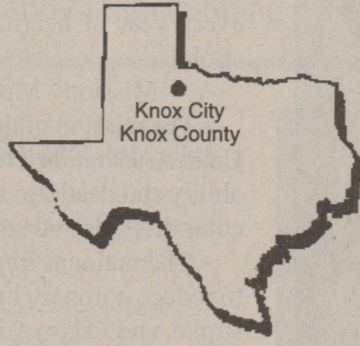


Early voting for the primaries is underway and will continue through Friday, March 5

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Two each file for city and school election

In the filings for Knox City Council and the Knox City-O'Brien CISD elections, two incumbents have filed for the three seats on the City Council, as have the two incumbents for School Board.

Bud Reynolds and Fred Ledesma have filed for their seats on the City Council. The other post is currently being held by Domingo Garcia.

In the school board election, Dale Turner and Raul Espinosa, have both filed for their seats on the school board.

Deadline to file is March 15.
Election date is May 15.

Meek Center Bloodmobile to visit Monday

The Knox County Hospital will host a community blood drive on Monday, March 1. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at the hospital from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meek Blood Center is the sole provider of blood to Knox County Hospital and sixteen other hospitals in the Texas Midwest.

The last blood drive in Knox City was held on December 22 and resulted in 14 pints of blood.

"Meek Blood Center is in need of all types of blood, especially types O and A, as they are the most common blood types in our area," Frances Baker, donor recruiter, said. "Our mission is to ensure blood availability to the hospitals we service at all times. We are totally dependent on volunteer donors for the blood supply."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good health and free of infection or illness. Most medication are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2805.

Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results can be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

Welcome rain !

A gentle rain started falling here Monday morning and has continued to drench this area through Tuesday.

The Plant Center northwest of town recorded .76 inches on Monday and by 4:00 on Tuesday another .61 had fallen. Some amounts in town were about 2.5.

Million dollar rain



SOMETHING NOT SEEN FOR A LONG TIME in Knox City is rain, and lots of it! The much needed moisture started at the beginning of the week and was welcomed by area farmers and land owners. As seen in the above photo taken on Tuesday afternoon, the north and south flow of water on canal street required east and westbound drivers on Main Street to slow down a little as they foarded the intersection. (News photo)

Sheriff urges key removal from all cars

By DEAN W. HOMSTAD, *Knox County Sheriff*

In the recent past, in fact the last couple of years, it seems to be a popular mode of transportation to "borrow" someone's car without permission. In most circumstances, the vehicles are left abandoned somewhere, sometimes nearby and many times elsewhere.

A variety of vehicles are taken, some very nice vehicles, some that seem to be barely able move, but none the less, they belong to someone other than the person who takes them on a road trip. In virtually every case, the keys are left somewhere in the vehicle and the vehicle is unlocked. Even though this is a very small and friendly community, there are those who are not so considerate as to leave "your" stuff along.

The same goes for your house and other buildings. Many times, the houses that are entered with intentions of committing theft are unlocked. Again, there are individuals prowling the streets and neighborhood that are just looking for something to get into and carry off your possessions. It is very easy to lock your house, windows, sliding doors, garage doors, anything that might permit unauthorized entry. A person can secure a window with a simple nail properly placed, sliding doors with a stick,

your front door with a locking door lock.

Not securing your "stuff" is just inviting entry and loss and it's a matter of time before someone does try to enter the unsecured door. I'm not saying that locking the doors and windows will prevent thefts altogether, but it will curb the thieves ambition and cause him/her a little more inconvenience. And for goodness sake, even if it takes a little more time, lock your vehicle and take your keys out, even if you park it in front of your own house for only a few minutes. You might get busy and forget about leaving the keys in the vehicle, ending up leaving the vehicle unattended for several hours or overnight.

The local agencies do a good job of watching the neighborhoods and relocating the vehicles once taken, however, please help us help you keep your "stuff" where it belongs, with you. You would be surprised what is prowling the streets and what your law enforcement is having to deal with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your attention, and if you have any questions or need suggestions, call on any peace officer in Knox City, Munday, or the county, they will be glad to assist you.

Chamber banquet plans are continuing

Plans for Knox City's Chamber of Commerce banquet, commemorating Knox City's 100th birthday, are coming together.

A special powerpoint of the history of Knox City with old pictures, memorabilia and stores will be presented during the banquet.

The banquet will be held Thursday evening, March 18, in the newly remodeled Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

To obtain tickets for the event, contact any Chamber Director, or call the Chamber office at 658-3442.

To make sure the celebration of Knox City's 100th birthday is a special time, Chamber officials are asking those with old photographs, memorabilia or stories to contact them. Picture will not be damaged. They will be scanned and returned to the owner in the same condition they were received.

Historical commission meets, discusses fundraiser, museum

The Knox County Historical Commission and Friends of KCHS met February 10, 2004 discussing the recent fundraiser meal and museum plans.

Our meal was the biggest success to date, feeding approximately 475 people and with a donation of \$750.00 from the Wichita-Brazos Soil Conservation District, donations totaled \$1,325. The generous contributions of 26 silent auction items netted \$1,051 and the quilt, which was won by Jim Cox, brought in \$1,109. The net profit of the entire fundraiser was \$5,643.

There were 46 door prizes donated from all over the county. The food was delicious, thanks to the many volunteers and visiting with friends

added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Officials were very happy with the interest shown for the museum by the success of this fundraiser.

At the meeting, the beginning phases of construction were discussed. A motion was made and passed that we start construction as soon as possible. Money received from fundraisers and donations since 1966 has given us a total of \$65,000 to start this project. Applications to five foundations for grants have been made with no success. Money is tight, interest is low, or the rural area is a detriment, they say. To preserve the history of Knox County a determined effort by our citizens, past and present, will produce the necessary funds and labor to build this museum.

KC powerlifters win at Saturday Paducah meet

Knox City powerlifters traveled to Paducah Saturday for their meet.

According to Coach Wayne Hutchinson, the team played second. Teams competing were Munday, Knox City, Paducah, Crowell and Rotan.

Placing first in the 165.50 class was C.J. Bruce with an overall total of 1215. Cody Wainscott placed third in the 165.50 class with a total of 875.

Placing first in the 198.50 class was Cameron Hutchinson with a total of 1105.

Placing second in the 148.50 class was Chris Norton with a total of 745.

Placing first in the girls competition was Jessica Albus with a total of 430.

Regional competition for the girls will be March 6 and for the boys on March 13. Both contests will be held in Floydada.

This Saturday, March 28, will be the last qualifying meets for the teams.

Keener appointed TxDOT's Childress district engineer

CHILDRESS - Effective immediately, Terry Keener will take over the duties of District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Childress District.

At the time of his appointment, he was serving as Director of Operations for the Childress District, a position he has held since 1997.

A former Knox City resident, Terry began his TxDOT career in 1971 as an engineering assistant in the Childress District. After working in the private sector for a little more than a year, he returned to the department as resident engineer for Knox County. In 1982, he promoted to district maintenance engineer and became director of administration operations in 1987. He also served as interim district engineer during 1997.

He received his graduate degree in civil engineering in 1971 from Texas A&M University. He is the 1998 recipient of the Gib Gilchrist Award and received the Childress Rotary Club Award as Rotarian of the Year for 2002-2003.

Terry and his wife Susan have six children, Todd, Kristine, Melissa, Dustin, Christopher, Stephanie and five grandchildren.

The Childress District includes the counties of Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler.

Obituaries

Eula Marie Auburg

Funeral services for Eula Marie Auburg of Knox City were held Saturday, February 21, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knox City. The Rev. Bobby King and the Rev. John Gillespie officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Auburg, 75, died February 19, 2004, in a Munday nursing center following a lengthy illness.

Born October 29, 1928, to Richard and Effie Whitley, she married Charles Auburg on February 2, 1947, in Gomez, Texas. They were married for 57 years. Marie worked at a bank and also taught school in Spur, Levelland, Munday and Knox City.

Survivors include her husband, Charles of Knox City; daughter, Pam Ellison of Chico; two grandchildren, Charles Dunn of Floydada and Sheila Foskey of Lubbock; three great-grandchildren, Eddie and Katie Dunn of Floydada and Ayla Foskey of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Sonny and Skeet Whitley of Brownfield.

Pallbearers were John Glenwinkle, Marvin Jones, Boots Walker, Leo Beason, Henry J. Jones and Sammy B. White.



Milton J. Simmons

Funeral services for Milton J. Simmons of Knox City will be held Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knox City with the Reverends Rodney Compton, Bobby King and John Gillespie officiating. Burial will be in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Simmons, 82, died February 23, 2004, in an Abilene hospital.

Born December 19, 1921, in Knox City, to Joseph and Virgie Carter Simmons, Mr. Simmons was a member of First Baptist Church and was a building contractor. He proudly served his country during World War II.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Bonnie Simmons of Joplin, Missouri; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack Henry and Edna Simmons of Cypress; two grandchildren, Mary Ann Simmons of St. Louis, Missouri, and Gregory Joe, and wife, Amy Simmons of Webb City, Missouri; and a great-grandson, Christopher Simmons of Webb City, Missouri.

Aging center lunch menus

March 1st thru 5th

Monday, March 1 - Chili dogs with cheese, Mexican corn, potato salad, sliced pears, donuts.

Tuesday, March 2 - Chicken soup, pimento cheese sandwiches, French fries, strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, March 3 - Braised beef tips, buttered noodles, sweet peas, hot rolls, cobbler.

Thursday, March 4 - Meat loaf, hominy casserole, cucumber salad, hot rolls, pudding.

Friday, March 5 - Sliced ham, pinto beans, cole slaw, Mexican cornbread, dessert.

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

Wantads Work!

American Heart Association notes

- An Epidemic -

• Heart disease and stroke continue to be the nation's number one and number three killers. Stroke is the number one disabler.

• About 950,000 Americans die every year of heart disease and stroke.

- Mission - Minded -

• The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

• The national Impact Goal is to reduce coronary heart disease, stroke, and risk by 25% by 2010.

• The association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"During the college speech course I taught, I spoke about a Chinese student who, after moving to the United States, decided she wanted an English name to honor her new home.

"She chose the name Patience," I told the class, "because she wanted to be reminded to be patient. Every time someone called her name, the message was reinforced." I asked the students what names they would select for themselves. After considering the question, one young man raised his hand and said, "Rich."

Here and There - Donnie and Diane Roberts were in Lubbock over the weekend visiting with their daughter, Angela, student at Tech and attended the basketball game Sunday afternoon.

Kevin Urbanczyk of Goree visited his grandmother, Adelle Her-ring, Saturday.

Eddie and Claudia Bryant had a good weekend with their granddaughters, Hadlee and Cecylee Hicks of Hawley. We're gonna miss the Bryants as they will be moving to Weinert soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanchez were blessed over the weekend to have their little granddaughter Ramea and mother of Lubbock

visit. Their son Rey Rey was at work and couldn't come.

Charlene Brothers was in Abilene Sunday to see her new great-granddaughter and her son Don's granddaughter. She's a doll.

Several ladies of Knox City and O'Brien were in Jayton to attend the basketball game of Knox City girls who played Lorenzo and lost by a few points but it was a great game. Attending were Janoma Stephens, Anne Underwood, Charlene Brothers, Dorothy Jean and I. They all played a good game.

One of Vivian Hendrix's girls and her son John came by and visited for a while over the weekend. Vivian, along with Loretta Hewitt, Billie Walker, John and Jo Lippard and Myra Reeves, still need our prayers.

Orval and Helen Manning were in Abilene last week for an eye doctor's appointment and got a pretty good report that makes you want to keep on trying.

Bennett and Sue Shortes were in Dallas for a few days attending a stock show and other good things last week.

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.

FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and 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
Tex Cox, Pastor

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 Ben Vasquez

Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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

Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor

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

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
Matt Harrington, Pastor

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ Benjamin

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

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

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

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 McManus, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
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An open letter to Knox County Voters:

As a life time Knox County resident and the county's only licensed practicing attorney, I strongly urge you to support candidate Bill Heaty, who is running for District Judge of the 50th Judicial District in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

I have known and worked alongside Bill Heaty for more than 30 years both in civil and criminal cases. During this time we have worked to resolve many property issues, some involving more than one county, so cooperation has been very important. I can personally vouch for Bill's honesty and integrity. He is a man who does what he says he will do.

Bill knows the people here, and I know he has great pride in our communities. He is also keenly aware of the problems facing rural Texas in the upcoming years. I firmly believe that his experience, his dedication and sense of fairness make him the best candidate for this position.

The election is Tuesday March 9. Please vote for Bill Heaty.

Sincerely,
Bobby D. Burnett
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Joe Lowe announces candidacy for Knox County Judge

"One of the most rewarding aspects of running for the office of Knox County Judge has been traveling throughout the county and visiting with other Knox County residents. Many new residents have said, "We haven't lived here long, but we love Knox County." And speaking as a fourth generation Knox County farmer, rancher, and businessman, I certainly agree.

I hold a Business Management degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, and I am an Army veteran with an additional degree from the U.S. Army Finance School.



JOE LOWE

I have served on the boards of the Knox County 4-H, Farmers Home Administration, and Knox County Jr. Livestock Show.

Currently, I am a member and former President of Lions Club, as well as a member of Toastmaster International with several awards in communications and public speaking.

I will be honored to serve YOU as your County Judge and will work with every person, community, and elected official to see that Knox County remains a GREAT place to live.

Thank you for your support and for your vote."

Mitzi Welch of Benjamin issues statement to voters as candidate for Knox County Judge

"I, Mitzi Welch of Benjamin, Texas, formally announce my candidacy for County Judge in Knox County.

I was born in Big Spring, Texas. I graduated in 1980 from Northeast, Texas, and later enrolled at Northeast Louisiana University and Kilgore Junior College, attending classes in Business Administration.

I am active in the First United Methodist Church in Benjamin and have served as a Benjamin School Board Trustee for the last five years.

I married Shane Welch and we have four children and are blessed with four grandchildren.

In 1988, I owned and was director of the largest state licensed day care school in Jefferson, Marion County, Texas, which was licensed for 120 children. During this time, I budgeted school finances and operated within the budget, worked with State and Federal Agencies, secured grants, solved problems, met compliance deadlines, and frequently interacted with parents and the public. Doubling the size of the business, I nevertheless sold it in 1994 so that I could move to Benjamin, Texas, to be closer to my family and give my children a smaller community atmosphere.

In 1999 to 2002, I served as the Knox County and 50th District Deputy Clerk. During my time in the Clerk's office, I prepared legal documents (citations, warrants, subpoenas, etc.) that went across the judge's desk for approval and signature, so I am fully aware of the importance of each detail that



MITZI WELCH

it takes to be a County Judge. As Deputy Clerk, I assisted Civil and Criminal District Court. Due to my time in the Clerk's office, I gained the knowledge and experience to also conduct countywide elections.

Then in 2002 to 2004 I joined the Farm Service Agency office in Knox City as a Program Technician. I assisted in Agricultural programs such as: Disaster, Livestock Assistance, Pay Limit Determinations, Certifying of Crops and Sign Up and Compliance programs. I recognize the importance of these programs and their FSA requirements. I also understand the magnitude of how important the County Judge's position is to the business and agricultural community.

I believe the greatest concern that our county faces is a challenging budget, growth in our county, and business development. We need to keep the needs

of the whole county in mind and especially educating the younger generations about our County Government along with the older citizens of the County for a better comprehension of our budget and tax rates.

We as a County need to work together, learn from our mistakes, think critically, evaluate the situations we're faced with, and use all the resources possible while keeping expenses at a minimum for taxpayers.

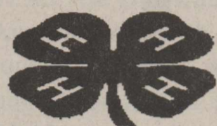
The County Judge and County Commissioners Court is limited to certain rulings by the Legislative body, but I also believe that the people elected as our officials in Knox County must respond to the citizens who put them there or be replaced by someone who will.

Serving on the Benjamin School Board and attending summer leadership seminars has given me opportunities to grow and continue my leadership abilities as a team builder.

As a candidate for the County Judge position, I had to resign from the Farm Service Agency, though I enjoyed working with so many hard working farmers and ranchers in our county. Due to my resigning I will have no other outside interests and I will devote my full attention to the County Judge's office.

I ask that you consider my qualifications, and leadership abilities and elect me as the Democratic candidate on March 9, 2004, and again in the General Election in November.

Thank you,
Mitzi Welch"



KNOX CO. CEA NEWS

By SHERRY McGOUGH
County Extension Agent / Ag.

In order to reach cattle raisers throughout the state of Texas, the Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Beef Council, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association have developed a Beef Quality Assurance training CD. The CD was bound in the February issue of industry magazines such as The Cattleman Magazine. The subject matter taught on the CD is a self-study

version equivalent to the Level 1 face-to-face training of the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program. Level 2 training is still required in 'classroom' format. However, the CD can now be your first step in achieving Texas Beef Quality Producer status - and you can do it on your own computer in your own home! The CD is now available at the Knox County Extension Office, at no cost to the producer. If

you are interested in becoming a Texas Beef Quality Producer, or have questions concerning the program on the CD, please contact me at (940) 459-2651.

The Texas Peanut Producers Board is holding elections in four of its five voting regions to elect four board members whose current members' seats are expiring. Knox County is in Voting Region Three, where one seat is open for election. Ballots are in the Knox County Extension Office and must be mailed in to TPPB by March 1. Any eligible voter may come by the office to pick up a ballot.

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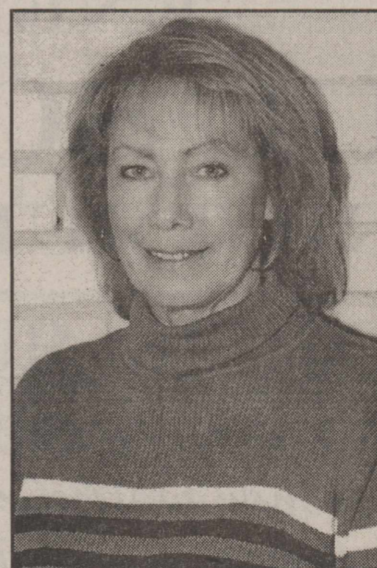
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If elected Knox County Tax Assessor-Collector, I will perform the responsibilities and duties of this office honestly and in a helpful and accommodating manner toward all. I appreciate each of you I have been able to visit with, for extending me your time and consideration. I am continuing to work toward seeing all Knox County residents.

Thank you . . . Linda Parker
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December 2003 is busy month for Aging Center

By Susan Cockerell

The month of December was a busy one for the Knox County Aging Services. Each serving day there was a drawing for a Christmas door prize at the four feeding sites.

On the 19th, we took a trip to Abilene. Two van loads of folks first stopped for supper and then went on to Celebration Park and the State School to see the Christmas lights.

During the month, we had several people from the Community who came and entertained. Carol Duke, Lacy Headrick's daughter from Throckmorton, played Christmas carols on the piano; Tibb Burnett from Benjamin played his harmonica and recited Cowboys poetry; and Delbert Lloyd, Bill Crawford and Fidel Rodriguez brought their guitars and saxophone to play and sing.

On the 22nd we held an Open House. There was a table of Christmas sweets and several door prizes were given out.

Everyone is invited to come by and eat. Due to the rising costs of operations, meals for those under the age of 60 have increased to \$4.00 and suggested donation for anyone over 60 is \$3.00.

For more information call 657-3618 or come by 107 North Avenue E., Knox City.

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Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

We have had a rainy Monday and promise of more - maybe even some snow. That would be good as we do need moisture.

Our Lady Stangs ended their basketball season last Tuesday night. They played Throckmorton in Archer City for the bi-district title but were defeated. So it's on

to track now and hope we do well in that.

The boys play Bryson tomorrow night (Tuesday) in Iowa Park in their first playoff game. They have had two practice games. One with Rule, one with Ira. They lost both but by only a few points but the practice was good for them and hopefully they will be ready for Bryson, which is coached by former Benjamin coach, Charles Steele.

About our ill - Dutch Young is continuing to improve from his recent surgery and Deann Lamb is still doing well. She still doesn't get out much but will in time. She's still a bit apprehensive.

Dorothy Spikes is having a lot of trouble with her back. Has had all kinds of tests made and doctors can not find the problem but the discomfort is still there. Hopefully she will be better soon.

Tib Burnett was due to come home today. He's been in rehab several days following knee surgery.

Hazel Stockton will be back in

Abilene Wednesday for further tests. Some from last week came back abnormal and doctors feel she needs more. This all to determine if she's able to undergo hip replacement surgery.

Here 'N There - Loraine Powers of Midland was a Benjamin visitors several days last week.

Pat Benson visited her sister Billie Faye Cummings in Henderson a few days recently.

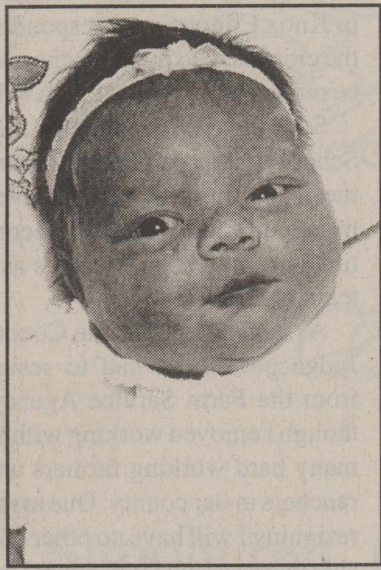
Omitene Barnett is feeling pretty well. Glad to have her sister Wynelle Holloway of Fredericksburg here to help her out.

Jack and Sue Sheedy attended the funeral of her sister's husband in Sulphur Springs on Sunday.

Our Dillon will be back in Dallas Friday for more tests. Then hopefully in a few days, he will be able to have his radiation. It was first thought he would have only one treatment but doctors have determined now that it will be better to do it in three treatments. Please continue to pray for him and all these friends with health problems.



It's a girl!



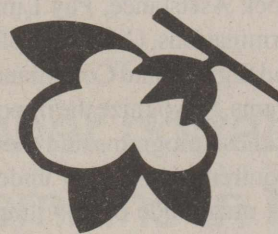
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A guardian angel would like to announce the arrival of his sister Kennedy Faith Damron.

Born January 30, 2004, at 12:15 p.m. to Doug and Kelli Damron of Goree, she weighed in at 9 lbs. 1.7 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

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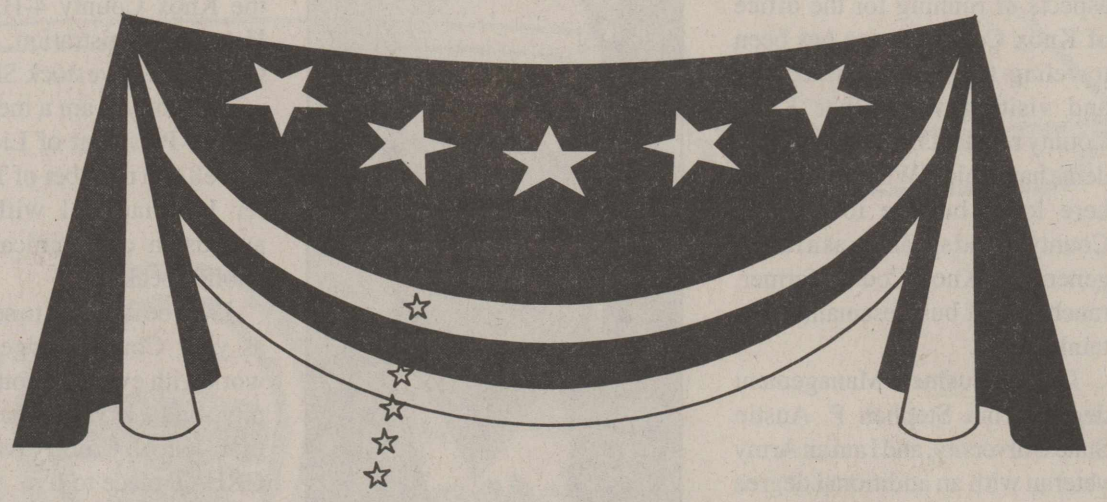
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From This Angle

Local KC Notes by Billye Angle

It is delightful this Monday morning to sit at my desk and watch the rain coming down! I do hope that it is pretty general and I believe that it is. We had beautiful weather over the weekend, and now they are forecasting possible snow by Tuesday night. You know the old saying, "If you don't like the weather!"

Speaking of weather, former residents Jo and H.B. Graves are experiencing plenty of snow in Vermont as will be noted in their letter appearing elsewhere in this week's News.

Overnight guests in the home of Faye Shaver Saturday night were her son Brack and his wife, D'Anna of Fort Worth. They were enroute to Abilene where their youngest son Austin is a student at McMurry.

LaNell Kight recently attended a pre-induction party for her cousin T.M. Smith at his ranch near Boyd. Smith, who was born near the Brazos River close to Swenson, was a rodeo judge for years as well as a cattle trader. He worked at what used to be Consolidated in Fort Worth for about 40 years. Smith was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame on February 14 at Mayborn Convention Center in Temple. LaNell said he now raises Longhorn cattle at Boyd and that one of his heifers won the first World Champion Longhorn heifer title.

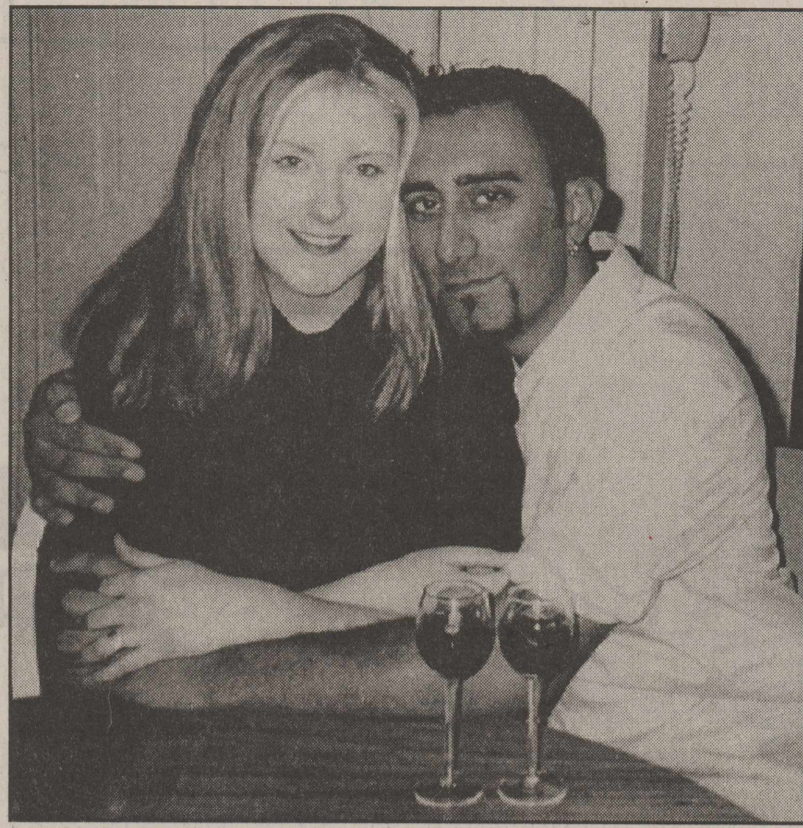
Mary Lu and Billy Tom Grant of Littlefield, James Measles of Lehi, Utah, and Bobby Measles of Mineola spent the weekend with their sister and her husband,

Wilma and Bud Hogan in Munday and visited their mother, Mary Measles, at LaNell's Adult Foster Care in Knox City.

In the home of the Bobby Kings last weekend were their son, Chris, his wife Kristi and children Austin and Ethan of Wichita, Kansas. Chris, who is in the Air Force and has been overseas, is home for awhile.

Here for the weekend in the homes of Stacy and Dave Thompson and Billye Angle were Gwen Decker of Lubbock, Clay Hewitt of Dallas, and Scooter Thompson of ACU in Abilene.

Had a great letter from Roland Willis which appears elsewhere in this week's paper, and I want to remind our readers to please call in their news as it is always of interest to our out-of-town subscribers.



Tammie Jordan and Joey Rocha

Couple plan July wedding in Abilene

Johnny and Becky Rocha of Abilene announce the engagement of their son, Joseph Alexander Rocha to Tammie Jordan.

Joey, a former Knox City student, graduated from Wylie High School in 2000.

Tammie's parents are Tommy and Luzita Jordan.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Otis and Sue Wright of Knox City.

The couple are planning a July wedding in Abilene.

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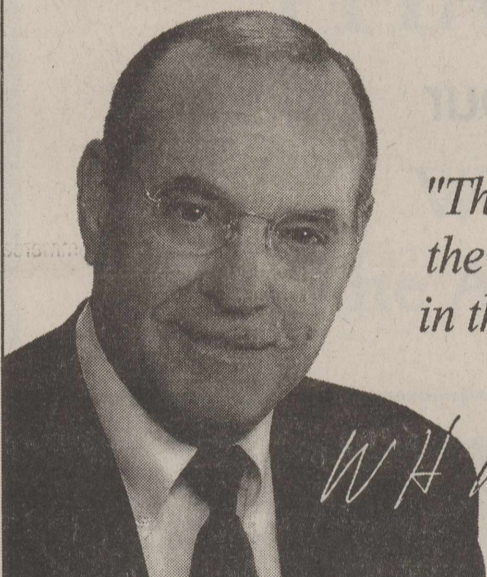
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Dear Friends,

We look forward each week to receiving the paper and catching up on all of the news. I am enjoying your new part, From This Angle by Billye.

Enclosed is the money to renew our paper.

I wish our snow would melt as fast as yours. We have had about 80 inches of snow. It settles down, but does not melt. Our driveway is scraped and piled up and is about as high as our white pickup. We have to be very careful all of the time. The roads are kept dry because of the school buses. It was 17 below zero one Sunday morning when we went to church and we still had 12 present.

Our church work is going very well in spite of the weather. We had editors and publishers from 16 states here last week to interview us and the work up here. We started from ground 0 and now have a building, a budget, and a bunch of people coming. We have four different ministries outside the church.

In an average week, we have about 40 people in all of the activities. The Lord continues to bless.

When we were home in December, we took the flu and I am still having trouble with my ears. But I am better.

I wish you could see the beauty here and all year there is a different kind of beauty, from snow to turning leaves.

We see wild turkey from our back porch and once in a while we see a deer. Snow mobiles are everywhere and they are having races now.

Tell everyone hello for us. We love you all.

Jo Graves
P.O. Box 327
Chelsea, Vermont 05038
802-685-4640

February 20, 2004

Dear Billye:

Just wanted you to know how much we appreciate your "From This Angle". You do a great job - keep up the good work. I have long wished for more local news.

We live at the end of the pony express so takes about 10 days. We do enjoy the news.

Awhile back the Texas Highways magazine had a feature on 6 man football. I could not resist writing them and thought would share a few of my comments.

"Laura Wilson's Grit and Glory Six Man Football really brought back fond memories. I graduated from Knox City, Texas - High School in 1949. In 1948 I served as Co-Captain of our six man football team. We won all of our games including Bi-District which was as far as you could go then. By some luck I got to play in the first all State six-man game in history - not because I was a good player, but because I was the only senior on the starting team - Ha. East Texas played West Texas at Forsan, Texas during the summer of 1949. I always considered Knox City as being in West Texas, but I played on the East Texas team. We lost to West Texas."

I told Texas Highways that football was and still is big medicine in Knox City and always will be.

Billye, we have lived in Oklahoma for over 30 years now, but will never forget our Texas roots. I owe so much to all of the good folks who called Knox City home. I am considered one of the old timers now and there are far too few of us left.

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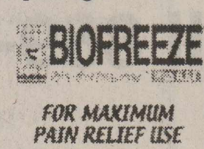
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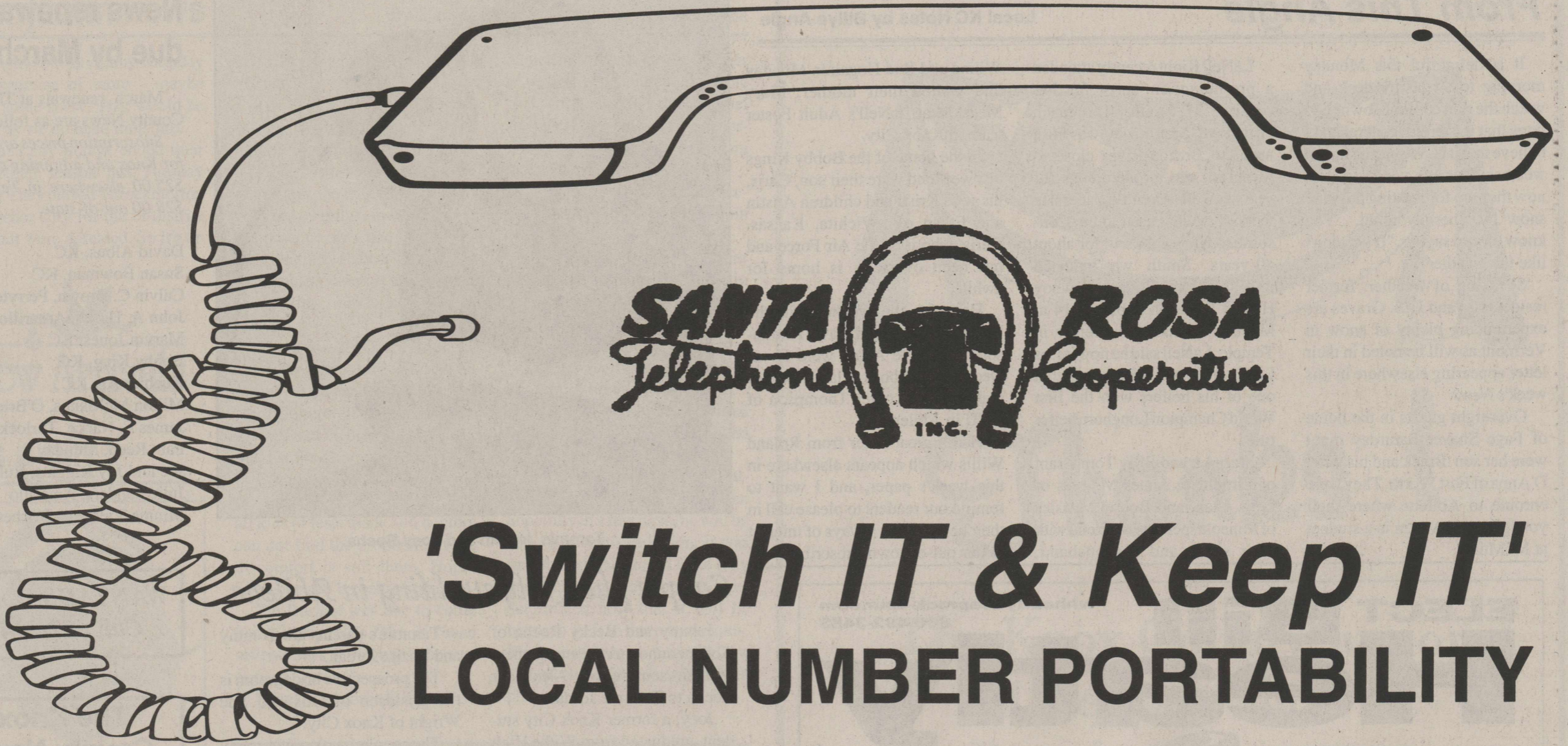
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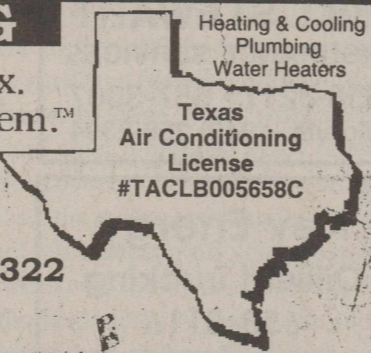
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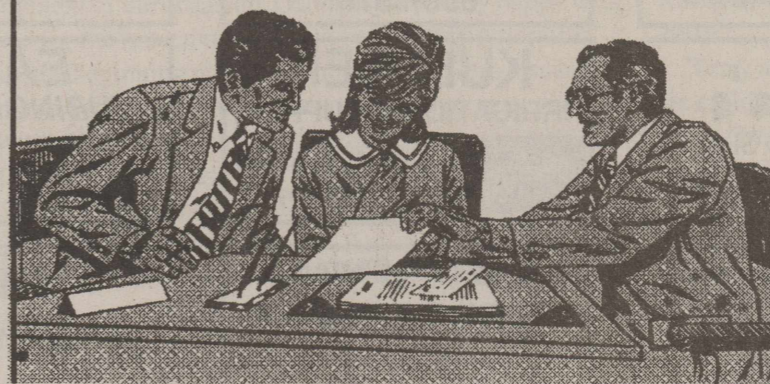


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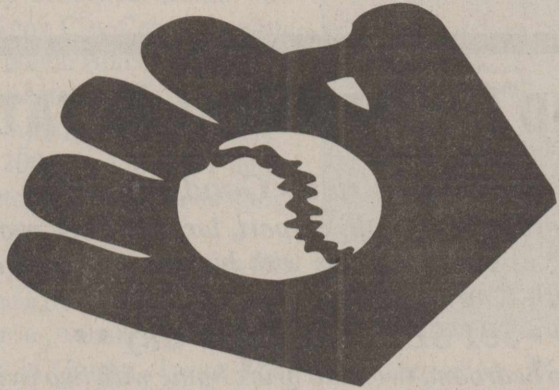
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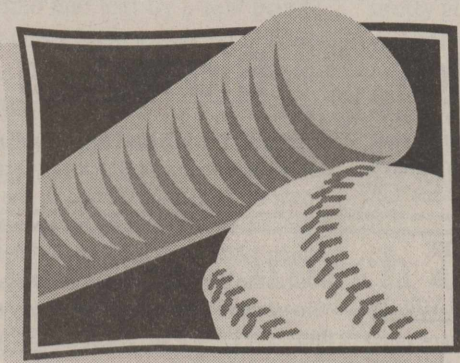


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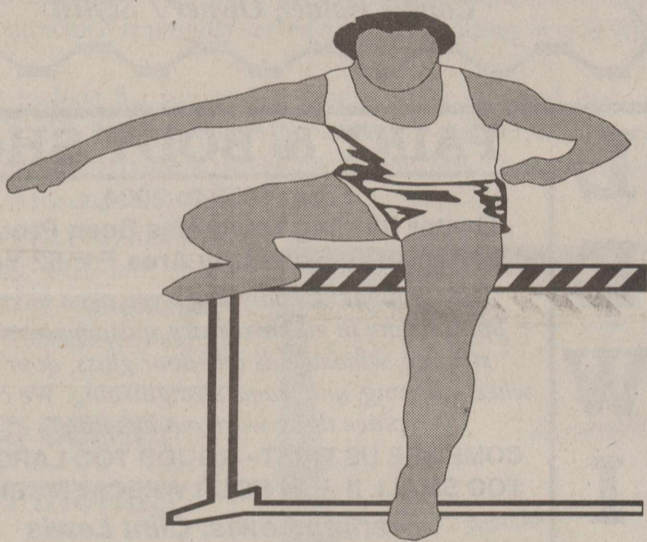
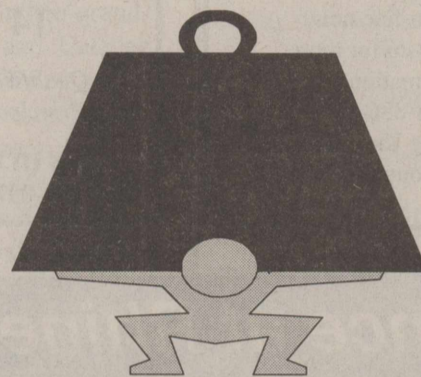
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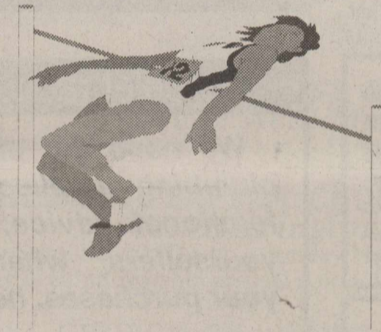
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