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The Brackett News dedicates this edition to Agnes Vondy

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Vondy celebrates 97th birthday

Agnes Vondy celebrates her 97th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The public is invited to help celebrate her 97th year with an Open House Saturday, Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. at 18 Colony Row on Fort Clark Springs. A barbecue dinner will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

"Miss Vondy," as she is affectionately known to family and friends was born in Brackettville in 1908.

She graduated from high school in 1927 as Valedictorian of her class of 11. She then studied to be an educator at Our Lady of the Lake College at San Antonio.

She married Thomas Vondy of Houston in 1929 at the little Catholic church on Sweeney Street in Brackettville.

The couple had a church wedding, "with all the trimmings", Agnes says.

Miss Vondy fondly recalls having the would-be Texas Governor Dolph Brisco as a student and doing business with then-construction mogul John Nance Garner. Garner would move on to be the



Agnes Fritter Vondy
Vice-President of the United States.

Following time away from Brackettville, she returned and taught from 1959 until 1971.

Some of her students are now grandparents, she says.

After retiring from Brackettville Public School, Agnes taught Headstart and became interested in historical work.

Agnes now belongs to the Historical Society, Daughters of the Confederacy and Descendants of the Republic of Texas and the Genealogy Society of Brackettville and Uvalde. She still takes care of her family of cats.

Child lures prevention workshops offered throughout February, March

The St. Henry deOsso Family Project in cooperation with the Brackett Independent School District will present a series of four workshops on the topic of child lures.

Every day human predators throw out lures designed to lead children and young people into situations that leave them trapped and in danger.

These workshops will teach parents, community, and school personnel how to prevent these predators from reaching kids and how to teach kids to resist and get away from the entrapment of predators.

The sessions will begin on Monday, Feb. 14 and continue for four consecutive Monday nights. The final session is on March 7.

The place will be the new BISD cafeteria and all sessions will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

There will be door prizes each evening and a grand prize drawing on March 7 for those who attend all four nights.

Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

All workshops are free of charge and each attendee will receive a parent book to keep.

Volunteers will be available to translate into Spanish and the parent books will be available in Spanish.

On Feb. 4 the topic will be The Lures of Drugs and Alcohol. The presenter for the session will be Steve Burch, Kinney County EMS Director.

Steve is knowledgeable in the area of drugs and alcohol and

has a wealth of personal experiences to share.

On Feb. 21 the topic will be The Lures of Gangs, Hate and Violence.

The presenter for this session will be Chief Ray Romo of the Uvalde Police Department.

Chief Romo has a wealth of experience with the consequences of gangs, hate and violence.

On Feb. 28 the topic will be The Lures of Internet Predators and Violent Computer Software.

The presenter for this session will be Silk Waters Mooney whose business Doctor Computer serves the Brackettville area with a variety of computer services.

She will help participants to understand the resources avail-

able for computer applications and how to teach children to know when they are getting into web sites that are destructive and immoral.

On March 7 the topic will be The Lures of Sexual Exploitation. The presenters will be Tina and Amanda Meeks. The Meeks sisters are graduates of Brackettville ISD.

Tina works locally for Tim Ward and Amanda is an investigator for the Department of Child Protective Services and works out of Uvalde.

These workshops are for the whole community and all adults and young people are invited and welcome to attend.

For more information call Dr. Don Smith at 563-2285 or Rev. Nathan LaFrenz at 563-7371.

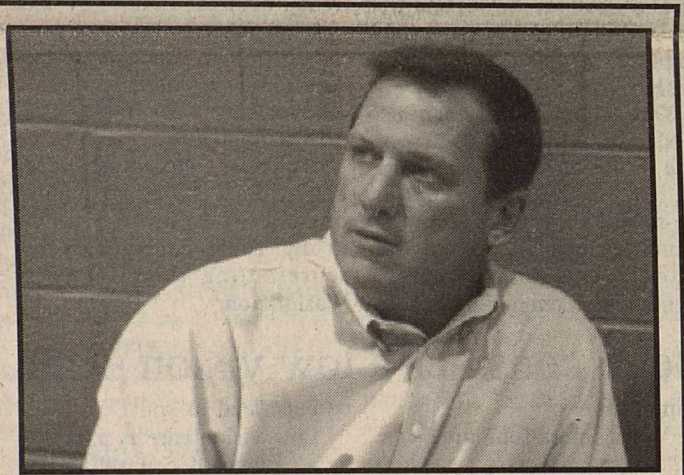


Photo by Danielle Moore
Boy's Varsity Head Coach Charlie Marquardt takes a breather during a recent Tiger game. The Tigers are currently 1-1 in district play. For more sports see page 3.

Laughlin jets honor fallen WWII aviator

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE - 1st Lt James W. Carver, a B-17 navigator, flew his last mission over New Guinea on Nov. 7, 1942.

Saturday, when he was buried with full military honors in Eagle Pass, Laughlin Air Force

Base pilots were part of the ceremony.

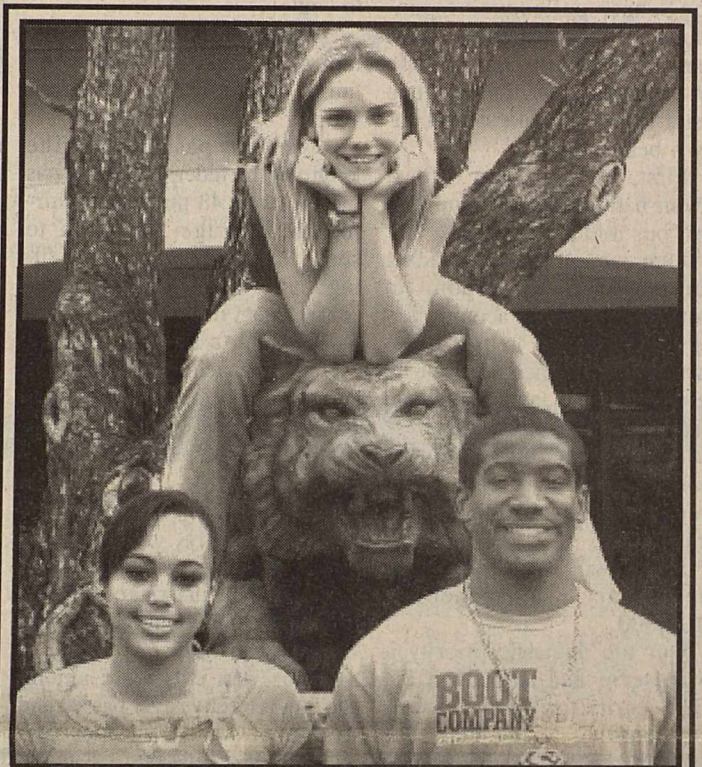
The bomber crashed in the mountains and Carver's parents in Eagle Pass got the word their son was missing in action. Winnie Mae and Ike Carver hoped against hope their son was alive and would return to Eagle Pass, but both died not knowing exactly where their son had fallen.

Then, in 1998, natives found the wreckage of the ill-fated B-17. In the wreckage were the remains of Lt. Carver and the rest of the crew.

It would take time and science to identify him officially, but Lt. Carver's dog tags were found in the wreckage. Lt. Carver began his journey home.

He was buried near his mother in the Eagle Pass cemetery. To honor the fallen aviator, two T-6As from Laughlin Air Force Base flew over the funeral service at 11 a.m., Jan. 29.

"It is our privilege to pay tribute to a fallen comrade," said Col. Tod D. Wolters, the commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing here. "It's a time-honored tradition, a way we aviators honor our own. Whether he died in combat yesterday or more than 60 years ago does not lessen the respect due a fallen warrior. We're proud to do this for him and his loved ones."



Courtesy Photo
ROTARY WINNERS
The Brackettville Rotary Club recognizes its 2005 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) recipients Timmeka Simmons and Clyde Adams. Timmeka and Clyde represented the Brackettville Club at the annual RYLA event in New Braunfels. A 2004 recipient, Juliann Ashabranner (top, center) returned to this year's RYLA event as a team leader.

Commissioners approve tax exemption for historical sites

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court approved the 2005 Historic Tax Exemption for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Properties. The commissioner's actions will hand every Kinney County building that is recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark Properties a tax exemption.

The Tax Code states that Kinney County, which is a taxing entity may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value of a structure or archeological site and the land necessary for access to and use of the structure or archeological site, if the structure or archeological site is designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark under Chapter 442, Government Code, or a state archeological landmark under Chapter 191, Natural Resources Code, by the Texas Historical Commission; or designated as a historically or archeologically significant site in need of tax relief to encourage its preservation pursuant to an ordinance or other law adopted by the governing body of the unit. Kinney County may exempt either a percentage of the property value or a fixed dollar amount.

A contract between the county and Bently Sheet Metal & Roofing was approved, pending a legal opinion from the county's attorney. The contract will allow the re-roofing of the courthouse clock tower, which is in need of major repair.

An initial bid opening was to have the clock tower completely restored, however, the budget could not support this. So the county requested bids to re-roof the tower. That budget item came in the amount of \$75,239, about \$40,000 more of what the county had planned to spend. The county had budgeted about \$30,000 for the project.

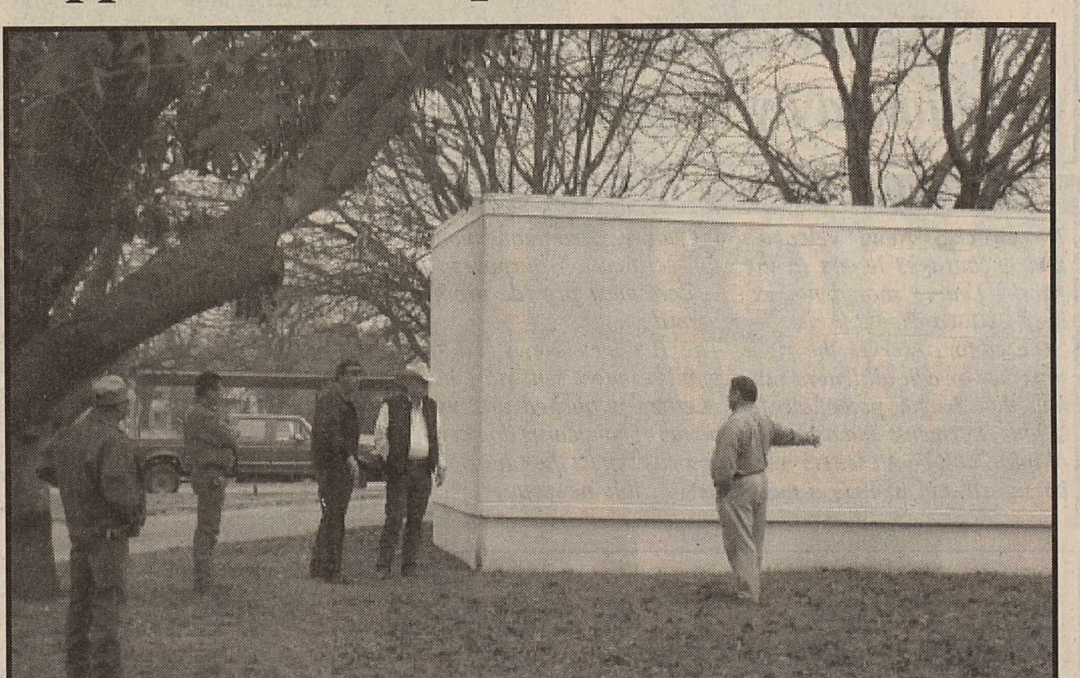


Photo by Pam Hale
Kinney County Sheriff Buddy Burgess supervises as measurements are taken for three new offices to be built on the Kinney County grounds

The court also ratified payment of wages and fringe from an appropriate line item in the general fund for approximately one-week employment at Kinney County Aging Center not currently budgeted.

Candy Gonzalez was working with the Kinney County Aging Center. She then accepted a position with the county's sheriff's department, leaving a vacancy at the nutrition center.

With that vacancy, director Julie Noriega hired Joe Henry Jaso replacing Gonzalez. He was hired a week before Gonzalez was set to leave so he could receive training time. This was not in the county's budget.

The court approved the budget amendment, but not before a few questions.

The commissioner's did not approve the hire of Jaso, it had not come before the court for approval. The court asked if Jaso

had entered the same pay level at the same payroll step as Gonzalez, the answer was no.

In other business, the court had also approved the electronic submission of a mini grant from the Rio Grande Nueces Area, Inc. The amount of \$500 was accepted and approved. The court also ratified the acceptance of \$1,956 in grant money from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Also approved were bills for the Kinney County Detention Center project including payments to DRG Architects, PLLC and/or Riata Texas. There was no action needed, but the court brought it for discussion to keep citizens abreast. Kinney County Judge Herb Senne noted that to date, there are 248 inmates in the Kinney County Detention Center.

In their latest meeting, the court approved the purchase of

three desktop computers for the Justice of the Peace office in the amount of \$5,250.00

The court also received an update for the new offices for the Kinney County Sheriff's office. The offices will be 810 square feet for three offices and armory. Price tag is valued at \$56,648 and should take an estimated 75 day to three months to complete.

Speaking to the court was Mike Patton of Riata, Inc. noted that the detention center would be paid for in 20 years and the federal government will have paid for it. "There are 67 jobs out there (at the Kinney County Detention Center) and we want to add another 100 beds," Patton said. "And we want to start on it now."

He added "There are no county tax dollars in the detention center." He also noted that the facility is appraised at \$10 million now.

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A hunting tale New beginnings, old friends

A while back I went goose hunting. I should have known something was amiss.

Shouldn't people call it "geese" hunting? Needless to say I came away empty-handed.

Oh, I shot often enough, but I did not harvest a single bird.

In my own defense, I think it only fair to relate how high they were flying.

A commercial airline was underneath these geese. Several wore oxygen masks. I'm telling you that they were at least 5 miles up in the atmosphere. So why did I bother to shoot? Because they were there. I shot because I could see them. They looked like mosquitos, but I had to try.

This wasn't the only hunting trip that I've returned from with game bag extremely light.

It seems to me that I shoot more and hit less, than any 2 hunters I know of.

I guess that's why I classify myself as a hunter, not as a killer.

I don't know if I'm just unlucky or what but I don't seem to take my share of the game in



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

this world.

There aren't many notches on any of my guns. And don't get me started about fishing. Fish in the ocean is another one of life's great myths. It's another urban legend.

There are 10 year-old kids, armed with only sticks, and their teeth, that take more game home to the dinner table than I do. And I have used the age-old lame-brained adage on several occasions. "It's the outing that I'm here for." "I just like to enjoy the great outdoors." "I don't mind not getting anything." Bull.

If anyone tells you that, watch out for them. They'll probably lie to you about other things too. But I could be wrong.

During elementary school, I found recess to be the most enjoyable part of my day. I always wished that my time outside could be extended into the afternoon. Today, I still enjoy recess, but it's taken on an entirely different meaning. My recess is now filled with travel to the 25 counties that make up the 23rd district. I spend quality time with my district staff and educate myself on the issues affecting our part of the state. It's a great way to get in touch with the people who matter the most: my constituents. As we start fresh with a new year, I think now is an important time to focus on ways we can work together and strengthen our republic. We are a nation at war, and we must continue to support our troops and our President. We must also address the important issues facing America. There are



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

several legislative priorities this Congress must address.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am dedicated to rebuilding our national defense. We must continue to support our men and women in uniform who have taken an oath to defend and protect our nation. As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true commitment of our armed services.

I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As Chairman, I oversee hun-

dreds of state and national agriculture programs. Last year's spending bill was great for Texas agriculture producers. Many of the programs funded will directly impact farmers and ranchers in the 23rd district and throughout our great state, as well as our nation. I remain dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy.

Beyond my subcommittee positions in the House of Representatives, I want each of you to know that I will not back down on the issues I have fought for since my first days in Congress. We must continue to provide meaningful tax relief to the people of America — especially considering our current economic conditions. Now more than ever, we also need to look out for the small businesses of America. They are the back-bone of our country. Small businesses

should be protected so they have the opportunity to grow and flourish. I'll also continue my work on the Texas/Mexico border; I'll aim for better health research funding; and of course, I'll shoot for the stars when it comes to educating our nation's children. After more than a decade of commitment to these issues, we've seen remarkable results. But we're not finished. This year will bring us one step closer to accomplishing our goals and making the 23rd district better than ever.

The bill has rung and recess is over. We have significant issues on our horizon. By implementing common-sense conservatism, we can reach solutions that will help both Texas and America.

Now is the time for Congress to come together and serve the needs of our county.

Texas increases investment

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today announced the Texas Treasury purchased \$2 million in new State of Israel bonds and has renewed \$2 million in bonds that are scheduled to mature at the end of this month.

"State of Israel bonds have been and will continue to be an important part of the treasury's investment portfolio," Strayhorn said. "These bonds have proven to be a sound investment and will pay solid dividends for Texas for years to come."

The purchase of the new bonds and the renewal of the

mature bonds will bring the Texas Treasury's total investment in State of Israel bonds to \$20 million.

"This is the highest level of investment in State of Israel bonds since Texas began purchasing them in 1994," Strayhorn said. "I am a staunch believer in the State of Israel. The Texas Treasury's investment in State of Israel bonds has in-

creased 67 percent since I took office." The new and renewed bonds are AA-rated, five-year bonds that will mature in February 2010 and will yield 4.25 percent.



As great a nation as America is, there are always areas we need to address to manage changes in our economy and society.

To that end, I recently joined my Senate colleagues to announce a "top ten" legislative agenda for the 109th Congress to set clear goals for the next two years to try to make our country a better place.

First, we are going to beef up our national security and support our military families.

I am committed to expanding our resources to respond to bioterrorism and to acquire better technology to help the Department of Homeland Security detect, prevent, and apprehend terrorists.

The families of those soldiers making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom deserve our eternal gratitude.

So we will work to increase the military death benefit to \$100,000.

Our top domestic priority is to preserve and strengthen Social Security for future retirees.

According to the 2004 Report of the Social Security Board of Trustees, beginning in 2018, the program's benefit payments will exceed the amount of payroll taxes being collected.

The time to act is now, because every year we delay makes the cure that much more painful.

I support President Bush's

plan to offer younger Americans voluntary, personal accounts and we will consider other proposals to ensure this venerable program is there for generations to come.

Also high on our list is legislation to make our tax code fairer, more efficient, and much simpler.

Over the past decade the length of the federal tax code has increased by 48 percent, requiring the average American to spend 23 percent more time filing the forms.

We must do better. Adopting a less complex tax system will achieve greater tax fairness and be a significant boon to our economy.

Promoting strong families is another priority.

When we passed family tax relief in 2001, including a greater child tax credit and relief from the marriage penalty, we did so under the constraints of a 10-year limit.

Those tax cuts were among the most effective ever passed and generated significant economic growth. Working families really saw the difference in their disposable income.

So we want to make this permanent.

People need to know that in 2011, they're not going to have to pay \$1,500 more, on average, because the marriage penalty is back.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

As a Texan, I will also work to keep the sales tax deductible from federal income taxes.

No list of legislative goals would be complete without a comprehensive energy bill.

To boost our national and economic security, we must increase domestic energy production as well as our energy efficiency. A good start would be to enhance incentives for alternative energy such as wind, solar, and clean-burning coal.

We also want to sustain the job creation momentum we started with passage of tax relief in each of the past four years. Congress should make these tax cuts permanent to reduce the tax burden on individuals and small businesses and free up investment to create new employment opportunities for all Americans.

Our fellow countrymen also need to be fully prepared to compete in the 21st Century. Learning is a life-long process. From pre-school Head Start programs to improvements in primary and secondary education, we want to encourage accountability and re-

sults. Addressing the cost of higher education and providing incentives for Americans to enter the teaching profession are key aspects of our agenda as well.

An additional item on our list is to rein in out-of-control class action lawsuits, which prop up costs for consumers and harm the economy. This legislation would establish federal jurisdiction where the amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million and any member of the plaintiff class is a citizen of a different state than the defendant.

We must address problems in our health care system.

This includes measures to make vaccines more readily accessible, improve public health preparedness, and increase the availability of affordable health care coverage through association health plans and expanded health savings accounts.

We want to promote families and protect children.

The Child Custody Protection Act would strengthen state parental notification laws by making it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines to circumvent these statutes.

We have a lot to do in the 109th Congress.

Together, we can get the job done, which is why my number one priority is always listening to my Texas constituents and representing their views in Washington.

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Low Vision Awareness Month: Time to consider a low vision exam

In recognition of Low Vision Awareness Month during February, Lighthouse International urges adults to consider going for a low vision examination.

With Americans living significantly longer lives, vision loss, or low vision, from eye conditions such as macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy has become a public health issue among older people. In the United States alone, 16.5 million persons over age 45 report having vision loss.

People are considered to have "low vision" when their eyesight cannot be corrected by ordinary glasses, contact lenses,

medication or surgery.

Some encouraging news emerged in 2004 for people with the aggressive, though less common, form of age-related macular degeneration.

The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved Macugen®, the first new drug in more than four years targeted for the "wet" form of this condition. In addition, some clinical trials underway seem to be beneficial in reducing vision loss and retaining vision function.

You and your doctor can discuss whether these medical treatments are advisable for your condition.

Whether or not you follow a new course of treatment, if you have experienced a loss of vision that cannot be corrected, vision rehabilitation can help you to make best use of your remaining vision.

Maintaining vision starts with a routine annual checkup from your eye care professional to prevent, detect and treat eye disease.

This recommendation underscores the importance of identifying people at risk for vision impairment as early as possible and preventing vision loss to the extent possible.

If you are still experiencing any of the following significant vision problems after having an eye examination, the experts at Lighthouse International recommend that you consult with your doctor on whether a low vision examination may be in order:

Because of Your Vision, You Have Difficulty:

- Reading the newspaper or other fine print, even while wearing "the best" glasses or contact lenses;
- Seeing traffic signals or highway signs;
- Seeing the curb when walking;
- Adapting to light when en-

tering indoors;

-With glare all the time.

"There are many ways to evaluate and treat individuals with reduced vision," says Bruce Rosenthal, OD, Chief of Low Vision Programs, Lighthouse International.

He advises to "ask your eye care professional whether you would benefit from treatment and referral to a low vision doctor."

Conducted by specially trained optometrists and ophthalmologists, the low vision examination is designed to accurately evaluate how one's vision functions in day-to-day living. It is not only about how well you see an eye chart, but also how well you see faces, street signs, newspaper print, and all the other visual clues that guide you through the day.

In observance of Low Vision Awareness Month, the experts at Lighthouse International offer guidelines for what a low vision examination entails:

The Low Vision Examination utilizes specialized charts to evaluate your vision, another unique chart to see if you are having a problem when things may not be black enough, as well as special prescription lenses, magnifiers, telescopes, and electronic magnifiers.

Some low vision lenses can enable you to read again — even when it was considered impossible with ordinary glasses. And, some of the latest devices can make readable those illegible menus in dark restaurants!

To orient yourself in using prescribed devices, try seeking individual instruction.

While your doctor may suggest many options for devices, the final choice is yours. Getting accustomed to using most devices often requires additional practice at home. In addition to the low vision exam, you may consider other options that may

be beneficial to you.

Low vision care is part of a broad range of counseling and training services provided under the term, "vision rehabilitation."

While vision rehabilitation cannot restore lost sight, it can help people who are blind or partially sighted, as well as their family and friends, gain the skills and confidence needed to improve the overall quality of life and to manage life with vision loss.

A team of professionals, including vision rehabilitation therapists and orientation and mobility specialists, social workers and employment specialists, can provide individualized assistance so that you can achieve your personal goals — at home, at work and in the community.

If you would like to locate an eye doctor specializing in low vision in your area or would like more information, call Lighthouse International's toll-free number at 1-800-829-0500 or visit the website at lighthouse.org

Lighthouse International is a leading resource worldwide on vision impairment and vision rehabilitation.

Through its pioneering work in vision rehabilitation services, education, research, prevention and advocacy, Lighthouse International enables people of all ages who are blind or partially sighted to lead independent and productive lives.

Founded in 1905 and headquartered in New York, Lighthouse International is a not-for-profit organization, and depends on the support and generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations.

*Lighthouse National Survey on Vision Loss" (1995) data applied to population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Fighting Tigers keep the pace

Charlie Marquardt
Tiger's Head Coach

The Brackett teams traveled to Medina on Friday, Jan 21, for a 29A District ball game.

Entering the game the boy's varsity had an overall record of 5-4 and a district record of 0-1. It was a must win for the Tigers.

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead out scoring Medina 18-6 in the first quarter.

Medina showed they were ready for the challenge by out scoring the Tigers 13-10 in the second quarter.

The second half showed the Tigers again taking command with good defense, by the time the quarter was over the Tigers led by a score of 46-26.

The final quarter went to Medina winning it by a score of 14-11.

When the final horn blew the Tigers had won by a score of 57-40 and had evened their district record at 1-1 and 5-5 overall.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Charlie Slaughter with 17 points and Travis Nowlin with 14.

Leon Woolsey was also in double figures with 10 points and also led the team with 17

rebounds.

Other scorers were Rolo Ortiz with 6, Noe Talamantes with 4, Brand Wylie and Tillman Davis each had 2 points.

The team played real good defense and made shots when we had to stop a run by Medina. It is tough to go on the road and win against a quality team. They are very well coached and I was very happy to have left Medina with a win, had we slipped up and not took care of business we would be trying to dig out of a deep hole to get back in the district race.

On Tuesday, Jan 25, the Tigers played their first district ball game at home against Rocksprings.

This contest was never in doubt as the Tigers led from start to finish.

The Tigers took a commanding lead after the first quarter by out-scoring Rocksprings 21-6.

Once again the defense set the tone for the game by dictating the pace.

The Tigers took a 35-14 lead to half time and really never looked back. I challenged the basketball team to pick up the intensity level on defense and

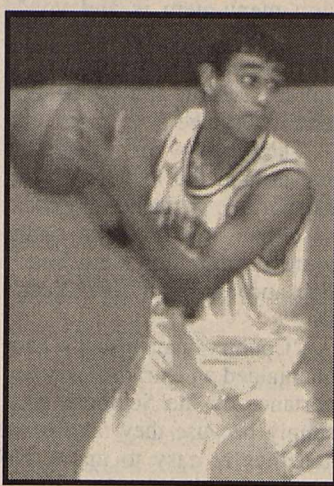


Photo by Danielle Moore
Ricky Ortega, a JV Tiger, challenges a Medina defender during a recent Tiger district game.

take their game to another level. I was a little concerned about a let down in the second half.

The guys responded with an excellent effort to finish the game.

This was a total team and game effort. We played well from start to finish.

When the final horn rang the Tigers had a 60-24 victory and with that a winning record overall and in district at 2-1 more

importantly.

The leading scorer was Travis Nowlin with 28 points followed by Charlie Slaughter with 12 and a team leading 5 assists.

Other scorers were Noe Talamantes with 6 followed by Brandon Kluzek, Leon Woolsey and Brand Wylie with 4 points each.

Oscar Sierra finished the scoring with 2 points for the night.

Rolo Ortiz led all rebounders for the night with 5.

I'm very happy with the effort the guy's have been giving, if we continue to better our play we have a chance of finishing our district near the top and making the playoffs.

We have a long way to go before we start to plan for the playoffs.

We travel to Center Point on Friday, Jan 28, the leader of the district at this point.

They have a very good ball team but I like our chances if we play our game and control the tempo of the contest.

We seem to be getting our legs back underneath us and are playing much better as a team.

The bench giving is quality minutes.

Tigerettes come out blazing

Ricky Creel
Tigerettes Head Coach

The Tigerettes and the Lady Angoras met for the second time in district this year. It was all Tigerettes in the first period, as they played their best period of basketball for the year.

The Tigerettes defined the word team by out scoring Rocksprings 28-5 in the first period and played with a lot of energy on defense. Kara Yeager had 8 of her 10 points in the first period. At the half, the score was Tigerettes 37, Lady Angoras 14.

The Tigerettes expanded so much energy in the first half that they struggled on offense in the second half only scoring 10 points for the half. They held on to their lead and won the game, 47-35.

The leading scorer was Ashley Castillo with 13 points, Courtney Frerich had 6 points, Emily Valenzuela with 7

points, Stephanie Bonner had 5 points, Timmekka Simmons finished with 4 and Jessi Crane and Dana Bonner both had 1 point.

The Tigerettes went to Center Point last Friday and made it difficult for the Lady Pirates to score a lot of points. The Tigerettes took their momentum for the Rocksprings game and scored 15 points in the first period to take a 15 to 13 lead.

The Tigerettes could only manage 21 points in the first half of the game.

The Tigerettes led through three periods of play, but could not hold on to the lead. The game ended 46-38, Lady Pirates. Courtney Frerich led with 16 points, Kara Yeager 8 points, Emily Valenzuela 5 points, Ashley Castillo and Stephanie Bonner both with 4 points and Dana Bonner with 1 point.

The Tigerettes overall record is 12-7 and district record is 2-4.

Junior Varsity Tigerettes record at 14-2

Tiffany Blore
JV Tigerettes Head Coach

Coming away with two wins last week were the Junior Varsity Tigerettes.

Making their record 14-2. On Tuesday, Jan. 25, the girls topped the Rocksprings Lady Angoras, 25 to 22.

Making the win possible was leading scorer Bailee Allen with 7 points, Julie Castillo and Lola Cano with 5 points each and Daphne Hunt with 4.

Hayle Harris and Danika Schmidt were also on the board with 2 points each.

On Friday, Jan. 28, the Tigerettes stomped the Lady Pi-

rates of Center Point, 46-21.

Contributing to this outstanding win was top scorer and point guard Julie Castillo with an amazing 17 points and 7 steals.

Second were Bailee Allen and Daphne Hunt with 9 points each.

Hunt was also the team's leading rebounder with 11 total

offensive and defensive rebounds.

Nadine Terrazas had 6 points, Cassie Mata 4 points, Allison Del Bosque and Lola Cano with 2 points each and with 1 point each were Danika Schmidt and Capri Creech.

This was an outstanding team effort as always.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, January 24
9:57 p.m., A man reported a suspicious vehicle at his neighbors house, which no one was living there. Deputy Donald Page was notified.

10:16 p.m., A Border Patrol agent requested assistance in regards to recovered stolen property. Deputy Page was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, January 25
10:22 a.m., Juan Gerardo Ibarra, 24, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by Trooper Alantz for driving while license invalid. Ibarra was later released after posting a \$1000 bond.

12:16 p.m., A man reported a possible fire on Fulton Street. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was informed. Deputy Fritter reported an individual was burning piles.

2:17 p.m., A Border Patrol agent at the Cline check point stated a brown SUV had ran a truck off the road and had hit a state sign and was heading west bound on Highway 90. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the location.

10:00 p.m., A woman called complaining that another woman was calling her house harassing her. Deputy Page was informed.

Wednesday, January 26
3:15 p.m., A man reported a reckless driver on Highway 90 east bound. Deputy Ron Ring and Bobby Guidry was advised.

6:20 p.m., A woman requested a deputy to talk to two individuals. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised.

9:30 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music. Deputy Gutierrez was informed.

Thursday, January 27
6:35 p.m., A railroad employee reported a possible theft of railroad ties. The vehicle was a maroon extended cab truck. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

8:40 p.m., A woman reported cattle on Highway 131. The owner was notified.

Friday, January 28
3:35 p.m., An individual reported an 18 wheeler ran through the railroad crossing arms in Spofford on Highway 131. Deputy Ring was dispatched and the railroad was notified.

7:00 a.m., Daniel James Bilbao, 47, of Dallas, was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for possession of marijuana. Bilbao was still being held at the time this report was made.

Saturday, January 29
1:08 a.m., A woman requested assistance at a local business in regards to a man who was

causing trouble and would not leave the premises. Deputy Page was dispatched.

1:32 a.m., Luis Guajardo, 24, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Page for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Guajardo was later released after time served and paying \$187 fine.

4:21 a.m., An anonymous caller reported fighting behind an individuals house. Deputy Page was dispatched and found nothing.

9:03 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported an accident on Highway 277. The Del Rio Police Department was notified.

1:15 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena reported the school's alarm sounding. All pertinent person's were notified.

5:48 p.m., Robert Matthew Griffin, 48, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Griffin was later released after posting \$1500 bond.

Sunday, January 30



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DPS announces new application process for some commercial driver licenses

Beginning Jan. 31, anyone applying for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a hazardous materials endorsement must undergo a security threat assessment.

Beginning May 31, drivers who already have a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement will be required to undergo the security threat assessment when they renew their license.

The security threat assessment is required by Section 1012 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

The threat assessment includes the collection of the applicant's fingerprints and verification of the applicant's citizenship, immigration eligibility or permanent legal presence in the United States.

Applicants for hazardous materials endorsements will be required to meet all standard federal regulations for the class of license sought, complete all re-

quired forms and testing and pay the necessary fees.

If these requirements are satisfied, DPS will issue the applicant a CDL without the hazardous materials endorsement until the TSA completes the threat assessment process.

DPS will provide the applicant with a fingerprint card to take to a local law enforcement agency to initiate the required background check.

The local law enforcement agency will require the applicant to produce a valid Texas CDL for identification purposes, so applicants may not initiate the fingerprinting process before receiving the new license.

Once fingerprinted, the applicant will mail the fingerprint card and a \$73 cashier's check or money order to DPS using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope they were given when they applied. (The local law enforcement agency may charge a fee for the fingerprinting service.)

The DPS will forward the applicant's fingerprints to the

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for processing.

The FBI will send any information about the applicant's criminal history to the TSA, which will make the final determination regarding eligibility for the hazardous materials endorsement.

The applicant will be notified in writing whether the endorsement has been approved or disapproved.

If approved, DPS will mail a new CDL to the applicant.

The endorsement is valid for five years.

If disapproved, the applicant will receive information on how to appeal the denial through TSA.

For more detailed information regarding the Act, including the waiver and appeal process, is available at the TSA website at <http://www.tsa.gov>. CDL holders with additional questions regarding the Act's requirements should contact their local driver license office or the License Issuance Bureau - CDL Section at 512/424-2010.

Country Ham Biscuits alive and well

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ask any savvy host in the South what the most popular special occasion menu item is and you'll likely get one answer—the country ham biscuit. Take notice this holiday season and you'll find them everywhere.

They'll show up at tailgating and around the television football parties, on the holiday cocktail circuit, with breakfast, on the brunch buffet, for New Year's Eve and again on New Year's Day.

"Country ham biscuits have maintained an extraordinary importance on the Southern table simply because they taste great and they're easy to make. No matter what the occasion, casual or elegant, they fit right in and folks just don't get tired of them," said Linda Carman, the Martha White Southern baking expert.

Historically, the ham biscuit was probably the South's first sandwich, rising in popularity with the increasing availability of wheat flour just before the turn of the 20th century and even more so with the advent of self-rising flour by the early 20th century.

"Rural families were curing their own hams and enjoying a new prosperity represented by wheat flour. It just stands to reason that the two would find themselves together as country ham biscuits," explained Carman.

Country ham biscuits "They were a convenient lunch pail take-along for field workers and school children and a frequent light supper. Genteel hostesses elevated them to the status of a sophisticated appetizer that's still going strong today."

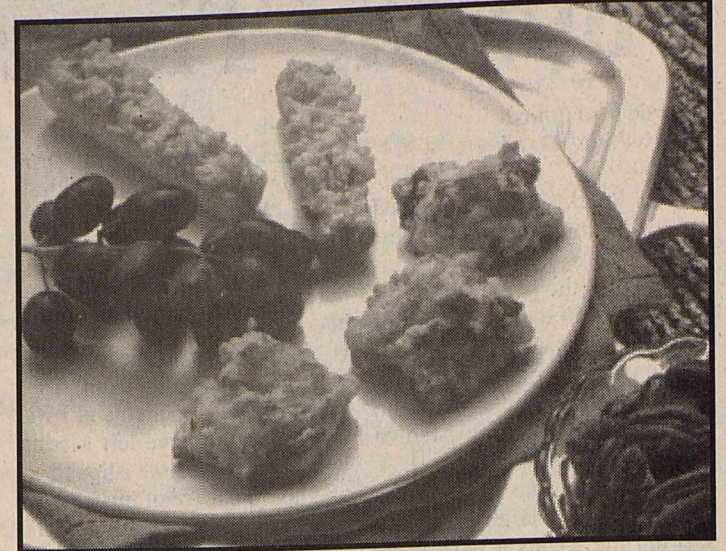
In the late 1970s, the fast food industry latched on to the country ham biscuit's popularity, convenience and great taste, creating the "biscuit breakfast sandwich."

Restaurants began offering a variety of biscuits filled with combinations of breakfast meats and eggs, bringing what began as the humble country ham biscuit a new popularity beyond the South.

There are rules for making truly exceptional country ham biscuits. In fact, the folks in the Martha White Kitchen have spent a good amount of time researching and debating the issue. They suggest that the finest country ham biscuits come in two distinct styles.

One is a flaky, thin, crisp biscuit that splits easily, but doesn't crumble as you bite into the chewy cured ham.

The ingredients are the same,



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2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons buttermilk
1/3 cup shortening
2 tablespoon butter, melted

Thinly sliced cooked country ham

Heat oven to 450°F. Grease large cookie sheet. Place flour in large bowl. With pastry blender or fork, cut in shortening until small pea-sized shortening pieces form. Add milk; stir with fork until soft, moist dough forms.

On well-floured surface, knead dough gently until smooth. Roll out dough to 1/3-inch thickness. Cut with floured 2-inch round cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 450°F. for 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Brush hot biscuits with melted butter. Fill split biscuits with ham slices. 32 appetizers

TIP: For biscuits that will pull apart easily, roll dough to form 1/4-inch-thick rectangle. Fold dough in half crosswise; roll to 1/3-inch thickness. Cut and bake as directed above.

Riz Biscuits

1 pkg. active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water (105 to 115° F.)
2 1/2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour
3 tablespoon sugar
1/3 cup shortening
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons buttermilk
2 tablespoons butter, melted
Grease large cookie sheet.

but the proportions are varied slightly. To make a thin, crisp biscuit, the shortening that is cut into the self-rising flour must be left in larger pea-sized pieces and the dough rolled out thinner.

The second popular biscuit for country ham is what some call "bride's" or "angel" biscuits.

These biscuits have a softer crumb and crust. And this time, the self-rising flour is combined with a little yeast for flavoring and to lighten the dough.

The origin of the yeast biscuit is unknown but seems to have surfaced in Southern cookbooks and in newspaper food sections during the 1950s. Alice Jarman, the founder of the Martha White Kitchen, developed a version for the company that was publicized across the South called "Riz" Biscuits.

These biscuits became pre-

ferred carriers for country ham because of their light texture and good keeping qualities.

The 21st century brings a third variation to the evolution of the Country Ham Biscuit.

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For more wonderful recipes for traditional Southern favorites, visit the website at www.marthawhite.com.

A new way to stop symptoms for miserable menopause

Clearwater, Fla — Luba H., a 54-year-old office worker at a home health agency in Clearwater, Fla., is trying something different to stop her menopause symptoms.

"I now have the energy I did when I was a teenager. I sleep much deeper and longer. Before, I would toss and turn for at least 45 minutes every night and would wake up at least four or five times a night. I now wake up feeling rested and ready for a new day," says Luba.

Luba is using BioBuild, a new protein recovery therapy that gives the body the eight essential amino acids needed to

make protein. She is part of a growing trend of women turning to natural alternatives for menopause relief.

According to a 2004 government survey of 31,000 people, 36 percent say they are using some form of alternative medicine, with 19 percent using natural products. This trend is particularly true for women, especially in light of the recent studies exposing the dangers of synthetic hormones.

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As women enter middle age, they lose nearly half of the hydrochloric acid in their stomachs. This loss is due to natural aging and the fact that many people take prescription or over-the-counter medications — such as Mylanta, Peppid, Zantac, Prilosec, Nexium, etc. — to block stomach acid. But this stomach acid is necessary to activate the digestive enzymes needed to break down protein.

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"By providing missing protein nutrition, BioBuild protein recovery therapy helps balance hormone levels. This allows for increased energy and better sleep rhythms," Dr. Minkoff says.

BioBuild also supports optimum adrenal gland functioning, assists with neurotransmitter production, and helps maintain healthy bones, hair, nails and joints. For more information, see <http://www.bodyhealth.com>.

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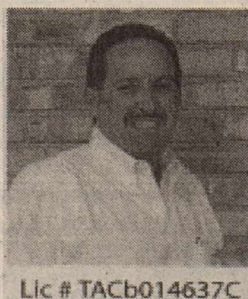
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A new day and a new life

Josie sank into the softness of the big chair.

She put a Christian CD into her CD player and settled back to relax. She felt conflicting feelings after her visit with Dr. Hardt. On the one hand she felt the power of the resurrected life in Jesus promised in the bible.

Her spirit soared as she contemplated her Maker and her Savior. On the other hand her mind and body felt as if it had been through a wringer. She felt drained and physically tired.

Josie closed her eyes and relaxed. A hymn came to her mind

and she quietly breathed it to the empty apartment.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty. Worthy are you O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power."

Without thinking about it she raised her hands to Heaven and exclaimed, "How wonderful is His love for me."

Momentarily she felt a quiet and gentle breeze and heard rustling like wings.

Josie awoke suddenly to the phone ringing. "Hi Josie. How'd it go today?" The voice was Rolando's. "Are we still on for



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lunch tomorrow?"

"Yes, Rolando," she answered. Her heart quickened. "I'm looking forward to it."

As she hung up the phone, Josie reflected on her recent experiences in counseling.

"Both Rolando and I have come to know Jesus. After all the years of pain, God has given us the miracle of a new friendship out of the ashes of our past choices."

She looked at the phone. "What a simple thing," she thought. "There are voices on the other end of that telephone

line that are warm and kind and that love me. Like Mama and Steve. And..." she added hesitantly, "and now Rolando. I'm not really alone. "Here I am." She reflected. "I'm 36-years-old and just now realizing that God has a wonderful plan for my life."

She thought of her son Steve. She savored the full extent of what it has meant to give up herself for someone else.

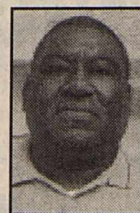
"Yes," she said.

"It's a new day. The little girl of nine has come back to life. It's a new day and a new life is just beginning. Tomorrow I have lunch with Rolando. And then?" (Next week: Two become one)

Editor's Note: This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

The judge of quick and dead

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him.



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And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of Jews, And in Jerusalem: whom they slew: And hanged on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, And showed him openly: Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to

preach unto the people, And to testify, that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of Quick and Dead.

To him give all the prophets witness that through his name who so ever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10: 38-43. Praise God!

What did you say? Really now!

The name of the book is "The Strangest Way."

The author is a university professor, Robert Barrow by name. When I read what I am about to quote for your consideration, I did a double take. "Let me read that again," said I to myself. And so I did.

This is what I read on page 92.

The author was quoting another individual, Anthony de Mello: "... until you can turn to the person next to you and say, 'I don't need you,' you are not in a position to love that person."

Might be good to read that again: "... until you can turn to the person next to you and say, 'I don't need you,' you are not in a position to love that person."

How often have we seen on TV's offerings and listened to a young man (usually) saying to a young lady, "I need you. I cannot live without you"

Notice the perpendicular pro-



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noun, "I need, I cannot? Robert Barrow continues: "As long as I need someone, I will use that person to satisfy my own desires.

It is only when I have transcended this ultimately self-centered neediness that I am in a position to will what is best for the other.

When I need someone to calm my sexual passion, when I am in the grip of lust, I cannot possibly love."

Now it makes sense: "... until you can turn to the person next to you and say, 'I don't need you,' you are not in a position to love that person."

Because God's kind of love is giving, not taking.

In the fog

When it happens it causes me a real problem because I live in a place where it is very easy to become disoriented if you leave the house in foggy weather.

When this occurs I can't tell where I came from or where I am going. I have also found myself in a similar situation in my Christian life or walk.

I can't explain as to why; I just know it happens. We might be going to church regularly, reading our Bibles daily; praying and doing everything God says to the best of our ability and still seemingly lose touch



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

with God. I have come to the place in life that I want to have fellowship with God above everything else, (Psalm 119:33-35).

I don't want to stray away from or lose fellowship with Him, (11 Kings 10:31). When in the Spiritual fog, my soul or spirit seems empty, the strong joy and peace is not there and I have no sense of spiritual direction and it scares me. I start by searching and seeking for God with all my heart, (1 Kings 8:54-61). I spend more time reading my bible, and praying. Sometimes, I am not in the fog for long and at other times it may be awhile. Oh, what a joy (there is life within my soul or heart) when the fog clears, (Psalm 119:1-3).

OBITUARIES

Reuben Allen Talamantez

Reuben Allen Talamantez, born on May 22, 1932, in Brackettville, Texas, went to be with our Lord on January 22, 2005. He passed away at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

He was so admirably called "Big Rube"; by family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Frank and Della Talamantez.

Mr. Talamantez served in the U.S. Army and was a Veteran of the Korean War.

Among his many military awards are Korean Service Medal, U.N. Service Medal, Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal and Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W.

He is survived by his son, Reuben James Talamantez, wife, Yvonne and granddaughter,



Talamantez of Long Beach, California, along with numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. at Castillo Mission Funeral Home, with burial at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas, with full military honors.

Pallbearers were David, Patrick, Joe and Chester Talamantez, Isaac Calderon and Victor Luna.

Ashley Amber Talamantez. His brothers are Frank Talamantez, Jr. and Abraham Talamantez, both of Denver, Colorado; David Talamantez of Wells, Minnesota; Patrick, Joe, Chester and Steve Talamantez, all of San Jose, California.

His sisters are Glenda Saldana from Ft. Clark Springs, in Brackettville; Linda Talamantez of San Jose, California and Kathy

Melba Ruth Bader

Melba Ruth Bader, 81, born May 1, 1923, of Brackettville, Texas went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2005.

She was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church of Brackettville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James Rayburn and Ruth (Hutchison) Miller; and brothers, Jack H. Miller and J.R. Miller.

She is survived by her husband, James F. Bader. Daughter, Candace Bader and son, James Wayne Bader and wife, Kathleen, all of Brackettville. Granddaughters Amy Elaine Bader and Jamie Rue Bader, of College Station, Texas.

A Rosary will be recited today, February 3, at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville. A Mass will be held on Friday, February 4, at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Father

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 16 Stack
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 18 Mountain ridge
 19 Famous 1871 opera
 20 Design
 22 Word with Boston or fox
 24 Type
 25 Parker's regulator
 26 Active; energetic
 29 none
 30 Bridges and others
 34 Residue
 35 Disfigure
 36 Rainstorm
 37 Grape cluster
 Lat.
 38 Red
 40 Top club
 41 Apartment, often
 43 Suffix for inspect or act
 44 Past orie's prime
 45 Outrun the catcher's throw
 46 Cribbage board piece
 47 States
 48 Exposed
 50 Prefix for school or heat
 51 Burned
 54 Does a security guard's job
 58 Mishmash
 59 Reptile
 61 Word of approval
 62 City in Italy
 63 Flower or tree
 64 Donated
 65 Used anil or eosin
 66 Dispatches
 67 North American Indian
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 1 Word on a red sign
 2 go at;
 3 Time is up?
 4 Driller and filler
 5 Vivacity
 7 King Kong
 8 No ; regardless of
 9 Winter condition
 10 Wrangled
 11 One-third of CLIX
 12 Merry
 England
 13 Forest animal
 21 Wapiti
 23 Contradict
 25 Bound by a vow
 26 Makes indistinct
 27 Affix
 28 Ludicrous
 29 Woolly lament
 31 Proverb
 32 Stomach ailment
 33 Spores
 35 Mid-12th-century date
 36 Item on a desk
 38 Place for dressing
 39 Record
 42 Supermarket newspaper
 44 Mediocre
 46 Sell
 47 "House Party" host
 49 Collects
 50 Sections
 51 Convinced
 52 Satiate
 53 Adjutant
 54 Remain unsettled
 55 General Bradley
 56 One of Jacob's sons
 57 Dagger
 60 Rather

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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?

Today's Category: **PLACES TO GO**

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| Feb. 9.....Samantha Payne | |

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| 2. Arena | 12. Office |
| 3. Bakery | 13. Park |
| 4. Beach | 14. Pizzeria |
| 5. Boutique | 15. Restaurant |
| 6. Cafeteria | 16. School |
| 7. Church | 17. Stadium |
| 8. Clinic | 18. Store |
| 9. Library | 19. Theater |
| 10. Mall | 20. Zoo |

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A little pampering will go a long way with your mate. You rekindle that warmth and passion. Over the weekend, window shopping delights you both.
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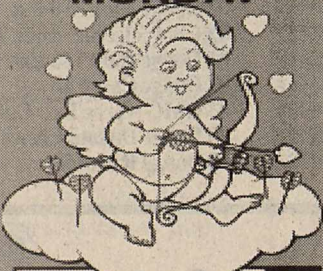
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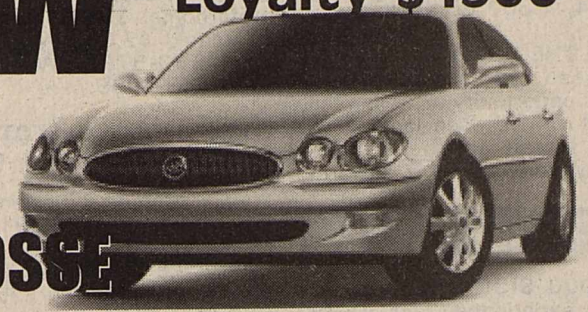
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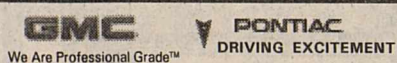
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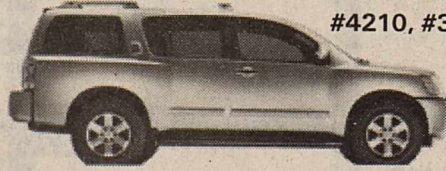
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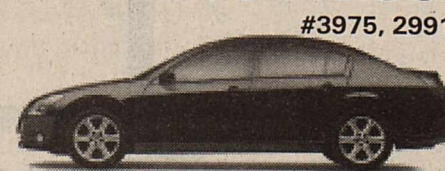


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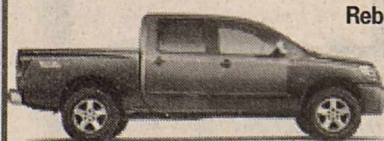


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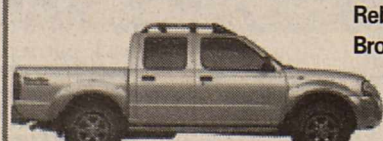


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