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Car accident

Photo by Jewel Robinson

This accident occurred last Tuesday at the corner of Ann and Fulton. Elda Terrazes and Jesse Gonzalez, who's 2000 Pontiac Sunfire is pictured above, were both transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center for observation.

City considers gas rate increase

By Elizabeth Jaso
Contributing Writer

The city council postponed approval of the 04-05 budget last Tuesday night, pending possible action to increase the flat rate for natural gas.

City Secretary Bonnie Rigby reported that the present flat rate of \$11.05 does not allow the city to profit from natural gas sales. According to Rigby at the current rate the city is losing \$59,000 a year.

She stated the flat rate would have to be raised to \$25.00 per customer in order for the city to break even. To generate any revenue from gas sales the rate would have to be raised even higher.

Alderman Tully Welch pointed out that the price of all petroleum products, including natural gas, has skyrocketed in recent years while the city's rates remained unchanged.

Alderman Lydia Tipps expressed concern that a sudden, large increase in the flat rate would create a hardship for the city's elderly citizens, many of whom lived on small fixed incomes. Rigby agreed this was problematic, but reiterated that the city could not continue to sell gas at a loss.

Mayor Joe Garza suggested that the adoption of the budget be postponed until Thursday's meeting, giving the council time to consider this issue.

Continuing her report, Rigby informed the council that most line items in the proposed budget remained relatively unchanged except the line item for the volunteer fire department. She relayed that Fort Clark Springs had declined to donate the \$5,000 they usually contribute each year.

When asked if there was a specific reason for the withdrawal, she said:

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Water District hires board member's attorney

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District voted to hire Tim Brown, attorney at law, to serve as its special counsel concerning spring flow last Monday night.

"He represents twelve other water districts," said General Manager Darlene Shahan.

Director Chris Ring, prior to voting, asked if it was a problem that Brown was his personal attorney.

"He would let us know if he had a conflict of interest," said Shahan.

Director Ring through his family's corporation has an existing and historic use permit pending with the District on which Brown legally represents him. Part of Ring's permit request is spring flow.

Lynn Sherman of WaterTexas addressed the matter in public

comment.

Sherman pointed out the District just voted to hire an attorney to serve as a special counsel for spring flow, who legally represents a Board member, and legally represents that Board member on a permit pending with the District that requests spring flow.

"I think it is important for the public, who may not be aware of everything that is going on, (to know) that the board just hired an attorney that represents Mr. Ring and who helped prepare an application. That he (Tim Brown) appeared here just last week, for Mr. Ring, relative to spring flow on Pinto Creek."

"That very same attorney, now is going to be representing this district, on the very same issues. I just think it is important for you to know that. I

would say, as a member of the public, there is a lot more than just Mr. Ring recusing himself. I think it actually is a situation where you have a lawyer who is asking for a permit, for spring flow, from this board and now he will be before this board advising it on the issue of spring flow. I think that is objectionable, but that is for you to decide," said Sherman.

Also in public comment, Jennifer McDaniel asked how much Brown was going to bill the District for his work. No answer was given. Board President Cecil Smith later remarked the attorneys they looked at in the past were somewhere between \$100-200 an hour.

"I am very curious why you did not go to Mr. Sledge."

"It just looks very suspicious" See District/Page 8

BRIEFS

4-H Shooting Sports fund-raisers Sept. 25th

The Kinney County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be having a Car Wash and Bake Sale this Saturday, 9:00 a.m. thru 3 p.m. at Burger-n-Shake. Please come out and help support our local 4-H youth.

LEPC meets Monday

Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held Monday Sept. 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building.

Smith graduates from Angelo State University

Angelo State University announces conferred degrees upon 204 students during 2004 Summer commencement exercises August 14th in San Angelo, Texas. Brent Patrick Smith graduated with Bachelor of Business Administration.

First Responder

EMS is offering a grant funded Emergency Care Attendant class starting in October. Contact EMS at 563-9090 for info. EMT Intermediate class starting in October at EMS. Grant funded. Call 563-9090.

Cancer Support Meeting Oct. 7

Come join us as we begin our 3rd year of fellowship. Our meetings are held at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located on the corner of Ann and El Paso St., on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. This group includes survivors, those who are currently receiving treatment, in remission and their caregivers and family. This is a "Pot Luck Supper" the meat will be provided. Fix your favorite side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.

Poetry Contest Seeking Brackettville Entrants

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000.00 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest," says Thomas Grey, Poetry Director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We hope our contest will encourage new poets to share their art."

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd, PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520, you may also enter online at www.freecontest.com. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style.

The deadline for entering is September 25, 2004. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.



Room for expansion

Photo by Pam Hale

Frontier Baptist Church received a new portable building last Tuesday. Pastor Ned Sitzes said the newly purchased building was desperately needed due to a 100 percent increase in membership during the past year. The 28 x 70 foot portable building will house three Sunday School rooms, two bathrooms and have a wheelchair accessible ramp.

Varsity Girls Cross Country wins Pearsall meet



1st Place Cross Country Team

Last Saturday the Girls Cross Country Team placed 1st in Pearsall. Back row from left: Jessi Crane, Daphne Hunt, Gabi Schroeder and Elva Garcia. Front row from left: Juliann Ashabanner and Julie Castillo.

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett varsity girls won the Pearsall Cross Country meet this past Saturday. Brackett finished ahead of Kenedy, Nueces Canyon, Dille, Natalia, and Knippa.

The varsity boys, JV girls, and Junior High girls also competed in the meet. The varsity boys' team finished in sixth place at the meet.

The girls team was paced by Juliann Ashabanner who finished third with a time of 14:02. Daphne Hunt earned fourth with a time of 14:10, followed by Gabby Schroeder in seventh with a time of 15:02. Julie Castillo finished with a time of 15:23, Elva Garcia finished in 16:17, and Jessie Crane rounded out the

varsity team in 17:07.

The varsity boys were led by Justin Calk who finished the course in 19:25. Travis Nowlin ran a 22:07, Cullen Duncan finished in 23:19, and Clint Conrad finished with a time of 23:43. Stanford Conoly completed the race in 26:32, while Valentin Barrutieta finished in 26:49, and Cody Robinette finished with a time of 28:22.

In the JV competition Timmeke Simmons led the way for the team with a time 16:19. Heather Baggett finished the course with a time of 18:06 and Lauren Cornelius finished in 20:22. Harmony Pettett finished the Junior High girls' competition in second place. Pettett ran a time of 14:28, with Salina Flores finishing with a time of 21:35.

Point of sale sticker printing introduced in Kinney County

Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP) and a new vehicle registration sticker design are being introduced in Kinney County. The new registration stickers feature several improvements to deter sticker misuse and eliminate the need for state inventory control.

The new process was piloted in Caldwell and Bastrop Counties and will be implemented in 185 counties across the state beginning August 25.

This initial phase involves counties that do not process transactions through subcontractor stations (e.g. grocery stores) or automobile dealerships.

These latter types of transactions will be piloted in McLennan, Williamson, Angelina and Harris Counties over the

next few months, with full statewide implementation expected to be completed by early 2005.

Registration stickers will now be printed at the point of sale. Information specific to the registered vehicle will be printed directly on the sticker, which will help deter theft.

TXDOT switched from license plate stickers to windshield stickers for most passenger vehicles about a decade ago to cut down on theft, and the new method will enhance these efforts.

(Plate stickers are still used for motorcycles, trailers and some other types of vehicles).

Each sticker will show the last eight digits of the vehicle identification number, the license plate number, county of registration, and registration

month and year.

Because each windshield and plate sticker is vehicle-specific, it is important for customers who own more than one vehicle to be sure they apply the sticker to the correct one.

Also, customers should carefully follow instructions for peeling and applying the sticker. The new windshield sticker must be peeled from the back of the form; otherwise, it could be damaged and a replacement sticker would be necessary. Plate sticker should be peeled from the front of the form.

When the POSSP method is completely implemented, the new type of sticker will be issued for all registration renewals, including in-person, mail-in and Internet transactions.

POSSP prints the sticker on

the customer's receipt, so stapling stickers and maintaining manual sticker books will no longer be necessary. This also eliminates the manufacturing and storage of 400,000 pre-printed sticker books annually for the current system.

In the past, yearly windshield stickers were printed in mass quantities based on projections of annual vehicle registrations.

POSSP will eliminate the waste of excess stickers resulting from this process each year. As each sticker is printed "on demand" for a specific vehicle rather than preprinted and later assigned to a vehicle, any internal accounting of the blank forms used for the POSSP is now optional rather than required.

Registration transactions will be tracked through the state's

automated Registration and Title System in much the same way as the previous method.

"This new method is a significant improvement in our processes," said Martha Pena Padron, Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"It offers greater protection for vehicle owners by making the stickers worthless if they're stolen. We also expect to improve our customer service efficiency. Because POSSP prints the sticker on the customer's receipt, my deputy Catherine and I will no longer have to staple registration sticker to receipts and maintain manual sticker books and inventories."

For more information contact Martha Pena Padron, Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector at 563-2688.

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Chuck vs the Wasps (a continuing saga)

If you're a somewhat regular reader, you have seen several articles concerning my affairs with wasps. I'll bet I get stung by more of those winged raiders, more times, than any three people I know.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

Yep, they got me again. Not once, not twice, but thrice. Actually the first two were not wasps. They were bees. I don't hate bees nearly as much as I do hornets. A bee has to give his life to sting me. He can only do the dastardly deed once. A wasp on the other hand can sting me repeatedly. Over and over he can inject me with his painful jabs. He can continue his acts of aggression until he tires of the game.

Back to the bees. I was walking along when I heard them. I'm hard of hearing so I guess I got closer than I should have. I heard, and then saw, their assembly. I knew I had no business going any closer. I walked away.

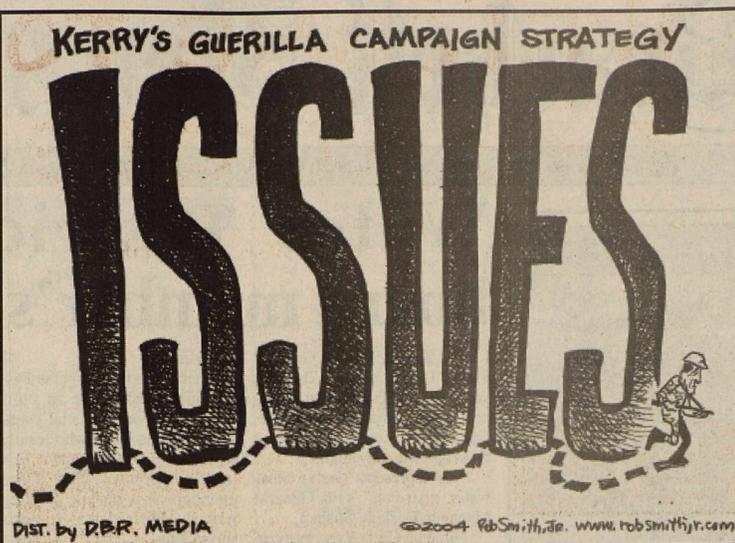
Two of their tribe saw me making my escape. They went

into attack mode. Zapped me from behind. Tried to numb my brain. Little did they know about my hard head. The decent thing to have done was to face me head on. But they stung me twice on the back of my head.

Two days later I stumbled onto a nest of red hornets. Now these are the creatures I really hate. Their sting leaves a wound. It feels like a sixteen penny nail has been driven into you.

They are much more cunning than bees. The bees tried to attack me near the brain. The hornets stung me right over my heart. Wicked, mean, nasty creatures I say.

I guess it could have been worse. But I could be wrong.



Why won't Hillary run for vice president



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

I said some time ago that Hillary Clinton would be the vice presidential nominee. I also said that the only reason that would not happen was if, in Hillary's opinion, Kerry had no chance of winning. I made these statements with the idea that Ms. Clinton would use the VP slot as a springboard for her own run at the presidency. When I was cogitating over that aspect, however, I failed to take into account one thing. If Ms. Clinton wants to be president within the next 8 years Kerry must lose. She can't afford to have Kerry in the Whitehouse because he would stand in her way and would be the democrat nominee again four years hence. And Kerry's running mate, in this case Edwards, would be the heir apparent for the next 8 years, thereby putting Hillary's run at the presidency off for as much as 16 years. She cannot take that chance. Therefore, in the power mad minds of Hill and Billary, Kerry must not be elected.

Now, think about this in view of the latest news from the snake pit, reported by News Max: "Panicked presidential candidate John Kerry had every reason to believe that the conversation he had with ex-president Bill Clinton on Saturday - where the two discussed how to rescue his flagging campaign - would be kept confidential." But that expectation went up in smoke on Monday when Kerry and his campaign aides found explicit details from the Clinton strategy session splashed all over the New York Times and other media.

Among the most damaging details to surface: Clinton's strong recommendation that Kerry abandon the crown jewel

of his presidential campaign - his service in Vietnam. Kerry himself was plainly mortified over the leak, desperately trying to downplay the significance of the Clinton call by describing the ensuing press coverage as "the most overblown thing." Here is the interesting part: There were only three people that could have leaked that conversation to the press - Bill Clinton, John Kerry, or Clinton's press aide, Joe Lockhart. Lockhart refused to comment. Do you think the Clintons are above leaking a damaging conversation about Kerry if they think it will aid their desperate desire to return to the Whitehouse? I thought, not!

The rest of this campaign will be interesting to watch if for no other reason. With the Clintons still very powerful politically, and their own political plans in jeopardy, what kind of shenanigans will they pull to prevent Kerry from being elected?

In the meantime the democrats are lashing out at anybody and everybody that has the temerity to question the service record of Kerry or to mention his traitorous activities after he returned to the United States. They have resorted to their old tactics of intimidation and blackmail, and are still refusing to release Kerry's service records, while screaming at the top of their lungs that President Bush

is hiding something or he would release all of his service records (the Department of Defense says they have released all the records they can find). I've heard of hypocrisy but this really takes the cake.

Here is the latest on Kerry's infamous medals, from a story written by Carl Limbacher: "Kerry received five medals during his four months in combat in Vietnam, including a Silver Star with a 'Combat V' designation. A Navy source confirmed last week, however, that in the entire history of the Navy, no Silver Star has ever been awarded with 'Combat V.'"

Interesting, isn't it, that Kerry received such a prestigious award but that the Navy says it has never awarded such a thing? It really doesn't matter much does it? Well...

"In 1996, Admiral Jeremy Boorda committed suicide after he was accused of wearing medals he hadn't earned.

"At the time, Sen. Kerry told the Boston Herald that the error was 'sufficient to question his leadership position.'

"If you wind up being less than what you're pretending to be, there is a major confrontation with value, self-esteem and your sense of how others view you," Kerry told the Boston Globe."

Seems that Kerry once thought such things were important. I wonder what happened to change his mind?

Romans 12:3, "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." NASB

Texans should be taxed on our taxes no more



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

It was the year of the Challenger explosion, the Chernobyl disaster, and the return of Haley's Comet. President Ronald Reagan was in the White House and the Communist leadership was firmly entrenched in the Soviet Union. Movie screens were dominated by box office hits such as *Top Gun*, and *Crocodile Dundee* and series like *Dallas*, *The Cosby Show*, and *Cheers* filled television sets. Here in Texas, the Houston Rockets won the NBA's Western Division and the Lady Longhorns were the NCAA basketball national champions.

Seems like a long time ago, doesn't it? That was also the last time Texans could deduct their state and local sales taxes on federal income tax forms.

This common sense deduction was eliminated in 1986. Unfortunately, for the past 18 years, taxpayers in Texas and six other states have been held to a separate standard by the Internal Revenue Service. Fifty-five million taxpayers - one in five Americans - are shouldering a higher tax burden simply because their states choose to fund local government through means other than an income tax.

State and local governments have various alternatives for raising revenue. Some levy income taxes, some use sales and property taxes, and others use a combination. My contention is that the federal government should not select only one type of state revenue for special, favorable treatment. There is no logical reason to discriminate against states that have the wisdom to avoid a state income tax. As your Senator, I have fought against this disparity for years and sponsored legislation to correct it since I came to the U.S. Senate.

This year, we have our best chance to end that inequity in the tax code. Earlier this month, Congressman Kevin Brady (R-Woodlands) and I organized a rally of 30 Members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans from all over the country, to support our efforts to reinstate the deduction as part of broader tax legislation in final negotiations between the House and the Senate. It's not often that a Dallas Republican and a Seattle Democrat see eye to eye but, in this case, the reason for agreement was obvious: People should not pay taxes on their taxes.

Fixing this discrepancy could have a significant economic impact across the Lone Star State. The Texas Comptroller estimates that more than \$740 million would stay in the hands of state taxpayers. The average Texas family would save \$310 annually and the average family of four would save \$928.

Some wonder how this plan could be administered. No, you wouldn't have to keep track of your receipts all year. When the time comes to file, taxpayers could use tables compiled by the Secretary of the Treasury to determine the amount of the deduction, taking into account the taxpayer's state of residence, filing status, number of dependents, adjusted gross income, and state and local sales tax rates.

Texans, along with every other U.S. citizen, should not be taxed on their taxes. Correcting this inequity is a matter of simple fairness and could provide an enormous boost to the Texas economy. The status quo is not acceptable and I am committed to achieving this tax fairness now.

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Winning isn't the only goal



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

The sweat beaded from my forehead as I waited for the white sphere to slam to our side. I quickly looked around at each girl, finding intense looks of concentration and eagerness lighting each face.

"Pump it up ladies, we've got this. Bees in the belly, bees in the belly," I shouted to those behind me. I could feel the intensity as I realized we were ready.

We were going to fight to the death and happiness slowly filled my being, for I realized we were finally back.

It seems like not to long ago Brackett's volleyball team was on fire. There was something lit in every one of us, a desire that drove us to play better than ever before, but after school began, it seemed to sputter, barely staying alive.

We played games, we won some and then lost some, but as each game came up our passion for the game seemed to slowly dissipate.

After one game, our energy was incredibly low, I felt confused and upset.

On the ride home, I told my grandmother that the game felt horrible and wrong. Like we were stuck and mute, and that something was missing. I felt that I would exchange a win that held no emotion, feeling, or fire, for a loss that was filled with all those ingredients. I wanted my team back.

ran around inside the middle. The goal of Ride that Pony is to run around like dorks inside a circle, and when the time came stop, dance with a random partner from the circle, then switch places.

Once again, I bet many wonder what the point of that was. Why engage in some immature activity before such a big game.

Well, the hidden point was to create two things, team bonding and energy. Both of those goals were met.

After warming up, we ran out onto the court with a new form of enthusiasm and fervor. We went out and played hard four games.

We lost the first two, which were pretty close, then won the third. Though they were ahead of us, our overflowing energy seemed to intimidate them. We played hard all the way.

In the end, we lost the match, but we worked hard. We got second place but it didn't feel like a total loss, more like the best game ever.

I cried and hugged my teammates because I felt that we had come together.

I cried because it felt so good to feel something. I cried because the curse had been lifted. Utopia was a challenge but we fought until the end.

We may not have won that game in particular, but we did get something even greater, we got our team back.

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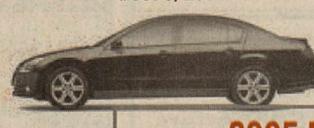
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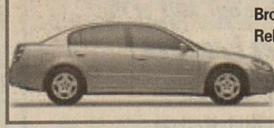
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Various tips to make life easier

I could hardly wait to share these goodies with you. I hope you will share them with others too.

When packing a picnic lunch or an adults lunch and you need to include a paring knife, slip a clean toothbrush holder to protect the blade.

Breadmakers, do you want to eliminate the hole in your bread from using the Breadmaker? Here's how. After the machine has kneaded for the final time (just before the final rise), gently lift up the dough and remove the paddle. Place the dough back in the pan, let it rise and bake. Not only is the hole gone, but the bread is easier to pop out.

Do you have trouble keeping those bite size pieces of meat and veggies from sliding off the skewers? Try topping



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

them off with a large clove of garlic. Not only useful but delicious after it caramelizes on the grill.

Final tip to all propane tank users. To check your level of propane if you don't have one of those fancy or expensive do-dad's, heat one cup of water to very hot or boiling. Then pour it down the outside of the propane tank. Because the propane is cooler than the air in the tank, condensation will form to reveal the gas level in the tank. See ya next week.

If you think you're not ready, then you're not

"Mama, Rolando wants me to go out with him," Josie said.

Lola sipped her coffee without speaking. It tasted refreshing.

This was one of those thoughtful moments when it wasn't necessary to speak. Mother and daughter knew each other well.

Josie savored the closeness that had evolved between her and her mother during the decade since Roger went to prison and the finality of her divorce. "Rolando's a nice man, Mama," Josie finally said.

"Yes I know, Josie. And he's a fine Christian. But you seem to hesitate," Lola responded.

"I know Mama. I don't think



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

I'm ready for a relationship with a man."

"You are wise my daughter. If you think you aren't ready, then you're not. Take time to control your feelings. Count Rolando as your friend. Pray much about this and commit it to God.

If it is God's will the relationship will blossom in His time and it will be holy. It will be

something you will not be ashamed of. And," she added.

"Your son will approve."

"Thanks, Mama," Josie said.

"I need to call Rolando."

Josie felt a tinge of excitement at Rolando's voice on the phone. "I promised to call, Rolando," she said. "Please understand," she continued. "But I'm not ready to go out with anybody just yet."

"I'm disappointed," Rolando replied his tone friendly. "I guess that means no at least for now. But I knew you'd say that because to tell you the truth, I'm not ready yet either." They both laughed and each could feel the relief of the other. "Tell you what Josie," Rolando contin-

ued. "How about if I buy you a hamburger next weekend at the church festival."

"Yes, Rolando," Josie answered. She smiled and continued, "I'd like that." A very wise man once said, "When wisdom is in your heart, knowledge will please your soul, discretion will watch over you, and understanding will guard your ways". (Proverbs 2:10,11). "God be with you Josie," Rolando said. "I'll see you in church." (To be continued)

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.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, September 13
8:35 a.m., Hilario Garcia, 18, of Brackettville, was arrested by Constable Bobby Guidry for probation violation. Garcia was released after posting bail.

6:15 p.m., A Del Rio man requested deputy's assistance finding an individual at the Brackett volleyball game. The man called back a few minutes later and stated he had found the person in Del Rio.

Tuesday, September 14
4:43 p.m., A 911 caller requested EMS at the Escondedo Estates on Highway 90 east of Laughlin Airforce base. Val Verde Sheriff's Department was notified.

5:25 p.m., A 911 caller reported a rattlesnake at the Church of Christ parking lot. Deputy Donald Page was notified of the situation.

5:36 p.m., Grover Neuman, 50, of San Angelo, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for probation violation.

11:52 p.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at the high school library. Deputy Page was dispatched.

Wednesday, September 15
10:49 p.m., A caller reported their residence on FM 674 had been broken into. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez and a Border Patrol Agent were dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, September 16
2:05 a.m., Victor Manuel Medora, 49, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez for DWI. Medora was released after posting bail.

4:10 p.m., Simon Garcia Solorio, 43, of McAllen, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for violation of a protective order. Solorio was released after posting bail.

4:45 p.m., Constable Bobby Guidry reported an 18 wheeler driving recklessly.

Friday, September 17
7:17 p.m., A woman reported a snake at her residence on east Veltmen. Deputy Page was notified of the situation.

7:29 p.m., A woman reported an 18 wheeler jackknifed 3 miles east of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was informed.

11:35 p.m., A woman reported that her son had assaulted his grandmother. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence west of Brackettville.

Saturday, September 18
2:10 a.m., A woman reported a suspicious vehicle on Pear Alley. Deputy Page was notified of the situation.

1:20 p.m., A man requested a deputy's assistance regarding problems he was having with some individuals.

A Hunter Education Training Course has been set to begin Monday, September 27, 2004. The course will continue on Tuesday, September 28, Monday, October 4 and conclude on Tuesday, October 5, 2004.

Registration for the 4 evening class will be Monday night at 6:30PM, followed by class until 9:30PM each night.

Classes will be held at Brackett High School, Annex Room 5 (Science Room) in Brackettville, entrance off of Fulton Street, across from the new high school building.

The cost is \$10.00 per person.

The class is a 12 hour course needed for certification. Everyone must attend all 12 hours to successfully complete the course and be certified.



A Little on the Wildlife Side

Henry Lutz

Every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

Hunters of all ages are welcome to attend. A parent or other relative is encouraged to attend with their child. The minimum age of certification is 12 years old. In other words, you must be 12 years old at the start of the course.

If you are a hunter and you are 17 or older and born after September 2, 1971, you must

have this course to hunt. You will receive a citation if you hunt and have not completed the course.

This course is good for life. It has to be completed only one time. Other states may require that a hunter complete a Hunter Safety or Education Course before hunting there. This course meets the requirements necessary for hunting out of state.

Additional information regarding Hunter Education:

If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to hunt

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Hunters, regardless of age, need to purchase a hunting license and any stamps needed and must carry them with him or her at all times while hunting. Upon completion of the Hunter Education Course, you will receive proof that you have completed the course. This proof of certification is required to be on your person, along with your hunting license, while hunting. It is not required to purchase a license. If you need more information or have questions about the Hunter Education class, please call me at 563-2507.

Texas Game Wardens top 10 Check-list for hunters

AUSTIN, Texas — With the beginning of hunting season, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens would like to remind hunters to have "Every year, our game wardens issue hunters citations that could have been avoided," said Col. Jim Stinebaugh, TPWD law enforcement director. We'd rather help folks learn to follow the rules and avoid common mistakes, which will keep them safe as well as legal. "For example, Stinebaugh says the most common hunting law violation in Texas is failure to be certified in hunter safety. From Sept. 1, 2003 to Aug. 23, 2004, game wardens cited 2,521 hunters with the violation of Hunter Safety regulation (no hunter education certification). This is a Class C Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of as much as \$500. Following is a table of the last season's most common violations and their punishments, from most common to least common.

All are Class C Parks and Wildlife misdemeanors, again, punishable by a fine of up to \$500. The top ten wildlife enforcement violations were as follows: # of citations Description 2,521 Hunter Safety violation (no hunter education certification). 1,719 WT Deer Harvest Log not completed, 858 WT Deer Improperly tagged, 540 WT Deer Untagged, 420 WT Deer Hunting or possession in closed season, 337 Mourning Dove Hunting with unplugged shotgun, 316 WT Deer Hunting without a license or failure to show, 357 Mourning Dove Hunting without a license or failure to show, 278 Mourning Dove Over daily bag limit, 257 Public Hunt Land, and any other violation. There were 45 citations issued for killing of a white-tailed deer without landowner consent (Parks and Wildlife state jail felony). Parks and Wildlife state jail felony carries a penalty of not more than two years or less than 180 days in

prison. In addition, to confinement, there may be a fine of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$10,000. "These game laws were not put in place to ruin anyone's fun. They are there for the safety of everyone out there in the field, and are based on animal counts so we can enjoy hunting now, but our children will also be able to in the future," said David Sinclair, of TPWD's Law Enforcement Division. So to help ensure hunters don't end up pleading memory lapse in the face of a possible citation, Texas Game Wardens offer the following Top 10 "Don't Forget" list. 1. Take the hunter education course and carry your certification card with you in the field; look at our Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us/edu/ for a listing of courses. 2. Review the Outdoor Annual and check for open season dates and bag limits for the county you are hunting. 3. Check for legal means and methods in the county you are hunt-

ing. 4. Carry your current hunting license as this may have your hunter education number listed below your name and address. 5. Clearly identify your target before pulling the trigger. 6. Carry a sharp knife; cut out the date (month and day) of kill on deer and turkey tags and immediately after kill, attach appropriate tag to the deer or turkey. 7. Carry a ball-point pen; fill out ranch and county name on back of deer and turkey tags, and don't forget the deer log on the back of the license. 8. Carry a state driver's license or state personal identification certificate if you are 17 years of age or older. 9. Fill out a Wildlife Resource Document to accompany any wildlife resource, or part of a deer or turkey that you give to someone else. 10. Keep all game animals and game birds in an edible condition. As an additional safety precaution, always point the muzzle in a safe direction, and keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.

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CHRONIC PAIN

Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.

Chronic pain - continuous pain lasting longer than 3 months - afflicts an estimated 50 million Americans, with costs in disability and lost productivity totaling more than \$100 billion annually.

Whether that pain results from an injury or disability, or takes the form of low back pain, recurring headaches, or just muscle aches that don't seem to go away, the tendency is to say "Well, I'll just have to live with it".

More and more Americans are turning to alternative care to relieve chronic pain. They have discovered that medication is not solving the problem - only treating the symptoms and that their quality of life has been compromised by the side effects of those medications. Recent studies show

that Americans are spending 13 billion dollars a year out of their own pocket on alternative or complimentary therapies.

Regular chiropractic adjustments can help the body return to a natural balance and reduce or eliminate chronic pain. Chronic pain is like water damage to a house - if it goes on long enough, the house collapses.

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Tigers maul Eagles, 60-0

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigers racked up another big win Friday night in Leakey. The Tigers won the game with a defense that overwhelmed the Eagles, allowing Leakey just 22 yards of offense on the night. While the offense continued to run on all cylinders, the biggest explosion of the night came from the Tigers special teams unit. Noe Talamantes and the punt return team returned two punts for 116 yards and two touchdowns during the game.

Leakey took the ball to start the game and were unable to get a first down. The Eagles chose to punt and Noe Talamantes exploded through great blocking, going 51 yards for Brackett's first touchdown of the night. Leakey again took the ball and was forced to punt. On the ensuing drive, the Tigers marched down the field and Mark Kesteloot added another score on a one yard touchdown run. With a 14-0 lead Brackett again took the ball and drove down the field. This time it was Kody Yeager connecting with Kesteloot on a seven yard pass to put the Tigers up 21-0.

The second quarter saw the

Tigers on the move again. Charlie Slaughter did the honors, plunging in from one yard out. With Brackett up 27-0, the Eagles again failed to get a first down and chose to punt. After Leakey's first punt, the Eagles had chosen to kick away from Brackett's return men. On this play the punt went straight to Talamantes and he again made the Eagles pay. The punt return team once again picked up most of their blocks and Talamantes sped past the other defenders for a 65 yard return that ended in a Tiger touchdown. On the next offensive series, Cody Edwards took a sweep and went 17 yards for Brackett's sixth TD of the night.

After halftime Brackett's powerful offensive line again opened a huge hole and Clyde Adams went 47 yards to put the Tigers up 47-0. The defense again held and Edwards again found the end zone on a nine yard run. The fourth quarter again saw the Tiger defense smother every offensive play that Leakey ran. With the Tiger offense taking over again, the Tigers put together a time consuming drive that ended with Evaristo Villarreal scoring the final touchdown of the night on a three yard run.

The Tiger offense was led by

Yeager who completed three of four passes for 46 yards and one TD. Yeager also ran the ball six times for 32 yards. The running backs were led by Clyde Adams with 90 yards on seven carries and one touchdown, he also had one reception for 25 yards. Talamantes carried six times for 75 yards, Edwards had four carries for 50 yards and two touchdowns, while Slaughter had 33 yards on four carries and one touchdown. Kesteloot contributed 46 yards rushing on six attempts, two receptions for 21 yards, one rushing touchdown, and one receiving touchdown. Villarreal added 18 yards on three carries with one touchdown, Anthony Munoz had two carries for 12 yards, Robert Davis carried four times for 12 yards, and Tillman Davis carried one time for nine yards.

The two touchdowns that the punt return team scored kept the offense off the field long enough to prevent the Tiger running backs from having a 100 yard rusher for the first time all season. The Tiger scoring machine will bring their high powered offense back home this week. The Tigers face off against Rock-springs Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The kickoff will be at 7:30 PM.



Mark Kesteloot
Fullback Mark Kesteloot contributed 46 yards rushing on six attempts during last Friday's game. Kesteloot also had two receptions for 21 yards, one rushing touchdown, and one receiving touchdown.

Photos by Danielle Moore

JV runs past Sabinal, 40-14

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The JV football team ran past Sabinal Thursday night. The game marked the first of two times that the teams will meet this season. The highlight of the night came when the JV team was able to tally their first special team touchdown of the year early in the first quarter.

Sabinal opened the game with a strong offensive drive and struck first to go up 7-0. The Tigers took the kickoff after the touchdown and Fermin Villanueva went 86 yards on the re-

turn to even the score at 7-7.

From that point on it was Villanueva and the JV ground game that dominated the game. Quarterback Travis Bonner connected with tight end Robert Sanchez twice, with one of the completions going for a touchdown.

Villanueva busted through the defense three different times to find the end zone. Sabinal was able to find the end zone one more time to round out the scoring.

Bonner completed two passes for 35 yards and one touchdown. Bonner also ran four times for

three yards. Sanchez ended the night with both catches and a touchdown. Villanueva ran the ball 33 times for 255 yards, three touchdowns, and three two point conversions. Ivan Pinales carried the ball seven times for 18 yards, while Cesar Ortiz added two carries for eight yards. The Tiger offense racked up 319 yards while limiting Sabinal's offense to only 187 yards. With Villanueva's kick return, the Tigers totaled 405 yards on the night.

The JV faces off against Rock-springs tonight in Rocksprings. The kickoff will be at 6:30 PM.

Tigerettes serve up back-to-back wins!

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett varsity volleyball team swept their competition this past week.

The Tigerettes faced off in two of their final three non-district matches.

The Tigerettes began the week playing at home against Carrizo Springs. The squad won the match against Carrizo in straight sets, 25-15, 25-16, 25-22. In a match that saw exciting action in each game, the team was able to pull away and sweep the Wildcats.

The Tigerettes were led by Shanae Simmons, who tallied nine kills; Stephanie Bonner and Brandy Smith, each with six kills; and Ashley Castillo with five kills.

The Brackett defense was led

by Shanae Simmons with three blocks and Emily Valenzuela with two blocks. Smith assisted the defense with four digs, while Castillo and Timmeke Simmons each contributed three digs in the victory.

Offensively, the Tigerettes served 88 percent during the match. Smith and Bonner led the way, serving up three aces each. Kara Yeager contributed two aces to the effort. Timmeke Simmons added 12 assists to the offense while Yeager tallied nine assists.

Friday the Tigerettes faced off against the Leakey Eagles, again winning in straight sets, 25-10, 25-12, 25-15. The team was able to overwhelm the Lady Eagles with powerful serving and a stifling defense.

Shanae Simmons again racked up nine kills during the

match. Brandy Smith contributed seven kills, while Timmeke Simmons and Emily Valenzuela each added six kills for the Tigerettes. Kristi Meyer led the defense with four digs and Stephanie Bonner had three digs against Leakey.

Timmeke Simmons led the way offensively, serving up four aces. Bonner, Meyer, and Ashley Castillo each served three aces during the match. Timmeke Simmons also led the way in assists with 16. Kara Yeager added seven assists, while Castillo added three assists in the Tigerettes' victory.

The Tigerettes begin district play this Saturday at Sabinal at 5:00 PM. The team enters into district play with a 14-6 record.

Tigers have a new band hall

If you have driven around the school as of late you have undoubtedly noticed a new building on campus. I am talking, of course, about the new BISD band hall. It was completed just a few weeks ago and is now the daily "home" of many aspiring musicians and one very proud band director. Although the construction isn't flashy and expensive, just a metal building on a corner lot, it is actually priceless.

Readers who play an instrument may not understand this but those of us who don't play an instrument, I believe, all have a hunger to do so. I suppose that at one time or another, we, the multitudes of musically challenged, have all had a longing to play an instrument but gave



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

up the quest to do so somewhere along the way. Personally, I would give just about anything to be able to sit down at a piano and play a Christmas song or the theme song to *Bob the Builder* for my two year old son. Not being able to do so, honestly, is pretty far down on the life's little list of woes but being able to communicate through music ... wow! What a magnificent gift. My point here is that through our new facility and the dedica-

tion of Jim D'Camp, Hector Jimenez and Sandra Davis, our kids are getting one of life's all time great souvenirs; the ability to inspire through music. Chances are such that most of their students will, not pursue their musical interests much past high school, it just works out that way usually. But for those band students out there that do keep the fire alive and continue to play your chosen instrument, I say great! Keep up the good work and always strive to capitalize on your talents and gifts. You will have a lifetime of experiences that, sadly, many of us will never know. All is not lost, however, because the rest of us will be able to have a lifetime of marvelous experiences listening to you.

Junior High grounds the Leakey Eagles

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

In tough defensive battle, the junior high football team managed to pull out a 12-0 win against Leakey last Thursday. While Brackett had 242 yards more offense than Leakey, neither team had much success putting points on the board.

Early in the game the Tigers were able to put together a drive that ended when Scott Thourot found the end zone. Leakey was able to shut down the powerful Cub ground game for a brief time, but the Cubs, headed by Thourot, again found the end zone.

The touchdown was Thourot's second. This ended the scoring as both teams were able to make adjustments and stop the opposing offense.

Brackett was able to gain 240 offensive yards during the game. The Cub defense rose to the challenge holding Leakey to negative two yards of offense on the night.

The Cubs were headed by quarterback Steven Rivera who completed one pass for 27 yards and ran the ball three times for 38 yards. Tight end Sergio Calvillo caught Brackett's only pass for 27 yards receiving, he also had 37 yards rushing on three carries.

The ground game was headed by Thourot who ran the ball 18 times for 120 yards and two touchdowns. Justin Kesteloot also carried the ball three times for 24 yards.

The Cubs take the field again tonight as they face off against Rocksprings. The game kicks off at 5:00 in Rocksprings.

Cubettes drop close match

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The seventh grade volleyball team dropped their match against the Del Rio White team this week.

The Del Rio squad overpowered the Cubettes 25-23, 23-25, 15-9.

The match was close throughout with Del Rio able to pull away in the final game to secure the win.

The Cubettes were paced by top servers Katie Yeager, Ivy Garcia, Amanda Del Bosque, and Elidia Molinar. Yeager, Garcia, Del Bosque, and Molinar also led the squad in passing.

The seventh grade Cubette of the week was Amanda Del Bosque.

City postpone budget

Continued from Page 1
drawal of the contribution, Rigby said that Fort Clark Springs spokesman stated "misuse of funds" as the reason for the withdrawal, but nothing more specific was given.

The council accepted the resignation of Diana Gonzales, a

city employee.

Alderman Matt Bland reported that the new animal control ordinance had been drafted and would be sent to City Attorney Ralph Brown for review. The council's next meeting is tonight at 6:00 p.m.

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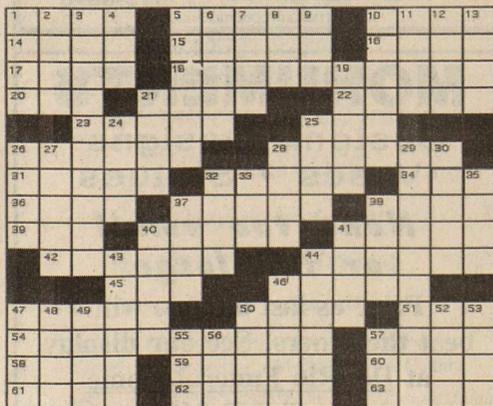
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16. Wheel rod
17. Seaweed derivative
18. Commit a crime
20. Hope
21. Business
22. Holding a .22
23. Oak-to-be
25. Amerindian
26. Promise
28. Gives the letters of a word
31. Non-glossy finish
32. Unimportant
34. Relevant
36. City near Des Moines
37. Motor vehicle
38. Pertaining to
39. Eur. nation
40. Spring bloomer
41. Range
42. Fluttering trees
44. Accessories
45. Dark fluid
46. Danger
47. X
50. Ms. Lee
51. Wrath
54. Outer part of the earth's atmosphere
57. Mustiness
58. Word of agreement
59. Friendless one
60. Yanks' foes, once
61. Repairs a tear
62. S-shaped curves
63. South African fox
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1. Zodiac figure
2. Victor
3. Statue substances
4. A piece
5. Be ambitious
6. Rear
7. Period for 8 Down
8. House member: abbr.
9. Rich find
10. Monkeys' container?
11. Student's concern
12. Old man: Ger.
13. Act
19. Pocatello product
21. Word before word
24. Paper handler's ouchies
25. Atop
26. For All Seasons
27. Pacific island group
28. Have a nervous breakdown
29. Overwhelming victories
30. Fling
32. Diner on TV's Alice
33. 1st name for a tyrant
35. Hardy heroine
37. Went under
38. Sacred inscription
40. Looks after
41. Flowerlike aroma
43. Spanish nut-bearers
44. Pan and others
46. Strained food
47. Siant
48. Catacombs' location
49. For a second time
50. Mr. Descartes
52. Breaks a commandment
53. Gaelic
55. Arafat's group: abbr.
56. Greedy one
57. pro nobis



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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| Sept. 26.....Amanda Frerich | Sept. 29.....Linda Goodloe |
| Sept. 26.....Cora Palmer | Sept. 29.....Joe Hernandez |
| Sept. 26.....Adriana Valderos | Sept. 29.....Sally Robe |

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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| 2. Chang | 12. Keaton |
| 3. Connors | 13. Landon |
| 4. Dilka | 14. Moriarty |
| 5. Douglas | 15. Nesmith |
| 6. Dukakis | 16. Piazza |
| 7. Eisner | 17. Redgrave |
| 8. Farrell | 18. Schmidt |
| 9. Gross | 19. Tyson |
| 10. Jackson | 20. Wallace |



HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Company from out of town could occupy most of your time this week. However, don't neglect necessary duties. If you do, you'll be playing catch-up all next week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your focus is on work this week. As a result, some view you as a bit of a party-pooper. Ignore them; do what must be done.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You've planned your week well. Unfortunately, it's not as easy to execute as you'd thought. Take things slowly, and you should be fine.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You have a tendency to run late this week. Bigwigs won't appreciate this. If need be, set that alarm a bit earlier than usual.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You have an important decision to make. However, there's no deadline, so take your time. By week's end, you have the answer.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those of you who are on the road this week could be tempted to spend too much. It's a good idea to keep credit cards at home. This weekend, family togetherness is accented.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You feel the need to get away from it all. Go ahead. You've earned a much-needed break from everyday obligations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A work project has everyone around you puzzled. However, you're the one who comes up with an inspired idea. Take the initiative on this one.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The best way to tackle a family problem is through communication. Try to express yourself without anger. This way, everyone knows where you stand but won't be offended.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The devil is in the details this week. Be very careful at work that you don't miss something. Fortunately, your sharp mind is up to the task.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You feel the need to withdraw into yourself this week. Let loved ones know you need your space. This avoids misunderstandings in the long run.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You and a superior on the job aren't on the same wavelength this week. Let this slide for now. It's not a good time for a confrontation.

How do you work with fruit?

Have you ever had cravings? Have you ever just thought of something and wanted it really bad? I typically think of things that I don't have around. I'll be watching Monday Night Football and I'll have a craving for ice cream.

So, like a good American, at the commercial I run to the freezer only to find that there is no ice cream! Most people have cravings for various things, French fries, chocolate, etc. Matthew uses this basic human trait to illustrate one of the basic principles of faith.

In Matthew 21:18-19 we find a story of Jesus having a craving. In that story Jesus is returning to Jerusalem early in the morning and he sees a fig tree by the side of the road. Immediately we see that Jesus wants figs for breakfast, yet when He goes up to the tree there are no figs. Jesus tells the tree that it will never bear fruit again and the tree instantly withers from the roots up.

In this story we find that we are like the tree. We are called to "Fruit Bearers", yet statisti-



First Baptist Church
Pastor Darin Koenig

cally only 20 percent of the people in any church do 80 percent of the work and give 80 percent of the money!

So where does that leave everyone else? Fellow pastor Johnny Hunt identified five types of "fruit workers" that most people are.

First, there are your "Fruit Bearers". This is the 20 percent of people that carry the load. They do the work, give the money, serve faithfully. They are usually unnoticed and don't garner a great deal of praise. They quietly go about God's work and do what needs to be done. The funny thing about "Fruit Bearers" is, they don't want attention. It is always nice to have a "thank you" frequently, but that is all they want.

The second group of people

you find in churches are "Fruit Inspectors". These are the people who inspect what everyone else is doing and tell them how it could be done different or, usually, how it could be done better. The "Inspectors" generally have the loudest voices. But, the loud voice usually comes from the cheapest seats. Last year my wife surprised me with tickets to the Dallas Stars hockey game. I am, admittedly, a sports fanatic and I love hockey. The Stars had scheduled a game for Valentine's Day and my wife got us tickets to the game. We were in the upper deck of American Airlines Arena and throughout the game the "boos" always originated from the people around us. This is how an "Inspector" works, they don't want to be put out but they better have a voice in everything that is done.

Next come the "Fruit Flies". Every church has "Fruit Flies" in it. These are the people who won't show up in church unless something stinks. These people are very similar to the "Inspectors", but they only come to cor-

porate worship. Other than that, they only come around when there is a controversy or a big issue coming up for discussion.

Then there are the "Fruit Loops". I don't think anything else needs to be said here. Finally, there are the "Fruit Destroyers". These folks exist for one purpose, to destroy the work that God is doing. Notice I said God? That's because the work of the church is not mine, or yours, it is God's work. God exists to glorify His name. We exist to glorify God's name. The work of any church is to glorify God. However, we are falling way behind in our work.

In my title I posed a simple question, how do you work with fruit? Now, you must answer that question. Which one of the five categories do you fit into. If you are in any category besides "Fruit Bearer", you are doing the wrong things. God calls us to glorify His name and to do that is a lifestyle. Every thought, every word, and every action must be focused on giving glory to our creator. Have you glorified God lately?

My meditation of him shall be sweet

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire.

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.



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Thou coverdest it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord. Psalm 104: 1-7,24. Glory! Praise God!

How is your heart with God?

Greetings, my name is Bernie Cervantes, I am the Pastor of Vida Nueva Christian Center here in Brackettville.

My wife Maria and I have three beautiful children, one son-in-law, and two grandsons. I am a native of this beautiful City and a graduate of the local high school. I was a member of the National Honor Society and I was a fairly good athlete, in football, basketball, track and especially tennis, in other words I had a lot going for myself, but unfortunately I was disobedient first of all to God, my parents, my wife and of course to my self and I ended up living a life that I would never wish on anyone.

At thirteen years of age I took my first drink of an alcoholic beverage, and at fourteen I smoked my first joint of marijuana, and at sixteen snorted my first line of cocaine, and didn't stop until the age of thirty-four, when Jesus Christ touched and changed my life forever.

You know something right now as I write these few lines, Satan holds captive a lot of citizens, here in Brackettville and Ft. Clark, and the sad part is that they feel that there is no way out

and that is why I am more than certain this is the reason the good Lord saved my life and has sent me back to Brackett, (Luke 4:18) to help free those still living in captivity to sin, (drugs, alcohol, fornication, adultery, etc.)

If that is the case in your life, I want to let you know that there is a Jesus who is far greater than your addiction, I am living proof of that, if you need help please feel free to give me a call at 830-563-3201, or come by the church.

There were times I just wanted to end my life, but that is just the way Satan works (John 10:10), the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus says I have come to give you life and give to you in abundance. You know there is not a day that goes by that I do not thank the Lord for his awesome grace, love and mercy.

Jesus did for me what I could not do on my own. He changed my life forever. He gave me a completely different life-style and all I had to do was completely surrender my life to him, (Romans 10:11) and he forgave me of all my sins.



Vida Nueva Christian Center
Bernie Cervantes

This cruel world will always label you according to your past but when you accept Jesus as your Saviour the Bible says you are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). I used to think that the religion that I belonged to would get me into Heaven, but I found out that it is not religion that will get you into Heaven, but it is a personal relationship with Jesus, in other words it is a matter of the heart.

There is a saying that goes as such, if your heart is not in it, forget it! Christianity is basically the same way. Jesus told the Pharisees in the Gospel of Mark, what the Prophet Isaiah had said, you people honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me.

Now let's look at the definition of heart; in addition to the usual meaning, the Hebrews believed the heart was the place of thought, will, and decision (Gen.

6:5, Acts 1:24). Hebrews referred to the heart when we would say mind or brain (1 Kings 3:9, Rms 1:21). The profit Jeremiah said in his writings in Ch. (17:9,10) that without God the heart is wicked and selfish, who can understand it? Only the Lord knows!

He searches all hearts and examines the deepest motives so he can give to each person his right reward, according to his deeds, how he has lived. In other words we can fool man but we will never fool God. Since the beginning of time, man has always tried to deceive God and himself in thought, word or action, but the Bible says that God will not be mocked. A man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows! (Galations 6:5)

The question now is how is your heart with God? Have you truly accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and what kind of crop are you reaping today?

The answer lies within yourself, be truthful to God and yourself and you will see that God will honor your integrity. I hope and pray that these few lines will bless you abundantly.

So many churches - Can't we get along?

"Why are there so many different churches? Can't you Christians just get along with each other?" It's a good question. I think Christians can get along with each other, but it takes hard work and a forgiving spirit that springs from love.

Christians aren't all alike. For each of us, there is precious truth in the things we believe. Christians recognize we are not going to agree on every point and hopefully, we strive to unite on the first and foremost point of our faith - the redemptive life, death, and resurrection of the divine & human teacher, Jesus of Nazareth.

The early church leaders tried to sort out many of the disagreements in the church through courts, trials, and statements of what was correct belief (orthodoxy) and incorrect belief (heresy). The statements became sources for many of the "creeds"



First United Methodist Church
Rev. Roger Baker

used in some Christian congregations today. Some Christian congregations avoid creedal statements as divisive, a stance I deeply respect.

In general, Christians broadly agree that the church consists of the faithful, baptized believers in Jesus. Sadly, we understand the details very differently. Some don't baptize. Some use only vocal music for worship. Some hold a tradition of succession from their local minister to the apostles. Some don't drink alcohol. The list of differences in practice could fill this column for centuries. Even

if our practice of faith didn't separate us, our traditions of worship would at least group us differently. Some emphasize preaching as the most important act in worship. Others understand prayer to be the pinnacle of the Sunday service (or other days, too!) Still others focus on the meal remembering Christ's death.

Even within our small community, we worship in several different traditions. Though we have different understandings of the fullness of God's truth, we are united in a supremely important way.

As believers who claim forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we stand together claiming Christ and clinging to Christ. We focus on the good and blameless things we can do together as a community of believers. We try to focus on the truth of the Gos-

pel as evidenced in our own lives (Phil 4:8)

I suspect that we will all be deeply surprised when Christ reveals to us the fullness of His truth. The Apostle Paul told us that as we grow, we will continue to experience the truth of the Gospel in new ways (1Cor 13:10-12, and 1Thes 1:3). Of course, not everyone will read these passages and reach the same conclusions - your mileage may vary!

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Whatever your tradition, wherever you worship, know that your brothers and sisters in Christ are praying with you and for you!

Christians are people of hope

As I reflected on Saturday September 11th on the three year anniversary of that terrorist attack I couldn't help but feel a sense of grief on the losses our nation experienced since and on that day. I believe we lost our sense of invulnerability and invincibility.

The terrorist attack dashed our sense of complacency that the tragic violence we see throughout the world due to terrorism couldn't happen on our shores. Now we live with the frightening memories of that attack and with the anxiety and uncertainty of possible future attacks. In fact most terrorism experts tell us that the next major terrorist attack on our nation is not a question of if, but rather a question of when and where. So

how do we cope with that? Do we live with a sense of hopelessness that we will never truly live in peace again?

I think the answer to that question lies in how we understand peace. Earthly peace is not the same as the promised peace of God's present and future eternal reign. As a human achievement built in the middle of strife, earthly peace is often fleeting and always partial. It is difficult to build and maintain. It is easily and frequently disrupted by violence and war. Terrorism threatens earthly peace, but not the peace given in the Gospel. The struggle against terrorism belongs to earthly peace. This struggle is not a matter of God's ultimate salvation, which God has already secured for us and



Our Redeemer Lutheran & St. Andrew's
Nathan Lafrenz

for all creation in the cross of Christ. The struggle against terrorism will not end sin nor evil or bring about God's reign of peace. Because all of humanity are sinners before God, efforts to wipe out terrorism and build earthly peace must recognize sin's persistent, pervasive, and subtle power. We can easily deceive ourselves about our own righteousness and the righteousness of our cause.

We must not fall into the trap

the terrorists have already fallen into of proclaiming their cause as jihad or holy war. We cannot become captive to fear or else the terrorists have achieved one of their goals. Fear can paralyze, divide, foster distrust, and cloud judgement. The Gospel promises freedom from living in debilitating fear. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18.)

Christians are people of hope. In faith we may carry on our lives with the confidence that nothing-including terrorism-will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39) Come and celebrate the promises of the Gospel each Sunday morning at Our Redeemer Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches.

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 when you do something like this," added McDaniel.
 Sherman was on the agenda to give a presentation to the district.
 Although no limitation was posted limiting the scope of the presentation, Smith said, only spring flow would be discussed.
 "I wanted to have a chance to talk to you about spring flow. First of all, I am going to start off with water availability because all of this is tied together," said Sherman.
 "Lynn, Lynn, this has nothing to do, if you are going to

(talk about) spring flow, I do not want any of this ... and you know that we can not sit here and listen at that. Are you going to try and declare us ineligible for district hearing," replied Smith.
 "I said, I'm not listening to that. Take that off! If you don't, you are not going to show your presentation," added Smith.
 "Mr. Smith what we are here to do today ...," replied Sherman.
 Smith interrupted, "You are here today to talk about spring flow and spring flow only and that is not."
 "No, it actually is, because

spring flow is in relation to water availability," replied Sherman.
 "I said, I wanted only spring flow, I do not need none of this other flow," answered Smith.
 "The spring flow is related. I mean, all this is related to the spring flow," said Sherman.
 "I am saying that we do not need this in here," said Smith.
 Sherman told Smith he would explain how the two where related.
 "You are here to set the spring flow allocation. Spring flow allocation is directly related to the amount of water that is available within the district and to the extent you are setting a number (for spring flow), it needs to be tied scientifically to something," said Sherman.
 "I am going to give you about two minutes to prove that," replied Smith.
 "The only reason for doing it now, as was indicated in the last meeting, now as opposed to later, was to help you manage the water that your going to be permitting through these permit hearings. It is all tied together, it is all related," said Sherman.
 "You can not mention permit hearings," said Director Don Hood.
 "Actually, that was mentioned by a board member during the last meeting. It did not come from me," replied Sherman.
 Sherman continued with his

presentation only to once again be interrupted.
 "Lynn, that is it, that's it, you must take this off that board, said Smith.
 "If you do not take it off, I am going to have a deputy take you out of here," Smith added.
 "Water production from Pinto Valley does not effect ...," said Sherman.
 "Now you are making a statement that is not proven," said Smith.
 "Either I am going to back it up or I am not Mr. Smith. I have people here from the fort that I want to be able to talk to about this," replied Sherman.
 "If you want to give them this you can go outside and give it to them. We are not sitting here, listening at all this stuff that has not been proven," said Smith.
 "All we want to hear from you is spring flow, volumes of spring flow, not geology ...," said Director Dub Miller.
 "Why it is relevant is because you are getting ready to set caps today on the amount of pumping," replied Sherman.
 At this point, Director Hood attempted to adjourn the meeting.
 "I am going to unplug it, if you do not pay attention to our president. I am dead serious about this," Hood subsequently stated.
 The presentation continued in part but was cut short by the board of directors.

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