

Minor surgery?

Last week I had to have some minor surgery.

To me no surgery is "minor". Anyway I had to have a hernia repair. It was an in and out surgery. I went into the hospital Tuesday at 7:30 am, had the "procedure" around 10:30, was in recovery for about an hour, and left for home at 3:30.

The doctor said it would be "relatively" painless. Painless for him. It really did not seem too bad. I hurt more before the surgery than afterward. I stayed home for a few days, watched all of the TV that I could stand, read a couple of books, ate too much, and slept a lot.

The doctor said to take it easy for a while. I'm not sure exactly what that means. Frank Taylor advised me not to wash dishes or mow the lawn for five years. Sounds like good advice to me. I really appreciate all of the

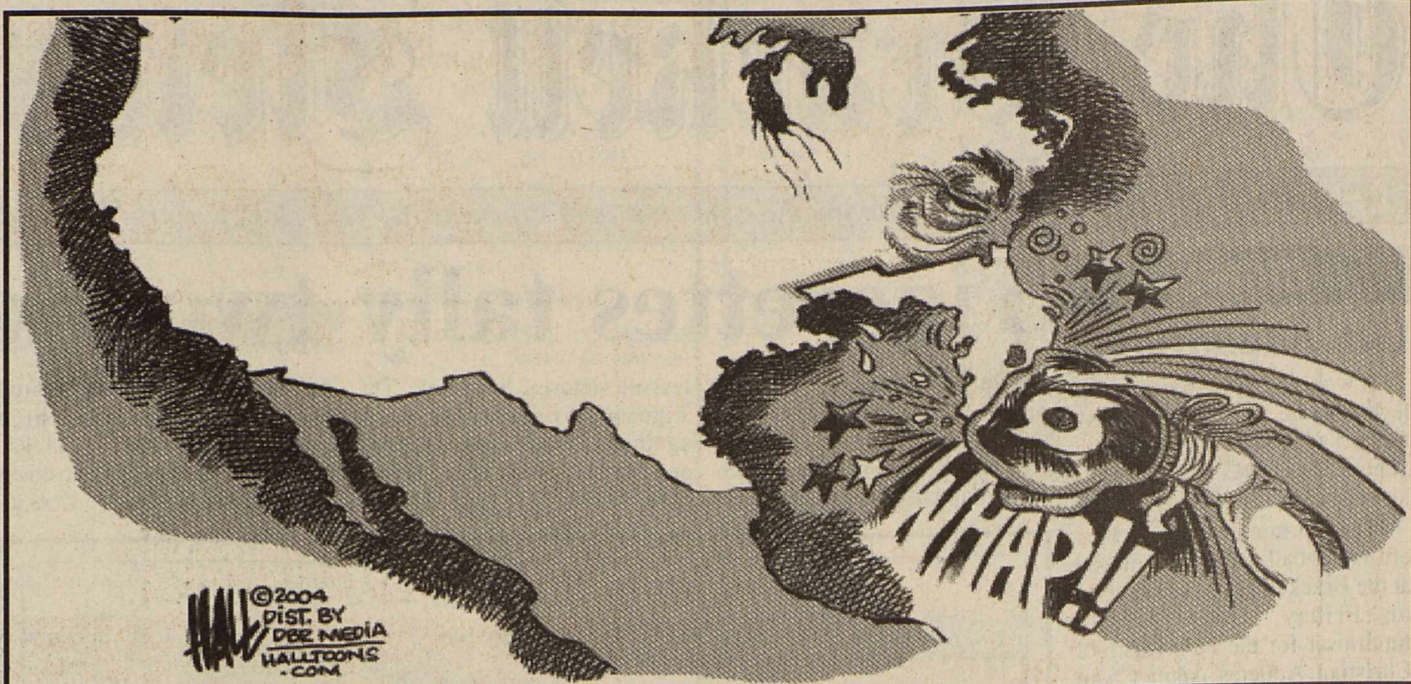


But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

good friends and kind folks that called and came by to see me and wish me a speedy recovery. It is during times like these that I remember why I love Brackettville so much. We're a community of good, loving people. The generous gifts of food, that several brought by, was great. It aided my recovery efforts.

I also had a couple of friends, Gus Sandoval and Adam Luna, help me. You guys were there when I needed you. I won't soon forget it. So I'm mended and back to my old outstanding self. But I could be wrong.



Blue bird, blue bird, you are so free

I sit in the cold room, my heart grey and sad from the loneliness, and stare blankly at a darkened wall. I look over and see a rusted harmonica and pick it up, pressing it against my moistened lips. I am getting ready for dinner time, the only time that though unpleasant, that gets me going through my day.

I begin to play a somber song to the blue bird outside the rusted bars, making up words as I go along.

"Blue bird, blue bird, you are so free. You are happy unlike me. Oh I wish to dance in the light; oh I wish I hadn't stayed out all night."

If you can't tell, I am exaggerating as usual. Recently I was imprisoned, I mean grounded, for breaking curfew. It seems that only yesterday I could frolic in the golden sunshine free as a blue jay, but now I sit in a room waiting until my sentence is complete.

I will be in here forever. Ok maybe only two weeks, but it seems like eternity when your friends are out having fun. Last week after a football game, I went over to a friend's house to watch a movie. I was really tired, and didn't want to go, but I went anyway. (Give me a break;



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

I have a social image to uphold. So I had decided I would stay a little while after making my grand entrance. I came in, had some milk and cookies, when before I realized I began to get a little too comfortable. The room was warm and I began to doze. I was perfectly comfortable lying on the floor in front of the TV.

The next thing I remember was the movie ending, and the lights turning on. I stood up, eyes blurry from my dried out contacts, and looked over at the clock. It was 1 o'clock! I had violated my curfew, which was midnight, so I hurried up and got one of my friends to take me home.

I walked up to the door, and slowly turned the knob. It seems like whenever you are trying to be your quietest, everything seems incredibly loud. As I turned the handle, it squeaked. As I opened the door, it sounded

as if a hammer was being scraped along a chalkboard. I slowly began to tip-toe towards my room, when suddenly I heard something. My heart began to pound, blood rushing in all directions of my body. Then suddenly I saw the figure making the noise. It slowly rose from the couch, and still haunts my memory as I write about it. Was it a horrifying monster, a creature of the black lagoon, come to take me back to its watery home? No. Maybe it was a ghost, avenging some dreadful murder, and I was the mistaken killer. No. To some, these would be reason for extreme fear, but the being was no other than the horrifying figure of my 5'3" grandmother, standing with arms crossed and a tapping foot.

"Do you know what time it is Shanae?" she asked, my worst nightmares slowly forming.

"Um...A little after midnight?" I said meekly, forming a small smile with nervous lips.

"Ha... a little after midnight. Try an hour! You're restricted young lady!" she said, showing not the slightest bit of jest.

"But I..." "No buts, we'll discuss it in the morning." I then turned, and walked away, tail between my legs, and went to

bed, the place I should have been an hour earlier. Though I towered over my sweet little grandmother, she still had me running when I was about to be punished. Too tired to argue, I was glad to climb into a welcoming bed.

The next day, when I awoke, I found that my restrictions included not being able to go over to anyone's house, no one coming over, and not getting to go anywhere for two weeks except for school. "Why so severe?" you ask. Well this was not the first time I had violated my curfew, and this was the last straw, so I was getting my punishment.

Now here I am harmonica in hand, and a week left until my punishment is complete. I tried to argue my case, and say my mom didn't even have curfew when she was younger, but then again my mother never went anywhere when she was my age.

My grandmother is standing strong at her post, and I guess I do deserve what has come to me. I do feel bad for breaking curfew and I should have come home earlier. So until my week is up, I will sit and wait, and sing the blues to the birds. "Blue bird, blue bird, you are so free... then again you don't have a curfew either."

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For Kinney County Groundwater District Board Director Precinct #3

FACTS:

1. Of the original 7 elected board members, 5 members have resigned their positions. These positions have now been appointed by the County Commissioners. We no longer have an elected board.

2. The Water Board has not hired one scientific expert to study groundwater in Kinney County.

3. The KCGCD, Edwards Aquifer Authority, and United States Geologic Survey maintain monitoring wells and spring flow gauges throughout the county. If the water table drops below a safe level, pumping can be restricted. Contrary to belief, Kinney County will NOT be "sucked dry".

4. Water recharge numbers being used in the district management plan are not supported by science. Scientific data indicates that the amount of water that is available is substantially greater than the district claims. The numbers do not account for any underflow entering the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer from the north or recharge of the Austin Chalk Aquifer.

5. The water district board has accepted funds amounting to \$17,500 from private sources and individuals without accepting the funds in open meetings in accordance with Texas law under Chapter 36 of the Water Code.

6. State law says the KCGCD cannot prevent water from being exported, but may set up guidelines to protect the citizens of Kinney County. Before any exportation, landowners must apply to the District Board to transport water. If water is ever exported from Kinney County, there will be an Export Fee and Permit Fee charged. This money will be paid to the KCGCD & could be used to conduct scientific studies, pay legal costs of the district, or could be divided between local taxing entities. For example, it could be returned to the school district, or used to help fund EMS, fire department, civic center, etc. This could be a substantial amount of money that could greatly benefit our county.

7. Financial reports for the District have not been available for the past six months even though they are public information that the District is obligated by law to release. Open Records Requests have been filed for the reports, but to date, the public has received no information.

8. The district has written SIX versions of rules. The first lawyer consulted by the Kinney County GWCD advised them to write only administrative rules until they had scientific data concerning management of groundwater in Kinney County, but the Board did not listen. Rules were written that were not based on scientific evidence. Many of these rules have been changed due to local landowners filing "Requests for Rehearing of the Rules". This forced local landowners to incur high personal legal costs and required the district to incur legal fees that were not necessary. The Board's poor judgment caused confusion for landowners and District legal expenses over \$133,132 which must be paid by the water district and ultimately the taxpayers of Kinney County.

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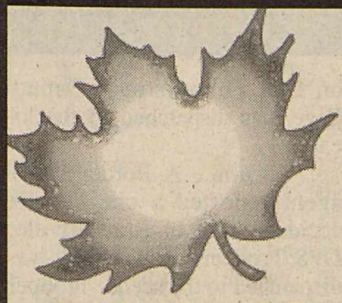
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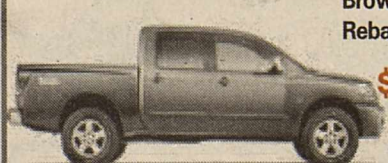
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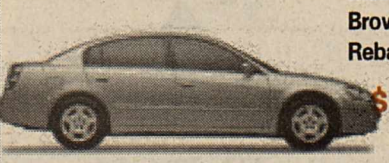
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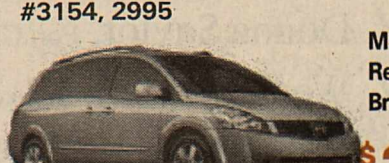
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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, September 27
7:10 a.m., Alberto Zapata, 48, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for driving with a suspended license. He was later released after posting bond.

Tuesday, September 28
8:15 a.m., A man called requesting assistance in capturing a skunk located at the detention center. At 8:25 a.m. the individual was notified that no one was available but would keep trying to contact someone who could help.

Wednesday, September 29
9:01 p.m., An individual called and reported a strong gas odor. The city stand-by em-

ployee was notified.
9:29 p.m., A man called to report a vehicle behind a local convenience store.

Thursday, September 30
8:30 a.m., Camilo Cruz, Jr., 53, and Robert Rodriguez 47, both of Brackettville, were arrested by Sheriff "Buddy" Burgess for deceptive business practice. They were later released after posting bond.

10:15 p.m., A woman called to report a strong smell of gas in her house and she was concerned for her pets. The City was notified.

Friday, October 1
1:01 a.m., An individual called to report two individuals

threatening each other. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched to the scene. The individual called back to report that someone had ran when Deputy Page arrived. Deputy Page stated he did not see anyone running from the scene.

10:11 a.m., A city employee reported an individual would be selling tamales without a health permit. Sheriff Burgess was notified of the situation.

10:18 p.m., A woman requested a deputy's assistance at her residence with an intoxicated man who was not welcome. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised.

11:18 p.m., Uvalde police

department reported a possible intoxicated driver headed towards Brackettville. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

Saturday, October 2
12:05 p.m., A woman reported a dog running loose. She tried to call the owner but the line was busy. An hour later the owner stated he had retrieved the dog and the dog would not get out anymore.

4:04 p.m., A woman reported an individual in a white truck taking caliche next to a ranch on highway 674.

5:19 p.m., A Sentry Alarm employee reported an alarm sounding at the Brackett Central office. Deputy Pena was advised.

5:50 p.m., Deputy Pena reported an illegal alien west of Brackettville on Highway 90. Border Patrol was informed.

10:57 p.m., A man requested assistance at his residence on East Spring street. He was having problems with his son and wanted him removed from the house. Deputy Page was advised.

11:30 p.m., A woman reported three children had been left alone in an apartment. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location. He found the kids were not alone as reported.

Sunday, October 3
12:28 a.m., An anonymous caller reported individuals arguing in the presents of children

on East Fulton street. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location.

7:05 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a one vehicle accident west of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched to the scene. Trooper Ashley requested sheriff's office to inform the ranch owner of fence damage.

9:58 a.m., A woman in Unit 15 on Fort Clark Springs called for assistance with a dog under her steps. Deputy Pena was notified of the situation.

1:30 p.m., A woman reported a dog at the post office that was apparently lost. Deputy Page was informed of the situation.

New, dynamic PTO helps improve schools, community

Schools, I suppose, are a lot like other institutions in the fact that there is far more that can be done than resources will allow.



Making A Difference
Bobby Templeton

In a school, anywhere you look, there is always a kid or two that needs just a bit more help with their math homework, a call positive note or call home, a lunch money loan and well, everyone, including the staff, could use a pat on the back every now and then.

One of the problems we run into with respect to meeting all of these needs is the fact that there are simply not enough people to help with the math homework, not enough money for the lunch loans and pats on the back, like most things important, they are given a hasty and undeserved backseat to things that are urgent.

It is refreshing beyond belief to work in an environment that has more than its fair share of folks who are willing to step up to the plate and take a few swings at community needs. Recently, we at BISD, had nine people do just that. I am speaking of our volunteer PTO officers, who after learning that the school was without a PTO, and had been for sometime, decided to volunteer some of their time for the betterment of the school and much more importantly, our kids.

David Palmer (President), Bonnie Frerich (Vice-President), Gina Terrazas (Secretary), Jennifer Baggett (Treasurer), Bret and Nadalee Allen (Public Relations), Becky Resendez (Committee Chairperson), Linda Terrazas (Committee Chairperson), and Amanda Frerich (Committee Chairperson) like all of us, these nine individuals are busy parents, spouses, employees, parishioners, etc. but they have taken it upon themselves to take on just a bit more responsibility and make the school, thus

the community, a better place. I am certain that, in a year or two, we will be able to look back on the projects the PTO undertook and be able to brag about how much better off our students are because of their efforts. Let me be preemptive by saying our new and dynamic PTO: on behalf of the staff and students of Brackett ISD, I would like to say thanks to all of you for giving your time and your talents in order to make a great place even better. Go get 'em Tigers!

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rooms or 1 sm. canned pieces, 1/2 - 2/3 c. grated cheese, salt and white pepper to taste.
Place pie crust in pie plate. Beat cream into eggs. Mix ham, mushrooms and cheese and spread into pie shell. Pour in eggs. Add seasonings. Bake at 425 degrees about 30 min. Serves 4-6 persons.

OBITUARY

Juan A. (Bear) Sandoval

Juan Antonio (Bear) Sandoval of Brackettville went to be with the Lord Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the age of 48. He passed away at Val Verde Regional Medical Center, Del Rio, Texas. He was born March 28, 1956, to Candelario Sandoval and Florence Phillips Sandoval. He was preceded in death by his father; paternal grandparents, Guadalupe Sandoval and Paula Rios Sandoval; maternal grandparents, Jose Fuentes and Gertrudis H. Fuentes. He is survived by his mother, Florence P. Sandoval; brothers, Ernest and Rueben Sandoval; sisters, Norma Gomez, Melinda

Estrada, and Delma Sandoval. He is also survived by his 8 loving nieces and nephews. Visitation was Saturday, October 2 from 1 to 9 a.m. at Don's Funeral Chapels in Brackettville. A Holy Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, October 4, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father Cornelius J. Scanlan, O.M.I., officiating. The burial was followed immediately at the Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels.

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- Ag producers must PREPAY the water district for using their own irrigation water. If it rains and they don't need irrigation, there is no refund on unused water. This method does not encourage conservation.
- Meters are required on all non-exempt pumping wells and must be done at the landowner's expense. In contrast, in the Edwards Aquifer, the Uvalde water district paid for meters when regulation began. Average meter cost is \$750-\$1,500. These meters will be read by the district so that they will know how much water is being pumped.
- CRP Land refers to land in the government Conservation Resource Program, and the landowner is not allowed to pump any irrigation water on this land. Under our district rules, the landowner must still pay \$.25/acre foot for permitted water that will never be used. If the landowner does not pay this fee, he will lose his water rights.

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By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Tigers faced a tough challenge in their district opener Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The Tigers squared off against the Blanco Panthers and after a slow start the Tigers were able to shut down the Panthers and pull out a 29-16 win.

The Panthers took the kickoff to start the game and put their offense to work. Starting at their own 35 yard line, the Panthers carried the ball 65 yards on 10 plays to go ahead 6-0. Blanco was not done just taking the extra point; on a trick play they completed a three yard pass to lead the Tigers 8-0. Brackett took just 1:28 to retaliate for the score. Beginning with a Noe Talamantes run that did not produce any yardage, quarterback Kody Yeager stretched the defense by completing a 40 yard pass to Robert Davis. This play opened up the running game and

fullback Mark Kesteloot carried the ball over the final 18 yards for the Brackett touchdown. The Tigers went to even the score but the effort fell short. A Blanco penalty gave the Tigers another opportunity at the two point conversion and the Tigers were able to convert to tie the score. After a Panther punt, the Tigers went back to work from their own 49 yard line. Kesteloot again took the ball and exploded through the Panther defense for a 51 yard touchdown.

The second quarter turned into a defensive battle with both teams trading punts. On Blanco's second possession, the Panthers faced a fourth down deep in their own territory. The Panthers faked the punt, but Brackett's defense swarmed quarterback Pepe Mancha to give the Tigers the ball at Blanco's 39 yard line. The Tigers marched the 39 yards in eight plays with Kesteloot plunging in from one yard out to give the Tigers a 22-8 lead at

the half.

In the third quarter, Brackett was forced to punt on their opening drive. Blanco took the ball on their own 40 and effectively moved the ball down the field. After a 19 yard completion, Mancha found the end zone from one yard out. After another trick play, Blanco trailed the Tigers 22-16. The remainder of the third quarter belonged to defenses with neither team able to move the ball very effectively. Brackett took the ball deep in Blanco territory after a 29 yard punt. Starting the fourth quarter the Tigers only needed four plays and 1:48 to find the end zone for the fourth time. Kesteloot again did the honors going in from four yards out to put the Tigers ahead 29-16. Late in the fourth quarter Blanco drove to the Brackett five yard line, but two huge defensive plays ended Panther hopes. The first play was the Tiger defense sacking Panther quarterback Mancha

for a 10 yard loss. On the very next play, the Tigers intercepted Mancha and put away the Panthers for good.

The Tiger offense was led by Kesteloot with 23 carries for 169 yards and scored all 29 of the Tigers' points. Yeager completed one pass for 40 yards and

carried the ball one time for 10 yards. Talamantes carried 11 times for 65 yards, while Charlie Slaughter carried three times for 14 yards, and Cody Edwards carried one time for two yards. Robert Davis had the only Tiger catch for 40 yards. The Tigers managed only 299 yards of

offense against the stingy Blanco defense, while the Tiger defense held Blanco to 236 yards on the night. The Tigers get to take a week off this Friday, but they will return to action Oct. 15 against D'Hanis. That game will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Tigerettes win Dilley cross country meet, varsity boys finish third!

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

The Brackett Junior High and High School Cross Country teams competed in the Dilley Cross Country meet on Saturday.

The Tigerettes won the varsity girls meet and the varsity boys finished in third place. The JV girls also competed with a strong showing from both competitors and the Junior High girls also finished strong.

The meet winning Tigerettes were led by a first place finish from Juliann Ashabranner with a time of 13:50 and a third place

finish from Gaby Schroeder, who finished in 14:33. Ivory Perez finished in eighth place, running a 15:30, while Elva Garcia finished in ninth place with a time of 15:39. Jessie Crane rounded out the top ten, completing the course in 16:56 and Timmecka Simmons finished in 12th place with a time of 17:10.

The Tigers finished the meet in third place overall and were paced by Justin Calk's fifth place finish. Travis Nowlin ran a 24:16 with Clint Conrad hot on his heels, Conrad ran a 24:50. Stanford Conoly ran the course in 26:47 and Cody Robinette

rounded out the Tigers team finishing with a time of 27:29.

The JV girls team only had two runners, but both finished strong and made a good showing in the meet. Heather Baggett finished in seventh place with a time of 16:09 and Lauren Cornelius finished 14th with a time of 21:02.

The eighth grade squad was paced by Harmony Pettett's second place finish that took just 14:05. Samantha Moore finished in 15th, running a time of 16:02, and Bianca Terrazas ran a time of 17:18. The lone seventh grade runner was Nena Molinar who ran a 17:26.

Eagle Pass tops junior high volleyball

By Darin Koenig
Sports Writer

Eagle Pass Junior High topped the Brackett Cubettes in volleyball this past week. The Cubettes could not overcome the powerful Eagle Pass squad's in the late season match-up.

Both the seventh and eighth grade squads saw action in the matches. In the seventh grade match Eagle Pass outscored Brackett 25-18, 25-16. The Cubettes were led by top servers Ivy Garcia, Amanda Delbosque, Katie Yeager, and Brook Gose.

The top passers for the seventh grade squad were Elena Molinar and Amanda Delbosque. Other top passers for the squad were Ivy Garcia, Katie Yeager, and Cheyenne Billings. After the match Cheyenne Billings was named seventh grade Cubette of the week.

In the eighth grade match the Cubettes dropped a close

first game 25-21. In the second game, Eagle Pass overpowered the Cubettes 25-17, to win the match.

The Cubettes were led by top servers Harmony Pettett, Jessica Garza, and Becca Mann. Each served 100 percent during

the match. The top passers for Brackett were Bianca Terrazas and Bianca Martinez. Terrazas also led the Cubettes as the best hitter for the match. After the match Bianca Martinez was named eighth grade Cubette of the week.

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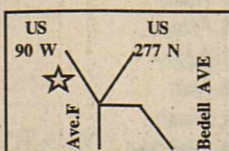
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by Charles Cooper
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are so sharp this week. Your normally quick mind is in overdrive. Thus, you are a positive dynamo at work and get much out of the way.
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's best to avoid a certain person this week who tends to be the interfering type. While you like this person, you are aware of certain flaws. Later in the week, leisure activities are on your agenda.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll get more done earlier in the week than later. It seems your powers of concentration just won't take you all the way through. However, it won't ultimately affect what you accomplish.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Money could be an issue this week. However, if you implement some cost-cutting measures, you'll be fine. Over the weekend, avoid being flippant with a loved one.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a week of unexpected glitches this week. Perhaps your computer is on the fritz, or travel plans get changed. In any event, try to be as patient as possible as this soon passes.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Guard against that famous Leo temper this week! You can accomplish much more when you're reasonable and in control of yourself. This weekend, the accent is happily on romance.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Now that you've dispensed with some clutter in the house, you can tackle other domestic chores. If you've put off painting or window-washing, get to it! You'll ultimately be pleased with the results.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some look to begin a new exercise regimen. However, do be careful. You need to tackle this slowly so as not to hurt yourself.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your fondness for gadgets isn't something to indulge this week. Look around you. Many items you buy wind up collecting dust and aren't useful in the long run.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A surprising development at work is in your favor. Go with this. While you're unsure of how to proceed, don't spend too much time thinking and not acting.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You certainly can turn on the charm when you want to. This week, you'll be positively magnetic. Use this to your advantage at work
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You never stop being a father

"Look around you Rolando," Josie said. "Look at all the teenagers enjoying the fiesta with their friends. Do you wonder what their lives will be like someday?"

Rolando looked into the crowd. Fun was everywhere. "Right now everybody's having fun. Tomorrow's another time," He said. "Sometimes I think I'd like to talk to the kids and get them to understand how important it is to listen to parents and to determine to live a moral life."

"Did you listen, Rolando?" Josie asked. Rolando looked sheepishly at the ground. For a few seconds in his mind he was transported back in time to his teen years. He smiled. "No," he said, his eyes still lowered. "I'm ashamed to say I didn't listen. And I made some big mistakes. Now I'm asking my two kids to listen to me."

"Do they?" Josie asked. Rolando looked deep into Josie's eyes for a long searching moment. "I didn't used to think she was pretty," he thought to himself. Josie's voice brought him back to his kids.

"Do they listen Rolando?" she asked again. "I don't know," he replied. "Sometimes I think they do and then sometimes I wonder. Their mom and I stay



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in contact. That helps. We make every effort to cooperate in establishing rules and values for them. As much as possible, I try to show interest in what they do, especially in school. It's hard being a distance dad but I know how important it is to the kids." Josie gave Rolando a serious but encouraging look. "I admire you for that Rolando. And it's also important to your ex-wife. She needs your emotional support." Josie paused and looked at the ground. Her eyes were dry but in her voice were tears. "I never had that and I resented Roger for not being there when Steve needed a dad."

She continued on a thoughtful tone. "There's nothing, absolutely nothing in a kid's life that can make up for a dad who abandons his children. Long ago a wise man said the blessing of a father gives his children strength and a firm foundation (Sirach 3:9). You never stop being a dad."
(To be continued)

Listen closely and respond

I love to read the "want ads" in any newspaper in the world. Most of the time I like to look briefly at the car ads and the real estate ads. But my real joy is perusing the job market ads. I look at each one and think to myself, could I do that job? Do I qualify? What would it be like to spend my time doing that work?

My favorite ads are for exotic jobs that I can only imagine the details. "Wanted: Sales executive to represent prestigious firm with over \$5M in annual sales. Knowledge of oil production facilities desirable. Degree in Petroleum Engineering helpful. Must be willing to travel globally." Sounds exciting to me - but my knowledge of petroleum come down to the fact I still mentally debate whether Castro GTX or Mobile One is best every oil change. Clearly, my talents lie elsewhere.

In Methodist churches, this is the time of year where we start looking for new people to fill in on committees and start taking on new or different responsibilities in the church. We start scouting early in the year and prepare a slow sales pitch until we've matched the right candidate to each job. The first task we generally give new committee members is to "start looking for your replacement for next year." By the time you find you're replacement, you're often ready for either assistance on the committee or you're ready for a new role.

I'd really like to put out some want ads for the sorts of volunteers we need. But how do you sell someone on a job that requires dedication, talent, perseverance, and pays nothing (that is, in earthly terms)? It can be a little bit like trying to herd sheep - move too fast and you'll spook them, fail to call them and they'll just wander off. Fortunately, we pastors have a "secret weapon" that calls people to do the right thing. The Holy Spirit calls all of us to action - sometimes we pastors just need to remind people to "listen closely" and urge them to respond (Matt 22:1 - 14).

I know that most of our pastors in Brackettville struggle with a need for committed volunteers who will specifically volunteer to meet a special need. Those who say "just call me anytime" are numerous - and welcome! - but what is truly needed are those precious Christians who see a need and say "Pastor, I think I can help with this. I've prayed about it and I think God would be pleased if I donated my time and energy to meeting this need." It's even better when they simply take care of business and the pastor doesn't even know it's been done. (Matt 6:3-4)

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Getting ready

I wasn't there when she got the call but I was thrilled when she told me about it. She said, "They will be arriving Friday afternoon and they will be with us a few days."

She was talking about our grandchildren. We sat down and started making out a list of foods and little snacks they like and to see if we had plenty on hand.

We also discussed things they like to do and when we could do them.

As I looked at all the plans we were making and the fun times we were looking forward to, I thought about Heaven.

Many people have the wrong idea about it. They think you will float around on a cloud and play a harp all day, not so.

The Bible says it will be beautiful and God dwells there (Psalms 33:13,14, Isaiah 66:1).



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

It goes on to say we have not seen anything as beautiful as Heaven and God has many joys, pleasures and wonderful things for us (Matthew 5:12, Corinthians 2:9, Psalms 16:11).

There will be great mansions (where we will live, John 14:2,3 & 4). It goes on to say that everyone will not be there, only those who have asked God to forgive their sins and trusted Christ for salvation (Revelation 21:27).

Don't miss out! See you in Church Next Sunday.

Wednesday Church Activity Night at

Our Redeemer Lutheran & St. Andrews Episcopal Churches Corner of Fort and Henderson
On Wednesday evenings beginning October 20, 2004
5:30 PM: Soup and sandwich (free will offering).
6:00 PM: Inspirational Movie
7:00 PM: Study of "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. All are welcome.
Open to the community!

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday

Come to the Frontier

A Bible Based New Testament Church
9:45 am Bible Study/Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Sunday Night at the Movies.
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Service
Nursery Provided
Pastor: Ned Sitzes

Frontier Baptist Church (SBC) Corner of Ann & El Paso

Welcome!

Church of Christ

808 N. Ann 563-2616
Sunday AM, 9:30 Classes & 10:30 Worship
Wednesday PM 6:30 Classes
Minister: Ray Melton

First United Methodist Church

109 James Street - Next to the Clinic
Sunday School 9:30 - Worship 10:45
Staffed Nursery Every Sunday

Completely Wheelchair Accessible.
Hearing Assistance Devices Available
open hearts, open minds, open doors.

First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman Phone: 563-2245
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Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study
Pastor Darin Koenig

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Sunday School 10:10 a.m.
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UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

OCT. 2004 · OUTPATIENT CLINIC CALENDAR

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