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BRIEFS

City Offices Closed

The City of Brackettville and the Collection Site will be closed Nov. 24 and 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The collection site will open Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. City Hall resumes regular business hours Monday, Nov. 28.

Free Video Show Monday night

International award-winning native photographer Len Lorn will be presenting a free showing of his latest DVD "Birds of Fort Clark Springs" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 at the Post Theatre in Fort Clark. Last year, Lorn showed his video "Las Moras Springs" which also contained images of nature seen at the Fort. All are invited to see his new show which was all filmed last year at the Fort and is about 40 minutes in length. Souvenir DVDs will be available at the end of the show.

Arts & Craft show

Fort Clark Arts 7th Annual Arts and Craft Show will be Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Clark Service Club.

School Holiday

BISD will be releasing students at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The Thanksgiving Holiday will officially begin on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 28 at 7:50 a.m.

KCAC: Mission Accomplished

Goal accomplished; however, there is always room for more and the Kinney County Arts Council will obtain a larger meeting space. The room at the Adult Center was bulging with new members on the 14th at 5:30 p.m.

The president, Rozetta Pingenot, presided, minutes were read by Norma Rowland and Helen Marie Jones gave the treasurer's report. Because of popular demand more tickets were distributed for "The Christmas Basket" to be raffled at 5 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the conclusion of the "Christmas Homes Tour" at the Administration/members' services building, which will also serve as the "Hospitality House."

Along with refreshments in the lobby, baked goods from KCAC's traditional pantry will be on sale. Raffle tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, tour tickets are \$6 and may be obtained at the Adult Center or from any KCAC member.

School children of Kinney County are the beneficiaries of KCAC's fund raiser activities. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Adult Center.

INSIDE

Smith

On the one hand he felt angry. On the other hand he felt empathy for Amy's feelings. He felt rejection and yet he knew things could never be the same.

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Tigers win Area crown; face Bremond Friday

It was the Tiger's night. Brackett High School brought home another area title after thrashing the Falls City Beavers 67-7.

The Tigers had 23 first downs and rushed 47 times for 367 yards.

The Tigers returned for 60 yards and had two punts for 38 yards. The Tigers didn't give up any fumbles and had 3 penalties for 25 yards.

The Beavers only had 9 first downs and rushed 30 times for 123 yards. The Beavers had 3 punts for 34 yards total and had 4 fumbles and 2 penalties for 15 yards.

Individually, Ivan Pinales had 9 carries for 125 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Miles Braesicke had 17 carries for 122 yards. Brand Wylie had 8 carries for 79 yards. Travis Bonner had 4 carries for 30 yards and Fermin Villanueva had 4 carries and 1 yard.

Passing, Robert Davis was 1 for 2 with 30 yards.

Coach Greg Voyles said Pinales was the Tiger's MVP of the night.



Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

"That was one of the best games that we have played in a long time. We played with in-

tensity, enthusiasm and emotion," Voyles said. "We still have to get better every week,

because when you get this far everyone is good."

The Tigers face off against Bremond Friday night for the Region Semifinals showdown in Fredricksburg at 7:30 p.m.

DPS urges Thanksgiving travelers to slow down, buckle up and drive sober

All available DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Troopers will be looking for drivers who are intoxicated, speeding or not properly secured—or who have passengers who are not properly secured.

"Texas travelers should know that we will be on the lookout for unsafe driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "We want to make sure that everyone reaches their destination safely."

If last year's numbers are any indication, troopers will be very busy. During the 2004 Thanksgiving holiday period (Tuesday through Monday), DPS troopers arrested 653 people for driving

while intoxicated.

Troopers also wrote more than 18,800 tickets for speeding; more than 3,500 tickets for seatbelt violations; and cited more than 4,600 drivers for operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

"We would rather that Texas drivers voluntarily comply with the law than have to write them tickets," Col. Davis said. "Besides, complying with these laws will make you—and your loved ones—safer when you travel."

Since roads are more likely to be crowded, DPS reminds drivers to leave themselves plenty of time to get where they're going. Avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- Not using turn signals
- Driving in the passing lane
- Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- Using high beams in traffic

• Not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.

Laughlin Medical Group schedules town hall meeting

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The 47th Medical Group will host a town hall meeting at 5 p.m., Dec. 15, at the old base theater.

Colonel Laura Torres-Reyes,

commander of the 47th Medical Group, and her staff will provide updates on clinic programs and answer questions from TRICARE beneficiaries.

All beneficiaries are encour-

aged to attend.

The old theater is at the corner of Fifth Street and Laughlin Drive. For more information, please contact Lt. Patrick Murphy at 298-6312.

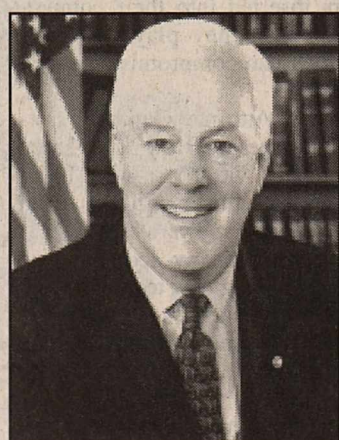
Kinney County to receive funds for detaining undocumented immigrants 'Counties cannot continue to take this financial burden,' Cornyn says

WASHINGTON—Kinney County will receive \$3,795 as a part of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), designed to provide federal funding to states and counties for the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, chairman of the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee announced Tuesday.

"It's clear that the cost of housing undocumented individuals who commit crimes in our country is a federal responsibility, yet for year, upon year, upon year that burden has been forced on the states and indeed the counties at the local level," Sen. Cornyn said.

"More must be done to prevent the need for this funding. We must do more to secure our borders and reform our broken immigration system."

SCAAP is administered through the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs and provides federal payments to States and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two mis-



Sen. John Cornyn is a member of the following key Senate Committees: Armed Services; Judiciary; Budget; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Joint Economic.

demeanor convictions for violations of State or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

The state of Texas received a total of \$26,453,985 under the 2005 SCAAP funding—\$18,582,484 of which went to the state and the remainder which was awarded at a local level.

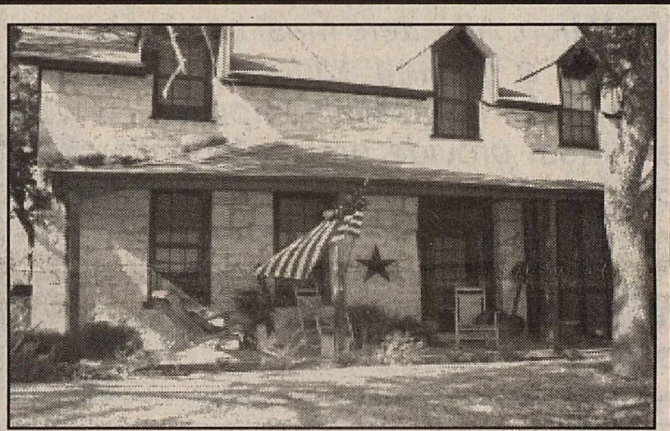


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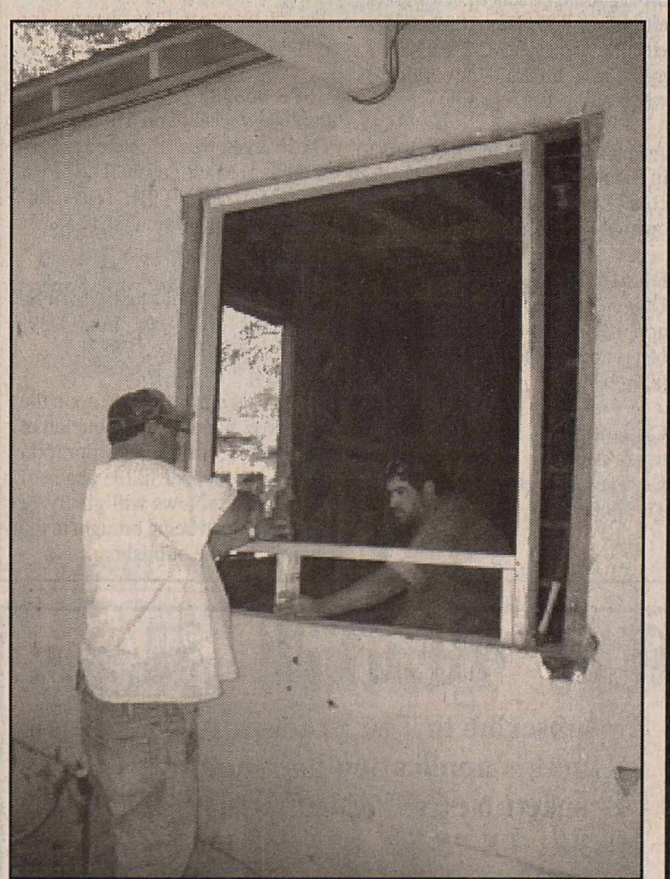
KCAC Christmas Homes Tour Dec. 11

The Kinney County Arts Council features Daniel and Brenda Perry's home this week. Their home is one of five homes to be included in the tour on Dec. 11th.

The Perry's home a duplex of stone is one of eight residence of the "Officers Row Quarters" built in 1873-1874, which replaced the crude log huts.

Each duplex consists of 3 large rooms on each floor, 2 fireplaces, and a 55 ft. front porch.

An 1885 remodeling project changed houses from rectangular to a T-plan. The buildings reflect an evolutionary adaptation of military design. The army contracted with CPL for electricity in 1918.



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

REBUILDING

Jose Luis Talamantes, right, gets help from his brother Manuel Talamantes, in repairing his home on Beaumont Street. Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department responded to 302 Beaumont at 2:44 p.m. Friday afternoon. Fire damaged the home's living room and bathroom. Officials believe the fire had an electrical origin.

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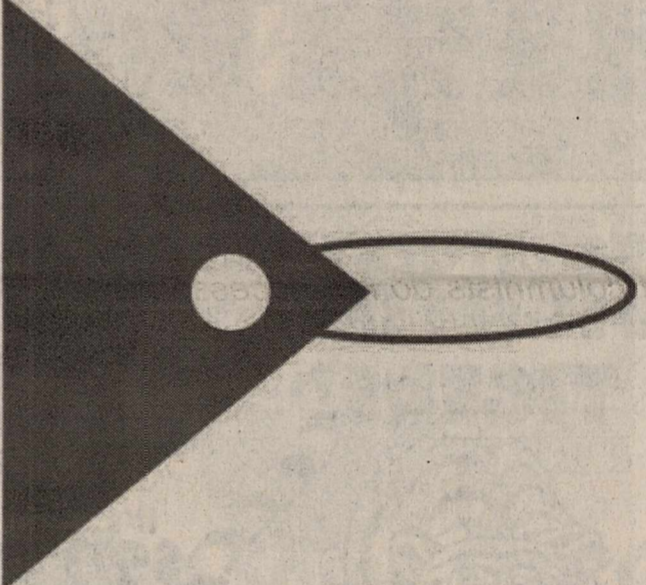
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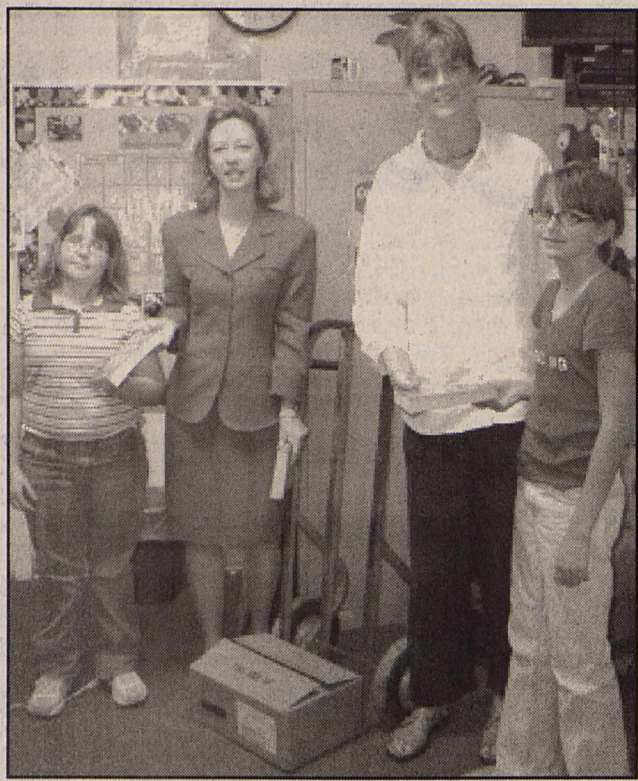
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ROTARY DONATION

Brackettville Rotary President Lynn McC Carson makes a donation of dictionaries to each third, fourth and fifth graders in the public school district. Accepting the dictionaries are BISD Superintendent Paula Renken, students Arianna Salmon and Hayley Smith.

Songwriter Jake Kellen joins with Texas Forest Service to promote contest, wildfire prevention

Texas country singer/songwriter Jake Kellen and the Texas Forest Service have joined forces to promote fire prevention in the Lone Star State through a song written by Kellen called, "Don't Burn Texas Down." The song was written in conjunction with a Smokey Bear song contest sponsored by the Texas Forest Service.

"We are hoping that through this contest we will revive the 'Smokey Bear' message our parents remember but in a

more contemporary fashion that will also appeal to today's younger generation," said Mary Kay Hicks, Texas Forest Service fire prevention specialist. "Jake's style and his message speak to that generation and really, anyone for that matter. Fire prevention is everyone's job."

In Texas, more than 95 percent of all wildfires are human-caused.

In 2005 alone, 1,372 fires have been the result of human error, consuming 74,367 acres,

Hicks stated.

While Kellen can be heard singing songs about love, college and life experiences on his new CD "Take Me Home," this is his first strike at a fire prevention song.

The Texas Forest Service will use Kellen's fire prevention song to produce radio and television public service announcements to be aired by stations throughout Texas.

His "Take Me Home," CD, which includes 10 original tracks, can be heard on airwaves

across the state.

His album, along with his fire prevention song, features the work of Lloyd Maines and some of Nashville's hottest players including Jimmy Mattingly and Steve Hornbeak.

Entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2005 and mailed to: 915 McGregor Drive, McGregor, Texas, 76657.

The winner of the song contest will get to meet the country star and have their picture taken with him.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Nov. 14

2:00 p.m., Angel DeHoyos, 25, of Baytown was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring and Constable Bobby Guidry for failure to appear for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. DeHoyos was still being held as of press time.

6:10 p.m., A woman called to request deputy assistance with a rattlesnake that was near her house. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed of the situation and en route to the location.

8:25 p.m., A woman called to report that she found a black and white dog in Unit 15 on Fort Clark Springs. The woman stated that she would keep the dog.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

4:33 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol Agent called to request EMS assistance on Hwy. 334 approximately 10 miles north of Brackettville regarding an auto

accident. EMS was dispatched and AirLife was contacted. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was dispatched to the location. TxDot was contacted regarding clean up of the roadway. A wrecker service was called to pick up the vehicle.

8:13 p.m., A 911 caller reported a brush fire 2 miles west of the weatherball on Hwy. 90 east of Brackettville. BVFD was dispatched. A second caller reported another fire near Fritter Park. BVFD was dispatched to the second fire.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

2:56 p.m., Karl Joseph McHazlett, 40, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving with an invalid license. McHazlett was released later the same day after securing a \$1500 bond.

Thursday, Nov. 17

9:00 a.m., Del Rio DPS officials called to report a reckless driver on Hwy. 90 west. Deputy Freitag and Constable Guidry were advised of the situation and en route to the location.

12:45 p.m., A student at the Ag Shop on Fulton Street called to report a minor accident. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the scene.

4:54 p.m., A 911 caller wanted to speak with a deputy regarding two family members not speaking to each other. Deputy Freitag was advised of the situation.

7:00 p.m., Felix Resendez Menchaca, 49, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Menchaca was released Nov. 18 after securing a \$15,000 bond.

Friday, Nov. 18

7:52 a.m., An official from BISD called to report some vandalism at the elementary school.

10:52 a.m., A man called to report that someone had just shot at him. Deputy Freitag was informed of the situation.

8:07 p.m., A 911 caller reported a black truck pulling a trailer on Hwy. 90 and 1572 operating without any lights on. Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation.

12:40 p.m., Andrew Michael Mounce, 30, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Welch for delivery of marijuana 50-2000 pounds and delivery of controlled substance 4-2000 grams. Mounce was turned over to the U.S. Marshall Service.

Saturday, Nov. 19

7:50 a.m., A man reported that his two-seater, cream and yellow golf cart had been stolen. It was last seen on the 18th

green.

11:47 a.m., A woman called to report a possible illegal subject near a business on Hwy. 90. The Border Patrol was advised of the situation.

1:25 p.m., Luis Flores Jr., 33, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Kenneth Freitag for failure to appear for assault with bodily injury. Flores was still being held as of press time.

3:45 p.m., A security guard from Fort Clark Springs requested assistance from a deputy in regards to a trespassing complaint by a FCS resident. Deputy Freitag and Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena were advised of the situation.

7:42 p.m., A woman called to report that she suspected that a vehicle that passed by her property fired a gun. Deputy Gutierrez and Deputy Ring were dispatched. Game Warden Lutz was also contacted.

Sunday, Nov. 20

5:17 a.m., A woman called to report three men all dressed in black riding around in a golf cart on Thomas Street. Deputy Freitag was en route to the location.

5:54 a.m., A woman called to report a possible stolen golf cart last seen on Thomas Street. Deputy Ring and Deputy Pena were advised of the situation.

7:35 a.m., A woman called to report that her husband had an accident on Hwy 674. Deputy Ring was advised of the situation and later reported back that the accident was approximately 14 mile north on 674.

12:21 p.m., A woman called to report that someone had driven through her fence and hit a tree at her residence. Deputy Ring was informed of the situation and en route to the location.

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I'll try to justify it by saying "it's the holidays, everyone eats special, so it's okay."
Alright, lets just try and limit to one serving of dessert each day.

Come on and join me with one of these lucious desserts I've recently discovered. After all, I don't want to be the only stuffed sausage in town.

- Apple Pie Cheese Cake ***
Crust:
2 cups crushed gingersnaps
6 tbsp. butter, melted.
Filling:
3 (8 oz) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar

- 2 lg. eggs
1 egg yolk
1/4 cup whipping cream
2 tbsp all purpose flour
1 tsp. amaretto flavoring or vanilla extract
2 med. firm tart apples, peeled, thinly sliced.
1 tbsp. packed light brown sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
Topping:
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans
1/4 cup butter, melted.
Heat oven to 350 F. Spray bottom of 10 inch. springform pan with non-stick cooking spray. Stir together all crust ingredients in small bowl. Press

into bottom and 1/2 inch cup sides of pan; wrap outside of pan with foil.
Bake 5-7 minutes to set.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar at medium speed 2-3 minutes or until smooth.
Beat in eggs, egg yolk, cream, 2 tbsp. flour and flavoring 1 min. or until blended.

In medium bowl, toss apples with 1 tbsp. brown sugar and cinnamon, coating apples thoroughly.
Pour half of the filling into crust; arrange apples over filling, overlapping slightly. Pour remaining filling over apples. Bake 40 minutes.

Meanwhile in small bowl, mix together all topping ingredients. Sprinkle over cake. Bake 20 to 25 minutes. or until top is golden brown and set 3 inches from edge. Cool on wire rack to room temperature. Refrigerate over night. Store in refrigerator. Serves 12
* All sugar free items may be used, but will result in less height. But in cheese cake, it's not important.

Drunken Sweet Potato Pie
1 (9 1/2 in.) unbaked deepdish pie crust.
1 (15 1/2 oz) can sweet potatoes in light syrup, drained and rinsed.
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
2 large eggs
1 (12 oz) can evaporated milk
1/4 cup butter, melted.



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2 tbsp. spiced rum or 1/2 tsp. rum extract
1/4 tsp. vanilla
Heat oven to 400 F. Place pie crust in 9 1/2 inch deep dish pie pan and crimp edges.
Line crust with foil fill with pie weights, dried beans or rice. Bake 15-20 minutes or until pale brown on edge and set.
Remove foil and weights; cool on wire rack.
Increase oven temperature to 425 F. Mash sweet potatoes in

medium bowl.
Place in large bowl along with sugar, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg; beat at medium speed until combined add eggs one at a time.
Beating just until blended at low speed.
Beat in evaporated milk, butter, rum and vanilla until smooth.
Pour mixture into crust. Cover crust edge again with foil; bake at 425 F for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 300 F and bake 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

*If you wish to make this a sugar-free, you can purchase sugar-free gingersnaps and use Splenda with good success.
1/4 Teaspoon dried oregano
1/8-1/4 Teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 Large clove garlic, minced
6 to 8 Cherry tomatoes, halved
Directions :In large non-stick skillet, over medium heat, saute turkey in oil 4 minutes per side or until turkey is golden brown and no longer pink in center and meat thermometer, inserted in thickest portion of tenderloin reaches 170 degrees F. In medium bowl combine artichoke juice, vinegar, oregano, pepper flakes and garlic. Fold turkey and artichokes into mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Before serving, fold in tomatoes.

Texas Round-Up Fitness Team encourages healthy living over the holidays

AUSTIN, TX - As the holiday season approaches, the Texas Round-Up fitness team is rallying Texans of all ages and athletic levels to embrace the "Round-Up" spirit, and incorporate healthy diets and fitness into their holiday routine.

Since 2003, thousands of Texans have accepted the Texas Round-Up challenge to step up their daily activity through regular exercise and pledging to make healthy diets and lifestyle choices a priority. These Texans all share a common goal to reduce the number of serious diseases and deaths that occur each year from obesity.

The Texas Round-Up (www.texasroundup.org) welcomes communities, corporations, schools and other civic groups to enlist in its six-week fitness training program and accept the Governor's Challenge

to become a fit Texan. Texas Round-Up activities conclude with a 5K run/walk, 10K run/walk and Family Mile along with a Health and Fitness Expo and a Post-race Celebration Concert around the Texas State Capitol grounds on April 28-29, 2006.

For the second consecutive year, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the nation's second-largest poultry company, will serve as the title sponsor of the Texas Round-Up, recommitting its efforts to help consumers live healthy lifestyles through good nutrition. "There is no better time to embrace the Texas Round-Up spirit than the holidays, when families gather to give thanks for our many blessings and carry on traditions for healthy diets and lifestyles," said Marty McCart, Executive Director, Texas Round-Up, Inc. "We are pleased to have return-

ing sponsors such as Pilgrim's Pride, who are using their resources to bring affordable healthy living options to the table."

To help consumers stretch holiday dollars and encourage nutrition, Pilgrim's Pride is featuring creative, healthy holiday recipes on its Website (www.pilgrimspride.com) with dozens of kid-friendly poultry dishes.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, more than 63 percent of adult Texans and 35 percent of school-aged Texas children are overweight. Unhealthy eating habits and obesity cost the Texas

economy \$10.5 billion in 2001, and these costs are expected to reach \$40 billion by 2040 if current population growth continues, along with projections for weight gain and obesity.

Talking Turkey and Turning Leftovers Into Treats! The National Turkey Federation indicates that turkey is among the top five sources for protein for Americans, who consume an average of 17 pounds of turkey each year. In 2004, 264 million turkeys were raised in the United States, producing 7.3 billion pounds of poultry for consumers.

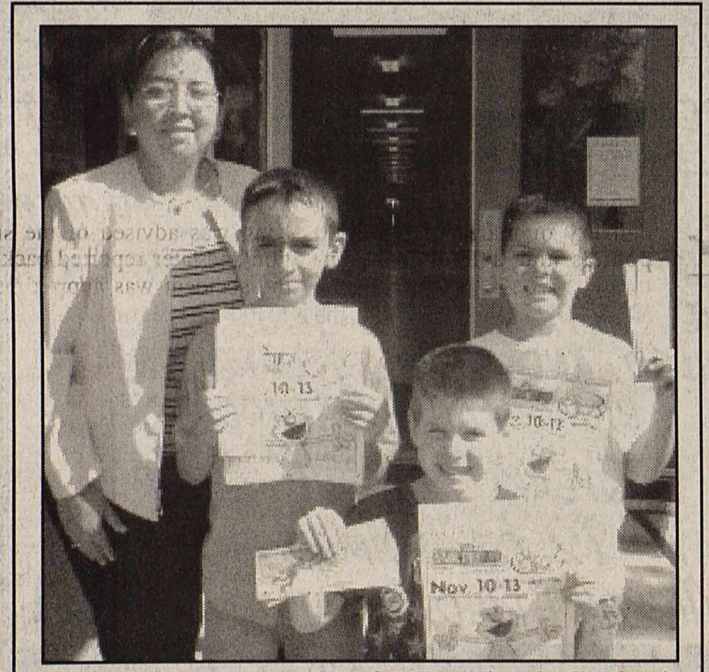
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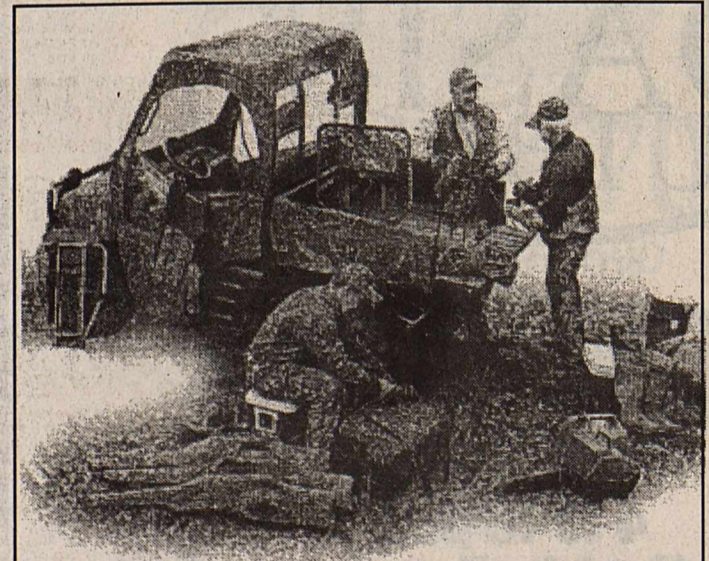
- Ingredients:
1 Pound turkey tenderloins, cut into 3/4-inch medallions
2 Teaspoons olive oil
1 Jar (6 ounces) marinated artichoke hearts, drained, halved; juice reserved
1 to 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar



Brackett News photo by Gus Garcia

TICKET WINNERS

The Brackett News sponsored a coloring contest with students from Jones Elementary. Winners selected by independent judges. Winners were Third graders Marco Novel, Second Grader Diego Luna and First Grader Justin Gallegos. Jones Elementary Principal Alma Gutierrez made the presentation.



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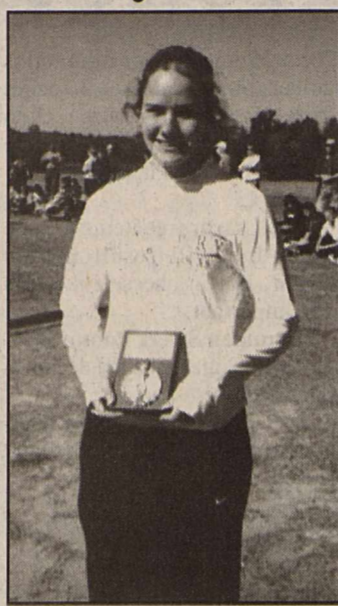
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Ashabranner named American Southwest JV Tigerettes basketball team win opener Freshman Female Runner of the year

Juliann Ashabranner ran in the American Southwest Conference Cross Country Meet Saturday Oct. 29th at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. She runs for McMurry University in Abilene. Juliann came in 5th over all, 1st on her team. The girls got 2nd place as a

team. Juliann made First Team All-Conference. She was named American Southwest Freshman Female Runner of the year for 2005. The Girls competed in the NCAA Division 3 Regional Cross Country meet at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. on Nov. 12.



The Junior Varsity Tigerettes beat Jourdanon 38-18 in their season opener Tuesday, Nov. 15. "This is a great opportunity to see the girls in true game situation."

Everyone who traveled saw playing time," Coach B. Schroeder said. Team members include: Bianca Terrazas, Summer Allen, Capri Creech, Chaito Sanchez, Hayley Harris, Nadine Teerrazas, Meghan Davis, Samantha Moore, Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez, Jolissa Wright and Veronica

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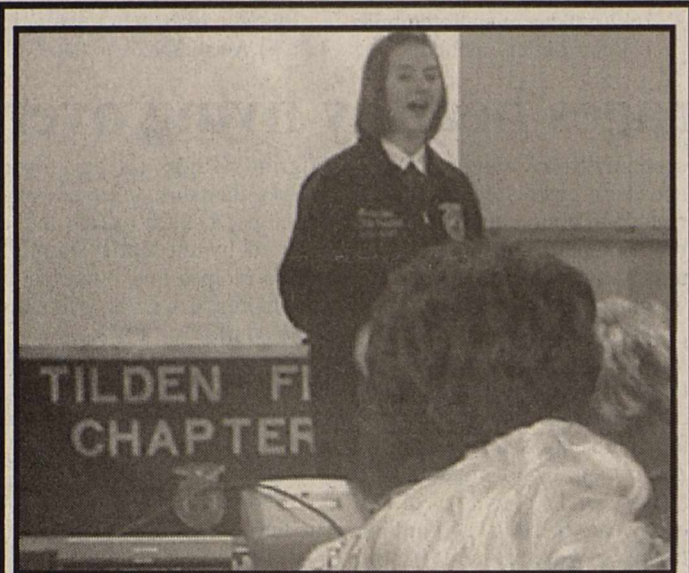
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Las Moras Women's golf results

The winners of Nov. 14's golf game "Girls in The Middle" were Ann Malin, Orlene Alvis, and Carol Benfield all with a net score of 75.

Winners of skins were Ann Malin, Sherri White, and Luann Pendorf. And the winner of chip ins was Carol Benfield.

The women of Las Moras Golf League play every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. weather permitting.



GUEST SPEAKER

Ashton Teal, of Tilden High School, spoke before the South Texas Cattlewomen on Nov. 15 in Cotulla. She presented her Texas Beef Ambassador Speech. Teal placed second in the state competition. Her presentation combined humor with the facts concerning the beef industry and the need for beef in our diet.

Courtesy photo

Border Patrol seizes more than 700 pounds of drugs

Del Rio, Texas - Tuesday (Nov. 15, 2005) afternoon, Border Patrol Agents of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Del Rio Sector seized more than 700 pounds of marijuana, a quantity of methamphetamine, and a quantity of cocaine in three separate incidents.

The first incident at approximately 2:30 p.m. Border Patrol Agents assisted a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force and Texas Department of Public Safety officers in searching a residence in Carrizo Springs, Texas. The agents provided perimeter security for the operation. The officers found .063 pounds of cocaine valued at \$2,016.

The second incident Border Patrol Agents monitoring the Rio Grande around 3 p.m. were alerted to traffic near Eagle Pass.

Agents responded and located several bundles of marijuana. The bundles contained 110.78 pounds of marijuana valued at \$88,642.00.

The marijuana was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

At around 4:30 p.m. in the third and last incident, a Border Patrol Agent on patrol east of Brackettville came upon a single vehicle accident involving a pickup truck.

The driver had lost control of the vehicle causing the truck to roll over. The Agent immediately contacted emergency medi-

cal services.

The roadway and the area around the truck was cluttered with bundles of marijuana.

Also found was 18 grams of methamphetamine.

The bundles were determined to contain 620 pounds of marijuana with an estimated value of \$496,000.00.

The drugs were turned over to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

So far this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 2005, Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Agents have seized more than four thousand pounds of marijuana.

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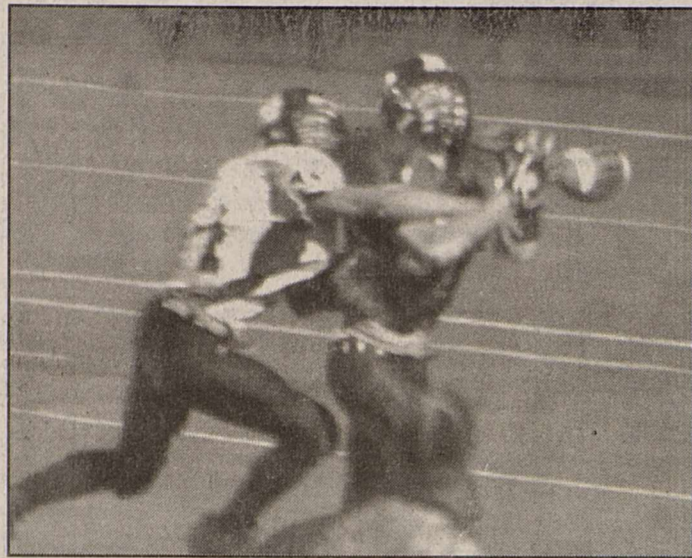
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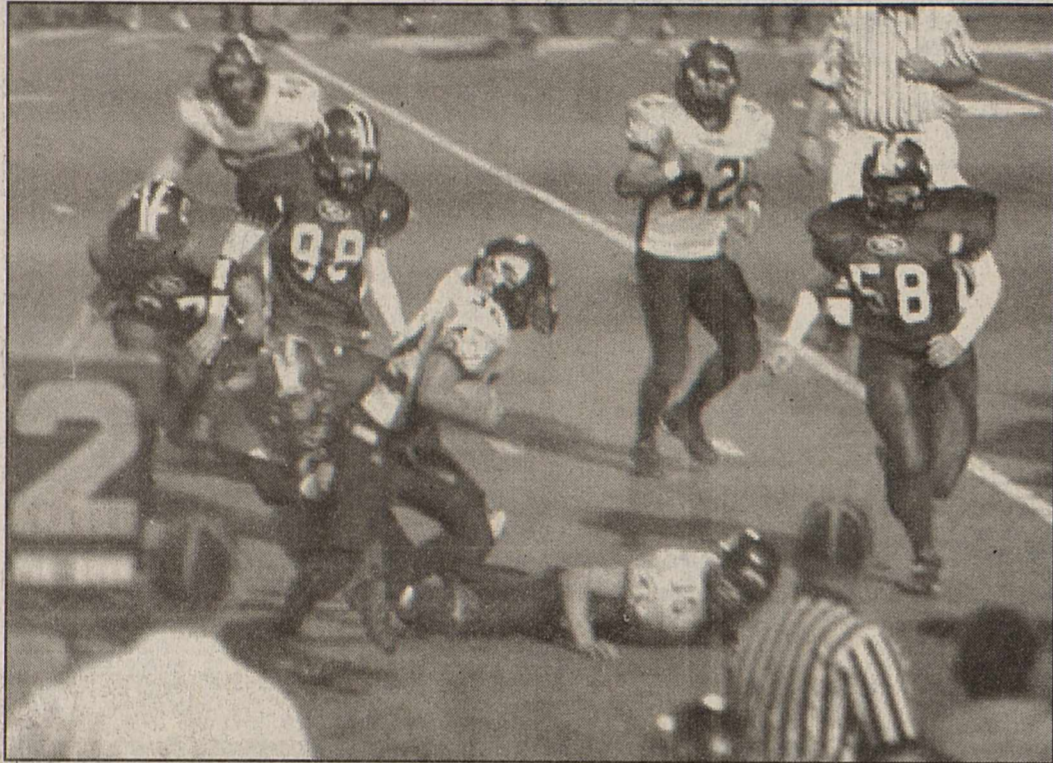
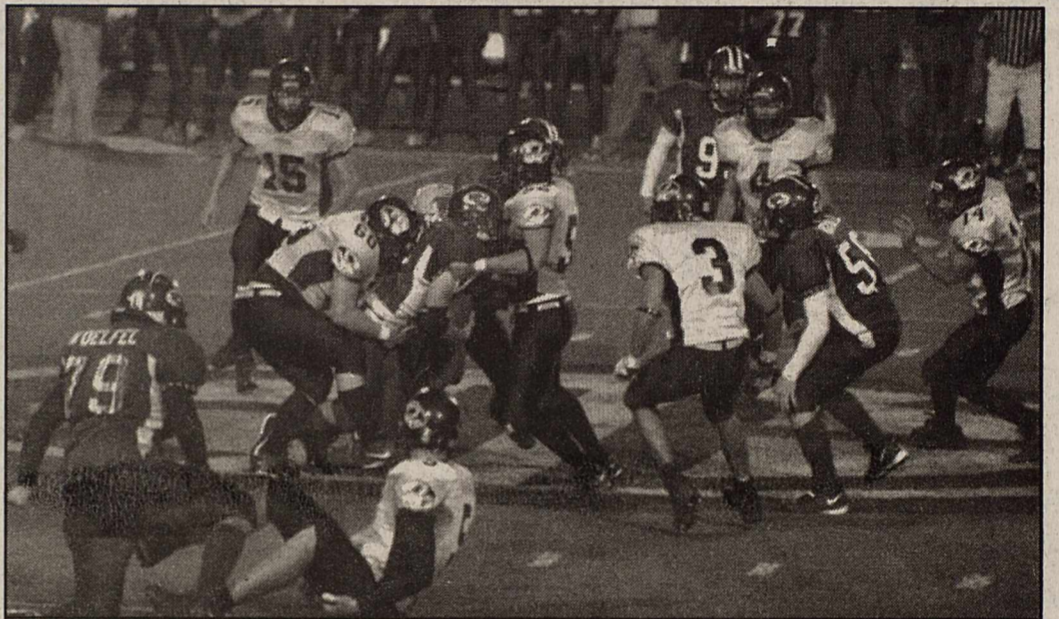


Left: Brand Wylie, having an awesome game, deflects a pass resulting in a first down loss for the Beavers.

Bottom: Ivan Pinales, named MVP by Coach Voyles, breaking through the line of scrimmage. Pinales had 9 carries for 125 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Top right and middle: Miles Braesicke making it look easy with a total of 122 yards in 17 carries.

Bottom right: Martin Flores (#60) and Gumaro Martinez (#54) team up stopping a Falls City running back in his tracks.



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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—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?
Today's Category: Words Before or After "HAND"
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Roaring Twenties Solution:
1. (Hand)bag 11. (Hand)spring
2. (Hand)ball 12. (Hand)stand
3. (Hand)book 13. (Hand)writing
4. (Hand)cleap 14. Back(hand)
5. (Hand)cuff 15. Before(hand)
6. (Hand)gun 16. Farm(hand)
7. (Hand)kerchief 17. Second(hand)
8. (Hand)out 18. Short(hand)
9. (Hand)print 19. Stage(hand)
10. (Hand)shake 20. Under(hand)

HOROSCOPES
by Charles Cooper
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll find yourself hosting the holiday meal this year. Go all out. This isn't the time to be frugal.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Give a loved one some space. You've been a bit overbearing. Once you do, you'll find your holiday most enjoyable.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You manage to successfully juggle socializing and work this week. As a result, an exciting opportunity comes your way. Devote some time over the weekend to going over finances.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting out and about with family members is favored this week. Romance is also in the stars for singles. Later, get cracking on a home decorating project.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Before you can enjoy the holiday, you'll need to clear up lingering work matters. On that special day, count your blessings. The weekend is devoted to shopping, but watch your use of credit.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Early in the week, you're busy getting the house ready for the holiday. Once that's done, relax and enjoy. A minor crisis at work is averted thanks to your quick thinking.
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LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're center stage for the holiday. However, pay attention to the needs of family members. They need their share of the limelight as well.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The beginning of the week is favored for reaching agreements and signing contracts. Once this is attended to, you focus on the holiday. Despite a bit of friction, everything goes well.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You put undue stress on yourself by expecting things to be perfect. If you relax more, you'll be able to enjoy that special day. Go for ease and convenience - not perfection!
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're just not up for a lot of company this week. Force yourself. The family is counting on you.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A family member comes through on a promise made some time ago. Later in the week, everyone has a special holiday idea. As a result, you have more fun than you'd anticipated.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend proves invaluable to you on a business deal. Be sure, though, you both understand all the terms you've agreed to. This way, you avoid misunderstandings at a future date.

It's not about A little thanks me anymore

Jordan listened patiently as Rick talked about his recent visit with Amy.

Jordan sensed Rick's conflicting feelings.

On the one hand he felt angry. On the other hand he felt empathy for Amy's feelings. He felt rejection and yet he knew things could never be the same. Finally Rick could contain his feelings no longer.

He slammed his fist on the desk. "Damn it, she's my wife. It's my home and my kids." He sunk back into his chair. Feelings inside were churning for release.

Jordan responded with silence. He looked at Rick trying to show understanding without sympathy.

After a few moments Rick hung his head and looked at the floor. He put both hands over his face and sobbed. "I want my life back," he cried. "I want my life back."

"Which life do you want Rick?" Jordan asked. "Do you want back the life that got you in here? Do you want the life that alienated Amy and your kids; that caused them so much pain?"

He paused allowing Rick to think. He continued. "Or do you want the new life that God has for you? The new life that will keep you out of places like this?"

The new life that can restore your relationships with your wife



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and kids?

You can't have it both ways, you know! One is the path of death and destruction. The other is the path of the good life."

Rick raised his head. He glanced around the room then looked directly into Jordan's eyes.

Saying nothing he got up from the chair and walked around the room looking at the pictures and certificates on the wall. He stopped to look at the picture of Old Joe with Donovan and Jordan.

His eyes clouded up but he smiled. Old Joe's voice seemed to come out of the picture.

"Rick boy, it ain't 'bout yo nomoah. Iss all 'bout God an 'is wonaful plan fo yo lahf. Yo lissen ta Joahdan, ya heah! Yo got a impotant disishun ta make."

Still looking at the picture Rick said aloud, "Am I going to have to live with that old man for the rest of my life?"

He laughed and turned to Jordan who joined the laughter. "It's not about me anymore is it Jordan?"

I like this time of year when it starts getting cooler and the leaves start changing color.

When I see all the beautiful colors of the leaves I am reminded of the splendor, majesty and goodness of God.

Due to our fast paced culture and busy schedules, many times it is difficult to think about God and be thankful.

For me I have to get in a quiet place and I need time to think and reflect.

As I look back and think about how my parents provided for me when I was growing up; like a roof over my head, clothes on my back, bread on the table, shoes on my feet, care when I was sick, and a home with love, it makes me realize that I was very blessed.

They have both gone on to be with the Lord but I wished I had spent more time thanking them and appreciating all they



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

did for me. My grandmother used to sing a little song, "count your many blessing name them one by one"

Do we have food, a roof over our heads, health, job opportunities and the list goes on? This holiday season let us enjoy and give thanks for the many blessings God has given us.

There are some verses in Psalm (75:1,107:1,2,15,22,43) that give reminders as to why we are to be thankful, (Psalms 30:4 & 35:18 & 97:12 and Colossians 3:16).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Kinney area host families needed as soon as possible

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting.

Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match.

As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea,

Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries.

P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States.

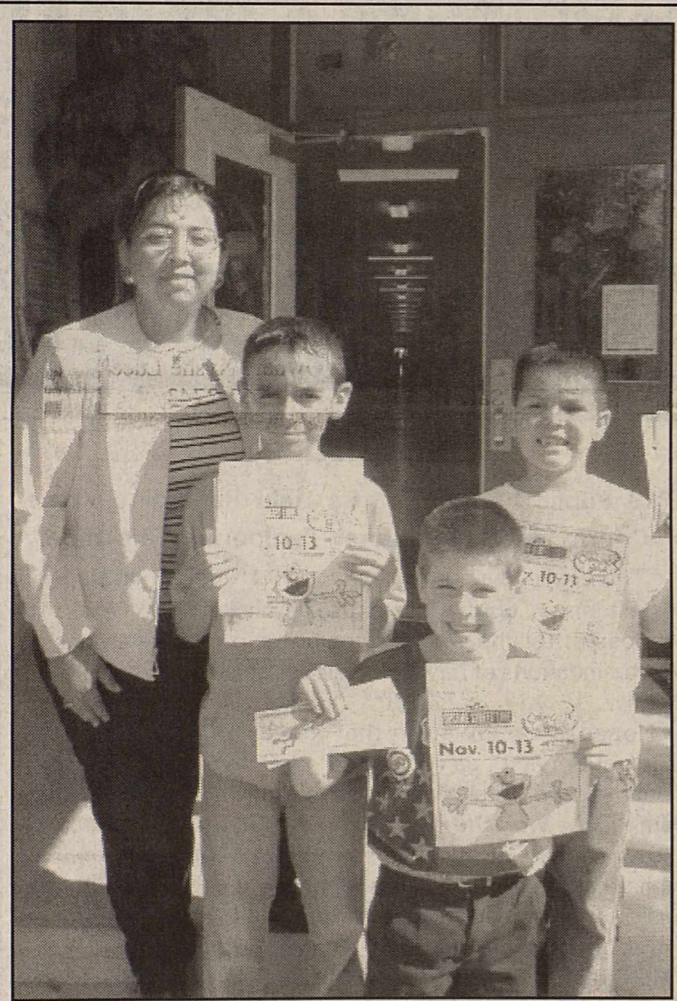
P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975.

The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSJET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSJET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Kinney area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free at 1-866-546-1402.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



Brackett News photo by Gus Garcia

TICKET WINNERS

The Brackett News sponsored a coloring contest with students from Jones Elementary. Winners selected by independent judges. Winners were Third grader Marco Novel, Second grader Diego Luna and First grader Justin Gallegos. Jones Elementary Principal Alma Gutierrez made the presentation.

Hook 'em Horns hand signal turns 50

The University of Texas at Austin Office of Public Affairs recently announced the celebration of one of its most well-known traditions: 50th Anniversary of the Hook 'em Horns hand sign.

University of Texas head cheerleader Harley Clark introduced the "Hook 'em Horns" hand signal on Friday evening, Nov. 11, 1955, at a football rally in Gregory Gymnasium.

The hand sign was suggested by Henry Pitts, one of Clark's classmates.

Fifty years later, Nov. 11 fell on a Friday night before a home football game, and the Texas Exes UT Heritage Society recreated the pep rally of half a century ago.

As was done in 1955, the anniversary event included a torchlight parade. The Gym program featured "then and now" segments. The show opened with

a recreation of the scene in 1955, including cheerleaders in period uniforms.

Pitts and Clark shared their stories on the origin of the hand sign.

Other highlights included: 1950's prices on burgers, crinkle fries, hot dogs and corn dogs, along with 79-cent shakes at its campus food courts.

The UT Tower was lighted with orange with a "50" in the windows.

The Heritage Society solicited college memories of the 1950's alumni and deposited their recollections in the UT archives, which are available to the public.

Eighty thousand "Hook 'em Horns" were available for the fans attending the Texas vs. Kansas football game.

A special anniversary half-time show by the Longhorn Band was presented.



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The Amen

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

I know thy works, that thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked;

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 3:14-18. Praise God!



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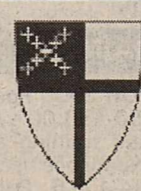


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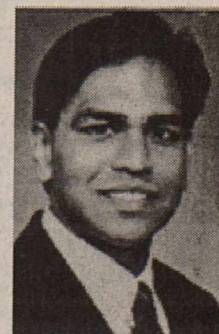
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