



# THE KNOX COUNTY NEWS

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Haskell Chamber of Commerce members sponsored a ribbon cutting at Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell, Thurs., Jan. 6. The local business, formerly known as Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, was opened by new owners, Brad and Haley Smith. Attending the ceremony were, front row, l-r, Sue McCurley, Brad Smith and Haley Smith, new owners; Christina Isbell, funeral director; and Sally Rueffer, Chamber manager; Estee Everett, Ada Pope, Margurite Gaunt, Bud Reynolds and Margie Fannin; back row, Brandon Anderson, Tom Bassett, Megan Cox, John Gannaway, Sheila Hester, Debbie Kennedy, Bill Alcorn and Robert Tribbey. Not pictured include Linda Wallace and Lois Richardson. For the story see page 8.

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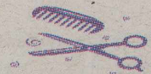
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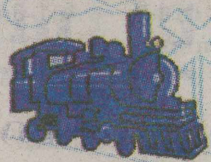


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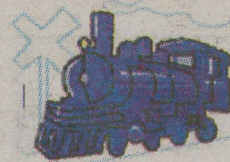


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## God's Promises

### How Not To Act Like A Believer

Marq Brockett  
Gilliland Baptist Church

A young pastor was frustrated by how things weren't "happening" in his church and so he asked one of the deacons what the problem was. "Is it ignorance or is it apathy?" he asked. The deacon responded, "I don't know, and I

don't care."

Look, we've been doing church long enough that we know what it takes to be a good Christian, right? So, within this column, I thought I'd have some fun with you, and show you how not to act like a believer. Now understand that this is done, partially in jest, but also so that in seeing how we shouldn't be, that we better

understand what living faith ought to be.

If you don't want people to know you're a believer, don't get together with other Christians. Forget that God tells the church not to forsake gathering together. Why would we want to do that? Maybe you say, "I can sleep better at home, and the chairs are more comfortable there, so why

bother with church?" And if you're feeling miserable, who wants to be responsible for bringing other people down? None of us want to be like the young mother who drops her infant off in the nursery saying, "I don't know if he's teething or just sick. He was up all night crying and vomiting, he's a little warm, but I just wanted a break. I'll be back in an hour... maybe."

The worst thing we could do when we feel alone and isolated is ask for help. We're tough enough, aren't we? When Pentecost came, the believers were already gathered in one place. They'd decided that whatever difficulty was upon them, that they were going to stick it out together rather than beat feet out of Dodge. Is that what the church is really about? Does God want His people to laugh and cry together? Does He want us to lighten the load of those around us? Nah! If we helped others feel better who'd be left to encourage us? Certainly not the other 100 or so people in the congregation. That'd be too easy.

Of course, if you're trying to hide the fact that you're a believer you should never pray. After all, everybody knows that prayer is just for preparation, and after you pray the real work starts. Forget that the disciples were constantly in prayer before the Holy Spirit came. Forget that the Lord told them to wait until power came. We know that even if we don't know what to do we should be involved. We need to do something...even if it is wrong. Right? We've all heard people tell us not just to stand there, but to do something.

And who knows how to pray anyway? What do words like thou, and beseech mean anyway? Why is it that Joe Average who's more than

willing to haul you down to the local fishing hole talks with God like he's an Elizabethan actor?

We don't want to call attention to ourselves. After all, if we did that, people might look at us, and if they looked at us, who knows what they'd see. They might actually get interested in the way the Lord is working here, they might even want to join in. Wouldn't that be terrible? What in the world would we do with all of these folks? And by all means, never make a scene. We aren't supposed to draw attention to ourselves. From early on, parents desperately try to teach their children to sit still and be quiet... especially in a church building. We don't want people to stare at us. We don't want them to talk about us. More than once my mother whispered in my ear that she would break my arm if I didn't straighten up. And who can ever forget the Daddy thumb thump on the back of the head. Now that will make your ears ring!

Do you notice that as the church is gathered for the work of God, that He singles them out. Fire dancing on your head is definitely better than a spotlight aimed at you. I'm wondering what happened when people first saw the flames. Did they jump around and try to put them out? That scene could have been better than a Three Stooges movie! I mean, who expects fire? Okay, besides God?

And what is it with Him and fire anyway? Why are the angels who minister in His presence called Seraphim, or burning ones? What is this passionate speech that comes from His servants? Why do the prophets say that when they try not to talk because of the rejection they face that God's Word burns in their bones until

it has to come out?

At Pentecost, a whole mess of things happened. One of those things was noise... lots of it. People were speaking at the same time in lots of different languages. The people watching heard what was being said in their own languages. Don't use language people understand. We live in Christian circles. Even people in the world understand the euphemisms, don't they? Don't people know what the movement of the Spirit is? Don't they know what having Jesus in your heart means? And don't tell me that people don't know what "to die is gain" means.

Next, don't do anything that would cause others to question you! Did you ever notice that people will think whatever they want to think, no matter what the evidence shows? Despite the fact that the disciples speech was being understood by the onlookers, some of the crowd complained that believers were drunk. How's that for destroying your testimony? But for those who knew the truth, it didn't matter, did it? God was in control. And when He is, it's hard to tell what a real Christian will look like. Maybe He'll have you dress in rags and eat weird things like John the Baptist, or be locked up with a prison guard as your own personal captive audience like Paul. Maybe he'll have you do something weird like bury your new underwear, and then dig it up in front of people like He did with Jeremiah. Maybe God would have you just go check out what IS going on down at the church house. You might be in for a show!

And finally, by no means expect God to do anything! After all...people might think you were one of those Christians.

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## Museum News

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, will be a big day for several hundred Knox County residents and friends from surrounding counties.

First, they will be attending the annual barbeque and fundraiser at Benjamin, TX, for the Wichita Brazos Museum, 11:00 A.M. to

3:00 P.M., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal there the usual brisket and sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, onions and pickles, and "homemade potato salad", coleslaw, and desserts will be served.

The silent auction tables

will be set up by 11:00 A.M. for people to place their bids. The auction has included everything from a postage stamp to a small appliance to antiques. The mixture changes every year. Bidding will close at 1:30 P.M. and winning bids will be announced.

# Bloodmobile coming to Knox City on Jan. 18

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on Tuesday, January 18 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Forty-three donors participated in the blood drive that took place on November 22. "I am extremely excited about the increased participation at the blood drives in Knox City," says Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "It is extremely gratifying to receive support from the communities that we serve."

Each pint of blood saves two lives, because each unit is split into red blood cells and plasma. The shelf life of red blood cells is forty two days. Plasma can be frozen for up to one year. There are many different medical conditions that require blood or plasma transfusions. This includes cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, accident or trauma victims, surgical patients, premature babies and those with chronic anemia. All of these patient

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Sammie Offield

Today I got good news concerning Danny Rios. He is returning home for recovery.

Norman Tolleson is starting his treatment this week and we know God will be with him and take care of everything.

Ester Grindstaff has returned home and is hopefully doing great with her improvements

Alfredo Abila is recovering and will start his chemo again this week, but will probably remain in the hospital another week.

Well this is a whole new subject, but I wonder what our stop signs, school zones and speed signs mean. I have seen a lot of cars and trucks that apparently don't have much concern for out children playing in the schoolyard- even when the

school zone lights are lit. Those signs are there for a reason.. What is it going to take to slow these offenders down? A tragedy. I am mad, and so are a lot of parents in both Knox City and O'Brien. If you are needing to be somewhere on time, I suggest you leave a little earlier and pay attention to who's around because someday it might be someone you love. If you work by, or even pass by

areas that are school zones, or even residences occupied by families, observe the signs; not just for innocent bystanders, but for your own protection.

Well, during my visit to Bud's Tuesday morning, I asked for Bud and understood that he has been a little under the weather lately. With the recent Holidays and the business, he needs to slow down and take care of

himself. He deserves at least a little time off. I'm sure his business is doing great, besides it will always be there tomorrow.

Today I got news that Mrs. Louis Kempley had a nasty accident and broke her hip. And shortly thereafter, suffered a stroke, probably

while being treated at the Knox County hospital. May God bless her during her recovery.

Jo Evelyn Patterson is still in the care home and has gone down hill from her health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

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11/23	35/68	
11/24	47/84	
11/25	23/58	
11/26	18/58	
11/27	21/65	
11/28	33/69	
Total Rainfall for month		0.40
2010 Rainfall (ytd)		36.43

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Meek Bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on January 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Eligible donors must be 17 years of age (16 with signed parental consent), weigh at least 120 pounds and be in good general health. Come out- Give blood and save a life.

The Knox County Stock Show is scheduled to take place on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22. It will take place at the Munday Show Barn in Munday.

Sunday, February 6th will mark the annual barbecue and fundraiser at Benjamin, TX, for the Wichita Brazos Museum, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at the Benjamin Memorial Building. At the meal will consist of the usual brisket and sausage, turkey, deviled eggs, pinto beans, onions and pickles, and "homemade potato salad", coleslaw, and desserts. Silent Auction to follow

The Haskell/Knox Relay for Life will be on April 1 at Indian Field in Haskell from 7PM until 7AM.

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# Wayfaring stranger walks through Knox County

**Tamara Smart**

It's a sight not many see everyday- a man pushing a cart with all his worldly possessions walking down Highway 6 from Benjamin to Knox City. Most of the time, to see a person walking on that stretch of highway means their car broke down, and it will only be moments before one of the friendly people in this area stops to help.

If someone had stopped to help this particular pedestrian, he would have declined the offer seeing as no help was necessary for him. This man, Gary Rutherford, has been walking highways, roadways, paths and the like for five and a half years now. He started in Maine in June 2005, and has been wading across the country every since. On Wednesday of last week, Gary finally passed through Knox County.

Tuesday evening, Gary unloaded his cart full of camping equipment behind the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin and set up for the night. Wednesday morning, he

packed up again and made the trek from Benjamin to Knox City where he then stayed at the City Motel until Sunday because the wind was so fierce that his walking was waylaid for a few days.

Gary hasn't been walking the whole 5 and a half years, though. At times, he has found places that he really liked, and spent several nights, sometimes even up to a month in that place.

Since he began this odyssey, Gary has seen some of the splendors that make this country so amazing. We said that so far his "favorite geographical state would be West Virginia" while Texas and Mississippi harbored the nicest people he has yet encountered.

The money that Gary receives from his social security and his pension has been the way that Gary has been able to afford this voyage. Before leaving on this excursion over mountains and through valleys, Gary spent the bulk of his life working in a factory making sharpening stones in New



Recently a man who is on a journey afoot across the country made a stop off in Knox County and spent several days. For the complete story see page

Hampshire. After retiring in 2000, Gary began to receive this money, and realized that with it he could finally fulfill a dream that he had since he was in high school.

Gary's only family to speak of is one son, who lives in Arizona (a stop which Gary will make when he gets that far). When Gary told his son what he planned on doing, he said, "he stopped looked at me and

then gave me the thumbs up."

Gary makes good time. Rain, wind and snowy conditions notwithstanding, he usually can walk about 12 miles in 4 hours. Because he plans on ending this escapade in San

Ysidro California, he will continue to walk for several years longer.

So far the only injury that Gary has had to nurse has only plagued him recently, as a toe on his left foot "feels funny".

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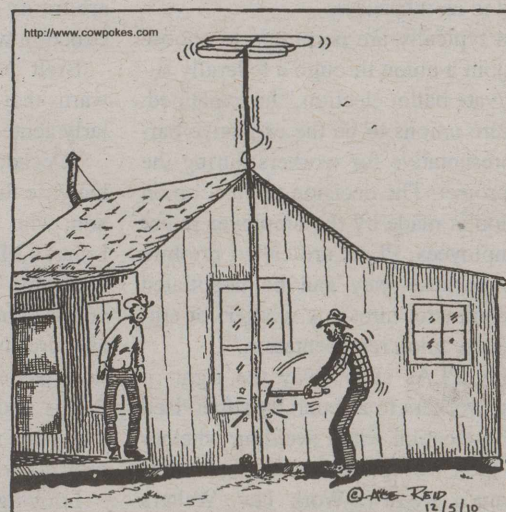
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# The Paperboy

## Stop politicizing tragedy!

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

One sickening development from this weekend's massacre in Arizona is the politicizing of the event. How dare anyone talk politics regarding this tragedy.

I know Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and those in favor with the Tea Party. I even know people who want their state to secede, but I don't know of one person who wants to kill anyone.

The fact is there are disturbed people in all walks of life, and I doubt political affiliation really matters.

When tragedies occur, they should be used to build unity. If this country's better angels can't find common ground when it comes to these matters then we've lost our sense of society.

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While on the topic of political affiliation, I find it ridiculous and narrow-minded that those in charge at the national level have such a hard time listening to each other.

The only thing that should be on the minds of members of Congress is what is best for the American people. Nothing

else matters.

If that was the sole thought in the head of every member of Congress there is no doubt more common ground could be found, and we the people would be better off. Instead we have this mindset of getting "even" with the other side.

Great leaders are not divisive. Great leaders reach out. They listen to all sides of every argument before drawing conclusions. Most importantly, great leaders listen to the wishes of those they represent and act on behalf of those people.

Is it any wonder we happen to remember the names of those who make it a habit of reaching across the aisle? It's unfortunate that it's the exception rather than the rule.

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This country is going to go broke forcing green energy down the throats of the people.

No doubt we need clean energy initiatives and companies in the energy business need incentives to begin research and development in the next generation of energy. However, why can't we take advantage of our God-given resources at the same time?

Texas and Oklahoma are oil-friendly states. Texas and Oklahoma are also in better financial shape than most other states.

Did you know the solution to a rotten economy sits underground of many states? There is enough shale gas in New York to make billions in revenue. There's only one problem. Elected officials in Albany won't allow it.

If our state and federal governments would allow for exploration of oil and gas our economic problems would be solved. It's insane for us to rely on unstable countries for our energy. Almost as insane as trading on an uneven playing field with China, but that's a whole other topic.

What will drive green energy will be money. When some genius invents something better than what currently exists, markets will develop. That's pretty much why most of us don't travel by horse or train anymore.

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## Project Labor Agreements Could Lock Out Non-Union Shops

By **KEVIN MOONEY**

With John Boehner (R-Ohio) now officially sworn in as the new House Speaker you might think that organized labor's pursuit of special interest paybacks from the Obama Administration is dead in the water. You would be wrong.

The stipulations and restrictions included in Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) union bosses have advanced at the state level could be used to undermine "Right to Work" laws that guard against coercive practices, according to industry representatives and free market advocates.

PLAs establish guidelines for firms bidding on construction projects that put private shops at a severe disadvantage. Typically a contractor will be required to hire workers through union hiring halls and abide by a variety of union rules.

An executive order from President Obama signed in Feb. 2009 encourages federal agencies to use PLAs on construction projects costing over \$25 million. This reverses an earlier executive order from President Bush that banned PLAs. Non-union companies have expressed concern that organized labor can now angle itself into areas of the country that are largely non-unionized at the expense of taxpayers thanks to Obama's order.

Research from the Beacon Hill Institute shows that PLAs could raise construction costs by as much as 18 percent. If Obama's executive order had been in effect in 2008, and all federal construction projects worth \$25 million or more been subject to PLAs, the cost to federal taxpayers would have increased by \$1.6 to \$2.6 billion, according to the Beacon Hill report.

Union membership declined nationally from 17.5 percent of construction workers in 2000 to 15.6 percent in 2008, and then to 14.5 percent in 2009, the most recent figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show. Even in more unionized states, the overwhelming majority of construction outfits are non-unionized. This means PLAs could effectively lock out the majority of construction workers from new business opportunities in deference to narrow special interests; more than eight of 10 construction workers are non-union.

While non-union contractors are permitted to bid on PLA projects, they are typically awarded to unionized contractors. PLAs provide a framework for pre-hire agreements between construction contractors and labor unions that mandate the use of union rules for the duration of a particular construction project. The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) generally prohibits pre-hire agreements, but an exception

has been created for PLAs.

"Louisiana's Right-to-Work Law allows employees within the state the right to join a union as well as the right to refrain from joining a union," John Walters, the Director of Governmental Relations for the Louisiana Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. (ABC), said in an interview.

"Workers typically are permitted to choose whether to join a union through a federally supervised private ballot election," he explained. "PLAs require unions to be the exclusive bargaining representative for workers during the life of the project. The decision to elect union representation is made by the employer rather than the employees. PLAs are called pre-hire agreements because they can be negotiated before the contractor hires any workers or employees vote on union representation."

Union-only PLAs strip away the right of construction workers to a federally supervised private ballot election when deciding whether to unionize their workplace thereby undermining Louisiana's Right-to-Work law, Walters added.

In his analysis of the order, Maurice Baskin, the legal counsel for ABC, wrote: "The Order will result in widespread discrimination against the many construction workers who do not be-

long to unions, and denies their right to Freedom of Association and Equal Protection. The Order will cause money to be unfairly taken from such workers and funneled into underfunded union pension plans, from which the workers can receive no benefits. The Order will increase costs to the federal taxpayers by arbitrarily limiting competition for federal construction work."

Brett McMahon, an ABC representative, warns that fallout from PLAs could be particularly acute in the teeth of a recession.

"Decades of studies have shown that PLAs increase the cost of construction," said McMahon, who is also vice-president of Miller and Long, a Maryland-based concrete construction company. That's a bad idea during good economic times, but it's utterly foolish when we are already financially upside-down as a nation. We are financing these projects with debt that is underwritten by taxpayers — many of whom are not going to be able to work on these projects without paying union dues."

Looking ahead in 2011, the same free market advocacy groups successfully blocked costly legislation such as "card check" from becoming a reality must now turn their attention to administrative activity that circumvents congressional approval.

## Alzheimer's Association hosts community presentation

There are a lot of things you can do to help keep your brain healthier as you age. The Maintain Your Brain workshop includes healthy ideas for your brain, body, and person. The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter is presenting "Maintain Your Brain" on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at House of Hope. House of Hope is located at 5100 Stone Lake Drive, Wichita Falls, Texas.

This free presentation

will covers general health information for staying healthy and maintaining brain health.

The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information call Patty Taylor at 940-767-8800 or 800-272-3900.



Norman Tolleson has been diagnosed with cancer. Eh will begin his treatments January 13. The community is coming together and holding a fundraiser to help pay for his treatments and all extraneous costs thereof. As of right now, look for jars with this picture on them at Lawrence Brothers, Allsup's, Penmans, Buds Café and Kathie and Jacks Café. Any little amount will help.

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## Commissioners' Court Minutes

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13th day of December, 2010, there was conducted a **REGULAR** Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT at 1:30 p.m. the 13th day of December, 2010. Those present were the County Judge, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 and the County Clerk.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Commissioners Johnny Birkenfeld, Jimmy Urbanczyk, Dan Godsey, and Johnny McCown were present. Also attending were County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Court Coordinator

Michelle Esquivel County Tax Assessor and Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, Irma Bell and Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Mendoza. The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The Court unanimously approved the minutes of the November Commissioners Court meeting.

Lorie Herricks from Davis, Kinard, & Co. presented the Annual Audit Report for the year ending September 30, 2010.

The Commissioners Court considered the Bridge report from TxDot no action was needed.

Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion seconded by Commissioner Godsey to accept the bid of \$150.00 made by Ned Jones for Parcel #8488, Blk C Lots 3, 4, 5, & 6, Whitley Addition, Town of Benjamin, all agreed.

The County Assistance Program from TxDot was considered. There was no action taken.

The Court discussed the

Quote from Windstream on Phone System and Internet Service, no action was required.

After considering the candidates for the vacancy on the Appraisal Board Commissioner Godsey made the motion seconded by Commissioner McCown to approve Buddy Tolson, the motion passed four to zero.

The issue concerning the property evaluations and insurance from TAC was considered.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to issue a burn ban for Knox County, Commissioner McCown seconded the motion, the motion passed five to zero.

Chief Appraiser and Tax Assessor Mitzi Welch discussed the required education and examination requirements for herself

and her staff.

Gary Mizer from TxDot dropped in to discuss the interaction between TxDot and Knox County.

The Extension, Aging Services Report, 911 Report, and Road and Bridge Report required no activity.

Commissioner McCown made the motion to approve Financials, Budget and pay the bills for November, 2010; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godsey, the motion passed five to zero.

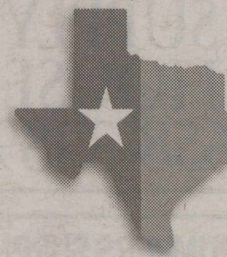
There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner Urbanczyk made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Godsey, all agreed. The meeting of the Court was **ADJOURNED. APPROVED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2011

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# Smith Funeral Home Changes Owners

By **Caron Yates, Haskell Free Press**

For the past 74 years, a symbol of compassion and caring has stood at 304 N. 2nd St. in Haskell. A young undertaker named Bill Holden, came to Haskell to work for T.J. Arbuckle, Burrell Cox and Wallace Cox Sr. in 1928. It was in 1937, that he established, at its present location, Holden Funeral Home, thus beginning the long running history of our local funeral home.

In 1968, Charles and Nedra McCauley purchased the business and it became known as Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

One of the most noteworthy attributes of this long time business, is the quiet, considerate and emphatic way it has served this community and the surrounding area. There have been many changes through the years, not only in ownership and funeral directors, but also in the purchase of funeral homes

in the nearby communities of Knox City, Rule, Rochester and Throckmorton. The one constant however, has been its service to families in their time of need.

2011 adds another new chapter for the funeral business in Haskell. Brad and Haley Smith have

purchased the business from Marc Robison, who partnered with and later took over for Charles McCauley. Although it will have a new name, Smith Family Funeral Homes, the compassionate and personal touch will remain the same.

The Smith's have two children, eighth grader Henry Otis and freshman Camden Rose. As was the case with the Holden and McCauley

families, the Smith's say, "We are planting roots here in Haskell. We want this to be our home and we are here for the day to day operations."

Brad Smith, who graduated from the Dallas

Institute of Funeral Services and was licensed in 1993, is no stranger to the funeral business. His dad, Otis

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6221-75-001 for TOTAL REST AREA MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND REPAIR in CROSBY County, etc will be opened on February 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$3,936,000.00. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-75-001 to be held on January 25, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 35192

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District  
District Engineer  
135 Slaton  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771  
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

## Gladene Green

We had snow!!! Not a great deal, but it has semi-covered" the yard and we know we are headed for some extreme cold temperatures! According to the TV weathermen, I think it's going to be cold all week. Typical January, I guess.

It was back to basketball as usual when Chillocothe came over and played the Mustangs Friday night. Our team lost but not because they didn't try. Just had some hard luck and also, being so few in numbers, our kids have to play the entire game and most of our visitors (and hosts) have "fresh" teams they can run in from time to time, thus allowing everyone to rest. But we still like our school even through we are short on students in High School

## Here 'N There

Dillon Keys returned his home in Amarillo Tuesday after several days here with his grandparents, Mike and Debbie Moorhouse. Dillon had to see his doctor and is having to check regularly for a while until his level get regulated. When he gets careless with his diet, everything gets out of order. But with shots and medicine, he gets back on track pretty fast. For a 16

year old boy, it sometimes is hard for him to do everything exactly right but he usually does pretty well.

Gloria West returned home Monday (today) after a few days visit with her daughter, Cathy Tomlinson and also her grandchildren and their families in Denton. Gloria came home sort of "under the weather" but hopefully it won't get too much of a hold on her. She's bothered more by laryngitis than anything.

Erika and Wes Holmes spent the weekend in Lubbock. Wes was doing some work as a hunting guide.

My daughter, Debbie Moorhouse, made a trip to the emergency room on Thursday night, the victim of a kidney stone attack. After four hours, antibiotics and pain medicine, she is much better. But she said that was some horrible pain she experienced.

Mary Jane Young returned home Sunday night after several weeks visit with her daughter, Debbie Neil and family in Boca Raton, Florida. She returned home with Debbie in early December after Debbie being here for several months while her dad, Jack, was sick and after his death. Mary's son,

Jack Jr and Cindy, who live at Round Rock, were in Florida for a Christmas visit with the family. Mary said she enjoyed her visit, but is glad to be home and is ready to get back into her regular routine. Next thing on the Historical Commission agenda is the big meal in February, which is always a big fundraiser. Mary is always busy with that.

Karson and Karen Bivens of Tatum, N.M. visited Lorene Powers on Saturday. She said Sharon is doing well- You may remember she had surgery for a malignancy last summer.

Bud Conner has had a bout with the upper respiratory stuff that's been bothering so many people. He's been sick 2 weeks, but has finally begun to improve after 2 rounds of medicine. Now if he just doesn't have a relapse. Also he sees his doctor on Thursday for the results of his heart tests taken earlier.

Janet Reed told me that she and her family- her mom and brothers, were to have their Christmas this past weekend. Her mom, Edith Broach, was here from Lubbock and they were expecting others on Friday. Think she said that would "wind up" their Christmas.

## SAMMIE

Starting Friday evening, there will be some jars placed around Knox City as a fundraiser for Norman Tolleson to help with his expenses to the doctor for his needs during his chemotherapy. Whatever you donate will be a big blessing. There is also an account set up at the bank in their name if you would rather deposit directly into that. I'm very sure that anything will be greatly appreciated at this time of need. Thank you ahead of time from me and probably all my readers and all the families

involved. Hopefully I will have a progress report in the days and weeks ahead.

One thing I have learned is that do help another in need doesn't only help that person, but helps their spouse, and their family at home. I believe that God will direct us to do what is in our heart to help these families.

Alfredo Abila has returned home and is very weak and in some pain. But recovery will be slow. His body went through a lot in the last few weeks. Please give him a call,

even if it is just to say "hi" and give him some encouragement. A message from God will be greatly appreciated and taken to heart. 940-658-1287. Visits are not recommended at this time, because his system is not really ready.

Please be cautious with your spouses and your children. There are some nasty viruses out there that just keep going around back a forth from one person to another.

God Bless our Troops and each one of us.

### KNOX CITY-O'BRIEN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

	General Fund	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 956,167	\$ 196	\$ 87,106	\$ 1,043,469
State Program Revenues	1,936,447	250,584	227,713	2,414,744
Federal Program Revenues	8,629	6,036	942,300	956,965
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,901,243</b>	<b>256,816</b>	<b>1,257,119</b>	<b>4,415,178</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
Instruction	1,548,210	62,282	666,244	2,276,736
Instructional Resources and Media Services	25,162	-	-	25,162
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	9,839	2,094	8,751	20,684
Instructional Leadership	3,783	128,394	42,834	175,011
School Leadership	186,184	-	6,237	192,421
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	29,981	38,254	100,468	168,703
Health Services	584	-	-	584
Student (Pupil) Transportation	21,448	-	-	21,448
Food Services	4,371	-	204,567	208,938
Extracurricular Activities	187,498	-	-	187,498
General Administration	222,079	-	13,500	235,579
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	412,182	20,817	3,938	436,937
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	65,000	65,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	24,212	24,212
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	323	323
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	7,885	-	-	7,885
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	77,060	-	131,050	208,110
Other Intergovernmental Charges	31,000	-	-	31,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,767,266</b>	<b>251,841</b>	<b>1,267,124</b>	<b>4,286,231</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	133,977	4,975	(10,005)	128,947
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers In	-	-	5,491	5,491
Transfers Out (Use)	(5,491)	-	-	(5,491)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(5,491)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>128,486</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>(4,514)</b>	<b>128,947</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,989,175	411,449	28,885	2,429,509
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 2,117,661</b>	<b>\$ 416,424</b>	<b>\$ 24,371</b>	<b>\$ 2,558,456</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

*Thanks for reading!*

## Legal Notice

Repeat Monitoring Violation TCR 25/26

Each city, City of O'Brien/ 10-40005 is required to submit water samples for bacteriological testing. The samples we submitted during November 2010 contained coliform bacteria. The presence of coliform bacteria indicates a potential problem with our water treatment system of the pipes that distribute the treated water.

When coliform bacteria are found in a routine sample, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires a specific number of repeat samples to help determine if there is a problem.

We did not collect the correct number of samples.

The failure to collect any and all of these repeat samples is a monitoring violation and we are required to notify you of this violation. If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact O'Brien City Hall at 657-4263.

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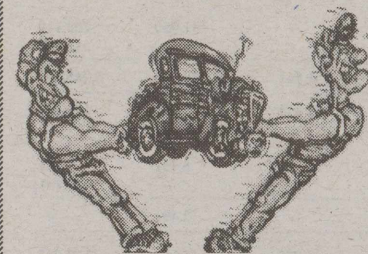


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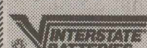


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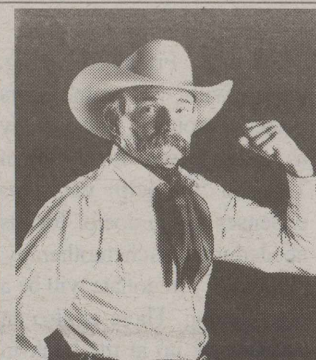
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## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,  
DVM

### HEADIN' AND HEELIN' ON THE HIGH PLAINS

Imagine the header clinging to the rack on the back of a flat-bed, chasing a cow across the high plains of Colorado with the hazer banging along beside him in a quarter-ton Ranger with a vet-box in the bed. Cowboy stories are about wrecks; horse wrecks, cow wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyrannosaurus Wrex, and flat-bed, mad cow, Ranger-with-a-vet-box-in-the-bed, wrecks!

Rancher Tom had Dr. Stan-the-Man out to his place. Whilst there, they spotted a cow with a big lump on her jaw.

"Better lance it," suggested Doc to Tom, "Ya never know."

It was getting late, no way to gather the bunch. "Just rope her" said Doc.

Tom put his son, Junior, in the back of the flat-bed. Son had been roping since high school and Dad figured maybe he could reap some payback for all the miles, horses and entry fees it had cost haulin' him to junior rodeos since he was 12!

Tom got the cow runnin' down the tracks of the feed wagon. Junior was leanin' out like a flag pole on the Titanic! The deck rocked violently as Tom swerved and slid to stay on the left side of the cow. In one wild lunge, when the flat-bed hit a dip and came off the ground, Junior threw his loop! "A beeyootiful catch!" thought Tom, as he turned off and watched the slack go out of the rope.

Back on the deck Junior realized he had about as much control of the situation as he would have ropin' a doggin' steer off a bareback bronc...no place to dally!

They regrouped. "I'll try and run over the draggin' rope with a tire!" said Tom.

Junior clambered back on the flat-bed and Dr. Stan lined up on Tom's right side. Across the plains they flew! Tom chased that rope, duckin' and divin', sluicing and careening in hot pursuit like a pinball machine gone haywire!

The cow reached a cross fence and turned in front of the flat-bed. Tom's right front tire caught the rope at the same time that Dr. Stan, who was hazing, hit the fence, cutting off her escape!

It took several minutes to heel the cow, restrain her and untangle Doc's windshield wipers, side mirrors and antennae from the bob wire. They congratulated themselves for the great job, as only cowboys would do after such a successful wreck. Oh, and the abscess popped itself in the collision, so lancing was not necessary. Talk about efficient! They all took credit, of course, and Doc sent'em a bill for consulting and navigation.



## The 501

by  
Hanaba Munn Welch

Did Benjamin Franklin really discover electricity with a key and a kite string? Or is it an urban legend?

The story is grounded convincingly in an authorized 1767 account written by Joseph Priestly and virtually confirmed in something Franklin wrote in 1752, the year of the hair-raising experiment. Franklin also had a lightning rod installed on his house along about then — one designed to make bells ring in the stairwell across from his bedroom door, sort of like today's doorbells. OSHA would faint.

In my cursory Franklin research I myself was struck by what he said about how hard it was to write about electricity:

"I feel a Want of Terms here and doubt much whether I shall be able to make this intelligible."

If Ben Franklin and I have anything in column, that's it. We both find it hard to write intelligibly about electricity.

For Franklin, the problem was a lack of vocabulary, so he coined some terms, including battery, charge, condenser, conductor, plus and minus. (If you want those terms in quotes, imagine some. I like less frills.)

For me, writing about electricity is hard because I don't understand electricity. Why ground an electric fence charger? If invisible electrons are positively zipping along on that fence wire, where do they go via the ground rod? Can they not be recycled instead?

Meanwhile, Franklin's kite string came to mind recently when I hooked up a jumper cable wrong on a car battery. Snap, crackle and lightning! I knew better. I guess senility is

attacking with éclat. At least I still have my French.

My husband understands electricity better than I do. If ever he wants to get rid of me, he can just give me bad advice. Somehow, he's always 150 miles away, dictating long-distance instructions. Can't you imagine a plot for one of those spouse-kills-spouse stories? The headline:

"Woman Electrocuted on Farm While Connecting Heating Device to Stock Water Tank"

Except headlines are never that long.

Somewhere in the story it would mention that she was found with her cell phone still clutched in her hand. In the television version, they'll check his phone records. He'll be convicted.

Whatever ultimately happens to me, the phone-in-hand part isn't likely to change.

As for my husband, he installed some electronic circuitry for sound in an old computer last night. It worked! He tried not to act surprised when the music played. I tried not to act surprised either. I like to stay on good terms with him. Refer to previous comments.

The instructions said he should ground himself to the computer, but he didn't. I think that's for people who value their computers more than themselves. Anyway, both he and the computer survived.

That's more than I can say for that car battery.

Anytime you jump a car battery, all you have to do is think of Ben Franklin, inventor of plus and minus.

Now let's see ... is it plus to plus or plus to minus? Senility can be exciting.

## SMITH

Smith, owns funeral homes in Vernon, Chillicothe, Crowell and Quanah. Born in Texas, but raised mostly in Colorado, Smith says he came back to the Vernon area to work in his father's business for approximately thirteen years. The family returned to Colorado for a few years, all the while searching for a funeral business to purchase.

Fate would have it that the local funeral home was available and the Smiths say, "It just felt right, we feel at home here." They love outdoor activities, sports, fly fishing, golfing and biking. Haley Smith, who has her own custom wedding and graphic design business, will work in the office at the funeral home.

No changes are planned for the day to day operations. In addition to the Smiths, the staff includes experienced full time employees Christina Isbell, a licensed funeral director who has been with the funeral home for five years and Sue McCurley, the resources director who has been a part of the funeral business for the past thirty-six years.

Part time employees who will continue to work at the Haskell home are Ada Pope, Linda Wallace and Arabella Garcia. In addition Margie Fannin will be at Rule, Margurite Gaunt at Rochester, Bud Reynolds and Lois Richardson at Knox City and Estee Everett at Throckmorton.

In more recent years, Holden-McCauley expanded its operations to include Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City which was bought by Sue McCurley's father E. Hob Smith in 1957 from Ellis Warren. He already owned Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Rochester. The Rule funeral home/

furniture store, owned by Floyd Gaunt, began service in 1926. William Pinkard purchased the business in 1956, and after his death in 1990, it was sold to Robison. Merriman Funeral Home in Throckmorton was established in 1921 by Ed Merriman. He ran the business until 1973, when his son Walter, after retiring from the Postal Service, took over the funeral home. In 1991 Benny Archer bought the business and added his name to the title. Robison purchased Merriman-Archer

Funeral Home in October of 2009.

The Smiths want to emphasize that the change in ownership will not affect the pre-paid plans already sold. They will honor them, as well as continue to sell plans and monuments. They will also continue the tradition of assisting with the needs of families in the same concerned, respectful ways to which this area is accustomed. We welcome the Smiths to Haskell and encourage everyone to go by and get acquainted.

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and enter your email address. Each time a post is made it will come directly to your inbox! This will keep you informed of the latest happenings of the KCVG.

The KCVG meets the third Thursday of every month in rotating communities. Their next meeting is set for January 20, 2011, in Goree at the bank building (Trainham Ice) at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged

to come. The KCVG will be discussing their Plan of Action for 2011.

The KCVG is a non-profit organization supported by Knox County, Development Corporation of Munday, Knox City EDC, City of Munday, City of Knox City, City of Goree, First National Bank of Munday, Citizen's State Bank, Circle Bar Ranch, Quality Implement, and Knox County Abstract.

## Knox County Livestock Show is just around the corner

In just a few weekends the youth of Knox County 4-H and F.F.A. programs will be filling up the newly renovated Munday Events Center to exhibit their livestock projects. The annual Knox County Junior Livestock Show is set for Friday, January 21 and Saturday, January 22. The public is invited and encouraged to come support the youth of Knox County as they show case their animals for every one to see. A concession

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### Friday, January 21

8:00 a.m. - Begin Weighing Lambs, Goats, and Swine  
4:00 p.m. - Begin Weighing Broilers and Rabbits  
5:00 p.m. - Market Broiler Show followed by Rabbit Show  
6:00 p.m. - Market Lamb Show followed by Market Goat Show

### Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m. - Market Swine Show  
10:00 a.m. - Steers in Place  
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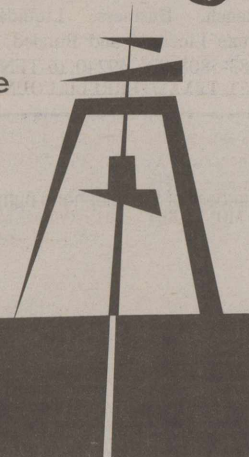
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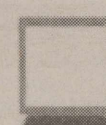
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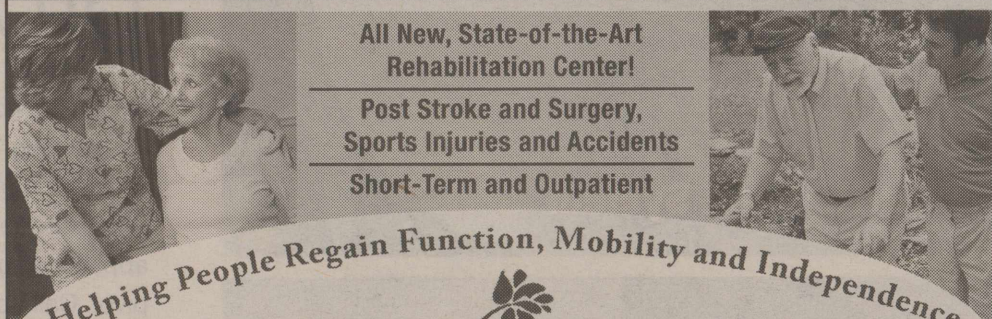
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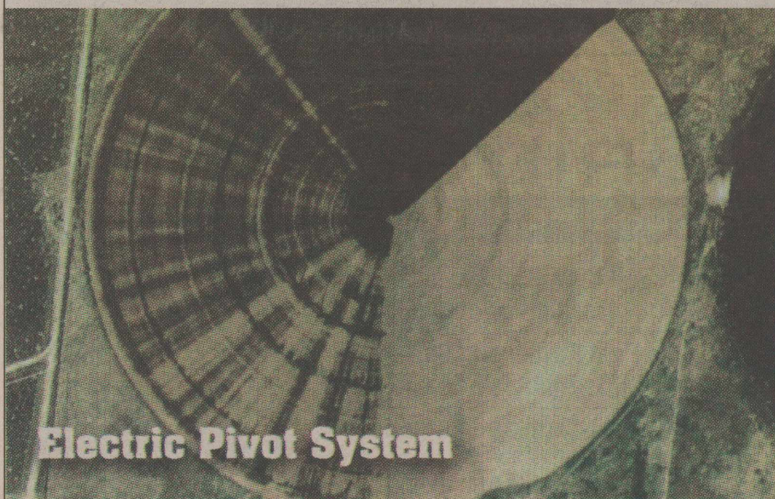
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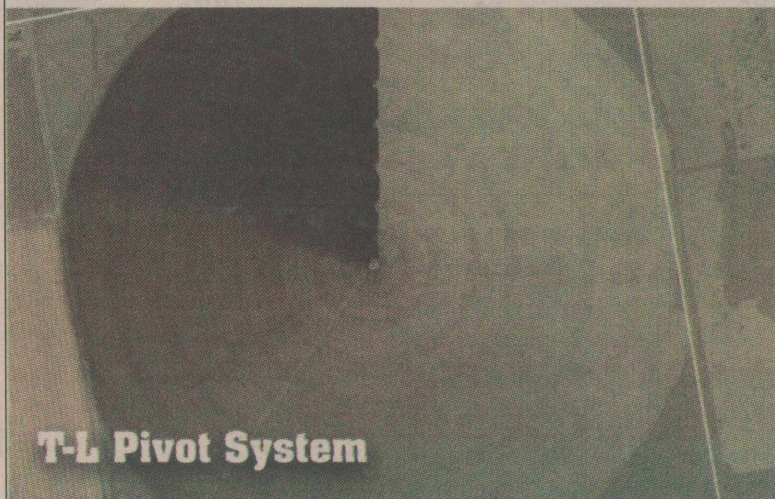
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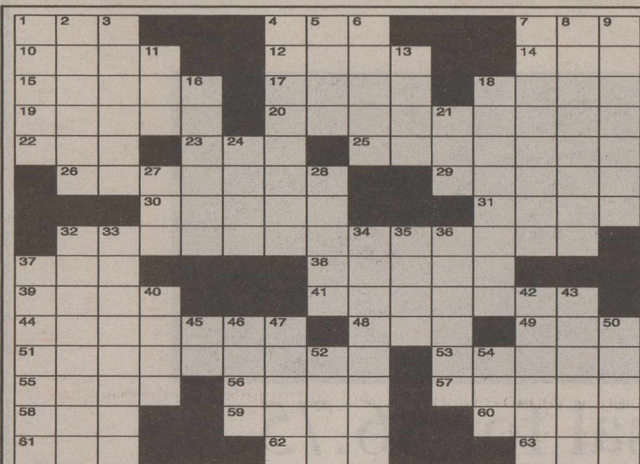
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Not an amateur
- 4. Non commercial TV
- 7. Indicated horsepower, abbr.
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ Strauss, jeans maker
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island
- 14. No (Scottish)
- 15. Sour or bitter in taste
- 17. Russian city on Oka River
- 18. A dry cold north wind in SE France
- 19. Upper body part
- 20. Metric linear unit
- 22. Cabinet Dept. est. 9/65
- 23. 4th. day (abbr.)
- 25. Stalkless
- 26. Porch or walkway
- 29. Extends across
- 30. Cavities
- 31. Screech owl genus
- 32. Canterbury Archbishop 1162
- 37. Type of whale
- 38. Film actor Clark
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Short purposeful trips
- 44. Chewing
- 48. Memory hardware
- 49. Swiss river
- 51. Make to look like marble
- 53. Molten rock material
- 55. Protects the chest
- 56. Cain and \_\_\_\_\_
- 57. Ages of time (Hindu)
- 58. Yield as profit
- 59. Network of nerves
- 60. A pool of standing water
- 61. Make an effort
- 62. Male parent
- 63. Radioactivity unit

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Sylvia \_\_\_\_\_, Am. poet
- 2. Make up for
- 3. Perform to an excessive degree
- 4. Raises
- 5. Naked
- 6. Eyeglasses
- 7. Cause to begin
- 8. Cobnut
- 9. A woman of aristocratic family
- 11. Tax collector
- 13. Wings
- 16. The 2nd half of an inning
- 18. Betrothed
- 21. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 24. Scars on a seed
- 27. 17th Greek letter
- 28. A tributary of the Missouri River
- 32. Ages 13 to 19
- 33. Fun
- 34. Done to age wine
- 35. River in NE Spain
- 36. Damp & unpleasant
- 37. One part of an orange
- 40. Compass point that is one point S of SW
- 42. A short pointed weapon
- 43. Silver Maple winged fruit
- 45. Lincoln's state
- 46. Close by
- 47. Jeered
- 50. Tore down
- 52. 6th Greek letter
- 54. Japanese terrorist org.

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