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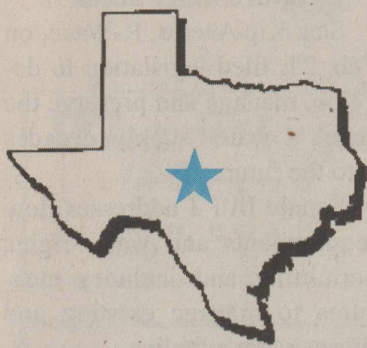
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Looking Ahead

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Room, 203 SW 4th street, Thursday, March 1. 10:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

USDA Rural Development Representatives

The USDA Rural Development Representatives will be at the KC Community Center located at 212 SE 3rd on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

KC Circle Club

Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Location TBA.

Knox County Schools

All county schools will have spring break March 12-16.

USDA and City of Knox City to Host Home Ownership Workshop

If you have ever dreamed of owning your own home, a program will be coming to Knox City on March 5 to help you realize that dream and to show you that it is not impossible.

The City of Knox City has invited representatives from the USDA Rural Development to Knox City to present information on how to qualify for a no-down-payment loan to purchase or build a home in Knox City and surrounding areas.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to applicants of various income levels, from very low to moderate.

For example, for a family of four, the maximum income limit after adjustments would be \$68,550.

Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit and the location of the home building site.

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Shining Stars Of KC Come Out For Annual Banquet



Clyde Voss was named the E Hobb Smith Memorial Most Appreciated Citizen at the 2007 Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Friends of Knox City Chamber of Commerce gathered Monday evening at the organization's 2007 annual banquet.

The Chamber hosts the annual event to thank residents and area businesses for their continued support as well as promotion of the Knox City community and surrounding area.

The theme for this year's banquet was "Shining Stars in Knox City", a theme that emphasizes Knox City's local businesses.

Established businesses were

recognized throughout the evening for their dedication to the Knox City.

Businesses with a history of 50 years or more were honored with a presentation of a certificate.

The businesses included: Lynn Electric Motor Co. (50 years), Lewis Deluxe Paint and Body Shop (52 years), Penman Conoco (52 years), and Guinn Plumbing and Sheet Metal (56 years).

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Debris From Windstorm Puts County In Cleanup Mode

The county suffered some wind damage when a system blew through on Saturday, filling the air with the tinge of Knox County soil.

Damage suffered included downed lines, broken limbs, including at least one case of a tree blown over in Benjamin, a fence blown down in Knox City, trash dumpsters being thrown about in Munday and some highway signs turned on their poles. No damage was reported at the airport in Knox City.

The winds that gusted over 50 mph, finally calmed during the evening.

Evidence of the storm can still be seen, with debris in trees and along roadsides.

Top photo —

Highway clearance sign north of the river bridge between Benjamin and Knox City. It was blown sideways.

Bottom photo —

The tree lost in Benjamin near BJ Country Store, once stood at the kitchen door of Hazel's Cafe many years ago.



B-Town Ballers And KAUZ Keep Crowd In Stitches

While the wind raged outside last Saturday afternoon, the Benjamin 2007 senior class "B-Town Ballers" and the Wichita Falls KAUZ News Channel 6 "Sixers" put on quite a show for fans, as did Benjamin Little Dribblers, during a fundraiser challenge basketball game at the BISD gymnasium.

The funds raised will go toward the senior trip to Orlando, Florida at the end of the school year.

Before the game, the seniors held a spaghetti lunch.

A good crowd was on hand to enjoy the beef and chicken spaghetti along with homemade desserts.

After the meal, music filled the school as both teams warmed up and posed for photographs.

Lineup for the B-Town Ballers was Melissa Northrup, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Brittany Kuehler, Karla Benson, Jenna McCanlies, Shaylee Propps, Kyle Wilson, Julia Acevedo and Benjamin coach Danny Copeland.

Senior Sean Wilson was able to put a few points on the board for his team despite a broken ankle.

Lineup for KAUZ was Ben-

jamin senior sponsor Paul Weiser, KAUZ sports director Chris Horgen, weekend sports anchor Josh Christopher, reporter and assignment manager Jermaine Ferrell, intern C.J. Jingles and reporter Kianga Kelley.

The Benjamin seniors took the court in team shirts with their nicknames emblazoned on the back....Grumpy....Sleepy....Sneezy....Bashful....Doc....Happy....Dopey.

The teams kept the fans entertained throughout the game.

Referees seemed more of a formality as rules went out the window and the fun began.

The end of the first half saw the board with a score of 104 - 12 in favor of the B-Town Ballers.

The Baller's were 100 points up very early in the first quarter, the scorekeepers also in on the antics.

Under the direction of Kaitlyn Kuehler, the Benjamin first through fourth grade Little Dribblers performed their dribbling skills at halftime.

They performed exceptionally well and impressed everyone with their abilities.

Coming back from halftime, a brief debate over who had pos-



Benjamin Senior Class "B-Town Ballers" played against the KAUZ News Channel 6 "Sixers" Saturday for a fundraiser to benefit the Senior class trip

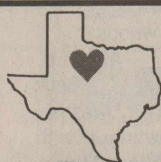
session of the ball led to a game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" between KAUZ's C.J. Jingles and Benjamin senior Kaitlyn Kuehler, leading to the B-Town

Ballers possession.

Teams were barely in position before Ferrell took Kaitlyn by the hands and "twisted" around the gym floor to the mu-

sic being played, as sports director Chris Horgen twisted with Shaylee Propps on the sidelines.

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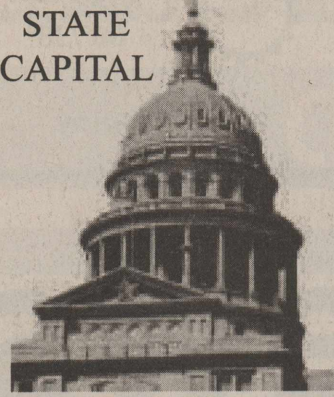
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives concurred with the state Senate in passing Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, a measure guaranteeing a property tax break for senior citizens by "busting" the state spending cap.

Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said it wouldn't be a problem to devote \$14 billion to tax relief for

House 'Busts' Spending Cap With Senior Citizen Property Tax Break

seniors now, before the House gets any deeper into the budgeting process.

SCR 20 passed on a vote of 95-50, drawing opposition from House members who felt it would be better to wait until:

(1) State Comptroller Susan Combs delivers a revenue estimate, and (2) the House Appropriations Committee prioritizes and funds all of the demands in the state budget.

Reps. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, and Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said passing SCR 20 was putting the cart before the horse. Both lawmakers said the House, like a family, has to know how much money is in the bank before deciding how to spend it.

Coal plant plan slows down

Austin State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky in effect said "not so-fast" to Gov. Rick Perry's executive order to speed

up by six months the permit process for the building of 11 coal-fired power plants on sites across Texas.

Yelenosky instructed judges with the State Office of Administrative Hearings to ignore Perry's executive order.

That office conducts the public hearings, and the input from those hearings is supposed to go into the decision-making process. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has the final say.

Groups of citizens have been protesting the construction of new coal-fired power plants, arguing that the plants pose health hazards by dumping toxins and particulate matter into the air.

Activists staged anti-coal demonstrations downtown and a small plane putted along in the sky above the Capitol dome, dragging a banner picturing a

child's coal-smeared face with the words "Coal Is Dirty."

Lawmakers fight HPV order

Gov. Perry's early February executive order requiring girls entering the sixth grade to get vaccinated against Human papillomavirus raised a ruckus in the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers are moving toward passing legislation to overrule Perry's executive order.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, and others, criticized the chief executive for trying to legislate and for trying to seize parents' authority to make decisions concerning the health of their children.

The governor's connection to pharmaceutical giant Merck, the manufacturer of Gardasil, the vaccine for HPV, has prompted questions on his motive for issuing the executive order.

Defibrillator legislation is filed

Texas schools that don't already have Automated External Defibrillators would be required to get them under legislation sponsored by Rep. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

Hinojosa's Senate Bill 7 is part of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's sweeping "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The devices, which cost about \$2,000, are capable of restarting a stopped heart. The need for them at school athletic functions has been widely publicized.

Co-authors of SB 7 include Sens. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

About half of the state's 8,000 public school campuses do not have the lifesaving devices, the

Texas Education Agency reported.

Bill addresses future water needs

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, on Feb. 22, filed legislation to develop, manage and preserve the state's water supply decades into the future.

Senate Bill 3 addresses flow requirements and water rights permitting and includes measures to manage existing and future water supplies.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, lauded Averitt for filing SB 3, saying, "By the year 2060 our population will have more than doubled, yet the amount of available water will remain the same.

"That means unless we take the necessary steps today, we will lack the water we need to support our fast growing population tomorrow."

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Be careful about them kitchen appliances, Maw. Remember you gotta pacemaker!"

Home Ownership Workshop—Continued

(Continued from Page 1) Two significant advantages of the Rural Development programs are that no down payment is required (there are closing costs) and there is no monthly private mortgage insurance, thus saving the buyer thousands of dollars. Loans may be made for up to 100% of the appraised market value, which may allow the closing costs to be included. The loan term is typically 30-33 years with a fixed interest rate.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements. There are other criteria that must also be met depending on the type of program an applicant is interested in.

The workshop will be held on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox City Community Center located at 212 SE 3rd Street.

You may also contact the Rural Development office at any time by telephone at 325-690-6162, extension 4, or by mail at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, Texas 79606.

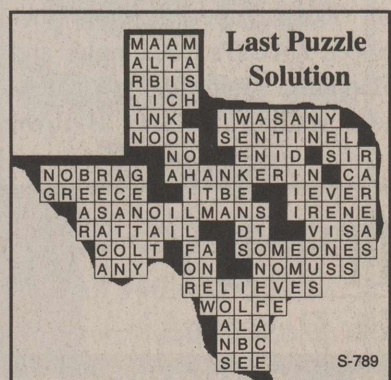
USDA Rural Development is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.

Pink Ladies Hold Regular Meeting

The Pink Ladies met Monday, February 19 at the Thrift Shop in Knox City. President Cleo Collins called the meeting to order and Margie Clonts read the minutes from the previous meeting.

June Tankersley gave the treasurer's report. Members heard the suggestion by Mrs. Tankersley to begin placing cards with a scripture on patient trays at the Knox County Hospital. It was well-received and Mrs. Tankersley agreed to take the responsibility for the first cards.

Attending were Cleo Collins, Glenda Huff, Danny Reece, Emma Fetsch, Margie Clonts, June Tankersley and Billye Angle. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 19 at the Thrift Shop.



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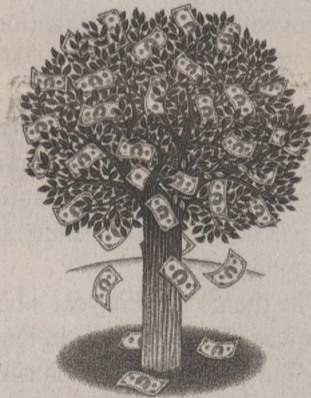
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18 TXism: "wrap ... this" (taste it)
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22 word with "inner" or "toothpaste"
23 TXism term of endearment
24 big name in TX restaurants
29 actress Drake of "Down Laredo Way"
30 Laredo FM
31 album by TX Stills group: "Deja ..."
32 TXism: "would jerk glass eye" (sad)
34 "three" south of the border
35 ex-Cowboy kicker Elliot
36 TXism: "thieving"
37 TXism: "he rides rough ... over everybody"
38 mistake by Astro Roy Oswalt

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

WHITE MICE

By Baxter Black, DVM

How would you feel if your doctor informed you they had a brand new product, that when ingested or injected would relieve your arthritis. Then, to assuage your conscience he assured you that it was never tested on animals. Or they have a new surgical procedure to implant a pacemaker in your father's heart, but not to worry; no animals were used to perfect the procedure.

Or what if you took your dog into a vet clinic for a caesarian section and the newly graduated veterinarian, acknowledged that on principle, she had refused to operate on live animals in vet school, but she felt certain that it couldn't be much different than she saw on the computer.

Where would 21st century health care for humans and animals be today if uncountable 'lab' animals were not sacri-

ficed for the benefit of humans? I would guess the world population would be significantly smaller and life spans significantly shorter.

Imagine the state of world health today if we still depended on alternative nostrums and 4,000-year-old Chinese herbs.

The movement to eliminate animal testing in the research of medicants is small. Yet they elicit a misguided sympathetic response in talk show hosts and good-hearted people. But in my opinion, they need to face the fact that sacrifices must be made to achieve the miracles that modern medicine continues to make.

Trying to appeal to their common sense is frustrating. I can have respect for someone like Ghandi who tried to walk the walk and live a Spartan lifestyle. But when you see

protestors who have grown up American and don't have polio deformities or measles dementia, or small pox scars, or head lice, pin worms, or scurvy but do have good teeth, contact lenses, knee surgery, C-section or appendectomy scars, I wonder at their disconnect from reality

Animal testing has come a long way in the last 100 years. We have recognized the value of humane treatment in the animals used.

We explore alternative avenues such as computer models to reduce the need for lab animals. America is a civilized nation with the luxury to spend extra money to find 'gentler' methods of achieving our humanitarian goals. It is money well spent.

Yet, in the end, research on animals remains an essential part of the overwhelming success of the state of modern health care in the industrialized nations and, the increasing hope for a better Third World still dying from AIDS, Ebola, cholera and the Asian flu.

I cannot imagine what bio-research will be like 100 years from now but I'll bet little white mice will be involved!

Charles Auburg Honored With The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

Charles Auburg, a long time member of the Knox City Lions Club, was surprised last Wednesday. He was proud to meet and greet the clubs' district governor, Jimmy Wood, of Graham and was anxious to hear his program; but Mr. Auburg had no idea that he, himself, was the program.

Lion Wood made a special trip to Knox City to present Lion Auburg the most honorable award available to any member of Lions Club, the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The honor recognizes a member's humanitarian efforts as well as their commitment to their club and community. Mr. Auburg is a driving force behind the Knox City Lions Club. His face is a familiar one.

He is well known throughout the community for his infamous ticket sales for the club's bean supper which funds a scholarship for a graduating senior from KCHS. He will sell you a mop, broom or other cleaning supply during the clubs' annual mop and broom sale which benefits the blind. Or he will happily add you to his list of names for a 6:00 a.m. wake up call on national holidays so you, too, can assist the club in placing the American flags throughout our community so everyone can see our pride and glory.

Mr. Auburg's commitment goes beyond Lions Club, it reaches throughout the community. He picks up mail for the homebound, delivers newspapers to front doors, and he is



Charles Auburg, Knox City Lions Club member, was recognized by Lions Club International with the prestigious honor of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Auburg was honored for his humanitarian efforts throughout many years of service to the Knox City community. Lions Club District Governor, Jimmy Wood, of Graham was on hand to present the award to Auburg.

a helping hand when you need one. He is the humanitarian Lions Club International chose to recognize with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship

Award. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is named after the founder of Lions Club International, Melvin Jones.

Knox County Annual Banquet — Continued

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Their dedication to Knox City and the surrounding area is commended.

The highlight of the evening was naming the E. Hobb Smith Memorial Most Appreciated Citizen Award. Mr. Clyde Voss, longtime resident of Knox City, was recognized as the Most Appreciated Citizen.

Mr. Voss is well known as an election judge, past and present; but his heart took root in farming in the early 1930's and stayed there until his retirement.

His commitment to farming and Knox City are admirable.

Congratulations, Mr. Voss on your distinguished honor as Knox City's Most Appreciated Citizen.

No Injuries In Vehicle Roll-over

DPS Trooper Cody Pack didn't have far to go on Thursday, February 22nd to respond to a one vehicle roll-over.

Trooper Pack had an 18-wheeler stopped, on the side of Highway 82 six miles west of Benjamin when he noticed a single cab Dodge pickup truck coming up behind him. The pickup then veered into the ditch. The vehicle overcorrected to return to the roadway and passed Trooper Pack in a side skid before rolling the vehicle three times in front of Pack and the semi.

Upon investigation by Pack, it was learned that the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. There were no injuries and property damage was limited to the Dodge pickup truck.

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- #6 Combination Burrito (Three Toppings) — \$2.25 plus tax with cheese 25¢ extra - \$2.50
- #7 Ham & Egg — \$2.00 plus tax with cheese 25¢ extra (Tuesdays Only)
- #8 Carne Guisada — \$2.75 plus tax with cheese 25¢ extra (Wednesdays Only)
- #9 Hamburger Meat Burrito — \$2.25 plus tax with cheese 25¢ extra (Thursdays Only)
- #10 Brisket Express Burrito — \$2.75 plus tax (Fridays Only)

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Obituaries

Zena Wall

Zena Estelle Bolin Wall passed from this life, February 20, 2007 at Belton, Texas. She had been ill with incurable cancer for several months.

Zena was born September 12, 1922, in Knox City, Texas of parents William Martin Bolin and Sally Estelle Porter Bolin. She grew up in Knox City and finished high school there in 1940. She attended Tarleton College, North Texas State, Hardin Simmons, and Texas Tech. She taught school in O'Brien and Knox City. She was very involved in church, school and community affairs.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a charter member of the 1946 Study Club and was one of their earlier presidents. She married George Reuben Wall August 13, 1950, in Knox City, and celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last year. Their daughter, Deborah Anne, was born November 8, 1954. Zena was a staunch supporter and sponsor of many of Deborah's school activities. Zena and George moved to Childress, Texas in 1973 and lived there until moving to Belton, Texas in 2005. Zena was a member of First Baptist Church in both Childress and Belton.

Zena and George spent the last 20 years traveling in their RV, where they met many cherished friends. Zena dearly loved the traveling life and the wonderful friends it brought to her.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and brothers William Lincoln Bolin and Francis Porter Bolin.

She is survived by her husband, George, of the home, daughter Deborah Anne Wall Williams, and husband David Williams, a grandson, Scott David Williams, of Salado, Texas, four nephews, William Lincoln Bolin, Jr., Benton Coopwood Bolin, both of California, Samuel Lawson Bolin of Abilene, Texas, William Martin Bolin of Arizona, a niece, Zena Ann Bolin Renner of Louisiana, and their families.

Interment will be in the Knox City Cemetery in a family plot with her brother, mother and father, grandmother and grandfather. A remembrance gathering will be held March 3, 2007 in Knox City, Texas for friends and family.

The family requests a gift to the Vista Care Hospice Foundation, 2626-B South 37th Street, Temple, Texas 76504, in lieu of flowers.

Doris Tidwell Weaver "Mom Weaver"

1910-2007 — Doris Eulee Tidwell Weaver left us Monday evening, February 19, 2007, and her Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, led her gently home to heaven.

Doris was born June 26, 1910, and soon would have been 97.

She is survived by daughter, Marian Doreece Earwood and son-in-law Kenneth of Tucson, AZ, son James Dewitt Weaver and daughter-in-law Karen of Hazelton, Idaho. Doris was preceded in death by her youngest daughter Marthella Dianne in 1994 (Austin, Texas), her son-in-law Kent Kennard and Doris' beloved husband of 69 years, Daniel Boone Weaver, Jr., in 1998.

Since that time she has proven her deep strong Texas farm stock, and often said that she would be all right because, "I am a Survivor." This she proved with living almost nine years alone in her own home with the wonderful help of steadfast caregivers, love given by her family, her Church family and many friends. She was the last surviving sibling of her maternal

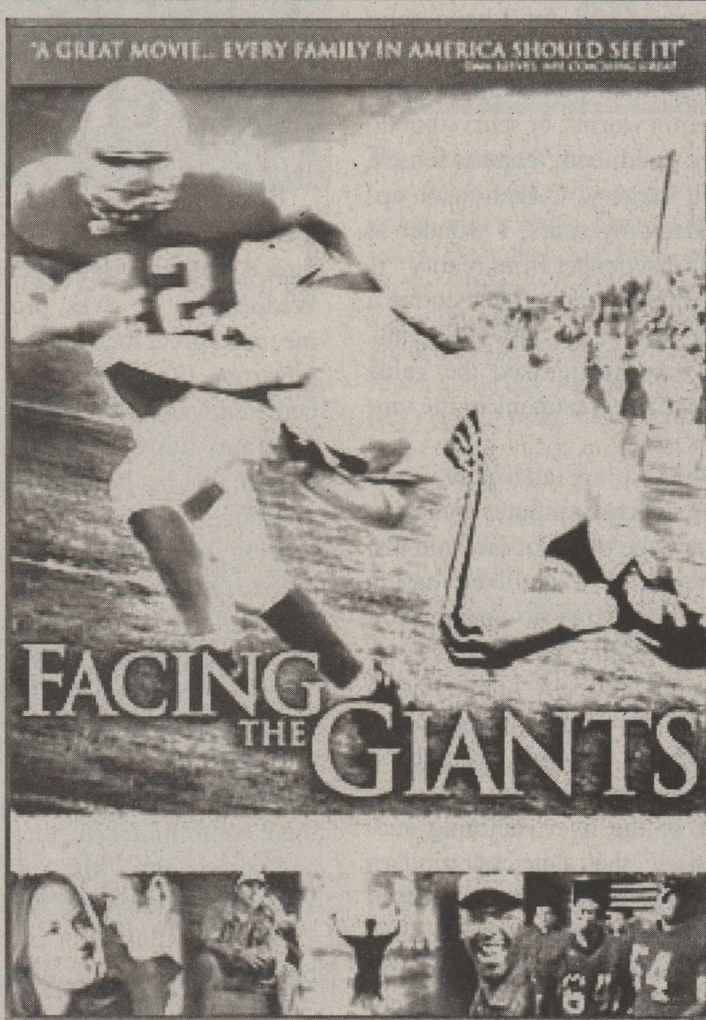
dynasty.

She earned degrees from Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and was the epitome of the Proverbs 31 woman, told to us in God's Holy Word.

She was loyal helpmeet to Pastor Daniel, always staying strongly supportive to him in his ministry always being the ultimate homemaker for him and her children. She has 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.

Doris resided in San Luis Obispo County, Los Osos, the past 33 years. The family would like to express the utmost appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful care of Doris during the last month of her life by Quality Caregivers and Hospice, both of San Luis Obispo County. To the very end, she was always a gracious and beloved LADY.

A Funeral Service was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at the First Baptist Church, Knox City. Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.



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 Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 7 p.m.

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2007 Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show A Success

The 2007 Knox Prairie Cotton Pickin' Quilt Show held in Munday last Saturday was a success, and according to attendees, the crowd was a little larger than usual.

Viewers Choice was awarded to Carol Dickson with her full-size red and white hand quilted challenge quilt.

In addition to a quilted ribbon, she won a wooden quilt rack donated by Gene and Dorothy Brown.

Dickson also placed first with this challenge quilt at the Brazos Valley Quilt Guild contest. Viewers Choice is the only prize awarded at the Quilt Show.

Winning at the Brazos Valley Quilt Guild challenge quilt contest earlier in the month at their regular meeting were — Wall Hangings/Machine Quilted: 1st-Penny Kyzer, 2nd- Bar-

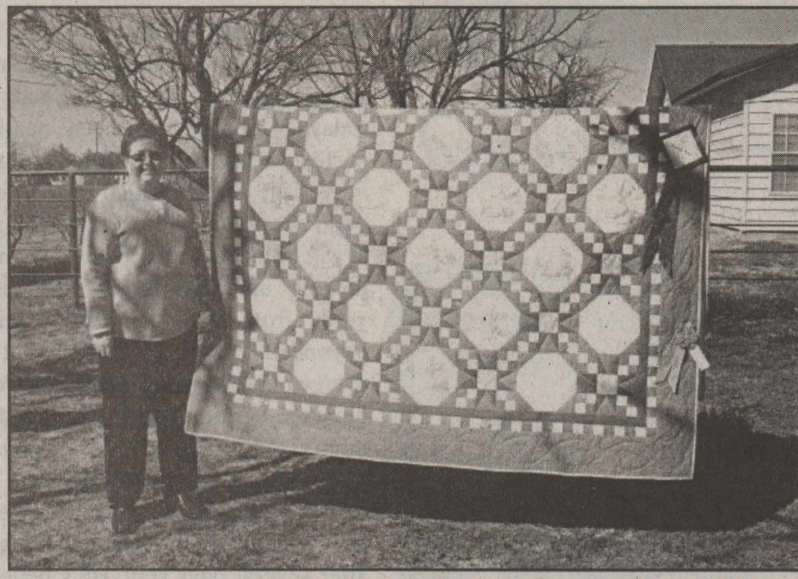
bara Horne, 3rd-Marilyn Reed; Wall Hangings/Hand Quilted: 1st- Carol Dickson, 2nd-Mary Huffman, 3rd- Carol Dickson; Full Size Machine Quilted Quilt: 1st-Jan Carver; 2nd-Amanda Bibb, 3rd-Pam Mongrain/Judy Whitten; Full Size Hand Quilted Quilt: 1st Carol Dickson, 2nd-Lula Baty, 3rd-Geraldine Koenig.

Money raised by admission fees and the Cotton Pickin' Café at the quilt show went to the Munday Chamber of Commerce.

The Brazos Valley Quilt Guild held a bake sale and cookbook sale at the quilt show to raise funds for their organization.

"We did real good, we made quite a bit," said guild member Carol Dickson.

According to Dickson, the Guild still has about fourteen of



Carol Dickson of Benjamin who placed 1st with the hand-made quilt and handmade wall hanging

their cookbooks available. They are ordering fifty more for future sales.

The cookbooks are \$5 each and are available through Guild

members.

The Brazos Valley Quilt Guild meets at the Benjamin Memorial Building the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m..

Benjamin City Council To Hold General Election

The City of Benjamin will hold a general election on May 12.

Sign up will be from February 12 to March 12.

Applications are available at City Hall Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The deadline on March 12 is at 5 p.m. The

city office will stay open until 5 p.m. on March 12.

The election will be held in the City Hall building at 303 S. Hinton Street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 12.

There are three seats open for city council and one seat for mayor.

O'Brien City Council To Hold General Election — Need Of Applicants Urgent

The City of O'Brien will hold a general election on May 12.

Sign up will be through March 12.

To receive an application, you can call Mayor Charlene Brothers at 657-3428 and she will see that you receive one.

The election will be held on May 12 at the O'Brien City Hall.

There are three full term coun-

cil seats open. Full terms are two years.

Mayor Brothers stated that two of these three seats have been open for two years and it is urgent that citizens run for office.

Currently on council are Jan Frost, Billie Walker and Matt Baxter.

O'Brien has a population of about 120 residents.

Croton Creek Crossing Open Again

According to county commissioner Johnny McCown, McFadden Lane, County Road 1115, at the Croton Creek crossing is passable again. Work crews from the county and TxDOT had the road open to traffic again last Wednesday, the day after they began laying the concrete culverts for the body of the bridge and pushing dirt for access onto the bridge.

Currently, they are working on adding the guardrail to the bridge. After the guardrail is up, soil and milled highway material will be layered on top of the bridge. The bridge will be shut

down to traffic for a few hours in the near future while the material is being laid.

The county began clearing the crossing of excess fill in February of last year.

The project was put on hold until TxDOT was at the stage in their highway bypass project at Munday to donate the concrete culverts pulled up from the highway there to make the body of the bridge.

TxDOT and Knox County commissioners and work crews began laying the culverts last week with the help of a TxDOT crane and county equipment.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to thank the businesses who donated to the Knox City - O'Brien Youth Basketball group. We appreciate your support! We wouldn't be able to do anything without you. On behalf of the kids and the parents we thank you!

Unfortunately, while the children were out delivering donation letters on Friday, February 16, one of them encountered a very discouraging situation.

Many will question why donations are needed. However, there is a difference in questioning and just being flat rude and mean!

The child went into a local business to give a donation letter and a person began yelling at him, telling him to get out, and telling him not to come back there again.

The child came out very upset. This child's mother went into the store to explain what the donations were for. The local business person told her that she'd given enough to another organization and she wasn't going to donate anymore.

OK FINE! But that was no excuse to make a child feel the way this person made him feel. After this incident, the child did not want

to deliver any donation letters for fear that he would be yelled at again or that someone would "scare" him again.

It takes courage for many kids to get in front of people and talk. It is scary and they tend to get nervous. It can take ONE adult to bring a child's self-esteem crashing down!

It may "bother" some people to keep donating to the kids of our community, but I for one am not bothered.

I welcome any child to my home for donations to their events, as do many other businesses here in town. I have donated too many different organizations, and I will continue to do so for our KIDS. HOWEVER, even if I could not donate I would never treat a child the way one of ours was treated this day.

This was one out of 39 that we delivered donation papers to. We encountered one more incident, but this other person had the decency to speak with the adult and not the child!

Once again, we thank the businesses who cheerfully donated or rejected the donation respectfully.

Isabel Rodriguez
Knox City

Hole In One

June Tankersley had a "Hole in One" February, 21 on #2 at the KCGC. She aced the 134 yard hole with a one wood. Witness was Estelle Skiles.

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Benjamin Sports

B-Town Ballers And KAUZ — Continued

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Propps and Ferrell kept the crowd laughing from the opening of the game when Propps jokingly threatened Ferrell with Sean Wilson's crutch and Ferrell threw her over his shoulder and jogged around the court.

The antics of both teams raised about \$880 dollars for their senior trip to Orlando, Florida. Silent auction items, a coffee table built by the seniors and a Sixers team shirt autographed by the Sixers, raised \$300 of the final total.

The seniors have had other fundraisers this year to gather the funds needed for their trip, including concession stands, bake sales, senior auction and booths at the Fall Festival.

"I just want to say a big thank you to KAUZ. They were super (for coming down and helping the seniors)," said Benjamin senior sponsor Paul Weiser.

The seniors plan to hold a combination car wash/bake sale in the coming months for additional funds.

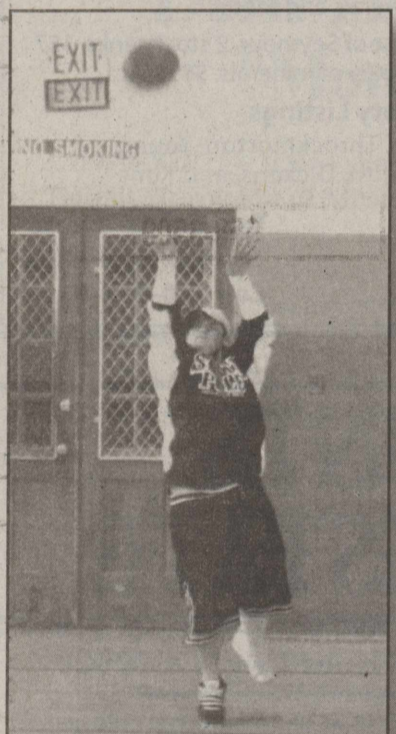
A clip of the game can be viewed on the KAUZ website, www.kauz.com.



Julia Acevedo tries to block a pass from KAUZ's Jermaine Ferrell to his teammate Josh Christopher



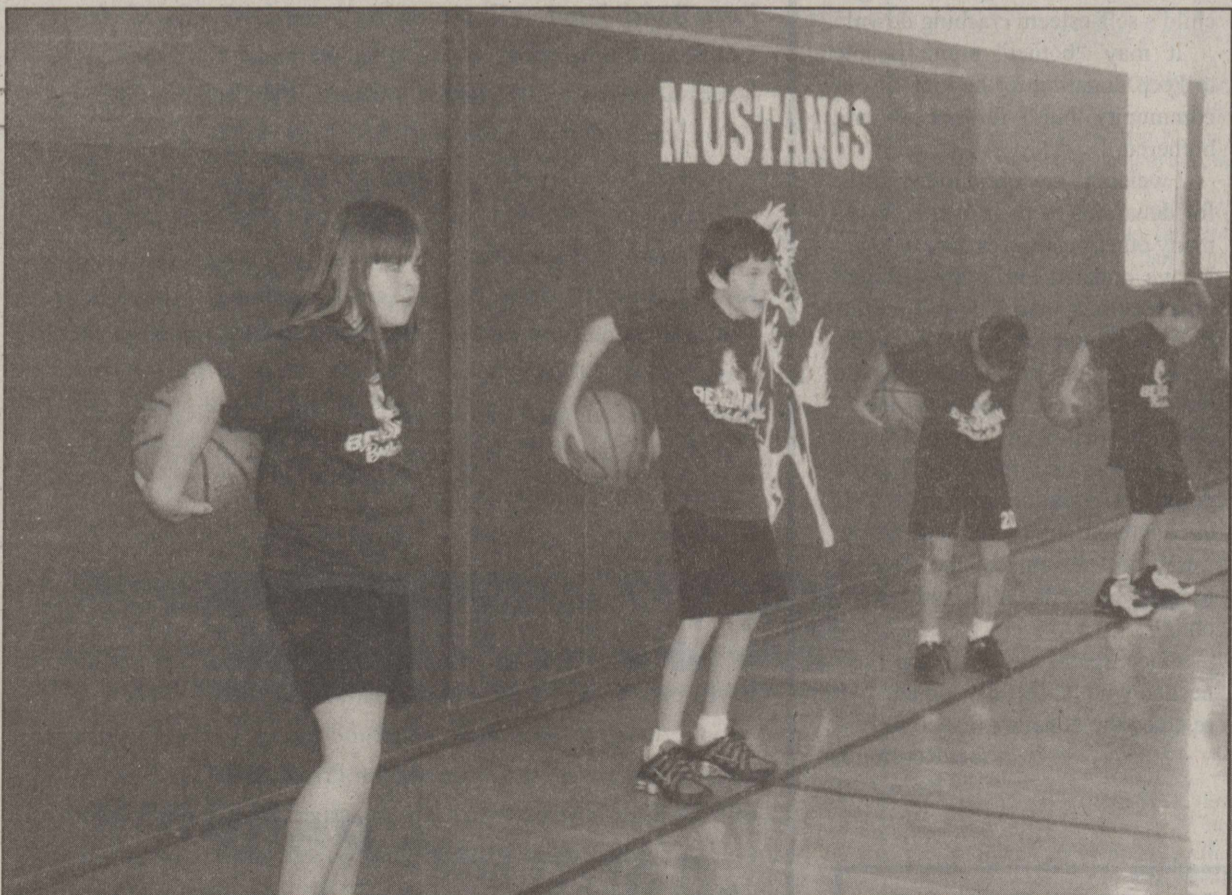
Shaylee Propps is interviewed at halftime by KAUZ



Sean "Hop Along" Wilson sinks two



Julia Acevedo, Sean Wilson and Karla Benson help KAUZ's Jermaine Ferrell to his feet as Brittany Kuehler and Jenna McCannies look on



Little Dribblers - Kelsey Brown, Sean Weiser, Elias Nevarez and Justin Rainwater show off their ball handling skills

By Gladene Green

After a wild, windy, dusty Saturday and a much better Sunday, today (Monday) has been nearly perfect. Temperatures pleasant and very little wind, which made for good weather for almost anything. Much of the day was spent by many picking up what blew into their yards from their neighbors (and beyond!). It was a mess and what's even worse, that may just be the beginning! It's not March (our windy month) yet!!

Regarding Our Ill

Bobby Hudson was released from Knox County Hospital Friday after several days stay. He's better, but still not back up to par, yet. He had pneumonia and of course, that weakened him.

Lorraine Powers is having some real uncomfortable days suffering with a back, leg and hip problem. So far, the doctors have not gotten to the source of the pain, and about the only relief she gets is from muscle relaxants, pain pills and shots. She has an appointment with an Abilene doctor March 12. Sure a long time to hurt! Maybe they can get the date changed.

I talked to Don Hertel tonight. He's still not feeling very well. He has no appetite, but hopes now that his treatments are over, that will come back. He goes back for a scan March 8, and then sees his oncologist on March 15. He hopes by then things will be looking up for him. He said today he had been a little better than in the past.

Lewis Lyles will be in Munday Nursing Center at least another two or three weeks. He's improving, but still has a few things he needs help

with.

I urge you to remember these friends and their families in your prayers.

Here 'N There

Sunday night, our Methodist friends hosted a soup, salad and dessert supper at the church, then showed the film "Facing the Giants" afterwards. A wonderful crowd was in attendance. The food was good, the fellowship wonderful and the film very inspirational. I advise anyone who has an opportunity to see it to do so, and especially young folks. I think (if nothing else) it will give them something to think about.

Sean Wilson, BHS senior, broke his ankle last Thursday night playing basketball. He was unable to play in the senior sponsored benefit game Saturday with the KAUZ folks. The proceeds from that game and the lunch preceding went into the "senior trip fund", and Sean will probably miss the Six Man All Star game coming up pretty soon. We hate that Sean had this misfortune.

Charlie Barker of Lubbock spent Saturday night with Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon.

Zeke Duke and Daniel of Amarillo were here for the weekend. Zeke was again the emergency room doctor at Knox County Hospital and Daniel got some visiting in with his grandparents, Dennis and Pam, and other relatives.

Robbie Feemster of Vera is having a pretty rough time these days. She's living in The Beach House in Seymour and is now in hospice care. She is the sister-in-law of Benjamin residents Philomae Roberson and Corrine Parrish.

Betty Parker and Chelsea of

Aspermont visited Betty's parents Leroy and Gloria West on Sunday.

Sidney Mendoza of Seymour spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Jane Gideon. Jane was in Wichita Falls on Wednesday to see her heart doctor, as she is having a few problems. She is to have an angiogram Thursday to determine her course of treatment.

Little Blaze Taylor of Iowa Park spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. He went home Sunday evening.

Betty and Roger Bohannon spent several days in Missouri with their daughter, Bonnie Howell and her family.

Hazel Stockton's brother, Sam Loper, of Lubbock underwent major surgery in Lubbock today. He made it through surgery fine, but no word how long he'll be in the hospital. His age will probably be a deciding factor on many of the issues. He's 90 years old (or older).

John and Judy Robinson of Sherman visited her parents, Lewis Lyles in Munday Nursing Center and Betty Lyles a couple of days last week.

The benefit lunch and basketball game Saturday has been termed as successful.

The crowd was not as big as one would think, but with other things taking place in the area and folks dividing their time between them, one could not complain.

The TV 6 KAUZ team played the Benjamin b-ballers following a spaghetti dinner. Great entertainment and close to \$1000 was raised, which will go toward the senior trip. Those who planned the event and carried it out are to be commended.

Truscott-Gilliland News

By Clara Brown

The big weather news for Truscott and Gilliland the past week was the wind storm Saturday, February 24, 2007. Remember that date as it will be talked about in years to come.

Friday weather predictions all included high winds on Saturday; for once the weatherman was right. The rain, as he predicted, didn't amount to too much, before dawn on Saturday, though some places got more than others.

The morning started out with-out much breeze, then about 9-10 o'clock wind blasted in from the west. Jack Whitten was gathering cattle on Antelope Flat and the cattle disagreed with him some about where they should go, due to the high wind.

It blew and blew wind for awhile, and then the skies began darkening with sand. By mid-afternoon the outside light seemed like almost sundown. It was a dust storm like this country hasn't seen for years. Reports from friends and relatives west of here sounded like the wind was strong when it hit Texas then picked up all the loose dirt on the South Plains and brought it here. But not much stayed here, most flew on the east.

County Road 2451 has broken tree branches all along its length, as surely every other country road does. The northern mile south running road has so many tumbleweeds it could have inspired the song, "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," if it hadn't already been written. It is blocked with tumbleweeds in some places, so that anyone who wanted to go north had to turn at Looney's Corner and go to Truscott that way, even if Antelope Flat (west of town) is where they wanted to go.

Damages were not great, considering the wind speeds, tin to nail down, damaged elevator, etc.

The big curve on FM west of Truscott was also filled with tum-

bleweeds from the field fence to the middle of the paved road, cutting it down to one open lane.

Jerry Bob Daniel reported Monday morning that he will have a crew working to compact the tumbleweeds and get them off the roads. The wind blew tumbleweeds over fences which would ordinarily have held the tumbler inside the fields.

Daniel also will be burning brush again this week, weather permitting. He said he has notified the Sheriff's Office and will have men watching the fires. He bought the Browder - Todd Ranch a while back and a section of the spikebox. He has been clearing brush down in the breaks from time to time.

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Knox City Basketball

Greyhounds End Season With A 77-36 Loss To Roby

The Knox City Greyhounds made their way to the bi-district round of post season play last Thursday night on the basketball court at Kimbrell Arena on the McMurry University campus in Abilene.

The Hounds met the #11 Roby Lions (ranking according to the poll with Texas Basketball Coaches Association). The anticipation had each team fired up and ready for action.

The Greyhounds hit the court

hot and Cody Wainscott made the first two points of the evening but the momentum faded rapidly as the Lions fell into their groove and held the Hounds to five points in the first quarter.

The Greyhounds fought hard and are commended for their efforts and their successes which got them to this round.

The Greyhounds fell to the Lions in a 36-77 loss thus ending the Hounds 2006-07 basketball season.



Cody Wainscott drives the lane for two



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