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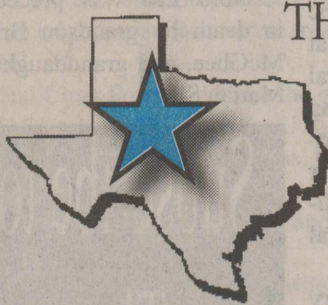


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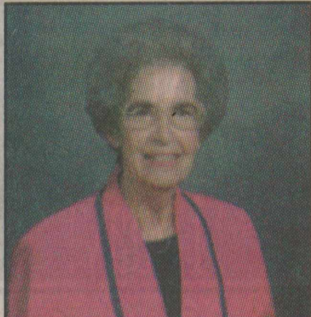
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Church secretary honored



Doris Crownover

The First United Methodist Church of Knox City honored their church secretary Mrs. Doris Crownover with a surprise service Sunday, March 14.

Mrs. Crownover has served the church as secretary for fifty-one years, with no plans of retiring. This is a state-wide record of achievement, having served with 14 pastors.

Church members Julie Schur, Bill Baker, Dr. Ezekiel Duke and former member Judy Farmer and Pastor Tim Trimble paid compliments to Mrs. Crownover for her dedication and untiring efforts to the church, community and her family. She was presented with a special engraved plaque from the church and United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Crownover and her late husband Kenneth have two daughters Ginger Garren and husband David of Knox City and Jacqueline Beesley and husband Barney of Dumas, Tx. Mrs. Crownover was Knox City Chamber of Commerce Manager for 25 years and has served the church and community in many capacities. About 25 of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren attended. Lunch was served to family, friends and church members.

The First United Methodist Church of Knox City will have its third Sunday Outreach Lunch Sunday, March 21, at noon at the fellowship hall. A variety of home-made foods will be served.



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Spring break time in Knox County

By Tamara Smart

On Monday morning, the children, teachers and all associated with the school systems of Knox County got to wake-up without the annoyance of the alarm clock sounding the beginning of their day as usual.

Spring Break had officially begun as of that morning in Knox, although the weather the first two days of the break left a little to be desired for the ansty "let's play outside" youth.

Most Spring Breaks are filled with plans to travel distances afar, and for some of our High School kids, Spring Break means another trip to State competition; this time for UIL debate tournaments in Houston.

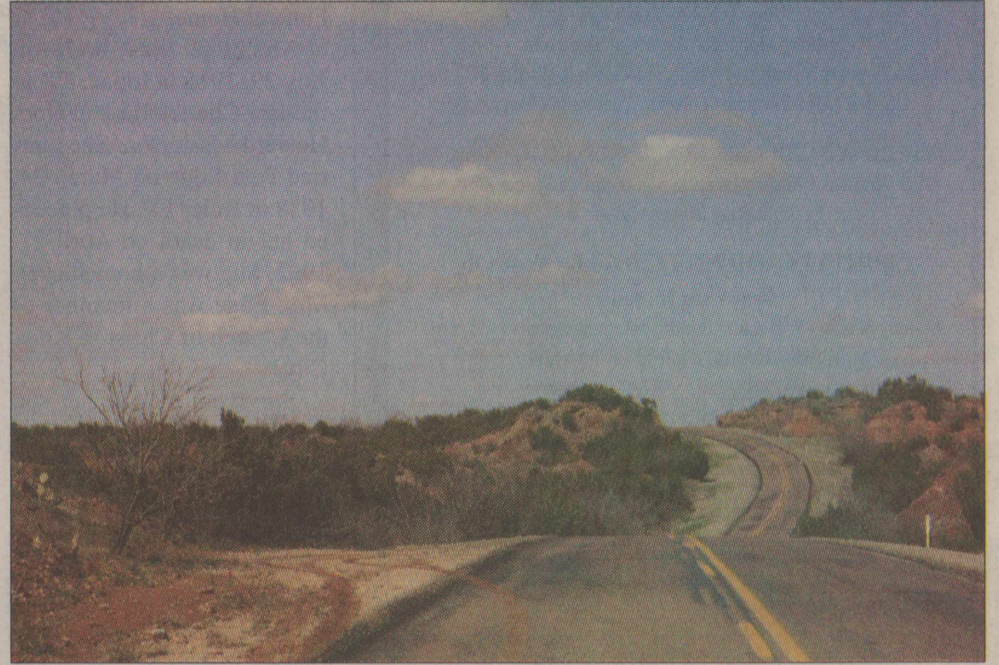
When asking various kids and adults what they wanted to do during their week of freedom from the seeming monotony of school, most expressed their desire to "get away" and "relax."

Yet, one doesn't have to travel out of the borders of our county to find the most peaceful and rejuvenating

scenery possibly in the entire country. Recently, I discovered one of the most wonderful treasures that our County offers. Although, I have heard about the "Breaks" in the 2 years I have called Knox County home, it was only last week that I fully experienced the beauty of them.

The Gilliland Baptist Church celebrated 100 years of praise and worship last Sunday, and I decided to take a drive out there and get a picture for the paper. On my way back, I let my GPS be my guide, rather than taking the "beaten path" back to Knox City. I was directed to go to an obscure road just east of the church and turn. Between that point and when I reached right outside of Benjamin proper, I was inundated with the area that Tibb Burnet has written countless poems about, for which he has become famous.

The Wichita Breaks are the areas cut into the landscape over time by the changing paths of the river. They exhibit no signs of human
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Above, off the beaten Paths of Knox County. The Wichita River Breaks in Northern Knox County. (Photo by Tamara Smart)



Knox City Band Gets Sweepstakes Award

By Tamara Smart

On Thursday March 11th, 2010 the Knox City Pride Band did it again. The bar continues to rise for these young musicians. For the second time in two years, the Knox City Band received the ultimate honor of earning a Sweepstakes award in 1a UIL competition, after making Superior marks in Marching, Concert and Site Reading contests throughout this year.

This honor comes after the band advanced to Area competition during Marching season in October, placing second at that contest, then ranking number 15 in State competition in San Antonio.

The Knox City Band is comprised of students from the 8th grade through seniors in high school, although they begin their band training in the 5th grade under the guidance of the Knox City Band Conductor, Mark Tucker (who also serves the Knox City/O'Brien CISD as O'Brien Jr. High principal).

At the event in Anson on March 11th, the Band played Monterey March (LaPlante, Pierre), Moscow, 1941 (Balmages), and Crusade (Gassi). Hamlin and Haskell joined Knox City as being the 1A schools present who made Superior marks in their concert per-

formance and then again in their site reading abilities. Also in the Region 2 district, for 1A schools, Archer City High School and Electra High School received sweepstakes awards (although they attended competition in Vernon rather than Anson).

This is the year for Texas Educator Music Associations (TMEA) Honor Band, for which Mr. Tucker will turn in a CD of this year's band in order to submit them into that competition (which will take place in July if they advance).

The next thing on the Band calendar of events is their Sunday lunch/Spring concert which is still TBA, but will happen sometime at the end of April. Knox County is very proud of the Band and can't wait to see what they will do next year.



"KC Pride Band inspects their newest trophy declaring them a 2010 winner of the UIL Sweepstakes Award." (Photo by Daveine Clark)

Homecoming 2010 meeting

The Knox City Homecoming 2010 Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, March 18, at 5:15 at the Knox City Community Center on 3rd Street. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan the Homecoming for June is welcome to participate.

LOOKING AHEAD

UIL One Act Plays for 11A-Zone1 will be held at Throckmorton High School Auditorium on Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Schools and their plays in order to be presented are as follows:

First play: Knox City-Crimes of the Heart

Second play: Throckmorton-Steel Magnolias

Third play: Paint Creek-Chamber Music

Fourth play: Woodson-The Tricks of Scapin

Fifth play: Rule-Ordinary People

Sixth play: Newcastle-Arsenic and Old Lace

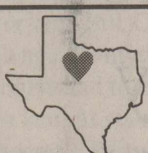
The two advancing plays from each zone contest will participate in the District 11A contest to be held at Aspermont High School on Wednesday, March 31st.

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Benjamin Spring Dance will be held from 9p.m. to 1a.m. on March 27th featuring the Cody Couch Band. All proceeds will go to the upkeep of the Benjamin Memorial Building.

The first race for the 2010 season at the Knox City Go Kart Track will be March 27th. Bring your whole family and enjoy the races!



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Obituaries



Mae Edge

Mrs. Mae Edge, 94, of Knox City passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Funeral services will be held 2 pm, Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Church of Christ with Gene McCarty officiating. Burial will follow in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edge was born on July 29, 1915 in Lipan, TX to the late Charles Ira and Cora Howard Masterson. She married Pete Edge on March 24, 1938 in Rule, TX. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1992. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Edge was a member of the Church of Christ in Knox City.

Survivors include her son Dearl Ray Edge and wife Donna Edge of Midland; her daughter Linda Elledge and husband Joe of Farmington, NM; a sister-in-law Peggy and husband John L. Grindstaff of Knox City; a brother Lowell Junior Masterson of Lake Worth; 7 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Grandsons and great grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

She was preceded in death by five siblings.

The family asks that if you choose donations that they be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd. Wichita Falls, TX 76310 or the Church of Christ, Box 267, Knox City, TX 79529.



Zelma Large

Mrs. Zelma Large, 91, passed away Friday. Funeral services are Sunday at 1st Baptist Church with Rev. Trimble and Rev. Vincent officiating. Burial following in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

She was born on January 10, 1919 in Decatur, Texas to the late Sam and Lizette Boydston. Zelma married Tolie Large on February 25, 1935, and he preceded her in death on May 8, 1981. She worked in Lowrey's Dept. Store in food service and the dry cleaning business. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors:

2 Daughters: June and Roger Norton of Kerrville, Linda and Rick Hudson of Boerne; 1 twin sister, Delma Rowan of Nocona; four grandchildren: Amy, Adam, Connie and Angie; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Nora Lee Shinn

Nora Lee Shinn, age 52, of Munday, Texas, died Thursday, March 11, 2010 in Abilene, TX.

Funeral service will be Monday, March 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be Dr. Ben Macklin, interment will be at Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Nora was born February 21, 1958 in Longview, TX.

She was the daughter of the late Dale Amburn and the late Ruby McFrittridge Amburn. She was a longtime resident of Munday Texas formerly of Knox City. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Alex Saucedo; two daughters, Ruby Speck of Munday, Texas and Barbara McGhee of Vernon Texas; one son, John Shinn of Rayden Oklahoma; three sisters, Judy Kay Amburn, Martha Mills

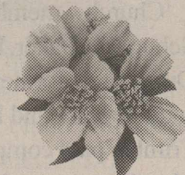
and Hazel Amburn; three brothers, Lonnie Amburn, Paul Amburn and Ricky Amborn; and eight grandchildren.

Nora Lee was preceded in death by grandson Brent McGhee, and granddaughter, Mariah Shinn.

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We would like to thank the ambulance staff, and the staff at the E.R. for everything you did for our loved one. Thanks to all of our friends for all the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and food in our time of sorrow. May God Bless you all.

-The Jessie Ledesma Family



God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
 O'Brien Baptist Church

How full is your life? When I ask "How full"? I don't mean, how fast, or how busy, but how fulfilled is your life? Are you satisfied? Are you happy? Are you at peace? I came across a poem that I would like to share with you. It is one that is worth meditating upon.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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.

My friend Roger once had a pickup with a broken spring in the driver's seatback. It wasn't just broken; it was aggressive. Besides being uncomfortable - understatement -- that spring would tear a hole in the jeans of the driver, right below the waistline and over to the right a little. Roger's jeans all had holes in that spot, fresh to frazzled depending on how many times he'd washed them.

I borrowed that pickup once circa 1989 to haul about ten sheep to San Angelo, all crammed in the back. It wasn't even a full-size pickup. But sheep cram nicely. I borrowed it to save gas. To contain the sheep, I used pieces of welded-wire cattle panels tied together, top, bottom and sides, with baling wire. I thought it looked pretty good.

I stopped at a service station in San Angelo on my way to the market and stopped there again the next day on my way out of town.

"Where are your goats?" they asked the second day.

Goats? Didn't they remember I was hauling sheep?

My feelings were hurt. In the ovine world of '89, sheep were a cut above. If you raised sheep it was almost OK to wear nice Western boots like the cattle people. So it seemed to me. But in my borrowed little pickup with its makeshift animal cage, I realized I probably did look more like a goatherd - one with a hole in her jeans.

In fact, that two-day trip ruined two pairs of jeans,

one for each day on the road.

Sure, jeans with holes can be the height of fashion. I don't remember if 1989 was a year for holes. No matter. My fresh snags weren't in the right place. It's never cool to have holes in your jeans below your waistband above your right rear pocket. Quote me.

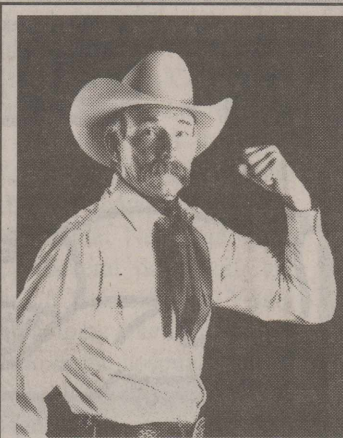
Roger, by the way, eventually loaned that pickup to his father for a few days. The dear meticulous man fixed the spring and several other things that needed fixing. I tried to think of a reason to loan him my pickup too.

Back to holes in jeans - the kind that cost extra. What better way for a teenager to identify with peers and irritate parents than with holey jeans? I suspect most moms and dads don't mind the holes as much as they mind paying top dollar for jeans with holes or seeing their offspring do the same. Wouldn't they rather see those jeans holes earned the hard way, like maybe from weeding the garden? As if anyone had a garden.

Another observation: The current popularity of holes in jeans is probably linked directly to the popularity of tanning booths. Think about it. The holes are unnatural, and so is an overall tan in the dead of winter. Both cost money.

But if you spend money for a tan, you might as well pay for holes to show it off -- maybe even some right above the right rear pocket.

I love starting trends.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

COWBOY INGENUITY

Cowboys are nothing if not ingenious. It takes that sort of out-of-the-box mentality to allow them to solve the myriad of problems that arise when you combine horse, cow and rope!

In the northeastern Montana country, Jim and Norvell (aliases) were backtracking one fall after the gather. By noon they cut the fresh sign of a bull.

A good cowboy can distinguish bull tracks. It's like comparing an elephant's foot to a crow's foot.

They spotted him out in the open and eased up on him. He was a short-tempered, hostile, territorial, man-eating ruler of the range. Sometimes driving a bull toward civilization is like pushing a bale of straw through a net wire fence! The further our cowboys went zig-zagging from juniper copse to rocky ridge to slippery cut bank, the madder he got!

In a move worthy of a military strategist, the bull dove into a wash thick with choke cherries, box elder and buffalo berries...and disappeared! Our brave cowboys dove in after him as the brush tore at their down jackets and slashed their faces.

After ten minutes of following the bull through this Montana version of a corn maze, they regrouped.

Had they been army soldiers they would have called in an air strike but...using their cunning, they decided to build a trap. In one nar-

row cow tunnel they draped a loop across the path and tied the standing end of the rope to a box elder trunk. Eureka! On the first pass through the trap they caught him! Then a second rope was put around his neck and tied to a trunk 15 feet further down the trail.

The first loop was then untied and leap frogged past the second. Five more jumps brought the bull within sight of the clearing where our imaginative vaqueros intended to back the trailer and load him.

Jim, now afoot, managed to loop the bull's head for the last leap-frog. By now the bull was frothing, breathing like a steam engine and wild-eyed. Jim dropped to his hands and knees scuttling toward the final tying spot when he heard the bull bellow, the sound of thundering hooves, and branches breaking! The earth trembled. Jim didn't look back.

The impact put him in orbit! He was catapulted from the thicket like a monkey shot out of a cannon! To his everlasting good fortune, just as the bull's poll hit Jim's hip pocket, the rope came tight!

The bull crashed and flipped. Jim hit the ground minus one boot and the left sleeve of his jacket. His hat was down over his ears.

Not exactly out of the Beef Quality Assurance manual for handling cattle. Although I'd like to see it included...fully illustrated!

Truscott News

The weather was more pleasant the past week, meaning there was less mud and it was easier to get around. Wheat farmers are not complaining about the winter's wet weather. The wheat fields are a beautiful bright green. It is only a little more than a couple of months until wheat harvest time, from the looks of the fields there may be a wheat harvest, which was in doubt for some fields last fall. Keep your fingers crossed, the Spring hail season could be on it's way.

Robert Dolan (Bob) Brown, son of Mrs. Sue Polk Brown and the late Wayne Dolan Brown passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Quanah, Texas.

Services were Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Womack-Manard Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Crowell Cemetery. The Rev. David Fox, pastor of the western Trail Cowboy Church at Lockett, officiating.

Bob attended Crowell Schools. After graduation from Crowell High School he attended Vernon Junior College. He trained horses, traded horses and cattle and owned property in Knox County.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Sue Brown and two children, Jack and Jill Brown. Jack is employed by Exxon as an underwater welder and Sue works in the insurance business at Lewisville, Texas.

He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brown and visited often on the Knox County Brown Ranch begun by his great-grandparents. His Polk grandfathers were James K and Thomas Polk. The Polk family helped settle Ford County in the Good Creek area.

Other survivors include a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Gilliland Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday, March 14, with all the church packed

and almost all parking spaces used. Church services, morning and afternoon, singing, lunch and much visiting filled the happy day.

The afternoon program "Celebration of the Century" included a history of the church presented by pastor, Bro. Marq Brockett, and a closing message encouraging the local church to continue for a second century.

The program of the days events listed pastors and deacons including 34 pastors, 16 Deacons and 4 Deacons to be ordained including Ronnie Simmons, Kenneth Carroll, Jerrie Bob Daniel, and Kyle Everson.

Graveside services were held at the Truscott cemetery on Thursday for Scotty Cawthron, son of Connie Glasscock Cawthorn and grandson of the late Ray and Mildred Glasscock.

A large number of relatives attended the service including Connie's sister and brother, Larue Walker and Rocky Glasscock.

Ila Mae of Lubbock, the former Truscott postmaster, had open-heart surgery Wednesday, March 10 at a Lubbock Hospital. She will receive a pacemaker and be in the hospital about a week.

Bill Brown of Whiteface and Kim Harbour of Siloam Springs, Ark., spent Saturday night with Jack and Clara Brown after attending the funeral of their Cousin, Bob Brown at Crowell Saturday afternoon.

Alex Mescall, son of Ruth Mescall of Baytown, arrived Sunday afternoon for a visit with his grandparents, Jack and Clara Brown. HE recently returned to Texas after almost six months of volunteer work with W. Woof Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms in France, Ireland, Canada Italy, Sardinia, and being part of the crew on a sailboat in the Bahamas for a group of Boy Scouts.

Knox County Aging Services Menus For March. 22nd To March. 26th

Monday March 22nd	Mashed Potatoes
German Sausage/Cabbage	Salad
Carrots	Biscuit
Pickled Beets	Cobbler
Sliced Bread	
Pudding	
Tuesday March 23rd	Friday March 26th
Meat Loaf	Stew
Pinto Beans	Cheese Sticks
Spinach	Corn On The Cob
Cornbread	Crackers
Cookies	Dessert
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French Fries	
Spoon Tomato Salad	Please Call In Your Orders By 10 A.M. To 657-3618
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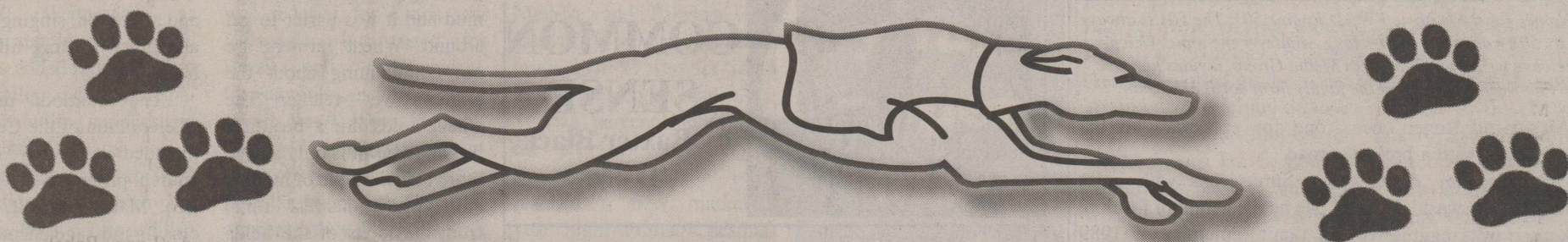
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



The Greyhounds first baseball game of the 2010 season was at Vernon Northside, where the Hounds set the course for this year; beating Northside 15-2. Photo courtesy Julie Bradley

O'Brien Girls Track @ Spur

Field Events:

Shot Put = Joanna Trevino 3rd Place
 Discus = Kelsey Vasquez 2nd Place (55'7 1/2") Marlie Steele 7th Place (46'9")
 Long Jump = Heather Thomas 1st Place (14'2")
 Triple Jump = Andrea Lynn 2nd Place (25'6")

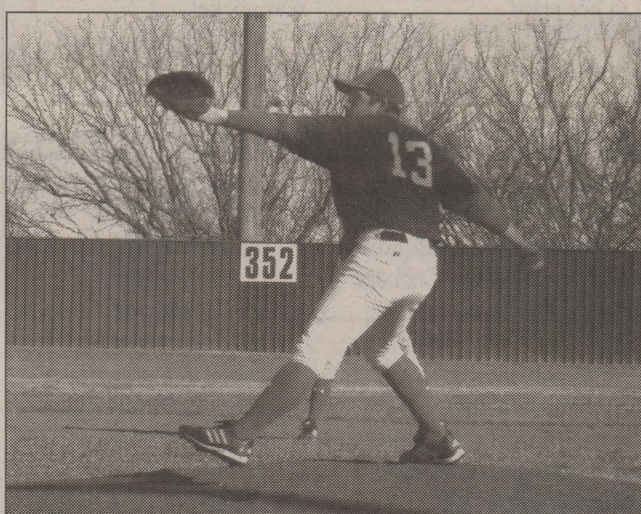
Running Events:

Sprint Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kelsey Vasquez, and Heather
 Thomas 2nd Place (57:97)
 100 Meter Dash = Kelsey Vasquez 5th (15:07)
 800 Meter Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kinslee Cox, and Heather
 Thomas 3rd Place (2:12:10)
 400 Meter Dash = Moriah Schnable 6th Place (1:24)
 1600 Meter Run = Tayler Pepper 5th Place (8:10)
 1600 Meter Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kinslee Cox, and Heather
 Thomas 6th Place (5:44:13)

O'Brien Girls Track @ Throckmorton

Field Events:

No field events
Running Events: (each heat received ribbons 1-6th place)
 Sprint Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kelsey Vasquez, and Heather
 Thomas 2nd Place (58:72)
 100 Meter Dash = Kelsey Vasquez 4th (15:07), Cassandra Ledesma 6th (15:85),
 Joanna Trevino 3rd (17:34)
 800 Meter Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kinslee Cox, and Heather
 Thomas 3rd Place (2:11:44)
 400 Meter Dash = Moriah Schnable 3rd Place (1:25), Jessica Wilburn 4th place (1:39)
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 (36:88), Joanna Trevino 4th place (39), Marlie Steele 5th Place (38)
 1600 Meter Run = Tayler Pepper 6th Place (8:06:97)
 1600 Meter Relay = Leighten Pepper, Andrea Lynn, Kinslee Cox, and Heather
 Thomas 3rd Place (5:35:00)



MJ Abila pitched a 12 inning game against Seymour, which the Greyhounds won (for the first time in 6 years the Hounds beat Seymour) with a final score of 7-6. Photo courtesy Julie Bradley

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's March 15th & Spring Break begins today- kids, parents, teachers are all enjoying a "school-free" few days off. Only thing is, it's cloudy, dreary, & not a very pleasant day at all. But by mid-week, things are supposed to improve. We'll see.

About our Ill

Jonnie Williams has been in Knox Co. Hospital but was feeling better on Sun. He was begun to be a little more careful not to "over do" it. Doesn't want to un-do what's been done.

E.O. Red is a patient in HMC in Abilene. Was admitted on Thurs. night & last report was that he seemed some better. We pray his progress continues & he can return home soon.

Sheila De Los Santos is having some health problems but is under the care of a Dr & hopefully her problems will

be corrected or at least the pain reduced before too long. She has been diagnosed with Chron's disease. Sheila lives in Vernon & is the daughter of Charles and Joy Jones. I ask your prayers for all these friends

Jack Young can home Wednesday after several days in a Wichita Falls Hospital and having a stint put in. He's feeling fine but has to do to maintain a healthier life style-diet, exercise, etc. It was good to see him doing so well.

Sympathy today to the family of Mae Edge. Mae, who lived in Knox City passed away early in the week after several months of failing health. Also sympathy to the Large family for the loss of their loved one.

Here 'N There

Mark Brown, who now lives in Azle, was here Sat to see his daughter, Emily play in the Little Dribblers tournament. Mark is doing pretty well following his liver transplant a few weeks ago. His health is greatly improved however does have some new cancer cells showing up & will have five months of chemo-(treatment for 20 weeks). But dr's are optimistic about the outcome.

Ronald and Verna Griffith who live in Minnesota are here

for an extended stay. They have their travel trailer here & visit his brother, Charles and family, & with other relatives & friends around the state. It's always good to see them when they come our way.

Debbie Neil has been here several days with her parents Jack and Mary Young and helping take care of Jack while in the hospital & since his return home. Debbie planned to leave today (Mon) for her home in Boca Raton, Fla.

Babek performing in Goodlett March 20



Rick Babek will be playing in Goodlett this weekend. For tickets call (940) 674-2477.

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By Hanaba Munn Welch
Can a leopard change its spots? Can a rock musician switch to country?

Maybe not. But Rick Babek, rock and blues musician from Willow, has done the equivalent of adding some spots to his own hide. He's broadened his repertoire to include country hits.

"We still play the rock, blues," Babek said Monday, granting a phone interview to *The Aviator*. "We're more of a rock-blues band that's playing Top 40 country now. We mix it all up."

Babek plays lead guitar for the Rick Babek Band. He's also lead vocalist. Howard Easley plays bass and Bubby Gilreath plays drums and does vocal back-

ups. The three-piece group will play next on Saturday, March 20, at Pease River Playhouse at Goodlett, Texas, west of Quanah on U. S. 287 -- a little less than an hour's drive from Altus via Olustee and Eldorado.

In Goodlett, the band will mix it up, playing tunes from across the country-rock-blues spectrum, and also will accompany Quanah's own country singer, Alan Jackson look-alike Darrel Sparkman.

"I talked to Darrel," Babek said. "I haven't got all the songs yet."

But he's sure he and Sparkman will be able to settle on some country favorites to perform together. Babek has been around long enough to know most of the standards pretty well, even if country music wasn't his first love.

"I started a band here," he said, referring to the Willow-Granite area. "I've moved around a little bit -- Memphis, Dallas. In Memphis I played the blues."

As a blues guitarist, Babek cites Stevie Ray Vaughn as one of his main influences and also the Allman Brothers for their jazz blues.

In Dallas, Babek played with the Texas Country Opry.

"After playing with those good musicians in Texas, I just got a thrill out of it," he said. "That's when I thought that when I moved back home I would start playing country. When I moved back to Oklahoma, I started playing with different bands around Tulsa and home."

Babek was still mostly playing rock, but once he got a band together, he began a shift to include country numbers.

Over the years, Babek's reputation on his home turf has been mostly rock.

"I've played all around Southwest Oklahoma," he said. "Altus, Hobart, Elk City, Elgin, Lawton. We're kind of expanding again."

The current geographical expansion is based on the repertorial expansion.

"When we were just all rock, we just had our certain

spots," Babek said.

Country has a broader appeal.

"That's what I like," he said.

When Babek was younger, the broad appeal of country music wasn't enough to lure him into the genre as a performer.

"I grew up listening to country," Babek said. "My dad (Leon Babek, recently deceased) listened to country."

But, like most youngsters, Babek didn't want to play the music of his parents.

In a way, he still doesn't. "Country music has changed," he said. "It's just different than it used to be. It's a little bit harder to play than it used to be."

Babek, always working to increase his own musical expertise, likes the challenge. He'd even like to learn fiddle and take up Western Swing, a genre of jazz with a Texas-Oklahoma flavor.

Babek is already versatile. He teaches guitar, bass and drums at Southbound Records, a music store in Willow.

Like most musicians, he has a day job.

"I've farmed for most all my life," he said. "I farmed with my dad."

Over the years many people asked Rick Babek the rock musician what he did for a living. The answer always came as a surprise.

"I farm," he would tell them.

Now that he's playing country music, it doesn't sound odd at all. It sounds right.

On another note, it's perhaps not surprising that Babek is a musician in two worlds. By birth, he's mostly Potawatomi Indian, but he grew up white, the adopted child of Tina and Leon Babek. He honors both families. Only recently did he discover his birth family and begin to learn more about Native culture.

"I was in a movie back in November," he said. "We were making a movie for the Potawatomi Tribe. It should eventually be on OETA (Oklahoma Educational Television). I don't know when. It's about the Trail of Death when the Potawatomi came from Indiana to Kansas."

Babek wasn't the star, but he had a substantial part.

"I'm more than an extra," he said.

Babek liked the experience, not that he envisions a career change. But being in the movie added another aspect to his life. Just his style.

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Babek's March 20 Goodlett concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. More information is available from Pease River Productions (PRP) at (940) 674-2477. Barbecue sandwich meals will be sold for \$6 beginning at 6 p.m. PRP, www.peaseriverproductions.org, is a non-profit educational organization with a focus on area culture and history.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) were mixed this week but consolidated near unchanged Wednesday as USDA's supply and demand outlooks added more detail to the prevailing market anticipation of dwindling supplies and accumulating demand.

Wednesday's report from USDA did not contain any big surprises, but it confirmed that the supply situation in current crop is not only extremely tight but seems to be getting tighter. The seasonal gap between global production and global consumption now amounts to 13.46 million bales, and with consumption still trending higher, it probably will take a 15 percent increase in global output next year just to keep stocks from falling further.

Briefly summarizing the report, the department's estimates for 2009-10 included higher domestic mill use and lower ending stocks this month. U.S. Production and exports were unchanged. Domestic mill use was raised 100,000 bales to 3.5 million, reflecting higher consumption in the months of November through January. Ending stocks were forecast at 3.2 million bales, 20.6 percent of total use.

A combination of slightly

lower production and slightly higher consumption reduced forecast world ending stocks from last month. Production was reduced for China and Uzbekistan but raised for Brazil and Turkmenistan. Consumption estimates were raised for Turkey, Vietnam, and the United States, partially offset by a reduction for Pakistan which was based on a recent policy change to limit yarn exports.

USDA raised world trade two percent, reflecting higher imports by China, Turkey, and Vietnam which more than offset a decrease for Pakistan. World stocks were reduced nearly 700,000 bales, a decline of just over one percent from last month. In other news, this week's export sales report showed the cotton pipeline still is open, but at a reduced flow rate. The shipment figure, as predicted, was much better as merchants pushed bales on board ahead of approaching seasonal freight rate increases. The U.S. still is running well ahead of the export sales pace required to hit the current USDA end-of-season target.

The government agency reported net export sales of 131,900 bales for delivery in 2009-10 for the week ended March 4, down one percent

from the previous week and 50 percent lower than the four-week average. Featured buyers were Turkey, Indonesia, Mexico, and Pakistan. Net sales of 19,100 bales for delivery in 2010-11 were for South Korea, Mexico, and Japan.

Two percent higher than the previous week, export shipments of 324,300 bales reached a new marketing year high. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, and Mexico.

In the spot cotton market, growers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 1,356 bales online in the week ended March 11 compared to the previous week when 3,940 bales were traded. Prices received by producers ranged from 62.40 to 71.98 cents per pound versus 67.06 to 70.58 cents per pound one week earlier.

Analysts said market focus now will shift more noticeably to USDA's spring planted acreage intentions. USDA said in a preliminary report that U.S. producers are likely to plant 10.5 million acres of cotton in 2010 as recent high prices make the fiber more attractive compared with alternative crops such as soybeans and corn. The department is scheduled to release its 2010 spring plantings report on March 31.

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Abilene Man Receives Prison Sentence for State Tax Evasion

AUSTIN — An Abilene man has been sentenced to prison for two years for trying to avoid paying motor fuel tax. Tommy Eugene Aaron, 51, pled guilty to the second degree felony offense of evading motor fuel tax on March 3 in a Travis County court. Aaron was charged with stealing dyed diesel fuel valued between \$1,500 and \$20,000, storing it without a required permit, using it in vehicles driven on the highway and failing to pay motor fuel tax.

Dyed diesel is untaxed diesel fuel intended to be used in off-road vehicles such as farm tractors and construction equipment. It is colored so law enforcers can easily tell when untaxed fuel is illegally used in highway vehicles.

In fiscal 2009, the state collected about \$3 billion in gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

"Through the motor fuels tax, drivers pay to build and maintain Texas highways," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "We will continue to pursue tax evaders to the full extent of the law to ensure that revenue for state operations gets collected."

The Criminal Investigation Division of the Comptroller's office, the Winkler County Sheriff's Office, the Loving County Sheriff's Office, the Jones County Sheriff's Office and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety participated in the investigation. The case was prosecuted by the Motor Fuel Tax Fraud Division of the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

To find out more about the Criminal Investigation Division of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, visit www.window.state.tx.us/about/cid/.

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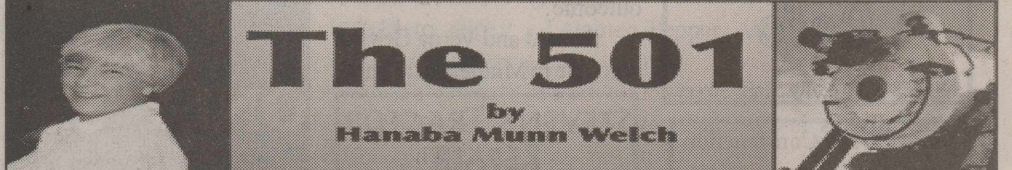
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Lot 3, Block 50, Original Townsite of Goree
- 9173 Knox County Appraisal District v. Robert P. Espinosa and Sandra Espinosa
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All of Lot 3, SAVE & EXEPT the Southwest 50' x 50' and the Northeast 50' x 50 of Lot 4, Block 28, Wallace Addition, City of Munday
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Dated March 4, 2010, at Benjamin, Texas.

By Sheriff Dean Homstad

You may contact the Plaintiffs attorney at 325-672-4870.



My friend Roger once had a pickup with a broken spring in the driver's seatback.

It wasn't just broken; it was aggressive. Besides being uncomfortable -- understatement -- that spring would tear a hole in the jeans of the driver, right below the waistline and over to the right a little. Roger's jeans all had holes in that spot, fresh to frazzled depending on how many times he'd washed them.

I borrowed that pickup once circa 1989 to haul about ten sheep to San Angelo, all crammed in the back. It wasn't even a full-size pickup. But sheep cram nicely. I borrowed it to save gas. To contain the sheep, I used pieces of welded-wire cattle panels tied together, top, bottom and sides, with baling wire. I thought it looked pretty good.

I stopped at a service station in San Angelo on my way to the market and stopped there again the next day on my way out of town.

"Where are your goats?"

Wichita Falls

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program will be in Knox City, Texas at Lawrence IGA store to raise public awareness and to provide application assistance for several different state-funded social and health services such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Women's Healthcare Program, CHIP, and TANF.

The Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Coordinator, Rachel Wachsmann, will be setting up Application Completion Center at Lawrence IGA

they asked the second day.

Goats? Didn't they remember I was hauling sheep?

My feelings were hurt. In the ovine world of '89, sheep were a cut above. If you raised sheep it was almost OK to wear nice Western boots like the cattle people. So it seemed to me. But in my borrowed little pickup with its makeshift animal cage, I realized I probably did look more like a goatherd -- one with a hole in her jeans.

In fact, that two-day trip ruined two pairs of jeans, one for each day on the road.

Sure, jeans with holes can be the height of fashion. I don't remember if 1989 was a year for holes. No matter. My fresh snags weren't in the right place. It's never cool to have holes in your jeans below your waistband above your right rear pocket. Quote me.

Roger, by the way, eventually loaned that pickup to his father for a few days. The dear meticulous man fixed the spring and several other

things that needed fixing. I tried to think of a reason to loan him my pickup too.

Back to holes in jeans -- the kind that cost extra. What better way for a teenager to identify with peers and irritate parents than with holey jeans? I suspect most moms and dads don't mind the holes as much as they mind paying top dollar for jeans with holes or seeing their offspring do the same. Wouldn't they rather see those jeans holes earned the hard way, like maybe from weeding the garden? As if anyone had a garden.

Another observation:

The current popularity of holes in jeans is probably linked directly to the popularity of tanning booths. Think about it. The holes are unnatural, and so is an overall tan in the dead of winter. Both cost money.

But if you spend money for a tan, you might as well pay for holes to show it off -- maybe even some right above the right rear pocket.

I love starting trends.

area food bank here April 7

grocery store on Wednesday, April 7th, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Center will offer hassle-free sign-up which includes assistance in filling out the application, and delivering the completed application to the correct Health and Human Services Office.

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program does not determine an individual's eligibility. However, it does make sure the applicants have information on the assistance programs available to them, assures necessary paperwork

is completed thoroughly and correctly, and turns the applications in to the correct office.

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank (WFAFB) is a non-profit, central clearinghouse which secures, stores and distributes food in 12-north Texas counties. Our Mission Statement is "Feeding the Hungry through Charitable Agencies."

Our partners -- the "charitable agencies" in our mission statement -- include food pantries, low-income housing sites, senior citizens, family crisis centers, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after school programs, low-income day care centers, rehabilitation facilities and disaster relief agencies.

WFAFB recovers or receives food from local grocers, dairies, bakeries, farmers, ranchers, individuals, Feeding America, reclamation centers, other Food Banks who share their surplus, USDA commodities and through food and fund drives. Nearly 3 million pounds of food is distributed annually through our partners for their hungry clients.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

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Real Clear Politics gathers the opinions of top writers and bloggers from across the U.S. and links them for easy navigation. You'll find columns, blogs, polls and more from across the country.

RCP also averages polls out and gives information on a variety of hot topics.

A quick snapshot of the website reveals some of the topics and their origin:

Over the Health Care Cliff? - Alan Bock, Orange County Register

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Health 'Reform' Plan is an Illusion - Robert Samuelson, Newsweek

A Needed Reform Descends Into Farce - Clive Crook, Financial Times

Learning Reagan's Lessons from 1982 - John Judis, The New Republic

What Real Reform Should Look Like - Rep. Paul Ryan, Washington Post

Washington Needs Back to Work Program of Its Own - Al Hunt, Bloomberg

Anti-Abortion Dems Must Cave for the Good of Reform -

New York Times

Fallout Is Far Reaching - Boston Herald

Ryan's Roadmap Reveals Hard Truth - Minneapolis Star Tribune

Make Earmark Ban Permanent - St. Petersburg Times

I generally visit RCP a few times a week. Obviously, health care reform is the hottest topic now.

It's interesting to see - just from the titles - how polarizing this topic is. I'm really curious to see how this plays out this week as House and Senate Democrats are under tremendous pressure from the White House to do something which could potentially mean political suicide for many of them.

RCP does a good job of gathering differing opinions which adds to credibility in my opinion. They simply put the information out there for the reader as opposed to having a preset agenda.

If you're a fan of politics and are interested in hot-button issues, give Real Clear Politics a look.

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Other Views

The Nuclear Option ... A Neutron Bomb Aimed at the Democratic Majority

By **DAVE CRIBBIN**

It's looking more and more likely that Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid will trigger the so called nuclear option to push through their health care legislation for the benefit of the American people; the very same people whom overwhelmingly have rejected it and its big government solutions to rising medical costs.

Her fanatical desire to pass this legislation has overwhelmed her ability to reason critically, as is evidenced by recent interviews in which she is quoted as saying, "Representatives are not in Washington to self perpetuate their political careers." While Mrs. Pelosi may inhabit a very safe district, her words have probably come as quite a surprise to a number of her less safe Democratic colleagues. Hopefully she will give them enough advanced warning to begin in earnest the search for a new career.

It has become something of an urban legend among the Democrats that it was their inability to pass health care reform in the first Clinton administration that was responsible for their loss of the Majority in the House. In other words, the American people were deeply upset by the Democrats' inability to deliver on legislation that would greatly increase

their taxes and add mountains of new regulations to an already over regulated health care industry.

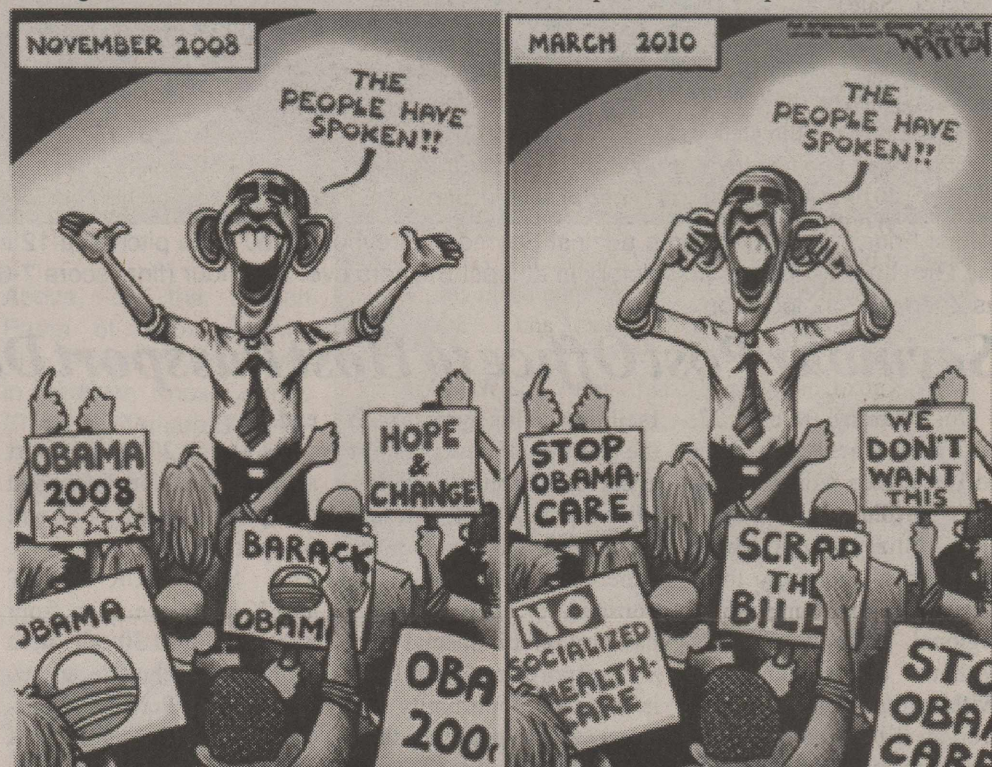
This is simply a major misread of history on their part. A more plausible reason for their rebuke and loss of Majority in the following Midterm elections were the Clinton tax increases and the arrogance of their members, as exemplified by the check kiting scandals of the house. This same arrogance was last displayed by members of the Republican party shortly before they lost their Majority status in the midterms in 2006.

Their fall back reasoning to vote for this legislation is no better. The idea that voters will seek retribution against the legislators who first cast a yes vote for the bill, and then once it became clear that nobody wanted it voted against it, is just silly. Do they really believe that if you vote for a bill that is hated by the majority of the public twice somehow you are safe? Have they never heard the old saying that "two wrongs don't make a right?"

Before the Democrats trigger their Nuclear option, they should review their college physics text books one last time and realize that at its essence the Nuclear option, like the bomb it is named after, is an uncontrollable chain reaction. This Nuclear option has

all the makings of a Political Neutron Bomb for their party; a tactical nuclear weapon designed to eliminate people but leave buildings intact. The Democratic Leadership should take a deep cleansing breath, remove their ideological 3D health care shades and have a

look around. Somehow in the mass confusion that has been characteristic of this torturous process of producing health care legislation they have overlooked the Bright red rings outlining the bulls eye that this monstrosity has imprinted on their political careers.



Denying the Truth at all Costs

By **BILL WILSON**

Politics and policy has become surreal. Webster's defines the term as "bizarre or dreamlike". No word better describes the current state of affairs.

For yet another example of the "dreamlike" suspension of reality that is everyday Washington, D.C. consider the recent announcement from union-toady, Congressman George Miller. Miller is proposing to spend \$100 billion on a bailout of local governments. That is \$100 billion we will have to get from China or the Federal Reserve's printing press to allow local governments to pretend a little while longer that they can act like spoiled children without consequence.

The Miller proposal would funnel the massive sum of borrowed money to local governments so they can "save or create" jobs. Boil it all down and the Miller scam is exposed as a temporary fix for the junkies who are attempting to avoid withdrawal at all costs. But cold-turkey withdrawal is exactly what they and America need.

The facts are well known. Government at all levels has grown faster than any other segment of the economy. Government, also, pays far more than corresponding workers in the private sector and has lavish benefit packages unmatched by any private worker. As the Cato Institute detailed in their

January, 2010 Tax & Budget Bulletin # 59, the compensation scales and benefits of government are simply unsustainable. They cannot continue, there must be an adjustment.

But blocking that "adjustment" is the primary goal of labor unions. And whatever Big Labor wants, George Miller will try to deliver. So, the \$100 billion bailout is meant for one thing and one thing only; paying off the unions and avoiding for even a little while the inevitable downsizing of government. Since the largest expenditure any government makes is on personnel, that downsizing means one thing - firing tens of thousands of unionized public employees.

Think for a second what Miller and his cronies are asking of American families, taxpayers and businesses. They want us to go deeper into debt, to the tune of another \$100 billion, to pay employees we don't need to do things that are of marginal value. We are eating our seed corn. This money will not be spent on things that will allow future growth and production or future prosperity. It is to be squandered on consumption. Like the raging alcoholic, full of bravado, we are maxing out the American credit card to buy lunch for everyone in the barroom.

The situation we confront is basic. We all know the nature of the choice. All of us were taught this choice as small children. We should all remember the story of the grasshopper

and the ant. The grasshopper frittered away the summer, eating and having a great time. The ant, on the other hand, worked and saved and did without, so that he would have provisions for the winter. When winter arrived, the ant is secure and prepared while the grasshopper froze, starving from lack of food.

George Miller and his union masters are the grasshoppers of our time. They eat and drink and live in a dreamlike state where the bill never comes due. The only problem, of course, is that they do have a plan. They plan to stick all of us with the bill for their reckless behavior.

It's time we ants took matters into our own hands. The credit card needs to be cut into pieces. Local governments, as well as states and the Federal behemoth, need to face the facts. They have to live within the means of the people that fund them. The insane, surreal politics of spending and debt must come to a stop.

Any member of Congress, regardless of party, who opposes the Miller scheme should be praised and supported. Any local government that does the right thing and cuts its functions and personnel needs backing. Conversely, those who embrace the bizarre world of George Miller need to be shown the door. They are simply too sick to be in a position of authority.

If Democrats Ignore Health-Care Polls, Midterms Will Be Costly

By **PATRICK CADDELL AND DOUGLAS SCHOEN**

In "The March of Folly," Barbara Tuchman asked, "Why do holders of high office so often act contrary to the way reason points and enlightened self-interest suggests?" Her assessment of self-deception -- "acting according to wish while not allowing oneself to be deflected by the facts" -- captures the conditions that are gripping President Obama and the Democratic Party leadership as they renew their efforts to enact health-care reform.

Their blind persistence in the face of reality threatens to turn this political march of folly into an electoral rout in November. In the wake of the stinging loss in Massachusetts, there was a moment when the president and the Democratic leadership seemed to realize the reality of the health-care situation. Yet like some seductive siren of Greek mythology, the lure of health-care reform has arisen again.

As pollsters to the past two Democratic presidents, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, respectively, we feel compelled to challenge the myths that seem to be prevailing in the political discourse and to once again urge a change in course before it is too late. At stake is the kind of mainstream, common-sense Democratic Party that we believe is crucial to the success of the American enterprise.

Bluntly put, this is the political reality:

First, the battle for public opinion has been lost. Comprehensive health care has been lost. If it fails, as appears possible, Democrats will face the brunt of the electorate's reaction. If it passes, however, Democrats will face a far greater calamitous reaction at the polls. Wishing, praying or pretending will not change these outcomes.

Nothing has been more disconcerting than to watch Democratic politicians and their media supporters deceive themselves into believing that the public favors the Democrats' current health-care plan. Yes, most Americans believe, as we do, that real health-care reform is needed. And yes, certain proposals in the plan are supported by the public.

However, a solid majority of Americans opposes the massive health-reform plan. Four-fifths of those who oppose the plan strongly oppose it, according to Rasmussen polling this week, while only half of those who support the plan do so strongly. Many more Americans believe the legislation will worsen their health care, cost them more personally and add significantly to the national deficit. Never in our experience as pollsters can we recall such self-deluding misconstruction of survey data.

The White House document released Thursday arguing that reform is becoming more popular is in large part fighting the last war. This isn't 1994; it's 2010. And the bottom line is that the American public is overwhelmingly against this bill in its

totality even if they like some of its parts.

The notion that once enactment is forced, the public will suddenly embrace health-care reform could not be further from the truth -- and is likely to become a rallying cry for disaffected Republicans, independents and, yes, Democrats.

Second, the country is moving away from big government, with distrust growing more generally toward the role of government in our lives. Scott Rasmussen asked last month whose decisions people feared more in health care: that of the federal government or of insurance companies. By 51 percent to 39 percent, respondents feared the decisions of federal government more. This is astounding given the generally negative perception of insurance companies.

CNN found last month that 56 percent of Americans believe that the government has become so powerful it constitutes an immediate threat to the freedom and rights of citizens. When only 21 percent of Americans say that Washington operates with the consent of the governed, as was also reported last month, we face an alarming crisis.

Health care is no longer a debate about the merits of specific initiatives. Since the spectacle of Christmas dealmaking to ensure passage of the Senate bill, the issue, in voters' minds, has become less about health care than about the government and a political majority that will neither hear nor heed the will of the people.



In last Friday's baseball game against Seymour, Greyhound MJ Abila pitched a 12 inning game and helped lead the Greyhounds to their first victory in at least 6 years over Seymour (final score 7-6). Pictured: MJ Abila pitches as Zachary York looks on.

Seymour Post Office to Host Passport Day in the USA

On Saturday, March 27, the Department of State will celebrate its 2nd annual "Passport Day in the USA." U.S. citizens throughout the country can apply for a passport at any one of the 23 regional passport agencies without an appointment. With summer vacation right around the corner, now is the time to start making travel plans and apply for a passport.

The first Passport Day in the USA was held in March 2009. Over 57,000 passport applications were accepted at passport agencies and 2,000 passport acceptance

facilities. This year, with the addition of new passport agencies in Detroit, Dallas, Minneapolis, and Tucson, we expect that even more Americans will take the opportunity to apply for their passport on this special day.

"Passport Day in the USA is a great opportunity for Americans to apply for their passports," said Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Brenda S. Sprague. "Since it is on a Saturday, people can drop by a passport agency or their nearest passport acceptance facility and still have plenty of time to enjoy their week-

end."

On March 27, all passport agencies will be open and accepting passport book and passport card applications. The SEYMOUR POST OFFICE will be open from 8:00 am to 10:30 am, with no need to schedule an appointment. Persons interested in applying for a US passport must bring a certified birth certificate and valid driver license. Additional information about the event at the Seymour Post Office may be obtained by calling 940-889-3550.

Many other passport acceptance facilities around

the country will also be hosting Passport Day in the USA events. U.S. citizens can visit www.travel.state.gov to find a participating passport acceptance facility near them and the event details.

This website also contains complete passport information about what is needed to apply for a passport, as well as the application fees and processing times. U.S. citizens may also call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Please note that since June 1, 2009 U.S. citizens have been required to present a passport book, passport card, or other travel document approved by the U.S. government when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry. Additional information on travel requirements is available at www.getyouhome.gov.

For press inquiries, please contact the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs at (202) 647-0254

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Volunteers Asked to Photograph Weirdest Trash Finds

Largest one-day cleanup in the U.S. is April 10

AUSTIN, Texas—Every year, Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers uncover random — and sometimes strange — items discarded on Texas roads.

This year, Don't Mess with Texas is asking volunteers to take pictures of their unusual trash finds and e-mail their photos to Don't Mess with Texas, where they'll be displayed in a photo gallery on www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

The photo collection will be visual documentation of an embarrassing problem: Texas roadside litter.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers can send in interesting photos of their group collecting trash, the most common type of trash they pick up, or the weirdest litter they come across on April 10 — the largest one-day statewide cleanup in the United States.

Anyone who submits a photo by April 30 has the chance to receive a Don't Mess with Texas prize pack — three prize packs will be awarded via a random selection process.

"This is a fun, creative way for our volunteers to share their Trash-Off experience with Texas," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT. "It will be interesting to see all the photos from Trash-Off events around the state showcasing the efforts of our volunteers. We appreciate all they do to keep our roadways litter-free."

To enter, volunteers simply e-mail the photo, loca-

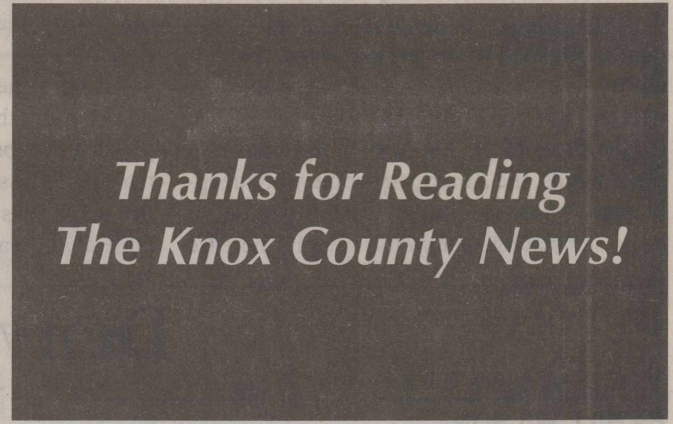
tion where it was taken, and photo caption to trashoff@dontmesswithtexas.org. Additional details are available at dontmesswithtexas.org. Photos from across the state will be shown in an online gallery on the Don't Mess with Texas Facebook page and on dontmesswithtexas.org.

To participate in the Trash-Off on April 10, volunteers need to sign up now. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The event brings together KTB volunteers and Adopt-a-Highway groups from across the state to clean up roadways and their communities on one designated day. The public can sign up online at www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

At the 2009 Trash-Off, more than 25,200 bags of trash were collected, totaling more than 158 tons of waste.

About Don't Mess with Texas

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities include Trash-Off, community outreach, a student litter prevention contest and a corporate partner program. For more information, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org. TxDOT's goals are to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and increase the value of transportation assets. For more information, visit www.txdot.gov.



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life, by every inch of God's majesty. While experiencing the Breaks, one is likely to be overwhelmed by the expanse of sky looming in every direction overhead; the glitter of sunlight off of the eroded, jagged peaks; the conversations between the wind as it howls over the rock formations and the mesquites soft response as their branches softly whisper their song.

Perhaps, the fact that I just happened on this scene, rather than go looking for it was the reason that it affected me as it did.

The peace of the elements all flowing together took this ex-City girl and made me once again marvel at the glory of taking the path less traveled.

The next time you have a moment, and a full tank of gas, and are just driving down the road in Knox, perhaps we would all benefit from veering off the "beaten path", and experiencing the beauty in God's Big Back Yard... Knox County seems like one of His most impressive easels; the perfect relaxing vacation spot so easily missed, especially by a local person who has seen it a thousand times over, or even worse, who never leaves the beaten path.

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