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Pan Am soccer team wins state championship

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

On November 8, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) soccer team won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division I state championship, 5-1, against San Antonio Keystone at Baylor University in Waco.

"I am so proud of the players, they had a goal and they accomplished it," said Coach Jimmy Grant.

The two games leading up to the championship was the regional quarter-final

game against Dallas Fairhill, which PPAS defeated, 7-0, and the state semi final win over Fort Worth Bethesda, 4-0.

"This is the fourth time we have won the state championship and I am honored to have coached all four teams," Grant said.

PPAS won the first state title in 2001-2002, the second in 2002-2003 and the third last year in 2007-2008.

The scorers in the state championship game were Senior Javier Aguado with two goals, Junior Israel

Gomez with two and Sophomore Christian Ortiz with one goal.

"I am so excited and sad at the same time for winning state," Aguado said, "It is exciting that we won, but it is also sad because it is my last year to play."

The players did a good job this year. They listened and accomplished their goals. They made me proud, Grant said.

Jonathan Hau, a 20-year-old senior, former player and First team All State JUMP, PAGE 7



PPAS WON THE 2008-2009 DIVISION I, DISTRICT 2 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP OVER SAN ANTONIO KEYSTONE, 5-1, AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY IN WACO ON NOV. 8.

Pan American's Annual Fall Formal full of food and fun

■ by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

On November 22, 2008, students at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) attended the school's Annual Fall Formal, which included a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the dining hall, followed by a dance for the students.

The banquet and dance, which was organized by the senior class, began with an opening prayer given by Dr. James

Matthews, PPAS President. Students, faculty and staff were served turkey, potatoes, stuffing, rolls, green beans, potato dressing and pumpkin pie and the tables were decorated with golden tablecloths with fall leaves on top.

"I think the banquet was very well organized and I liked the decorations on the tables and how everything matched," said Pamela Martinez, 18-year-old pre-

university student. "And the food was delicious." The center table at the banquet was decorated with various desserts and fruits. There was also a ceramic turkey placed in the center of the senior table.

"I enjoyed the banquet. The food was really good and I had fun at the dance," said Merybeth Arredondo, 17-year-old pre-university student. "I liked that there was all types of music at the dance too."

17-year-old senior Erick Moreno also enjoyed the dance and dinner, which has become a tradition at PPAS, especially because he was able to share it with his friends, he said.

"The annual fall formal was made to recognize and celebrate the fall or autumn season and to acknowledge the season of thanks," said Dr. Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students. We had the banquet with our Pan-American family."



PPAS STUDENTS AT THE FALL FORMAL ON NOVEMBER 22

DEAN'S DESK

~Dr. Barbara Stottlemyer



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" That sentiment from the familiar Christmas song brings many thoughts of the season. The Holiday Season officially begins with Thanksgiving and ends with the New Year. It is very fitting to begin this period with a day set aside to give thanks to God for the blessings of family, friends, God's love and care, bountiful food, and freedom.

We continue to remember those blessings throughout the season as we carefully look for just the right gift for each person on our shopping list. This time of Advent, when we anticipate the celebration of God's gift to us helps us to reflect on the meaning of our lives. Although we do not know the exact date of Jesus' birth, what is important is that we set aside a time to focus our attention on our Savior's birth. It does not take a lot of money or material things to experience the joy of the season. We need only to open and experience this gift from God.

Another song says, "It's not the things we do at Christmas time, but the Christmas things we do all year through." As you celebrate the Christmas season, make a list of the "Christmas things" that you do - celebrating Jesus' birth, sharing presents and food, spending time with family and friends, and other traditions that your family enjoys. When you put away the ornaments, stockings, and other treasures for another year, keep the spirit of Christmas in your hearts and continue to share the gift of God's love. Then it will truly be a Happy New Year!

Students take over health class

■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

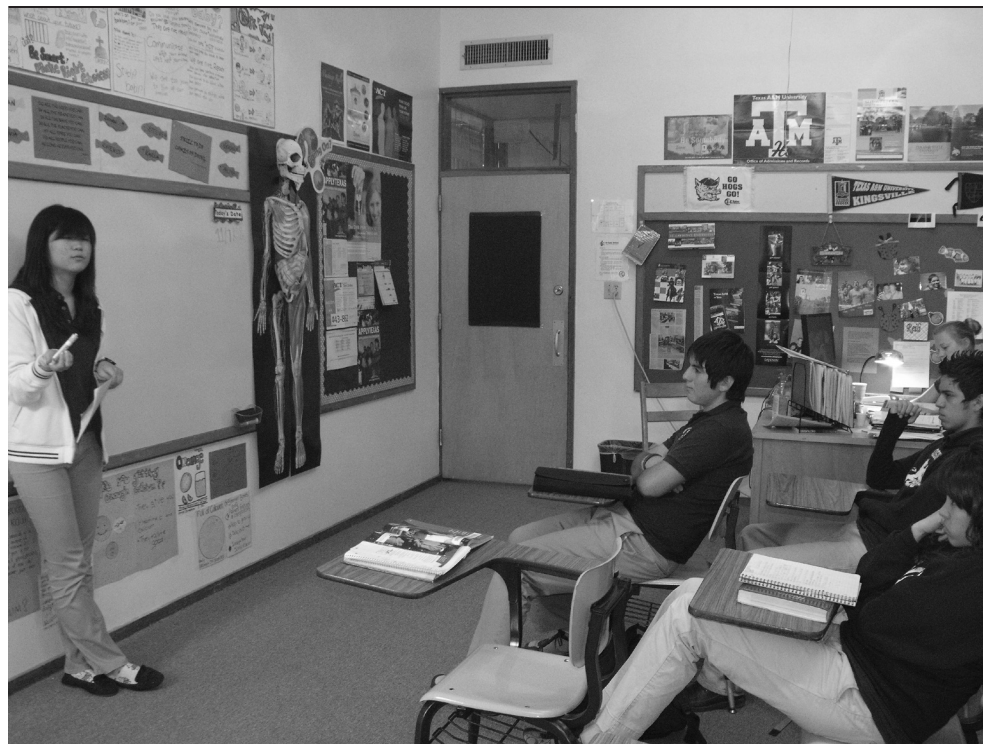
Athletic Director Reili Cantu's health class is currently taking control of the classroom.

Cantu's students are teaching chapters of their health book to the rest of the class. The assignment is to choose a chapter that interests themselves and to present it and teach it to their fellow classmates. The presentations are not a group project and are graded by Cantu and students and count for a test grade.

"I think peer learning is very important for students, it gives them a chance to learn from someone else besides me," said Cantu, who is also the Assistant Counselor.

Cantu also believes the students will learn more if someone their age teaches them so that the students can relate.

"One person did a project about achieving good



mental health, the best part about the presentation was that she used personal stories and examples from her life," Cantu said.

The main reason Cantu decided to do this project was to get more students involved.

"The students are great when they are paying atten-

tion, but I think just by me talking and them listening, they are not always paying attention," Cantu said, "by this project the students are getting involved, and that is important."

So far Cantu said that the presentations are going well. The student's presen-

tations take place two times a week and will finish by the end of the fall semester.

"This project was a good idea. We get to teach the class and get to see what it is actually like to teach a class," said Soo Won Yoo, 18-year-old junior.

Junior Soo Won Yoo gives a lesson in healthy relationships to her health class as part of a project.

COUNSELOR'S



ELLIE PEREZ

CORNER

College application checklist
• No senioritis, please! Accepting colleges *do* look at second-semester senior grades.

Applications

Request info/application forms
Regular application deadline
Early application deadline

Grades

Request high school transcript sent

Test Scores

Send SAT/ACT/TOEFL scores

Letters of Recommendation

Request recommendations

Essays

Proof essay(s) for spelling and grammar

Send and Track Your Application

Include application fee or if applying online pay by credit card

Confirm receipt of application materials

Financial Aid Forms

Request parents financial contribution from home countries (bank statements)

Regular financial aid deadline

Mail FAFSA

Mail Affidavit for Texas Resident Tuition (International Students)

Now just wait...and the rest is in God's hands. Good Luck, seniors!

There are new scholarships come by my office to view them in detail.

TCU

Meritaid.com

Texas State University

Wendy's

AXA achievement

www.fastweb.com

www.schoolsoup.com

www.finaid.org/scholarships

www.careersandcolleges.com

www.easy-scholarship.com

Art instructor named teacher of the month

■ by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Art instructor June Cress has been chosen as teacher of the month for November at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

“WOW! I’m honored. I have never been anything of the month before and I have lived with a month all my life, after all my first name is June,” Cress said.

Cress is currently teaching two classes of fabric arts, “the art of quilt making,” Cress said.

Cress was born in San Antonio on D-Day--June 6. She currently resides in Kingsville and has been living here on and off for 40 years.

“I’m a baby boomer,” Cress said, “and an old-hippie. I love 70’s music, old hard rock.”

Cress graduated from Texas A&I University-Kingsville, now Texas A&M University-Kingsville with a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts in all levels of education (Kindergarten through High School).

Cress started teaching at PPAS eight years ago and she has also been teaching at Epiphany Episcopal School, grades kindergarten through fifth, for 19 years.

“I like teaching in a Christian atmosphere, it’s the small class size, the love and respect from the students. By the end of the term they feel like my children,” she said.

In Cress’ spare time, she enjoys watching television, but not cable, just movies such as science fiction.

And of course, she enjoys sewing. She is part of a quilting group called Saturday Morning Quilters.

“Pan Am feels like my family,” she said, “warm, loving and safe. I’m at home here.”



photo by Sergio Barrera

ART TEACHER JUNE CRESS

Athletic senior chosen as student of the month

■ by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Laura Melissa Lopez, 17-year-old senior from Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, was named one of the 2008 Corpus Christi Caller Times distinguished scholar finalists for athletics and was recently named student of the month for November at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).



LAURA MELISSA LOPEZ

“I feel very excited because I never thought I would be chosen as student of the month. I think this honorable award was given to me, because I am doing well in my classes and in sports activities,” Lopez said. “It feels good to be recognized and it inspires me to work harder.”

Lopez came to PPAS in 2006 as a sophomore.

“I came to PPAS to practice my English and prepare for college,”

Lopez said. “PPAS for me is more like a home rather than a school. It’s very precious and a meaningful place for me.”

Her favorite class at PPAS is art, but her favorite subject is math. Lopez said since she was young, she has liked drawing and numbers.

During her spare time, Lopez enjoys playing sports. She has played on the volleyball and basketball team at PPAS for three years and is even captain on the

basketball team. She also plans to run track next semester in the spring.

“I like sports, because from sports activities, I can learn something that I cannot learn from textbooks such as teamwork and mental discipline,” Lopez said.

Lopez enjoys being part of Eagles athletics because the school teams work hard, she said.

“The team members always show up for practice and on time, despite their tiredness from school work. Also our coach always tries to understand us and makes practice fun, which makes us more willing to come and practice hard.”

Lopez hopes to attend Texas A&M University-Kingsville and major in architectural engineering.

“I think architectural engineering fits perfectly for me, since I like drawing, math and I am also interested in buildings.”

Q+A WITH SOPHOMORE
HECTOR VILLEGAS

Interview with 2008-2009 Sophomore Class President

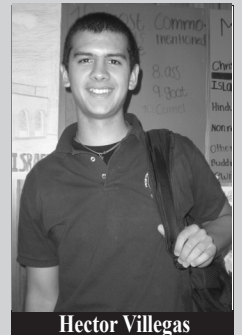
■ by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Q:How does it feel to be the Sophomore Class president?

A:It feels good, it’s extra motivation for me and it’s a big honor.

Q:Why do you think you got elected?

A:Because my class liked me and they have trust in me. That is the most important thing and I’m not going to let them down.



Hector Villegas

Q:Why did you decide to run for class president?

A:Because I was motivated to have a new challenge and because I like it. Also because I want to make some changes.

Q:What are you in charge of?

A:Right now, just activities and whatever pop ups, but my priority is to be president next year.

Q:What else are you involved in?

A:Cheerleading, Choir and Basketball

Q:Is it easy or hard for you to be the class president?

A:It is hard. Nothing in the world is easy. Because it’s a big responsibility and I’m ready for it.

WHAT IS THE BEST



I GAVE A SHIRT TO A GIRL ONE YEAR THAT I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW, IT WAS GREAT BECAUSE SHE REALLY LIKED IT.-CLAUDIA BANUELOS, SENIOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU



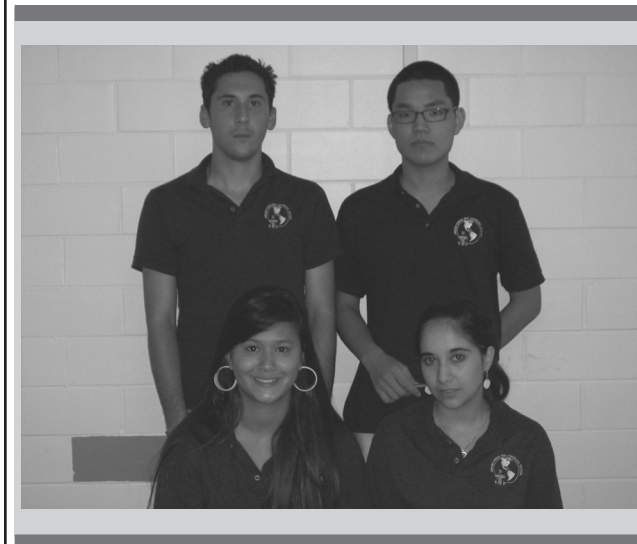
I GAVE ORPHANS A LOT OF GIFTS SUCH AS TOYS AND CLOTHES. I FELT VERY GOOD BECAUSE THEY NEEDED THOSE THINGS IN THEIR LIVES.- FLOR FLORES, JUNIOR

HAVE EVER GIVEN?



THE BEST PRESENT I HAVE GIVEN WAS AN IPOD TO MY SISTER AND SHE REALLY LIKED IT.-RAFAEL MURGUIA, SOPHOMORE

Eagle X-Press Staff



Christmas is the time of giving

For Senior, the best gifts are from the heart



■ by Kate Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

On December 25, Christmas is celebrated each year. This holiday is known as the season of giving.

Families gather around their Christmas trees covered in lights and exchange gifts with one another. Families partake in countless family traditions, eat food, sing songs, attend Church and make memories that will last a lifetime.

The Christmas season gives people the incentive to give back. Not to be selfish and think of your own personal wishes, but to think about others.

One might spend hours in the mall searching for that perfect gift for that special someone. Or go through several catalogs looking for the right colored sweater for their mother. But giving gifts isn't the only way to give back. It could be as simple as spending time with someone who is alone on Christmas.

Last Christmas, my mother and I went to a shelter for abused women and children with our church. We filled stockings with little toys and candy and delivered them to the families. It was heart-breaking to

see that a couple days before Christmas. These families were in this shelter for their own protection and would not be spending Christmas in their own homes.

But these families didn't seem to care. They made the best of it. They accepted our gifts with gratitude and not once complained about where they were or what they did not have or get. They were so grateful and felt so blessed that someone was trying to make their Christmas a little more special.

I remember giving this little girl a stocking and her shy smile and thank you warmed my heart.

Spending time and just listening to these people helped me learn that expensive gifts aren't always the best to receive or give. They are the ones that come from the heart.



GIVING

"The Christmas season gives everyone incentive to give back. Not to be selfish and think of your own personal wishes, but to think about others."

-Kate Thompson,
Senior



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STUDENTS SPEND A WEEKEND AT MO RANCH

■ by Sara Gonzalez
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From November 14-16, 30 students from the youth group at Presbyterian Pan American School went on a trip to the Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly with Pastor Joe Andrews and his wife, Jean.

The purpose of taking the students was for them to grow closer together and to not only learn but to respect, encourage and trust, Andrews said.

Mo Ranch has been a camp and conference center for about 60 years and occupies approximately 500 acres in a setting on the North Fork of the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country.

Mo Ranch provides a place and a program in a living, learning, Christian environment to enable people to grow in God through Jesus Christ.

Students from the youth group participated in activities such as the rope course, where students were suspended 48 feet in the air for the zip line and a rope swing. They learned to work as a team and they had a lot of critical thinking, Andrews said.

On Friday, students were introduced to the camp guides and then played a game of beach



ABOUT 30 PPAS STUDENTS ATTENDED MO RANCH IN KERRVILLE ON NOV. 14-16 FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

volleyball. On Saturday, they started the activities of trust and team work and at night they gathered around a campfire. Students behaved incredibly and they were highly cooperative, he added. No one refused to participate in the activities and they were helping each other, he said.

“Something that was impressionable was that no one in the group refused to do the activities, even though they were hard and

required trust in each other,” Andrews said.

Sarai Jimenez, 17-year-old junior, said she had an awesome experience.

“I really enjoyed it. It made me realize that I can count on my friends and trust them,” she said. “And that if I give my all, I’m going to be ok.”

Soo Won Yoo, 18-year-old junior, said Mo Ranch was beautiful—so natural and clean.

“We learned to work together and trust and we got to know each other better too,” Yoo said.

Senior Daniel Villarreal, 17, said his weekend at Mo Ranch was filled with fun.

“This experience helped us to gain confidence in each other and we became closer. I learned that we have to work in groups because sometimes we need help and we need another person to trust,” Villarreal said.

This was Villarreal’s first year attending and he enjoyed it, he said.

On Sunday, the youth group visited Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church and praised, sang songs and ate a Thanksgiving dinner.

Andrews said that he hopes the students that went to Mo Ranch can encourage other students from the school to join the youth group.

YOUTH GROUP VISITS LOCAL NURSING HOME

■ by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School’s (PPAS) youth group of 24 students visited Kingville Nursing Aid and Rehabilitation Center on Nov. 9, 2008.

“It’s our mission to return the love given to us,” said Josyph Andrews, PPAS pastor.

During the hour that PPAS youth group stayed, they played Bingo together and shared cookies, Andrews said.

“They all seemed to be glad to see us and they were all warm-hearted people,” said Azri Flores, senior.

Students met one lady who was very funny and talked about their names, Flores said.

“She said she didn’t really like her name,



photo by Kate Thompson

SENIOR ELISA GODINEZ AND SOPHOMORE ANDRES HERNANDEZ HELP PLAY BINGO WHILE VISITING THE LOCAL NURSING HOME.

but she said her name gave her strength throughout her whole life,” Flores said.

“I really liked talking to her, because she was very honest and also gave us a big laugh. I definitely want to visit there again where many people welcome us,” said Christian Cortez, senior.

Next time Flores visits, she wants to ask about their life experiences so that she can learn from their life lessons, Flores said.

The youth group will visit the nursing home twice a month from now on, Andrews said.

“I want them to be aware that there are other people who need care out there other than themselves,” Andrews said.

SOCCER PLAYERS GET RECOGNITION

by Hong Hui Choi
Staff Writer

Twelve Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) soccer players received recognition for the 2008-2009 season.

"They got the highest that they can get. It's out goal every year. I am so proud of them," said Coach Jimmy Grant.

Javier Aguado, senior, this year again was named top scorer with approximately 36 goals.

"I feel very proud of myself for being the top scorer two years running. Everyday I push myself to practice and train for this great honor," Aguado said.

Seniors Aguado, Santiago Jimenez and Walter Flores were named first team for TAPPS All-State Division I.

"Even when practice was quite tough as we reached to the final game, we all did our best everyday and everything

just turned out quite well. So now I am just so happy," Flore said.

Juan Chavez, senior, and Israel Gomez, junior, were named second team for All State.

"I was very impressed when I heard I was named second team for All State team. When I decided to be a member of PPAS soccer team, I set two goals; be champion and being elected to the All State team, now I can see those goals are achieved. So now I am just so happy with what I have done in my first year on the soccer team," Chavez said.

Aguado, Flores, Jimenez and Chavez were named TAPPS All-Tournament Division I.

"I am so happy because I think that being All State team and All Tournament prove how much I put my passion and efforts," Jimenez said.

Chavez, Aguado, Jimenez, Gomez, and Flores were

named 1st team All-District.

"I feel well to know that I am one of the best players of the district and I thank the team for helping me to be one of the best," Aguado said.

Hugo Aguilar, junior, Christian Ortiz, sophomore, Erick Luna, sophomore, and Alejandro Amaro, senior were named 2nd All District.

"I felt very excited because I didn't expect it but it felt good to know that my hard work paid off," Amaro said.

Raul Gutierrez, senior, Fernando Montemayor, junior, and Advento Trevino, junior, were named Honorable mention.

"This year was great," Grant said. "We didn't lose any games. I hope people who are leaving this year keep in good shape and play in college and people who are coming back to keep training for next season."



Javier Aguado
1st Team All State
All-Tournament
1st Team All District



Juan Chavez
2nd Team All State
All-Tournament
1st Team All District



Santiago Jimenez
1st Team All State
All Tournament
1st Team All District



Walter Flores
1st Team All State
All Tournament
1st Team All District



Israel Gomez
2nd Team All State
1st Team All District



Hugo Aguilar
2nd Team
All District



Christian Ortiz
2nd Team
All District



Alex Amaro
2nd Team
All District



Erick Luna
2nd Team
All District



Raul Gutierrez
Honorable Mention



Advento Trevino
Honorable Mention



Fernando Montemayor
Honorable Mention

Eagles basketball places third at home tourney

by Sara Gonzalez
Staff Writer

The Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Eagles basketball team placed third at the school's annual tournament November 20-22. PPAS beat H.M. King High School's Gold Team, 28-26, and Academy High School, 43-25, but lost to Mathis High School, 36-24.

"We only practiced for a week before the tournament," said Ismael Sandoval, 17-year-old junior. "The team still needs a lot of team work and practice but we are improving a lot. I'm proud of the team."

Mathis Junior Varsity placed first at the seven-team tournament and Christian Life Academy (CLA) of Kingsville took home second. Mathis beat Ben Bolt High School, 52-21, PPAS and CLA, 30-26, in the championship game on Saturday, November 22. CLA was victorious over PPAS' Junior Varsity team with a score of 55-18, Academy, 38-27, and then was defeated in the championship by Mathis. New Covenant of Falfurrias also participated in the tournament.

"The team needs to improve especially in offense," said Hector Villegas, 16-year-old sophomore. "Also we need more communication between the players."

Coach Jimmy Grant agrees that the team needs improvement in the areas of shooting and screening. He also said the team need to practice more.

"The tournament was good," he said. "I was very proud of the team, they did well. We lost but the team worked hard."



THE BOYS EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAM WERE DEFEATED BY MATHIS HIGH SCHOOL DURING PAN AM'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT NOV. 20-22. PAN AM RECEIVED THIRD PLACE.

Calendar

12/13-Christmas Concert & Party
 12/12-12/17-Fall Semester Exams
 12/17-Students Last Day
 12/22-1/9-Christmas/New Year's Holidays

Announcements

Lab Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 7:30-9:00-Boys
 Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30-9:00-Girls

Birthdays

Sergio Barrera, 12/10	Keyla Cadena, 1/1	Josue Rivera, 1/21
Tania Rodriguez, 12/11	Belinda Gutierrez, 1/1	Eli Castrejon, 1/29
Erick Torres, 12/12	Elisa Godinez, 1/2	Debora Hernandez, 2/8
Samuel Lopez, 12/15	Reynaldo Torres, 1/6	Alejandra Meave, 2/8
Olivia Pun, 12/17	Eli Hernandez, 1/11	Santiago Jimenez, 2/9
Arturo Zapatero, 12/22	Marisol Barreiro, 1/17	
Ilse Ibarra, 12/25	Oscar Borunda, 1/20	



photo by Sara Gonzalez

Presbyterian Pan American School Board Member Dr. Crayden Dennard donated an exercise machine to the girls dormitory.

Veteran's Day honored at Pan American School

by Sergio Barrera
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School honored Veteran's Day on November 11, 2008 with a video and presentation. The building was decorated with flags and banners and several persons who served in the U.S. military were recognized.

PPAS' Veteran's Day Celebration was a tribute to the following. PPAS Pastor Joe Andrews and his wife Jean, teacher's aid, were both Airmen in the U.S Air Force.

Joe Garcia, Director of Admissions, was a Storekeeper 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy and Teacher Rebecca Perkins, was a Private First Class in the U.S. Army.

Albert Garcia, Dorm Director, was a Sergeant in the U. S. Army.

Teacher Roberto Moreno was in the U.S. Army from 1967-1970 and was stationed in South Korea 2nd Division 8th Army. He is retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Guests included Bill Johnston, Retired Major of the U.S. Army; Burt Alvarez, Retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Air Force; and Jim Kirkpatrick, Corporal of the U.S. Marines.

"I'm humbled by the honor and glad that I was able to serve my country," Garcia said.

Ellie Perez, PPAS Academic Counselor, and Moreno worked together to arrange the Veteran's Day Celebration.

"Since most of our students are international students from countries all over the world, it is important for them to realize the lives that have been lost for us and others to enjoy our country," Perez said. "Thank you all who have served in our military."

Perez added that honoring Veteran's Day will most definitely be a yearly assembly held on campus.

"Our goal is to have more veterans from our community to come to our school," Moreno said. "Our second goal is to get the local naval base to send an Honor Guard. We all thank Mrs. Ellie Perez, she made us all proud and we are really proud of this event."



FROM LEFT, JOE ANDREWS AND HIS WIFE JEAN, ALBERT GARCIA, JOE GARCIA, REBECCA PERKINS AND ROBERTO MORENO

JUMP, SOCCER

for Division 1 in 2007, was ineligible to play this year on the soccer team because of his age. But Grant said he appreciated his dedication to the team.

"He acted as an assistant coach, he really helped me and them," Grant said.

As for the graduating senior players of 2009, Grant said he is appreciative of them and will miss them.

"They were great leaders, three of them were captains," Grant said, "They really helped each other out, and their teamwork was amazing."

Seniors Santiago Jimenez and Walter Flores were also captains this season.

PPAS' soccer team had a total of 19 wins and 0 loses and six wins and no losses in the district season.

To Grant, it is likely for PPAS' to go to state again next year, he said.

"We are losing a lot of good players, but I think we still have a very good chance of winning again," Grant said.

Gomez also believes that the championship is possible next year.

"We have a great team, a lot of hard work and dedication goes into the soccer team," Gomez said, "and good teamwork is what makes a winning team."

CHRISTMAS MOVIES THAT BRING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

1. A Christmas Story—A family movie about a boy growing up in the 1940s and wishing for the ultimate Christmas gift.
2. Miracle on 34th Street—When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.
3. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas--Starring Jim Carrey as the Grinch who tries to end Christmas in Whoville.
4. It's a Wonderful Life—An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would had been like if he never existed.
5. A Christmas Carol—An old miser who makes excuses for his uncaring nature learns real compassion when 3 ghosts visit him on Christmas Eve.
6. A Charlie Brown Christmas—Repelled by the commercialism he sees around him, Charlie Brown tries to find the true meaning of Christmas.
7. The Santa Claus--When a man inadvertently kills Santa on Christmas Eve, he finds himself magically recruited to take his place.
8. The Little Drummer Boy--An orphan drummer boy who hated humanity finds his life changed forever when he meets three wise men on route to Bethlehem.
9. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer--A misfit reindeer and his friends look for a place that will accept them.
10. Frosty the Snowman--A living snowman and a little girl struggle to elude a greedy magician who is after the snowman's magic hat.
11. Santa Claus is Coming to Town--A mailman reveals the origin of Santa Claus.
12. Home Alone--An eight year-old, who is accidentally left behind while his family flies to France for Christmas, has to defend his home against idiotic burglars.
13. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation—The Griswold family's plans for a big family Christmas predictably turn into a big disaster.
14. Scrooge--A cynically selfish man gets haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve.
15. Polar Express--On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy boards a magical train that's headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus's home.



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BARBECUE RESTAURANT HAS SEVERAL CHOICES AND FAST SERVICE

by Sergio Barrera

Staff Writer

Restaurant: Smokin Rooster

Location: 200 E. Yoakum Street in Kingsville

Phone: 361-592-2BBQ (2227)

Hours: Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Upon entering the barbecue restaurant, which opened July 31, 2008, customers should look for the board with the Specials, which is what I opted to get when I dined in on November 20, 2008. The special that day that I enjoyed was a tasty chopped brisket sandwich with a drink and chips for \$4.95.

Immediately after we were seated, a server took our drink order, we were given our drinks and then we proceeded to order our lunch.

I chose the special on a hamburger bun instead of bread and potato chips with lemonade. While we waited, our table of five was able to snack on cheese and crackers as an appetizer.

The server was polite and he along with the cook was quick because it took less than 10 minutes to get our food.

At my table, one other chose the special but on white bread; another had a sandwich with pork, on--a sandwich with stringy brisket and another--a complete plate of pork ribs. Our meals were topped off with a side of their homemade barbecue sauce. Regular menu items also include chicken and sausage. Customers have the option of the "Make Your Own Plate" on the menu for \$9.95 that comes with a choice of two meats, a bowl of beans, bread and trimmings such as onion, pickle and a jalapeño. The restaurant also gives the option of a meat sandwich in case you're not hungry enough to finish one of their substantial plates for \$4.95. For children, the restaurant has smaller portioned plates, all with trimmings and a choice of two meats for \$6.95. Other beverages include tea, Coke, Dr. Pepper and Sprite, all for about \$1.75. The restaurant also serves salads and additional sides such as potato salad. Deserts that customers will find on the menu also include pies and ice cream.

The Smokin Rooster has plenty of room to eat and an additional room towards the back for dinner parties. They also have a catering service.

The restaurant is easy to reach, located around the Kingsville downtown area, near the City of Kingsville Municipal Court, Kleberg Bank and the U.S. Post Office. The restaurant accepts all major credit cards and has accessible parking across from the restaurant near the Courthouse and behind the building as well.



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A PLATE OF RIBS WITH BREAD, BEANS AND A CUP OF BARBECUE SAUCE. THE MEAL ALSO INCLUDES A PICKLE, ONION AND JALEPENO, ALL FOR \$9.95