children from 4 years old to the 6th grade are welcome.

### Summer league B-ball

Brackettville is the host of Southwest Texas Summer League Basketball this summer. As to date there have been 13 games played with 4 weeks remaining. Brackett has two teams that are coached by Will Glaspy that have played 12 out of those 13 games. At the conclusion of Summer League all teams will have played 14 games. Games will start up this Friday night at 5:45. Come out and watch the excitement.

### Tiger basketball camp

The 2nd annual Brackett Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 18-22, Monday-Friday from 9 am to noon. This camp will be for ages 8 through incoming freshmen. Emphasis will be placed on fundamental skills and individual player development. Cost will be \$30 which will include camp t-shirt and ball. If you have any questions please call Coach Thomas at 563-2635. Enrollment forms can be found at the Jones Elementary office or Central Office.

### Texas legends

Webster's dictionary states that a legend is a person or thing that inspires.

Sun City Texas by Del Webb in Georgetown recognizes that the great state of Texas has many citizens that inspire not only those around them, but their entire communities.

At a ceremony this morning at 10:30, in Georgetown, seven inspiring Texans were honored as Legends of Texas.

A Legend of Texas is an extraordinary person who has touched the lives of many and has made Texas a better place to live. The ceremony took place at Legacy Hill Park Pavilion in Sun City.

This year's honorees are: Dr. Jean Andrews, of Austin; Hector Holguin of El Paso; Luther Jones of Corpus Christi; Mary Virginia Pittman-Waller of Utopia/San Antonio; Raul Besteiro of Brownsville; Grover Jackson of Houston and Cactus Pryor of Austin.

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### Empowering Families

"Daddy, someone was in my room last night." John paid little attention to the comment of his five-year old daughter. It wasn't unusual for her to imagine things. *Lifestyles/Page 4*

### I could be wrong!

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day named Ted Hidalgo. Ted another one of those unique individuals that I have for a friend. He's quite a character. *Opinion/Page 2*

### The way I see it!

This time the ultra-liberal, Christian hating gang of atheists and communists has filed suit to stop the Columbus, Ohio school district's policy of having student choral groups perform Christian music. *Opinion/Page 2*

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## Nowhere but LaCoste, Texas

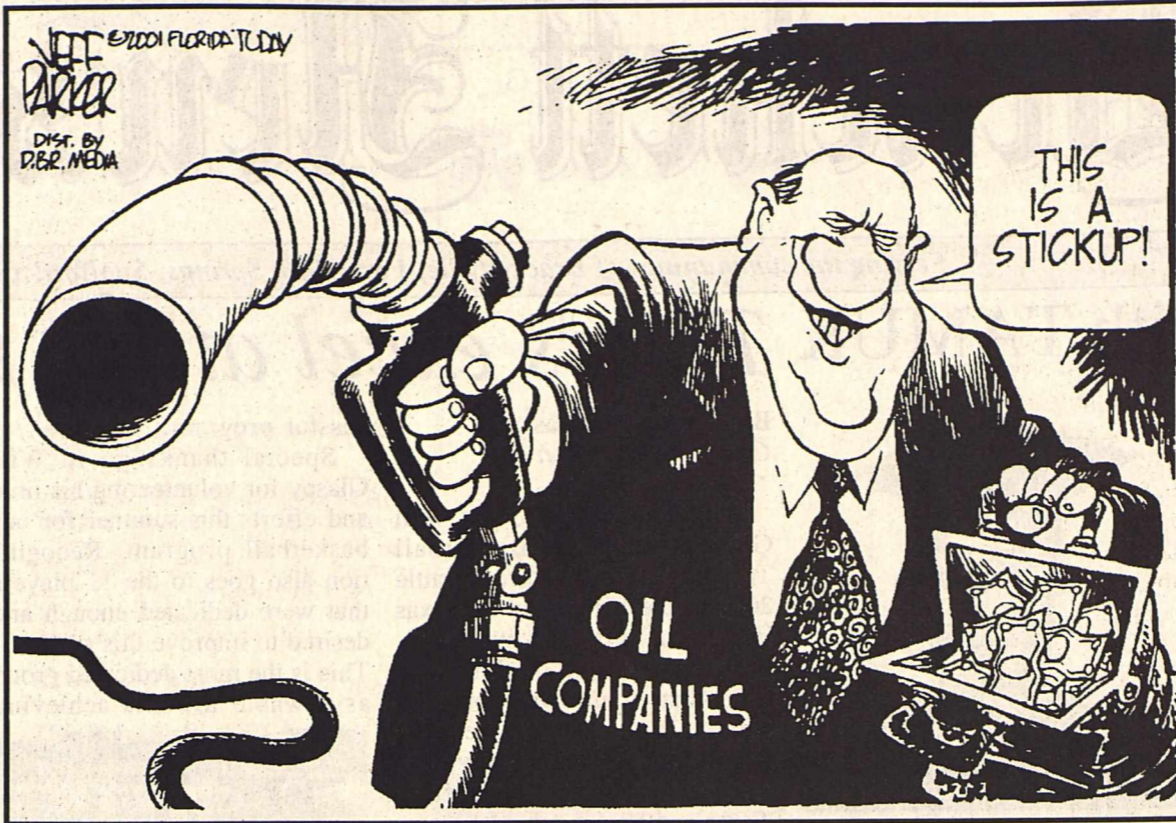
But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

I went to see Tillman recently. He gets to be more trouble daily. He's about all two adults can manage. Since Kasey is expecting a second child this summer, she continues to ask me how she is going to manage. She'll find a way. Parents always do. It's never easy but somehow it always gets done. Tillman took a dip in the pool not long ago. The young lad went headfirst into the drink. Found it to be a little on the cool side but basically quite refreshing. His dad quickly dipped him out, shook him off, and let him get over his astonishment. He was just being his usual toot self. Always right in the way, right under foot, trying his best to be a total nuisance, and into

everything. Where does he get those traits?

While I was passing through LaCoste, I stopped to fill up my vehicle with fuel at the local convenience store. Across the pump from me there was a gentleman also refueling his current mode of transportation. Not the least bit unusual except that he was driving his tractor.

I exchanged the usual pleasantries. There are some people in this world that think I am gabby. My kids even say I could carry on a conversation with a fence post. I like to think of myself as friendly. I enjoy meeting new people. I like to converse with my fellow man. I relish the opportunity to talk to people from different walks of life. He enjoyed meeting me too. But I could be wrong.



## Finally - A Tax Cut For Every American

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

Have you heard the news? This weekend the House of Representatives and Senate passed the largest tax cut in two decades. This tax cut is going to touch every tax paying American. If you pay taxes, you're going to receive a tax cut.

This is big news for our country. The American family's tax burden has now reached its highest level since World War II. The average American is working 129 days a year just to pay off their total tax bill. And while America has not received a tax cut since the Reagan Administration, we have received multiple tax increases in the same amount of time.

Starting in July of 2001, you're going to start seeing a difference in your paycheck. Many of you will receive refund checks later in the summer. And in the coming years our country will witness the repeal of the estate tax and reduction of the marriage penalty tax. You're finally going to get back some of the money you worked hard to earn.

I understand that with a tax cut of this size, there are many questions on your mind. How will it affect me? When will I see the changes? To make it a little easier, following is a breakdown of several aspects of the tax bill.

- **Marginal Rate Reduction:** The tax cut will replace the old tax rate brackets of 15, 28, 31, 36 and 36.9 percent with a lower tax rate structure of 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent.

- **The new tax brackets will become effective January 1, 2001, and will be retroactive.** This means that 95 million tax paying Americans will receive a lump-sum refund of \$300 for single taxpayers, \$500 for single parents and \$600 for married tax payers.

- **Marriage Penalty Relief:** Under the new plan, the standard deduction for married couples will be twice that of singles. This new deduction will be phased-in over five years beginning in 2005.

- **Child Tax Credit Expansion:** This child tax credit will be doubled from \$500 to \$1,000. It will increase the child tax credit to \$600 (2001-2004), \$700 (2005-2008), \$800 (2009), \$1,000 (2010), and will make it refundable in part.

- **Estate/Death Tax Repeal:** The legislation will completely repeal the death tax in 2010. It will phase in the increase in the unified credit to \$1 million (2002-2003), \$1.5 million (2004-2005), \$2 million (2006-2008), \$3.5 million (2009).

- **Pension and Retirement Savings:** IRA contributions will be increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000. It will increase 401(k) and other tax-deferred contribution limits from \$10,500 to \$15,000 and will delete tax-free IRA withdrawals for charitable purposes.

- **Education Incentives:** Education savings accounts (ESAs) will be increased from \$500 to \$2,000 and will be expanded to K-12 public and private education. Qualified higher education expenses will be above-the-line deductions. A permanent employer-provided educational assistance exclusion will be created and the benefits of the exclusion to graduate level courses will be extended.

- **Adoption Tax Credit:** The tax cut will increase the credit to \$10,000 for special needs (currently \$6,000) and non-special needs children (currently \$5,000). It also increases the income phase-out range from current \$75,000 to \$150,000.

This tax cut is based on a very simple theory: let's give money back to the people who earned it. The people of America have been waiting a long time - today we're giving you back some of your hard earned money. You deserve it.

## The ACLU strikes again - Goal is not really to protect our civil liberties

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

This time the ultra-liberal, Christian hating gang of atheists and communists has filed suit to stop the Columbus, Ohio school district's policy of having student choral groups perform Christian music. The Anti-Christian League United says this practice is, "effectively endorsing, promoting, and sponsoring religion over non-religion and the Christian faith over

other faiths, all in violation of the establishment clause of the first amendment."

Anyone who thinks that the purpose of the ACLU is to protect American civil liberties is a gullible fool. Just look at the cases embraced by the ACLU. The only civil liberties they are interested in protecting are those that are contrary to moral decency. They are totally against Christian values, family values, and conservative moral values. They are interested in protect-

ing only those "rights" that weaken our nation and promote moral and spiritual decadence. They are evil incarnate. They are the maggots that feed on the rotting flesh of a dying nation.

The PC Gestapo is active again. Mark Rowell, who was a student teacher (I hope that means he is no longer a teacher - student or otherwise) at Brush Elementary School in Salem, Oregon, has started a movement to change the words to the state song, Oregon, My Oregon. Comrade Rowell was appalled that the song he heard being sung by students was about people who were killed fighting Indians. They were portrayed as heroes and empire builders, and Rowell just couldn't stand that. Rowell says, "The idea of empire building is a worldview that is very centralized, lacking in diversity and very racist. When that song was coined, there were a lot of people who were marginalized."

Better even than the politically correct mental midget Rowell, is the Berkeley, California Board of Education, which banned Army Recruiters from the high school campus, because they were discriminatory in their hiring practices (as in homosexuals), and because they promote violence. They felt the Army's "recruiting procedures

violate district policies regarding violence and weapon use on campus." I guess the next time we go to war to protect these nit-wits' freedom we can send them into battle armed with their self-righteous indignation and socialistic hypocrisy and let them annoy the enemy to death.

People like those above live in a world so far removed from reality that they are blind to everything around them. They live in a fantasy world where everything works just like it is designed to. They believe socialism has never been successful because it has never been supervised by enlightened and diverse persons like themselves. They believe that we are all guilty of racism and bigotry because they see themselves as racists and bigots and try to rid their consciences of the guilt by denigrating the rest of us and hiding their own insecurities. They have no moral fiber and no true core beliefs and are unable to grasp the fact that some of us do have those things, and believe strongly in right and wrong.

What they will never comprehend is that the very things they detest most are the things that made it possible for them to be their perverse, detestable selves. The nut from Oregon who hates the pioneers because they

fought Indians and tamed a wild frontier will never grasp the fact that those people are the very ones he has to thank for his right to live in Oregon and protest the state song.

The ACLU is unable to come to grips with the truth that the Christian foundation of this nation is the very thing that allows them to attack the Christian foundation of this nation.

These people are moral and spiritual cripples, without the scruples or the moral insight to properly apply their high-sounding, politically correct, but morally destructive principles. They are blind to reality and deaf to reason. They simply cannot understand the principle that if you continue to tear down all the parts of the house that someone doesn't like, eventually you are going to have nothing left. A house is built on a solid foundation. So was this nation. But if we keep chipping away at that foundation, the house is going to collapse.

1 Peter 4:12,13 "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

## Energy supply in demand

Capitol Comment  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Eight years of neglect and shortsighted policies have brought our country to the worst energy supply crisis since the 1970s.

Energy shortages are hurting millions of Americans: drivers are paying sky-rocketing prices for gasoline, on average 30 cents to 40 cents per gallon more than a year ago. Winter heating bills in some states have tripled, Californians are experiencing rolling blackouts and high fuel costs are destroying jobs in the transportation, lumber and agriculture sectors. A fundamental imbalance of supply and demand has brought on this crisis.

We rely on foreign imports for more than 56 percent of our oil. Our energy infrastructure has been allowed to deteriorate. Not a single major oil refinery has been built in nearly 25 years; our outdated network of generators, transmission lines and pipelines is in critical need of modernization.

Unless we act, the situation is only going to deteriorate. America's future energy needs far outstrip current levels of production - over the next 20 years, US oil consumption will rise by 33 percent, natural gas consumption by more than 50 percent and demand for electricity will rise by 45 percent.

The President has issued an energy call to arms - a balanced energy policy that includes:

- \* Modernization and expansion of our energy infrastructure;
- \* Diversification of our

energy supplies;

- \* Strengthening American's energy security;
- \* Modernizing and increasing our conservation and efficient energy use programs.

The President's plan aggressively addresses the toughest problem areas we face: production, delivery and consumption. Our greatest challenge right now is delivery bottlenecks - we don't have enough pipelines or refineries.

I plan to offer legislation that will complement the Administration's energy initiatives by creating two kinds of tax credits: one set to encourage production from marginal wells, and another offering tax incentives to individuals who cut their personal energy consumption. My proposals include:

- \* Offering a tax credit for small oil and gas producers of marginal wells (those producing fewer than 15 barrels of oil per day).
- \* Allowing a \$250 tax credit if, during the period from June 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, a taxpayer can show he or she has reduced home energy consumption 10 percent when compared with usage over the same period the previous year.
- \* Allowing a \$250 tax credit to any taxpayer who purchases a fuel-efficient motor vehicle, one that operates above 27.5 miles per gallon, in calendar year 2001.


This is just common sense. If people lower their energy consumption at home by 10 percent, or buy a fuel-efficient car, let's give them a tax credit. Having fuel-efficient homes and vehicles and continuing efforts to explore alternative energy

sources are all significant elements in making America more energy self sufficient.

But it is also critical that our domestic producers have the incentives to keep their wells pumping. The only permanent way to address the supply problems that are driving consumer oil and gas prices sky high is to boost domestic production. My legislation encourages production from existing oil and gas wells by offering incentives that will make them more cost-effective to operate. It is estimated that my bill would spur the reopening of 75,000 domestic oil wells able to produce 250,000 barrels of oil a day; it includes a corresponding provision to encourage natural gas production.

More than 150,000 domestic oil and gas wells were closed during 1997 and 1998, when oil prices fell below \$10 per barrel. This cut daily domestic oil production by 500,000 barrels per day. Though prices are higher today, many independent producers are reluctant to incur the high costs associated with reopening these wells without assurances that they will not face additional losses if oil prices again fall below break-even levels. Another ramification of that bleak period was the crippling loss of energy-sector jobs: More than 65,000 well paying American jobs disappeared, 18,000 in Texas alone.

Curtailing dependence on foreign sources is the only way to discourage disruptive spikes in energy prices. America's long-term economic and national security may well depend on it.

**Big Mama Sez!** 

*More flies are caught with a drop of honey than with a cask of vinegar.*

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**Obituaries.....**

**Paul Malone**

Paul Malone, of Friendswood went to be with the Lord on May 16, 2001. He was a retired businessman who founded the Malone Companies in the late 1950s. He served on the board of directors of Lockwood National Bank and the Texas City-La Marque Chapter of the Salvation Army. The Galveston County Fair and Rodeo honored him with a life membership. Paul Malone was born in Gainsville, Louisiana, on October 23, 1922, and moved to Texas as a teen. He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Annie Mae Malone, brother, James W. Malone and son, Garrett "Bubba"

Conner. He leaves his loving wife, Linda; children, Paul W. "Buster" Malone, Arthur "Butch" Malone, Dan R. Malone, Pam Raspberry, Terri Bennett, Cathy Davidson, Carolyn Call and Nancy Collins; brother, and sisters, Roy Malone Jr., Lillian Whitworth and Elizabeth Dudley; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, 2001, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of James Crowder Funeral Home, Webster, 111 East Medical Center Blvd., Webster, Texas, with J. Morris officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons Joey Bennett, Michael Malone,

Chris Malone, Nathan Malone, Ryan Raspberry and Justin Davidson. **Marvin Corder** Marvin L. Corder of San Angelo passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at a local hospital. Services will be held at 9:00 am Thursday, June 7, 2001, at the U.S. Border Patrol Station at Mathis Field. Graveside services will be at 4:00 pm at the Marfa Cemetery in Marfa. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Marvin L. "Pee Wee" Corder was born in Marfa on March 8, 1945. He attended schools in Marfa and went to college at Texas A&M and Sul Ross. He married Jo Ella Archer, December 4, 1960, in Marfa. Marvin entered his first duty station with the Border Patrol in August 1966 in Eagle Pass. He and his family lived there for 10 years, before he moved to

Twin Fall, Idaho, where he spent the next 8 years. He received a promotional transfer to Brackettville where he stayed for 3 years. Marvin's last duty station as Station Senior was Rocksprings, where he served in this capacity for 8 years. He retired March 31, 1995. He was preceded in death by his father, James Corder and a son, Keith Corder. Survivors include his wife Jo Ella Corder of San Angelo; children, Kyle Corder of Canyon and Tamilyn Brown and husband Kerry of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Marc Brown of Canyon and Cody Brown of San Angelo; his mother, Blanche Corder of San Angelo; two brothers, Gene Corder and wife Billy of Yuma, AZ, and Marshall Corder and wife Sandy of Del Rio, and one sister, Sandra Sobharian and husband Vahik of San Angelo.

**Woodson named to Dean's List**

Laura Woodson, of Brackettville has been named to the spring semester Dean's List at Sul Ross State University, Rio Grande College. Woodson earned a grade point average of 4.0. She was one of sixty named to the list.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

**Brotherton on President's List**

Schreiner University has named a student from Brackettville to its President's List. Lindsey Brotherton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Brotherton, was named to the roster of high-achieving students for the Spring 2001 term. To qualify for the President's List, a full-time student must have passing grades in all courses and must earn at least a 3.70 grade point average and have at least 12 hours credit for the term. Schreiner University is a primarily residential liberal arts university in Kerrville, Texas. The

school is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Schreiner grants a master's degree in education and baccalaureate degrees in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Visit Schreiner's web site at www.schreiner.edu.

**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**

**Monday, May 28**  
11:08 p.m., A woman reported two cars driving recklessly on Beaumont Street. Deputy Karl Chism responded.  
**Tuesday, May 29**  
7:56 p.m., A man reported three illegals at a nearby ranch. Border Patrol was informed.  
**Wednesday, May 30**  
2:15 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to a report of an intoxicated person that was causing a scene at a local store.  
6:04 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported an accident on Hwy 90 and FM 693. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and EMS were notified.  
**Thursday, May 31**  
4:21 p.m., An employee from Fort Clark reported a dump truck had flipped over by the Teen Center. Deputy Fritter responded.  
9:40 p.m., A man reported his dog was bitten by a rattlesnake. A city employee was notified.  
**Friday, June 1**  
3:28 p.m., An intoxicated driver was reported on FM 1572.

Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. and Del Rio's DPS were notified.  
**Saturday, June 2**  
6:15 a.m., A Border Patrol responded to a 911 call. A man in a light blue van fifteen miles west on Hwy 90, had a flat tire.  
11:32 p.m., Three vehicles were reported on Hwy 90 driving at a high speed. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded.  
**Sunday, June 3**  
1:15 a.m., A deputy was requested at a local bar. Deputy Chism, Trooper Wylie, Constable Cordelia Mendeke were advised.  
4:40 a.m. An intoxicated driver on Hwy 90 west was reported. Deputy Chism responded.  
5:57 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a report that a person in a gold truck driving recklessly on Ann Street.  
8:00 p.m., A stranded motorist was reported on Hwy 90 east. Deputy Pena responded.  
10:00 p.m., Jesus Garcia Silva, 58, from Uvalde, was arrested for DWI by Trooper Welch. Silva is still being held.

**OUTDOORS**  
**Changes in dove bag, season reflects public opinion**

*A Little on the Wildlife Side*  
Contributed by Henry Lutz  
Austin, Texas — Dove hunters in Texas can have their cake and eat it, too. In adopting changes to this year's migratory game bird hunting regulations, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission reached a compromise that provides the greatest opportunity for hunting success. Under framework approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas has the option of keeping the current 60-day mourning dove season and 15-bird daily bag limit or adopting a 70-day season and a 12-bird daily bag. Because neither combination affects the resource, TPW wildlife staff looked to the hunters to help choose the format. Basing their decision largely on extensive public comment and results from a random survey of several thousand dove hunters, the commission chose to retain a 60-day season and 15-bird daily bag limit for dove hunting in the North Zone and returned 10 additional days of hunting in exchange for a reduction of three birds in the bag for the remainder of the state. The move in effect maximizes hunting opportunity of a migratory resource as it passes through the state. In an average year, hunters in North Texas can expect to see more dove in the field early in the season. This year's season in the North Zone will run Sept. 1

through Oct. 30 with a daily bag limit of 15 birds. Cooler weather tends to push the birds southward, providing more opportunity later in the year for hunters in the Central and South Zones. By tacking 10 additional hunting days onto the end of the first split in the Central Zone season, hunters in that region can take advantage of dove migration during the first cold snaps of late October. This year, the season in the Central Zone will run Sept. 1 through Oct. 28 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 with a daily bag limit of 12 birds. In the South Zone, by adding a few days to the front end of the second split the commission is providing additional hunting opportunity for young hunters on holiday break from school. Also, since TPW statistics reveal the average dove hunter bags only about four birds in an outing, the difference between a 12- and 15-bird limit may seem irrelevant. But for some South Texas hunters, an extended hunting season for doves in January could provide additional opportunity, particularly in tandem with quail hunting. The South Zone season will run Sept. 21 through Nov. 4 and Dec. 22 through Jan. 15 with a daily bag limit of 12 birds this year. In future years the second split will open on the Saturday just prior to Christmas.

**Cleaning Panfish is as Easy as 1-2-3**

They're fun to catch and great eating as well. Smart fishermen know that panfish such as perch, crappie, bream and bluegills can be cleaned quickly and easily in five simple steps. All you need to complete the job is a sharp fillet knife and a pair of fish dressing pliers. Follow these steps:  
Step 1 - Hold fish upright on its belly or lay on its side and slice the head off at an angle behind

the gill covers. Step 2 - With the fish on one side, use fillet knife to cut along both sides of the anal and dorsal fins. Step 3 - Using fish dressing pliers, pull out fins. Grasping them from the rear pull forward This should also remove entrails. If not, use finger to take out intestines, etc. Step 4 - Grasp skin at top corner and peel off with the pliers. Step 5 - Cut off the tail. The fish is now ready for cooking your favorite way. Enjoy!

**CELEBRATE SUMMER**

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# God's angels are watching over you Dads: Stay involved in your child's life

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Daddy, someone was in my room last night."  
John paid little attention to the comment of his five-year old daughter. It wasn't unusual for her to imagine things. Sometimes she thought that wicked monsters were lurking in the shadows of her bedroom.

Janet was insistent. "Tell me about it Sweetheart," John said as he lifted her onto his lap. "Did you see who it was?"  
"No, Daddy, but I felt good like when you hold me tight." Janet touched her daddy's face with her fingers. "And I heard music too," she continued.  
John studied the innocence in his daughter's eyes. He thought for several moments. Janet

broke the silence. "Daddy do you believe in angels?" She leaned back as if to study the expression on his face. "Do I have my very own angel?"  
John began to feel a sense of sanctity in this moment. Something wonderful and miraculous happened in Janet's room last night. John looked into Janet's eyes, "Yes Sweetheart, I believe in angels. And yes, you do have your very own guardian angel. She introduced herself to you last night. Jesus told us that we each have an angel (Matthew 18:10). God has commanded the angel to guard you in everything you do (Psalm 91:11). Your angel is always with you and is the custodian of your life and the caretaker of

your soul (Baruch 6:6)."  
"Can I give my angel a name?" Janet asked excitedly.  
"Can I talk to her?"  
"Yes, Sweetheart you can give your angel a name and you can talk to her." Then he held her close to him. "Janet," John said seriously, "don't ever forget last night. As long as you live, remember it. Your angel will always be with you. She will whisper in your ear and let you know what is the right thing when you are tempted with the wrong. She will point the way for you to do what is right."  
This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

(ARA) - Being actively involved in your child's life has many rewards - memories, great conversations, a deeper relationship with your child, and the chance to watch your child grow into a healthy and responsible adult. But did you know that by simply spending time with your child you are also helping to keep him or her away from drugs?

a whole host of risky behaviors, including drug and alcohol abuse." However, he cautions that not all kinds of parental involvement are equally helpful.  
"The fact that a parent and child are in the same room does not necessarily mean that they are interacting," Dr. Cunningham says. "Parents need to create situations where they can connect emotionally with their child."

Dr. Phillippe Cunningham, research scientist at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Medical University of South Carolina, explains, "Kids who are close to their parents are less likely to engage in

the following suggestions to foster this emotional connection:

- Establish a regular weekly routine of doing something special, such as going out for a walk, that will allow you to talk with your child.
- Hold regular family meetings in which each person gets a chance to talk without interruption, and where only constructive feedback is allowed.
- If at all possible, be home after school. If not, try to arrange for some type of adult supervision, even if it's just a neighbor dropping by once in a while.
- Eat meals together as often as you can. Use it as an opportunity to discuss a specific topic with your children current events, their interests, popular music, fashion, or school.

If you would like more information on staying connected with your kids and keeping them off drugs, visit [www.theanti-drug.com](http://www.theanti-drug.com), the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's online parenting resource. The site offers a brochure called "Parenting Skills: 21 Tips and Ideas to Help You Make a Difference," which may also be ordered by calling (800) 788-2800.

## Senate of the 77th regular session adjourns

AUSTIN - After 140 days and thousands of bills, the Senate of the 77th Regular Session adjourned "sine die" last week. "Sine die" is a Latin term meaning "without another day."  
The session began Jan. 9, the second Tuesday in January of an odd-numbered year as prescribed by the Texas Constitution, but the Senate had a history-making job to do first.  
Mt. Pleasant Sen. Bill Ratliff was elected by his colleagues on Dec. 28 to serve as the presiding officer of the Senate, the first time in history the Texas Senate

has elected one of its own members to serve as lieutenant governor.  
Ratliff was chosen to replace Rick Perry, who became governor when George W. Bush resigned the Texas governorship to become president-elect of the United States.  
"There truly is no greater honor than to be selected by your peers for an office as responsible as this one," Ratliff told the members of the Senate after his election.  
"I am truly honored. I hope and pray that you will believe that your confidence was not

misplaced."  
With Ratliff presiding, the Senate began its legislative work. During the next five months, several thousand bills were debated on the Senate floor; some were passed and others died at some point in the legislative process. Others were never even considered.  
"I feel very good about the session," Ratliff said. "I don't think I could feel much better about it."

Ratliff pointed to legislation to create a statewide school teacher and employee health insurance plan as one of the issues of key importance that was addressed this session.  
"We took a big step down the road," Ratliff said. "We created a situation where we can attract and keep the best people in our classrooms."  
Ratliff also cited state employee pay raises, increased education funding and legislation dealing with legal issues such as hate crimes, DNA testing and racial profiling as other important issues of the session.

"And we did all that in the face of the fact that most pundits were predicting that we wouldn't get anything done because of redistricting," Ratliff said.

Although the redistricting issue was one of the most partisan issues this session, Ratliff said he expects the Senate to return to its historically bipartisan ways.  
"After we went through those (redistricting) battles in the first part of the '90s, when we came back in we went back to working as a bipartisan group," Ratliff said. "It didn't carry over."  
A mix of social, legal, governmental, economic and environmental issues were the subject of legislation this session. But there is one piece of legislation - the only one that truly must be passed - that makes all the rest possible, the General Appropriations Bill.

## Programs to build beef demand

Texas Dietetic Association members told more than a million Texans during National Nutrition Month in March that ordinary foods like beef offer extraordinary nutritional benefits. Working with the 41 beef checkoff program, the dietitians received media training on how to present their messages.

They then reached consumers through major Texas media with facts about beef and conjugated linoleic acid (CLA), a compound that prevents cancer and heart disease. The dietitians' information impacted more than 1.1 million Texans.

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## The life cycle and mechanics of addiction

### "The First Step Onto The Road Called Addiction"

Within the 267,277 square miles of Texas are: 122 state recreation parks with more than 1,000 miles of trails; two national parks; five state forests; four national forests; a national seashore; a biological preserve; and uncounted pathways in cities and rural areas.

So why, then, are not more people out walking, biking, jogging, hiking or just strolling?

Perhaps, says Jennifer Smith, director of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), people may not know where these trails are.

With that thought in mind, two years ago TDH began building a database of trails. From the initial 150 entries, TDH now lists more than 450 trails in 89 counties.

The Texas Trail Registry, available on-line at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/trails/](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/trails/), offers information on public trails by county, from the 25-mile Kiwanis Park Trail in Angelina County to Yoakum County's 1.25-mile Denver City Recreational Trail. Details in the listing include trail name and location, manager, approved activities, estimated difficulty and length, hours, cost, facilities, wheelchair accessibility and

scenery. "We provide exposure to trails already built so they can be used more," Guzman said. "In addition, people may pick up ideas about what kinds of trails they can have in their communities. We have resources to help groups who are considering constructing trails."

The registry gives people a chance to find out about trails in their area or in places they may be visiting. "We want people to commit to physical activity and to have healthier life-styles to prevent chronic disease," Guzman said. "And we certainly want to make it as easy as possible for them to get started and to keep going."

Visiting San Antonio? The Emilie and Albert Friedrich Wilderness Park Trail offers 4.5 miles for walking, jogging, hiking and nature study in a nature preserve with Hill Country scenery, windmill and hilltop views at a moderate level of difficulty. On South Padre Island, look up the Isla Blanca Park Trail, an easy two miles with historic statue and marker, wetlands, ships and dolphins.

In Lubbock, look for the Lubbock Lake Landmark Nature Trails for walking, hiking, nature study and wildflowers of the

Llano Estacado. Or in North Texas is the eight-mile Denton Branch Rail Trail along on old MKT railroad for walking, jogging, hiking, road and mountain bicycling, nature study or equestrian activities.

Helping communities develop programs and facilities that support and promote a physically active life-style is a basic component of the Community and Worksite Wellness Program. Smith points to the need in Texas to get people up, out and moving.

A 1998 physical activity survey by TDH shows that more than two-thirds of adult Texans are not getting at least 20 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity three times a week - the amount of physical activity recommended for greater health benefits. And 32 percent of adult Texans reported a leading reason for not being more physically active is the lack of enough fitness facilities, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The Texas Trail Registry is a great place to get started, Guzman said. But the list is by no means complete. Planners, managers or those who use Texas trails may submit trail information to the registry online. People also may add information about trails that are currently listed.

All information is confirmed before being put on the site. The only exclusion is a trail that is for motorized vehicles.

By Clark Carr, President Narconon International  
Contributing Writer

Whether or not a person is genetically, biochemically, or otherwise predisposed to alcoholism or other drug addiction is a controversy that has been debated for years within the scientific, medical and chemical dependency communities.

One school of thought advocates the "disease concept," which embraces the notion that addiction is an inherited disease and that the individual is permanently ill at a genetic level, even if he or she experiences long periods of sobriety.

Another philosophy argues that addiction is a dual problem consisting of a physical and mental dependency on chemicals, compounded by a pre-existing mental disorder (i.e. clinical depression, bipolar disorder, or some other such mental illness.) This viewpoint puts forward that the mental disorder needs to be treated first as the primary cause of the addiction.

A third philosophy subscribes to the idea that chemical dependency leads to "chemical imbalances" in the neurological system.

The fact remains that although there may be research data supporting all of these concepts, none of these theories are absolute. Based on surveys of thousands of alcohol and other drug rehabilitation program graduates, we have a national recovery

rate average of between 16% and 20%.

#### Life Cycle Addiction

The message is clear that we have a lot more to learn if we are to raise the national recovery rate to a more acceptable, desirable level.

In addition to the above three viewpoints of addiction, there is a fourth school of thought which has proven to be more accurate. It has to do with the life cycle of addiction. This data is universally applicable to addiction, no matter which hypothesis is used to explain the phenomenon of chemical dependency.

The life cycle of addiction begins with a problem, a discomfort or some form of emotional or physical pain a person is experiencing. The person finds this very difficult to deal with.

Here is an individual who, like most people in our society, is basically good. He has encountered a problem or discomfort that he does not have the ability to resolve. This could include a problem such as difficulty "fitting in" as a child or teenager, anxiety due to peer pressure, identity problems, or divorce as an adult. It could also include physical discomfort, such as a broken arm, a bad back, or inability to sleep.

The person experiencing the discomfort has a real problem. He feels this problem is a major life situation that is persisting, and he can see no immediate resolution or relief from it.

We have all experienced such things in our lives to a greater or lesser degree. The difference between which one of us becomes an addict and which one does not depends on whether or not, at the time of this traumatic experience, we are subjected to pro-drug or alcohol influences via some sort of significant peer pressure. The painkilling or emotion-dulling effects of drugs or alcohol become an accept-

able solution to the discomfort because the person using alcohol or other drugs experiences relief from the negative feeling associated with his or her problem. As soon as the addict experiences relief from the discomfort, he inadvertently attaches "value" to the drug or drink. It helped him feel better. Even though the relief is only temporary, drug or drink is adopted as a solution to the problem. This assigned "value" is the only reason the person ever uses drugs or drinks a second, third or more times. From this point forward, it is just a matter of time before the alcohol-drinking or drug-using person loses the ability to control the alcohol or drug use.

No matter at what stage of "self-control" the person may feel he is at, once he or she has started using alcohol or other drugs regularly for their "relief value," he is somewhere on the road called "addiction." Addiction is not the destination. Addiction is the whole road. Narconon (tm) is a drug rehabilitation and prevention program used by a worldwide network of nonprofit or charitable centers. Narconon International offers this series on "The Life Cycle and Mechanics of Addiction" to help concerned citizens better understand the subject. There are drug rehabilitation centers using the Narconon program worldwide.

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1 Meek one
5 Crossed the pool
9 One lacking freedom
14 "I can't tell"
15 At \_\_\_; relaxed
16 Morning coffee accompaniment
17 Mid-month date
18 Miner's entrance
19 Church events
20 Polluted
23 Common contraction
24 Green spot
25 Recipe direction
28 Taught
32 Slow musical passage
34 Use skillfully
35 Son of Zeus and Hera
37 Handed over
38 Jai \_\_\_
39 Show the validity of
40 Roman road
41 Time for a new season; abbr.
42 Healing plant
43 Suffixes for prank & pun
44 \_\_\_ on; swindled
46 Shaped beforehand
48 Armenia, once; abbr.
49 Gun owners' org.
51 Large receptacle
52 Detailed lists
58 Fruit
61 Walk laboriously
62 Store window sign
63 Highway patrolman's device
64 Bowling alley division
65 Famous ship that sailed from Spain to
America
66 Oafs
67 Spud buds
68 \_\_\_ out; escape slowly, as a liquid
DOWN
1 Secular
2 Ray
3 Manner
4 Barbarianism
5 Naval personnel
6 African landscape feature
7 D \_\_\_
8 Gold or aluminum
9 Jam
10 \_\_\_ off; temporarily idle
11 To the point
12 Roman five
13 Pauser's utterances
21 Like a go-getter
22 Kid
25 Hard stones
26 Distract
27 Industrious people
28 Roof installers
29 Grim one
30 Viscount's superior
31 Lose firmness
33 To-dos
34 Social insects
36 Word with how or when
39 Father
43 Beat it!
45 Joins
47 Gets away from
50 Abundant
52 John in Novokuznetsk
53 "Now \_\_\_ me down to..."
54 Region
55 Son of a TV sheriff
56 Island bird
57 Easy task; slang
58 United group; abbr.
59 Vientiane resident
60 Ceremonial phrase

1. Horatio Nelson; 2. 24; 3. Kiddle; 4. Edward R. Murrow; 5. Eight; 6. Carl Sandburg; 7. Farin; 8. El Salvador; 9. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon; 10. The fifth

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
1. Who said, "England expects every man will do his duty"?
2. How many points are there on a Backgammon board?
3. What was Jimmy Hoffa's middle name?
4. Who was the first host of "Person to Person"?
5. How many U.S. states border on the Great Lakes?
6. What 20th-century American poet wrote a four-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln?
7. What weighs 6,600 billion billion tons?
8. What is the smallest country in Central America?
9. What two newly-elected Congressmen in 1946 went on to become presidents?
10. What year is the Wood Anniversary?

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June 12..... Martha Moore
June 12..... Cecil Y. Smith
June 13..... Molly Montalvo

ASTROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) What you think is a nutty idea could actually work. You just have to find a practical way to implement it. Later in the week, a stranger becomes important in your life.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a week of happy surprises for you. However, don't let this distract you from what needs to be done. By week's end, you're exhausted but happy.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're puzzled by your mate's actions. However, the secret being held can't be revealed at this time. Utilize patience.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's not a good week to try to gauge other's reactions to your opinions. Instead, you'd be wise to state simply and plainly what you believe. Otherwise, misunderstandings result.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're trying too hard to curry popularity. The best advice is tried and true. Be yourself!
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're at the center of all activities this week. However, you're not exactly reveling in this development. Pace yourself accordingly.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your mate is feeling a bit down for some reason. Surprise this person with a little romantic gift. This weekend, find time for just the two of you.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your nerves are a bit frayed as the week begins. However, you soon find the right balance. By week's end, you're back on track.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You have a fine mind for puzzles and problems. Use this ability to handle that problem at work. This enhances your prospects for the future.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're too focused this week on material gain. There are other, more important aspects to life. Take some time to enjoy these.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Not everyone is interested in your take on current events. Keep it to yourself at this time. Concentrate, instead, on what needs to be done at work.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're noted for your tireless energy. However, that doesn't mean you have super powers. Try to slow down the pace a bit.
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Roaring Twenties Solution:
1. Aisle
2. Eisenhower
3. Gnats
4. Gnu
5. Gnome
6. Gnu
7. Heiress
8. Knapsack
9. Knee
10. Knife
11. Knowledge
12. Knuckles
13. Llamas
14. Oedipus
15. Pneumonia
16. Psalms
17. Psychologist
18. Wrapping
19. Wrens
20. Wry

# Life is better as the Victor, not the Victim *Overcoming Satan's lies*

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Victor or Victim, which are you? You have heard the saying, "To the Victor go the spoils." In warfare, the victor received the weapons, gold, silver, jewels, livestock, etc., that had once belonged to the defeated. The word of God says that Jesus "having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:15) The Victor says, "The Spirit of God witnesses in my spirit that I am a child of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ" (Rom. 9:16-18). The Victor says, "I wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore I put on the whole armor of God, that I am able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, I stand." (Eph. 6:12-13)

The Victor (having observed the commandments of the Lord) can say "the Lord shall make me the head, and not the tail; and I shall not be beneath." (Deut. 28:13)

The Victim says, I deserve to be the dust under your feet. It's okay for people to use me as a doormat. Everything bad always happens to me.

The Victor expects the blessings of the Lord on earnings, savings, estate, spouse, children, family, livestock and animals. The Victor expects God's promises of a healthy and productive body and safety from the enemy. The Victor expects the Lord to open him/her the Lord's good treasure and that the Lord shall bless the finances so that he/she will have so much that the victor will be able to lend and not have to borrow. (Deut. 28:11-12)

The Victim says "It's like there is a dark cloud that follows me around all the time. I'm cursed in everything I try to do good. I'm sick and depressed and what little I do have seems to be taken from me. My children complain; they don't have respect for me and they'd rather live somewhere else than with me. They don't listen to what I say and hang out with the wrong people. My spouse doesn't respect me and doesn't seem to love me anymore. Every time I get a little money saved up, something happens to

cause it to be taken away. I get sick so frequently and my children always seem to be sick. My daughter's gotten pregnant out of wedlock and my son's an alcoholic. (Deut. 28:15-48)

The Victim gets beaten down and believes the lies from the devil who tells the victim that this is the natural condition of things, yet believing that the world "owes them." The Victim teaches the children to be a victim and perpetuates the curse to another generation.

The Victor wears God's armor, knows who he/she is in Christ Jesus, uses the word of God (the sword) in faith, and "in all these things is more than a conqueror" through Jesus who loves him. (Rom 8:37).

The Victor says, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13). The victim says "God has forsaken me, people persecute and take me; there is none to deliver me." (Psalms 71:11) The Victor says "God will never leave me, nor forsake me. I can boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Heb.13:5-6)

The Victor says "no weapon that is formed against me shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against me shall God condemn" (Isaiah 54:17). The Victim says "I will just curse God and die." (Job 2:9). The Victor says, "God hath not given me a spirit of fear, but of

power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7) The Victim says, "I'm losing my mind. I fear that I may not make it through tomorrow. Since God doesn't love me, I can't expect others to give me the love I need."

The Victor says, "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus my Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)

Fight the good fight. Choose to pass down the legacy of the Victor, not the Victim. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Are there days when you just can't help but say to yourself, "You are a totally helpless, hopeless, worthless excuse for a human being?"

You believe that you have no ambition, no drive and no get-up-and-go. You are living an unproductive life. You stay in bed and sleep a lot longer than you need to or even want to, but you do it anyway. You hate yourself for doing it and at the same time, ask yourself, "What's the point of getting up? What do I have to get up for?" Then you say to yourself, "Today will be just as disappointing as every other day."

Well, brothers and sisters, let me tell you that the devil, old Satan himself, has got a strange hold on you. He's choking the very life out of you. Satan has a death plan for you and here it is. Satan is the author and authority of all sin. All sin, yours, mine everyone's.

He makes it so very easy for you and I to sin. He knows all of our weaknesses. Satan is a great deceiver. Satan is the master of all liars.

Satan has lied to you. He has caused you to believe all his lies and to follow his evil ways. Satan has blinded you from the truth. Satan has, or will, separate you from your Heavenly Father. Satan has, or will, convince you that you are totally alone and on your own. Satan fills your mind with doubts and seemingly unanswerable questions.

You're dazed and confused. Despair and desperation are your constant companions. Satan knows that misery loves a lot of company, so he gives you friends, just like you and the lost lead into a downward spiral.

Sooner or later, you will begin to think, "Even death, surely must be better than the life I'm living. The life that I am living is hell."

You know what? You're not far from wrong. You're a sinner and you sin more everyday. You don't want to, but you just cannot help yourself. Satan has blinded you to the truth. He doesn't want you to see the light. He wants you to continue to walk in the darkness.

God is the truth. God is the light. God created the heavens and the earth. God created you and he created me. He gave us life. He loves us and wants only the very best for us. Being his children, we are the real heirs of heaven and everything therein. We're rich.

What did Satan ever create? Nothing good, nothing worthwhile, not one solitary thing. Zip.

Satan destroys. He kills. He devotes every minute of his time to the stealing of souls. Satan is trying to steal the most important thing that God ever created - you. Satan is successful at stealing the soul's of God's children, every single day. Don't let Satan have yours. Turn to God as fast as you can.

Satan is death. God is life, eternal life. You are not helpless and you are not hopeless. You are not worthless and you were never alone. You were only lost, but now you're home, you're safe.

God promises his children so much. Long before we leave this earth and receive eternal life in heaven, he promises and gives you things you can use every day.

He promises to give you his presence. He will be with you every second of every day. He promises to give you his peace. You will have peace of mind and the peace of God in your heart. He promises to give you his power.

You will have the power to overcome Satan. You will be stronger than Satan. He cannot touch you. He promises to protect you, to love you and he promises to give you his personal pardon for all those times you sin against him.

## Choosing our own faith is a privilege

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

On May 25th, a local young man did something courageous. Schiller Hill, the valedictorian of the class of 2001 of Brackett High School gave up his right as valedictorian to speak to his graduating class because there were going to be prayers at the

graduation ceremonies. His issue is the separation of church and state. Unlike young Mr. Hill, prayers in school or at graduation exercises do not offend me. However, I am very much for our young people thinking through the issues that face our times, deciding what they believe and then standing up for their beliefs, even in the face of criticism. I agree with our superintendent, Taylor Stephenson, Mr. Hill's opinion may change over time but whether or not he agrees with the opinions of his classmates or the community is not an issue, for he has that right.

In fact the very issue Mr. Hill draws our attention to is the one which gives him the right to speak out. Men who knew what it meant to be oppressed by religious thought wrote our constitution. Our country was founded for the purpose of escaping the tyranny of religion. I think that the phrase "separation of church and state" is grossly misunderstood. I think that our constitution was written to make sure that no single religious practice would be pronounced as the "state religion." In the England that controlled our great country until the American Revolution, the Church of England was very closely connected to the power of the throne and the parliament. In fact the Church of England was founded to be a part of the power of the King. Our constitution, therefore was written to assure that Mr. Hill did not have to profess a certain

form of faith in order to attend school, run a business, be a politician, or speak out in opposition to The Church or The State.

I am thankful that Mr. Hill has the right to say he doesn't believe that prayers should be offered at commencement exercises. I am thankful that we can choose our faith rather than be assigned one. I am thankful that those brave men who wrote and enacted our constitution were visionaries who wanted for their children what Mr. Hill, his able replacement Brittany Shewbart, the class salutatorian who gave the graduation speech, and his classmates now enjoy - the right to choose the church they attend, if they want to attend. People of faith make a difference. I am sure Mr. Hill's contribution make be disparaged by some, but he has made a contribution of faith as well. Perhaps one day Mr. Hill will agree with those of us who want prayer back in school. Perhaps he won't. Either way, I encourage him and all others to continue researching the issues which perplex you, make your choice for the time being and stand up for your beliefs, even in the face of criticism.

Join us at First United Methodist Church at 10:45 am Sunday, as we seek to understand our relationship with God and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the opportunity to express our faith in so many different ways that show our independence from tyranny but our dependence on a forgiving God.

## Receive Him and become a son of God

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name;

Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

St. John 1:6-13

## Proceed with caution while driving and talking

By Cindy Patterson  
Contributing Writer

With more than 111 million people using wireless phones in the United States, driving while talking on a wireless phone has quickly erupted into a heated debate. Americans are concerned about the safety of our roads and highways - and many feel that talking on the phone while driving could be putting lives at risk.

At Verizon Wireless, we recognize the "driving while talking" debate is an issue, and we are committed to educating consumers across the country on how to drive responsibly. Therefore, one of our highest priorities is to put our strength behind enhancing the availability, affordability and awareness of hands-free technologies to help drivers be responsible behind the wheel. We feel our customers' attentiveness to driving

can be improved by using their wireless service in conjunction with convenient hands-free technologies, such as headsets, earpieces, and voice-activated systems. And, we stand proud behind our cross-country educational campaign "Drive Responsibly. Call with care," which aggressively communicates responsible driving tips to cell phone users of all ages.

In addition to our own campaign, we are the largest contributing member of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, the industry's trade organization, which has created an ongoing, proactive educational campaign titled, "Safety - Your Most Important Call," promoting the respon-

sible use of wireless phones.

Will hands-free talking guarantee that everyone will drive responsibly?

Of course not. It is ultimately up to you to be a responsible driver. Will the driving while talking debate come to an end? No - this debate will continue as

will the debates over other distractions in the car and the impact they have on the driver of the vehicle.

But, with proper education and common sense, we can make a difference in making our roads and highways safer.

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Pastor: Nathan Lafrenz  
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**DETOUR** **WARNING CONSTRUCTION AREA**

WATCH THE SIGNS...for the temporary rerouting of traffic for Val Verde Regional Medical Center. As time draws near for the construction/renovation projects for the hospital, the South Entrance parking entrance AND the entrance on the South side of the hospital WILL BE CLOSED, effective May 30th. Patients and visitors may park in front of the hospital (facing Bedell Ave.), and entrances will be marked...either through the original front (by the hospital Gift Shop), or through a door next to Physical Therapy. We appreciate your cooperation AND patience during this exciting time for Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

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Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

**God Created the Church to be a Family for ALL His Children.**  
**Sunday Schedule:**  
**Bible School at 9:30 am**  
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Date adopted: January 1, 1994.

**ADOPTIONS**

**Note:** It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.

**A BABY DESIRED.** Adoption. We'll do everything we can to help you! Pharmacist dad and full time mom (33) will give your baby loads of opportunities, an excellent education, and lots of love and family fun. Jan and Harry would love to talk! Call us anytime toll free: 1-866-752-8627.

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**DRIVER: COMPANY & owner operators regional, home weekly.** Pay for experience up to 31 cents per mile, company. 81 cents per mile, owner operators. 1-800-454-2887. Arnold Transportation.

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**DRIVERS ... SWIFT Transportation** is hiring experienced and inexperienced drivers and O/O. CDL training is available. We offer great pay, benefits and consistent miles. 1-800-565-7625 (EOE, M/F).

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**'77 CHEVY 2 1/2 Ton 16'** flat bed, \$500. 563-9128.

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**SAT. JUNE 9TH, 8 a.m. - ? 309 E.** Third St., Carport behind. 830-563-9078.

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**HELP WANTED**

**RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC)** is accepting applications for the position of Groundman to fill a vacancy in the Cooperative's Brackettville Office. Applicants must be able and willing to work under adverse weather conditions, including holidays, overtime, and weekend duty. Must have physical stamina to trim trees, lift heavy objects, operate equipment and tools. Must be able and willing to learn to climb poles. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with a clear driving record and be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire. Applications may be picked up at the Co-op or call Jan Nelson at 830-563-2444. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 15, 2001, and returned to RGEC, Administrative Department, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**TEACHERS WANTED! OVER 50** S.C. school districts interviewing at the 13th annual "S.C. EXPO for Teacher Recruitment," Columbia, S.C., June 11. 1-800-541-7525 or register online at www.sccr.org. Statewide on-line teaching application, www.winthrop.edu/scteach

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**EARN UP TO \$530 weekly** distributing phone cards. No experience. FT/PT. Call 1-800-370-9150.

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**REPO. DOUBLEWIDE WILL** be sold to highest bidder. 5 p.m. June 12, 2001, cash or bank letter of credit required, Hwy 90 east Box 0A Del Rio, TX 78840. For exact directions call 1-866-691-8180.

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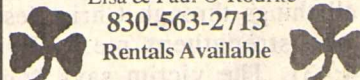
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Rentals Available



**New listing: 2 bed, 2 baths,** tiled drive through carport, tiled patio \$65,000.

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**Carefully maintained 3 bed,** 2 baths, Jacuzzi with adjacent shower, 2 carports \$87,000.

**Lot in the Oaks.**

**4 lots on Hwy 90.**

**For rent: 3 bed, 2 baths** Townhouse.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council Area Agency on Aging is currently implementing a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system that will assist older Texans to remain independent at home. Local service providers are invited to submit statements of qualifications for placement on the approved health maintenance service provider register. Services being targeted are Homemaker Service, Personal Assistance, Respite Care, Vision Care, Medication assistance. Deadline for submission is June 21, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. RFO's may be obtained by contacting Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration at VOICE telephone 830-876-3533 or TDD 830-876-1260, at 307 W. Nopal St., Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer, and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions.

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**New listing: Unit 15 mobile home** 2-bedroom, 2-bath \$10,000.  
**Brackett home by the school,** 3-bedroom, 2-bath, large living area, has a water well.

**Newly remodeled 3 bedroom,** 2 bath home overlooking hole #18 on the golf course. Covered parking and reasonably priced to sell.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**BRACKETTVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY** is accepting sealed bids until 3:00 pm June 11, 2001, at P.O. Box 371 or at 205 South Sweeney, Brackettville. Bids are for one day a week pick up for household trash. Bidder must have own vehicle, trailer, insurance and permits. One year contract. Bid opening Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 6:00 pm at above address.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL** District is soliciting for Student/Athletic, Voluntary, and Catastrophic Insurance Proposals for the 2001-2002 school year. Interested parties need to request proposal forms. Contact: Dixie Brown, Business Manager, Brackett Independent School District, P.O. Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX, 78832, (830) 563-2491, ext. 113. RFP's will be received until June 25, 2001, at 3:00 p.m.

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*"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."*

All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

Unlike private corporations, co-ops are owned by their customers. Your co-op's board of directors is elected to set policy that most benefits its member-owners. Your board is answerable to members and only to members, not shareholders or investment banks.

Electric cooperatives in Texas have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As co-ops, we are non-profit and member-owned. To learn more about deregulation, visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice cooperative.



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