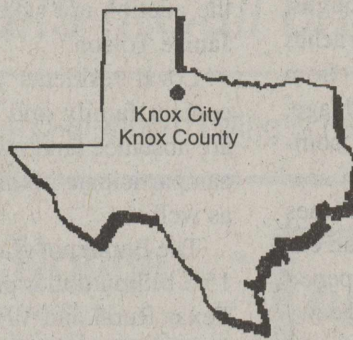


Congratulations to former residents Tommy and Frances Kent on their 50th wedding anniversary, see inside this edition....

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## 50th anniversary of Knox City tornado nears, special story planned in March

Deadly tornado struck the area on Friday, March 13, 1953



The Knox County Hospital building following the tornado that struck Knox City on Friday, March 13, 1953. The building was just one of many struck by the tornado. Thirty five blocks of Knox City felt the wrath of the storm. (Bill Baker photo)

On March 13, 2003, 50 years will have passed since the killer tornado of 'Black Friday' struck Knox City and the surrounding area. The tornado struck at 2:17 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 1953, leaving four dead here in town, two dead in O'Brien, and nine dead in the outlying areas.

Thanks to Bill Baker, *The Knox County News* has received newspaper clippings, stories, and photographs preserved from that fateful day. Both in remembrance of that day 50 years ago, and as a reminder that another tornado season is rapidly approaching here in West Texas, *The Knox County News* will run a special feature on that long ago storm in our Thursday, March 13 edition.

In order to make this story as complete as possible, we are asking residents who also have pictures to bring them in prior to Monday, March 10, so we can scan them for use in the story.

## Critical pre-season decisions are now facing Munday Little League

Meeting set for February 27, 7:00 p.m.

A crucial meeting of the Munday Little League is set for Thursday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Munday.

"Critical decisions need to be made," league president Jay White said, "about the future of youth baseball in Munday as we now know it."

According to White, more 12 year old players left the league after last year than will be able to be replaced by nine year olds coming into the league this year. "We have to take a realistic look at our options and make a decision that will benefit our kids who want to play baseball," White said.

Options that will be discussed at the meeting include either disbanding one of the existing four teams from the Munday league; expanding the league's boundaries

*"Options that will be discussed include ... expanding the (Munday) league's boundaries to encompass Knox City and O'Brien..."*

to encompass Knox City and O'Brien; or leaving Little League Baseball all together and entering the Texas Teenage League.

"Over the past few years, only a handful of interested parents have attended our annual meeting. Decisions of the magnitude which now face Munday Little League need to be made by a community and not by just a few people. For the sake of your kids I urge anyone interested to attend this meeting," White said.

Also on the agenda for the meeting will be a review of new regulations imposed by Little League Baseball and the election of the governing board of Munday Little League.

Officers will be elected from the board for the 2003 baseball season.

## College Financial Aid Workshop will be held Thursday at 6:00 in the KC High School library

A Financial Aid Workshop for senior parents and any interested junior parents will be held Thursday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox City High School library.

According to high school principal Mack Lowe, the meeting is vitally important for the parents of seniors planning to attend col-

lege this fall, and will provide advance information for the parents of junior students who will be attending college next year. There are many requirements that have to be completed before students are eligible for available college grants, scholarships and financial aid. This meeting will provide parents with valuable information on

the paperwork requirements, including the federal FAFSA forms that have to be completed before their child walks on to a college campus for the first time.

Along with Mr. Lowe and KCHS Counselor Betty Moore, a representative from Vernon College will be on hand to conduct the workshop.

## Annual KC Chamber of Commerce banquet, auction is set for March 4

One-act play performance to follow

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and silent auction will be Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Tickets are available from any chamber di-

rector.

The silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the banquet set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to donate items for the silent auction may do so by calling the chamber office at 658-3442.

With something else still in the

planning stages, there will not be a featured speaker this year.

Following the banquet, the Knox City High School one-act play cast will present "Persephone", a one-act comedy based on Greek mythology, in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

## Bobby King returns to pastor First Baptist

Last Thursday evening, a large crowd gathered out in front of the parsonage of Knox City's First Baptist Church, anxiously awaiting to welcome their Pastor and his family back home.

When Bobby, Sylvia and Katelyn King rounded the final corner of their 1,700 mile, three day trip from Montana, they were surprised to see so many church members waiting to unload the moving van and help them get settled back into their home in Knox City.

The Kings left Knox City and First Baptist Church seven and a half years ago when Bobby accepted a call to pastor Trinity Baptist Church in Missoula, Montana. Prior to that, he had pastored First Baptist here in Knox City for six and a half years.

Bobby and his wife, Sylvia are both natives of Seymour, and both have family living in the Seymour



Bobby, Sylvia and Katelyn King

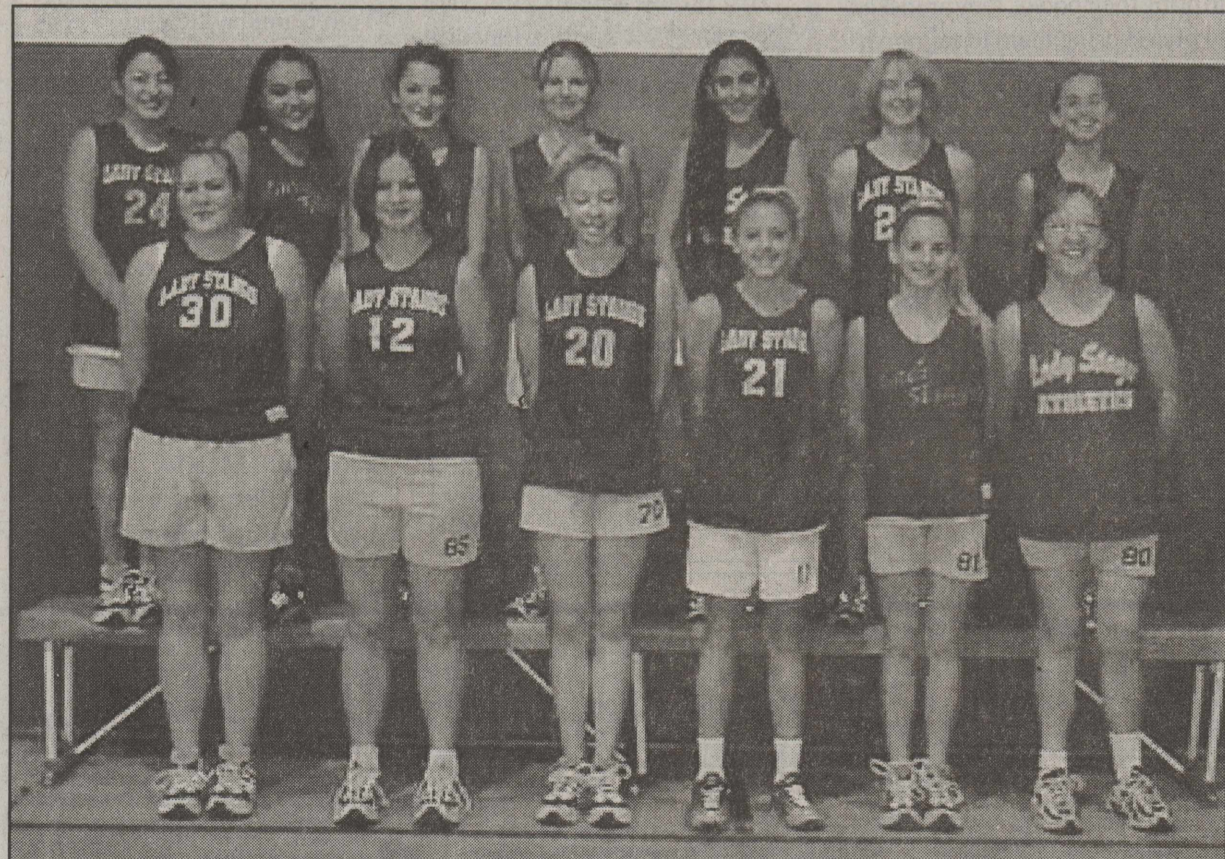
Olney, and Wichita Falls areas.

Katelyn has grown up a lot since she left here, she is now in the seventh grade and will be a student at O'Brien Mid-School.

Excited about being back in Knox City, the King family is once again residing in the parson-

age of First Baptist Church, located at 108 South (West) Third Street.

Brother Bobby delivered the message this past Sunday, and church members commented afterwards that it sure was good to see him back in the pulpit again!



THE BENJAMIN JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM has finished their 2002-2003 basketball season with a perfect 13-0 record. Team members include (back row left to right) Judit Acevedo, Jacque Zavala, Julia Acevedo, Tina Siemens, Nafeesa Ebraheim, Shaylee Propps, Karla Benson, and (front row, left to right) Jenna McCanlies, Shawna Favor, Brittany Kuehler, Kaitlyn Kuehler, Sadie Benson, and Kim Williams. The team is coached by C.H. Underwood. (Benjamin school photo)

## Benjamin jr. high girls finish undefeated season

The Benjamin Junior High girls are continuing a very successful year, earning their place in the sports record books of Benjamin.

In Cross Country they were District Champions, winning the invitational meet at Spur and placing second at the Seymour meet.

In volleyball, they completed an undefeated season, playing a district schedule with Rotan, Aspermont, Rochester and Knox City, as well as several pre-district matches.

In basketball, the girls just finished a perfect 13-0 undefeated

season, beating Patton Springs 61-9, Spur 45-12, Guthrie 43-26, O'Brien 36-19, Northside 47-12, Megargel 52-22, Megargel 52-23, Chillicothe 43-4, Northside 56-22, O'Brien 48-23, Jayton 42-25, Northside 60-16, and Abilene Christian 41-13.

## Crosbyton ends KCHS basketball season

Late Tuesday night, the KCHS Greyhound basketball team lost a hard fought bi-district playoff game to the Crosbyton Chieftains at Post, ending the 'Hounds 2002-2003 season with the title of District Runner-Ups. Further information on the game was not available then this edition of the News went to press.

## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We were sort of getting used to the almost spring like temps when another blast from the north hit. Tho it's not as cold as it could be, the wind is not pleasant so makes outside goings on miserable. We only got two or three tenths of an inch of moisture out of that "rainy spell" Thursday. Some areas around close got a little more.

Basketball came to an end Tuesday night when the Mustangs met Northside for a chance at second place in district. Tho not defeated by much, we did lose out so can now turn our attention to track and the other springtime sports. It was a good year - because the kids did their best and that's all you can ask of anyone.

News of our ill - Danny Hudson suffered a light stroke Monday and had an overnight hospital stay as a result. I talked to him Tuesday night and he was feeling fair but was going Friday (14th) for an MRI to see just what's going on. Hopefully, he won't have any more trouble.

Former resident, Tom Brooke Hudson, now of Knox City, is in Lubbock Covenant Hospital after developing a lung problem and also having a heart attack the first of the week. Reports are that he's doing pretty well and may be able to come home pretty soon. We hope so.

Bill Parham of Vera is in a Dallas hospital being taken there Tuesday after several days in a Wichita Falls hospital. He's having lots of problems and he and his family are in need of our prayers.

Chase Polvado of Vernon, grandson of Charles and Joy Jones, had to have some surgery Thursday as a result of that motorcycle (not bicycle) mishap last week. His collarbone wasn't mending like it should so doctors had to put a pin in it to keep it straight. This will be temporary and if all goes well, the pin can be removed in about three months. This was done in Wichita Falls where he stayed all night in the

hospital after surgery and was released Friday. As to all our friends, we wish Chase a speedy recovery.

And as I have often said, there's lots of people with sinus, congestion of all sorts, colds, coughs, arthritic pain and many other aches and pains that keep "us" from feeling our best. Seems with age, each day brings on a new complaint!

Fire Dept. News - Sometimes good things come faster than expected and that's what's happened to the BVFD. The first good news was that the local dept. was the recipient of a \$65,550 grass fighting truck and equipment grant, with Benjamin only having to pay a little over 10% as its share of the cost. But the local money had to be paid when the truck and equipment was ready and before it could be delivered. Now, our little organization did not have that money available so the dept. made an appeal, by mail, to citizens to help in their causes. This appeal brought in about \$2500.00 but they are still short \$5000.00. So how to get the remainder? The firemen and friends decided to have a "fish and calf fries" and all the trimmings supper on February 22 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Money brought in at this meal will go to pay on the money borrowed for the balance of the cost of the equipment. In the ranching community of Benjamin and spring thunderstorms with lightning and winds coming on, the truck needed to be here and ready to go. It is here - arriving on Thursday and will be on display Saturday.

Now back to the meal, the firemen "fished" and local ranchers have furnished the calf fries and everyone is urged to be there at the Memorial Building Saturday.

The cost is fair and donations are welcome (and needed). There will also be a silent auction in conjunction with this event and anyone wishing to donate items for the auction are asked to contact Janice Tolson.

Local residents are asked to contact family and friends who are absentee land owners so they can participate in this fundraiser, as well.

The Benjamin grant is part of a 15.5 billion dollar program from Texas Rural and VFD passed by the Texas Legislature which went into effect in late 2002.

See you Saturday. Here 'N There - Bobby and Stephanie Brannan and family of Lubbock were weekend Benjamin visitors.

Sue Terry and children of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon. Also visiting was Lana Mendoza and family of Seymour.

Congratulations to Kenneth and Jessie Roberts today who are celebrating 62 years of marriage. She says they are going for 70 - he says they're not gonna stop there! Great attitude of two fine folks and good friends.

Sympathy to H.B. and Joann Graves' today. His mom passed away early in the week in Haskell. Her funeral was Thursday in Haskell with burial Friday in Mexia.

Saturday guests of Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and family were her son, Cody Taylor and family of Childress and grandson, Lucas Taylor, son of Scott and Sabra Taylor of Paducah.

Debbie and Mike Moorhouse are in Dallas this week for training sessions regarding their business.

## KC News renewals due by March 1

March renewals at The Knox County News are as follows.

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

- David Albus, KC
- Mary Ann Boone, KC
- Susan Bowman, KC
- Bob Brannan, Lubbock
- Calvin C. Brown, Perryton
- Tom Campbell, Georgetown
- H.B. Graves, KC
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- Elizabeth Howard, Haskell
- Glenda Huff, KC
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- Jimmy Lynn, KC
- Bill E. McAnelly, Amarillo
- Rhonda Moeller, Haskell
- Lucille Moorhouse, Benjamin
- James F. Nance, Turlock, CA
- John Rector, KC
- Pam Reed, Munday
- Julie Sanders, Amarillo
- Leroy West, Benjamin
- Bettie Sue Woodall, KC

## Kursten Reynolds on two Texas Tech lists

Kursten Rachele Reynolds, granddaughter of Sequoyah and Bud Reynolds, has been named to two honors lists at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Kursten was named to the President's Honor Roll for students who have attained a grade point average of 4.0 during the fall 2002 semester.

She also was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the School of Nursing. To qualify, students must be full time with a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the fall 2002 semester.

A 2001 graduate of Hamlin High School, she is a junior at Texas Tech.

Kursten is the daughter of Cindy and Billy Bob Reynolds.

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## El bienestar de Texas

### Dirigiendo con el ejemplo

Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Contralora de Texas, se ha convertido recientemente en el primer oficial del estado que comenzará a abordar el déficit proyectado de \$1.8 billones del presupuesto. Strayhorn va a reducir el de su propia agencia por un valor de \$5 millones para el resto de este año fiscal, que termina en agosto.

"Los contribuyentes de impuestos de Texas no tienen una corriente mágica de dinero cayendo del cielo en los momentos difíciles; como tampoco hay corrientes mágicas para el gobierno," dijo Strayhorn.

Los cortes representan casi el seis por ciento del presupuesto anual de la oficina de la Contralora.



Los cortes en los presupuestos incluyen la congelación de empleos, que ahorrará aproximadamente \$950,000, agregados a la congelación de los salarios que ahorrará \$800,000 adicionales de los gastos de la agencia.

ORIGEN: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Contralora de Cuentas Públicas de Texas (www.window.state.tx.us).

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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Claude McKiddy, Pastor*  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Pending name of new Minister*  
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- FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Paul Chambers, Pastor*  
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- SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
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- GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**  
*Ross Anderson, Pastor*  
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## Retired Teachers to meet Tues. in Benjamin

The Knox County Unit of Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, February 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin.

Jane Rowan will present the program.

For those members who forgot to bring their books, they are asked to please bring them to this meeting.



## New Arrivals

### It's a boy!

### Maxamillion Powdrill Jr.


Tony and Lisa Rocha are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandson, Maxamillion Powdrill Jr. He was born Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 10:11 a.m. in Abilene. He weighed in at seven pounds, five ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

His proud parents are Sara Rocha and Maxamillion Powdrill Sr. of Abilene.

## THANK YOU

for the calls, cards, food and all of the support during the loss of my mother, Cozetta Mayes. We appreciate each and everyone's concern for us at this time and ask God's blessings on each of you.

Linda Billington and girls



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If you have any other information, please mail to the  
Knox County Historical Commission,  
Box 124, Benjamin, Tx 79505.

### Hounds win practice game over Lindsey, 46-33

February 14, 2003

Varsity Boys - Practice Game - KC - 46, Lindsey - 33

Caleb Carver - 16, Carlos Ruiz - 4, Kendrick Green - 21, Landon Weiershausen - 2, Brad Johnson - 3.

## Knox County Child Welfare Board welcomes new members, also discusses Rainbow Room

By PEGGY GUINN  
Board Reporter

The Knox County Child Welfare Board met recently and welcomed three new members.

New members are JoAnn Albus, wife of David Albus, Knox City; Doris Ward, wife of Gene Ward, Knox City; and Linda Waggoner, wife of Hank Waggoner, Benjamin.

These three joined the following members: Pam Duke - Benjamin, Sherry Ellis and Peggy Guinn - Knox City, Tammie Trainham - Goree, Kathy Bowen, Linda Oustad, Margaret Hill, Glenna Shahan and Leann Harlan - Munday.

The Board also discussed the Rainbow Room in progress. This

is a room with clothing and supplies for the Child Protective Service caseworker when they are needed. The clothing also can be provided to any child of the county if there is a need. Any board member or the Department of Human Services may be contacted about the need. The Board is planning a Grand Opening in the near future of the new Rainbow Room.

A big Thank You to many contributors for helping with financial help. Also, following are jurors that have donated their jury fees: Reba Morrill, Vicki Huffman, Bruce Railsback, Mike Sheedy, John Myers, Steven Pepper, Linda Waggoner, Marilyn Coffman, Charlotte Welch, Joe Valencia, Douglas Donoho, John

Lofton, Vivian Steinbach, Amanda Jordan, Jeanette Reeves, Melton Morgan, Michael Moorhouse, Michael Moore, Vonnie Ivie, Robbin Rocha, Debbie Harrington, Dale Bloxham, Linda Waggoner, Sue Haynie, Shirley Amerson, Jimmy Tankersley, Glenna Jo Decker, Michelle Esquivel, Cathy Albus, Sherry Ellis, Lynn Jackson Jr., Reba Nix, Eileen Rolo, Dorethy Harrison, Billy Trosper, and Ann Therwanger. These really add up and make a big difference.

The Board would like to remind everyone the Child Abuse Hotline Phone Number is 1-800-225-5400. April has been set aside as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let's remember our children.

## O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"More Bashing? Your article on boys in February is an example of research that has been interpreted with the feminist agenda in mind. The same people who swore up and down not too long ago that the sexes were the same are now saying, "Uh . . . they really are different, but women are better."

Hmm. I could point out that women suffer depression more than men, are out sick 15 percent more often, are more likely to suffer from autoimmune diseases, and pale in comparison in most physical endeavors. Yet, if I billed an article similarly, "Girls, the Weaker Sex?" I would be called a sexist. Anybody ever hear the word hypocrite?"

Here and There - Joe Banner visited with his brother Cliff over the weekend. They attended the

big truck show in Abilene.

Alton and LaUna Hester's daughter Brenda and husband of Panhandle spent a while with them Sunday night and enjoyed the visit. LaUna has a doctor's appointment today and needs our prayers.

Don and Marilyn Johnston of Slaton spent a while with me Sunday afternoon. They had spent the weekend in Graham with relatives and had a nice visit.

Donnie and Diane Roberts were in Lubbock Saturday to attend a Tech basketball game and really enjoyed it.

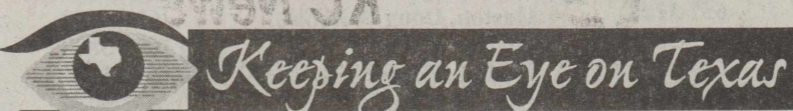
Charlene Brothers visited with her son Craig Brothers and family in Abilene last week. It's always fun to visit your kids and see little ones play ball.

Billie Walker and I were in Benjamin last Saturday to attend

the basketball tournament. There really was a huge crowd and everyone enjoyed seeing both boys and girls play. Several schools were in the tournaments.

Beatrice Ellis was blessed over the weekend by having her son David Ellis of Alpine, her daughter Sandra Childress of Ozona and her sister Vendell Reynolds of San Pedro, California, and her daughter Gaye and husband John Mayes of Arlington and Ricky Bartell of Rowlett.

Our new pastor, Milton Mcamas and wife Rhonda and daughter Lacy, came back and finished their moving. Rhonda and Lacy won't be back to stay for a couple of weeks. She's helping someone take over her job. We're already being blessed for having them.



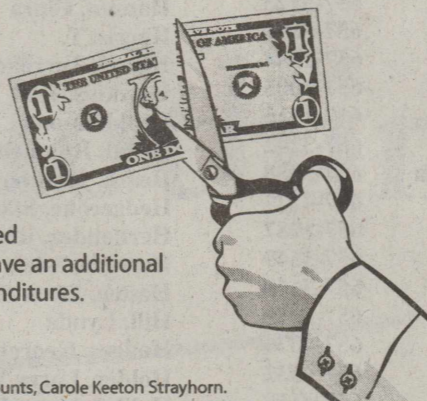
### Leading By Example

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently became the first state official to start tackling a projected \$1.8 billion budget shortfall. Strayhorn will cut about \$5 million from her agency's budget for the rest of this fiscal year, which ends in August.

"Texas taxpayers don't have a magic stream of money raining down on them in tough times; there's no magic stream for government either," Strayhorn said.

The cuts are nearly six percent of the Comptroller's office annual budget.

Budget cuts include a hiring freeze that will save approximately \$950,000, coupled with a salary freeze that will shave an additional \$800,000 off the agency's expenditures.



SOURCE: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

## Forum to focus on improving aging services

ABILENE - Improving aging services in Texas is the focus of a community forum set for Benjamin on February 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Knox County Courthouse.

In making the announcement about the forums, Mary Sapp, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Aging (TDOA), noted "Consumers benefit when local communities have input into planning efforts. Stakeholder input is critical to improving aging services. This forum represents collaboration between the State and the local community to ensure the improvement of services to older Texans."

The public forum is one of 11 to be held across the state during the winter of 2003 to increase local involvement in providing aging services in local communities. The forums offer participants an opportunity to comment on the provision of services and on how well their community is preparing for an aging population. Community input from the forums will improve local service delivery. At the state level, input from the forums will strengthen the development of TDOA's State Plans.

Public sessions will be sponsored by the Texas Department on Aging as well as the Area Agency on Aging of North Texas, and the Area Agency on Aging of West Central Texas that are charged with the responsibility or providing services to older Texans.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Rick Diaz at 1-800-928-2262 by close of business on February 10. Lunch will be provided to those persons who make advance reservations by noon February 25.

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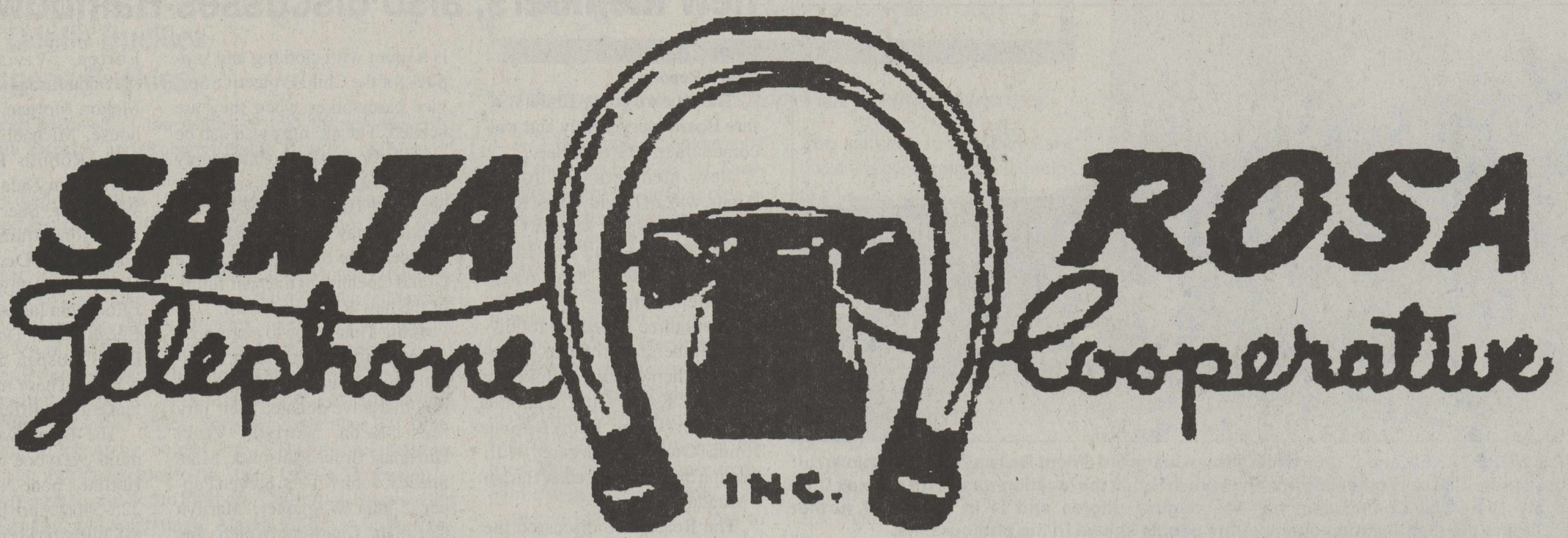
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Ball, Joyce	657-3139	Garcia, Richard & Aurora	657-1183	Ledesma, Steve & Alishia	657-5532	Rocha, Mary	657-4094
Banner, Joe	657-1163	Garcia, Sylvia	657-1194	Lee, David & Jeanine	657-5043	Rodriguez, Joe	657-5163
Barnard, Andy & Lana	657-1228	Gaston, Doug & Lana	657-4140	Lerma, Belinda	657-4103	Rodriguez, Cruz	657-4061
Barnard, Joe & Barbara	657-3010	Godsey, Carol	657-3800	Lerma, Billy & Deanna	657-5061	Rolston, Homer & Jan	657-5196
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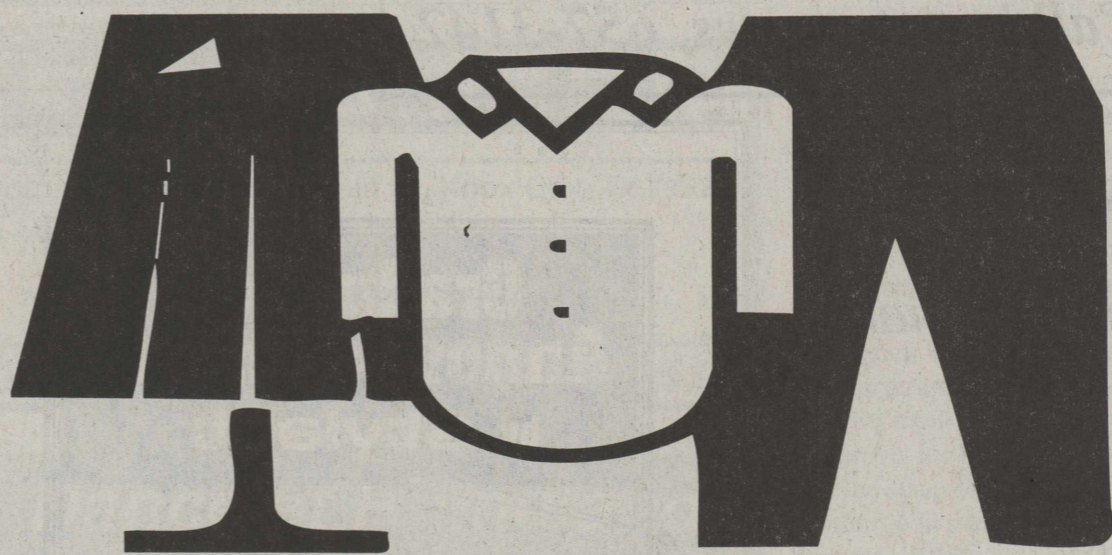
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## Obituaries

### Elizabeth Odelle Buckles Robert Eugene Buckles

Word has been received of the deaths of two former residents, Elizabeth Odelle Buckles and Robert Eugene Buckles of Meeker, Colorado.

Mrs. Buckles died September 15, 2002 in Littleton, Colorado; and Mr. Buckles died January 24, 2003 in Denver, Colorado. Both were cremated.

A memorial service for Mrs. Buckles was held on Monday, November 11, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Meeker, Colorado. Memorial services for Mr. Buckles were on Friday, January 31, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at the Meeker United Methodist church.

Odelle, the last living member of the Thompson family of Knox City, and Bob were married October 17, 1945, in Rochester, Texas, following his discharge from the United States Army on September 28, 1945. During Bob's time in the Army, he met Travis Thompson, his future brother-in-law who introduced him to his sister, Odelle Thompson.

After their marriage they moved to Fillmore, California, Brownsville and Sutherlin, Oregon, and Anchorage, Alaska. Bob was in the construction business at all of these locations. He and Odelle lived a brief time in Meeker in 1948-49 and moved to Knox City for a period of five years where Bob owned his own construction company and the couple also ran a bowling alley. They moved to Colorado from Knox City in 1954.

They are survived by daughters Linda and her husband Stuart Morgan of Dalton, Nebraska; Judy and her husband Theron Strickland of Littleton, Colorado, and his son David and wife Richelle of Meeker, six grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

### Roxie Lucille Graves

Roxie Lucille Graves, 91, died Monday, February 10, 2003, in her home in Haskell. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2003, at Haskell First Baptist Church with Dr. H.B. Graves and Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2003, at the Mexia Cemetery in Mexia, Texas. Services were under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday.

Born June 10, 1911, in Grayson County, Texas, she moved from Houston to Haskell in 2001. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell. She married H.B. Graves Sr., March 16, 1929; Mr. Graves died July 29, 1977. She served as president or director of the local associational and District in District 8, the Big Spring area for 60 years. She served on the executive board of the State Women's Missionary Union of Baptist General Convention of Texas. She was a Sunday School teacher for 60 years. She served in mission work in the Mill Block area of Mexia, Texas, along at first and then with her husband, witnessing with the result that 82 people made profession of faith. From this, a visitation program was started in the Calvary Baptist Church of Mexia, Texas. She served in mission efforts from Denver City, worked as vacation Bible school leader in local black churches in her area. She went on several mission trips with H.B. Graves to West Virginia and Brazil and last year to Vermont. She was instrumental in starting the Big 6 (District 8) Baptist Encampment at Stanton, Texas, and in the building of a guest house for the encampment. Her husband held the record for serving 39 years as counselor of Royal Ambassadors in Texas. She was chosen as Mother of the Year in the late 1960's of the Texas Baptist Convention. She received three scholarships, Texas Tech, Tarleton College and North Texas College.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. H.B. Graves Jr. of Knox City, Texas (pastor at Gilliland Baptist Church, Gilliland, Texas); Joel T. Graves of Granbury, Texas (retired music minister now serving as Senior and singles Minister at Lakeside Baptist Church, Granbury, Texas); and Jerel L. Graves of Seminole, Texas (Deacon and professional Christian Educator in Seminole); two sisters, Mrs. Tom McGhee of Athens, Texas, and Mrs. Delma Miller of Brownsboro, Texas; one brother, Oscar Ralph Carroll of Cummin, GA; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

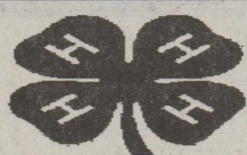
Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Pallbearers were Ben Graves, David Graves, Duane Graves, Matthew Graves, Jeff Caparoon, Steve McGuire, Paul McGuire, Cliff McGuire and Jeff Bidy.

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### Photography workshop with Wyman Meinzer

A 4-H oriented photography workshop has been set for Tuesday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ex-Students Building in Benjamin. State of Texas photographer Wyman Meinzer will present this workshop and explain to youth how to take a good picture, based on subject matter, foreground and background, light contrast and other topics. We will also be covering the 2003 Photography Project Guidelines for 4-H entries. This program is open to the public with no fee required.

Please join us on the 25th to learn more about photography. Students are encouraged to bring

their cameras, in case they have questions concerning their equipment.

For more information contact Trish Jones, County Extension Agent / Ag, at (940) 459-2651.

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### Vegetable varieties for Knox County

The Knox County Horticulture Committee will host a program on Thursday, February 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. We will offer two hours of general CEU's for those of you with pesticide applicators licenses.

Master Gardener Fred Perkins will join us from Taylor County and discuss types of gardening, starting seedlings, transplanting and varieties of vegetables that work well for this area.

Jim Dillon of Dillon Greenhouse in Knox City will also join us and talk about some of the varieties of vegetables that he has to offer the community.

Please join us on the 27th for a fun and informative meeting. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or questions, please contact Trish Jones at the Knox County Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

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### Aging center lunch menus

February 24th thru 28th

**Monday, February 24** - German sausage, blackeyed peas, macaroni and cheese, salad, cornbread, cherry crunch.

**Tuesday, February 25** - Bar-b-q chicken, pinto beans, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, cornbread, peanut butter rice krispie bars.

**Wednesday, February 26** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, biscuits, birthday cake.

**Thursday, February 27** - Hamburgers / cheese slices, French fries, corn on the cob, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cobbler.

**Friday, February 28** - Grilled chicken salad, crackers, cobbler.

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

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### Tommy Kents to celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kent of Mason will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, February 22, 2003, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Mason.

Tommy Kent and Frances Lyon were married in Eastland County February 25, 1953.

Their first home was in Kermit, Texas, moving to Knox City in 1960. In 1987, they moved to Mason.

They have two daughters, five grandchildren and two-great-grandchildren.

Kathi Kent Turner and Kary Kent Tyler will be hosts for the reception.

### Weather

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02/12	30	70	
02/13	48	69	.01
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02/15	34	57	
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### LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

### AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con setecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

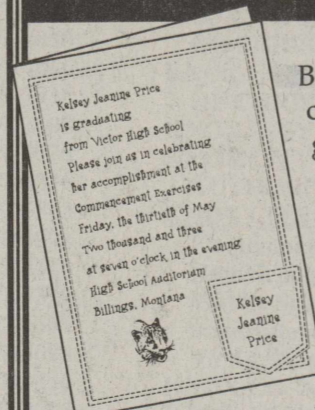
En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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2-20 tlc 13

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12-12 tlc 14

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2-20 tlc 47

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2-20 tlc 33

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NPO: 8711

State Office

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12-19 tlc 12

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2-6 tlc 85

## Legal Notice

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW** being accepted for kindergarten students for the Gifted / Talented program at Knox City-O'Brien CISD from February 17 through 28. Nomination forms may be picked up from the elementary principal's office or from Shea Edmonds, program coordinator. Deadline is February 28.

2-20 tlc 66

**EL PROGRAMS PARA** estudiantes talentosos en grade K esta aceptando nominaciones en las escuelas Knox City - O'Brien CISD febrero 17-28. Forms para hacer una nominacion se pueden levantar en la oficina de cualquier principal o con la Shea Edmonds, coordinadora de programas. Para registrar es el 28 de febrero.

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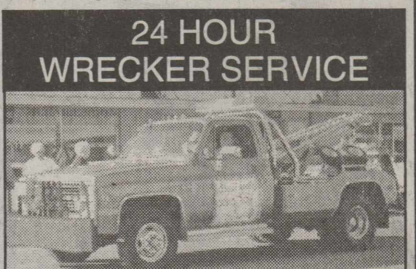
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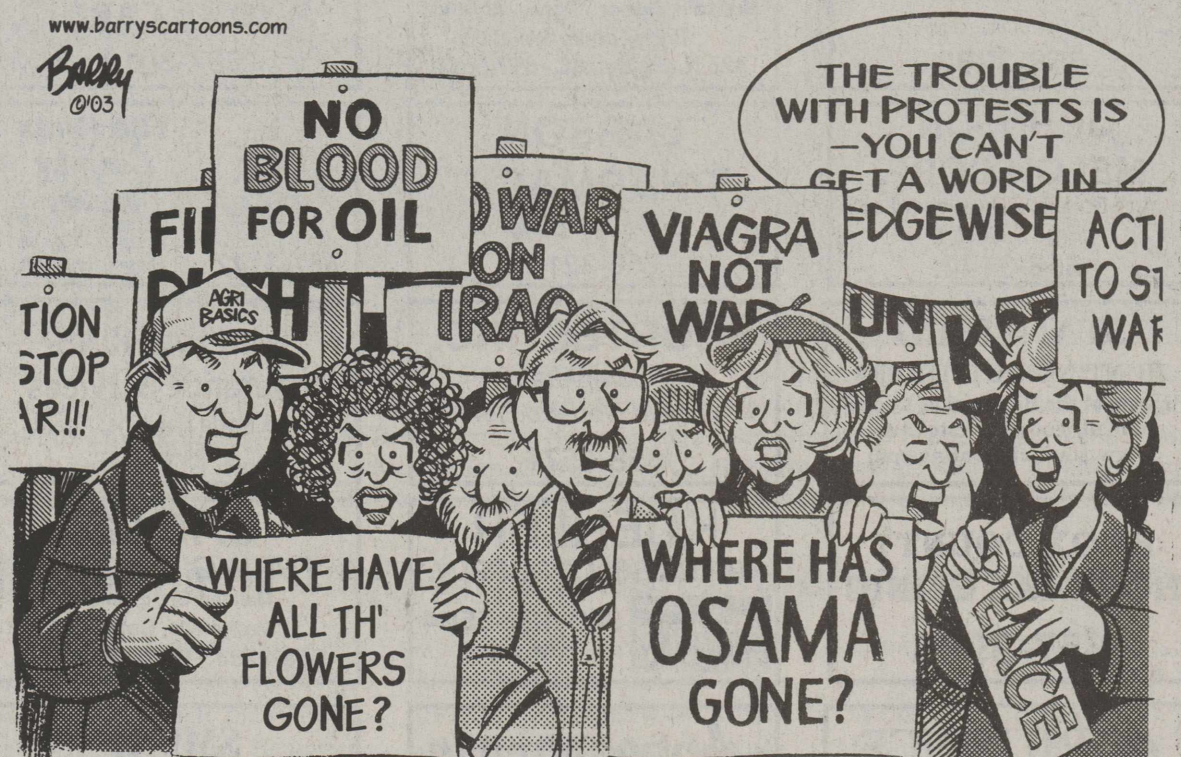
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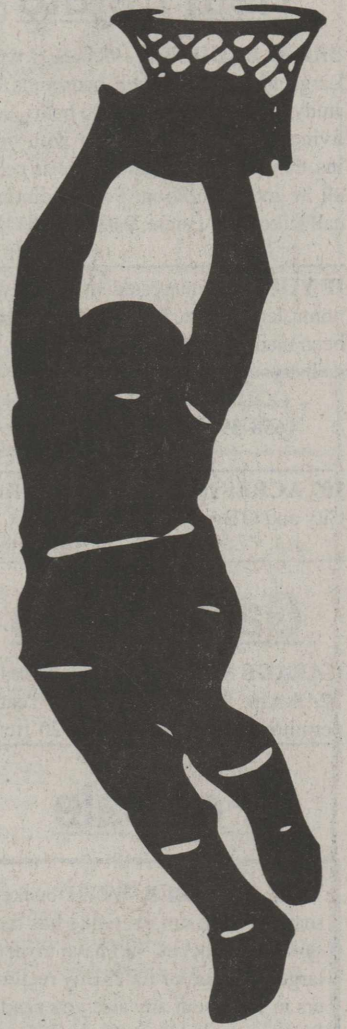
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**The 2002 - 2003 Knox City Greyhound Basketball Team**

*Team members are (from left to right) Coach Colin Howeth, junior Carlos Ruiz, junior Wes Espinosa, senior Landon Weiershausen, senior Caleb Carver, sophomore Dustin Johnson, senior Brad Johnson, sophomore Ben Simmons, senior Kendrick Green, senior Sean Duncan and Coach Larry Welch. Not in the picture is freshman Quentin Spells. (Johnson Kis Photo)*



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