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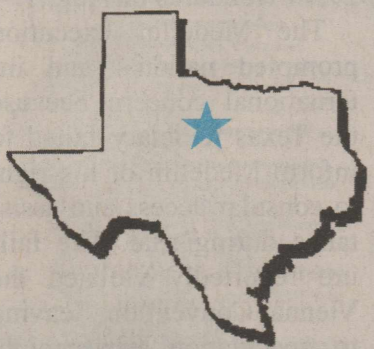
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Looking Ahead

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 14
7:00P.M.

MEETING FOR PLANNING
THE FALL FESTIVAL

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will be having a planning meeting to discuss a Fall Festival for Knox City. The meeting will be August 18th at 6:30 pm in the Chamber Office. Anyone and Everyone interested in having a Fall Festival needs to attend this meeting. Without community support a festival can not be planned. Activities to be discussed are a haunted house, dance, scarecrow contest, costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, pumpkin pie eating contest and various kids activities downtown. It is very important that you attend this meeting to help plan. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Chamber at 658-3442.

REVIVAL

First Baptist Church, Benjamin, August 22-24, held by Bro. Morris Johnson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist, Haskell Services at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, August 22 & 23, and 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 24, followed by an ice cream fellowship on Sunday

KNOX CITY O'BRIEN ISD SCHOOL REGISTRATION
August 20 1-3 at all campuses
School starts August 25 Football scrimmage Saturday August 16 at Benjamin 10:00 a.m.

BENJAMIN ISD

Registration is open School starts August 25

IT'S STILL NOT HOTTER THAN HELL GOLF CLASSIC AND MOTORCYCLE RALLY AUGUST 23

Call Tex Cox 940-657-4146 for information or the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship 940-658-3384

1ST ANNUAL KNOX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

1st Annual Knox City Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Saturday, September 27th at 1:30 pm at the Knox City Country Club. 3 Person Scramble. \$40 per person or \$100 per team if paid by September 1st. Cash and Prizes awarded. Please contact the Knox City Chamber of Commerce to register.

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

New Home Hair Drug Test to Detect for Prescription Drugs & Usage Frequency

'HairConfirm' Is First Test of Its Kind to Report Low/Medium/High Usage

A new home-based hair follicle drug test kit called HairConfirm™ Prescription can detect drug and prescription use as well as usage frequency for up to 90 days, equipping parents with a valuable new tool for combating substance abuse. Developed by Biotech Company Confirm BioSciences, the test overcomes the limitations of two- or three-day saliva or urine screenings that enable users to escape detection by avoiding drug use for a short period. It is also the first home hair test to report the amount of each chemical detected as well as whether the results indicate low, medium or high usage.

"I can tell you first hand how easy it is for families to dismiss the visible signs of drug abuse in a loved one," said Leigh Lehmann, a HairConfirm customer who purchased the kit for a family member. "But numbers don't lie, and the detailed infor-



mation provided by this product will help bring people together to deal with it. I wish I had done this years ago!"

HairConfirm Prescription is the first of its kind, and tests for 12 different types of illegal and prescription drugs. The product measures the molecules embedded inside the hair shaft, eliminating external contamination as a source of a positive result. Since hair growth is fed by the bloodstream, the ingestion of drugs of abuse is revealed by analyzing a lock of hair. HairConfirm test results cannot be altered with sham-

poos, bleaches or other external chemicals.

The advantages of HairConfirm over urine-based, at-home drug testing kits include:

- Longer window of detection - months instead of 48-72 hours.

- Cost-effective and time-saving - one hair test vs. 18 urine samples for three-month profile.

- 5-10 times more sensitive test than urinalysis.

- Easier to collect, store and transport.

■ See HairConfirm Page 8

Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 15th-17th

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 15, 16 and 17 - the state's annual tax holiday. In many cases, lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

A word of caution: If you sell items that do not qualify for the exemption, you may not advertise or promise that you will pay your customers' sales tax. Additionally, you are prohibited from advertising that you will not collect sales tax on items that do not qualify. You may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items that you sell, however. For information on how to report tax on these sales, please visit Reporting Sales Tax on Tax-Free Items or call us toll free at (800) 252-5555.

TAX-FREE

- * Baby clothes
- * Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students
- * Belts with attached buckles
- * Boots - cowboy, hiking
- * Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- * Coats and wraps
- * Diapers - adult and baby
- * Dresses
- * Gloves (generally)
- * Gym suits and uniforms
- * Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- * Hosiery
- * Jackets
- * Jeans
- * Jerseys - baseball and football
- * Jogging apparel
- * Neckwear and ties
- * Pajamas
- * Pants and trousers
- * Raincoats and ponchos
- * Robes
- * Shirts
- * Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- * Socks (including athletic)
- * Shorts
- * Suits, slacks, and jackets
- * Sweatshirts
- * Sweat suits
- * Sweaters
- * Swimsuit
- * Underclothes
- * Work clothes and uniforms

TAXED

- * Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
- * Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students
- * Baseball cleats and pants
- * Belt buckles (without belt)
- * Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
- * Buttons and zippers
- * Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
- * Dry cleaning services
- * Football pants
- * Golf gloves
- * Handbags and purses
- * Handkerchiefs
- * Hard hats
- * Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
- * Ice skates
- * Jewelry
- * Laundering services
- * Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
- * Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
- * Personal flotation devices
- * Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
- * Roller blades and skates
- * Safety clothing, glasses
- * Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

Eyes of Texas on Copper Theft

Senior citizens' health is at risk. Hospitals are hamstrung. Children are left in the dark. At least one man even died. No natural disaster is to blame, but instead a national epidemic of copper theft. In cities across Texas and indeed the nation, copper thieves are pulling down utility lines, gutting air conditioning units, raiding homes under construction and ultimately threatening lives.

The spike in copper theft nationwide is a response to the rising price of copper worldwide. With copper selling for more than \$3 a pound, thieves are taking the extraordinary risk of shimmying utility poles and literally ripping down phone and electrical lines for the copper inside. As telephone lines can weigh hundreds of pounds, those dollars add up quickly.

The consequences of copper theft are dire and at times deadly. When phone lines are cut by copper thieves, people can be stranded for days without phone service. For an elderly couple with health problems, this inconvenience becomes a crisis. On the other end of the line, what happens when a 9-1-1 call center

is without phone service? For the younger set, Little League baseballers see games being canceled as the wires that light their fields fall prey to thieves. In Dallas, an elementary school cancelled Field Day and shuttled its students elsewhere after copper thieves caused 25,000 in damage and left the school in darkness. In Lubbock, copper thieves ripped the copper tubing to the main freezer off the exterior of the local Meals on Wheels building, forcing the non-profit to pay \$1,500 to replace refrigerator. Beyond interrupted services and expensive repairs, the damage left by copper thieves can cost lives. In Iowa, a copper thief ripped wiring from a construction site and cut a gas line in the process. When the homeowner returned and plugged in a fan, the explosion took his life. Indeed, there is nothing petty about copper thieves.

To tackle this mounting problem, cities like Houston have designated special squads of "copper cops" to crack down on theft. The city of Dallas passed one of the most aggressive anti-copper theft ordinances in the nation. In Dallas, metal recyclers

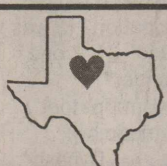
are required to take photographs of metal sellers, their vehicles and the metal they're selling. The buyers must scan sellers' government-issued ID and take their thumbprint. People selling metal have to provide the make, model and license plate number of the vehicle used to deliver their metal. At least in Dallas, gone are the days when a seller could roll a grocery cart of copper into a recycling station without explaining how and where they got the metal.

Expanded law enforcement and strict city ordinances are a necessary and laudable step in the right direction; but they can only go so far. Police and city officials can't be everywhere at once. Every resident of Texas can help law enforcement to crack down on copper theft. We are the eyes of Texas and it's our duty to watch for and report copper thieves action. As the price of copper continues to rise, it's likely only a matter of time before this crisis comes to a neighborhood near you.

With such a valuable commodity literally hanging above our homes, we can't afford to turn a blind eye.

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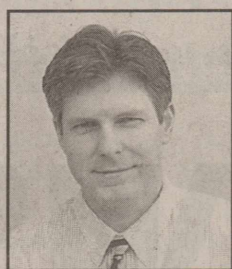
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Recent heavy rains and flooding following Hurricane Dolly and Tropical Storm Edouard sent the Texas mosquito population soaring, the Texas Department of State Health Services reports.

Health Commissioner David Lakey suggested that citizens use bug repellent "every time they are outside."

Meanwhile, health officials are focusing on a dozen possible cases of flea-borne murine typhus in Travis County.

Headache, fever, nausea, body aches and skin rash are

Bug Problems Descend On Texas After Heavy Rains

possible symptoms of typhus. Certain prescribed antibiotics are used to treat the disease.

State health officials said it is unusual for murine typhus to be contracted as far north as Travis County.

Stop Now, Ag Tells Debt Collector

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 6 charged a Dallas-based debt collection firm with using deceptive practices to collect payments from Texas consumers.

Abbott took legal action to stop Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates LLC from harassing Texas debtors with deceptive letters and unlawful telephone calls.

The enforcement action also accuses Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates of threatening to garnish consumers' wages or file liens against homesteads in violation of the Texas Debt

Collection Act.

The attorney general's office cited complaints that the defendant's representatives harassed, abused and threatened debtors during profanity-laden, repeated or continuous telephone calls.

The attorney general's enforcement action seeks civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Perry Criticizes Ethanol Decision

Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 7 issued a statement lashing back at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny his request for a 50 percent waiver from the grain-based Renewable Fuels Standard.

Perry said the EPA's decision "not only goes against common sense, but every American's grocery bill."

And, he said, the decision would increase the burden on families while doing even more harm to the livestock industry.

"Any government mandate that artificially props-up a single industry to the detriment of millions of Americans is bad public policy," he added.

Austin leads hard-drinking list

Forbes magazine reported Aug. 8 that Austin, Texas, is No. 1 on the list of the country's hardest-drinking cities.

An estimated two-thirds of Austin residents have a least one drink per month, the study showed. That's easily more

than half a million drinks.

The study put Milwaukee in second place and San Francisco in third.

Crane Safety Looms As Issue Here

News of collapsing cranes and related accidents in other cities has made Austin want to do more to ensure safety of workers and bystanders.

Capital city visitors find the "national bird of Texas" or the heavy construction crane, easy to spot these days.

They perch on or next to new high rise buildings that have popped in the downtown area.

City Manager Marc Ott is studying crane inspection processes and procedures used by other cities and will report his findings to the city council soon.

State Executes 2 Foreign Nationals

The state of Texas execut-

ed convicted murderers Jose Medellin, 31, of Mexico on Aug. 5, and Heliberto Chiz, 29, of Honduras on Aug. 7.

The Medellin execution prompted national and international concern because the Texas judiciary failed to inform Medellin of his right to consular access and assistance during trial. The failure reportedly violated the Vienna Convention, leaving to speculation what might happen to Americans arrested in foreign countries.

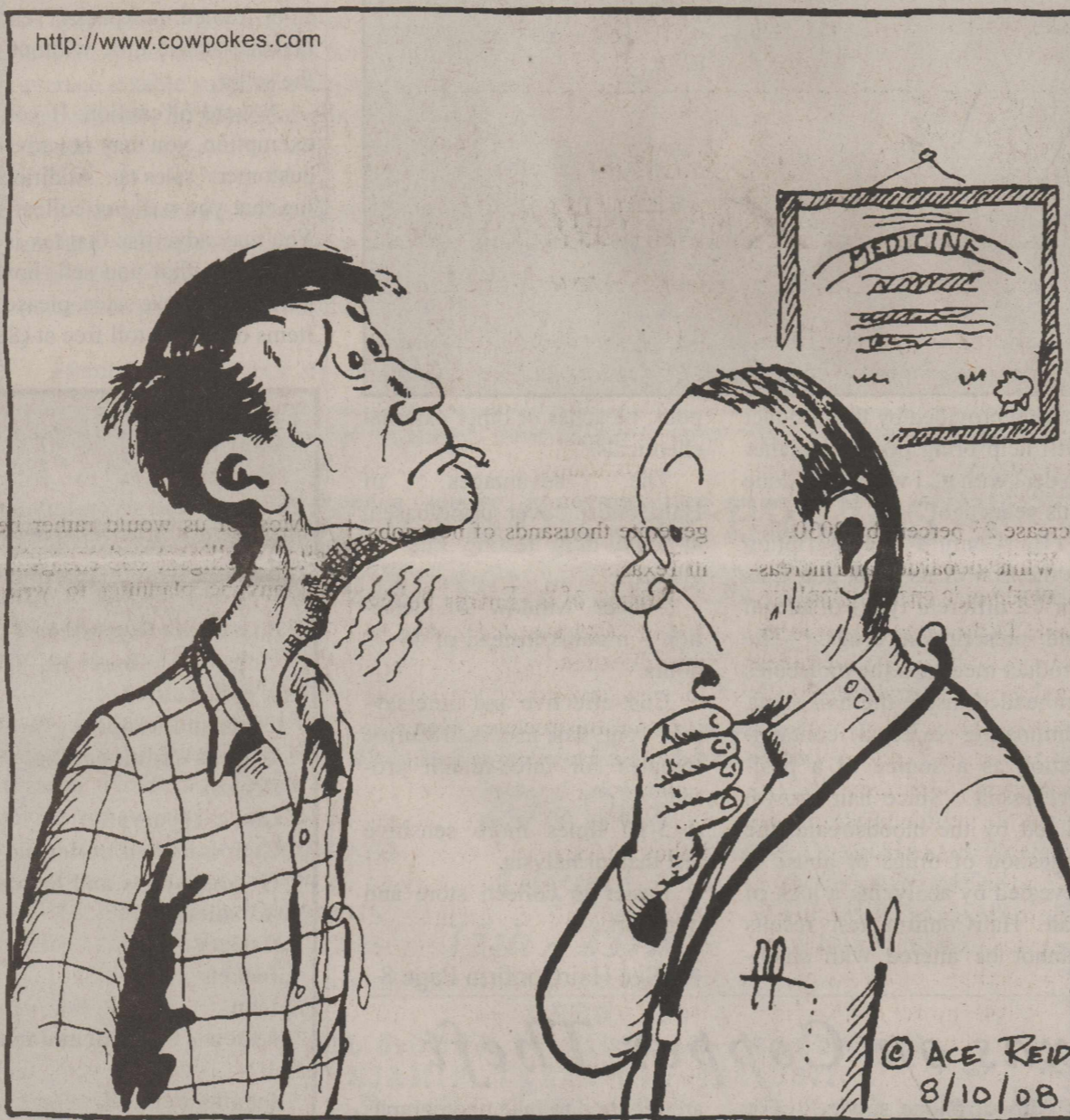
Goal: Cleaner Air On School Buses

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Parent Teacher Association announced Aug. 7 that they will work together to distribute funding to protect school children from harmful particulate matter by retrofitting diesel burning school buses.

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"Jake, it's only a bad case of sunburn, but it's going to get worse if you don't quit looking for rain clouds."

The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

I feel for the residents of Tulia. The reputation of that city has been in a bad light for a decade now. And it may only be the beginning.

To refresh your memory: Tom Coleman led an investigation of an alleged drug ring in Tulia which resulted in the arrest of 46 Tulia residents, most of which were black. The 18-month investigation ended early in the morning on July 23, 1999.

The "Tulia 46" received sentences ranging from 3 to 434 years.

The Tulia case garnered national attention quickly as civil rights organizations took interest and Amarillo lawyer Jeff Blackburn (no relation) took the case to try and get the defendants out of prison.

In March 2004, the City of Amarillo decided to put an end to the Tulia matter and agreed to:

- Pay \$5 million in damages to the 45 former Tulia defendants (one person died shortly after the conviction and did not collect damages)
- Disband the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force
- Require early retirement for two Amarillo Police Department officers who were responsible for supervising the sting's sole undercover agent, Tom Coleman.

Coleman denied race had anything to do with the busts, but in the end - January 2005 - Coleman was convicted of aggravated perjury and was sentenced to serve 10 years' probation. Ron Chapman, a state judge who reviewed some of the evidence and convictions of the "Tulia 46," concluded that Mr. Coleman had engaged in "blatant perjury" and was "the most devious, non-responsive law enforcement witness this court has witnessed in 25 years on the bench in Texas."

Regardless of how you feel personally about the Tulia debacle, the town has suffered. Now the healing can begin, right? Wrong!

Hollywood is now in preproduction of the movie, "Tulia."

Two-time Academy Award nominee John Singleton is directing the film which is set to star Academy Award winners Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton. Thornton is playing the role of Blackburn, the lawyer.

Apparently, production on the movie is waiting on Berry to give birth. As it moves through production, I would expect the film to receive huge publicity. You have to admit, stars don't get much larger than Berry and Thornton.

I'd wager that the town of Tulia and her residents will be depicted in a poor light. In other words, the reputation of the town will suffer.

I feel for those residents. Not only will they be forced to once again relive the nightmare of the "Tulia 46" travesty, every time they travel to another town, their respective opinion will be asked once the name of their hometown is divulged.

I'm sure the residents of Tulia would rather Hollywood change the setting or at least the name of the movie, however, so far, the name of the film remains "Tulia."

Tulia is not so different than most of the towns in this region. It has hard-working people trying to earn an honest living. Hard to believe the damage one sloppy cop can do.

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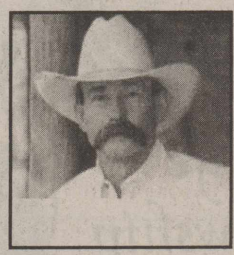
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- TXism: "mi casa _____ casa" (friendly)
- Padre Island critters: kangaroo _____
- Alvin AM station female sheep _____
- TX Ann Richards T-shirt: "_____ place is in the dome"
- Alamo story is part of TX _____
- TX Wilmer Lawson won 32 matches in _____
- TX Willie's "Farm Aid _____" was in '90
- iced, orange pekoe, and Earl Grey _____
- gun org. (abbr.) _____
- TXism: "at the drop _____"
- state of NBA Nets Spindletop driller: _____ Lucas _____
- TX school policy: "_____ no play"
- TX Stadium sound: _____ of the crowd
- TXism: "I'd have to get better _____" (sick)
- TXism: "_____ for" (crave)
- folks who take folks to court? _____
- DDE birthplace TX-born Linda Darnell film: "_____ Way Out" ('50)
- TX Tierney '43 film: "Heaven Can _____"
- lawn implement _____
- UT QB Peter who won 4 straight against OU _____
- Alamo commander (init.) _____
- cheese state (abbr.) _____
- Jerry Jones jet _____
- _____ in the world" _____
- private teacher _____
- response to a stupid statement _____
- Yoko _____
- full init. of CSA general _____

DOWN

- in Taylor Co. off I-20 _____
- TXism: "weak _____-day-old kitten"
- TXism: "got as much chance as _____ a packin' plant"
- dry tributary of the Pecos River: "_____ Hog Canyon" _____
- it can be classified _____
- TXism: "_____ hole" (pond)
- 1st name of San Angelo: "_____the-River"
- unaccounted-for TX soldiers who didn't return _____
- oil leases, e.g. _____
- tobacco state (abbr.) _____
- Linden newspaper: "Cass County _____"
- TX Comanche: "_____ finest light cavalry the world has _____"
- Grand _____, TX _____
- most protected _____
- TXism: "eats high _____ the hog"
- TX O. Henry's "A _____ in Santone"
- TXism: "two peas in _____" (alike)
- _____ sin, but love a sinner" _____
- TXism: "bright _____ penny" _____
- casual wear _____
- TXism: "got an overdose of _____" (sad)
- mason _____
- TX-resident Bullock film: "While _____ Sleeping" _____
- TX-born Florence Bates film: "My _____ Secretary"
- TXism: "loud _____ hungry calf"
- TX Buddy Holly's "_____ Fade Away" _____
- condition of DWI probation? (2 wds.) _____
- "One _____, one Ranger"
- TXism: "patoot" _____
- patriotic org. _____
- _____ Dynasty" _____
- TXism: "can't carry _____ in a bucket" (bad singer)



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

TISSUE ON THE RANGE

Sheryl Crow, popular pop singer, made headlines in 2007 by proposing a method to waste less natural resources. It made us cowboys look environmentally ahead of our time.

A purist global warming star said we should use less paper when tending to hygienic needs, we should begin to taper

Our use of trees and bark and pulp, in forests do not linger restrict yourself to one small sheet...and protect your index finger! It soon became a global joke although it lit the issue but, in hind sight, forgive the pun, cowboys rarely see a tissue!

To prove my point take western art replete with cowboy wrecks in landscapes big and beautiful. Were there any bright white flecks of paper in the sagebrush or adorning roundup scenes?

Did Russell edit them all out or were cowboys so dang clean they never littered! Not even once? Now that I strongly doubt.

They used what was available. The practical way out. Which wasn't always pretty. Some things are rough and coarse like willer limbs, ya hold the ends and drag it back and forth.

Or pine tree boughs to scoot along, all sticky drippin' sap

or shirttails, accidentally, or the fringes on your chaps. Dakotans got their wheat straw, coloradans, cockleburs, californians use exotic fruits that come in his and hers.

Wyoming and Montana claim that sheep can oft suffice a farmer up in Utah says you can use a seagull twice! Indians wore a loincloth as their chosen mode of dress the front, to guard their modesty, the hind, well you can guess.

Oh, how I envy cowboys who live where there are trees 'cause 'mongst the brush and prickly pear there dang sure ain't no leaves!

I've been reduced to horny toads and jagged sun-baked rocks, but there's been times, desperate times, I rode home with no socks.

And yes, I've used tortillas that I've found along the trail or rummaged in my pocket for a baby cottontail. Almost anything you'd think of, a cowboy's prob'ly tried though bob wire fence and icicles might be hard to stay astride.

We should give them carbon credits 'cause the western artists show they leave no sign of paper sheets or charmin in the snow so, we tip our hat to cowboys who deserve to get their due and be recognized as number one in the art of number two!

Stoney LaRue Performance at Wellington Ritz

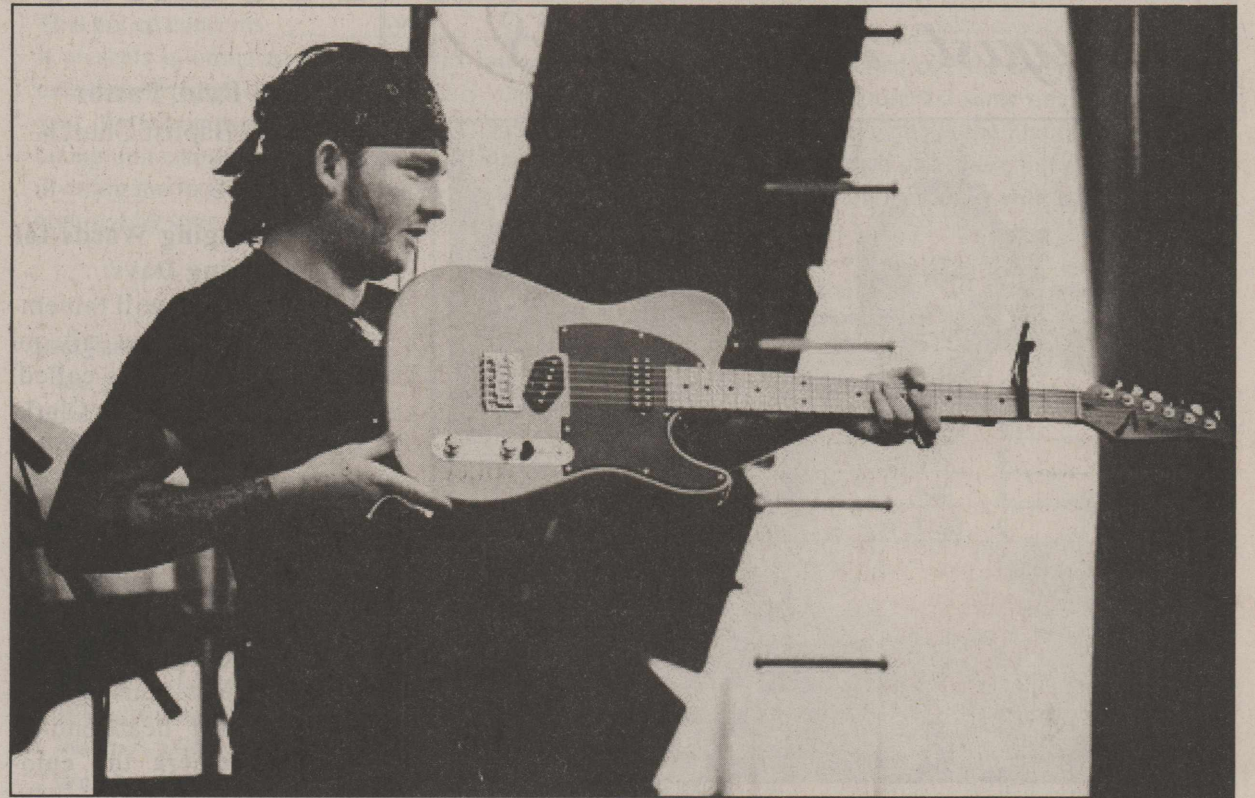
Stoney LaRue will bring his brand of Red Dirt music to the Wellington Ritz Theatre at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 14th.

LaRue's emerging style impressively blends varied elements of country, blues, and soulful rock into cohesive, vocal driven performances. Early on, his abilities earned the immediate respect of then "up and coming" peers including Cody Canada, Mike McClure, Jason Boland, and other cohorts of the revitalizing Texas and Red Dirt circuits (now electrifying audiences nationwide.)

In 2002, both fans and industry took good notice of LaRue after he spearheaded The Organic Boogie Band and released "Downtown." Fans anxiously awaited the August 2005 release of Stoney LaRue-the Red Dirt Album, which hit the Billboard sales charts in its debut week.

Armed with golden ear musicianship, an amusing wit, and soulful magnetism, LaRue's shows are infused with an uplifting quality.

A charismatic performer, LaRue's flawless vocals can



draw a crowd to an open mouth level of sonic mesmerization, and next have them singing "Forever Young" so loudly that you can't hear anything else. At 28 years old, Stoney LaRue now performs close to 300 dates a year at top festivals and venues across the nation and even the Caribbean, sharing bills with renowned acts like

Lee Ann Womack, Gary Allan, Dierks Bentley, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Radney Foster, and others. With an assembled band that includes Dave Bowen (drums), Jesse Fritz (bass), Kevin Webb (guitar), Jeremy Watkins (fiddle) and Steve Littleton (keys), Stoney LaRue is poised for what is on the horizons to come.

Tickets are on sale during regular theatre hours at the Ritz. To order tickets by phone, call 806-447-0090 and leave a message with return number and name.

For more information, please visit our web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.wellingtonritztheatre.com" www.wellingtonritztheatre.com



Texas Poised to Lead American Nuclear Renaissance

Soaring energy costs are taxing our economy and leaving us dangerously dependent on foreign energy sources. The U.S. Department of Energy projects that our need for electricity will increase 25 percent by 2030.

While global demand increases, worldwide energy supply remains fairly stagnant, unnecessarily restrained by government regulations and prohibitions. In order to reduce the cost of fuel and power and ensure we can meet energy demands into the future, we must increase domestic supply and expand our portfolio of energy options. Now is the time to make nuclear power a greater part of America's energy solution.

Nuclear power is a clean, efficient, domestic source of energy, but it is currently underutilized. From 1950 through the 1970s, there was a surge in U.S. nuclear power, and over 100 reactors were commissioned in 31 states. However, by the end of the 1970s, construction on nuclear reactors slowed. Federal research and development funding for nuclear technology declined as investors pursued sources of electricity with lower capital and development costs.

America began to turn away from nuclear power. Meanwhile, other nations, like France, began to develop nuclear technology and made it a centerpiece of their energy portfolios.

Though the entire country of France is over 50,000 square miles smaller than Texas, it now has 59 of the world's 439 nuclear units. A whopping 80 percent of its power is nuclear-generated. Japan - roughly half the size of France - has 55 nuclear power plants. Though the U.S. has 104 reactors, a new one has not been constructed since 1977. Nuclear production accounts for a mere 20 percent of the electricity we use.

Fortunately, America is on the verge of a nuclear renaissance - and Texas is poised to play a central role. Our state is on track to build the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years with the expansion of the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear station in Bay City. These new re-

actors will double the existing STP production levels, helping to ensure that Texas' increasing energy demands will be met.

Additionally, construction and operation of the units will generate thousands of new jobs in Texas.

Passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 signaled a shift in this direction, with provisions to spur investment in nuclear power infrastructure. Many in Congress believe a goal of 45 new nuclear power plants in the U.S. by 2030 is reasonable. Policy makers from both sides of the aisle, industry leaders, environmentalists, members of the business community, and the ranks of academia are increasingly rallying around nuclear energy as an important part of the solution.

The Nuclear Energy Institute reports that our nation's 104 nuclear plants operate 24/7 and produce power approximately 90 percent of the time. This surpasses the output efficiency levels of all other power sources. Furthermore, nuclear power is low in cost compared to other fuel sources that are used for electricity. In our present energy crunch, natural gas, which is sensitive to market fluctuations, is significantly more expensive than when it was considered a good substitute for nuclear power. One uranium fuel pellet - smaller than a peanut - yields as much electricity as 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Nuclear power has a proven safety record. U.S. reactors have collectively logged more than 3,000 reactor-years of operating experience, while quietly powering cities and towns across the nation.

The U.S. Navy has more than 5,500 reactor-years under its belt. Our fleet of over 80 nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers has operated accident-free in international waters and has docked in ports across the world for more than 50 years.

It is also one of our cleanest forms of energy. Nuclear power, which emits little or no greenhouse gases, presents a reliable, environmentally-favorable alter-



The 501

Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

Who wants to be called dumb and lazy? Can we have a show of hands?

Most of us would rather be called intelligent and energetic. But anyone planning to write a book and sell it would probably do best to market it to lazy, dumb idiots.

Agreed, "dumb idiot" sounds redundant, but it's my way of catching two different series of books with one term. Unless you really are an idiot or a dummy, you probably know I'm referring to all those books with titles like "The Complete Idiot's Guide to..." and "...for Dummies."

Penguin publishes the yellow and black Idiot books and Wiley publishes the orange and blue Dummies series -- popular paperbacks. If you're like me, you've bought one or two.

As for "lazy," no publisher has yet cornered that word, so it's cropping up in all sorts of book titles.

Call me a lazy dumb idiot. All three kinds of books appeal to me. I nearly bought "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Philosophy" the other day, but I feared I'd be too lazy to read it.

Incidentally, isn't it ironic that "wiley" means smart, and Wiley publishes the Dummies books?

Oops. Guess I'd better buy "Spelling for Dummies." "Wily" doesn't have an "e." I'm betting it used to be spelled "wiley," and lazy people through the centuries left out the "e" until it finally became "wily."

Nothing shapes a language like lazy scribes. If you envision somebody in a monastery

copying manuscripts, just put a text-messaging device in his hand to get a picture of what's happening to our language today in the hands of those who would leave out more than the occasional "e." No, I'm not blaming monks. But I digress.

Consider Penguin, the other publisher. The company logo is one.

If penguins didn't dress in tuxedos, they'd look dumb. Instead they are wily, walking on ice barefooted and diving for fish in very cold water. And they do it well. Go penguins.

Meanwhile, I'm trying to remember where these thoughts are headed. There's no visible gap, but there's a nap between this paragraph and the one before it, and now I don't remember what was coming after penguins, if ever I knew. Penguins are hard to follow.

So let me just share with you my plan for a book to fit the general genre. The idea first struck me when I was making life-size dummies to help a friend promote his business. To quote my former postal supervisor, "Give a lazy person a job, and they'll figure out the easiest way to do it." I did - not how to deliver mail but how to make dummies.

If only I could tell you how in the 48 words we have left, I'd be a genius. Instead, wait for the book.

I already have a title in mind: "Dummies for Dummies."

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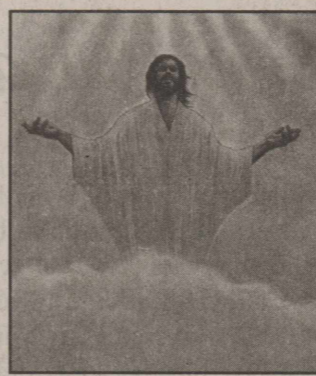
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Encouraging Words for Discouraging Days:

Many of you will remember the television sitcom that lasted for years called, "Hee Haw". Roy Clark, Buck Owens, Grandpa Jones, Minnie Pearl and many more made us laugh and forget for a moment the hard times of our day.

Many Christians have experienced deep discouragement-not just your typical bad day, but heartrending pivots that jerk the emotional slats out from under you. Whether the discouragement has come from personal failure, the loss of a loved one, or the constant battle with sin, we all need a fresh reminder that God is in charge-no matter how deep our pain takes us.

In the book of Job, we meet a man who could not have more tragedy come into his life. He lost his wealth, his business, and his children all in one day. A very short time later his health was threatened with excruciating pain and loss of any hope. His wife even turned against him and told him to curse God and die. If there were any circumstance which seemed absolutely hopeless it would have to be Job's.

Today, many Christians feel that in their own way

they can relate to Job, but can they still worship God? Too many are Christians who follow a "Hee Haw" theology, "Gloom, despair and agony on me-e! Deep dark depression, excessive misery-y! If it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all! As Christians we have every promise of God, all the love of God, and the security of eternal life. Job knew God and knew him well. He totally trusted God with everything, because He knew that everything he possessed came through the hands of God.

Job 1: 20 Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped;

Job 1:21 and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah.

Job 1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

The promises of God come through worshipping Him! God awaits our worship of Him and always promises to reward our faithfulness and integrity. I pray that you experience the love of God in every way every day.



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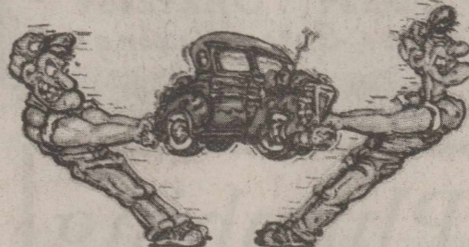
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2008 Weekly Weather Report

Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
08/05	72/100	
08/06	73/86	1.10
08/07	73/98	
08/08	73/97	
08/09	72/102	
08/10	74/104	1.35
08/11	71/88	.03
Total Rainfall		1.48
2008 Rainfall (ytd)		11.86

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BENJAMIN ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. AUGUST 25, 2008 in BENJAMIN ISD, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 300 HAYS STREET BENJAMIN, TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.17000</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ <u>0.00000</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	<u>0.25500</u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>0.00000</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>0.25500</u>	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 117,439,023.00	\$ 165,619,898.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 149,480.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 24,013,277.00	\$ 25,411,632.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 149,480.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,934.00	\$ 8,781.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.20371	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.20371	\$ 4,241.00	\$ 8,093.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,122.00	\$ 8,355.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 14,844.00	\$ 16,485.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,294.00	\$ 14,920.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 120.40	\$ 174.56
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.13

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 619,428.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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Property Tax Rates in

KNOX COUNTY

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 890,751.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 168,859.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 3,943.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,302.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 890,751.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 168,859.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 148,371,441.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 145,094,201.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.63 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.12 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 938,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 158,896,817.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 155,608,857.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.59 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.11 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.71 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 938,820.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 158,896,817.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,309.00
= This year's effective rate	\$ 0.59 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.11 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.64 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 0.12 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.76 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

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2008

Property Tax Rates in

KNOX CITY

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for KNOX CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 173,114.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 173,114.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 23,317,593.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.74 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 173,199.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 24,469,969.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.71 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 173,199.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 24,469,969.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.71 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.76 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.05 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.81 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KNOX

In the name and by the authority
of the State of Texas, notice is
hereby given as follows: TO

Jerry Brown, Randal Brown, Addie Lee Smith, Mrs. L.C. Porter, Buelah Hornbeak, W.D. Nicholson and B.E. Gray, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: .270 Acre out of Abstract 1812 of the H & TC Survey, Section 82, Block 45 (west of school), Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 198, Page 519 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 4.730 Acres out of Abstract 1812 of the H&TC Survey #82, Block 45, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 198, Page 519 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 0007665, Lot 10, Block 134, Reeves & Musser Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 162, Page 318 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 0006742, Lots 17, 18 and the North 50' of Lots 15 and 16, Block 26, Original Townsite to the Town of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 69, Page 304 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; 0004080, Lot 12, Block 123, Reeves & Musser Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 75, Page 577 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and 0003295, Lots 5 and 6, Block 17, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 20, Page 71 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$2,767.13, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on May 23, 2006, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Jerry Brown et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9016, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 6th day of October, A.D., 2008, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 11th day of August, A.D., 2008.

/s/Clerk of the District Court,
Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District
/s/Deputy Michelle Esquivel

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KNOX

In the name and by the authority
of the State of Texas, notice is
hereby given as follows: TO

Alonzo Zavalas, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: The West 130 feet of the South one-half of Lot 11 and the North 5 feet of the East 70 feet of Lot 11, Block 42, Lee Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 292, Page 913 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and The West 130 feet of Lot 12, Block 42, Lee Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 292, Page 913 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$863.09, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on December 7, 2007, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Alonzo Zavalas, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9134, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 6th day of October, A.D., 2008, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 11th day of August, A.D., 2008.

/s/Clerk of the District Court,
Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District
/s/Deputy Michelle Esquivel

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KNOX

In the name and by the authority
of the State of Texas, notice is
hereby given as follows: TO

Hipolito Guzman, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: a 250' x 55' tract of land, more or less, out of the D&W RR Co. Survey #74, Block 2, out of Abstract 1746 and being located in the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 262, Page 680 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$295.36, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on September 24, 2007, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Hipolito Guzman, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 9124, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 6th day of October, A.D., 2008, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 11th day of August, A.D., 2008.

/s/Clerk of the District Court,
Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District
/s/Deputy Michelle Esquivel

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - Rule 114 & 101 - Rules of Civil Procedure

CLERK OF THE COURT

Annette Offutt, Clerk
50th District Clerk
Benjamin, Texas 79505

Attorney: Michael A. Henry
P.O. Box 113
Quanah, Texas 79252

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

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 50th 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.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on July 17, 2008.



ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk
Knox County, Texas

By: Michelle Esquivel, Deputy
Michelle Esquivel, Chief Deputy

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50-212 (Rev. 04-08/9)

2008 **Property Tax Rates in** CITY OF BENJAMIN

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for CITY OF BENJAMIN. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 27,076.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,190,542.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.85 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 27,076.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,396,589.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.80 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 27,076.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,396,589.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.80 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.86 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.86 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. AUGUST 28, 2008 in KC-OB CISD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING KNOX CITY, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.06000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.50000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	3.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.54000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 103,291,857.00	\$ 122,098,918.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 91,360.00	\$ 658,033.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 63,145,525.00	\$ 73,441,223.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 91,360.00	\$ 658,033.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 680,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

50-212 (Rev. 04-08/9)

2008 **Property Tax Rates in** KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 686,167.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 686,167.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 148,371,441.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.46 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 685,287.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 158,889,997.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.43 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 685,287.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 158,889,997.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.43 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.47 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.47 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.00 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.00 /\$100

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06000 *	\$ 1.23000	\$ 3,108.00	\$ 7,223.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.18115	\$ 0.06118 *	\$ 1.24233	\$ 3,603.00	\$ 6,925.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.06000 *	\$ 1.23000	\$ 3,497.00	\$ 7,151.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 24,462.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,408.00	\$ 22,703.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.23
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 275.62	\$ 279.25
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.23. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.23.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,034,094.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If KNOX CITY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.70780 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$ -0.0346 / .74240

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$ 11,765.00	\$	\$	\$ 11,765.00

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If CITY OF BENJAMIN adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.79715 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$ -0.05151 / .84866

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	0.00

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If KNOX COUNTY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.70541 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$ -0.05123 / .75664

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	400,000.00

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.43129 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$ -0.31117 / .46246

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	400,000.00

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Truscott News
 By Clara Brown

It rained enough Sunday night, August 10 to make a sound on a tin roof, but not enough to replace all the recent drying winds and temperatures of up to 110 took out of the ground.

The Homecoming Committee needs to know who will be here for the evening meal Saturday, August 30, so they can give the caterer an estimate. You can pay when you get here August 30, but a call or a card that you will be eating supper will be really helpful.

You can call or e-mail Gordon Bell at 1-900-733303, gwbell@sraccess.net or Jerry Bob Daniel at 1-900-733333, jbdaniel@hughes.net.

The Truscott Center will open at 10 a.m. that morning coffee, tea, water and snacks will be offered there throughout the day.

We here Ila Mae Dollion, the former unofficial mayor of Truscott will be here.

At 2p.m. August 30 a gospel singing will be held for everyone who wants to join in.

Also Colton Daniel plans to organize a tournament that day.

The Wichita-Braos Museum at Benjamin will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday for anyone who's visiting for the holiday, and anyone who still lives in Knox County can drop in too.

The Knox County Veterans Memorial can be checked out on your way through Benjamin, for your family's veterans names. At the museum you can ask to see a veteran's page in the veterans albums, and maybe ask some information to the record for your veteran.

That Saturday night there will be live music in front of the bank.

The mailing address for the Truscott Center is 1020 FM road 17 West, Truscott Texas, 79227

BENJAMIN NEWS
 By Galdene Green

What a wonderful change in the weather- Rainy and much cooler here on this the first day of another work week. Can't say for sure how much rain we have had - Certainly not much but enough to let us know there is still moisture available if we can get it!

Don Hertel came home Friday after about 3 weeks in HMC in Abilene. Reports are that he's feeling pretty good- Was tired from his trip home but mighty glad to be here.

His sister Rosellea Albus of Lubbock has been with him 2 or 3 days but was going home today and Don said his son Craig and family would be here for a few days. Don likes company so if you will, take a few minutes to go by and see him.

The following is printed in it's entirety as part of the article was omitted last week. We have served Hertel/Jungman "kin" readers and wanted and felt the need for this correction.

HERTEL AND JUNGMAN REUNION

The descendants of Theo Hertel and John Jungman families held their annual reunion on July 27, 2008 at the Benjamin Community Center.

Thirty three people enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch and an auction by Bill Boyd and James Styles. At the business meeting, Bill Boys and Henrietta Styles were replaced as President and Secretary/Treasurer by Alvin Hertel and Kimberly Hertel, to serve the 2009-2011 terms. Six scholarships were awarded to high school graduating seniors.

They are Matt Steimal, Patric Holub, Kenna Chaffin, Callon Coltharp, Peyton Styles and Brittney Hertel. We missed those

who couldn't be with us this year and look forward to seeing them next year on the last Sunday in July. (article submitted by Henrietta Styles)

HERE 'N THERE

Steve and Maggie Powers and their daughter, Shelly Keys and her daughter, Heather, all of Midland spent Saturday with their mother and grandmother, Lorene Powers.

Debbie Niell and grandson, Collin Niell of Boca Raton, Fla. is here for a few days visit with her parents, Jack and Mary Young and other relatives and friends.

Marilyn Fisk and Debbie Stephenson both of Clyde visited Betty Bohannon and family during the weekend. On Monday, they and Betty went to Dumas for a brief visit.

Linda Rainey of Gorman was here for a weekend visit with her daughter Misty Bohannon and family.

Misty and the boys accompanied her mom back to Gorman for a brief visit - one last fling before the boys get back in school!

Anthony and Jessica Lamb spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mom, Deann.

I visited briefly with Barbara Ainsworth on Saturday. Barbara is living in Temple and was down here to visit her kids in Knox City.

Having worked in the clerk's office several years, many folks over here remember her. It was good to see her.

The yard of the month sign is in my neighbor's yard (That's probably as close as it will ever get to mine!) Beverly and Willie Strickland are this month's recipients.

They have a pretty yard and enjoy working in it. Their efforts have paid off- We all enjoy it!

We the family of J.C. Swearingin thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love and kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the card, flowers, food, and words of encouragement. Your thoughts were appreciated Love the family of J.C. Swearingin

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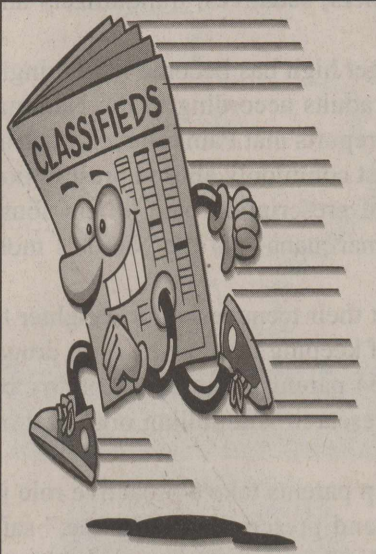
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 25, 2008, James Falcon filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission to assign the permit of KTSX(FM), Channel 297, Knox City, TX to South Texas FM Investments, LLC.

James Falcon, the permit holder, is an individual permittee.

South Texas FM Investments, LLC, the assignee, is a limited liability company with the following five member-owners: Eloy Vera, Mario Mascorro, Juan Diego Posada, Eugenio Falcon Jr. and Jose Vasquez.

A copy of the application and related materials is available for public inspection at Munday City-County Library, 121 East B St., Munday, TX 76371 during regular business hours.

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Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Cons Dist. will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 21st, 2008 at 135 N. Munday Ave. Munday Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2008. The proposed tax rate is 0.0239 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Rolling Plains Groundwater Cons. District by 0.0%.

Proposed City Budget

Proposed City budget for 10-08 to 9-09 will be presented at the City Council Meeting on August 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 902 E Main in Knox City.

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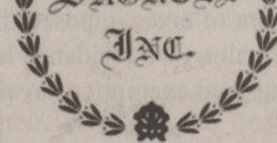
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Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or request for further information concerning any aspect of the 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, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.6 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 21st at 10:00 AM in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on August 25th 10:00 AM in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Judge Floyd, Commissioners Birkenfeld, Godsey, McCown, & Urbanczyk.
 AGAINST:
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in KNOX COUNTY last year was \$20,488.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.75664 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$155.02 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of residence homestead in KNOX COUNTY this year is \$20,750.00 (average taxable value of residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.75664 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$157.00 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.75664 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$157.00 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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More dignified method to use. A full drug history report. Data can differentiate between recreational user and addictive user.

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Abuse of prescription drugs to get high has become increasingly prevalent among teens and young adults according to the National Drug Policy. The organization also reports that Pain relievers such as OxyContin and Vicodin are the most commonly abused prescription drugs by teens. Past year abuse of prescription pain killers abuse now ranks second—only behind marijuana—as the Nation's most prevalent illegal drug problem.

Two-thirds of parents would ask their teenage son or daughter to take a home drug test as a means of keeping them away from drugs, according to a 2006 survey of 2,064 parents around the country by Washington, D.C.,-based opinion research and polling organization RT Strategies.

"HairConfirm is designed to help parents take a proactive role in preventing their children's illegal and prescription drug use," said Zeynep Ilgaz, CEO of Confirm BioSciences. "Talking with your child about drugs and taking preventive measures like hair drug testing can be a significant factor in preventing substance abuse."

Teens Today research from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual Group has suggested that parents are the number one deterrent to a teen's decision to use drugs and prescription drugs. Studies by that group have shown that the average age of first drug use is 13; more than one-third of teens have used drugs, including almost one in six middle school students and 30% of their high school counterparts reporting marijuana use; and 13% of high school students report using drugs such as cocaine, crack or ecstasy.

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About Confirm BioSciences
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