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Brackett Tigers Lose Heartbreaker to Pirates

By Ken Wallace
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigers lost a hard fought game last Friday night to the Poth Pirates 27-25. Both teams came into the contest undefeated on the season and tied for the lead in district with 2-0 records.

The Tigers began the game by kicking off to the Pirates. Pirate runningback Carl Weed fielded the ball and returned it across the fifty yard line into Tiger territory. Poth took advantage of

the field position and scored three plays later on a quarterback sneak from 32 yards out. The kick was wide left and the score was 6-0 in favor of the Pirates.

The Tigers first possession went nowhere and they were forced to punt. Poth again took advantage of good field position and scored their second touchdown when Jason Weed went in from 10 yards out. The try for 2-points was good and the Pirate lead was now 14-0.

With their backs against the

wall, the Tigers mounted a drive but found themselves facing a fourth down. Tailback Lee Davis took the ball around the right end and scampered 37 yards for the touchdown. Manuel Madrid kicked the point after and the Pirate lead was now cut in half, 14-7.

The Pirates stormed back and scored again when Josh Ricters caught a pass in the end zone from 9 yards out. The Jason Weed kick was good and the Pirates lead 21-7.

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Annual Hunters Roundup

By Aundrah Hill
Staff Writer

This year's annual Hunters Roundup will be held next Saturday at Fort Clark Springs.

Those possessing a valid hunting license will be admitted for free.

While attending the event you can eat a wild game dinner, listen to live music by Jacquelyn Conley, and win door prizes. Music will also be offered by a disc jockey. Tickets are \$5 per person.

The Agriculture and Wildlife Board for the Kinney County Texas Cooperative Extensions office reestablished the hunters roundup dinner and according to Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent they have had great success with it.

Sponsors for this year's event include area sponsors, local organizations, local businesses

and outfitters.

"This will be our third year and we are expecting more because the north and south zone open up on the same weekend," says Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent.

There will be several different kinds of booths; Arts and Crafts, Water Advisory Board, Outfitters and local vendors.

The raffles that will be held are for a Spring Turkey hunt, Mouflon Ram hunt, predator hunt, Eland hunt, as well as one year membership to Fort Clark Springs.

The Eland hunt will be held in February 2002.

Kinney County Wildlife Damage Association will be giving away four rifles at the end of the hunting season. The purpose of this contest is for predator management control, everyone who brings in a predator will receive one ticket for the drawings.

There are 4 contest categories.

The first category is bobcats and mountain lions.

The second category is coyotes and red foxes.

The third category is feral hogs.

The fourth category is an open class with the purchase of a \$5 ticket.

Each animal needs to be brought whole to the Kinney County Wool and Mohair.

The roundup will be at the Commissary Building from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. To get there take a left at the first stop sign after entering Fort Clark Springs.

The commissary is located on the left hand side of the road just across from the stables, at the next stop sign.

For more information call The Kinney County Extension Office at 830-563-2442.

Murder By Membership Only

The Old Quarry Society For the Performing Arts will open the 2001-2002 season with a delightful mystery comedy in two acts by Thomas Hischak.

"Murder by Membership Only" tells the story of two English mystery writers who are found murdered at the fabulous Orzy Club.

The rest of the authors decide they can solve the crimes without the help of the police and the mystery unravels from there. The cast includes some newcomers to our stage, as well as some familiar faces.

Hester Tandy, an intelligent, frank, likable English mystery writer is played by Ida Holley.

Charlene Simmons plays

Lydia Beaton, private secretary to Mrs. Sturges.

The only male cast member is Ken Sellers, who plays Mr. Plimpton, a quiet, aloof member of the Orzy Club.

Madame Lecoq, the proprietor of the club, from France is played by Jewel Robinson.

Ruth Spencer plays Clarice Furgusson, another member, also a writer who is harsh and impatient.

Rosie Mattingly is cast in the role of Mrs. Balsler, the cook.

A newcomer to our stage, Aundrah Hill plays the part of Eve Hawkins, an American writer.

Octavia Sturges, a famous mystery writer and a celebrity

is played by Nancy Stone.

Finally, Mike Cobbs, a journalist is played by Shanae Simmons.

Under the direction of Lynn McNew, the play is presented with the permission of I. E. Clark, Inc, Schulenburg, TX.

"Murder by Membership Only" will be seen at Post Theater on Saturday, Nov. 10th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11th, at 2:30 p.m.

Season tickets are now on sale for the Old Quarry 2001-2002 season.

For season tickets or individual tickets for "Murder by Membership Only," please contact any member of the Old Quarry Society.

Host Family for a foreign exchange student

Brackettville Rotary Club
By Frances McMaster

On the twenty fifth of October, the Brackettville Rotary Club gathered for their noon meeting and heard exchange student, Matthias Katzfuss from Germany, report on his experiences since coming to Brackettville. Special guests were Susan and Lloyd Davis who have been host family to Matthias.

Many people would not want the responsibility of having an exchange student live with them—particularly a teenager. They would imagine all kinds of trouble that might arise. By saying no, they would have missed a unique and rewarding chance to enrich their life, according to the Davis'.

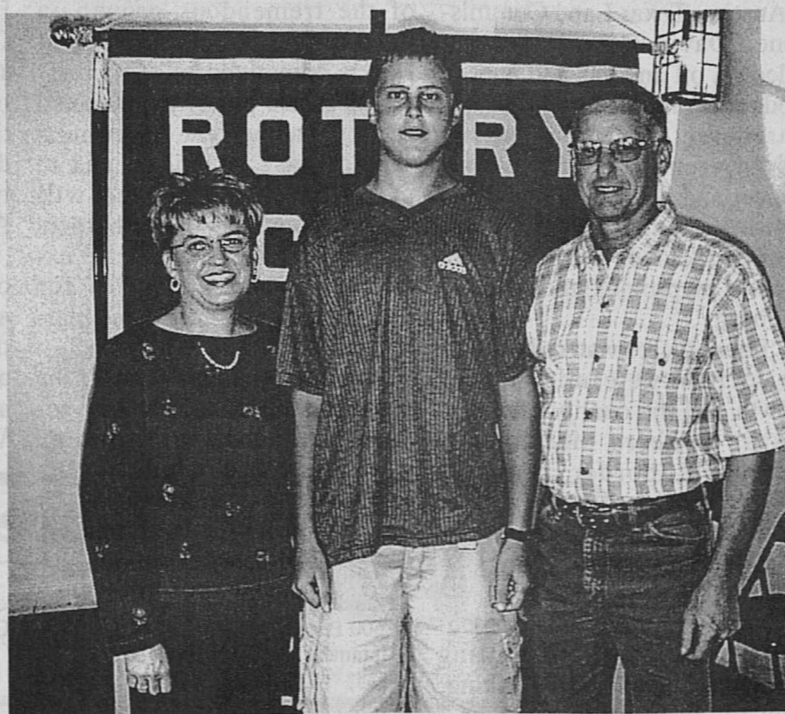
Matthias is bright, friendly, well behaved and self-disciplined. He has fit into his surrogate family and into the Brackettville scene with ease. Although he is rather quiet when surrounded with adult inquisi-

tors, such as the Rotarians, according to the Davis', he is very talkative with friends, and he has many of them.

Susan Davis said they had worried about him living out in the country. Although, he had lived in a small village, the school was large, and he was used to having friends around going places frequently and easily. She said he had adapted well, however, and would hitch a ride with any one going in the right direction. With so many activities going on, this was important.

Matthias plays in the band and likes to play tennis. He is tall, and everyone keeps asking if he plays basketball. He hasn't, but since everyone keeps suggesting that, he is considering it. He likes football, but doesn't appreciate baseball.

One thing he has had to adjust to is the distance one must travel to get anywhere. When they were discussing an out of town football game, he said, "In



Pictured from left Susan Davis, Matthias Katzfuss and Lloyd Lee Davis.

Germany, if we traveled that far we'd be in Austria!" However, he hasn't complained about having to go so far to reach the

U.S. Border Patrol gives Recognition to US Army



Pictured from left: 2nd Lieutenant Eric Hauquitz presenting a plaque to Chief Patrol Agent Del Rio Sector, Michael DeBruhl.

By Aundrah Hill
Staff Writer

Local Border Patrol agents showed their gratitude to engineers of the 46th Engineer (Combat Heavy) Battalion last Thursday morning. The ceremony was in recognition of the unit's help and support constructing a new building at the Brackettville station.

The platoon began construction September 19. The 60' x 67' building consists of 15 interior rooms which will provide the Border Patrol Agents with a conference room, offices, mechanical room and locker rooms. The 2nd Platoon, B company consisted of 35 active duty Army engineers. The unit is based in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

They volunteered to perform the Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) counterdrug support mission. "Under the JTF-6 program, the supported law enforcement agencies fund only the required material costs, while the military provides the manpower and

equipment to accomplish the mission," says Armando Carrasco, Public Affairs Officer.

The Border Patrol, Del Rio Sector, maintenance personnel provided assistance and training on construction to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.

The units objective was to complete construction by November 7, although they finished two weeks ahead of schedule.

Brackettville Patrol Agent in charge, David Alexander and Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Del Rio Sector, Michael DeBruhl presented awards to each individual soldier.

2nd Lieutenant Eric Hauquitz also presented to David Alexander a plaque. The plaque pictured the entire platoon and said this building constructed by 2nd PLT B/46 ENCH is proudly presented to USBP Brackettville Station. Hauquitz and Alexander exchanged hand shakes as Alexander was handed the plaque and the keys to the building.

Kinney County Provides Law Enforce to Fort Clark Springs

According to local officials the interlocal agreement for law enforcement between Fort Clark Springs and Kinney County is proving to be effective.

"For the most part the residences are feeling much safer and are very thankful that the sheriffs department is paroling the fort," said Maggie Curr FCS General Manager.

According to Sheriff Buddy Burgess things are moving along smoothly.

"So far I have had no complaints although there have been a few ticketed and a few arrested," Burgess added.

"We are getting much more than we are paying for in my opinion. Kinney County Sheriffs department is doing an A1

job," said Curr.

"I can tell that traffic is slower on the fort," Curr added.

The agreement approved by both entities in September began October 1st. In an effort to reduce cost FCS reduced its security to the gate and pool only. Enforcement of traffic laws and patrolling was contracted to the sheriff's department.

According to Curr "Because of the cut back on security guards I feel highly confident that it will save us money, because this has only been in affect for a month it is hard to say just exactly how much."

When asked about the transition Curr said she felt they were far beyond where she thought they would be.

Briefs ...

Air Force Boat Ramp Reopens

Amistad National Recreation Area announces the boat ramp at Air Force's Southwinds Marina has reopened. This public boat ramp is located just east of Amistad Dam. The current lake level is 1063 feet above sea level, about 53 below normal. Lake levels have remained steady in the last few months. After careful inspection of ramp conditions, the decision was made to reopen the facility. However, due to the shallow conditions at the ramp, boaters should not attempt to launch boats longer than 21 feet.

Amistad National Recreation Area headquarters is located on US Highway 90W and is open Monday through Friday 8am-5pm, except holidays. For more information, visitors may call 830-775-7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

Little League News

There will be a Kinney County Little League meeting to elect board members and new officers on Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to come. Please support your little league.

Groundwater District

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will be holding a meeting Nov. 5, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., in the Kinney Courthouse. All citizens are welcomed.

4-H Food Show

This Saturday, November 3, 2001, the Kinney County 4-H Club will hold their annual Food Show at the Brackettville Church of Christ. The awards presentation and tasting of entries will be at 11:30 a.m. So come join us as we discover "What's cooking in the Chuck Wagon!"

Calvary Brigade

Forever onward moves FCS's Community Council's Calvary Brigade to keep the beauty of Fort Clark's grounds and historical buildings clean and attractive. Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 am is the scheduled time to put this project in motion. Dedicated volunteers with all levels of physical capabilities, regardless of weather, will meet on the steps of Shafter Hall. As a reward, the volunteer not only enjoys a delicious free lunch with entertainment by the courtesy of "FCS's Express" but has the opportunity to experience genuine fellowship and loads of fun. Yall come-ya heah.

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Pie used to be square

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Granddad Hall was a physicist. Sort of. He lived his whole life by formulas. He would drive a tractor in third gear, three-quarters throttle. He set the plow six inches deep, no matter what the soil conditions were. North of the county road was the place for planting wheat. The southern portion was reserved for milo. Always. There were not many variables in his life. He didn't allow it.

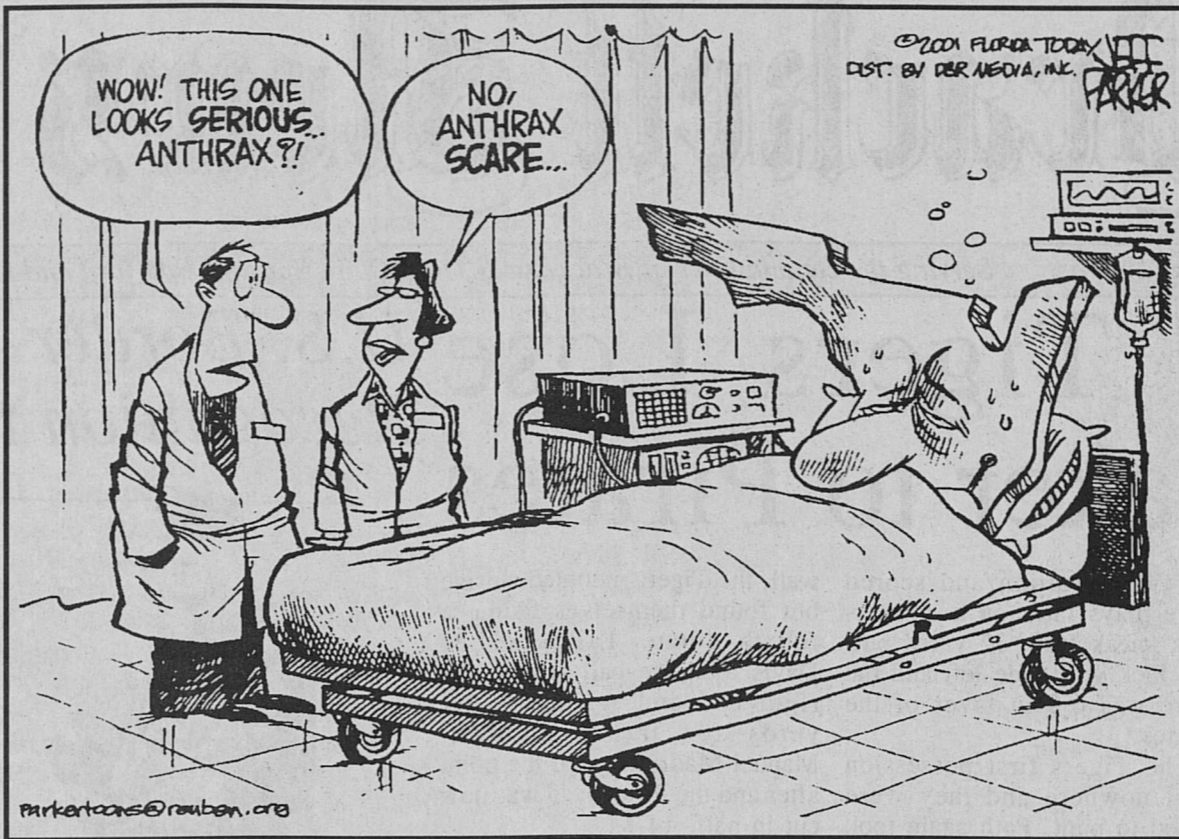
Kids played outside, ate after the adults were finished, and were not heard. The day my grandfather died was the end of an era. The whole world changed.

He worked five full days a week, Monday through Friday. He worked until noon on Saturday and in the afternoon he went

to town for groceries and went shopping for any other necessities. He took Sunday off.

He had my grandmother or one of his sons cut his hair on the first Saturday evening of each month. When he said he was going to do something at a specified time, he did. He once left my grandmother in Colorado, while he came to Texas to see us, because she wasn't ready to go at his prearranged time of one o'clock. At one-o-one, he headed south; minus grandma. I would not have had the nerve to come back. Ever. My picture would have been plastered on milk cartons nation-wide, but I would have never returned to face her. But he thought she deserved it, she broke his formula rule.

He was indeed a unique man. I won't write about him any more. But I could be wrong.



Homeland Security Fighting Bio-Terrorism

By **Ciro D. Rodriguez**
U.S. Congressman

(Washington, DC) We knew that the terrible events of September 11 were only the beginning of a new wave of terrorism in the United States, one that commandeers the basic tools of peaceful commerce and transforms them into weapons of mass destruction. First, our airplanes became human-filled missiles of destruction. Now, our mail has become a delivery system for bio-toxins — deadly diseases designed to kill innocents randomly. For the price of a first class stamp, the postal system became a weapon.

We do not know at this point who is behind this new wave of bioterrorism. It could be the second act of Osama bin Ladin and al Qaida's deadly overture of terror. Or it could be a domestic discontent, seeking to destroy while hiding behind the skirts of foreign terrorists. In either case, we must respond.

At home and abroad, America remains under attack. A trail of anthrax related infections and deaths leading to Capitol Hill, the media, and post offices has highlighted the need to focus resources on emergency preparedness and response.

Homeland defense begins at home. We must remember that fighting terrorism here requires an ongoing partnership between federal, state, and local governments and health care providers. The front-line foot soldiers of this new war on bioterrorism are the men and women of our cities and towns across America. With federal assistance, training, and resources, ultimately it will be the local emergency responders who must be ready to identify threats, treat victims, and prevent the spread of biohazards. Law enforcement at all levels must work together with public health officials to prevent and minimize future terrorist attacks.

This week the Democratic Caucus Homeland Security Task Force on which I sit presented a \$7 billion package to wage this battle against bioterrorism by improving our public health resources, dramatically expanding our first responder capabilities, protecting our international borders and ports, securing our water and food supplies, and greatly improving coordination and communication among intelligence, law enforcement, local agencies and health providers.

Named the Bioterrorism Protection Act (BioPact), this legislation would equip local communities with the tools they need to wage a defensive war against bioterrorism.

The Bioterrorism Protection Act would empower those who serve on the front-lines against bioterrorism in the American homeland by seeking to assess new threats pro-actively, eliminate threats at their source, and provide the resources and training needed to prepare for the future. Time and again, we have been told that this will be a protracted, complex and unconventional war. From jumbo jets to microscopic spores, terrorist attacks can take many forms. And like a dangerous virus, terrorists will continue to adapt. As long as the fire of terrorism burns, we must be ready.

For our health care professionals — the doctors, nurses, and other emergency response personnel — this means critical training resources to prevent disease outbreaks through early detection. For some time, we have faced critical health care provider shortages, especially in emergency care, a dire situation we must now reverse. The availability of rapid treatment is a pivotal component of our public health system. The Bioterrorism Protection Act would increase vaccine production and stockpiling, provide funding for the most advanced

technology to treat victims of bioterrorism, enhance community planning and improve communication. By protecting our nation against bioterrorism, we also strengthen our general public health system and improve our nation's well-being.

For law enforcement officials, BioPact would offer tools to streamline, integrate, and strengthen intelligence sharing among law enforcement agencies. Our intelligence capabilities must be actively engaged to identify attackers and prevent attacks before they occur. The U.S. military would become a partner in homeland defense through expanded research and development, improved crisis response teams, and additional training resources. For postal employees, BioPact would provide the latest scanning technologies and mail tracking abilities. The recent delay in responding to health care and security concerns for postal employees is simply unacceptable. The men and women who deliver America's mail should have access to the very best in preventative and protective technologies.

We must not act with fear, but we must act decisively. The Bioterrorism Protection Act is a needed and long overdue first step to dramatically improve our public health and national security.

Since October 1, the FBI has responded to more than 2,500 incidents or suspected incidents involving anthrax and other dangerous agents. Anthrax and other biological weapons of war pose a serious threat to public health and national security. If you have any information regarding suspected terrorist activity or hoaxes associated with bioterrorism, contact the FBI immediately at (866) 483-5137. For further information about anthrax and other public health threats, visit the web site of the Centers for Disease Control at

Dewhurst Promotes Forum, Wise Use of Energy

By **David Dewhurst**
Texas Land Commissioner

Austin - Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today called on oil and gas and energy producers and consumers, researchers, environmentalists and government representatives to meet and work together at the eighth annual Border Energy Forum, October 25 and 26 in Tucson, to promote the wise use of energy.

"Energy, like water, is one of the prime determinants of growth and the quality of life in Texas, Northern Mexico, and the whole border region," Dewhurst said. "We've got to produce more and conserve more if our states are going to continue to grow."

Dewhurst said a major benefit of the forum is getting people used to regional thinking. "We all breathe the same air," he said. "Your pollution is my quality of life problem, and vice versa. Problems affect regions, and the only win-win is a regional solution."

Dewhurst noted that the

theme of this year's forum, "Development and Energy" is particularly appropriate in view of the tremendous growth in northern Mexico. "President Fox is committed to increasing electrical power at an annual rate of nine percent," Dewhurst said. "That's ambitious, and to meet that goal, Mexico will have to look outside its borders for capital. This will create exciting new opportunities for Texas investors and power marketers."

Topics to be discussed at the forum include regulatory reform, renewable energy, energy

efficiency, natural gas, advanced technologies, and financing energy projects. The Forum, organized by the Texas General Land Office in partnership with a wide variety of public and private sector organizations on both sides of the border, alternates each year between northern Mexico and the American Southwest.

Dewhurst encouraged anyone interested in learning more about the Energy Forum to call the Texas General Land Office at (512) 463-5001. Information also is available at the agency's Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us.

Getting Our Economy Back

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

The ramifications of the September 11th terrorist attack are too many to count. Thousands of lives were taken and millions of others have been deeply affected. As if things aren't tough enough, our economy has also been badly bruised.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are hurting economically through no fault of their own. Our nation needs an economic boost now more than ever.

We all understand that there is nothing anyone can do or say to bring back the lives lost. But what we can do is work to rebuild and get back on track. And that's exactly what your Congress intends to do.

Last week, I voted on a package of legislation that will help all taxpaying Americans. The Economic Security and Recovery Act is going to offer immediate help for our nation's economy. The package will provide a \$100 billion economic stimulus and is projected to create 167,000 new jobs. The best news is that we're going to expedite this legislation. Once it's passed by the Senate and approved by President Bush, it will become immediately effective.

A key component of the plan includes accelerating the income tax relief that became law earlier this year. We're also going to see that people who received partial tax rebates under this spring's tax relief bill will have their rebates increased to the full \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples. And those people who filed a tax return in 2000, but were not eligible in the previous round, will now get their payment of either \$300 or \$600. This means real savings for people across the board.

The Economic Stimulus package will also help the states with unemployment benefits. Many Americans have lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th tragedy. We need to ensure that states have the ability to cover anyone who needs health and unemployment benefits. We're also going to allow deductions for capital losses for individuals. The current \$3,000 deduction will be increased for two years. It will be raised to \$4,000 in the first year and then \$5,000 in the second. This will allow people who have suffered losses in the current economic environment to minimize the impact of their losses.

We all know that small businesses helped build America. The stimulus legislation is going to help take care of small business owners in the wake of these devastating events. Congress wants to allow additional expenses for small businesses. They will be able to write off even more of their capital investments - \$35,000 annually for two years. That money can be directly invested in paying salaries and keeping their business afloat through tough economic times.

The economic package we have proposed is a major step toward regaining a healthy economy. Each of the components will help us stimulate different areas of the economy and promote growth and jobs.

Above and beyond what we're doing in Congress, I encourage each of you to get back to the shopping malls, head back to the grocery stores and visit your favorite sporting events. The holidays are just around the corner. Purchase some of your holiday gifts a few weeks early. Each of you have the power and ability to help stimulate our nation's economy. All hands need to be on deck - we all have the ability to help.

Our economy has weathered turbulence in the past during times of war and peace. But a sound, reasoned economic growth package - coupled with the trust and assistance of the American people - will put us back on track toward prosperity. God bless each of you, and God bless America!

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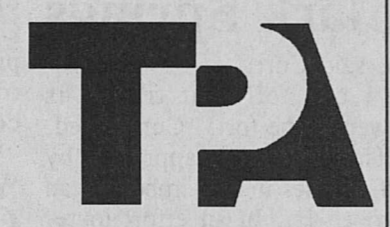
Big Mama Sez!

If I had known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself!

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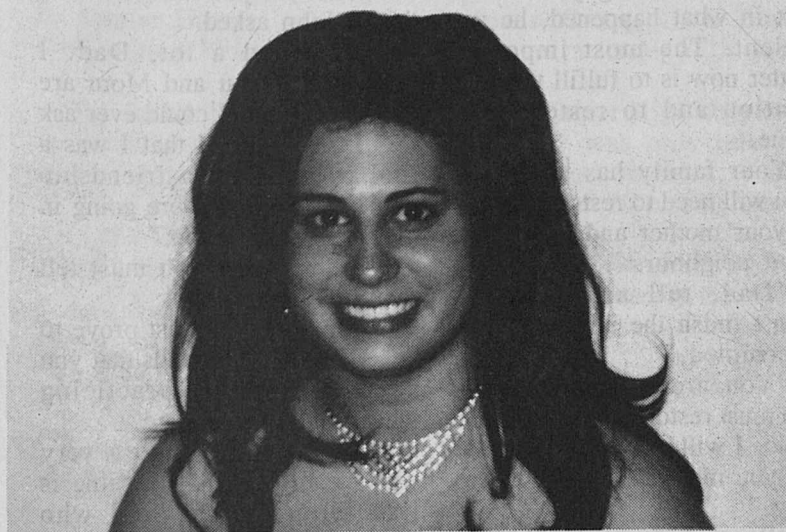
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Petrosky appears in Rotary continues search for host family

"Measure for Measure"



Seguin - Intrigue, lust and deception - all the makings of a classic comedy come together in Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure," a story of politics, romance and temptation.

The Texas Lutheran University Department of Theatre will present this comedy Nov. 1-4 in the university's Jackson Auditorium. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 1 - Saturday, November 3, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 4.

Local resident Amanda Petrosky, a junior theatre major/communications minor, is a member of the cast. Petrosky, the daughter of Mary and Carroll Petrosky of Brackettville, plays the role of one of the

ladies of the night. Petrosky has found rehearsals for "Measure for Measure" to be fun. "It has been fun preparing for this part, because even though we don't speak, we get to be on stage a lot. It's a very upbeat, exciting part," she says. "I really like TLU, and I love the theatre department. It's like a whole other family. It makes it an enjoyable learning experience both socially and intellectually."

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have seen in Germany. The spring semester is coming up soon, and although the Davis family would love to have him stay, increased activities at school will make it difficult for him to remain on the ranch. If a host family can be found, it would be more convenient for him to live in town, and it would also give him a different kind of experience than he has enjoyed at the ranch. His coming has heightened Susan Davis' mothering instinct, she says. "It's been wonderful to have another boy in the family and especially to have another son." However, the young people tell her she is too inclined to overdo the mothering role.

She said that she has been im-

pressed with Mathias's maturity. Coming all the way over to America and being thrust into strange surroundings doesn't seem to have bothered him at all.

Taylor Stephenson reported that the Brackettville students have really welcomed Mathias, and he has set an excellent example for them since he is a self-disciplined, hard working student who reads avidly and is well behaved. His teachers see him as gifted. He made the highest grade in the class on a recent test on American government—something he knew little about before coming here.

Like a bunch of foster parents, the Rotarians are proud to be the sponsors of Mathias. The Rotary Club thanked the Davis

family for hosting our exchange student, and Lloyd Davis responded by saying their family had been blessed by having Mathias.

If you would like to host Mathias during the spring semester, please call Rotary president Bill Haenn, any Rotarian, or the Davis family.

Game Warden cadet classes

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

as an extensive background investigation.

Austin — Texas Parks and Wildlife is taking applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled to start about March 1, 2002. Application deadline is November 16th.

The 48th Game Warden Academy cadet class will consist of 35 cadets who will train for six and one-half months. More than 300 people applied for 28 positions in the previous cadet class.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old on or before March 1, 2002, and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in natural resource conservation, environmental science, fish science, wildlife science, parks and recreation, criminal justice or other closely related field.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed in the TPW special job posting and successfully complete an application and a written exercise. Also require are a final interview and physical agility test to be conducted in Austin, as well

"Moving expeditiously to get these men and women selected, trained and in the field will only ensure that our critical conservation law enforcement needs in Texas are met," TPW Executive Director Andrew Sansom said.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Penal Code and relevant provisions of other Texas laws. Game wardens provide public safety and emergency responses for rescues and recoveries. They are local sources of information on natural resources and conservation.

Applications may be obtained from TPW regional law enforcement offices or by contacting TPW Human Resources, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, (800) 792-1112. The special job posting for game warden cadet can be viewed and applications can be downloaded from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) under enforcement.

Curilla speaks about Shahan

By Glen White
Contributing Writer

Richard Curilla of Alamo Village spoke Saturday to the Fort Clark Historical Society. Richard, an experienced movie maker, is an authority on Alamo History. His topic was "How Happy Shahan brought Hollywood to Brackettville, and films shot at Fort Clark."

Back before there was an Alamo Village, Shahan went to Hollywood and single-handedly convinced a movie producer that Fort Clark and the surround-

ing country was a great location for filming. Several movies were shot here before Happy talked John Wayne into building the Alamo and the village movie set on his ranch.

Wayne had already decided on a site in Mexico, and the exchange went on for months before Wayne was sold on Brackettville. The film "Alamo" cost 12 million dollars to produce and brought some two million dollars into this county. What most thought to be a hare-brained scheme proved to be a stroke of genius.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Thursday, October 18
11:50 a.m. Basilio Silva Aguilera, 38, from Del Rio, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd and Driving While License Suspended by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley.

Monday, October 22
4:09 p.m., Justin Lane Coates, 24, from Brackettville, was arrested for DPS Warrants by Police Chief Arnulfo Alonzo. Coates was released the same day on a P.R. Bond.

8:05 p.m., A man reported a bad check was given to him in return for a pick-up. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

9:15 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a 18 wheeler that was reported blocking traffic.

Tuesday, October 23
3:41 p.m., A man reported some kids fighting around Edwards St. Chief Alonzo was advised.
6:35 p.m., Devin Marie Robles, 20, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Fritter for harassment. She was released the same day on a P.R. Bond.

Wednesday, October 24
11:37 a.m., A woman requested an officer at her residence. Deputy Fritter was advised.
9:00 p.m., Verne Ray Childress Jr., 20, from Brackettville, was arrested by Trooper Cano for warrants out of Floresville, Texas. Childress posted bond the next day.

Friday, October 26
5:00 p.m., A man found a purse and turned it in to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr responded.
5:00 p.m., A man reported a woman who has been harassing him. Constable Cordelia Mendeke was advised.

Saturday, October 27
9:50 a.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent, reported a cow on Hwy 90 west by the Pinto Creek. Deputy Pena responded.

12:56 a.m., A man reported the Lion's Club door unlocked. Chief Alonzo was notified.

1:09 p.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and the Del Rio Police Department were notified about a man who was on the way to the hospital.

1:46 p.m., Deputy Chism assisted a woman to her sister's house.

4:23 p.m., Mayra Lynn Gonzalez, 21, was arrested for DPS warrants by Trooper Ashley. Gonzalez was released the same day for paid warrants.

Sunday, October 28
8:40 a.m., Deputy Pena advised the Sheriff's Office that a RV was stranded east of Hwy 90 by Sycamore Creek. Rio Trailer and a wrecker were notified.

2:45 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a possible break-in.
3:40 p.m., Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a threat report.


7:43 p.m., An employee of a local store reported a fight in the parking lot. Deputy Chism responded to the situation.

7:56 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., Deputy Chism and Chief of Police Alonzo responded to a fight. EMS was also notified.

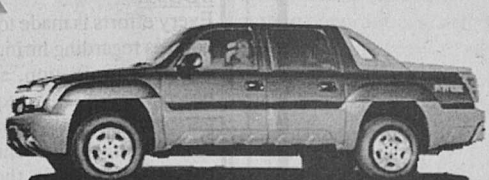
9:36 p.m., A 911 call was received. A man and a woman were reported arguing.
11:34 p.m., Deputy Chism and Trooper Ashley responded to a missing juvenile.


Monday, October 29
2:05 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to theft of a horse.

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Beta Sigma Phi meet in costume A Wise Man Learns from Life

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Patsy Callnan on Monday, October 15, 2001 at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was also the chapter's Halloween Party. Guests, in costume, were greeted at the door and had to perform a trick in order to get a trick of being able to come to the party. A small supper of Halloween yummys was served. There was a green swamp scum pudding, small tombstones, disguised as pimento cheese sandwiches, "devil" eggs, veggie tray,

chips, and Halloween decorated mini cupcakes and cookies. Ice tea and soda were the beverages.

President Arlys Simpson called the meeting to order following the Opening Ritual. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Patsy Callnan and approved.

Treasurer Shirley Hadsell gave her report. Jan Chism sent get well cards to Katie Brown and Clara McCord. Patsy Callnan visited the Beta Sigma Omicron Chapter and invited them to join the Beta Sigma Chapter for the Thanksgiving dinner at Zettie's Restaurant on Friday, November 16 at 6:30. Members of Theta Sigma

were given banquet information and urged to get reservations in to Callnan on Monday, November 5. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Patsy presented the program by lowering the lights and reading about The Ghost That Observed Halloween from the book *Spirits of San Antonio* and South Texas by Docia Schultz Williams and Reneta Byrne. Luella Gilliland was given a prize for the scariest costume, Pat McKelvy was chosen for classiest costume, Bobbie Waddill and Jan Chism had the most creative costumes and Marge Geeze won the door prize.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

It had been a long and complicated day. As the two men walked out of the judge's chambers, John put his arm around his son as a gesture of love.

Words seemed lost at this point. Seventeen-year-old David was depressed and glum, his immature mind trying to fathom the recent events in his life.

David finally broke the silence. "I was really lucky Dad, a month probation and community service. I can handle that."

"David," John responded sternly.

"In situations like this there

is no such thing as luck. The judge did what was required by law. Considering your small part in what happened, he was lenient. The most important matter now is to fulfill your obligation and to restore your name.

Your family has been hurt. You will need to restore the trust of your mother and that of our good neighbors."

"Dad, tell mom...." He didn't finish the sentence. John interrupted,

"You broke her trust, now you must restore it. It is not mine to do. I will stand by your side, but you must do what is necessary."

"But, what can I tell her?"

David stammered, almost in tears.

"What did you learn from all this?" John asked.

"I learned a lot, Dad. I learned that you and Mom are the best parents I could ever ask for. I also learned that I was a fool to maintain a friendship with guys I knew were going in the wrong direction."

"That is what you must tell your mother David."

But more, you must prove to her and to your friends that you have changed by practicing what you have learned.

Many centuries ago a very wise man said that learning is like fetters to the fool who laughs at it.

But, to the wise, learning is like a chain of gold and a beautiful bracelet for his right arm (Sirach 22:19-21).

Everybody learns from life. It is the wise man who allows it to change him."

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

Went from thug to hometown hero

Houston, TX - At the volatile age of 13, Rudy Gonzalez was headed down the wrong path.

Gangs, drugs and violence shaped his life and trouble seemed to follow him, in school and at home.

Still a young boy, Gonzalez was no stranger to Houston's juvenile justice system.

He seemed to fight more often than he studied, once even slugging a teacher.

For thrills, he and his friends broke into warehouses and looted grocery stores.

"I thought I was macho," admits Gonzalez. "I was on a fast track to everywhere you don't want to be. I didn't know of any other life-style."

That is until city police officer and Boy Scout Troop No. 86 Scoutmaster John Trevino invited him camping.

"Mr. Trevino was creative in his approach to getting me involved in Scouting," says Gonzalez.

"He sold me on all the fun and cool things about camping and invited me to join him on his

next trip. Of course I accepted. To go, though, he said I had to become a Scout."

Twelve years later, Gonzalez is glad he agreed to Trevino's terms.

While many of his childhood friends and classmates have met untimely deaths, landed themselves in prison or dropped out of school, he has overcome many of life's obstacles and has emerged as a,

"Hometown Hero."

At age 14, Gonzalez caught his first glimpse of heroism when he saved the life of a younger neighborhood boy drowning in a Houston bayou.

When the young boy plunged 20-feet into rapid waters, Gonzalez was quick to react.

He climbed out on a branch dangling over the rushing water and pulled the exhausted boy from danger.

He and his younger brother then made a "human chair" - a tactic he learned in Boy Scouts - and carried the frightened boy to safety.

"I didn't panic because I

knew what to do," said Gonzalez, whose path to success was featured in U.S. News & World Report.

"As a Boy Scout I was taught to keep my composure and think things out. I didn't have a choice anyway. I wasn't going to let the boy drown. As a Scout, I have a duty to help others at all times."

It was that bravery and loyalty to others that earned him a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet President George Bush, Sr. While at the capitol, Rudy Gonzalez became the first-ever Hispanic to deliver Boy Scouts of America's report to the nation.

At the age of 18, Gonzalez coordinated the efforts of more than 200 prisoners and other community organizations to clean up an abandoned cemetery where African American slaves and civil war soldiers were buried.

He soon earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest status that only two percent of all Boy Scouts ever reach.

After high school, Gonzalez attended Texas A&M University.

He double majored in Agricultural and International Business and still found time to help area underprivileged kids.

He established five Boy Scout Troops and four Cub Scout Packs in College Station, TX.

"I want these kids to see what Scoutmaster Trevino showed me," says Gonzalez, who graduated from Texas A&M University in December of 2000.

"There is more to life than hanging in the barrio. There is a whole different world that Boy Scouts can help them see. If it wasn't for the Boy Scouts, I would probably be in a gutter somewhere with the rest of my old crew."

As a motivational speaker, Gonzalez now talks to students on behalf of Boy Scouts of America.

When speaking to youngsters, he dresses in full gang attire - bandana, dark shades and baggy pants.

He shares stories of life's obstacles, barrio hardships and his life as a thug. Then, with an uplifting turn, he sheds his costume and reveals his full Boy Scout uniform.

There is a way out, and Boy Scouts can help you find it," he tells the boys, encouraging them to become strong, responsible and educated adults.

"Rudy Gonzalez is a true hero who sets a great example for other Scouts and his Hispanic community," said Lewis Cruz,

Sam Houston Area Council Hispanic Scouting Director.

"His enthusiasm and commitment to helping area youth grow into strong citizens is remarkable. People like Rudy make Scouting worth the effort."

Gonzalez is a resilient individual who considers himself blessed.

"I feel I am doing what God chose me to do and I am grateful to the Boy Scouts for helping me find my path," he says.

"Like the Boy Scout slogan says, Scouting is worth the effort - si vale la pena."

The "Scouting! Vale La Pena" campaign was initiated by the Boy Scouts of America as an outreach program to invite South Texas Hispanic boys and their families to take advantage of the lifetime benefits of Scouting.

Many Hispanics, like Rudy Gonzalez, are finding that their traditional Hispanic family values coincide with the positive values taught in Scouting.

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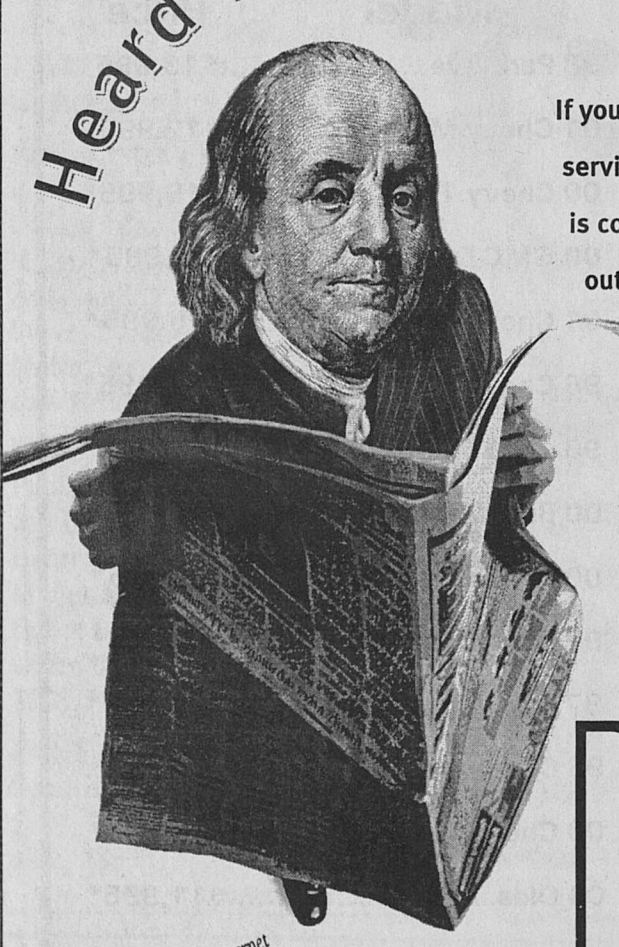
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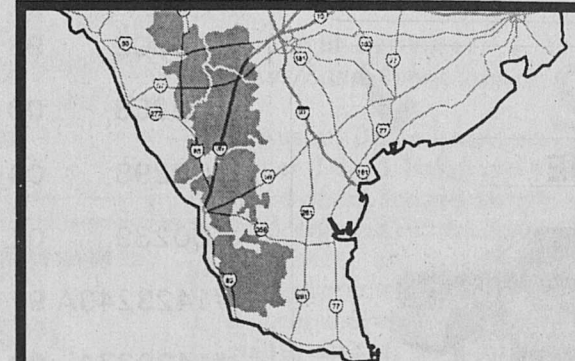
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Jr. High Cross Country compete at district level

**By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer**

The Junior High cross-country teams competed at the District level on Saturday, October 27.

In the girls division Ashley Castillo took first. Placing 5th was Nadine Terrazas, 6th

Delores Cano, 10th Emily Venezuela, and 12th Kara Yeager.

In the Junior High boys division there was only one 7th grader who competed. Justin Calk ran a 15:30 placing him in 7th.

Look for these young athletes to continue to excel in this sport.

Cross-Country advance to regionals

**By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer**

The cross-country teams traveled to Dilley to compete in the 30-AA District meet on Saturday, October 27.

The varsity girls placed second and the varsity boys placed third. Both teams qualified to compete at the regional level.

The girls team placed 4 in the top ten.

Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st with a time of 12:41.

Placing 4th: Duquesa Hunt 13:29;

Placing 5th: Tammy Smith 13:31;

Placing 10th: Ashley Smith 14:07;

Placing 17th: Nicole Mata 14:44;

and Placing 24th: Stephanie Coronado with a 17:08.

After such an outstanding performance by all the girls it was disappointing to take second.

A place of third by the boys will also qualify them for regionals.

Santos Buitron ran a 20:48, Jaime Montalvo a 20:48, Joseph Luna 21:42, V.C. Gomez 23:15, and Carl Dalton 23:21.

Both teams will travel to San Antonio Saturday, Nov. 3 to compete at Regionals at the UTSA campus.

The girls run at 12:30 p.m. and the boys at 12:50 p.m.



Top Juliann Ashabranner, Tammy Smith, Duquesa Hunt Standing L-R - Coach Harris, Ashley Smith, Nicole Mata, Stephanie Coronado, Santos Buitron, Joseph Luna, Jaime Montalvo, Carl Dalton Not pictured V.C. Gomez

The Tigerettes take 2nd in district with win

The varsity volleyball team won against Dilley on Tuesday October 23rd.

The score was 15-5 and 15-4.

Leading scorers for the team were Erica Meyer with 11 and Stephanie Bonner with 7 points.

Assists: Susannah Davis with 18 points.

Kills: Erica Meyer with 6 points, Stephanie Bonner and

Duquesa Hunt both with 5, Mayra Aguirre with 3 and Sarah Meyer with 2 points.

Blocks: Erica Meyer with 1 point.

Outstanding passing were players Vanessa Castillo, Allison LaMascus, Celina Cano, and Mayra Aguirre.

The season and district record for the Tigerettes is 13-8 and 4-2.

"Ag" Teacher Turns Principal

**By Stephanie Gomez
Contributing Writer**

We once knew him as "Schuster", but now we have to call him "Mr. Schuster." One of our most popular teachers has now become one of our most popular principals.

Born September 3, 1970 in Mexia, Texas to Edmund and Roxanne Schuster, John Paul Schuster lived with his parents, brother, and one sister. On June 2, 1989 he graduated from Mexia High School.

During an interview with our Yearbook staff, Tony Molinar questioned Mr. Schuster, "Did you ever get into any trouble; any mischief?"

"No, I don't recall anything really bad. There was a time when it was Homecoming week for Fareville and a couple of friends and I decided to go to

their volleyball game. After the game we went out to their football field and we painted MHS across the field with diesel fuel. By the end of the week, on Friday, MHS was noticeable. That was the only thing that I recall doing and getting into trouble for it."

Mr. Schuster then attended Texas A&M University. He would ride the bus to the campus everyday. Sometimes he would dress in jeans with a T-shirt and a cowboy hat, and other days he would dress really professionally because he had a job in the chancellor's office. Well, the bus driver was Donna Davis from Uvalde, Texas. They were both interested in each other, and the only three things she thought she would look for in a guy were that he was a good dancer, had a nice truck, and dressed well.

Mr. Schuster fit all three of these requirements.

Mr. Schuster graduated from A&M in August of 1993, and then he and Donna were married in December of 1993. They have three children together: Shelby Daniel born March 7, 1996; Tyler Kelsey born December 15, 1998; and Stetson John born August 12, 2001. He began teaching here in Brackett in August of 1993 as the Agriculture teacher. He taught for about nine years until he finished his master's degree and then applied for the position as high school principal.

"Did you like teaching better than being a principal?" asked senior David Campos.

"I really can't judge it because I would have to compare 9 years of teaching to an estimated 47 days of being principal.

I would think that in about the next year I will probably be able to reply to that question," responded Mr. Schuster.

Yet, he says that having classroom experience does help a lot. Most of all though, he says that teachers are his biggest asset. "I am powerless without our teachers. They are a big help in helping me guide our students," added Mr. Schuster.

The only two things he expects are respect and discipline and wants to have an influence in our lives. We are very proud to have a principal who shows his willingness to help us. He also shows that he cares and is willing to go out of his way for us. He hopes to be here for a long time and that the outcome of his hard work will get him to having one of our schools named after him. Thank you Mr. Schuster and God Bless!

Cubs defense shuts the Bobcats out

**By Ricky Creel
Contributing Writer**

The Cubs and the Bobcats met last Thursday, Oct. 25th at Bobcat stadium.

The Cubs elected to receive the opening kick-off and Clyde Adams returned it for a 80 yard touchdown. Brand Wylie scored the two point conversion. The first Bobcats possession was stifled by the Cubs defense and was forced to punt the ball to the Cubs. The Cubs were very accurate passing the football as Brand Wylie and Clyde Adams hooked up for a 40 yard touchdown reception, which made the score 16-0, Cubs. Once again, the Cubs defense was swarming the football and the Bobcats offense could not move it down the field. The Bobcats tried to get something started by throwing the football, but Travis Nowlin intercepted the pass by the Bobcats. The Cubs were driving down the field as Frank Hidalgo ran the ball to the Bobcats one yard line. Tres Rueda punched it in for a touch-

down and the extra point was good. The last possession for the Bobcats in the first half was stopped by Robert Sanchez's interception which set-up a 95 touchdown reception by Ramiro Pina. The score at the end of the first half was 29-0, Cubs.

The start of the second half, the Bobcats had the ball on their 25 yard line and Gumaro Martinez intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown. The extra point was good by Clyde Adams. The score was then 36-0.

The Bobcats were turning the ball over because of the pressure the Cubs defense was giving them. The defense caused another fumble which was recovered by William Adams. The Cubs were unable to capitalize on offense. The last possession of the game, Clay Threadgill scored on a 10 yard touchdown run. The final score was Cubs 42, Bobcats 0.

The Cubs will play their last game of the season against Natalia this Thursday at Tiger Stadium. Go Cubs!!

JV Tigers record fourth shutout of the season

**By Ken Wallace
Contributing Writer**

The JV Tigers recorded their fourth shutout of the season when they blanked the Carrizo Springs Wildcats 6-0 last Thursday evening in Carrizo Springs. The win improves the JV record to 6-1 on the season.

The game began with the Tigers on defense. A Wildcat runner broke free and put the ball deep in Tiger territory but the defense stiffened and forced the Wildcats to try a field goal but a bad snap ended the Wildcat threat.

The third quarter saw both defenses play outstanding. Tiger linebackers Mark Kesteloot and Whitney Massingill plugged up the middle with the help of defensive linemen Ryan Garcia and Lito Escamilla.

The Wildcats could not get anything outside against the Tiger defense, which is led by outside linebackers Kody Yeager, and Tony Rosetti. Defensive ends for the Tigers are Rolando Ortiz and Tony Jamail. The defensive secondary held the Wildcat passing attack to only 21 yards passing all day, free safety Noe Talamantes batted a ball down and several passes were broken up by cornerbacks Eliot Stone and Tillman Davis.

A last ditch effort by the Wildcats was thwarted by the Tiger defense when on fourth down and four from the Tiger

34 yard line, Kody Yeager and Whitney Massingill stopped the Wildcat sweep play and took over on downs.

The Tiger offense had to make a couple of first downs to run out the clock, and that is just what they did. Stone went around right end for nine yards, Yeager up the middle for 4 yards and a first down, a costly offside call on the Wildcats gave

Heartbreaker to Pirates

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But the never say die Tigers would strike one more time before the half. Fullback David Campos broke free and outran the defense scoring from 84 yards out, the longest play from scrimmage of the year for the Tigers, to cut the lead to eight points. At the half the score was Poth 21, Brackett 13.

The Tigers began the second half with the ball and drove it down the field. The drive stalled out at the Poth forty and the Tigers punted the ball and pinned the Pirates deep in their own end of the field. The Pirates had trouble holding on to the ball and coughed it up and set the Tigers up deep in Pirate country. Raymond Gomez took the ball from Jared Hobbs and scooted into the endzone from 15 yards out to cut the lead to 2. The two point try was just short so the score remained Pirates 21, Tigers 19. That's the way the fourth and deciding quarter would begin.

Poth moved the ball down the

field and scored another touchdown. This time their quarterback Posey ran it in from 29 yards out but Weed shanked the kick to keep the Tigers within eight points. The Tigers were thinking about a touchdown and a two point conversion and the game would be all tied up. The Tigers were unable to get anything going offensively but the defense played spectacular in fourth quarter. Poth's quarterback Posey dropped back to pass and lost the ball when Jesse Davis applied pressure and Carlos Gomez recovered the ball for the Tigers. The fumble recovery was the third in the game for Gomez. The Tigers lost yardage on the first two plays but a facemask penalty gave the offense new life. Hobbs dropped back to pass but no receiver was open so he tucked the ball and ran down to the Pirate 4 yard-line. Campos was stopped on the next play but on second down, Raymond Gomez plowed through for the Tiger touchdown. The score was now Pirates 27, Tigers 25.

The Tigers needed the all important two point conversion, but it was not meant to be. After taking a time-out, the Tigers lined up for the 2 point try. The ball was knocked loose and the Pirates recovered to seal the victory.

The win gives the Pirates sole possession of first place. Since Natalia and Dilley both lost, Brackett is in sole possession of second place.

Tiger fullback David Campos ended the night with 118 yards rushing on 8 carries. Poth's runningback Carl Weed led all rushers with 129 yards on 23 carries. Next up for the Tigers will be the Natalia Mustangs tomorrow at Natalia.

**Brackett ISD
Activity Calendar**

Thursday, October 1
7:00 PM JV FB Somerset (H), JH FB Somerset (H) 5:00 PM

Friday, October 2
7:30 PM V FB Natalia, Dist. (A)

Saturday, October 3
Cross Country Regional (San Antonio)

Monday, October 5
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 1 Spanish hero
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 8 Root
 13 Regal wife
 14 Common verb
 15 Make laugh
 16 Slightly open
 17 State
 18 Out of
 19 Place full of basket-pushers
 22 Grain
 23 Beef Wellington or Chateaubriand
 24 Parts from right to left
 26 Drinks
 29 Trustworthy
 32 Carrying a gun
 36 Sellers' nickname
 38 Story
 39 Use

gentle persuasion
 Halloween costume
 41 Adam's grandson
 42 Like a dancing ballerina
 43 Fisher-man's item
 44 Valuable possession
 45 Erase
 47 Jay's home
 49 Make blurry
 51 Salad ingredient
 56 Vow
 58 Combined
 61 Death's partner, in phrase
 63 Pope or Frost
 64 Delight
 65 Holy receptacle
 66 About
 67 Men's nicknames
 68 Nincompoops
 69 Kennedy and others: abbr.
 70 Tree

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 1 Louisiana native
 2 Not suitable
 3 More urgent
 4 Humiliated
 5 Melted rock
 6 More than
 7 Expense accounts and company cars
 8 One who became a president in 1976
 9 Type of health care provider: abbr.
 10 Poles
 11 This: Sp.
 12 Musical symbol
 13 Level: var.
 20 Word with lip or proof
 21 Waters
 25 Feeds the Kitty
 27 Combat sport prop
 28 Playing card

card
 30 Plum
 31 Reason to study
 32 Place of learning: abbr.
 33 By ___ : mechanically
 34 Letter holders
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 37 Rectangular piece
 40 Fantasy
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 48 Virginia and others
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 52 ___ Carta
 53 Traveler's guide
 54 Incisors
 55 Lyric poems
 56 ___ Wonderful Life
 57 Raised surface
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 60 Disease producer
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ROARING TWENTIES
 In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. Of what country have Pakistan and Bangladesh both been a part once?
 2. What is "vulcanized" to make it harder?
 3. What do you call a word formed by the letters of another word placed in a different order?
 4. Besides France, of which other country does the Riviera extend along the coast?
 5. What is the name of a bishop's hat?
 6. What is the Italian food known as ciabatta?
 7. German aviator Manfred von Richthofen was better known as what name?
 8. When Johnny Carson took over "The Tonight Show" in 1962, whom did he replace?
 9. For which California town did Clint Eastwood once serve as mayor?
 10. How many red stripes are there on the American flag?

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AHOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good week to assess your goals for the future. For some, there is change in the offing. Over the weekend, cultural interests are pursued.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're not usually a social gadfly, but this week, you shine in social settings. However, work can't be ignored. Be sure to tie up loose ends on projects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're wise to listen to what a friend has to say. This person makes a lot of sense right now. Later in the week, restlessness sets in.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use caution when listening to someone's proposition. It's not all it's cracked up to be. This week-end, you involve yourself in studying and research.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Advice you receive isn't sought but should be heeded. A minor work crisis crops up midweek. However, by week's end, all is on an even keel.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're focused on finances this week. Be sure you approach this realistically. Some debt just can't be avoided.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're more inclined to focus on the homefront this week. This eases your mind somewhat. A few days off is just what you need.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Singles are stars on the dating scenes. Later in the week, some time alone leads to new revelations. A co-worker is on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your mental acumen is at its best this week. Take full advantage of this. Look for ways to increase productivity at work.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't feel that you have to go it alone. It's best to look for a suitable partner. When you find this person, work plans are happily implemented.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You and your mate are on the same wave length as the week begins. Later, though, there is some tension. Use tact and patience before simply lashing out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A minor domestic problem should be approached with common sense. Losing your temper won't solve anything. This week-end, travel is possible.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Joely Fisher, October 29; Grace Slick, October 30; Jane Pauley, October 31; Lyle Lovett, November 1; k.d. lang, November 2; Kate Capshaw, November 3; Matthew McConaughey, November 4.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Canary
 2. Eagle
 3. Falcon
 4. Flamingo
 5. Hawk
 6. Lark
 7. Macaw
 8. Nightingale
 9. Oriole
 10. Ostrich

11. Parakeet
 12. Penguin
 13. Pigeon
 14. Quail
 15. Robin
 16. Sparrow
 17. Stork
 18. Swallow
 19. Tanager
 20. Wren

Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.
 1. India; 2. Rubber; 3. Anagram; 4. Italy; 5. Mitten; 6. Bread; 7. The Red Baron; 8. Jack Paar; 9. Carmel; 10. Seven

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Stop Today and Awaken to our need of God and Family Give Thanks to God

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

Today, November 1st, is All Saints Day in the Church. It is a day devoted to the Saints in faith who have gone before us. It is generally celebrated with a service of remembrance on the first Sunday in November honoring the church members who have died during the year just passed. There will be candles lit, or flowers placed, or prayers said, that will recall the stewardship of our forebearers as they helped to keep the church together and relevant in opposition to the evil that has plagued the world from the dawn of time. We stop today and Sunday to give thanks to God for family, friends and neighbors who stood firm in their Christianity so that their children, grandchildren and generations to come might enjoy the freedom of religious expression.

But this All Saints Day is different than most. This All Saints Day follows by just a short time the martyrdom of new saints in Christ's Church. First there are the Saints whose lives were taken by terrorists on September 11. We cannot know exactly who among the many were already in relationship with God, but surely as their mortal existence ceased, all of those innocent Saints that terrible day put on their immortality and were taken to God's side forgiven of their prior sins.

In the days since then, there have been others who have died as the result of terrorism - those killed by anthrax poisoning, those of the armed services who have died in the war against terrorism, and those who have died accidentally as a result of the war efforts. And then there

are the sixteen Saints whose lives were taken by a different form of terrorism on Sunday October 28th as they worshipped in church in Behawalpur, Pakistan. This was not a random act of violence. It targeted Christians. Though the War on Terrorism is not based on religious factions, there are those who would like just that, a violent conflict between Christianity and Islam. Neither Islam nor Christianity fundamentally support violence or war of any kind. To honor the Saints who have fallen so recently, whether Christian, Muslim or other, we must not act out our own hatred of others or desire for retribution. We must simply seek peace through justice. We must seek punishment of the guilty and safety for the innocent and trust our national and global leaders to do the same. I hope you will join me in offering thanks to God for those who have given their lives in the near, and distant, past so that we might have a place and a time to know better the peace found in a relationship with God.

We invite the entire community of Brackettville to join with us in services of healing and wholeness again Sunday at 10:45 am, as we worship and pray and lift the Saints in love remembering the inheritance they have left to us.

Con mucho gusto nosotros invitamos a la comunidad de Brackettville para estar con nosotros el domingo para elogiar a los santos de todas las culturas en esta comunidad nosotros amamos. Comenzamos la adoración junta en 10:45 a la mañana que como vecinos. Por favor perdón los errores en mis Español. Estoy intentando aprender.

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

I have heard it said and I believe it to be true, that September 11, 2001, is the day that America and all Americans woke up to the bitter realities of life, a day of change.

It was a day of tremendous reflection. Not only were we forced to look at, see and feel the devastation of the moment.

We as a nation, we as individuals received a huge wake up call. As a nation, we were a sleeping giant and as individuals, we had long since become numb.

We sought safety and solitude in our own little homes and closed our eyes to America's problems. It was hard enough dealing with our own individual problems.

The bigger problems, that belong to us all, America's problems were just too overwhelming. We had a total sense of loss, as to what to do about them.

We had lost the war on Drugs. Drugs were everywhere and it seemed far too many people were addicted. Drug deals and drug dealers were common place.

Nearly everyone used tobacco, in one form or another. Even though, it was killing us

by the millions, and it seemed too few cared.

Drunk drivers were killing nearly a 1,000 people every day. Mothers have been mad, for a long time, but too few listened.

Teenage pregnancies, sexual related diseases, runaways and suicides, just run rampant! Too, too many!

Domestic violence, spousal and child abuse is on every street in every town, happening much too often.

Families fell apart and family life for many was non-existent. Hundreds of thousands of our children joined gangs. More drugs, sex, violence and drive by shootings. Too many to effectively deal with.

With the devastating attack on America by outside terrorists, we were numbed even more.

Collectively as a society, with one voice, we said "enough!" "Too much!" "Things have gone too far and they must stop."

We have lived in an upside down world long enough. We have hated when we should have loved. We have quarreled with each other, when we should have been friendly. We have been fighting, when we should have been peaceable. We have hurt each other with our

mouths, fists and guns, when we should have been healing each others hurts.

We steal from each other, when we should be sharing with one another.

We have been doing so many things wrong, when we should have been doing right by each other.

It was past time to stop the madness. Praise be to God, I believe that we are now going in the right direction.

There has been a universal response to care for the bereaved and those suffering. Americans have turned out in mass to help in any way that they could.

Americans have donated their time as volunteers, donated millions of dollars and millions of pints of blood. Tons of food and clothes and...

We are reaching out only to those who lost family members, but American's are reaching out to and for their own long, lost families with better weeping.

All America longs to return to a safer, time. We are all re-discovering the important things of life that we had lost or had tossed aside as being unimportant.

We have awoken to our need of God and family and every other American has become

important to us as friends.

In helping others, our burdens have somehow gotten lighter.

Just as all of us, had conflicting emotions that fateful day, I believe God did to. He wept with us in our great hour of need and yet, there must have been a smile in his eyes, as he heard and answered more prayers coming from this great nation, than in any time in it's history. He was once again wanted and needed!

Praise God, in America it is not business as usual anymore. As America prayed, God blessed abundantly! God has always been ready, willing and able to provide the solutions to our problems. All we need to do is ask!

In our reflecting, we have looked into our past. Acknowledged our mistakes, we have looked at the present with hope renewed for the future, yet to come.

We have grown a little and learned a lot. It is good to see some glimpses of what American life can be.

Every mom and dad who can go into their children's bedrooms tonight and see them safely tucked in should thank God. For life today and for life everlasting. Our children are our future! Teach them to pray!

Be Smart Choose the things of God

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Instead of some of the books on the market today, remind your children to read 2 Chronicles 33:1-18.

It speaks of a young boy who became king at the age of twelve.

Children (as well as adults) enjoy the thought of living in a role of "power".

Like many children today, young Manesah was counseled wrong and he chose to dabble into the forbidden things which God had destroyed the previous heathen inhabitants for practicing.

Manesah started reading the old scrolls, building the old altars to the other gods, such as Baalim, covered the hilltops with groves of trees (much like the druids we have heard about) and worshipped the host of heaven (the stars, like astrologers).

He also built altars to them in the two courts and in the house of the Lord.

He practiced sacrificing children in fire (supposedly to gain power and approval from his gods).

He observed times (festivals, feasts unto other gods), used enchantments, witchcraft, dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards.

He also set the idol (which he had made) in the house of God.

He made not only the people of Israel to worship this way, but also caused the land of Judah to err.

"He wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord" which provoked God to great anger.

Manesah and his people would not listen to the Lord.

The Lord God, who is holy and who had made sacred pledges to Manesah's ancestors, was so affronted, he had to remove his hand of blessing.

Manesah found himself "among the thorns, and bound with fetters, and carried to Babylon".

But when Manesah humbled himself greatly and prayed unto the Lord God.

The Lord God heard him and restored him to his kingdom where Manesah tore down all the altars and idols he had built, restored the things of God and worshipped him only, giving him peace and thank offerings.

God caused him to build tall, strong walls around his kingdom and place strong captains of war in the fenced cities of Judah.

Take note, you who would counsel our young to dabble in the things of sorcery, even if

you call it innocent tales of fantasy.

You are seducing the spirits of our young and will be judged likewise for your ignorance.

By doing so, like Manesah, you set up yourself and others to experience the loss of God's protection over yourself and

your family.

Be smart, be wise and choose the things of God.

The blood of Jesus has been shed as the final sacrifice for you.

God does not require anything more than your accepting the great gift he has already

given you.

This is real. This is power. Read Gal 5:19-25, Eph 6:11-19, Heb. 2:9-18, 9:27-28, I Cor. 15:50-57.

Share this with your children and loved ones.

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

The Lord is my refuge

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

He who dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.

I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler; and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the

arrow that flieth by day, Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come near thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the most high, thy habitation, There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling. Psalms 91:1-10. Hallelujah

2001 - 2002 Archbishop's Appeal Assists Rural Communities

San Antonio Archbishop Patrick Flores has emphasized a continuing initiative to assist the special needs of rural areas in announcing plans to raise \$1.65 million for the 2001 - 2002 Archbishop's Appeal.

"Problems involving families, young people, care of the elderly, and the ill remain a major concern in rural communities," says Flores.

"Our goal this year is to raise \$1.65 million for programs that benefit thousands of people living in outlying areas of the Archdiocese, as well as those who live in San Antonio.

Our focus continues to be the special needs of all people, be they young, elderly, single or in families."

The 2001 Appeal will fund more than two dozen programs and projects, including efforts to combat violence in the home, psychological and spiritual counseling programs, and hospital and prison chaplain programs.

Young people receive assistance with young ministry programs and with tuition assistance at Catholic schools.

The Appeal also supports future priests in their seminary studies, and provides parishes with adult faith-sharing and bible

programs.

Among Spanish and English speaking people, it develops lay leaders for a wide variety of parish programs, and provides specialized counseling programs.

The 2001 - 2002 Archbishop's Appeal will take place Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th.

Catholics will be asked to consider what they can do to assist the less fortunate among them.

"We are all beggars for the Lord," says Flores.

"From those of us blessed with much - much is expected by God.

I ask every Catholic to participate in a way his or her circumstances will allow."

Jesus Speaks in Parables

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

"Parable" is very difficult to define, not only because there are between 30 and 72 different parables in the Gospels, but also because the term is applied to many different kinds of literary pieces. Perhaps it is best to conclude very generally that a parable is a story illustrative of some teaching of Jesus.

This is the explanation of parable given in the Jerome Biblical Commentary.

Jesus used illustrations from daily life that caught his listeners' attention by their vividness and narrative color. While these illustrations enabled his hearers to understand his message better, they often had a strange or novel twist that left enough doubt to challenge the hearers to reflection and inquiry.

The novel twist in Jesus' stories made His hearers take notice. Who would have expected the prodigal son to become a more sympathetic character than the dependable elder son? Jesus may even have taken well-known stories and supplied new endings—the priest, the Levite and the layman may have been the usual characters in religious tales, but Jesus makes the third character in a familiar parable a hated Samaritan who is the most sympathetic of the three.

A shepherd rejoicing excessively over finding a single lost while ignoring the dangers to the other ninety-nine; a woman

throwing a party for her neighbors because she has found a single small coin—such oddities were meant to make people think.

Jesus had to explain the parables to the disciples who did not understand them. This seems to be in direct conflict with the idea that the parables were meant to make Jesus' messages intelligible. Mark tells us in Chapter 4:11-12: "To you the mystery of the reign of God has been confided. To the others outside it is all presented in parables, so that they will look intently and not see, listen carefully and not understand, lest perhaps they repent and be forgiven." The challenge of the parables was rejected by the majority who saw and heard but refused to understand. If the parables blinded men's minds and hearts, it was more because they refused the challenge than

because they could not understand intellectually.

In general the true purpose of the parable is explained best in Mark 4:33, "In many such parables he spoke the word to them according as they were able to understand it."

I enjoy the parables in the Bible, because they seem to make the life and times of Jesus come alive. Yes, they make us think, but this is what Jesus wants us to do, so that we can reflect more fully on His forgiveness. After all, if He can raise someone from the dead, He can surely do all the other things He tells us He can.

Lord, I thank you for speaking to us in stories which we can understand and which make us think.

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

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