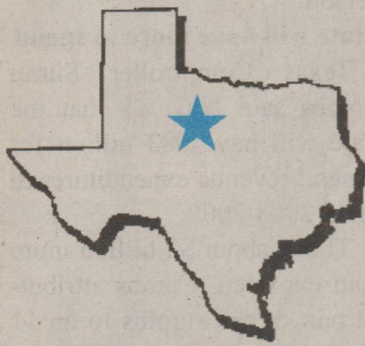


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Looking Ahead

• Annual Knox City Chamber Christmas in November

Saturday, November 24, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Downtown Knox City. Santa Claus - pictures available, children's activities, refreshments, downtown stores open late, entertainment. Santa Dollars - for every \$10 spent the week of November 19-November 24, your name will go into a drawing for one of four (4) \$25 gift certificates to be given away at 7:00 p.m. in the Chamber Office.

• Hoop Madness

On Saturday, November 24, the Junior High and High School Basketball girls are invited to "Hoop Madness" at the high school gym. This is a midnight practice in which the public is welcome to come and observe. We will be working on skills and conditioning along with having some shooting contests, etc.

• The Noah Project - North's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes

The Noah Project - North's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15 and may be bought from any Advisory Committee member or at any of the homes. The homes this year include: Jason and Lanessa Hall, 502 South Ave. P; Irene Castillo, 509 N. Ave. E; Pam Norton, 605 N. Ave. F; First Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F; Tom and Amy Long, 604 N. 2nd. Refreshments will be at Denton and Dee Bates pool house, 402 S. Ave. H. Also helping to celebrate the Tour will be the following businesses that will be open during the Tour- The Carousel, Personality Shoppe and the Rocking R & B. The money raised will be used to help victims of family violence in Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties.

• Haskell COC Annual Lighted Christmas Parade

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade is December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Haskell. For more information please contact Sally Rueffer at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 940-864-2477.

KC Chamber Of Commerce's Annual "Christmas In November" To Be Held This Saturday

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce's annual "Christmas in November" will be held on Saturday, November 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in downtown Knox City.

In addition to the downtown shops being open late for the occasion, Santa Claus will be stopping in at 5 p.m. to gather wish lists and take photographs with the children. Santa will be at the Art Stall this year. Photographs with Santa will be available for purchase.

Entertainment will also be provided, as well as children's activities and refreshments.

For every \$10 you spend in downtown businesses during the week of November 19th through

the 24th, your name will be entered once into the Santa Dollars drawing.

Double ticket time for the Santa Dollars drawing will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

For every \$10 that you spend during this time, you will receive two tickets for the Santa Dollars drawing.

At 7:00 p.m. the Santa Dollars drawing will be held for four \$25 gift certificates in the Chamber of Commerce office, also in the downtown business district.

Everyone is encouraged to come and kick off the Christmas Season downtown Saturday, November 24th.

City And County Gain New Officers



New Knox County Deputy Mark McAvoy

Knox County and the City of Knox City have each gained new law enforcement officials. Mark McAvoy has been named as a Knox County deputy and Scott Kennedy has been named patrolman for Knox City.

McAvoy, who most recently worked as a deputy in Hidalgo County, Texas, is a 27 year veteran law enforcement officer in both military and civilian service. He retired from the Navy in 1995 as a military police officer - antiterrorism. After retirement, from the military, he completed the Harris County law enforcement training academy and then began working as a deputy in Harris, County, Texas before transferring to Hidalgo County in 2004.

Officer McAvoy was hired

as a Knox County Deputy on October 29th of this year. The draw to Knox County, he said, was the camaraderie of the local law enforcement, the friendly people and the need to set roots down and become established.

In addition to Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad, Knox County also employs Chris Mendoza as Chief Deputy.

Scott Kennedy, Knox City patrolman, was hired by the City of Knox City at the end of September. Kennedy is originally from Haskell and attended law enforcement training academy through the West Central Texas Council of Government. This is his first job in law enforcement.

In addition to Officer Kennedy, Knox City also employs Bill Glass as Police Chief.

Large Crowd Attends The Second Annual Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding

The Second Annual Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding was held October 20 in Seymour at the Seymour Texas Rodeo Arena and was a huge success.

Thirty Open Bronc riders and fifteen Rookie Ranch Bronc riders competed for top monies and awards.

A crowd of approximately 750 attended this year's event to enjoy the action of JK Rodeo Company and Akers Rodeo Company bucking stock.

The day began with bidding on the Bronc Riders at the Calcutta auction, along with a Silent Auction. Ridin' High Tee's and apparel were on hand for the public to purchase with all proceeds going to the TBMBR and Foundation Scholarship fund.

The TBMBR event was initially organized by saddle maker Jeff Gray as a way to honor Tom Butler of Guthrie whose life was tragically ended in February 2006 at the age of 18.

The TBMBR is one small



1st Place in the Open Ranch Bronc Riding was Miles Dewitt. L - R is Jeff Gray maker of the 1st Place saddle, Kelly Butler, Miles Dewitt, and Traci Butler. (Photos courtesy of Keith Hart.)

way to keep his legend alive along with the inspiration to make a difference in the lives of others by providing scholarship funds to graduating high school seniors. See BRONC RIDING and more photos on Page 3

Hajek At U.S. Supreme Court

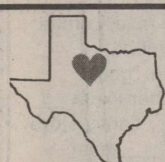


Hajek is shown here, standing far right on second row, along with the other American Bar Association admittees, on the steps of the United States Supreme Court Building.

David Hajek, local District Attorney, was honored recently when he was admitted and qualified as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was among 28 attorneys selected and sponsored by the American

Bar Association for admission to the United States Supreme Court Bar. Less than 5% of all lawyers in the United States are admitted to practice before the highest court in our land. The Supreme Court decides issues involving interpretations of

the United States Constitution. Hajek stated that one of the most important issues for Texas before the Supreme Court at this time is the Court's review of the lethal injection procedure now being used in death penalty executions.



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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Highway Department Releases Trans-Texas Corridor Impact Study

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration on Nov. 13 released a 1,072-page "draft environmental impact statement" for the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor/Interstate 69 project.

The draft statement examines a 650-mile long area stretching from far south Texas to extreme northeast Texas that someday could include a matrix of new roads, rail and utilities.

Existing highways will be considered first when it comes

to choosing where the project might be routed, TxDOT suggested.

The draft statement combines nearly three years of work with local officials and input from citizens, TxDOT said.

But there is more left to do. Opportunities for the public to be involved will be unprecedented over the next several months, TxDOT said.

State offers Clean Bus rebates

The state's environmental agency is accepting applications from school districts to reimburse costs for installing emission-reducing equipment on school buses.

In promoting the "Texas Clean School Bus" rebate program, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said:

- More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students drive Texas roads every school day.

- More than one-third of these buses are more than 10 years old. Most older buses emit more pollution than most newer models.

- Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies.

In some cases, an \$800 retrofit can reduce emissions by 70 to 80 percent, said TCEQ Commissioner Larry R. Soward.

All public school districts and charter schools in Texas that operate one or more diesel-powered school buses or a transportation system provided by a countywide district are eligible to be reimbursed for costs of approved retrofits. **Snake permits to be required**

People who sell, transport or possess venomous snakes not indigenous to Texas will have to purchase a \$60 permit under proposals the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission may

adopt Jan. 24.

Four species of python and one of anaconda likewise would be regulated and anyone who possesses one of the controlled exotic snakes but does not sell it would be required to buy a \$20 "recreational controlled exotic snake permit."

People who buy one from a pet store could use their sales receipt as a temporary permit good for 21 days, giving them time to buy an official state permit.

HB 12, enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, requires Parks & Wildlife to establish the permits.

Unemployment rate matches low

The Lone Star State's October statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, down from 4.3 percent in September and 4.8 percent in October 2006.

For the third month in 2007, the jobless rate reached the low-

est point since the current series began in 1976.

Non-agricultural employment grew by 24,200 jobs in October. Employers have added 206,400 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Nov. 15.

The national unemployment rate is at 4.7 percent.

Turkey, troopers signs of season

Most people who drive personal cars and trucks over the Thanksgiving holiday will be paying \$3 or more for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline.

While they are on the road, they most likely will see more state troopers than usual on duty, ticketing speeders and pulling over other motorists that catch their eye.

When many of the holiday travelers reach their destination, the cost of that home-cooked Thanksgiving meal they'll be

eating, with turkey, the standard side dishes and dessert, is expected to run about \$4 per person.

State will have more to spend

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Nov. 15 that the state will have \$83 billion for general revenue expenditures in fiscal 2008-2009.

That's about \$2 billion more than expected. Combs attributed part of the surplus to an 11 percent increase in state sales tax collections.

State settles

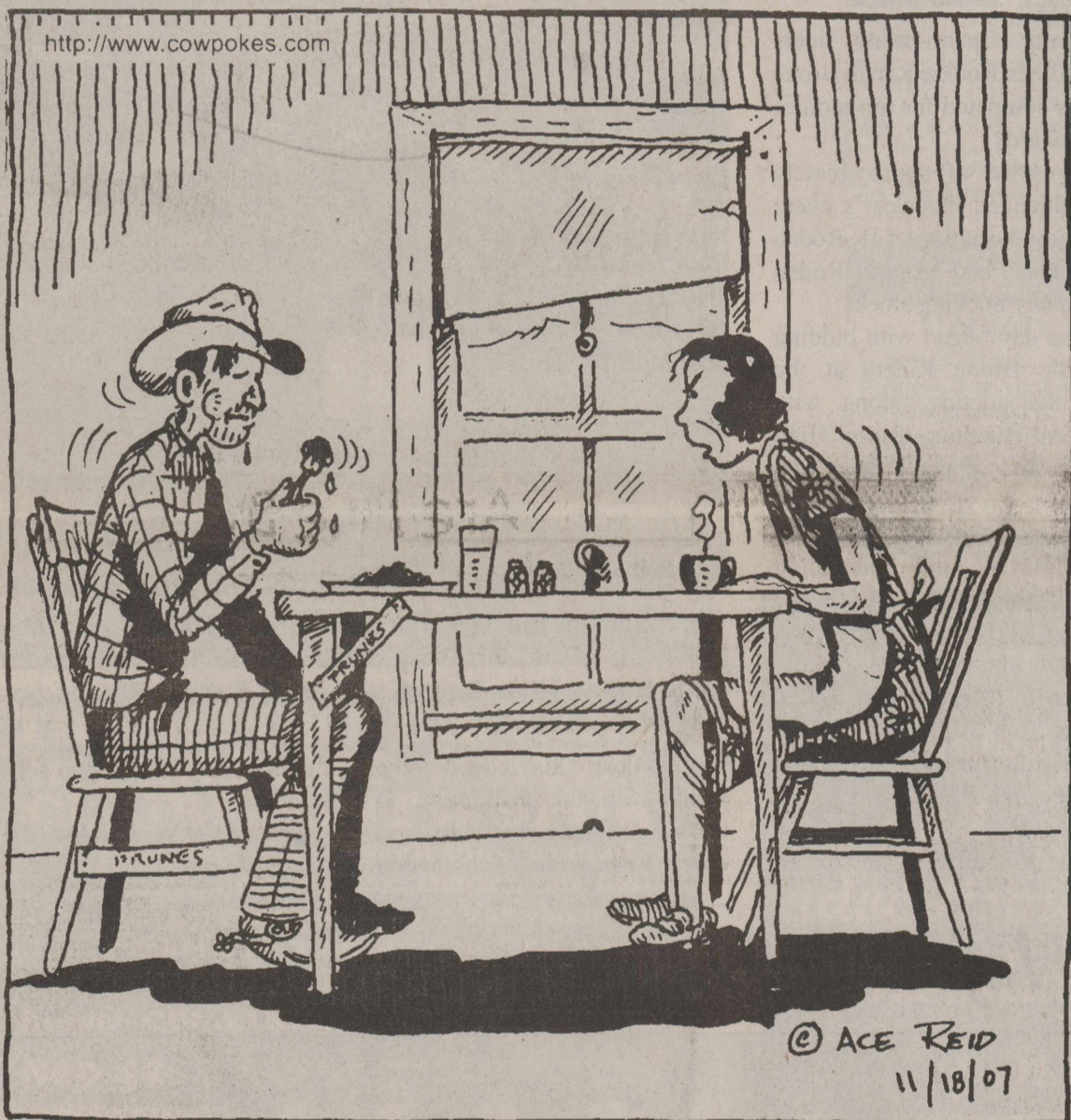
pharmaceutical case

Pharmaceutical manufacturer Glaxo-Smith Kline, its parent company,

SmithKline Beecham Corp., and a subsidiary, on Nov. 16 agreed to repay the state of Texas almost \$1.4 million for charging the state inflated prices for the prescription drugs Kytril, Zofran and Amoxil from 1994 to 2002.

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By Ace Reid



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- TX Kick _____ Indians
- TX Miller sang: "Trailers for sale or _____"
- TXism: "_____ walking drunk"
- San Antonio shoes 9 fish eggs
- this Vonta is a Houston Texan FB
- TXism: "porch" (loafers)
- in '28, TX didn't vote for this Smith
- Lake Texoma fish
- Looney Tunes Gonzales
- TX bodybuilder Rachel of film "Ravenhawk"
- this is a "sexual assault" in TX
- TXism: "salt some" (save)
- book: "1941: Texas _____ War"
- TXism: "mad enough to spit _____"
- San Antonio _____ del Rio" (river walk)
- TX Sissy's job in "Raggedy Man"
- Michigan yell for TX DE Smith: "_____ Kill!"
- this Oldenburg sculpted "Stake Hitch" at Dallas Museum of Art
- honky tonk gab? (2 wds.)
- evening prayers
- TX org. for historic aircraft (abbr.)
- "_____ Joe"
- TX Hagman's "Getting Away From _____"
- Anno Domini (abbr.)
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- Guadalupe River floater
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13 Marty Robbins 1976 song

14 TXism: "he's _____ bricks shy of a load"

15 Jody Mc _____ of film "Young Guns of Texas"

16 actress Lamarr

18 an org. for state newspapers (abbr.)

27 TX King Vidor film: "_____ Dallas"

32 summer savior (abbr.)

34 Cowboy Bradie James pos. (abbr.)

36 film about TX Hogan "Follow the _____"

37 Alamo Travis (init.)

38 ex-TCU coach Moe

39 Gulf plant life

40 railroad tracks

41 TX Charlie of TV's "Evening Shade"

43 TX singer Buck (init.)

45 Astro Mark Loretta pos. (abbr.)

47 TXism: "goes together like a _____ candy store"

48 film: "_____ nam, Texas"

55 TXism: "_____ as small town gossip"



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Goats, Old Hens And Thanksgiving

By Baxter Black, DVM

There is a farmer in Indiana who offers goats and sheep for sale. His marketing slogan is "You buy - you kill - you dress - you take home."

When I heard about this retro sales pitch I was reminded of my friend Sam. He was raising laying hens as part of his kids' 4-H project. One of his management problems involved the disposal of old hens.

Campbell's Soup was a buyer but they were not accessible to a producer of his small size. But, to his surprise the local Hmongs, Vietnamese and Laotians discovered him and offered to buy his culls. Sam explained he didn't have a government approved slaughter facility.

"Oh, no!" they said, "Want to buy live chicken!"

The Southeast Asians were of a generation that preferred to butcher their own and knew how! The customers who inspired the Indiana farmer's unique market are American immigrants from the Middle East, Africa and Mexico where goat meat is a regular part of their diet. They, too, for religious or freshness reasons, prefer to slaughter and dress their own food.

These two localized instances remind us of how far we as a civilized nation have removed ourselves from the realities of life. The percent of Americans and Canadians capable of converting meat from the hoof or feather to the table would probably be less than those who could fix a flat tire!

Which helps explain the growth of animal rights hysterians and the lack of comprehension that a sacrifice is required for every chicken nugget, turkey sandwich, baked salmon, BBQ rib and double whopper that we eat.

I do not yearn for the 'good old days' when a "hog killin'" was a family affair, when most families grew their own gardens and milked a cow, or kids brought home cottontails they'd shot for supper.

It was a time when the majority of people were more self-sufficient. They could feed themselves if they had to. Today we don't have time to do chores, we have television to watch!

For the average consumer it is enough to know that the farmers, ag students, illegal aliens, county agents, feedlots, packing houses and the U.S.D.A. are ensuring they will have a constant abundant supply of wholesome, safe food.

I assume as the Hmongs, Pakistanis and Salvadorians assimilate, they too will develop more 'civilized' interests and no longer feel the need to 'buy-kill-dress-and take home live goats or toothless hens.

I have always felt we in the business of raising food underestimate the urban public's ability to handle the truth; that animals die so that we may live.

That a sacrifice is made and should be acknowledged and respected. As anyone who's ever been hungry knows, humans can be very resourceful and the instinct to kill-dress-and eat is part of our genetic makeup.

So, to those poultry producers and meat cutters who give us the big plump turkeys on our Thanksgiving table, we say thanks to you, thanks to the turkey, and thanks to God, who made all things possible.

Tom Butler Memorial Ranch Bronc Riding — Continued

The 2006 TBMBR awarded a total of thirteen scholarships this past May with the hopes that the 2007 TBMBR event would enable the TBMBR to award above and beyond the thirteen awarded from the 2006 event.

Winning once again the 1st place slot in the Open Division was Miles Dewitt of Rimrock, Arizona awarding him with a handmade saddle made by Jeff Gray and earning him \$3000.00 in payout, 2nd place went to Reece Clark of Breckenridge, Texas awarding him a pair of Terry Alward handmade spurs and earning him \$2100.00 in payout, 3rd place went to Zac Vickers of Iowa Park, Texas awarding him a pair of Gerald Stockard handmade spurs and earning him \$1500.00 in payout, and 4th place went to Jasique Hughes of Wikieup, Arizona awarding him with a 100X custom made hat made by Limpia Creek Hat Co. and earning him \$750.00 in payout.

In the Rookie Ranch Bronc Riding, winning 1st Place was Pat Butler of Guthrie, Texas awarding him with a pair of handmade spurs by Larry Abbott and earning him \$1350.00 in payout, 2nd Place was Ryan Wakefield of Graford, Texas awarding him a handmade trophy buckle made by Jayson Jones and earning him \$900.00 in payout.

This year a special award was given to a bronc rider who

had the "Wildest Ride" and that ride was given to Reece Clark of Breckenridge, Texas he was awarded a handmade trophy buckle made by Joe Spiller of Wingate, Texas.

The 2006 TBMBR did not give this award at the time last year, but it was awarded as well at this year's event and it went to Mark Voss of Guthrie, Texas he was awarded a pair of Shawn Kennedy spurs to recognize his ride from 2006.

"This year's event was huge, more than we expected, and we only expect it to get bigger each year" said Kelly and Traci Butler.

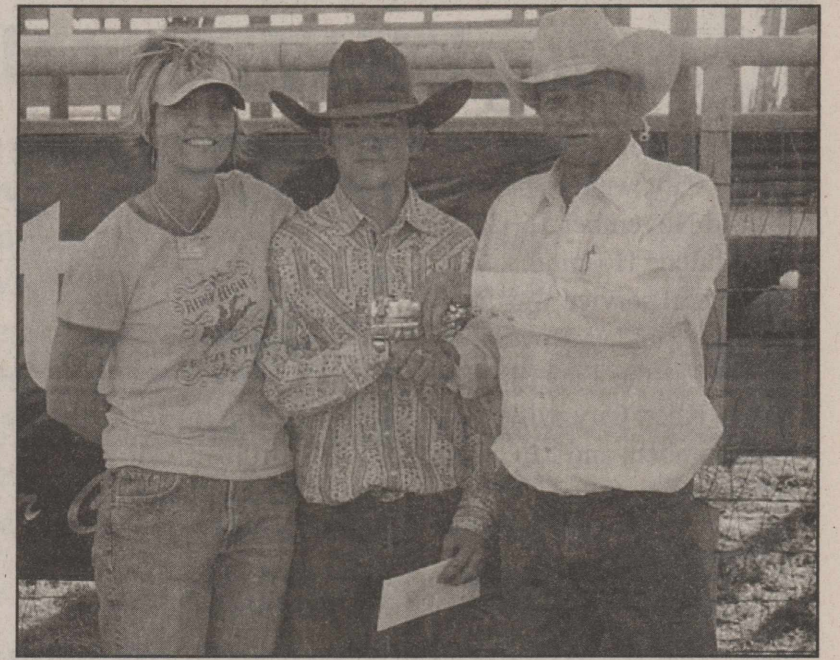
"As a family, we have poured our souls in to this event, it is our infectious passion and purpose that God has given to us for the remainder of our time here on earth, and we are inspired because of Tom."

Once again, closing out the evening the "Letz Dance Band" provided dance entertainment on the "Slab" at the Seymour Rodeo grounds.

"We look forward to the 2008 TBMBR; we are so thankful to all the sponsors, to the individuals who gave of themselves unconditionally and who have continued to love our family and our purpose!"

This event would not be possible without all of you!

Proceeds from the TBMBR go to the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship and Foundation.



1st Place winner in the Rookie Ranch Bronc Riding was Pat Butler. L - R is Traci Butler, Pat Butler and Kelly Butler. (Photos are courtesy of Keith Hart)



Recipient of the "Wildest Ride Award" was awarded to Reece Clark. L-R is Traci Butler, Reece Clark and Kelly Butler. (Photos are courtesy of Keith Hart)

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OBITUARIES

Sterling Gene Lewis

Sterling Gene Lewis, 76, of Knox City, went to be with the Lord November 16, 2007 in an Abilene Hospital.

A funeral service was held 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the First Baptist Church, Knox City, with Rev. Paul Chambers and Rev. Don Jackson officiating.

Burial followed in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

A visitation was held 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 17, at the funeral home.

Sterling was born January 4, 1931 in Jack County, the son of the late Clinton Lewis and Janie Burden Lewis.

In 1952 he opened Lewis Paint & Body Shop and was the owner and operator. He was a member of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Masonic OrientLodge 905, Scottish Rite Bodies of Lubbock, Khiva Temple in Amarillo, and First Baptist Church, Knox City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Bobby



Lynn Lewis, and brother Wade Lewis.

Sterling is survived by his wife Josie Lewis of the home; children Patricia Beth Deering and husband Larry of Abilene; Danny Gary Lewis and wife Amber of Knox City; Troy Gene Lewis and wife Sheri of Lubbock; Todd Alan Lewis and wife Missy of Knox City; Sterling Shane Lewis and wife Aimee of Yukon, Oklahoma; Clinton Wayne Lewis and wife Tonya of Knox City; step-children, Melinda Johnson and husband George of Haskell; Nonie and Greg Maston of Seymour; 26 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, brother J.F. Lewis of Sinton; sister Bonnie Johnson and husband Jack of Grandbury; several extended family members and a host of friends.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



Thanksgiving week is such a family fun week. I've spoken with many people who will be traveling to have Thanksgiving with family. Others have family coming to their homes here. During the days of Thanksgiving celebration many other extended family members will be together as well.

This is a time of joy in getting to see each other. Perhaps it has been some time since you have seen one another. Families will share a great deal of love and appreciation at this time and rightly so.

As a pastor I do a great deal of word study. The Bible has been translated from Hebrew in the Old Testament and Greek and Aramaic in the New Testament. Sometimes we lose the depth of translation with some words over time and with laxity. Thanksgiving is one of those words. The translation is clear, but our understanding may be lacking.

We will greet many with a cheerful "Happy Thanksgiving" and this is good and right. We hug and kiss and really enjoy those expressions of love.

Thanksgiving in the Hebrew language means, "An extension of the hand, adoration, specifically a choir of worshippers." In the Greek language it means, "Grateful language to God, as an act of worship." In fact this is where we get our understanding of the "Lord's Supper. Therefore shouldn't we do as Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me?"

This should make us think more about giving thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ this Thanksgiving. Remember this year to reach out and love your family and then reach upward and speak thanksgiving to God.

May the Lord bless you when you love your family and when you reach upward and adore Him.

The family of Mat Verhalen wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors who brought food, sent cards or flowers, called, offered condolences and prayers, made donations, visited, served at the luncheon, attended the service or celebration dance, or helped in any other way after Mat's recent death. Our extended family of friends was evident by the many who attended the family visitation, the church service, or the "Messages of Heaven" dance in his honor, where more than 90 balloons with messages attached were released heavenward.

The family especially wishes to thank Dr. Duke, Dr. Finley, Dr. Barretto, Jamie Caldwell, the nurses and personnel at the Knox County Hospital and at the Knox City and Munday clinics, members of the EMS, Lissa Myers in therapy, Home Health Services, Ramon Garcia, Frankie Rodriguez, Jessie Rios and volunteers who helped care for Daddy when he needed emergency assistance at St. Joseph's Church (and elsewhere) on a number of occasions. We would also like to thank Greg Clonts for his unique and stirring "Taps" solo tribute across Wild Horse Creek and the numerous people who befriended Daddy and PaPa and were patient with him during his declining years.

Your friendship to our father and grandfather and to our family is much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

The Family of Mat Verhalen

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Beta Chi Of Delta Kappa Gamma Holds Pampered Chef Party

Beta Chi of Delta Kappa Gamma held a Pampered Chef Party as its November meeting. Members and guests met at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell Homemaking Cottage.

The program was presented by Lianna Tidwell. Several great recipes were enjoyed by those in attendance. Lots of Christmas shopping was done through the Pampered Chefs catalogs.

The December meeting will be a luncheon held at the home of Byron and Shirley Gass in Goree. Area coordinator Cindy Neander of Lewisville will be attending.

Thank You

The family of Alan Orr want you to know...

We praise God that we live in a place where hugs and handshakes are offered openly and freely, where tears are shared openly and we only have to turn around to discover another friend ready and willing to comfort us. Memorials are still being offered in Alan's name. Flowers and plants testify to the love of our neighbors, and prepared dishes have nourished our bodies and our souls. Each of you have blessed our family in such ways. For this, we thank you. Forgive us if we hold onto you a little longer...or we go on and on about your love and care. Just overlook that tiny tear trickling down our cheek. It is as much a tear of gratitude as it is for sorrow. Each of you are truly blessing our lives. Thank you.

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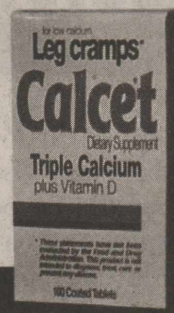
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PHYSICAL FITNESS

Knox County Historical Commission News

The annual Veterans Day Program, which was held Monday, November 12th, at Benjamin, was exceptional. Students winning first place in the contests for their interview and poster of a veteran, presented their papers. Those speaking were: from Benjamin, Kelsey Brown, and from Knox City, Kelsey Vasquez. Charles Baker was Master of Ceremonies, Tim Trimble gave the invocation, and Dennis Duke presented the welcome address. The Gold Star Family, Elaine Weiss and Nadine Bemus, sisters of Mathew Kreitz, the honored veteran, placed the beautiful wreath of fresh red, white and blue flowers in the archway. Taps was played by the Knox City High School Band, along with other patriotic arrangements. Mrs. McGreger's 3rd and 4th grade class of Benjamin, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and veterans of the American Legion Post 229, of Knox City and the VFW Post 1035, of Munday posted the Colors. At the close of the program, a beautiful and inspiring rendition of the National Anthem was sung, acappella, by Jess Jones.

The delicious hamburger dinner drew in \$760 net for the Knox County Veterans Memorial. This money goes into the fund set aside by the Knox County Historical Commission to be used only for the Veterans' Project.

Some of the many behind the scenes donations made by people and businesses of Knox County include the Citizens Bank of Knox City donating money to defray the cost of the Knox City High School Band members' hamburger meals, and hamburger buns donated by Penman Conoco.

Another example of volunteers, this time of individuals, is the quilt displayed at the Veterans Day Dinner. A quilt top donated by Mary Jane Young and hand quilted by the Rhineland Quilters, was displayed. The beautiful quilt, "Knox County Card Tricks", will be given away at the Annual February Meal. Tickets may be purchased from members of KCHC or at the KCHC office.

The Veterans Display in the Museum Building was well attended, registering over 100 people. The tables decorated in red, white, and blue, featured memorabilia from all wars, and special collections by Knox County veterans. Everyone was impressed with the progress made in the construction of the museum.

A beautiful day helped us all the have a very enjoyable day.

Commissioners Hold Court In Regular Meeting

The Knox County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 1:30 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse.

Calling the meeting to order was Commissioner Johnny Birkenfeld. Also present were commissioners Dan Godsey, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Johnny McCown, Sheriff Dean Homstad, Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Coordinator Janet Reed, Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, Justice of the Peace Vonnita Ivie and Tina Gilbert, representing Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the regular October 8th meeting and the special November 5th meeting were unanimously approved.

Tina Gilbert, representing Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP, presented a proposal for the collection of delinquent court fines and fees. After discussing the proposal, Commissioner Godsey made the motion, seconded by Commissioner McCown, to hire the independent collection agency for the Justice of the Peace office and the District and County Clerks offices. The vote was five to zero in favor.

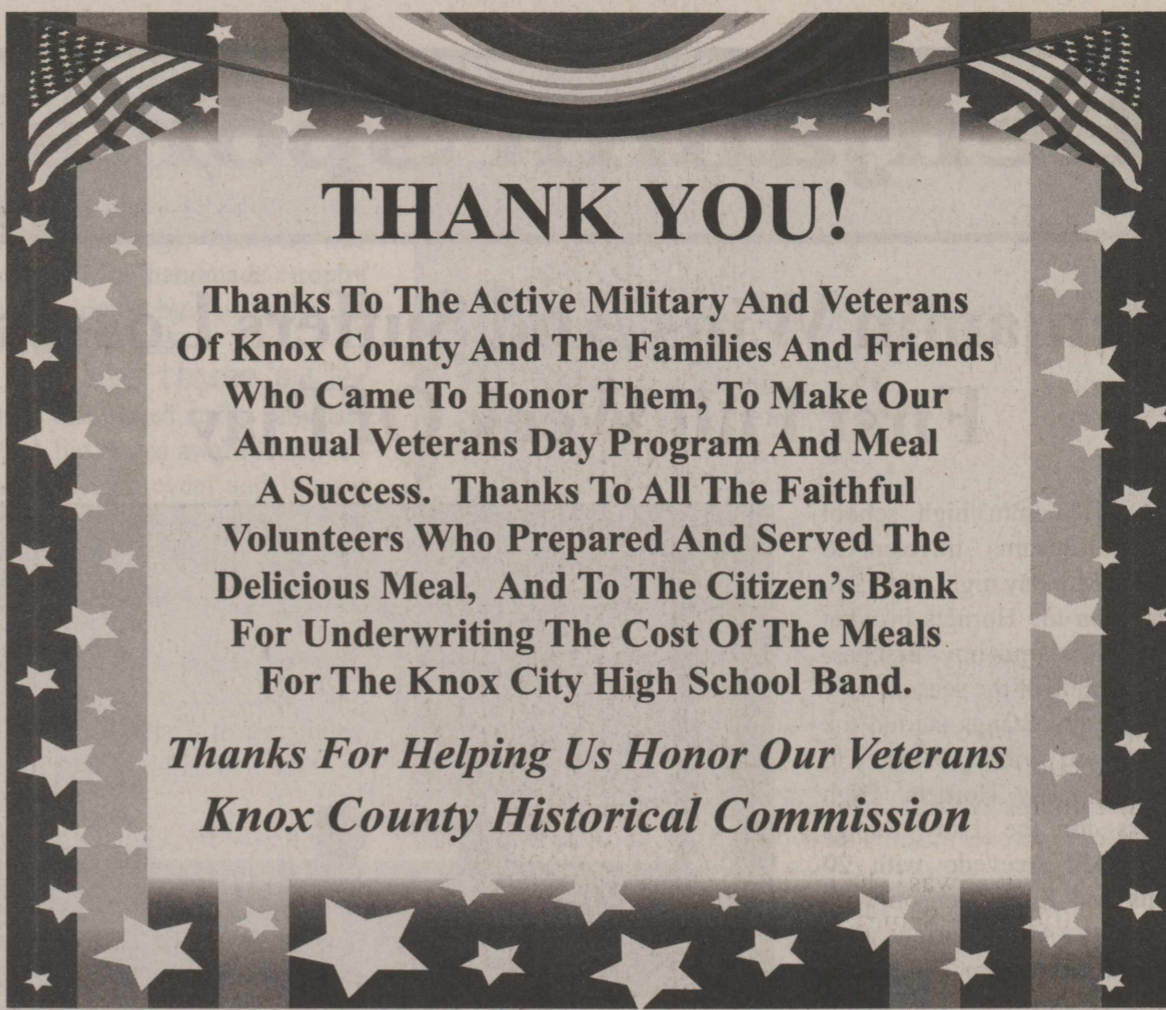
After consideration, the commissioners unanimously agreed to a request by the City of Goree to relinquish rights to trust properties within the City of Goree.

Reports given to the commissioners for road and bridge issues, the county aging service, 911 services, and extension service activities. No action was needed.

Members of the Court considered accounts payable as well as financial statements for October 2007 and the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008, as presented by Treasurer Rosie Ake. After due consideration, the Court voted unanimously to pay all bills and approve the financial statements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Knox County Commissioners Court meeting will be held on December 10, 2007.



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 Knox County Historical Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$50,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$70.85*	\$72.42*	\$1.57	2.22%	8.27%
Commercial	\$296.15*	\$305.36*	\$9.21	3.11%	22.72%
Industrial	\$2,975*	\$3,143*	\$167.89	5.64%	38.95%
Transportation	519.88	\$687.77	\$167.89	32.29%	38.95%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.


In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el ciudad de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

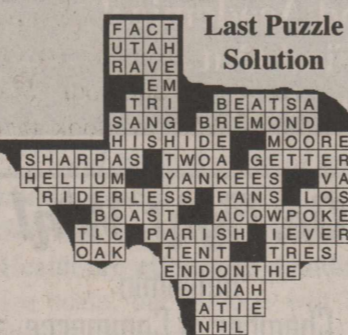
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Benjamin Sports

Benjamin Wins And Suffers Losses First Full Week Of Play

The Benjamin high school basketball teams traveled to Harrold Monday night, the 13th, to take on the Hornets in what was the Benjamin boys first basketball game of the season.

The Lady Stangs started the evening off with a 71-35 win over the Lady Hornets. High scorers for the Lady Stangs were Judit Acevedo with 20 points and Karla Benson with 15 points. Also scoring were Nafeesa Ebraheim with ten points, Devon Jones with eight, Julia Acevedo and Jessica Vanderpol with six each, Raquel Acevedo with four and Leah Vanderpol with two.

The Mustangs then took to the court and rounded out the girl's win with one of their own. The final score was 67-32. High scorers for the Mustangs were Derrick Northrup with 15 and Lucas Cartwright and Adam Holmes with 14 each. Also scoring were Dylan Benson with nine, Mitchell Ham with six, Dusty Stevens with four and Damon Gideon with one.

On Friday evening, the Mustangs and Lady Stangs hosted the Aspermont Hornets at the Benjamin ISD gymnasium. Both the Lady Stangs and Mustangs suffered losses.

Final score for the girl's game was Aspermont 54, Benjamin 43. High scorer for the game was Karla Benson with 23 points. Benson also led in rebounds with eleven. Others scoring were Judit Acevedo with four, Julia Acevedo with two, Nafeesa Ebraheim with nine and Raquel Acevedo with five.

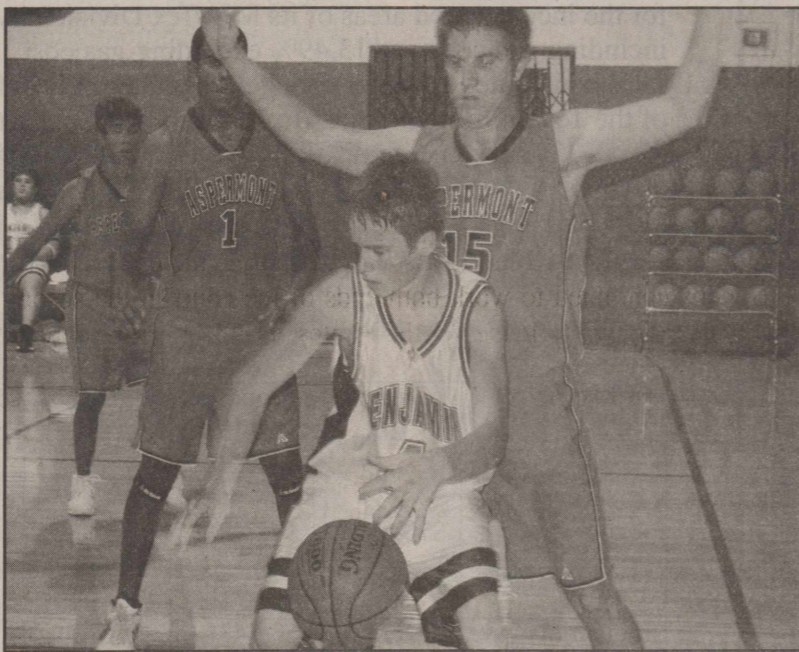
The final score in the boy's game was Aspermont 61, Benjamin 45. Leading scorer was Derrick Northrup with 18 of Benjamin's 45 points. Dusty Stevens contributed eleven points and led with ten rebounds. Others who scored were Damon Gideon and Lucas Cartwright with five, Dylan Benson with four and Gilbert Nevarez with two.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs traveled to Lueders-Avoca on Tuesday. Scores were unavailable as of press time. Both teams will be off on Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Mustangs and Lady Stangs will return to play on Tuesday the 27th taking on Paint Creek at home beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Lueders-Avoca tournament November 29th through December 1st.



Gilbert Nevarez takes a fall as a Hornet drives for the goal



Dylan Benson works the ball for a shot



Lady 'Stang Shelby Russell glances at the scoreboard during a time-out of the Benjamin-Aspermont game

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's a busy week with folks getting ready for Thanksgiving. I hope amid all the preparing visiting and eating, we all remember to be thankful for all the things we so often take for granted. If you travel I hope you will be careful. I know the roads will be crowded with folks just like all of us trying to reach their destinations and then return home safely.

About Our Ill

Charles Jones was to be back in Dallas today for a checkup. He says he feels fine, just terribly weak. It's no wonder, after the type of surgery he had and almost a month in the hospital. Anyone would be weak. We pray his checkup is good and his progress continues.

Leroy West is having some pretty rough days. However, today (Monday), Gloria said doctors were impressed. That he is improved from the way he has been. He does have cough now that bothers him, but maybe he will begin to do better. He had been moved to the Anderson Unit. I believe that is for long term patients. If you would like to give them a call, the number is 325-670-5115. Someone is always in there with him to answer the phone.

Sympathy Sent

My sincere sympathy to the family of Sterling Lewis today. Sterling passed away on Friday in Abilene after being ill for a while. His funeral was Sunday.

Also, sympathy to Hazel Stock-

ton, whose sister-in-law, Clara Loper, of Lubbock passed away, also on Friday. Her funeral was today in Lubbock.

And to the family of Glen McGuire, who passed away the last of the week. He was a Gilliland resident for many years, but the last few years had lived near his son in the Waco area. He was well known in the entire area. His funeral was Saturday at Gilliland.

Thanksgiving Supper Program

The annual Thanksgiving meal and program was Wednesday night at the Ex-Student Building. The table was full of wonderful food, including many kinds of desserts, tea and coffee. The attendance was down from previous years, probably due to illnesses and then the weather, I'm sure, was a factor. The wind had blown all day and the dust and other "foreign stuff" in the air stirred up lots of allergies. The program was good, as usual.

Troy Culpepper gave the invocation. Pam Duke led the group in two songs. Bud Conner did a special song. The Benjamin youth group sang and gave some readings. Kenneth Roberts gave the Ministerial Alliance report. An offering was taken for the Alliance. That money is used to help people in need during the year. Tim Trimble brought the message and Tracy Cartwright gave the benediction. Each church had an assigned task, but everyone pitched in and the clean-up was soon taken care of and all things back in order.

Here 'N There

Betty Bohannon and her daughter-in-law, Misty, and her children spent a long weekend recently near Clayton, New Mexico with their husbands, Roger and Lonnie, who are working there.

Connie Porter returned to her home in Fayetteville, Arkansas Thursday after several weeks here with her aunt, Omitene Barnett. Omitene is doing well. She had a little fall a few weeks ago, but sprang right back and is able to stay alone. She has help during the day to come in and see to her needs. I just hope I do as well as she does when I'm 94!

Had a good visit with Eddie Martinez and his wife, Alyse, on Saturday. They live in California and have for many years. They were here for the funeral of her dad, Glen McGuire. It was so good to see them. Eddie is younger than I, but we lived pretty close together when we were youngsters (and rode the school bus together - forever!). Lynn and Michael Rogers of Snyder spent the weekend with her parents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. They had a booth at the Badlands Trade Days on Saturday.

Gary and Janet Reed have moved to Guthrie to be closer to his work. She will continue her position in the County Judge's Office and will keep their house ready for occupancy for occasions when she (or both of them) need to stay over here. We wish them well and hope they enjoy living there.

TRUSCOTT-GILLILAND NEWS

By Clara Brown

Nothing new concerning weather, we need rain. Sounds like everyone who hasn't planted wheat yet is now planting or getting ready to plant. The fields are so dry that sometimes you can't see a tractor. It is lost in the dust.

All that beautiful green of spring and early summer has disappeared. Dry weather cracks in the ground run deep in many places.

But the turkeys survived. Driving down country dirt roads recently 12-14 turkeys were trotting ahead of the car in one place and a couple of miles later on another road the car was gently herding 30 or more turkeys.

It's fun to watch them bobbing and twisting for a short distance, then suddenly raise their wings and soar over the roadside fence. Soaring turkeys and graceful fence-jumping deer somewhat compensate for dry weather cracks and tractors lost in dust clouds.

The 2007 Knox County Veterans Day held Monday, November 11, drew a good crowd.

We had 135 visitors at the military exhibit, which was held in the museum building for the first time.

No, the building isn't entirely finished, but having the exhibit there gave our many loyal supporters a chance to see how it is shaping up.

The veterans albums were a big

hit again. The goal is to have service information about every veteran listed on the Knox County Veterans Memorial. Veterans and relatives of veterans searched through the 15 or 20 albums. At least one veteran found his service in North Africa in World War II under General Patton was not included, although his service in Sicily, Italy, Southern France and north to the gates of Berlin were there.

He spoke up and his record will be corrected, as any omission or error will be corrected if it is brought to the attention of the museum staff or volunteers.

The veterans books will be housed at the museum, not the courthouse, in the future.

Two names were said to be missing from the memorial. The records of these veterans will be researched and names will be placed on a growing list of names to be added in the future.

Contacting the stone company and paying for additions is part of the expense of maintaining the memorial. People are beginning to make memorial donations to the veterans project and those help maintain the veterans memorial, along with some fund raising activities.

Glen McGuire, long time Gilliland resident, was buried at Gilliland Saturday morning.

Glen was born in 1916 to Fred

and Gertrude Lewis McGuire. Fred had moved from Baylor County to Gilliland in 1910 and married in 1912.

Lewis Glen McGuire attended Truscott and Gilliland schools and Texas Tech University at Lubbock.

In 1936 he married the late Valoise Cook. In 1941 he attended Wichita Engineering School, learning to be a mechanic and was working for Consolidated Aircraft Plant in San Diego, California when Pearl Harbor was bombed. About 1942 he began working for Consolidated at Fort Worth. In 1945 the family moved to Gilliland, where Glen farmed until retired. He had been living at Waco for the last several years, near his son, Lewis Duane and daughter-in-law Carol. Their daughter, Elise, moved to California several years ago.

The Gilliland Community Center was the scene of a shower for Justin and Christine Home, Sunday, November 18, 2007. Hostesses were Lula Baty, Sherry Simmons, Judie Whitten, Sharon Westmoreland, Charlotte Welch, Shana Heard, Carol Dickson and Romona Home.

Members of both families and many friends enjoyed visiting.

Geraldine Tomanek and Clara Brown of Truscott especially enjoyed exchanging news with Mary Welch and former Gilliland residents Loyce Welch and Erna Lee Home of Seymour.

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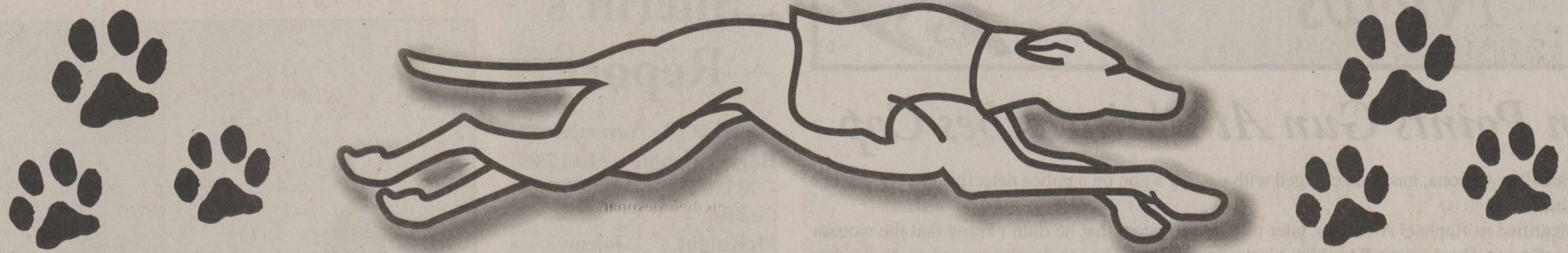
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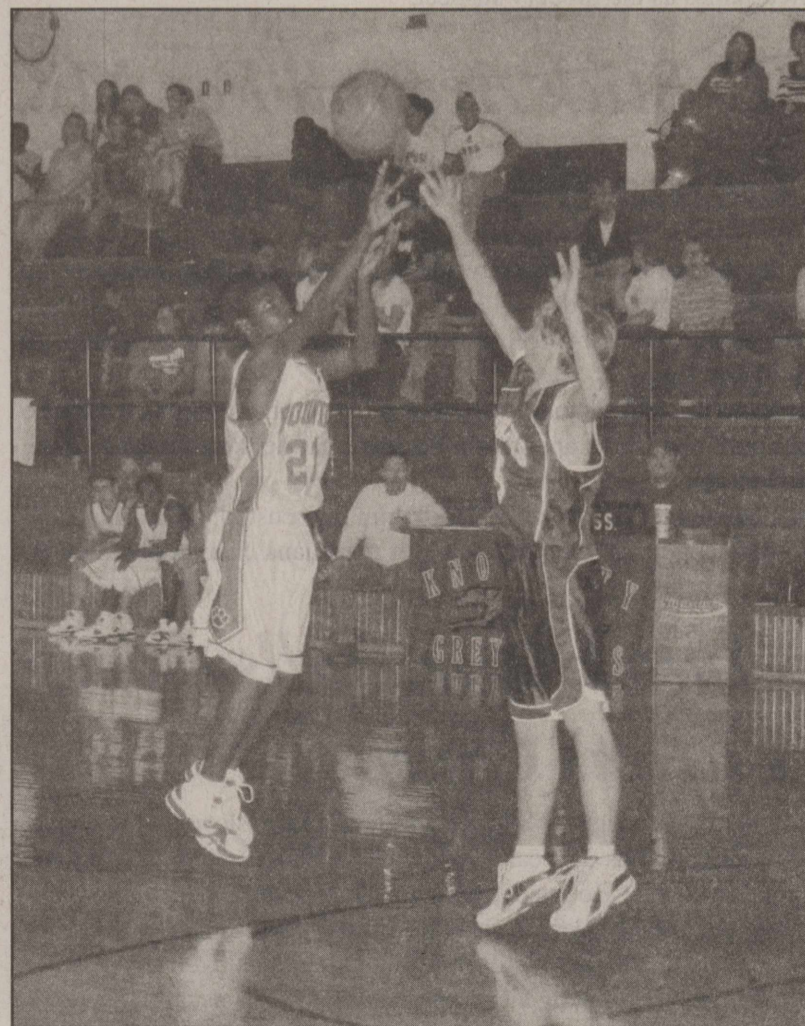
Mea Abila steps up and shoots for two while Lacey Pierce makes a good block out effort

In last week's issue, the News erroneously stated that Kenyin Thompson made a touchdown that was actually made by Shane Strickland during the Knox City vs. Throckmorton game. We apologize to Shane and Kenyin and congratulate the Hounds on a great season!

The Knox City Houndettes and Greyhounds hosted the Paint Creek Pirates on the hardwood at Greyhound Gymnasium Friday night, November 16. The Houndettes were fresh off a 56 - 26 win over Chillicothe on Tuesday, November 13. The ladies played hard and hustled up and down the court. Their efforts paid off in a 37-14 victory over the Lady Pirates. Leading scorers for the Houndettes were Sarah Burt with the team high of 10 points followed by Tiffany McCrary's 9 points and Mea Abila's 8 points. Coach Peter's stated, "Our shooting percentage is low right now because we are focusing heavily on keeping our opponents' percentages low by utilizing our man defense and that is where the bulk of our practice time is going right now. Offense and pressure shooting is something we will focus more on in our practice time in the upcoming weeks." Coach Peters cited that her way of keeping stats is somewhat different than others. She wants the girls to see that although they might score points, if they allow offensive boards, turnovers and shooting fouls they are not playing good off-ball defense; and the points we score have a less dramatic effect on the final out come of the game. "Overall I am pleased with how the girls are adjusting to the new way of approaching the game and how hard they have worked these past few weeks," Coach Peters remarked.

The Greyhounds opened the season with the home court advantage over the Pirates. Jordan Carter tipped off the ball to open the game. The Greyhounds played a strong first half outscoring the Pirates 45-12. The Hounds continued to work both ends of the court in the second half and came out victorious over the Pirates, 61-15. Leading scorers for the Greyhounds were Bandy Moeller with the team high of 11 points followed by Derrick Coleman and Rico McCrary with 10 points each and Kenyin Thompson with 8 points. Coach Monte Moore was pleased with the Hounds first game and win of the season. He stated, "The guys played hard and hustled well. I was really happy with our defense and the pressure we were able to put on Paint Creek." Coach Moore continued, "As long as we take one game at a time and stay focused, I think we can have a very good season. I'm just really proud of these guys."

The Knox City JV and Varsity teams will host the Throckmorton Greyhounds December 4 at the Greyhound Gymnasium. The first game will tip-off at 4:00 pm.



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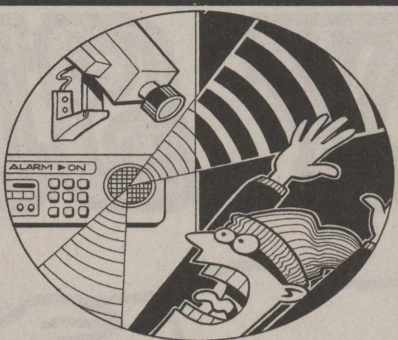
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Man Points Gun At Plainclothes Cop

A man in Chandler, Arizona, has been charged with pulling a gun on a police detective after he cut her off on a road there.

The man, identified as Raphael Alvarado, later told investigators that he didn't know that the woman was a cop, according to The Arizona Republic, a newspaper there. The incident happened on November 14.

"He just didn't want to deal with her so he pointed his gun at her to keep from having any issues," a police report said.

Police allege that Alvarado forced the officer to change lanes and then yelled an expletive at her when they were stopped at a red light. She reported that she identified herself as a police officer and approached his car only to have him point the gun at her and speed away.

Police in marked cruisers pulled Alvarado over a few miles away, and said that they found a gun and some weed in his car.

Alvarado has been charged with aggravated assault, driving under the influence, and marijuana possession.

Suspects In Pot Bust Call 911 In Hope Of Diverting Cops' Attention

Three drug trafficking suspects in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, attempted to dial their way of trouble after a roadside drug bust there.

Police there say that the three men were detained November 15 when officers noticed a strong marijuana odor coming out of their vehicle during a traffic stop. While the cops talked with one suspect outside the vehicle, West Vancouver police received a 911 call with a man's voice reporting a robbery in progress at a local bank.

The area was quickly contained by other officers and the report was determined to be false. Police continued the drug investigation and confiscated more than 11 kilograms of pot from the vehicle, then arrested the suspects on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Officers traced the 911 call to a cell phone that was found on one of the suspects, and now the unidentified 31-, 29-, and 17-year olds are facing additional charges of mischief.

Robber Loses Pants, Shoots Self In Hip While Fleeing

The man, identified as 33-year-old Matthew James, of no permanent address, was held without bail Falkenburg Road Jail on November 13. He is charged with felony attempted murder and felony armed robbery, according to jail records.

Police arrested James at St. Joseph's Hospital around 6:00 PM November 12. The smart medical staff called the cops when James, saying that he had been robbed, showed up wounded, Corporal Jared Douds said.

Around 1:15 PM on November 13, an armed man entered the Channelside Metro BP, 1239 East Kennedy Boulevard, fired one round at the clerk and swiped the cash register off the counter, according to police.

As cops swarmed the area, they recovered a pair of what they thought were the robber's pants near the Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway.

The bandit had also dumped the cash register, Douds said. "I guess it was slowing him down," he said.

Douds did not know what James was wearing when he arrived at the hospital but said that officers interviewing the wounded man identified James as the robbery suspect.

"I Don't Want To Stick Around For My Hearing! Come And Get Me!"

Investigators in Clearwater, Florida, say that a Pinellas man gave deputies a run for their money when he bolted from the courthouse and into some nearby woods.

Investigators allege that the man, identified as 19-year-old Joshua Maxon, arrived at the courthouse to answer charges of failing to appear on a drug charge.

At first, he went into the wrong courtroom but bailiffs made sure that he got to the right place. One he was in the courtroom that he was supposed to be in, he apparently decided that he didn't want to stick around for the hearing, and ran out the front door.

Deputies finally caught up with him in some nearby woods and took him into custody. Maxon is now charged on the original warrant of failing to appear on the possession of marijuana charge, obstruction, and resisting arrest without violence.

Burglar Breaks Into House, Falls Asleep On Victim's Couch

A burglar in Burnley, England, who broke into a neighbor's home was found fast asleep on her couch, magistrates there were told. The burglar, identified as 35-year-old Michael Arthur Bolton, had taken a tranquilizer before breaking into the home Michelle Robinson, which had made him sleepy, the court heard. On top of that, Bolton was on parole after being released early from a two-year prison sentence for — you guessed it — burglary. Prosecutor Silvia Dacre said that Robinson, her child, and a friend and her child, had gone to bed on the night of November 11, locking all doors and windows as usual.

But when she awoke the next day, just before 6:00 AM, she heard noises coming from her living room. Dacre said that rather than confronting any potential intruder, she went into the kitchen, grabbed the phone, and called the cops.

Meanwhile, one of Robinson's neighbors, after looking through a nearby window, walked into the living room and discovered Bolton asleep on the couch. Bolton was wearing a jacket that belonged to Robinson and in his tracksuit bottoms there was jewelry and sweets that he had stolen from the home.

Outside the house a bag was also found containing other items stolen from the house. According to Dacre, it appeared that he had taken some form of tranquilizer and could recall little of what had happened in the short time leading up to his arrest, the court heard. When police were interviewing Bolton, he initially claimed that he had bought the sweets found in his pocket, but then accepted, as he had been found in Robinson's home, that there was little he could say about the burglary charge.

Magistrates heard that Bolton had been sentenced to two years in prison for burglary in October of 2006 and he was still on parole for that offense.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty to stealing goods worth around £150 (US\$307.77), was taken into custody pending a December 14 sentencing hearing at Burnley Crown Court.

Knox County Sheriff's Report

October 10 - November 12

Hogue, Debbie - (10/17/07) - MTR/TBC (M-B) (Knox County)

McKnight, Jolene - (10/17/07) - Possession of Controlled Substance x2 (Felony) (Knox County)

Masias, Maria Alice - (10/18/07) - Possession of Controlled Substance (F-2) (Knox County)

Vance, David Garrett - (10/20/07) - DWI 1st (M-B) (Knox County)

Goodwin, Michael Ray - (10/20/07) - Public Intoxication (M-C) (Knox County)

Fields, Justin Bradley - (10/24/07) - Possession of Marihuana (M-B) (Baylor County)

Voyles, Jody Cerrell - (10/24/07) - Evading Arrest (M-B) (Baylor County)

Zuniga, Cindy Lynn - (10/24/07) - Panhandling (M-C) (Knox County)

Neal, Sammy James Jr. - (10/24/07) - Criminal Trespass (M-A) (Baylor County)

Trevino, Lawrence - (10/30/07) - Speeding (M-C) (Knox County)

Shelton, Jessie DeWayne - (11/01/07) - Possess of Marihuana (M-B) Criminal Trespass (M-A) (Baylor County)

Gaines, Brian DeShawn - (11/02/07) - Possess Marihuana (M-B) Criminal Trespass (M-A) (Knox County)

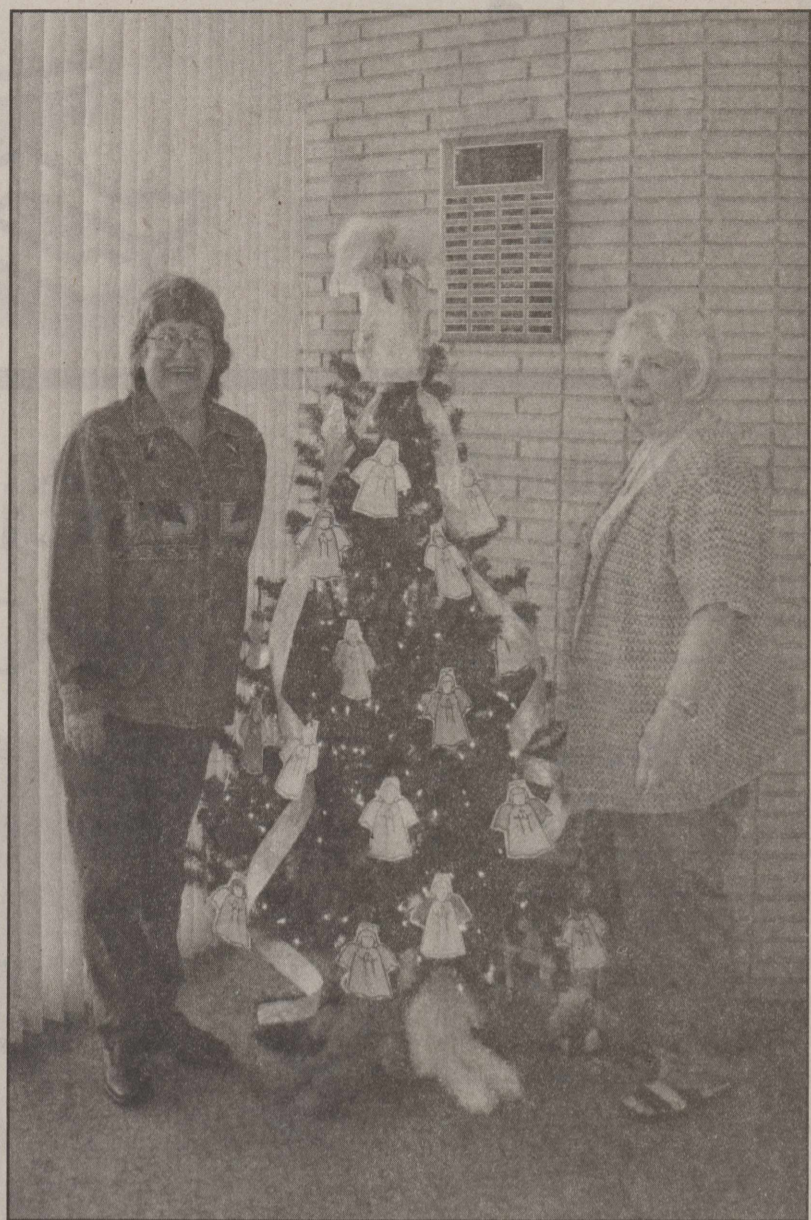
Keller, Jimmy Ray - (11/03/07) - Possess of Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)

Louis, Geramaine Devon - (11/03/07) - Possess of Marihuana (M-B) (Knox County)

Dennis, Christopher R. - (11/08/07) - Possession of Controlled Sub. Surety Withdrawal/Judgment NISI (Knox County) arrested in Missouri

Henslee, Brian Keith - (11/08/07) - Agg. Sexual Assault of child (F-1) (Foard County)

Knox County Child Welfare Board's Angel Tree Placed At Citizen's Bank



The Knox County Child Welfare Board's Angel Tree has been placed in Citizen's Bank. It has been decorated with 30 angels from Knox City. The Angels are children who would not have Christmas without the support of the community and the KCCWB. You can share the spirit of the season by selecting an Angel and purchasing a special gift for them. Gift recommendations are listed on the back of the Angel and the return deadline is December 10th. Please share the spirit of the season with an Angel from the Knox County Child Welfare Board. Pictured with the Angel tree is KCCWB members (L to R) Sherry Hacker and Joanna Delgado.

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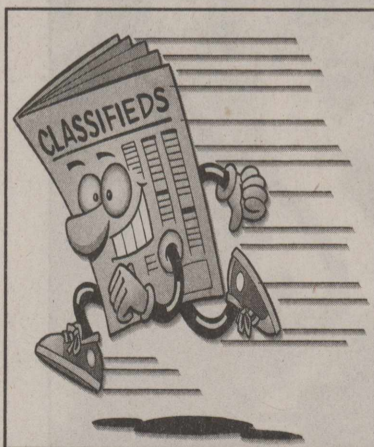
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Local 4-H'ers Participate In County Food Show

Knox County 4-H members participated in the Knox County Food Show on November 15, 2007 at the Munday High School Cafeteria in Munday. In the Food and Nutrition Project, 4-H'ers learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups from My Pyramid in the daily diet. They learn the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance as well as acquiring and demonstrating skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks.

4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System. A total of 9 Knox County 4-H'ers participated in the County Show.

They are: Grace Tidwell - Jr. Main Dish, 1st place; Sonora Escamilla - Jr. Bread and Cereal, 1st place; Sheldon Baty - Jr. Fruit and Vegetable, 1st place; Kathryn Cude - Jr. Nutritious Snacks, 1st place; Brenn Weiser - Jr. Desserts, 1st place; Brandon York - Int. Main Dish, 1st place; Lyndon Baty - Int. Bread and Cereal, 1st place; Brittany Coop



Pictured left to right: Back row: Grace Tidwell, Brandon York, Brittany Coop, Zakery York. Front row: Brenn Weiser, Sheldon Baty, Lyndon Baty, Kathryn Cude, Sonora Escamilla

- Sr. Fruit and Vegetable, 1st place; Zakery York - Sr. Bread and Cereal, 1st place.

All of these participants will be representing Knox County at the District 4-H Food Show to be held at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon, Texas on Saturday, December 8, 2007. Entrants from 24 counties will participate in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. The competition at this event is very tough but all of

these 4-H'ers will do a fantastic job representing Knox County.

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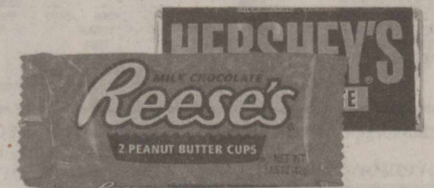
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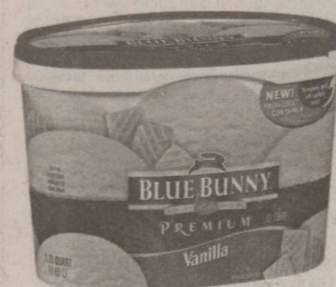
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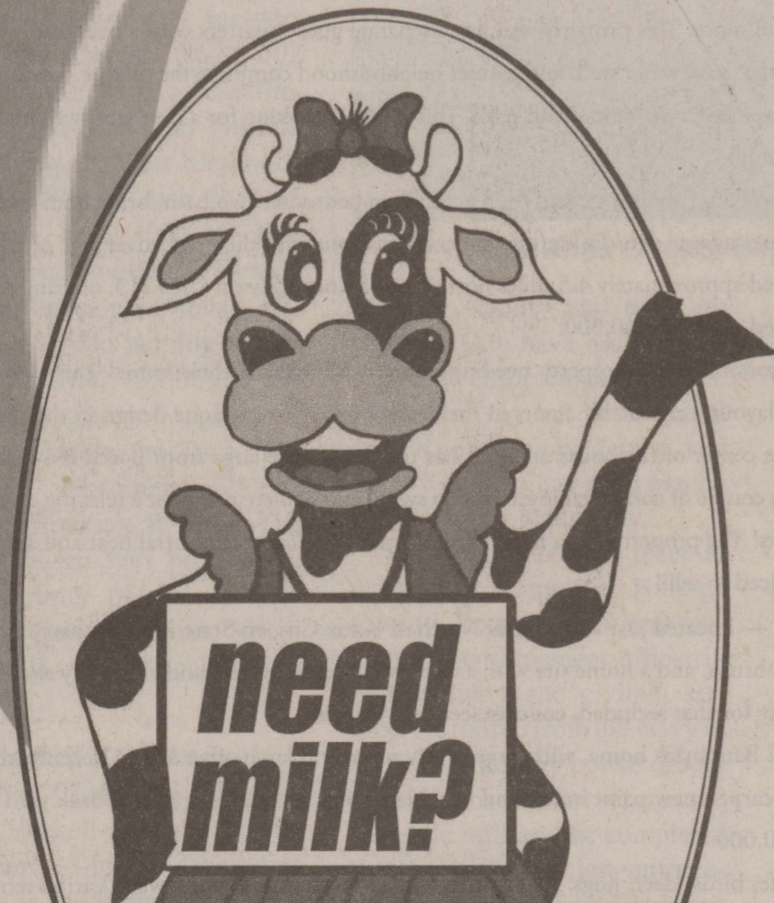
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