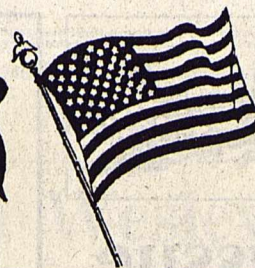


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Former Brackettville man found dead in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO - Former Brackettville resident Wesley Risinger, 27, was found dead in his home Monday.

A maintenance man discovered Risinger's body after searching his apartment at the request of a friend who had not seen him in a while, officials said.

The cause of death is pending toxicology results.

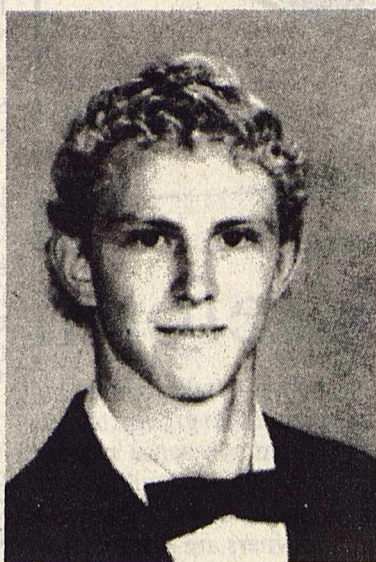
"The victim's body was found in a partially decomposed state," said Jim Caruso, a police service agent with the homicide bureau of the San Antonio Police Department.

"There was no indication of foul play and no signs of forced entry," he added.

Risinger was a 1988 graduate of Brackett High School, where he was active in sports and a member of the Future Farmers of America.

"Wesley was a good kid," said Chuck Hall, one of Risinger's high school teachers. "He was always adding to the classroom. He was a positive addition to each of my classes."

"It saddens me a great deal



WESLEY RISINGER

that his life came to an abrupt end before he could make a significant impact on the world."

Hall was also one of Risinger's coaches at Brackett, as was George "Stoney" Burks.

"I was shocked to hear that Wesley had passed away," said Burks, who is now the assistant principal of secondary schools at Brackett.

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Former sheriff passes away

Former Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten passed away at his sister's residence in Austin on Monday. He was 55.

"Norman was a good and loyal friend to many people," Brackett News Publisher Jewel Robinson said. "He was also a good sheriff."

Services were held at Frontier Baptist Church this morning. Graveside services will be held at Center Cemetery in Center, Texas, today at 4 p.m.

"He was a great friend," said Betty Ward, a longtime Brackettville resident. "We've known him since he moved here. We thought the world of him."

Hooten's law enforcement career spanned 24 years, including 12 years as Kinney County's sheriff.

He was also constable for Precinct 3 in Kinney County, chief of police for the city of Brackettville, a state game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Crockett and Galveston counties, deputy sheriff in Dallas County, and a river rider with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Hooten earned the basic, intermediate and advanced certificates of proficiency in law enforcement. He also received instructor's certificates in firearms and patrol procedures.

In 1994, Hooten received the coveted master Peace Officer's Certificate, the highest certificate of proficiency and achievement that a peace officer can earn through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer's Standards and Education.

"Norman was a good and loyal friend to many people. He was also a good sheriff."

Jewel Robinson

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NORMAN HOOTEN

In 1981, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce gave Hooten the Man of the year award in recognition of his contributions to the people of Kinney County and Brackettville in the field of law enforcement.

Hooten served one year as vice president of the Southwest Texas Area Law Enforcement Officers Association.

In 1987, he was appointed official dog handler of the Southwest Texas Area Law Enforcement Officers Association's man-tracking bloodhound team.

Hooten was appointed as a member of the control board of governors of the Del Rio Narcotics Trafficking Task Force in 1987.

In 1990, the Kinney County Boss of the Year award was bestowed upon Hooten by all of the Kinney County employees.

In 1994, he was elected chairman of the central board of governors of the Allied Area Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, headquartered in Brackettville.

Hooten also received the Friend of the 4-

H award in Crockett County for his work with a 4-H rifle team, the Mayor's Commendation Award, and an outstanding service award.

The Sheriff's Corner was a local column Hooten wrote, first for the Kinney Cavalryman, and then for The Brackett News when its doors opened in 1989.

Hooten was born March 16, 1941, in Lampasas to Claude and Marcella Hooten.

Book editors discuss Black Seminole history

FCS Historical Society elects board of directors

Black Seminole history was featured at the monthly meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Historical Society on Saturday.

The presentation by Alcione M. Amos and Thomas P. Senter was based on the recent publication of the book "The Black Seminoles," by Dr. Kenneth W. Porter, which they edited.

Porter was a professor of history at the University of Oregon.

Amos is a librarian at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., and Senter is a physician in Alaska, who considers Brackettville as his second home.

Outgoing president Walt Baugess presided and was presented a plaque of appreciation

from the historical society board.

Seated at the head table, along with Amos and Senter, were Don Swanson, former curator, and Ben Pingent, who introduced the speakers.

The meeting was very well attended and both Amos and Senter autographed books purchased from the Fort Clark Springs' Sutler's Store.

A bonanza crowd thoroughly enjoyed the most informative presentation.

The meeting was closed with the election of new board of directors, which include Phil Coburn, Helen Peck, Howard Skelton, Ruth Wilks, and Curator Larry Mendeke.



THOMAS P. SENTER

Laney reelected Texas House Speaker

AUSTIN-Representative James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, was unanimously reelected as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives by the members of the House on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Laney, 53, has served as Speaker of the House since 1993. He represents a 12 county Texas Panhandle district.

In his address to the House, Laney said Texas lawmakers and state leaders have proven that they can work together without gridlock.

"We must now prove that we can steer our state toward a promising and prosperous future for all our citizens," Laney said.

Laney noted that Texas is blessed with a healthy, diversified and growing state economy, but a number of studies are sounding alarms about the future, from the prospect of severe, statewide water shortages to predictions of a future work force that is poorly trained and earning lower incomes.

"It is our responsibility as leaders to make certain that this is not the kind of future we leave to our children and grandchildren," Laney said.

"We must look beyond the politics of the next opinion poll or the next election and legislate for the next generation," he added.

Laney lives in Hale Center in the cotton-growing region where his family has farmed for four generations.

"We must now prove that we can steer our state toward a promising and prosperous future for all our citizens."

Speaker James E. Laney

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University. He and his wife, the former Nelda McQueen, have three children: daughter KaLyn Laney, who is governmental relations director for the Texas State Bar; daughter Jamey Laney Phillips, a Lubbock attorney; and son J.Pete Laney, a student at Texas Tech University.

Laney has received many awards and honors, including being chosen the 1996 Texan of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference.

He also has been named a Texas Tech distinguished alumnus and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wayland Baptist University.

In 1995, he received the Outstanding Texas Leader Award from the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Forum.

Brackett, Comfort split Tigerettes take commanding lead in district

COMFORT - Brackett and Comfort split a double-header in District 30-2A basketball competition here Tuesday night.

The Tigerettes topped the Deer in the opening game, 43-34, while the Bobcats won the second contest, 60-52.

With the victory, the Tigerettes improve to 7-0 in conference play and have a two-game lead with three games left. Dilley is in second place with a 5-2 mark, while Comfort is 4-3.

Brackett broke the contest open with a 12-point run in the first half. Amanda Meek hit a turn-around jumper with 58 seconds left in the second quarter to cap the spurt for a 21-6 advantage. The Tigerettes were up 21-8 at the break.

The Deer never got closer than within 10 points in the second half.

Meek paced Brackett with a game-high 18 points. Lindy La Mascus also scored in double figures. She finished with 11 points.

Courtney Harrison scored six points, Chica Garza and Patty Lopez each made a three-pointer, and Katy Hagler chipped in two points.

With Comfort winning the boys game, it forced a three-way tie for first place in the district standings. Brackett, Comfort and Dilley are all 4-1 in conference action.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 19-10 lead after the

opening stanza and were up 38-21 at halftime.

Comfort took its biggest lead of the contest at 44-25 at the 4:08 mark in the third quarter as Phillip Randle scored a layup on a fast break.

Brackett then closed the third period with a 14-3 run. Brian Flores hit two free throws to cap the spurt as the Tigers trailed 47-39 going into the final eight minutes.

Phil Seidensticker hit a turn-around jumper early in the fourth to put Comfort up 49-39 early in the fourth, but the Tigers then went on a 9-2 run. Moses Hernandez scored on a tip-in as Brackett pulled within three at 51-48 with 2:50 left.

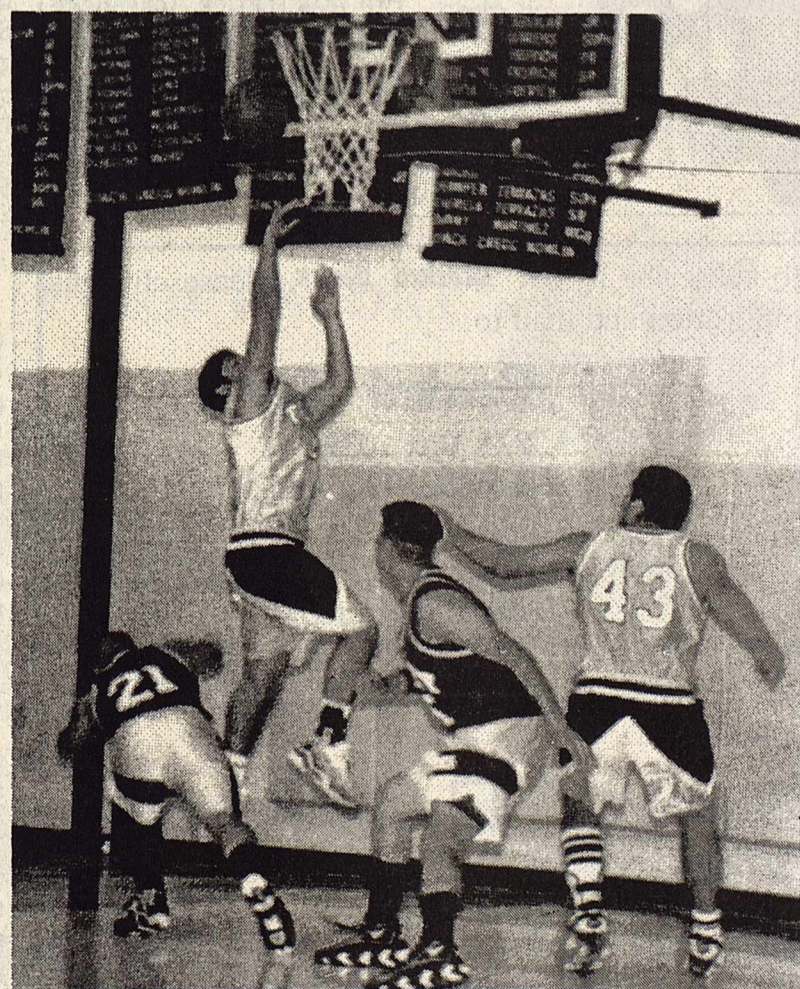
The Bobcats went on to outscore the Tigers 9-4, hitting five of six free throws in the last couple of minutes of the contest, to pull out the victory.

Jimmy Bruns scored 26 points to pace Comfort, and Randle added 11.

Hernandez led the way for the Tigers with 25 points. Beau Smallwood was also in double digits with 10 points.

Brian Flores had seven points, Ramon De Leon scored five, Matthew Smallwood hit a three-pointer, and Rene Luna had two.

The Tigers and Tigerettes resume action tomorrow as they host Charlotte. On Tuesday, Brackett will travel to Dilley. Both double-headers begin with the girls' games at 6:30.



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Brackett guard Rene Luna scores a layup against Dilley earlier in the season as Moses Hernandez (43) looks on. Dilley hosts Brackett Tuesday in a key District 30-2A basketball matchup.

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Racism is basic issue in Val Verde elections

Racism and judicial subversion of the law wins again.

A federal judge under the influence of a federally funded legal group, acting in absolute violation of statute law, refuses to accept the expressed will of the voters and denies elected officials their offices.

Hispanic activists and liberal political hacks have worked over time to find ways to get their clientele to vote.

One of the latest developments was to simplify voting by "mail in" ballots. Suddenly, the snake they created bites them and they rebel.

Some years ago, serving as Democratic County Chairman, I learned that anyone serving the federal government in any capacity had the privileges of voting wherever he declared his residence, even if he had not been there in years.

Because a candidate had the initiative to write to a number of people in military service who declared Val Verde County as residence, and they mailed in their ballots, the time honored law is declared not to apply.

The judge says, "Even though they have votes to win they have to file suite and win before they can take office."

Suddenly, the issue boils down to twelve people deciding the election without regard to the voters.

In addition, the winners will be out a considerable amount of money to attain what they have already won.

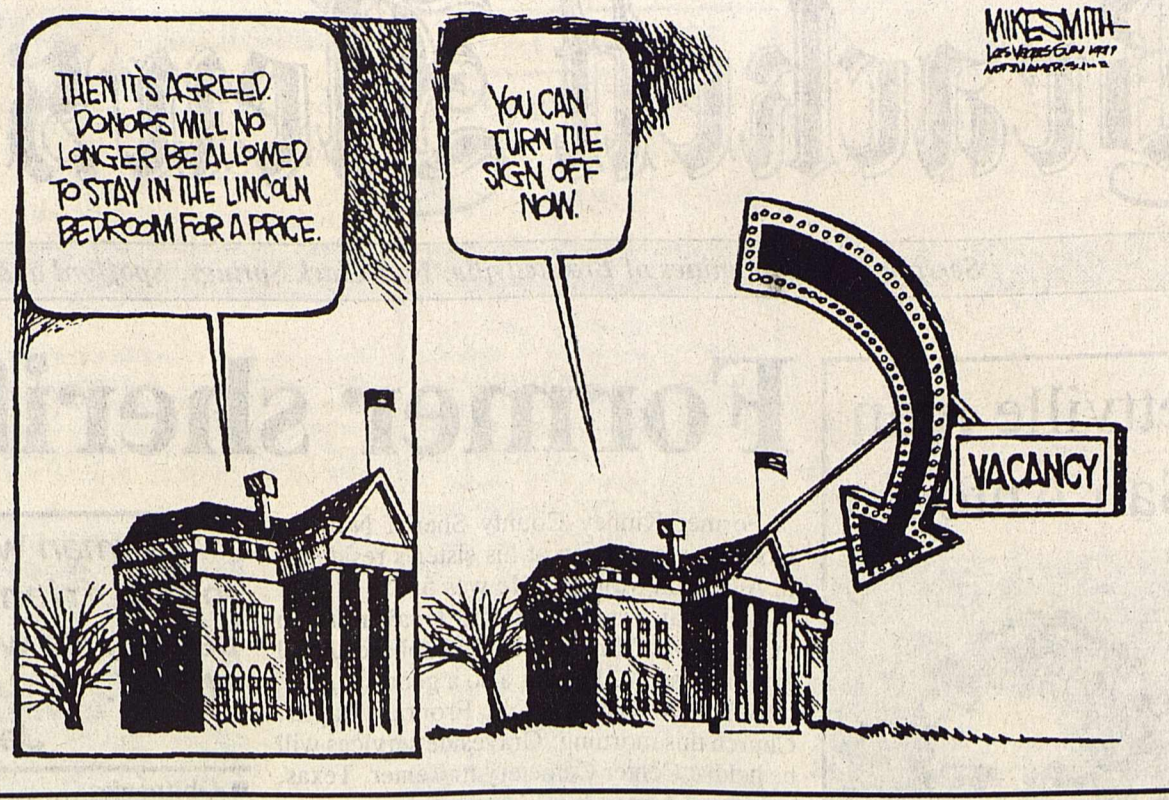
A conscientious judge would have forced the loser to show that there were enough individual identifiable voters to reverse the election.

In addition, if anyone believes that every vote cast for democratic candidates was legal, he must believe in the tooth fairy.

The fact that Molly Simms waves the banner for the dissidents gives even more credibility to the winners.

It seems to be the way of the times for judges to ignore the will of the people and arbitrarily superimpose their will.

It will be a sad commentary and a sad day for Val Verde County if the vote of the people is over ridden by racism. After all, this is the basic issue.



New horizons for ESA reform

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

A few weeks ago, this column talked about getting the government out of your pocket. This week, I'd like to talk with you about keeping the government off your land.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is now four years overdue for reauthorization. Just about the only thing the current ESA law is successful at is frustrating everyone. The current ESA is not protecting species, but is threatening individual property owners, developers and in some cases, entire cities.

As you may remember, last Congress, ESA reform legislation was stalled in the House Resources Committee. In order to get the process moving, I submitted a rarely used device called a discharge petition. While this effort was successful in discharging the bill out of the committee, it unfortunately, was not scheduled for a vote before Congress adjourned last fall.

Although we may not have ac-

complished our ultimate goal, we were successful in increasing awareness of private property rights and debate on reform the current ESA. Still, some people just don't get it.

Many people living in urban areas have not experienced the devastating impact that the ESA can have on people's lives and livelihoods. They think that any reform measures would threaten endangered species.

On the other hand, people in rural areas have borne the brunt of the act's flaws. They have had the government take over their land, sometimes without compensation. They have seen their taxes, water charges and electricity rates skyrocket.

Common ground can be found between these two groups. A reasonable, common sense method can be developed that will protect species and landowners. Private property owners are environmentalist too. They should be encouraged through incentives to preserve species. Threatening their livelihoods does not help the people or the species.

The last Congress laid some important groundwork. Hopefully, the new Congress can go even further. House Resources Chairman Don Young has given ESA reform top billing for the new Congress. A reformed ESA, based on solid science and input from landowners could be just around the corner.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

To choose between voting or military service?

Every once in a while, I hear of a lawsuit that leaves me gasping in astonishment. That was pretty much my reaction when I learned of a suit filed in Val Verde County that would prevent active-duty military personnel from voting in local elections.

Yes, you read that right. Late last year, Texas Rural Legal Aid (TRLA), the publicly funded legal assistance program for the poor, filed a lawsuit challenging the right of military personnel to vote by absentee ballot in Val Verde County.

The suit seeks to void the votes cast by some 800 absentee military voters in Val Verde County elections last fall. In December, this foolishness was compounded when U.S. District Judge H.F. Garcia of San Antonio issued a temporary injunction that prevented the swearing in of the sheriff-elect and Precinct 1 county commissioner-elect.

A long standing federal program allows military personnel and other U.S. citizens stationed or living abroad to submit their ballots by mail in their home base communities. Millions of Americans have participated in elections this way.

The brave men and women who put their lives on the line to preserve all Americans' right to vote by serving in the military must not be denied the absolute right to vote in their own home communities. In a democracy, the right to vote is sacred.

On January 6, 1997, I, along with two other members of the Texas congressional delegation, asked the federal Legal Services Corp. to investigate this lawsuit. Texas Rural Legal Aid is federally funded and specifically prohibited by law from engaging in political activity of any kind. TRLA and similar organizations around the country were set up under the legal Services Corp. to provide legal help to the indigent, genuinely poor people with legitimate legal problems such as domestic abuse. It was not established, nor is it funded, for the purpose of pursuing a political agenda. And it most certainly was not created to disenfranchise any group of voters, especially not men and women serving their country in the military.

We have the astonishing situation of a group seeking to disenfranchise our military, and using our tax dollars to do it!

Legal Services Corp. agreed with our contention that the Val Verde lawsuit violates TRLA's mandate, its congressional authorization and the terms of its funding. Legal Services Corp. has notified TRLA that it is specifically prohibited from filing this kind of lawsuit, that this case "constitutes a substantial violation of the grant agreement between the corporation and TRLA," and in defiance of Congress.

Legal niceties aside, this lawsuit claiming that a voter can be disqualified because he or she serves in the military is a cynical affront to our Constitution. I also have asked Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate this apparent violation of the law under which TRLA operates. We need to bring to bear the full weight of Congress and of the Department of Justice on righting this troubling situation.

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Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, January 21
5:15 p.m., Benjamin Tovar, 38, of Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for driving while intoxicated, third offense, which is a felony. He was booked in the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall. Tovar's bond has been set at \$25,000.

Tuesday, January 28
8:40 p.m., Timothy Carrillo, 35, of Spokane, Wash., was arrested by DPS Trooper Juan Lezno for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. Carrillo's bond was set at \$750.

Wednesday, January 29
1:38 a.m., Rogelio Garza, 21, of Uvalde, was arrested by Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Santos on three charges of burglary of a vehicle. Garza was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. Garza's bond was set at \$3,000, \$1,000 for each charge.

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Menzies resigns as executive director of Mohair Council

After serving nearly three years as executive director of the Mohair Council of America, Duery Menzies announced that he would step down on Jan. 23 to pursue other interests. His resignation is effective April 30. Menzies, formerly of Fredericksburg, when hired told council officials that he would work three years. That time is up on May 1. Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, the council's newly elected president, said a search for Menzies' successor would begin next month. Menzies has agreed to stay through May or June if the search for his replacement is not complete. Despite slow demands for mohair fibers in the marketplace and low prices, Menzies said the 31-year-old organization has certain strengths to carry it through hard times. "You (members) and your ideas are the strength of this industry," Menzies said. "The

second strength is the employees you have working for you." Leinweber said the executive director manages the day-to-day operations of the council, which conducts mohair market and promotion programs on an international basis. The organization also conducts educational programs and provides scholarships and assistance to students of the country's leading textile and fashion design institutes. Persons interested in applying for the executive director's position should send resumes to the Mohair Council, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, Texas, 76902. Menzies' successor should have a working knowledge of mohair production and the Angora goat industry, have an understanding of the fashion industry, have knowledge about international trade, and be able to make routine trips to Europe, the Far East and the United Kingdom.

Obituaries

Norman Howell Hooten

Norman Howell Hooten, age 55, born March 16, 1941, Lampasas, Texas, died January 27, 1997, Austin, Texas. Former Sheriff of Kinney County and resident of Brackettville since 1967. Survivors, wife, Martha Pena Hooten; son: Norman Glenn Hooten, Southern Pines, North Carolina; stepsons: Beau and Matthew Smallwood, Brackettville, Texas; daughters: Shannon Sue Lacey, Houston, Stacey Lynn Laseter, Garland, Texas; sisters: Kai Stringer, Austin, Linda Long, Kingsland, Texas; nieces and nephews: Eddie and Mindy Stringer, Austin, Keith Long, Burnet, and Patricia Fox, Kingsland, Texas; grandchildren: Wesley Broc and Mason Ashby,

Southern Pines, North Carolina, Fourth, Brent, Jennifer and Zac Lacey, Houston, Taylor and Nathan Laseter, Garland, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Marcella Hooten. Visitation was at the Brackett Funeral Home Wednesday January 29th from 3pm to 9pm. Services were held at Frontier Baptist Church in Brackettville at 9am Thursday. Graveside services will be held at Center Cemetery in Center, Texas at 4pm Thursday January 30th. Pallbearers were Norman Glenn Hooten, Eddie Stringer, Johnny Fritter, Plunker Sheedy, Jim Stinson, and Herb Brion.

Wesley Thomas Risinger

Wesley Thomas Risinger of San Antonio, passed away January 27, 1997 at the age of 27. Wesley was born November 30, 1969 in Kingsville, Texas. He is survived by his Mother and Step Father: Courtenay and Carl Schwandner, of Silver City, New Mexico. His Father: Thomas Risinger of Pearsall, Texas. Brothers: William Risinger of Concan, Texas, and Henry Schwandner of Brackettville.

Services were Thursday, January 30, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Chapel. Burial followed at Montell Cemetery, with Rev. Nick Mayer officiating. Pallbearers were: Carper Capt, Willie Edwards, Frank Burger, David Watts, Kevin Aikin, Steve Key, Jerry Dixon, Glenn Bonnskie. Honorary pallbearers were Ronnie Ricks, Bud Gwartney, Jamie Schermerhorn, and all of his other many friends.

Ramon De Leon received "Outstanding Student" Award


Senior Ramon De Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon De Leon Jr., was awarded the Border Patrol's "Outstanding Student" award in an assembly at Brackett High School which was called for that purpose. Border Patrol Officer Preston Meeks, head of the Brackettville Office, presented Ramon a certificate from the Border Patrol. Ramon's name was also inscribed on the Border Patrol Outstanding Student plaque

that is continually displayed in the Brackett High School Library. The Border Patrol Outstanding Student Award is based on the student's grades, confidence, leadership, and compassion. The student may be nominated by students, teachers, and parents. The Border Patrol then picks the outstanding student from this group. The award is given to a deserving student every twelve weeks.

Risinger passes away

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"Wesley had a good attitude," Burks said. "He was one of the kids that made teaching and coaching fun. He was enjoyable to work with." The news of Risinger's death came just a day after former Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten passed away. "In light of the two sudden

deaths we have had here in the last few weeks, there is a lesson here for all of us," Hall said. "Life is so fragile. "You never know if you're going to be here today and gone tomorrow, as they say. You need to make the most of every minute that God gives us. "People need to remember the good things about Wesley because he was a good kid."



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Valerie Jimenez on Dean's List

Valerie Jimenez has received the congratulations from the Dean of the School of Health Professions, Dr. Rinaldo Z. Juarez, for having made the Dean's List for Fall 1996, at Southwest Texas State University. Valerie surpassed the minimum of 3.5 grade points with a course load of 16 semester

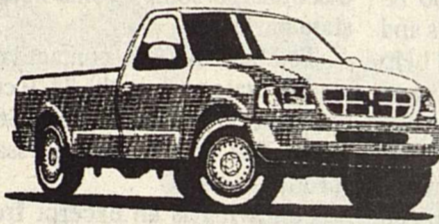
hours. "I encourage you to continue your good work and hope to see you graduate with honors," states the Dean's letter to Valerie. Valerie graduated with honors from Brackett High School in 1996, and was Salutatorian of her graduation class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Jimenez of Brackettville.

Pete's Sake

Grandpa was about to celebrate his 93rd birthday when he grew ill, and had to be taken to the hospital. His grandsons decided to give the old man a real fun birthday celebration, and, as part of it, they went to a local topless bar and hired one of the entertainers to go and visit the old timer. She arrived, wearing a raincoat, but as soon as she entered the private room, she threw the coat aside and revealed herself as natural. "I'm here to bring you super sex!" she announced. Grandpa was silent for a long moment. "Well," he said at last, in a weak voice, "I b'leve I'll have the soup!" When Cousin Lester came to visit we had a lot of fun. Lester was from a big city, Atlanta, if it makes any difference, and had never been very far away from the acres of brick and concrete that sprawled across downtown areas before. He was fascinated by all sorts of things about country life, and loved to walk in the woods near our house. "Ya want to be kinder kerful about goin thru them woods, Lester," Fred told him. "They's polecats out there in the holler." "What's a polecat?":Lester wanted to know having never heard of such a thing. "Why, a polecat is kinder kitty lookin thing." Fred explained, "With long black fur, cept it's got a white stripe down it, from the back of his head right to the tip of his tail. But they can smell you up bad. They got a scent they can throw on you and you can't hardly get it off a tall. Stinks something awful for weeks. But as far as looks goes, the polecat is about the size of a big cat, er' a small dawg, and he's a right handsome little fellow. Fact is, he's downright purty, ain't he, Clyde?" Clyde pondered the question for a long minute. "Wal now, I'll tell ye," he drawled, "to me, purty is as purty does!" Editor's Note: If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662.

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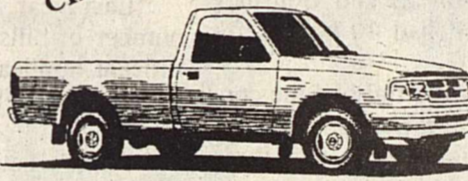
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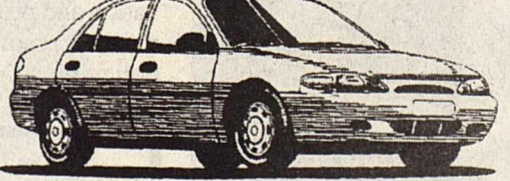
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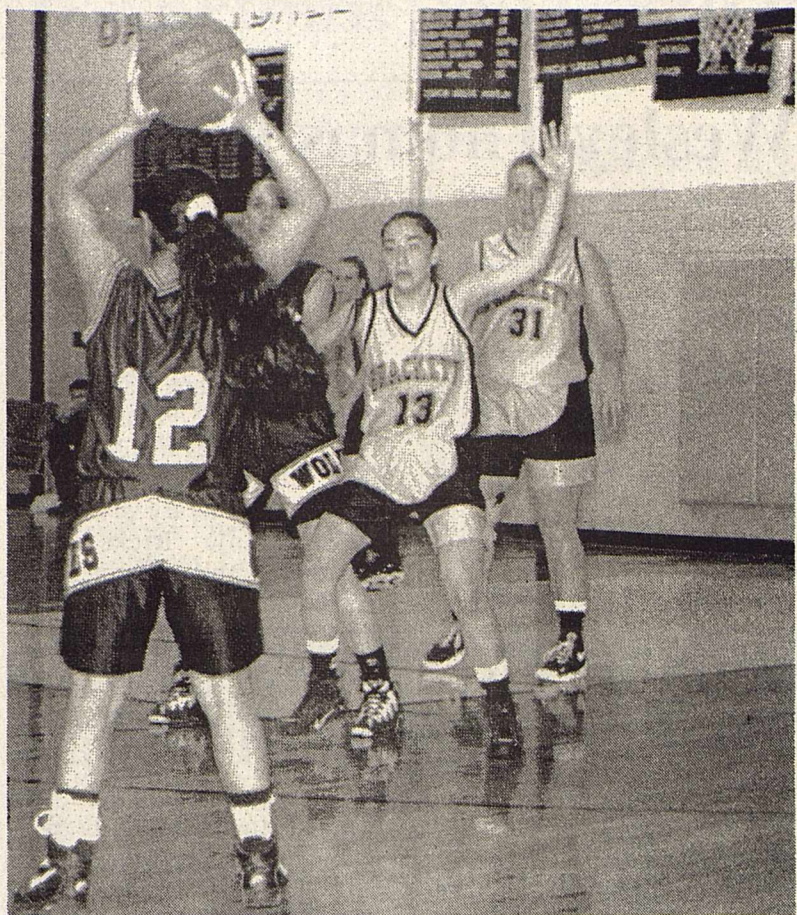
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Dilley's Wendy Carrasco (12) is guarded by Brackett's Chica Garza (13) as Amanda Meek (31) looks on. The Tigerettes face Dilley on the road Tuesday at 6 p.m. in a District 30-2A matchup.

Tigerettes top Lady Pirates

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

CENTER POINT - After a two-point third quarter, the Brackett Tigerettes erupted for 18 points in the final stanza en route to a 43-24 victory over the Center Point Lady Pirates in District 30-2A basketball action Friday.

"It was a real big win," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We finally pulled away in the end."

"Center Point has improved quite a bit. Everybody is tough at home, and they stepped it up and played."

Brackett led 23-10 at halftime and had a 25-16 advantage going into the last period. The Tigerettes exploded for a 13-5 spurt in the fourth quarter to pull away. Amanda Meek hit a turn-around jumper with 40 seconds left to give Brackett a 40-23 lead.

Meek finished the contest with a game-high 18 points. She was 8 of 16 from the field.

The senior center got in foul trouble early, and was forced to sit midway through the contest.

"Amanda got in foul trouble early and La Toya (Wright) came in and did a good job," Nowlin said.

"La Toya didn't score a lot of points, but she played good defense. She's continuing to improve."

Wright pitched in three rebounds and two points on Tuesday night.

Meek picked up her third foul of the contest with 2:46 remaining in the first half, as the Tigerettes led 19-8.

Center Point pulled within nine, at 19-10, but Brackett scored four points in the last 37 seconds of the half to go up by 13 at intermission.

"They gave us all we wanted in the first half," Nowlin said. "Late in the third quarter, it was still a close game."

"We had opportunities to run, but we never got our running game going. We need that to compliment the rest of our game."

The Tigerettes out-rebounded the Lady Pirates, 53-33. Meek, Lindy LaMascus and Courtney Harrison all had 10 boards for Brackett.

Chica Garza finished the contest with nine points, eight rebounds, eight steals and three assists.

LaMascus scored seven points. Harrison and Tina Meek each had three points, and Reccia Jobe made a free throw.

Tigers edge Pirates in OT Briefs ...

Smallwood pours in career-high 33 points

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

CENTER POINT - Beau Smallwood scored a career-high 33 points Friday night as the Brackett Tigers defeated the Center Point Pirates 75-72 in overtime in a District 30-2A basketball contest.

"It was a good win," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "The other teams in the district probably thought we would get an easy win, but I didn't feel that way and neither did the kids. We knew coming in that Center Point was going to be tough."

Smallwood scored 14 of his game-high 33 points in the fourth quarter. He had four three-pointers on the night, including three in the final period. The senior also pulled down 12 boards.

"Beau had an outstanding game," Grubbs said. "He was almost unstoppable from the outside in the second half. He didn't score a lot from the inside, but he was drawing fouls and going to the free throw line."

Brackett trailed for the first three quarters of the contest before finally taking its first lead early in the fourth period.

The Tigers rallied for a 10-point run in the second half. Smallwood hit two free throws with 6:51 left to cap the spurt, putting Brackett up 49-46.

Friday night's game was tied six more times in regulation after Brackett took its initial lead of the contest.

The Tigers went up 66-61 on Brian Flores' free throw with 45 seconds remaining, but the Pirates rallied for five points in the last 14 seconds of regulation, including a three-pointer from Ryan Witt who finished with 22 points.

Center Point had four players foul out, and played with only four players during the overtime period.

Witt scored on a put-back with 2:56 remaining in OT to give the Pirates a 68-66 lead, but Luis Guajardo answered with a layup to put the Tigers up by one.

Smallwood and Moses Hernandez both fouled out, as Center Point hit a pair of free throws to take a 72-71 advantage with 1:16 remaining.

Guajardo hit a jump shot in the paint and Flores scored on a fast break, though, to seal the win for the Tigers.

"I thought Brian did some big things down the stretch, in the fourth quarter and in overtime," Grubbs said. "Luis also stepped it up in the overtime period."

Hernandez also finished Friday's contest with a double-double. He had 19 points and 10 rebounds.

"Moses is a very steady player," Grubbs said. "He's begun to pride himself in rebounding. He's been making it his goal to get as many rebounds as he can because he knows that's what our team needs the most."

Ramon De Leon scored eight points for Brackett, Flores and Guajardo both finished with seven, and Matthew Smallwood added one.

Tigers finish second at junior varsity tourney

ROCKSPRINGS - The Brackett Tigers finished second in the Rocksprings' junior varsity basketball tournament Saturday after falling to Junction, 68-60, in the championship game.

Brackett outscored Junction 58-47 in the last three quarters, but couldn't overcome a 21-2 first quarter deficit.

Justin Turner hit three three-pointers and scored 19 points to pace the Tigers.

Coty Williams scored 13 points and Tommy Sandoval had 10, including two treys.

Daniel Hernandez finished with six points, Eric Segovia had five, Phillip Juarez scored three, and Jacob Mann and Moses Villarreal had two apiece.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 61-31 win over Nueces Canyon.

Hernandez had 12 points against the Panthers and Juarez finished with 12.

Turner and Sandoval both scored eight, Villarreal had six, Williams scored four, Segovia, Eric Allen and Jacob Hughes all had three, and Mann and Steven Hagler each scored two.

Tigerettes take fourth

ROCKSPRINGS - The Brackett Tigerettes lost a 31-29 decision to the Lady Angoras in the third place final of the Rocksprings' junior varsity tournament Saturday.

The two teams were tied at 23-all going into the fourth quarter, but Rocksprings outscored Brackett 8-6 in the final period.

Hilda Aguirre paced the Tigerettes with six points, Stephanie Terrazas scored five, Michelle Melancon, Laura Lee Ballew, Jaime Bader and Crystal Juarez all had four, and Tiffany Eckenrod scored two.

Brackett faced Nueces Canyon in the first round, falling 33-17.

Juarez had six points in the contest, Aguirre scored five, Ballew and Connie Castro each had two, and Bader and Eckenrod both added one.

Cubs pick up victory over Sacred Heart

Schiller Hill scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Brackett Cubs to a 49-47 win over Sacred Heart Monday night in junior high basketball action.

Brackett had a 10-point lead late in the game before Sacred Heart went on an 8-point spurt in the last two minutes.

Damion Toms also scored in double figures on Monday. He finished with 13 points.

Sam Hunt had five points, Jesse Hidalgo hit a three-pointer, and Tanner Jobe, Martin Garcia and Jaime Montalvo all added two for the Cubs.

All-State tops BN-FI

DEL RIO - The Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers lost to league-leading All-State Insurance last Thursday in City League basketball action at the Boys Club.

Gary Grubbs paced the Tigers with 10 points, Rick Creel scored seven, Steve Clementz and Ferey Quiroz both had six, Richard Slubar had four, and Lesley Floyd, J.J. Guidry and W.T. Hunt all pitched in two.

Brackett News-Fritz Insurance was open Sunday. The Tigers close their season tonight in a 9:00 contest against the Spurs.

OUTDOORS

TPWD hoping for long-term help from legislature

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

When the 75th Session of the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 14, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff legislative liaisons are expecting a less hectic pace where issues involving the state wildlife resources agency are involved.

During the last session, nearly two dozen bills were passed which directly impacted the way TPWD conducts business.

"We're hoping to be able to focus more on the long term than we did last time," said Ralph Rayburn, TPWD director of intergovernmental affairs.

"Last year, we had a large number of bills passed with significant implications for our department, which resulted in a lot of changes."

"From what I can see on the horizon, this session appears to be more tightly focused on long-range issues."

Rayburn, legislative liaison Joey Park and executive director Andrew Sansom will be busy, based on several interim committee reports and related "hot" concerns in state government.

At least five major issues affecting Parks and Wildlife will likely be addressed during this session. Those issues include:

■ **Deferred Maintenance:** An interim study looked into Park and Wildlife's backlog of maintenance and repairs, and although no recommendations were advanced, funding opportunities are being discussed with state leadership.

■ **Water Policy:** On the heels of the 1996 drought, the need to develop a state water plan has become apparent, and TPWD is expected to play a role in that process.

As senior division director for water policy, Dr. Larry McKinney is expected to take part in discussions relating to conservation and protection of the state's natural resources where water policy planning is concerned.

From Your Local Game Warden

Statute Reform: An interim study by the House Committee on State Recreational Resources, which carries oversight responsibilities for TPWD in the House, considered a host of housekeeping ideas under a potential "omnibus" bill that would complement Parks and Wildlife's recent regulation sunset revision initiative.

The study found over 400 issues representing 335 appeals and 82 amendments which could help clarify and simplify the Parks and Wildlife Code.

It's doubtful the legislature will address all 400-plus issues, but the study findings could be utilized over the next several sessions to achieve clarity and simplicity in the code.

■ **Aquaculture:** An interim study by the Senate Natural Resources Committee, which carries oversight responsibilities for TPWD in the Senate, may lead to clarifications and redefinition of agency responsibilities where aquaculture resources are concerned.

Among the recommendations from the study is to better define the role of state agencies in the aquaculture arena.

■ **Boating Safety:** An interim study by the House Public Safety Committee could pave the way for legislation addressing boating safety education, including the possibility of a mandatory course which would parallel TPWD's hunter education program.

Other areas discussed in the study include modifications of the boat registration policy and incentives for local law enforcement regarding safe boating laws.

Heading into the 75th session, some 700 pieces of legislation were pre-filed and some 6,000 will likely arise during the 140 days of business at the capital.

Events Calendar

In an effort to keep the area residents and visitors informed of activities happening in state parks in the area, I will include excerpts from the State Parks Events Calendar as it is made available.

Some events require a Texas Conservation Passport, which offers access to guided tours and discounts to some events held in state parks.

To obtain a TCP, contact your nearest state park or the TCP customer service line at (512) 389-4683. The TCP is not necessary for all events.

Following is an excerpt from the February 1997 State Parks Events Calendar:

Primitive Tour

Kickapoo Cavern State Park; Brackettville; Feb. 1, 8, 13, 20 and 22; 1 to 3 p.m.

Join us on a flashlight tour of an undeveloped Hill Country cave.

Fee: general, \$5; children 12 and under, \$2.
Contact: (210) 563-2342.

Petroglyph Tour

San Angelo State Park; San Angelo; Feb. 8; 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Visit site of prehistoric Indian village and see rock art left by the Indians.

Fee: TCP members, free; adults, \$2; children 17 and under, \$1.
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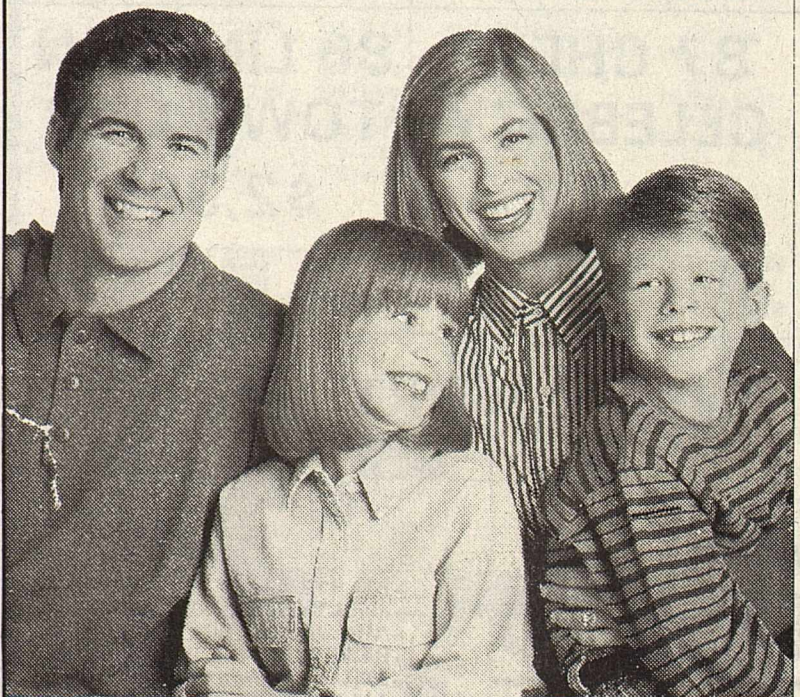
Horseback Outing

Hill Country SNA; Bandera; Feb. 9; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ride will focus on the cultural and natural resources of the area. Mount and lunch provided.

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Parsons says education is key to solving drug problem

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club heard Sandra Parsons speak of her brother, Enrique Camarena, a DEA agent who was slain in Guadalajara in 1985, at their weekly meeting Thursday.

As a result of Camarena's death, the "Red Ribbon Campaign" against the illegal use of

drugs began.

Parsons is active in this organization. Her sister and her mother travel over the country, each year during October, the month of his death, speaking of the family's loss and appealing for people to do what they can to fight the use of illegal drugs.

Parsons came from a large family which migrated to the United States from Mexico. She

was the first of the children to be born in this country.

Parsons' parents were divorced after having nine children, and her mother raised them. One of her brothers served and died in an ambush in Viet Nam in 1965.

Enrique, who friends called "Kiki," was popular and played a fatherly role with his parental family. In fact, he gave Parsons away when she married.

He, himself, married his high school sweetheart. The couple had two children and another on the way when he was killed.

One of the reasons Camarena was dedicated to his work with DEA was that one of his brothers had a problem with using drugs. Camarena was interested in helping him in any way he could.

Camarena was missing for two days before the family was informed of his disappearance in Mexico.

One of his brothers immediately went there to help in the

search, but he was sent back to the states as a protective measure.

Enrique Camarena was finally found. He had been brutally tortured for days and murdered by Mexican drug lords.

This was devastating to the family and to his fellow workers and friends. They decided to do what they could to perpetuate his memory and to continue his fight against the illegal use of drugs.

Camarena was a true hero and has been honored in several ways. A building and a school in El Centro have been named for him. A wing of a government building in El Paso has also been named for him.

Parsons spoke of the need for education about drugs and the importance of the role schools play in this.

Total elimination of drugs is an impossible task, therefore, education is vitally important.

Peer pressure on children could be lessened if each family assumed



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY ERIC McMASTER

Sandra Parsons, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by Tino Guzman, program chairman.

responsibility for educating and supervising their youngster's activities.

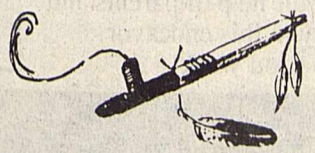
The need for money to purchase drugs leads to crime, and so the problem effects more and more people.

The whole community needs to be involved in fighting drugs, she said.

Parsons is married to Jeffrey Parsons, who works for the U.S. Border Patrol, and has two children, Bryan, 16, and Coryne, 14.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Readers, This sunrise, I will wrap up the shawl talk.

All people are different. Some people have strayed and gone into corruption and may not ever find their way back. Other people have stayed on the sacred path and never faltered.

Many times, we have to go back and pick a shawl and start a new.

Some people wait until they are elders to be able to pick a shawl and bring peace, harmony, and walk in beauty to their lives.

In taking the shawl, we learn that Mother Earth loves all her children, of all colors, that is why she teaches us about the rainbows. She welcomes everybody to come home, wear the shawl and start living in peace again.

We are not here to heal Mother Earth. She is healthy and is quite capable of healing herself with all the roots, clean water, herbs and air.

We are here to heal ourselves so we may discover our role in creation and why Grandfather chief took time to create each one of us. So take a shawl and come into alignment.

Every sunrise, we see her creation and we should acknowledge the unique beauty and express

thanks to our creator for the human race, for the stones, for the plants, the four legged brothers, for the finned ones, the winged ones and even the worst enemy. Our enemies have to account for their shawl.

The shawl may be too heavy for some people to carry on their shoulders. The shawl must be lived daily with out exception.

We should start to repair the damage that on our part as humans we have created as earth children.

Take a shawl and return back home. Your loved ones are waiting.

Let your mother, that has worn the shawl all her life, have her son or daughter back as she taught them to be.

Let the wife or husband enjoy the fruits of love again. Let the children be the seeds that will grow to be the mighty oak. Let us in turn be the little children the creator created to decorate Mother Earth.

Our Jesus Christ already paid all our debts. So let him enjoy us once again in purity of heart and clean of spirit. The shawl is Tradition, Religion, and Our Ways. It is a lesson to be learned.

With good medicine.
Ahoé,
Nakai

Sorority News

Preceptor Theta Sigma to meet on Monday

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mylo Unruh on Jan. 20. An appetizing array of fresh fruits and dessert was served by the hostess.

Following the social hour, President Nancy Frerich called the meeting to order with the opening ritual. Fifteen members answered roll call.

The group met this morning at the home of Pat McKelvy to confer the Ritual of Exemplar to Jan Chism and the Ritual of Preceptor to Pat McKelvy, respectively.

The social committee announced that invitations have been sent to honorary and members at large for the Valentine Dinner to

be held at the Texas Rose Restaurant on Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m. The valentine queen will be announced at that time.

An executive meeting was held last Thursday at the Las Moras Inn. Patsy Callnan won the door prize.

The sorority's next meeting will be held at the home of Ann Hiblar on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Beta Epsilon Omicron welcomes new pledges

Beta Epsilon Omicron sorority met last Thursday at the home of Hazel Ivey.

President Dee Curry opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming new pledges, Barbara Bressette, Judy Burks and Judy Hooker.

Ivey led the other members in

a skit symbolizing the ingredients and mixing of a brownie recipe and the mixing of members and methods to achieve a close and meaningful sorority.

She then presented the new pledges with decorated baskets of brownies and gifts of crystals which represented the 1996-97 theme of Reflections of Love.

Francine Collins passed around baby and childhood pictures members had supplied for a fun game of name that picture.

After many laughs and some teasing, Lynn McNew won a lovely crystal by matching the most pictures and members.

Ivey presented a lovely crystal-sprinkled table of salads rolls and desserts to the group ending a fun and meaningful evening to welcome our new pledges.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Bridge Club hosts eight tables Tuesday

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Fort Clark Bridge Club met last Tuesday with eight tables playing.

In the north/south direction, Vern and Betty Ebert won first place, Fred and Nita Clayton took second, and third place was a tie between Tina Bauguess and Flo Stafford, and Ben and Rozetta Pingnot.

In the east/west direction, first place honors went to Bob Barnett and Joyce Bell, Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield took second place honors, and Harry and Marge Jones finished in third.

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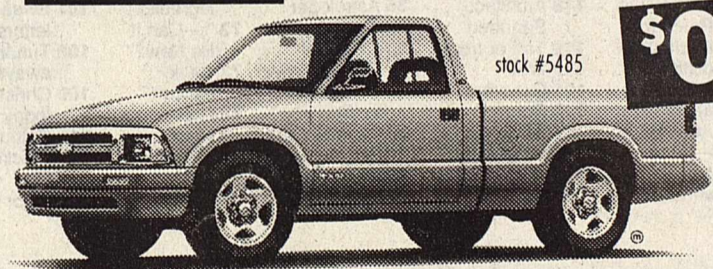
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We are in the middle of district play and, as I write this news article, the boys' and girls' teams are both undefeated and leading the district.

Coaches Gary Grubbs and Gregg Nowlin have done an outstanding job, ably assisted by Coaches Art Finkenbinder and Julie Bruce.

Our players have worked hard to be champions. I am proud that they play and act like winners!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

Come help us honor our players and their parents Friday night.

Superintendents' Meeting
This week, Texas' Commissioner of Education Mike Moses has scheduled the annual conference of the Superintendents of Texas in Austin.

Gov. Bush will address one of the sessions.

Dr. Moses will reveal his new plan for teacher evaluation in Texas.

There will be much talk about the new curriculum based on essential knowledges and skills (TEKS), which are supposed to emphasize student learning.

Texas is trying to give some of the control of school back to lo-

cal districts. Senate Bill 1 was the first initiative in this direction.

There will be a talk about the Legislative Session and property tax relief. Gov. Bush has staked his political future on this issue.

The change will be that someone other than property owners would help to pay the costs of public education.

I think it is time for a change. I strongly support our governor's position on local control and on property tax relief.

This week, I hope whatever this August meeting learns and does that it will benefit the school

children of Texas. So many times we adults just forget the reason that schools exist - to teach the children. That is our mission at BISD.

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| ACROSS | 1 Singer Lou | 52 Yalie | 87 Charlie's fourth | maneuver | 42 Stout | 78 Demonstration |
| 6 Movie pooch | 53 Shortly | 88 Like this clue | 3 Extensive | 43 Bedevil | 43 Bedevil | live pronoun |
| 10 Give one's eye-teeth for | 54 Coarse flour | 91 Delany or Wynter | 44 Badminion stroke | 44 Paris' prize | 47 TV host | 79 Silents' vamp |
| 15 Frosh's nemesis | 60 "All That Jazz" director | 92 Be in a precarious state | 5 Mascara mishap | 51 City on the Rio Grande | 51 City on the Rio Grande | 80 Radames' love |
| 19 Postulate | 61 Miscalculate | 95 Delights | 6 Naive | 53 "Ask - Girl" | 53 "Ask - Girl" | 82 Versatile bean |
| 20 Swing a sickle | 62 Villainous Vincent | 98 Cash on credit | 7 Asian capital | 54 Reformer | 54 Reformer | 83 - even keel |
| 21 Send a check | 63 Bolger or Liotta | 99 Mr. Lucky's card | 8 Sharp taste | 55 Lucretia | 55 Lucretia | 87 Bassoon relative |
| 22 Duel tool | 64 "Twixt 9 and 12" | 100 Zone | 9 Basilica area | 56 "Clinton's Ditch" | 56 "Clinton's Ditch" | 88 Robin Hood's hobby |
| 23 "Sayonara" Oscar winner | 66 Mountain mover? | 101 Actor Willem | 10 '85 Peter O'Toole film | 57 Tends a tot | 57 Tends a tot | 89 Average grade |
| 25 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" character | 67 Pewter base | 104 Ski wood | 11 It may be comic | 58 Periscope part | 58 Periscope part | 90 Folklore figures |
| 26 Campus area | 68 It may be eaten or drunk | 105 They'll hold water | 12 In the thick of | 59 Smith of Rhodesia | 59 Smith of Rhodesia | 93 Dismal |
| 28 Genesis disaster | 69 Women's wear | 107 Arafat's grp. | 13 Namely: abbr. | 60 "The Addams Family" uncle | 60 "The Addams Family" uncle | 94 Step on it |
| 29 Pitch in | 70 Women's wear | 110 Son of | 14 LAX letters | 61 "The Empire Strikes Back" e.g. | 61 "The Empire Strikes Back" e.g. | 96 Director |
| 30 Fresh from the trail | 72 "How the West - Won" | 111 He went through hell | 15 "The Empire Strikes Back" e.g. | 62 Meter reader? | 62 Meter reader? | 97 Spring holiday |
| 31 Celt | 73 French seaport | 113 Convulsed with laughter | 16 Artistic output | 63 Spate | 63 Spate | 100 Fatheads |
| 32 Patronized a pizzeria | 74 Objective | 115 Bloomsbury buggy | 17 Swamp stuff | 64 Animated Elmer | 64 Animated Elmer | 101 Johnny of "Don Juan DeMarco" |
| 33 Actual | 77 Sonata | 116 Take in, perhaps | 18 Actress | 66 Skater | 66 Skater | 102 Dynamic start? |
| 35 Heebie-jeebies | 78 E.C. Segar comic strip | 117 "Zip - -" | 19 Lamarr | 67 Skater | 67 Skater | 103 Kuklia's colleague |
| 39 Ecclesiastic | 81 Parched | 118 Architect | 24 Rip | 68 Journeys | 68 Journeys | 104 Pro foe |
| 45 Sedgwick or Adams | 82 Manhattan district | 119 Trot or trotter | 30 Sturdy fabric | 69 Audacious | 69 Audacious | 105 Prejudice |
| 46 Dieter's portion | 84 NASA affirmative | 121 Get smart | 32 Sue - | 70 "Doone" | 70 "Doone" | 106 "partridge in ..." |
| 48 Composer Satie | 85 Annoys | 122 Rime of "Outbreak" | 33 "Comin' - the Rye" | 71 Salad ingredient | 71 Salad ingredient | 107 Sweater letters |
| 49 Spelling contest | 86 -Cat | DOWN | 34 Harness part | 72 "Can It Be Now?" | 72 "Can It Be Now?" | 108 Tun throw-aways |
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| | | | 36 Sluggard | 74 Reference volume | 74 Reference volume | 111 Patriotic org. |
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Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Togetherness rules the week. Couples enjoy special outings, and singles meet with special introductions with a potential for romance. This weekend, enjoy a favorite activity, but try not to overspend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While out on that special shopping expedition this week, you find something really unusual. Later in the week, you're excited about a career project. Begin to lay the preliminary groundwork for this. Co-workers are cooperative.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anything of a group nature is favored, whether socially or on the job. You are charismatic and charming and can utilize those skills to good advantage. This weekend, a cultural pursuit interests you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now's the time to start that diet and physical fitness regime. Some are facing a do-it-yourself project or other home improvement. Do your homework before attempting anything on your own. Some tasks are beyond your ken.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A social event turns out to have important business ramifications. You and your significant other are in agreement regarding investments. Later in the week, you have extra incentive to get ahead on the job.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You impress others this week with your newfound confidence and determination. As a result, things fall into place easily for you. Your optimism inspires those around you. The weekend promises rest and relaxation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The focus is on career objectives this week. Some arrive at an important decision related to this. You know best what it is you want and you should feel free to follow your

own instincts. Don't let a jealous co-worker stand in the way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The accent is on sports and leisure early in the week. It's a great time to really enjoy life and have some fun. Romantically this weekend, you are positively swept off your feet. If not careful, you could be in for a fall.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you may not be on the road in actuality this week, you'll soon find yourself taking a trip. A friend has some special advice for you. Social interests are highlighted over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're pushing yourself too hard to achieve a personal goal. You don't have to prove anything to yourself, so ease up. This weekend, enjoy fun times with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Entertaining and enjoying life on the domestic scene is favored this week. If out shopping, you could find something special. Put aside career concerns for the time being. Enjoy yourself this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are more of a chatterbox than usual and express yourself well this week. Take the initiative on the work front to complete tasks. This weekend, the accent is on socializing.

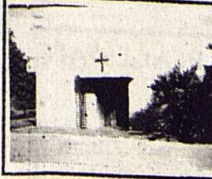
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Jan 31 Don Sims | Feb 4 Ester Lamborn |
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| Feb 3 Oscar Sierra III | |



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Where am I going and what am I doing? Have you ever asked yourself that? I have. I have felt that I had lost my purpose and sense of direction. I felt like giving up. It seemed as though every day was a Monday or the "Murphy's Law" was in operation for too many days in a row. I couldn't understand why my life seemed to be in such disarray. I talked to my wife who had no answers. I talked with parents with no answers. I talked with my pastor who gave me no answer, but he did give me sound advice. "Talk to God," he said.

I did but for the longest time God was silent. I did not hear a voice but sensed that he had an answer for me. I began to look in His Holy Word for answers. In my search I came across Romans 8:28 And we know that all things

work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. As I began to let that sink in, I knew that I loved Him. I also knew that he had a purpose for my life. Armed with that information I knew that I had to accept the fact that all those things that seemed to be going wrong in my life at that time were there for a purpose also. I had to believe that because I loved Him, He would take all those things and make them work out to my good. You know, everything did work out. Through that experience I grew stronger in faith.

Perhaps your week has been a week of Mondays. If so, rest assured you hold the key to turning it around.

Accept the purpose of His call and love Him.



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

There are basic facts that delineate Christianity. These are contained in God's Word, the Bible.

God is absolutely no respecter of persons. Whatever race, creed, or culture, God makes absolutely no difference. No race or people has particular favor with God. The ground beneath the cross is remarkably level. Every person throughout the world stands the same before God. Every person is a sinner. It only takes one sin to separate a person from God. From that moment on that person is a sinner. The gratitude of the sin is insignificant. The fact of the sin is decisive. The only way to be reconciled to God is through a personal faith in Jesus Christ. He is "the way the truth and the light, no man cometh to the Father but by him," says the Bible. This decision does not mean he is no longer a sinner; it means he is now a "saved sinner." His sin is now forgiven because Jesus paid the price of redemption. This option is open to every person in the world. This is the only thing necessary for salvation. No rite, no

ritual, no membership in any organization, no pattern of behavior can enhance nor affect salvation. Many acts should follow redemption but these are expression of what has already taken place, salvation. Salvation means an eternal relationship with God. When one accepts Christ he becomes a "child of God." This means that the person will always be a child of the Father. The Bible says that nothing at all can separate us from God once we become His child. It's so plain and simple it is hard to understand but God wanted it to be that way. The reason He sent His Son to die on Calvary was that He might pay the price of sin and bring eternal salvation to those created in His image who will trust Christ.

Sunday Frontier Baptist Church will observe the Lord's Supper at the closing of the morning worship service. There will follow the regular monthly Fellowship Luncheon. A warm and hearty welcome awaits all who worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Come and See.



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Let love be without dissimulation, Abhor that which is evil;

love to that which is good.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring, one another;

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Romans 12:1-2, 9-13. Praise God

Come feast with us the table is set in the Lord.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Christ in the Greek, Christos, means anointed. Christos comes from the Greek word chrio which means to "smear or rub with oil." We know that in the old testament new prophets or kings were anointed with oil which was "smeared or rubbed" all over them, particularly their heads, to proclaim them as vessels of God and to show their authority under God. This oil of the old testament is a metaphor for the "anointing of the Holy Spirit of God" in the new testament. Jesus, himself, walked in this anointing. He told the world what He was anointed to do when he read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19).

This same anointing is available to those who are Christians, saved by their faith in Jesus Christ. He lives in the believers

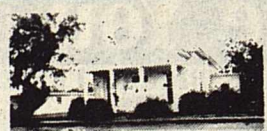
and those who believe become baptized in the Holy Spirit. God is the baptizer. When the Holy Spirit starts functioning in your life, He empowers you to walk in the spirit which will in turn, just as Jesus did, give glory to the Father. We believe in the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who function together as one being - God.

When we pray to the Father in the name of Jesus, asking according to the will of God, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, God manifests himself at our point of need. He is there to comfort, release, heal, and give hope.

It is our choice to walk in the anointing of God. To allow him to "smear and rub" the power of his Spirit all over us. When we allow this power of God to function in our lives, we cease to look at the problem and walk in the answer, the living word of God, Jesus.

Walk in the anointing of God, it's the birthright of the believer. Stand in Faith, Rest in Hope, Walk in Love.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Have you ever had a good problem? We at First Methodist have!

Recently, our church faced one of those great problems that churches love to have. Our church is part of the San Angelo District of the United Methodist Church. Every year the district hosts the Laity Banquet at which we recognize and honor outstanding laypersons. Each church selects an outstanding layperson(s) to be honored at the banquet.

Last Sunday, our Administrative Council had to select the honorees from our church. The problem? Who among the many faithful servants of Christ would we choose?! If we could have named 20 or 30 people, the task would have been considerably easier, but narrowing it down to one or two was both a joyful and difficult task. The task was joyful because we celebrated how blessed we are to have so many wonderful members. I can personally say that

serving Jesus Christ with them is a joy and a pleasure. Several people were nominated and we regret that we could not honor all of them at the banquet.

Cathie Conrey and Betty Inman were selected and we celebrate their gifts from God, and we thank God and Betty and Cathie that they have shared those gifts with our church and community. Together they lead our music ministry by leading, teaching and inspiring. Each of them also does many other things in the church as well as in the larger community.

So that was our problem! What a problem to have, right? We'll take all of the problems (and people) like that that we can get and just keep on praising God!

P.S. Maybe the solution to this particular "problem" is simply to have more occasions which we intentionally recognize and appreciate those whom we love and who serve God so faithfully. Now, there's a thought!

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

A very dear friend and a tremendous asset to our community has now gone from our midst to be with the Lord. I've known very well Norman Hooten ever since he came here in 1967. In all sorts of circumstances and experiences he has been a good friend. Since he became chief of police for the city I have been closely associated with him. He did an excellent job in that capacity. He soon created an atmosphere that brought crime in the city to a minimum. Gatherings of teenagers in clusters in various parts of town to smoke marijuana were dispersed and the practice stopped. Making a race way of the streets stopped. A great deal of improvement in obedience to law was evident. After a disastrous experience with a sheriff who narrowly defeated him in election, Norman was appointed sheriff.

From then he won every election. He was always opposed by a small group of dissidents. He was defeated the first time because a local person circulated a scurrilous letter filled with lies the night before the election, leaving him no chance for rebuttal. The preening and chest beating of the dissolute minority soon faded when their champion was sent to the penitentiary.

As sheriff he made as fine an officer as there was in the state. He had to oversee the remaking of the new jail because it did not meet jail standards. He instituted

housing federal prisoners for the first time bringing in thousands of dollars annually to the county coffers. He operated on a stringent budget that led him to buy used police cars instead of new ones. He always kept a qualified and efficient staff. He cleaned up the dope traffic in the county. Crime was kept at a minimum because the would be criminals had enough respect for him as an officer of the law that they were slow to violate it. He was tough but fair. He saved a number of boys from going to the pen and helped them turn their lives around.

His enemies, all jealous of him, hounded him steadily. They totally disregarded the laws of the state in a number of instances until finally, to save further persecutions of his friends, he pled guilty to an insignificant charge. Even till the time of his death he was being hounded simply as a personal vendetta.

It's unconscionable the treatment he received. It's a disgrace the humiliation and debasement he suffered because of the political desires of people who were not worthy to tie his shoes. Now he has gone beyond the reach of such petty miscreants and in the presence of God has found Victory and peace while his detractors await the hand of God in retribution.

Surely Norman Hooten was in every sense of the word an Unsung Hero.

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