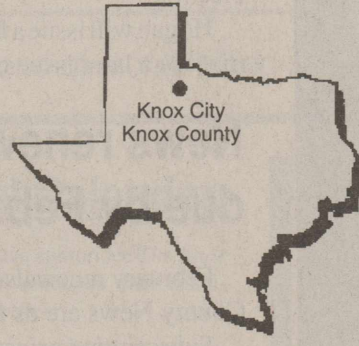


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## Barbara Rector is delegate to Texas Midwest Council

The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of 2004. Barbara Rector attended serving as Knox City's official delegate on the Council.

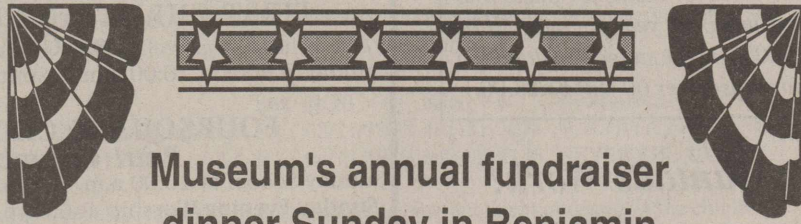
Representatives from cities throughout the region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to approach community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 41 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.



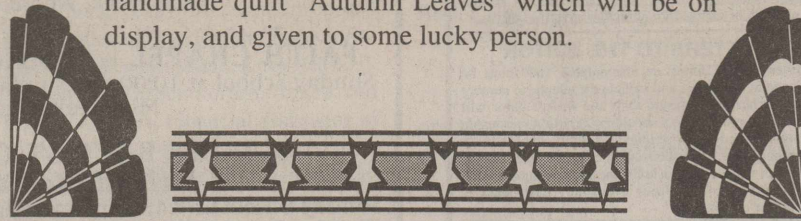
## Museum's annual fundraiser dinner Sunday in Benjamin

"Now, don't just let it sit there," admonished Steve Bisbee, put it to work on something we can see." Steve is referring to the \$5,000 donation to the museum from the Bisbee estate. As one member of the Knox County Historical Commission said, "Maybe we WILL get this done in my life time!" Drawings of the proposed building will be on display Sunday, February 1, during the annual Knox County Museum fundraiser lunch.

The fundraising meal will consist of brisket, sausage, baked turkey, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, deviled eggs and dessert. Take out service will be available. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, February 1, at the Benjamin Ex-Students Memorial Center and last until 1:30.

The obituary books, Veterans books and a picture collection of early Knox County homes will be on display. Additional information and photos of any of these displays is welcome.

Donations for door prizes and the silent auction are needed. The silent auction will close at 1:00 o'clock. Door prizes will be awarded after 1:30 p.m. Left over food items will be for sale. Tickets will available for the handmade quilt "Autumn Leaves" which will be on display, and given to some lucky person.



## Houndettes and Hounds split district openers with Paducah

Tuesday, January 20 - JV Girls  
KC JV - 48, Paducah JV - 13

Lindsey Villa - 7, Kayla Stewart - 4, Erica Nevarez - 3, Vanessa Solis - 17, Tiffany Wilde - 9, Laura Harrington - 8.

Varsity Girls - KC - 57, Paducah - 48

Sophie Gutierrez - 8, Jodi Chambers - 3, Nikki Moss - 18, Jessica Albus - 2, Samantha Gutierrez - 22, Brittany Hawkins - 4.

JV Boys - KC JV - 24, Paducah JV - 56

Jeremy Saxton - 11, T.J. Richardson - 10, Brandon Grimsley - 1, Grant Lewis - 2.

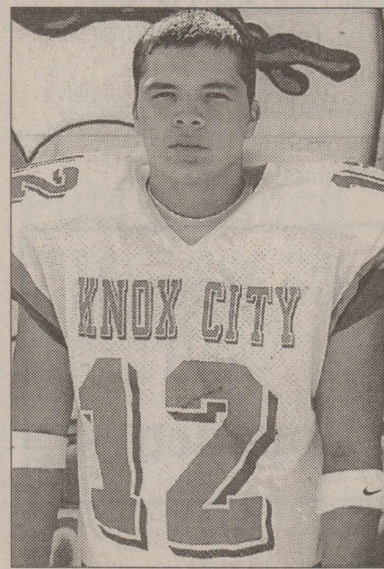
Varsity Boys - KC - 44, Paducah - 73

Riley Spells - 3, Quentin Spells - 17, Derrick Magana - 6, Carlos Ruiz - 6, Dustin Johnson - 12.

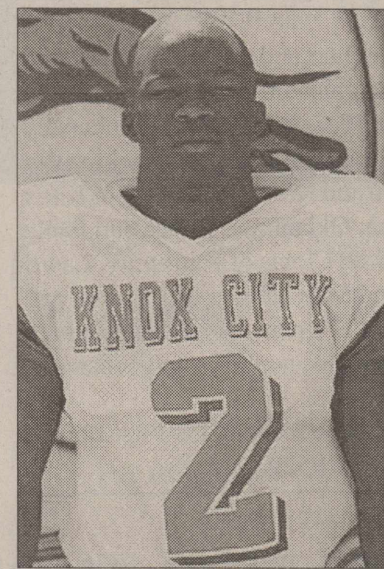


HOUNDETTE JESSICA ALBUS scrambles for the ball in last Tuesday's district opener with Paducah. KC teammates shown amid Paducah's Lady Dragons are Jodi Chambers and Samantha Gutierrez. The Houndettes won, 57-48. (NEWS digital photo)

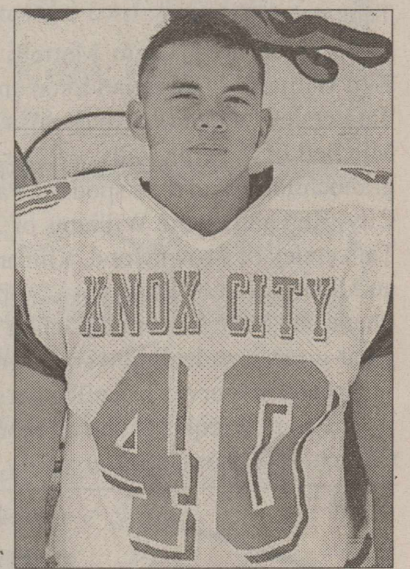
## Hounds named to Abilene Reporter-News teams, Bruce is TSWA honorable mention



**Carlos Ruiz**  
Knox City High School  
**All Big Country Super Team**  
Defensive Back  
**Class A**  
**All Big Country Team**  
Defensive back



**Riley Spells**  
Knox City High School  
**Class A**  
**All Big Country Team**  
Offense:  
Running Back  
Defense:  
End



**C.J. Bruce**  
Knox City High School  
**Class A**  
**All Big Country Team**  
Defense: Linebacker  
**TSWA All-State honorable mention**  
Linebacker

## ACS chili lunch planned for Thursday, February 12

Mark your calendars for February 12 - that's the date for the annual chili lunch benefiting the Knox County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Chili, along with crackers, dessert, tea or coffee will be served at the Munday Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take-outs will be available. There will also be a Silent Auction with a wide array of hand crafted items,

baked goods and other neat items to bid on. Bidding will cease at 1:00 p.m. A raffle for a DVD player will be given away on February 12.

As there is no longer the door-to-door ACS crusade, the Unit has two fundraisers a year. The chili lunch / silent auction in February and a golf tournament in October. A Relay for Life is also trying to get organized for the

area as this is what nearly all other units are doing, according to Valera Hertel, county chairman. This is a fun filled, meaningful event for people of all ages and walks of life. This is the one big fundraiser to help in the research for a cure for cancer. To go forward with this program, a chairperson or persons is needed to head up the relay. For more info, call Mrs. Hertel at 422-4990.



GREYHOUND QUENTIN SPELLS shoots the ball against the Paducah Dragons in last Tuesday night's district opener. Paducah won 73-44. Greyhounds Derrick Magana, Rick Gonzales and Dustin Johnson are shown among the visiting Dragons. (NEWS digital photo)



# Obituaries

## E.H. Tankersley Jr.

Funeral services for E.H. Tankersley Jr. were held Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knoxville with the Revs. Bobby King and Paul Chambers officiating. Burial was in the Knoxville Cemetery with Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Tankersley, 84, died Monday, January 26, 2004.

Born September 3, 1919, in Haskell County to E.H. and Clara Tankersley, he was a lifelong resident of Haskell County.

He married Martell C. Goodson on November 28, 1937, in Haskell County. E.H. and Martell were lifetime sweethearts, and were baptized together at the Smith Chapel Church in Haskell County in 1932. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

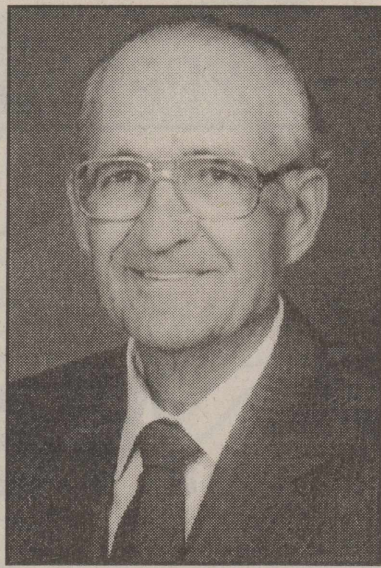
He attended school at Cliff in Haskell County, attended the Stamps School of Music in Dallas, was a member of the Tankersley Brothers Quartet and farmed for over 60 years.

E.H. was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bobby Aaron Tankersley; three brothers, Jewel, Jack and Lynn Tankersley; a granddaughter, Jodie Tankersley; and a great-granddaughter, Chrystal Tankersley Robison.

Survivors are his wife, Martell; a daughter and son-in-law, Nell and Ken Williams of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Ann Tankersley of Knoxville; and a daughter-in-law, Judy Tankersley Mitchell of Wichita Falls; a sister, Bernice Rowan of O'Brien; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Payton and Kristi Tankersley of Knoxville, Ken and Cynie Williams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Boyce and Paula Tankersley of Brownwood, Kim and Greg Clonts of Knoxville, Lawri and Scott Lynn of Knoxville, April and Matt Mercer of Lamesa, and Shane and Scott Porter of Wichita Falls; 17 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

The family requests that all memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 355, Knoxville, Texas 79529.



## Bud Hogan announces candidacy for office of Tax Assessor-Collector

Bud Hogan of Munday has authorized *The Knoxville News* to announce his candidacy on the Republican ballot for the office of Knoxville Tax Assessor-Collector in the November general election.

Hogan will issue a formal statement in a later issue of the *News*.

## News renewals due by Feb. 1

February renewals at The Knoxville News are as follows.

Subscription prices are \$22.00 for Knoxville and adjoining counties, \$25.00 elsewhere in Texas and \$28.00 out-of-state.

- Rhonda Albus, KC
- Bobby Day, Lubbock
- William D. Dodson, Jasper, GA
- Clifford Hacker, KC
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- Danny Jones, Midland
- Judy Leaverton, KC
- W.V. Lowry, KC
- Bonnie Poe, Italy
- Mat Verhalen, KC
- Ron Worley, Mountain Home

# Go Hounds and Houndettes!

## Aging center lunch menus

February 2nd thru 6th

**Monday, February 2** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, buttered potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, cobbler.

**Tuesday, February 3** - Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, hot rolls, cake.

**Wednesday, February 4** - Beef spaghetti, green salad, hot cheese bread, cookies.

**Thursday, February 5** - Bar-b-q on a bun, corn on the cob, French fries, cobbler.

**Friday, February 6** - Tacos, whole kernel corn, Spanish rice, salad, dessert.

(Due to the rising cost of operating, the Knoxville Aging Services has to raise the price of our meals. Effective February 1, 2004, the price for meals for those who are under 60 years of age will be \$4.00 and the suggested donation for those over 60 will be \$3.00.)

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Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liability and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis.

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The regular hours of the News Office will be as follows: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Closed Saturday-Sunday. Note: Since we are a small business with a small staff, 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.

## Financial aid workshop scheduled

Knox City High School Principal Mack Lowe has scheduled a workshop to provide information on college financial aid for parents of junior and senior students.

Open to the general public, the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29th, in the library on the KCHS campus.

Financial aid representatives from Vernon College and Pan-

handle Plains College will be on hand to discuss financial aid and planning for college.

A drawing will be held among those present for a \$100 scholarship.

This meeting is very important and all parents of junior and graduating senior students who plan on attending college should plan to be there.

## KC Area Church Directory

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knoxville Bobby King, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knoxville City and O'Brien

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knoxville Claude McKiddy, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knoxville Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

### FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knoxville Paul Chambers, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knoxville Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez

Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin John Gillispie, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie Matt Harrington, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

### THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222 W.O. Smith, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Mid Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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### WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Rob Harrison, Pastor -

Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Mid Week Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

### "ABUNDANT LIFE" ZION FULL GOSPEL Rich & Mary Ann Palma, Pastors

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.

Church location: 5 miles west of O'Brien

### THIS CHURCH DIRECTORY IS SPONSORED EACH WEEK BY THESE MERCHANTS

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We ask your cooperation.

## FROM THIS ANGLE

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

A reader called last week with a humorous story about former resident Sherry Sutton Calvin of Round Rock. Sherry, who is employed by an Austin area bank, reported that they usually stay open until 6:00 p.m. On January 2 about 5:15 Sherry said a man entered the bank demanding that everyone get down on the floor while he took money from the windows. She said that as he left, he told them they could get up and as he went out the door, turned around and said, "Happy New Year!"

Lois Bruton of Olney spent a few days last week with Lou and Jack Vail and Gladys Vail and also with Kay and A.P. Denton

Word was received Monday of the death of former resident and longtime teacher Robbie Jones of Robert Lee. Services were to be Wednesday of this week at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Robert Lee. A complete obituary

will appear later.

Bailey and Bransen Speck were three years old Saturday and celebrated with a party Sunday in the home of their grandparents, Pam and Dale Bloxham. Assisting with the birthday party were their mother, Natalie Bloxham, and Josh Rodriguez. Helping celebrate were Jaedon Gass, Rebecca and Rachael Rodriguez, Leisa and Poncho Morrow, and Danielle Rodriguez. Also attending were Amber and Nathan Bloxham of Dundee. Pam said that Bailey had a Dragon Tails cake while Bransen's cake was Spider Man.

Judy Perdue and daughter Kristen Perez of Lubbock were in Dallas last weekend to attend the "Stars on Ice" skating show with Judy's mother, sister, and niece. On Sunday, Judy and Kristen attended Watermark Community Church with Judy's nephew Paul and his family. Paul plays the

drums in the worship band. Judy reported that they had a great time.

Sad, sad news received in the News office of the unexpected death of longtime area resident E.H. Tankersley. Services were scheduled Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Knoxville.

Stuart Edmonds, four year old son of Shea and Scott Edmonds, visited the Dan Girty family in Kiowa, Kansas, two days last week.

I do appreciate the letters from former residents Melanie Mitchell of Newcastle and Virginia and Harvey Reynolds of Abilene. Thank you so much for your nice comments.

I am enjoying doing the column and hope that our readers will continue to call in their news so I can pass it on to you!

## Noah Project - North planning dinner theatre February 14

The Noah Project - North is having their annual Dinner Theatre on Saturday, February 14.

The dinner will be at the Haskell Civic Center and doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The "Golden Girls of Haskell County" will be the entertainment, along with the silent

auction. This is the major fund raiser of the Noah Project - North and a lot of volunteers work hard to make it a success.

For those wishing to make a donation for the silent auction or a monetary one, call 940-864-2551 and the donation will be picked

up.

The Noah Project - North is an outreach of the Noah Project, Inc. in Abilene, providing services to victims of family violence. Noah - North provides services in five counties, Jones, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.



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## Dwayne Bearden announces candidacy for office of county judge in Knox County

Dwayne Bearden of Munday formally announces his candidacy for the office of county judge in Knox County.

Dwayne is a 1962 graduate from Petersburg, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army for three years and is a Vietnam Veteran. He married Peggy Parker of Munday in 1967. They have been married thirty-seven years and have two married sons and six grandchildren.

Dwayne is a member of the First Baptist Church of Munday, Masonic Lodges of Knox City and Krum, Texas, and Scottish Rite of Fort Worth. He enjoys sports, fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities.

Dwayne attended Fort Worth College where he received a degree in IBM programming, Fort Gordon Signal School with a degree in Electronics and Troubleshooting, and Tarrant Community College where he majored in Business and Mid-management.



DWAYNE BEARDEN

He attended many other Leadership-training and Team Working seminars. He also attended the National Grant Conference and learned how to obtain grants and low interest loans.

Dwayne worked at Marconi Communications for thirty-four years. As a manufacturing man-

ager, he managed a plant that shipped 240 million dollars worth of product per year and managed a budget in excess of \$5 million. During the last five years of employment, he was able to double the product volume produced every year and improve the productivity from \$525 to \$889 per employee, per hour worked. He was responsible for over 100 employees on four different shifts.

Dwayne states, "I feel that my 34 years of experience as a manufacturing manager have given me the knowledge, leadership and know-how to manage the business of Knox County. I plan to use these skills to solve problems by working with employees, citizens, and other Knox county organizations. We will work together to establish budgets and stay within the guidelines of the established budget in the day-to-day business of the county. I am looking forward to and would love to serve the citizens of Knox County."

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"As a speech pathologist, I often ask patients to tell me a personal story in order to get them to open up. Here's one man's tale: "My friend wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway. I'll tell you what," he told her. "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?"

"Being a good sport, she accepted. And when her husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: 'For Sale.'"

Here and There - Joe Banner visited with his brother, Cliff, last weekend. Cliff was in O'Brien to share lunch with Joe and their mother, Billie Walker, Saturday.

Billie received a call from a cousin in Los Lunas, NM, who had just been diagnosed with a tumor in his head that was causing numbness, hearing loss and loss of balance. She, grand-

daughter Billie Anne Cole and her daughter Cyan traveled to Los Lunas for a visit with the patient Jim Duncan and wife, his daughter and husband, his brother Jack who is also ill and his caretaker Val.

Upon their return to Amarillo they visited Billie's daughters Julie and husband Dale, Laura and husband David, a friend Arleta Dennis who had just lost her husband E.L. and a cousin in the nursing home, Alma Long, and her son, Jack Long, a urologist in Amarillo. Julie accompanied them on their visits in Amarillo.

I was blessed Saturday by having some good visitors. Eddie and Claudia Bryant were happy with their little granddaughters, Hadley and Cecy Lee Hicks of Hawley, and they came and visited me for awhile and gave me a lot of hugs and kisses.

Grady Murry of Plainview visited with his mother-in-law, Beatrice Ellis,

a few days last week.

Saturday night, several from Knox City and O'Brien attended the musical in Old Glory. There were lots of people there and those from our way were Marilyn and Dan Talbot, Mutt and Bertie Ivie, A.P. Denton and Kay, Bill Groves, a couple of Mutt and Bertie's friends and Billy Ray Morrow, Bernice Rowan and I. We enjoyed listening and visiting.

Loretta Hewitt and Charlene Brothers are the only ones I know of around here that needs our prayers for their problems. They both are up and going and not home bound so that does help. Myra Reeves needs our prayers too.

Last Monday, I was blessed for my son Don and wife Marilyn of Slaton brought me a wonderful car to replace my old car that had just lost the motor. Was I ever blessed with all my children.

## Straight Talk

By Dave Thompson



That 'T.W. smile'...

Ever had a bad day where you wake up and nothing seems to go right?

I had one of those days last week and as the day progressed, things seemed to get worse with each passing hour. As I moved about, this leg of mine got to hurting to the point where more pain pills were in order. Pain and discomfort will do its best to turn a person into a real grump, and I was fast becoming one when Stacy suggested that we go out to eat instead of cooking at home.

After we ate and were about to leave the restaurant, I heard my name called. Turning to my right, I saw T.W. Barton and his wife Modelle sitting just inside the door to the back dining room. As usual, T.W. had a big smile on his face as he inquired about how my leg was doing and how I'm feeling these days.

As I stood there and talked with T.W., my bad mood and all the troubles of the day seemed to dissolve and just melt away. The smile on his face was so big and so heartfelt, it made my day. We talked for several minutes and when we left, I had that same kind of "T.W. smile" on my face!

Reflecting back on that meeting with T.W. and Modelle, I realized that in all the years I have known T.W. Barton, I have never seen him when he was not smiling, laughing and making others feel good. In this day and age, T.W. is a rare kind of person. Always going out of his way to talk to everyone, T.W. is a happy reminder of pleasant times and loved ones. He reminds Stacy a lot of her father because Buddy was the same way when it came to greeting folks and making others feel better.

In today's fast paced society, we all tend to get caught up in our everyday lives and our own problems..... just like I was that day before running into T.W. While I am certainly not a medical doctor, there is one prescription I can recommend. If you find yourself having a bad day, go and look up T.W. Barton. His soft smile combined with those twinkling eyes and friendly personality will make you feel much better.... I know. Thanks T.W.!

### A Golden Time

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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.

## High school honor roll

### 'A' HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

Ninth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Laura Harrington, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

Tenth Grade: Jessica Albus, Grant Lewis, Nikki Moss, Tomas Myers.

Eleventh Grade: Kaylie Billington, Eric Lewis.

Twelfth Grade: Brandon Espinosa, Ariana Gomez, Krystal Hutchinson, Sondra Lankford, Lindsey Penman, Carlos Ruiz.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade: Brandon Grimsley, Emily Lewis, Martha Perkins, Ebony Thompson.

Tenth Grade: Antonio Aguayo, Ty Chisum, Ryan Harrington, Pablo Sanchez, Meagan Schur, Sandra Silva, Michael Vaden.

Eleventh Grade: Drew Barnard, C.J. Bruce, Sophia Gutierrez, Benjamin Simmons, Ricky Dale Smith.

Twelfth Grade: Cody Brockett, Lisa Caddell, Jodi Chambers, Sherri Ejem, Wesley Espinosa, Rickey Gonzales, Daisy Martinez, Sophia Pedroza, Eddie Vela.

### 'A' HONOR ROLL First Semester

Ninth Grade: Bridgett Billington, Laura Harrington, Katelyn Railsback, Tiffany Wilde.

Tenth Grade: Jessica Albus, Grant Lewis, Nikki Moss, Meagan Schur.

Eleventh Grade: Kaylie Billington, Eric Lewis.

Twelfth Grade: Cody Brockett, Brandon Espinosa, Ariana Gomez, Krystal Hutchinson, Sondra Lankford, Lindsey Penman, Carlos Ruiz.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade: Brandon Grimsley, Emily Lewis, Martha Perkins.

Tenth Grade: Antonio Aguayo, Ty Chisum, Ryan Harrington, Tomas Myers, Pablo Sanchez, Andy Shaver, Sandra Silva, Michael Vaden.

Eleventh Grade: Drew Barnard, C.J. Bruce, Joshua Hunt, Erica Nevezer, Benjamin Simmons.

Twelfth Grade: Lisa Caddell, Jodi Chambers, Wesley Espinosa, Eddie Vela.

## Mid-school honor roll

### 'A' HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

Fifth Grade: Brandon Bradley, Whitley Collins, Landon Lynn, Zakery York.

Seventh Grade: Jordan Carter, Christopher Taylor.

Eighth Grade: Sarah Burt, Marni McLemore.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Kaley Ainsworth, Miguel Espericueta, Kelsey Harrington, Jarid Meeker, Zachary Shaver.

Sixth Grade: Clayton Clark, Devon Flye, Brittney Gonzales.

Seventh Grade: Chance Agraz, Shelby Gutierrez, Tiffany McCrary.

Eighth Grade: Joseph Albus, Zachary Chisum, Travis Hawkins, Rico McCrary, Orrin Myers, Brieanna Rios, Sheniqua Woods.

### 'A' HONOR ROLL First Semester

Fifth Grade: Brandon Bradley, Whitney Collins, Landon Lynn, Zakery York.

Sixth Grade: Clayton Clark, Brittney Gonzales.

Seventh Grade: Jordan Carter, Christopher Taylor.

Eighth Grade: Marni McLemore.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade: Kaley Ainsworth, Miguel Espericueta, Santos Espinal, Adrian Flye, Kelsey Harrington, Jarid Meeker, Zachary Shaver.

Sixth Grade: Elmina Banks, Devon Flye.

Seventh Grade: Mayra Espinal, Samantha Esquivel, Shelby Gutierrez, Cheyanne Lee.

Eighth Grade: Joseph Albus, Sarah Burt, Candace Carver, Zachary Chisum, Angela James, Rico McCrary, Brieanna Rios, Jessie Schur.

## Elementary honor roll

### 'A' HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

First Grade: Kinslee Cox, Andrea Lynn, Alana Montez.

Second Grade: Lyndon Baty, Zachary Carter, Stratton Edmonds, Ty McLemore, Christopher Richardson, Kelsey Vasquez, Gus West.

Third Grade: Blayne Bradley, Allison Lynn.

Fourth Grade: Destini Billington, Cassidy Carter, Reagan Clark, Kyle Harrington, Jarek Wilde.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Lacy McManus, Leighton Pepper, Zachary Rodriguez, Nicholas Short, Adrian Silva.

Second Grade: Stran Jackson, Tayler Pepper, Courtney Taylor, Trey Tidwell.

Third Grade: Selena Benavides, Jose Espinal, Emily Espinosa, Hagen Hutchinson, Haley Ledesma, Jasmine Lerma, Jonathan Rodriguez.

Fourth Grade: Nicole Diaz, Anthony Toliver, Ryan Ledesma.

### 'A' HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

First Grade: Kinslee Cox, Andrea Lynn, Lacy McManus, Alana Montez.

Lynn, Lacy McManus, Alana Montez.

Second Grade: Lyndon Baty, Zachary Carter, Stratton Edmonds, Ty McLemore, Christopher Richardson, Kelsey Vasquez, Gus West.

Third Grade: Selena Benavides, Blayne Bradley, Hagen Hutchinson, Haley Ledesma, Allison Lynn.

Fourth Grade: Destini Billington, Cassidy Carter, Reagan Clark, Kyle Harrington, Jarek Wilde.

### 'A-B' HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Deandre Hughey, E.J. Martinez, Alfredo Martinez, Zachary Rodriguez, Ariel Ruiz, Nicholas Short, Adrian Silva, Craig Thompson, Essence Ward.

Second Grade: Joshua Dominguez, Stran Jackson, Jody Montez, Tayler Pepper, Courtney Taylor, Trey Tidwell.

Third Grade: Emily Espinosa, Jasmine Lerma, Cley Plume, Jonathan Rodriguez.

Fourth Grade: Ty Baker, Nicole Diaz, Anthony Toliver, Ryan Ledesma, Brandon York.

**NEWS Deadline  
Mondays at 4:00**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor. The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes. The Trans-Texas Corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality. The hearing will be held: February 13, 2004, 6:30 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse, 100 West Cedar in Benjamin. For more information on the public hearing contact: Barbara Seal, 940-937-7145.

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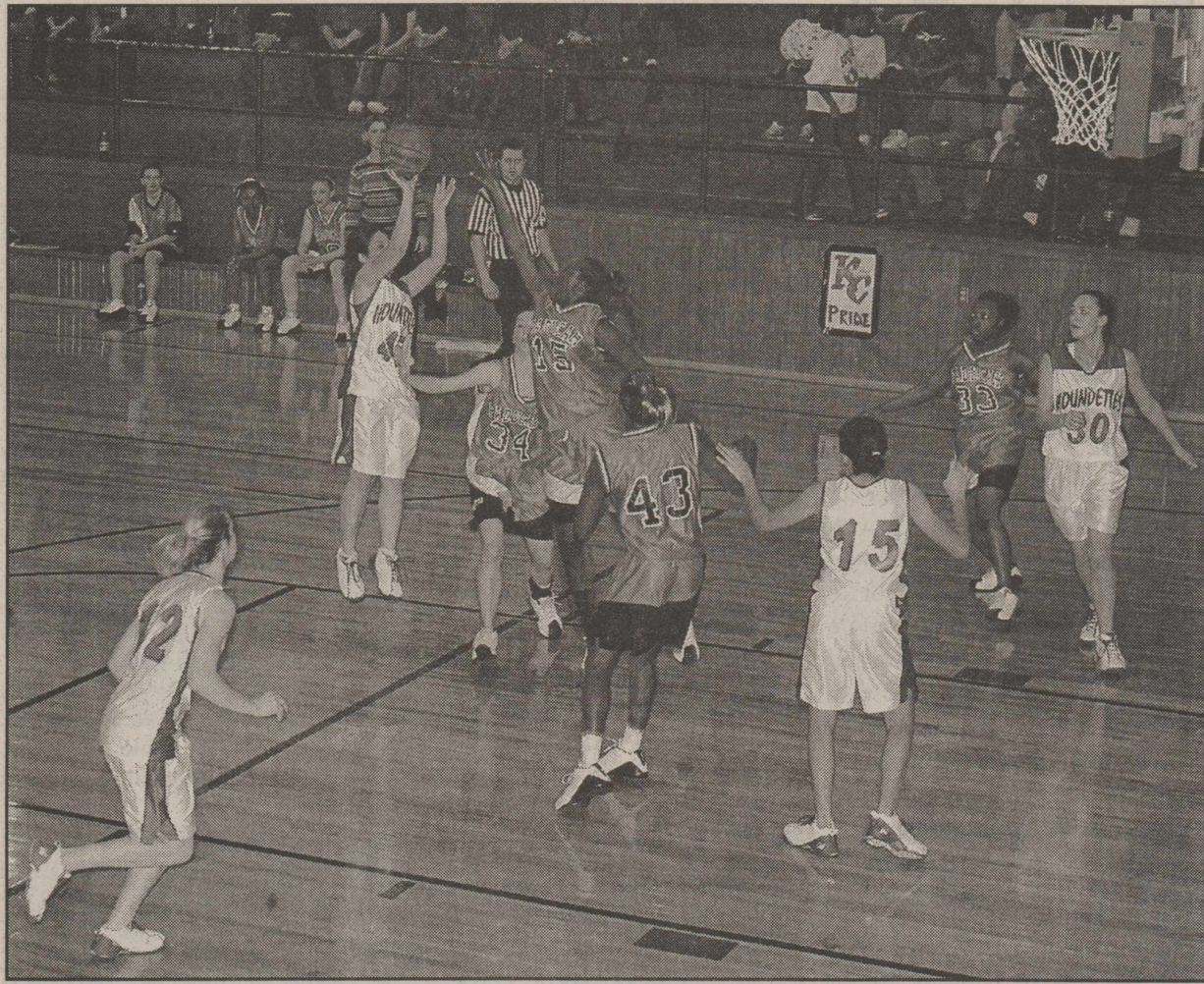
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**HOUNDETTES SAVANNAH GUTIERREZ takes the shot in last week's Paducah game with the Lady Dragons. Other KC Houndettes in photo are Nikki Moss, Kursten Stafford and Jodi Chambers. (NEWS digital photo)**

## Texas river vehicle prohibition is new law

AUSTIN, Texas—Beginning Jan. 1, motor vehicles may not be operated in most Texas riverbeds, according to a new state law. However, new guidelines are available to help local communities develop river access plans that could allow motor vehicles in some riverbed areas, as provided by the legislation.

The new law pertains to any "navigable river or stream" in Texas except for the Canadian River and the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in the Panhandle.

The law prohibits motor vehicles from operating in "that portion of the bed, bottom, or bank of any navigable river or stream that lies at or below the gradient boundary of the river or stream."

It defines navigable river or stream as "a river or stream that retains an average width of 30 or more feet from the mouth or confluence up."

A motor vehicle is defined as "any wheeled or tracked vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used to transport a person or thing."

The public continues to have

the right to travel along navigable waterways as long as the restrictions on motor vehicle use are observed. The law says "a person may not restrict, obstruct, interfere with, or limit public recreational use of a protected freshwater area." It also contains various exemptions for motor vehicle use in riverbeds by emergency and law enforcement personnel, utility workers, adjacent landowners and others.

The law grew out of Senate Bill 155, sponsored in the Texas Senate by Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. Rep. Robert Puente of San Antonio sponsored a companion bill in the Texas House of Representatives.

The law modified the state Parks and Wildlife Code, making Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) the primary agency responsible for implementing it. Department game wardens, local sheriff's deputies and other peace officers will all enforce the law. This fall, game wardens will be notifying people they encounter on or near rivers that the new law is about to take effect. A first offense under the new law is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable

by a fine of as much as \$500. Repeat offenders could face higher fines and jail time.

The law provides that cities, counties or river authorities may create Local River Access Plans that allow motor vehicles in specified riverbed areas. These plans must be approved by TPWD. Local plan administrators may collect a fee for vehicle riverbed use. Local plans must protect public safety, provide adequate enforcement, coordinate with adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions, provide for and publicize adequate public access and protect private property rights.

### Weather

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Date	Low	High	Rain
01/20	32	54	
01/21	30	52	
01/22	34	59	
01/23	32	64	
01/24	51	66	
01/25	48	70	
01/26	27	50	.06

Total 2004 Rainfall - 0.70

## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We have had varied weather these past three days. Saturday was pretty nice until around 4 p.m., then some wind and light rain began. By night, however, it was pretty calm and the temps were not bad at all. Sunday began with a light breeze that turned into a strong wind by mid-morning with dust settling in after lunch. Then, today, (Monday) started out rather nice also. About 38-40 degrees but as the day progressed it got colder and we have some snow (just a dusting) and a little sleet before the sun came out about 1:00 p.m.!! Just more proof that the saying "If you don't like Texas weather, hang around and it'll soon change!" How true that is.

About our ill - Deann Lamb came home last Tuesday night after a week at Kell West Hospital in Wichita Falls after surgery to repair a broken hip suffered in a fall at her home. She's feeling pretty well. Just sort of incapacitated and will be for a while. She is taking some physical therapy at home.

Jamie Brumley's children have all had that terrible stomach virus but are doing better after a trip or two to the doctor. Also the Mendoza children have had the same thing. But they are all better, also and the school age ones were back in school today.

Lucy Mings spent Thursday night

in Knox County Hospital with chest pains. It was first thought she might have had a heart attack but tests proved that it was not. She seems to be doing OK.

School news - Basketball still rages and in last week's games, the results varied. In the boys game Tuesday night with Megargel, we won by a score of 67-49. Leading scorers were Chance Propps with 18, Enrique Acevedo also had 18 and Tyler Collins had 17. The girls didn't play.

Then on Friday night in what must have been very exciting games (I didn't get to see them), the girls won by 2 points and the boys lost by 2. The girls score was Benjamin 64 and their guests, Chillicothe 62. Scoring were Nancy Siemens with 18, Shaylee Propps and Kaitlyn Kuehler had 11, Sadie Benson had 9, Cassie Lyles 7, Brittney Sheedy 4 and Jessica Moorhouse and Brittney Kuehler 2 each. They are now 11-4 for the season and 4-0 in district.

The boys score was C - 59, B - 57. Enrique scored 22, Tyler had 12, Chance and Matthew Cartwright had 10 each and Seth Kuehler had 3. They are now 15-2 for the season and 3-1 in district.

Also this week Enrique Acevedo was named to the six-man All-Big Country team. Ricky was OB, LB

and K for the Mustangs and had some very impressive numbers among them being 1116 yards, 140 carries and 17 TDs. He was also named to the All-District team as OB, K and LB. He is a senior and the son of Pancho and Emelia Acevedo.

Here 'N There - Larry Conner of Wolfforth visited his brother, Bud, during the weekend and accompanied Bud and I to Arlington Friday night where Bud sang on the Johnny High Music Show. Bud's daughter, Kim Moore and friend Steve Oliverez of Spur, also attended the show as did Charles and Joy Jones and Peggy and Walter Hertel of Munday. Other weekend guests of Bud were Buster Redwine of Abernathy and Jim Bob Conner of Slaton.

We have learned that James Coppedge, former Benjamin resident, is having some health problems. He is at M.D. Anderson undergoing treatment and had some pretty rough days the first of last week. If anyone would like, I'm sure James would appreciate a card from friends. His address is James Coppedge, 3550 Triple Bend Rd., College Station, TX 77845.

I congratulate our kids who participated in the county livestock show. All their names and how they placed last week were listed so I won't do it again but we are proud of all of you.

### Vernon College to hold Basic Car Care course

The Division of Workforce Education at Vernon College has scheduled a course this spring entitled Basic Car Care.

Are you ready to hit the road for a long road trip? Before you head out, a routine maintenance check on your vehicle should be done. Students will receive hands-on instruction on changing the oil, checking fluids, and many other under the hood necessities.

This course is scheduled to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3. The registration fee is \$15.00.

For further information or registration forms, contact the VC Continuing Education Office

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy extended to our family during this difficult time of losing our precious husband, Dad and Pa.

We appreciate all that Bro. Bobby and Sylvia have done. The service was so beautiful. It is such a blessing to have their family "back home" in KC.

The ladies at First Baptist Church did a great job and provided a delicious meal.

The visits, hugs, food, phone calls, lovely flowers and plants, cards and especially the prayers for Ed and our family mean so much to us.

Special thanks to my sister and her husband, James and Carol Duke from Throckmorton. Their love and support the past few weeks defined the true meaning of Christian love.

Cheryl Daniel

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## REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

**JANUARY 31, 2004**  
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PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES

### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 2004. However, if you became 65 in 2003, or will become 65 in 2004, you need to apply for the additional over 65-\$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with the Chief Appraiser between the dates of January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. Individuals who qualify for the over sixty-five additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without any penalty or interest. These installments are due before February 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1. If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

### AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agriculture use is not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004.

### DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

These exemptions need not be applied for annually. If you received your exemption on the 2003 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year of 2004. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2004 and May 1, 2004.

### RENDITIONS

Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 2004 and April 15, 2004.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, you are invited to write to the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Texas 79505 or call 459-3891. If Appraisal District employees can be of any assistance, please let us help.

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## Home loans for veterans reach all time high

(AUSTIN) Jerry Patterson, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), today announced more than \$684 million in VLB home loans went to Texas veterans in 2003. That's the most since the home loan program started in 1983, more than double the amount loaned in 2002 and triple that of 2001. The year 2000 saw the second greatest value of loans funded at \$658 million.

"I wish I could claim the credit, but I can't," Patterson said. "This success is no doubt due to the state of the economy, our low rates, and most importantly, the hard work of our Veterans Land Board staff. They are a dedicated bunch."

Another factor in the program's success was the raising of the maximum home loan amount from \$150,000, to the current limit of \$240,000.

"In the past, veterans had to blend our loans with loans from other sources if they wanted a home worth more than \$150,000," Patterson said, adding that veterans may even combine their loan from the VLB with loans from

other sources. "With our higher loan limits, we became more attractive to both veterans and lenders."

Also in 2003, the environmentally progressive VLB Greenbuilding Program saw a more than 400 percent increase in loans to veterans who build homes that are more energy efficient and have less impact on the environment. The program saw more than \$230 million worth of greenbuilding home loans funded by the VLB. The program promotes the use of energy- and water-saving materials and appliances in VLB-funded homes by offering discounted interest rates.

Patterson noted that all VLB loan programs, whether for homes, land or home improvements, are entirely self funding and don't use any tax revenues. The VLB is a state agency that is entirely separate from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

While the VLB's base interest rate on home loans is low compared to others, additional discounts make VLB loans extremely attractive.

For example:

- A VLB home loan with a term of 15 years or less earns an automatic 25 basis points discount.

- Veterans with service-connected disabilities of 10 percent or more get up to 50 basis points knocked off the VLB base rate.

- Texas veterans who agree to remain or become public school teachers, or whose spouses are currently public school teachers, can get a 50 basis points discount.

- Also, veterans who build or buy homes using VLB greenbuilding guidelines can get a discount of up to 30 basis points.

- The greenbuilding, teaching and disabilities discounts can be combined for a maximum discount of 75 basis points.

For more information on Texas Veterans Land Board home, land and home improvement loans, Texas State Veterans Homes, or Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387).

Veterans may also visit the Veterans Land Board Web site at [www.texasveterans.com](http://www.texasveterans.com).



GREYHOUND CARLOS RUIZ heads down court in last week's game with the Paducah Dragons. Other Hounds in photo are Dustin Johnson and Rick Gonzales.

(NEWS digital photo)



## Knox County Museum Annual Fund Raising Dinner

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## 2003 Tax filing season begins

DALLAS - Start early, take your time, and try e-filing. That's the advice of the Internal Revenue Service as another tax filing season gets underway.

Most Texas employers are working hard to meet a January 31 deadline of getting Forms W-2 "Wage and Tax Statement" to their employees. Some employers have already provided W-2 income information to their workforce.

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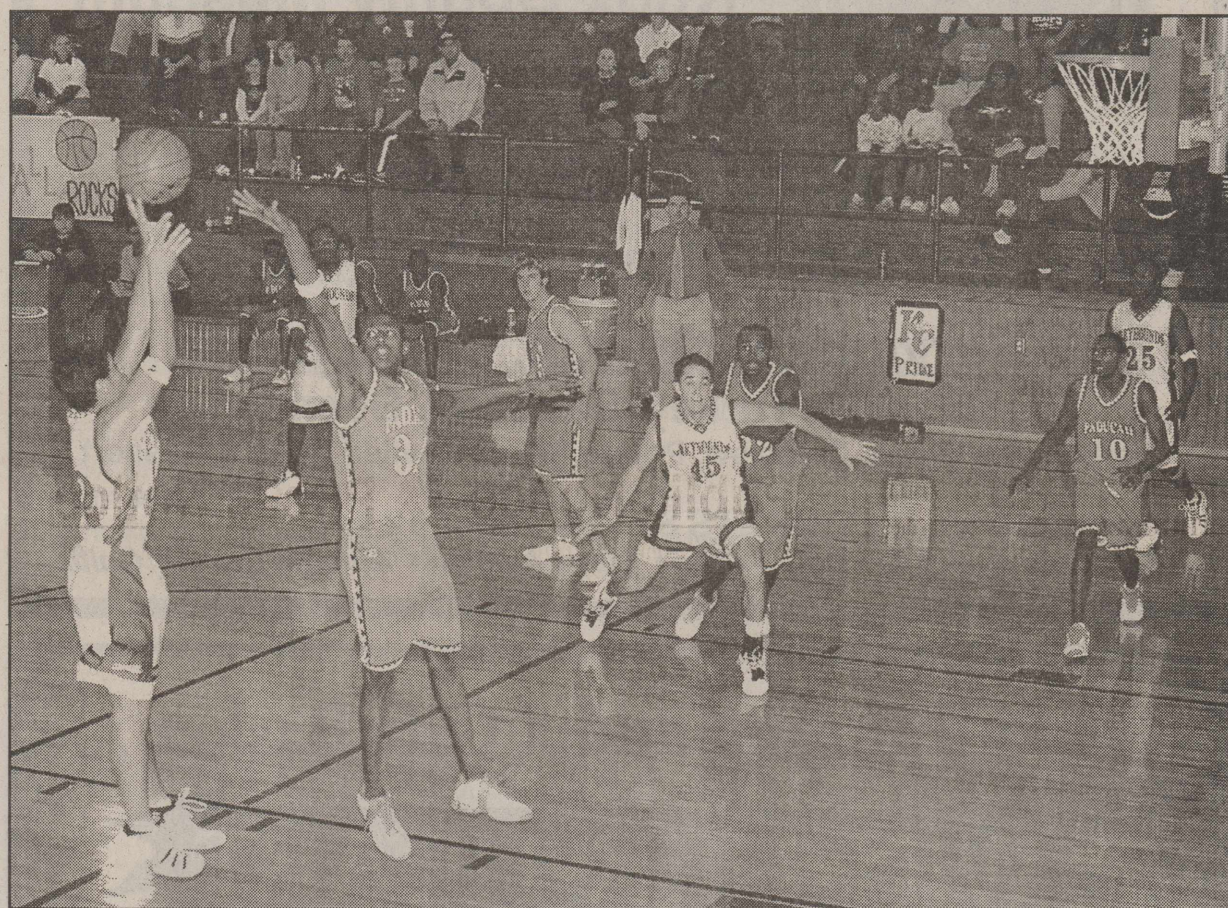
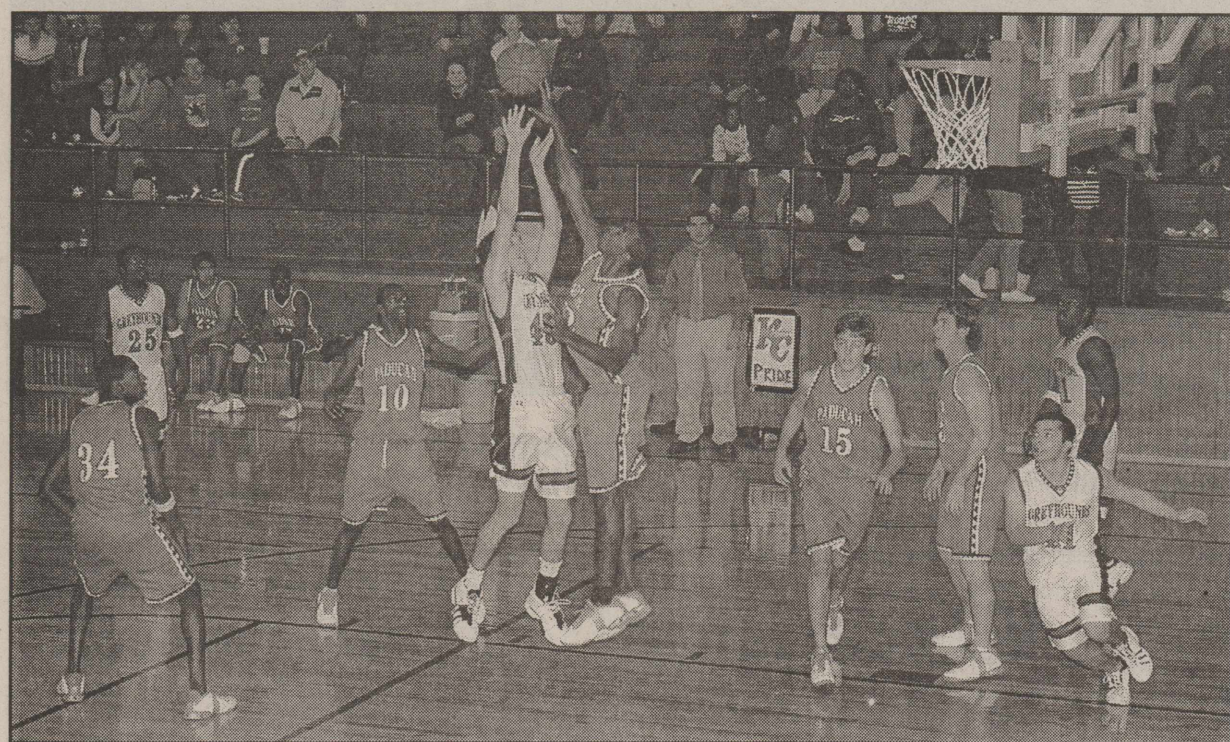
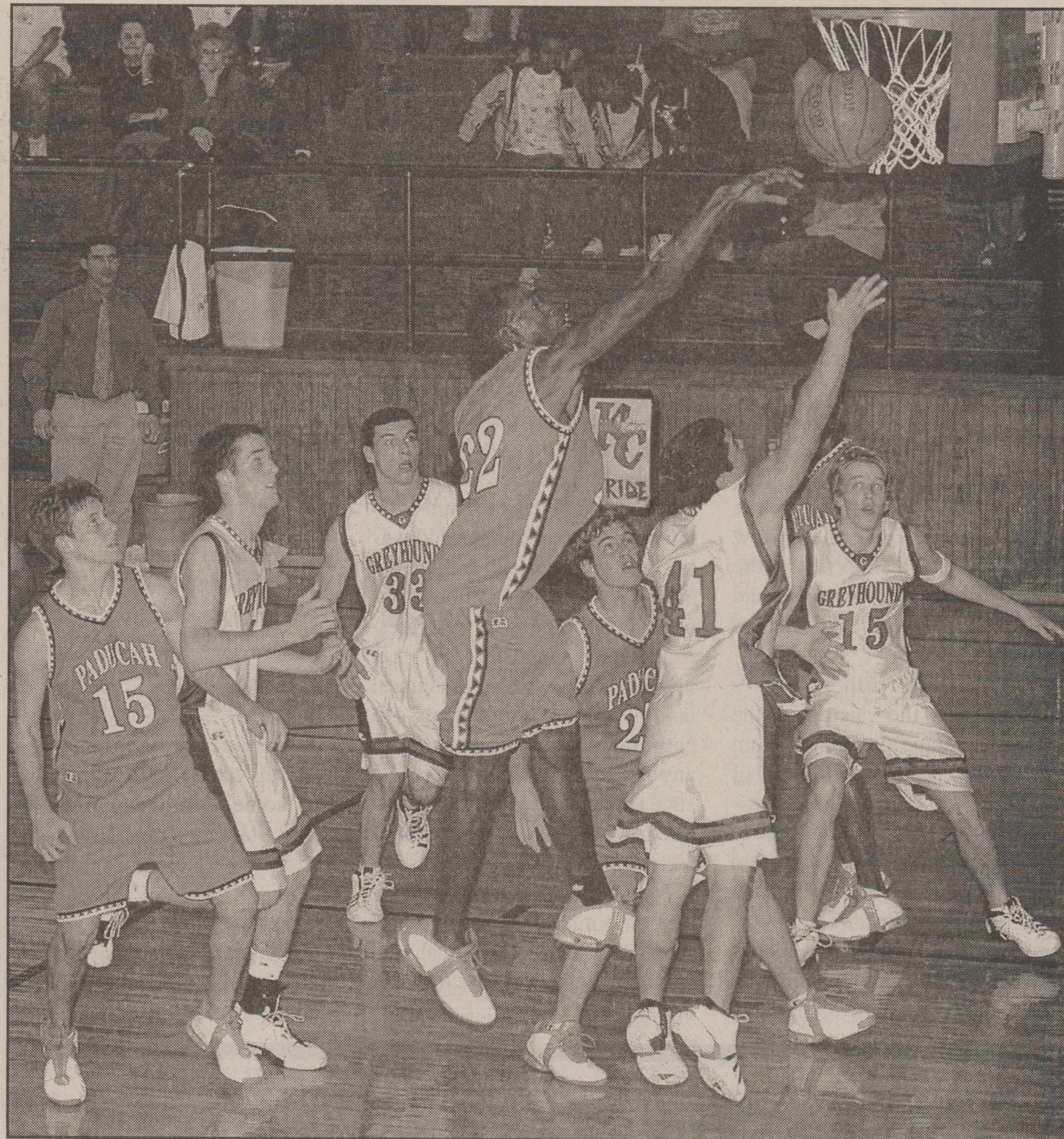
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**FOR SALE** - Nice two bedroom, one bath home for sale. Storm cellar, water well. 704 Aspen, 940-657-1064.  
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**'GETTING ALONG** usually brings more satisfaction than getting ahead. Get a pair of La-Z-Boy recliners for only \$499 during the January Clearance Sale at Kinney Furniture in Stamford.  
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## Windows course to begin Feb. 3 at Vernon College

Intermediate Computer Operating Systems: Windows will be offered during the spring semester by the Division of Workforce Education & Training at Vernon College. Doug Harmer will serve as instructor.

This course will cover such learner outcomes as troubleshooting simple input/output problems; access appropriate ports for peripheral devices; and using correct date formats. The course is scheduled to meet on Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning February 3 and ending February 24 for 12 hours of instruction. Registration fee will be \$35 plus a book.

Early registration is encouraged. Call the VC Office of Continuing Education for more information at (940) 552-6291, ext. 2209. This will take place in the Vernon College Applied Arts Building, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

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## Legal Notice

### CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: **GILBERT RODRIQUEZ**  
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.  
The accompanying petition was filed on the 19th day of January, 2004, in the indicated court of KNOX County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with his citation and accompanying petition. The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following children subject of the suit:

Name	Sex	DOB	SSN	Birthplace
KRISTINA RODRIQUEZ	F	03/21/1987	465-81-2628	WICHITA FALLS, TX
MYRISSIA LARA	F	04/11/1989	640-05-8136	SEYMOUR, TX

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

File Number: 0505148631  
Cause Number 8811  
Other parties to the action:

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
ROSA CASTILLO  
ROSE ANN LARA  
GILBERT RODRIQUEZ  
MARCAIL F LARA

ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 23rd day of January, 2004.

Alyce Bondurant, TX Bar No. 02590500  
Scott Alan Gordon, TX Bar No. 00793841  
Assistant Attorney General  
CHILD SUPPORT UNIT 0104E  
P O BOX 5067 813 8TH ST, 3RD FLR  
WICHITA FALLS TX 76307-9971  
Telephone No. (940) 322-2557  
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Attorney for Petitioner

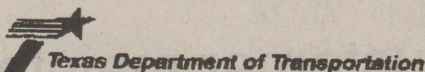
RONNIE VERHALEN, District Clerk  
KNOX County, Texas  
P O BOX 196  
BENJAMIN TX 79505

By: Annette Offutt, Deputy

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## Public Notice

Notice of opportunity to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502, on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services within Kent, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Jones and Fisher Counties. Financial assistance to continue this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation. Service will be for the general public and fares will be charged for this service. Written comments or a written request for a Public Hearing are being accepted at Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; Attn: Debra Rector. Deadline for request is January 30, 2004.  
1-22 tfc 115



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.  
Date: February 13, 2004  
Place: Knox County Courthouse, 100 West Cedar in Benjamin  
Time: 6:30 p.m. (presentation and public comment)  
Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.  
Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.  
For more information on the public hearing contact: Barbara Seal, 940-937-7145.  
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## Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**  
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress  
Contract 0925-17-008 for CROSS-WALKS-IN-PAVEMENT LIGHTING IN KNOX County, etc. will be opened on February 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 12055

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Childress District  
District Engineer  
7599 US 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705  
Phone: 940-937-2571  
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.  
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## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED** - Full time maintenance man needed. Must have a valid DL. Will be required to get a Class D Water/Wastewater License with in one year of employment with the City. Basic knowledge of water and wastewater lines is a plus. If you have any questions you may call Shawnda Moore at Goree City Hall at 940-422-5306.  
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## Political Calendar

The following have authorized *The Knox County News* to announce their candidacy for public office.

50th Judicial District Judge  
PAUL SCOTT - D  
WILLIAM H. (BILL) HEATLY - D

Knox County Judge  
JULES RIZAN - D  
JOE LOWE - D  
DWAYNE BEARDEN - D  
DAVID KUEHLER - D  
TRAVIS FLOYD - R  
MITZI (HAM) WELCH - D

Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector  
KAY SHEEDY - D  
LINDA PARKER - D  
BUD HOGAN - R

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress  
Contract 6111-15-001 for THERMO-PLASTIC STRIPING AND RPM INSTALL/REMOVE IN CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on FEBRUARY 26, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$247,071.61.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 11987

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## Legal Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE** - THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - (CRIMINAL TRESPASS SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME.  
GENE W. WILLINGHAM  
A.B. WHARTON 52

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MIKE SHEEDY  
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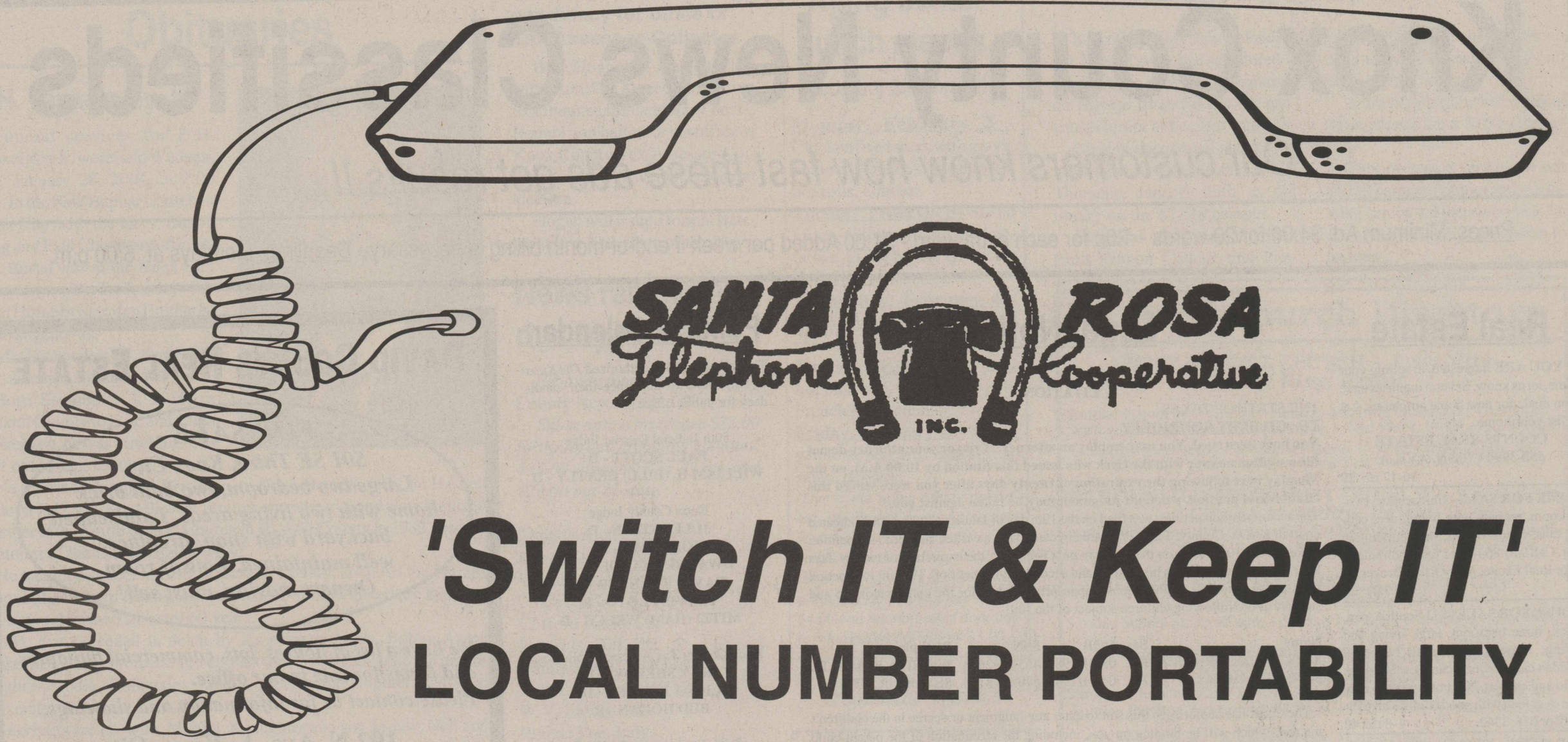
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