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Happy Halloween

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Head-on collision

A tractor-trailer was traveling east on Highway 90 Monday when it lost control and jackknifed. It slid into the west-bound lane and slammed into a pick-up truck, killing the four occupants. The driver of the tractor-trailer was injured.

Accident claims four lives

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Three Brackettville residents and a passenger died early Monday morning when their pick-up truck collided with a tractor-trailer on rain-soaked Highway 90 just east of Sycamore Creek Bridge.

Nick Falcon, 28, Julie Lopez-Garcia, 28, and her one-month-old son, Christian Nicholas Falcon, were pronounced dead at the scene, as well as Roger Bundy.

Bundy, a 54-year-old homeless man, was a passenger in Falcon's 1999 Dodge pick-up truck.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Richard Moczygmba, 53, of San Antonio, suffered

chest injuries in the accident. He was transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio where he is listed in critical condition.

"The tragic news has saddened our entire community," BISD superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "The school community extends our prayers and expressed sympathy for all friends and relatives."

Funeral services for Nick Falcon are scheduled for 10 this morning. Services for Lopez-Garcia and Christian Nicholas Falcon will be this afternoon at 4. Both funerals are at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

"It's tough to lose anybody in the community that you've known for all of your life," Sher-

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Photo by Wes Robinson

Tragic remains

An ensuing fire seemed to have engulfed the pick-up truck of Nick Falcon after it was struck by a tractor-trailer.

Massingill challenges Ford in race for J.P.

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Incumbent Democrat John Ford is being challenged by Republican Woody Massingill for justice of the peace — the only contested local race in Tuesday's general election.

Ford has served as justice of

the peace since April 1998.

"I'm well-trained and dedicated," he said. "I've initiated a lot of programs and facilities to collect a lot of old warrants, and I've established a good rapport with the community."

"Our book-keeping is now more accurate. Our state audits have been exact to the penny."

Massingill and his family have lived in Kinney County for over 20 years, owning property in both Kinney County and in Fort Clark Springs.

"I am very interested in devoting my time to the justice of the peace office. A justice of the peace needs a clear mind and the ability to render fair judgement.

I know that I can meet these challenges. If elected, I will maintain the integrity that this office deserves," he said.

County Judge Herb Senne, Clerk Dora Sandoval, Treasurer Janis Floyd, and Commissioners Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon, all incumbent Democrats, are running unopposed.



Ford Massingill

Early voting ends tomorrow

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Early voting in this year's general election continues through tomorrow.

As of Wednesday morning, 276 people voted early and 98 citizens requested ballots by mail.

"We have had a very good turnout," District and County Clerk Dora Sandoval said. "It has been very steady. We've had

about the same number of people that voted early in the primary elections."

Early voting is held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office in the Kinney County Courthouse.

On election day, voters can cast their ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling places include: Precinct 1, the EMS Building on Ann Street; Precinct 2, the BISD Auditorium; Precinct 3, the Senior Citizen Apartments on

Spring Street; and Precinct 4, the Fritter Room Annex at the Kinney County Library.

Topping this year's ballot is the race for U.S. Senator, which features John Cornyn, Republican; Ron Kirk, Democrat; Scott Jameson, Libertarian; and Roy Williams, Green Party.

Running for U.S. Rep. District 23 are Henry Bonilla, Republican; Henry Cuellar, Democrat; Jeffrey Blunt, Libertarian; and Ed Scharf, Green Party.



Photo by J.J. Guidry

Signs, signs, everywhere signs

"Signs" of Tuesday's general election are visible in Brackettville, which has been decorated by a number of campaign posters across the city.

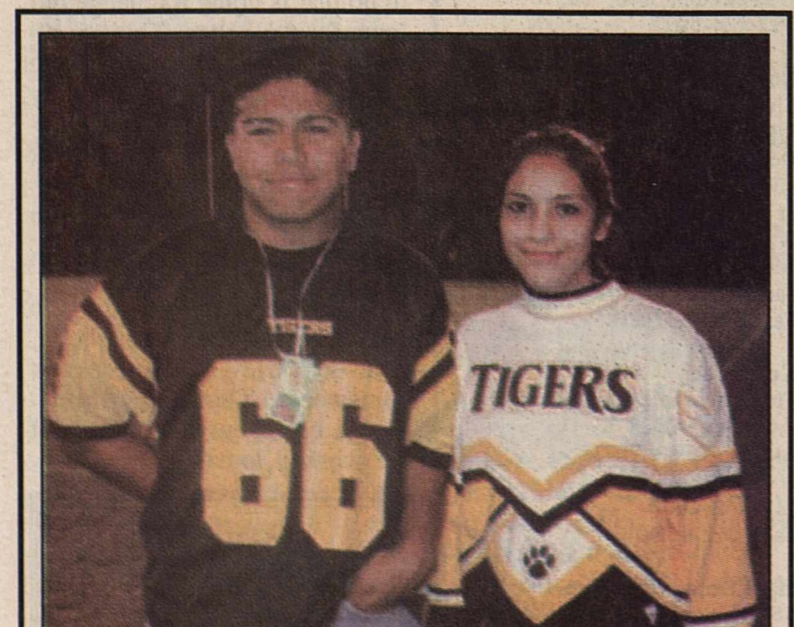


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Keeping the rhythm

Doug Sanchez (left) and Davina Luna were crowned BHS' 2002 Homecoming king and queen Friday night.

Mendeke resigns as constable

Cordelia Mendeke has announced her resignation as Kinney County's constable.

Mendeke has accepted a position as a court security officer in Del Rio with the U.S. Marshals Service. Her resignation is effective Nov. 7.

"My decision has been a difficult one, but sometimes in life we must make the hard decisions," she said.

Mendeke has served as constable since her successful campaign run in the 2000 general election.

"We have always had a good working relationship," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "She has done a good job. Kinney County will miss her as a constable, but she will still be



Mendeke

around as a reserve deputy." County Judge Herb Senne announced Mendeke's resignation at a special Commissioners Court meeting Monday evening, but officials could not take any formal action since the item was not on the agenda. The commissioners are expected to formally accept her resignation during the next regular meeting on Nov. 12.

Under state law, the Commissioners Court has the option to appoint someone to replace Mendeke as constable until the

term expires at the end of 2004.

"I don't know for sure what the commissioners are going to want to do," Senne said. "They can fill the position, or choose not to and wait until the next election, and go two years without a constable."

"I hope that we fill the position, but in that process, I think we need to go through every hoop that's available to go through so that the people who want to apply for the position are given the opportunity to know that the position is there. I'd also like to provide them with a questionnaire to return to the court so we then could possibly conduct interviews to see, the best we can tell, who is the best qualified applicant," he added.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constable announces resignation

The Citizens of Kinney County:

I respectfully inform you that I have given my resignation as Kinney County constable to the Commissioners Court, effective Nov. 7. My decision has been a difficult one, but sometimes in life, we must make the hard decisions.

I have the opportunity to begin work in Del Rio at the Federal Building for the USMS as a court security officer. Some of you were contacted when they conducted my background checks. I thank you for your kind words.

To all the law enforcement officers wearing the badge with honor, under the color of the law in our county — a well deserved thank you and my sincere appreciation for all you do around the clock for our community.

To other support groups, EMS, Fire Department, TxDOT, Courthouse elected of-

ficials and staff, city, BISD, RGEC, FCS, and all the merchants, it has been a pleasure working with you. Our county is blessed to have you.

To the sheriff, Chief Deputy Fritter, Sgt. Deputy Chism, Deputy Guidry, Deputy Pena Sr., all the jail staff; a special thanks for your help and professionalism.

A very special thank you to Ailene Reid, Theresa Davis and Narce Villarreal, the staff of the Justice of the Peace's Office. Without you, we could not get the work done. J.P. Ford, it has been a pleasure working as an officer of your court. Thank you, John.

To you the citizens, my most sincere appreciation. It was an honor to serve and work for you. I performed my duties to the best of my ability and without favoritism.

Thank you, one and all! God bless you and our community.

Cordelia Mendeke

How much is Fort Clark worth?

Well, it is time for me to speak up again. My new question is, how much is Fort Clark Springs worth?

I don't know what it is worth to you, but what it meant to me was a way of life that was most pleasant. It was, to me, a place to raise a family, or just retire and grow old without worries of the world beating you down.

So why is it now that I get the feeling we are being sold out to the lowest bidder?

Why do I get the feeling that the interests of our Fort Clark are being shoved aside for some other questionable purpose?

Lets take a look at the things that should be taken care of, as opposed to the things that are not being taken care of.

Lets start with the green areas around the housing. Can you remember how nice it used to look in the days of the original maintenance crew?

How about the pool this summer? Caring members of the association advise their families not to swim because of the deplorable condition it was in. There was green slime around the edges, and people felt ill after being in it.

What about the golf courses? Even during the dry seasons that we have experienced in the past, they have not looked this bad.

These are just a few of the things. I do not have space to speak about all of them in this letter. So I ask again in closing, what is our Fort worth?

Is it worth fighting for? Or do we just roll over and let it be taken away from us? I say no!

When it comes time to vote on a new board, let's put people in who want to give us back our fort, the way it was with no strife or contention

Richard A. Card Sr.

Act for those without the power

To the members of Fort Clark Springs:

Power in government is not about acting for yourself. It's about achieving some real good in making things better for the people who trust you, who elected you. That is what honor is — keeping your promises, acting for those who have not the power to do so themselves, not for posturing, feeling com-

fortable or indulging your own conscience. You gave up the right to act for yourself.

It takes great wisdom to see ahead, what will be the results of our actions.

I pray that we can work together, not against each other. We are families in a community of families. Let's act graciously toward each other.

Louise Stone

GORE SAYS HE WANTS EQUAL EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMY AS WITH IRAQ.



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

It's time to work together

Last Sunday I went to a meeting for the youth that Rev. Ken Sellers was holding. He gave us the opportunity to share our feelings about the school, and life period.

It was actually quite nice. Only four kids, including myself, showed up, but it was great all the same. We just talked and talked. I had never met these fellas before because they are in junior high, but I was really glad I got the opportunity to. They shared some experiences and things they observed about school life.

It really made me think. I thought about how nice it would be if our community was closer and how much nicer the world would be if we greeted everyone with open arms. We brainstormed for a while and then we realized that we should start with our peers.

There are so many troubled teens out there who just need love. Yes, they have made mistakes in their lives, but who hasn't?

I think we all want to succeed, but some just don't feel strong enough to do so on their own.

So together we made a plan. We decided to try harder to except everyone, no matter who they are. Also to try to bring everyone closer together.

Sunday must have been an inspirational day for me because I also found myself thinking about some other things.

That night, I decided to go to church again. It just happened to be the church Rev. Bill Adams preaches at. It was great. It was not the first time I went, and I still found myself enjoying it.

That evening I saw a homeless-looking person who happened to attend the service. He made me feel very guilty. Well not him exactly, but homeless people in general.

I know as a teenager I am constantly feeling sorry for myself while there are others who suffer more greatly than I ever will. So that night I decided to make a pact with myself. I have decided to stop being a critic and a whiner about things and to go out there and start doing things.

It is time we stop just thinking about ourselves, but dig in and help others.

So here is when I invite all my fellow teen-age peers to make the same decision. Let's stop whining about how jacked up Brackettville is and do something about it. Are you with me?

I also urge adults to help out. Go out there and find something to do that is going to change our town for the better. There is already enough people out there who are working to negatively change it, so lets put some effort forth to change our town for the best. So if you know anyone who needs any help, with food or anything, then call me, I am listed.

If no one else is willing to help, then I sure am. Bring it on, I can do it. Hey, we have to start somewhere. Think how nice it would be in our community if we worked together.

Read the Brackett News to find out what's going on in and around Kinney County.

Tragedy saddens community

The tragic news of the loss of four of Brackettville's residents has saddened our entire community.

Julie Lopez Garcia was a 1993 graduate of BHS. She is remembered by our community for her happy outgoing personality.

In behalf of the school community, we extended prayers and expressed sympathy for all friends and relatives.

In respect for the families and the funerals scheduled today, BISD will have its dress up Halloween day tomorrow. Trick-or-treating will take place as usual tonight on Halloween.

Separate accounts have been set up at our local Bank & Trust to help the Lopez and Falcon families with funeral expenses.



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

You may make donations directly at the bank or give donations to Dixie Brown for deposit. Checks should be made out to "Julie Lopez-Garcia Account" or "Nick Falcon Account."

Jones Elementary furnished lunch for the Falcon family Wednesday.

All of the schools will be furnishing lunch for the Lopez family today at noon at the Lopez

Bakery. Anyone wishing to help with this meal should have food delivered by noon.

Jones Elementary held a cake-walk on Wednesday to raise funds for the Lopez and Falcon families.

A rosary was held for Nick Falcon Wednesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home. Nick's funeral will be this morning at 10 in Brackettville at the Catholic Church.

The funeral for Julie Lopez-Garcia and baby today at the Catholic Church at 4 p.m.

Sheriff Burgess said the biker traveling with Falcon and Garcia has been identified as Roger Bundy, a 54-year-old homeless gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Political ads are too negative

There are lots of political advertisements on TV lately. It seems like everyone is running for some office. Offices I've never even heard of.

And they are shelling out the bucks too. If they spent half of that money on trying to make this a better world, we would all be better off.

I watched one ad after another the other night. The two candidates did nothing but bash each other.

I listened as each told about the horrible antics the other had done. Both were evil and deceiving as can be, if you believed their campaigns.

How could anyone so loathsome even consider running for office?



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

I remember thinking to myself that I could not possibly vote for either person for that particular office.

Why don't they just run on their own merits? If you run against me, why not just tell voters how good you are, not how bad I am? How can voters support anyone so negative? I vowed not to listen. I had

heard enough negativism to last me for a good while.

I wanted to hear more slogans on the good of politicians. I would only react to advertising that was of a sunny nature. Enough was enough, and I had had enough.

I drove over to Del Rio and tuned my radio to the local station. As was customary this time of the season, there was an ad for a local candidate.

I listened with eagerness. His words were all about himself. No bashing the other fellow.

The more I listened, the more I thought, "How could anybody vote for this dummy?" I'm just not ever satisfied. It will all be behind us soon.

But I could be wrong.

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TDH offers tips for trick-or-treaters

One more door, one more stash of candy. Children masquerading as pirates, fairy princesses or dinosaurs take to the streets each Halloween in search of the best treats.

But Texas Department of Health (TDH) safety experts urge that along with the preparations and decorations should come precautions to keep the evening safe as well as fun.

"Parents often are concerned about safety of the treats children receive, and that's good," said Susan Warren, director of the TDH Safe Riders Program. "But many other types of injuries can be avoided if adults follow safety suggestions and if parents talk with their children about staying safe as they enjoy Halloween."

About four times as many children ages 5 to 14 are killed while walking on Halloween

evening as compared with any other night of the year.

"Many young children are not accustomed to walking after dark, and older children may be more interested in playing and getting treats than in watching out for traffic on Halloween," Warren said. "Plus drivers have difficulty seeing children, especially at night."

TDH offers these safety tips:

- Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

- Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks and alleys. Don't hide behind cars.

- Don't cross the street from between parked cars; go to a corner.

- Never accept rides from

strangers. Do not take treats from a person in an auto.

- Use a flashlight when walking. Be sure it has fresh batteries.

- Wear light-colored costumes and put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.

- Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big floppy shoes are not safe for walking.

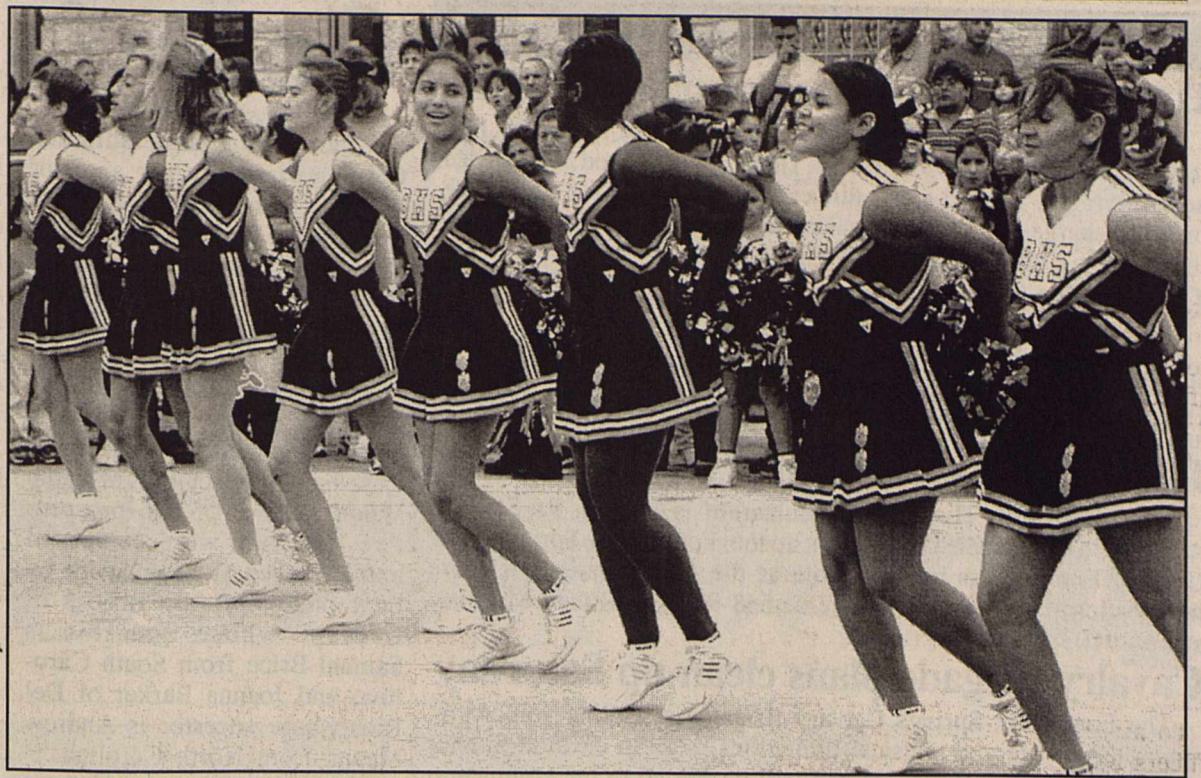
- Use face paint rather than a mask or hood that covers your eyes.

- Stay away from lighted candles, matches and open fires.

- Trick-or-treat only at houses with porch lights on.

- Be careful around animals. Even pets you know may be scared by costumes and loud or strange noises.

- Don't eat any treats until they are checked by an adult.



Firing up the crowd

The Brackett High School cheerleaders perform at the pep-rally Friday afternoon at five points in downtown Brackettville. See related photos, Page 5.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

OBITUARIES

Jose Nicolas Falcon

Jose Nicolas Falcon, age 28, passed away Oct. 28, 2002, in Brackettville. He was born March 16, 1974, in Del Rio.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christian Nicolas Falcon, and grandfather, Nicolas Falcon. He attended Mountain Empire High School in Campo, Calif., and Midland College where he received an associate degree in welding.

Falcon is survived by parents, Guadalupe and Martha Falcon of Brackettville; wife, Elizabeth Falcon of Brackettville; sons, Damien, Daniel and Jose Nicolas Jr. Falcon; daughter, Sierra Nicole Falcon; brother, Michael Falcon of Brackettville; sister, Azucena Wilson of Imperial Beach, Calif.; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eliberto Castillo of Brackettville, and Antonia Falcon of Brackettville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Wednesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home and rosary was recited in the chapel. A mass of Christian burial will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jose Antonio Castillo, Estevan Juarez, Richard Rodriguez, Javier De Leon, Feliciano Castillo III and Frank Castillo.

Julia M. Garcia

Julia M. Garcia, 28, passed away Monday, Oct. 28, 2002. She was born on Feb. 14, 1974.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Julia Arreola, and her paternal grandparents, Ignacio and Maria Lopez.

Garcia is survived by her husband, Mark A. Garcia; children, Mark Jr., Adriana and Jonathan Garcia; parents, Ignacio and Juana Lopez; brothers, Ignacio III and David; sister, Patricia; Juanita Lopez and other aunts, uncles and cousins; parents-in-law, Martin and Gloria Garcia; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Martin Jr. and Naiya.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Don's Funeral Chapels in Del Rio and in Brackettville. A funeral mass will be held today at 4 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Kinney County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels.

Romeo Adolph "Red" Wied

Romeo Adolph "Red" Wied passed away at his residence in Brackettville on Oct. 25, 2002, at the age of 93. Born in San Antonio to Louis and Louise Wied on Sept. 30, 1909, he lived most of his life in Hebronville, engaged in gas and ranching interests.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth Inez Stroman Wied in 1983, and a daughter-in-law, Jane, in 2000.

He is survived by son Kenneth and wife Barbara of Germantown, Tenn.; daughter Coralie and husband Bill Payton of Corpus Christi, son David and wife Jonnye Glee of Uvalde, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, caregivers Teresa and Jorge Sanchez, Maria Hernandez and special friends.

There will be a Eucharistic Service at St. James Episcopal Church in Hebronville on Sunday at 6 p.m., and a graveside service on Monday at 10 a.m. at Greenbill Cemetery in Hebronville.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Oct. 21

6:30 p.m., William A. Young, 45, of Cibola was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry for nonpayment of child support. He was released four days later after posting a cash bond.

10:54 p.m., A Super S employee called to report mischievous activity at the store's parking lot. Deputy Larry Robinson was dispatched to the scene.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

12:02 a.m., A call was received from Sentry Security Service reporting that an alarm was going off at a local ranch, 6 miles east of Brackettville. Deputy Robinson was dispatched to the scene.

5:46 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a car had gone off the road on Highway 90, about 10 miles east of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley responded to the call. No

injuries were reported.

10:23 p.m., A man reported that a couple of kids had thrown eggs at his vehicle, which was parked at his residence on E. Edwards Street. He filed a complaint with Deputy Robinson.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

6:25 p.m., A man requested assistance at his Fort Clark Springs residence in Unit 22. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Oct. 24

1:55 a.m., A woman called to report loud screaming and arguing coming from the Senior Apartments. Deputy Robinson was dispatched to the scene.

8:55 a.m., A man reported that a truck had run off the road on Highway 90 West, across from the A.J. Foyt Ranch. Del Rio DPS responded to the call. No injuries were reported.

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BRIEFS

Hunters Round-up is Saturday evening

The annual Hunters Round-up is Saturday night from 7 to 11 at the Kinney County Civic Center. There will be food, fun, prizes and beverages. A wild game dinner will be served for \$5 a plate, or at no charge with a hunting license. For more information, call the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442.

Committee announces spaghetti dinner

The Fort Clark Springs Festival Committee will host its annual spaghetti dinner at on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Service Club. Tickets are \$6 and are available from Festival Committee members and at the Adult Center.

LMHO hosts Christmas basket benefit

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization is hosting its Seventh Annual Christmas Basket Benefit at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course. Entry forms are available at the golf course. For more information, call the golf course at 563-9204 or Ruben Martinez at 563-9103.

Cavalry Brigade plans clean-up Saturday

The Fort Clark Springs Cavalry Brigade is seeking volunteers, regardless of age and physical limitations, to help clean at Shafter Hall on Saturday at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served to the volunteers.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who gave flowers, food, monetary donations, comfort and especially prayers in our time of grief. God bless you all. Zulema Freeman and Perez Family.



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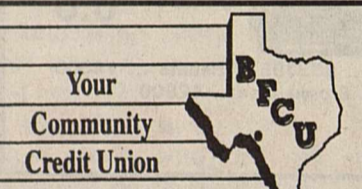
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Corey's DAR papers approved

Charolotte Elaine Shipman Corey's papers on her ancestor George Hallmark from Virginia have been approved by the Daughters of the American Revolution's registrar general in Washington D.C.

Joan Davis made the announcement Saturday during the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter's monthly meeting at Casa Falcon Restaurant in Camp Wood. Names of two prospective members were submitted and approved to begin work on their papers: Kathy Brooks of Leakey, whose ancestor is Samuel Brice from South Carolina, and Joanna Barker of Del Rio, whose ancestor is Andrew Means from North Carolina.

Louise Stone gave a report on the Constitution Day Luncheon held on Sept. 17 in Junction.

Following a Mexican food buffet, the group took a field trip to see a historic mission and church in the area.

The Mission San Lorenzo de las Santa Vruz was founded by Franciscan missionaries of the College of Queretaro in the winter of 1762 for Lipan Apache Indians. It is situated beside a large spring on the upper Nueces River, in what is now the town of Camp Wood.

Nine years after it was founded, the mission was burned and abandoned. The missionaries and soldiers departed, never to return. Occasional Indians visited the place for a few years, finding broken walls, but they too disappeared.

Never officially sanctioned and never successful in converting Lipan Apaches, this crude frontier mission was quickly forgotten. Timbers rotted, tools rusted, and its adobe buildings crumbled into low mounds, covered with cactus and mesquite.

Much later, a new people came into the land. A company of the First Infantry established Camp Wood on May 20, 1857,

setting up temporary quarters near the spring and mission site, perhaps wondering about the desolate ruins.

Through the following years, the site was occupied intermittently, but it was not until 1936 that historians identified the ruins for what they were, and erected a granite marker on the site. A fence encloses the ruins, awaiting preservation and restoration, which could breathe life into the historic moment they represent.

From Camp Wood, the group caravanned to Montel to see the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. This small church has witnessed over 100 years of changing lifestyles, and it stands today as a reminder of the past and the strength of the future, according to member June Smith.

Long before construction was actually begun in 1890 on the Church of The Ascension, the Nueces River Canyon was attracting Indians and Spaniards

to the bounty of the land and the healthy mild climate.

Although the Indian situation was not good, the appeal of good water, plentiful wildlife, grass for the livestock and a mild climate brought settlers as early as the late 1860s. By 1880, the U.S. census showed 46 families and a number of single men in the area.

The church features a beautiful stained-glass window depicting "The Ascension," which resulted in the church's name. The original handsome carved oak baptismal font is still in use, as is the silver communion cup and patent.

Although the Montel and Laguna communities have changed greatly during the past century, very little has been changed in the Church of The Ascension. The original pews, altar and furniture remain, and the bell purchased in 1890 still calls parishioners to worship services.

Alamo Village's Curilla speaks to Rotary Club

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Richard Curilla addressed the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday. He was welcomed by Tully Shahan, the club's program chairman for October.

Shahan introduced Curilla as a man on whom his father, Happy Shahan, and the entire family have depended heavily upon for years in handling filming at Alamo Village.

Curilla spoke on movie production management and how well or poorly it is done.

He said that 30 "long-form" movies (those lasting an hour to an hour and a half), have been shot at Alamo Village, as well as movies made for television, mini-series and well over 200 shorter forms, such as TV com-

mercials, music videos and still shots.

Curilla said that to an outsider, a movie shoot in process could appear to be utter chaos. However, that is not necessarily the case. When skilled, experienced professionals do it, the process is "one of the most fluidly working machines in the manufacturing industry."

Hollywood productions that have filmed at the village are in this category. Small, independent productions may lack organization. If a shoot is not well run, the filming can run grossly overtime, which elevates the costs and diminishes the chance of making money on the film.

Curilla used John Wayne's "The Alamo" as an example of a very well organized shoot.

Wayne, as director, cut many

corners, according to his co-producer, his son Michael.

One extraordinary scene required 3,000 extras on horseback to portray the Mexican Army coming across the mountains. A sequence of scenes at this point required camera changes to shoot different angles. Considering this and the number of extras involved, shooting was expected to take approximately three days. However, Curilla said that when it was shot, "Wayne got on his horse with a bullhorn, started giving orders, and filmed it in half a day."

Coming in on budget requires using time wisely because this determines the profit. Scripts should not be over 120 pages long because one page produces a minute of finished

screen time. Inexperienced people often expect to shoot the film in an unrealistic short time period.

Curilla gave interesting examples of the consequences of this mistake. He added that it isn't Alamo Village's role to judge or evaluate. The village just rents the setting.

Curilla used to teach film making at Penn State University.

He has always been fascinated with the story of the Alamo. Years ago, he wrote Happy Shahan and asked him questions. Mr. Shahan answered. When Curilla visited Alamo Village, he found the perfect place to put his interests to work. Both he and the Shahans have profited from that decision.

Breen addresses historical society

By GLEN WHITE
Contributing Writer

Local celebrity Nakai Breen was the guest speaker Saturday at the Fort Clark Historical Society meeting.

Breen, a Seminole raised by Kiawas, gained notoriety as a champion of the displaced Kickapoo Indians. She began aiding the Kickapoos at age 12, and eventually traveled to Washington, convincing Congress to grant the Indians land on which to live.

The history of the Kickapoos was traced from a once-proud nation living on several million acres in the Great Lakes area, through Kansas

and Oklahoma to Mexico. Being forced from their home, they were finally granted land by the Mexican government for their aid in keeping hostile tribes at bay.

This land was lost, however — its areability being destroyed by large mining companies. Thus the Kickapoos were reduced to living under the bridge joining Eagle Pass with Mexico.

Breen is no longer officially connected with the Kickapoos. Even though they have a successful casino on their land, the general population is still living in poverty. She feels that this is due to their political system.

Sorority celebrates Halloween

Preceptor Theta Sigma met for a pot-luck costume party last Monday at the home of Clara McCord. The attendance was small due to sisters' illnesses and out-of-town trips. However, seven members arrived in costumes to enjoy a delicious variety of salads and desserts.

Following dinner and a short business meeting, Pat McKelvy read from the Book of Beta Si-

gna Phi. Arlys Simpson, who was dressed as a witch, was awarded the prize for best costume. Other costumes included a ghost, a pioneer woman, a bride with a hole in her head, a BSP sister and an accidental tourist. Ghost stories were told by sisters present.

The next meeting will be on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Marian Weber.

Dessert topping makes a nice gift for holidays

The busy holidays will soon be here.

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This dessert topping will be one you'll get raves on and want to use all year long. It makes a nice gift too.

Here's what you need: 1 cup of sliced pineapple tidbits, well drained; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of brandy, rum or bourbon.

Mix the ingredients in a 1-gallon jar or crock that has a large mouth, cover loosely and put in a cool spot. Do not cover tightly — gasses can cause an accident. Stir lightly once or twice a week.

At the end of two weeks, stir in 1 cup of sliced peaches, drained and cut in half; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of spirits used in the first step. Repeat the directions above.

At the end of this second week period, add 1 cup of Maraschino cherries, drained and cut in half; 1 cup of sugar; and 2 ounces of spirits as above. Cover and continue to stir gen-

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ly once or twice a week. At the end of eight weeks, you may begin to use the fruit, but do not let the supply in the jar get below 1 1/2 cups, or fermentation might stop.

Continue to add fruit, sugar and liquor in the same sequence every two weeks.

Follow all of the steps to keep the fruit alive.

After eight weeks, you can use 1 1/2 cups to make another complete starter to give to a friend.

Yield after eight weeks is about 16 cups. This is delicious topping for ice cream, custards, sponge or angel food cake.

Important: it's best to use long wooden spoon or paddle for stirring fruit.

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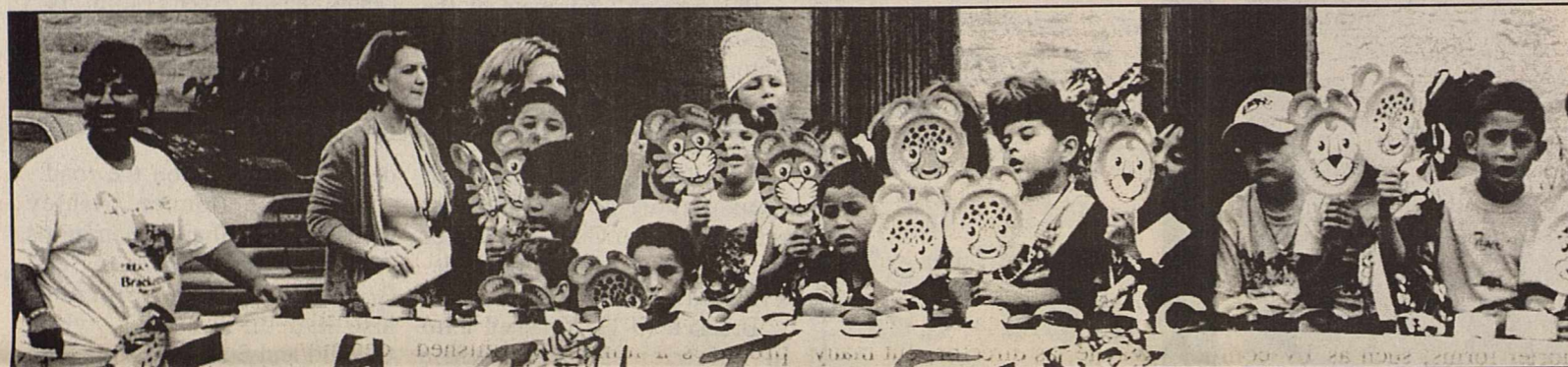
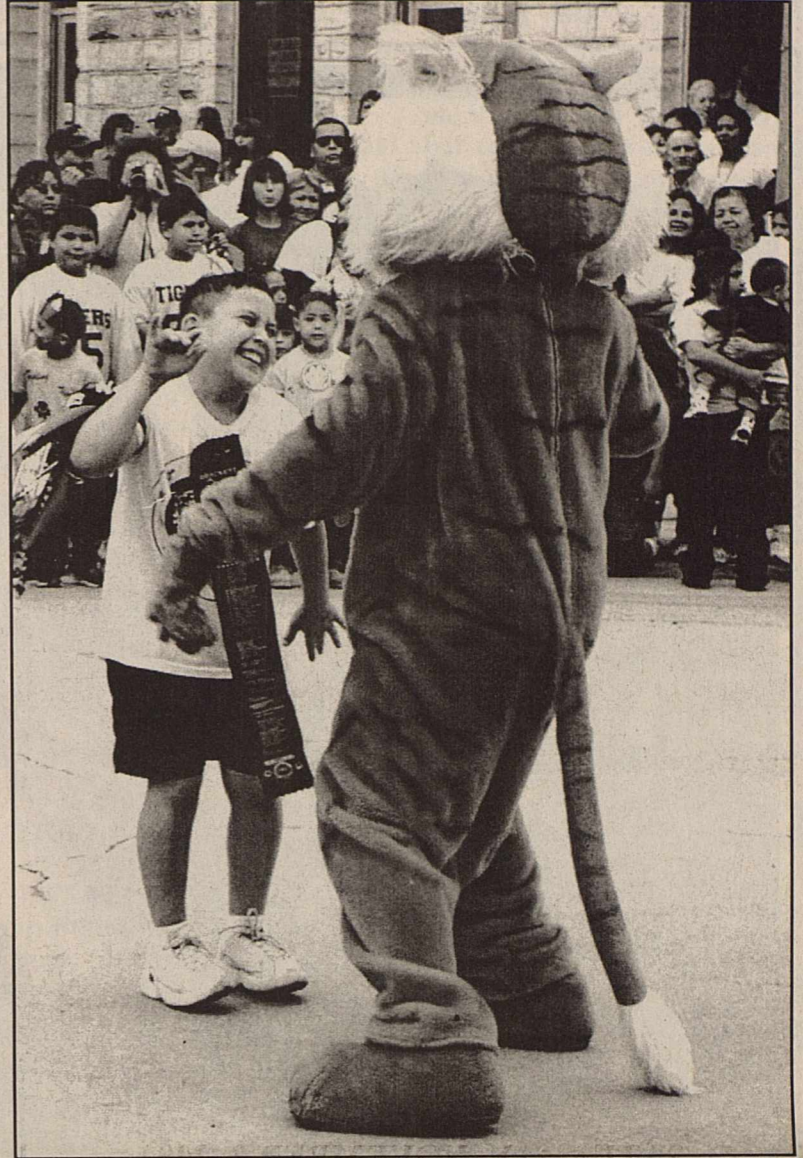
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WHY is Henry Cuellar supported by Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy?

HENRY CUELLAR TOO MANY QUESTIONS TOO LITTLE TRUST



Wolves top Tigers 27-13

Turnovers prove to be costly for Brackett in district loss

By J.J. GUIDRY
Sports Editor

Dilley overcame a 13-0 first-half deficit and took advantage of five Brackett turnovers Friday night as the Wolves topped the Tigers 27-13 in District 30-AA football action.

Dilley (5-3) and Freer (3-5) are now tied for the lead in the conference standings with 3-0 marks, while Brackett (4-4), Natalia (2-6) and Three Rivers (1-7) are tied for third place with 1-2 district marks.

The Tigers jumped on Dilley

early Friday night. The Wolves fumbled the opening kickoff. Tony Rosetti picked up the loose pigskin and rumbled 14 yards for a TD.

Rosetti then crossed the goal line on a 3-yard run in the second quarter to put Brackett up 13-0, but Dilley went on to score 27 unanswered points.

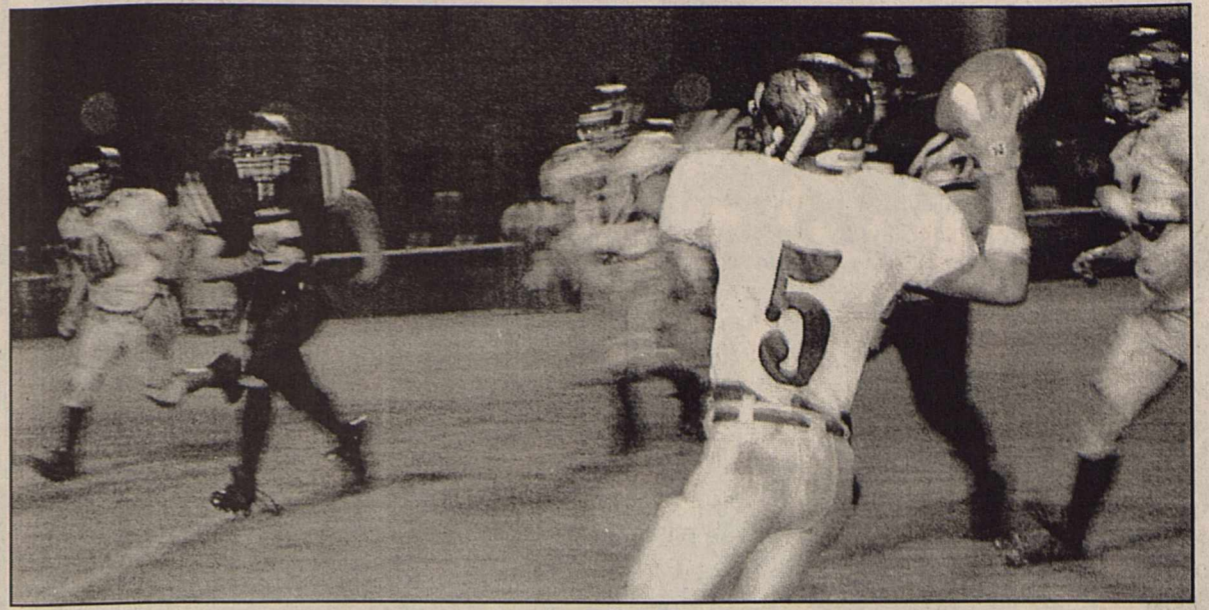
Rosetti led the Tigers offense with 55 yards rushing on 18 attempts. He also had a 10-yard reception.

The Tigers resume action tomorrow night at 7:30 against Three Rivers on the road.

STANDINGS				
District 30-AA				
Team	Dst	Sea	PF	PA
Dilley	3-0	5-3	180	130
Freer	3-0	3-5	130	146
Brackett	1-2	4-4	144	146
Natalia	1-2	2-6	88	125
Three Rivers	1-2	1-7	131	197
George West	0-3	1-7	78	158

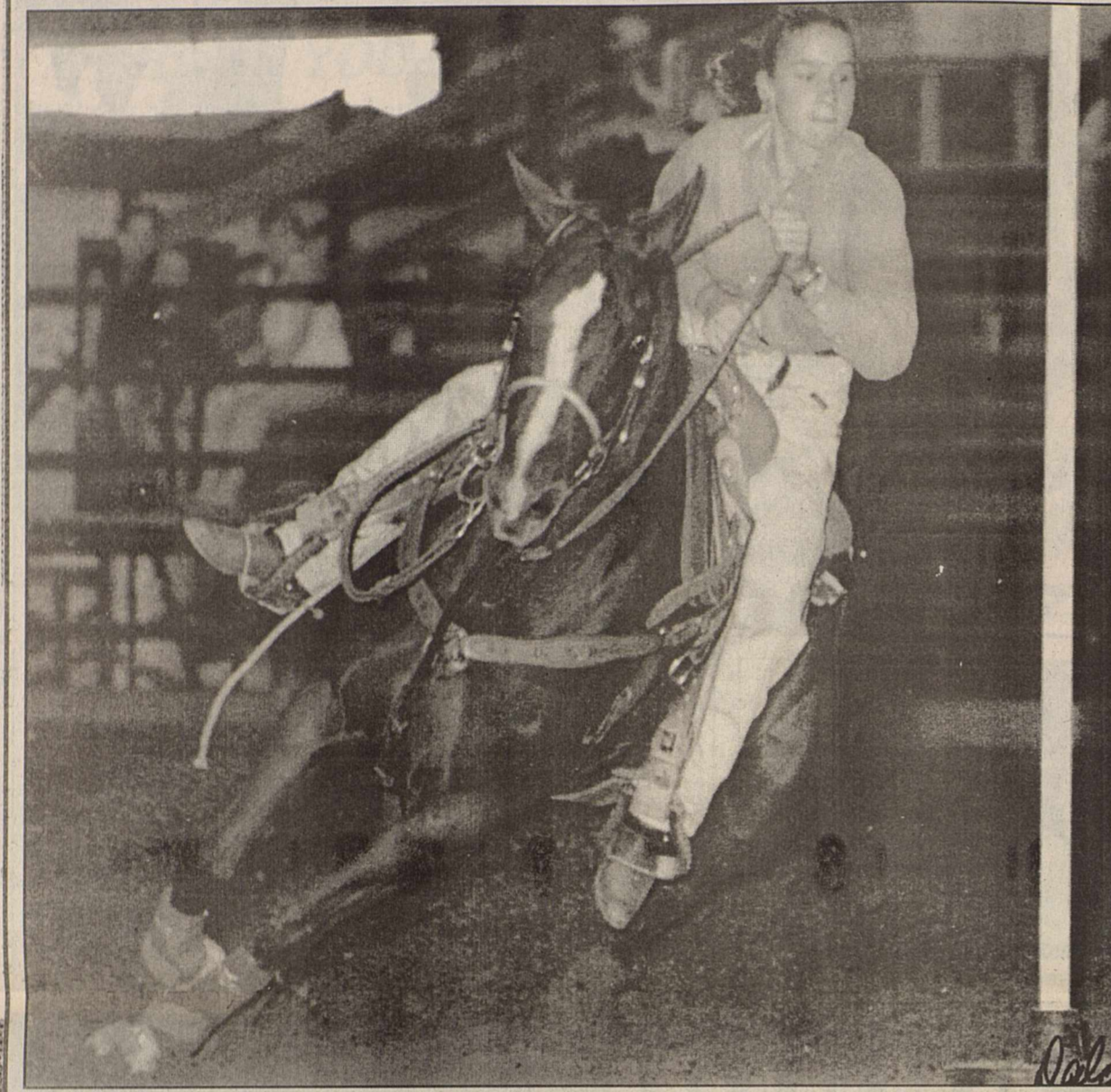
Friday, Oct. 25
Dilley 27, Brackett 13
Freer 21, Natalia 14
Three Rivers 36, G. West 18

Friday, Oct. 25
Dilley at Freer, 7:30
Natalia at George West, 7:30
Brackett at Three Rivers, 7:30



Halfback pass
Dilley's Gus Torres (5) tosses an 18-yard TD strike to Joe Mark Flores on a halfback pass Friday night during the Wolves' 27-13 win over the Brackett Tigers.

Photo by Javier Cervantes



Allen qualifies for state

Brackettville's Ballee Allen recently qualified for the state 4-H Horse Show held at the Taylor County Exposition Center in Abilene. She competed in barrels, poles and the stake race, finishing ninth out of 154 contestants.

Photo by Dalco, Special to The Brackett News

Runners claim conference title

DILLEY — The Brackett Tigerettes claimed top honors at the District 30-AA cross country meet here Saturday.

Brackett finished with 19 points, while Dilley had 52 and George West tallied 55.

Juliann Ashabanner paced the Tigerettes with a first-place finish after being clocked at 12:48. Ashley Castillo was second with a 13:40, Nicole Mata took third with a 13:51 and Tammy Smith was fourth with a 14:02.

Brackett will compete at the regional meet at UTSA in San Antonio on Saturday.

RESULTS

Following are results from the District 30-AA cross country meet, held Saturday in Dilley:

Team results: 1, Brackett, 19; 2, Dilley, 52; 3, George West, 55.

Individual results: 1, Juliann Ashabanner, Brackett, 12:48; 2, Ashley Castillo, Brackett, 13:40; 3, Nicole Mata, Brackett, 13:51; 4, Tammy Smith, Brackett, 14:02; 5, Randi Stuard, George West, 14:04; 6, Jennifer Jonas, Dilley, 14:11; 7, Audrey Cervantes, Dilley, 14:30; 8, Mallory Johnson, George West, 14:37; 9, Espy Zapata, Freer, 14:43; 10, Carolyn Curry, Three Rivers, 14:44.

Tigerettes open playoffs on Tuesday

The Brackett Tigerettes will open playoff action Tuesday against Johnson City. The site of the game has not yet been determined.

Brackett (9-12) finished third in District 30-AA, while Johnson City is the runner-up from District 29-AA.

Last week, the Tigerettes dropped a 15-8, 12-15, 15-9

decision to Dilley on the road.

Stephanie Bonner, Ashley Castillo and Shanae Simmons each had seven kills to lead Brackett's offense. Simmons also had three blocks, while Castillo and Stacey Castilla both had two.

Amanda Davis finished the contest with 11 assists, and Valerie Terrazas pitched in 10.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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8:34 p.m., A man reported that kids were cursing and egging his residence on E. Edwards Street. He said he reported the kids the day before. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

9:07 p.m., A woman called 911 to report kids throwing eggs at houses and vehicles at the Housing Authority on E. First Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, Oct. 25
9 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported that a car had gone off the road and through a fence at the Crain Ranch. Deputy Guidry and the ranch owner were notified.

11 a.m., A woman reported that someone had broken her car window. Deputy Guidry was notified of the situation.

10:02 p.m., A man said his vehicle had slid off the road and was stuck in the mud on Highway 90, across from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation office. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene and helped the man get his vehicle out of the mud.

Sunday, Oct. 27
1:28 a.m., A man reported loud music at a residence on Beaumont Street. Deputy Chism was notified of the situation.

10:45 a.m., Donald Wayne Reed, 37, of Livingston was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while intoxicated. He was released later the same day on a cash bond.

11:50 a.m., Richard Flores, Antu, 30, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley for outstanding DPS warrants. He was released the same day after paying his fines.

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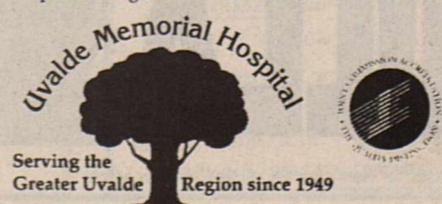
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Some people think a little fear is good for a person. The only fear that God approves of is fear of him. This is the kind of fear inspired by the high regard, respect and honor we have towards him.

"It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore:

for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I (Jesus) tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him (God) which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me (Jesus) before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father



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which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:25-33)

We know that "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but the spirit of love, the spirit of power, and a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7)

It is this spirit of love and the spirit of the power and might of God that we want to project to the world, not death.

We do not celebrate death and decrepitness. We are children of the light, not children of the night. We are joint heirs with

Jesus Christ who is "the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

"We are the light of the world, a "city" that is set on an hill cannot be hid." (Matthew 5:14-16)

We are the candle in the darkness that lights the home and brings the good news of Jesus Christ as hope and light to a dying and darkened world.

So, sing out, the Lord is here and there is no more fear. God has given you "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness," that you are called a "tree of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3)

Choose you, this day, which Master you will serve.

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

Short, sweet and superficial

In the 60s, the Beatles made famous a song titled "All You Need Is Love." It seemed to be grasped by many as the ultimate guideline for life: simply show love for everyone and that's all you need.

Short, sweet and superficial. Simple right? But we know better. There are many degrees of love as there are ways to express it.

We once gave a Marriage Encounter Weekend with a priest from Ceylon. He told us that in his language there are 13 different words for love and each is used to express different relationships. Yet, in our English language, we use the same word to say, "I love my husband," "I love that piece of music," "I love to walk in the woods on a crisp autumn day."

In Matthew's Gospel (22:34-40), Jesus speaks of the deepest love of all. When asked which commandment is the greatest, He responds that it is to "love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."

He then says the second greatest is to "love your neighbor as yourself."

On these two commandments, He says, depends the whole of the law.

According to Paul Labadie in "Our Sunday Visitor," the love that Christ talks about is not affection, but a way of life



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— the primary component of which is commitment. It is a love based on service and sacrifice, putting duty ahead of desires.

Mr. Labadie says: "The truest of loves is not exemplified by warm feelings or sentiment, but by the degree of our involvement in one another's lives, whether mental, physical or spiritual."

This love is not contingent on what we will get from it, but rather, on what we can give to others — not pleasing ourselves, but instead, pleasing God through service to others.

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Grace is a gift from God

I read a story recently about an episode in history where Martin Luther was teaching students at Wittenberg Seminary in Germany. He was teaching the students about the term repentance. He clarified the Latin understanding as he interpreted it and compared it to the Greek understanding of repentance. The Latin understanding of repentance is to do penance. The Greek understanding is to be changed of heart (metanoia).

Luther stated that repentance has less to do with doing something, but rather to allow for the Holy Spirit to change the orientation of one's heart. A student responded by asking, "Does that mean that as Christians we can do anything we want?" Luther said, yes, but he added, "What do you want to do?"

You see that is the crux of it. With metanoia, the changing of one's orientation, one wants to do the works of the Lord as a



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Nathan Lafrenz

response to God's grace. There is nothing we can do to deserve God's grace. Rather, we receive it as a gift from God.

Let us not get into the trap of religiosity thinking there are things we have to do or achieve or complete in order for God to forgive us. We have been forgiven and restored into relationship with God. Whatever we do is to praise Him and in response to His goodness.

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District honors three local citizens

The San Angelo District of the United Methodist Church honored three church members from Brackettville Saturday for distinguished Christian discipleship.

Walt Bauguess, Francine Collins and Cathie Conrey, members of the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville, received certificates from Bishop Joel N. Martinez of San

Antonio for outstanding service to their local congregation and the cause of Christ.

Martinez presented the honors at the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo during the annual San Angelo District celebration. More than 200 people attended the event.

Awards were presented to 82 individuals and three groups during the celebration.

Lee: Recall vote has 'no legal effect'

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Saylor said he was "absolutely shocked" with Lee's decision.

"I kept asking myself, 'How in the world did he arrive at this decision based on the facts that were given and what was done in court?'"

The original members of the board include Saylor, Simpson, Frank Cheaney, Carol Miller, Mona Miller, Glen White and Bob Williamson.

After the Preservation Society initiated a petition last summer, a special membership meeting was held on Aug. 10 to recall the directors. The majority of the members voting chose to remove Cheaney, Simpson, White, Williamson and Carol Miller, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller.

Saylor and Mona Miller last month appointed five new directors to the board — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingnot and Santos Yerena.

The fort has been operating without a board since an initial hearing on Sept. 19.

"We have a lot of work to do that the board needs to work on to get caught back up," Simpson said. "We have our election coming up. We have to appoint people to be election judges and on the Nominating Committee. All of that was set back a month, so we have to work on that."

Simpson blames the controversy at the fort on "too many false rumors and untrue stories that are floating around."

"It's not good for the association, and it will do nothing but harm to the association. I think we need to be realistic with what we say to one another, and not have it on a gossip-type of basis. The thought of this association needs to prevail," he added.

Accident claims four lives

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iff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "Nick's daddy is a U.S. Border Patrol agent. Julie's parents have cooked for all of us. They're all good people. It was a terrible accident."

The accident occurred at 9:10 a.m., according to Texas Department of Public Safety investigators.

The tractor-trailer was traveling east on Highway 90 when it lost control and jack-

knifed. It slid into the west-bound lane and slammed into Falcon's truck.

An ensuing fire seemed to have engulfed the pick-up truck.

There were four separate automobile accidents Monday in Kinney County.

"The roads were slick," Burgess said. "The light rain is the worst. It seems like the oil comes up in that slick asphalt."

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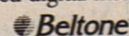
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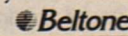
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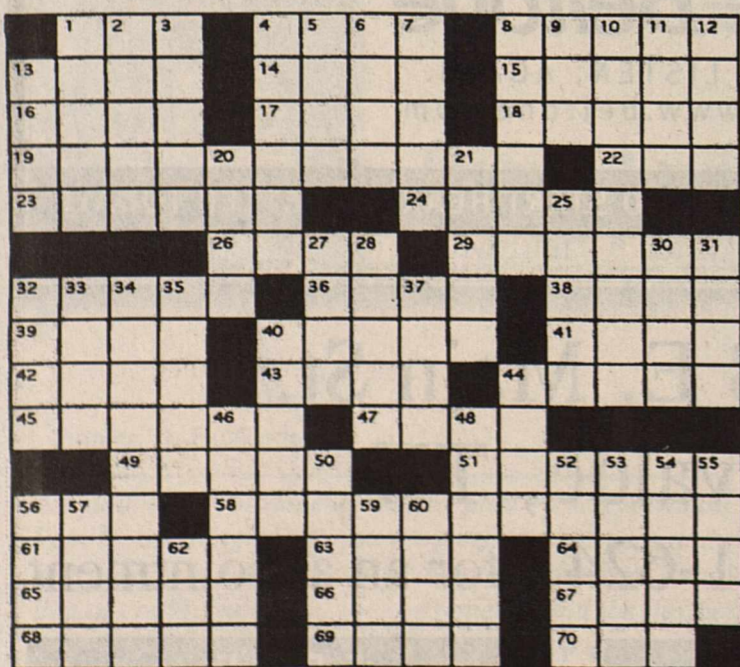
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| 8 Long-legged bird | 44 Put in a new lawn | 1 Garden fool | 34 Inform |
| 13 Tater | 45 Table surface protector | 2 Person | 35 Actor Christopher |
| 14 Mysterious quality | 47 Item taken back from a delinquent payer | 3 Swelling | 37 Playing card |
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| 24 Bumpkin | 65 Alpine crest | 12 Miscalculates | 54 Raises one's voice |
| 26 Pleasant or unpleasant sensation | 66 Handbag | 13 Holy miles. | 55 Pierre's place: abbr. |
| 29 Leg coverings | 67 Stop and refuse to budge | 20 Particle | 56 Broad ditch |
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1. The San Andreas Fault; 2. Four; 3. White; 4. 15 Parts Burn; 5. An idiom; 6. Leonard Bernstein; 7. A six; 8. Andrew Johnson; 9. Fan de Cologne; 10. Dec. 21 or 22

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

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What extends more than 600 miles from northwestern California to the Gulf of California?
- How many wisdom teeth are there in a normal set of teeth?
- What color of dry wine should be served with veal roasts and chops?
- What film account of the liberation of Paris was written by Francis Ford Coppola and Gore Vidal?
- What is a person whose IQ is below 25 called?
- Who wrote the music for "West Side Story"?
- What was a "Johnny Hicks" to a dice player in the Old West?
- Besides Bill Clinton, who was the only other president to be impeached?
- What did Jean Marie Farina of Cologne, Germany, invent in 1850?
- What is the date when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Capricorn?

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by Charles Cooper

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Domestic chores have piled up a bit. Fortunately, you're able to keep up. Just be sure you don't deplete your energies.
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- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) After a bit of a faltering start early in the week, you're ready for new work challenges. Use that superior brain of yours. By week's end, you can breathe a sigh of satisfaction.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You tackle a new work assignment with enthusiasm. Others catch the spirit and pitch in. This weekend, an important social event beckons.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's not like you to walk away from a challenge. Although your patience is tested, you can complete that difficult task. By week's end, you're back to your efficient self.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're not very motivated as the week begins. This malaise passes by midweek. Take time this weekend to replenish your energy.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You have no tolerance for liars, and this week is no exception. A co-worker's tall tales have you seeing red. You'd do best to just ignore this person.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) That pessimistic side of you is showing again. Instead of grouching, make an effort to count your blessings. A loved one can help, if you just open your mind.

Roaring Twenties Solution:

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2. Ball	12. Flight field
3. Batter	13. Fun
4. Catcher	14. Safe
5. Diamond	15. Second base
6. First base	16. Shortstop
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8. Home plate	18. Strike
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10. Out	20. Umpire

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District: Laredo
Contract 6092-37-001 for SEAL COAT in DIMMIT County, etc. will be opened on November 21, 2002 at 2:15 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$114,500.00 Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from the TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 7941
State Office : Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office(s) : Laredo District , District Engineer 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Texas 78043 Phone: 956-712-7400
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

BRACKETTVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is soliciting proposals to remove and replace the H.S. Gym floor. Proposal to include removal and replacement materials and labor costs. Submit in a sealed envelope, with outside marked "H.S., Gym Floor." Proposals will be opened and read aloud on Friday, November 8, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom. Contact: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, Brackett Independent School District, PO Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832, (830) 563-2491, Ext. 100. BISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities.

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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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High school cross country

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Members of the high school cross country team are, top row (from left): Ashley Castillo, Nicole Mata, Tammy Smith, Divina Pena, Brandy Smith and Juliann Ashabranner. Bottom row: Clarissa Aguirre and Jessica Crane.



Junior high cross country

Photo by Kathy Wilson

Members of the junior high cross country team are (from left): Julie Castillo, Hayley Harris, Chaito Sanchez, Bianca Stewart, Nalda Watkins, Elva Garcia, Heather Baggett and Daphne Hunt.



Fighting Tiger Band

Photo by Javier Cervantez

Members of the BHS band are, top row (from left): Vicky Resendez and Diana Hernandez. Second row: Rachel Letcho, Chris Seargeant, Cody Robinette, Liliana Hernandez, Cassandra Gomez and Kailani Glass. Third row: Charlie Rose, Ashley Stephenson, Samantha Davis, Allison Carroll, Delaney Ashley, Ivory Perez and Yasmin Pena. Fourth row: Conrad Moore and Joshua Kluzek. Bottom row: David Latimer, Adam Sandoval and Nathan Luna. Not pictured: Kami Berg, Joshua O'Neill, Austin Shewbart, Michael Stephenson and Jeffery Tipps.



High school cheerleaders

Photo by Javier Cervantez

High school cheerleaders are, top row (from left): Dana Bonner, Ashley Castillo, Shanae Simmons (mascot), Rachel Swinson and Clarissa Aguirre. Bottom row: Davina Luna, Emily Petrosky, Stephanie Bonner and Shonte Ward.



Junior high football

Photo by Kathy Wilson

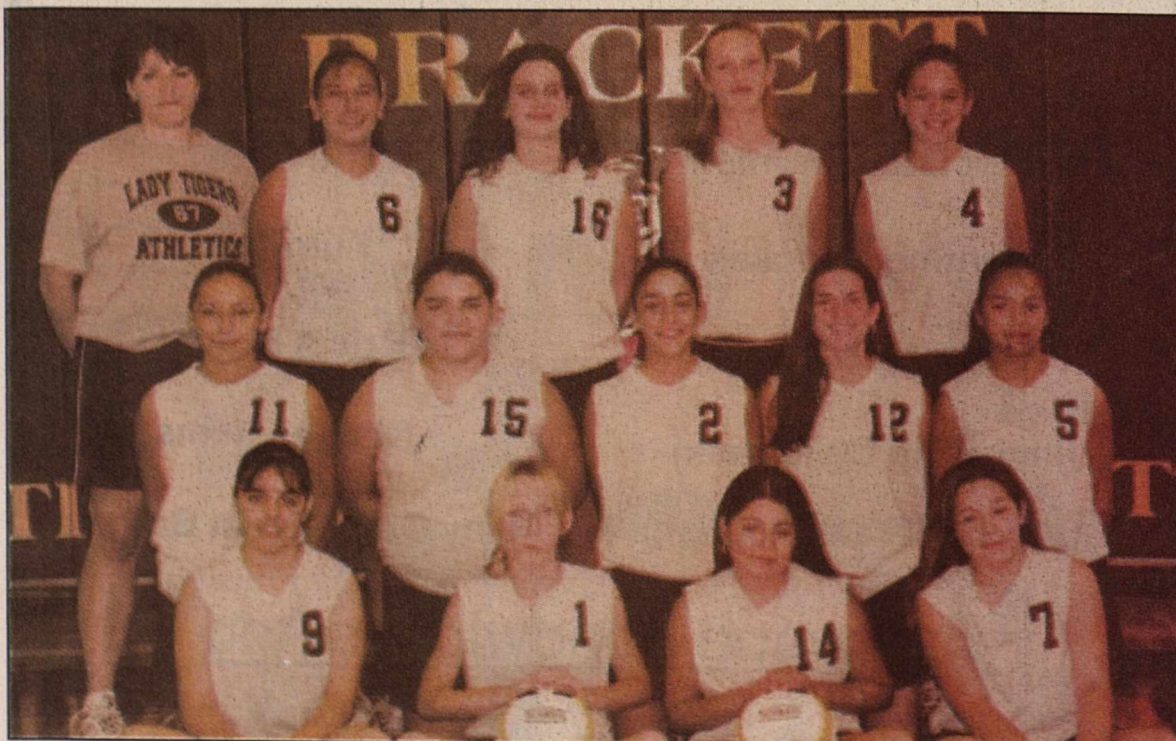
Members of the junior high football team are, top row (from left): William Adams, Gus Resendez, Travis Bonner, Fermin Villanueva, Robert Davis, Roland Zamora and Justin Ward. Second row: Coach Ricky Creel, Steven Boden, Seth Frerich, Cesar Ortiz, Micheal Stephenson, Joshua O'Neill, Jose Castillo, Justin Calk, Joshua Acosta and Coach Ken Wallace. Third row: Clay Thredgill, Chris Seargeant, Israel Muniz, Israel DeHoyos, Abel Talamantes, Ben Maldonado, Justin Perez, Albert Flores and Ivan Pinales. Bottom row: Cesar DeLeon, Clint Conrad, Cullen Duncan, Jesus Balderas, Stanford Conoly and Kevin Bonner. Not pictured: Eduardo Pena and Adam Sandoval.



Junior high cheerleaders

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Junior high cheerleaders are (from left): Bailee Allen, Julie Castillo, Lisa Morgan, Maria Sanchez, Bianca Stewart and Lola Cano.



Eighth grade volleyball

Photo by Kathy Wilson

Members of the eighth grade volleyball team are, top row (from left): Coach Tiffany Blore, Emily Valenzuela, Laura Meyer, Danika Schmidt and Robin Pevehouse. Middle row: Lisa Morgan, Allison Del Bosque, Lola Cano, Kara Yeager and Alma Reyes. Bottom row: Maricela Talamantes, Natasha Smith, Monica Talamantes and Cynthia Jaso. Not pictured: Nadine Terrazas.



Seventh grade volleyball

Photo by Kathy Wilson

Members of the seventh grade volleyball team are, top row (from left): Coach Rhonda Marquardt, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen, Bianca Stewart, Whitney Gum, Jolisa Wright, Hayley Harris, Julie Castillo and Meghann Davis. Middle row: Ashley Stephenson, Heather Baggett, Maricella Lozano, Capri Creech, Anita DeLeon, Vanessa Garcia, Amber Castilla and Ashley Herrera. Bottom row: Maria Juarez, Erica Rodriguez, Elva Garcia, Anolda Watkins, Savannah Fernandez, Bella Talamantes and Chaito Sanchez.