

Picture This

Can you guess the mystery picture?

BY MARANDA GOINS

Have you ever noticed something for the first time and wondered how long it's actually been there?

Now is the chance for us all to ponder the same question as we play "Picture This." The object of the game is guess where in our school this picture was taken, and what it is.

Here were some of your responses.

"The secret code to get into the teacher's lounge." Sr. Colton Duffy

"The side of a desk." Sr. D i a n n a Dalton

"The handle to the secret vault in the counselor's office." Jr, Liz Romig

"Looks like wallpaper to me!" Jr, Jake Savell

"A magical teleport to Narnia." Soph, Matt Munson

"The road that mice drive their cars on to come to school." Soph, Jessica Lundy

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"Things on a door." Mr. Mathis

"Part of a blackboard." Mr. Yeilding

Sorry, no one guessed it correctly. So picture this. You are thirsty, and all you

have is a dollar bill. What are you going to do?

Use the dollar taker on the coke machine! Sticking your money through the wall or floor would not really work. If you are still stumped as to what the picture is, try concentrating on the coke machine in the student center.

This changer won't teleport you to the magical land of Narnia, but it will give you change for your dollar.

Daub, Little perform with All-State Choir

BY STEPHANIE SMITH

Anna Daub and Michael Little will perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio, Saturday, February 14, 2004, at 11:00 A.M. They were chosen for the honor in competitive auditions held at district, region, and area levels. They will be performing at College Night and other concerts.

Daub and Little both placed seventh chair at state tryouts on January 10 at Trinity High School near Fort Worth.

Anna Daub is a treble student of Dr. Amy Rosine and sings under the direction of Kathy Bradshaw and Roy Jones. This is Daub's first time to perform as a member of the

TMEA All-State Choir Group. Her other interests are drama, speech, and academic UIL. She is also active at First Baptist Church in Brownwood.

Michael Little is a Tenor/Bass student under the direction of Bradshaw and Jones. This is his first time to perform as a member of the TMEA All-State Choir Group. His other interests are French Club, Choices, UIL Spelling, and Ready Writing. He is also active at Coggin Avenue Baptist.

"I've worked hard for four years, and to finally make it is a great feeling," stated Anna Daub.

Crime doesn't pay, but a tip to Crime Stoppers can

BY ASHLEY OSWOOD

School facilities have been broken into several times this year, and it is time for the student body to get involved with the protection of our campus.

Our parents' tax dollars pay for the school and equipment, so any attack on the property is a strike at the community as well as the student body.

You can help bring these crimes to justice, and even reap a personal cash award by making a call to Crime Stoppers.

If you have any information that you think can help lead to solving a crime committed at the school, or anywhere else for that matter, take a few minutes out of your day to stop and call Crime Stoppers.

When you call into Crime Stoppers, if you wish to remain anonymous, they give you an ID number, which they attach to the tip you leave. This number is the only way you can be identified.

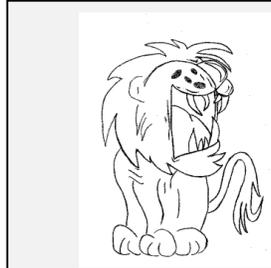
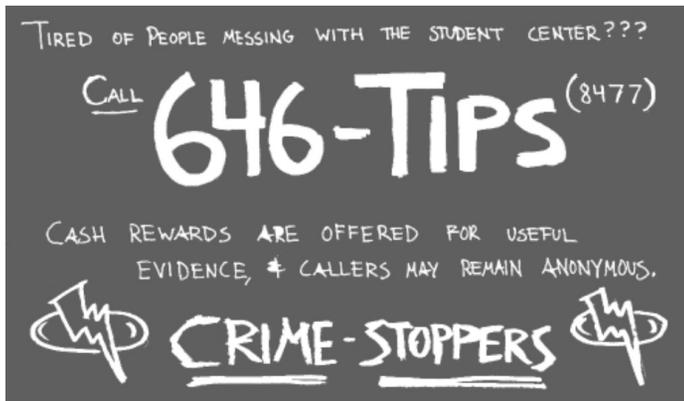
You must back up your information with some reasoning (such as "I overheard them talking about it"), as well as the name of the suspect.

You must call in periodically to monitor the outcome of your tip.

"Not every tip leads to solving a crime, but a lot of them do," Deputy Scott Martin said.

If your tip leads directly to the indictment of the person or persons, a reward check is issued to the sheriff. Reward amounts are decided by a point system based on several factors and can be as much as \$1000. You can make arrangements with the sheriff to pick up your cash or to have someone else pick it up for you.

"It's [the students'] duty and responsibility to help curb crime in this city," Martin said.



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A shocking move UIL changes Brownwood to District 16-4A

BY CAROLINE LOCKWOOD

Get ready sports fans, Brownwood will be in a new district starting next sports season. On Monday, February 3, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced the new districts in the state of Texas. Brownwood is one of the many teams to start the 2004 football season with a new schedule. The Lions are now in District 16-4A which consists of five other teams, including Killeen, Killeen Ellison, Waco University, Waco Midway, and Lampasas.

The biggest shock of the re-districting is the fact that Brownwood and Stephenville are not in the same district. Stephenville remained in Brownwood's district form last year along with Aledo, Joshua, and Fort Worth Brewer. But don't worry fans; Lions coach Steve Freeman feels that the rivalry should and will continue.

"You can't go through a high school season without having a Brownwood-Stephenville game," Freeman said. "I am sure that if there is a way to play that game, we will do that."

Brownwood will play Stephenville in a non-district game at the beginning of the season. Though there will not be a lot relying on the victory against Stephenville since it is not a district game, the rivalry will still have the same mystique as it has in the past. Lions will also be playing Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Brenham, and old rival Cleburne, in non-district games.

The district change will not only affect football, but all UIL competitions will be affected. Sarah Brown, UIL Academic Coordinator, is not sure what to expect of the new district.

"The only school we are familiar with is Waco Midway, and we know that they will be tough," Brown said. "As for the Killeen Schools, that will be a new territory for us."

As for now, the Brownwood will remain in district 8-4A until the 2004-2005 school year.



Tanner Sikes, Michael VanDerPol, Brad Raschke, and Dexter Evans puzzle over a question as the team prepares for their next competition.

Academic Challenge's victory match to air on KTXS February 28

BY MAYURIBHAKTA

Last Monday, the Academic Challenge team consisting of two-year members Michael Van Der Pol, Brad Rashcke, and Elizabeth Romig and rookie Craig Rashcke, traveled to the KTXS studios to participate in the local TV game show where they beat the team of Anson, 260-100.

In the first round, members draw numbers to go one-on-one with the opponent. A correct answer gives the respective team ten points.

Both teams were tied at the end of the first round, yet the Brownwood team was able to pull ahead for a sure victory.

"We were scared at first because they were keeping up with us," Van Der Pol said.

The second and final round takes one contestant up against another for a toss-up question. The victorious team

then has the opportunity to answer bonus questions. If they get the first question right, they receive a second bonus question.

"We pulled away in the bonus questions. Michael answered a lot of the math questions for us. We did beat them nasty style," Brad Rashcke said.

With sponsor Didi Blagg by their side, the team continues to progress while having some fun.

"Mrs. Blagg is wonderful. She's very supportive, win or lose. We always have a good time," Brad Rashcke said.

The team's competition will air on KTXS, Saturday, February 28 at 6:00.

"It was fun being on TV!" Craig Rashcke said. "Make sure you tune in to watch us kick some butt."

Are YOU prepared for TAKS?

Try these tips and tricks

BY BENJAMIN HUMENIUK

By now, we've likely heard enough about the TAKS test and its importance to fill volumes. Well don't worry. It is almost here and will soon be a memory fading into the sunset. To help prepare for the big day February 24, we asked Mr. Martin and Mrs. Lancaster of the Counselor's Office for some things to do to prepare before the test hits.

Take advantage of the nightly tutoring sessions while they're available. You never know when all the practice might earn you some points!

The night before, get some REST. You can't do too great if you're passing out on question 3.

Forget your diet plan: get a good breakfast before you come on the test days.

Be sure to dress comfortably. It's probably better to have extra layers of clothing, in case the room's a bit chilly.

And remember, TAKS is a graduation requirement now! Good luck!

Brownwood Lions Booster Club offers \$1,000 scholarship

All senior students athletes participating in a UIL/Team/Individual Sport and planning on attending a college or university in the fall semester are eligible to apply for the Booster Club scholarship. Pick up an application in the athletic office or counselors' office and turn it in by 3:30 on Monday, March 22.

One male and one female student will be selected. Recipients will be announced at the Spring Sports Banquet. Money will be sent directly to the college or university.