

The Brackett News

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95th Birthday

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BRIEFS

Duplicate Bridge in play at FCS

Duplicate Bridge is again in play at Fort Clark Springs. The group meets to play on Tuesday evenings in the Gorgas Room of the Adult Center at the Fort at 7 p.m..

On Jan. 11, we played the Howell movement with 4 1/2 tables.

First place was taken by Rosetta Pingenot and Helen Marie Jones.

Second place was Nancy O'Brien and Carol Benfield and 3rd place was Mylo Unruh and Dianna Daniels.

A good time was had by all and you are invited to join us when you wish to play fun duplicate bridge with a great group of people.

Annual Bratwurst Fry set for Jan. 30

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will host its 11th Annual Bratwurst Fry from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 on the church grounds at the corner of Fort and Henderson St.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. St. Andrews Episcopal Church is Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 7 pm. \$5 Adult, \$2.50 children.

LEPC will Meet Monday

The Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Another new tax tip for filing in 2005

New law just passed allows contributions to the Tsunami Relief Fund made in January 2005 to be counted as contributions made in 2004.



'Horns take second at national competition

The Brackettville Longhorns placed second at Nationals in Galveston, Texas on Jan. 21 to 23.

Now nearing the end of the season and earning top titles has qualified the Longhorns to compete at the Tournament of Champions, a step beyond Nationals, in Tampa, Fla. on April 15 and 16.

To help the Longhorn Cheerleaders for this event by making a donation, call 563-9314.

The Brackettville Longhorns

are Amanda DelBosque, Brianna Escamilla, Crystal Garcia, Briana Garza, Roxy Gomez, Stella Guajardo, Alexandra Herrera, Ashley Herrera, Erica Rodriguez and Jasime White. Coach is Nancy Rodriguez.

John Sheedy named firefighter of the year

Del Rio Fire and Rescue Department named Deputy Chief John Sheedy firefighter of the year during their annual banquet last week.

Sheedy is originally from Brackettville and has been with the Del Rio Fire and Rescue Department for more than 20 years. He was also presented with a pin for his 20 year service to the department.

Sheedy, the son of Plunker Sheedy and Elaine Slubar is a graduate of Brackett High School and worked his way up the ladder with the City of Del Rio to the position of Deputy Chief. He began his career with the Del Rio Fire and Rescue De-

partment in 1981, left for a while and returned in 1987.

He is also the Emergency Management Coordinator, overseeing the city's emergency management, handling tactical exercises. Sheedy noted that the achievement was an honor for him, adding that he shares the award with his comrades at the del Rio Fire and Rescue Department. Sheedy also thanked his superior Chief Harold A. Bean for his support.

In the presentation of the Firefighter of the Year Medal, Bean said. The medal is awarded to the firefighter whose achievements are worthy of the recognition and honor.

FCS's Community Council's Cavalry Brigade

Due to unauthorized extended leaves and furloughs on Jan. 1, "Cavalry Brigade's Volunteers" have been granted amnesty by the generosity of "head-quarters" and also in the spirit of the "holidays".

Therefore, the first "Clean-up" of 2005 is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. for mustering and detail assignment at Shafter Hall.

A pay load bonus is a delicious "free" lunch prepared by gourmet chefs and served by cuties of FCS.

Lunch is served at 11:30 with a 12:30 dismissal.

Voices resume rehearsals Monday

The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will resume rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m. at Post Theatre. Current members should note the time change. Voices will present a Spring Concert in March and will join with

the Brackettville Ministers for the Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join. For more information, please call Lynn McNew, 563-9229.

Old Quarry Society dinner theater to feature 'Catfish Moon'

The Old Quarry Society annual Dinner Theater has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 and Friday, Feb. 18.

The event will take place at Post Theatre, with doors opening at 6 p.m. with BYOB cocktails.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the play, "Catfish Moon."

This delightful comedy by

Larry Sartin will be presented by The Upstagers of Del Rio.

Thursday night's dinner will be Chicken Cordon Bleu and Friday's dinner will be grilled Red Snapper.

Season ticket holders will be contacted for their preference.

Individual tickets for this event are \$20 and can be obtained by calling 563-9229 or 563-3070.



Cowboy Capital of the World celebrates a Bandera Cowboy Mardi Gras Jan. 29

BANDERA - Don't think that Lafayette, New Orleans or even Port Arthur is the only places that celebrate Mardi Gras.

The tradition is alive and well in Bandera with a mixture of true Cajun tradition and cowboy lifestyle thrown in for good measure.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, traditional cowboy hatbands will be exchanged for Mardi Gras beads and the colors of purple, gold and green will rule the streets of Bandera.

Festivities kick off at 10 a.m. with a Mardi Gras parade on Main Street with floats, horses, marchers and more.

The Krewe Mon Ami have scheduled a re-enactment of a Courier du Mardi Gras in front of the Bandera County Court-

house. The Courier du Mardi Gras is a long-standing tradition of southern Louisiana Cajun and Creole communities where a "courier" on horseback go through the countryside and the community singing a traditional tune begging the man or lady of the household for the ingredients to make a gumbo.

When all of the ingredients are gathered, the courier returns to town to make the gumbo and all share it.

While enjoying music and dancing, Krewe Mon Ami's gumbo will be available for purchase after 2:30 p.m. at 11th Street Cowboy Bar.

Proceeds from the Krewe's efforts will be donated to the Cowboy Capital Rodeo Association.

In addition to the gumbo feast, 11th Street Cowboy is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Costume Contest at 5 p.m.

The Drug Store Cowboys, Jesse Stuart & Ridin' High, Arkey Blue, Gary Wright and more are scheduled at different locations throughout the community.

For a very different dining experience, enjoy Grace Lutheran Church's 17th Annual Game Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m.

The dinner features everything from the traditional venison and axis to more exotic game such as antelope and bear.

For further information call 800-364-3833 or visit the website www.bandera-cowboy-capital.com.



Celebrating 100 days

Photo by Gus Garcia

Students from Jones Elementary's kindergarten classes celebrated their 100th day of school Monday, Jan. 24. The groups participated in 100 games and activities and held a parade throughout the school with their 100-handprint banner. The group also made fruit loop necklaces, and wrapped up the day with ice cream.

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Vada Baldree

Have you ever searched for a new recipe to try only to find you are missing a so called "Basic" ingredient?

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Donald Smith

Still looking at the picture of the church, Josie's eyes filled with tears. "Rolando's in there isn't he?"

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Modgie celebrates 95th birthday

Modgie Frances Etheridge Hudson was in her element enjoying approximately 155 well wishers celebrating her 95th birthday Saturday afternoon at FCS's Palisado building.

The celebration was hosted by Woodie Hornburg, Woodie Frances Trotter and Ann Downing.

Ann Barron provided music on her keyboard, Marge Jones was at the guest book, assisting hostesses were Rose Jenkins, Alice Seargeant, Jean Puda, Alicia Raymer, Rosie Mattingly, Rozetta Pingenot, Wynell Coates, Lavern Schafer and Gladys Lewis.

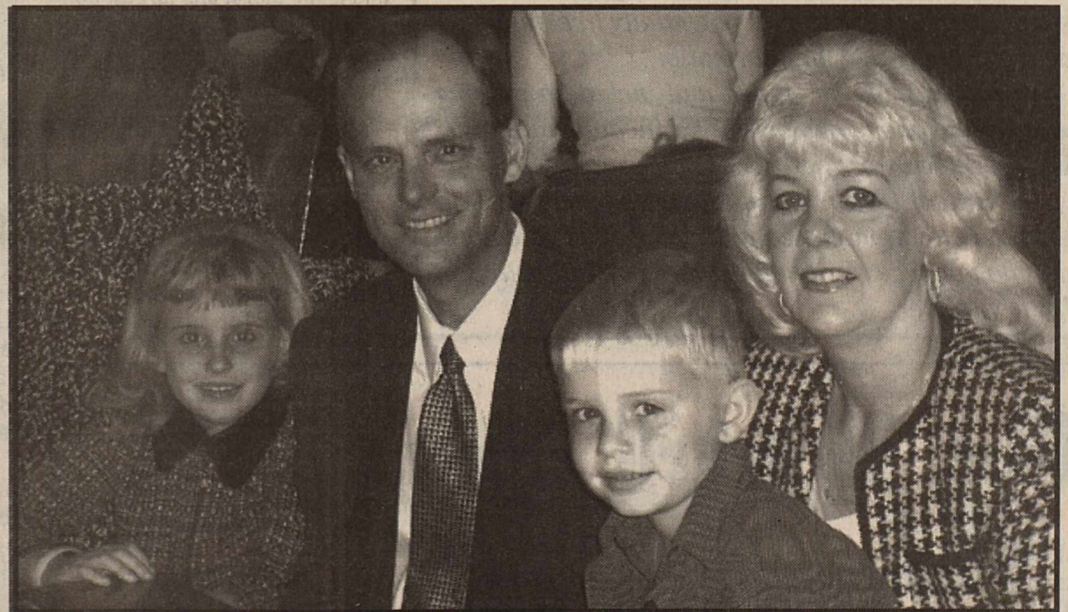
Serving a variety of beverages were Gil Raymer, Wylie Simmons and Homer Lewis.

The centerpiece and companion serving table bouquet of pink roses were designed by Woodie Trotter and tables were decorated with pink table covers and ribbon runners matching the napkins' design with a scattering



of iridescent glass oval shaped baubbels.

Out of town guests were 20 friends from San Antonio, nieces and nephew from Austin and Columbus, and a great-niece and nephew, and 2 great-great nieces, and one great-great nephew from Smithville, Texas.



State Rep. Tracy O. King is sworn into office. He was joined by his family, wife Cheryl and two children Katelyn and Clayton

State Rep. Tracy O. King takes oath

Tracy O. King, (D)-Batesville, was sworn in as the new State Representative for District 80 shortly after noon on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Joining King for the ceremony were many friends and constituents from the District and around the State of Texas.

The Texas House of Representatives meets every two years for 140 days to consider many issues vital to the citizens of Texas.

Administering the oath of office was the Secretary of State, Geoffrey Connor.

Gov. Rick Perry spoke at the ceremony as did the Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick.

Regarding the new responsibility, Rep. King said "It is an honor and a privilege to represent all the fine citizens of District 80.

"I look forward to working on issues important to all the constituents of the District. Public education, healthcare, transportation, economic development and private property rights are some of the issues important to District 80 citizens."

King, who previously served four terms in the Legislature, is excited about starting his fifth term and stated, "We will concentrate on constituent casework and border issues in addition to the other topics important to the

District." District 80 includes the counties of Dimmit, Frio, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Medina and Zavala. In addition to the Capitol Office in Austin Representative King will soon open the District Office in Eagle Pass.

Tracy is married to the former Cheryl Baker of Hondo and they have two children, Katelyn and Clayton. Citizens are encouraged to contact Representative King at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX, 78768-2910 or by email at tracy.king@house.state.tx.us.

The telephone number at the Capitol office is (512) 463-0194 and everyone is encouraged to voice their concerns.

A short update on my grandson

Little Tyler had to go back to the hospital last week. He spends a lot of time there. I guess he gets used to it. I don't.

He had a cold. A cold is serious enough for you and me but for him it is life threatening. I can breathe in through my nose or mouth. When I get a cold, mucus forms in my nose and I'm forced to inhale by way of my mouth.

My grandson does not have that luxury.

He can only get air into his lungs via one passageway.

If his trachea gets clogged up, he can't breathe.

Ty, in his short lifetime, has had to fight and struggle just to stay alive. He's already had to go through more than most folks ever do. It hasn't been easy for him. Not one day.

Soon he'll be a year old. He has not been able to enjoy as much of life as I want him to.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

He hasn't been places with his granddad.

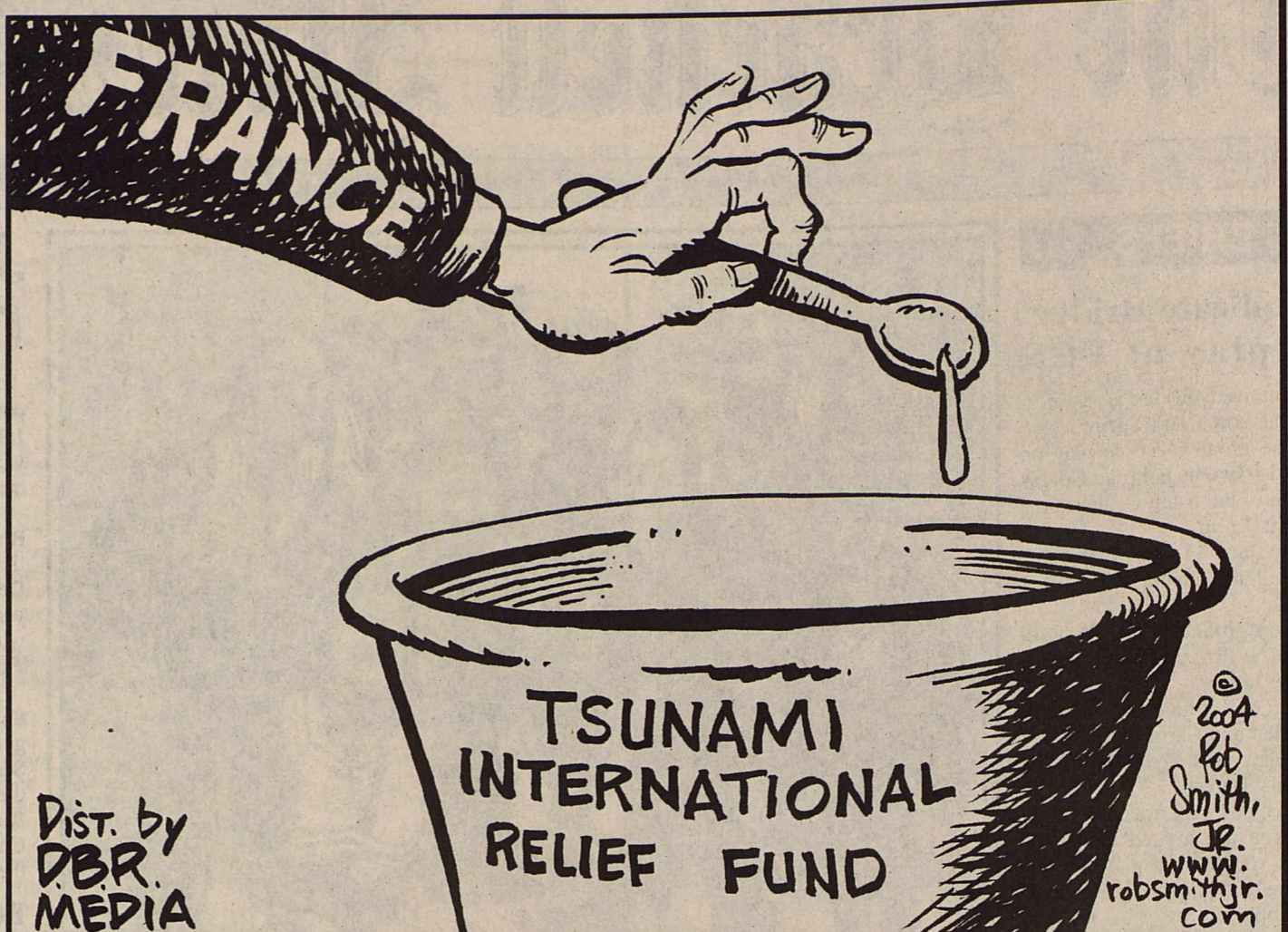
We have not shared adventures.

When his brother was Ty's age, I'd taken him lots of places. I want to do more than I've been able to do.

But it isn't about my wants and wishes.

I'm being selfish. Just to know he's alive should be enough for me.

One day I'll be able to do the things I've done with the other grand kids. I need to stop comparing Ty to everyone else. He's Ty. He's Ty but I'm still me. But I could be wrong.



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TPEA Opposes LBB Recommendations Check out your local public library

Health Insurance Proposals Break Faith with Retirees, Current Employees

AUSTIN, Texas (January 21, 2005) - The Texas Public Employees Association (TPEA) today announced it will vigorously oppose specific recommendations by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) in its "Staff Performance Report" to further shift additional health insurance costs to state employees and retirees.

"I am deeply disappointed with the LBB's recommendations regarding health insurance benefits for state employees and retirees. "Even though the Legislature may never enact these recommendations, the fact that they are even being suggested is very troubling," said TPEA Executive Director Gary W. Anderson

Instead of actually saving money, the LBB recommendations TPEA opposes simply shift the cost to employees and retirees.

For example: For retirees: The LBB recommends eliminating the current 50 percent contribution the state makes for retiree spouse and dependent health insurance coverage.

The LBB also suggests eliminating drug coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees.

The combination of these changes would shift hundreds of millions of dollars onto retirees who lack the financial ability to absorb these additional costs.

For active employees: The LBB has recommended dropping the state's share of employee health premiums from 100 percent to 90 percent.

This proposal would lower take-home pay for every employee by more than \$30 a month, even though state employees have not received a raise in three years, and had substantial increases in out-of-

pocket health costs last session that averaged \$900 per employee annually.

"These recommendations represent a fundamental break in trust with state retirees that would amount to the State of Texas reneging on the agreement under which tens of thousands of current and retired state employees loyally and efficiently served the taxpayers of this state, and an agreement under which many thousands of employees had planned on as an integral part of their retirement," Anderson said.

"If the state goes back on its word now, this will demoralize current employees and devastate efforts to recruit, train and retain an efficient state work force," he said.

The proposals to transfer hundreds of millions of dollars in health care costs onto the back of state employees and retirees fails to acknowledge the fact that three pay raises in the last 12 years has left state pay an average of 17 percent lower than that paid for comparable work.

"State employees and retirees are financially incapable of absorbing any additional shifted health care costs.

"Regrettably, LBB's recommendations continue the 15-year-long trend of chronically underfunding not only state programs but also the people who faithfully deliver these services to the taxpayers of this state," Anderson said.

Established in 1946, TPEA is a professional trade association and is the oldest and largest non-union legislative advocacy group representing current and retired state employees.

When Andrew Carnegie embarked on his philanthropic effort to improve the quality of life for all Americans, he did not set up clinics or soup kitchens.

He invested in libraries, reasoning that we must feed people's minds as well as their bodies. Since books are the stored knowledge, art, and experience of mankind, libraries are a treasury of humanity.

The accumulated wealth of human experience is freely available to anyone, rich or poor, who makes the effort to use these facilities.

Following his philosophy, Carnegie provided grants to various Texas communities which helped construct thirty-two public library buildings in communities ranging in size from the booming city of Dallas to the small mining town of Pittsburg. Since that time, public libraries have continued as a unique public-service institution in our democracy. In Texas alone, we have 560 public libraries. They are free to all citizens, and serve every age group from toddler to senior citizen. They unlock the world for young and old through books, computers, audio-visual resources, and important databases such as TexShare, which is a statewide consortium of academic libraries, public libraries, and libraries of clinical medicine administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. It shares staff expertise and library resources while it pursues joint purchasing agreements for information services to lower costs for its members.

I am a proud ally of our state public library system because I personally gained so much from



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

libraries. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I supported modernization opportunities for public libraries through the Museum and Library Services Act. This extended authorization of support for library services and technology through FY 2009.

These grants help library systems install advanced technology. I also support measures to provide teacher education, library and media specialist training, as well as preschool and teacher aid certification to individuals so they may better use these advances in the classroom or instructional process. Public library funding in the United States is a unique combination of local, state, and federal efforts. At the local level, public library service is shaped by the community. Money is allocated by city councils, library districts, or by county commissioners courts. States add supplemental funding designed to foster library cooperation through the sharing of books and materials between libraries.

The federal role is to help extend the access of libraries across the country and the world through unique information technology networks. Through direct grants to state library agencies, federal funds promote, stimulate and support library innovation. Public libraries form a remarkable cooperative sys-

tem. If you consider that the average price of a hardback book is approximately \$30, and that Texas public libraries circulate over 90 million items per year, that adds up to more than \$2.7 billion in annual transactions. The value of the knowledge exchanged in the course of those transactions is incalculable. Texas public libraries also serve as cultural havens for their communities. They are places for children to learn and develop reading skills. From preschool reading activities to grade school, children benefit from use of the local public library.

Teen-agers use public libraries to help with school work and enrich their lives. Adults use public libraries to enjoy a good book, get books on tape, or to learn "how to" do any number of things, such as fix their car or succeed in business. Senior citizens are the new pioneers in the preservation of family histories through study of their family heritage. Public library genealogy collections and TexShare databases aid this important effort. Citizens of all age levels also use their libraries as public meeting places to discuss local issues. The public library is an integral part of community life.

Like you, I have used public libraries to enrich my life, to learn, and to succeed in my work. When I was in elementary school, I read every biography in the library. They gave me inspiration which is with me to this day. We can all support our local public libraries in many ways...through volunteering, contributing to their resources, or using the facilities. It is an effort worth making.

Big Mama Sez!
The best way to predict the future is to create it.

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Attorney General Abbot hailed by legislators

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has been praised by one of the country's leading Hispanic advocacy organizations for his efforts in

fighting fraud against Hispanic consumers.

The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) cited Attorney General Abbott's recent legal victory against a Dallas business that defrauded hundreds of immigrants.

Texas Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, who is president of NHCSL, said, "We commend Attorney General Abbott for his incredibly assiduous efforts to put an end to illegal operations affecting innocent immigrants seeking legal status."

Attorney General Abbott responded: "I am humbled by these kind words from such an esteemed group of Hispanic leaders, and I will not stop pursuing those who prey on people who simply want to call Texas home."

In the Dallas case, the Attorney General sued Fidelina Cuevas, owner of Grupo ECSA, for defrauding immigrants out of at least \$1.7 million by providing unauthorized immigration consulting services.

Earlier this month, Cuevas was jailed for continuing to violate court orders forbidding her from promoting her business.

A trial is expected in March. Sen. Van de Putte added, "Attorney General Abbott is sending a clear message that violating court orders and disrespecting our judicial system is

intolerable."

Attorney General Abbott has shut down more than a dozen fraudulent immigration operations like Grupo ECSA.

He has worked with local and federal prosecutors to arrest three scam artists, one of whom is currently serving a nine-year federal sentence.

In addition to immigration-consulting fraud, Attorney General Abbott has pursued a broad range of other scams targeting Hispanic consumers.

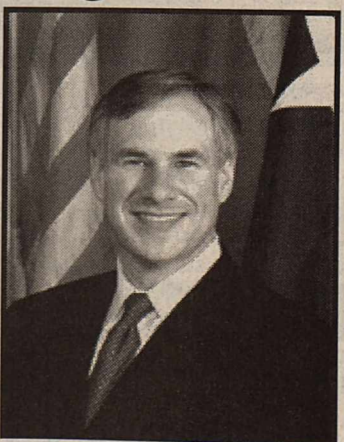
Those achievements include:
• A \$3.5 million judgment against a mortgage services company that defrauded hundreds of Hispanic homeowners across Texas;

• Suing two Florida-based companies in October 2004 for a credit card scam aimed at Hispanic consumers in Texas and other states;

• Shutting down two Texas companies in September 2003 that sold fraudulent international driver's licenses to predominantly Spanish-speaking consumers;

• Halting a company that sold central air conditioning systems to Hispanic consumers in Dallas and San Antonio, but didn't honor its contracts;

• Stopping a scam that sold home computers to Hispanic consumers in Austin and Dallas, after falsely telling consumers the company was affiliated with



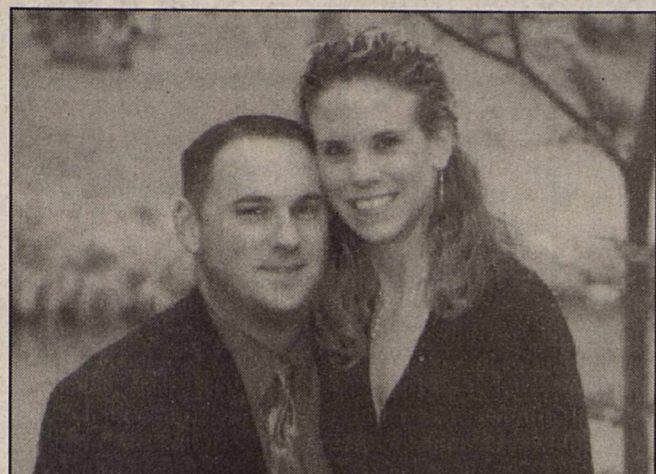
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

their children's schools; and
• Shutting down a Houston-based operation that duped Hispanic consumers into buying unproven medical remedies.

The Office of Attorney General will host a national conference this fall to develop strategies to combat fraud targeting Hispanic consumers.

Those invited to the conference will include legislators, law enforcement officers, community advocates and others from Texas and throughout the country who share the Attorney General's commitment to protect and better serve Hispanic consumers.

NHCSL is a bipartisan non-profit organization representing more than 300 Hispanic state legislators across the United States.



Harrison and Toth Engagement

James and Susan Harrison of New Braunfels, formerly of Brackettville and Del Rio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Brooke, to Paul J. Toth, Jr. son of Ms. Deborah Toth and Paul Toth of Toledo, Ohio.

Courtney is the granddaughter of Thelma Adams of New Braunfels and the late Marvin "Pete" Adams, formerly of Del Rio and Brackettville, and Beatrice Newton of New Braunfels and the late James W. Harrison of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

8th grade girls beat Medina, 28-21

By Rhonda Marguardt 8th Grade Girls Coach

Monday, the 8th Grade girls basketball team beat Medina by 7 points.

The top scorer for the night was Bianca Terrazas with 16 points. Terrazas also had 1 rebound and 3 steals.

Harmony Pettett stepped in with 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 steal.

Samantha Moore scored 4 points, 5 rebounds and 8 steals.

Rebecca Mann scored 2 points, 5 rebounds and 1 steal.

Bianca Martinez contributed with 6 rebounds and Jessi Jones with 1 rebound.

Summer Allen had 4 rebounds and 1 steal while Esna Herrerra had 1 steal.

Their next game will be against Rocksprings Monday evening.

Brackett wins over Harper

By Candi Hohman 7th Grade girls coach

The 7th Grade team pulled off another win on Monday, the 17th. Each team member contributed in her own way.

Elena Molinar, Amanda Delbosque, Elidia Molinar all had 2 points each.

Cheyenne Billings, Amanda Flores and Miranda Salmon all had 4 points each.

Ivy Garcia had 6 points. Miranda Salmon led the team with 7 steals.

Elena Molinar had 6 steals. Nydia Talamantes and Cheyenne Billings had 4 steals each.



Miranda Salmon led the team with 6 rebounds also.

Ivy Garcia and Brooklyn Gose had 4 rebounds each.

The final score was Brackett 24, Harper 8. The Tigerette of the week was Miranda Salmon. The record for this season is 5 wins and 2 losses.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, January 17

9:34 a.m., Vanessa Terrazas, 21, of Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for theft. Terrazas was later released after posting a \$1000 personal recognizance bond.

9:55 a.m., Darla Campos Valenzuela, 25, of Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Burgess for theft. Valenzuela was later released after posting a \$1000 personal recognizance bond.

4:20 p.m., An anonymous caller reported two illegals on George Rose Lane. US Border Patrol was advised.

4:30 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a car fire on Highway 277. The fire department was notified. Later, it was found to be no fire.

5:28 p.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence in reference to a man hitting a vehicle. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised.

6:12 p.m., Joe J. Garza, Jr., 35, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for Driving while Intoxicated (DWI), first offence. Garza was later released after posting a \$9500 bond.

9:15 p.m., A man reported an accident on Highway 1572. Deputy Donald Page, Gutierrez and Trooper Tully Welch were informed of the accident with no injuries.

Tuesday, January 18

2:01 p.m., A man reported a

goat caught in the fence. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, January 19

11:50 a.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence in reference to a woman harassing him. Deputy Page was dispatched.

4:05 p.m., A man stated that his daughter had been assaulted on the school bus on her way home from school. He requested to talk with a deputy concerning the matter. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched.

9:19 p.m., Eloy Deanda, 37, of Phoenix, Arizona, was arrested by Trooper Fernandez for fugitive arrest and theft by check. Deanda was later released after paying a fine of \$75.41.

Thursday, January 20

8:15 a.m., A man reported his travel trailer had been broken into and damaged. Constable Bobby Guidry was advised of the situation.

1:55 p.m., A man reported a trespasser, who would not leave, on his property. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

5:43 p.m., A woman stated that her grandson had not returned home from school and was worried about him. Deputy Ring was notified.

Friday, January 21

6:21 a.m., A woman reported an alarm sounding at a local business and wanted a deputy's

assistance. Constable Guidry was dispatched. The woman reported back stating that everything was fine and nothing was missing. Constable Guidry also reported everything to be fine.

7:50 a.m., Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Constable Guidry was dispatched and found everything to be secure.

11:43 a.m., A man reported his residence, south of Spofford, had been broken into. Several items were missing. He also stated that he did not want a deputy to be dispatched but he would notify the Border Patrol concerning the matter.

Saturday, January 22

3:03 a.m., A woman stated she had been assaulted by her husband at her residence while sitting outside. Deputy Ring was dispatched.

10:21 a.m., A man stated two boys walking by the service club on Fort Clark was shot his vehicle with what seemed to be BB guns. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched.

5:45 p.m., An anonymous caller reported two females fighting on Thomas Street. Deputy Page and Gutierrez were advised.

Sunday, January 23

9:45 a.m., A Fort Clark security officer reported a fire in Unit 27. At 9:50 the security officer stated he had put the fire out and no longer needed the fire department. The fire department was paged to disregard the call.

1:55 p.m., A man reported a red ATV driving up and down Sheedy Street. The man was advised the deputy was on another call but would be advised when he returned.

10:05 p.m., Jose Antonio Martinez, 27, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for assault. Martinez was still being held at the time the report was made.

"THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER" Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked of many favors. This time, I ask you this very special one "mention favor." Take it Dear JESUS and place it within your own broken heart, where your father sees it. Then, in your merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. D.E.S. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and the favor will be granted, never known to fail.

CINEMARK The Best Seat in Town. MOVIES 8. 2205 Ave. F. Plaza Del Sol Mall. 775-8122. Sat. & Sunday show times. No late show on Sunday.

Stand by substitutions

Have you ever searched for a new recipe to try only to find you are missing a so called "Basic" ingredient?

I've found that even with some old stand-bys! If so, here's a few things you might want to file away for your use or to help a friend.

Substitutions: 1 cup brown sugar = 1 cup white sugar + 1 tsp. to 1 tbsp. of molasses, mix to taste.

1 cup corn syrup = 1 cup sugar + 1/4 cup water.

1 cup self-rising flour = 1 cup minus 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour + 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder + 1/8 tsp. salt.

1 square (1 oz.) unsweetened chocolate = 3 tbsp. dry cocoa + 1 tbsp. butter or margarine.

1 tsp. dry mustard = 1 tsp. prepared mustard.

1 tsp. cornstarch = 2 tsp. flour to use as a thickening agent.

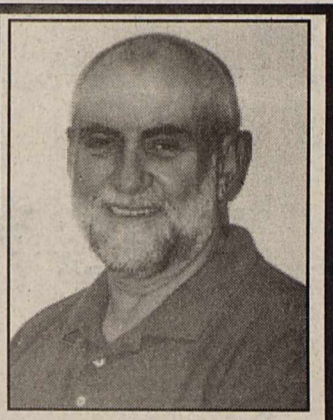
Goodies From G.G. Vada Baldre. Image of a woman.

1/4 tsp. baking soda + 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar = 1 tsp. baking powder. 1 cup minus 2 tbsp. sifted all-purpose flour = 1 cup sifted cake flour. 1 cup canned tomatoes = 1 1/3 cup fresh tomatoes, simmered 10 minutes. It is a wise thing if you have had your baking powder for a long time to check if it is still active. To do this, add 1 tsp. baking powder to 1 cup warm water. If baking powder is still active, it will bubble.

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 In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions - forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?
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