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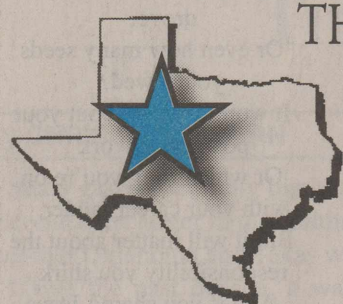


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Election Results

By Tamara Smart

On May 8th, the long awaited local elections were held in many of the Knox County cities. Benjamin, having no one run opposed for their local seats neither in the school board nor on City Council, had the opportunity to sit this election process out. Sylinda Meinzer, will serve the community of Benjamin for another two years as mayor; as well as Fred Carver and Lorene Powers will both serve another term as Council Members.

The luxury of not having to roll out election booths

was not the case either the southern Knox County communities of Knox City nor Munday. Both cities held run-offs for City Council seats and School Board seats alike.

In Munday CISD (which serves the towns of Munday and nearby northern neighbor Goree), Jason Redwine and Shawn Cude seats were up for re-election on the MCISD School Board. John Myers entered the race against the two incumbents, and on the 8th, Myer beat Cude, which voted Myer onto the Board,

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Blood Donation Opportunity Coming to Knox City

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on Monday, May 17 from 1:00pm until 6:00 pm. Approximately one thousand pints of blood are needed each month to supply 15 hospitals. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for

patient care at Knox County Hospital. Twenty-six donors participated in the last blood drive, which took place on February 15, 2010. That is the largest turnout for a blood drive in several years.

"We have seen an increase in blood usage at the hospitals we serve," said Frances Baker, donor

recruiter. "We feel that this trend will continue as the Baby Boom population gets older. There is no artificial substitute for this precious resource, so we must rely on volunteer donors to give us enough blood to take care of every patient in need of a blood transfusion," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with a signed parental consent, weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and have a photo ID. Blood can be donated every 8 weeks. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.



Derrick Coleman will represent Knox City Hounds, as he runs for State victory this upcoming weekend. In 2009, Derrick brought the State gold medal home for the 400 meter dash; this year he has the opportunity to bring home 3 gold medals, as he qualified for State in the 100, 200 & 400 meter dash.

Photo by Daveine Clark

Munday PD Gets a "Professional" Facelift

By Tamara Smart

If you have driven through Munday lately, you'll notice how clean and serene the town is. Yet, if you drive too fast through Munday, or with the bass of your music in your vehicle affecting the Richter scale, you may notice something else. You may notice the newly acquired "Black and White" Ford Crown Victoria, which appears on your tail. In the next few weeks, you may then have the opportunity to see the newly designed and smelted badge of the Munday P.D., and perhaps you may note the logo on the side of the car that pulls you over.

Munday Police Department has been busy making these changes to try and make the department "more professional". The Munday Police Department recently acquired a new Police car from the Hill country Village, and was able to get a heck of a package with the car. It was "pretty much decked out" according to Chief David Petrusaitis. He said that this was "the kind of car that makes young cops drool". This 2006 Crown Victoria was already painted in the traditional black

and white pattern, with the light bar already on top. The department was then able to get their other car painted to match. Now, they possess 3 cars, although the old blue car that used to roam the streets in the pursuit to serve and protect Munday citizens is now stripped and parked.

The money that paid for all these improvements for the MPD come directly from fundraisers and donations. The Munday police department put out a calendar earlier this year, and their ad sales helped fund these changes as did the Haunted House held last year in Munday during Halloween season.

The Munday PD is made up of two full time officers, as well as two part time officers. They anticipate a few new non-paid officers in future months. They will also be getting new ID cards. According to Chief Petrusaitis, "you gotta be professional", and the first step to this is looking the part. These changes will hopefully give their department some new vivacity to serve and continue to invoke the respect that these fearless men who protect the populace of the City of Munday are due.



Becky Dempsey, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, to visit Knox County May 20th

Becky Dempsey, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture for Rural Economic Development will visit Knox County next Thursday morning, May 20th, at 8:00 am where she will be hosted by Principal Rick Moeller, students and staff for breakfast at Knox City High School. The focus of Dempsey's visit is to learn more about our award winning Yes! You Can! partnership, an initiative of

the Knox County Visioning Committee which she has been following since it was named a pilot program for Texas Department of Agriculture's Parallel Pathways funding last August.

Representative Rick Hardcastle and Senator Robert Duncan have been invited to join Dempsey, Moeller, Superintendent Lewis Baty, Counselor Christy Howith and members of the Visioning Committee

along with City, County and School officials in visiting with the students and volunteers. Parents, friends and supporters are asked to help us welcome these guests, and learn more about the Yes! You Can! program's exciting progress, in the W. R. Baker Auditorium, Knox City High School at 8 am where a short program will be held before their tour begins.

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The Knox City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a charity golf tournament on Saturday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m. to raise money for the Knox City Fire Department. This tournament is a three person scramble and the entry fee is \$60 per team.

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Championship flight. Smoked brisket, sausage, hot links and drinks will be available on the course. Door prize drawings will be held. For more information or to sign up, please contact Melissa Eades at 658-1016 or 203-1221.

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at Knox County Hospital on Monday, May 17th from 1:00 until 6:00 pm. Come out, Give Blood and Save a life.

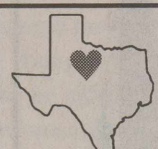
Corrections

Correction: Regarding the Golf Tournament to be held by the Ladies Auxiliary of the KCVFD on May 15th, the entry fee is NOT \$60 per person as Knox County News incorrectly reported last week; rather, the

entry fee for the three person scramble is \$60 per TEAM. Sorry for the mistake.

Correction: Last week, Knox County News reported that Anthony Adkins wanted two fire stations; which

was wrong. Knox County News misunderstood, future councilman Adkins wants to fix up the old fire station, or possibly build a new one. He didn't mean to have two. Knox County News apologizes for the mistake.



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Obituary

Viola Carlson

Mrs. Viola Louise Carlson, 81, of Knox City passed away Saturday night. Funeral services are Tuesday at Foursquare Church; Burial in Brady, Texas, arrangements by Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

She was married to Marvin C. Carlson and had live the past 29 years in Knox County. She was a member of the Foursquare Church.

They have 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Rochester Women's Club News

The Rochester Women's Club met on May 5, 2010 in Rochester. Leader for the day was Marguerite Gauntt. Jane Short gave treasury report and it was brought to the attention of the club about the large increase of the electricity bill.

The electricity is only used by the refrigerator and the once a month meeting. Since this was the last meeting until the fall, the matter was tabled for now and will be taken up in the fall or a called meeting during the summer

Emergency Farm Land Applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by a drought, Above normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on Jan.1 - Dec 31,2009 are being accepted at the Farm service agency (FSA) office located in Vernon, Texas FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone said today.

Archer, Baylor, Clay, Knox, Wichita & Wilbager Counties are 6 of one hundred and four counties in Texas recently named by the secretary of Agriculture, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting from a Drought, Above Normal Temperatures & Associated Wildfires on January 1 - December 31, 2009.

Kelley R. Boone said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private lenders, the interest rate is 3.75%.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Kelley R. Boone said. Farmers participating in

Sharon Mullion reported on her trip to New York which was very interesting. Since she has relatives living in the New York area, she was able to visit a lot of places in and around the New York area.

Hostesses for the day were Elaine Glover and Sammie Loper. Those attending were Modelle Barton, Frieda Fly, Sammie Loper, Mary Johnston, Marhuerite Gauntt, Sharon Mullino, Jo Evelyn Patterson, Anna Lou Shaver, Jane Short., and Verlene Stegemouller.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
 O'Brien Baptist Church

How will the Church reach the lost of our community and area? What about the unchurched who are trying to live the Christian life alone? Can they truly be satisfied watching TV church? They will still feel alone and ignored spiritually. We as the Church in our community must accept the responsibility to share Jesus Christ in every way, every day. Those who do not understand the need of salvation must hear the gospel message. Those who are out of church need to feel your love and care. We must reach out and touch each and every one. I know that each Pastor in our community shares this same desire and encouragement. The following is a short poem of a friend of mine. I ask you to read it and think upon it and share the love of Jesus today.

Who you thought you were,
 Or who I thought you were.
 It won't matter
 How much money you had,
 What kind of truck you drove,
 Or even how many seeds you sowed.
 It won't matter about your position at work
 Or which rung you're on with your career ladder.
 But it will matter about the responsibility you shirk
 And if you shared Jesus Christ will still be the crux of the matter.

Mat 9:37-38: Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

I pray you experience the love of God in every way, every day.

One hundred years from now,

It won't matter

"It's Everyone's Business"

Adult abuse prevention campaign urges all Texans to get involved

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed May as Adult Abuse Prevention month.

"I encourage all Texans to begin at home - ensuring that we are taking the very best care of the seniors in our lives, reaching out to the elderly in communities across Texas and, again, reporting any suspicion of senior abuse to the proper authorities," says the Governor in his proclamation.

Adult Protective Services (APS) is echoing that message in its 5th annual Everyone's Business campaign. In May, the campaign focuses on educating Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities.

"Protecting vulnerable adults is everyone's business," said Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services. "So please, get involved. If you suspect an elderly or disabled person is being abused or neglected, report it immediately."

Last year, APS completed 72,265 investigations and confirmed that 50,936 people were abused, neglected, or exploited while living at

home. Half of those victims were elderly and half were people with disabilities.

State law requires anyone who suspects abuse, neglect, or exploitation to report it to the DFPS hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.txabusehotline.org.

APS urges civic groups, hospitals, home-health agencies, libraries, congregations, and anyone interested in protecting the elderly to download and share the Adult Abuse Prevention Kit, a 30-page resource in English and Spanish. The kit and other resources are available online at www.everyonesbusiness.org.

A public service announcement, in English and Spanish, is also available to view and share on the campaign website and on YouTube.

But mostly, Everyone's Business is a grassroots campaign based on working in partnership with hundreds of local agencies and service organizations across Texas.

There is an old Spanish proverb that illustrates why we all should care about stopping elder abuse.

"As you see yourself, I once saw myself; as you see me now, you will be seen."

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 Visiting time will be from 2 to 4 pm.



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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.

May I take you for a ride?

Maybe you're thinking that's what I always do. But this time we'll go on horseback.

We'll cross the Red River from Oklahoma to Texas at Doan's Crossing, a strategic point on the old Western Trail that went from Texas up to Dodge City in the days of the great cattle drives.

Why? Because I'm too tired to write about anything else. A trail ride can do that to a tenderfoot.

I made the trek both ways last weekend, accepting an invitation from a guy named Bull to ride a horse named Cisco across the quicksandy river to the 127th Doan's May Picnic pioneer celebration.

Six days later memories of the ride are still very much with me and my saddle sores are probably going to be just as indelible. So here's a horseback travelogue -- a view of the world over the black-tipped ears of Cisco.

If you've ever ridden a horse, or even plowed behind a mule, you know what I mean. You're always looking over a stretch of mane and between a couple of ears. To wit, Cisco's ears are in several of my pictures -- at least in the ones I shot straight ahead as Cisco and I kept company with 80-something other riders.

At one point I realized I was capturing mostly the other riders' backs and horses' rear ends. So I tried holding my phone up backwards and shooting

the riders behind me. I got my own ear.

There's an art to taking pictures with an iPhone from the back of a horse. If I knew what it was, I'd tell you.

Just talking on a cell phone is also not that easy if you've got a set of reins in your non-phone hand and river water is swirling underneath you up to your stirrups. Bull was talking on his phone when he and his horse suddenly went down close to the south bank.

No doubt many people utter their very last words on a cell phone just before they crash their cars. I don't know what Bull was saying when his horse went in that hole, dumping him and his phone in the river. I'll bet it was interesting.

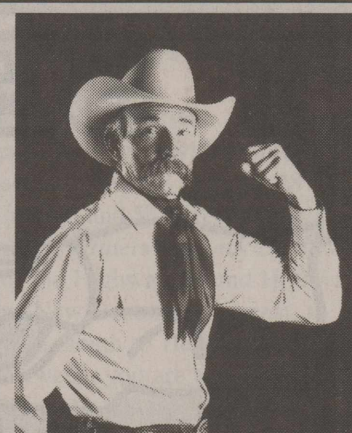
Bull regained his footing first. The horse took longer, but he finally got up too. As for the phone, it'll be a curious artifact by the time anybody finds it.

Artifact. I feel like one myself. Even though my horse didn't toss me anywhere along the way, I'm still sore. At least I'm getting over the hallucinations.

Yep, ride a horse long enough, and the next few days you'll be leaning into intersections from behind your steering wheel and wondering if the car in the next lane is going to kick.

After the ride, that very night as I drove U.S. 277 into the darkness, the black right-hand lane stretched ahead of me. My weary brain saw Cisco's mane. Really.

At least I didn't see any ears.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE
by Baxter Black, DVM

The Border Gap In Understanding

People who live in Chicago, Washington DC or San Francisco inner cities lock their doors at night. They are careful where they travel within the city. They all have friends who have been mugged, had homes burglarized, cars stolen or lives taken. They travel the city in crowds like schools of fish. Their safety, like all prey, is in numbers; the odds that someone else will be eaten instead of them. In rural communities, small towns, and isolated ranch houses we do not think of ourselves as prey.

During the election, candidate Obama made a very telling comment about *bitter, small towns, clinging to their guns and religion.* He is from the big city prey mentality. He comes from a place that believes that if we take guns away from ordinary citizens, they will somehow be safer. His comment was interpreted as a slam against small town America, but I will give him the benefit of the doubt. He simply doesn't have any way to relate to those who believe each person is responsible to take care of himself.

The Mexican border, once a cultural bridge, is now a war zone inhabited by killers, smugglers, and drug dealers as bad as any town in Afghanistan. Rural people who live along this poisonous border live with the daily possibility of death and destruction. Thousands of Mexicans have been killed in the drug wars already. The situation, which has been worsening, culminated last month with the murder of a rancher by a suspected drug smuggler on his way back to Mexico.

He lived in my county along the border. He was known to the neighbors and many Mexican illegals as a generous man. His ranch has been well traveled by illegals for years. His luck ran out. All of us, his neighbors, are saddened but reminded of just how fragile normal life has become where many have put down their roots.

If the president thinks the community is bitter, he just might be right. They are on the front lines in a war to supply recreational drug users their daily toke or weekly snort. The smugglers are doing quite well. I hear of no shortages from celebrities and potheads. And, in truth, I would guess most ranchers are ambivalent about dope smokers and drug users. Unfortunately they are trying to ranch on the battlefield where the self-righteous, self-centered stoners, snorters, smokers, shooters and suppliers are fighting The Law.

...bitter, small towns, clinging to guns and religion.
You can see in this Arizona rural community why we cling to our guns. We don't have police cars patrolling our neighborhoods. The nearest neighbor could be ten or twelve miles away and the criminals pass like ghosts in the night. We use our guns because we are not prey, we take responsibility for our own lives and livelihood. The president's unfortunate denigration of religion as a source of strength is something he probably wishes he could take back. His past church membership speaks for his faith. Suffice it to say when we turn to God for help it is because He has proven to be more reliable than the stream of politicians' promises that continue to pour over us like dirty water sluicing down the drain. And nobody seems to have a clue.

KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR MAY 17TH TO MAY 21ST

Monday May 17th Ham Hominy Casserole Turnip Greens Sliced Bread Cobbler	Mashed Potatoes Apple/Celery Salad Biscuit Banana Pudding
Tuesday May 18th Chicken/Stir Fry Vegetables Rice Salad Garlic Toast Cake	Friday, May 21st Chili Dogs/Cheese Fritos Pork & Beans Dessert
Wednesday May 19th Brisket Pinto Beans Potato Salad Cornbread Cheesecake	We Could Use Volunteers!! New Serving Time Is 12 Noon (In Knox City Only) Alternate Desserts For Diabetics
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Plant appreciation field day in King County

Wish you knew more about the plants that occur on your ranch and how they may benefit wildlife and livestock? Come join natural resource experts from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Natural Resource Conservation Service and AgriLIFE Extension for a day in the pasture identifying grasses, forbs and brush species that occur in the Rolling Plains. At this field day you will learn how to identify common range plants and how these plants may be beneficial to wildlife and livestock in this area. You will also get the opportunity to make a seed collection and identify common seeds that are beneficial to birds such as

quail and dove. This Field Day will be held at the Bobby Curtis 06 Ranch in King County, located between Guthrie and Benjamin on HWY 82 on Friday, June 4, 2010. The field day will begin at 9:00AM in the field looking at a variety of plants, habitat types and management practices. There will be a catered lunch at the Guthrie Community Center, followed by seed collection and identification. Registration is \$12 and must be turned in by Monday, May 24, 2010. For more information contact: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Dana Wright, (806)596-4016 or dana.wright@tpwd.state.tx.us

Knox City '06 Grad becomes a McMurry Alum

Kayla Martin, a 2006 graduate of Knox City High School, gave her mom one of the best Mother's Day gifts last weekend, as she walked across the stage at McMurry University in Abilene, receiving her Bachelors in both Political Science and Sociology.

Kayla is the Daughter of Youvon Martin of Knox City,

and a sister to Casey Martin (also a student residing in Abilene) and Kailyn Martin, who is a 5th grader in Knox city Schools.

Kayla will continue her education this fall at U.T. Arlington to receive her Masters degree before she eventually heads to Law School.

Thanks for Reading!

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Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches	Snow inches
5/03	46/70		
5/04	43/91		
5/05	58/84		
5/06	53/98		
5/07	54/76		
5/08	43/68		
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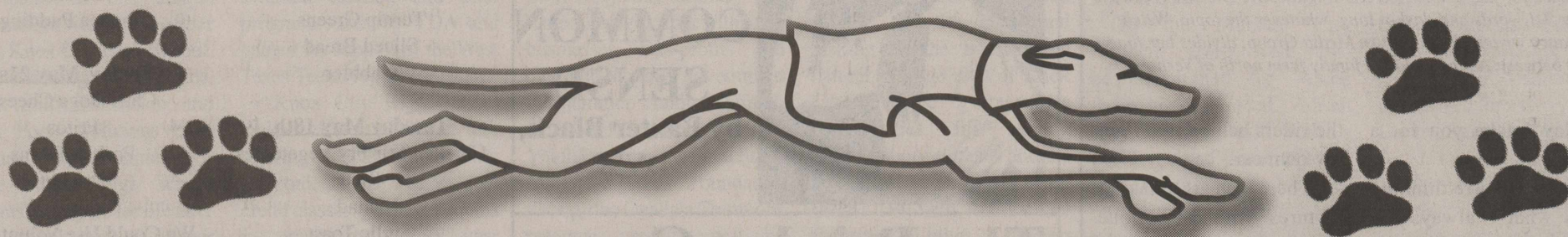
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



Spring Volleyball Draws to Close

Obrien Jr. High girls played their last games of Spring season volleyball this week. The final games all went into matches of three and left the Jr. High Lady Bulldogs with a little more experience heading into next year.

were as follows:

O'Brien Blue vs Munday 8th B = 25-12, 21-25, 14-16

O'Brien Gold vs Munday 8th A = 20-25, 25-23, 2-15

O'Brien Blue vs Benjamin = 25-18, 24-26, 9-15

The final games scores



Derrick Coleman will represent Knox City Hounds, as he runs for State victory this upcoming weekend. In 2009, Derrick brought the State gold metal home for the 400 meter dash; this year he has the opportunity to bring home 3 gold metals, as he qualified for State in the 100, 200 & 400 meter dash.

(Photo by Daveine Clark)

Derrick Coleman Takes 3 Gold Metals in Regional Track- Heads to State

By Tamara Smart
(Stats courtesy Coach Colin Howeth)

Derrick Coleman, who won gold in the 2009 Texas Track meet running the 400 meter dash, now has an opportunity to win not one, not two, but three gold metals to add to his State metal collection.

Last week, in the Regional Track, Derrick won gold in all three qualifying races. In the 100 meter dash, Derrick past the finish line only 11.17second after the runshot, winning him first place in that event. In the 200 meter, it only took Mr. Coleman 22.72seconds to secure another 1st Place qualifying time. And, finally, in the 400 meter dash (the one he took State Gold in last year). Derrick easily won gold with a time of 49.34 seconds.

In the Long Jump he competed well but did not advance to the state meet.

Those who watch Derrick run, say that it is almost eerie- he doesn't even look like he's putting out any extraneous energy. "He makes the act of running so fluid, it is almost as effortless as watching water flow," was a comment made by an onlooker.

Marcell Lewis missed the finals by one place after having surgery the day after the area meet. It is truly amazing that he was able to run much less compete at such a high level.

Blake Jones competed well in the shot put with a throw of 40'8" but did not advance to the state meet.

The state track meet is this upcoming Friday & Saturday. Derrick, Knox City's representation, will run on Friday night at the 6:00 pm session.

Knox County News will bring you those results next week.

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)
KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)
KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 47
BENJAMIN, TEXAS 79505

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

Tax Payment
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)
KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

USDA To Help Low Income Rural Residents make Repairs

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 7, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA Rural Development is accepting competitive applications from qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations for grants to help low and very low income repair residents in rural areas their homes.

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USDA Rural Development will accept applications for Housing Preservation Grants until June 28, 2010. All applications must be filed at the USDA Rural Development Texas State Office. To request an application packet, please contact Mr. Leon Carey at 254-742-9772. USDA Rural Development may award up to \$10.1 million in competitive grants through the Notice of Funds Availability published April 27, 2010. The grants to be awarded are part of the USDA Rural Development annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at local USDA Rural Development offices or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

425 Miles of sales coming June 4th & 5th

The Red River Valley Tourism Association (RRVTA) would like to invite you to this year's regional event of the season - the **US Hwy 82/287 Yard Sale!** In North Texas on June 4th and 5th there will be yard sales, garage sales, sidewalk sales, farmers markets and flea markets all along 425 miles of the Highway 82 and Highway 287 corridors. From as far as New Boston in the east, to Munday and Seymour in the west, south to Henrietta and north to Quanah, and points in between, you are sure to find something that will peak your interest.

Along the way, participating towns will have maps available guiding shoppers to the special sales throughout their communities. The maps will also direct travelers to the other destinations along the route. Some towns will have city-wide yard sales set up at a central location, while others may have them spread throughout the community. Still others will showcase their downtown merchants or their flea markets/trade days.

Check us out on the web at www.redrivervalley.info for more information to help plan your trip. On the website you will find links to the various communities that play a part in the sale along with contact information for each town. The city websites will let you know where maps can be picked up. The RRVTA site will also display a map with all of the

participating towns.


Make plans now to travel through the Red River Valley region of North Texas for the **US Hwy 82/287 Yard Sale.** You'll discover fun for the whole family—from heritage homes to historic downtowns, from art to antiques, from cattle trails to cultural facilities. Participating **US Hwy 82/287 Yard Sale** communities and local map locations are listed below.

Hwy 82 (East to West) 2010 Participating Communities:

New Boston—T & P Trailhead Park, **Clarksville**—Gateway Antiques on the Square, **Paris**—Chamber of Commerce on the Square, **Honey Grove**—Public Library, **Bonham**—Bonham Visitor Center, **Sherman**—A Touch of Class Antiques, **Denison**—Chamber of Commerce, **Whitesboro**—Dairy Queen, **Callisburg**—City Hall, **Gainesville**—Radcliff's Buffalo Nickel, **Muenster**—Muenster Antique Mall, **Saint Jo**—The Gas Station, **Nocona**—Dairy Queen, **Henrietta**—Dairy Queen, **Holliday**—RT's Food Store, **Seymour**—Chamber of Commerce, **Munday**—Chamber of Commerce.

Hwy 287 (North to South) 2010 Participating Communities:

Quanah—Chamber of Commerce, **Vernon**—Chamber of Commerce, **Henrietta**—Dairy Queen.



2010 PARTICIPATING CITIES

Map Pickup Locations

<p>Bonham Bonham Visitor Center, 327 N. Main</p> <p>Callisburg, 940-668-2271 Callisburg City Hall, 59 Campbell</p> <p>Clarksville, www.red-river.net Gateway Antiques on the Square, 125 North Locust</p> <p>Denison, www.denisontexas.us Chamber of Commerce, 313 West Woodard Street</p> <p>Gainesville, www.cogtx.org Radcliff's Buffalo Nickel, 201 West Hwy 82</p> <p>Henrietta, www.hccchamber.org Dairy Queen, 927 East Omega Street</p> <p>Holliday, 940-586-1313 RT's Food Store, 206 West Olive Street</p> <p>Honey Grove, www.honeygrovechamber.com Public Library, 500 6th Street</p> <p>Muenster, www.muensterchamber.com Muenster Antique Mall, 405 East Division</p> <p>Munday, www.mundaytexas.com Chamber of Commerce, 121 East B Street</p>	<p>New Boston, www.newbostontx.org T & P Trailhead Park, South Ellis and SE Front Streets</p> <p>Nocona, www.nocona.org Dairy Queen, 301 East Hwy 82</p> <p>Paris, www.paristexas.com Chamber of Commerce, 8 West Plaza</p> <p>Quanah, 940-663-2222 Chamber of Commerce, 220 South Main Street</p> <p>Saint Jo, www.saintjochamber.com The Gas Station, 306 South Broad</p> <p>Seymour, www.seymourtxchamber.org Chamber of Commerce, 400 North Main</p> <p>Sherman, www.shermantx.org A Touch of Class Antiques, 118 West Lamar</p> <p>Vernon, www.vernontexas.net Chamber of Commerce, 1614 Main Street</p> <p>Whitesboro, www.whitesborotx.com Dairy Queen, 1001 Hwy 377 North</p>
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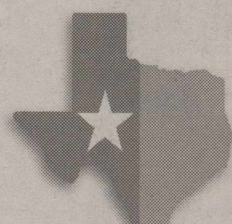
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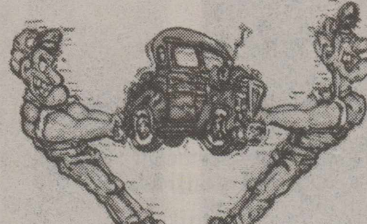
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Agrilife Extension Agent and Cason Pyle, Work Force Solutions of West Central Texas will represent the other major participants in this unique partnership. Working together TDA, Knox City High School, the Visioning Committee, Texas Agrilife Extension, and Work Force Solutions have expanded opportunities for Knox County high school students to prepare for life after high school through career exploration and planning, job skills training, college credit classes, entrepreneurship competition and scholarship support. Initiated two years ago as a youth engagement effort by the Visioning Committee, the program expanded into a year round partnership last year when the first Summer Academy was held at Knox City High School offering job skills training and summer jobs to economically and opportunity

challenged students from 3 counties through Work Force programming. In September the Yes! You Can! project was awarded funding and pilot program status by TDA and gained the support of the West Texas Tech Prep Consortium.

Knox City High School kicked off the pilot last fall, offering scholarship funding for students enrolled in dual credit classes, guiding students in preparation of 6 year plans and expanding career exploration and counseling. The long time dreams of members of the Visioning Committee were met this spring with the purchase of industry standard equipment for teaching technical skills classes and expansion of on-line education stations. The Yes! You Can! project is poised to take a giant leap forward June 1st with the opening of Knox County's Summer Academy which will

make summer community internships available to students from all three Knox County high schools. Students from Benjamin, Munday and Knox City will work with local businesses, non-profits and city and county government this summer. Funding through the Work Force Texas Summer Youth Program and grant funds from the CHS Foundation through the Ogallala Commons resource network will be used to leverage the funding from TDA and the Parallel Pathways partnerships. The result? 30 high schools students in Knox County will have summer jobs and learning experiences. 30 local businesses and organizations will be able to offer experience, training and mentoring to students at no cost to their business or organization. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend Entrepreneurship Camp and

Health Matters Camp this summer and will engage in a number of leadership and awareness building activities including public speaking, writing for the Blog and visiting all the historic and natural heritage sites of Knox County. The partnership's opportunities for serving Knox County students and the future will be expanded again in the fall with the Parallel Pathways grant funding for career exploration and preparation, college credit and job skills training expanding to Benjamin and Munday High Schools for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

Come out Thursday morning to Knox City High School and show your support and appreciation for the Yes! You Can! program and our partners the Texas Department of Agriculture. For more information call Remelle Farrar at 940-655-8418.

Elections Results

and Jason Redwine was re-elected. The totals for that election were: Jason Redwine- 128, John Myers- 80, and Shawn Cude- 75.

On the Munday City Council, there were two positions that for which three hopefuls vied. Adrian Fletcher and David Walsh's position's had come to term, and the two incumbent re-ran for their positions, both retaining their seats, beating the other electoral candidate, Mario Sigala. The final count in that election was: Adrian Fletcher- 84, David Walsh- 59, and Mario Sigala- 41.

For the Knox City/ O'Brien School Board, two positions were up for grabs; long-time Board president Dale Turner's seat, as well as Todd Lewis' seat. In a race that divided the top three candidates by only one vote, Todd Lewis was voted off the board to be replaced by Jarred Pepper, while Dale Turner re-won his seat for another term. The final numbers on that election were: Jarred Pepper- 85, Dale Turner- 82, Todd Lewis- 81, Trisha Shaver- 42, and Ross Shaver- 31.

In Knox City, the Council had three seats that had come to term, previously filled by Danny Reese (who ran unopposed for his seat for another 2 year term), Steve Pepper and Terry Utley, & one seat that had been vacated before the term of that seat was up, which had been temporarily filled by a council nominated "fill-in" (Cody Pack), which needed to have a popular vote by the people to fill it for the duration of that seat's term (1 year). (Knox County News had incorrectly reported on this subject in last week's issue, referring to Cody Pack as an "incumbent". Cody will not be considered an incumbent until he has served a full 2 year term. Until now, he has

just been a "fill-in", now he is a Councilman who has been voted in by the people.)

After the election on May 8th, the three two-year seats that were at term, were filled by Cody Pack, who left his one-year "fill in" position, to run unopposed for a two year seat, Danny Reese ran unopposed for his seat, and Anthony Adkins ran unopposed for the third two year seat. The only run off for the Knox City Council was for the one year termed seat, for which Terry Utley and Steve Pepper ran. Terry Utley won 68 votes on Saturday, while Steve Pepper received 52 votes; so Mr. Utley will fill the vacated seat for the duration of the term.

Although these people have been voted into their individual public servitude positions, the new officers who had not previously held an elected position will not take office until the votes have been canvassed at a public meeting of the particular board to which they were elected, then they must be sworn in at the next regular meeting of that specific board. Then they do not assume the duties of a Councilperson nor a School Board official until their swearing in date. So, for example, at the next Knox City Council meeting, the votes of May 8th will be canvassed, Anthony Adkins will be sworn in, but will not assume his duties as a councilman until midnight on the following Friday (May 14, 2010). At that meeting, Steve Pepper will still have a voice on the council, but Mr. Adkins will not. At the next meeting (in June), the new council will take effect.

This is how it is in all the local government boards, although their dates are unique to the board. For more information, or for swearing dates and meeting times, you can call your local City Hall or School Administration building.

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Locally, a recent USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant was awarded to the Rolling Plains Management Corporation of Wichita Falls, TX. A \$200,000 grant was awarded to rehabilitate 94 houses owned and occupied by very-low and low income individuals in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young counties. A separate \$25,000 grant is being used to improve the quality of housing and energy conservation for 11 low income Baylor County homeowners by repairing or replacing the roofs on their homes.

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All applications must be filed at the USDA Rural Development Texas State Office. To request an application packet, please contact Mr. Leon Carey at 254-742-9772. USDA Rural Development may award up to \$10.1 million in competitive grants through the Notice of Funds Availability published April 27, 2010. The grants to be awarded are part of the USDA Rural Development annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at local USDA Rural Development offices or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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Knox County News apologizes for last week's spelling error in this ad.

OPINION



The Paperboy

Time to cash in on abundant natural resources

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Shale gas is becoming big business in the U.S. and will become even larger in the coming years. Even better is the fact that Oklahoma and Texas will benefit greatly.

"Over the past decade, a wave of drilling around the world has uncovered giant supplies of natural gas in shale rock," according to Amy Myers Jaffe, an expert on such matters. "By some estimates, there's 1,000 trillion cubic feet recoverable in North America alone—enough to supply the nation's natural-gas needs for the next 45 years. Europe may have nearly 200 trillion cubic feet of its own."

Jaffe is the Wallace S. Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and co-author of "Oil, Dollars, Debt and Crises: The Global Curse of Black Gold."

This is great news for Texas and Oklahoma, which are already in better financial conditions than most other states, as the two states have a wealth of shale gas deposits.

Shale is nothing new.

"We've always known the potential of shale; we just didn't have the technology to get to it at a low enough cost," said Jaffe. "Now new techniques have driven down the price tag—and set the stage for shale gas to become what will be the game-changing resource of the decade."

Jaffe says we're just scratching the surface when it comes to shale.

"I have been studying the energy markets for 30 years, and I am convinced that shale gas will revolutionize the industry—and change the world—in the coming decades," Jaffe continues. "It will prevent the rise of any new cartels.

It will alter geopolitics. And it will slow the transition to renewable energy."

So what is shale gas and why is it such a hot commodity?

According to moneyenergy.com, "Shale gas is a type of unconventional gas asset with significant deposits in both the Canadian and U.S. gas markets. Shale gas drillers produce it from horizontal, rather than vertical, wells into hard rock deposits. Fracking is the new technique that these oil and gas drillers use to get at the hard-to-extract oil and gas. Because of the well's horizontal exposure, more of the well is exposed and capable of being produced."

"Fracking refers to the process of horizontal hydraulic fracturing. The 'frack' is a formation that the shale drillers put into the cracks in order to help split the rock. These are often high-pressure water fracks. John Wright, CEO of Petrobank Energy & Resources explains that when they drill a well, 'we drill down to the target zone; we run a steel pipe beside the hole and cement it in place, then we put perforations in that pipe in the area that we want to produce the oil or gas from, and in the case of a fracture-stimulated well we actually will go in and pump fluid under high pressure into the formation and that effectively cracks the rock...and we pump in some sand... that will hold those cracks open. And what those cracks become are the flow-channels through which the oil and gas can reach the well bore.'"

For far too long, the U.S. has been oil-dependent from places who really don't like us very much. Places such as Russia, Iran and Venezuela.

"The advent of abundant, low-cost gas will throw all that

out the window - so long as the recent drilling catastrophe doesn't curtail offshore oil and gas activity and push up the price of oil and eventually other forms of energy," Jaffe said. "Not only will the shale discoveries prevent a cartel from forming, but the petro-states will lose lots of the muscle they now have in world affairs, as customers over time cut them loose and turn to cheap fuel produced closer to home."

The shale boom may also change the timetable and economics of renewable energy.

"It may be a lot harder to persuade people to adopt green power that needs heavy subsidies when there's a cheap, plentiful fuel out there that's a lot cleaner than coal, even if gas isn't as politically popular as wind or solar," Jaffe said.

It is time for the U.S. to become as energy independent as possible. The less we have to rely on our enemies, the better.

The fact that Texas and Oklahoma have a wealth of shale gas makes it a double win for these areas. Contact your state and national officials and let them know that if we have the resources here at home, then there is no better time than the present to make this country energy independent, more secure and wealthier at a time when we need it most.

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Other Opinions

Salt: The New Tobacco?

By DAVID BOZEMAN

Debate strategists typically advise against slippery-slope arguments — assigning far-off, outrageous conclusions to your opposition only dilutes the urgency of the moment. Still, one cannot resist guessing how far beyond its stated goal the creeping hand of the Nanny State will reach. Rule of thumb: statisticians always want more than they're asking for. For instance, once federal and local governments declared war on Big Tobacco, even the most dispassionate observer could tell that Oreos, Twinkies and Big Macs were not far behind.

In 2006, New York City banned trans fats, found in many snacks, cakes, pastries and fast foods, and a group of Harvard scientists recently advised the UK that following the lead of New York (and a host of European countries) will save thousand of lives. Even football greats Peyton and Eli Manning, pitchers for Oreos, were slammed on a healthy living website for "pushing junk food to children," and with the Marlboro Man dead and buried, the do-gooder police are now gunning for Ronald McDonald. Corporate Accountability International recently called for the clown's retirement as a company mascot, for marketing unhealthy, fatty food to

children.

Is it just me or are liberals no darn fun (yes, protesting outside a McDonald's is a liberal thing)? This week, the Institute of Medicine urged the FDA to set limits on the amount of salt that restaurants and food manufacturers can add to their products. The IM recommended that the FDA increase staff and funding to implement the changes. You know the drill, it's all in the name of public health, by reducing heart disease and lowering medical costs.

However desirable that goal, the lingering notion remains that every social ill requires a government cure. The IM would argue that 40 years of voluntary efforts to reduce salt content have failed, thus the necessity for government action. But, in fact, for quite some time the public has demanded healthier menus, and even that venue of the killer clown, McDonald's, has responded (though many of us crave the option of the deep-fried apple pie, replaced in the 90s by the baked variety). It is choice, knowledge and competition that promote a healthy population, not the edicts of know-it-all bureaucrats.

Liberals, who have spent the last eight years detailing the cost to our freedom of waging a war on terror, utter barely a peep about the sacrifice of individual autonomy in the name

of protecting us from a Super-Size order of fries. True, in a completely laissez-faire society, the irresponsible actions of a few can negatively impact the majority (such as higher medical and insurance rates), but even the strictest of government regulations cannot contain foolhardy behavior. And do we really want Big Brother slapping our friends and neighbors back into line for acting on impulses that, while maybe not healthy, are human and simply make our workaday lives a little more pleasant?

Freedom is the one word seldom mentioned in the communal hand-wringing over public health, with some 'experts' arguing that salt substitutes taste just as good (though most of us junkies remain skeptical).

Still, that misses the larger point: there are many of us who don't want healthy Big Macs or french fries or ice cream. We like the taste, we like the decadence and we understand moderation and balance. We just don't want the government kibosh on individual tastes and preferences and we fear that our favorite foods will soon offer about as much zing as the latest alert from the Institute of Medicine, if not the paper it's written on.

Other Views

The End of the Oil Boom?

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

The Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico drew limited headlines upon its occurrence, with the biggest news at the time being the 11 workers missing after the rig's explosion and fire. It wasn't until the discovery that crude oil was leaking into the Gulf because of a faulty shutoff valve that the story moved to front-page headline status.

At a rate of perhaps 5,000 barrels per day, the spill — more properly described as a gusher akin to the proverbial Texas oil strike because of the pressure bearing from beneath the Gulf floor — may turn out to rival the amount of oil lost in the 1989 Exxon Valdez shipping accident.

Obviously the immediate environmental damage from the oil spill will be severe and economic damage to the local seafood industry catastrophic; fortunately, we also know from the Exxon Valdez accident that eventually the region will be able to recover. Since crude extracted from the Gulf is relatively light in weight, the oil isn't the thick black gunk most people think of when they think of an oil spill; rather, the result is a silvery sheen on the surface which may be easier to disperse through chemical means.

Long-term impact on the oil industry may be more disastrous. Needless to say, environmentally conscious Democrats called on Obama to drop his proposed offshore exploration program in the wake of the ac-

cident, and White House adviser David Axelrod agreed, saying, "no additional drilling has been authorized and none will until we find out what has happened here." Axelrod's response to the accident, ironically occurring on the eve of Earth Day, suggests the open-ended nature of the moratorium may lead to more regulatory hurdles for oil operations in the Gulf.

For decades, exploration in the Gulf of Mexico had progressed without incident, and the more than 3,500 platforms already producing in our portion of the Gulf routinely endured shutdowns brought on by approaching hurricanes and regular maintenance. In these cases the shutoff valves did their job, making the Deepwater Horizon incident an outlier. Nor can the prospect of sabotage or terrorism be ruled out given the enticing target presented by what was essentially a sea-going vessel tenuously rooted to a wellhead 5,000 feet below the surface.

The Deepwater Horizon was one of only about two dozen rigs situated in a water depth more than 1,000 meters — the technology of deepwater drilling is still maturing.

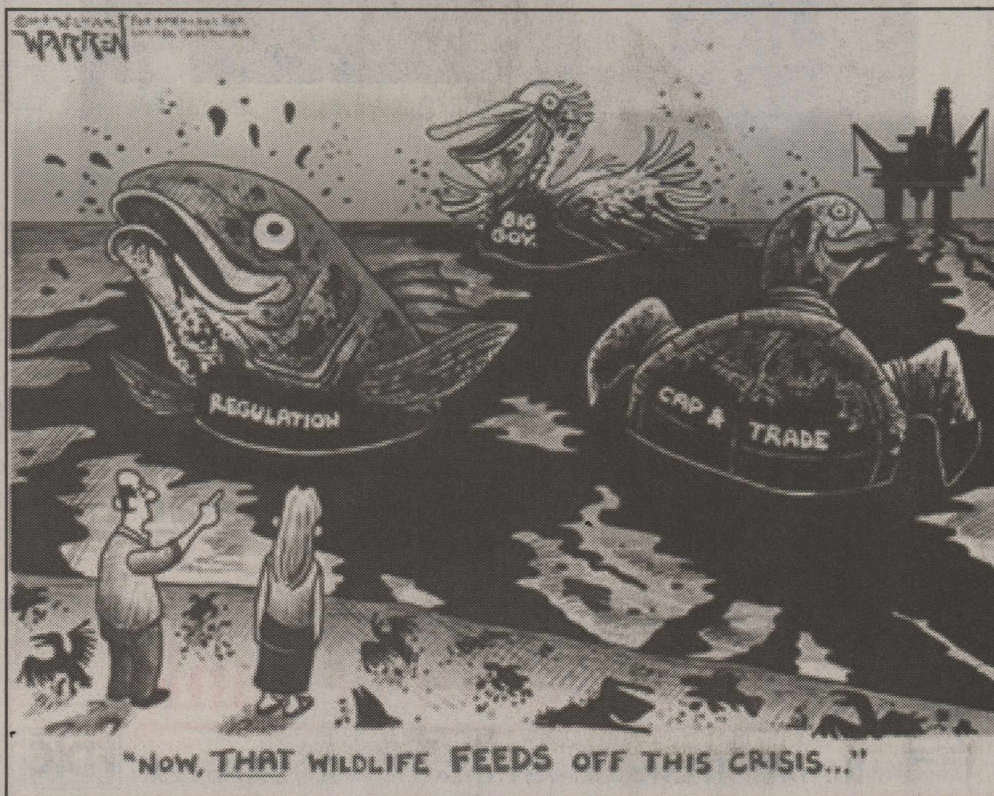
Yet billions of barrels of oil lie entombed underneath the Gulf of Mexico. Undoubtedly there is an argument underscored by the Deepwater Horizon tragedy which says we need to back down, but when you compare the safety record of Gulf drilling to that of shipping 9 million barrels of oil per day for our use over many of those same waters

and the prospect for disaster there, the risk is worthwhile.

As we stand right now, there is no perfectly safe or perfectly reliable form of energy out there and the Deepwater Horizon accident points out the possible (but historically unlikely) downside of oil dependence. But coal also has drawbacks and safety concerns as recent mining accidents remind us, while the pesky problem of waste and threat from

radiation dogs proponents of nuclear power. Renewable energy is great in concept, but the reliability of solar and wind energy obviously depends on optimum weather conditions.

Accidents will happen, but there's no reason to stop oil exploration after this tragedy. The record of safety is no longer unblemished but still exemplary, and on balance the benefits still outweigh the risks. Let's get oil workers back to work.



Texas Crop and Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION — With high winds and little or no rain, topsoils were drying out quickly throughout the state and stressing forages and other crops, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In most areas, the situation was reported as being troubling but not yet critical. Wheat was heading out, and thanks to earlier wet weather promised good yields in most areas.

In Southwest Texas, cumulative rainfall totals for the last month were down about 40 percent, but wheat farmers were expecting to make a good wheat crop for the first time in five years.

Where they had irrigation in place, farmers were watering crops heavily. According to reports from AgriLife Extension agents, the situation was becoming more critical in East Texas, with its sandy soils that quickly dry out.

Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent in Harrison County, northeast of Longview, said people are becoming concerned as the area is already 6 to 8 inches below normal rainfall accumulation for the year.

"One dead giveaway that we can tell it's real dry without just looking -- and I think any county agent can testify to this -- is normally this time of year we're covered up with vegetable disease problems," Reeves said. "And the fact is that it's so dry, we're just not seeing them."

Of bigger concern in East Texas, which is cow/calf county, is that Bermuda grass pastures are burning up.

The first cutting of warm-season hay is usually the last week of May, first week of June, but it's unlikely to happen this year, Reeves said.

"We'll get it (eventually), but it's gong to be late. A lot is going to depend upon what happens later this week and this coming weekend. If we don't get a rain soon, it's really going to set us back," he said.

Forecasters are predicting 15-25 mph winds for the rest of the week, with a chance of rain later, Reeves said.

"We need it bad," he said. "The wind definitely does not help."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: High winds rapidly depleted topsoil moisture. Small grains began to turn color, which indicates harvest will likely start the last of May. However, many crops showed signs of moisture stress. Oats were looking good and should yield much better than average. Warm-season grasses needed higher temperatures and more rain for growth. Some producers fertilized pastures

but the lack of rain has prevented any grass growth. Calf weights were above average for this time of year.

COASTAL BEND: Most row crops under irrigation were being watered. Warm, windy weather dried topsoils, but soil moisture was still adequate at 2-3 feet deep. Rain was needed. Farmers continued to apply fertilizer and cultivate crops. Livestock were in good condition.

EAST: The region needs a good rain. Soils continued to dry out quickly under the constantly windy conditions. AgriLife Extension agents reported many producers were concerned the region will have another dry summer. Producers cut ryegrass and clover for hay, but with the lack of moisture and low nighttime temperatures, Bermuda grass was slow to grow. Producers fertilized hay fields hoping for rain. Livestock were in good condition. Feral hogs continued to be a problem.

FAR WEST: Days were hot with high winds and no precipitation. Soil-moisture levels were dropping and young rangeland plants were severely wilting. Most wheat and oats were harvested for hay. Farmers were irrigating fields to maintain subsurface moisture in preparation for cotton planting. Some farmers put cotton in dry, planning to irrigate it later. Cover crops were plowed under in preparation for other plantings. Growers were planting chile peppers, beginning to harvest onions and baling alfalfa.

NORTH: Soil-moisture levels were adequate. Crops progressed but remained behind normal after late planting due to wet weather. What corn that got planted was in fair to good condition. Because of the rain, only about 30 percent of normal wheat acreage was planted. That wheat looked good, but it was also behind schedule. All wheat should be headed out by now, but only 50 percent was. This means harvest will be later this year, but it still has good yield potential. Growers were planting cotton, and oats were being harvested. Soybeans and sorghum were in fair to good condition. Peaches and strawberries looked good. Planting of summer annuals was under way, and ranchers began to cut and bale ryegrass. Warm-season grasses were progressing well with the recent rains. The weather was clearer, but the nights remained cooler than normal which has slowed pasture growth. However, pastures were looking good, which was fortunate for livestock producers as hay stocks were nearly depleted. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Insect populations were increasing, and feral hogs remained a major problem.

PANHANDLE: Topsoils dried out be-

cause of lack of rain and strong winds. Growers started to cut some wheat for hay. Dryland wheat needed moisture, and some irrigated wheat showed signs of disease, but most wheat was in fair to good condition. Corn was 65 percent to 100 percent planted and about 50 percent emerged. Producers started planting sorghum, cotton, peanuts and silage. Rangeland grasses were emerged and growing, providing good grazing for cattle.

ROLLING PLAINS: The rain stopped for awhile, and the wind picked up with a vengeance, drying out the top couple of inches of soil. However, deeper moisture remained. Producers planting sudan or cotton were hoping there was enough moisture in the top 2 inches to germinate the crops and get suitable stands. Some farmers were replanting grain sorghum where it had been washed out by earlier rains. Wheat continued to mature, but yields were not thought to be as good as earlier expected due to excess moisture and cool conditions while the crop was in the dough stage. Farmers were plowing to try to stop the sand from blowing and re-listing fields that were washed out after the heavy rains. Ranchers have been enjoying the moisture as pastures were greening up and were in good to excellent condition. Peanut producers were busy planting. Many producers have cut their wheat and alfalfa and started baling hay. Stocker cattle inventories were dropping as ranchers pulled them off grazing and started shipping. Cows were calving. Horn flies were becoming an issue.

SOUTH: The region did not receive any rain. Warm temperatures promoted good grass growth in rangeland and pastures. Some field crops were doing well, but dryland corn was stressed due to the hot weather and no rain. Soil moisture levels ranged from 45 to 100 percent adequate in all counties except for Zavala County where they were at 100 percent short. Producers in the northern part of the region began irrigating corn and sorghum. Producers expected to harvest wheat and oats in that area in the next couple of weeks. The potato harvest continued in the northern counties as well. In the eastern part of the district, crops were in good condition, hay grazer was growing well, grain growth was outstanding and cotton was improving. In the western part of the region, warm to hot days gave cotton a big growth boost. The warm weather was also favorable for wheat and oats that had matured but needed to dry down before harvesting. Also in that area, corn and sorghum crops were doing very well with little to no insect pressure. Onion growers began harvesting. The cabbage harvesting

was ongoing. In the southern part of the region, spring vegetable crops were doing well. Hay producers were cutting and baling. Livestock were in fair to good condition, and supplemental feeding was at a minimum. There was some concern of stock tank water levels dropping because of high evaporation rates as temperatures reached 100-102 degrees.

SOUTH PLAINS: Weather was mixed; cool at the beginning of the reporting period and warming towards the end. Temperatures ranged from 60 to nearly 100 degrees during the days and 40 to 65 degrees at night. Soil moisture was adequate. Corn planting was in full swing. Some producers began planting cotton but stopped due to the cool weather. They also began planting peanuts, sunflowers and sorghum. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition and headed out. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Livestock were also in good condition.

SOUTHWEST: Year-to-date cumulative rainfall was just below the long-term average, but cumulative rainfall since mid-March was down about 40 percent. Additionally, hot dry winds were aggravating the dry spell, and farmers had to begin to irrigate heavily. Irrigated fields were making excellent progress, though. Dryland crops continued to make good progress, but more rain was needed very soon if they are to produce decent yields. Wheat was drying down, and the harvest was expected to start soon. Producers were expecting a bumper crop after five years of very little production. Forage availability was above average, but pastures and ranges need more rain to produce an average spring forage crop. The spring onion harvest was gaining momentum. The cabbage and broccoli harvests were ongoing. Potatoes made excellent progress. Growers were planning to start planting peanuts soon.

WEST CENTRAL: High winds accompanied warmer weather. Soil-moisture levels were still good in most areas, but most crops could use a rain. Producers were planting cotton into irrigated fields, and dryland producers were expected to begin planting in a couple of weeks. Preparations for cotton, sorghum and hay crops were ongoing. Small-grain crops were generally in very good condition and above-average yields were expected. Hay producers were cutting and baling some small-grain crops. Farmers were applying fertilizer on improved grasses. Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Grazing on rangeland and pastures conditions continued to improve. Pecan growers began spraying and irrigating in orchards.

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Russell Graves Outdoors Paint Rock Pictographs

A while back, I had the experience of traveling to Paint Rock, Texas to photograph an incredible lady who owns an incredible piece of land. Kay Campbell and her husband Fred owns the ranch along the Concho River and it has been in Kay's family since the 1870's. While their place looks like any other from the road, it is what's on the property's interior that makes it unique.

On their ranch is a thousand foot-long cliff that is home to more than 1,500 Native American pictographs that range in age from 200 to 500 years old. From the ground, the rock art looks as if they are just random symbols painted along the broad cliff face. To hear Kay Campbell tell it, the art means much more than just a random collection of drawings.

For those unfamiliar with Paint Rock, it is a small town on the southern bank of the Concho River in Concho County, Texas. Located about 70 miles south of Abilene, the town rises from the hardscrabble scrublands of the Texas midwest. About a mile north of the county courthouse is one of the most extensive collections of rock art found in Texas.

Spread out over the entire surface of the south facing cliff are hundreds of ochre and black painting depicting all sorts of things like an archer, an outline of a hand, turkey, a Kokopelli, a buffalo, groups of people, and other self-explanatory drawings. What was fascinating, however, were the paintings that were more abstract in nature - and there were plenty of them.

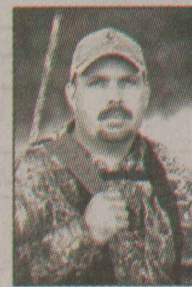


According to Mrs. Campbell, the abstract paintings are an astrological map that outlines stellar constellations, predicts the summer and winter solstices, marks the bi-annual equinox and indicates the change of the seasons.

While I was there, I worked my way slowly across the cliff to see each piece of artwork that I could. On the summer day I was there, rattlesnakes were all around and the prickly pear patiently waited for me to brush against it so I was careful.

Looking at the artwork, I was inspired and confounded all at once. Studying the hand outline was humbling. I couldn't help but wonder about the person who traced their hand so long ago. And the astrological maps... How did ancient people figure out how to use rocks to make shadows that point to the center of the some of the drawings on the first day of winter and the first day of summer? How could they be savvy enough to understand the stars and constellations when today most can't even comprehend the magnitude of the heavens?

Obviously I leave with more questions than answers. That's okay, though. It the incessant fascination that keeps me yearning for more adventures and I can't wait for my next one.



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CHILDRESS - The Childress Index is hiring reception/sales help. Duties include, filing, answering phones, typing, sales and greeting customers. Must be professional and have excellent communication skills. Mac experience a plus. Potential for more hours and advancement. Please apply in person at The Childress Index office, 226 N. Main Street. Resumes welcomed. (TFN)

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FLOYDADA - Part-time help needed in County Clerk's office 2 - 1/2 days a week. Call 983-4900 or come by Floyd County Courthouse, Room 101, Monday - Friday, 8:30

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CHILDRESS - 2 bed house for sale completely remodeled. 909 Ave B NW. \$28,000. 937-8577. (0528)

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FLOYDADA—Wanted to rent or lease barn and pasture close to Floydada. Something for horses, show pigs and maybe some chickens. Call 1-806-268-2500.

Garage Sales

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FLOYDADA- FANNON ESTATE SALE—Friday, May 21st and Saturday May 22nd - - 2351 CR 167 - East on Missouri Street. At the stop sign, cross E. 12th Street (Highway 207) onto the dirt road, go ¾ of a mile to CR 167, turn north to the first house on the right. Go to the back. Antiques, household items, furniture, books, tools, small plow equipment, hospital beds and bars, other medical equipment plus a handicap van. For more information call 806-224-5203. 5-20p

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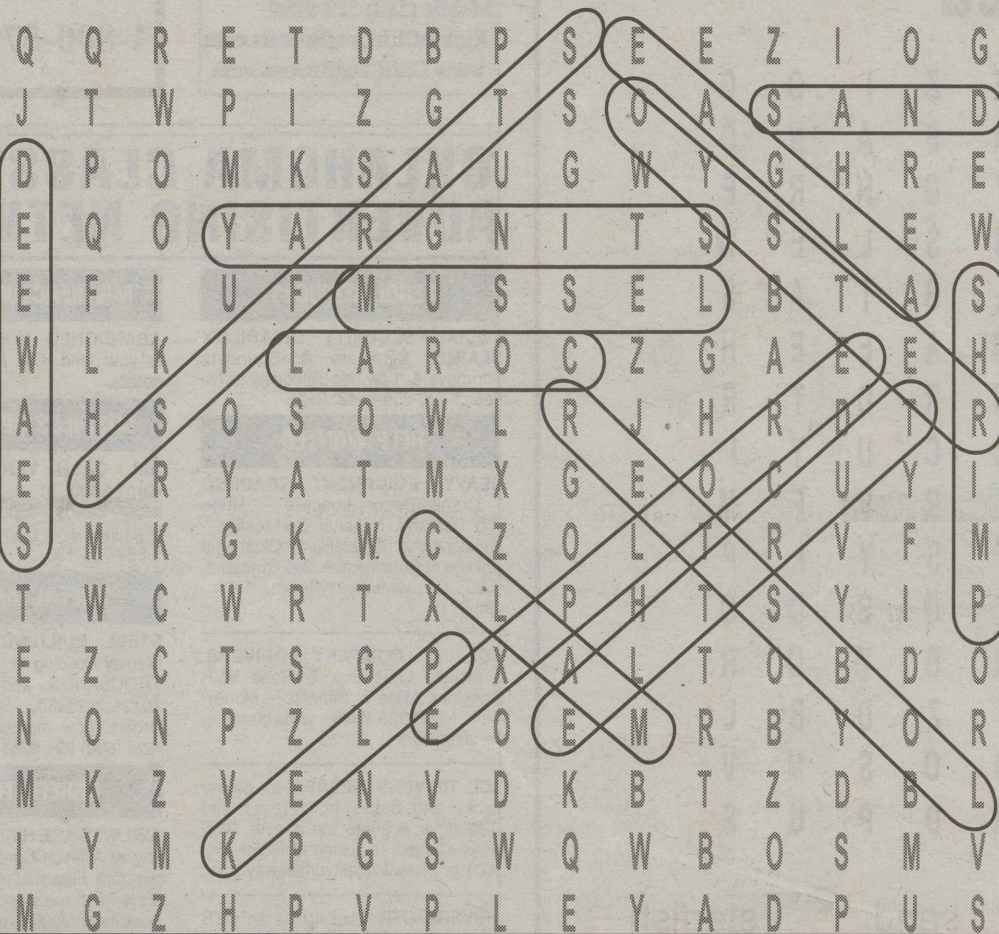
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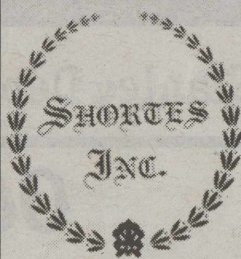
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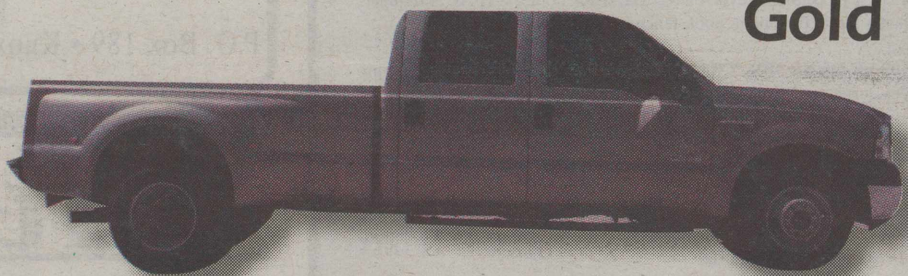
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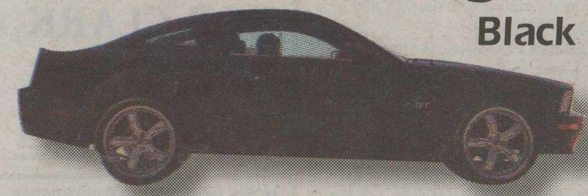
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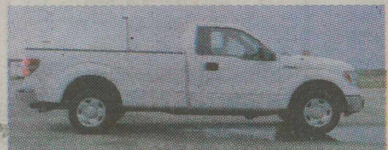
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