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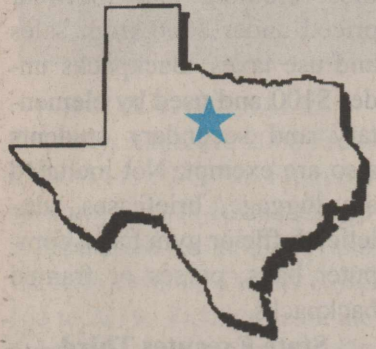
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## Looking Ahead

### KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Knox County Farm Bureau is looking for students to compete for scholarships through Texas Farm Bureau. Knox County Farm Bureau is looking for one young lady to participate in the Miss Texas Farm Bureau competition with a chance to win a \$2000 scholarship. We are also looking for one student (boy or girl) to participate in the Texas Farm Bureau Talent Competition, with the opportunity to win a \$2000 scholarship. Students must be between the ages of 16-19 by September 1, 2008. Anyone interested in more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 940-422-4555 or stop by the office at 132 North Birch in Munday. Entries must be received by August 4.

### \$1,500.00 1ST PLACE TO BE AWARDED AT "OFF THE HOOK" BASS TOURNAMENT

The third annual "Off the Hook Bass Tournament" sponsored by the Stamford Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008 at Lake Stamford Marina. Guaranteed prize of \$1,500.00 for 1st place will be awarded, (\*2nd and consecutive places based on entries). Registration fee for the Tournament is \$125.00 per team, (2 person team), which includes \$5.00 for the "Big Bass Pot". Contestant registration will be Saturday, August 9 from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at the Tournament Headquarters, (pre-registration prior to tournament is encouraged). For information or an entry form, contact the Stamford Chamber of Commerce at 773-2411 or visit the website at www.stamfordcoc.org.

### KID FISH TOURNAMENT SET FOR AUGUST 9

The third annual "Off the Hook Kid Fish Tournament" sponsored by the Stamford Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008 at Lake Stamford Marina from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The Tournament is limited to children ages 12 and under. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. on August 9, (pre-registration prior to tournament is encouraged). Registration fee is \$8.00 and includes a hot dog lunch, live bait, and a Tournament t-shirt. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places. Each participant will need to bring their own rod and reel. For information or an entry form, contact the Stamford Chamber of Commerce at 773-2411 or visit the website at www.stamfordcoc.org.

### O'BRIEN HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar and check your mail--the O'Brien Homecoming is scheduled for October 10-12, 2008. If you are an O'Brien Ex-Student or O'Brien Ex-Teacher please share your email and postal address with us. We want to keep you informed about the Homecoming this year. Email: derobe@srcaccess.net Or O'Brien Homecoming Committee P. O. Box 11 O'Brien, TX 79539

## The Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival Is Here To Stay

Even with the temperatures reaching well into the 100's, 20th Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival was the place to be in Knox City this weekend -- a slurpin' success.

Saturday featured many events including a Parade, Golf Tournament, Watermelon Eating Contest and Classic Car Show.

The festival kicked off Saturday morning with a parade down Main Street and Central Avenue. This year's Parade Ribbon Winners are, the body shop with "Shear Magnolias" for Most Original; Team Utley Shows Mom with "Crazy Women on Vacation Chillin'" for What were you thinking?; Robbie Large with "Supercharged '57 Fairline" for Best Out Of Town; Lynn Electric for Best Business and Amy Harrington with "Amy catching stars, Paradise KC Style" for Best Decorated.

At the Watermelon Eating contest, there were winners from all over. In the 3 - 6 age group we had Adaline Utley from Paint Creek, Texas who won a \$15 Gift Certificate. In the 7-11 age group, Scott Hoeckendorf all the way from Fort Knox, Kentucky, also won a \$15 gift

certificate. The 12-15 Age group winner was Knox County's own Leah Tibbets; she won a \$25 gift certificate. Leah is the defending winner from last year's 12-15 age group. And in the 16-up age group, Lafe Hotchkiss from Stamford, Texas won a \$25 gift certificate.

Shirley Wilson was very lucky in this year's Melon Money Drawings, Winning both the \$25 and the \$50 drawing. Sue Stephens won the \$100 gift certificate.

The O'Brien Jr. High Cheerleaders held their Abilene Weekend Getaway drawing on Saturday afternoon, which included a one-night stay at the Fairfield in Abilene, plus dinner for two at Abuelo's in Abilene. The winner was Jesse Ledesma Jr.

Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Cadillac sponsored the 9th Annual Classic Car Show. The winners are: Cars 1901 - 1940, Ken Standifer of Stephenville; Cars 1950's, Ken Leggett of Abilene; Cars 1960's, 1st Place David Craft of Wichita Falls, 2nd Place Matt Birkla of Albany and 3rd place Byron Jones of Royce City; Cars 1970- Presents story, 1st Place Matt Brika of Albany and 2nd Place Brock Haynes of



Adaline Utley from Paint Creek, Texas

Anson; Pick-ups 1901 - 1940s, Ciro Gomez of Knox City; Pick-ups 1950s, Allen Moffett of Sylvester; Pick-ups 1960s, Paula

Dominquez of Abilene; Pick ups 1970 - Present, Lynn Maxwell of Abilene; Best of Show Plaque, Ken Standifer of Stephenville,

and Farthest Distance Traveled Plaque, Byron Jones of Royce City.

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## 2nd Annual Knox County Recreational Arena (K.C.R.A.) Ranch Rodeo Was Held In Knox City.

Knox City's second annual ranch rodeo drew a full slate of contenders to the Knox County Recreational Arena (K.C.R.A.) last weekend.

A showcase for everyday practical cowboy skills, the two-night K.C.R.A. Ranch Rodeo featured bronc riding plus team events -- cow mugging, sorting, milking, doctoring and branding.

Ten bronc riders and 11 teams competed both Friday and Saturday night.

Friday night's first-place bronc rider was Zach Peters. He took home a \$700 first-prize check. Second place rider on Friday night was Zane Whiteside, winning \$300.

Saturday night's bronc-riding winner was Waylon Davis, with a \$700 prize check. Zach Vickers took home \$300 for his second-

place ride on Saturday.

All 22 teams competed for first through third places in the team rodeo events. First-place winning team was the Billy Lamb team, consisting of Montey Jones, Zane Peters, Billy Lamb and Carroll Jack Lewis of Haskell. They took home a total of \$4,000 in winnings.

Second place team was the Hatfield Ranch From Guthrie. The team consisted of Justin Johnson, Heath Hatfield and Daryl Wimes. Hatfield Ranch won a total of \$2,500.

Third place was the Cassidy Ranch of Gail. Team members were Trey Pal, Tyrell Paul, Ray Paul and Logan Furlong. They took home a \$1,500 prize check.

Several volunteers and sponsors helped make the event the



1st Place Billy Lamb Team

kind of rodeo it takes to attract competitors and please rodeo fans. The K.C.R.A. would very much like to thank these sponsors:

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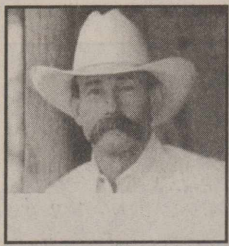
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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## CASTAWAYS (CIGARETTES)

There they stood out on the loading dock at the back of the administration building. Huddled behind a dumpster to protect themselves from the biting wind, they shivered, occasionally glancing over their shoulders at the solid metal door.

People that walked by glanced at them then quickly looked away. It could have been a picture from a depression-era hobo camp, or a group of refugees waiting for a food distribution truck. I ambled up to the crowd and said, "Gotta light?" (Just a joke, folks.)

I smoked a little on and off over the years. The last spanking I got growing up was for leaving some Indian beans in the pocket of my jeans. The beans were long and filled with fluffy seeds like milkweed. When Mother washed them the fluff filled up the washing machine and it looked like a snowstorm!

"Wait 'til your father gets home!" I was thirteen.

My friends and I had a treehouse built across a cotton field from the Home of the Good Shepherd. Scotty and I had climbed down inside a homemade chicken-wire corner. It was full of whole ears of corn. We were peeling the shuck back from the tips and helping ourselves to the corn silk to smoke. In retrospect, I could defend our actions by saying we were removing temptation from the girls. Anyway, we were stuffing

it in our pockets and under our shirts. I remember looking up to see Conrad, our lookout man, racing across the field toward the treehouse! Then I heard the roar! The army of girls led by a phalanx of brown-habited nuns were bearing down on us!

We scrambled out and ran, cornsilk shedding from our bodies like we were on fire! The battalion swarmed behind, individuals stooping to pick up clods and heave them at us. We managed to climb to the treehouse where they held us at bay yelling and bombarding our scavenged board eyrie until one of the nuns reported our deeds to Conrad's mother.

By the time I had bought my first motor scooter, a Savage, I had graduated to Bull Durham. I'd stop along the bar ditch, pull the bag from under the seat, roll one and light up.

With such a great start, you would think I would have become a pack-a-day smoker, but I didn't. I'm glad. It's obvious, because over the years we have learned it is not a wise thing to do. Now only 25% of the population smokes, many of them young people who will realize before it is too late that it will kill you.

I wish I could say it was that mature wisdom, the realization of the risk, and common sense that got me off cigarettes. Alas, it was because I started riding bulls and took up chewin' tobacco!

## Texas Counties Are Among the Top Spenders of Medicare Money

Dallas, T (July 24, 200) Texas is right behind Florida and California in spending Medicare dollars and some Texas counties are among the highest in the nation, according to a study by the National Center for Policy Analysis.

Medicare, the federal insurance program for the elderly and the disabled, spent \$200 per beneficiary, on the average, in 2005.

In Texas counties, however, average spending was \$227. Seven Texas counties spent more than \$10,000.

"If Medicare spending in every county in the country were no greater than spending in the lowest spending counties, Medicare's budget would be cut by one-fourth," said Andrew Rettenmaier, the economist who co-authored the study. Rettenmaier is a NCPA senior fellow and is the executive associate director at the Private Enterprise Research Center at Texas A&M University.

Previous studies have found wide variations in Medicare spending that appear to have no impact on the health of patients. The NCPA study attempts to explain spending patterns in terms of the demographic characteristics of patients (age, gender, race and health status), and health care market factors affecting the cost of care. However, the study finds that even after identifying the effects of these factors, Texas continues to be one of the high cost states.

Overall, Medicare spending in Texas was \$1.1 billion above the amount that could be explained by either patient characteristics or cost conditions. This amounts to \$600 above expected spending per patient, on the average.

More than half of all Texas counties are in the top 20 percent of counties in terms of ex-

cess Medicare spending nationwide.

For the state as a whole, Texas has more unexplained spending than any other state. Some examples:

In Harris County (Houston), spending was nearly \$1,200 per retiree greater than expected based on the county's Medicare population.

In Dallas County, spending was about \$1,051 higher than expected per retiree.

While the study found that many Texas counties appear to be spending more than expected, based on their costs and patient characteristics, other Texas counties appear to be spending less than expected.

El Paso County spent 9% less than expected.

Valde County spent 22% less than expected.

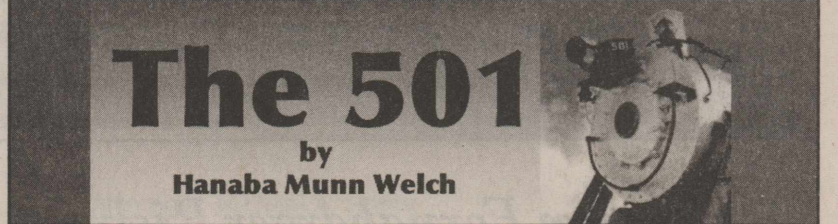
"There are definite regional pockets of low and high cost Medicare spending," said Rettenmaier. "Other causes besides those we studied are at play."

While health economists tend to view geographical variations in spending as a source of waste, these results may not be bad from a Texas point of view.

"There may be a silver lining in this for some Texas communities," said NCPA president John Goodman. "Texas gets far less than its fair share from Medicaid, the federal-state health program for the poor. Maybe we are making up the shortfall with extra Medicare dollars."

In 2004, Texas had 10% percent of the nation's poverty population but received only six percent of federal Medicaid dollars.

The NCPA is an internationally known nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute with offices in Dallas and Washington, D.C. that advocates private solutions to public policy problems.



"Things My Mother Didn't Tell Me."

As book titles go, that one's unlikely. Mothers are better known for all they tell their children especially the warnings.

"Things I Didn't Tell My Mother" is the book we all could write.

Mine would begin with the time I didn't tell my mother that I was indeed the pencil artist who did the fanciful drawings on the walls of the attic stairway landing.

When asked, I said I didn't. Like who else would have executed such low-down drawings? Besides, she knew my style. I got spanked.

A couple of years later, I didn't admit to punching holes in the wallpaper in the back closet. It was new wallpaper that looked like cedar. Mother would have preferred a cedar closet, but she settled for the look instead. To me it was more impressive than real cedar. I'd seen wood before. I'd never seen wallpaper that looked like wood.

The paperhanger did a neat job hanging the paper on the canvas, the standard method back then, but he sort of rounded the corners, leaving a little air space behind the paper. Those corners begged to be punched.

I remember my parents taking my hand and sticking my fingers in the holes in one corner, something like getting J. to try on the famous glove. I tried to make my fingers not fit. J. had better luck with the glove.

Even so, I never confessed. I am now, I did it.

Fast forward to circa 1960

and a joyride on a summer night. The car wasn't stolen. "Joyride" by definition is a "fast and dangerous ride, especially one taken in a stolen vehicle." I wouldn't have felt much more guilty if the car had been stolen.

Mother and I were in Iney visiting her best friend from high school, whose daughter and friends, older than I, were planning to ride around that night. They took me along. Within three minutes they were swearing me to secrecy. We were going to Archer City!

Our joyride wasn't so fast -- just dangerous. We weren't supposed to leave Iney. The dangerous part was what would happen to us if our mothers found out where we'd been. You would have thought we were going to Dallas not to the next little one-picture show town down the road.

When we got home, I was ready to lie for the cause. They just asked if I had a good time. I said I did.

Not long after that my mother asked me to tell her own mother something important she didn't quite know how to say herself.

"Grandmother," I said, "Mother said she had a happy childhood and you were really a good mother."

My grandmother's response was apologetic. "I made her wear those stockings to school."

Moral: In the end, all you need to tell your mother is something like that message I conveyed to my grandmother or just tell her you love her.

You might be surprised at the response you get.

## Final Order Announced In CRP Critical Feed Use Lawsuit

Washington, DC Congressman Mac Thornberry today provided the following comments on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington's order entering a permanent injunction affecting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) management of the Conservation Reserve Program's Critical Feed Use initiative.

"The Judge found that the USDA violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when they decided, on the basis of their 'Environmental Evaluation,' that the Critical Feed Use initiative would have no significant adverse environmental consequences, and accordingly concluded that a more stringent Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement was not necessary," said Thornberry. "Fortunately for the many landowners and ranchers who relied on the USDA's actions, the Judge also 'grandfathered in' their participation in the program."

According to the Permanent Injunction, applicants for the Critical Feed Use initiative (CFU) who had applied and been approved for participation on or before entry of the initial temporary restraining order (TRO) on July 2, 2007, are grandfathered and may participate in the CFU as the program was announced, with the originally stated November 10 ending date for haying and grazing.

Applicants who had applied but not been approved before entry of the initial TRO, and who have been or will be approved subsequently for participation in the CFU, will be permitted to participate but must end haying activity by September 10 and grazing activity by October 15.

Anyone who applies to participate in the CFU and can demonstrate detrimental reliance, by having expended \$4,500 or more, may be approved for and participate in the CFU but also must end haying activity by September 10 and grazing activity by October 15.

There will be no reduction in CRP rental payments for those participating in the CFU.

The clock for managed haying and grazing will be restarted for any participant who hays or grazes under the CFU.

"Naturally, I would have liked to see the injunction lifted entirely, because I continue to believe that individual property owners are the best stewards of the land," concluded Congressman Thornberry. "But given the circumstances, preserving the contracts of those individuals who honestly relied on the USDA's actions is probably the best result that could be obtained."

To review or download the order Entering Permanent Injunction in PDF format click here or go to <http://www.thornberry.house.gov/images/crp-cfu/final%20injunction%20and%20order.24.0.pdf>

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# OBITUARIES

## Zoy Vivian Fornabarger Risinger

Zoy Vivian Fornabarger Risinger May 9, 1919 - July 25, 2008 Zoy passed away from this life, Friday July, 25, 2008 at her home in Knox City, TX. She was born May 9, 1919 in De Baca county, NM to Charley Agustus Fronabarger and Nellie Edna Lee Fronabarger. Zoy married William Clifton (Curly) Risinger May 30, 1943, who preceded her in death on March 25, 1984.

Zoy was a dedicated educator for 34 years; one in Goodnight, TX, one in Quail, TX, twenty-two in Bula, TX and ten in Knox City, TX. For years she was a member of the First Christian Church of Knox City. She was also a committed volunteer with the Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Knox City and was an active worker with the Knox City Senior Citizens organization. Zoy devoted her life to serving others.

She is survived by six children: Jacquie Everett and husband Gary of Odessa, TX, Mike Risinger and wife Susan of Morgan's Point, TX, Pat Risinger and wife Joyce of Brownwood, TX, Ron Risinger of Knox City, TX, Jimmy Risinger and wife Vicky of CenterPoint, TX, Lisa Suttle and husband Gene of Keller, TX; ten grandchildren Dennis Risinger, who preceded her in death in December of 2006, Scott Everett, Laura Everett Fields and husband Sean, Sara Risinger Minan and husband Jose, Kristi Risinger Goodwin and husband Toby, Brandi Risinger Manning and husband Cody, Aron Risinger and wife April, Rusty Risinger and wife Lauren, Dustin Suttle and wife Traci, and Chelsea Suttle; ten great-grandchildren Meredith and Audra Fields, Tyler, Zachary, Alissa, Nathan Goodwin, Shailee, Abby, and Ainsley Manning, and Tori Solis.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons.

Graveside services will be held at Little Field Memorial Park Cemetery in Little Field, TX on Monday July 28, 2008 at 2pm. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 2008 6 to 7:30pm at Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City, TX.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Knox City, TX of Hospice of Wichita Falls, TX.

## Darlene Carter

Darlene Carter, 65, of Knox City passed away July 23, 2008. A celebration of life service will be held at 1:30pm, Friday, July 25, 2008 at Knox City Foursquare Church with Rev. Paul Chambers and Rev. Don Jackson officiating under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carter was born on January 4, 1943 in Knox City, Texas. She was the president of Pumpers Supply and Equipment Company an oil field supply store that her and her late husband opened in 1976. She loved the Lord with all her strength and served him through her piano playing at church and the nursing home. She also witnessed through her prison ministry. She was an encourager and prayer warrior for all who knew her.

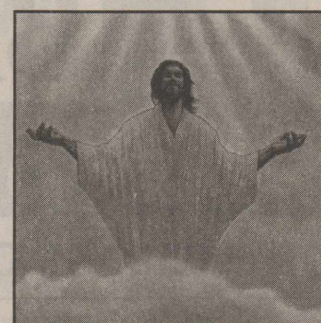
Darlene was preceded in death by her loving husband of forty-two years Terry and her baby sister Glora Faye.

She is survived by her mother Pauline Lewis of Rochester. Three children and their spouses Sonia and Johnny Denison of Abilene, Tracy and Paula Carter of Knox City, and Chad and Hanna Carter of Midland. She was also a wonderful MaMa to seven grandchildren Brittany, Chelsea and Brianna Denison of Abilene, Jordan, Cassidy and Zachary Carter of Knox City and Hunter Carter of Midland and her sister and husband Louetta and Ed DeLong of Booker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home

## God's Promises



By Jim Reid, Pastor  
O'Brien Baptist Church

Are you frustrated because it seems you just can't reach your child? Many parents find themselves searching for the way, or a way, and frankly sometimes any way to communicate to their children. Their children may tune them out or turn them off; sometimes children simply refuse to answer. Unfortunately there may be times that we as parents simply shut down out of frustration. But we can't just give up. We must always maintain a positive attitude and live with the hope that we can find a way to reach our children. We want them to respond to us, because we know that we're not only raising children, but we're actually raising adults.

The Word of God has great insight into teaching children and living in a right relationship with our children. The more that we study God's Word, the more we realize that Jesus considered

the children to be the insight to the Kingdom of God. *Luke 18: 16 "But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

The book of Proverbs in the Old Testament contains a wealth of insight into

teaching and training our children. One specific verse really keys in on the most prevalent interruption in communication; *Proverbs 23: 7 "For as he thinks within himself, so he is."*

When children sinfully express themselves by disobeying, throwing tantrums, talking

back, lying, etc., they are drawing from what is in their hearts. We as parents need to realize the importance of reaching past the outward behavior and pulling out the issues of the heart. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. The heart is the well from which all of the responses to life gush forth. *"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life"*

(Proverbs 4: 23) The behavior a child exhibits is an expression of the child's heart. To put it simply...the heart determines behavior. With God's help and diligently studying His word we

all can be parents who will resolve issues with the heart, and our children will love us for it. I believe that you will pray and know that the Lord will strengthen you and give you His wisdom in all that you do this week.

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**Texans Send Letter To USDA Say Loss Of Conservation Reserve Program Critical Feed Use Program Will Severely Disrupt Livestock Production**

Washington, DC - Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) announced that he and other Members of the Texas Congressional Delegation have written to encourage the U.S. Department of Agriculture to lift a judge's temporary restraining order against the Conservation Reserve Program Critical Feed Use Program.

"More than 1,000 applications representing more than 218,000 acres have already been granted to producers in our region," noted the Congressmen. "All of these decisions were based on a good-faith contract."

"Much of the land in our region is experiencing extremely dry conditions, and the threat of fire on the dry grasslands is very high and very real," said Thornberry. "The Critical Feed Use program afforded producers the ability to reduce the threat of fire through responsible haying and grazing and, therefore, be conscientious stewards of the land."

On Tuesday, July 8, a federal judge in Seattle stopped the

emergency federal program that allows grazing and hay production on millions of acres of farmland nationwide that had been set aside for conservation.

The injunction ordered by U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour could affect 24 million acres of conservation lands across the country, including grasslands in Texas.

Coughenour ordered the temporary restraining order after a suit was filed by the National Wildlife Federation and six affiliates over the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) decision in May to allow grazing and hay production on land now protected under the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The program, begun in 1985, pays farmers across the country not to plant fragile lands, and to return them to native grasses and vegetation.

The letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer was signed by Thornberry and Representatives Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) and K. Michael Conaway (TX-11).

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT**

T-N-T Engineering, Inc., 3711 Maplewood, Ste. 291, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Palo Pinto Formation, North Knox City Unit Lease, well Number 62. The proposed disposal well is located 4 miles Northeasterly of Knox City, Texas, in the Knox City, North (Canyon) Field, in Knox County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4178 to 4212 feet. Application is made for horizontal injection.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 3, § 3.46 of the Texas Administrative Code, chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests further information concerning any aspect of this application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone: 512-463-6792)

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To: **JUAN ESPINAL, SR.**, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 1st of September, 2008 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50<sup>th</sup> District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

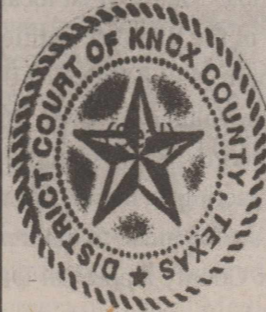
Said Plaintiff's Motion to Modify Parent-Child Relationship was filed on July 17, 2008 in this case, numbered 8990 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE INTEREST OF: ISAAC FLORES AND JUAN ESPINAL, JR., MINOR CHILDREN.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: TANYA DENA is Petitioner and ALLEN RHODES AND JANICE RHODES are Respondents.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Motion to Modify Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Motion on file in this suit.

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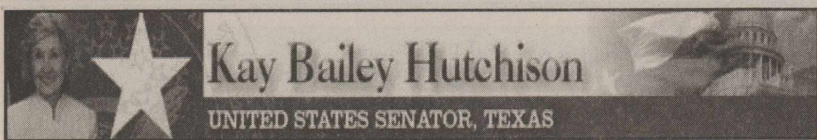
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### Skyrocketing Fuel Prices Mean Turbulence for Airlines and Passengers

The average Texas family now spends around \$100 to fill up its truck or SUV, so imagine the financial burden confronting our nation's air carriers, as they struggle to fuel their fleets amid soaring energy costs - a 737 aircraft burns more than 885 gallons of jet fuel per hour at cruising altitude. If fuel costs continue to climb - and without enactment of a balanced energy policy that includes domestic production, they will - the capacity usage of our domestic air carriers will diminish further, and affordable air travel will become a luxury of the past.

Our nation's major airlines report that fuel now accounts for a whopping 40 percent of their operating costs. Houston-based Continental Airlines was spending \$84.99 per second on fuel in February 2007. Now, their fuel costs have skyrocketed to \$168.76 per second. As energy prices hover around \$130 a barrel, our nation's airlines are forecast to collectively spend \$61.2 billion on jet fuel this year - \$20 billion more than in 2007 - causing carriers to incur \$10 billion in losses.

Since December 2007, eight airlines have gone out of business and two others filed for bankruptcy. It is very difficult for airlines to break even - let alone turn a profit - in this economic climate. The Air Transport Association reported that in the first quarter of 2008, average net loss reached a staggering \$10.89 per passenger. As a result, airlines have taken cost-saving measures, including limiting the number of flights on various routes and replacing large-capacity aircraft with smaller planes, thereby cutting the number of seats in order to conserve fuel. The decrease in supply of seats will drive up passenger airfare.

Smaller cities in Texas, relying on regional jet service are being hit particularly hard. Because of the cost of jet fuel, the smaller aircraft, some carrying as few as 50 passengers, are not generating enough revenue to justify the flights. Wichita Falls, for example, is set to lose more than half its daily flights when American Eagle downsizes its schedule from seven flights a day to three. American Eagle has announced similar service reductions for Longview, Tyler, and Waco.

Continental will cut service to Abilene, San Angelo, and Texarkana in October. Airline experts report that,

by fall, passengers will feel the capacity cuts in larger airports as well, with Bush International in Houston expected to lose almost 12 percent of its seats, and an 8 percent cut slated for Dallas-Fort Worth.

In addition to higher airfare, diminished capacity will result in sweeping job losses. On July 17, Continental reported it will eliminate 3,000 jobs in the fall, and American recently announced a 6,800 person reduction by November.

The airlines are taking additional steps to mitigate the effects of the fuel price crisis. They are swapping older aircraft with newer, more energy efficient models that burn less jet fuel. Airlines are also retrofitting existing aircraft to be more fuel efficient. To reduce fuel consumption in flight, airlines are removing heavy ovens when they are not needed, and are turning to light-weight meal and beverage carts to help lighten planes.

The impending crisis in the airline industry is one more reason we need a balanced plan that will help bring down fuel prices by increasing domestic production. Congress must meet the airlines' fuel savings efforts with a forward-looking energy policy to address the underlying issue of demand for oil outpacing supply.

Congress should first reverse the outdated and punitive moratorium on off-shore drilling and open up the Outer Continental Shelf for exploration. The President recently lifted the executive ban, but Congress has yet to do so. Several recent national polls indicate that over 70 percent of Americans support increased domestic production.

Furthermore, we must bolster American oil production with clean renewable sources, including nuclear, solar, and wind power. Lastly, we must work to conserve the energy we do have, and continue to encourage technology and innovation through tax incentives.

For each dollar increase of the price of a barrel of oil, every family with a motor vehicle is hit hard and each airlines' costs go up by approximately \$45 million. It is clear that Congress must come together and take action now. The consequences of inaction are sky high.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee

### Pink Ladies Change Date For Meetings

Monday afternoon at 5:00, the Pink Ladies met in regular session with eight members on hand. Cleo Collins called the meeting to order.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for consideration including Glenda Huff, president; Judy Leaverton, vice president; Margie Clonts, secretary; June Tankersley, treasurer; Billye Angle reporter; and Lou Vail, parliamentarian.

The group accepted the nominees and then voted to change the meeting date from Mondays to Wednesdays. They also are reminding customers that they no longer accept furniture.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20.

### County Bid Notice

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### Public Notice

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If any questions, call us at 658-3922.

# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Galdene Green

The weekend was a busy one and now we settle back into another work week with the weather folks saying more hot weather lies ahead.

A little shower sure would be welcome but so far, it doesn't look to promising.

#### Sympathy

I send sincere sympathy to the families of Zoy Risinger and Darlene Carter today. These friends passed away last week. They both lived in Knox City and will be missed by many. Darlene's service was Friday in Knox City and Zoy's is today (Monday) in Littlefield.

#### Regarding our Ill

Lorene Powers is doing great! I visited with her on Sunday and she is much stronger and says she just really feels good. With all her medication and other problems she has developed diabetes so even tho she has a great appetite, she can't have sweets! She hopes in time all that will "level off" too. But she's getting back to her old self and getting anxious to get back into the "main stream" of life's happenings.

No late word from Don Hertel who is in HMC in Abilene. At last report he was a little stronger and still had a test or two to take before treatment begins. Maybe he will be able to return home in a few days.

Our friends in the Munday Care Home, Pat Benson, Lucille Moorhouse and Lewis Lyles are doing pretty well physically. They enjoy company so if you have time when in Munday, drop by and see them.

Deann Lamb is in Wichita Falls today for her regular check up. Every day she seems a little stronger tho she still has to be very careful. She has a balance problem which keeps her from being to steady on her feet. Otherwise she's doing pretty well.

#### Here 'N There

It's almost a month till the new school year begins. The "two a days" start Monday, August 4 and the boys have had there

physicals and are ready to go. We look forward to another good sports and academic year.

Beckie Keys of Childress spent the weekend with her mom Debbie Moorhouse and husband, Mike. Her children, Randi and Dillon returned home with her after a week's visit here with their grandparents.

Lexie and Cindy Mendoza of Seymour are spending a few days with grandmother Jane Gideon.

I had a nice visit with Cindy Stone Potts and her husband, Roger on Saturday. They live in Seagraves. She has two grandchildren and like all good grandmothers she had pictures of them which I got to see. Cindy and Roger were in the area to visit her mom, Mary Stone in Knox City.

Tammi Geddis says they have almost everything moved to Vernon. Just lack a little last minute stuff which she was hoping to get today. She will continue to be the city secretary working 8 hours a day (8-5) on Monday and Thursday.

Nancy McGreger and Jessie Roberts were in Alvin Saturday for the wedding of Mark Roberts and Alyssa Davis. Mark is the son of Ken and Gaye Duke Roberts and the grandson of Jessie and Kenneth Roberts (& Nancy's nephew). Mrs. Roberts said the wedding was in a beautiful out door setting with a wonderful reception and meal following. En-route to Alvin they visits Bill and Sue Roberts who accompanied them to the wedding and they returned to Driftwood and stayed overnight on Saturday with them. Mrs. Roberts sister, Polly Floyd and her family were also in attendance at the wedding so she enjoyed a good visit with them. The newlyweds will live in the Houston area.

Patti and Bob Tavernia and girls who live in Maryland had been here for a few days visit with her mom, Earlene Meinzer and her brother Rick and Wyman and their families.

### City Bid Notice

City of Knox City will be taking Sealed Bids to purchase the property located in the Original Town, Block 42, Lots 13, 14, 15, this being on the corner of SW 2nd St. and Birch Ave. Bids will be taken until 5:00 pm on Friday, August 8, 2008. The Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened on August 14, 2008, at 7:00 pm at the regular Council meeting.

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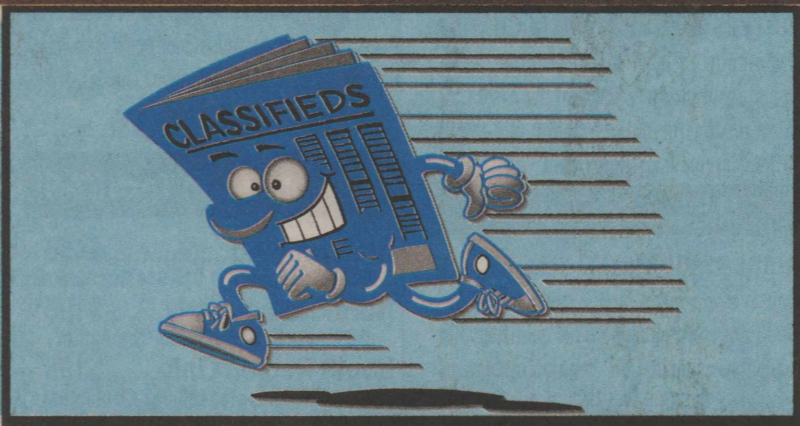
## Watermelon

There were two horse shoe tournaments this year. Both tournaments were won by Decker-Brooks. The Watermelon Golf tournament had a nice turnout with about 13 teams participating. The winners of the tournament are 1st place Championship Flight: Denton, Channing, Cooper with score of 54; 2nd place Championship Flight: Skiles, Skiles, Tankersley with score of 62; 1st place 2nd Flight: Starnes, Maloney, Maloney with score of 67; 2nd place 2nd Flight: Casillas, Fox, Bosworth with score of 68, and Last Place and T-shirt winners: Lewis, Lewis, Pack with score of 72.

Daveine Clark, the Knox City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, would like to give a Special Thank You to all the businesses and people who helped make this year's watermelon festival a success: Bailey Toliver Cheverolet-Cadillac for sponsoring the Car Show, Citizens Bank NA for sponsoring the street dance, Turner Custom Homes, Pepper's Dry Goods, Basic Energy Services, Shortes, Inc., Penman's Conoco, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative and Baker Petrolite, Monica Fox, Jennifer Utley, city employees, Lynn Electric, fire department, police department, DPS troopers, Melvin Richardson, David Albus, Rick Moeller, Michelle Stanfield, Louis Baty, Kimberly Hawkins, Betty Johnston, Shiela Overmyer, Dina Rios, Julie Ledesma and Tanya Ledesma.

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