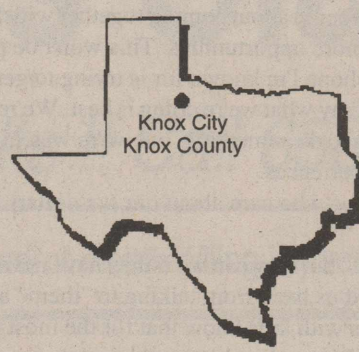


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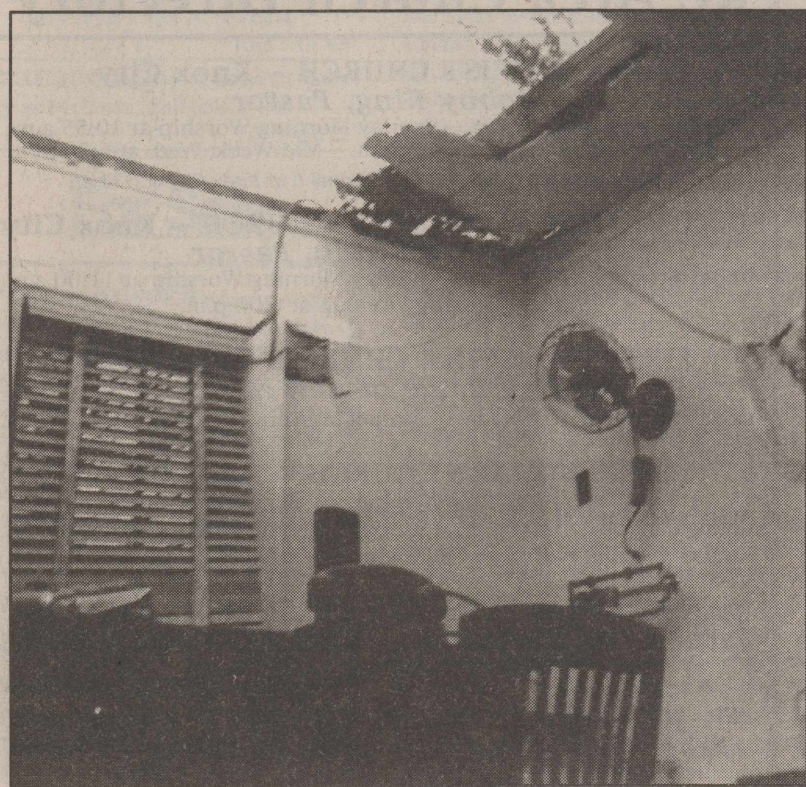


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50th anniversary of Knox City tornado is March 13, special story next week



The Knox County Hospital Clinic lost its roof and suffered major structural damage in the tornado that struck Knox City on Friday, March 13, 1953. Thirty five blocks of Knox City felt the wrath of the storm. (Bill Baker photo)

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

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 and Kay Dean Johnson, *The Knox County News* has been provided with 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 regular edition next week.

KC linebacker listed on roster for FCA's North All Star Team

ABILENE - Scooter Thompson of Knox City High School has been chosen to play in the annual, newly renamed Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic, to be held Saturday, June 7, 2003, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

The son of Stacy and Dave Thompson, Scooter was one of 87 area athletes selected for the fourth annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 51 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference, Sunday, March 2, at Wylie High School in Abilene.

About 150 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 33 counties.

A selection committee made up of the 20 All-Star coaches chose the teams.

Head coach for the North team will be David Flowers of Merkel High School and his assistants, Keith Mullins, also from Merkel High School; Chad Rogers and Roger White, Snyder High School; Darryl Cash, Anson High School; Steve Gunter, Hawley High School; Brent West, Cisco High School; Dave Oldham, Rotan High School; and Danny



GETTING INTRODUCED at the Sunday afternoon FCA press conference in Abilene to release the team rosters for the June 7th Myrle Greathouse All Star Classic, senior Scooter Thompson from Knox City High School shakes hands with Coach David Flowers of Merkel, who will serve as the Head Coach for the North All Star Team. Sedrick Roberson of Knox City was selected as an alternate for the game, but did not attend the press conference.

Davis, Throckmorton, High School.

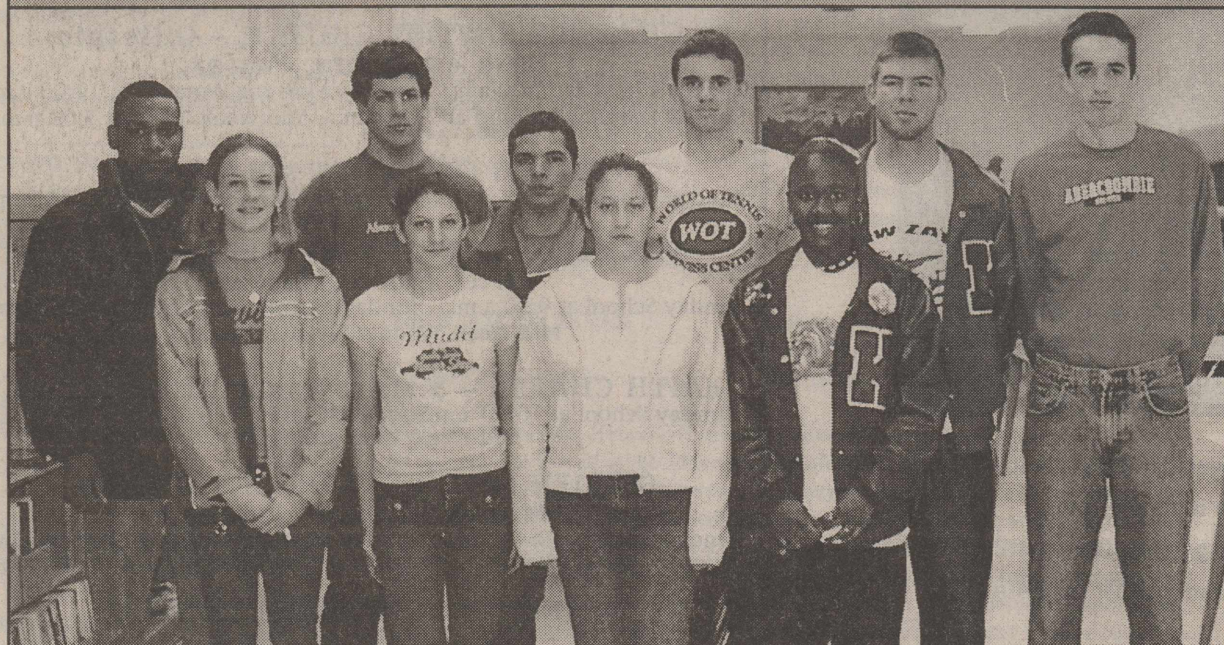
The South Team will be led by head coach Bo Robinson of Bangs High School and his assistants, Wendell Robinson, Bobby Anderson and Gary Garvin, all from Bangs High School; Dave DuBose, Grandview High School; Joel Hood, Rising Star High School; Joey McQueen and Billy Hill, San Angelo Lakeview; Todd Bandy, Brady High School; and

Malcom Moerbe, Comanche High School.

Players from Class 5A through Class A, in addition to one player from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program, make up the team. By classification, the two 40+ man squads break down like this, seven from 5A, 14 from 4A, 18 from 3A, 30 from 2A, 17 from 1A and one six-man players. Eighteen additional

See FCA, page three

KCHS 2002-2003 Basketball All District Picks



HOUNDS AND HOUNDETTE All-District honors have been announced. Houndette recipients front row, from left, are Nikki Moss, Newcomer of the Year; Sophia Gutierrez, Samantha Gutierrez, first team; and Kaylie Billington, honorable mention. Hound recipients back row, from left, are Kendrick Green, District MVP; Caleb Carver, Carlos Ruiz, first team; Brad Johnson, Landon Weiershausen and Dustin Johnson, honorable mention. (NEWS digital photo)

No additional candidates file for May 3 races

No one else had filed for election as of Monday's press deadline in the upcoming joint elections set for May 3 for the City of Knox City, the Knox City-O'Brien CISD and the Knox County Hospital board.

The only candidate to file as of Monday, February 24, was

Tommie (Bud) Reynolds who filed for mayor.

Filing for these elections began Monday, February 17, and will continue through Wednesday, March 19.

In the city election, terms expiring are those of Mayor Charles Lankford and councilmen J.M.

Emerson and Leon Watson. Hold-over council members include Fred Ledesma, Bud Reynolds and Domingo Garcia.

In the school board election, the terms of Gene Ward and Todd Lewis are expiring. Word was appointed to fill the unexpired

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Tracksters endure cold, damp weather at Crowell for season's first meet



THE O'BRIEN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND KNOX CITY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS traveled north to Crowell last Saturday to participate in the first track meet of the 2003 season. The weather did not cooperate as the day was cold and damp with temperatures in the lower 40's and overcast skies all day long. In the above photos, Katelyn Railsback, daughter of Bruce and Sandy Railsback, is shown running (white shirt) in the photo at left, while Candace Carver, daughter of David and Sharla Carver, is shown going over a hurdle in the photo to the right. More photos from the Junior High competition during the day are shown on the sports booster page of this edition. (NEWS photos)

Letter to the editor

I'm writing this letter to bring a serious problem our community faces to surface. This is a problem that we all discuss and it is effecting our children. The problem I'm talking about is our school and enrollment in particular. We seem to have come to a point where serious discussions need to begin about coming together with Munday and Goree or the whole county to form a school to provide our kids more opportunities. This won't be popular with everyone but that's not usually what people know me for. What I hope I'm known for is trying to get the best for our kids and I don't feel we can honestly look within ourselves and say what we're doing is best. We're sitting back in stores, ball games, business and churches talking about needing to do something, but we're watching more and more being cut and taken from our kids and their educational experiences.

This isn't just for those of us with kids in school. It's for all of us who care about our tax dollars and wanting to see the kids get the most out of them.

It's easy for some of us to believe "Munday will never go for it!!" but how can we if they have never been given a serious, official proposition? We also can't let our "rivalry" hold us back from talking to "them" about putting our kids together to become a powerful school district. Most of us with kids know that for the most part they get along just fine. I feel Munday is ready to listen to this suggestion after reading last week's article about their Little League. There is also the fact that they were aggressive and open-minded enough to go to Goree and admit they needed each other.

Munday was also very gracious in letting several Knox City youth participate in their Pee Wee Football program. The people were nothing but nice. We're also sitting over here watching while our Little League and Pee Wee basketball programs struggle and we could stop that; but chose to do nothing. As parents, we need to start insisting that every measure is taken to insure that our kids stop being denied everything extra and some basics just because we choose to raise them out here.

It will be a lot of work and many many problems will arise but I hope nobody can look at the kids and say it's not worth trying. Nobody wants to give in or give anything up but as things stand, that's exactly what we're doing and forcing our kids to do as well. Sacrifices will also be made by everyone but our kids education won't be one of them any longer.

I guess what I'm asking is that each one of us who don't want to sit back and become a six-man school, or be forced to close because of funding issues, start talking to the people we put in charge of our children's education. If I'm alone on this, then I'll accept it and move on; but if I'm not, let's start moving (not talking) aggressively with this. We need to at least give Munday a chance to say they don't want to come together with us and stop assuming it as the case.

If you pay taxes or have children, it's not someone else's problem.

Thanks,

/s/ Jeff Stanfield

KC Circle Club to meet Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00

The KC Circle Club will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. Rita Rosencranz will host the meeting at the Knox County Aging Center. The meeting is open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Aging center lunch menus

March 10th thru 14th

Monday, March 10 - Chicken casserole, blackeyed peas, whole kernel corn, light bread, pudding.

Tuesday, March 11 - Chili and beans, buttered spinach, salad, nachos, dessert.

Wednesday, March 12 - Braised pork with gravy, buttered rice, stir fry vegetables, hot rolls, cobbler.

Thursday, March 13 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, cobbler.

Friday, March 14 - Cream of potato soup, tuna salad sandwiches, cake and fruit.

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

Dance at Rhineland

Saturday, March 8
K-MAC

9:00 to 1:00

\$5.00 Per Person

Basketball photos are on sale at the NEWS office. Hurry in today!

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for the kindness, prayers, cards, visits and flowers during the recent loss of our mother, Lucille Graves.

The H.B. Graves Family

KC Area Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Bobby King, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Services telecast live on Channel 6 in Knox City & O'Brien

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Claude McKiddy, Pastor

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

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City
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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Paul Chambers, Pastor

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

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City
Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland
Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Julian Estrada

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin
Claude McKiddy, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie
Ross Anderson, Pastor

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin
W.O. Smith, Pastor

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

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

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

FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH ~ O'Brien
Milton Mcamas, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

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Church location: 5 miles west of O'Brien

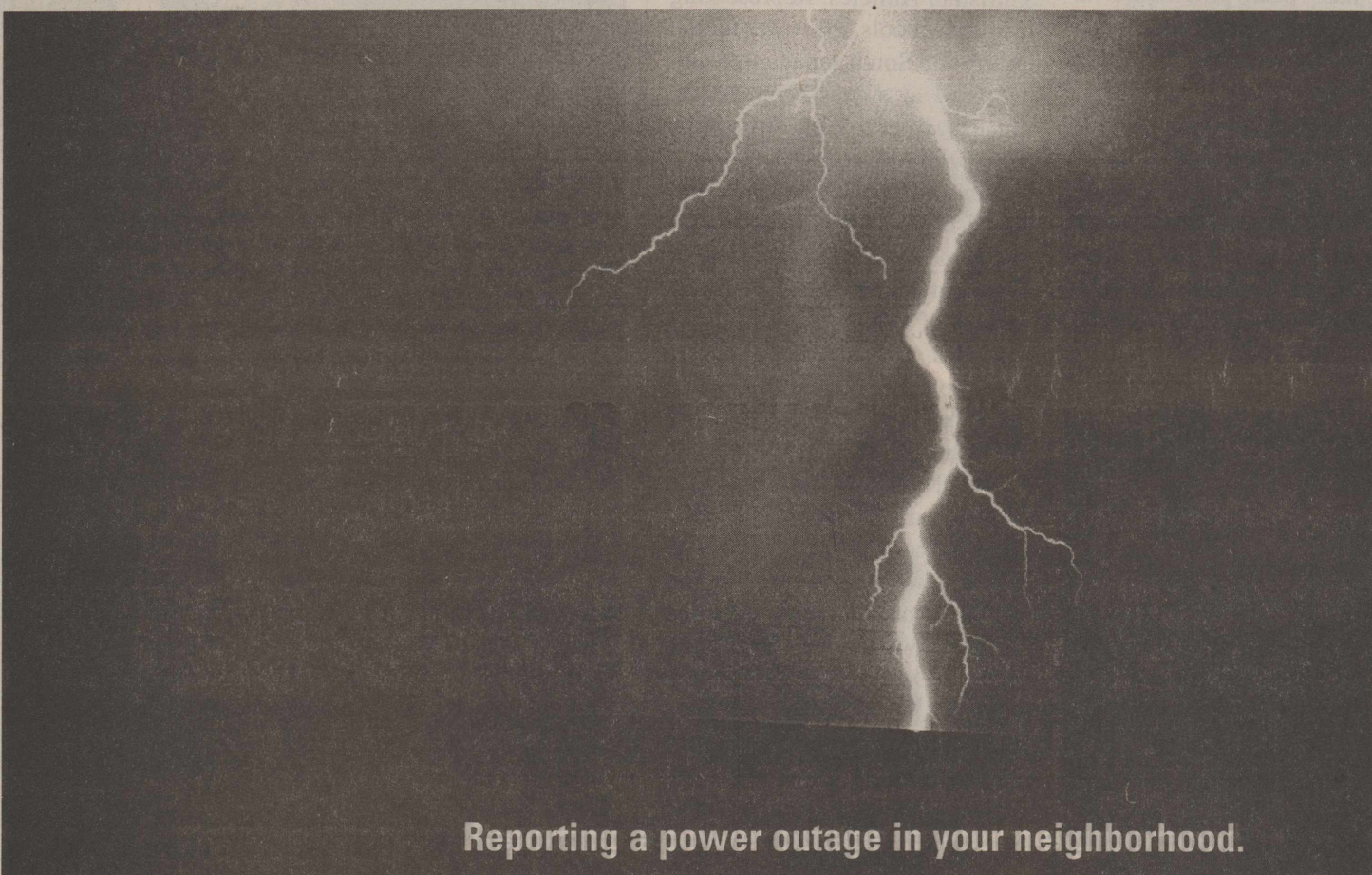
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NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

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

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

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

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

Crowell track meet results

Junior High Girls
 100 meter dash - Katelyn King, third, 15.11;
 100 meter hurdles - Candace Carver, sixth, 21.41;
 200 meter dash - Katelyn King, second, 31.78;
 300 meter hurdles - Sarah Burt, second, 1.0266; Candace Carver, fourth, 1.0772;
 400 meter relay - Tiffany Wilde, Jessy Schur, Bridgett Billington, Sarah Burt, fourth, 61.97;
 400 meter run - Kursten Stafford, fifth, 1.1793;
 800 meter relay - fourth, 2.1019;
 Totals for KC girls - 45.
 (Jr. High Boys information unavailable)
High School Girls -- 100 meter dash - Jamilla Ward, third, 13.81;
 1600 meter run - Dimple Patel, sixth, 7.22;
 400 meter run - Sophia Gutierrez, first, 62.53; Nikki Moss, second, 62.56;
 800 meter relay - second, 1.5492;
 800 meter run - Dimple Patel, fourth, 3.0451; Total for KC high school girls - 59.
High School Boys - 1600 meter run - Carlos Ruiz, fifth, 5.5081;
 200 meter dash - Kendrick Green, first, 23.57; Quentin Spells, second, 23.9;
 300 meter hurdles - Dustin Johnson, fourth, 47.12;
 400 meter run - Ben Simmons, third, 58.81;
 400 meter relay - Sedrick Roberson, Dustin Johnson, Kendrick Green, Quentin Spells, first, 46.37;
 800 meter relay - Roberson, Johnson, Green, Spells, first, 1.3775. Total for KC boys - 70.
 O'Brien travels to Rotan Thursday for their track meet, the Knox City teams will run there on Saturday.

FCA announces All-Star team rosters

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players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances.

Teams will report for two-a-day workouts on Tuesday, June 3, 2003. A 'Sharing the Victory' Banquet honoring the players and local FCA huddle members will be held Friday night, June 6.

The game will be televised and shown by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene by Cumulus Broadcast.

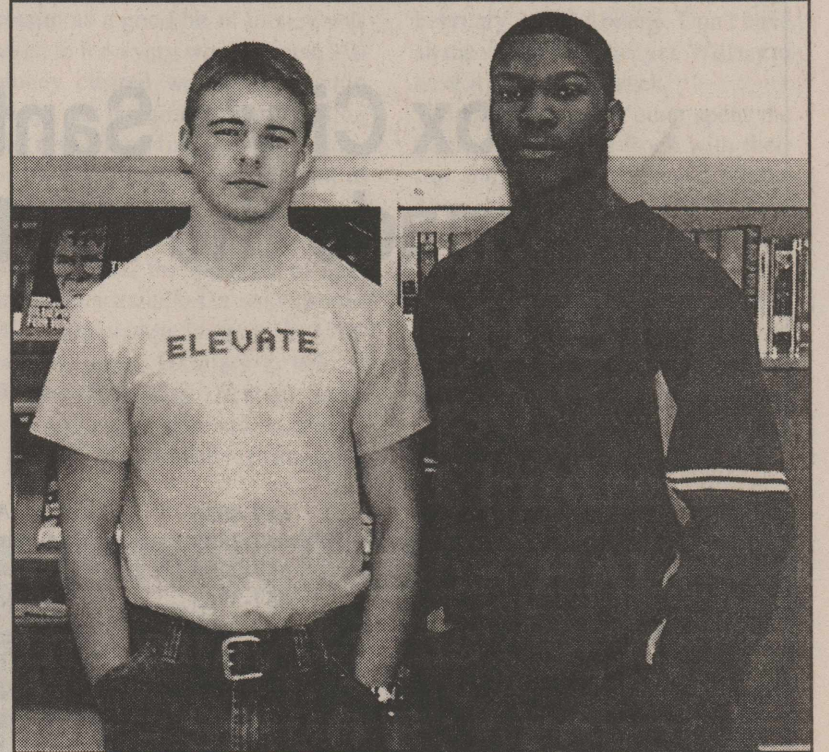
North All-Stars - Jeral Badon, Grant Cunningham, Cole Kiser, Abilene High; Kurt Wasemiller, Abilene Christian High; Cade Prince, Albany; Lawayne Douglas, Anson; Tanner Wilson, Baird; Zach Butler, Brandon Mendoza, Kyle Newton, Big Spring; Chase Riley, Breck-enridge; Ryan Johnson, Jake Morgan, Robert Starr, Kevin Stennett, Cisco; Travis Carpenter, Clyde; Billy-Bob Walker, Coahoma; B.J. Graham, Colorado City; Austin Harrison, Eastland; Wesley Longorio, Forsan; Michael Green, Hamlin; Eddie Lloyd, Haskell; Josh Davis, Hawley; Scooter Thompson, Knox City;

Harrod Clark, Ballinger; Sam Merrifield, Jeremy Newton, Justin Garcia, Bo Ratto, Marcus Draper, Bangs; Bryan Parks, Brady; Chris Jones, Freddie Stoglin, Brownwood; Javier Riojas, Christoval; Zackary Epperson, Coleman; Dusty Williams, Comanche; Dusty Purvis, Cross Plains; Ashton Schuman, DeLeon; Jake Thompson, Early; Justin Miller, Grandview; Dusty Grun, Jim Ned; Kevin Gonzales, Menard; Lalo Garza, Ozona; Ross Parker, Jason Vargas, Michael Reyes, Allan Harrison, Reagan County; Clint Williams, Adam Constancio, Rising Star; Stewart Millican, Robert Lee; Ryan Humble, San Angelo Central; Michael Simpson, Juamar Hall, San Angelo Lakeview; Jake Sparks, Sterling City; Rusty Jackson, Shane Colburn, Winters; Tommy Felts, Christopher Cardwell, Landon Wolfe, Matt Gross, Wylie.

South Alternates - Seth Brewer, Ballinger; Saul Trevino, Brownwood; Chad Anderson, Christoval; Terrance Mason, Coleman; Kenneth Dozier, Jim Ned; Matt Brewer, Jim Ned; Robert Ogle, Jacob Tambunga, Ozona; Anson Lott, Robert Lee; Guy Slimp, Winters.

The North All-Stars hold a 2-1 lead in the series.

KCHS powerlifters qualify for regionals



OFF TO REGIONAL POWERLIFTING this weekend are Hounds Wes Parker and Sedrick Roberson. Not pictured is C.J. Bruce.

Hispanic fund is started for summer leadership program

A 'National Hispanic Fund' has been established at Citizens Bank for three KCHS students attending a program sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute.

Anyone wishing to contribute may now do so, according to school counselor Betty Moore.

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Call of the Child - One day I found my three-year-old son with the telephone, which he quickly hung up when he saw me. "What were you doing?" I asked him. He said that he had called his Aunt Tara. "How could you have called Aunt Tara?" I asked. "You don't even know her number." "Yes, I do. I called her," he replied. I wasted a lot of breath trying to convince him that he didn't know her number, but he insisted he had made the call. "Okay," I said finally. "What did she say, then, if you called her?" He answered, "She told me I had the wrong number."

Here and There - Joe Banner and Billie Walker were in Aspermont to visit their aunt, Coral Lee Duncan.

Eight youth were present to kick-off the Youth Group at O'Brien Baptist. Youth came from O'Brien, Knox City and Benjamin. Rhonda McManus and Billie Walker are sponsoring the group from 5 to 6 on Sunday afternoon.

Brother Milton McManus, pastor of O'Brien Baptist, is holding services at Brazos Valley nursing home every Thursday morning at 9:00. He urges others to come in to sing and pray with residents.

O'Brien Baptist Church held church services at Brazos Valley nursing home Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. LaUna Hester played the piano and Mac led the singing. Helen Manning and Audie Johnston also attended.

Reed Underwood was in Lubbock over the weekend to visit his sister, Becky and husband.

Several men from O'Brien Baptist Church attended Saturday morning breakfast and church services at the Foursquare Church. Attending were Don Roberts, Steve Ellis, Joe Banner, Jimmy Johnston, Bro. Milton McManus and Bro. Bill Trice.

Veeta Reed is spending several days in Fort Worth taking care of her grandson, Sam, while his parents are away attending to some business.

Don and Diane Roberts were in Lubbock to visit with their daughter, Angela, who is a student at Texas Tech. They attended the Texas Tech-Texas basketball game.

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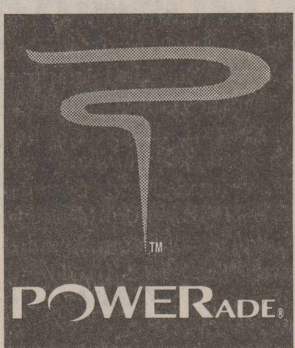
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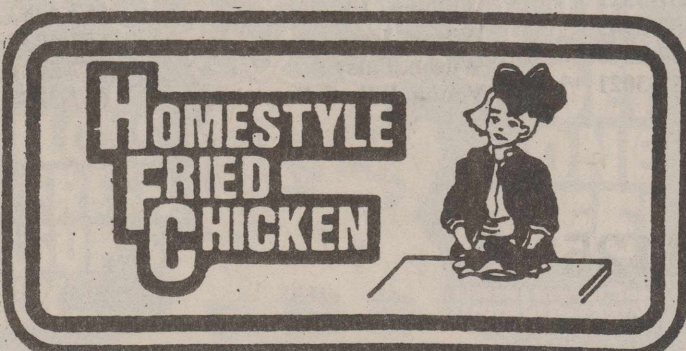
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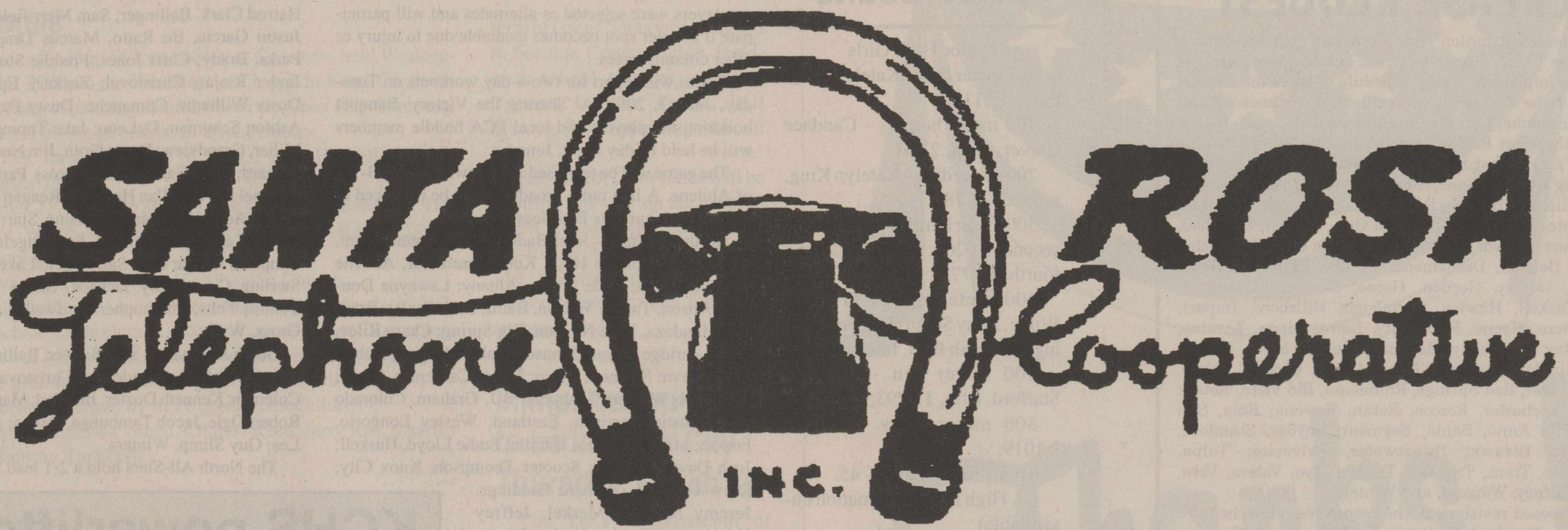
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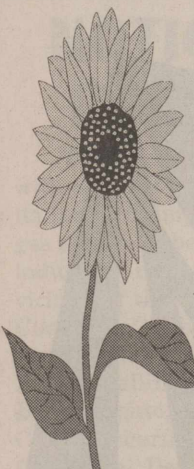
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Knox City's Santa Rosa Telephone customers who have 'made the switch' as of Thursday, February 27, 2003

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Munday set to hold Blood Drive March 10

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive Monday, March 10, from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

The day of donation, donors are asked to drink extra water and fluids.

Giving blood is safe, simple and easy to do. To be eligible to donate, the person must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health. Those who have taken an antibiotic within the last 48 hours will be deferred from donating. Potential donors who have had the flu shot are eligible to give blood.

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Date	Low	High	Rain
02/25	17	30	
02/26	27	34	
02/27	32	47	
02/28	33	44	
03/01	39	48	.01
03/02	32	44	
03/03	29	64	

Total 2003 Rainfall - .60

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

News of our ill - Little Levi Jones, son of Clint and Misty, has been a patient in the Knox County Hospital this week, suffering from pneumonia. He's better and should return home today (Sunday). His big brother, Colby, has been under the weather too but he escaped the hospital stay.

Hazel Stockton has had a round with a bacterial infection that sure made her feel bad. She has taken a lot of medicine and was doing better but is now "suffering" from a terrible cold. Maybe when the weather clears up these ailments will too.

Era Brown is in a hospital in the Dallas area. She has not been too well for a while and her condition has worsened the past few days. We are anxious to hear from her since being admitted to a hospital.

Bill Parham is back in a Wichita Falls hospital according to the last word. His condition is serious but stable and hopefully he will begin to see better days after this round of treatment. As always, I ask your prayers for all these friends.

Shower honors mother-to-be - Mary Siemens was honored last Sunday afternoon with a baby shower held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church, the honoree received lots of little boy clothes.

Guests were served punch and cake and chips and dip.

Hostesses were Jessie Roberts, Mary Young, Pam Duke, Janet Reed, Nancy McGreger, Mel Reed, Sharazan Riggins, Jonnie Williams,

Dawn Vanderpool, Laura McCanlies, Cindy Layton and Emilia Acevedo.

Albright death - We were saddened last Sunday morning when word came of the death of Rev. Harvey G. Albright. Brother Harvey passed away early Sunday, February 23, at Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Oklahoma, where he resided with his wife, Lonella. His funeral was Thursday at the Dickson Baptist Church in Midwest City, Oklahoma, a church he had pastored for over 30 years. Other than his wife, two daughters and their families survive him.

We all learned to love the Albrights (those of us who didn't already know them). He was here in '98 for our Sunday homecoming service in June and again in October (same year) for a revival. Certainly we extend sympathy to his family. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in memory of him are asked to contribute to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc. or the Arthritis Foundation.

Firemen's Meal Successful - The fish and calf fries meal Saturday, February 22, has been termed as successful as a good bit of money was taken in for a very worthy cause. All money cleared will help to "chip away" the remaining debt owed on the new grass fire fighting equipment. The silent auction brought in several dollars also.

Local's granddaughter does well - Sarah Spikes, the daughter of Guy and Donna, a sophomore in Seymour High School participated in the Choral UIL event, February 8, held at Wichita Falls High School. Sarah entered a vocal solo and received a "1" rating. Sarah is active in a number

of high school activities and the youth group of the First Baptist Church in Seymour. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Spikes and the late Bill Spikes of Benjamin.

Here 'N There - Janet Winningly, who lives near Phoenix, Arizona, spent last weekend with her aunt Jane Gideon and her dad, Joe Nunley, who lives at the Munday Nursing Center. Joe came over here and even stayed all night. That was "real" Good medicine for him. He's doing pretty well.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse were in Hillsboro Sunday, the 23rd, for the funeral of his brother's father-in-law's funeral. They were accompanied by his sister, DeeAnn Davis of Seymour and his mom, Bobbie Moorhouse of Iowa Park.

Lorene Powers was here last weekend for a visit with family and friends.

I had a call from Sharon Johnson Bivins Tuesday night. She said they are all doing well and said to tell all her friends down this way "Hello".

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Banman spent last weekend with Seminole relatives.

It's a baby girl for Julie and Alex Ledesma. She was born Monday, February 24, in Abilene. Don't have all the vital info on her yet. Will try to have it all by next week.

Jack and Mary Young spent the weekend in Round Rock with their son and his wife, Jack and Cindy. They said it rained while they were there and had hoped we would have gotten some but no such luck - yet.

Judy and Randolph Barnett have been here but will return to Alvin on Wednesday. And may not be back for several weeks. They divide their time between here and there as he's still employed in his home area.

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Obituaries

Juarine Jones

Funeral services for Juarine Jones of Knox City were held Wednesday, February 19, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Knox City with the Rev. Bobby King officiating. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jones, 86, died February 16, 2003, in a Haskell hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born December 13, 1917, in Merkel, her parents were the late Top and Mary Alice White. She was a dietician for the Knox County Hospital for many years.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married Robert (Bob) Jones, who preceded her in death in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Duncan of Knox City; a son, Jimmy Joe Jones of Atlanta, TX; a sister, Juanita Hughes of Ardmore, Oklahoma; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three great-grandchildren

Pallbearers were Clifford Cornett, Charles Reed, Jerry Ray, Charles Lankford and Sammy Tankersley.

Mary Adkins

Funeral services for Mary Adkins of Rochester were held Friday, February 28, 2003, at the Church of Christ in Rochester with John Greeson and Travis Boyd officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Adkins, 100, died Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

Born March 3, 1902, in Hill County, Texas, she married Ace Adkins in 1919. He preceded her in death in 1980. She lived in Haskell County 83 years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Eddie and Virginia Adkins of O'Brien; a daughter, Mrs. Sam (Joyce Nell) Turner of Rule; eight grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Wilburn Adkins; and three grandchildren, Jim Edd Adkins, Pam Adkins Elmore and Sam Adkins. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Belle S. McBroom

Funeral services for Belle S. McBroom of Wichita Falls, formerly of Rochester, were held Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at Smith Funeral Home in Knox City with Rev. John Robertson officiating. Burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McBroom, 80, died Sunday, February 16, 2003.

Born November 26, 1922, to the late William E. and Willie Mae Smith, she married O.A. McBroom on November 20, 1941. She was a member of Floral Heights Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

Survivors include her husband, O.A. McBroom in Wichita Falls; two sons, Paul McBroom of Burkburnett and John McBroom of Fort Worth; two daughters, Tami Marcellus of Weatherford and Carolyn Taylor of Washington; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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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 siete cientos 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 la solicitud 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 a 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.

Elections draw no new candidates

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term of Greg Clonts who resigned to become County Judge. Holdover school trustees are Dale Turner, Charlie Schur, Bill Stewart, Raul Espinosa and Scott Lynn.

The term of Clint Jones will be expiring this year on the hospital board. Holdover elected members are JoAnn Albus and Jim Reid. The hospital board has three elected members and four who are appointed.

Immunization clinic to be in Knox City Thursday, March 13

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an Immunization Clinic at the Housing Authority Community Room, Thursday, March 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

DTaP, Polio, MMR and Chickenpox vaccines for children entering school will be available as well as other immunizations for adults, infants and children.

A parent, adult family member or guardian must accompany a minor.

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

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



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KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CISD PLANS EARLY START DATE

Knox City-O'Brien CISD intends to apply to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for the 2003-04 school year. The District is requesting to begin the first day of instruction for the 2003-04 school year on August 13, 2003. A public hearing to allow for public comment will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, in the W.R. Baker Auditorium.

3-6 tlc 93

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COUNTY OF KNOX

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

L.J. Johnson, Jr., if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatee and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 10, Block 50, Original Townsite of the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas begin that property more particularly described in Volume 172, Page 491 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and Lots 11 and 12, Block 109, Original Townsite of the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 172, Page 491 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$195.54, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on January 5, 1999, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Rowena Johnson et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8393, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 7th day of April, A.D., 2003, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this 21st day of February, A.D., 2003.

/s/ Ronnie Verhalen, Clerk of the District Court, Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District

2-27 2tc 788

/s/ Misty Jones, Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF KNOX

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

Nicolosa Hernandez, Hermino Hernandez, Santos Escobedo and Manuele Duncan, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatee and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 16 and 17, Block 57, Original Townsite to the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 171, Page 98 and Volume 223, Page 133 of the Deed Records of Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$974.25, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 25, 1999, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Nicolosa Hernandez et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8435, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this 21st day of February, A.D., 2003.

/s/ Ronnie Verhalen, Clerk of the District Court, Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District

2-27 2tc 757

/s/ Misty Jones, Deputy

Bid Notice

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

District: Childress
Contract 6096-74-001 for REPLACE T&S W/SGT in DICKENS County, etc. will be opened on April 10, 2003 at 3:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$244,850.00.

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

NPO: 9256

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Childress District
District Engineer
7599 US 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705
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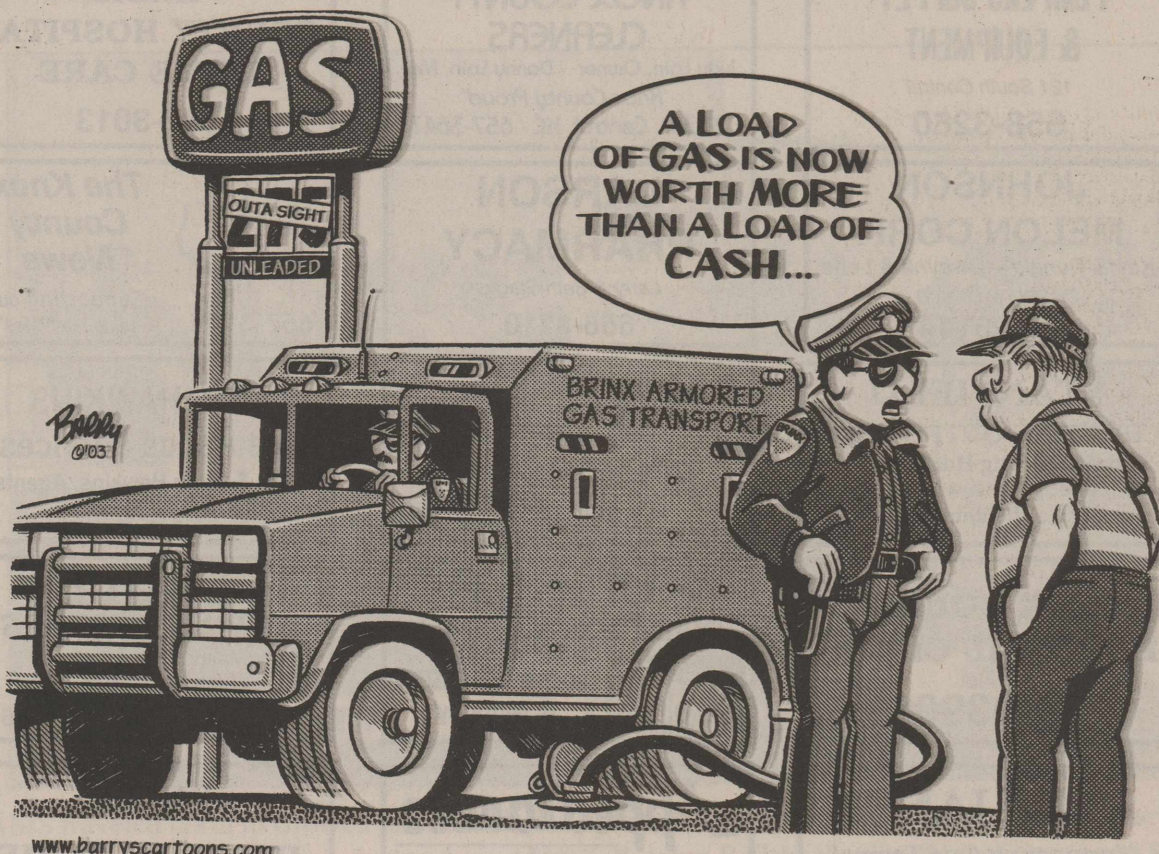
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