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Fire Truck Controversy Result of Lack of Communication

The City Council of Knox City met in an emergency session Monday night to resolve an issue concerning the funding and delivery of a new fire truck to the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department.

Misunderstanding of how the actual grant from the U.S. Forestry Service was funded may have begun the problem with the fire truck. The City and the Fire Department are responsible for covering the entire amount of the truck invoice, then the Forestry Service reimburses the City for 90 percent of the total.

The City had some paperwork on the reimbursement program, but apparently not everything

they needed. Unfortunately, no one knew exactly what was included in the folder and what was missing until City Attorney Bobby Barnett examined it Monday night.

Also, the truck was completed by Wildfire Truck and Equipment company a month ahead of schedule and arrived early.

When the truck was delivered last week to Knox City, before any formal action had been taken by the Council, all were caught off-guard. The Council must first meet and act on payments as large as the one needed to secure the truck before a check can be issued.

That is what transpired at

Monday's emergency meeting. The Council voted unanimously to fund the truck with a stipulation that the Forestry Service issue a "letter of intent" to reimburse the City for the total amount of the vehicle cost within 30 days.

Provided the Forestry Service will issue the letter, the truck should return to Knox City.

"The whole thing comes from noncommunication and miscommunication between the City and the Fire Department," Mayor Charles Lankford stated. "In the future, let's try to be better informed on both ends. We'll work at it and the Fire Department can work at it, and we'll have a better relationship."

Spring Turkey Hunting Loads of Fun Rain or Shine



Albert Lavallee / National Wild Turkey Federation

Year before last my hunting buddy Bret and I headed for the woods, or as our hunting spot is known, the Place.

The Place is actually some land between Windthorst and Antelope that has been in my family since my grandfather bought it after the Great Depression. He wanted his own land where he could hunt, fish, run the wolf hounds and teach his kids and grand kids about the outdoors. For once, I was paying attention.

Bret and I arrived late on Friday, the night before the spring turkey season's opening day. It was overcast and a little chilly for April, but we were on a mission. Bag a turkey and deep-fry it. We were tired of hearing about how "good they taste," without actually knowing for sure.

Following some last minute strategy, conjecture and downright scientific planning, we settled in for the night at the camp house. When the alarm went off at 5 A.M. in the morning, we reported for action.

Now, my buddy is one of those guys who has just about every gadget you can imagine so it took a few minutes to get out the door. We had decoys (a Tom and two hens made of painted styrofoam), three different calls (a box call, a slate and a diaphragm), two shotguns, three pistols, two sets of full body camouflage, four boxes of four-

shot, 12-gauge shotgun shells (Why we needed 100 rounds is still anybody's guess.), and really everything we could carry. Except one small oversight.

It was raining straight down and there wasn't any rain gear in the camp. No slickers, no fancy RealTree garb, nothing. Not even one of those umbrellas you wear on your head like a hat.

But we weren't about to let that foil our plan for a fried feast. So, we gathered up our gear and headed toward the spot where we knew the turkey had been roosting. Undaunted. Unafraid. Dry.

Needless to say, within five minutes we were soaking wet. It hadn't rained like that since Moby Dick was a minnow. Some of that Forrest Gump, sideways kind of rain. Onward.

We spent the next five hours under a tree, working our calls, checking our watches, and daring each other to be the first to call it a day. Neither of us budged an inch.

"You think it's gonna' rain all day?" Bret asked around noon.

"Naw. It will probably quit about sundown," I replied.

I was wrong.

Finally we agreed that our hunt was fast becoming a spongy mess. We had just about given up when Bret said, "Hit your call one more time just for good measure."

I hit my H.S. Strut Silencer Plus Field Champion Box Call

one last, and fateful, time. There it came. An old Tom answered on last call. He was just over the hill. I hit it again. He replied, this time even closer than before. Once more. He was moving closer.

As Bret hoisted his shotgun, the Tom gobbled again, but this time he sounded further away.

Maybe it was just the rain muffling the sound. Surely after all this he wasn't getting away. We decided to stalk up the hill, see if we could spot him.

I hit the call once more and just at that moment, the old Tom ran across the pasture road, stopped in the tracks and turned to look at us. That was his fatal turn and our fateful opportunity.

Bret didn't miss and we had our bird for the frying.

Back at camp, soaking wet, dog-tired and grinning from ear-to-ear, my hunting buddy summed it all up.

"Well, all we gotta do now is clean him and cook him," Bret said.

"I'm good with that," I replied. "You do have one of those cookers don't you?"

On the way back to his house in Euless, we stopped at Academy and bought one. Sixty bucks is a small price to pay to reap the rewards of a successful spring turkey hunt.

As we were driving toward his house, he asked, "Think we should have bought some rain gear?"

"What? And jinx our fool-proof method! Not in this lifetime," I replied.

That deep-fried turkey was the best meal I ever had.

Spring Turkey Season in the Rolling Plains runs April 2 to May 8. The bag limit for the entire year (Fall and Spring seasons) is four. Only gobblers can be taken during the spring season.

Happy (and dry) Hunting!

Four Sixes Ranch to Share Rangeland Management Strategies

From the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 7, 2005—The legendary Four Sixes Ranch will host "A Showcase of Rangeland Management" April 6-7, 2005, at Guthrie.

Participants will get a first-hand look at the exemplary rangeland management strategies that benefit both livestock and wildlife on the historic ranch. Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

The unique event is a partnership effort of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Wildlife Association, with professional support from Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University. Sponsors are DuPont Crop Protection and Yellow House Machinery Corp.

The event will kick off at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, with registration, an evening social and a steak supper at the Guthrie Community Center.

Highlights of the evening will include an overview of the

Sixes by Mike Gibson, general manager of Burnett Ranches; a photographic essay by Wyman Meinzer, award-winning photographer, author and speaker; and comments on "The Camouflage Cowboy Hat" by Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist.

The entire day on Thursday, April 7, will be devoted to Four Sixes Ranch site visits and field presentations. Participants will gather at the Guthrie Community Center at 8 a.m. for refreshments; buses leave at 8:30 a.m.

The morning field presentations will cover "Rangeland Management Activities on the Sixes," including fire as a management tool, mechanical and chemical treatments and the brush-cover continuum

At noon, participants will return to the community center for a fajita dinner and a special presentation. "A Hunter's Pointers and a Cowboy's Logic" will feature renowned dog trainer Rick

Smith and seasoned Four Sixes cowboy Boots O'Neal, each sharing a view from their side of the fence!

Buses leave at 1 p.m. for the afternoon field presentations, "Rangeland Management Results on the Sixes." Topics will include water and plant responses, grazing and livestock benefits, wildlife and hunting (deer/quail) results and the Four Sixes horse and cattle operations

Speakers will include livestock, range and wildlife specialists from Texas Tech and Texas A&M and professionals from the Four Sixes, hunting and allied industries.

Buses will return to the community center at 5 p.m.

Registration cost is \$100 per person; TSCRA and TWA members get a discounted price of \$75 per person. To register call Todd McCartney, TSCRA director of producer relations and education, at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 140.

Meth Arrests Yield More Charges

On March 15 three suspects were taken into custody by the Knox County Sheriff's Department for allegedly stealing anhydrous ammonia from a farm near Gilliland. Deputy Chris Mendoza and Munday Patrolman Chris Tharp made the arrests in Benjamin, following a lengthy car chase.

Sean Henry Hoffman, a 19-year-old male, Eric Thomas Figueroa, a 20-year-old male, and Danielle Olivia Ibarra, a 19-year-old female, all of Wichita Falls, were arrested and charged with stealing the anhydrous ammonia. Hoffman remains in the Knox County jail.

Figueroa, who had an outstand-

ing warrant out of Wichita Falls for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, had bonds issued for the two offenses at \$15,000 each.

Deputy Lee Rowland embarked on an investigation which led him to Wichita Falls and the identity theft situation.

Working with the Wichita Falls Drug Task Force and a SWAT team, Rowland and Wichita Falls officers gained a search warrant for a residence in Wichita Falls where weapons and methamphetamines in the process of being made were found, along with evidence showing involvement in identity theft.

According to Sheriff Dean Homstad, identity theft has be-

come a serious problem in Texas, and in Knox County.

"It appears that one of the three arrested in our county was involved in identity theft," Homstad said. "Approximately 25 to 30 victims and maybe more."

"Just by losing your wallet, you can set yourself up for a lot of problems."

Homstad also suggested shredding your personal information before throwing it away and locking up your checkbook when not in use.

The Sheriff also wants to thank deputies Mendoza and Rowland for their hard work and efforts to protect the citizens of Knox County.

Waggoner Ranch To Be Sold Off in Estate Sale

The historic Waggoner Ranch, which spans the better part of six North Texas counties, 520,000 acres under one fence, and has been in operation since about when horses were first tamed, was ordered by the 7th District Court of Appeals to be sold at an estate sale and the proceeds distributed to its shareholders.

Hard to believe that a family squabble beginning in 1991 came to this.

Gene Willingham, son-in-law to Electra Waggoner Biggs, and his cousin, A.B. "Bucky" Wharton III disagreed on how to pro-

tect the family fortune from falling energy prices and lower land values.

Biggs filed the lawsuit in Vernon to sell the ranch and distribute the money to shareholders, but died in 2001 before a ruling was set. District Judge Tom Neely ruled in favor of the suit in 2003, bringing forth an appeal from Wharton.

Wharton claimed the estate could be terminated without a forced sale. His attorney, Glen Johnson of Fort Worth, said he was disappointed with the most recent ruling and is unsure if

Wharton will file another appeal. Wharton and his attorneys have 15 days to appeal to the next level, the Supreme Court of Texas.

The attorney representing the Biggs' heirs, Lonny Morrison of Wichita Falls, stated he was pleased with the ruling and that the liquidation would include all the land, cattle, horses, mineral rights, saddles and tack and anything of value on the ranch.

Local residents and ranch hands have expressed concern that investors will buy sections, fire the ranch hands and turn a Texas icon into a bad memory.

20th Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

CHILDRESS—Thousands of Texans from all across the state will get together on April 2nd for one of the nation's largest single-day cleanups – The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off – co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the grassroots arm of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

In Knox County, volunteers from the Knox City Lions Club, Knox City Ladies Golf Association, Munday High School, Munday Junior High School, First Baptist and First Methodist Church Youth Groups, Making Munday Proud/Keep Munday Beautiful, Community Life Involvement Council, Munday Moguls and Mogulettes and the Purple Cloud Band have pledged to TxDOT to participate in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 2.

Volunteers include members of more than 3,500 Adopt-a-Highway groups and more than 100 KTB communities, but the event is open to anyone interest-

ed in making Texas' public spaces litter-free. Adopt-a-Highway groups are in charge of highway cleanup, while KTB volunteers focus on neighborhoods, city streets, parks, and waterways.

"The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to clean up our roadsides and take pride in Texas," says Barbara Seal, TxDOT Childress District Public Information Officer.

"Every year about 1 billion pieces of litter accumulate on Texas highways, and taxpayers are footing the bill to clean it up," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "The state spent about \$35.5 million in cleanup costs last year, and contrary to what many people believe, we're not using prisoners to get it done. Ninety percent of our roadways are cleaned by paid contractors, and we rely on dedicated volunteers to do the rest."

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to highlight the call to action to

refrain from littering. In 1987, the Trash-Off expanded to include all of the Adopt-a-Highway groups in a one-day, state-wide litter pickup. Research has shown that people are less likely to litter when roadsides are clean. Volunteers from Adopt-a-Highway and KTB work year-round to keep their communities and roadsides clean.

Joanne Weik, President of Keep Texas Beautiful, said, "Each year this event has brought together thousands of volunteers, and we expect this year's event to be even more successful. There is a great sense of pride and accomplishment when we focus on our present and all work together for the same common goal. This program not only beautifies our roads across the state, it also educates and changes the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers, preparing us for a litter-free future."

For more information on how to participate, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org or contact Barbara Seal at 940-937-7145.

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USDA Rural Development to Host Meeting on Value-Added producer Grant Program

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency will hold a seminar to discuss the Value Added Producer Grant program. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., at the USDA Agriculture Research Service Plant Stress and Water conservation Laboratory Auditorium, 3810 Fourth Street, Lubbock, Texas.

"This grant program will foster the development of value-added project to help create the opportunity for economic development and job creation in rural areas," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing the necessary tools to help rural businesses create jobs and improve the quality of life for their communities."

Authorized as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. The Value-Added Agricultural Producer Grant Program provides an opportunity to refine agricultural commodities and products to increase their value in the marketplace. Grants may be used for planning activities and working capital for market-

ing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers. Farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Value-added agricultural proposals are being requested from eligible independent agricultural producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures interested in this program. The application deadline for the Agencies 2005 Value-Added Producer Grant Program is May 6, 2005.

To reserve a seat or learn more about this program, contact the Lubbock Local Office (806) 758-5644. Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>. USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and its mission is to use the resources of USDA to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

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When I examine myself and my methods of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing positive knowledge.

—Albert Einstein

The Benjamin Chamber of Commerce

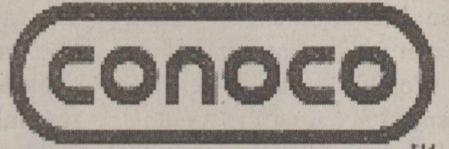
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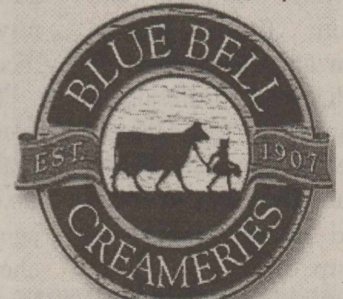


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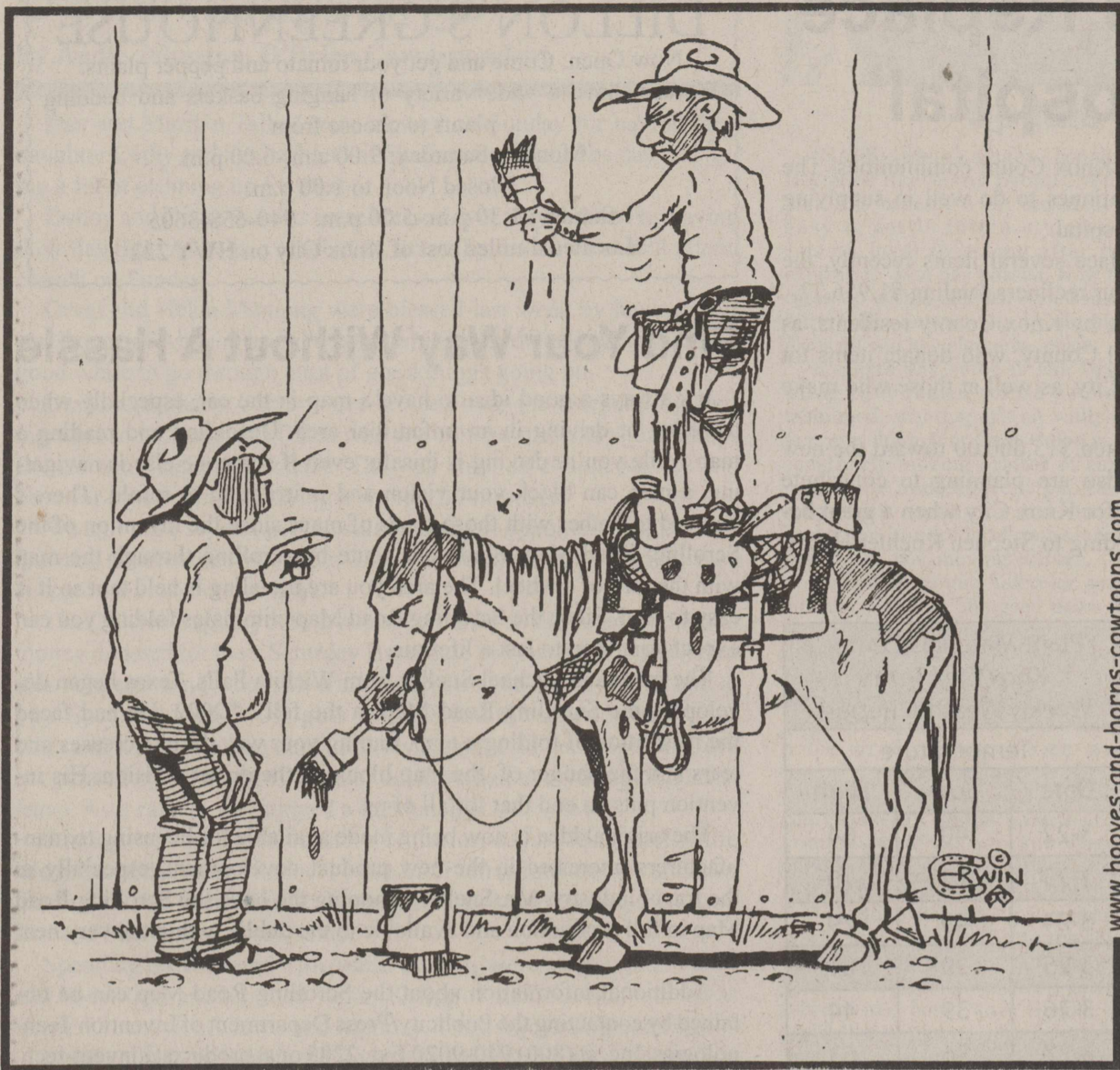
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Carrots, Eggs, and Coffee

Jan's Journal

A carrot, an egg, and a cup of coffee. You may never look at a cup of coffee the same way again. A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. she was tried of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She left let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

After about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. The she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs and coffee," came the reply.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that while each of these objects had faced the same adversity, boiling water; each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile.

Its then outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. the ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a break-up, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, the bean releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

Count your blessings, not your problems...and may you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

The Day The Ranch Broke Up

by Matthew Castle

We were all down by the bunkhouse, when the foreman gave a shout, Said "All our fears had come to life, the ranch has been bought out." A developer had bought it, and was gonna chop it up, And sell it to deer hunters, and that was our tough luck. We had a month to figure out what we were gonna do, Someone had to die to get our jobs, much less a whole crew, So we loaded our personal horses, and had a partin' cup, Then went our separate ways, the day the ranch broke up. Now Carson's in a feedlot, chokin' on the dust. And Billy's got a ranch job, he did the best of us, Eric's building saddles cause he really knows his tack, And I'm down at the grocery store, learnin' how to sack!

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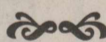
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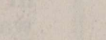


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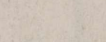
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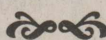
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TUCSON RODEO PARADE

It's not easy being Queen For a Day.

The Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee, numbering in the thousands as far as I could see, chose me to be their Grand Marshall. I was humbled and excited! It was like being nominated Secretary of Commerce or having Reggie Jackson ask for my autograph.

In the interest of public disclosure they informed me that I was not the first choice; which explained the wadded up checklist I found in the rodeo museum trash can. My name was at the bottom. The following names had been crossed out: Sam Elliott, Condie Rice, Martha Stewart, Fred Whitfield, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Hughes, Lassie, an Elvis impersonator and Garfield.

The Committee explained I would have responsibilities

other than simply riding in the parade. I imagined interviews with National Public Radio, Dan Rather, Rush Limbaugh, a TV spot with Larry King. Ribbon cuttings at Hoover Dam, the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame, Chernobyl. Instead, it turned out I was required to bus tables after the volunteer's luncheon, detail the parade chairman's car, and hawk nachos and beer during the slack performances. I actually appeared in the parade twice... once in the beginning aboard the Grand Marshall's horse-drawn wagon and again at the end pushing a broom.

I was fretting over my inability to master the proper wave, a point of etiquette required of the Grand Marshall. I enlisted the aid of two rodeo queens, a baseball coach, and a shipwrecked sailor. Using a combination of their advice I managed to alienate a group of Methodist snowbirds, cause the

mayor to steal second base, and slap myself black and blue! I never imagined the personal danger a queen contestant is exposed to in saluting the crowd.

The Tucson Rodeo Parade is the longest non-motorized, meaning horse-powered, parade in the world. Well into the 50th mile my arm got tired so I traded places with Dick, my stunt man. He was sure a good waver. He's now getting movie offers and has been contacted by Prince Charles to teach his son Harry the proper cowboy wave. I've been offered a janitorial position at the Parade Museum.

It was one of the most fun weeks I've ever had. We got good seats at the rodeo, weather was beautiful, I didn't buck off and I made a million new friends.

All in all, as LBJ would say, they treated me like a Kennedy!

Thank You!

The City of Benjamin would like to thank everyone who came out and worked so hard on clean up day. It is greatly appreciated, and the town looks much cleaner for all our efforts.

We would also like to thank everyone who provided a dish for the meal in the Park.

The City of Benjamin

ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

by Morton Scott

Now I know this is the time of year when you've got to be very careful. You don't want to fall for an April Fool's joke about anything that sounds strange, but, honestly, I really do want to wish you: "Merry Christmas!"

I want to suggest something which will perhaps be one of the best Christmas presents you've ever given. No, I'm not pitching for one of the big stores in Wichita Falls, or even in Benjamin.

This present will probably be remembered more than any other you have ever given, yet it is not expensive. The gift will just take a bit of effort on your part, an effort you will probably enjoy.

I'm talking about your writing the history of your life, an autobiography, and giving it to family members, and friends, for Christmas. This would be a gift much treasured by those receiving it, for years and years to come. You could even give updates for future Christmases.

With my interest in history and genealogy, maybe I can make a few suggestions to help.

To begin, I will suggest a few approaches. You may prefer a different approach; you should go ahead and try it. You can always change the direction later.

You don't have to start at the beginning, or do it all at once.

I set up my computer with files for each decade of my life (at 75, which means eight decade files). Then I set up a sub-file for each year in each of the decades.

If you don't have a computer, you can use yellow note pads and some Manila folders.

As I think of something, I jot it down in the appropriate years quickly while it is fresh in my mind. For instance, if I heard something about the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. I

could write down my memories of when I heard about the attack and how it affected me and others.

If you don't remember the date of, for instance, when our astronauts first walked on the Moon, write your memories down in an estimated year. You can check for the precise date then or later on the internet, an almanac or elsewhere.

Most of what you write, however, will not be history-making events, but your personal activities. If you're an old codger like me, you might want to write about the first time you felt air-conditioning, or the first television you saw.

You might want to write about your first day of school, a favorite picnic, or what you did at recess while in grade school, when you drove a car for the first time, or your favorite books.

Remember: this is YOUR story. You and your experiences are the centerpieces. Don't be bashful or shy. Describe the way things affected you.

Write down everything you can think of. No detail is too trivial.

Describe the people in your life. What they looked like, what they wore, how they changed with time. Paint a word picture for those who will be reading it.

The most important thing is to do it. Right now! Get started now and you can have your Christmas present ready. If you put it off, you may never do it.

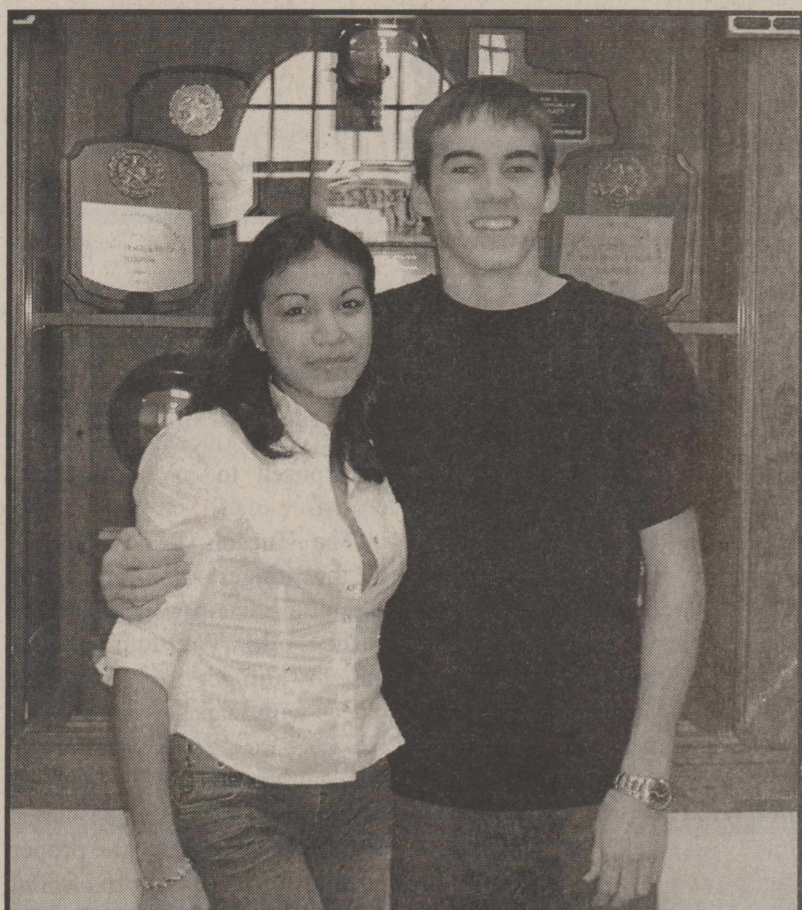
This will make an exciting Christmas gift.

If I can help you in anyway, e-mail me at fmortonscott@aol.com or drop off a note for me at The Knox County News.

Oh yes, my weight is down one pound, to 228 to go. How are you doing?

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On March 14th and 15th Maria Acevedo and Chance Propps extended the Benjamin High School's run in CX Debate to six consecutive years with at least one team at the State Meet.

In the Class A division approximately 160 to 250 teams begin competition at the district level each year.

These numbers are reduced to 50 - 64 teams at the State Meet.

The meet runs through two days and eight debates each year if a team avoids early elimination.

In the past three years Benjamin teams have won 19 of 25 debates at the State Meet.

They have been State Runners-up the past two years and were Third Place Medalists this year, beaten on a split ballot in the Semifinal round.

In each of the past three years one of the Benjamin speakers

has been awarded a speaker award. This award goes to the top five speakers of over 100 speakers each year.

This year Chance Propps was awarded the bronze gavel award as third best speaker of the 104 entries (despite a trip to the emergency room, with an extremely painful case of the flu, before leaving for Austin).

Chance was in the top five speakers two years ago also.

These students are to be congratulated for all their hard work and for extending the Debate tradition at Benjamin High School.

The trip also included educational trips to the Capitol and the Museum of Texas.

The duo met with Rep. Rick Hardcastle who later graciously introduced them before the House of Representatives as being in the gallery of onlookers.

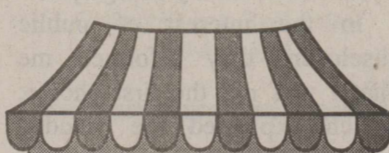
Pink Ladies Replace Items for Hospital

Through the continued support of Knox County communities, The Knox County Hospital Auxiliary continues to do well in supplying various needs of the Knox County Hospital.

When it became necessary to replace several items recently, the Auxiliary purchased four TV's and four recliners totaling \$1,956.72.

These purchases are made possible by Knox County residents, as well as some in neighboring Haskell County, who donate items to the Pink Ladies Thrift Shop in Knox City, as well as those who make purchases here.

Recently, the Pink Ladies contributed \$15,000.00 toward the new ambulance for Munday, and they also are planning to contribute \$15,000.00 toward a new ambulance for Knox City when a grant becomes available about May 15, according to Stephen Kuehler Hospital Administrator.



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3-24	49	79
3-25	39	61
3-26	39	44
3-27	36	63
3-28	40	79
2005 Rainfall - 03.73 inches		

As one person I cannot change
the world, but I can change the
world of one person.
—Paul Shane Spear

Eleventh Annual Parenting Fair Scheduled

The Texas Cooperative Extension-Family and Consumer Sciences Committee will be sponsoring the 11th annual Knox County Parenting Fair on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. It will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Knox City High School Gym in Knox City, Texas. The fair will offer a variety of information on services and programs available to help parents in raising their children. Booth space is also still available for anyone wishing to participate as an exhibitor.

For more information contact the Knox County Extension office at 940-459-2651. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County Extension office at 640-459-2651.

SWEET POTATO AND PINEAPPLE PUREE (Makes 8 servings)

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 2 lbs. (about 3 large) sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled
- 3/4 cup (5 fl. oz. can) NESTLE CARNATION Evaporated Milk
- 1 can (8 1/2 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained, divided
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Fresh mint or parsley leaves (optional)

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MELT butter on medium low heat in large saucepan; remove from heat. Add sweet potatoes; mash with a fork or spoon. Add evaporated milk. Reserve 2 tablespoons pineapple for garnish. Stir remaining pineapple, sugar and cinnamon into sweet potato mixture. Cook on low heat, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes or until part of liquid evaporates. Serve warm. Garnish with reserved pineapple and mint leaves, if desired.

Prep time: 1 hour
Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Thank You!

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Knox County Aging Service, I would like to thank everyone who helped make our Bake Sale a success. We appreciate everyone who donated baked goods, money and those who purchased goodies. Without your help we would not have accomplished anything. The money we raised will go toward repairs and new items for the kitchen.

I would like to say thank you for the demonstration of your support of our program by the participation. Throughout the years the Commissioners Court has provided financial assistance and we do appreciate them. We know that budgets are tight but we feel like continuing this program is beneficial to many.

Thanks again, Susan Cockrell, Program Director.
Knox County Aging Service

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It's always a good idea to have a map in the car, especially when traveling or driving in an unfamiliar area. Unfolding and reading a map while you're driving is unsafe; even if someone else is navigating, a map can block your vision and is irritating to refold. There's no need to bother with those types of maps since the invention of the Scrolling Road Map. Find your route by scrolling through the map with the turn of a wheel. The area you are traveling is held taut so it is easy to read. Since the Scrolling Road Map eliminates folding you can expect your map to last a lifetime.

The inventor, Michael Sneller from Wichita Falls, Texas began developing the Scrolling Road Map in the fall of 2002. He had faced the frustration of folding a map, finding your way despite creases and tears and the danger of the map blocking the driver's vision. His invention puts an end that for all of us.

The original idea is now being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in the new product development, especially in the travel industry. Mr. Sneller is hoping to have the Scrolling Road Map in full production and available to the public within the very near future.

Additional information about the Scrolling Road Map can be obtained by contacting the Publicity/Press Department of Invention Technologies, Inc. at (800) 940-9020 Ext. 2285 or at products@invent-tech.com. Invention Technologies, Inc. is a Coral Gables, Florida-based firm that is handling the publicity and public relations for the Scrolling Road Map.

Vernon College Recognizes Outstanding Students

Vernon College will recognize 84 students who have been selected for the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. These are second year students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Knox City: Melissa Lynn Lewis **Munday:** Eric Lee Gray, Adam G. Quintero, Deanna Katherine Sanders **Guthrie:** Zane Lee Daniel **Gilliland:** Adam Todd Welch **Weinert:** Michelle Raynes Johnson

Noah Project Meeting

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Friday, April 1, at noon at the Pit "N Grill. All members are urged to attend to finalize plans for our "Spring Fling" fund raiser.

The "Imitation Stats" will be the entertainment for the Noah Project-North's major fund raiser of the year, the "Spring Fling" to be held at the Haskell Civic Center. It will be Saturday, April 9. A brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served and as always, delicious homemade des-

serts. We will also have our silent auction with auctions items from Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall, and Throckmorton counties as well as items from outside our service areas. Mike Fouts will be our master of ceremonies. The tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for children twelve and under. Tickets may be purchased from any Advisory member, at the Noah Project office, or at the door. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. The money will be used to help victims of domestic violence in our area.

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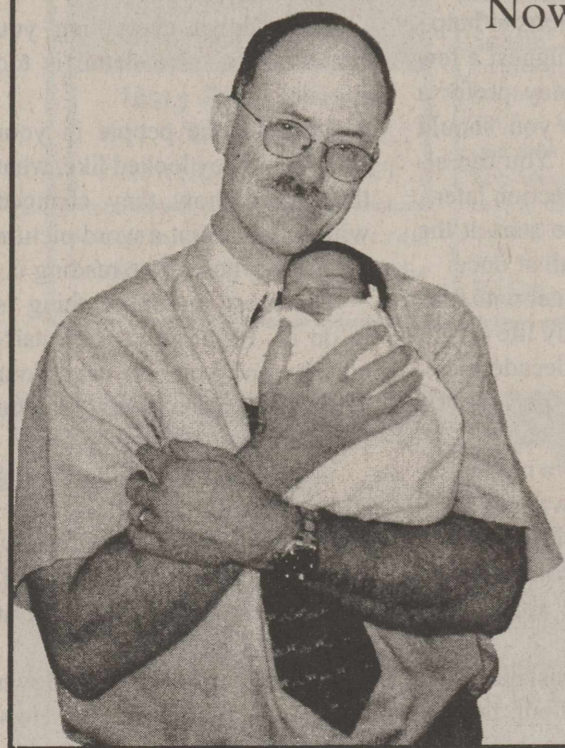
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FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

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John Wade, 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.
Wednesday evening Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin

John Wade, 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

Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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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.

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O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were blessed on Sunday for having their daughter Cathy and her husband of Shallowater spend the day and doing a lot of cleaning up for them.

Donny and Diane Roberts were blessed over the weekend by having their daughter Angelia a student at Texas Tech visit them and attend church on Sunday.

Orval and Helen Manning were blessed last week by having their son Royce of Abilene spend a good while with them. It always take a good while to go through a lot of good things going on.

David and Sharla Carver were blessed over the weekend by having their sons Casey and Caleb who are college students and the boys friends and daughter Candace. They all enjoyed church service and hear our pastor Jim Reid bring a wonderful message.

We still have several people still having Dr. appointments, Bernice Rowan, Charlene Brothers, Jo Lippard, Jo and Myra Reeves, rose Johnston all need our prayers.

The O'Brien Baptist youth group appreciates all the baked goods and money donated for their Saturday Bake Sale in Stamford. The weather was cold and windy, but shivering customers still came to look and to buy. Special thanks to our girls who worked the sales, Brittany, Rachel, and Kaley. We also thank Shirley Reid for all her help. The Lord cooperated by holding off the rain until we had everything packed to leave. As it rained, we enjoyed a late lunch at the Subway.

Sunday the Youth read the story of the last day of Jesus' earthy life and reenacted it using a flannel board. After refreshments, they attended the community Easter Service at the First Christian Church, then Bro.. Jim and Sherry took them home.

Spending the weekend with Adelle Herring were her daughter Pansy and Andy Hines and Julie and Stefani Keling of Lubbock and Nathan and Kevin Urbanyk of Goree and Munday. They enjoyed a good visit.

Beatrice Ellis will be in Plainview to fill a Dr.s appointment. She has a toe that's giving her a lots of problems.

Hair Today

Update Your Color

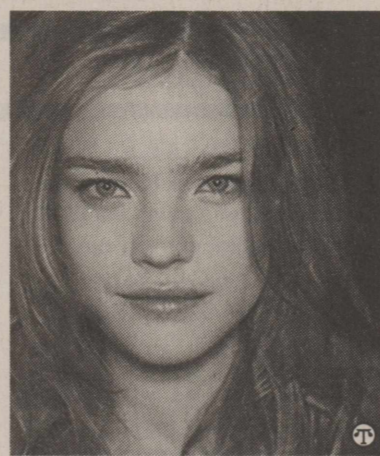
(NAPS)—Here's a hairy thought: If you're like many people, your look has become a bit dated. It's easy to settle into a style and remain loyal to it long after its expiration date has passed. How to catch up with a modern style sensibility? The answer can be simple: focus on one key element—color.

Experts say color is the first thing that comes across as old-fashioned, whether it's on wallpaper, eye shadow or hair. Color is a constantly moving arbiter of current taste and different palettes have been coming in and out of vogue for hundreds of years—not just in our fast-moving culture.

According to one haircolor consultant, Giselle, "the good news is that the shift in haircolor tends to move more slowly than fashion or makeup trends." Working in a New York salon, she has detected a noticeable shift in women's haircolor preferences, which are mainly going warmer. In fact, according to Clairol, the company's overall shade palette was comprised of 20 percent warm shades 15 years ago, while today it is 32 percent warm.

"Blondes are becoming more warm and buttery. Brunettes also are becoming warmer but deeper, while reds are becoming more vibrant and bold," says Giselle. If you'd like to update your color, she suggests using a haircolor brand such as Herbal Essences Haircolor with a shade palette designed for modern, up-to-the-minute choices.

"It's not necessary to make huge leaps—if your hair is



The latest looks in hair color are the warm hues. The cold, ashy shades of the 80's are passé.

medium to dark blonde, try a beige tone that will impart shimmer and dimension," says Giselle. "A caramel tone such as Herbal Essences Almond Bliss will give brunettes a delicate, warm effect. For hair that has some red tonality, a bold, ruby red shade will take it from dated to oh-so-now."

If you're still feeling tentative (maybe you've had your old color for a good long time) highlights can be a quick and easy way to add anything from subtle to intense streaks to your hair. You control how many and where you add them, so getting a look you like should be simple.

So try this quick test: if your bathroom is still seafoam, your eye shadow still aqua and your haircolor reminiscent of "Dynasty," it might be time for a change.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

What a gorgeous day this Easter Sunday has turned out to be! After a cloudy, dreary, rainy Saturday. Sunday dawned clear and the sun came out making for a lovely day. The wind was a little cool but certainly not bad enough to hamper the spirits of those hunting Easter Eggs.

Over here, the firemen did their usual job of "putting on" a very successful hunt for the kids.

The Sunrise service was a good way to start the day. Due to Saturday's rains and possibility of more on Sunday the service was moved to the Methodist Church (from the Ranch). Breakfast was at 6:00 a.m. and the service followed. John Wade, pastor of FUMC brought the Easter message. Hank Wagner Church of Christ Minister, offered the closing prayer. A nice crowd gathered for this service.

Better news of our ailing friends this week, Jacob Siemens is at home and out and about. Feels much better than he did but still not back totally "up to par" yet.

Pat Benson is doing lots better. Still in the hospital but said she's feeling good. Drs. Want her completely well before she's dismissed and maybe she won't have anymore problems.

Sympathy this week to the family of Thelma Brown. Thelma passed away last Monday night after several months of failing health. She was the mother of the late Shirley Brown. Her funeral was Thursday in Kinsland. They had moved there about a year or so ago after living in Perryton several years.

In school news, it's a busy, time for both students and teachers. The One Act Play advanced to the next level of competition last Tuesday when they won the zone title at Paducah. Chance Propps was named best actor, Jessica Moorhouse and Cassie Lyles were named to the all-star cast and Julia Acevedo received honorable mention.

The next competition is Saturday April 2, in Knox City. The High School was at Motley Co. on Friday for a track meet. The girls won first. Not sure where the boys placed.

Next weeks events are UIL on Tuesday and Thursday at Paducah, track meet at Jayton on Friday the play on Saturday and Sunday the Seniors will be honored with a meal at the Baptist Church. So the activities go on but that's normal for this time of the school year.

Here N There:
Don Hertel told me that his son Craig's One Act Play has gotten by the first two competitions. Craig teaches as Lindsey and has taken his play to state several years and won.

Omitent Barnett had a birthday last Wednesday, on Thursday her Sunday School class surprised her with a party. She loved it and we did too. She's doing well these days and hopefully her good days will continue. Attending her party were Joy Jones, Lorene Powers, Gloria West, Gladene Green and Peggy Gillispie. Also Jessie Roberts, Randolph and Judy Barnett and John Gillispie.

Easter weekend guests of Gloria and Leory West were Betty Parker, Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont, Cathy Tomlinson of Denton and Jody Tomlinson.

You need to go up and look at the bandstand in the memorial building. Larry and Glenda Cox Bearley of Erie, Colorado are here and brought and bought new carpet for the stage floor. It is such a welcome change from what was there which had been there the life of the building. We appreciate Larry and Glenda doing this.

Jim Bob Conner and family of Slaton and Jeff Conner and family of Lubbock were Easter weekend guests of the boy's mom Judy Barnett and her husband Randy.

Jan and Fed Carver continue work on their place her in town. The latest improvement had been the addition of a car port on the west side. It's looking good down there and I suspect they will be glad to get it totally ready for occupancy.

I'm sure their will be many reports of Easter visitors but that will have to wait till next week- I've run out of time for now.
Just remember to call me if you have news of any kind.

Easter Celebration



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1 TXism: "runs off at the mouth"
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6 TXism: "flits like on an ape"
7 rod and
8 TXism: "let ___ lie"
17 form of endearment
18 "enter ___ as ___ risk"
20 Clara Driscoll was the "Savior ___ the Alamo"
21 Houston FM station
22 "Lone Star ___"
23 U f grad Robert Ponton directed film "Kramer vs. ___"
28 Gen. Robert
29 TXism: "I'm working ___ (trying)"
30 Redskins state (abbr.)
32 TXism: "it ain't a true, there ain't a ___"
34 Fiesta ___ y Seis
35 Dublin's pro golfer Hogan
36 state's 1st airline: ___ Transport
37 TXism: "big frog in the ___"
38 DQ tasty
39 gives off
40 Judd Mortimer Lewis was 1st TX ___ Laureate
41 Cotulla is the seat of La ___ Co.
42 "___ of iniquity"

DOWN
1 TXism: "don't get ___ knot" (calm down)
2 TX wrestler Sheldon: ___ Death"
3 city near Fort Hood
4 governor's mansion ___ is Greek Revival
9 trims or reduces
10 TXism: "let ___"
11 noted TX poet: Naomi Shihab ___
12 TXism: "Sunday ___ to meetin' clothes"
13 some TX crops are ___ from the air
14 U.S. Rep. from TX: Solomon P. ___
15 Dr. Brinkley did ___ gland" operations in Del Rio in 30s
16 Gov. ___ Lanham (1902 - 1906)
19 former Mavericks asst. coach Tom
21 Laredo AM station
23 famous frontier scout Kit (init.)
24 TXism: "___ gut whiskey"
25 wonder or respect
26 Comanche chief Quanah Parker had ___ blood
27 TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
28 alive
29 TXism: "___ got a prayer"
31 poker stake
33 TXism: "table graze"
34 TXism: "___ a bull give milk?" (no)
35 in Jeff Davis Co.: Mount ___
37 TX H.L. Hunt aired his ___ views on "Life Line"
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Week of April 4 thru April 8

Monday, April 4
Chicken Strips with gravy,
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Biscuits, Cobbler

Tuesday, April 5
Tacos, Refried Beans,
Spanish Rice, Lettuce &
Tomatoes, Pudding

Wednesday, April 6
Meatloaf, Navy Beans,

Spinach, Cornbread, Fruit
Crunch

Thursday, April 7
Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham
& Cheese Sandwiches,
Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cake

Friday, April 8
Bar-B-Q on a Bun, Pork &
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Food nourishes our bodies, but it can also play a role in nourishing our minds. Whether it's using animal crackers to teach counting, using various fruits to teach the letters of the alphabet or using string cheese as a special treat for going above and beyond classroom expectations, healthy food can play a positive role in education.

That's why the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy allows a nutritious snack each day in elementary schools. The snack may be provided by the school food service department, the teacher, parents or other groups as long as it's healthy.

So what makes for a healthy snack? The Texas Department of Agriculture is distributing a list of healthy snack suggestions in English and Spanish to schools and parents and also provides snack information on its Web site at www.squaremeals.org. Did you know baked tortilla chips and salsa, peanut butter and crackers and fruit smoothies are all considered excellent snack choices? Carrots, broccoli and cauliflower with low-fat dip are also good options, and kids can easily eat them with their fingers.

March is National Nutrition Month and is an excellent time to go beyond the expected and offer new and interesting snacks to children. It is a creative and fun way to teach new concepts in the classroom. Opening our minds to more than jellybeans and other candies can help take kids' taste buds to new heights and show them the virtues of healthy eating.

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Benjamin Graduate to Perform in Abilene

Former Benjamin graduate will be in Abilene performing with his new band "Spinning Chain", from Austin TX. Jimmy Scott Mancille of Benjamin is scheduled to perform Friday, April 1st at the Longhorn Bar @ 2074 Butternut, Abilene, Tx. In a live concert along with former Geffen recording artist now on Brando records "South F.M."

Jimmy has been living in Austin for the past 10 years and has been performing all over the state of Texas, with Spinning Chain since 2002. Currently Spinning Chain has a Single on the KEYJ rock station 108 in Abilene that is doing quite well and they asked them to come to Abilene and give it to them live.

He also informed me that they have a web site and fan club mailing address @www.spinningchain.com in which you can find out what is going on. So join the fun in Abilene Friday April 1 st 10 p.m. @ the Longhorn Bar on Butternut.

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Munday Mogul Relays Host 32 Teams

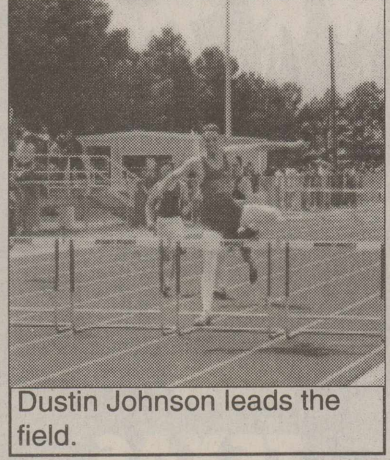
Last Friday in Munday, the Mogul Relays hosted 32 teams from all around the Rolling Plains including Class A, 2A and 3A schools.

Athletes braved the cold and windy conditions all day, but some of the usual suspects from Knox City turned up the heat once again.

In the Boys Varsity division, Dustin Johnson of Knox City captured the gold medal in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 42.68. Joseph Gulley of Munday was third at 43.50.



Ricco McCrary of the Knox City JV has a banner day at the races.

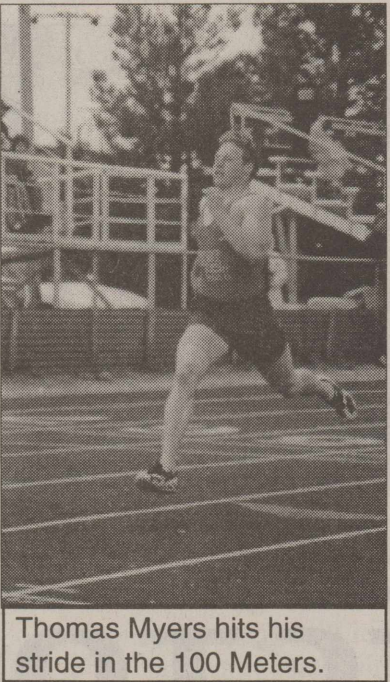


Dustin Johnson leads the field.

Greyhound Evan Clark took second in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 17.08.

The Greyhounds made the finals in both the Sprint Relay (45.58) and the 4 X 200 Relay (1:35.06), finishing fifth in each race. Munday was third in the Mile Relay with a time of 3:32.13.

In the 200 Meter Dash, Charles Sample of Munday was second and Quentin Spells of Knox City



Thomas Myers hits his stride in the 100 Meters.

was third.

Mogul Tim Hardeman won the Shot Put with a toss of 47'9", teammates Jordan Lowe was fifth in the Discus and Joseph Gonzales was sixth in the 400 Meter Run.

In the Varsity Girls Division, Knox City had a great meet against plenty of competition.

Senior Sophie Gutierrez again led the way for the Houndettes, winning the 400 Meter Dash and placing second in the 200 Meters. Gutierrez, Nikki Moss, Sarah Burt and Jamilla Ward broke the tape for first in the Sprint Relay with a time of 51.21.

Ward was first in the 100 Meter Dash for the second week in a row with a time of 12.8. Moss won the 300 Meter Hurdles, beating the closest opponent by a full second (48.36). Burt, a freshman at Knox City High, was third in the 100 Meter Hurdles (17.32).

In the Boys Junior Varsity Division, Greyhound Ricco McCrary paced the field. McCrary won the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.94. That time would have placed fourth in the Varsity Division. McCrary also placed third in the 200 Meters at 24.93.

Bryant Moore of Munday won the triple jump with a leap of 37'

7.5". Teammate Sammy Nunez was second in the Shot Put (37' 10").



Houndette Kayla Martin races past Paige Hamilton of Olney.

AREA RESULTS Varsity Boys
Team Standings
1st Holliday 100, 2nd Vernon 79, 3rd Seymour 76, 4th Rule 60, 5th Olney 50, 6th Hirschi 42, 7th Munday 39, 8th Hart 33, 9th (tie) Knox City, Clyde 28.
Area Winners:
Shot Put

1 - Hardeman, Munday 47'9"
300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
1 - Johnson, Knox City, 42.68
3 - Gulley, Munday, 43.50
200 Meter Dash
2 - Sample, Munday, 23.64
3 - Spells, Knox City, 23.70
1600 Meter Relay
3 - Munday, 3:31.99
110 Meter High Hurdles
2 - Clark, 17.08
Varsity Girls
Team Standings:
1st Holliday 97, 2nd Knox City 68, 3rd Clyde 60, Seymour 52, Crosbyton 48, Hirschi 43, Windthorst 40, Vernon 34, Throckmorton 26, Electra and Aspermont (tie) 23.
Area Winners:
400 Meter Relay
1 - Knox City, 51.21
100 Meter Low Hurdles
3 - Burt, Knox City, 17.32

100 Meter Dash
1 - Ward, Knox City, 12.80
400 Meter Dash
1 - Gutierrez, Knox City, 1:02.17
300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
1 - Moss, Knox City, 48.36
200 Meter Dash
2 - Gutierrez, Knox City, 27.19
Junior Varsity Boys
Team Standings
7 - Munday, 43
14 - Knox City, 16
100 Meter Dash
1 - Ricco McCrary, KC, 11.94
200 Meter Dash
3 - McCrary, KC, 24.93
400 Meters
6 - Anson Jones, Munday, 57.99
800 Meters
5 - A. Jones, Munday, 2:20.11
110 Meter Hurdles
4 - Jonathan Key, Munday, 19.02
Triple Jump
1 - Bryant Moore, Munday, 37'7.5"
Shot Put
Sammy Nunez, Munday, 40'4"
Discus
Pate Stewart, Munday, 97'2"

Greyhounds Fall to Indians in District 4A Battle

The Knox City Greyhounds lost a tough one to the Haskell Indians Monday in Haskell, 6-4.

Greyhound pitcher scattered six hits over six innings, struck out seven, but the Knox City offense couldn't stay with Haskell in the fifth inning.

Ahead 4-2 after four innings,

the Knox City lead evaporated as Haskell scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Riley Spears hammered a triple to the gap in left-center, C.J. Bruce picked up a single and drove in a run for the Greyhounds offense.

Friday's game with Vernon



Nikki Moss accelerates into the curve at the Mogul Relays last Friday. Moss won the 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles.

Northside has been rescheduled for a later date. The Greyhounds baseball team return to action on Monday.

KC High School Tennis and Golf

Knox City High School Tennis District Meet is Scheduled for April 6-8 in Knox City.

The Knox City High School District Golf Tournament is April 11-12.

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April 7th Field Day Focuses on Forages and Cattle

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Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Texas Foundation Seed Service facility in Lockett, Texas. The facility is adjacent to the Texas A&M University System Agricultural research and Extension Center at Vernon. There is no fee to attend.

Two concurrent morning tours will be offered. Tour 1 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants will travel by van to Smith/Walker research unit to hear presentations on these topics:

Reduced tillage practices for grazed/ungrazed wheat; John Sij, Experiment Station agronomist;

Managing bloat in stocker cattle; Bill Pinchak, Experiment Station ruminant nutritionist; and weed control options; Todd Baughman, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist.

Tour 2, scheduled from 9:00

a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will feature these presentations and speakers;

Cool-season perennial grasses: Dariuz Malinowski, experiment Station assistant professor-forages;

USDA's National Animal Identification System: Andy Schwartz, DVM, Texas Animal Health commission; and

Economics of no-till wheat production by Jim McAdams, president of the National Cattleman's Beef Association, will wrap up the event. McAdams will address "Surviving in the Global Agriculture Community."

Participants can earn up to three continuing education units. Sponsors of this half-day event include Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

For more information call your local Extension office or the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon at (940) 552-9941.

USDA ANNOUNCES SIGN-UP FOR CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Knox City, Texas - March 18, 2005 - Knox County producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday, March 14, 2005. According to Michael McDonald, County Executive Director for the Knox County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses resulting from damaging weather in crop years 2003 and 2004 as well as certain losses suffered in 2005.

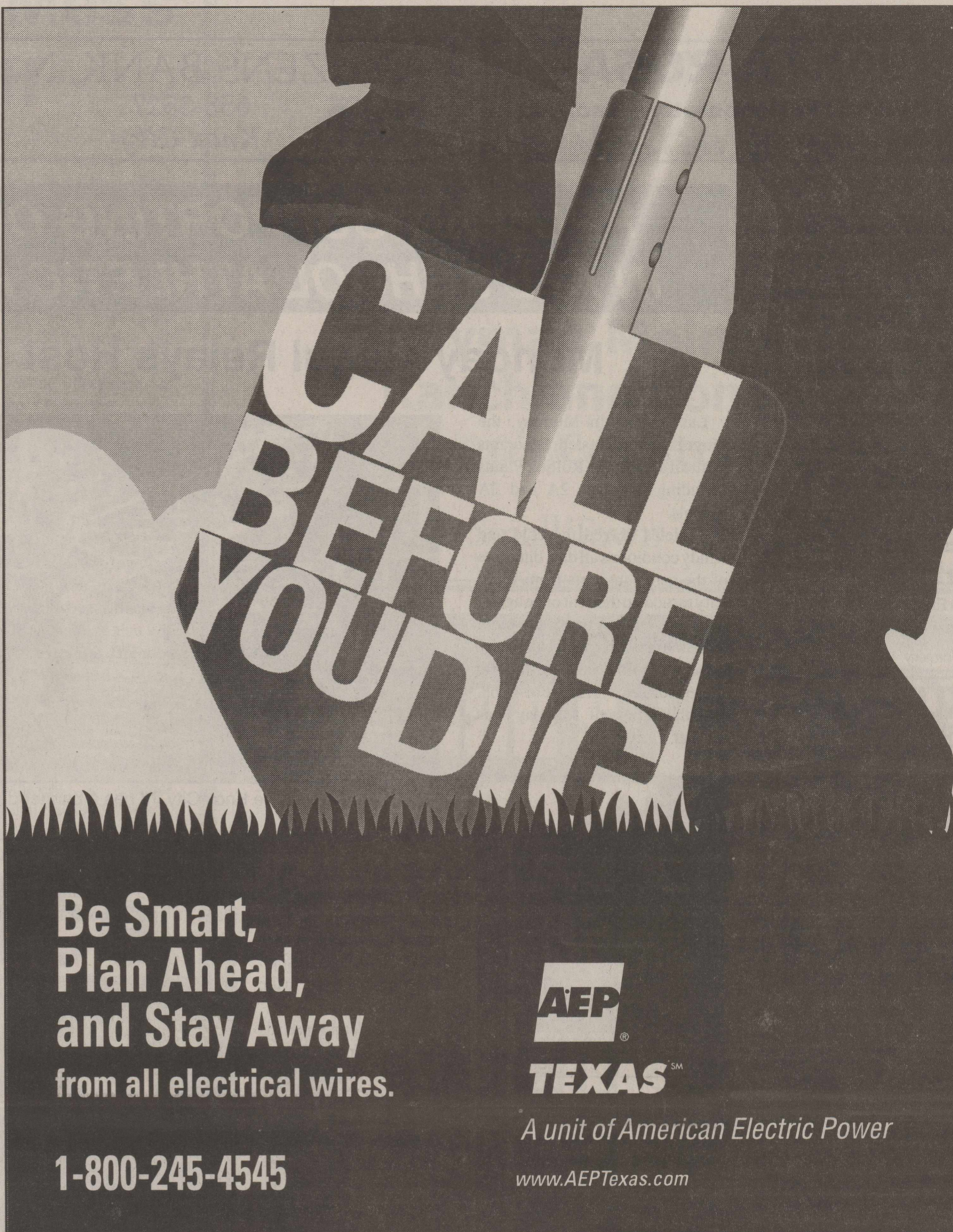
"We are motivated to provide crop loss assistance benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said McDonald. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk - impeding their ability to produce a dependable, affordable national food supply."

Eligibility for CDP is similar to that of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. Producers suffering a production loss greater than 35-percent and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eli-

gible for CDP. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and non-insurable crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program. This program results from Congressional passage last October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (the Act).

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said McDonald. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."



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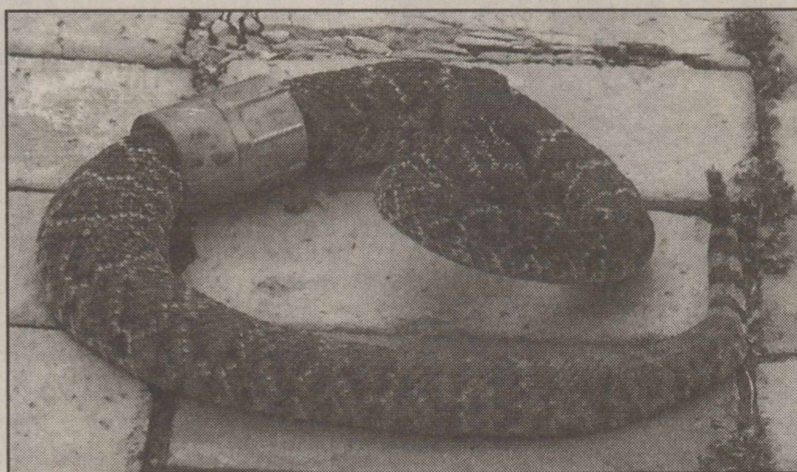
County Commissioner Collars Snake in the Grass

Jerry Parker of Benjamin found this rattler while mowing his yard.

The snake had evidently wandered into a pipe, and made off with the plastic collar protector.

I guess he grew up too fast and got into something he couldn't get out of.

Lessons abound.



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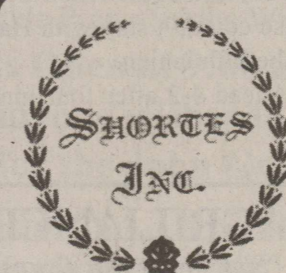
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