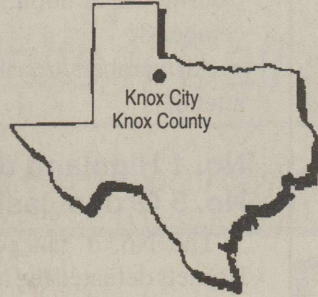


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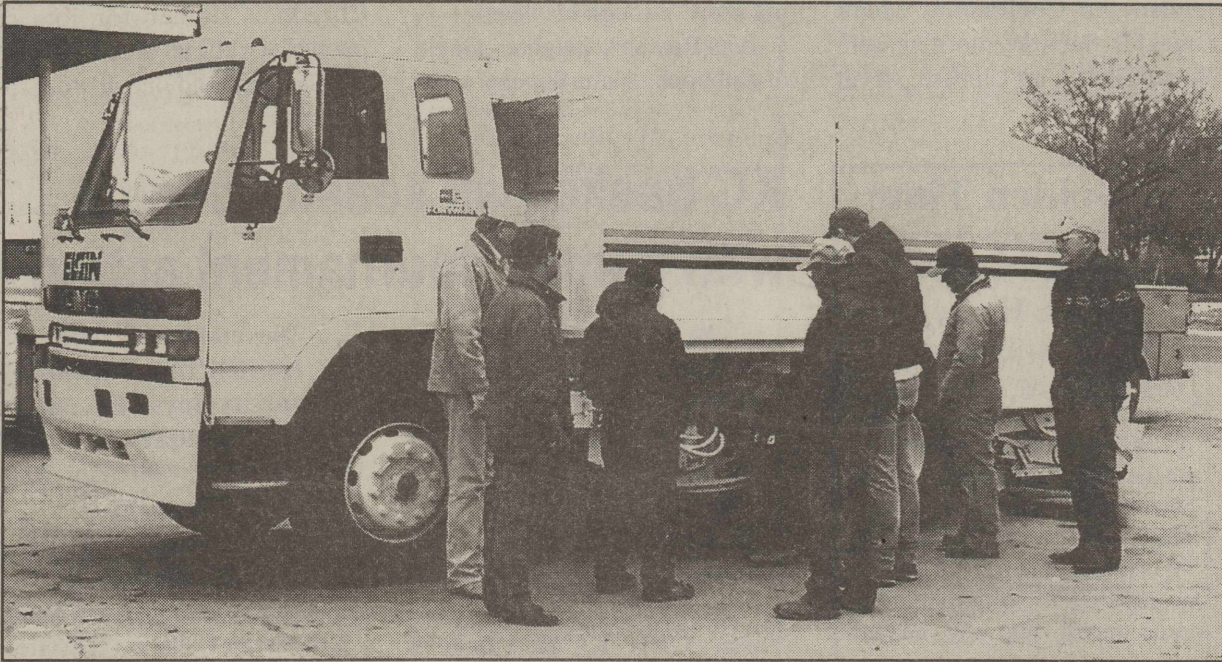
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City purchases streetsweeping truck



CITY WORKERS received instruction on their latest piece of equipment Tuesday afternoon when STM Equipment Company of Arlington delivered a used, reconditioned 1992 model GMC streetsweeper truck to the City of Knoxville. Shown in the above photo, (from left to right) City Councilman Charles Lankford, City Manager Mike Burkham, city employees Jimmy Trevino, Wesley Espinosa, Adam Campbell, Mark McGaughey and EDC 4B Board President Bill Baker look on as Jason Thompson from Arlington explains the truck's operation. According to City Manager Mike Burkham, the truck's purchase was a cooperative effort between the City and the 4B Board of the Economic Development Corporation. Burkham was also pleased that the purchase of this used piece of equipment saved the city over \$100,000 compared to what a new streetsweeper would have cost. (NEWS digital photo)

Santa arrives at KC Christmas Parade on motorized 'scooter' for yearly visit



ARRIVING IN KNOX CITY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, SANTA CLAUS entertained the crowd on hand for the Christmas Parade when he wheeled up and down the downtown area on a motorized two wheeled 'scooter'. Handing out goodies for the kids, Santa appeared to be enjoying the cold weather that kept everyone else bundled up against a cold wind and low temperatures. Sponsored by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, the parade drew an enthused crowd that was thinned somewhat by two ongoing basketball tournaments that took a lot of people out of town. (NEWS digital photo)



SHOWING WHAT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS REALLY ALL ABOUT, Chamber of Commerce Director John Livingston is shown here during last Saturday's Christmas Parade as he drives the Chamber's 'Watermelon Express' while his young passengers enjoy being a part of the holiday festivities. The 'Watermelon Express' is a chamber promotion normally used every year at the Knoxville Watermelon Festival in the City Park. Saturday's passengers on the 'express' appeared to be enjoying themselves despite the cold temperatures. (NEWS digital photo)

Child Welfare angel tree project underway at Art Stall, community generosity needed

The Knoxville Child Welfare tree is up and ready to go in the window of the Art Stall and Frame Shop.

Romain Stubbs and her 'crew' have graciously accepted the tree in their store window this year.

A new procedure for distributing gifts is beginning this year. To make sure each child is remembered, angels will be put on the tree with a child's physical information and the child's request for gifts they would like to receive.

Those wishing to buy for these children are asked to go by the Art Stall, pick an angel from the tree and record this information on the records. Each angel lists the Christmas wishes and include baby dolls, Gameboys, clothing, watches, hats, cars, gloves, and more requests.

After purchasing these items, the buyer should return their gifts to the Art Stall and put under the tree with the angel. These special wishes should be completed by Wednesday, December 13.

In addition to those participating in the angel program, monetary gifts are always accepted. Traditional toy donations will also be accepted and appreciated, according to Peggy Guinn of the Child Welfare Board.

American Cancer Society's 2001 golf pass on sale

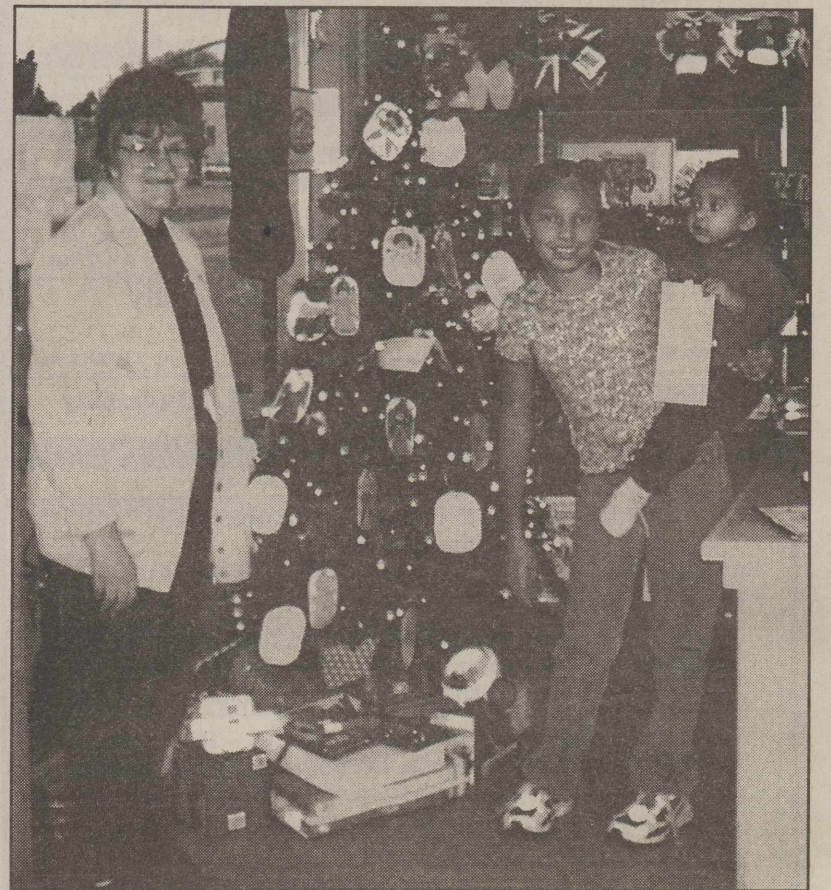
Trying to find something for that special person who has everything? Want to help out a good cause while you're sharing the holiday spirit with friends and family? Then why not give the American Cancer Society's 2001 Texas Golf Pass!

Available now, the new Texas Golf Pass offers free green fees at 289 participating courses throughout Texas. Courses in the Knoxville City area included Knoxville Country Club, Hamlin Country Club, Stamford Golf and Country Club, Haskell Country Club, Aspermont City Golf Course, and the Munday Lake Creek Golf Club. In addition to these fine courses, there are also many more participating locations throughout the great state of Texas.

The 2001 Texas Golf Pass in only a contribution of \$35 and will benefit the cancer research, education and patient services programs of the American Cancer Society. So, not only is the Texas golf Pass a good gift, but it's a good investment in the fight against cancer.

For more info or to order the 2001 Texas Golf Pass, contact a local ACS representative or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.



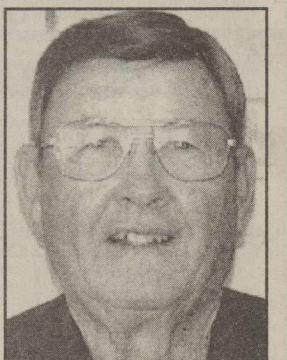
THE ANGEL TREE benefitting the Knoxville Child Welfare is now on display in the front window of the Art Stall and Frame Shop. A new procedure is being implemented this year by the Board. Each number corresponds to a needy child's wishes. Those wishing to buy for these children are asked to select an angel like those shown in the photo below, fill the wish list and then return it to the Art Stall by Wednesday, December 13. Shown in the photo above are Duckwall's manager Julia Hardin along with Kristopher Stafford being held by his sister Kursten. Kristopher won the 'Cutest Kid Contest' held recently at Duckwall's. The monies collected from the contest was presented to the Child Welfare Board for their Christmas project. Monday, they presented their proceeds to the angel tree. Kristopher and Kursten are the children of Kim and James Stafford. (NEWS digital photos)



VA links agent orange and diabetes for Vietnam Veterans

By John Gillispie,
Knox County Veterans Service Officer

Vietnam veterans with Type II Diabetes will now be eligible for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on their presumed exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides. It will, however, take several months to write the rules before Vietnam veterans with Diabetes can begin receiving disability compensation. They can however, enroll in VA's.....



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

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Sunday School at 9:45 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.

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Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin
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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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Noah Project - North to meet Friday in Haskell

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse at noon, Friday, December 8.

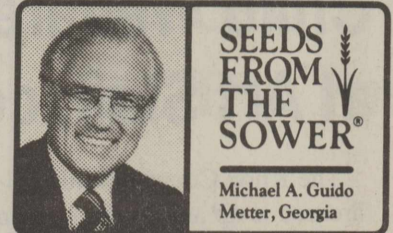
All members are asked to please attend.

No. 1 Highland defeats No. 5 Groom last Friday

The No. 1 ranked Highland Hornets defeated the No. 5 ranked Groom Tigers 34-6 in a six-man quarterfinal football game last Friday night in Slaton.

Highland (13-0) advances to the semi-final game against Whitharral (12-1).

Coach Larry Reid's Groom Tigers season ends at 12-1.



Last week I visited a dentist. As I sat in his chair, he said, "Open your mouth wide." To keep my mind off the pain, I thought on the Psalms.

In the days of the Psalmist, when a king wanted to favor a visitor, he'd say, "Open your mouth wide." Then he'd fill it with sweets or gems.

The King of kings, whose love is limitless, whose might is measureless, whose funds are fathomless, says in the Psalms, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

What an invitation to prayer, and prayer is just as natural and simple as opening your mouth.

When you open it wide in faith, the Lord will fill to the full all your needs.

Open your mouth wide, won't you?

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"While I was working for a photofinishing company, we received a reprint order for an old black-and-white photograph of a man milking a cow. The man was sitting behind the cow, and all that was visible of him were his legs and feet. A note accompanying the order read: "This is the only picture I have of my great grandfather. Please move the cow so I can see what he looked like."

Here and There - Orval and Helen Manning spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with their son Royce and wife Peggy Manning. They enjoyed a good meal and visiting.

Rose Marie Johnston and son Jimmy Johnston enjoyed a good Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister, Shirley and husband and two daughters of Bowie.

Members from our church attended the Community Men's Breakfast Saturday morning were Steve Ellis, John Lippard, Orval

Manning, Mutt Ivie, Bro. Trice and Jimmy Johnston. The new Methodist pastor brought the devotional. They all enjoyed a good breakfast.

Cliff Banner of Hawley came by Saturday and spent some time with his mom, Billie Walker and of course enjoyed a good meal.

Claudale and Jean Barnard were in Lubbock for doctors appointments. While there, they visited with Iris Hughes. She seems to be improving real good.

Donnie and Diane Roberts, Charlene Brothers, John Lippard and C.H. Underwood were in McAdoo Sunday to hear a preacher for our church. They all seemed to have really enjoyed his preaching and hearing his wife sing a special and talking with him about his preaching and teaching down through his years.

Ivan Rowan's daughter, Gayle of Lubbock, spent Sunday night

visiting with Ivan and Delma and Keith, Jane, Kiel and Katie. Today (Monday) she was to take Ivan for a doctors appointment in Wichita Falls.

Aderle and Doris Herring of Junction spent a few days with Adelle Herring and also visited with Ranzy in the care home at Knox City. Charlene Brothers also visited with them.

O'Brien Baptist Church will have their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner next Sunday. We're hoping all of our members who haven't been here in O'Brien Church in a long time would come to meet with our regulars and enjoy a wonderful dinner. The good Lord knows what's in everyone's heart and let's all be in prayer for one another and enjoy a good Christmas. This may be the last Christmas dinner for lots of people, so let's all attend and enjoy the meal and one another.

A Golden Time

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A USC researcher is working with a gene that he says can transform other body cells into muscle cells. The gene has possible implications for heart attack victims. The gene might be able to change some dead heart muscle into new healthy muscle.

A survey reported in the ElderLaw Report says a third of law schools are now offering courses on law and aging. About 30 schools have added aging programs in the past five years.

KC basketball season begins with games, tournament action

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| <p>November 28, 2000
Knox City vs. Anson
JV Boys - KC 38, Anson 27
Ruiz 6, Bishop 4, Johnson 2, G. Roberson 14, S. Duncan 10, Caleb Carver - 2.
JV Girls - KC 9, Anson 32
DelValle 2, S. Lankford 2, Eaton 3, Chambers 2.
Varsity Girls - KC 44, Anson 78
Quintana 2, Vacek 3, Lankford 2, Garcia 17, Miranda 7, Jobe 2, Gonzales 11.
Varsity Boys - KC 32, Anson 55
Ruiz 3, Burkham 2, Grimsley 4, Rocha 14, K. Green 8, Caleb Carver 1.</p> | <p>November 30, 2000
Haskell Tournament
Varsity Boys - KC 36, Munday 44
Hernandez 8, Grimsley 7, E. Rocha 5, K. Green 16.
December 2, Haskell Tourney
KC 26, Haskell 26
Hernandez 2, Grimsley 1, Rocha 15, K. Green 4, Walton 2, E. Green 2.
KC 31, Stamford 47
Hernandez 9, Grimsley 2, Rocha 6, K. Green 9, Speck 5.</p> |
| <p>December 1, 2000
Varsity Girls
KC 29, Notre Dame 55
Roberts 8, Vacek 3, Miranda 2, Jobe 2, Gonzales 14.</p> | <p>Nov. 30 and Dec. 2, 2000
Goree Tourney - JV Teams
Girls - Crowell 59, KC JV 19
Villa 9, Davis 3, Gutierrez 7.
KC JV 43, Harrold 24
DelValle 6, Eaton 8, Simmons 2, Chambers 14, Davis 9, Gutierrez 4.
Girls Consolation
Seymour JV 43, KC JV 24
Simmons 2, Chambers 12, Davis 3, Gutierrez 7.
Boys - Crowell 45, KC JV 22
Burkham 3, Weiershausen 6, Espinosa 11, Duncan 2.
KCJV 64, Harrold 26
Bishop 2, Burkham 15, Weiershausen 11, W. Espinosa 6, Duncan 18, Miranda 5, B. Espinosa 5.
Boys Consolation
Haskell JV 50, KC JV 45
Burkham 9, Weiershausen 21, W. Espinosa 7, Duncan 8.
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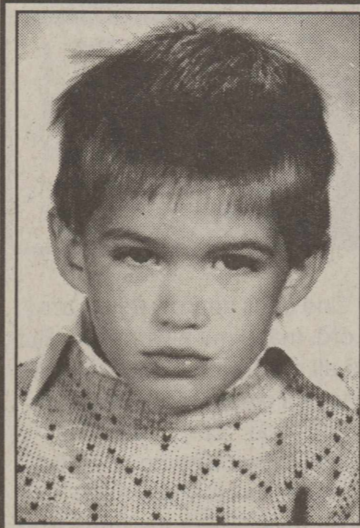
More photos from Saturday's Christmas Parade



"The Cookies are coming".....Knox City Girl Scout float



O'Brien Mid-School Cheerleaders, KCHS Mascot ride KCVFD truck



Guess who turned 17 on December 6!

Happy Birthday! From 'Princess'

We are so thankful for the kindness and love shown us at the loss of our loved one. Thanks to the First Baptist Church for the delicious food that was prepared for us. Our heartfelt thanks to the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department for the flowers and the Fire Engine escort (Chock would have loved that!) We love you, Rob, for the comforting words. We are so grateful to the wonderful friends for the calls, cards, visits and food that was brought to our home. A special thanks to Smith Funeral Home for their love and compassion.

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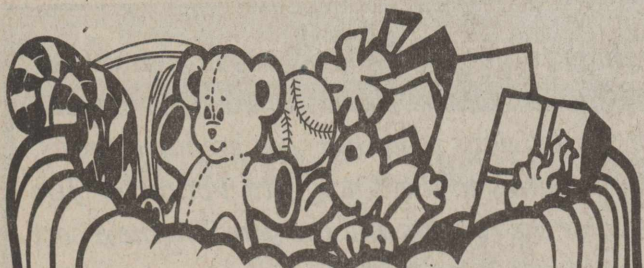
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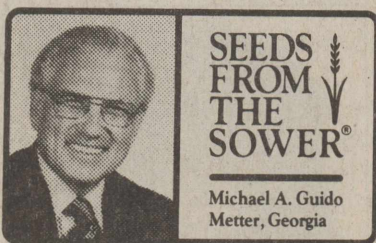
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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

One day I heard a fellow pray, "Lord, make me a Christian. But it's all right with me if You'd like to take Your time about it."

But you can't become a Christian by delaying or drifting. It takes more than that. The Bible says, "Seek the Lord, and His strength."

To "seek the Lord" is desire plus determination. That which makes the difference between the saved and the lost, the strong and the weak, is determination.

In seeking the Lord, you'll find His strength - strength to become a Christian and to behave like a Christian.

Seek the Lord, and He'll make your week days strong, and your holidays happily wholesome.

You'll seek Him, won't you?



Aging center lunch menus

December 11th thru 15th

Monday, December 11 - Oven fried chicken with gravy, buttered potatoes, fried okra, green salad, biscuits, pudding.

Tuesday, December 12 - Spaghetti with beef sauce, cole slaw, whole kernel corn, garlic toast, cake.

Wednesday, December 13 - German sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, cookies.

Thursday, December 14 - Pineapple glazed ham, Christmas green beans, sweet potatoes, salad, hot rolls, pumpkin cake.

Friday, December 15 - Bar-b-que on a bun, potato wedges, ranch beans, cobbler.

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

Around town

Activities of proactive citizens for the benefit of everyone

By **MIKE BURKHAM**
City Manager

Activities for the City are picking up steam as we lead into the Christmas season. Our tree trimming project is progressing nicely and I believe that we are all beginning to see the benefits that are created by opening up the intersections and drives for improved visibility. To date the maintenance men for the City have cut and chipped more than 40 truck loads of brush and tree limbs. Numerous individuals have taken it upon themselves to clean their own lots and homesites which has dramatically aided us in this effort and we thank you sincerely for any and all help that anyone can provide. It is amazing to see what growth had accumulated across town in the past several years and how much effort goes into trimming and shaping the trees in a way that will keep our lawns attractive. This is a time consuming process that these men are dedicated to completing.

This week we welcome the arrival of the street sweeper that will be used on all of the paved residential streets of Knox City. Street sweeping is one simple way to have a dramatic effect on the

overall appearance of the town. The ability to remove the fall debris of our shedding trees will have a twofold effect. First, it will keep the drainage areas clear to keep us from being subjected to the stagnant pools of water that take on a life of their own with the aroma of rotting vegetation.

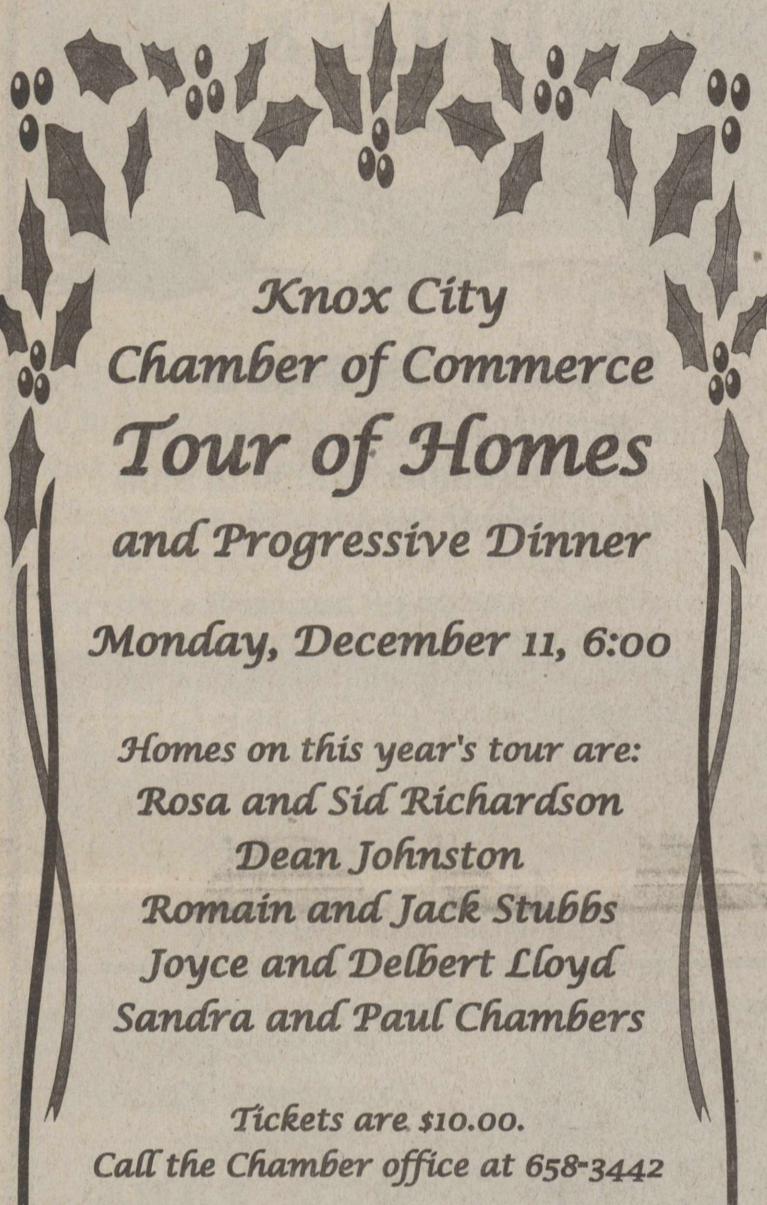
Next, it will prevent this vegetation from composting over the pavement and allowing grass and weeds the opportunity to establish themselves in our roadways. The use of this one piece of equipment will help us to salvage the streets that are still in good order as well as help us to rehabilitate the streets that have deteriorated from neglect. This is phase two of our community project. Once the streets are cleared of vegetation and trees and the sweeper is able to remove the dirt and debris we will have a better understanding of what will be needed to restore our streets to the condition that they were originally constructed.

Proposed projects to follow include replacing some of the deteriorated water lines throughout the City and complete patching and resurfacing of all of the residential streets from one end of town to the other.

Ultimately the goal of the city council is to pave the entire town, including some streets that have never had any asphalt surface since the start. These are lofty goals, but they are goals that are attainable with the help and cooperation of individuals here at home and with other agencies across the State. As much as we wish for and need some equipment, they will remain long range goals because we currently do not have the financial resources to fulfill our needs.

Our commitment is to find every resource possible that will make our goals a reality. We are making every effort to make your tax dollars stretch as far as possible. Fiscal responsibility and creating substantial gains on our problem areas becomes our greatest task.

The employees of the City of Knox City are dedicating time, resources, and expertise in many different areas with one goal in mind. We want Knox City to be a place that we can all be proud of because of its good people and natural beauty. In this process we are also trying to make Knox City recognized as the most resourceful place in West Texas with people to prove it.



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Monday, December 11, 6:00

Homes on this year's tour are:
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The kids are depending on you !!

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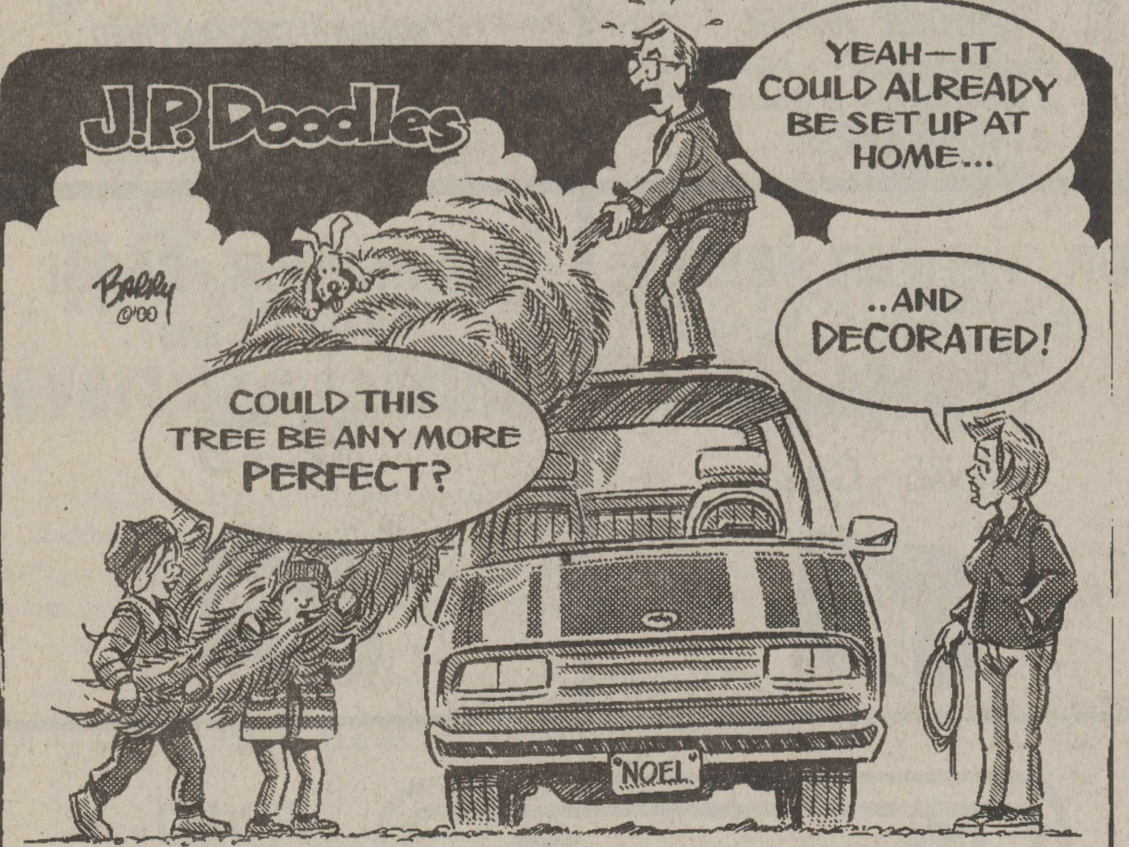
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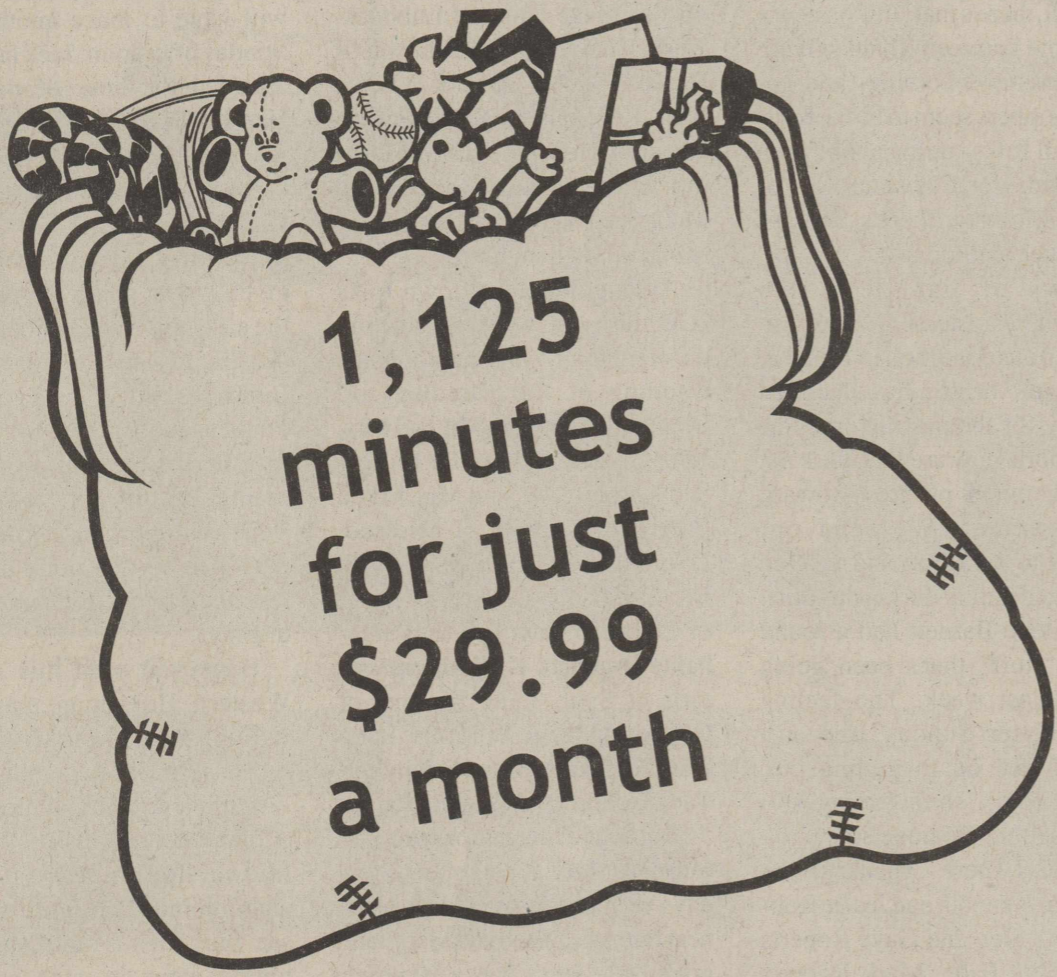
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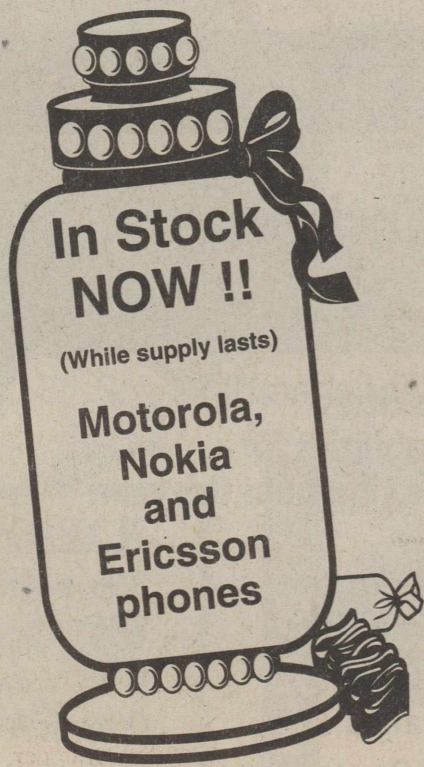
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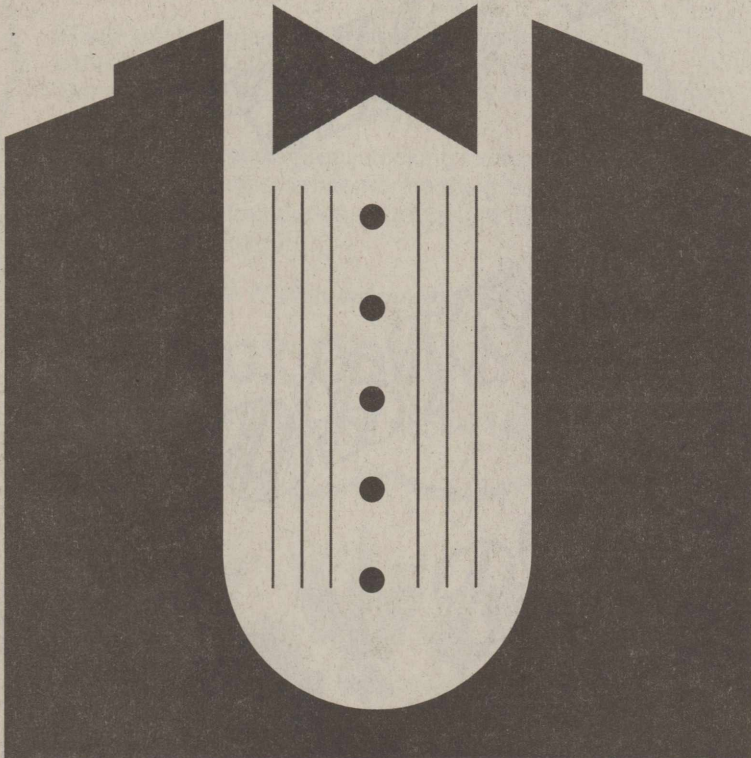
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Health Care System immediately and begin receiving the care they need. Diabetes mellitus is characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to process the hormone insulin. More than 90% of the 16 million diabetics in the United States are categorized as Type II which occurs primarily in adults. Obviously, the VA already grants service connection for Diabetes when the diabetes developed during or was otherwise related to military service. In other words, diabetes has always been available for service connection based on "direct service connection". This new law is entirely geared towards those who are not eligible for service connection of diabetes on a direct basis, but did serve "in-country", and developed Type II Diabetes at some post service point.

From the best information I have at this point, the veterans who will be affected by this added presumptive condition are as follows: Honorably discharged veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period January 9, 1962 through May 7, 1965 and have Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus. You must have physically served or visited in the Republic of Vietnam including service in the waters off shore if the conditions of service involved duty or visitation in Vietnam. This means the ship must have come to port in the Republic of Vietnam and you disembarked. This does not include veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period February 28, 1961 to January 9, 1962.

As it will be several months before final regulations are in place in regard to processing of claims, effective dates, etc., I would strongly suggest that veterans who wish to file a claim go ahead and do so at their earliest convenience.

I would also encourage widows of deceased veterans (who potentially had eligibility) to file for service connected death benefits if the veteran served in-country and died of diabetes or diabetes contributed to or hastened the veteran's death.

Please feel free to contact me at 658-3487.

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Well, there's that "lull" in news. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas comings and going. Shoppers seem to be the busiest of all folks "doing about" getting ready for Christmas. As of today, Monday, there's 21 days left to get it all done.

News of our ill - Dub Cartwright's sister, LaVerne, is in very serious condition in Abilene. LaVerne's health has declined steadily for the past few months and reports now are that she's not making much progress toward improvement. We send our prayers to LaVerne and to Dub and Jo and family during this time.

Omitene Barnett had a round of this "stuff" that's been going around last week. Tho feeling some better Sunday, she still doesn't feel up to getting out. Maybe today she's feeling still much better. We hope so.

Here 'N There - Thanksgiving guests of Kenneth and Jessie Roberts were Ken and Gaye Roberts of Wichita Falls, Mark Roberts and a friend of Jan of Nacog-

doches, Zeke Duke of Lubbock, Trish, Tim and Tyler Johnson of Haskell, Rachel Duke of Wichita Falls, Rebekah, Paige and Payton Boone of Trent and Pam and Dennis Duke, Nancy and Fred McGreger, Bea Parks and Lucy Ming, all of Benjamin.

Among the out of town folks here this past weekend visiting different family and attending the wedding of Ray Bradley and Blaine Conner were Mr. and Mrs. John Broach and family of near San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Broach and family of Midland, Lois Holt of Lubbock, Edith Broach of Lubbock, Steve Conner of Colorado City, Bob and Stephanie Brannan, Kim Moore and girls of Spur, Jodie Kimmel of DeLeon, Jr. and Virginia Barrantez of Stamford and Bobby and Tacy Condron of Wichita Falls.

Dutch and Imagean Young and Jack and Mary Young spent a few days recently at their deer lease near Putnam. Dutch and Mary Jane got a deer. Her's was a 10 point, his a 7. Guess Jack and Imagean

will have to make another trip! Sunday afternoon, Jack and Mary attended the hour of homes in Haskell. Mary Jane said they saw several beautifully decorated homes and put them in more of a Christmas mood.

Saturday, Benjamin folks were given a treat when old photos of the early town and residents were on display in the Moorhouse Building south of the courthouse. I didn't get over there but am told that there were many very interesting picture of yesteryear. Wallace Moorhouse's daughter, Ann (I'm sorry I don't have her last name) was in charge of the display.

Have you seen this month's Western Horseman magazine? Look on Page 39 and see for yourself our 2000 Homecoming Queen - Aldine Ward. Mrs. Ware, former Aldine Melton, resides now on Midway Ranch between Pueblo and Colorado Springs. It's good to see our friends and our small town's name in such a widely known publication!!

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dreaming of a White Christmas?

Although the chances are slim to none for waking up anywhere in Texas on Christmas morning with at least an inch of snow on the ground, a few Texas cities can keep a white Christmas on their wish list.

Texas cities' probabilities for a white Christmas this year:

Abilene	3%
Amarillo	7%
Austin	0%
Dallas	0%
El Paso	0%
Galveston	0%
Houston	0%
Lubbock	3%
Wichita Falls	3%

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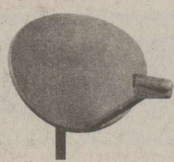
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Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comment within 10 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, Comptroller of the Currency, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the licensing manager.

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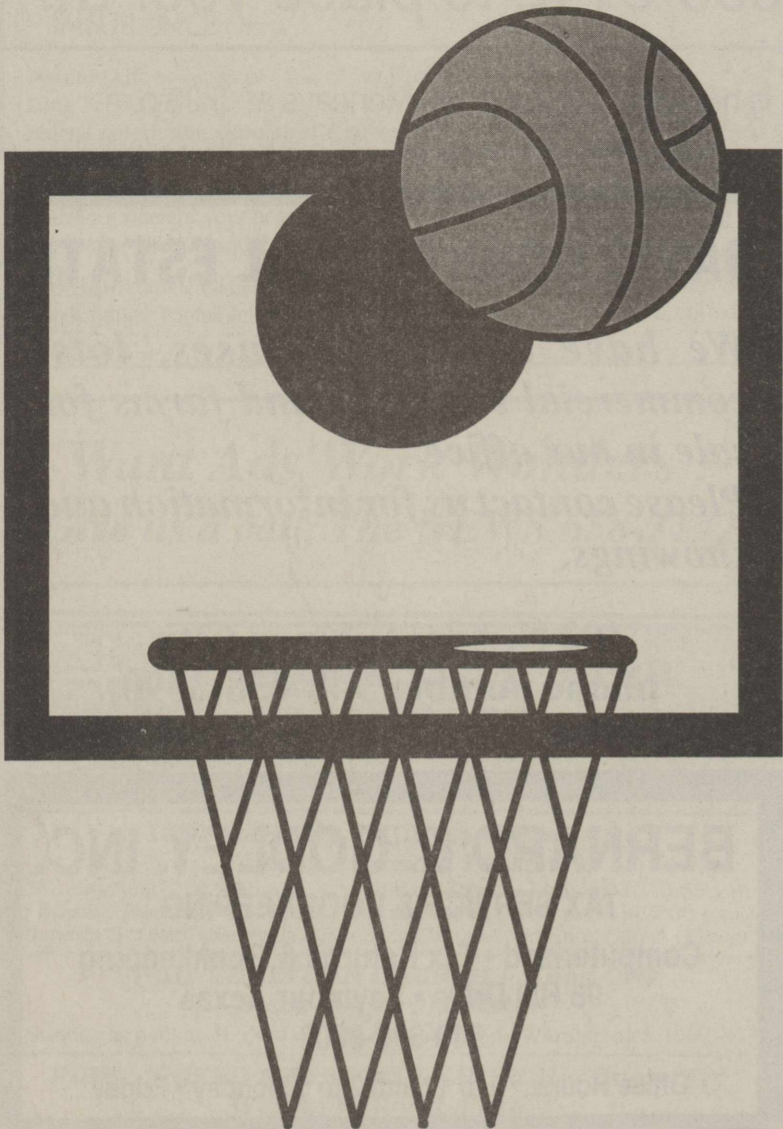
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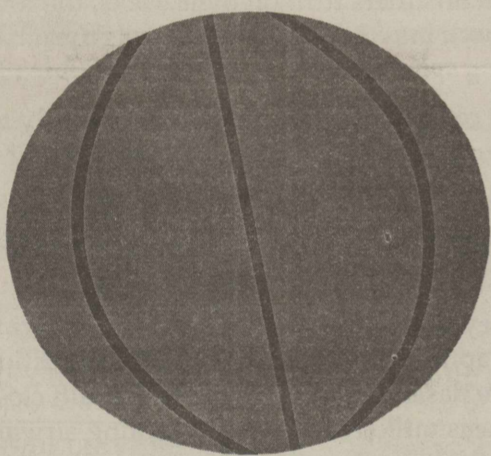
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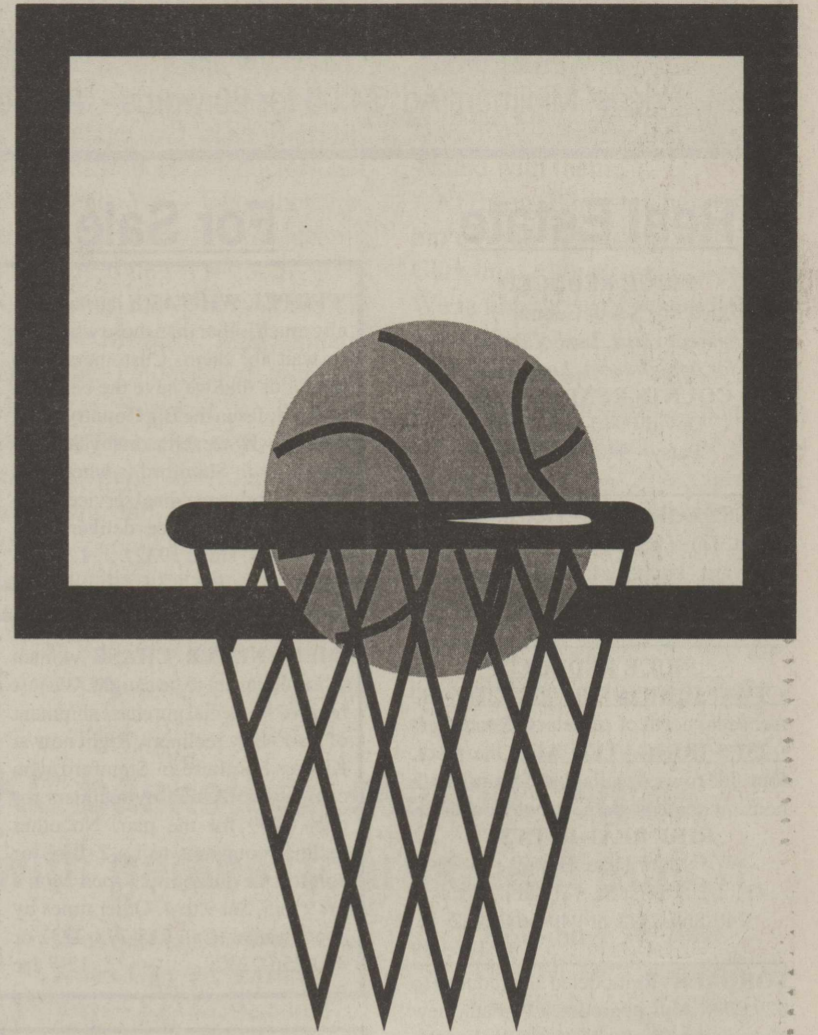
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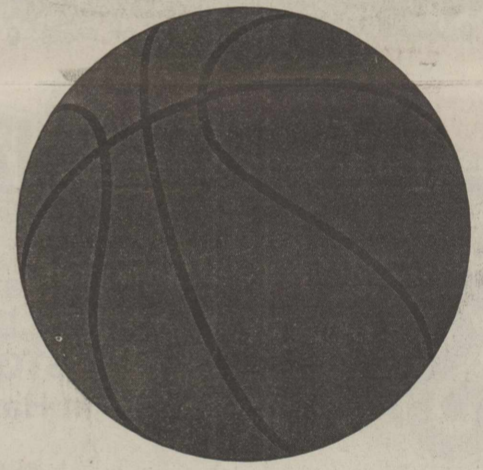
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