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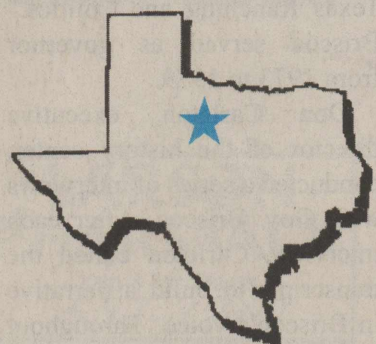
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Looking Ahead

• Knox County Singles

The Knox County Singles and Singles again will meet Friday May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Munday First Methodist Church, Friday, May 2nd. A potluck dinner will be served, however you do not need to bring a dish to take part in the festivities.

• Benjamin Annual Pet

Vaccination

Dr. Jmaes Grober of Haskell Veterinay Clinice will be in Benjamin, at Badlands, west of the Cout House on 82 conducting a Vet Clinic on May 3rd from 9am to 12pm

•Benjamin Elementry Round-Up

Benjamin ISD is holding their anual Pre-K Round- Up from 8am to 4pm. For moe information call 459-2231

•KC Elementary Round-Up

The Knox City Elementary will be holding their annual Pre-K round-up May 6th - 8th. For additional information call Marsha Magaughey at 940-657-9147.

•KC Head Start

Head Start will having their annual Round-Up this year on May 8th from 12:30pm to 3: 30pm. For more informatiomm call Sheri Ellis at 658-3770

•Brazos Valley Quilting Guild

Brazos Valley Quilt Guild will meet at the Benjamin Ex-Students Building May 8, 2008 at 6:30. Meal will be provided. Block of the Month will be provided by Judie Witten. Anyone interested in quilting at any level is invited to attend.

•KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

The homecoming will be the first weekend in June - June 6 & 7, 2008.

•KC-O'Brien Ex-Students Homecoming

The KC Circle Club will meet at the Doug Meinzer Community Center at 6:00 pm on May 6, 2008. The program will be Pests in the pantry given by our ag extention agent Adam Bonner. Anyone intersted in this program or our on going programs are welcome to attend. Contacts for the KC Circle Club are Cathye Williams, Pam Mongrain or Sherry Hacker.

• TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

•The Knox County Clerk's Office will be closed Friday, May 2nd for training

Quilting Shop Under Construction



New construction in Knox County is always a welcomed "site". Pictured above Left is Carol Dickson, Pam Duke and Denis Duke

Two long-time Benjamin residents have traded their rulers for crochet needles. That's right, Pam Duke and Carol Dickson, former teachers of Benjamin ISD, are two "cement-steps closer to realizing a dream that seeded itself around two years ago.

Both Duke and Dickson are senior members of the Brazos Valley Quilting Guild, which meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The pair has decided to open a hometown shop for quilters because it is a timeless hobby among female Texans.

The idea of Quilting was a way of life for the first settlers of Texas as a mean of keeping families warm. Over the years, it has become a passion for many people hoping to give special gifts or passing down precious family air looms that will be cherished for many generations yet to come.

Dennis Duke is helping his wife, Pam Duke, realize her dream by erecting the build-

ing with hopes that it will be completed by early October of 2008. Mr. Duke is working on this project in his spare time as he is also employed by Core of Engineers, which is a branch of the Department of Defense.

The new Benjamin shop will not actually be selling quilts because, as mentioned above, once a quilt is completed it is usually intended as a special endowment to a family member or close friend.

Duke and Dickson say that while they may sell some quilts on a consignment basis, the shop is actually intended to be a "fabric and notion" place of business.

The quilting duet plans to give lessons from beginner to advanced as well as supply top quality fabrics and supplies to needy quilters. Due to the popularity of quilting in Benjamin and surrounding communities, the shop is sure to be a success. Good luck and thank you Pam and Carol

Foursquare Church Holds A Fish Fry at Knox City Park



Local residents of Knox City gather up the goods at the Foursquare Fish Fry

■ See Foursquare Page 4

KC Girls Track Headed for State

The Knox City Houndettes made an impressive run at the Regional Track Meet finals on Friday, April 25.

The sprint relay, also known as the 4 x 100m relay, made up of Sarah Burt, Holly McCrary, Camille Ward and Shelby Gutierrez took the gold medal with a 50.91 time.

They will be headed to the state competition on Saturday, May 10th at Mike Myers stadium in Austin, TX.

"I still feel like we can bring our time down a little more by the state meet," stated Coach Monte Moore, who will be making his eighth career trip to the state track meet.

Gutierrez will also be competing individually in the 200m



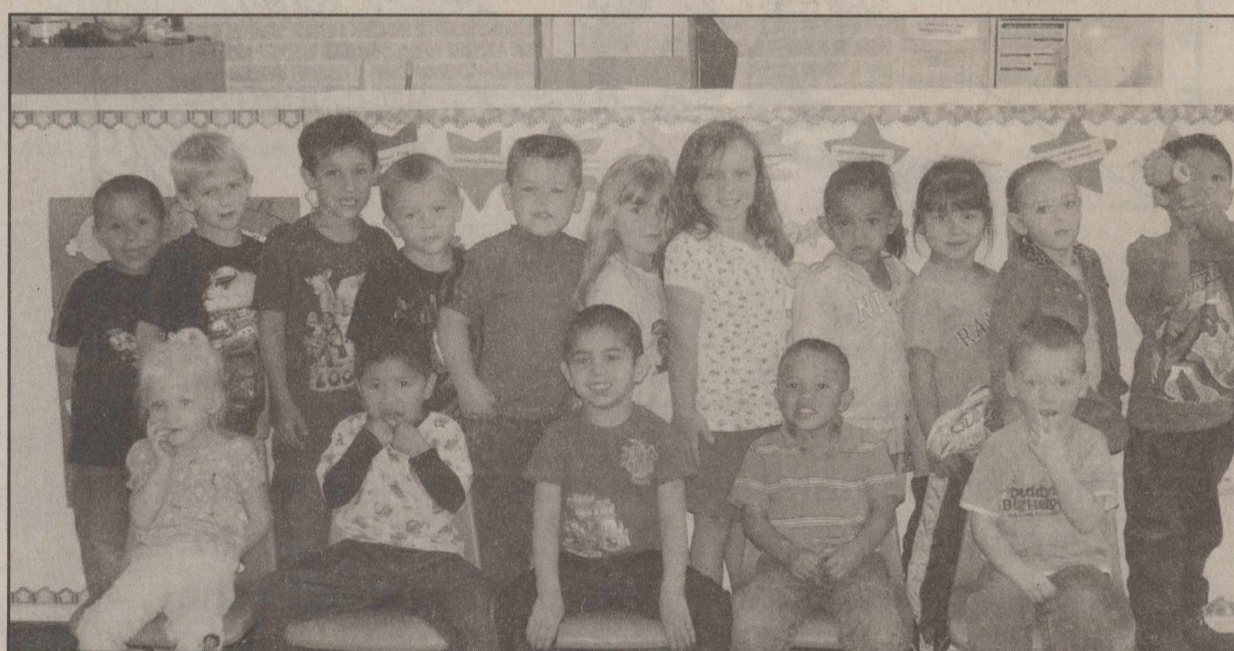
Holly McCrary speeds toward Camille Ward for the hand off in the 4x100 m relay. Now, the relay will be speeding toward Austin for the state competition after their first place finish at the Regional Track Meet in Abilene on Friday, April 25.

dash at the state level after her second place finish at the regional meet with a 26.45.

"This is a fun time of the season because it is now down to the eight best competitors in the state in each event. These

kids need to really be proud of what they have accomplished thus far," commented girls track Coach Monte Moore. The Houndettes finished overall with 34 points in the team competition.

Head Start's Fall Round-UP Set For May 8th



Top row: L to R Mason Magana, Austin Hacker, Bryson Byrd, Michael Rutledge, Borban cox, Patience Warren, Meghan Finley, Briana Contreras, Taylor Silvas, Kayleigh Sandusky, Trevor Tears Bottom: L to R Zoe Reid, Jonathon Martinez, Bryson Silvas, Kobe Roberts, Matthew Knowles Maria Sanchez - not pictured above Center Director/Lead Teacher: Sherry Ellis Vallerie Contreras: Aide Marcela Fernandez: Aide

Knox City Child Development Center located at 502 N. 2nd will be taking applications for the enrollment of children for the Head Start program that will begin in the fall.

The Head Start program serves three and four year old children. It is designed to meet the needs of children by providing an environment which will help them develop socially, physically, intellectually, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of school readiness and social competence.

Children with disabilities are welcome in Head start and are offered the full range of developmental services that children

without disabilities receive.

The program works closely with other community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of all children enrolled.

The guidelines for participation in Head Start are established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To make application for the program, parents must bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of income for the past 12 months, or 2007 1040 tax return. TANF and SSI recipients are current benefits such as a letter from caseworker, case numbers, etc.

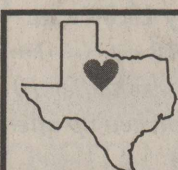
All information is considered confidential and will be used only

for the purpose of establishing eligibility and defining the needs of the family and child.

Applications can be taken any time throughout the year. However, special recruitment efforts are being made during the month of May. Special recruitment Round Up Days will be held May 8th from 12:30pm-3:30 pm.

To complete an application, go to the Knox City Child Development Center. It is very important that parents wanting their child in Head Start this fall complete an application as soon as possible.

If you need further information, please contact Sherry Ellis, director at 658-3770.



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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - With grocery bills and livestock feed prices inching higher and higher, Gov. Rick Perry asked a federal agency to help bring relief.

In a letter dated April 25, Perry requested a waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency to cut the renewable fuel mandate for ethanol produced from grain by 50 percent.

The waiver, if granted, would provide Texans with relief at the grocery store and enable the Texas livestock industry to con-

Governor Asks For Help In Curbing Food And Feed Prices

tinue providing its big share of the nation's food supply, Perry said.

"We appreciate the good intentions behind the push for renewable fuels.

In fact we're diversifying our state's energy portfolio at a rapid rate, but this misguided mandate is significantly affecting Texans' family food bill," Perry said.

The renewable fuel mandate increases corn crop diversion to ethanol production through 2015. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established the mandate and amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Count of YFZ children increases

The number of children removed from the polygamist YFZ Ranch near Eldorado on April 3 and ensuing days originally was tabulated at 416. The

count increased to 437, and then climbed to 462.

The increase from 437 to 462 accounts for the discovery that at least 25 of the mothers who left the religious sect's 1,700-acre ranch compound are in fact less than 18 years of age.

Ranch children have been transferred to state-certified foster homes, with their parentage to be determined and legal status still up to Texas courts of law.

In a related development, authorities identified 33-year-old Rozita Swinton, a Colorado Springs, Colo., woman as a "person of interest" in calls muled in law enforcement intervention at the ranch compound. The Texas Rangers are investigating.

Due date for new tax is extended

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on April 22 announced

that businesses unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.

The complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting methods have caused concern among taxpayers statewide, Combs said.

Panel to study property taxes

House Speaker Tom Craddick on April 24 announced the formation of the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform.

Craddick named Rep. Jim Otto, R-Dayton, as chair and Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, as vice chair of the 13-member panel.

The assignment is to review sections of the tax code and the Texas

Constitution that deal with the appraised value of property and the limitation of increases in appraised value.

The panel will report its findings to the 81st Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

High school classes will be online

The Texas Education Agency announced April 25 the launching of the Texas Virtual School Network.

Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 2007, the network will provide online courses to students throughout Texas.

Classes for grades 9 through 12 are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009. A list of approved course offerings will be available this fall.

New Briscoe memoir hits shelves

The Center for American History at the University of

Texas announced April 23 the release of a personal memoir, "Dolph Briscoe: My Life in Texas Ranching and Politics." Briscoe served as governor from 1973 to 1979.

Don Carleton, executive director of the history center, conducted a series of interviews with Gov. Briscoe. After each interview, Carleton edited the transcripts to build a narrative in Briscoe's voice. Throughout the process, Briscoe read and revised the text, Carleton said.

Flags at half-staff for Guerrero

Gov. Rick Perry on April 24 directed that flags be flown at half-staff in memory of Lena Guerrero of Austin. The former state representative and Texas

Railroad Commission member died April 23 at the age of 50, after a long battle with cancer. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery on April 26.

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By Ace Reid



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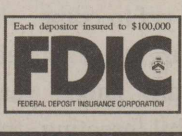


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- 5 advantage
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- 7 tornado sound
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- 31 this Red is the official "Cowboy Poet of Texas" (init.)
- 32 statement of belief
- 33 TX Belle Starr hid outlaw ___ Younger
- 34 "___" Joe Greene attended UNT
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- 36 TXism: "got ___ do as a hibernating bear" (idle)
- 38 Goliad's Presidio La Bahia has painting of angel with six ___
- 39 Mule ___ TX
- 40 some TX burbs were once this (3 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "feel like I was chewed ___ spit out"
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- 1 east of Houston on hwy. 225
- 2 former controversial WTSU pres.
- 3 angry stare (2 wds.)
- 4 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John ___"
- 9 Sack ___
- 10 TXism: "in ___ neck of the woods"
- 11 TXism: "packed like cows in a box ___"
- 12 TXism: "mighty fine"
- 13 TXism: "___ a bulldog on a gun powder die!"
- 14 this Corey won '88 Texas Open
- 15 TXism: "it beats ___ a peckin' "

44 TBN's "___ the Lord" is taped in Irving

45 TXism: "sticks out like ___ thumb"

46 "yes" below the border

47 TX dusters

49 TXism: "pays it no never mind"

50 TX-born TV producer Spelling

51 this TX Porter won '66 Pulitzer Prize (init.)

52 TXism: "___ it or lose it!"

16 A&M uses a ___ scholarship player as the "12th man"

17 TXism: "it'll rattle ___" (loud noise)

20 TXism: "___ up" (admitted)

22 tip of Texas wildlife refuge: Las ___

24 ___ Cola

25 Astro Oswald stat

26 Rangers made early badges from this Mexican coin

27 TXism: "fesses up"

28 TX Charley Pride's "Wonder ___ Live There Anymore?"

29 pickup propeller

30 "peachy ___"

33 ax action

34 TXism: "sweet as new ___" (good odor)

35 TX belle allures

37 TX-born actress Burnett (init.)

38 TXism: "has ___ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

39 football

41 Sam Houston's Indian wife

42 authority for TX Olympians (abbr.)

45 TXism: "wouldn't touch that with ___ foot pole"

48 Sonora is on the western ___ of Edwards Plateau

Aging Center Lunch Menu

May 5th to May 9th

Monday, May 5th - Pepper Steak, Buttered Rice, Green Beans, Sliced Bread, Fruit/Topping

Tuesday, May 6th - Chicken Fried Steak, Squash Casserole, Salad, Biscuit, Cobbler

Wednesday, May 7th - Fish/tartar Sauce, Potato Salad Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Cake

Thursday, May 8th - Cream Of Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pickled Beets, Dessert

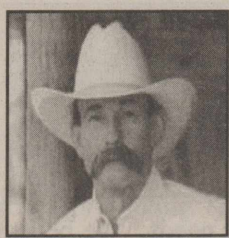
Friday, May 9th - Bbq On A Bun, Potato Wedges, Cole Slaw, Cookies

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Moose Roping

Most cowboys go to great lengths to keep from losing their rope. And yet that same cowboy might rope a freight train, a four-wheeler or a polar bear without a second thought. That thought, of course is, 'How do I get my rope back?'

Randy and Roy were makin' a final circle on a big ranch north of the Anacosta Mountains. They were down to tracking singles. One set of tracks lead them up a little canyon. The snow was a foot deep and the footprints were well-defined punctures in the snow, not the foot draggin' bovine kind. It didn't take them long to come upon a big cow moose idly scraping a spot in the shelter of a pine tree looking for a little nibble.

Randy and Roy rode up to get a better look. Probably mistake number one.

The moose stared at them curiously. As they approached she started to move away.

Roy took down his rope and peeled off his glove. Randy gave him a question mark look. Roy replied with a nod toward the moose and a 'Whattya think?'

If there had been any forethought to his next move, it might have flickered through his brain that, if needed, he could choke her down and retrieve his twine. But it's safe to assume that no forethought occurred at all.

He threw a pretty loop

right down over her hornless head. He dallied, she turned and started chugging up the side of the canyon. Pulling back,

Roy intended to turn her around. He got an anatomy lesson; the neck of a moose blends so smoothly into their body that the loop settled down around her chest like the breast collar on a horse!

She was hooked to the load, had good snow traction and the strength of a draft horse. Roy and his 5-year old almost-broke saddle horse were no match for her! Finally, after dragging them a hundred yards, she turned in irritation and started back up the rope! Roy was tryin' to gather slack as his horse stumbled and danced on the rocky, snow covered hillside.

Randy watched helplessly as Roy's horse went down and rolled clear over him! She rose in the deep snow. To Randy's amazement he saw Roy underneath, his rope lashing him to the horse's belly!

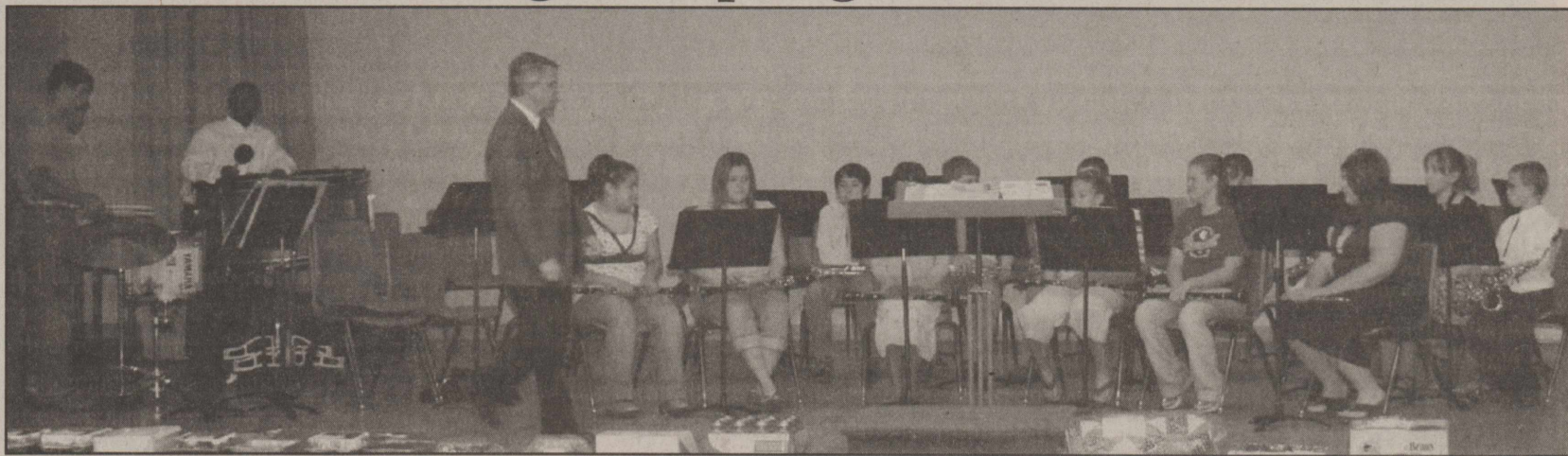
The moose ran backwards, the horse was blown' big rollers, and Roy, pinned between the horse's legs, was peeking upside down at the mad moose!

Randy also noted that Roy's rope was still dallied round the horn and he was holding on for dear life.

"Let yer dallies go!" holler Randy.

"I can't!" said Roy, showing he was still of sound mind and body, "It's a new rope!"

O'Brien Middle School Band Rocked The House Durning The Spring Band Concert



Mr. Tucker and the O'Brien Middle School Band take center stage at the Spring Band Concert Sunday afternoon.

The Greyhound PRIDE Band Spring Concert was held Sunday afternoon, April 27, at the W.R. Baker Auditorium. The 5th grade band took center stage first. They played musical selections that highlighted their newly attained skills from throughout the school year. Selections included: Hard Rock Blues; Basic Blues, Sakura, Sakura; Variations on a Familiar

Theme; Banana Boat Song; and March Militaire.

Taking the stage next was the middle school band which is comprised of students from the 6th and 7th grade. They played toe tapping tunes that included: Kitty Hawk March; Montezuma's Castle; and Cumberland Gap.

Highlighting the afternoon was the award winning Greyhound

PRIDE High School Band made up of 8th-12th grades. The band has had another very successful year including superior ratings at the Fall marching contest and Spring concert contest.

The band played music selections from their contests followed by some fun selections for everyone's enjoyment and entertainment. During intermission everyone en-

joyed the annual fund raiser cake auction that assists the students with their bi-annual band trip.

Band director, Mr. Mark Tucker thanked contributors for their generous donations to the band in cakes and other items as wells as Mr. Steve Pepper, auctioneer, and of course, the purchasers. The afternoon closed to a festive tune played by the PRIDE Band.

KNOX CITY HOSTS TMCN NETWORK LUNCHEON

Knox City hosted one of six network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The luncheon presentation and discussion focused on "Tools for Growth".

Ideas were shared on methods to enhance community programs and projects.

During the luncheon community representatives from surrounding cities offered tips and testimonials on successful events and economic development projects.

The group also discussed housing issues that prevail throughout the region and how to address the issues for future growth.

In addition to Knox City, cities represented at the luncheon included Aspermont, Benjamin, Eden, Haskell, Henrietta, Munday and Seymour. Participants from neighboring cities included county judges, city officials, economic devel-



Knox County participants at the TMCN network luncheon were (back row) Steve Pepper, County Judge Travis Floyd, C.D. Thigpen, Jeff Stanfeld, Michelle Stanfeld, Homer Lowrance, Bunny Norville, (front row) Marla Hawkins, Daveine Clark, Barbara Rector, Betty Johnston and Kendra Hunter.

opment representatives and chamber of commerce members. The meal was catered by Bud's Cafe.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organiza-

tion founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working

together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

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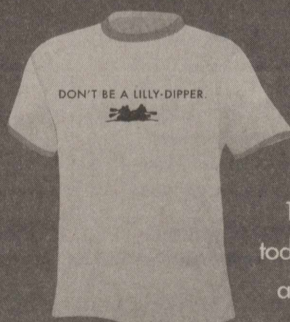
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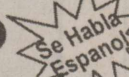
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Foursquare Fellowship On A Sunday Afternoon



Members of the Foursquare Church enjoy food, fun and fellowship this past Sunday.

Sunday afternoon was filled with fellowship and food for members of the Foursquare congregation. Sunday, April 27 members of the Foursquare

Church gathered at the Knox City Park for a potluck dinner that included everything from catfish to cakes. Pastor, Don Jackson, reports that the church

is currently remodeling the entire sanctuary portion of the building and the congregation has been worshipping in the fellowship hall so the outdoor gathering was a

welcomed event. Jackson also states that the parishioners try to participate in outside fellowship at least once a month and any and all are always welcome.

Beta Chi Chapter Monthly Meeting Reports

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met for its March meeting at the high school library in Knox City. Kacy Latham gave an informative and enthusiastic talk on the importance of art to small communities.

Beta Chi also celebrated its birthday. A special cake in the shape of Texas was served as a reminder of

Texas Independence Day. New officers were elected.

The April meeting was held in Haskell. A business meeting was held. Discussion included the state convention in June, membership and area workshop. A luncheon at the Munday Methodist Church is set for the May meeting. New officers will be installed.

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By Jim Reid, Pastor
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Trust is a rare attribute today. Trust is truth and truth is not truth if it contains any lie. We all desire to trust and to be trusted. Can we trust God? As a nation we say with all confidence, "in God we trust". What is it that we want when we say, "can I trust you?"

We want assurance that whatever we're about to share we can be confident that others will not use it to bring harm or hurt.

Many people are afraid to trust God. God can be trusted every time and with everything! Trusting God is to believe that He knows all things and that He has complete understanding. Trust is reliance and belief. When we trust Christ we are committing to His provision and sup-



ply of our needs. We believe that He can protect us in all circumstances and through all consequences. We must lean upon His understanding and His wisdom.

When we say that we trust God, we're saying, "Jesus take my life and lead me in your wisdom and teach me to follow after you and show me your perfect love and trust as I follow after you." He will never fail you nor forsake you.

Think upon these verses of scripture this week and His Word will bless you.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 19)

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Corinthians 3: 5)

Trust His love today and prove Him to be God. He will provide all your needs and remove all your fears.

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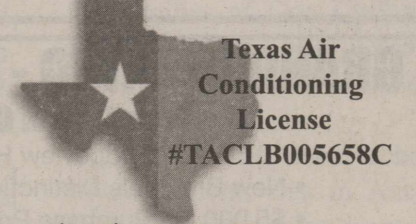
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Retired Education Rally in El Paso

The state's largest organization representing retired public education employees hosted its annual conference in El Paso, Texas, April 15-17, 2008. The conference attracted over 800 retired education employees, special guest, legislators, and other state officials to discuss issues relevant to retired public school personnel.

The TRTA Legislative Priority list was a major part of this year's convention.

TRTA members from around the state voted on a variety of legislative priorities including state funding for the Teacher Retirement System, adding additional representatives of the Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees, and working to repeal federal provisions that deny retired education employees their potential Social Security benefits.

Providing a cost of living adjustment and improving health-care benefits for retired public education employees topped this year's TRTA Legislative Priority list.

"Retired education employees have not had an increase in their base retirement benefits since 2001," commented Aubrey Cherry, TRTA State President and El Paso resident.

"Since 2001, retirees have lost at least 24% of their buying power. More simply said, everything is costing more and these folks pensions have not kept up with increased prices," Mr. Cherry said. "This conven-



Pictured left to right are Tim Lee, Executive Director of Texas Retired Teachers Association; KCRSP officers, Joanna Delgado, president, Frankie Baker, Treasurer, and Bill Baker, Legislative Chairman.

tion is a rallying point for the next legislative session, and TRTA members are preparing to take their message to Austin," concluded Cherry.

TRTA members are also celebrating another successful year of giving back to their communities.

TRTA members gave 75,458 books to needy children through their TRTA Children's Book Project.

TRTA volunteer members provided Texas local communities almost 4.8 million hours of volunteer services.

In addition, the TRTA "Walks-a Million" initiative, a program started to improve the health of public education retirees, accounted for over 24.8 million steps walked by TRTA members.

Here is a press note for District IX TRTA meeting may 12th.

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) District IX

Spring Conference will be May 12th at Region 9 Education Service Center in Wichita Falls from 9:00 to 200. Approximately 100 retired educators from this area are expected to attend.

The primary speaker will be Tim Lee, executive director of Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Since annuity recipients of Teacher Retirement System (TRS) have not had an increase in their retirement check since 2001 and the cost of living has increased at least 24%, information from the Wichita County Health Department will be a welcomed part of the program.

The Department of Public Safety from Austin will also make a presentation on personal safety.

Attendees will be outlining their legislative priorities for the 2008-2009.

The two annual district TRTA meetings are time to unify, learn, share and discover new ideas.

KC Pre - K Round-Up

Come one, come all! Knox City Elementary will be hosting its annual Pre-K Roundup for the 2008-2009 school year May 6th, 7th and 8th at Knox City Elementary.

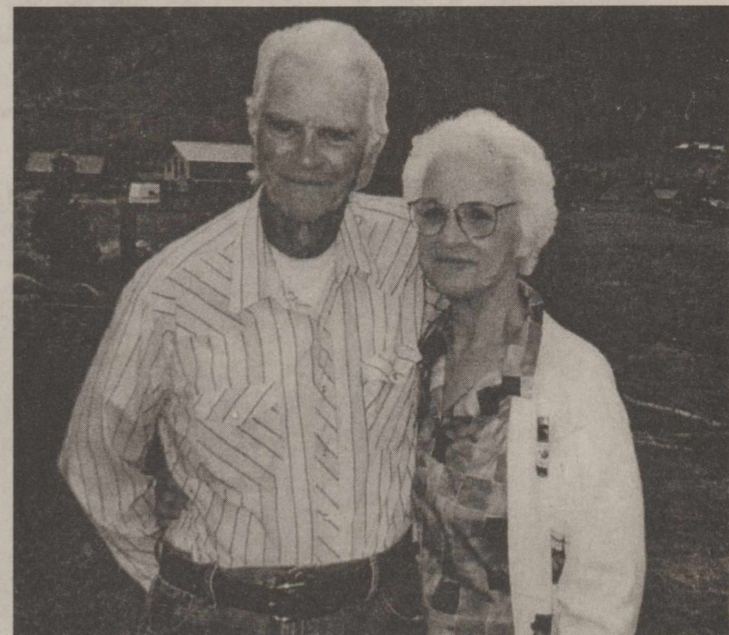
Mrs. Bowen, Pre-K teacher, is inviting all students who will be four years old before September 1, 2008 to visit the Pre-K classroom on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. The children should arrive at 9:00 am and be ready to attend a regular school day with the Pre-K class.

The children will participate in music and movement, hear a story and complete a project to take home. The children will have recess at the playground then will go to the lunchroom to eat. The cost of each meal is \$1.25. Class will be dismissed from the Pre-K room at 11:45 am.

Enrollment documentation will include your child's Social Security Card, Immunization Record and Birth Certificate. Please bring these to the Elementary Office after you have dropped your child off at school.

Mrs. Bowen is requesting that parents call the Elementary Office at 657-3147 to make a reservation for either the May 6th, 7th or 8th.

60th Wedding Anniversary



Archa and Virginia Lieb

Former residents, Archa and Virginia Lieb, now of 4380 Old Sterlington road, Monroe, LA will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 8th. They were married in First Methodist Church Chapel, Fort Worth, Texas, with Rev. Charles Dickey officiating. They have one son, John Charles and daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, Julianna Lieb and Bonnie V. Lieb Leggett and husband, Chad, all of Monroe.



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Statewide Campaign To Reduce Air Pollution

Statewide Campaign Calls on Motorists to Reduce Air Pollution

Agencies Coax Motorists to "Drive Green" with Hybrid SUV Sweepstakes

(Austin, Texas) - Drive Clean Across Texas organizers say there are plenty of small steps drivers can take to do something about air pollution and save money at the pump at the same time. With gas prices approaching \$4 per gallon, one lucky Texan also will benefit from winning a new 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid in the campaign's online sweepstakes this summer.

Drive Clean Across Texas, the nation's first statewide air quality public education campaign, is encouraging motorists to implement no-cost and low-cost changes in their driving and vehicle maintenance behaviors to reduce harmful vehicle emissions, which affect air quality.

Keeping cars and trucks well-maintained tops the list of their clean air suggestions. Campaign organizers at the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say that by regularly changing a vehicle's oil, keeping tires properly inflated and replacing filters, motorists can reduce their vehicle's tailpipe emissions and improve gas mileage by up to 5 percent, saving as much as 35 cents per gallon at today's gas prices.

A poorly maintained vehicle can release as much as 10 times the emissions of a well-maintained one.

"A lot of us doing a few little things can make a big difference," says TxDOT's Richard Goldsmith. "All we're asking is for Texans to make one or two simple and easy changes to their driving habits so we can improve our air."

Drive Clean Across Texas

suggests that Texans can drive less—and save more—by combining trips, sharing rides and taking public transportation. The campaign also recommends that drivers remove unnecessary weight from vehicles, drive the speed limit, reduce engine idling and stop at the "click" when filling up.

These simple steps can increase fuel efficiency in a car or truck from 5 to 20 percent.

For the millions of drivers expected to replace their current vehicles this year, Drive Clean Across Texas also advocates the purchase of a hybrid or low-emissions car or truck.

"Driving an air-friendly, fuel-efficient vehicle is one of the best things you can do to help our air quality. Not only do you save money on gas, you're also taking a big step to reduce tailpipe emissions," adds Goldsmith.

At least one lucky driver will be able to heed this advice when the campaign hands over the keys to a new hybrid SUV in August. To sign up for a chance to win a 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid and get more tips on how to drive green, motorists can visit the campaign's website (www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org).

Reduce Air Pollution and Cut Fuel Costs, Too

Every driver can contribute to cleaning up the air in Texas. Here are some simple suggestions from the Drive Clean Across Texas air quality campaign:

1. Lighten Your Load - Empty your trunk of unnecessary weight. It slows down your car and requires more fuel to run. Have a removable roof rack on your vehicle? If you're not using it to carry something, take it off and store it.

An empty rack can raise fuel consumption by up to 8 percent, and a fully loaded rack may in-

crease your gasoline bill by as much as 30 percent.

2. Check the Air - Under-inflated tires can reduce fuel efficiency by 2 percent for every pound they are under-inflated. Under-inflation also shortens the life span of tires by increasing wear and tear on the tread. Frequent checks of your tires' air pressure can help you avoid both of these pitfalls. For an accurate read, make sure to check the air when tires are "cold" and haven't been driven more than a few miles.

3. What's the Hurry? - Besides helping drivers stay safe and avoid expensive traffic tickets, driving the speed limit makes good gas sense. The higher the speed, the more fuel you burn for each mile driven. With gas well over 3 bucks a gallon, every 5 miles an hour you drive over 60 mph costs you an extra 20 cents a gallon.

So slow down! And while you're at it, remember that pushing your engine with quick accelerations and making abrupt stops wastes fuel. Keeping your cool behind the wheel is good for your wallet.

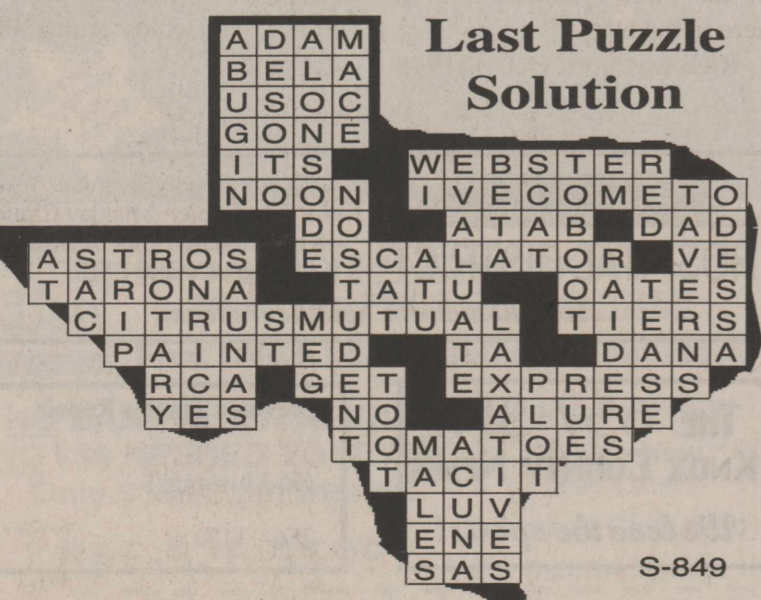
4. Don't Idle Away - An idling engine really is burning a hole in your pocket! It wastes gas and creates more emissions than restarting the engine. So skip the drive-through line at the fast food place. Park the car and head indoors.

5. Watch the Clock - It's smart to fill your tank in the early morning or night time hours when it's coolest outside and gasoline is actually denser.

Gas pumps measure the volume of fuel - not the density - so you'll get more gas for your money. And don't top off the tank - spilled fuel pollutes the air when it evaporates, making your money disappear into thin air.

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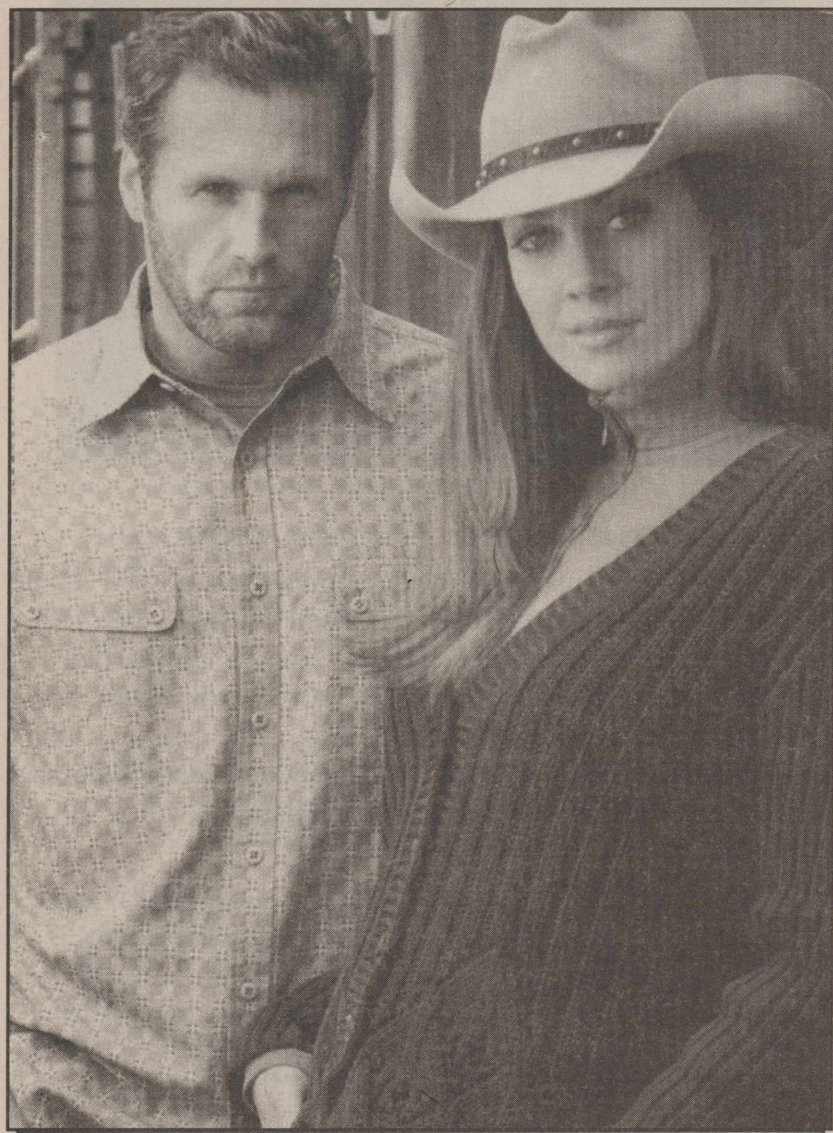


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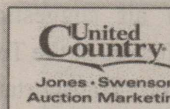
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By Gladene Green

Looks like a good week lies ahead of us. It's a little cooler than usual but the day will warm up and things should be pleasant, except for some expected wind. The wheat has begun to ripen and the rain is needed, farmers hold their breath every time a cloud shows up. The fear of a hailstorm, damaging wind or damaging rain is always on their mind.

Regarding Our Ill

Deann Lamb is back in Wichita Falls today to see her neurologist. She is doing pretty well and hopes to be able to return home before too long. She has been at Munday Nursing Center for several weeks for physical rehabilitation therapy.

Omitine Barnett has been a patient in Knox Co. Hospital several days. She has several problems and drs. Feel she needs to be there for a while for treatment before she returns to Munday Nursing Center where she, too, has been for several weeks.

Mary Jane underwent Cataract surgery Thurs. in Wichita Falls. Everything went well and she says she can tell it has helped her vision greatly.

Linda Griffith is on crutches for a few days. She has developed a kneed problem and drs. Advised her to keep off that leg as much as possible 'til results of the MRI are in and they decide what treatment will be used. She's doing pretty well with those crutches! She says her knee feels better by not being on it.

Shower Honors Bride-to-Be

Margaret Siemens, bride elect of Sal Silva was honored Sat. morning with a gift brunch at the Benjamin Methodist Church fellowship hall. Calling hours were 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Receiving guests with the shower were her mother, Tina Siemens, and sisters Lisa Favor and Tina Siemens. The groom elect was also in attendance. Lisa registered the gifts, which included a micro-wave from the hostesses.

Guests enjoyed a large variety of brunch foods and punch. Hostesses were Irma Bell, Mary Bohannon, Eugenia Daniel, Pam Duke, Becky Jones, Nancy McGreger, Bea Parks, Stacia Propps, Jessie Roberts, Mitzi Welch, Jonnie Williams, Mary Young and Janet Reed.

The young couple will be married on May 17 at the Methodist Church in Knox City.

Former Resident Dies

Word was received here last week of the death of Rick Desgrange. He was the son of the (late) Karel and Mary Jane Desgrange. Karel was pastor of the First Christian Church here in the 60s.

Rick was born Oct. 4, 1948

in Seymour, Indiana. He passed away April 7, 2008 in Flint, Michigan where he had resided for many years.

His mother survives him as does two brothers, James and Steve and their families. Also, he leaves two children, Phobe and her family and Don and his family.

Rick was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Anyone desiring to send a card to the family may send it to Mary Jane Desgrange 2605 Nebraska Ave. Flint, Michigan 48506.

Here n There

Annette Elliott of Dallas was here during the weekend to visit her aunt, Omitine Barnett to help out while Omitine is in the hospital. Connie Porter, also niece of Omitine's, who lives in Fayetteville, Ark. Came on Fri. and will be here for an extended period of time. Also Omitine was Nan Gilbert Mother's of Seymour.

Jess Jones returned home Wed. night after a week's trip to Georgia to visit family. It was about a 22 hour drive but she said she made it fine. She stayed overnight with relatives in Mississippi enroute home. Lanham said he made it fine while she was away (Got pretty good at making hamburger helper!) but sure was glad when she got home.

Taylor Herring of Munday spent Fri. night and Sat. with grandparents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Carrine Parrish spent a few days last week with friends in Nacogdoches and attended a reunion of her former business associates on sat. I believe she told me the luncheon was to be in Lufkin.

Betty Lyles was in Sherman last week to be with her daughter, Judy Robinson who underwent gall bladder surgery on Friday.

She is home and doing pretty well. They did do some further testing and last report no word on the results. We hope all is o.k.

Sympathy to the families of those who have lost loved ones this past week. Among them, the families of Don Coffman, Welton Leften and Herbert Stodghill. They will be missed by many.

Olivia Gloria, local school superintendent, was in Austin a couple of days but went on school business.

The 2008 Homecoming plans have begun to take shape.

The event will be the second weekend in June beginning on Fri. afternoon.

Registration will begin sometime that afternoon (a time TBA) at the Ex-Student building. Make your plans all you Exes and former residents to be here and enjoy a fun filled weekend.

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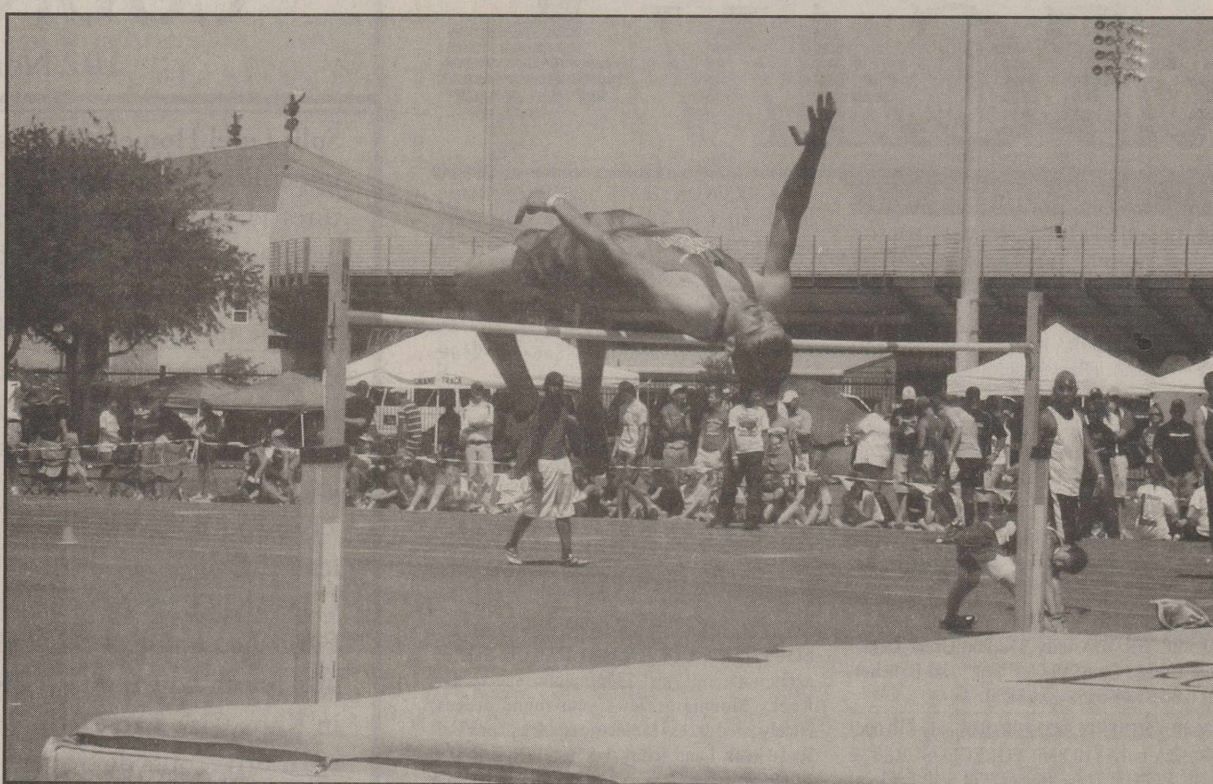
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Shelby Gutierrez nears in finish line in first place during the 200m Dash at Regionals



Holly McCrary gets a quick start in the 400m dash.



Jordan Carter competed in the High Jump at the Regional Track meet in Abilene.

Regional Track Meet (Finals' Results)

400m Relay (Sara B., Holly M., Camille W., and Shelby G.)
 1st place - 50.91 **State Qualifier**
 Shelby Gutierrez - 100m Dash - 3rd place - 12.93
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