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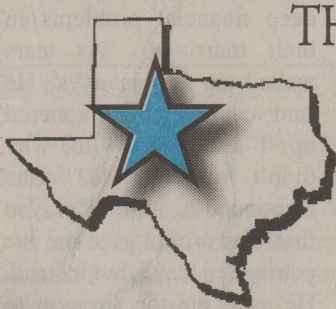


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## Derrick Coleman brings home 2 gold medals & bronze from state

By Tamara Smart

Imagine if you will, a football field hazy in the dusk light of night fall, a glorious West Texas Sunset throwing the last of it's spectacle of colors on the track that surrounds the field, and a group of boys gathered on that track. Until into the night, those boys stay gathered, hooting, hollering, and cheering. Sometimes one of them takes off running on the track that encircles the football field for encouragement; all boys focused completely on one boy that it is hard to see in the crowd, as he runs around the track, doing "31"s (running 300 meters, resting for 20 seconds, then sprinting the last 100 meters as fast as possible). Hard to see because of the mere swiftness in his exercise, the fluid movements of his running style, the way the pack of boys swells him up in their circle to give more support at every break.

Seems like a climaxing scene from one of those heart warming movies about an athlete rising to the top; yet, this was the very real panorama on Knox City's track last Wednesday night, as a group of Derrick Coleman's closest friends met him to see him through his last training session before he left to compete at the State competition in Austin.

This isn't Derricks debut

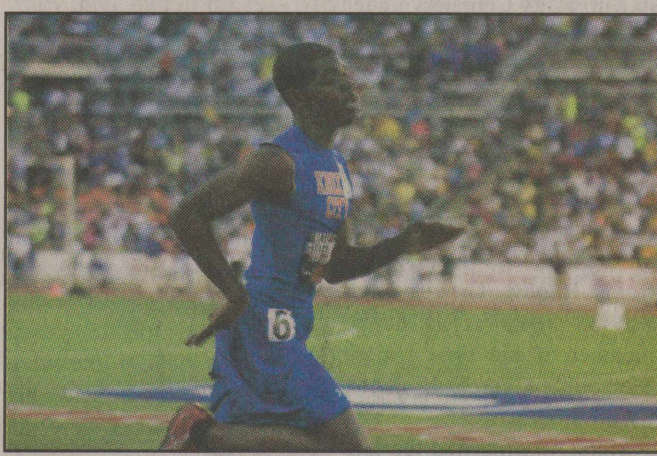
in the Austin meet, as he represented Knox City last year in the 400 meter dash... and brought home a gold metal from that meet. This year, though, Derrick headed to State to run not just one race, but to compete in 3 races- all sprint races, all very familiar to Coleman.

After a weekend of preverbal "gun shot" starts and "photo finish" conclusions; Derrick came back to Knox City with his neck now doing the exercises... it's no small feat to hold up one metal, much less three. Derrick returned to Knox City, official as the fastest kid in Texas when it comes to the 200-meter dash and the 400 meter dash. He is the third fastest kid in the state to make it around the first turn of the track (doing so in 11.3 seconds), and now has the bronze metal to prove it. Derrick ran the 200-meter in 22.4 seconds and the 400-meter in 49.7 seconds.

Upon returning from Austin, Derrick Coleman was greeted with a "Hero's Welcome", as he rode back into town on one of the KCVFD Fire Engines, flanked in front and behind by all other Fire, EMS, Police and Service vehicles that serve Knox City. The same friends who spent the Wednesday night before fighting off the mosquitoes and forfeiting their sleep were there to meet the entourage, as was most of the city, who just wanted to shake Derrick's hand.

Derrick came onto the awaiting scene of fans hoping to get a picture and a hug wearing all three metals and a white shirt that almost seems to mean more than the metals. On the front of the shirt, the phrase "It runs in the Family" proclaims Derrick and his awesome family, and on the back, Derrick's, his mothers, and his brothers Track accomplishments are spelled out. Derricks mother, Linda Fae McCrary-Collins won three gold metals during her High School career (one like her sone in the 200 meter dash, also in the 800 meter relay and the mile relay). Derricks brother, Jeremy Saxton had a few track honors attached to his name too. And while those were the only part of the family which were on the shirt that Derrick proudly sported, his family extended family is a powerhouse of Texas track. Derrick's cousin, Dee Paul, a Munday freshman won a gold metal in the 300 hurdles. Another of Derrick's cousins, Jasmine Sillemon from Crowell won in the ladies 100m, and got 5th in the long jump at Austin.

The fire engine led parade made it's way through all of Knox City, stopping in front of Merchants Park and the blue and red "Knox City State Champs" memorial- Derrick's name should eventually be put on this memorial, yet, is still absent even with his Gold metal win from last year. Derrick says his biggest fans



Cousins Derrick Coleman (senior, Knox City pictured above) and Dee Paul (freshman, Munday pictured below) brought home their share of metals from the State Track meet in Austin. Derrick won gold in the 200 meter and 400 meter dash & bronze in the 100 meter dash. Dee Paul won Gold in the 300 Hurdles.



are his grandmother, Linda Faye McCrery, who never misses one of his meets and, really, the whole high school. Knox City pride gushed from Derrick as he spoke of the way that his fellow greyhounds came together to push him and run with his on the night before he left for Austin. He also spoke about the actual event of leaving; all the local schools made posters and signs, and as Derrick's caravan heading toward Austin left Knox City, they we're literally "cheered" out of town by students at the elementary, O'brien Jr. High and the High School.

Running was not Derrick's only event in track & field- he placed 6th in Long Jump at Regionals, and 2nd in triple jump at District.

Derrick is know off the track field as a jokester who

says "getting on his family's nerves" is one of his hobbies; "especially getting on cousin, Holly McCrery's nerves". Yet, Holly and Derrick have that sweet, "I'm gonna beat you up" kinda relationship of close cousins (she apparently threatened his physical well-being if he didn't win State). Holly is a runner at Knox City too.

Derrick, although very happy-go lucky, is very serious about memory of running with those guys will always be held dear to him. The guys that met him, sustained his energy through that grueling last practice, and ran the track over and over with him are definitely noteworthy: Ryan Ledesma, Marcell Lewis, Chago Espinal, Blake Jones, Zach Shaver, and 2009 KC graduate, Jordan Carter.



Derrick Coleman gets a Heros Welcome as he returns to Knox City after the State Track Meet, where he won 3 metals.

Photo by Tamara Smart

## 2nd Annual Knox City Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary golf tournament

By Tamara Smart

With ominous clouds looming in all directions, Saturday was hardly the day that brings the normal golfer out to "hit a few". Yet, the golf course was full of activity Saturday afternoon, as the K.C.V.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary hosted the 2nd annual Golf Tournament. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Ladies Auxiliary, and turned out a great crowd, even with the weather (which, the rain held until most teams had finished their game, or were at least on the back 9). In fact, the weather cooperated for this extremely important fundraiser, that they Fire department was able to roll out the grill onto the course in order to serve Brisket, sausage and homemade tortillas.

A total of 13 teams came out to play for \$600 in prize money.

Results of Golf Tournament:

1st Place, (\$250.00 prize) was Ladonna Smith, Ricky Dale Smith, and Dallas Luptin

with a score of 62

2nd Place, (\$200.00 prize) was Cody Manning, Tommy Mangis, and Trey Thompmy with a score of 64

3rd Place, (\$150.00 prize) was Gilbert Casillas, Diana Casillas, and Terry Utley with a score of 65.

Jeremy Eaton of Knox City will have a more fierce drive, no doubt, at the next three-person scramble, as he won the raffle for a Callaway Big Bertha Diablo Driver.

The Women's Auxiliary is the right hand of the Fire Department, helping raise money, providing assistance in Fire Needs, keeping the Fire Department and the volunteers thereof, healthy and working. For more information, or to donate to the KCVFD Women's Auxiliary, you can contact any of the officers: President - Melissa Eades, Vice-President - Tanya Ledesma, Secretary - Crystal Curd, and Treasurer - Dina Rios

(See page 8 for pictures of some of the 13 participating teams in Action)

## LOOKING AHEAD

GRADUATION TIME!!! Local High schools and Jr. Highs will be holding their respective commencement celebrations this upcoming weekend.

The Days and time for each High school is as follows:

Benjamin H.S.- 6:00 pm, May 28 Benjamin Memorial building

Knox City H.S.- 7:00 pm, May 29<sup>th</sup> Baker Auditorium  
Munday H.S.- May 28, 7:00 pm, Munday High School gym

Benjamin Jr. High- 7:00 pm, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Memorial Building

O'Brien Jr. High- 7:00 pm May 28<sup>th</sup> Baker Auditorium

Knox City U.I.L. and Activity Award Banquet will be this Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. For more information on tat, call the High School at 658-3565.

The Tongue River Ranch will be hosting a CAMP MEETING on May 29-30, 2010, featuring speaker, Cody Cochran. (Music will be provided by Jimmy Burson). Saturday supper is at 6, Service is at 7 pm; Sunday Breakfast is @ 7

am, Service @ 8am.- You are invited to come, bring your bedroll and spend the night! Call 806-596-4641 for more information.

The Knox City Go Kart track gears up for their next race this upcoming Saturday afternoon. Come out to the races!

Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June for Benjamin Homecoming festivities- We will be having a Ranch rodeo on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Roping and horse races Saturday morning, and a trade show on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and a whole lot more to do. Special guest on Saturday night: Jason Allen Band will play for our listening pleasure. For a full agenda of activities, or to help with the Homecoming, call Janice at BJ's Country Store.

The Knox City/ O'Brien Homecoming will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday- June 4, 5, and 6. ALL EX-STUDENTS are encouraged to attend. A detailed schedule will be printed in next week's paper.

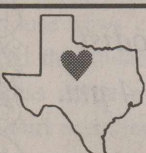
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## Obituary



**MARY ANN BOONE**

Mary Ann Ryser Boone, 75, passed away Saturday, May 15, 2010 at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City with Rev. Tim Trimble officiating. Burial will follow in Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell Smith Funeral Home, Knox City.

Mary Ann was born September 11, 1934 in Honey Grove, Texas to W.R. and Francis Ryser. Mary Ann was the oldest of seven children. She graduated valedictorian from Honey Grove High School. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

Mary Ann married the late Joe Boone on November 28, 1953 and raised five children. At the age of 50, she went back to college and became an RN. Mary Ann wrangled children, horses, cattle, and she showed us all how to live, worship and love.

Mary Ann was strong willed and her greatest concern was for others. She worked for Jordan Health Services until she went into the hospital.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents, brother Charles, and husband Joe.

She is survived by her brother Wayne Ryser, sisters Laverne Kirkpatrick, Jane Peters, Elaine Hughes, and Donna Ryser, sons Brett Boone and wife Melinda of Ft. Worth, TX, Kelley and Stacia Boone of Vernon, TX, daughters Lisa Cockerell of Weatherford, TX, Kris Boone of Manhattan, KS, Leah Tsoodle and husband Rodney of Clay Center, KS, 10 grandchildren, 1 and a half great grandchildren, and a host of dear friends.



**ED PHARR**

Mr. Ed Pharr, 76, of Knox City passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Celebration services will be at 1 pm, Friday, May 14, 2010, at the Foursquare Church with Bro. Gary Schnable and Bro. Paul Chambers officiating. Arrangements made by Mansell Smith Funeral Home.

Ed was born on January 24, 1934 in Brownwood, TX to the late Weldon and Oleta Pharr. He received his B.B.A. from Hardin-Simmons University. Ed married Melba Hutchinson in Knox City on October 23, 1955. He was district supervisor for Kelly Moore Paint for 25 years. Two of his greatest joys were his grandchildren and his dogs which always were his passengers.

He was a member of the Foursquare Church.

Survivors include his wife Melba of the home; two sons A.J. Pharr and wife Dana of Lubbock and Weldon C. Pharr and wife Elaine of Irving; two sisters Kathryn Belt and Danny Compton of Knox City and Betty Ray and Allen Ray of Austin; four grandchildren Patrick W. Abbott, Jennifer Abbott Sharp, Shelby L. Pharr and Joshua C. Pharr and one great grandson.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Knox City, Texas, 79521.

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## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor  
 O'Brien Baptist Church

My family and I were having dinner in a restaurant a couple of weeks ago, when I was engaged by another man in a conversation. I pray that I will never forget the man nor the conversation.

This particular restaurant's dining room is divided by glass doors, giving entrance to their private club and bar. I was approached by a couple who knew me and in our conversation I mentioned my being a Baptist Pastor. After the couple finished their visit and left, I went back to my meal.

The other man, who I will call "Steve", then called out from behind me, "I knew you were a Baptist Preacher"! I turned and replied, "Oh, how's that?" You don't have to be a Pastor very long to suspicion that there may be a negative comment coming? Steve said, "I saw you looking through those double doors into the bar." Believing that he was implying that I was being judgmental, the Holy Spirit gave me a completely honest response, "I know the other side of those doors too well," I replied.

We both smiled at one another with understanding. As he stood up to leave,

he came over to our table, excused himself, and began to share a very personal part of his life. He told us that he was a recovering alcoholic and had been for over twenty years. He said that his drinking had caused deep financial problems in their marriage. As tears welled up in his eyes, He said to me, "After I sobered up, I asked my wife, why didn't you leave me?" She responded to him, "I prayed that God would give me the courage to leave, but instead, He gave me the strength to stay!"

You could see the joy in Steve's eyes and the love he has for his wife as He shared her words. He works hard in his Christian life to serve Christ and I know that he thanks the Lord every day for saving him and his marriage.

How clear the Word of God rings in our ears and hearts when His truth directs our lives, "Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Him (Christ) who strengthens me"*.

There are so many today who need to lean on Christ and His truth. He is real and His truth is pure. I pray that you will reach out today and ask for His strength in your life.

## First Baptist Church of Knox City honors single adults

Women In Action, the mission organization of First Baptist Church honored the single adults of the church Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Following the morning worship service, lunch was enjoyed in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall.

A program followed honoring the singles.

Lou Vail, Women in Action director, served as moderator.

A skit was presented, pointer on "How to Stay Young" were shared. Bro. Jerry Vincent expressed words of appreciation; Monette Vincent and Chris Daire sang a comical version of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" with Faye Reed

and Raymond Nichold as backup. Chris Davis sang a solo, "You will Always Be A Child In My Eyes,"

Jan Lankford presented cards of appreciation to jimmy lynn, Marvin Jones, Ben Gonzalez, Kevin Reed, stella Carer, Zana Davis, carol Duncan, Sandra Stone, Glenna Hudson, La Nell Kight, Barbara Cox, Cheryl Daniel, Billie Jean and Susie Casillas.

Women in Action mebers participating were Lou Vail, Jan Lankford, Jo Cornett, Faye reed, Estelle Skiles, La Nell Kight, Carol Duncan, Zo Felts, Chris Davis, Monette Vincent, Eralene Beason, Phyllis Nichold, and June Tankersley.

*Words cannot express our thanks to each of you for the outpouring of love and support in the loss of our beloved Ed Pharr. Thank you for all the expressions of love showered to us and a special thank you to the EMS, Dr. Finley and Chris Scott, FNP and the staff of the Knox County Hospital.*

*-The Pharr Family*



**HAPPY 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
 Stacie Antilley & Tammy Lyles would like to invite you to a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents, Fred and Jan Carver.  
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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.*

Things break. So far this week it's been tractors, the glass on my laptop computer screen and a riding lawn mower.

And it just started hailing. Speaking of hail, if you'd seen my computer screen, you'd have thought a hailstone hit it. It looked like a cracked windshield. Maybe I should have been more careful when I hefted our just-fixed propane tractor filler hose into the car. A laptop computer, even in a bag, is no match for weighty brass propane fittings. Keep that in mind.

Now that cars are more reliable than they used to be, it's good we've got computers to keep in good repair. Otherwise, America might be suffering a collective withdrawal from not getting to deal with the automotive crises that used to regularly punctuate the average working-class family's existence.

If you were really poor, life truly revolved around keeping the car going.

Take the family that lived on our farm in 1952 -- Okies who'd toughed out the Great Depression instead of trekking off to California. Maybe they just didn't have a car. By the time they came to live on our place, they did. At age 5, my playmates were Johnny, 7, and Susie, 9 -- the two youngest siblings. Whenever Johnny got fed up with me and Susie, he'd always say the same thing:

"I'm gonna go watch 'em work on the car."

Those were the days. As for our family, we were prosperous compared to those folks. We soon got a second car. That way,

when one wasn't in running condition, the other one was. It beat having to depend on the tractor for secondary transportation.

Speaking of tractors, that's why my husband and I have two. When one's not running the other one should be. Right now they're both running.

Except the PTO isn't working on the John Deere and the hydraulics quit on the Ford. Major deficiencies.

We can at least listen to those engines -- sounds a farm kid like me ties to the memory of a dad who was always on the tractor.

Our little Ford hasn't been running long this time. I fixed it, albeit with advice from our propane man, R. B., who fixed it last.

I popped the top off the distributor, removed the rotor and a little clip and unscrewed the plate at the bottom to access and lubricate a curious mechanism with weights. I jiggled it a lot and tightened a loose electrical connection. Then I put stuff back together.

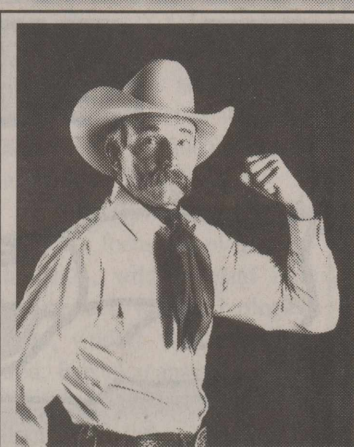
Even my husband, who'd been mowing grass (before the riding mower quit), was hopeful the tractor would start. It didn't.

That night, I found the distributor rotor in my pocket.

For you non-mechanical types, that's the part somebody always removes to disable a car in every old movie you've ever seen.

Anyway, when I reinstalled the rotor the next day, the tractor started.

My husband smiled. What can I say? Just think how good I'd be if I'd ever watched them work on the car.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### LETTER TO NORM 'BOUT SPRING GATHER

Dear Norm,

I just wanted you to know we're still punchin' cows here on the S X. Not much has changed. The Beacon well is working again. Its opened up the west side for us. We're trying to get the stragglers all into the Kline pasture to finish branding. This morning three of us rode the Black. I dropped two cowboys at the road gate then drove on to the corrals.

I parked far enough back, unloaded Chaco so I could sneak up and maybe catch 'em in the trap. No luck. I started west to the old railroad bed, then swung back north. Wind was blowin' like a banshee outta the west. I think the high temp was 45 degrees! Warm gloves, wool shirt (with rubber bands around wrists to keep wind from blowin' up my sleeve), scarf, leggin's and lined canvas brush jacket. I was plenty warm till I turned into the wind!

Riding in the big arroyos, it was calmer but the clouds were dark and low on the mountaintops. The sky was the color of the floor in a truck stop shop! Chaco and I made a big circle, never saw a fresh track, except a single day-old bull track headin' north. At least he was going the right direction.

Met up with Frank and Pancho at Black corrals. They headed cross country north. I loaded my horse and hauled three miles back to the Kline where I mounted up and rode to the north fence, then back to the east and eventually turned south to the lower

drinker. I saw the occasional fresh track, cows and calves moving toward the drinkers. No cows at the lower drinker so I swung west into the brush and eased up on the middle drinker...Ten of 'em! After five hours in the saddle...ten of 'em. That's not a bad bunch when you're doin' clean up.

I stayed beyond the edge of their nervous zone. Frank called on the walkie-talkie. They were already at the Kline corrals with seven head. I told them I'd hold the bunch at the middle drinker. Twenty minutes later the boys rode quietly in. Soon as I saw them I swung wide to the opposite side and we started them up the water line trail. You know how hard it is to keep 'em together on that final drive, specially into a stiff breeze! It makes everybody antsy. But it went as smooth as silk and not a word had been spoken. I'm workin' with top hands out here.

Well, seventeen head to the Kline gathered out of 10,000 acres of rough country on a day when stunt doubles and daredevils would have just stayed home. A good day's work here at the ranch. Only thing missing was you, ol' friend. But I could see your tracks everywhere I went. You were there in spirit, at least. I thought of ya when that jack rabbit shot out of the brush, spooked ol' Chaco and slid me sideways far enough I grabbed the horn! I could see ya outta the corner of my eye. You were there alright, keepin' me on my toes.

Take care, amigo, we're thinkin' of you.

### KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 28<sup>ST</sup>

**Monday May 24th**  
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Salad  
Carrots  
Garlic Toast  
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Dessert

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### NRCS urges landowners to sign-up for Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 12, 2010 -- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from Texas agricultural landowners for the next Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding cycle that ends on June 11, 2010. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and those not received by June 11 will be considered for funding after Oct. 1, 2010. "CSP supports ongoing stewardship of private agricultural lands by providing payments for maintaining and enhancing natural resources," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas.

Congress limited enrollment for CSP nationally at 12.7 million acres per year. Applicants will compete within state-identified ranking pools, which in Texas are water quantity, soil erosion, plant health and condition, water quality, and animal health.

Producers are encouraged to apply for CSP now to ensure their applications will be considered during this funding and ranking period. However, they can make their final decision to participate in the program before they sign a contract. USDA expects the CSP final rule, which establishes the policies and procedures for the program, to be announced within the next several weeks.

CSP, authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the CSP self-screening checklist to determine if the new program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or on the NRCS Web site at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

CSP offers two types of potential payments—an annual payment and a supplemental payment. The annual payment will be determined by estimating the environmental benefits produced by the conservation activities a producer installs and maintains. A supplemental payment is available to participants who receive an annual payment and adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation on cropland.

For more information about CSP, please visit [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

If you would like to place your classified under the Knox County Market Place Please Call 940-657-3142

Thanks for Reading!

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#### Yard sale in Benjamin-

Lots of stuff to sell- Quilts, Kitchen Stuff, Books, etc... Something for everyone; Too much to list, you need to come and see for yourself! Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 105 N. Church street (North of Methodist Church)

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NRCS			
United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center Knox City, TX			
2009 Weekly Weather Report			
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		
5/09	59/67		
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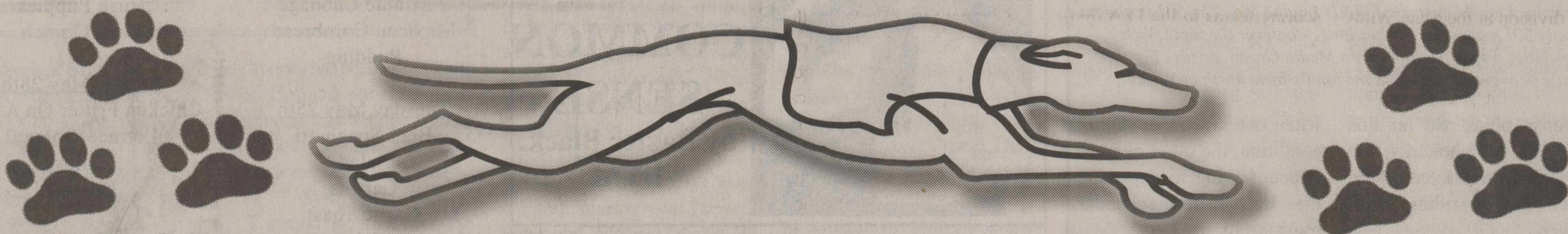
#### Alternatives Program

#### ★★ Mental Health Technician ★★

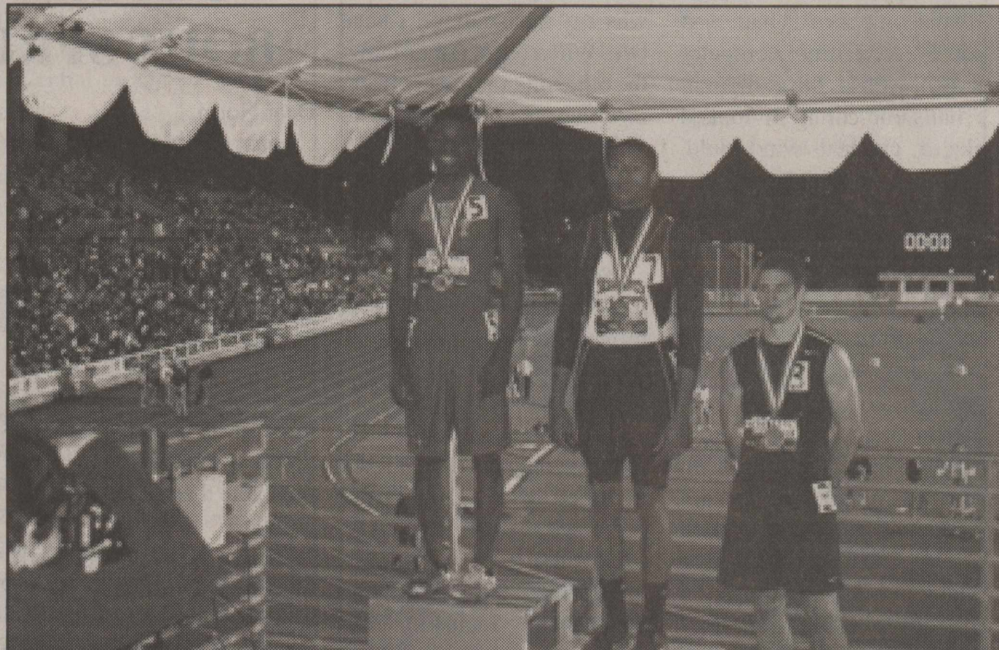
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



Coleman wins gold in the 400 meter dash.



Coleman wins gold in the 200 meter spring.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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.)  
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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.

**For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.**

**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.**

\* 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**  
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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).  
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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.

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**State FFA-4-H Wildlife Contest Held Near Nacogdoches**

(TEMPLE, TX—May 12) Tommy Marchetti, a member of the Rusk FFA chapter earned high point individual in the FFA division at the State Wildlife Career Development Event held May 11. The event was held at the Stephen F. Austin Experimental Forest located near Nacogdoches, Texas. Marchetti earned a total score of 142 out of a possible mean score of 135-150 points.

Daniel Haverlah of the Kerr County 4-H chapter was high point individual with a top score of 130 in the 4-H division.

The top scoring FFA chapter in the state event was the Rusk chapter from Rusk. The team earned a collective score of 400 points. The Kerr County 4-H chapter earned a collective team score of 369 in its division.

In respective order, the second place high scoring individual in the FFA division was Garrett Deike who is a member of the Johnson City FFA chapter. Third place high scoring individual was Josh Fountain,

a member of the Lindale FFA chapter from Lindale High School.

Second a third place high scoring teams in the FFA division was the Johnson City FFA chapter from Johnson City and Samuel Clemens-Cibolo Creek FFA chapter from Shertz, TX.

In the 4-H division, Nathan Bird, a member of the Kerr County 4-H team, earned second place honors. Third place honors were claimed by Logan Carroll who is a member of the Harris County 4-H team.

Second place high point scoring team honors went to the Harris County 4-H team from Tomball while the Brazoria County 4-H team from Angleton earned third place honors.

250 youth representing 50 FFA teams and 10 4-H teams participated in the state event.

The Wildlife Alliance for Youth (WAY) consists of a consortium of local, state and federal agencies, as well as private organizations working together to provide support and technical assistance to agricultural

science teachers and 4-H leaders who train youth in various aspects of wildlife conservation and habitat management.

Competitive events in the program focus on plant identification, wildlife plant food preferences, wildlife biological facts, wildlife habitat evaluation, habitat management, fish and game laws, safety, the outdoors, wildlife identification techniques and navigation in the field.

Over 700 teams with over 2,000 FFA and 4-H youth in Texas participated in the program last year.

**Benjamin Jr. High Spring Volleyball**

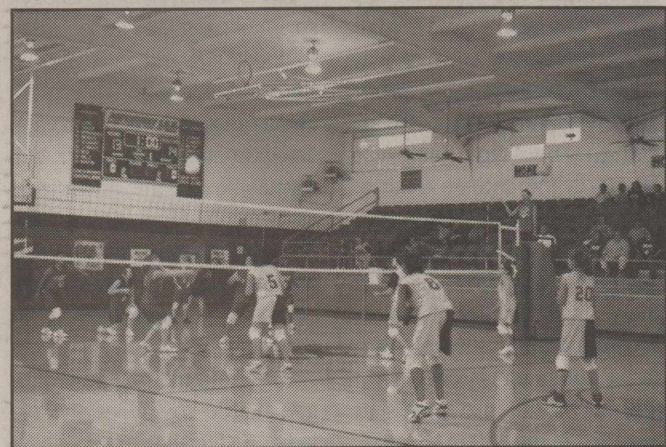
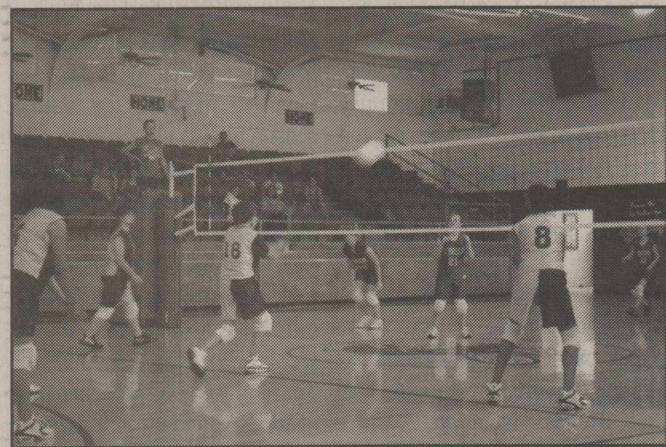
By Tamara Smart

The Benjamin J.H. Girls went 7-2 this season during Spring Volleyball. The mini-Lady Mustangs started the season with 2 wins at Knox City, beating both O'Brien and Rotan at that tournament. They the girls went on to win both games at Aspermont, beating both Aspermont and, once again taking on The Lady Bulldogs of O'Brien, and winning once again.

The third match of the season was the Rotan Tournament where the girls went 2-1; dropping a game to Munday.

The last matches were played on home turf were the girls beat O'Brien once more, but then taking another tough loss to Munday ending the 2010 Jr. High Lady Mustang Spring Volleyball season at 7-2.

According to Couch Doug McCollough, "They did a great job and played hard."



Benjamin Jr High took the O'Brien Bull dogs... first at Knox City, then at Aspermont, and finally on their home turf. They won each time, finishing their season 7-2.

Photos by Mellisa Barker



Rian Dillard hands off the baton to Faith Hunter in the 4x400 meter relay.

**Mogul De'Metrius Paul wins Gold in state**

By Tamara Smart

Many have heard the arguments for small school education vs. big school education. One thing that people who have not visited Knox County may mistakenly say is that the athletic abilities to achieve and stand out are superior in bigger schools-

Munday High School proved this theory wrong at the recent State Track meet in Austin. Over and over, a Mogul took the track, and then succeeded in winning not only a gold, but bringing home a 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> place rank in various events.

De' Paul, Munday High track star, who has excelled in a multitude of Athletic events throughout his schooling in Munday, also has now had the privilege of standing on the top of the podium wearing the Monday Track team uniform with a Gold metal around his neck. He fought his way to the top of the podium through the 300 hurdles.

Mecebra Collier busted her way across the finish line in 5<sup>th</sup> place while participating in the Austin meet on Saturday.

The girls Sprint relay was off and running through their races. They came home as the 7<sup>th</sup> best Sprint Relay in the State of Texas.

Kyler Urbanczyk, while

not participating the "track" events, claimed 6<sup>th</sup> place at the Pole Vault event.

Munday has had a dynamic year in athletics, not only in this Track season, but beginning back in the Fall with their champion football team, which made it all the way to quarter finals in the State.

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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

## Week of May 13

It's another windy day here in Knox Co. today. And it's cool- not like May but I guess one day, things will turn more summertime. And then we will be begging for cooler days.

The news of our ill friends is about as it has been for a while. Not much of a change- Johnnie Williams is doing about as she has for a while- Has some days better than others-

David Baldwin continues to improve. He has some doctor's appointments within the next few days to see if he's progressing as they think he should. He's doing his school work at home & according to his mom, Sherry, he will be able to graduate with his class and that's good news.

Betty Bohannon said Rex Bohannon is having some pretty bad days now. Is taking chemo & that complicates matters because with the other problems that leaves him very weak. Rex and his wife live in Knox City.

Jane Gideon said her sister,

Joy Yancey has been in a Wichita Falls Hospital suffering from Pneumonia. She was released on Sat. & she feels fine, she needs to take it easy for a few days.

## Sympathy

I extend sympathy to the family of Rosie Brown this week. Rosie passed away early Thursday morning after several months of failing health. Her funeral was Sat. in East Ridge, TN. She had lived in that area several years, but was a Benjamin native & well known here. Her survivors are her husband, Travis, Children, Travis, Mark, Sammy, Cecil & Christi & siblings, bud Conner, Larry Conner & Judy Redwine. Also, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, numerous cousins & many, many friends. She will be missed by many.

## Here N there

Sue and Dave Terry & children Summer & Jake of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon & her sister,

Lana Mendoza & family.

Charles and Bonnie Yeager of Amarillo visited me on Friday. My Sat. guests were Diane Evans & Ashlee of Childress.

Gloria West's daughter, Cathy Tomlinson of Denton & Betty Parker of Aspermont were Mother's Day weekend guests of the mom, Gloria West. A granddaughter, Penny Tomlinson of Denton also visited Gloria.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse & Randi Johnson spent Sat. with Lynn and Michael Rogers in Snyder.

Anthony & Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls spent Mothers Day with his mom, Deann & grandparents, Dutch & Imagean Young. They will be moving back here the last of May as Jessica will graduate from M.U. and will do her student teaching at Munday in the Fall.

Edith Broach of Lubbock was a Benjamin visitor on Sunday.

Reyes Barrientez told me that Raul is doing pretty well. He is living in a care facility in the Dallas area. Reyes had been here to visit him a few days ago. Their daughter, Mary & her family live in the Dallas area & she sees him pretty regularly.

Shaylee Propps is home for a few days after finishing up the school year at West Texas State in Canyon. She said she will be working at Hereford this summer- But for a few she's here visiting her mom, Shannon, & offering her expertise to the Jrs. & their moms as they prepare for the prom which is Sat night.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this today as a thank you to the people of Knox County and surrounding areas for the outpouring of support through a recent business venture through which, until recently, I was involved. Until this last Saturday evening, I had spent the majority of the last 10 months in a building which has become known to locals as the Rockin' Grill. Unfortunately, this last weekend, my work at the building located at 120 N Central in Knox City is no longer.

After refurbishing a vacated old building, with the help of many, racked with bees and

sans-plumbing when I began the project; I was able to see the transformation of a dilapidated building come back to life, and with it, re-breathing new life into the community.

I was excited to see the continued expressions of awe and delighted faces of those who came through the doors after the restaurant was opened on April 13. Most thought the building was amazing; yet after tasting the culinary creations from the kitchen, many were left planning on their return trip to the restaurant.

But, that was a short-lived venture for my family and me. While the Rockin Grill,

obviously still stands at 120 N Central and is still open and operational, I am no longer manager of the crew that serves.

And while I have moved on from the Rockin' Grill, I am not finished with the restaurant and catering business. I intend to continue serving my signature briskets and "fall off the bone" ribs, as well as my gourmet hamburger creations in the future months. I take with me my seasonings, my cooking experience my dignity and a life lesson that I'll never forget.

Thank you all-  
Jason Smart  
O'Brien

## Just Jeff

### Reflections from Jeff Stanfield, Knox City Mayor

This is a new direction in my life, writing for a newspaper. I will have tons of fragments and more run on sentences than a conversation with Terry Utley. I did take college English 3 times and it took all that for a C. I am not a overachiever by any means- just a over eater.

If I mention you in an article and you get your feelings hurt, I am sorry it is nothing personal just poking fun at you because I like you. I promise

you will not read about me poking fun at our President, if I write something about him I will mean it and it will not be pleasant. (Plus I do not want to make Danny Lewis mad since he voted for him!)

This and all future articles will be my opinion on things and just mine. You may agree and disagree but that is what life is all about. I will talk politics, sports, weather and, of course, life and death.

I think the most important thing to happen in KC this week was Derrick Coleman, "D-Z" as he is known by his friends, went to Austin representing the "hounds" and came away with 2 gold medals and 1 bronze medal. Atta way "D-Z" you made us all proud and I wish you the best. We are going to miss you next year. Derek is the son of Beatrice Collins who in 1987 won state in the 200 M, 800 M relay and 1600 m relay. "D-Z" is the younger brother of Jeremy Saxton who in 2006 got silver in the 100 m and Bronze in the 200 m. "D-Z" also won state last year in the 400 m. Beatrice your contribution to Knox City track has been remarkable.

Knox City also had a couple of our former residents win medals at the state track meet, Jamey West a junior at Stamford received a bronze medal in the

400 m relay, he is the son of Sonia and Jeremy West. Hagen Hutchinson a freshman got a Gold medal in the 800 m relay for Stamford, he is the son of Kelly and Wayne Hutchinson. Both young men are sons of former coach's here in KC. Hats off to them for a great season and to Coach Mac who is the track coach at Stamford and a former coach here for the hounds.

I am going to name someone each week that deserves a shout out, this week it is Tex Cox. For those who do not know who Tex is, he is the preacher man at the "Abundant Life Church" Tex is a man who gives back so much and ask for so little. In today's world it is nice to find someone who cares more about others than his own gain. Tex you are a true inspiration for people like me, and a great asset to our town. One of my favorite stories from Tex is one he told me about how he has used being deaf to his advantage.

He told me when the kids get a little rowdy or the old lady (Melesha) and these are Tex's exact words, gets a little demanding he will take the battery out of his hearing device. Just good old peace and quit. I sure wish I had a hearing device sometimes or just a mute button.

My dad was a little league coach when I was growing up, he was very successful but not very politically correct. He had 10 kids on his team and this was before each kid has to play, and everyone is a winner and we do not have to keep score and everyone got a trophy for participating. Winning was important and it showed how kids reacted to competition and success. Well the 10th kid was not very good, actually he was horrible and he did not care anything about playing but Momma wanted him to play. His name was Scotty and he had a nickname "Darn't Scotty".

Well "Darn't Scotty" was getting to play about 1 or 2 inning's a game and actually that was 1 or 2 more than he wanted, but Momma who was a very large woman, think of Coach Steele with make-up. Ouch!!! Was not real happy about this so she comered Dad after the game (it was a big corner) and wanted to know

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TNC's April 2010 filing asks the Commission to adjust the EECRF for 2011 to increase it by \$155,280. The adjusted EECRF is requested to recover approximately \$980,940 in energy efficiency costs in 2011, consisting of: (1) \$705,570 in projected energy efficiency costs for TNC to meet its energy efficiency objectives for 2011; and (2) a performance bonus of \$275,370 for TNC's having exceeded its demand reduction goals for 2009.

The EECRF applies to all retail electric providers (REPs) who serve end-use customers in TNC's service area. All end-use customers who take service below 69,000 volts are potentially affected by the requested EECRF, depending upon the actions of their REPs. The proposed EECRF will include the following charges on bills rendered to REPs for retail transmission and distribution service:

Customer Class	EECRF
Residential Service	\$0.000327 per kWh
Secondary Service (Less than or equal to 10 kW)	\$0.000117 per kWh
Secondary Service (Greater than 10 kW)	\$0.000148 per kWh
Primary Service	\$0.000139 per kWh

The monthly amount billed to the REP during 2011 on account of service to a residential end-use customer using 1000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will decrease by 2 cents under the EECRF. The effect of the EECRF on the amounts billed to a REP on account of service to other end-use customers will vary depending on the rate schedules under which the REP takes transmission and distribution service and on the end-use customers' usage of electricity.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, Docket No. 38209, Application of AEP Texas North Company to Adjust Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy Rural American Advantage

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When my college friends come to visit, they are struck by the ease of rural living.

The beauty of our way of life include little-to-no traffic and low cost of living. A quick trip to the grocery store for necessities is a stark contrast to the 45-minute trip in the city for the same items.

Many times our city friends are awestruck by the freedom we have out in the "boondocks." The ability to go from work to a deer blind or an ATV is quick in these parts.

We've heard for years the negatives associated with rural America. I'm proud to say there are just as many or more positives.

These are selling points my friends. Selling points which we take for granted daily.

We live in a time where you can communicate with anyone in world instantly because of technology. What that should mean to those interested in rural development is that some firms which had to be located in metropolitan centers no longer have to be.

Engineers, designers, architects, brokers, etc., - higher-wage earners who can do their jobs from great distances.

There are firms world-wide with the ability to perform work around the globe right from their computers.

When you throw into the mix our relatively low cost of real estate - commercial and personal - and perhaps some incentives, an enterprise zone and/or an economic development corporation, and these poor rural towns can suddenly compete for business.

Every small town and city I know of has had several successful graduates. Some of these men and women have always wanted to move home, but their profession prohibited such a move. Is that still the case?

We know by history that small towns can vanish. In every county you have had great towns which simply could not survive. They never had the numbers to replace what they once had. It takes organization and hard work, but the bleeding can be stopped.

There are networks established which could be used for rural development. Lists for school classes and family reunions could easily be converted into valuable marketing and outreach tools.

Now more than ever, we are witnessing a time where many people in large cities feel somewhat imprisoned. They battle traffic, crowds and crime and it gets old. If we are committed to security and education, our small towns

can position themselves much stronger. And if we can cater a little more to the soon-to-be retiring baby boomers, some rejuvenation could begin to take place.

Oil, natural gas, wind, cattle, cotton, wheat and on and on - there is growth potential out here. We also have the benefit of living in an area which is very beneficial to grapes. I can't think of anything which would add money, culture and prestige to a small town any quicker than a vineyard and a winery.

Some of you may be sitting there saying to yourselves, "There goes Blackburn again thinking he can turn Lockney, Texas, into Las Vegas, Nevada." If that's the case, than you've misunderstood this message. What we can do is attempt to live. We can stick out our chest and say, "Move here!" "Come visit!" "Come help us put this place on the map!"

I love small towns. I like the serenity and I love seeing the stars at night. It's not a curse living in rural America, it's an opportunity. And with the proper organization and motivation, it could be a great opportunity.

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## Other Opinions

### The We're-Not-Europe Party

By DANEIL HENNINGER

One of the constant criticisms of Barack Obama's first year is that he's making us "more like Europe." But that's hard to define and lacks broad political appeal. Until now.

Any U.S. politician purporting to run the presidency of the United States should be asked why the economic policies he or she is proposing won't take us where Europe arrived this week.

In an astounding moment, to avoid the failure of little, indulgent, profligate Greece, the European Union this week pledged nearly \$1 trillion to inject green blood into Europe's economic vampires.

For Americans, this has been a two-week cram course in what not to be if you hope to have a vibrant future. What was once an unfocused criticism of Mr. Obama and the Democrats, that they are nudging America toward a European-style social-market economy, came to awful life in the panicked, stricken faces of Europe's leadership: Merkel, Sarkozy, Brown, Papandreou. They look like that because Europe has just seen the bond-market devil.

Daniel Henninger discusses Europe's economic stagnation, noting that President Obama's health-care and energy policies will surely make us more like Europe.

The bond market is a good bargain—if you live more or less within your means. The Europeans, however, pushed a good bargain into a Faustian bargain, which the world calls a sovereign debt crisis.

In the German legend, Faust was a scholar who sold his soul to the devil many years hence in return for a life now of intellectual brilliance and physical comfort. In our version of the legend, Europe's governments told the devil that, more

than anything, they wanted a life of social protection and income fairness no matter the cost. Life was good. A fortnight ago, the bond devil arrived and asked for his money.

In the U.S., the Obama White House and the Democrats have decided to wage politics into November by positioning the Republicans as the party of obstruction, which won't vote for things the nation "needs," such as ObamaCare. Some Republicans voting against these proposals seem to understand, as do their most ardent supporters, that they are opposing such ideas and policies because the Democrats have pushed far beyond the traditional centrist comfort zone of most Americans. A Democratic Party whose current budget takes U.S. spending from a recent average of about 21% of GDP up to 25% is outside that comfort zone. It's headed toward the euro zone.

After Europe's abject humiliation, the chance is at hand for the Republicans to do some useful self-definition. They should make clear to the American people that the GOP is "The We're Not Europe Party." Their Democratic opposition could not attempt such a claim because they do not wish to.

The state of Europe can be summed up in one word: stagnation. Jean-Claude Trichet, the European Central Bank president who just agreed to monetize the debt that Europeans can't or won't pay, noted in a 2006 speech that "over the period from 1996 to 2005, euro area output grew on average 1.3 percentage points less than in the U.S., and the gap appears to be persistent."

Angus Maddison, the eminent European historian of world economic development who died days before Europe's debt crisis, wrote in 2001: "The most disturbing aspect of West European performance since 1973 has been the staggering rise in unemployment. In 1994-8 the average level was nearly 11% of the labor force. This is higher than the depressed years

of the 1930s."

Stagnation isn't death. Economies don't die. Greece proves that. They slow down. Europe's low growth rates allow its populations to pretend that real, productive work is being done somewhere by someone. But new jobs are created slowly, if at all. Younger workers lose heart.

Economic stagnation is a kind of purgatory. Once there, it's not clear how you get out. The economist Douglass North, in his 1993 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, said that one of the vexing problems of his discipline is, "Why do economies once on a path of growth or stagnation tend to persist?" Japan also seems unable to free itself from stagnation.

The antidote to stagnation is economic growth. Not just growth, but strong growth. A 4% growth rate, which Europe will never see again, pays social dividends innumerable greater than 2.5% growth. Which path are we on?

Barack Obama would never say it is his intention to make the U.S. go stagnant by suppressing wealth creation in return for a Faustian deal on social equity. But his health system required an astonishing array of new taxes on growth industries. He is raising taxes on incomes, dividends, capital gains and interest. His energy reform requires massive taxes. His government revels in "keeping a boot on the neck" of a struggling private firm. Wall Street's business is being criminalized.

Economic stagnation arrives like a slow poison. Look at the floundering United Kingdom, whose failed prime minister, Gordon Brown, said on leaving, "I tried to make the country fairer." Maybe there's a more important goal. A We're-Not-Europe Party would promise the American people to avoid and oppose any policy that makes us more like them and less like us.

## A War on Dissent?

By RICK MANNING

Are we witnessing the opening salvos in a war against political dissent and the First Amendment?

Read carefully what the President said last Sunday at Hampton University, "the era of iPads and Xboxes had turned information into a diversion that was imposing new strains on democracy. You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank that high on the truth meter."

Is Obama really telling American students pay less attention to what his Administration is up to?

Realize that this is the same Administration that has tried to use the Federal Communications Commission to regulate the Internet through its so-called Net Neutrality proposal that was recently found unconstitutional by the courts.

This is the same Administration that sent its spokespeople out on the various networks to publicly excoriate FOX News for not following the approved Obama party line.

This is the same Administration that regularly attempts to demonize media hosts and regularly attacks Limbaugh, Hannity, Beck and a host of others.

This is also the same Administration that incredibly has failed to hold an official White House news conference since last July, and had the audacity to offer the White House press corps a taped interview of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan rather than letting reporters actually interview her.

This is the same President who has ad-

vocated shuttering First Amendment political speech rights that were afforded corporations in the Citizens United Supreme Court decision — in his State of the Union Address with the very justices who rendered the decision in attendance. This is really the heart of stopping political dissent, can a corporation pay for and distribute a political book, pamphlet, or movie.

This President's nominee to the Supreme Court actually gave the Orwellian argument that the First Amendment should be used to prohibit this very type of political speech.

Chief Justice John Roberts directly rejected Kagan's argument writing, "The Government urges us in this case to uphold a direct prohibition on political speech. It asks us to embrace a theory of the First Amendment that would allow censorship not only of television and radio broadcasts, but of pamphlets, posters, the Internet, and virtually any other medium that corporations and unions might find useful in expressing their views on matters of public concern.

"Its theory, if accepted, would empower the Government to prohibit newspapers from running editorials or opinion pieces supporting or opposing candidates for office, so long as the newspapers were owned by corporations — as the major ones are. First Amendment rights could be confined to individuals, subverting the vibrant public discourse that is at the foundation of our democracy."

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in rejecting the Kagan position that, "the First Amendment confirms the freedom to think for ourselves."

Obama and the Left's war on dissent has gone far beyond the hallowed halls of the

Supreme Court however, as the organized attacks on the Tea Party movement by the power brokers who control the White House, Congress and the media have shown.

The revelation in liberal columnist Jonathan Alter's book that Obama, who has repeatedly called for civility in his many national lectures, had used the sexual pejorative term preferred by the Left to describe these Americans who are exercising their First Amendment rights to redress Congress is hardly surprising. What is surprising is that the slur was deemed acceptable by the intelligentsia as there was no resulting uproar or demands for apology.

Imagine the uproar by this Administration if the Los Angeles Unified School District teacher who called for revolution by La Raza on the UCLA campus in the wake of the Arizona immigration law had instead been a tea party supporter in the wake of the health care law.

Incredibly, calls for revolution and racist hate speech from a public employee union member on the campus of a public university is somehow okay, yet professional left-wing instigator groups like the Southern Poverty and Law Center constantly warn against imagined conservative threats.

Why?

Because the war on dissent by this Administration is real, but not just any dissent — conservative and libertarian dissent are the targets, since these dissenters seek to stop Obama's policies that are designed to radically change our nation forever.

If you still have any doubts about this, just look at this past week's hearings and subsequent debate on the new campaign fi-

nance reform legislation being considered by Congress. Patton Boggs political law expert William McGinley warns that the proposed law for the first time opens the door to even regulate bloggers who engage in political expression. This would be a significant expansion of the Federal Election Commission's regulatory reach directly targeting the most basic political speech.

The Left's assault on the First Amendment right to dissent is under assault as never before in what appears to be a desperate attempt to control the information flow that Americans receive in a bid to maintain power.

From a Supreme Court nominee who thinks that a modern day pamphlet in the tradition of Thomas Paine's "Commonsense" should be banned if a corporation publishes and distributes it, to an FCC that is trying to regulate the Internet, to a White House that tolerates blatant hate speech from the left while lecturing those on the right to tone down the rhetoric, the uniquely American right to free speech is under attack.

So, when Obama muses in a very public and carefully considered speech that the many new forms of media are putting "strains on democracy," and that some, "don't always rank that high on the truth meter." Be concerned, be very concerned. He's talking about anyone who doesn't agree with him cluttering the minds of the masses with inconvenient facts and arguments.

When it comes to the assault on each of our First Amendment rights, in my Dad's words, "speak now or forever hold your peace," ring in my ears. This is the time to speak up — before it is too late.





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why Scotty was not playing as much as the other kids. Well dad in his best tact told her he goes by percentages. She said percentages? Yes, percentages. You see if I play the other kids I have 18 happy parents and 2 mad parents. If I play Scotty I have 2 happy parents and 18 mad parents. So I would rather have the 2 mad than the 18. Well we never did see Scotty after that 1st year, but he did go out a winner that year.

When i grew up we wanted to win not just play, we got chewed out by the coaches and got our butt's worn out without having

mom or dad go to the school to bail out little Johnny. Lets let our kids learn about losing and working hard to achieve something not just being a champion for participating. Derrick is the perfect example of hard work, leading to success. Sure he has lots of natural ability but so did the 7 other kids that where in each event. Derrick was a hard worker who pushed himself to be a champion and it paid off. Imagine if every kid who wanted to run track was giving a gold medal for just showing up. Or if every woman who entered Miss America was crowned, then dating a former

beauty queen would not mean that much. Lets let our kids be rewarded for their work and maybe in our future we will be rewarded for their achievements..

Remember the U.I.L. Banquet is on May 20th at the cafeteria you need to check with the school on the time when you purchase your ticket. Baccalaureate is Sunday the 23rd at the auditorium. Have a great week, check on your neighbors and spend some money with a local business.

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