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FCSA files lawsuit against directors



New Fort Clark Springs board members?

Nolan Brandt (from left), Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingenot, Santos Yerena and John Dixon were sworn in as Fort Clark Springs directors Friday by Tom Saylor. There is dispute among the members as to who is legally on the board.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Kerr: 'Business is going fine'

General Manager Maggie Kerr said everything was "fine" at Fort Clark Springs in the association's September newsletter.

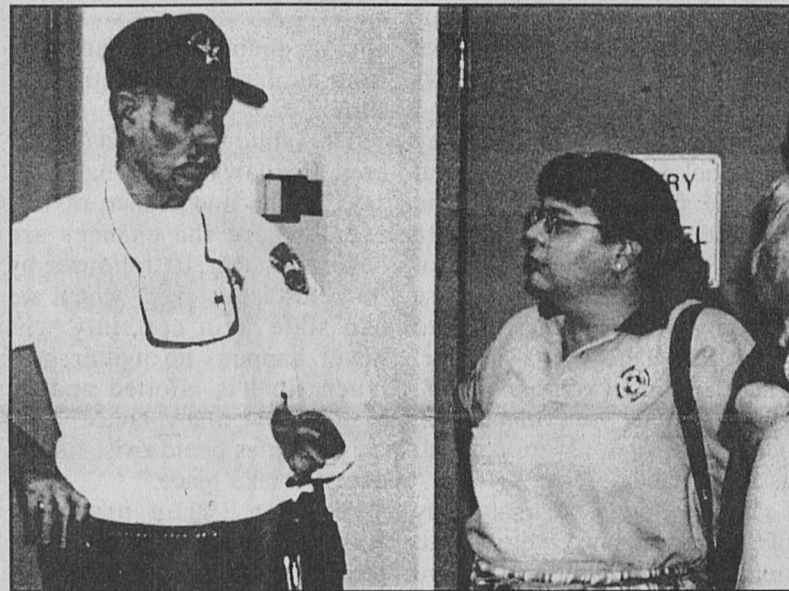
"To set all minds at ease about the rumors going around, I will tell you that business is going fine and will be conducted as usual at Fort Clark with all seven of your Board of Directors intact, as well as management staff," she wrote.

Kerr said she was trying to "make a point" by addressing the controversy at the fort.

"If the membership of the fort does not quit bickering, the reputation of this wonderful and glorious place will be more tarnished than ever before and no marketing firm, no matter how

magical or magnificent they are, will ever be able to dig us out of our own doom. The best marketing tool for Fort Clark Springs Association Inc. is its happy people," she wrote.

"The majority of our members are non-resident and they pay, religiously, their \$30-a-month assessment fee. If we lost 25 percent of these non-resident members, that would be lost revenue of around \$270,000 per year. This would equal the cost of keeping the Adult Center, Teen Center, par-three golf course, swim park and club facilities in operation for the memberships enjoyment. As we all know, those of us that live here on the fort utilize these facilities the most."



Questions of legality

Deputy Larry Robinson (left) talks to Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr Friday, when directors Mona Miller and Tom Saylor unsuccessfully tried to gain admittance to the board room at the fort.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fuentes resigns as board member

By J.J. Guidry
Editor

Henry Fuentes has resigned as a board member of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Fuentes resigned "with mixed emotions" on Aug. 30, but there was no mention of his intentions made at the district's regular meeting on Sept. 3.

"I have developed some health problems and as of yesterday have learned from my doctors that said problems are of a serious nature and will take an extensive period of time to overcome. Obviously, this has become my first priority,"

"It's a very important position, especially at this time. I feel that you're not going to find very many individuals that are going to want to be on that board. It is my understanding that there are probably lawsuits pending because of some of the steps that they are taking in reference to the rules and regulations."

Brackettville City Manager David Luna

Fuentes said in his letter of resignation to Cecil Smith, chairman of the board.

"I regret taking this step after the time and effort the board, including myself, has put into this project. However, after recently missing two very impor-

tant meetings, I feel that I am not contributing to the board and community as I should.

"I trust that the board will continue to do everything possible to achieve those goals as set out in the district's mission statement, recognizing and respect-

ing the needs of the community and, in particular, the farming community," Fuentes' letter concluded.

The board was expected to formally accept Fuentes' resignation Wednesday during a special meeting, which was after press-time.

The Brackettville City Council will recommend Fuentes' replacement, who will ultimately be appointed by the Kinney County Commissioners Court.

"It's a very important position, especially at this time," City Manager David Luna said at Tuesday's City Council meeting. "I feel that you're not go-

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Miller, Saylor appoint five directors, association granted restraining order

By J.J. Guidry
Editor

Fort Clark Springs Association filed a lawsuit Monday in District Court against two of its directors, and five other members with claims to seats on the Board of Directors.

Board members Mona Miller and Tom Saylor appointed five new directors Friday at a special meeting — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingenot and Santos Yerena.

The lawsuit states that the association "notified the membership of the proper procedure to call a special meeting and to hold a recall election" and that the individuals "deliberately choose to ignore following the procedures set out in the corporation's bylaws and protective restrictions."

"I just talked to the attorney for the association and he said no one is supposed to be here without notice, especially without permission."

Maggie Banner Kerr

The association filed suit on the seven individuals and was granted a temporary restraining order, which prevent the individuals from: "holding themselves out to be the officers and directors of FCSA; conducting business in the name of FCSA; and attempting to take control of the directors' meeting room, the business, payroll and personnel records of the plaintiff and attempting to hire or discharge plaintiff's personnel."

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, with District Judge Tom Lee.

Over 400 members signed a petition, initiated by the Preservation Society, requesting a special membership meeting, which was held on Aug. 10, to recall the directors. The majority of the members voting chose to remove Carol Miller, Glen White, Jack Simpson, Frank Cheaney and Bob Williamson, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller.

When Saylor and Mona Miller arrived at the Fort Clark office to hold the special meeting Friday, management refused to allow them into the board room.

When Saylor asked why, general manager Maggie Banner Kerr said: "Because there is no meeting of the Board of Directors."

"As members of Fort Clark Springs Association and as a board member, I have the right to use these facilities," Saylor responded. "It will be noted that the general manager has refused use of the board room to two board members."

While Saylor was swearing in the new board members, Kerr interrupted him, saying: "I just talked to the attorney for the association and he said no one is supposed to be here without notice, especially without permission. I have asked the sheriff to have y'all removed."

The seven board members then proceeded to elect Saylor as the new president, Brandt as vice president, Dixon as secretary and Miller as treasurer.

The meeting was recessed before Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess arrived.



Putting on a performance

Members of the Brackett High School Fighting Tiger Band perform during last Friday's pep-rally.

Photo by J.J. Guidry



Remembering 9-11

Brackett High School students commemorated the deaths of the 2,934 people that were killed Sept. 11, 2001, in an assault on the American way of life.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

Water board considers increasing its tax rate

By J.J. Guidry
Editor

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District officials are considering increasing its proposed tax rate.

The original suggested tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 valuation would more than satisfy the district's budget, but some officials think it's not enough.

"Folks, a lot of things have happened," board member Don Hood said at last week's meeting. "There have been a whole lot of legal things happening to us. We are being hit by some people with some real deep pockets. For what reason, I can't figure out why. I think we need some money folks to fight

these guys. So I am going to officially make a motion and put it on the table that we go the maximum 10 cents."

"When we were elected, we told these people we wouldn't do that. If we do that, we are flat liars," said Cecil Smith, chairman of the board.

Hood later recanted his statement, adding: "I just kicked 10 cents out to get everybody's attention."

"Oh, you woke everybody up," director Zach Davis said.

"That's what I wanted to do. I certainly agree 10 cents is out of line, but my point that I'm trying to make is we need more than 4 or even 4.5 now. I would love to keep it to a minimum," Hood added.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It is time to take control of BISD

To all the good people of Brackettville, it is way past time to get involved and take control of your school district.

The district has been run by people that don't have the best interest of all the kids. Rules are made, then they are bent or broken to benefit the select few. It is time for a change in the "Good Ol' Boy System." It is time to get people in there that are fair and honest, and are willing to do the right thing.

Don't be afraid to stand up and speak your mind because there is strength in numbers.

You want to know the main reason why I was reassigned out of basketball?

It was because I put a school board member's daughter down on J.V. Good old politics at work here. The move was made so she could get more playing time and improve her game. It was in her best interest. The board member abused his authority and exerted pressure on the administrators.

Also an ex-board member complained that her daughter was not developing the neces-

sary skills that she needed — even though this girl was hurt all the time and couldn't perform half the things we were trying to do. This same parent is still complaining, to whomever will listen to her, but this time it's about my letters to the editor. I guess the guilty dog barks first, and the truth hurts.

Another ex-board member has said that my coaching methods were out-dated. But when I coached his older daughter, we were winning playoff games, and she was a star player. Maybe he thought that I was a good coach then, who knows?

He also slandered my name by spreading false rumors about me to some of the present board members. This person claims to be a devout Christian.

It simply amazes me how much control these people still have over the school district, even though they no longer have anything to do with it.

It is time for a major change here at BHS. Wake up Brackettville, before it's too late. Go Tigerettes!

Gregg Nowlin

Hall's philosophy is the greatest

To Chuck Hall: I always enjoy reading your articles in the Brackett paper — but this Friday I not only read, I re-read and re-read again, not one of, but, the best article I have had the good fortune to read!

Your philosophy is the greatest! Your children, grandchildren, all those you have taught, and all who have known you are truly blessed.

Best regards to you and Connie.

Janie Wheeler

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Big Mama Sez!

God helps those who do not help themselves.



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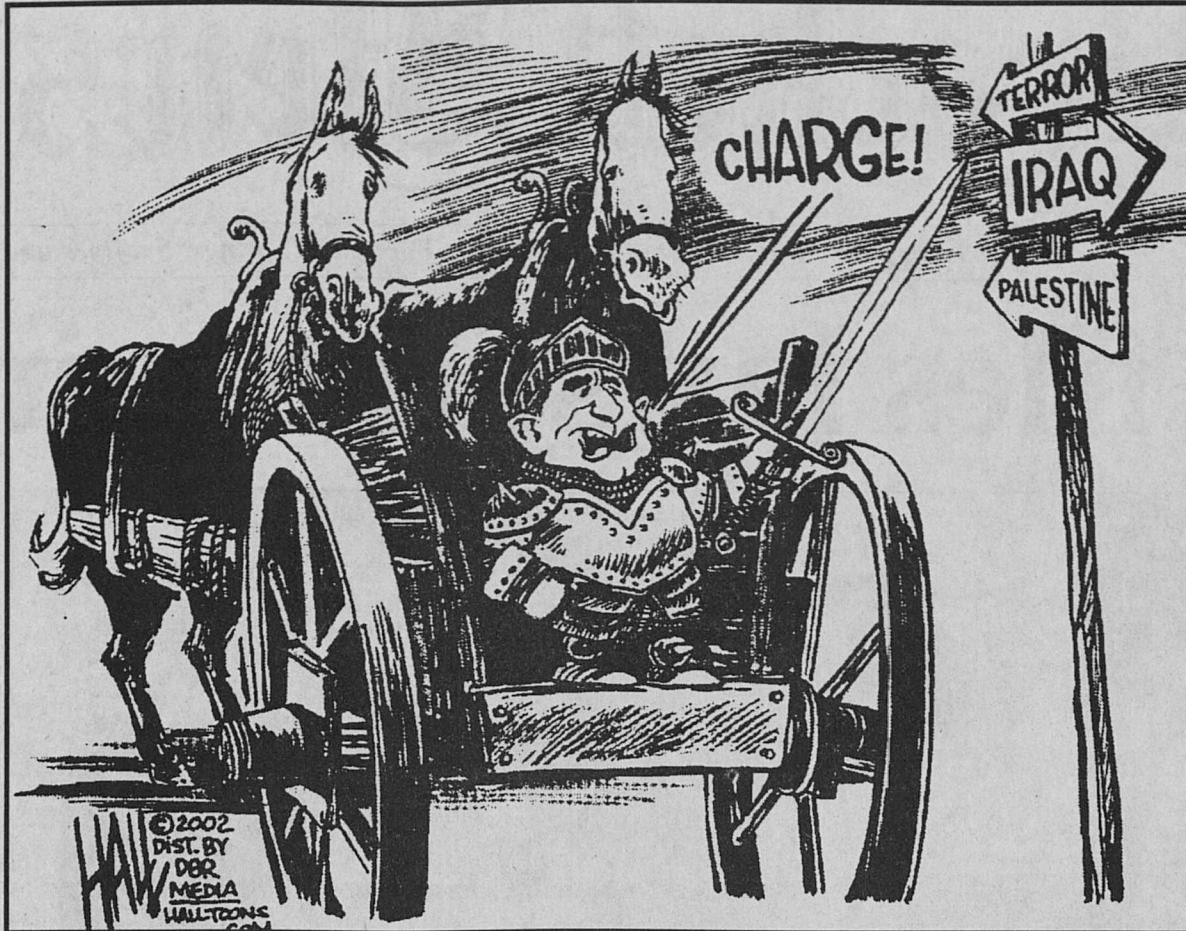
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Creation deemed 'religious' so schools teach a lie

I've been reading a great book. It's called "Darwin's Demise," by Joe White, Ed. D., and Nicholas Commellis, M.D. It deals with the absurdity of the "theory of evolution" by pointing out the inaccuracies and flat-out lies perpetrated by the so-called scientists who champion Darwinian evolution as the answer to the question of where we came from. It should be in every Christian's library.

What it does better than any such book I've ever seen is point out the fact that most of the "evolutionists" do not profess to believe in evolution because of proven facts, but do so because the only other alternative is to admit that there was a Creator. There are only two possibilities, you see, either we evolved from pond scum or we were created, as is, by God.

It also points out that many of those who once were evolutionists are now turning toward creationism because, though there has been over 100 years of intense research to prove evolution happens, there has not been one single fossil discovered, not one single fact uncovered which supports or even hints at evolution. Just the opposite, in fact, is what is being discovered.

Not only that, but there is now being found much new evidence that points to the conclusion that instead of being billions of years old, the earth may be only thousands of years old. Imagine that, when the scientists and evolutionists finally arrive at the top of the mountain that contains the truth of creation, they will find a whole bunch of us Christians already there who knew it all the time.

I have quoted the odds to you before, but now let's look at what the scientists themselves say about it.

Dr. Edwin Conklin, Princeton professor of biology, says: "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the un-



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

abridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop."

Dr. Emile Borel, who discovered the laws of probability, says: "The occurrence of any event where the chances are beyond one in 10 followed by 50 zeros is an event which we can state with certainty will never happen, no matter how much time is allotted and no matter how many conceivable opportunities could exist for the event to take place."

So then, when professor Harold Norowitz says, "The probability for the chance formation of the smallest, simplest form of living organism known is one in 10 to the 340 millionth power," which is a larger number than the number of electrons contained in the entire universe (10 to the 80th electrons), it seems that evolution and the spontaneous generation of life is the epitome, the very definition of impossibility.

Carl Sagan, an atheist and evolutionist of great renown, stated the odds at being even greater, at one in 10 to the 2 billionth power (1 followed by 2 billion zeros).

Sir Fred Hoyle says that the believing in chance formation of life is equivalent to "believing a tornado could sweep through a junkyard filled with airplane parts and form a Boeing 747."

Now for the sad part. Even though there is much more evidence for creation than for evolution, we still teach evolution in our schools and are forbidden from teaching the probability of creation. Even though it has been all but unequivocally proven that the "theory of evo-

lution" is a lie and no theory at all, it is preached as a proven, concrete fact.

I heard the statement on television the other day, made by one of our leading newscasters, Walter Cronkite, that "evolution is no theory, it is a law, a fact."

How can he say that when all the evidence points the other way?

Simple! If he doesn't believe in evolution he has to believe in God, and he is not willing to do that.

Evolution is no theory, it is a religion. It is a faith-based religion that rejects the Holy God of the universe. They say that creationism is unscientific and therefore untrue.

I say, how can the truth be unscientific? If there is no other explanation; if all the evidence points to only one conclusion; if the only other conclusion is obviously, incontrovertibly false, how can you deny the reality of creation by a Supreme God? And how can we allow a lie to be force fed to our children?

We are denied the right to have creation taught in school because it has been deemed "religious," but evolution can be taught as a law when it is a lie?

For one do not understand the logic that demands we teach lies and withhold the truth because someone would have to admit that there is a God and that he formed the universe by his will and to his plan.

It is never wrong to teach the truth, and the First Amendment protects Christians equally with atheists!

John 1:1-5 says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." NIV

September 11th Remembered



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

It's hard to believe a year has passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We will all remember where we were that morning. Whether you were near ground zero or in Castroville, Texas we all had the same fears racing through our heads.

What was happening? Who was behind it? Would my city be next? We prayed together, we stood together side by side, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans ready to do what was necessary to get through this crisis. First responders — selfless — rushed to the scenes of tragedy. In towns across our country they manned their positions, ready just in case. At the President's command center tough decisions were being made. Ground all aircraft within 3 hours, and yes, shoot down any aircraft that seemed to be threatening our people on the ground.

In the following days, we prayed together and committed ourselves to doing whatever it took to respond. The President focused like a laser beam on the effort to eliminate those on the other side of the world who were responsible. This tragedy showed our nation how strong we are.

Our nation's leaders told us to go on with our lives and we did. Here in Washington there are many of us who remain focused on the fundamentals that preserve our way of life. Strengthening our military, our intelligence operations, our federal agencies that watch our ports of entry for killers trying to enter our country. At this moment we continue in the effort to create the Department of Homeland Security to make sure all of our agencies ... the FBI, Customs, the Border Patrol, the DEA ... are all operating in synch.

At the invitation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, I'll be attending a ceremony on September 11th at the Pentagon to remember those who perished in the attack. The Pentagon has now been rebuilt. It is a great symbol of how we are bouncing back.

Just this past weekend the Congress was invited to lay a wreath at Ground Zero in New York City. September 11th left a tremendous hole in all our hearts. But as we re-build at ground-zero, that hole is filled with strength, patriotism and determination.

I encourage everyone to remember the past so as to make us stronger in the future. We will never forget September 11. Today we should feel proud that this generation, like those past, is every bit as committed to doing whatever it takes to preserve freedom, justice and the American Way.

Fuentes resigns as board member County officials to appoint replacement

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ing to find very many individuals that are going to want to be on that board. It is my understanding that there are probably lawsuits pending because of some of the steps that they are taking in reference to the rules and regulations. It's turning into more of an argumentative contest than anything else at most of the meetings."

Luna said he was contacted by members of the water board, but was going to follow "proper procedures" and not take any action until he was contacted by county officials.

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Brackettville City Manager David Luna

other interested individuals that are concerned about the water board, and were giving names of people to replace him," he said. "I refused to take any action on any of it."

"The numerous people who have called are in conflict because some are on the water board and some have viable interests in it.

"If we're going to recommend someone, we need to ask that individual if they want to serve on the board," Luna told the council. "Some of the names that were given didn't even know about it."

"Some of the board members wanted to rush me on it. There is no law that mandates or requires a deadline on an ap-

pointed position to be filled after a resignation. I was told it had to be by the 17th — I don't know if that is when their next meeting or what it is — but it doesn't have to be by the 17th."

Luna said the new board member "doesn't need to be hand-picked."

"I think this person needs to be someone who's going to give the time, someone who's going to have the effort to be able to be willing to become knowledgeable," he said. "More than anything else, what we're going to need is someone who is open-minded and has good common sense."

School children and staff remember Sept. 11



Promoting spirit
Brackett High cheerleaders Stephanie Bonner (left) and Davina Luna perform during last Friday's pep-rally.

School children and staff remembered Sept. 11 by wearing red, white and blue, and in one voice pledging their allegiance to our flag. We had a moment of silence in each school.

This is American Character Week, and it is a great opportunity to talk about loyalty, work ethics and patriotism.

Our nation's heroes again include firemen, policemen, military and doctors and nurses. America learned from the tragedy. Our nation is stronger today than a year ago.

Blood Drive

I encourage you to give blood on Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Carol Salladay is the blood drive chairperson.

The response a year ago was overwhelming. You don't need an appointment, just go do it. It's a way of giving back. You'll



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

receive a T-shirt, along with screening for cholesterol, blood pressure, iron, pulse and temperature for your donation.

Good Week

We have had a good week at Brackett ISD. It is a busy time with students and teachers completing their fourth week of instruction.

Notices of concern to parents of students who are having difficulty will be sent out soon. Parents who receive a notice should talk to their child and see

what is causing the problem. It is often daily work that has not been turned in or poor attendance.

If you need information, an appointment should be scheduled with the teacher by calling the school secretary. Please don't wait until the six weeks is over to try to recover grades for the first six weeks.

BHS Sports

The crowd at the Crystal City football game was huge. We sold out of everything. There were no more seats available at the stadium.

Thanks to Carol Salladay for allowing lots of cars to park on her land. This was the largest crowd that I have seen at a Brackett football game since I moved here in 1992. We played a big Crystal City team and won.

The band marched and many were complimentary of their ef-

orts. Cheerleaders did a great job. Also, thanks to the juniors and their sponsors — Dee Curry, Karen Crumley and Rhonda Marquardt, helped by Donna Schuster — for working so hard on the concession stand. This week the band parents and boosters will handle the concession stand. We play a good Sabinal team Friday at 7:30.

The volleyball team is doing well also. They work together well as a team and have a will to win. The high school volleyball team will be at home for the next few Tuesdays. The gym is air conditioned, and it is a fun place to be.

Our cross country teams went to Rocksprings this past weekend. The Junior high girls placed third and the high school girls placed fourth out of 11 teams. They are doing well also. Have a great week!

OBITUARY

Aaron Bruce Clements

Aaron Bruce Clements passed away August 21st. He was born March 18, 1917, in Springfield, Colo., to Adam Berlie and Linnie Clements.

Clements graduated from Kirkland high school and attended business school. He then joined the Army Air Corps in 1939 and remained on active duty throughout World War II until his honorable discharge on Aug. 11, 1945.

During WWII, Clements served in many foreign countries and campaigns. He served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. After Germany surrendered, he then served in China, Burma and India. During this time, he rose to the rank of first sergeant.

He married Dorothy Arnold on Jan. 8, 1949. She preceded

him in death in January 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothea. They married Oct. 11, 1986. Clements spent the first six months of 1986 riding a horse for 3,200 miles as part of the sesquicentennial trail ride before his marriage to Dorothea in October.

He is also survived by a son, Dennis Clements of Midland; four stepchildren, Jerry Clements of Irving, Karen Ely of Dallas, Nikki Butler of Carrollton and Chris Snapp of Broadus; a brother, Kenneth Clements of Lubbock; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Clements' parents, three brothers and three sisters also preceded him in death.

BRIEFS

Church to host blood drive on Tuesday

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center staff will be set up in the fellowship hall. Each donor will receive a memorial T-shirt.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good general health may donate blood. It is recommended to eat before donating. Donors should bring proper identification, which should include the donor's name and either date of birth, Social Security number or photograph.

For more information, call Carol Salladay at 563-2612.

Kurz kills rattlesnake at FCS golf course

Roger Kurz, using a seven iron on his second shot, killed a small but scary two-button rattler about 2 feet long at the Fort Clark Springs golf course. His playing partners, Bob and Gladys Burkpile and Lou Green, said he should have used a wedge.

State park to host last Wild Cave Tour

Kickapoo Cavern State Park will host its last Wild Cave Tour and Stewart Bat Flies of the season on Saturday. For reservations, call 563-2342.

Athletics Booster Club to meet Wednesday

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet to elect officers, and plan concessions and fundraisers for the 2002-2003 projects, on Wednesday in Room 8 of Jones Elementary from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is Sept. 21

Monte Montgomery is asking county officials to observe Sept. 21, which has been designated as National POW/MIA Recognition Day by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Sept. 2

12:28 a.m., Amado Ortiz, 49, of San Antonio was arrested for no driver's license and public intoxication by Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. He was released the same day for time served.

Thursday, Sept. 5

12:45 a.m., A BISD employee reported kids fighting at the school and requested assistance. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the call.

Friday, September 6

3:30 a.m., Angel Hugo, 17, and Roberto Trevino, 19, both of Del Rio, were arrested by Deputy Pena for engaging in organized criminal activity. 2 p.m., A man reported that an 18-wheeler was tangled in electrical wires on E. Spring Street. CP&L and Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo were notified of the situation.

Saturday, Sept. 7

3 a.m., Luis Cruz, 41, of San Antonio was arrested for possession of marijuana less than

two ounces, driving while intoxicated and no driver's license by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie.

10:10 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a motorist was driving reckless. Deputy Manuel Pena Sr. responded.

Sunday, Sept. 8

7:50 p.m., A BISD employee reported that two kids were throwing rocks at the high school. Deputy Pena was notified.

9:11 p.m., A woman said she was unable to get ahold of a Spofford woman. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

Monday, Sept. 9

1:40 a.m., An employee from Century Security reported a motion alarm going off at the school. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

5:18 a.m., Officials from the Uvalde Police Department reported a traffic accident in front of the Cline checkpoint. Trooper Wylie, Pikes Tow Service and EMS all were notified of the situation.

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September, the seventh month?

This has to be my favorite month of the year. Football, volleyball, a hint of cooler weather and, most of all, dove hunting. Yes, September, the seventh month, is my all-time best liked.

No wait, that isn't right, September isn't the seventh month. Let's see, "30 days hath" ... no, wrong thought. September, October, November, December. Yeah, that's right, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th. Something's still not right here. Those are the words all right, but they're not in the right place. What is the deal?

September used to be the seventh month of the year. Our ancestors used the month containing the vernal equinox for the start of each year. Hence, new year's day was in March, making September the seventh month. The end of the year, therefore, was the last day of February.

But not really. Before they



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

knew how many days were required for the earth to make a trip around the sun, they guessed.

They guessed wrong. Most of the ancients figured somewhere around 350. Consequently, when the vernal equinox came along, the next day was declared to be the start of a new year.

As the old-timers got better at calculating the length of a year, someone changed the first of the year to Jan. 1 so that we could end the year around Christmas. I think I just made up that last part. But I could be wrong.

Melton: Mules have a rich American tradition

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

In early America, mules were the most extensively used beasts of burden because they were hardy, smart and sure-footed, and had more endurance than horses. They were also disease resistant and long-lived.

Ray Melton explained that these qualities came from the donkey's genetic input, particularly the mule's feet that have a cup-like shape, similar to a donkey's.

Melton, the minister of the Church of Christ, discussed his devotion to mules at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Melton said the one question he is asked most frequently is: "How do you get a mule?"

His answer is that you cross breed a jack (donkey) and a mare. Although you can reverse the selection, 9/10s of mules are bred in this way. A horse has 64 chromosomes and a mule has 62, and their offspring has 63

chromosomes — it is a hybrid.

The first breeder of mules in America was George Washington. He brought a jack from France and bred it to one of his mares. In time, Missouri became known for the production of mules. However, by the time of the Civil War, Texas had mule farms already located around the Beaumont area and provided many of the animals for service to the military.

Mules once played an important role at Fort Clark. Melton remarked that pictures taken around the turn of the century on the fort showed massive horse parades. During the time of the Seminoles, however, the first choice was a mule.

Mules played a major role in the movement westward because their endurance and strength is so remarkable.

The military men that served on the frontier used cavalry mules, but they were impressed when they encountered small Mexican mules. The Army mules were larger and carried

an average weight of 150 pounds, but the small Mexican mules carried 250 to 260 pounds. The cavalrymen were amazed to see these small beasts of burden kneel straight down when it was time to rest rather than having to be unpacked like the larger mules.

Melton said that South Texas mules have a reputation for being hardheaded and for kicking. It is said that mules never forget a wrong and if you treat them badly, they will "live to hurt you." He said they are smart and that "you can't use pain to teach them."

A mule is always looking ahead and thinking about the situation. Melton said you could ride a horse full speed ahead and off a high bluff and it will fall, but you can't do that to a mule. He's always thinking about where he's going to put his feet.

A mule is lazy, Melton says, and hates to work. When it becomes obvious he is going to be put to work, his expression will change, he may even pout, and

he will try his best to get out of working. Because of this, a mule must be trained differently from a horse. Be sure and make it the easiest way so that he'll do the job. One advantage of choosing a mule over a horse is that it makes an easier ride. Tennessee walking mules have a particularly smooth stride and can make good time. Another advantage of choosing a mule is that it cost less to feed and is easier to take care of. It can survive like a donkey on almost anything to eat. He added that he also liked them because he could work a mule four days in a row, but a horse must rest.

The mule industry is now getting hot, according to Melton. Last year, one mule sold for \$52,000.

"Everything on this planet has a place and a purpose, and loved and placed in the environment in which they are made and used. All of God's creatures are marvelous to behold, and so I have chosen a flop-eared, smooth gaited mule," he added.

Lions Club hosts annual Health Fair on Oct. 17

This is the time to mark your calendar for fall activities. One of those activities is the annual Lions Club Health Fair.

This event, on Oct. 17, starts at noon and closes at 6 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center.

As always, flu shots are available, along with vision screening, hearing tests and other groups still arranging to be there. More info follows later.

Another event to mark on your calendar — weekly bingo, every Friday night from 7 to 10 at Shafter Hall. Fort Clark Springs Community Council hosts bingo.

The Community Council supports several community orga-

nizations in and around Brackettville and Kinney County. Let's go out and support them. Who knows? You may even win!

When to Call EMS

A lot of people have difficulty deciding when it is time to call EMS for assistance.

One of the most frequently asked questions I get is: "What should I do if ...?"

I have three rules of thumb that I recommend using. The first rule is, if it wakes you up or keeps you from going to sleep, it's time to call help. The second rule is, if you awaken more tired than when you went to bed, it's time to call help. The third rule is, if your personality changes or you notice a change



EMS Update

Carolyn Rutherford

in your ability to move about your normal routine, you need to call help.

Chest pain should always be checked out immediately, either by calling your doctor or by calling EMS. Chronic chest-pain sufferers are particularly at risk, because without complete "heart work-up" at the hospital, you may not be able to tell if it

is a "real" heart attack or part of the chronic problem.

Senior citizens who suddenly feel like they have "been run over by a Mack truck," present potentially risky health worries, such as "silent" heart attacks (a heart attack with no warning sign of chest pain) or stroke and mini-strokes. Often, the extreme fatigue can be misinterpreted as depression or anxiety.

Anyone who has any of these symptoms needs to call their physician for advice or call 911 for assistance.

It is not recommended that you go by vehicle; specifically do not drive yourself to the hospital.

EMS has capabilities to lower

your anxiety level, as well as to start certain treatments which may reduce the damage to your heart and your brain. But you must call us to get the early recognition and care it takes to limit damage to the body. If you delay this attention, the outcome may not be good.

If you have an emergency, call 911. Our first ambulance responding must be staffed by a minimum of two TDH-certified EMS persons. The second or third units out may be staffed with less than TDH required personnel, according to a variance extended by TDH. However, be assured that our patient is always attended by at least one EMS certified attendant.



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Here's another way to enjoy squash

Isn't it great that there are 101 ways to use that little old zucchini squash and never taste the same?

Here's a family favorite given to me that has shown up at some of the pot lucks here in town. It's called Aunt Clara's squash casserole.

You'll want to add this to your collection of can't-fail (and inexpensive), lip-smacking casseroles.

Here's what you need: 2 cups of grated zucchini squash (watch those fingers), 2 eggs beaten, 1 medium minced onion, 1/2 cup grated cheese (American or cheddar), 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine, 1/2 cup (12-20) saltine crackers, crushed and 1/4-teaspoon of salt.

Some optional variations or changes include a dash of cayenne pepper, jalapeno cheese in place of American or cheddar, chopped jalapenos or green chilies to milder cheeses.

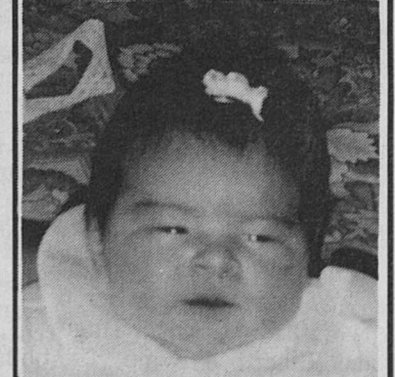
Mix all the ingredients together well and pour into a greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. The dish serves four.

DAR to celebrate Constitution Day

Members of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be celebrating Constitution Day on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Club Room of Isaac's Restaurant in Junction. Col. John S. Graham will be the speaker.

For car pooling or other information, contact Woodie Hornburg, Constitution Week committee chairman.

It's A Girl!



Juanita and Jesus Talamantes, proud parents of Laryssa Lizbeth Talamantes Rivas, born August 30, 2002 at 8:45 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and 20 inches long. Grandparents Raul and Santos Rivas and Luis and Manuela Talamantes. Proud brothers, Jesus Jr., Damacio and Hernan Talamantes.

Read The Brackett News to find out what's going on in Kinney County.

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HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
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Tigers topple Javelinas 25-14

Brackett hosts Sabinal Friday night at 7:30

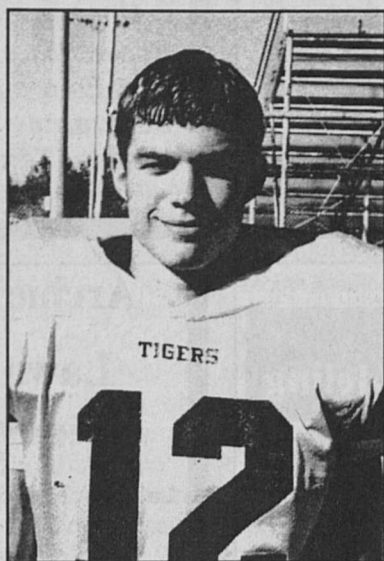
By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

Brackett took advantage of three Crystal City fumbles to score three-straight touchdowns in the second half as the Tigers topped the Javelinas 25-14 Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

With the win, Brackett improves to 2-0. Crystal City falls to 0-1. The Tigers resume action Friday night at 7:30 as they host the Sabinal Yellowjackets (2-0).

Brackett had 14 first downs and 262 yards of offense, including 246 rushing yards, while Crystal City had 12 first downs and 239 offensive yards.

Eliot Stone led the Tigers' tough ground attack with 119 yards and two touchdowns on



ELIOT STONE

eight carries. Tony Rosetti rushed for 73 yards on 13 totes. The Javelinas jumped ahead

6-0 early when Jesse Alvarado hit Jesse James Maldonado on a 50-yard TD pass with 3:22 remaining in the second period.

The Tigers tied the game up at 6-all when Stone broke loose for a 54-yard touchdown jaunt with 1:47 left in the first half.

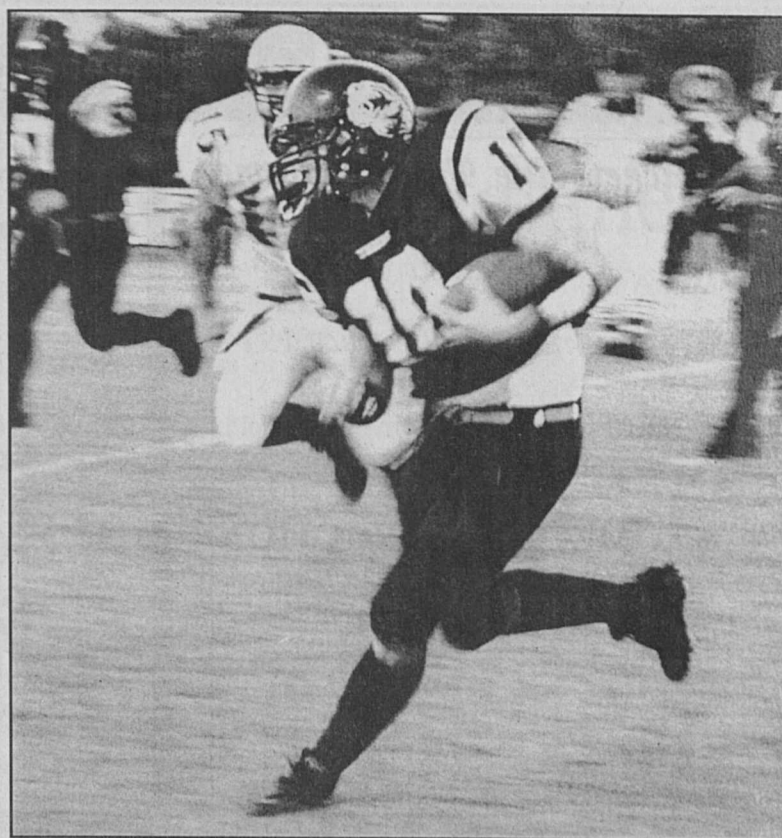
Brackett broke the contest open in the second half. Crystal City fumbled on its third play of the third quarter and Arnold Pinales recovered the ball at the Javelinas' 39. Two plays later, Stone raced 38 yards for paydirt, giving the Tigers a 12-6 lead at the 10:01 mark.

On Crystal City's next possession, they fumbled on the second play and Phillip Munoz recovered the pigskin at the Javelinas' 23. It took the Tigers four plays to find the end zone when

quarterback Jared Hobbs hit Rosetti on a 16-yard scoring strike. Mark Kesteloot booted the PAT, giving Brackett a 19-6 advantage with 7:41 left in the third period.

Crystal City again turned the ball over late in the third quarter as Rosetti made the recovery, giving the Tigers possession at the Javelinas' 40. Rosetti then capped the six-play, 40-yard drive with a 10-yard TD run, giving Brackett a commanding 25-6 lead with 10:51 remaining in the contest.

The Javelinas were able to score once more in the contest when Alvarado crossed the goal line from 4 yards out. Alvarado then ran in the conversion, cutting the Tigers' lead to 25-6 with 6:43 left in the game.



Finding the seam
Brackett quarterback Jared Hobbs finds an opening in Crystal City's defense during the Tigers 25-14 win Friday.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Soccer teams open play

By KEN SELLERS
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigers played their first game in the under-10 age group last Saturday.

The kids played hard and enjoyed their effort even though they lost 2-0.

The game was even for most of the first half as the Tigers got their first taste of competition. The defense was tough as they limited their opponents to one goal in the first period.

In the second half, the offense got energized and took the battle to the other team, nearly bringing about a tie.

The game was a learning experience for the team and the coaches as this was their first ever contest.

The Brackett Cubs (the under-8 age group), as well as the Tigers, were present for the league's opening ceremonies on

Saturday morning. Both teams were introduced as the very first participants from Brackettville. They were received with applause. Following the ceremony, the Cubs stayed around for a while even though they didn't have a game so they could scout the competition.

Two of our Brackettville youth, Josh Klusek and Alex Gonzalez, played with the Sidekicks in the under-14 division. The team lost 6-1, but the kids maintained a good attitude of sportsmanship and vowed to return next week with their best efforts.

Brackettville can be proud of the way in which its youth represented the community on Saturday. The two younger teams continue to practice twice a week on the new soccer field on Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter's property across from the Burger and Shake.

Cross country team takes home fourth-place finish

ROCKSPRINGS — The Brackett Tigerettes finished fourth among 11 teams Saturday at the Rocksprings Invitational cross country meet.

The Cubettes brought home a third-place finish in the junior high division.

"Under cool, cloudy conditions the teams ran extremely well," Brackett cross country coach Jennifer Harris said.

Juliann Ashabranner led the Tigerettes with a fourth-place finish after turning in a time of 13:20.

Ashley Castillo also placed in the top 10, finishing eighth with a time of 13:44.

Senior Tammy Smith came in 11th and Nicole Mata finished 23rd. Also competing was Clarisa Aguirre.

Daphne Hunt had the top time for the junior high team, placing sixth after being clocked at 15:15.

Julie Castillo came in 15th place and Bianca Stewart was 20th. Also competing were Nadine Terrazas, Analda Watkins, Elva Garcia and Hayley Harris.

"Both teams were very competitive considering there were over 70 runners in each division," Harris said.

Both teams will travel to Castroville Saturday to compete in the Medina Valley Invitational.



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Tigerettes break even

The Brackett Tigerettes broke even in volleyball action last week, splitting a pair of matches with D'Hanis and Carrizo Springs.

On Tuesday, the Tigerettes (5-5) posted a team serving percentage of 87 en route to a 15-7, 9-15, 15-3 home win over the D'Hanis Cowgirls.

Vanessa Castillo and Allison LaMascus led BHS with 9 service points apiece, and Sarah Meyer had seven.

Ashley Castillo nailed four kills in the match, and Stephanie Bonner, Stacey Castilla and Sarah Meyer each had two apiece.

Vanessa Castillo and Amanda Davis both had three assists, and Bonner and Ashley Castillo each had a block.

On Friday, the Tigerettes fell to Carrizo Springs 15-5, 15-12, 15-6.

Davis was Brackett's leading scorer with 11 points, including

three aces, and Vanessa Castillo had nine. Bonner paced the offense with four kills, and Beth Ballew and Davina Luna each had two. LaMascus posted six assists. Vanessa Castillo led the defense with 14 digs and Bonner had five. The team serving percent was 83.

The Brackett J.V. won the consolation championship at the Eagle Pass tourney. After losing to Eagle Pass 15-11, 15-13, the Tigerettes (7-6) bounced back to defeat Pearsall 11-15, 15-13, 18-16 and Uvalde 15-11, 15-13.

"Valerie Terrazas, Shannae Simmons, Caitlyn Wylie, Kristin Meyer and Whitney Hobbs all played outstanding," BHS coach Bonnie Brotherton said.

The ninth grade Tigerettes are 4-3 after falling to Uvalde 15-3, 15-9 and Carrizos Springs 15-11, 15-9 at the Eagle Pass tourney.

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ACROSS	37 Eddie	question	theater
1 Prank	Albert's profession	to	31 Send in payment
6 Waiter's item	on Green Acres	2 In the neighborhood	32 Dandy!
10 Messy one	41 Went first	3 Sailors	33 Brief
14 "... from shining sea."	42 Saw	4 Suffix for graph & social	35 Hurt
15 Adjutant	43 Feels ill	5 Agree	38 Missuses
16 Produced cloth	44 Suffix for author or heir	6 Single bite	39 __ Adams
17 Carpenter	45 Urgent	7 Tears	40 File's partner
18 Was a godmother to	46 Mickey __	8 Fuss	46 Bearded one
20 Frosh, 3 yrs. later	48 Restrict one's intake	9 Foreign money	47 Public buildings
21 Whiskered animals	49 Grassy area	10 Weapon of old	48 Defeats soundly
23 Actress Dunne	50 Pointed structure	11 Knowledge of Baker's need	49 Emily and family
24 Immaculate	53 Departed	12 English historian	50 Mt. Rushmore's location: abbr.
25 Small structure	54 "Heart of Dixie": abbr.	13 Nap	51 Parisian pa
27 Look out	57 Misconceptions	19 Nap	52 "Now __ me down..."
30 Baden-Baden and others	60 New	22 Live	53 Chew
31 Part of the alphabet	62 Language: abbr.	24 Breathe heavily	54 River in England
34 __ the air; unsettled	63 Campus org.	25 Chiropractor's concern	55 Give for a time
35 Circus tall man's pole	64 Unparalleled	26 Fraction	56 Potables
36 Fleece-bearer	65 Opener	27 Brass instrument	58 Speculation
	66 Does	28 Fencers' purchases	59 Bauxite or copper
	67 __ for; summons	29 Breezes	61 Bravo
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What CBS reporter became the first news anchor to have a number one novel when he co-wrote "The Palace Guard" in 1975?
- Who succeeded Adolf Hitler?
- What artist said, "I hate flowers - I paint them because they're cheaper than models and they don't move"?
- Where do gila monsters store their reserve food supplies?
- What resident of Duckville sucks a 10-pound baby bottle?
- What sort of gun was used to assassinate Abraham Lincoln?
- What did Candice Bergen hide from fellow "Murphy Brown" castmember Joe Regalbuto the day after he put a fake mouse in her shoe?
- What space hero battled the evil Killer Kane on his last radio episode in 1947?
- What Kenny Rogers hit shares its name with Kenny's real-life mother?
- How many fingers does a Boy Scout use to salute?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| September 12.....Leslie Houk | September 16...Jonathan Pinales |
| September 13.....Irma Perez | September 17.....Bill Baldrée |
| September 13...Wylie Simmons | September 17...Karen Crumley |
| September 14.....Alfred Anaya | September 17...Rosane Dalton |
| September 14...MaryLee Haby | September 18.Gladys Burkepile |
| September 14.....Amelia Kohler | September 18.Martha Martinez |
| September 15...Mary Hernandez | September 18.....Gracie Morin |
| | September 18...Maria Reschman |

AOROSCOPIES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week for any projects which involve public speaking. Your eloquence is at an all-time high. A weekend getaway is a possibility.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Making impulse purchases could lead to trouble. Your mate, in particular, wishes to be consulted. Later in the week, tend to domestic duties.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You attend to social obligations this week. However, do be sure you get to bed at a reasonable hour. You still have responsibilities on the work front.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your ability to concentrate is laser-sharp this week. Thus, nothing can distract you from your goals. Over the weekend, pursue a creative project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're given an ultimatum this week by someone close to you. Weigh your options. No one likes to make a decision based on what amounts to blackmail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some ponder a change in residence this week. Be sure you research your move carefully. The impact on the family may be bigger than you think.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Before you can relax, you need to get some unpleasant tasks out of the way. Once you do this, you'll feel better. This weekend, things go your way romantically.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're front and center at work. Tread carefully so as not to make careless mistakes. Bigwigs are watching.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you try your hardest, a certain friend just doesn't see eye to eye with a family member. Realize this is nothing you can control. Let these two work it out for themselves.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You know what your goals are and how best to pursue them. This week, you make incredible progress. Over the weekend, a sensitive family matter needs to be resolved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You need to clear your mind of any annoying distractions this week. This way, you'll be able to focus on tasks at hand. Later, explore a friend's novel ideas.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend becomes even more important to you this week. You'll appreciate the loyalty demonstrated in a ticklish situation. The weekend is a good time to pursue a new area of study.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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| 1. Angels | 11. Mets |
| 2. Astro | 12. Orioles |
| 3. Braves | 13. Phillies |
| 4. Brewers | 14. Rangers |
| 5. Cubs | 15. Reds |
| 6. Dodgers | 16. Rockies |
| 7. Expos | 17. Royals |
| 8. Giants | 18. Tigers |
| 9. Indians | 19. Twins |
| 10. Marlins | 20. Yankees |

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1. Dan Rather; 2. Admiral Karl Doerfer; 3. Georgia O'Keefe; 4. In their tails; 5. Baby Huey; 6. A derrick; 7. His toupee; 8. Buck Rogers; 9. Lucille; 10. In their

Who is right and who is wrong?

Unfortunately, the closest we can get to the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') is never close enough to assure us that our opinion is right or wrong.

The historical church is a great example of this problem. At the council of Nicea in 325 CE, the leaders of the church met and voted on a definition of the true nature of Jesus, which is today known as the Nicene Creed.

Because of differences of opinion, the creed was revised at the Council of Constantinople in 381. At the second Vatican Council of the Roman Catholic Church, the phrase "I believe" was replaced with "We believe."

Needless to say, large numbers of philosopher-theologians since 325 have attempted to explain the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') of the Trinitarian Godhead, without a once-and-for-all agreeable solution.

Because of the restrictions inherent in being human, the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') belongs to none of us and may even be said to change (in as far as we can conceive it).

It wasn't so long ago that the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') regarding women was that they were not the equal of men, should be treated as property, and should be allowed no place in making decisions.

Today, this "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') has changed, hasn't it? So why do we spend so much time and effort asserting that "we" are right and "they" are wrong?

"We" conservatives, liberals, Republicans, Democrats, independents (choose one) know the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') about how this country's government ought to work!

Fortunately, our forefathers saw the wisdom in bringing disagreeing factions into opposi-



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

tion with one another in a republican form of government that requires compromise and middle ground.

Unfortunately, it seems to me that a part of our forefathers' wisdom has been lost — in my opinion as opposed to "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't') — in our current system of justice.

Now, it seems, every disagreement can be brought to court for evaluation as to which party comes closest to perceiving the "absolute Truth" (with a capital 't').

In first century Christianity,

Jesus' followers brought disagreements to the Church where justice was carved out of the loving example of Jesus, rather than out of the written law.

Oh how I would like the justice system to return to those ancient principles which sought compassion and moral fairness.

Jesus taught us that the hardest thing we would face as Christians is loving those who are not like us — those who disagree with us, those who look differently than we do, those who believe different things than we do, etc. Scripture tells us that loving those who agree with us is easy, but the real call to discipleship is defined by how we treat those who are not what we think they should be.

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we attempt to understand and embrace God's call to discipleship, to live as Jesus did.

We've lost as much as we have gained

We, as a society, are closer to achieving true equality between the sexes than ever before, but are men or women really happier?

In today's workforce, there are nearly as many women doctors, lawyers, politicians, astronauts and all the other occupations out there as men.

With equality, women are finding a new sense of independence and freedom. Women are learning that they can do nearly anything that a man can do and as well.

Many women are finding less and less need for a man of their own.

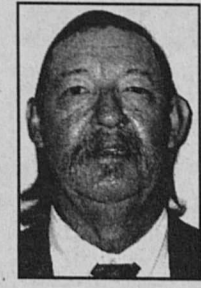
Therefore, there is a greater number of divorces and single-parent households than ever before.

After all these years, I still believe in equality. It seems to me that, while women have changed tremendously, men have changed very little.

As men, when we think about the women in our lives (wife, mother, grandmothers, sisters and aunts), we think about how things used to be and how things have changed.

Women believe, that their place is everywhere doing everything. Men, at least most men, feel that a woman's place is in the home, because that's where we need them the most. We men have learned to cook a little, clean and vacuum the house and to do the laundry, but we don't like it!

News flash: Most women don't like it either!
In the near-recent past, a



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Rev. Dave Crowe

woman's principle role as wife and mother was to bear and care for children, as well as caring for her husband. And, of course, to perform the ordinary tasks of maintaining a household, such as cooking, sewing, etc.!

A woman was expected to be subordinate to her husband and he was expected never to treat her as piece of his property.

Their relationship was such as to allow her to retain her individuality, to enjoy a real personal relationship with him, and to experience the kind of love we commonly associate with marriage.

Her children were expected to accord her the same respect as that given to their father.

Women, in general, were treated with respect. The older women being thought of as mothers and younger women as sisters, and through their piety and consecration, to exert the nurturing and healing influence of which women alone are capable.

If you ask me, I think we've lost as much as we've gained, gone as far backward as forward.

Discipline brings wisdom

Ricky threw his books on the table, dropped his body into a chair and slumped in disgust.

Willy looked up. "Hi, son," Willy said, hoping for conversation.

Ricky remained unresponsive.

"Looks like school didn't go so well today, Ricky. Want to talk about it?"

Ricky looked up and pounded his hand on the books he brought home.

"See that dad?" Ricky shouted. "Homework, I'm sick of it already. Nothing but work, work and more work. Then it's tests and more tests. Why can't school be fun any more?"

"Learning what you already know can be fun," Willy said. "But learning what you don't know takes hard work and discipline. You can't master something unless you work at it."

"But I'm a kid," Ricky whined. "I'm supposed to be laughing and playing and having fun with my friends. I don't want to work hard to learn. Teachers are supposed to make it fun and exciting; not work."

"Well, son, yesterday when you talked about going to David's party, you were arguing that you're grown up and we should treat you like an adult. Now when work and discipline are involved, you're a kid. So when do you



Empowering Families
Dr. Donald Smith

plan to grow up and accept responsibility for learning at school?"

Ricky remained sullen but continued his stand.

"Well, I don't think all this work is fair."

"Look, son," Willy continued. "Long ago, a very wise man said that if you can embrace discipline in your youth, you will find wisdom when you grow up. Without discipline now you will grow up to be a fool with no fruit to count for your life. With all your strength, put yourself into learning discipline. One day it will become your joy, the glory of your life, a crown for your head."

"Son, you're confronted with the first great decision of your life. Look forward, choose learning and you will be far ahead of those fools who reject discipline and hard work (Sirach 6:18-36)."

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

God needs you to spread His word

The fields are ripe and the master is calling for those who are willing to go out and bring in the harvest. People are going about their business in their jobs and in their lives as though this world will last forever, but God is calling for people who have a heart to bring in the souls who will be saved into the kingdom of heaven.

God needs your hands and feet. He needs your mouth and eyes. You are his vessel of honor to bring the living word of God to the sick and dying, to those who are needy, in distress, in bondage, or in search of meaning for their lives. God needs you to let others know how much he loves them and how much he has provided for them through the sacrifice of his only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

I don't care how old you are, God needs you. You are his body. Jesus is your head. Jesus has empowered you through his shed blood, his living word that does not return to him void, and through the right to use his name with authority by faith to tear down every stronghold built between people and their heavenly father.

Your forefathers fought for freedom to have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your forefathers worked at jobs that were not always their dream. They labored and spent their lives for their children to have a hope and a future.

Just the same, your spiritual forefathers made sacrifices to give you a hope and a future.

As we continue to hear of wars, rumors of wars, plagues,

earthquakes, famine and hearts filled with lawlessness with total disregard for other people's lives and possessions, it is evident that this old world is nearing the fulfillment of all the ancient biblical prophecies.

Since we may not have 20 years to watch our families grow up and achieve success in their lives, it is vital that we become messengers of the gospel, sharing it with all who will listen and have the hope of eternal life through Christ Jesus. Our hope and our future is our eternal heavenly home. Be of good courage. This is the time to pitch in and lend a hand in the "field."

Work on your "heavenly" bank account by giving offerings to those who can go out and minister. You will share in their heavenly reward. If you are bodily able, ask God to show you what he has called you to do. He will equip you and give you wisdom with discernment and knowledge with understanding. He will make provisions for your every need.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will make your pathway straight.

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

at church. I think this will not be what I would consider a "normal" day.

I hope others can put aside their differences for a day, or at least a few hours, and remember those whose lives will never be the same, those who will never spend a day with their loved ones again.

Lord, I know we are not perfect, but with Your help and protection we do the best we can. Thank you for the life you have given us and for the wonderful country in which we live. Keep us mindful of those who have sacrificed so much for us and those they left behind.

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

God bless you and God bless the USA!



St. Mary Magdalene Church
Lynn McNew

11, I feel very apprehensive. I wonder what will happen to our country if there is another attack and where it could possibly happen this time. I pray I am wrong, and that God will protect our nation.

How do I plan to spend Sept. 11? I plan to go to a program at school in the morning, the remembrance at noon at the Courthouse, and then in the evening go to a special service

Sept. 11 will remain etched in our minds forever

As I am writing this article, Sept. 11, 2002, is rapidly approaching.

What a year this has been for everyone. I remember clearly what I was doing that morning. My husband was watching Fox News, as he does every morning, and said: "My gosh, a plane has flown into the World Trade Center," thinking like many others that it was just a horrible accident.

I stopped, as I walked through the living room, to see what was happening and watched in horror as the terrible events unfolded.

It was so similar to the day President Kennedy was killed — I doubt that anyone will ever forget where he or she was that day either. Unfortunately, tragic events like this seem to remain

etched in our minds forever.

How has my life changed in the last year? Maybe not a whole lot. It seems that here in Brackettville, Texas, we are rather protected from some of the horrors of the "outside" world.

I know my concern for my son and two nephews in the military has greatly increased. My son tells me this is their job and they are well trained for what they need to do. I pray to God that he is correct.

Yes, our life here goes on — we fly our flags and pray for peace and argue with our neighbors about who should be in charge of our association, about where our water should go, and about the name of our athletic teams.

Do I fear another attack? Yes, I do. As we approach Sept.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF Brackettville is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$267,844.00 for water system improvements to construct a 50,000 gallon elevated water storage tank in the City of Brackettville. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours and will be submitted to the Office of Rural Community Affairs on September 26, 2002.

NOTICE OF INTENT to lease. The Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas pursuant to Article 263.007 of the Local Government Code publishes this Notice of Intent to Lease office space located in the Texas Department of Human Services Building at 502 South Ellen Street, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas. The lease will be sealed-bid submitted to the Office of the County Judge on or before Friday, October 4, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. Bid specifications include monthly rental fees paid to Kinney County for such office space. Rental/lease of such office space does not include utilities. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Kinney County Judge. Kinney County retains the right to accept or reject any and all sealed bids. Kinney County also retains the right to award bid(s) as best suits the needs and interests of Kinney County.

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GENTLEMAN	FARM	BR
LED	ADAGE	AILS
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