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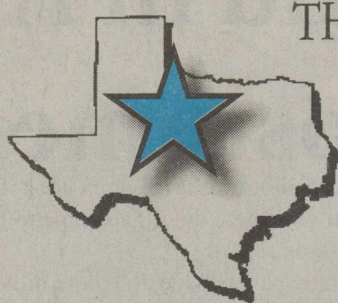
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No Arrests for Vehicles Vandalized in Late August

By Tamara Smart



Shown above and below are two vehicles that were vandalized in Munday on August 29. (Courtesy Photo)



Officer Ed Hunt of the Munday Police Department was sent to investigate a series of vandalisms in Munday on August 29, 2009. In that investigation, Officer Hunt found four vehicles with the windows "busted out", as well as one vehicle with damage to the right side-view mirror, according to the police report.

This vandalism was believed to occur between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. because of reported suspicious activity and barking dogs at several of the locations. Yet, no one interrogated looked to see why the dogs were barking.

As this investigation ensued, the Police were informed about three damaged windows on the Northeast side of the building of Munday High School... only 2 blocks from where one of the damaged vehicles was located.

This incident has markings that are consistent with another incident that happened in late January, when three vehicles were the victims of vandalism—that instance having the head and taillights as well as the window smashed.

At this time, there have been no arrests made, although the Munday PD has several "people of interest" (2 adults and 3 juveniles). An Offense Report has been filed with the County Attorneys Office.



The Knox City Pride Band took superior ratings at the Marching contest in Wichita Falls last Saturday. They will compete again this weekend in the Area B 1A/2A Marching Contest at 8:30 a.m.

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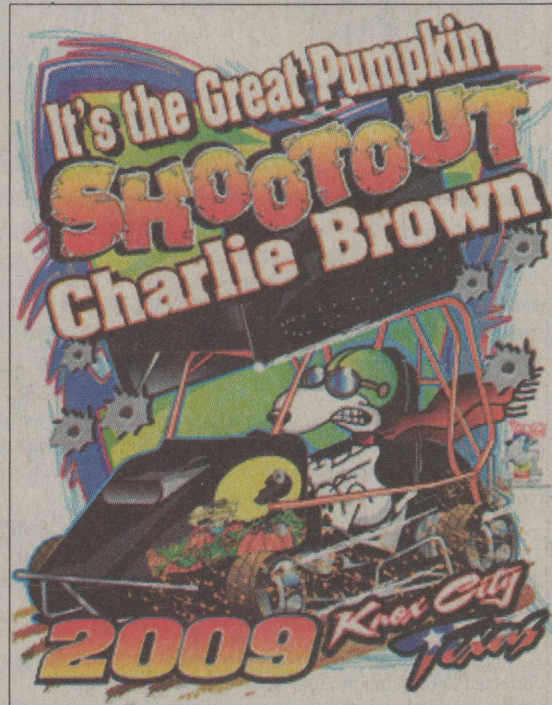
Second Annual Great Pumpkin Shootout Marks "One Year of Racing" in Knox

By Tamara Smart

Much like the Go Karts as they circle the track, it seems like the year since the first race on the Knox City Speedway has flown by. In that year, there has been much rubber burned on the turns of the track, there has been many shirts ruined by mustard stains caused by cheering fans who ate hotdogs as they hollered on their favorite racers, many smiles behind trophies and flashing bulbs of cameras, and quite a few Knox Citizens who have come to appreciate the economic repercussions of having the races in Knox City.

While the Speedway opened for the first race one year ago, the track grounds have undergone constant enhancements in order to have the best track possible. While much of these developments have been done with volunteer labor hours from involved citizens, the City of Knox City has footed a part of the materials costs. The Economic Development Committee, otherwise known as the EDC, which is the governing agency of the City voted to approve funding for 4 phases of development at the track; for the installments of the following: a water system, a perimeter safety fence, lighting system and concessions/bathrooms. As of now, the first two phases have been complete, the total the City spent on those phases being \$3759.03 for the water system and \$9,360 on the Perimeter Fence. Phase 3 is due to begin, but before it did, the EDC and the City felt the need to find out how the public of Knox City feels about the expenditures on the track.

Last week, the City held an open "town hall" style hearing in order to find out public opinion. This is a practice which is often offered and a venue for people to express their worries, wants and otherwise about ventures which deal with the "people's money". Most times, in small town, these meetings attract a few people who have strong feelings over a certain issue in which they have a vested interest, but in this case, the meeting brought in over 60 Knox City residents, business owners and people who work, play, eat and spend money in Knox. There was no official count as to how many people showed up to City Hall for this meeting as several came and went, but the Hall was filled with people standing shoulder to shoulder throughout the Meeting Hall and the foyer. For an hour, one person after another stood and spoke their peace about the track. Overwhelmingly,



the Citizenship and Economic voices were very much in favor of having the Go Kart track, the races and all the influx of people that come with the track on race days. While there was one or two who had their doubts about the profitability of the track, their voices were overwhelmed by a crowd of enthusiastic citizens who were "all for" something for the young people to do on Saturday night in Knox City... especially when it involves foreigners coming and eating in the restaurants, buying groceries at the stores and spending money in local businesses.

A vote will be held by City Council at the next meeting to officially decide whether to continue the funding of the Speedway projects (even after the project phase concludes, the City will be footing some of the light bill which comes from the track).

But, that meeting will not be until next month, and before then another race will be held on the track this weekend. At 2:00 p.m. at the KC Speedway, the Karts will tack the track for their warm-up Heat Races. There will be nine races in all, starting with the Go Kart races for the kids who will be driving special chasy, quarter-midget sprint cars. The line up consists



Rattlesnakes are on the move looking for warmth and somewhere to den up for the winter. Knox County News office has been inundated with phone calls from concerned citizens that have had run-ins with these slithering slews. Clara Brown shares her encounter in this weeks' column of the "Truscott News." Pictured is Roy Lerma, an O'Brien resident with a 4'8" snake he killed on his property.

Help! I Need 9-1-1

In recent weeks it has come to the attention of Knox County Hospital District and Knox County 9-1-1 Service that everyone in our county may not know exactly what to do when they have an emergency and need an ambulance. A TRUE emergency occurs when a situation is life or limb threatening, or you are in doubt about whether it is or not. That is the time to call 911. It is better to call an ambulance than to run the risk of further endangering an individual's life. If you are using a cell phone, be sure that you are connected to your local 911 service and that the emergency dispatcher knows your exact location. When you are calling on your cell phone your call can go to a tower that directs your call to a 911 center other than the Knox County 911.

An area of concern for most of us is knowing what to say after the 911 dispatch operator answers. Of course, the person making the call is usually excited or scared, making it more difficult to think clearly about what information he or she needs to give the operator. It is important that you stay calm and speak clearly. Tell the emergency operator where to find the person needing emergency care, who is hurt or sick, and what happened. It is important that the physical address is

given. The emergency operator will also need to know what condition the victim is in and if any help is being given. Give the exact location of the emergency. Point out any landmarks such as nearby intersections, bridges, and buildings that will help the ambulance crew find you. Give the operator your name, address, and telephone number in case he or she needs to get back in touch with you. Do not hang up until the emergency operator tells you to.

The next important thing is for the ambulance crew to be able to find you or the injured or disabled person. Time spent trying to find a location may mean the difference in saving a life. You can assist them by turning on a porch light or sending someone to the street to flag down the ambulance.

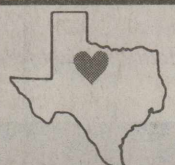
While you are waiting for the ambulance, you can keep the patient calm, awake and warm. Do not give the person anything to eat or drink. Do not move the patient who has been in a car accident, had a serious fall or is unconscious, unless he or she is in immediate danger. You can perform first aid if you are willing and able. Clear a pathway to the patient by moving cars, furniture, plants, etc. Close off pets from rescuers as they are

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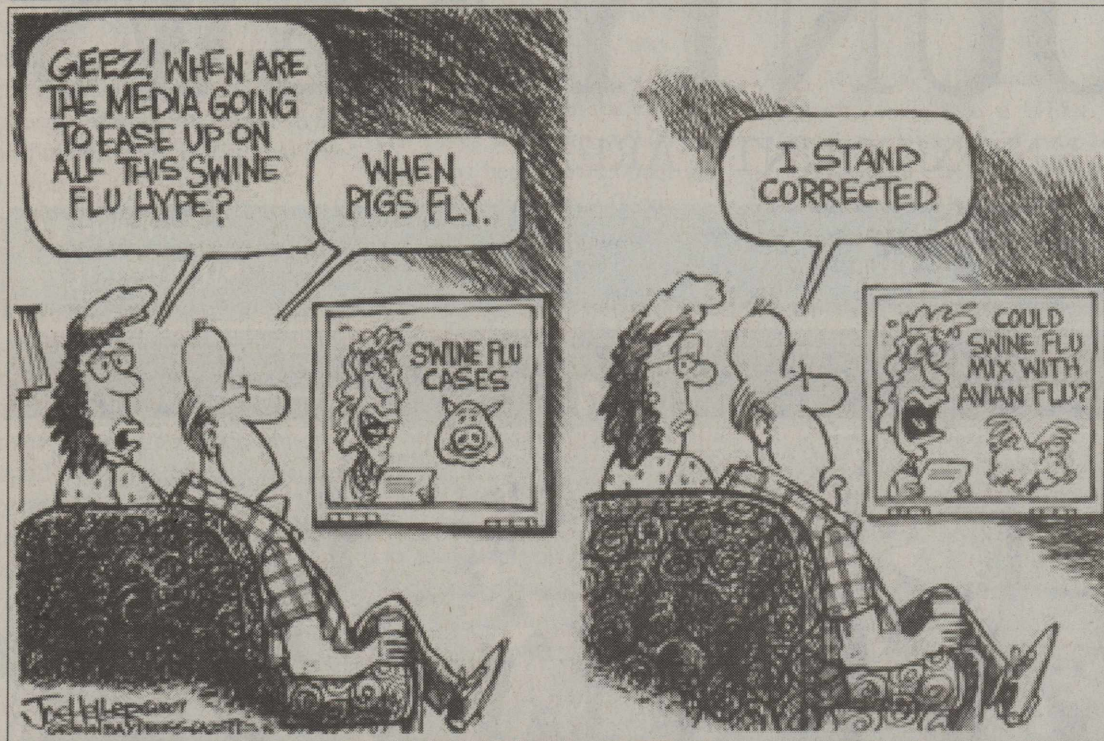
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Scary Isn't a Kid in A Halloween Costume

By Walter and Rosemary Brasch

One of the joys of Halloween is to dress in scary costumes and pretend to frighten others, who pretend to be frightened. But with less than two weeks until an evening of trick-or-treating, it's possible there won't be anything scarier than what's already happened in the country.

We are being told to fear the swine flu virus, and then learn that the vaccine, which was supposed to be available in mid-October, won't be ready for awhile.

It makes little difference anyhow, since about fifty million Americans don't have health insurance and couldn't afford the cost of vaccinations or treatment.

The ogres of health reform, also known as Republicans and the insurance industry, have already frightened Americans by spewing lies and hatreds no costumed kid could ever top.

The teabaggers, thousands of Americans dressed in work clothes but who seem to despise the working class, disgorge even more lies, half-truths, fear, and hatred, along with spurts of poisonous doses of racism and bigotry, since they have to blame someone for their own problems.

The minority party has long since ceased being the loyal opposition and are now just bitter and venomous cogs in the progress of society. These pseudo-patriot reptiles who have taken over the Republican party have further shown just how disloyal they truly are when they hissed at the President of the United States for winning the Nobel Prize and then cheered that Chicago lost the Olympics bid to Rio de Janeiro. The increase of hate isn't likely to level off soon.

Also not leveling off are unemployment, bankruptcies, housing foreclosures, and the problems caused by increased homelessness, all of which began increasing more than two years before Barack Obama became president. As long as the Party of No, with the assistance of Blue Dog

Democrats, can block reform, don't look for an eight-year-old wearing a devil's costume to be the scariest thing around.

American taxpayers have doled out billions to banks, which have figured out new ways to scam their customers and clients. The taxpayers have also bailed out auto manufacturers who had frivolously spent more than a fleet of drunken sailors while not being able to figure out how to get their own operations in ship-shape competition.

Americans, who are struggling just to survive, are being tricked by banking, insurance, and investment portfolio executives who are wearing Cheshire cat grins while they continue to reap in millions in taxpayer-provided bonuses for being incompetent and inefficient.

The fear instilled by the 9/11 attacks led Americans to willingly yield some of their Constitutional rights, while pretending that such laws as the PATRIOT Act would protect them from further harm. The fear of the past eight years that has led to the theft of six Constitutional amendments is scarier than any costumed pirate.

Frightening is also having a mass media that prefer to do play-by-play reporting on the latest celebrity break-up or coupling, real or imagined, rather than looking into critical social issues.

Indeed, ghosts, goblins, and things that go bump in the night don't stand a chance of competing on Halloween with the fear that now exists in our country.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Musings From the Hospital

Since I can't get my mind around Sharon and what's been going on with her, I offer some random thoughts about health, hospitals, care-giving etc.:

My wife has had ups and downs while in the hospital. The last few days have been trending upward. After all, Friday it was probable she would have to undergo surgery to stave off infection in her abdominal cavity. Less than 72 hours later, all of her doctors agreed that she had come a long way in a short time and they were pleased with her progress.

There are so many factors in medicine. Age, weight, health, preexisting conditions, etc... With so many types of people, finding the right "recipe" for health can be a tough call.

Looks like Sharon is getting some good mileage from the latest adjustments in her care.

During the past few weeks as Sharon has been ill, I've developed some pretty poor eating habits. In fact, I've put on around 15 pounds the past month.

The first few days in Amarillo I was enthused about the choice in food. I thought to myself, "Look, at all these places to eat!"

I guess I've had a change of heart - 15 pounds later. I started a diet today and my plan is to shed what I've put on since this nightmare began.

After watching what Sharon has had to go through, including the last 18 days without food, she is pretty good motivation for a diet. Actually, she's good motivation for any positive life change.

I don't candy-coat things for Sharon. With all of the medication she is on, sometimes the "facts" get a little distorted for her.

Friday, after a very restless night on her part, I corrected her during a discussion about her long-term prognosis.

My candor was rewarded by her tossing me out of her room.

I told her it was my job to be honest and shoot her straight concerning her health. At the time, my direct talk sounded like a good idea. In reality, I probably should have waited until she was in better spirits.

I smoothed things over fairly quickly and we ended up having a date. We watched a movie on her computer and I was back in her good graces.

During our nine years together, the last seven married, I have become rather astute at getting out of trouble.

As former District Judge John Forbis told me on my wedding day, "You can get a lot of mileage simply by holding your tongue and saying, 'yes dear.'"

Besides the emotional roller coaster of watching Sharon battle for her life, the other hard part of this experience is being without our sons.

Normally, we spend a lot of time daily with our children. To not see them is completely foreign and I do not like it.

Thankfully, we have an incredible support network who have taken it upon themselves to help make their lives as normal as possible.

And while a return to our day-to-day life may be awhile away, knowing they're in good hands is such a relief.

Continued thanks to all who have been so kind to my family. I have learned to accept the fact that certain people do not take "no" for an answer so I stopped answering that way.

Sharon will continue on the recovery trail and we have so many to thank for sharing this journey with us. So many wonderful and thoughtful people have touched us and sustained us. Remarkable.

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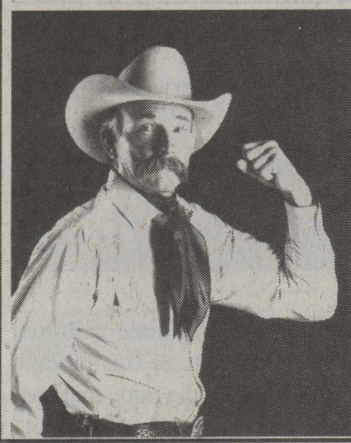
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- TX Lyle Lovett's "If I _____ Boat"
- TXism: "hot as _____ of mesquite coals"
- Oak County
- this Wilson was in "Skatetown, U.S.A." with TX Swayze
- in Killeen, "_____ College"
- dir. from Mineral Wells to Denton
- TXism: "put that _____ and smoke it"
- alma mater of Texan kicker Brown (abbr.)
- '09 Fox series with TX Kevin McHale
- TXism: "_____ on concrete" (city boy)
- (buy it now)
- this TX Brees is QB for New Orleans
- TX racer A.J.
- Astro stat. meaning no. of times at plate
- near College Station: "Texas _____ way"
- waitress rewards
- "Santa _____ National Wildlife Refuge"
- TX Horton sang _____ "North _____" for John Wayne film
- this TX-born Sharon was killed by Charles Manson followers
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- denoting a 24-hour period
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- TX Raymond Berry was WR for Baltimore _____
- A&M's original "12th Man": _____ King Gill
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- Rangers Elvis pos.
- ship jail
- kindergarten adhesive?
- Mineral Wells "Lady Rams" were once called this
- palm punches
- TXism: "hobble your _____" (shut up)
- "hole in _____"
- this Beatty was in "The Walker" with TX-born Harrelson
- medical images
- peach core (2 wds.)
- bro's sib
- Gaines Co. crop
- Fort Worth businessman who financed "Biosphere 2"
- _____ Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau
- dir. from 2-down to San Angelo
- TXism: "likely as _____"
- TX hero Audie's "_____ Hell and Back"
- "Texas Renaissance Festival" returns to medieval _____
- nickname of noted Ranger SS in '01-'03
- TX-born Martin film: "Dead Men Don't Wear _____"
- Coast Guard male a cappella group
- in Bowie Co. on 82
- TXism: "_____ like scales on a fish"
- film for SMU grad Kathy Bates: "I Love You"
- beach acquisitions
- WWII countries
- _____ hat
- La _____, TX
- TXism: "got 'em in my cross _____"
- TXism: "_____ an arm and a leg"
- residents of Austin's Congress bridge _____ up" (new vigor)
- state of TX George H.'s summer home

DOWN

- Arlington residents pay a _____
- _____ tax increase for Cowboy Stadium
- Taylor Co. seat
- in Medina Co. on 81
- TXism: "right handy"
- TXism: "plum _____ up" (mad)
- TX B.J. Thomas' "Eyes of _____ York Woman"
- soap component
- _____



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

FARRIER FAN CLUB

There are some skilled people that I envy: good ropers, flat top guitar pickers and songwriters to start with. I've always prided myself on my ability to build a good fence. But when I'm ridin' the fence line with a major domo wire wrangler and see him use fencing pliers with the dexterity of a surgeon tying knots, I realize my shortcomings.

The fleeting thought goes through my mind that if I only took the time to learn and then practiced for twenty years, I could be as good as them.

Another ability that I appreciate but don't envy is a good backhoe operator. I watch them manipulate their bucket, for a sixteen inch to an open-pit mining monster with the finesse of an Englishman using a knife and fork.

The same goes for farmers in tractors large or small, pulling Rube Goldberg-looking implements over fields that sweep and curve and dip and climb through coulees, swales, creek banks, rock piles and car bodies! They turn their mighty machines on a dime and lay a line straight as a soldier's backbone.

But I guess the one talent that eludes me most is my horseshoeing skills. I would never aspire to the level of those master farriers who build their own shoes from a steel bar over a forge and shape it to fit perfectly with just one glance at the upturned hoof! I'm like a lot of cowboys who never took a shoeing lesson. I learned by guess and by golly. And, I actually enjoy shoeing my horses. I don't shoe other people's...most people can't afford to have them lame that long.

Shawn's dad and grandpa were horseshoers so he picked it up naturally. He said when he was thirteen his dad directed him to shoe Skeeter. Skeeter was one of their good saddle horses. He was 16 1/2 hands and wore #2 shoes. To Shawn's surprise, it turned out to be easy and so, he was lured into complacency.

By the time he was 16 he'd shod Skeeter many times, so when he set about trimming him on that fateful day, Shawn was cool and collected. He pulled the old shoe off on the left front, picked up his nippers and went to work. I can almost hear him humming a tune. WHEN HE WOKE UP! he was under the hitch rail! The shoeing box was broken, the foot rest overturned and he had a knot on his head the size of a lamb's kidney!

Skeeter stood warily six feet away with the broken halter snap hanging off his chin. Salvo, the barn cat, was sitting in the windowsill licking his paw. Shawn sat up and looked around. As his vision improved he noticed Skeeter's hindquarters. Two sets of claw marks coursed from his rump to the lift-off like ski trails down a mountainside.

Shawn studied Salvo who continued licking his paw. "Don't ask me," he mewed. I didn't see a thing."



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.

Ah profanity. Overuse threatens your impact.

Me, I don't even say "but" unless I'm talking about a rifle or cigarette or someone who ends up on the worst end of a joke.

Yet here I sit in a somewhat upscale coffeehouse-restaurant reading "Bad Ass Coffee" on the back of an orange T-shirt.

PAUSE WHILE I CHECK OUT THE FRONT ...

It says the same thing in a downsized logo positioned over the heart of the wearer, a decent-looking woman who seems to be treating two adolescent girls to lunch.

No, I didn't push my glasses up on my nose and zoom in. I just strolled by and gave the shirt a sideways glance.

If I'm supposed to be shocked, I am. Maybe I just need to get out more.

If I'm not supposed to be shocked, then what's the point?

Anyway, let's look up the word "ass."

DICTIONARY PAUSE ...

The first definition, predictably, is "a hoofed mammal of the horse family with a braying call, typically smaller than a horse with longer ears." Those are the asses you read about in the Bible, including the one that spoke to Balaam. But unless I'm reading aloud from the King James Version, I'll just say "donkey," thank you.

A second definition, classified as informal, is "a foolish or stupid person: that ass of a young man."

In my mind's ear, for whatever reason, that phrase comes across with a British accent, maybe because I never

hear anybody in Texas use the word quite that way, unless you count "to make an ass of oneself."

To tell you the truth, I previously thought that phrase meant a person was making a rear end out of himself or herself. But my dictionary tells me such a person is only making himself or herself look foolish or stupid. Fine. I feel better.

Moving right along, we come at last to the category we've all been waiting for: vulgar slang, wherein the word refers to "a person's buttocks or anus." Yuk.

I don't know about you, but that's not a word I want anywhere close to my coffee.

INTERNET PAUSE ...

Well, do tell. Google the words "bad ass" and you'll immediately get mostly results for "badass," one word, meaning "a tough, aggressive or uncooperative person," with an adjective version that means "tough or aggressive" or "formidable, excellent."

As for Bad Ass Coffee, it's a company that started in Hawaii and now has its headquarters in Salt Lake City. The logo, sure enough, is an anthropomorphized long-eared big-toothed mammal holding a steaming cup o' joe in one hoof. Now why didn't that image come to my mind when I first read "Bad Ass" on the lady's shirt? I saw only palm trees. No doubt if I'd looked closer I would have seen a coffee-carrying pack ass, company icon and symbol of legendary Hawaiian donkeys also known as Kona Nightingales.

I'm still not buying any Bad Ass Coffee - not unless it's really ... uh ... "formidable, excellent."

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Monday Oct. 26th	Blackeyed Peas
German Sausage/Cabbage	Okra & Tomatoes
Glazed Carrots	Hot Rolls
Cornbread Salad	Cherry Delight
Cake	
Tuesday Oct. 27th	Witches Brew-Stew
Beef Tacos/Cheese	Ghostly Weeds-Salad
Fiesta Corn	Haunted Bread-Mexican
Salad	Cornbread
Cobbler	Black Cat Dessert-Cake
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Museum News

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission met Tuesday, October 13, at the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center to make final plans for the annual Veterans Day program and activities on Nov. 11 at 11:00 A.M.

Homer Lowrance of Munday reported on the plans for the "Family Veterans Story and Poster Contest". He reported all three schools in Knox County have been contacted. Members of 5th and 6th grade classes will research a veteran, write a paper, and make a poster about the veteran. The first place winner at each school will read his or her report and display their poster at the Veteran's Day program. The posters will also be exhibited at the Museum.

The Wichita Brazos Museum will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009 from 9-11 A.M. and 12-2 P.M.

Veterans or family members may display military memorabilia at the museum. Please bring the memorabilia to the museum on Tuesday; the 10th, between 10 A.M. and 5

P.M. Tables will be set up on the east end of the museum for the military displays. Please prepare cards that describe the display, what war or time period, and names of those known. Veteran's photographs are especially needed.

The museum has a TV but a VCR player is needed so some military tapes can be played. Call the museum at 459-2229 if you can loan a VCR for Veterans Day.

Dewey Honeycutt, who died in France in WW1, has been selected from the Veterans names on the Knox County Memorial Archway to be honored in 2009. His family was living in Truscott when he died on September 14, 1918, in France. Descendants of Dewey Honeycutt, the Gold Star Family, will lay the memorial wreath beneath the Archway.

The Munday band will be playing a medley of patriotic songs, beginning at 10:30.

Volunteers interested in helping with Knox County Veterans Day celebration, from the museum set-up the afternoon

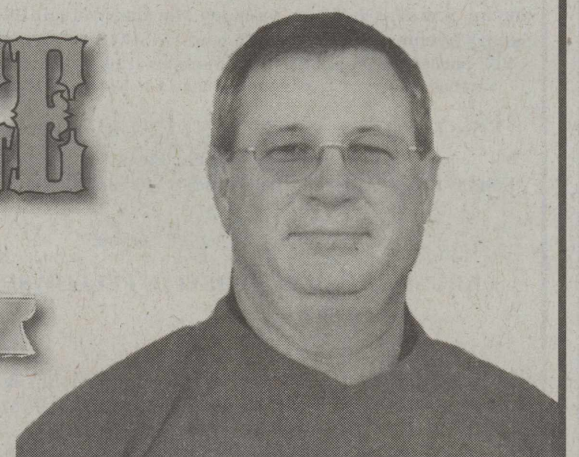
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06 CHEVY IMPALA LS- ALL POWER-CLEAN-#30802A \$7900	04 CHEVY SUBURBAN LS, ALL POWER #30847B, \$10620	06 DODGE RAM 2500 4X4 DIESEL, QUAD CAB SLT, ALL POWER, CLEAN, #11001A, \$20870	08 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB, DIESEL, 4X4, SLT, LOADED, #32666 \$35862	07 FORD EDGE, ALL POWER, CLEAN, #30913, \$18130	07 FORD EXPEDITION, LIMITED, LOADED, EXTRA CLEAN, LOW MILES, WARRANTY #30900 \$33640	02 FORD XLT V3, LIGHTNING LOOK ALIKE, LOADED, BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL! #30921 \$9965	07 HYUNDAI ACCENT, GREAT FUEL MILEAGE! #30938 \$6930	04 NISSAN ALTIMA, SEDAN, RUNS GREAT, CLEAN #30894A \$ 7970	06 FORD FUSION, SE, CLEAN, ALL POWER, #30933 \$9460	08 FORD F250, SUPER CREW, DIESEL, LONGBED, 2WD, #30891 \$21468	06 PONTIAC G6, GT, SEDAN, ALL POWER, CUSTOM WHEELS #10824B \$10500
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Truscott News

Recent Rains and Cloudy and misty days have made Truscott and Gilliland pastures about as green as they have ever been in late October.

Quite a bit of the wheat fields have been sown and many are up and looking good. Some caught rain at the wrong time and are crusted over, or maybe for some other reason may have a poor start.

Area newspapers are reporting some flu. The vaccine is beginning to arrive at the doctors' offices so if you plan to take the shot you might check with your doctor to see if it is available.

The snakes must be crawling. Somebody ran over a rattler near Margaret Corder's Corner and this writer nearly stepped in the big fat middle of one this past Saturday. I had gone out the south door of the living room and all the way to the east side of the house to pick up a blanket, then came back in the same door. After five or six minutes I was starting out the door again.

We have a screened/storm type door there with the top clear and the bottom closed. As the door was opening, an old habit of checking the territory before stepping out caused me to pull the door shut faster than it was opened. Being talented at multi-tasking in such a situation, a scream came out at the same time the door closed.

At some time between my entering the house and starting out again a rattler had crawled up on the sun warmed little south porch. He must have just made it to the porch because my brief glimpse down between

the threshold and opening door saw the rippling movement of a diamond back. It was a very brief glimpse. The scream caught the attention of the resident hunter who of course wanted to know what happened.

"Well, watch it," he ordered. He got a gun and started out the front door while I watched. The rattler was coiled, with head raised high and tongue flickering rapidly, and facing the door. I was closer to a mad rattler facing my direction than I've ever been in my life, and for longer than I've ever been in front of a snake. It was a classic view of a pit viper ready to strike. Sure was glad that metal door was between us.

It was right up against the house and moving when the door had opened so a step down would have put the snake at an advantage.

My snake killing experience has been to find a hoe, then sneak up behind them and chop their head off. With that approach, you don't get a very good look at the snake's face. In the past, the view that has impressed was the open mouth and deadly fangs, scary enough of a view to create an attack from the rear from me.

Not this time, looking from a protected stand the yawning fanged mouth was there, but the eyes were the worst part. Never before had they looked so big in those quick sighting before running for a hoe. The mouth was wide, the tongue was long and flickering rapidly, but those eyes were the meanest things you could ever see, with a glare of evil, not just self-protection. Yes, there was rattling, maybe hissing, but the eyes ruled the moment.

Which ended as the man with the gun turned the corner and blasted his head; fangs, eyes and all. Good shot. He cut the rattles off for our trophy souvenir jar of former trespassers of the same ilk. One more win in man's battle with nature on the edge of a dry creek.

The first few years after we moved a house to this location we killed a few snakes every year, mostly rattlers, wither in or near the yard, but this was the first one killed this year. It was about three feet long, thick around and very upset at that door that swung over it.

Maybe we should have caught him somehow and turned him loose out in the pasture, but any rattler in OUR yard, especially one by a door, under the big tree by the front sidewalk, crawling through the fence into the yard or even seen in the car shed as we are planning to get in the car, any rattler in our territory is endangered, by his or her choice of location. No quarter given. No prisoners taken.

Other visitors are welcome, through some may not want to after reading this report. But, it's not bad. You just need to learn to check out long curving shapes when you're outside to be sure it really is just a crooked stick, and the diamond back pattern and sound of a rattler get burned into your memory in the first and highest responder position.

Russell Carroll of Washington state visited Kenneth Carroll last week. Kenneth said they also got in other visits with family recently.

Ronnie and Sherry Simmons were in Amarillo recently to visit with her sister and brother-in-law who were visiting from Greeley, Colorado.

Not much other news this week. The Wichita Brazos Museum is getting ready for the Veterans Day, November 11. It will be open from 9-11 a.m., before the program at the memorial and after 1 p.m. A volunteer or two is needed to help register visitors and help visitors look up their family veteran's page in the Veterans Albums.

The Veterans Albums will be displayed so people can check what is on record about themselves or other veterans in their families. Many veteran's stories do not have the veteran's picture. If your veteran's page has no picture, November 11 might be a good day to donate a photograph, or a copy of one for his or her story.

Dewey Honeycutt will be honored this year. His family lived on the North Wichita River near Truscott when word was received of his death in France in September 1918, not long before the November 11 armistice that ended the war.

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 temper 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.

Police Report

September 1, 2009 to October 17, 2009

Hernandez, Deminnie A.
9/2/09
Fail to ID (M-B) Knox Cnty

Hord, Billy Brent
9/8/09
Agg. Assault/Family Member (F-2) Foard Cnty

Martinez, Michael
9/10/09
Child Non-Support (SJF) Foard Cnty

Schademan, Loren
9/12/09
FTA/Escape (Knox Cnty)
F-3 Washington state warrant

Larue, Terry
9/12/09
Del. Controlled Substance (F-1) Knox Cnty (arrested in Wichita Falls, TX)

Benton, Kenneth
9/14/09
TBC X3 (M-B) Foard Cnty

Green, Willie Joe
9/17/09
MTR/Unlawful carry weapon (M-A) Knox Cnty (arrested in Tom Green Cnty)

Blaylock, Vanessa
9/17/09
Theft (SJF)
Knox Cnty (arrested in Collingsworth Cnty)

Magana, Andrew
9/20/09
DWI 1st (M-B) Possess Marijuana (M-B) Knox Cnty

Moore, James
9/20/09
Child Non-support (SJF) Baylor Cnty

Huckabee, Michael

9/21/09
Possess Drug Para. (M-C) Knox Cnty

Dockins, Jaramane
9/22/09
Duty on Striking Unattended vehicle (M-B) Knox Cnty

Thompson, Carnell
9/24/09
MTR/Assault w/bodily injury/Family Violence (F-3) Knox Cnty (arrested in Palo Pinto Cnty)

Garcia, David Gabriel
9/24/09
MTR/Evading arrest w/vehicle (SJF) Knox Cnty (Kent Cnty warrant)

Hulbutta, Jeffery D.
9/25/09
DUI (M-B) Knox Cnty

Larson, Justin
9/26/09
Furnish Alcohol to Minor (M-A), Duty on striking unattended vehicle (M-B) Knox Cnty

Billington, Kenneth T.
9/26/09
TBC (M-B) Knox Cnty (Taylor Cnty Warrant)

Lopez, Yvonne Marie
9/27/09
DWI 1st

(M-B) Knox Cnty

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Public Notice

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09/29	48/82	
09/30	68/90	
10/01	56/92	
10/02	43/77	
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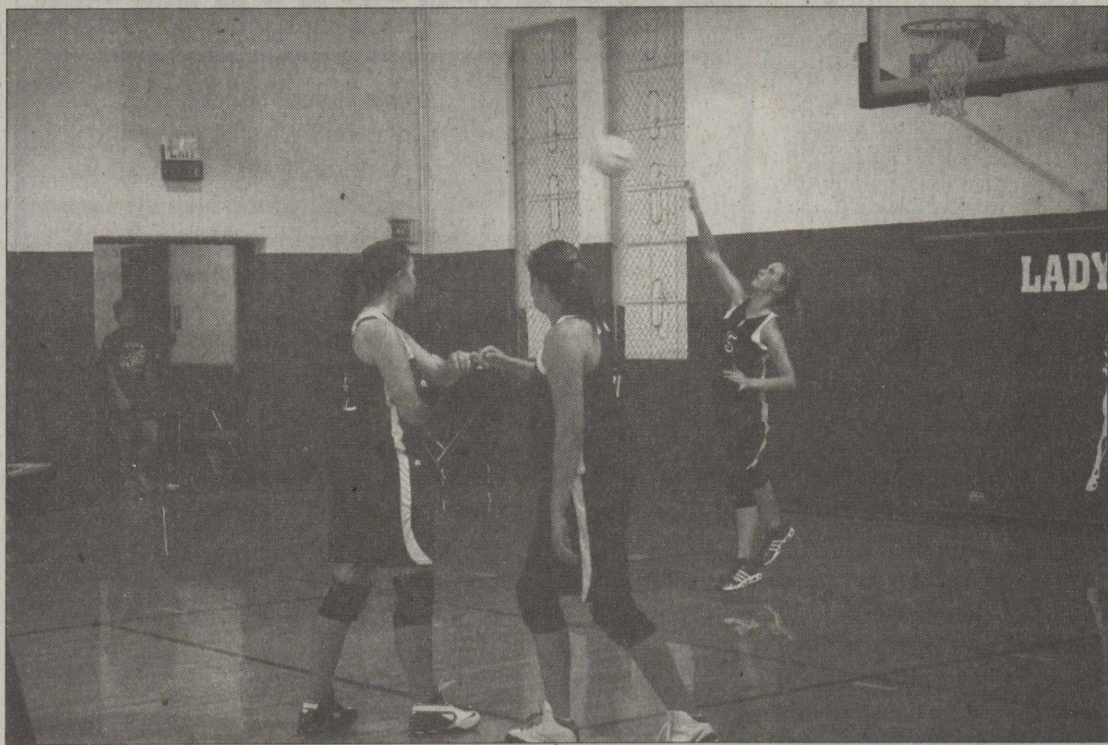



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After several weeks' of district play, the Lady Stangs are tied for first place in district as of now.

Lady Stangs Tied for 1st in District Play

By Tamara Smart

After defeating the Houndettes in the Mustang gym on Tuesday, the Lady 'Stangs went to Rotan on Saturday, October 17, in order to solidify their 1st place ranking... but, to no avail as Rotan took 3 straight. The game left Benjamin and Rotan tied for first in the district. Both first place contenders

have Munday as our final district opponent. The last district game for the Lady Stangs will be next Tuesday at home against the Moguls.

This week, the ladies go to Notre Dame, the defending state champs in TAPPS, on Tuesday; and then will compete against Christ Academy at home this Saturday.

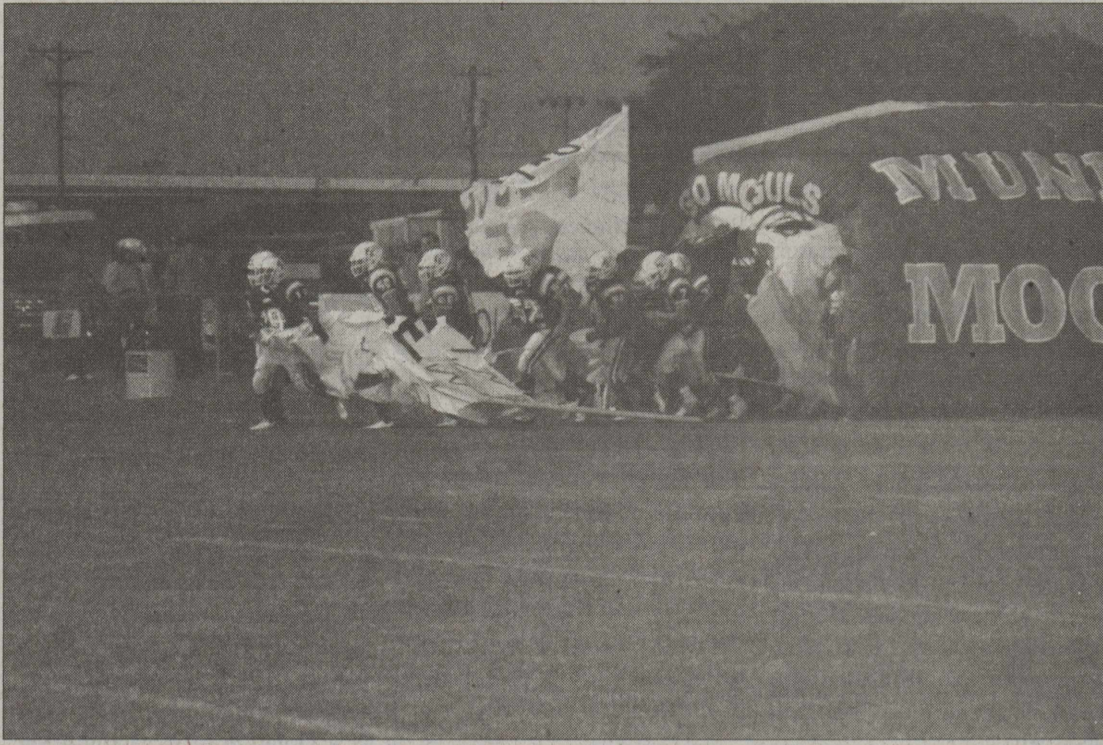


Photo by Lita Staggie

The Munday Moguls rush the field ready for battle against the Electra Tigers.

Munday Electrocutes Electra

By Tamara Smart

The only 11-man football team in Knox County brought victory home after playing Electra on Friday night. The final score of the game left the Moguls cheering as they reigned supreme 59-30.

The offensive players who stood out through the battle were Quarterback Kenyin Thompson, with 14 carries, 193 yards and 4 touchdowns (statistically earning 1-6-13-1-1 in passing). Runningbacks Dee Paul (15 carries 212 yards 2 touchdowns) and Juan Sanchez (4 carries 84 yards

2 touchdowns) were noteworthy players as well.

Defensive Standouts were Kyler Urbanczyk with 17 tackles (2 of which ended in a loss for Electra), Kenyin Thompson and Dee Paul both got 1 interception each and Jose Gonzalez was a force to be reckoned with as he was responsible for 12 tackles against the Electra team.

Mogul Team Totals:
Rushing- 40 carries 505 yards
Passing- 1-6-13 yards 2
Total Yardage- 518 yards



Photo by Jason Smart

The Benjamin Mustang Football team is ranked #1 in District after their victory over Patton Springs last Friday night.

Mustangs Still Undefeated in District

By Tamara Smart

In the stands at the end of the third quarter on Friday night football in Benjamin, Mustang football fans were filled with excitement as the Patton Springs boys were hot on their heels to regain game control and the stangs only lead by one touchdown... But that was to soon change in the fourth and final quarter of play.

According to Coach McCollough, "The mustang defense really stepped up during the fourth quarter not allowing Patton to get on the board while our offense racked up 29 for the win. I was really proud of the way that our defense made a

stand in the fourth. This is the kind of team effort it will take for us to make it out of this district."

With the final force of effort from the boys, the Mustangs left the field Friday night, the scoreboard glowing the victorious "81" under "Home" and only "46" under the "Visitor" score.

Dylan Benson and Derrick Northrup were the leading rushers in the game- Dylan scoring 8 touchdowns.

Also notable players/plays in this game were Dylan Benson who passed for 71 yards; receivers Mitchell Welch with 1 touchdown, 2 completions and 41 yards and Matthew Acree

with 2 completions, 30 yards and 1 touchdown. Cody Propps had 1 INT, and Matthew Acree and Derrick Northrup both had one onside kick recovery.

Next week, the Stangs will take on Harrold at home.

**BENJAMIN
NEWS** By Gladene Green

It's a mild Oct day with a light wind blowing- Typical of fall in Knox County. The big "ball game weekend" is behind us one more time& those of us who are Longhorn fans, we are happy! Tho the game wasn't the best to watch, getting the win pleased usual who are loyal to the orange and white. And it was good here on Thursday night when our Mustangs defeated Patton Springs. Being undefeated this far in district play, the local team plays Harold here this week-

The Lady 'Stangs played host to Knox City Tuesday nite. Before a huge crowd, the game got underway- the first game went back and worth with Knox City finally winning by 2 points. However, the next 3 belonged to Benjamin. With that win,

Benjamin took first place in district. But on Saturday with a 3 game loss to Rotan (1st 3 games) the Lady Stangs are now in a tie with Rotan. Will wait and see what happens next.

New Arrival

Julio Acevedo & Jesus Madrigal are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Jerika Beatrix was born Sat Oct 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Seymour Hospital. She weighed 7 lb 3 oz & was 20 inches long and according to her family, she's beautiful!! She has several aunts, uncles, and cousins who look forward to helping care for her, one aunt especially, her mom's twin sister Judit who can't wait to spoil her- Local grandparents are Pancho and Emilia Acevedo. Mom and baby are home & doing great.

Here 'N There

There are activities for the next few weeks. The annual fall festival will be the last of the month- That's always fun, and a money making project for the PTO as well as the classes. More on that as the time draws nearer.

And on November 11 the annual Veteran's Day program will be held at the memorial site. Veterans will be honored for their service to our country. A hamburger meal will follow. Begin planning now to attend the events. It's always fun

Shayla Propps, student at West Texas A&M in Canyon spent the weekend with her mom, Shannon & other relatives & friends.

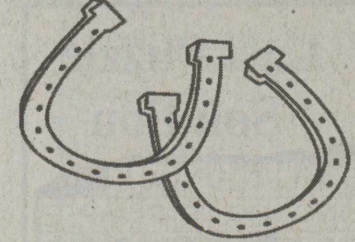
The news this week is scarce, or at least I'm not aware of anything going on. It's good to report no serious illness in the community. And so far, we have escaped the dreaded swine flu. Mark Brown is holding his own these days. Is now on the liver transplant list but there are a few ahead of him. Of course when he gets the much anticipated call, we will be ready. Hopefully it won't be long.

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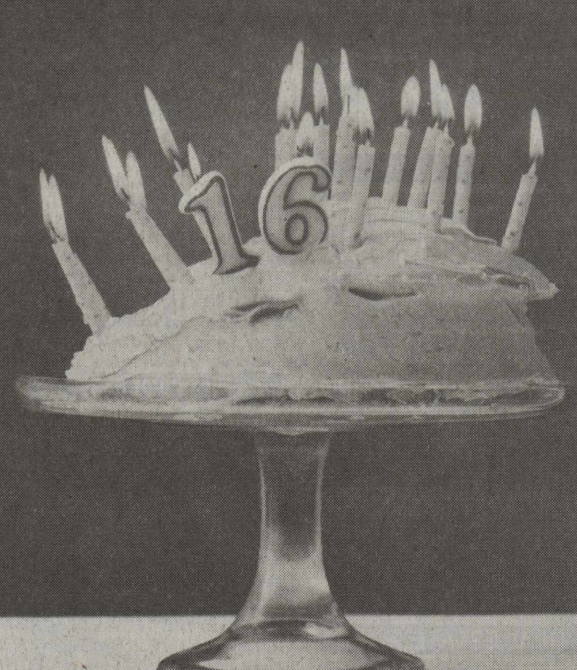
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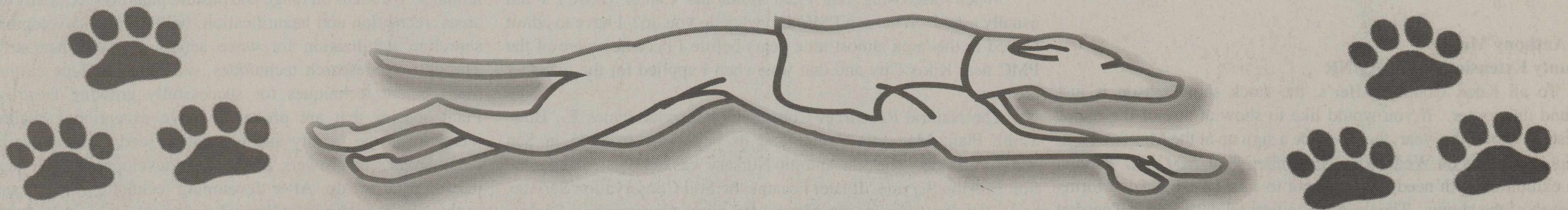
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



Greyhounds Fall to the Paducah Dragons

By Tamara Smart

On Friday night, the Knox City Greyhounds visited Paducah for a battle on the field. And as the Hounds entered the locker room at halftime, the two teams were as evenly scored as they had been when the game started; the scoreboard illuminated their path with "24" points reflected for both teams. The Hounds had scored 14 points in both the 1st two quarters, and Paducah Dragons had gotten off to a slow start with only 8 points scored in the 1st and started pulling it together in the 2nd with 16 points earned.

Yet, after halftime, things went downhill for the Hounds. The Hounds dropped a ball in the in zone and ever really recovered after that.

Paducah had some fierce and dominating defense, and the Hounds only scored 6 more points in the game. The final score of the evening left the Dragons as the victors at 52 (Paducah), 34 (KC).

The odd thing about this game is that the final score doesn't seem to reflect the uncanny common stats between the two teams when all was said and done on Friday. Both teams had 11 first downs, the yardage completed in rushing and passing was within 30 yards of each other. The true game breaker was the fourth quarter efficiency of the Dragons over the Hounds as they scored 12 points while KC scored none.

Next week, Knox City will meet Crowell.



The Greyhounds line up as the official coin toss begins the battle between Paducah and Knox City. (Photo by Daveine Clark)

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Major Stock Show Sign Up Night

By Anthony Munoz
County Extension Agent-Ag/NR

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2009 Accomplishments Awarded at 4-H Banquet

By Anthony Munoz
County Extension Agent-Ag/NR

Knox County 4-H held its annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday on October 12th to recognize members for the previous years achievements. Those in attendants enjoyed a great dinner prepared by leaders and parents of 4-H members and an invocation by Lyndle Reeves. The evening's program began by an introduction from Ryder Cude, and the leading of the American Pledge and 4-H Pledge by Parker Finley and Grace Tidwell. A special thank you was given by Shannon Reeves to all those individuals who give countless hours and leadership to the 4-H program. These included District 4-H Leader Association Delegates, Rudy and Michelle Esquivel, 4-H & Youth Committee Members: Lianne Tidwell, Samantha Esquivel, Nancy Cude, Stacia Propps, Cody Propps, Brittany Coop, Sarah Reeves, Michelle Esquivel, Becky Jones, and Knox County

Extension Education Association members. All Knox County 4-Her's were then recognized with certificates and pins for their participation and achievements in certain events. These events include 4-H projects, judging teams, quiz bowls, food shows, and completing detailed and accurate record books at the county, district, and state levels. Special awards were given to 3 4-H members who have excelled in their 4-H work. Grace Tidwell was the recipient of the Clover Award. The Clover Award is granted to a junior 4-H member who has completed two consecutive years as a 4-H member, has not passed their 12th birthday, exhibit excellence in their projects, strong desire to volunteer in their community, and must complete a 4-H record book. Shannon Reeves was awarded the Silver Star Award for his achievements in 4-H. The Silver Star Award is granted to intermediate age members who are 12-13 years old, exhibit

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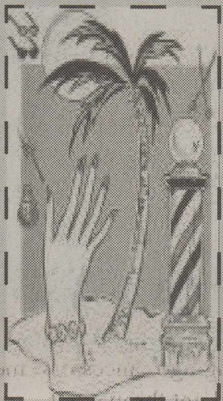
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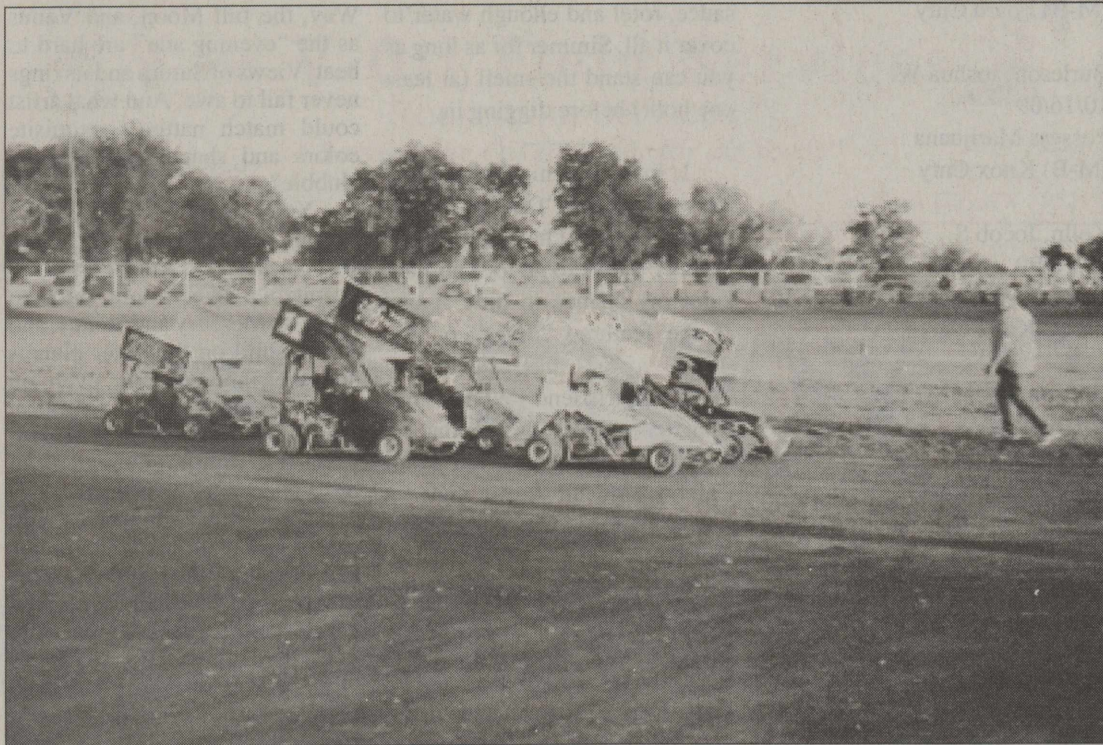
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Go Karts round the bend of the Knox City Speedway at the Watermelon Festival in July. The next race will be this Saturday, October 24, at the Second Annual Great Pumpkin Shootout. (Archived photo by Jason Smart)



Crop Production Services held a field day attended by over 20 growers on October 7th. The field day showcased a new Dyna-Gro variety and a Blacklabel Zn phosphorus replacement plot. The test plot is located just south of Hwy 222 in between Munday and Knox City off of CR 4451 in cooperation with Don Brothers.

Commissioner Staples Urges Producers in Need of Hay to Utilize Hay Hotline

AUSTIN- Despite some substantial rain across parts of the state, many Texas ranchers continue to struggle to feed livestock due to the lingering drought that has cost the state's agriculture industry approximately \$3.6 billion in losses.

"The drought has done more than dry up our land and evaporate our reservoirs; it also has destroyed thousands of acres of hay resources for producers who raise cattle, goats and horses," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "The drought has indeed left its mark, and unfortunately, we cannot change the fact that many ranchers were forced to reduce or sell off herds and, in some cases, even close operations. We aim to connect those who need hay with hay producers across the state and nation to help alleviate the hardship."

Commissioner Staples is encouraging Texas livestock producers to go to the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline Web site at www.texasagriculture.gov (<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/>). The site currently lists more than 450 available hay suppliers. Those

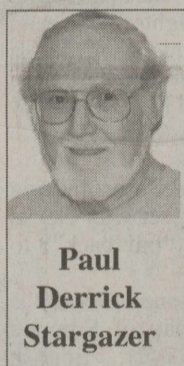
suppliers wishing to donate or discount hay are encouraged to make their hay available by filling out a hay supplier form on the Hay Hotline Web site.

TDA is also working with the Texas trucking industry to provide ranchers with more affordable hay transportation in times of drought and other crises.

"The cost to transport hay from out of state, or even within the state, is a costly expense that many ranchers cannot afford," Commissioner Staples said. "We are appealing to the partnership and neighborly spirit among trucking companies to offer reduced rates for hay delivery to ensure ranchers can maintain the herds they have left through the winter."

In the meantime, producers in need of hay should also contact their local Texas Department of Transportation office for information on baling the right of ways along Texas highways. Trucking services asked to provide reduced rates for hay delivery.

Our Garden of Eden in the Cosmos



Paul Derrick Stargazer

There are many things I like about stargazing, not the least of which is the unfathomable beauty and wonder found in the night sky. I especially

appreciate how this can be enjoyed at many levels.

Peering naked-eye into the richness of the Milky Way under a dark moonless sky, observing unimaginably distant objects through binoculars and telescopes, seeing images from the incredible Hubble Space Telescope -- things I've done so many times one might suspect by now a 69-year old stargeezer like me would be jaded by it all. But one would be wrong. The beauty and wonder of the cosmos can still take my breath away and leave me without words. I doubt I'll ever tire of it.

That being said, having recently watched all six episodes of Ken Burns' "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" on PBS has led me to refocus my perspective. I've not been unaware of beauty and wonder of nature right here on Earth. For years our family has traveled, visited and camped in numerous parks in many states and even other countries, and

I've had a special love affair with Texas' Big Bend and the Davis Mountains since my first visit in 1970.

So how could the program expand my point of view? A comment by a narrator about Earth being a Garden of Eden got me thinking. According to the Hebrew creation story, Earth

was a Garden of Eden until our long-ago ancestors messed up and got thrown out.

But when I behold the beauty, magnificence and bounteousness our planet still has to offer, I wonder if the ancients really got the story right. Maybe we're still in the garden, and it

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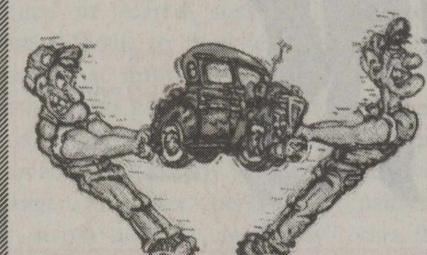


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Eat This!

By RYAN MILLS

Fall is in full swing and I've loved the cool weather. I can do without the solid week of drizzle and clouds but I still think Fall is my favorite time of year.

2 onions, chopped
1 lb. peppered
bacon, chopped

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With cooler weather comes chili and soup recipes. I've ran a chili recipe here before, it was former President Lyndon B. Johnson's favorite recipe called Pedemales Chili.

However, I have my own recipe and many of my friends have asked why I haven't put my recipe into print.

There's nothing better than brewing up chili all day and having friends over for football. Texas and OU meets this weekend. It would be perfect to make this chili Friday and serve it Saturday for the Sooner beatdown.

This recipe started as an experiment. Like a scientist, ok maybe a mad scientist, I added and took away and added some more until I got the recipe that follows.

I'm gonna make it Sunday and I hope you enjoy it if you try it.

Experiment Chili Ingredients
3 lbs. chili meat
6 cloves garlic, minced

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Miller Creek Reservoir is the source of our drinking water; it tastes good, smells good and is good for you. Thanks to the foresight of many people, bonds were sold to build the Miller Creek Reservoir some 40 years ago. As of July 10, 2010, these bonds will be paid in full. THIS MEANS THAT TAXES CAN BE LOWERED.

Without having to make bond payments, the water authority only needs money to maintain and operate the water treatment and distribution system (M&O tax). The Board of Directors believes that it will be possible to set the tax rate even lower than the \$0.10/\$100 maximum allowed by law.

We, your representatives from Knox City to the NCTWA Board of Directors, strongly encourage you to vote "YES" on this ballot.

Knox City Representatives
Joe Clonts & Leon Burkham

MUSEUM

of Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to the meal service and clean up at the Benjamin Ex-Students Center on Nov 11, can call 459-2229. Any individual or a club looking for a Community Service project will be guided to a job that will match their skills and available time.

HELP

often concerned about the victim and can be harmful to anyone trying to help him or her. Gather the patient's medications and allergy information to give to the ambulance crew if it is available to you.

Physical addresses or 911 addresses are very important and should be clearly posted near your home or business, such as stores, yards, barns, etc. This can be done with house numbers and street signs in the city. In rural areas, you may have to build a sign and erect it near the entrance to your property. This information, clearly posted, may save your life or the life of a family member or employee.

SHOOTOUT

of the "Young Gun" race, featuring children 4-6 years of, then the "Red Plate Animal" race for kids 7-9 years old. That will be followed by the Gold Plate Animal (8-10 year olds), Stock Animal (10-14 year olds) and Limited Animal (11-16 year olds) races.

After the kids, the adults hit the track. Opening out with a "Run what you Brung" race, then to the "Stock Intek", and in an exciting final two races, the Lawn Mowin' machines will finally make an appearance in the "Stock Mower" race, which

qualifiers must have a deck and no modifications on their mower and the day concludes with the "Modified Mower" showdown, where anything goes! Exact specifications on engine regulations and class rules are available on the Seymour speedway website at www.seymorespeedway.com. Kart Entry Fee is \$15 and a Pit Pass is \$10. The "Dogpound" (an area next to the pit for kids who aren't wanting to get all the way into the pit, but still be close to the action) will be open for \$5 entry. The Gates will open at 9:00 am, Hot Laps begin at 11:00am and Heat Races begin at 2:00pm.

This will be a fun day for everyone, even those not interested in lawn mowers or Go Karts. During the lull between the racings, there are many activities for the crowd. There will be several raffles- a 50/50 raffle, gift certificates to Farm & Garden, The Body Shop, and The Pizza Place will be raffled too. Children can bring their bikes and enter in an intermission race; there may even be a remote control truck race. There are trophies for all the races (including the bicycle race at intermission), although (as contrived as it may sound) everyone will leave a winner with an afternoon filled with fun and great memories.

LOOKING

soul enters. After that, the Haunted house will Officially be open Tuesday, 10/ 27 and Thursday- Saturday from Dusk to "whenever the line ends"... \$3 entry fee to benefit the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department.

The 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Shootout Go Kart Race will be

held at the Go Kart Track in Knox City on October 24th. Heat laps begin at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend- come cheer on the Knox County racers!

Early Voting for the 2009 Constitutional Amendment election will be held from October 19th thru October 31st at the County Clerks office located at 100 W. Cedar, Benjamin Texas (in the Courthouse).

The Munday Chamber of Commerce will have a "Hoot-N-Howling" Harvest Festival in downtown Munday on Halloween day/night from 2 p.m. until midnight. There will be activities for everyone- including a haunted house, costume contests, pumpkin carving, and a street dance featuring Dan Green's Pure Country Band.

Haskell Progressive Study Club annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper will be held Friday, October 23rd, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell High School cafeteria preceding the Haskell vs. Roscoe football game. Menu will include chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, salad, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased from any club member or at the door. Takeouts will be available.

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(M-B) Knox Cnty

Thorn, Casey
10/3/09
DWLI
(M-B) Knox Cnty

Hernandez, Alvaro
10/5/09
No D.L.
(M-C) Knox Cnty Illegal Alien
(INS Hold)

Kendrick, Patty
10/14/09
Possess Controlled Substance
(M-A) Knox Cnty

Kendrick, William
10/14/09
Possess Controlled Substance
(M-A) Knox Cnty

Schademan, Loren L.
10/16/09
Escape (Felony) Washington State Warrant/ Govonors warrant (Knox Cnty)

Walter, Joshua N.
10/16/09
Possess Marijuana

(M-B) Foard Cnty

Burleson, Joshua W.
10/16/09
Possess Marijuana
(M-B) Knox Cnty

Kelln, Jacob S.
10/16/09
Possess Marijuana
(M-B) Knox Cnty

Hudson, Kylie M.
10/16/09
No D.L.
(M-C) Knox Cnty

4-H

excellence in their projects, leadership in their community, and submit a 4-H record book. The Gold Star winner was outgoing 4-H member, Leah Vanderpol. Leah served on district and state qualifying teams, held offices at the club and county level, served as voting delegate to the District 3 4-H Council, and received a \$15,000 scholarship based on her 4-H project work, leadership, community service, and grades. The night was ended by giving a special thanks to club managers for the past year. These managers were Michelle Esquivel from the Knox City Club, Lianne Tidwell and Nancy Cude from the Munday Club, and Stacia Propps from the Benjamin Club. Congratulations to all 4-Her's and their accomplishments and good luck to new and returning 4-Her's on the upcoming year.

EAT THIS

2 small cans tomato sauce
3 cans chili Rotel
1/2 cup chili powder
2 tbs. cumin
1 amber beer (I use Ziegen Bock)
water

Directions

Chop the bacon and brown it in a skillet. Set aside. In a large chili pot brown chili meat, garlic and onions until meat is no longer pink. Add beer, chili powder and cumin and let simmer for 30 minutes. Add bacon, tomato

sauce, rotel and enough water to cover it all. Simmer for as long as you can stand the smell (at least one hour) before digging in.

I love watching the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." I have seen many places I'd love to go to. Tuesday, I got my chance to dine at one of the featured "dives" on the show.

My girlfriend Wendy has been telling me for months we needed to eat at the Chef Point Cafe. I was all for it and we finally made the trip Tuesday for lunch.

This place is possibly the most unique place I've ever been. It's in the Fort Worth suburb of Watauga and this is a 5-star restaurant inside a Conoco station. Yes, you read that right. Among the beef jerky, beer and cigarettes is some of the best food I've ever eaten.

The menu is so vast it literally took us 20 minutes to decide. The only reason Wendy decided at that point was that the waitress was pretty much standing there tapping her foot.

The fare is a mixture of American comfort food and Italian cuisine. Just about everything you could want was on that menu from burgers, pasta, escargo, calimari, lobster bisque, grilled sea scallops, pizza, steaks and much more.

If you are in the area, I highly recommend making it a point to check it out. You won't be sorry. We already have plans to go back.

Chef Point Cafe, 5901 Watauga Road - www.chefpointcafe.org.

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COSMOS

be seen whether we will preserve or destroy it. Yes, the beauty of the Milky

Way, the full Moon, and Venus as the "evening star" are hard to beat. Views of Saturn and its rings never fail to awe. And what artist could match nature's exquisite colors and shapes captured by Hubble?

Yet, within our solar system, Earth is the only place we can survive, much less find hospitable. We would burn to ashes on Mercury and Venus, and freeze solid on the outer planets and their moons, and even on our Moon. And even if we didn't burn or freeze, we would be hard pressed to find food to eat, air to breathe, and water to drink.

Some day our species will surely colonize the Moon, Mars and beyond, living in biospheres that provide food, air, water and comfortable temperatures. But will they have mountains to climb, rivers to raft, glaciers to hike, oceans to swim in, beaches for building sand castles, fields and forests to romp through? Will they have Old Faithful, Niagara Falls, giant sequoia and redwood trees, whales, and crying seagulls chasing after fishing boats?

The first line of a marvelous "Sesame Street" song comes to mind: "I'd like to visit the Moon, but I don't think I'd like to live there."

To be sure, I'll never cease marveling at the beauty and wonder of the distant cosmos, but I'll make sure I also look around and fully appreciate the Garden of Eden in my own back yard. Sky Calendar.

* Oct. 18 Sun.: The Moon is new.

* 20/21 Tue./Wed. all night: This could be a good year for the Orionid meteor shower which peaks with no Moon interference.

* 25 Sun.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

* 26 Mon. evening: Jupiter is just to the left of the Moon.

* 31 Sat.: Halloween is a traditional cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of fall.

* Nov. 1 Sun. morning: Mars is passing through the Beehive star cluster -- binoculars will help.

* 2 Mon.: The full Moon is called the Hunter's Moon, Frosty Moon, and Beaver Moon.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Jupiter is the brightest object in the south. Morning: At dawn Venus is low in the east with Saturn above and Mercury below near the horizon; Mars is high in the southeast.

Time Change. Before retiring Halloween night, set your clocks back one hour ("fall back") to Standard Time.

Astro Milestones. Oct. 29 is the 353rd birthday of Edmund Halley (1656-1742), English astronomer of Halley's Comet fame.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

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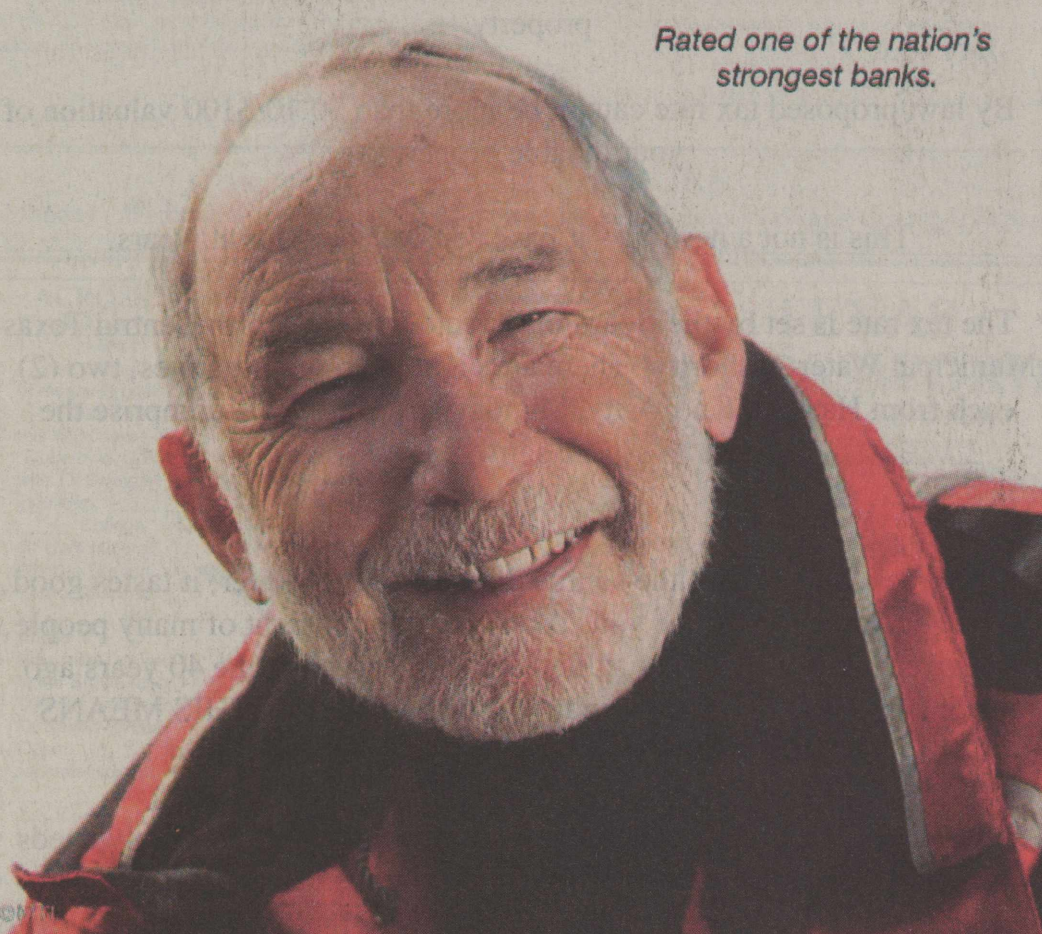
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