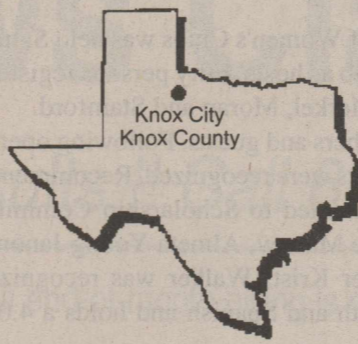


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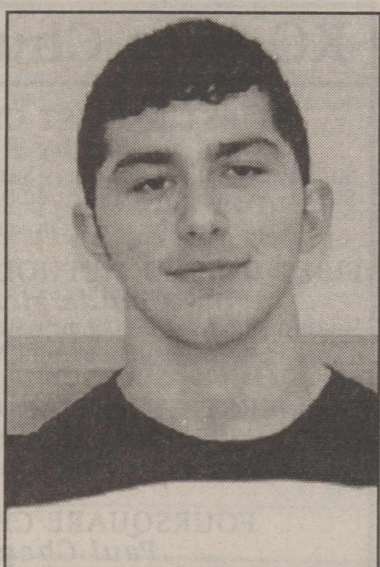
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Brandon Espinosa preparing to compete at second NHI program

The Lorenza de Zavala Youth Legislative Program is a once in a lifetime experience of residing on a college campus for eight days and being in an environment that is exhilarating, thought provoking and challenging. There are no lectures at the LDZ. It is a virtual experience in leadership that begins as a game and quickly takes on real life proportions.

Brandon Espinosa, son of Raul and Stephanie Espinosa, was the first student from Knox County to be accepted and attend the LDZ in 2002 at Southwestern University in Georgetown. He was honored at the closing ceremonies when the speech that he presented at the state capital was selected to be heard, as recorded, at the final awards presentation on the Southwestern campus.

Brandon has received confirmation that he has been selected to advance this summer to the Cadet Collegiate World Series at Texas A&M University. Competition for this program was nationwide with only 100 students



Brandon Espinosa
KCHS Junior

being selected to attend this site and only two other sites in the United States and one in Monterey, Mexico.

Brandon will compete in several areas during this program and will be given a comprehensive final oral examination on an individual student basis by the CWS Commissioner.

The LDZ is an opportunity for personal growth. It is an experience where gifted students function in a legislative format providing the forum for public debate for ideas to be presented and challenged, and for the leadership to emerge.

Eligibility requirements include a 3.2 GPA or better, being ranked in the top 25% of the high school class and be a sophomore or junior in high school enrolled in a college bound curriculum.

All students who apply to the LDZ must compete to gain admission. Besides having a solid record of academic excellence, the National Hispanic Institute is also interested in the caliber of high school sophomores and juniors with solid family and moral values and that have a special interest in being active participants in the Latino community life. Admission to the LDZ is highly competitive.

Annually NHI recruitment and outreach staff see between 12,000 and 15,000 applicants.

KCHS graduate is named to NAIFA Dallas Hall of Fame

Danny Fisher, a 1963 graduate of Knox City High School, is the 16th person to be named to the Hall of Fame by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors - Dallas in its 90-year history.

Danny has been a member of NAIFA - Dallas since 1975 where he was awarded the coveted Financial Advisor of the Year in 1990 and served as the association President in 1993.

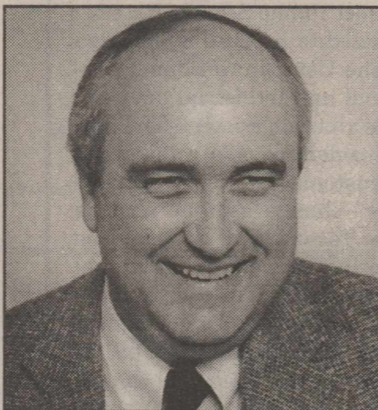
He is a member of the 'Top of the Table', recognized internationally as the most elite group of financial advisors in the insurance business.

Danny is 'Mr. Annuity'. The influence he's had on the insurance business is beyond measure. His fixed annuity designs are used in over 60 insurance companies, representing about \$10 Billion in annual premium.

He has spoken to over a hundred NAIFA associations and at national meetings of the American Society of Actuaries on the design and sales of annuities.

He is the founder and publisher of the *Fisher Annuity Index* and wrote *The Book on Annuities*, used by hundreds of agents and insurance companies to increase their annuity sales.

See Danny Fisher, continued on page 3



Danny Fisher
1963 graduate of KCHS



PRESENTING THE PLAY 'PERSEPHONE', members of the cast and crew from Knox City High School's 2003 One Act Play are shown here following a public presentation of the play following the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet. From left to right, the cast, crew and teachers are: (back row) Russ Chisum, teacher/director; Jessica Albus, crew member; Brandon Espinosa as Hades; Kimberly Hawkins as Persephone; Ashley Harrison as Demeter; Landon Weiershausen as Charon; Nicole Stovall, crew member; Wes Parker as Hermes; Lianne Tidwell, teacher/director; and (front row) Cody Brockett, crew chief; Krystal Hutchinson as Helen, Ashley Turner as Thyestes/Polyxenia; Ashley Jobe as Polydamus/Cassandra; Leah Simmons as Electra/Eteocles; Ben Simmons as Achilles and Prologue Speaker, and (kneeling) Scooter Thompson as Cerberus.

KCHS One Act Play heads for Zone competition at Munday on Friday

The directors, cast and crew of Knox City High School's entry into this year's one act play competition will be busy this week putting the finishing touches on their performance of the play 'Persephone' prior to zone competition this Friday at Munday.

Working hard to insure a good showing with their timing costumes and performances, members of the cast and crew appear to be having a lot of fun with their light hearted and interesting pre-

sentation of the play 'Persephone'.

Directors for the play this year are Lianne Tidwell, an English teacher at Knox City high School and Russ Chisum, Principal at O'Brien Middle School.

As listed on the program from the public performance, cast members are Ben Simmons, Kimberly Hawkins, Brandon Espinosa, Wes Parker, Ashley Harrison, Landon Weiershausen, Scooter Thompson, Ashley Jobe, Leah Simmons, Ashley Turner and Krystal

Hutchinson.

Cody Brockett is the Crew Chief and crew members are Nicole Stovall and Jessica Albus.

The play was presented to the public here in Knox City following the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet the week before last. Following the presentation, many in the audience were overheard making very favorable comments and it seemed that everyone in attendance that night thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Former resident killed in Yemen

Ron Horsch, a former Knox City resident who was employed by Hunt Oil Company, was shot to death in the country of Yemen on Monday.

Killed while working in an oil field, Horsch and another West-

erner, believed to be a Canadian, worked on a Hunt Oil Company rig in the oil rich northern province of Marib, about 100 miles northeast of the capitol of Yemen.

The assailant was a Yemeni man who shot and killed himself after

shooting the two men. Just after lunch on Tuesday, a government spokesman in Yemen said the deaths were not a terrorist attack.

Ron and his wife Gloria, have been residents of Munday since moving from Knox City.

Funds still needed to allow three KCHS juniors to attend prestigious summer Hispanic leadership program

Trio seeking help from the community to raise funds for June 29 - July 6 event in New Mexico

Three of Knox City's brightest students are making plans to attend a summer leadership program that could make a big difference in their lives, and they are seeking the help of their community in order to accomplish their goal. Brandon Espinosa, Ariana Gomez and Carlos Ruiz, all juniors at Knox City high School, have been invited to attend the prestigious Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session in Las Cruces, New Mexico from June 29 to July 6.

Sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute, the week long program focus on developing communication, leadership, network-

ing, and management skills among Hispanic youth who want to know more about the needs and challenges facing the future Latino community. The high impact, high intensity experience of eight days on a college campus involves the youth in intellectually engaging discussions regarding the changing demographics of Latinos in the United States and the role they perceive themselves playing as future community leaders.

In order to attend the event, each student must raise the required \$590 tuition expenses. The students are seeking sponsors from within the community to aid them in their dream of attending the

event at New Mexico State University.

Brandon, Ariana and Carlos each have sponsor forms, they may also be obtained from either Principal Mack Lowe or Counselor Bettye Moore at Knox City High School.

Businesses, community organizations and individuals from the area who would like to help sponsor the students are urged to contact the students in a timely fashion, as the tuition funds must reach the National Hispanic Institute within 60 days of the date the student was admitted into the program in order to guarantee their attendance.



RAISING FUNDS TO ATTEND the prestigious Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session in Las Cruces, New Mexico this summer, Carlos Ruiz, Ariana Gomez and Brandon Espinosa are excited about participating in the event, which develops communication, leadership, networking and management skills among Hispanic youth. (NEWS Photo)

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs hold 43rd Annual Spring Convention in Abilene, local women attend

The 43rd Annual Spring Convention of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was held Saturday, March 8th, at The Ambassador Suites in Abilene with Clyde Study Club as hosts. Fifty persons registered from the towns of Albany, Baird, Clyde, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Moran and Stamford.

Mesquite District President Nancy Toliver welcomed members and guests. Following opening ceremonies, State Life, District Life and Mesquite District Past Presidents were recognized. Recommendations from the executive committee was for Janoma Stephens to be appointed to Scholarship Committee and that nominating committee for Scholarship Committee to be Louise Massey, Almata Young Janoma Stephens. Executive Officer reports were given and Scholarship winner Kristi Walker was recognized. Kristi is attending college with a major in Education and minor in Math and Spanish and holds a 4.0 grade point average.

Mary Kaigler introduced guest speaker Bobbe Mitchell, Texas Federation Women's Clubs president who spoke on various aspects of Texas Federation of Women.

Resuming after lunch was roll call of clubs with presidents telling of their club's work during the year and an outstanding program, along with introduction of new members. Presentation of Awards followed in categories: GFWC Arts Department, Literature & Performing Arts and Departments of GFWC Conservation, Education, GFWC Home Life, Public Affairs, Texas Heritage, International Affairs, Learning Disabilities, Outreach for Children, Historical People, Historical Places & Things, Women's Library, GFWC President's Special Project, TFWC President's Special Project, District President's Special Project Operation Smile, Community Improvement project, Outstanding Club Program, Outstanding Americanism Program, Outstanding Federation Program, M. D. Anderson, Yearbook Cover Contest and Yearbook Content Contest, Libraries, Leadership, Keep Children Safe, Legislation, TFWC Clubwoman Subscriptions, Workshops, and Advocates for Children.

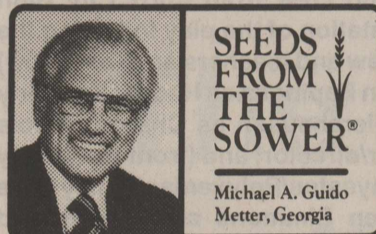
Receiving Outstanding Club Woman Volunteer for Mesquite District was Julia Harrell of Haskell Progressive Study Club who was recognized for her work in club and also in the church and community.

The meeting was concluded with a Memorial Program and benediction given by Kewpie Duncan.

Retired Teachers to meet Tuesday, March 25 at 2:30

The Knox County Retired Teachers will meet Tuesday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Munday.

A Legislative update followed by a workshop for the state convention will be the program.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

One night a guide was telling a tourist about the climb they'd make the next day. But he didn't know his little boy was listening.

Under the cover of darkness they started the climb. Suddenly he heard his boy cry, "Look out, daddy, I'm coming!"

Frightened, they went back.

Is there someone weaker or younger than you following you? The steps you're taking may be safe for you. But are they safe for him?

The Living Bible says, "Make out a straight path for your feet so that those who follow you, though weak and lame, will not fall and hurt themselves, but become strong."

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A Mayo Clinic study says that depressed people tend to recover less well from heart attacks, coronary bypasses and other heart condition problems than people without emotional problems. The study followed 310 men and 70 women entering cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Researchers know that the protein ApoE is involved in Alzheimer's. Some Duke researchers say people who inherit a variant called ApoE are at risk before age 70.

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Note: Since we are a small business with a full time staff of two, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.

Parenting fair set April 24 in Knox City

By Jane Rowan

County Extension Agent / FCS

The Texas Cooperative Extension - Family and Consumer Sciences Committee will be sponsoring the ninth annual Knox County Parenting Fair, Thursday, April 24, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Knox City High School gym.

The fair will offer a variety of information on services and programs available to help parents raising their children. Booth space is also still available for anyone wishing to participate as an exhibitor.

For more info contact the Knox County Extension office at 459-2651.

Thank you for reading the NEWS!

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Enviros Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial enviros customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in enviros rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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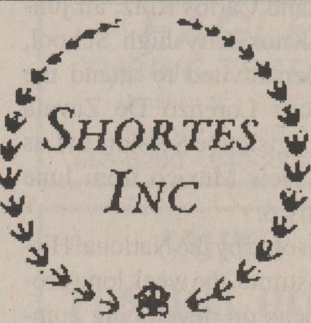
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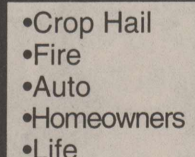


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City, school, hospital races see filings before Wed. deadline

As of Monday afternoon, the May 3 joint election had the following filings: • For Mayor - Bud Reynolds, incumbent Charles

Lankford;
• For City Council (two seats) - Jeff Stanfield, Darren Clark;
• For School Board - (two

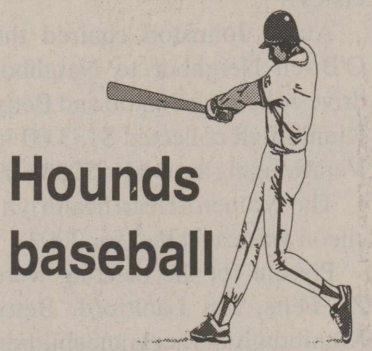
seats) Gene Ward, incumbent Todd Lewis;
• For Hospital Board - (one seat) incumbent Clint Jones.

A Mother's Love Is Forever



As children, we can't comprehend or fully understand The meaning of our mother's love, how tender and how wise, The patience and forgiveness that are part of every day, The unexpected "little things" she does in her own way. Years go by before we can look back on life and see Through older eyes and wiser hearts her love and loyalty, And yet it's these and other special qualities we'll hold so dear. For memories of her unconditional love will keep her ever near.

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Hounds baseball

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KC 401 100 x 6
Battery: AC - Swinhoe and Brown, Murphy; KC - Chisum and Hutchinson
2B - AC - Barham, Mullins, Winters; 3B - KC - Simmons, Home runs - KC - Hutchinson

Aging center lunch menus

March 24th thru 28th

Monday, March 24 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green salad, biscuits, cobbler.

Tuesday, March 25 - Meat loaf, fried okra, blackeyed peas, light bread, peaches with topping.

Wednesday, March 26 - Chicken enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, crackers, dessert.

Thursday, March 27 - Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls, birthday cake.

Friday, March 28 - Bar-b-q beef tips, baked beans, potato salad, hot rolls, dessert.

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

Danny Fisher named to NAIFA Dallas Hall of Fame

Continued from Page One

Danny is a contributing writer for the *National Underwriter*. He has been quoted as an authority on annuities in over 600 newspapers nationwide. He was recently quoted in the AARP Bulletin and Consumer Reports.

Danny was born and raised in Knox City and is the son of the late Jack Fisher and Rena Tankersley. He received his BBA degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1968 and currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

He and his wife, Linda, are members of Prestonwood Baptist Church. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.

Danny added, "In Knox City, most people know me as the brother of Jackie Fisher."

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"God populated the earth with vegetables of all kinds, so that Man would live a long and healthy life.

And Satan created the 99-cent double cheeseburger. And Satan said to Man, "Want fries with that?"

And Man said, "Supersize them!" And Man gained pounds. And God created healthful yogurt, and Satan froze the yogurt, and brought forth chocolate, nuts and brightly colored candy to put on top. And Man gained more pounds.

And God brought forth running shoes, and Man resolved to lost those extra pounds.

And Satan brought forth cable TV, remote control and potato chips. And Man clutched his remote and ate his chips. Satan saw

this and said, "It is good."

And Man went into cardiac arrest. And God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

And Satan created HMOs . . .

Here and There - Spending some good times with Eddie and Claudia Bryant Saturday night were Claudale and Jean Barnard. They all enjoyed helping Jennifer Hicks and husband Keith and daughters Cecylee and Hadley celebrate Jennifer's birthday.

Angela Roberts, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending a few days with her parents, Donnie and Diane Roberts.

Clara Hanson of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell spent the weekend at her home here in O'Brien. Clara's doing pretty good but still needs our prayers.
Bro. Milton McAmas and wife

Rhonda and daughter Laci spent several days last week visiting Rhonda's mother and other relatives and friends in Caddo Springs.

Tommy and Jean Chapman were in Shallowater over the weekend to attend their daughter's wedding. Further news will be in the paper later.

Lowell Rowan and wife Sue of Denton spent several days with Lowell's mom, Bernice Rowan. They enjoyed their visiting and chatting and eating fish.

Bennett and Sue Shortes were in Houston last week attending the Fat Stock Show. One of Bennett's girls had pretty good luck with her entry.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree and Tamara McGaughey of Knox City visited Adelle Herring last week and enjoyed eating and visiting,

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We have had a pretty quiet week this week. Have enjoyed some very nice days with warm temps and very little wind. So lets of folks got out and began their spring yard work. As for myself, I have been pretty well "housed in" with allergies and a head cold. Today (Sunday) is better tho so maybe I'm on the mend.

Little Bell Ledesma was able to come home from the hospital Tuesday. She is doing OK now and doctors say she had a pretty bad viral infection. That was a good report as medication can take care of that.

We're proud of Laura Benson and Chance Propps who placed second in the State Debate Meet last week in Austin. Both of these students are sophomores so we have two more years to look forward to their accomplishments.

Here 'N There - Carl Doby of

Houston has been here visiting the Wyman Meinzers, the Kenneth Roberts and Lucille Moorhouse. Carl lived with his family here several years ago when his dad, Joe was Knox County Extension Agent.

Polly Floyd returned to her home in Houston last week after several days visit with her sisters, Bea Parks, Lucy Mings and Jessie and Kenneth Roberts.

Teri Miller and McKenzie Gray spent Teri's spring break with their "mee-maw" in Levelland.

Will Moorhouse spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Bobbye and David Moorhouse in Iowa Park.

Clay Conner of South Plains College is spending spring break with homefolks.

Tib and Georgeanne Burnett of Austin have been here a few days visiting and enjoying their home

away from the city.

Jacob and Tina Siemens are proud grandparents of a baby boy born Thursday, March 13, at the Seymour Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long and his name is Wesson Bailey.

The proud parents are Mary Siemens and Ray Ham. Other Benjamin grandparents are Mitzi and Shane Welch and great-grandparents Sue and Jack Sheedy. Also lots of aunts, uncles and cousins to help with baby sitting duties. Parents, baby and all grandparents are reportedly doing great.

Baby shower - Misty Jones was honored with a baby shower Monday night at the Methodist Church from 6 until 7 p.m.

Refreshments of fruit, veggies and dip, cake, coffee and punch were served. Lots of little girls clothes were received by the honoree.

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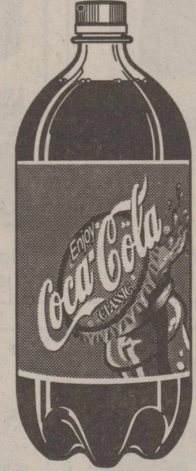
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Obituaries

Thomas Zachary 'Zac' Casillas

Thomas Zachary 'Zac' Casillas, three months, died Friday, March 14, 2003.

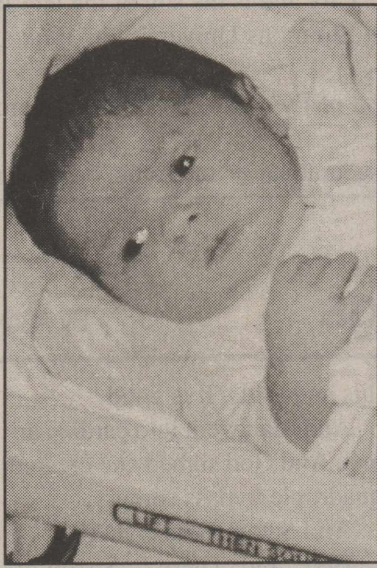
Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the Foursquare Church in Knoxville with Pastor Freddie Villa officiating. Burial was in the O'Brien Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Zac was born November 20, 2002, in Decatur.

Survivors include his mother Melissa Casillas, father Dewey Peters, one sister Alyssa Casillas, grandparents Charles and Martha Casillas and Kay Peters, great-grandmother Nettie Mae Watson, aunts and uncles Crystal Casillas, Jeff and Melissa Casillas, Cassie and Jeremy Casillas, Andrea and Charlie Collins, Roy and Lisa Peters, and cousins Caleb, Andrew, Brittany, Clinton, Roy and Bradley;

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Ronald Peters, and great-grandparents Thomas Paul Watson and Carlos Casillas.

Pallbearers were Zac's uncles as well as Martin Silvas.



Laura Frankie Posey

Funeral services for Laura Frankie Posey were held Monday, March 17, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knoxville with Clifton McFadden officiating. Burial followed in the Rochester Cemetery with Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Posey, 81, died Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Born November 27, 1921, in Dickens, to Cleo Theopolis Gunnells and Edna Faye Trusty Gunnells.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ophus Posey, daughter Bonnie Cleo Posey, and sisters Alpha Mae Fortenberry and Lavawn Haws.

Dorothy Haile Word

Memorial services for Dorothy Haile Word, 76, of Benjamin were held Saturday, March 15, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene with pastor Ted Taylor officiating and Clarence Powell assisting. The family chose cremation.

Mrs. Word died Thursday, March 13, 2003, at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Born February 20, 1927 to W.T. Powell and Arizona Yarbrough Powell, she was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Knoxville City.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Haile of Hereford, Bert Haile of Killeen and Bryan Haile of Amarillo; one daughter, Cynthia Hager of Copperas Cove; four brothers, Bill and Frank Powell, both of San Angelo, Troy Powell of Benjamin and Clarence Powell of Monroe, Louisiana; one sister, Janie McClouskey of Sanger; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or First Baptist Church, Knoxville City.

Mrs. Era Brown

Funeral services for Mrs. Era Brown of Benjamin were held Friday, March 14, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Benjamin. The Rev. John Gillispie officiated and burial was in the Benjamin Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Brown died Monday, March 10, 2003, in Mesquite.

Born September 26, 1910, to Thomas Drew and Katherine Elizabeth McMinn in Dumont, she lived most of her life in Knoxville City. She married Lavel Calvin Brown on February 3, 1927, in Benjamin. He preceded her in death on September 28, 1982.

Mrs. Brown was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Benjamin.

Survivors include three sons, Stanton Brown of Benjamin, Truman Brown of Seagoville and Calvin Brown of Perryton; three daughters, Daisey Roberts of Mesquite, Vela Whitmire of Grapevine and Veba Jones of Hawley; 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Wells and by two grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 235, Benjamin, TX 79505.

Heart drive collects \$2384.00

June Tankersley, chairman, reports \$2384.00 has been collected in the Knoxville County Business-Neighbor to Neighbor drive held in February.

The Knoxville County Board of the American Heart Association met Tuesday, March 11, at Kathie and Jack's.

Zo Felts, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

Results of the Neighbor to Neighbor and Business Drive were discussed. A total of \$2186.00 was collected in Knoxville City by Jo Cornett, Charlene Brothers, Dorothy Dykes, Peggy

Grindstaff, Charles and Faye Reed, Jan Lankford, Joyce Lloyd, Daveine Clark, Frankie Baker, Susan Emerson and June Tankersley.

Audie Johnston chaired the O'Brien Neighbor to Neighbor drive collecting \$65.00 and Betty Kinnibrugh collected \$133.00 in Vera bringing the total to \$2384.00

The Women's Heart health luncheon was cancelled for 2003.

Present for the meeting were Zo Felts, Jan Lankford, Betty Kinnibrugh and her grandchildren Brianna and Tanner, June Tankersley and Melodee Gaines, Corporate Market Director.

Community Network computer classes to start again March 17

The Knoxville County Community Network computer training classes will begin March 17 and continue through April 17.

Courses will be on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00, Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30, Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00, Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 on the Knoxville City Elementary campus.

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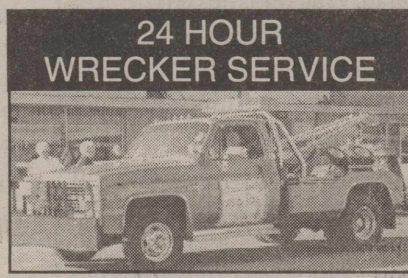
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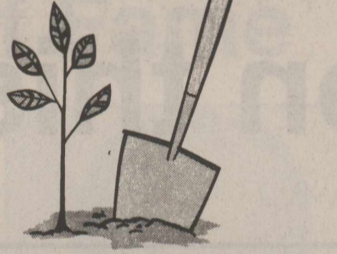
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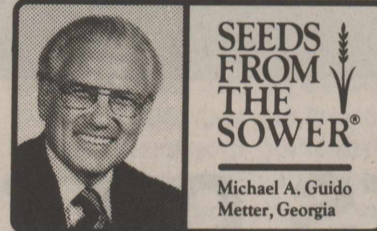
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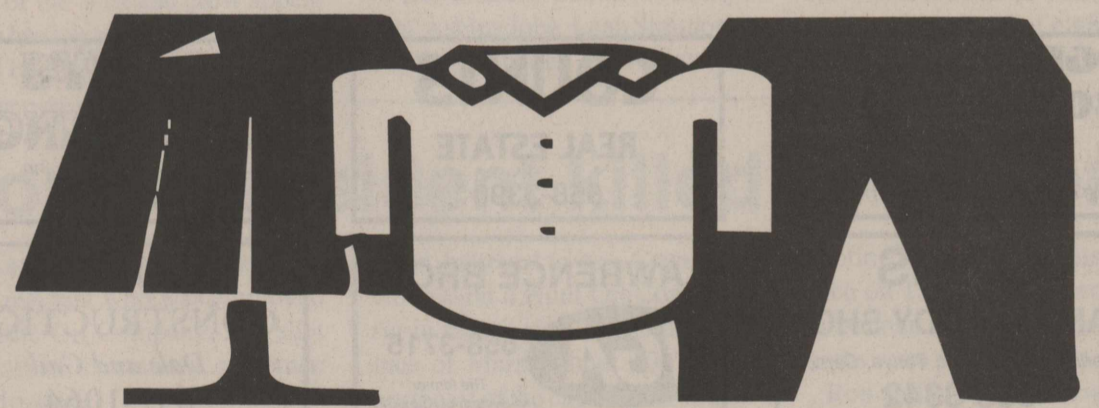


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