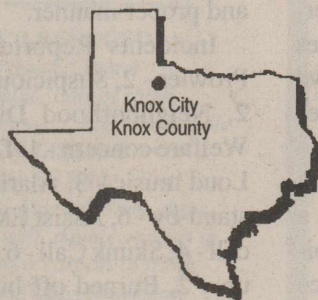


Greyhound baseball, Hound and Houndette track both this week at Seymour

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Incumbents file for return to school board

As of Monday afternoon, the three incumbents to the Knox City-O'Brien CISD board had filed for the Saturday, May 5, election.

Incumbents Todd Lewis, Raul Espinosa and Dale Turner have filed to return to their positions on the board.

In the city election, the terms of Mayor Tommie (Bud) Reynolds and council seats of David Chapman and Domingo Garcia are expiring. According to city manager Mike Burkham, no one had filed for these seats.

In the Knox County Hospital board election, the term of Clint Jones will expire. Jones was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Greg Clonts who resigned. No one had filed as of Monday.

Filing deadline for these elections is Wednesday, March 21.

Students travel to City View for practice meet

The Knox City and O'Brien math and science teams traveled to Wichita Falls on Saturday, March 3, to participate in the TMSCA City View Mustang meet.

Students from about 15 schools up to Class 4A competed against one another in science, calculator, number sense and mathematics.

KCHS competitors Ariana Gomez, Cody Brockett, Russell Bishop and Salvador Silva were tuning up for the district UIL meet.

O'Brien mid-schoolers Emily Lewis, Micah Lierly, Meagan Schur, Sandra Silva, Nikki Moss, Grant Lewis, Tomas Myers, Tanisha Patel, Jessica Albus, C.J. Bruce, Will Burkham, Eric Lewis, Drew Barnard, Ricky Dale Smith, Jimmy Albus, Josh Hunt, Erica Nevarez, Kaylie Billington and Dimple Patel were excited to compete with so many talented individuals.

Coaches Zane Laws and Jonathan Graves were happy to have so many interested students who were willing to take math and science teams on a Saturday!

The team wishes to thank administrators John Livingston, Mack Lowe and Louis Baty for allowing the teams to attend the meets. They all look forward to more contests in the spring and fall.

Noah project - North to meet Friday at noon

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will meet in the Haskell County Courthouse jury room on Friday, March 9, at noon.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Munday-Rochester-Stamford held Open House last Thursday at the Rochester branch. Greeting customers and getting acquainted during the day were from left, Gay Yost, bank president Bob McWhorter, Linda Reddell and Doris Carroll of the Munday branch. (NEWS digital photo)



FIRST NATIONAL BANK welcomed customers to Thursday's Open House at the Rochester location. (NEWS digital photo)

KC Circle Club to meet Tuesday at 7:00

The KC Circle Club will meet Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knox County Aging Center, 601 North Avenue E.

The program will be "Have you herb?", presented by master gardener Reba Morrill of Benjamin.

Members are reminded of the meeting and guests are welcome.

NEWS Deadline
Monday at 4:00 P.M.
Thanks in advance !!

Pecan seminar set for Monday in Weinert, CEU hours offered

Sponsored by Haskell & Knox Co. Horticulture committees

The Haskell and Knox County Horticulture Committees will be sponsoring a pecan seminar on Monday, March 12, at the old school building in Weinert beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Speakers for the meeting will be Scott Landgraf, pecan specialist with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Emory Boring III, extension entomologist from Vernon.

Topics covered will be general maintenance and care, grafting, handling pest problems, spraying, regimens and new varieties.

For those who are interested in pecans or would like to inquire more about the topic are invited to attend.

Two (2) CEU hours for private pesticide applicators will be offered at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served by the Crooked River Master Gardener Association of Haskell.

For more information contact Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent at (940) 864-2658 or Jane Rowan, Knox County Extension Agent at (940) 454-2651.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2658 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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KC's Hounds, Houndettes win at Haskell track meet

Knox City's Hounds and Houndettes traveled to Haskell Saturday to participate in the Indian Relays.

Houndette senior Audrey Lankford was first in the 400 meter run with Houndette junior Crystal Espinosa finishing fifth in the shot put and sixth in the discus.

Varsity Hounds winning were senior Matthew Lowe, first in the shot put, sixth in discus; senior Jeffery Hernandez, first 1600 meter run, second pole vault and third 800 meter dash.

Sophomore Kendrick Green was second in the 400 meter run and junior Will Grimsley took third in the 110 meter high hurdles and fourth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

The JV Hounds had sophomore Jose Miranda, first in pole vault; junior Casey Carver, second in discus and sixth in shot put; sophomore Sean Duncan, first in the 3200 meter run and second in the 1600 meter run; and freshman Brandon Espinosa, sixth in discus.

WTU files request to recover uncollected fuel costs with PUC

AUSTIN - American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities (WTU) subsidiary has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for permission to recover in customer bills approximately \$59.5 million in under-collected costs for fuel used to generate electricity.

The filing is the result of the continuing increase in natural gas costs throughout the entire country. These costs have exceeded significantly the amount charged to customer.

If approved as requested, the surcharge would begin with the May billing cycle and continue through December. Residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will see an increase of \$17.40 a month during this seven-month period.

WTU customers this month be-

gan seeing the impact of an interim increase in the fuel factor used to determine the fuel charge portion of the bill to more accurately reflect the market price of natural gas. However, this interim increase in fuel factors, which still must receive final approval from the PUCT, did not address the approximately \$59.5 million in uncollected fuel costs for the period from July 2000 to January 2001.

Natural gas prices from July 2000 through January 2001 were up to four times higher than prices during the same period of the prior year. Despite the fact that 43 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal, the sheer magnitude of the continued increase in the price of natural gas that began last summer prompted

See WTU, Page Four

Knox County News renewals for April

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Knox City Police Department has busy month of January answering 740 calls

Reported By Harry E. Steen, Chief of Police

January 2001

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during January 2001, receiving a total of 740 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 22 actual criminal offenses, of which 14 were cleared or otherwise handled. Thirteen charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with one of the offenses involving juveniles as offender.

Offenses Reported Include: Harassment - 1, Burglary of a Building - 1, Burglary of a Habitation - 2, Violate City Ordinance Dangerous Building - 7, Theft - 2, Assault - 1, Assault (Domestic Related) - 1, Criminal Mischief - 2, Public Intoxication - 1, Graffiti - 1, Conspiracy to Circumvent - 2, Illegal Possession of Controlled Substances - 1, Traffic Charges Filed - 8, Warnings Issued - 32, Accidents - 1.

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during January are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents Reported Include: Prowler - 2, Suspicious Vehicle - 2, Neighborhood Dispute - 2, Welfare concern - 1, Dog bite - 1, Loud music - 3, Alarm - 1, Civil stand-by - 6, Assist EMS - 5, Hog call - 4, Skunk Call - 6, 911 Hang-up - 2, Burned off building - 1, Open door - 4, Cat call - 2, Motorist assist - 6.

Throughout the month of January, this department received several calls from the following: Central (911) - 52, Sheriff's office - 28, City Hall - 46.

On the 9th and 16th of January, District court was held, with two

cases sent up from this department. On the 17th, a trailer was stolen from a residence and was recovered on the 20th and the property was returned to the owner. On the 22nd, this department was assistance from the Fire Department, demolished a building that was condemned. If you look around several more have been demolished and several more will be. This department would like to congratulate and wish Texas Ranger Sgt. Marshall Brown, a happy retirement, for his service of 33 years and 11 months. Sgt. Brown has assisted this department on several cases, his knowledge and skills will be missed.

/s/ Harry E. Steen
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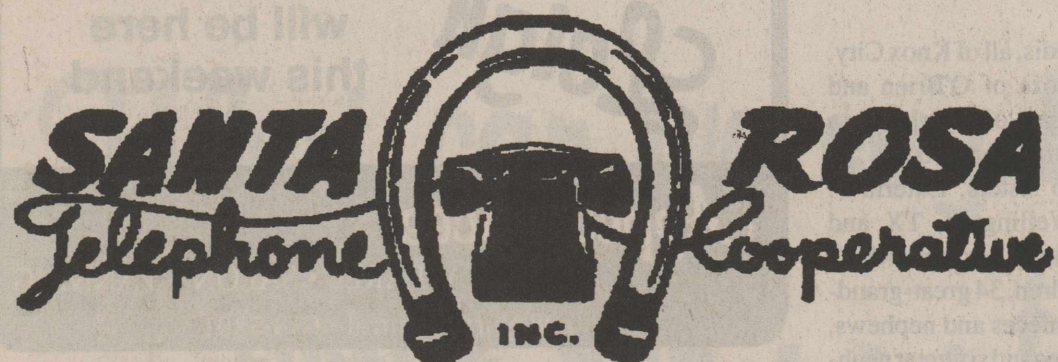
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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Cures - Headaches: When you have a headache on just one side of your head, an old wives' tale says to clip a clothes pin on the earlobe of the affected side. (And it makes for a lovely earring.)

Hiccups: Everyone's heard the one about drinking from the wrong side of the glass, holding your breath or taking a spoonful of sugar, but here are a few new ones. Try holding a penny between two toes and transferring it to two toes of the other foot without letting it touch the floor. Or, if you happen to have chalk handy, mash a tiny piece and eat it."

Here and There - The community men's breakfast was with our church Saturday morning. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice fed 44 men. Bro. Randy Gressett, pastor of FBC-Munday, brought a good message. Thanks to the men for the cooking and cleaning.

Those attending from our church were Jr. Reeves, Delbert Hayes, Steve Ellis, Eddie Bryant, Bill Trice, Joe Banner, Don Roberts, John Lippard, Orval Manning, Joe and Dan Godsey, Dan

Talbott and Dwight Gothard. Hope we didn't miss anyone.

Paul Gothard of Blackwell came and visited with his father, Dwight, Saturday. They drove around and visited and had a good lunch.

First Baptist Church of O'Brien were hosts to the Brazos Care Home Sunday afternoon. There were between 15-20 patients out for the service. Several still can sing and seem to enjoy it. Bro. Bill Trice spoke to the group and Donnie Roberts led singing.

Those attending from our church along with the preacher and song leader were Demp Emerson, Helen Manning, Bernice Rowan, Billie Walker and I.

Saturday afternoon, Bro. Bill and Evelyn Trice, Bernice Rowan and I were in Benjamin to see the Little Dribblers playing basketball. We all really enjoyed seeing Matthew Acree and all the others play.

Ken Herring of Junction, Jerry Beasley of Snyder, Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree and Claudia Reed of Rochester visited with

Adelle Herring last week.

Lou Hodges of Graham is spending a few days with her mother-in-law, Clara Hanson.

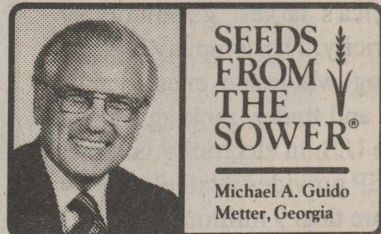
Among the sick, LaUna Hester is in Hendrick in Abilene undergoing some tests with her heart doctor, Leonia Raby is in the care home in Munday for a while, Demp Emerson, Vivian Hendrix and Clara Hanson all seem to be up and around.

A neighbor of mine, Julie Garcia, passed away over the weekend. She had fallen not long ago and she had some other problems. Her family needs our prayers.

Cliff Banner of Hawley visited with his brother, Joe and Billie Walker, his mom in O'Brien.

Billie visited with daughters Julie Sanders and Laura Wade and husband of Amarillo. She and Julie's husband, Dale, went to Los Lunas, NM to celebrate Billie's cousin, Jim Duncan's seventieth birthday. Twenty-six musicians and approximately 200 other guests filled Jim's new 50' x 100' metal building and shared a lot of good food and great music.

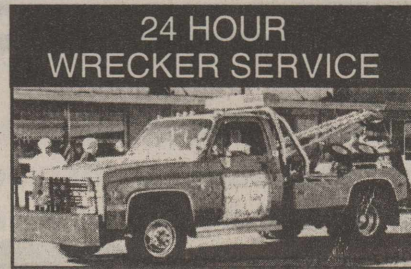
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WTU files

(From Page One)

WTU to request the fuel factor increase in January and now the surcharge.

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Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When the actual cost of fuel is significantly more than the amount customers pay in their monthly bills, the PUCT rules require that the utility file a request for permission to recover these amounts through a surcharge.

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AEP provides retail electricity to more than 9 million customers worldwide with major assets, in the U.S. and holdings in select international markets.

Julia Portillo Garcia

Julia Portillo Garcia, 66, died Sunday, March 4, 2001, at an Abilene hospital. A rosary service was held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Santa Rosa Catholic Church.

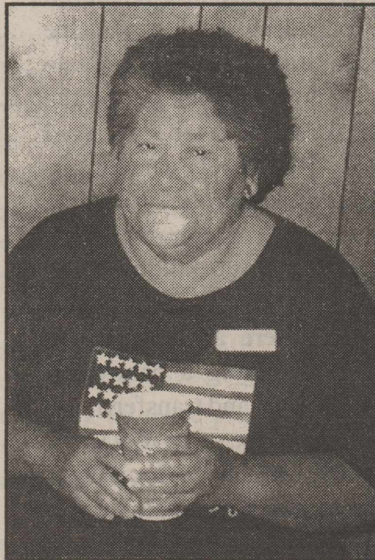
Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2001, at Santa Rosa Catholic Church with Father Leo Schloemer officiating.

Burial will be in the O'Brien Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Mrs. Garcia was born July 30, 1934, in Melvin, Texas. She moved from Abilene to O'Brien where she had lived for the past 20 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City, where she was a Eucharistic Minister.

Mrs. Garcia was preceded in



death by her sister, Felicitas Galan and husband, Juan M. Garcia.

Survivors include three sons, Eulalio Garcia of Hobbs, NM, Domingo Garcia and Richard Garcia, both of Garland; five daughters, Soyla Diaz, Lou Rios

and Elda Gaddis, all of Knox City, Connie Pedroza of O'Brien and Mary Casillas of Garland; a brother, Luis Portillo Jr. of Abilene; two sisters, Luteria P. Cortez of Wellington, TX and Vicki P. Sparks of Lexington, KY; 30 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 10 nieces and nephews, six great-nieces and six great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Steven Diaz, B.J. Casillas, Christopher Garcia, R.J. Pedroza, Jeffery Hernandez and Felix Moya.

All of her grandchildren will be honorary pallbearers.

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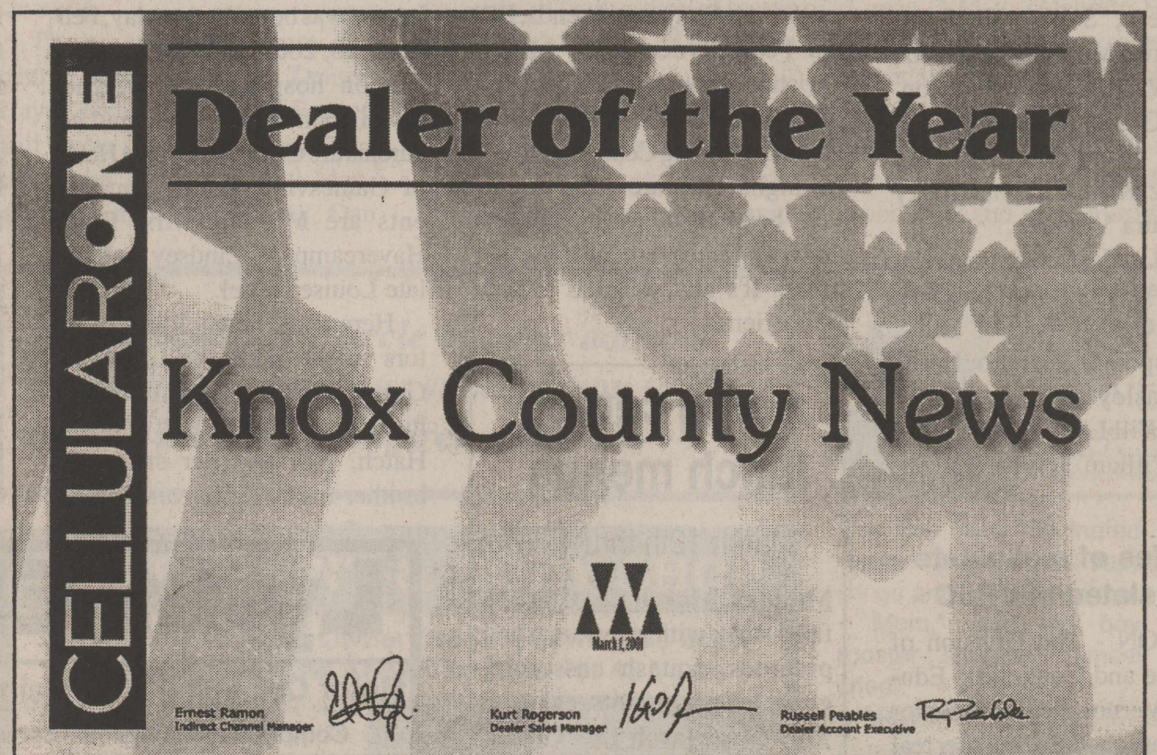
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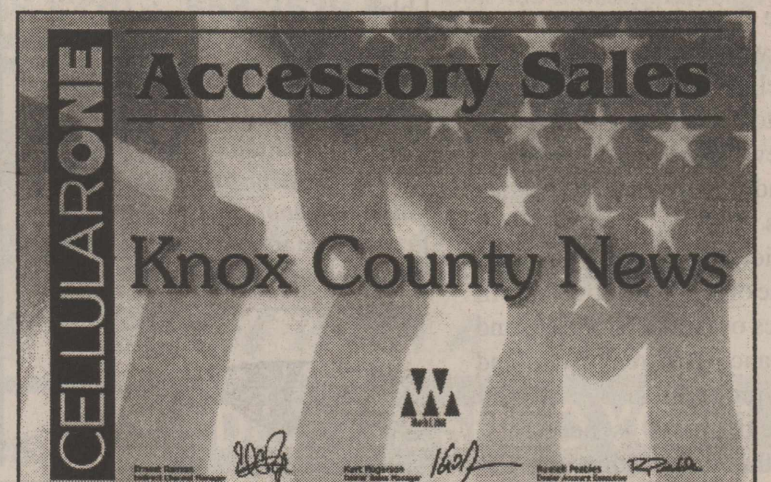
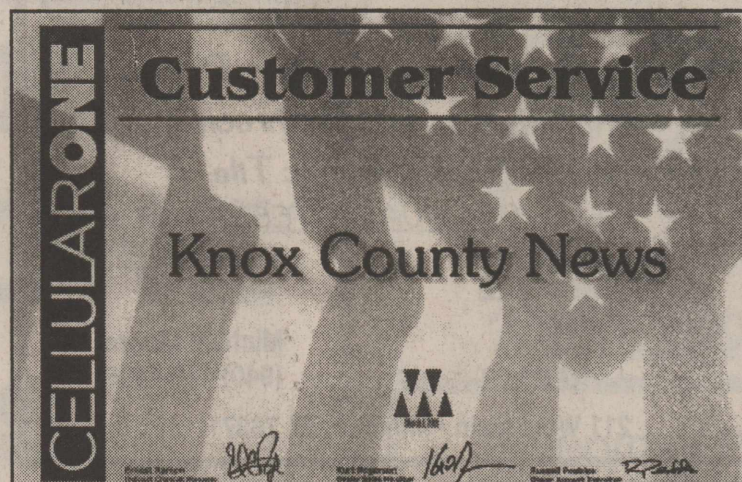
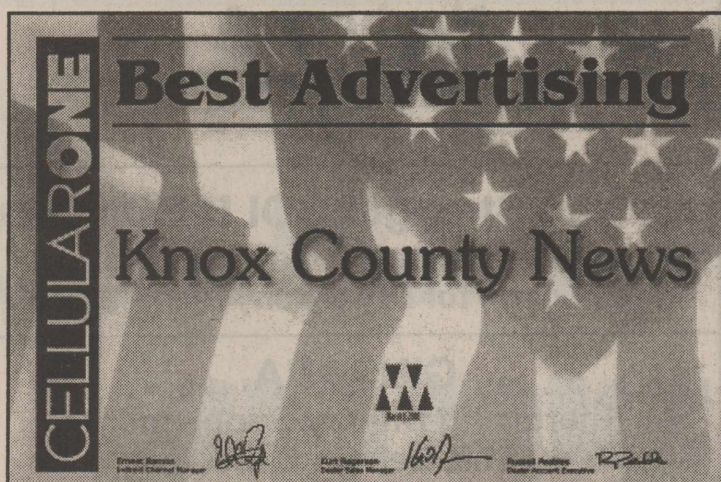
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Principles of real estate course slated at VRJC

VERNON - The Division of Workforce and Continuing Education of Vernon Regional Junior College has scheduled another real estate course to be conducted during the spring semester.

Principles of Real Estate (Texas Specific) is scheduled to meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 17 and ending March 25. This course will be conducted at VRJC, 4400 College Drive in Vernon.

Fee will be \$65.00 plus book and Nelson Tubbs will serve as instructor. This course gives an overview of the real estate business and is a required course for persons working toward a real estate license.

Some of the topics covered will be ethics of practice, titles to and conveyancing of real estate and closing procedures.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Hello everyone and I do hope you all are enjoying this nice weather. Sounds like it may be short lived as weather people say more "disagreeable stuff" is on the way. Been hearing quite a bit of possibly a bad spring for severe weather. Let's hope that does not prove to be a fact.

I extend sympathy to the family of Dorothy Nell West today. Dorothy passed away a couple of weeks ago after a long illness. She was a resident of Grand Prairie and was the sister of Benjamin residents, Jack and Dutch Young and Pat Benson. Her funeral was last Monday in Grand Prairie.

Pat Benson spent several days last week in a Wichita Falls hospital. She was released Friday but will go back this week sometime for more tests and possibly surgery. We wish Pat well and a complete recovery.

Saw our Benjamin friends, Bill and Pearl Ryder, Lucy Mings, Christine Patterson, Joe Nunley, Nora Hertel and Ruth Idol in the Munday Nursing Center last Monday night. They are about as they have been for a while. Lucy is showing improvement since her stroke. It's always good to visit these friends.

Cleanup Day - Don't forget the city wide cleanup day Saturday, March 10. Everything too big for your dumpster, put out by the road and they will pick it up and also, everyone is encouraged to cleanup around their own place. A picnic will follow in the city park. It'll be potluck food. Bring whatever you want to and it'll all be spread together and we can all "meet and eat". Just makes the chore of cleanup up more pleasant when we know we'll have a good meal to reward us!

Further reminder concerning the cleanup. A truck will be around to collect your trash and I'm told that even if it's muddy they will be pick-up. So keep that in mind. Clean-up and picnic in the park. (No one will call you for food - just bring what you want to!)

New Arrival - Don Hertel is proud Grandpa again. Olivia Louise was born Wednesday, February 28, 2001, at 10:10 p.m. in a Denton hospital. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and her parents are Craig and Donna Hertel of Gainesville. Other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havercamp of Lindsey and the late Louise Hertel.

Here and There - Recent visitors in the home of Larry and Gaye Neal were his brother and his wife, Clark and Betty Neal of Hatch, NM and her sister and brother-in-law, Leroy and Marga-

ret Walker of Marlowe, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Young of Arlington were Benjamin visitors during the weekend.

Jacob and Tina Siemens have purchased the Nora Duke home and have begun cleaning up and preparing for their move. They are very anxious to have that chore behind them.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Patterson of Amarillo visited his parents, Lamoyne and Christine, this past weekend. Len had surgery recently and is doing real well now. That's good to report.

Sue Oxford of Palestine was here last week to visit relatives and friends and to attend the quilt show in Munday.

Local boys do well - The Benjamin Mustangs had several to earn places on the District 20-A basketball all-district team. Named to the first team was Garrett Favor. Garrett is a senior. Making the second team were Jonathan Shaw and Enrique Acevedo, freshmen and Hunter Meinzer, a senior. Named District MVP was Clayton Conner, a junior. They finished the season with five wins and one loss. Other members of the team are Tyler Collins, Bubba Benson, Dwayne Reed, John Reed and Anthony Lamb. I congratulate these boys and their coach, Monty Griffin, on a successful season.

Ageing center lunch menus

March 12th thru 16th

Monday, March 12 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, green beans, biscuits, cake.

Tuesday, March 13 - Grilled chicken salad, baked beans, fried okra, crackers, cobbler.

Wednesday, March 14 - Lasagna, corn on the cob, green salad, light bread, yellow uth fruit.

Thursday, March 15 - Bar-b-que on a bun, potato wedges, ranch beans, relish, onion, cobbler.

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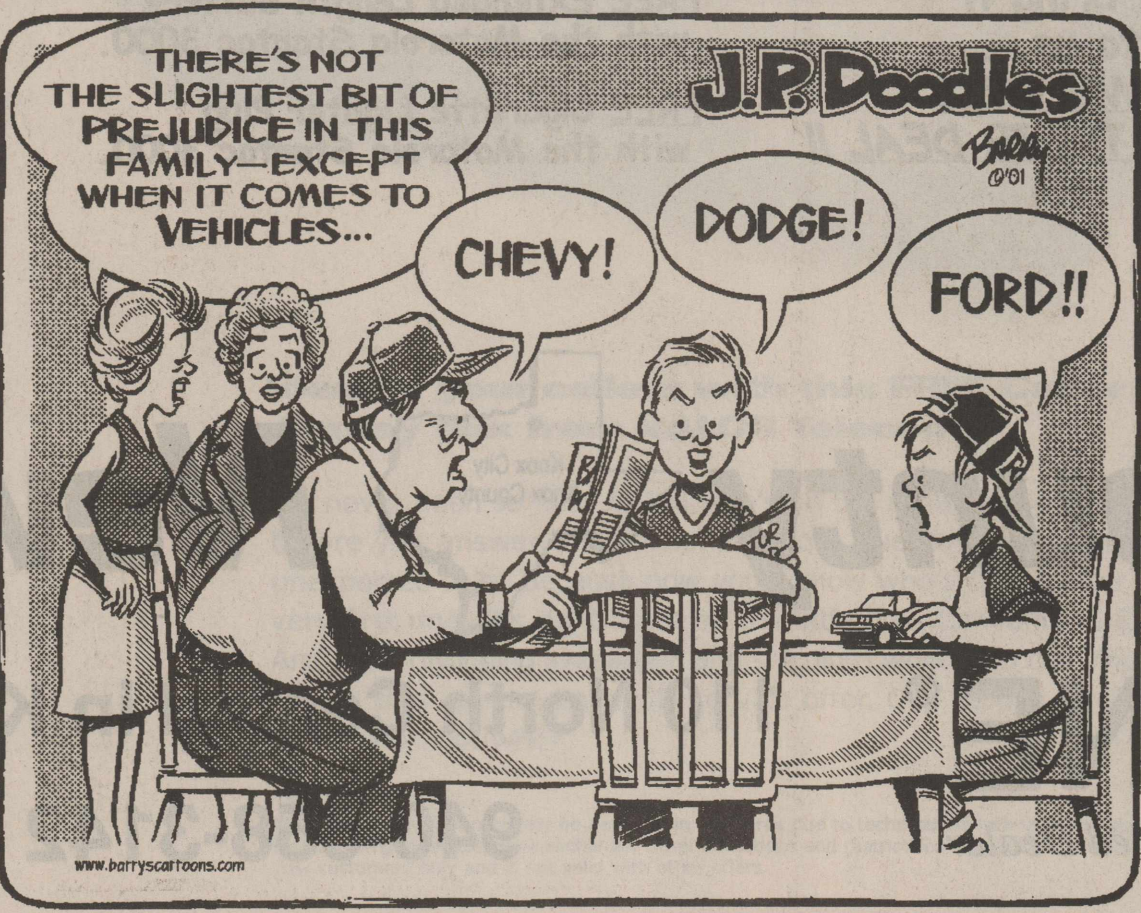
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YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the District Court of Knox County at the Courthouse being located at 100 West Cedar Street in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 9th day of April, 2001, to PLAINTIFFS' petition filed in said Court, on the 23rd day of February, 2001, in this cause numbered 8552 on the docket of said Court and styled ANNA FOJTIK DUCKWORTH and STANLEY DUCKWORTH, Plaintiffs vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNDETERMINED HEIRS OF LINDA FOJTIK REDWINE, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of said suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit of Declaratory Judgment to construe the meaning of Paragraph IV of the Last Will and Testament of OLDRICK FOJTIK, Deceased, and to determine title and ownership of 74 acres of land out of Section No. 58, Block 2, D. & W. Ry. Co. Surveys in Knox County, Texas, and being the same land described in deed from A.P. Denton et ux to Russell Boyd, dated February 25, 1946 and recorded in Volume 89, Page 383 of the Deed Records of Knox County, Texas.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, RONNIE VERHALEN, Clerk of the District Court of Knox County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office this the 23rd day of February, 2001.

/s/ Ronnie Verhalen
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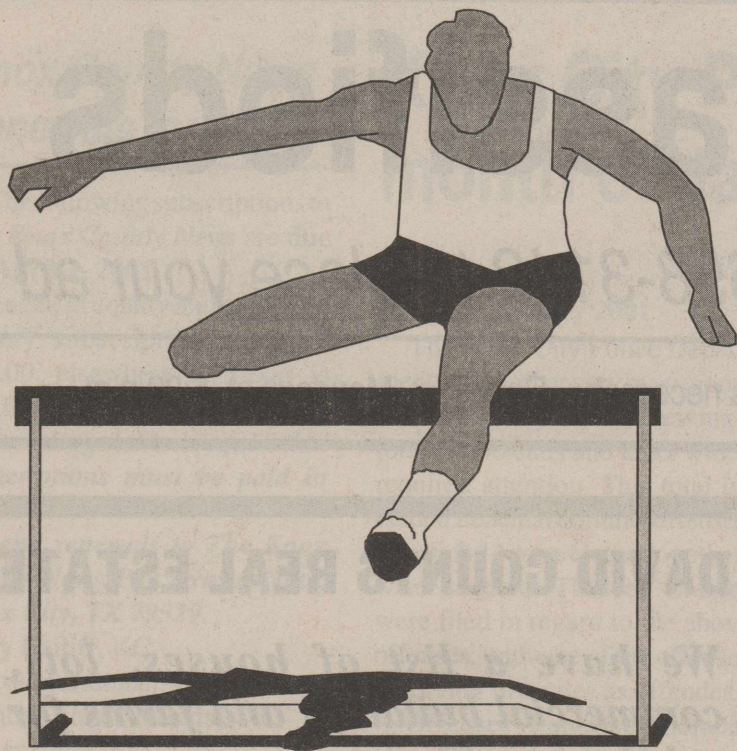
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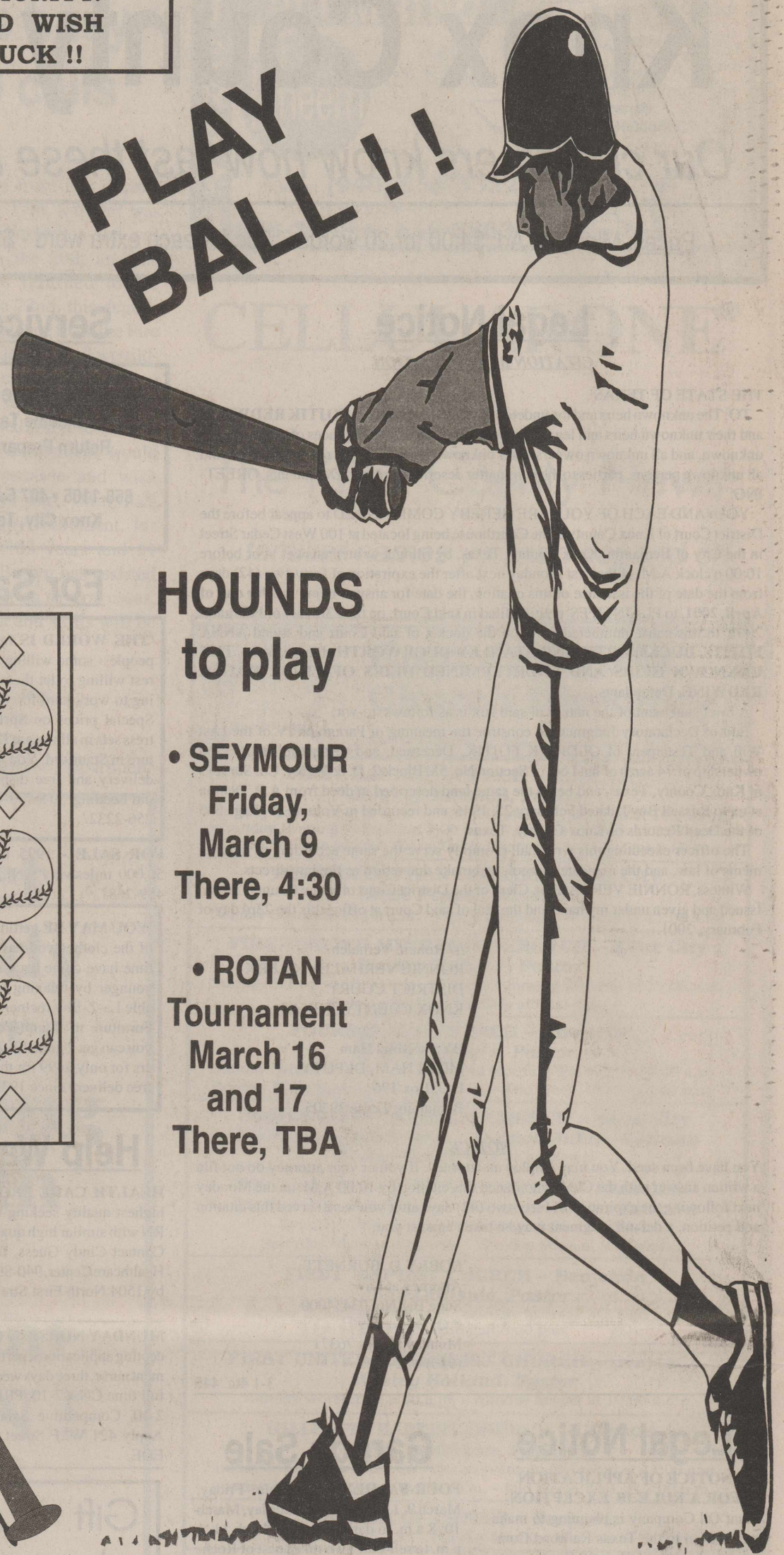
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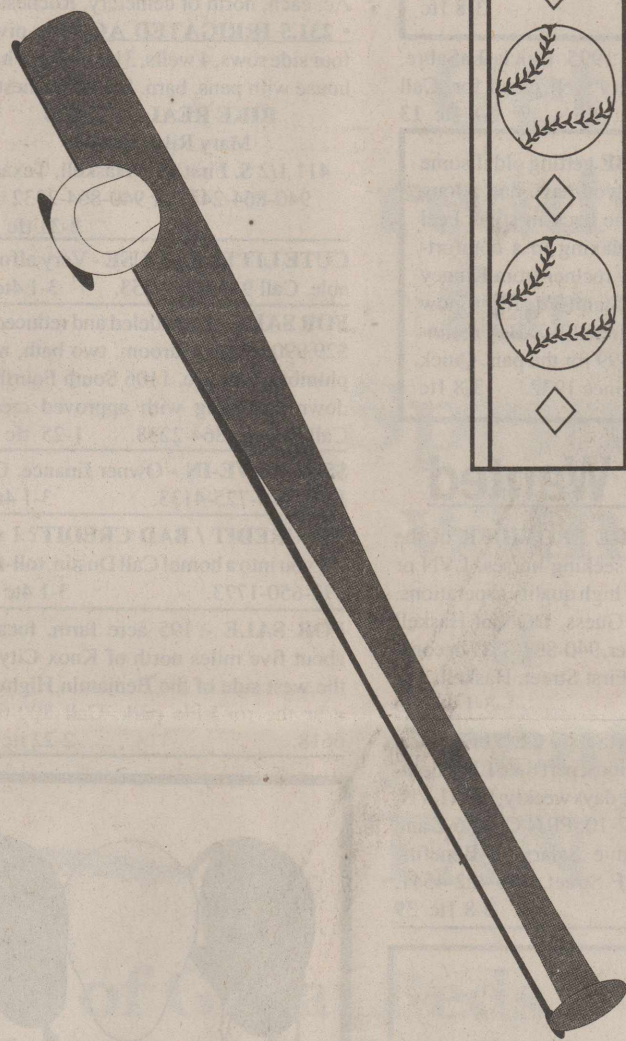
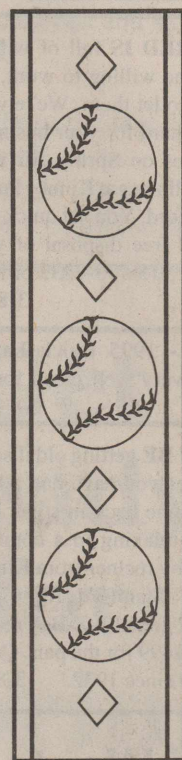
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Schedule**

- Hounds and Houndettes
Saturday, March 9
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- March 17 - Spring Break
- Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs
Thursday, March 22
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