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Tigers tame Wolves in conference opener See story, Page 7

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Schuster steps down as principal BHS leader takes position with Union Pacific Railroad

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

John Paul Schuster has reett High School.

He is currently training for a numerous community activities. new position with the Union Pacific Railroad.

school district as a vocational agriculture instructor in 1993.

"Mr. Schuster was very incommunity," Superintendent cipal. Bobby Templeton said.

He performed many of the 'extras' that are so time consuming, as Santa, drove the bus on occaof town events and helped with with."

"From day one, I was always so impreseed with how he knew Schuster has served as the so much about every student in have ever worked with," the superintendent added.

Templeton is currently hanvolved with the students and the dling Schuster's duties as prin- been formally approved by the should be rushed. High school

the traditional role of principal. school counselor, Stoney Burks, ture.

"(John Paul Schuster) was yet so important. He dressed up more student oriented than any signed as the principal of Brack-sion, traveled constantly to out principal I have ever worked

Bobby Templeton

BHS principal since June 2001. his care. He was more student middle school principal, and He began working with the oriented than any principal I Paula Renken, elemnetary prin- new principal on board and cipal, as needed until a replacement is brought on board.

Board of Trustees. The district The superintendent will be is expected to begin advertising "His service went far beyond assisted by Ken Newman, high for the position in the near fu- ing a replacement."

"We are looking to have a ready to work sometime in early summer," Templeton said. "This Schuster's resignation has not is not a process that can or principal is a key position and great care will be taken in find-

Schuster was honored Friday

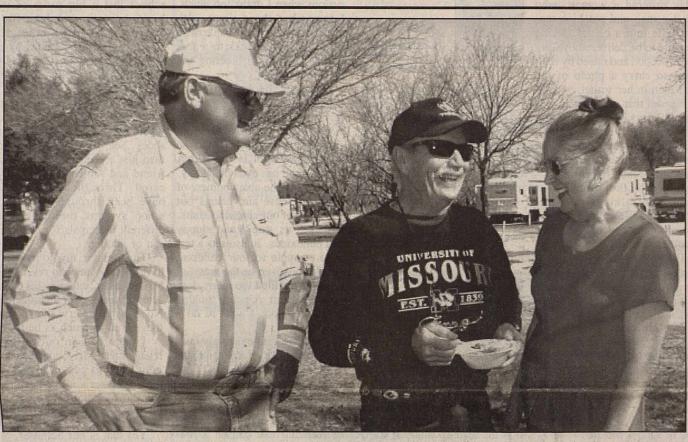
by students and staff members at a reception at the high school.

"I have been through numerous school systems, meeting all the different principals for one reason or another," said Shanae Simmons, a junior at BHS who is also a columnist for The Brackett News. "Throughout my journey, I have met no one who resembles Mr. Schuster, either by his character or his love for his students. No one has ever shown that they cared as much as he

"I really believe that in some way and some how, he has affected everyone in our school. My world has been changed by his presence," she added.



John Paul Schuster



A nice, warm bowl of chili

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Russ White of Brackettville (from left), Mac Evans of Missouri and Nancy Harrison of Virginia brought home awards from the Fourth Annual Fort Clark Springs Chili Cook-Off Monday at the fort's RV Park. Ralph Fuentes, a chef at LaFonda Ranch, won the event, Harrison was second, Evans was third and White won the People's Choice award. The annual event is a fundraiser for Fort Clark Days.

Voting underway in rollback election

Early voting is underway in up on the second day." the county rollback election. The special election is the result of

Nine citizens turned out to ing, the first day of early vot- that were mailed last week.

"The first day is always at the County Clerk's Office. pretty slow," said County Clerk Dora Sandoval. "It usually picks hike was approved by the Com- Wylie all voted for a 12 percent the citizens."

Citizens can vote early at the citizens who petitioned the de- through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 hour. Election day is Feb. 7.

missioners' Court last month.

County Clerk's Office Monday Padron, the county tax assessor- missioner Nat Terrazas opposed. collector, there are 2,423 regiscision of the Commissioners p.m. through Feb. 1. The office tered voters in the county. A retive deficit budgets, officials ap-Court to increase county taxes will be open during the lunch call election required a petition proved major budget cuts this signed by at least 10 percent of year. Citizens are asked to bring the registered voters, or 243. cast ballots on Tuesday morn-their new voter registration cards Padron validated 336 signatures over \$300,000 in savings last Haby Coates. on the petition.

County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Pat Melan- good turnout," Sandoval said. The petition opposing the tax con, Joe Montalvo and Francie

tax hike and the budget for the According to Martha Pena current fiscal year, while Com-

After adopting four consecu-

The commissioners pledged year to balance the budget.

"Hopefully we will have a "The election was requested by

Sierra Club opposes rehearing on plan

J.J. GUIDRY

The Kinney County Groundsoon be considering a motion for rehearing on the district's management plan.

Before the local leaders were able to discuss the issue at its probably table this January meeting, Stuart Henry item ..." voiced the Sierra Club's opposition to the motion.

The directors opted not to take any action on the motion and will likely address it at the February meeting.

"Our legal counsel said we really haven't had time to consider this, and that we should Ralston, general manager of the

ourd, said: "I'm sure nobody get legal advice on it."

December has been received by the Texas Water Development

The motion for rehearing was filed by Ed McCarthy, an Austin attorney representing the Ben Jones Jr. estate, the Ben Jones Sr. estate, the Willie Jo Dooley Limited Partnership, Zachry and Kayla Davis, McDaniel Farms Inc., Hayden and Doris Haby, Hayden Haby Jr. and Dennette

The central issue in the motion is the district's decision to define groundwater availability solely upon recharge from rainfall inside Kinney County.

"Our legal counsel said we really water Conservation District will haven't had time to consider this, and that we should

Don Ralston

"This definition, which the plan states is a 'policy decision,' falls short of the true quantity of usable groundwater in Kinney County on many levels," McCarthy writes in the motion. probably table this item until the "It fails to take into account einext meeting," said Don ther the existing amount of groundwater in the aquifer or other sources of groundwater Cecil Smith, president of the both into and within the district, many of which that have bee here has had a chance to read it. identified in previous scientific Tabling it would give us time to study. The district's 'policy decision' does not take into ac-Ralston said the management count such sources as the lateral plan approved by the board in flow into underlying aquifers from the district's northern boundary up dip in the Edwards Plateau region.

"Furhermore, the district's 'policy decision' is not grounded in sound science, nor does not use the best science avail-

Henry, the lead attorney for the Sierra Club, defended the board's decision policy.

"What you did is take what I consider to be a prudent approach of not having any more good data than you do have, and basically saying we're not going to allocate more water than we know is actually available."

INSIDE

Adult FCA

BHS' Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter is planning a new adult FCA chapter. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday. Community/Page 4

Conoly selected

Alanna Conoly will join a select group of students representing their school, com munity and state as a People to People student leader. Lifestyles/Page 5

Tigerettes win

The Brackett Tigerettes squeaked by Dilley 26-20 on Friday to improve to 15-4 overall and 2-1 in conference action. Sports/Page 7

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Club seeks funds to ship supplies to South Africa

The Brackett High School History Club has been sponsorest AIDS victims of South Africa since November.

with the St. John's Mission of Barberton, South Africa, the students learned that there was a truly wonderful." need for reading books, coloring books and crayons. They were told of one orphanage with only one very old box of crayons, which was shared by all of the children.

"The response from the Brackett ISD students, from elementary through high school, was truly wonderful," said Kathy Bader, sponsor of the History Club. "Reading books, coloring books and crayons poured in."

One large box, containing an assortment of books and crayons was shipped in December, with enough supplies remaining History Club, at 563-2869 or to fill three more boxes. Unfor- 563-5345.

"The response ing a book drive for the young- from the Brackett ISD students, from Through correspondence elementary through high school, was

Kathy Bader

tunately, the cost of shipment is very expensive.

The shipment of the first box was made possible through monetary donations made by members of the high school faculty. Approximately \$240 is needed to ship the remaining supplies.

The History Club is asking that anyone wishing to make a donation toward the shipment of the remaining boxes contact Bader at 563-2491, Ext. 400, or Beth Ballew, president of the



The Brackett High School History Club sponsored a book drive for young AIDS victims in South Africa. Beth Ballew (left), the club's president, and Emily Petrosky, activities coordinator, are shown with a box containing only a portion of the supplies that have been collected.

Passing on the family genes

My No. 2 daughter, Kasey, asked me for a favor the other day. She had purchased a small table and chairs for her kids, yes, my grandkids, on sale. I cringed.

In my time I have learned many of life's bitter lessons the hard way. The sourer the lesson, the harder the swallow.

and nobody wants them, so why should I?

I've bought more than my they would. I have added to our trash problem by buying discounted items. Oh well, live and

table and chairs. I asked what mended them well. I sensed an

I knew why, but wanted to story. hear it. She told me. She said She that my grandkids had inherited rah had practiced beginning skysome of my genes and were diving practice off of the table walking wrecking machines.

My grandkids? My genes?

I seemed to remember some things she disassembled in her one by one, they would use time. She destroyed more than those as clubs in true caveman one or two bargain basement and cavewoman fashion to dispriced items while she was grow- lodge others until there was not ing up. But, no need to dredge a leg to be found on table or up the past.

I accepted the challenge. It was a small table and chair set. theme. The table resembled a playing field, while the chairs tear. looked like baseballs with glove shaped backs.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

The legs of the table and Things are generally on sale chairs, long since separated from for one reason. They're cheap their original placing, were in a bag with small portions of the table and chairs still attached.

I pondered a solution to the share of cut-rate articles. Most broken pieces for about a week turned out just as I suspected before engaging upon the project. They were definitely

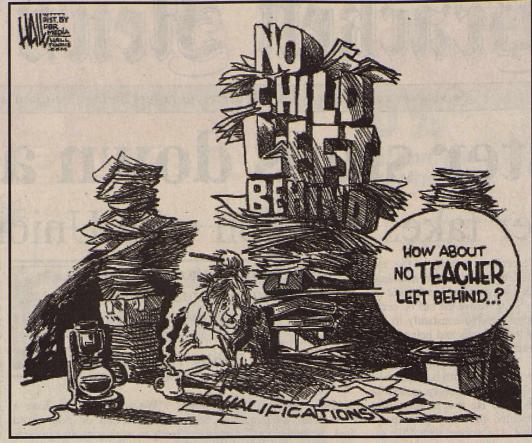
I repaired the furniture and called to tell her that it was ready She asked if I could fix the to go home. She asked if I had was wrong with them and why. additional part of the wreckage

She said that Tillman and Saand used the chairs to cushion their falls

Then when the legs broke off, chair.

I repaired the damaged set. I fixed them better than they were It was made with a baseball before. They are stout enough to withstand a lot of wear and

I'm not sure I did Kasey a favor. But I could be wrong.



rinking can be deadly

I was just going through the news when I discovered a case from Pennsylvania where a judge ordered a woman, who killed a man and put his pregnant wife into a coma, forcing the child to be delivered by Caesarean section and raised by relatives, to carry a photo of the dead man in her wallet.

Besides that, the woman was given 30 days in jail, plus house arrest and five years probation. This for a guilty plea to vehicu- two that did not involve somelar homicide, reckless endangerment and reckless driving.

drunk and talking on a cell other, a young lady tried to phone when she crossed into the dodge a deer and rolled her opposite lane and hit the other SUV couple's pickup.

when the photo was delivered to the guilty party by the dead man's mother, it was a photo of him in his coffin. Naturally the defense objected.

'This makes no sense to me," said Langston's attorney, Michael Sherman. "Requiring Jendefeats the whole purpose if the can cause. purpose is to look and rememlook at such a picture?"

having a few drinks and going do really stupid things. for a ride to talk on her cell



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

In my 20-plus years as a law enforcement officer I worked a lot of traffic accidents. Thinking back, I can only remember one drinking too much and driving. In one, the man fell asleep You see, the woman was and hit a truck head-on. In the

The rest of the story is that noticed is that in most accidents where there are fatalities, the drunk usually survives while the innocent are killed and maimed.

I am not against the use of alcohol. I myself have taken the again. occasional drink, more so in the past than the present. The older I get, however, the more I see nifer to carry a picture like that what pain and suffering alcohol

ber. Who in their right mind will divorces than anyone can count. It is the leading cause of traffic Well, pardon me, but she accidents. It causes fights, kill- time of pain for someone else. killed him, she should have to ings, accidental deaths and in-If she doesn't like the way it causes normally sane and cau-red, when it sparkles in the cup, next time she starts to feel like mon sense out the window and the last it bites like a serpent and

a lot, I am astounded that I survived. I am also supremely sorry for the way I acted on those occasions when I drank too much. I remember those times with great remorse and embarrassment and give thanks to a forgiving God for protecting me from myself.

Drinking alcohol is not necessarily bad. It is in some ways even healthy. However, the abuse of anything is bad, and the abuse of alcohol is unhealthy, unwise, and can even be deadly. It causes the abandonment of

common sense and brings out the worst of our character traits. It makes us stupid and sloppy Another thing that I have and obnoxious. It also sets a terrible example for our children, which may even be the worst of all. I have pulled too many dead children from vehicles stinking of booze. I don't want to do it

So please, if you simply must drink, do it with restraint and with safety in mind. I don't think you want to spend the rest of your days carrying around a It has been the cause of more photo of a dead man in a coffin fectionately calling him "Billy to remind you of a few moments Bob.' of stupidity that caused a life-

Proverbs 23:31-33 - "Do not remember him dead in a coffin. juries of all kinds. It basically look upon the wine when it is makes her feel, tough! Maybe tious people to throw their com- when it goes down smoothly; at stings like a viper. Your eyes When I think back on the will see strange things and your phone, it'll make her rethink it. years past when I did drink quite mind will utter perverse things."



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

Mr. Schuster will be missed

I once had a friend who made me laugh. This person was someone who could find humor in anything and everything. My friend was also a good listener.

If I had a problem, his ears were always open, and if something hurt me, it hurt him too. He was more than just a shoulder to cry on, but someone who was willing to sit down with me and share a tissue when times were tough and understand where I was coming from.

My friend was a leader that will always have an impact in my life because he has taught me to grow, and how to appreciate and understand those around me. This outstanding character will for now and always be more than just a "friend," but one of the greatest people I have ever known - my principal.

Many have probably already heard the news. Recently, our school lost a big piece of its heart, our principal John Paul Schuster. As I stated earlier, he is a great man, but times have changed, and a new path has been produced for him to travel Here is the bottom line: on his journey through life.

When I first heard the news, I was upset and wondered who would be able to fill this man's shoes. See, he was much more than just a principal, but also a friend and someone who really cared. Throughout my life, I have been through numerous school systems, meeting all the different principals for one reason or another.

Throughout my journey, I have met no one who resembles Mr. Schuster, either by his character or his love for his students. No one has every shown that they cared as much as he has.

I once had an out-of-town friend meet Mr. Schuster. Not only was this person impressed with Schuster's jovial personality, but he loved his accent, af-

Yes that is our Schuster, always southerly polite, never forgetting to say ma'am and sir to everyone, including his students.

That was his ploy in baiting us into liking him so much. He showed us all equal respect, in return, receiving ours.

When I first heard the news of his leave, like I said, I was upset. Last week was the last week for him, and on that last day, at a little going away party, I was determined not to look or talk to him for my own selfish reasons. See, I knew that if I even said goodbye, my eyes would get cloudy and it would get hard Beyond my subcommittee for me to hold back the water-

Eventually though, I gave in, and my premonitions were right. I gave him a hug and squeezed him tightly, telling him that he was the best principal that I ever had, tears seeping from my eyes. meaningful tax relief to the I didn't want to let go, but I knew I would have to. As I hugged this man who I had known as my principal, my leader, and the enforcer for my entire high school career, I noticed that my shoulder was slightly moistened from foreign tears.

Once again, this is just like Schuster. He isn't afraid to cry when something was meaningful or important. I have seen this big man cry for all of his students after special programs put on for us, in an attempt to deter us from using drugs and alcohol or other harmful lifestyles. I have sat in his office telling him stories of how fearful I was for friends, and how things were changing, and he shared my fear and tears for all of my peers.

I know that I may be a bit emotional, but I really believe that in some way and some how, he has affected everyone in our school. I know that I am just a silly student in a small town, but my world has been changed by his presence. It could have been the way he said "Simmons" when I was misbehaving, or the way he smiled and laughed with his students in the hallways, but I know he has made a mark for all to see.

So to you, our friend, our mentor, our principal, I say adieu and farewell. Hopefully life will treat you as well as you have treated us.

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Like the state of the nation, the state of our Congressional District is strong

This week, President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to an attentive audience. These are tumultuous times and I believe it was the speech our nation needed to

In his national address, President Bush reminded us of the tremendous accomplishments members are enjoying improvemade over the last year. But all the time, the president expressed and retiree commitments. that we still have a long road

ahead of us. our nation's success. I believe can and will remain focused and

review the state of the 23rd Congressional District. And I have trict is strong!

nomic opportunities for people throughout the 23rd Congressional District.

Growth means more jobs, better opportunities for small business owners and continued economic development.

ties are providing better service, grams. more doctors and nurses and

By working with the local Border Patrol, we're keeping our borders prosperous and safe.

and research programs that help our nation. bolster their profitability.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

ments in salary, base renovations

Yes, the state of our district is strong. But we must remem-He presented a blueprint for ber that "no man is an island."

The issues affecting our nathat with this vision, our nation tion also affect our state and our district. And while I will always look out for the needs of the Much like the president re- 23rd Congressional District, I am viewed the state of the Union, also committed to keeping a

am dedicated to rebuilding our Growth statistics show that national defense. We must concities in our district are grow- tinue to support our men and ing at a rapid pace. This record women in uniform who have we've seen remarkable results. growth is providing more eco- taken an oath to defend and pro- But we're not finished. tect our nation.

> lenges, we must demonstrate the goals and making the 23rd Distrue commitment for our armed trict better than ever.

expanding and health care facili- and national agriculture pro- goals that we must attend to.

culture producers. Many of the district. programs funded will directly seeing improvements in grants out our great state, as well as

And our local military service ing the agriculture industry America.

strong and healthy.

positions in the House of Representatives, I want each of you to know that I will not back down on the issues I have fought for since my first days in Con-

We must continue to provide people of America - especially considering our current economic conditions.

Now more than ever, we also need to look out for the small businesses of America. They are the back-bone of our country. Small businesses should be protected so they have the opportunity to grow and flourish.

I'll also continue my work on I've taken the opportunity to watchful eye on the needs of our the Texas/Mexico border. I'll aim for better health research As a member of the Defense funding and, of course, I'll shoot good news: The state of our dis- Appropriations Subcommittee, I for the stars when it comes to educating our nation's children. After more than a decade of

> This year will bring us one As our troops face new chal- step closer to accomplishing our

commitment to these issues,

It goes without saying that As Chairman of the Agricul- America is facing new and difture Appropriations Subcommit- ferent challenges. With these Our district universities are tee I oversee hundreds of state challenges come important, new

President Bush has set forth Last year's Agriculture bill his goals for our nation and now greater coverage for all patients. was great news for Texas agri- you and I must set goals for our

By standing together we will impact farmers and ranchers in prove that these goals can be Our farmers and ranchers are the 23rd District and through- accomplished. We will prove that we are a united district and united nation, prepared to work I remain dedicated to keep- together for the good of



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texans address domestic issues

While our television sets are often tuned to the latest news from around the globe, here on the homefront we continue to face a number of challenges.

In my annual Listening Post survey, I asked Texans' opinions on the important domestic issues facing Congress in 2004. Nearly 85 percent of respondents placed equal on importance on medical liability reform, a prescription drug benefit in Medicare and judicial nominations.

Here's a breakdown of what

you had to say: Medical Liability Reform The issue that received the most support - and the strongest opinions — was medical li-

ability reform. Here are a few

of your comments: ■ We need major tort reform nation wide and especially in the medical field ... we need to start making people responsible for their own actions. Foster, Gra-

■ Tort reform should not be limited to medical liability reform. Outrageous lawsuits and the threat of unlimited legal liability strangle our economy in many fields. Shelly, Bowie

Shelly, many of my colleagues in Congress and I agree with you — tort reform is high on the agenda for this year. We know that frivolous lawsuits of all kinds clog our legal system and ultimately harm the citizens they are designed to protect.

A Texan from Boerne put it simply when replying with their most important issue: "tort reform, tort reform, tort reform." **Confirmation of Judges**

In 2003, the confirmation of federal judges was a key priority in Washington, D.C.

The framers of our Constitution intended to balance power throughout government. For example, federal judges are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate — a process that ensures each nominee is thoroughly vetted and affirmed an able judge. Unfortunately, many qualified candidates have been stuck on the sidelines because of political games, while benches in our nation's courts sit vacant. Here are your thoughts on the issue:

Confirmation of federal judges is of crucial importance to future for generations. Scott, Houston

President Bush should do a recess appointment of all judges who haven't been given an up/down vote by the full Senate after he's re-elected! Delaney, Georgetown

Highway Funding

One issue that wasn't on many Texans' radar screens was the reauthorization of highway funding. As the chair of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee in the Senate, the issue of highway funding is under my purview. And, with more than 79,513 miles of highway stretching across Texas - more than any other state - I know the importance of a reliable, functioning transportation network.

This year, Congress is scheduled to reauthorize legislation to fund our nation's highways. I will continue to fight to ensure Texas gets back its fair share of federal dollars sent to Washington. Here are a few of your comments:

■ Transportation infrastructure improvement should be our priority, behind the war on terrorism. John, Dallas

■ Highway funding should be done at the pump. Morris, Mineola

■ I think it is counterproductive to build super highways when we are trying to get people to consume less gas and ride public transportation, which is costing millions and consuming energy. Sue, Irving

Medicare Reform

Shortly after the survey was distributed, Congress enacted Medicare reform legislation that included a prescription drug component. While the bill was not perfect, it is a good first step in providing better health care.

I appreciate the input of so many Texans on this important issue and will continue to work in Congress toward better health coverage for all Americans.



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FCA organizes adult chapter

Brackett High School's Fel- sors, will lead the meeting. lowship of Christian Athletes chapter is organizing a new to do three things: adult FCA chapter.

The new chapter has the goal Chapter and its' student memof supporting and encouraging bers. area young Christians in their FCA youth ministry activities.

to join the new adult FCA chap- amples include community serter as charter members. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Bill and

Pay \$25 dollars in dues.

■ Provide support to the FCA Anyone interested is invited chapter, however needed. Exfreshments for meetings and of the church. helping with lock-ins.

■ Pray for Brackett's FCA try service projects.

athletes and coaches and all youth to FCA Summer Camp. whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and

Dues collected through the Approximately 80 Brackett new adult FCA chapter will be Rhonda Marquardt at 563-2491, Carolyn Conoly. Charles and student athletes attend weekly disbursed to the high school Ext. 414, or Carolyn or Bill Rhonda Marquardt, FCA spon- FCA meetings in the evenings FCA club in the fall and in the Conoly at 563-3699

during the school year. Students spring and will be used to help New members will be asked meet for prayer, fellowship and support FCA's student-led to plan Christian youth minis- Christian service projects. Monies may also assist the club in FCA's goal is to "present to sending more Brackettville

FCA members themselves are recruiting Adult FCA members. Each FCA member has been Savior, serving Him in their re- asked to recruit at least one parvice, fund-raising, providing re- lationships and in the fellowship ent or adult friend to join the new chapter.

For more information, call

OBITUARIES

Alex Longoria

May 30, 1934. He entered into Innocente, and her family. eternal rest on Jan. 6, 2004, at the age of 69.

Longoria volunteered and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean was patriotic, a story teller, a War. He was preceded in death crooner at singing, a humorous by his father, Willie; mother, Carolina, and brother Willie Longoria.

Longoria is survived by his children from his first marriage: Vivian Bain, Norman, Debra, Mario, Patricia, Ralph and Robert Longoria; grandchildren: Claudette, Michael Anthony, Stephen Norman and Leilani Longoria, Victor Sanchez III, Brittany Bain, Brian Durden and Nathan Longoria Marino; his brothers: Manuel and Johnny Longoria; sisters: Bertha Fu-

Alex Longoria was born to Virginia Pena; numerous nieces Willie and Carolina Longoria on and nephews, and his wife,

"Our dad and grandfather was a unique character - what you saw is what you got," Claudette Longoria said. "He soul and a skillful carpenter.

"His brave spirit was prominent, as was the love of his family and friends throughout his final weeks at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

"Our dad and grandfather has gone, yet not forgotten. Although we are apart, his spirit lives within us forever in our hearts ... See you in the funny papers, Grandpa!"

Memorial services were held Jan. 10 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father entes, Elida Gonzalez, Betty and Cornelius J. Scanlan officiating.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Jan. 12 2:02 a.m., A Fort Clark se- notified.

curity employee reported that ation.

8:07 a.m., A man reported that items were stolen from his ily member. He was released two of the Peace John Ford was no- had been arguing. She said she hunting camp.

10:20 a.m., A man reported nizance bond. that someone broke into his residence on N. Ann Street. He said curred over the weekend.

10:54 a.m., A man reported

the lights were off at Picos. The Buitron, 20, of Brackettville was press-time. manager was notified of the situ- arrested by Chief Deputy Shercausing bodily injury to a fam- on the ground in Unit 1. Justice said that she and her husband days later on a personal recog- tified of the situation.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

arrested by Constable Bobby dence Guidry on warrants for dangera black bull out at the intersec- ous drugs, possession of a con- ported someone in her back yard tion of F.M. 2523 and F.M. trolled substance and failure to at her residence on W. Thorn dez, 40, of Del Valle was ar-

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3008. The owner of the bull was appear. Guerrero was booked Deputy Ring was dispatched to into the Kinney County Jail the scene, but could not locate 3:50 p.m., Santos Edward where he was still being held at anyone.

9:30 a.m., Cesar Enrique Lock Street. The woman said dispatched to the scene. He he believed the break-in oc- Guerrero, 27, of Mexico was that no one should be at the resi- transported her and her children

> 11:50 p.m., A woman resee who the individual was.

Thursday, Jan. 15 5:25 a.m., A man reported a over on its side by Mud Creek. No injuries were reported. DPS

notified of the situation. check the west side entrance of posting a \$1,500 bail bond. the Kinney County Courthouse was open. A secretary was noti-

building. Friday, Jan. 16

knocked over at the corner of El Paso and Ann Street. City

ing on her window at her residence on E. Thorn Street.

7:40 p.m., A woman reported 2:14 p.m., A Fort Clark Se- a domestic disturbance at her iff Johnny Fritter for assault curity employee reported a body residence on Remote Alley. She wanted to move out of the house 5:01 p.m., A woman re- and was afraid to be there by herquested a residence check on self with him. Deputy Ring was to a relative's house.

Saturday, Jan. 17

3:55 p.m., Frankie Hernan-Street. She said she could not rested by DPS Trooper Duenez on a warrant out of Bastrop County for theft by check. He was released later the same day 2½-ton refrigerator truck turned after posting a \$2,000 bail bond.

5:45 p.m., Efrain Joe Carreon, 32, of Alpine was arrested Trooper Marcos Hernandez was DPS Trooper Duencz for driving while intoxicated and hav-7:30 p.m., Deputy Ron Ring ing an open container. He was reported that on his nightly released later the same day after

Sunday, Jan. 18

1:05 a.m., Clinton Ray Eoff, fied and said she would lock the 19, of Boerne was arrested by DPS Trooper Luna and Tully Welch for driving while intoxi-12:22 a.m., A woman re- cated. He was released later the ported that a stop sign was same day after posting a \$1,500 bail bond.

officials were notified of the situ- Mullins, 26, of Aransas Pass was arrested by Troopers Luna and 12:53 a.m., A woman re- Welch for driving while intoxiported that someone was knock- cated. He was released later the same day after posting a \$2,000

BRIEFS

Old Quarry to host Dinner Theater

The Old Quarry Society will present its annual Dinner Theater on Friday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 31, at Post Theatre. The doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 and the play beginning at 7:30. The catered meal will feature chicken cordon bleu on Friday night and chicken fried steak on Saturday night. This is a BYOB event.

The play, entitled "Louder, I can't hear you" by Bill Gleason. is under the direction of Barbara Hunter. This delightful comedy brings back to the stage some people who haven't been seen on the local stage for a while.

Darlene Sandwick plays Marge; Pat Melancon is her husband, Oscar; the daughter, Ann, is played by Tina Meek; and the son, Junior, by Steven Brinker. Linda Conrey is the nurse and Doctor Phillips is played by a newcomer to our stage, Norma Rowland. The radio program cast includes John Hunter, Barbara Hunter and Don Sandwick.

Season ticket holders should have been contacted by now, and individual tickets can be purchased at the Adult Center. For more information, call 563-3070 or 563-9229.

Meyer named to ASU Dean's List

SAN ANGELO - Leslie Elaine Meyer of Brackettville has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University for the fall

Meyer is majoring in marketing and international business. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time 1:05 a.m., Henry Lane and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Historical Society to meet Saturday

The Fort Clark Historical Society will meet Saturday morning at 10 at the Palisado Building. The guest speaker, Joni M. Jordan, will present a program on the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts. For more information, call 563-2038.



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A snake in the grass

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Brad Whitaker (left) and Harrison Vaughn proudly display the rattlesnake they recently captured on the Frontier Ranch in Spofford. The snake was 6 foot long and had 14 rattles, but Vaughn said it was obvious that some where missing. Vaughn had wanted a rattlesnake to mount, so Whitaker killed it with a stick to keep its body intact.

Conoly selected as leader for national program

Alanna Conoly, a 15-year-old ship potential. sophomore at Brackett High School, will join a select group of students representing their cine and health care, or leaderschool, community and state as a People to People student leader.

Conoly has been accepted into a People to People Leadership Summit in Colorado on July 22-31. She is the daughter of Bill and Carolyn Conoly of Brack-

All students accepted into a meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements.

Conoly was nominated and outstanding scholastic merit, credit. civic involvement and leader-

Leaders Summits on law, mediship bring together outstanding student leaders from across the tion process. In some locations, Fort Collins, Colo., at prestiership, team building, college nity to tour several area univergetown University, Johns Hopadmissions and professional as- sities. pirations.

Students can choose to build their courtroom skills, focus on how to enter the medical profession or work on an action plan community. Students develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world, while earnaccepted for the honor based on ing academic or service-learning

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People to People's Future dents will have the opportunity and gain valuable advice for navigating the college applica-United States to focus on lead- students will have the opportu- gious institutions like Geor-

Participants gain insights to guide their educational and professional careers. Through workshops, presentations, excursions and discussions, student leaders People to People program must to make a difference in their attain a clear advantage as they pursue and fine-tune their selected fields of interest.

Leadership Summit student leaders engage in a service learning projects and create a www.futureleaders-summit.org volunteer action plan to imple- or www.ambassador-summit.org.

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cus on college admissions. Stu- ment in their own community.

The 2004 People to People to meet with admissions officers student leaders will convene in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Los Angeles, Orlando, Fla., and kins University and the University of California, Los Angeles.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

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dium onion in a little butter until transparent.

ounces of water. Bring to a boil, pot and cover with water. reduce heat and add one can of

six as appetizer.

winner that's for those that love a king. corned beef.

Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

Corned Beef and Cabbage Soup

12 ounce can corned beef 1 medium cabbage

2-3 small red potatoes per

Break up corned beef in To make soup, saute' a me- roomy kettle or soup pot. Coarsely chop cabbage. Scrub, leaving skins on, and quarter the Add thawed puree and 16 potatoes. Add the veggies to the

Bring to a boil, cover, reduce, evaporated skim milk. Stir, heat- heat and simmer until potatoes ing, but do not boil. Season to are tender. Salt and pepper to taste and ladle into warmed soup This serves two, or four to mugs. Add small tossed or veggie salad and a wedge of For a hearty meal, here's a corn bread to have a meal fit for

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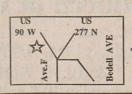






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It is a fool that spurns his father's teaching

John sipped his coffee. He felt compassion for his neighbor. "Yeah," he said. "It must've been embarrassing."

"I feel sorry for Beth and Jack," Ron said. "It hurts when your kid is hauled away by the police.

"Did you get the whole story?" John asked.

and driving," Ron answered. "You'd think the cops have more important problems than making an example of a kid from a good family.

"It was more than that," John said. "I heard something about several cars being dam-

"Well, I still think they should leave this kid alone!" ing to be kids. They have to learn for themselves. Steve'll turned out good," he said. get out of it and eventually do

"When I was his age my parents tried to warn me about alcohol. Like all other kids, I didn't listen. Look at me now. and get into a little trouble no joy." (17:21) when you were a kid?"

said. "Kids don't have to St. Henry deOsso Family learn by making mistakes. I Project, working in Brackettgot into. You could've saved and education.

'Whosoever believeth that

Jesus is the Christ is born of

God; and everyone that loveth

him that begat loveth him also

that is begotten of him. By this

we know that we love the chil-

dren of God, when we love God

and keep his commandments.

For this is the Love of God that

and his Commandments are not

God overcometh the world; and

this is the Victory that over-

cometh the world, even our

faith. Who is he that overcometh

the World, but he that believeth



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yourself a lot of trouble and "Something about drinking saved your parents from a lot of pain and expense if you'd

"I'm thankful my parents were willing to talk to me. I didn't have to try a few beers to find out what the consequences were. I didn't have to learn from bringing embarrassment to my family. I didn't have to learn from going to jail. I learned from watching Ron exclaimed. "It could have and listening to my dad and been a lot worse. Kids are go- mom. I learned that when I followed their advice, everything

"A very wise man said long ago that parents are to correct their children." (Proverbs 29:17)

"It is a fool that spurns his father's teaching (15:15) and I'm doing OK. Didn't you to be a fool's parent is grief. play around with a few beers The father of a numskull has

Editor's note: This col-"That's a copout," John umn is brought to you by the know the kinds of things you ville to strengthen family, faith

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"This is he that came by wa-

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ter and blood even Jesus Christ;

beareth witness, because the

Spirit is truth." (1 John 5:1-6)

Find new ways to show your love

If you ever happen to talk to clothes, entertainment or other a U.S. Marine, ask them what non-essential items. the name "D.I." means to them.

spected Marines in the entire the wedge, bringing messages of Corps.

every day in boot camp until late at night, the Marine recruit hears the booming voice of the drill sergeant and listens for commands in a mixture of awe and fear. The D.I. is a sergeant to be obeyed - he r she practically us approval, love, sex appeal "owns" the platoon of recruits.

Years after boot camp, recruits often remember the sound of their D.I.'s voice.

I'm more than a little familiar with the effect drill sergeants credit card. have on new recruits - I was an than nine years. Young people today are be-

posable income." Disposable income is the

ginning to fear a new "D.I." -

"D.I." is a new idol in our The "drill instructor" is one culture. Televisions and cable or of the most feared and most re- satellite TV are the thin edge of

DVD players, boom boxes, From early in the morning video game machines, exercise machines, fancier cars, alcohol and tobacco.

> Pretty women and handsome men sell a wide variety of products designed to eat away our disposable income and promise ther. and "financial freedom." These promises come at a price in excess of most people's cash and so banks offer a new way to use

And so our small amount of Air Force drill sergeant for more disposal income seems to become a ticket to a better life. Instead of saving our money, we "make easy payments" and ennot drill instructors, but "dis- joy a lifestyle far beyond our

Sadly, the payments often eat money we have to spend after up any money that should be we pay our essential bills (rent, spent towards emergency savings

First United Methodist Church

> Rev. Roger Baker

changes into the feared drill sergeant "D.I." of monthly pay-"D.I." accepts no excuses ei-"Drop and give me 20" -

not push-ups, but an extra \$20 from a young family that cannot afford it.

like electricity or telephone service, losing a car to creditors, or even worse. This drill instructor is more

to be feared because there is no sense of honor and no second financial safety.

As Christians, we have to electric, car payment, food). It's and planning for the future. The break the "D.I." paradigm. We to hear the Gospel of Jesus the money we spend on fancy "D.I." of disposable income cannot be satisfied with the Christ. I promise we won't ask

promises of love and approval that come from television and magazine advertising. We must show each other love and acceptance in the church and in the community of all Christians.

Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

We need to find ways to comments. The monthly payment municate His message of love while rejecting the feel-good, instant gratification message of the credit card drill instructors bent on taking every last bit of disposable income.

The "D.I." doesn't love any-The next part of the pattern one. Jesus loved everyone. We our disposable income: the is missed payments for essentials need to combat the "feel good" message of modern culture with the message of love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

At First United Methodist Church, we're finding new ways to show our love for each other. chance. What hangs in the bal- Join us for worship Sunday ance is not the possibility of a mornings at 10:45 or come early military career, but a family's for our adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

> Bring a Bible and ears eager to see your credit card!

Lutheran church set to host annual bratwurst fry Sunday

In reflecting upon the epistle for last Sunday from 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 where Paul writes about the varieties of spiritual gifts, I pictured a lush garden full of flowers, fruits and vegetables of all

I remembered the garden that my parents put in each spring, with so many varieties of plantlife.

Clark Springs, the image of a garden keeps coming to my

Fort Clark is somewhat like a garden in that there are people from so many different places wintering or living is very popular in our comhere. Drive through the RV Park and every license plate imaginable can be found.

Our country is full of so many different kinds of people. Our nation's heritage provided. We start serving is built upon this variety. Ger- around noon. mans, Swedes, Italians, Irish, English, French, African members of the Lutheran American, Hispanic - the list church or just show up for is endless.



Our Redeemer Lutheran & St. Andrew's

> Nathan Lafrenz

Our nation is a vast melting pot or a huge garden with so many ingredients.

One of the cultural heri-As I drive around Fort tages of the Lutheran Church is German. If one wants a flavor of this German heritage, come to the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Bratwurst Fry on Sunday. This is an annual event and

> munity. Come and enjoy good authenic bratwurst, German potato salad and other fixings.

Special music will also be

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What is justice really?

Frequently, those who listen to the TV version or peruse the newspaper version of the current news, encounter either the observation "justice has been done" or "justice has not been done. Recently, the San Antonio

Express-News quoted Gerry Hebert, an attorney representing the Democratic Party before the Supreme Court, as saying, "I still remain confident that jushappen today.'

In addition to this one, and even more recently, on the Internet's cnn.com, I saw this news item: "A judge has sentenced a former Catholic school teacher to 13 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to sexually abusing five former students and sports team members." This news item continued

with a quote as one of the victims publicly expressed his feelings to his former teacher in the court setting: "We are all serving a life sentence for what you did to us. Your sentence will not lies Justice? Does it lie in rebe long enough, and you can-venge? Is not the notion of jusnot serve enough time to make tice impartial and objective? our pain go away."



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Fr. Cornelius J. Scanlan

There is no doubt that pain, that inner anger and some bitterness, that some disappointment and disenchantment, some tice will prevail. It just did not dissatisfaction, may be the feelings of the various victims of abuse and injury. Is it not apparent that those who state "justice has been done" or "justice has not been done" do so because either they did realize what they wanted or did not accomplish what they were seeking?

Is there anything to be said about Jesus of Nazareth expressing his feelings on the cross which we can read about in the Gospel of Luke (23:34): "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing?"

But the question is: Where You be the judge.

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God humbled himself by having his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, born in a stable amongst didn't smell their freshest either, the animals. The lowly shepherds first heard of his birth and came to pay homage.

I'm sure that the stable didn't we have sought him out. smell like a bed of roses and I'm also sure that the shepherds along and that he accepts us, sin



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but Jesus didn't care. When we come to him to honor who he is, he accepts us and rejoices that

We find that he was there all

that each of us may have eternal have to do is repent of our sins and invite him into our hearts.

God created man to glorify him. We have abused that privilege and taken it for granted.

We get so caught up in the "gim-me" syndrome that we ofhave or ever will receive -Jesus Christ, God himself. Take time to glorify God.

fered physical torture, died on has done for you, starting with the cross and was resurrected so having given you life and protected you to be able to be alive life with him in heaven. All we today. Each day is an opportunity to thank God for who he is. We worship the one true God, the only God who is love, true love, unconditional love. The first gift we have each one received is that gift of love.

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We've been thinking a lot about Rick Bacon this week. We have felt that we needed to make a statement about his life here. His obituary that we received from the funeral home did not say anything about that. We have missed him. He was a good neighbor and a dear friend. He helped many people in this community and he enjoyed doing so. He was a very good actor with the local theater group. All of us here at the fort enjoyed his cooking and an occasional ride on his golf cart. We will miss his laughter and his warm compassion. He was always there to lend a helping hand. Even though he moved to be close to his sisters in the Amarillo area three years ago, we always thought he'd be back. Now we know that will never happen, but we do indeed miss him and will always keep him in our hearts. He will be sorely missed. We loved him Friends of Rick Bacon.

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Tigers tame Wolves in conference opener

Tigerettes top Lady Wolves 26-20

Sports Editor

DILLEY - Charlie Slaughter poured in 33 points Friday night to lead the Brackett Tigers to a 66-48 victory over the Dilley Wolves in the District 30-2A hoops opener for both teams.

With the win, Brackett is now 8-7 on the season.

"We struggled at times in the pre-district due to not playing together and not being use to that level of competition," Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt said. "It was really nice to see the guys compete at a higher level in the district opener."

Brackett jumped out to an 18-10 lead after the opening stanza and then outscored Dilley 13-5 in the second quarter for a 31-

15 advantage at the half. "Our defense was much better and it will have to continue for us to have a chance," Marquardt said. "Our offense will come directly from how hard we Conoly led Brackett's scoring play on defense."

Dietrich Davis also finished in double figures for the Tigers, scoring 13 points.

Travis Nowlin finished with seven, Noe Talamantes scored five, Leon Woolsey had four, Tillman Davis pitched in three and Rolando Ortiz added one.

"Our defense was much better and it will have to continue for us to have a chance."

Tigers coach Charlie Marquardt

In the girls' contest, the Tigerettes squeaked by the Lady Wolves 26-20.

The Brackett girls are now 15-4 overall and 2-1 in confer-

ence action. Ashley Smith paced the Tigerettes with 10 points in the contest, while Ashley Castillo had 17 rebounds, five points, four

Amanda Davis also scored five points, while Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich and Emily Valenzuela each had two points.

steals and two blocked shots.

In the junior varsity girls' game, Brackett blew out Dilley 46-6. The Tigerettes were up 15-0 after the first period and never looked back.

Nadine Terrazas and Alanna two. with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Terrazas had a gamehigh four steals, while Conoly pulled down 11 rebounds for a

double-double. Timmeka Simmons finished with six points and six boards, while Danika Schmidt had five points and 10 rebounds.

Lola Cano, Cassie Mata and Kara Yeager each scored four points. Yeager also tallied five steals and three assists.

On Saturday, the J.V. Tigerettes won the Rocksprings tournament to improve to 14-0 on the year.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 45-2 victory over Nueces Canyon. BHS was up 20-0 at intermission.

Terrazas paced the Tigerettes with 13 points in the contest. Simmons also finished in double digits, posting 10 points.

Conoly scored eight points in the game, Dana Bonner had six, Cano finished with four, and Schmidt and Yeager both had

In the late game of the round robin tourney, Brackett topped Rocksprings 41-18.

Simmons was the Tigerettes' leading scorer with 10 points, while Yeager finished with nine.

Terrazas scored six, Conoly and Schmidt both had five, and Bonner and Cano added two



11-point buck

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Webb Ashley (from left), 7, shot this 11-point buck while hunting with his grandfather Hadley Wardlaw and brother Walt, 6, at the family ranch in western Kinney County. The deer had a 22-inch spread and officially scored a gross of 161 1/6 and a net of 152 7/8. It has been entered in the Texas Big Game Awards.

Find all of the local sports scores every week right here in The Brackett News!

BRIEFS

Eighth-grade girls claim 31-30 win

The Cubettes slipped past Batesville Monday night, picking up a 31-30 victory in eighth grade girls' basketball action.

Julie Castillo paced Brackett with 13 points, five rebounds and five steals. Bailee Allen finished with 12 boards, eight points and eight steals, while Daphne Hunt had five rebounds, five steals and three points.

Bianca Stewart posted four points and three steals, Elva Garcia scored two points and Amber Castilla added one. Hayley Harris pulled down three rebounds, while Ashley Stephenson had three steals.

Cubs sweep games against Batesville

The Cubs swept a doubleheader against Batesville Monday night in boys' hoops action.

Travis Bonner scored 10 points to lead Brackett's A team to a 35-25 win.

Albert Flores finished with eight points, Lane Nowlin had seven, Israel DeHoyos pitched in six, and Jesus Balderas and Kevin Bonner had two apiece.

The Cubs' B team posted a 32-19 victory over Batesville.

Fermin Villanueva led the Cubs with nine points, Robert Salmon scored seven, Sam Childress and Stevan Rivera each had six and Manny Rosas scored four.

Seventh graders post 32-4 victory

The Cubettes' seventh-grade team routed Sacred Heart Monday, 32-4 in junior high girls' basketball action.

Bianca Martinez was the leading scorer with nine points, while Natalie Aguirre scored eight and Bianca Terrazas had seven.

Samantha Moore finished with four points, while Laura Adams and Jessica Garza each had two.

Martinez pulled down eight rebounds, Katie Braesicke had five boards, and Terrazas, Summer Allen, Cristi Gomez and

Becca Mann all four rebounds. Moore finished the contest with six steals, Terrazas had four, and Aguirre and Martinez

had two apiece. Last weekend, the Cubettes competed in the Knippa tournament. They came up short in the opener, falling to Knippa 28-27.

Martinez, Terrazas and Mann all scored six points, Moore tallied five, and Jessica Garcia and

Harmony Pettett had two apiece. In the third place final, BJH lost to Batesville 27-15.

Terrazas finished with eight points in the contest, Martinez scored three points, and Mann and Moore each had two.



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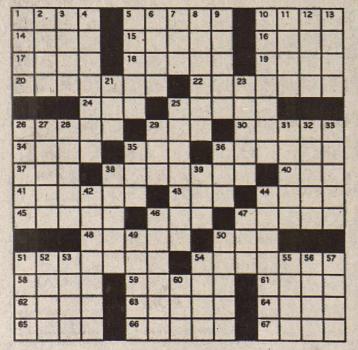
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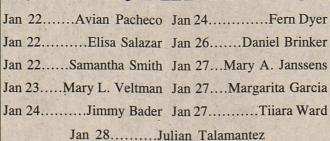
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by Charles Cooper

Restlessness mars the beginning November 21) Get out those of the week. You feel trapped vacation brochures. It's not too in a boring routine. Be patient early to start planning. This as things heat up pretty soon. could be the year for you to fi-

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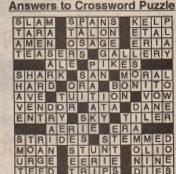
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