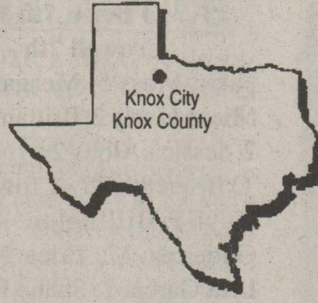


The KCHS baseball game with Vernon Northside on Thursday has been cancelled

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School Board expresses appreciation to campus principals, extend contracts

Meeting in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday night, members of the Knox City - O'Brien CISD School Board heard progress reports from all three campus principals, then expressed their appreciation to the trio before extending each of their employment contracts through the next school year.

Following detailed progress reports on the activities and progress at each campus, Board Member Bill Stewart spoke on behalf of the board and told Knox City Elementary School Principal Marsha McGaughey, O'Brien Middle School Principal John Livingston and Knox City High School Principal Mack Lowe that the board "appreciated all their hard work and efforts, and their dedication to the students."

With the renewal of administration level personnel contracts a goal of the meeting, board members intently listened as each principal gave a presentation on the achievements, goals and needs at each campus level. High School Principal Mack Lowe was the first to address the board and discussed the many activities that student and staff are involved in at this very busy time of the school year. With enrollment at the high school standing at 112, Lowe also expressed his concern that sickness has had as many as 16 students a day out of class. Lowe also informed the board that the TAAS testing being conducted this week appeared to be going very well and that the 32

Sophomores taking the various portions of the test were finishing fairly quickly and expressing confidence following their testing. When asked by Board Member Greg Clonts what he would want for his campus if extra money were to become available, Lowe responded that the school is in very good shape with wants and needs, but a 'wish list' would include newer types of science equipment. He described an electronic microscope setup that was capable of displaying the results of material in a slide on to a large display screen as a new and very effective type of teaching tool. After a lengthy discussion in this area, Board President Dale Turner expressed an interest into further investigation of the costs for this type of equipment.

Elementary School Principal Marsha McGaughey was next to talk with the board, her enrollment figures for the Pre-K through 4th grade are 111 students. The TASS testing is also going on at the elementary school right now and McGaughey told board members that her 26 fourth graders were working hard on the tests. She also expressed her appreciation to the elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for their tireless fund raising efforts that benefit the campus in many ways. A letter cutting machine has been purchased for the faculty by PTO funds, as well as \$500 worth of science equipment and another \$500 for books. The elementary campus has a big emphasis on

reading, and the students are doing well. Concluding her presentation to the board, McGaughey also praised board members for their efforts, stating that her campus was not lacking anything that a student needed.

O'Brien Middle School Principal John Livingston presented his report to the board in both a written and verbal format, citing the many accomplishments of the students on his campus. Livingston praised the coaching staff for their efforts in completing an undefeated football season and a successful basketball season. The O'Brien PTO also received praise from Principal Livingston as he informed the board that the organization had already raised over \$2000 this fall. Mrs. Burnett's work with the Student Council has also been very successful. Talking about future needs, Livingston expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of some of the sidewalks around the school, as well as repair work that will be needed in the future on projects such as bathroom ventilation and the flooring of the gym. The recent rewiring of the computer lab's electrical system has eliminated breaker problems and Livingston praised Lynn Electric Company of Knox City for their efforts with that project.

Following the reports by campus principals, members of the board voted unanimously to extend the contract of each principal.

In other board action and discussion, members expressed their interest in increased counseling efforts, especially in the areas of scholarships that are available and career type counseling. The issue of discipline on campus was discussed at length and everyone present at the meeting seemed to be pleased with the low discipline problems that exist at the three campus levels.

The only visitor at the meeting was Knox City resident June Moss. She addressed the board with a written list of questions that she had prepared for the meeting. Her concern was for Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Lynn Lierly and the support shown to him by the school board and community. Mrs. Moss expressed her complete confidence in Coach Lierly and praised him for his efforts in taking the Greyhounds into the playoffs this year. She urged the board to consider her written list of questions and concerns. Coach Lierly was present at the meeting and addressed the board in a 22 minute executive session that was closed to the public. There was no board action or comment concerning Coach Lierly when the open portion of Tuesday night's meeting resumed.

Other action by the board included setting an election date for the terms of board members Raul Espinosa, Todd Lewis and Board President Dale Turner.



Benjamin students advance to state

Ashley Cartwright and John Shaw of Benjamin High School will be attending the State Meet in Austin, March 12 and 13 for Cross-X debate. The team was undefeated at district in Vernon and prior to that had gone undefeated in the Benjamin meet against teams from Chillicothe, Haskell, Munday and Benjamin. They finished third in the Abilene Wylie meet. Ashley, a BHS junior, completed last year at state while John is a freshman. (Benjamin school photo)

Pecan seminar set for March 12 in Weinert

Sponsored by Haskell and Knox County Horticulture committees

The Haskell and Knox County Horticulture Committees will be sponsoring a pecan seminar on Monday, March 12, at the old school building in Weinert beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers for the meeting will be Scott Landgraf, pecan specialist with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Emory Boring III, extension entomologist from Vernon.

Topics covered will be general maintenance and care, grafting, handling pest problems, spraying,

regimens and new varieties. For those who are interested in pecans or would like to inquire more about the topic are invited to attend.

Two (2) CEU hours for private pesticide applicators will be offered at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served by the Crooked River Master Gardener Association of Haskell.

For more information contact Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent at (940) 864-2658 or Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent at (940)

454-2651.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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District 20-A Division II Girls All-District Team

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Tiffany McDuff, Sr., Rule
M'Lynn Lehrmann, Fr., Rule
Ashley Cartwright, Jr., Benjamin
Sandra Acevedo, Jr., Benjamin
Melania Garcia, Jr., Rochester

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Breanna Marquis, Fr., Rule
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Angela Stoddard, Sr., Rochester
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Mandy Hearn, Sr., Paint Creek
Nicole Wade, Fr., Paint Creek

Delta Kappa Gamma to begin meetings March 4 in Munday

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will begin the second half of their scheduled meetings on March 4 in the home economics room at Munday High School beginning at 2:30 p.m.

This organization is composed of 68 female educators from Haskell, Knox and Stonewall counties. Membership is by invitation to women who are employed in educational work and have had five or more years of experience. These women could be teachers, librarians, school nurses or teacher's aids.

The society meets six times

each school year.

This year and continuing next year, the programs center around "Journeys in Our Changing World".

At each meeting, a key issue in the realm of educational interest forms the central theme to inspire and improve the educational environment.

Educational personnel who are interested in participating in this professional organization are encouraged to make their interest known to local members.

Those interested are also welcome to attend the March meeting in Munday.

City, school, hospital filings began Monday

Monday marked the day for filings for the City of Knox City, Knox City-O'Brien CISD and Knox County Hospital boards.

In the city election, the terms of Mayor Tommie (Bud) Reynolds and the council seats held by David Chapman and Domingo Garcia are expiring.

Chapman and Garcia have both moved from Knox City previously resigning their seats.

Holdover council seats are Charles Lankford, Jessie Rios and Fred Ledesma.

In the school election, the terms of Dale Turner, Raul Espinosa and Todd Lewis are expiring.

Lewis was appointed to fill the elected term of Dalton Harrington, who had previously resigned. Billy Chenhall was appointed to fill Harrington's post and Lewis was appointed following Chenhall's move to Oklahoma.

Holdovers in the Knox City-O'Brien CISD election are Scott Lynn, Bill Stewart, Charlie Schur and Greg Clonts.

City and school election filing periods run from February 19 through March 21.

Information concerning the hospital election will appear in next week's News, according to Dan Offutt of the Knox County Hospital.

Principles of real estate course slated at VRJC

VERNON - The Division of Workforce and Continuing Education of Vernon Regional Junior College has scheduled another real estate course to be conducted during the spring semester.

Principles of Real Estate (Texas Specific) is scheduled to meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 17 and ending March 25. This course will be conducted at VRJC, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

Fee will be \$65.00 plus book and Nelson Tubbs will serve as instructor. This course gives an overview of the real estate business and is a required course for persons working toward a real estate license.

Some of the topics covered will be ethics of practice, titles to and conveying of real estate and closing procedures.

Preregistration is necessary. For further information or registration forms, contact the VRJC Continuing Education Office at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2209.

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O'Brien Lady Bulldogs finish second in district tournament

**February 1 and February 3
7th Grade, 2nd Place**

First Game - O'Brien 34,
Munday 12

Nikki Moss 4, Jamila Ward 2, Meagan Schur 7, Brittany Hawkins 12, Sondra Silva 1, Jessica Albus 8.

Second Game - O'Brien 22,
Windthorst 23

Nikki Moss 13, Brittany Hawkins 4, Sondra Silva 2, Jessica Albus 3.

8th Grade, 2nd Place

First Game - O'Brien 30,
Munday 15

Kaylie Billington 10, Sophia Gutierrez 18, Lisa Garcia 2.

Second Game - O'Brien 45,
Petrolia 38

April Magana 4, Kaylie Billington 14, Sophia Gutierrez 19, Erica Nevarez 4, Lisa Garcia 4.

Third Game - O'Brien 26,
Windthorst 47

April Magana 2, Kaylie Billington 10, Sophia Gutierrez 10, Erica Nevarez 4.

**Crowell Games - February 5
O'Brien 7th 13,
Crowell 7th - 12**

Nikki Moss 5, Meagan Schur 2, Micah Lierly 2, Brittany Hawkins 2, Jessica Albus 2.

O'Brien 8th 25 - Crowell 8th 27
Kaylie Billington 4, Sophia Gutierrez 17, Erica Nevarez 1, Lisa Garcia 2, Shana Reed 1.

It's Girl Scout cookie time

Now is the time to "Ride the Wave" with the Girl Scouts as they conduct the 2001 Cookie Sale.

NorCenTex Girl Scouts have already begun taking orders with their traditional cookie sale and will continue through February 18. Delivery of cookies will begin on March 2 and are to be completed on March 18.

The 2001 cookie sale will have eight varieties of the famous cookies including America's favorite, the Thin Mint. Other types of cookies available are NorCenTex Council's favorites, Samoas (coconut and caramel, striped with cocoa), Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Tag-alongs, Lemon Drop, a natural lemon flavored cookie with creamy lemon chips, the Reduced

Fat Apple cinnamon which is a 30% lower-fat treat shaped like an apple and sprinkled with cinnamon sugar and new this year the Aloha Chip with Macadamia Nuts.

Little Brownie Bakers uses vegetable shortening and the cookies contain no preservatives or artificial colors. The Bakery is also kosher approved. The cost is \$3.00 per box. NorCenTex Girl Scouts in the 11 county area will be participating in the cookie sale.

Valuable skills, such as goal setting, the handling of money, dealing with the public, marketing products and working together as a team to accomplish goals will be learned.

Local Service Unit Cookie Manager is Melissa Espinosa.

Aging center lunch menus

Feb. 26th thru March 2nd

Monday, February 26 - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, biscuits, peaches with topping.

Tuesday, February 27 - Braised beef tips with gravy, butter noodles, sweet peas, apple and celery salad, light bread, cobbler.

Wednesday, February 28 - Barbecue chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, seven-minute cabbage, cornbread, birthday cake.

Thursday, March 1 - Mexican casserole, whole kernel corn, Spanish rice, salad, crackers, ice cream.

Friday, March 2 - German sausage, sauerkraut, blackeyed peas, mashed potatoes, cornbread, cookies.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)

The Knox City Country Club is conducting a membership drive.

The initial membership signup fee of \$50.00 will be waived only if payment is made upfront for six months during the months of February through May 2001.

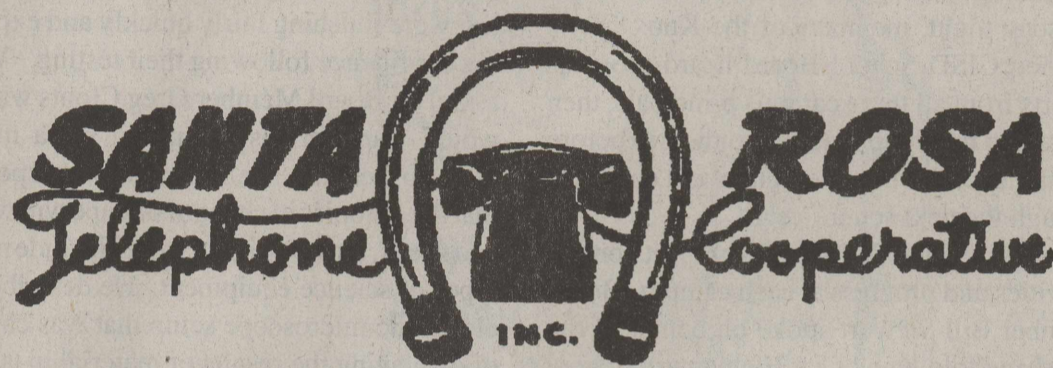
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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Why Dogs Are Better Than Kids:

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You don't need to get extra phone lines for a dog.
Dogs don't pester you about getting a kid.
Dogs don't care if the peas have been touched by the mashed pota-

toes.
Average cost of sending a dog to school: \$42. Average cost of sending you kid: \$103,000.
Dogs are housebroken by the time they are 12 weeks old.
Your dog is not embarrassed if you sing in public.
If your dog is a bad seed, your genes cannot be blamed."
Here and There - Marilyn Talbot and her daughter Cathy of Shallowater spent the weekend in

Corsicana with relatives of Marilyn's.

Lowell Rowan and wife Margaret of Denton came and picked up Lowell's mom Bernice Rowan and she spent a few days with them.

Delbert and Norma Hayes and I were in Anson Saturday night and attended the 12th year gospel singing convention. There were lots of people attending and we heard lots of good music.

Among those who attended my nephew, Danny Walsworth's, funeral Friday in Albany were Ken-

Walsworth in Albany on Friday.
Billie Walker was in Abilene to see the audiologist and go on to the funeral for Danny Walsworth in Albany.
Billie's son, Cliff Banner, visited in O'Brien over the weekend. Cliff is from Hawley.
Those in and out of the hospitals lately are Charlene Brothers had shoulder surgery last week and is doing good, Clara Hanson has been in and out of a hospital and is doing some better after having several different ailments, LaUna Hester is suppose to be dismissed from Hendrick Hospital today (Monday) after some heart problems, Adelle Herring has been home and receiving home health care for her problems. Bro and Mrs. Trice have both been to doctors for different ailments but are at home. They all need our prayers. Prayer does change things.

Visiting Adelle Herring over the weekend were her sister, Claudia Reed of Rochester; Gary Hewitt of Knox City, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree and Tamara McGaughey of Knox City.

Internet basics course to begin March 8 at VRJC
VERNON - The Division of Workforce and Continuing Education of VRJC has scheduled a course on Internet Basics during the Spring 2001 semester.
The course will focus on how to get connected and use the Internet.
Topics will include definitions, e-mail, home pages, and how to conduct basic research. Time for hands-on practice will be provided.
This course is scheduled to meet on Thursdays from 6 until 10 p.m. beginning March 8 and ending March 22.

New Arrivals It's a boy!



Ethan Simmons Smith

Leigh and Eric Smith of Floydada are proud to announce the arrival of their son born Monday, February 5, 2001, at 2:45 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The baby has been named Ethan Simmons Smith and he weighed in at eight pounds, five ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Judy and Danny Lain of Knox City.

JenniSu and Eddie Smith of Floydada are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Betty and Ed Smith of Lorenzo, Dot and Al Lehman of Georgetown and Chester Lain of Munday.

Ethan's only aunt, uncle and cousin are Christi, Trevor and Tristin Lain of Lubbock.



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- FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City**
Paul Chambers, Pastor
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
- SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH - Knox City**
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- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland**
Father Leo Schloemer - Deacon Julian Estrada
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin**
John Gillispie, Pastor
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Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin**
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- FAITH CHAPEL - 8 Miles South Of Knox City**
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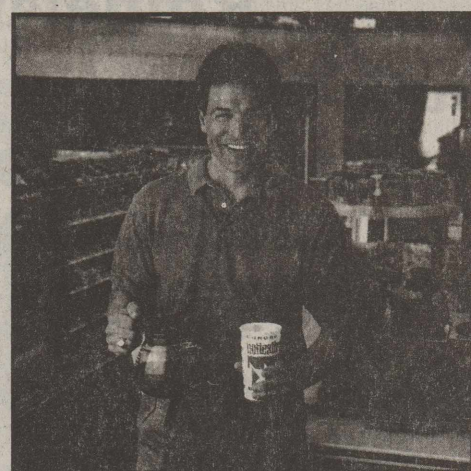
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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's a nice day today here in Knox County. A little wind is blowing but it's not bad and seems like a good day ahead. Thank goodness!

About our ill - Lucy Mings is settled into the Munday Nursing Center and continues to make progress. If you have a chance, drop in and see her. She appreciates her friends and their visits.

Jacob Siemens will be in Abilene tomorrow (Tuesday) for tests. He has had pneumonia and is still having some lung problems so doctors think he should be checked out good. Of course, we wish Jacob well.

Dorothy Nell West of Grand Prairie is critically ill in an Arlington hospital. Dorothy is a sister to Benjamin residents, Jack Young, Dutch Young and Pat Benson. They all visited her on Friday.

My sister, Maxine Nelson is doing better for now. Is back in the nursing center being dismissed from the hospital Wednesday. My brother, Glen Yeager of Weatherford has been in the Weatherford Hospital since Wednesday, suffering from a heart attack. He was taken to Fort Worth Harris Hospital this morning where he will undergo angioplasty at noon today. Doctors hope this will correct his problem. Thanks to all who have shown me so much care and concern during this time.

Sympathy today to John and Frances Chilcoat, former Benjamin resident, who now reside in Knox City. John's sister, Mayre Jo Chilcoat, passed away Saturday morning in Amarillo where she resided. Services will be tomorrow (Tuesday) at the First Baptist Church in Benjamin at 10:00 a.m. with burial in the Truscott Cemetery.

Children Honor Parents - On Saturday evening, the children and grandchildren of Kenneth and Jessie Roberts honored them with a family dinner and party. The occasion was their 60th wedding anniversary and Kenneth's 80th birthday - both in February.

Lots of good food, visiting and just a real good time was enjoyed by all present. Those attending the party which was held in the home of Dennis and Pam Duke were their children and their spouses, Bill and Mary Sue Roberts of Woodbridge, Virginia; Ken

and Gaye Roberts of Wichita Falls, Donnie and Diane Roberts of O'Brien and Nancy and Fred McGreger and Pam and Dennis Duke of Benjamin.

Also grandchildren, Kevin Roberts of Austin and his fiancée, Leslie Ann Cecilia of Springfield, Virginia; Angela Roberts of O'Brien and Trish, Tim and Tyler Johnson of Haskell, Chris McGreger of Freising, Germany, Rachel Duke of Wichita Falls, Zeke Duke and his fiancée, Amanda Terpening of Lubbock and Rebecca, Phil, Paige and Peyton Boone of Trent. Also Jessie's sister, Bea Parks of Benjamin and friends, Don and Hazel Cox of Victoria and Diane Sanchez of Austin. And the honorees, Kenneth and Jessie. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. I congratulate these friends on their special "days".

I might add that the only two immediate family members not able to be here were a grandson, Mark Roberts of Nacogdoches and a granddaughter, Jennifer Roberts, who lives in Japan.

Cleanup Day Scheduled - It's cleanup, fixup time again for Benjamin residents. The city council has set March 10 as a day for "sprucin' up" around your place. Trucks and trailers will be available for "big trash" pickup, so anything that's too big for the dumpster and regular weekly pickup, put it out by the road and sometime during that day, the truck will be by and get it. This service is free. The only cost is your time and effort getting things gathered up. So there's really no excuse for any of us not to have our places "tidied up". Don't believe there was a rain date set but stands to reason that if the weather is wet and messy, the time will be changed.

Pee Wee Tourney - It's that time of year again when the little ones get to show off their basketball skills. Such was the case Sat-

urday when they traveled over to Paint Creek for a tournament. Only three teams were entered - Paint Creek, Benjamin and Rochester but those attending saw some pretty outstanding action. I don't have how the teams came out except did hear that the third and fourth girls won first. As for the others, no word on how they fared. But regardless of who won and who lost, the experience is good for these young folks.

In high school basketball, our girls ended the season last Tuesday night as they met Throckmorton in a playoff game in Merkel. Throck defeated the Lady Stangs and are still going as they won in the tourney in Denton during the weekend.

From what I hear, they have an outstanding team so we may hear more from them. Girls start track now.

The boys meet the Throckmorton boys in a playoff game in Merkel tomorrow night.

Here 'N There - Sue and Dave Terry and children, Summer and Jake of Dallas, were weekend guests of her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon. Also visiting was their other daughter Lana Mendoza and her family of Seymour.

Lorene Powers of Midland was a visitor in the Debbie Clower home and with Leroy and Gloria West and other relatives and friends several days last week.

Kent and Elizabeth Hertel of Coppell were weekend guests of his dad, Don.

Ray and Blaine Bradley of Guthrie visited family here on Saturday.

Larry and Glenda Bearly of Erie, Colorado, are here for a while to visit her family, her mother, Odessa Cox and sisters, Linda Cox and Reba Morrill and her husband, Charles. Glenda is doing well since her heart attack in November. It's good to see her doing good.

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(Editor's Note: The following article features Mike Collinsworth, principal of Renner Middle School in Plano. Collinsworth is the son-in-law of Joyce Crowner and is married to the former Carolyn Crowner. This feature article appeared in a recent metroplex publication. Collinsworth was honored as Region 10 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.)

TWO HONORED FOR DEDICATION & SUCCESS

By Sandy Louey
To do his job well, Mike Collinsworth has to know and do a little bit of everything. The Renner Middle School principal is by turns the school's instructional leaders, disciplinarian, maintenance and food supervisor, budget manager, counselor and chief problem solver.

"To me, you're running a small city," he said. "The inhabitants are 10, 11 and 12 years old."

His success at the task has drawn the attention of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, which named him Region 10 Middle School Principal of the Year. Plano district officials said they are proud of the recognition, especially since Mr. Collinsworth wasn't alone. Plano Senior High School Principal Doyle Dean was named the group's Region 10 High School Principal of the Year.

The two longtime Plano principals advanced to the Texas Principal of the Year competition. The winners are expected to be announced in March.

Mr. Collinsworth, 50, is a 28-year district veteran who has been the principal at Renner since it opened in 1990. The school has 1,085 students.

Be aware of look-alike cancer organizations!

Dear Editor,
I want to make your readers aware that several organizations are mailing appeals to people in Knox County for contributions to fight cancer. At least one of these organizations deliberately styles itself after the American Cancer Society in an attempt to confuse contributors. This organization may look like the ACS, but a closer look would show that it spends much less on educational and patient services and much more on fundraising and overhead. While there are many legitimate and respected organizations raising funds to fight cancer, many are not legitimate. If you have received a direct mail solicitation from any cancer organization, you can contact the Better Business Bureau at (703) 276-0100 or the Texas Attorney General's office at (800) 621-0508 to find out if it meets the BBB's standards. I am proud to say that the American Cancer Society does meet all of them. The Knox Co. Unit of the ACS provides services to cancer pa-

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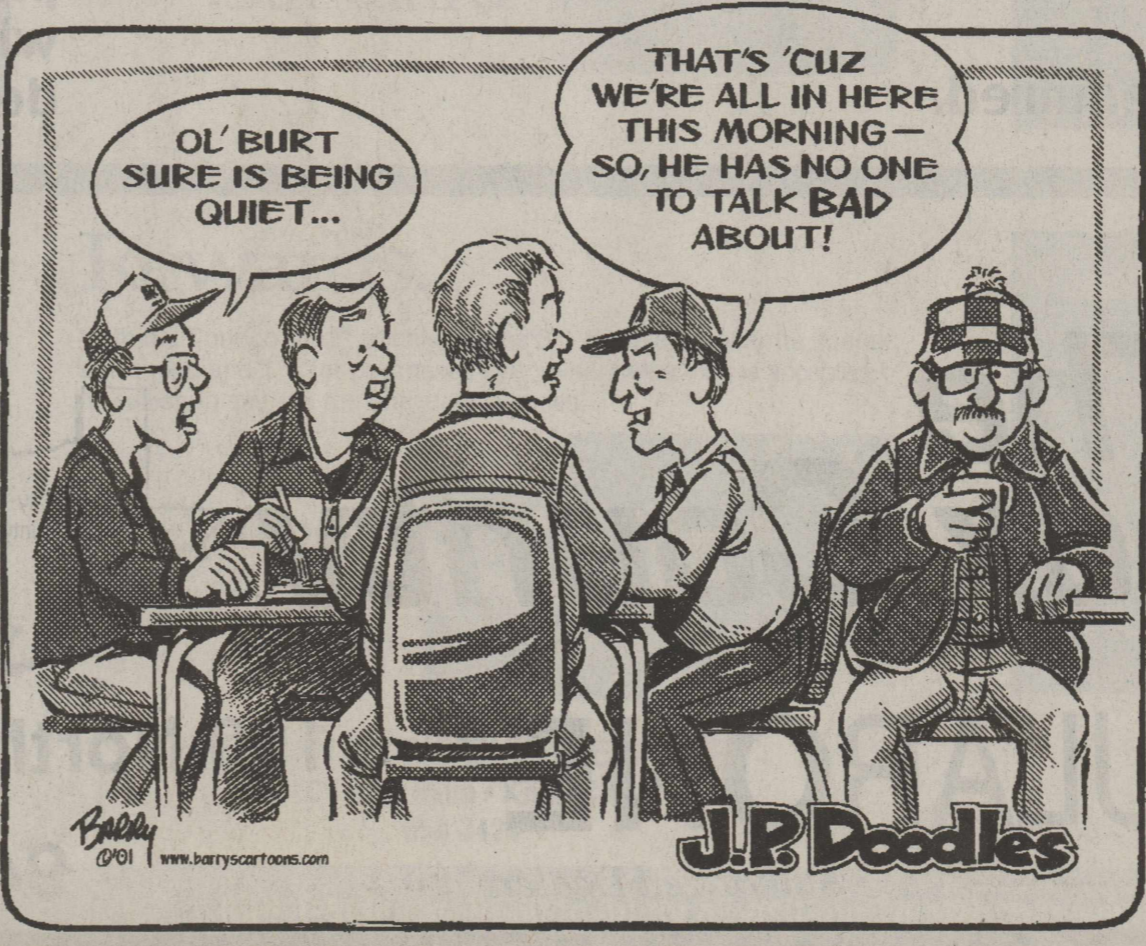
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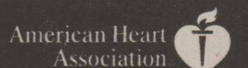
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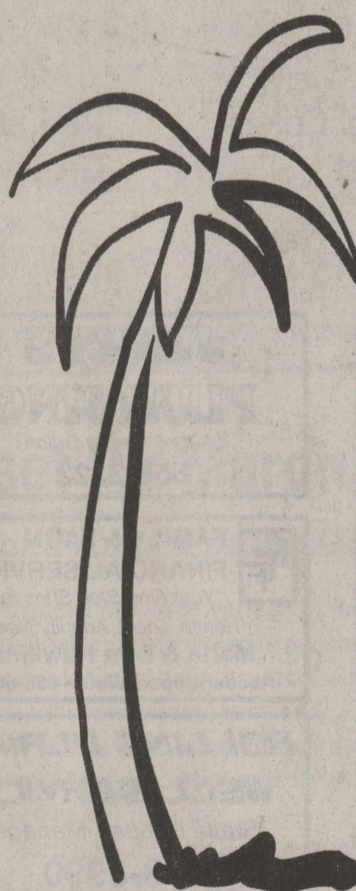
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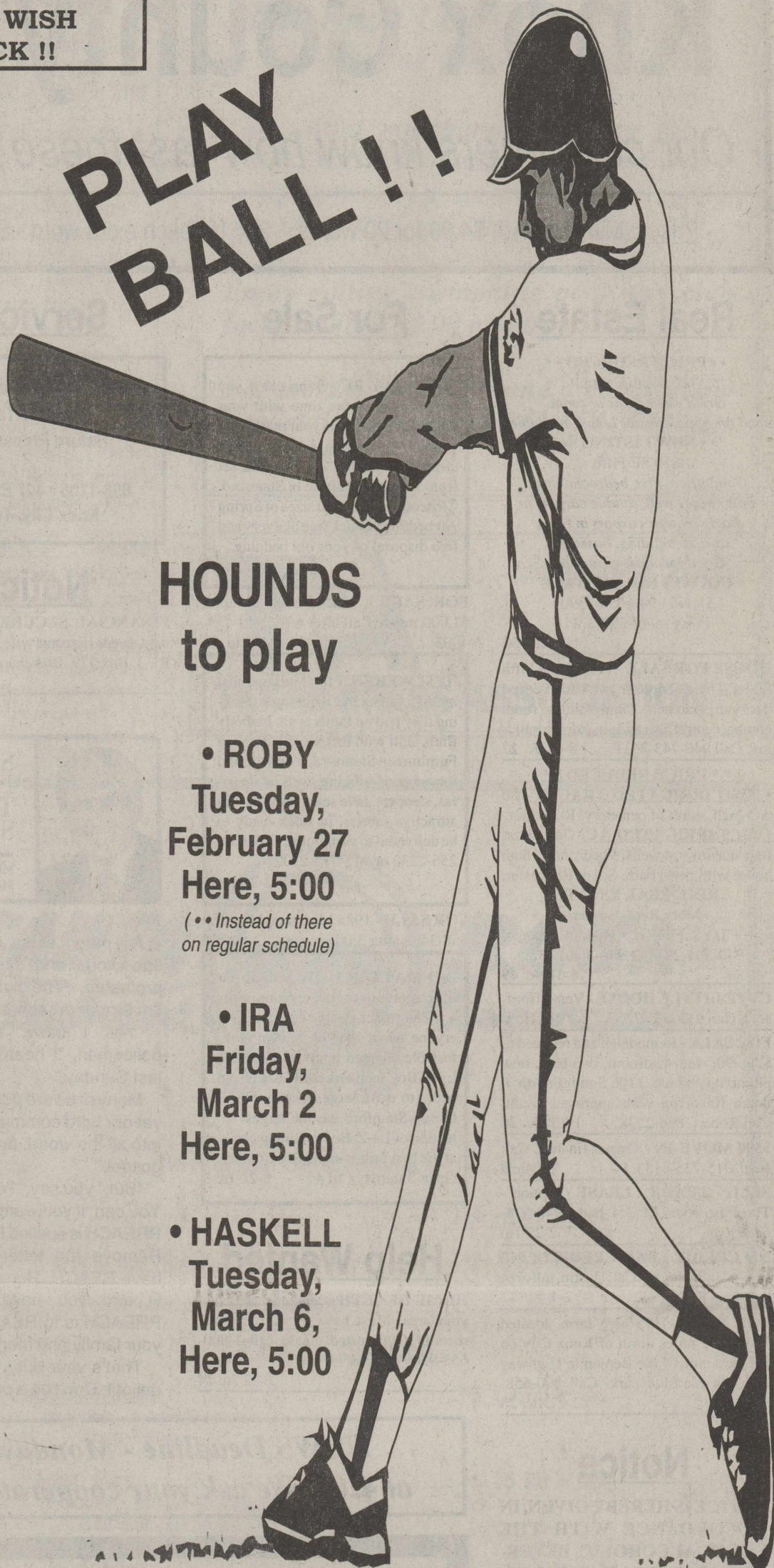
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Non District			
Feb. 13	Seymour	Here	4:30
Feb. 22	Hamlin	Here	5:00
Feb. 23	Vernon Northside	Here	4:00
Feb. 27	Roby	There	5:00
March 2	Ira	Here	5:00
March 6	Haskell	Here	5:00
March 9	Seymour	There	4:30
March 16, 17	Rotan Tournament	There	TBA
March 20	Vernon Northside	There	4:00
March 23	Rotan	There	4:30
March 27	Roby	Here	5:00
District			
March 30	Paducah	Here	5:00
April 2	Aspermont	There	5:00
April 10	Open		
April 13	Good Friday		
April 17	Paducah	There	5:00
April 20	Aspermont	Here	5:00
April 24	Rotan	Here	5:00 *
April 27	Paducah	Here	5:00
May 1	Aspermont	There	5:00
May 4	Open		
May 8	Paducah	There	5:00
May 11	Aspermont	Here	5:00



**HOUNDS
to play**

• **ROBY**
Tuesday,
February 27
Here, 5:00
(* Instead of there
on regular schedule)

• **IRA**
Friday,
March 2
Here, 5:00

• **HASKELL**
Tuesday,
March 6,
Here, 5:00

• Non District game

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