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Winter Finally Arrives in Knox County

Tamara Smart

It is said that only fools and newcomers try and predict West Texas weather. This time, though, the weathercasters got it right.

It was only 3 days before the storm hit that children could be seen spending their Saturday playing outside in short-sleeves and tennis shoes. Avid golfers awoke to the 70-degree temps this weekend, feverishly throwing on their golf cleats and clubs and heading toward the Knox City Country Club. "How 'bout this weather" was a common greeting shouted from neighbor to neighbor in the parking lots of grocery stores.

Yet, a looming storm was on the horizon.

As forecasters foretold, the weather began having a chill about it on Monday evening, and by Tuesday morning, the same children who were playing in the sun only days earlier, retired their short sleeves and brought out their snow gear. Because of the snow covered world and the icy streets, the local schools called a "late start" requiring their pupils to show

See WINTER on page 8



The scene at O'Brien Middle School Tuesday morning. The kids were give a reprieve of a few extra hours of sleep, as KC/O'Brien CISD called a "late start" because of the winter storm that hit overnight.

Photo By Tamara Smart

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 6th will mark 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 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.

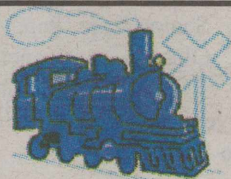


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God's Promises

Hearing The Heartbeat Of God

By Gary Schnable,
Four Square Church

"Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved"
John 13:18-30

Over the years, Valentine's Day, a day symbolic of love, has been emblematic of love, romance and passion between

a man and a woman. Before mankind came to a more clear understanding of the human body, the heart was thought to be the same as the soul & that the human emotions came from the heart. To most of us we simply think of the heart representing the deepest held emotional love for a spouse or special person.

Let me ask you a question.

Have you listened to the heartbeat of that significant one? Have you laid your head against their chest? What do you hear when you lay your head on the chest of another? A HEARTBEAT...thump, thump...thump, thump...

Have you ever noticed the amazing beauty of a baby/infant soundly asleep against its mother or fathers chest?

It is such a peaceful and beautiful event for both parent and child! These little ones find great comfort in hearing the heartbeat of their parents, especially their mother.

As these little ones begin to grow they begin to understand the heartbeat of their parent's values. They learn what is good, acceptable and profitable to enjoy a life of peace and love in their home and life.

Many years ago as I was leading prayer at Bible school, (before I was a parent) God gave me a picture of a baby resting peacefully in a parent's arms. As God unveiled this to me He brought me to the passage of scripture where the Apostle John laid his head on our Savior's chest.

I asked the Lord, "What does this mean?" He showed me it was a word to inform/warn people that we all need to be like John. We need to keep our ear to the chest of Jesus listening to His heartbeat:

1) Hearing the very heart

beat of Christ full of passionate love for us, reminding us how much He cares for us!

2) Hearing the calming sound of His heart while being embraced by Him when life goes sideways. His heartbeat will comfort us through the worst storms of life allowing us to rest peacefully because we are safe in His arms.

3) Hearing His heartbeat also means that we will know how to live our lives by His hearts desire. All this so we do not miss His best for us or lose our heavenly place in these challenging days we live in.

God was very strong on this last point! He revealed that many will get caught up their everyday lives like they did in the days of Noah, living life with a form of godliness, yet they are far from God. He's saying we must stay close by hearing His heartbeat through prayer, reading His love letters (the Bible) to remain faithfully in love and to stay in constant fellowship of accountability

with other believers. Then we will hear His heartbeat and not be led astray by temporal pleasures, but into our eternal promises!

Many in the contemporary church and society think a nominal faith or a life of good works will get us home. God's Word says something quite different (Ephesians 2:8-10). Yes, we can access a relationship with Him and heaven by receiving His gift of salvation. We will know we possess this wonderful gift if our desire is to passionately pursue after Christ!

Do you know how much God loves you? Lay your head upon His chest constantly and you will begin to hear His heartbeat revealing His love for you, His comfort for you and how to avoid the snares that can deceive or destroy our lives! Come on lay your head on His chest, go ahead get right up close...Get quiet and listen...*Can you hear Him now?*

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Obituaries

JEANETTE HAWKINS

Jeanette was born November 21, 1933 to Jay and Estelle Hawkins in Goodwater, Alabama. Shortly thereafter, the new family journeyed to West Texas and made Knox City their home. Jeanette attended school in Sunset and finished her high school years graduating from Knox City High School in 1952. In 1966, Jeanette received her diploma from Glen and Lottie's School of Beauty in Abilene, Texas, and owned and operated a beauty salon in Abilene for a few years.

Jeanette loved to travel, and had a special fondness for the mountains of Colorado. Jeanette spent the majority of her life caring for others. She

was happiest taking care of her home and family. She was an outstanding cook, probably because she never thought of it as a task, but as an act of love. She enjoyed cooking over a camp fire while on the many camp outs to Colorado and other outdoorsy places. She equally loved preparing large quantities of food, and it did not matter whether it was a challenging entre or a sugary dessert...it was always made with love and enjoyed by all. With her expertise of preparing large quantities of food, along with her love of cooking, Jeanette decided to become a cook at the Senior Citizens Center in Olney, Texas.

Following that Jeanette moved to Wichita Falls

Texas where she lived for the remainder of her life. Jeanette died Tuesday, January 25, 2011 following a brief illness.

Jeanette is survived by her two daughters, Lynn and Merri, along with their children Bill, Lauren, Sarah and Luke. She is also survived by her son, Don Hawkins and his children, Lezlee, Kimberly and Travis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Estelle Hawkins, Her sister Betty Taylor, and her husband Shelby Stepp. Jeanette will be missed...but, we, her family, are happy to know she is experiencing true love, joy and infinite happiness in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

O'Brien gets New City Secretary



Donna Stuskey has recently taken her position as the new city secretary serving the City of O'Brien.

Photo by Tamara Smart

Tamara Smart

For many years, folks knew that the "go-to" gal in O'Brien has been Isabel Diaz. Isabel was the City Secretary, who helped keep the city agenda, the water department files and the unending paperwork that any city creates. After years of service, on December 20, Isabel retired and left the city to the very capable hands of her predecessor, Donna Stuskey.

Donna, who moved here 14 years ago from Seymour, is no stranger to secretarial work, nor is she afraid of undertak-

ing a new task. In the morning, Donna can be found answering phones, filing and keeping the Espinosa and Sons business going.

Yet, this secretarial career comes after a long stint in the healthcare arena. Donna started practicing the art of nursing in the late '80s and worked for relentless years serving under different doctors and hospitals. Much of that time, Donna spent at the North Texas State Hospital in Vernon, helping aid patients in their recovery and care.

Yet, 14 years ago, after a fruitful career in healthcare, Donna came to Knox City where her parents, John and Doretha Picklesimer, reside. Yet, after moving here, Donna didn't often refer to the connection between her and her parents to those she met; rather, she chose to earn her own reputation in this small community.

Donna is the mother of three girls, the grandmother to 6 grandchildren and the great-grandmother to 2 precious kids. She is very proud of her brood, and extremely pleased that she

was able to create such a family in her mere "39 years" of life (although, she may have celebrated her 39th birthday several times now). Donna is a widow, never remarrying because she not only had time to date after her husband died; she had no interest in doing so either.

This new job venture with the City of O'Brien could be a daunting task for a newcomer to the position. Yet, Ms. Stuskey is taking the transition with ease. Learning something new is the way that she has always grown and developed into the lady that she is today. Everything she has ever done, she taught herself how to do.

When Donna was offered the position of City Secretary, she noted an eerie irony that has plagued her since she moved here 14 years ago. There has been a typo on the O'Brien water facility since she moved here, displaying her home number rather than the correct number for which a citizen can report a water emergency. While this mistake neither bothered her, she is glad that she never had the sign corrected, seeing as she is now the "go-to" person for the water department.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Sammie Offield

Monday evening I got to visit with Dan Tolbert and says he is doing great. He is taking time to get all his strength back but he looks good.

I heard the chopper come into the hospital on Monday after lunch but I have no details who it was. Let's keep whoever it was in our prayers.

The bake sale is on its way from the ladies of the Abundant Life Church. They are doing a great job. They have worked together and are working with me for whatever we need to do to get this

fundraiser underway.

Well, news about Ester Grindstaff's health is all good after another little set back. She is recovering slowly, but is looking really good.

Also, we have another loss in our community. Don Hawkins' mom, Jeanette, has passed away. This family needs our prayers and may God send them many blessings as they deal with their loss. Jeanette was the daughter of Jay and Estel Hawkins of Knox City. She lived here for many years before she moved to Wichita Falls.

Well, I made my trip to Grapevine one more time to see my back specialist. The visit went great and I don't

have to return until three months from now... so it's time to start swinging the golf clubs and working a little. It was a long day, but I am thankful that the doctor continues to give me reports that I am improving more and more each day.

I see there are still a lot of pecans out there to pick up. Mr. Dillon will be buying pecans until March, so you don't have to go very far to sell your crop of pecans.

It's tax season again. Time to get all the deductions owed to you- better to find out you have money coming back to you than to realize you have to pay to them. Good luck.

Chris King and Ivan have

taken a ski trip this past week. I hope they had fun. Hopefully they will bring back some pictures depicting their good time. It makes me want to go back in time to those "remember when" moments.

As I sit and look back on some of the things I've done- I have always had a great and wonderful time doing things, although I have been known to spread myself a little thin, or as Eddie says, "too many irons in the fire." Well, this year I intend to take a few steps back and do something for me and also take better care of me. But, believe me, my column will continue to be one of the pleasures in my

life. And I will continue to be here is someone needs my help in any way.

Saturday morning I was up and at 'em early for the bake sale. The sale went great.

Glenda came by and said that Danny Reece was doing well and that is good to hear. The blessing of Danny in such a small community is great. See SAMMIE on Page 11

Knox County Aging Services

Menus For Feb. 6th To Feb. 10th

Monday Feb. 6th

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Salad
Refried Beans
Fruit

Friday, Feb. 10th

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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

Sheriff's Report

Dean Homstad Sheriff

Pursuant to your open records request, here is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Know County Jail:

Jan. 8 - Jan. 29.

Herrera, Roberto

1/20/11
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Rack, Christian
1/21/11
Possess Drug Paraphernalia (M-C)
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Payne, Justin
1/21/11
Possession of Marijuana (M-B)
Foard County

Wallace, William
1/22/11
Assault w/ bodily injury (M-A)
Knox County

Meeks, Robert Lee
1/25/11
Theft (M-B)
Foard County

Masias, Andrew G. Jr.
1/28/11
MTR: Burglary of Building (SJF)
Knox County

New VA Clinic to open

Mr. Daniel L. Marsh, Director, West Texas VA Health Care System, is pleased to announce the relocation of the Stamford VA outreach Clinic. The new clinic will continue to be located within the Stamford Memorial Hospital campus. The new clinic will location in 1601 Columbia Street; this move will be effective on January 26, 2011. All Veterans with appointments n or after January 26 should report to our new

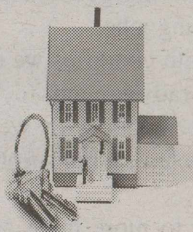
location.

With the additional space the West Texas VA Health care System will be allowed to begin seeing patients two days per week. In the very near future, VA staff will be operating the Stamford Clinic on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Truscott News

Clara Brown

There has been no Truscott/Gilliland News recently due to this writer's being down with the flu, along with husband, Jack Brown, also having the flu. We don't know who gave us the flu, but this writer believes she caught it from the other person.

Everyone has been asking about Don Daniels. His son, Jerry Bob, reports that after several weeks in the hospital, Don has been transferred to rehab.

Anyone who would like to send a note or card to Bob can send it to Don Daniel, Box 120, Guthrie, Texas 7936. Jerry Bob will take all such mail to Don in Lubbock.

Jerry Bob also reports that Eugenie's father, who went to the hospital with the e coli

virus about the same time as Don's accident, was in the hospital in Lubbock. So Jerry Bob was going to see his father at Lubbock while Eugenie was flying back east to see her father. Eugenie's father is home now.

So far, neither Jerry Bob nor Eugenie has caught a virus. They sure don't need to add anything else!

The annual Wichita-Brazos museum barbeque will be Sunday, February 6, at the Benjamin Center at 11 a.m. until all the food is gone. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Truscott and Gilliland ladies will be helping provide deviled eggs and desserts for the brisket, sausage and turkey feast. Over 100 people are involved in making the annual museum fundraiser possible.



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The Paperboy

Egyptian Big Brother

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I had a late night Monday night and it was interesting hearing and seeing the road crews out preparing for the storm. As I awoke, the crews were still at it.

Ever think of where we'd be without the men and women keeping our roads open? What about crews that keep the power on?

Last year around this time thousands suffered through an ice storm that left many without any power, some for days at a time. Sometimes Mother Nature is just too strong for us to keep up, but thankfully, we have a force out there working their tails off trying to keep society moving.

When winter storms hit, check on friends and acquaintances who might be struggling to keep warm. Sadly, some do suffer and can be in peril when freezing weather occurs. If you haven't seen signs your neighbor has been out and about, give them a call.

Want to hear something scary? The government can turn off the Internet if it wants to. It happened in Egypt last week.

When the protests began against the dictatorial government of Egypt, the Egyptian government, under the order of the President Mubarak, ordered the Internet be turned off and it was shut off immediately.

Last year, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) sponsored legislation to give President Obama the authority to shutdown the Internet in the event of a "cyber security emergency." So far, this legislation has not been brought to the Senate floor, but is expected to be later this year.

However, I think we all know if the government thought it was in its best interest, off it would go,

This reaction to the Egyptian government turning off the internet has been consistent in the U.S. Conservatives,

moderates, liberals and progressives are all in agreement that doing so in the U.S. is not a good idea.

It makes one wonder, however, if progressives are up in arms over the decision in Egypt, why are they pressing for "Net Neutrality?"

Perhaps this has awakened them into staying away from the thought that the government should not be regulating Internet Service Providers (IPs's).

We all know about "Big Brother." I believe most of us would like the government to stay out of the private sector as much as possible and this includes the internet.

One more thought: Can you imagine the reaction in the U.S. if the internet were off, meaning cell phones would not work? It would not be good ...

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Trade Agreements Are Good for America

By REBAKAH RAST

There's no question that we live in global environment. We buy products from all nations, eat foods from all around the world and interact daily with people from all different countries.

It is important that America participates in this changing world, or it will be left behind. The more America opens up to the idea of trade agreements with other countries the more competitive and productive it will be.

"The world's changed. It's not enough to just buy American you need to sell American all throughout the world," says U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX) in an exclusively interview with Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "Unfortunately this past Congress and the White House have refused to help us level the playing field."

Rep. Brady is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade. He is a firm believer in trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.

"South Korea, Colombia and Panama are together worth almost \$13 billion of new sales for our U.S. goods and services," Rep. Brady went on to say. "So we are going to create a lot of jobs and find new customers that will help us get out of this economic recession, if we can open those markets. The President has indicated that he is willing to move South Korea, he needs to move all three and go be-

yond that—open those new markets and let us compete."

According to the Wall Street Journal, Congressional debate on the proposed South Korea free trade deal could begin as soon as March. The article goes on to say, "Once the deal reaches Congress, it will be debated not only on its merit, but on its timing in relation to other pending trade agreements with Colombia and Panama."

In a hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means on Jan. 25, The Council of the Americas, which is a business organization representing some 190 member companies invested in and doing business throughout the Western Hemisphere, issued a statement of strong support to expand trade and investment throughout the Americas.

One of the arguments for such trade agreements is that it will retain America's competitiveness with South America and the rest of the world.

Having a trade deficit, like the U.S. has, is not necessarily bad, but it does impact the country's ability to compete with other world powers.

"Unfortunately we don't have agreements with China, Europe, and other parts of the world, but other countries are reaching those agreements, shutting us out and putting us at a disadvantage," Rep. Brady says. "The more agreements that give us two-way trade, a level playing field, the better it is for us."

Trade agreements that America are involved in, like NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), help to

stimulate our economy by manufacturing goods and services here in the U.S. and by providing jobs.

"Most of our deficit in trade is with countries we don't have trade agreements with," Rep. Brady explains to ALG. "The ones we actually reach agreements with we sell more goods and services. In fact, we have a big surplus of sales."

Though America exposing itself to more trade agreements would not cure the nation's economy on its own, it would be a step in that direction.

"Freedom in every avenue in life is a good thing," says Don Todd, senior research director at ALG, "whether it is freedom in trade or in political action. Moves towards restricting free trade are moves toward restricting freedom. Freedom leads to a healthier and more productive economy."

As Congress and the President work together to negotiate trade agreements with other countries, other hindrances to U.S. competitiveness should come into the light as well. America's tax policies, labor laws and the current levels of goods and services produced in the United States also need to be altered to enhance the country's global image.

A willingness to begin trade agreements with other countries is a willingness to participate and compete in an ever-changing global environment that will boost U.S. jobs and tax revenues. A good first step for a country that's on an unsustainable fiscal path.

Region 9 Accepting Applications for Board

Applications for Place on the Ballot for election to the Board of Directors of the Region 9 Education Service Center, 301 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, Texas may be obtained at the Region 9 office, above address, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning Monday, February 2, 2011.

Open for election are Place 2, currently filled by Ms. Lou Jagers, (representing Wilbarger, Hardeman and Foard Counties), Place 4, currently filled by Mr. Jerry Johnson (representing Wichita County), and Place 6, filled by Mr. Robert Russell Jr (representing Archer and Young Counties). Board members

are elected to a three-year term. Notice of filing must be received at the headquarters office in person or by certified mail no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011.

To hold office of member of an ESC Board of Directors one must be a US citizen, be at least 18 years of age, and be a resident in that ESC region. To hold the office of Board Member, one cannot be engaged professionally in education in a public school district, be a member of a school board of trustees, or be a member of the board of trustees of any institution of higher education.

New VA Clinic to Open

Mr. Daniel L. Marsh, Director, West Texas VA Health Care System, is pleased to announce the relocation of the Stamford VA outreach Clinic. The new clinic will continue to be located within the Stamford Memorial Hospital campus. The new clinic will location

in 1601 Columbia Street; this move will be effective on January 26, 2011. All Veterans with appointments on or after January 26 should report to our new location.

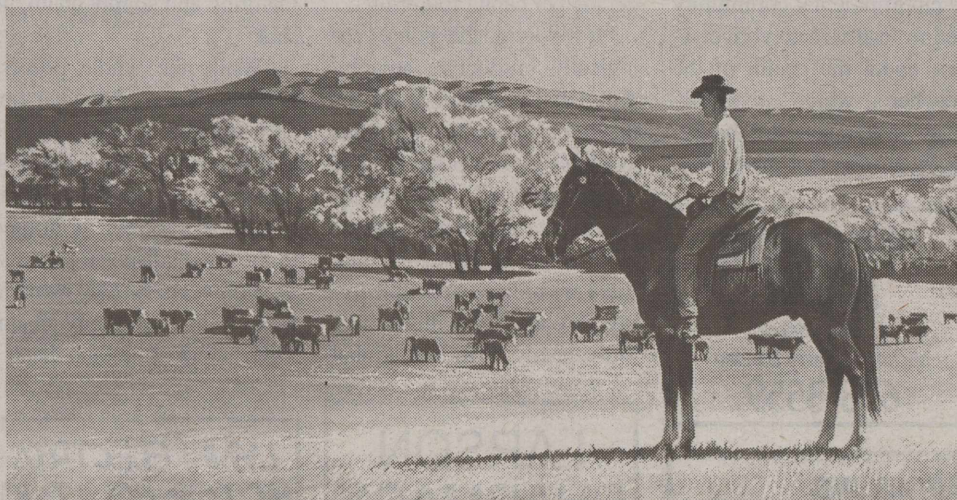
With the additional space the West Texas VA Health care System will be allowed to begin seeing patients two

days per week. In the very near future, VA staff will be operating the Stamford Clinic on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Veterans with any questions or concerns may call Iva Jo Hanslik, public Affairs Officer at 1-800-472-1365 ext. 4824.

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorneys do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: **MOSES DENA**, Respondent, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 07 of MARCH, 2011 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50th District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on SEPTEMBER 20 2010 in this case, numbered 9347 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: TANYA DENA are Plaintiffs and MOSES DENA are Defendants.

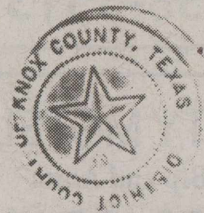
A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on January 25, 2011.

ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk
Knox County, Texas

(Seal)

By: Lisa Cypert, Deputy
LISA CYPERT



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WINTER

up at 10. So the kids got to sleep in late, only to don their "Christmas Story" costumes in order to fend off the nippiness that settled over the region to get to their respective school. Many businesses closed and very little traffic was found on the treacherous streets.

Finally, winter has arrived in Knox County. The rest of the country has been drowned by snow banks and frigid temperatures since early in the season, where locals have sat in their sun filled houses, watching the newscasts of cars spinning out and 14 inches of accumulation hitting New England in a mere two hours. We have not been privy of this torrential season that has

broken all-time records back East, with two more months of Winter ahead.

On Wednesday, February 2nd, the country watched as the tradition of asking Punxsutawney Phil the fate of the next few months' weather, and lo and behold, good news was received...no shadow, early spring. For many Americans, that prediction brings a sigh of relief; but for Knox, if the prediction is correct, our winter will be abbreviated and mild comparatively.

Finally, though, winter has arrived, and with it, the end of a drought and a fire season which has been extremely vigorous for the last few months.

Perhaps more snow is in store for us, but definitely a cold few months lay ahead.

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Research shows livestock industry is 'green'

AMARILLO - Livestock agriculture is green. It is time the industry stopped allowing itself to be pushed around and start using science-based information to tell what it is doing for the world, according to speakers at the recent Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

Dennis Avery, director of the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., told the crowd that as the world's population increases in wealth and size, farmers and ranchers will have to double global food production within 40 years.

"This is a bigger challenge than Dr. Norman Borlaug faced when he launched the Green Revolution in the 1960s," Avery said. "Since we already farm 37 percent of the Earth's land area, we cannot double food production simply by plowing more

land and using more of today's inputs.

"We must find new ways to add yield and productivity on the best land."

Avery said the push for grass-fed beef, organic foods and trying to grow a fuel supply with biofuels will become less popular.

Confinement feeding produces more meat per pound of feed, is kinder to animals and puts less carbon into the air than grass-fed beef, he said. Organic farming is not conservation-friendly and biofuels divert too much good land to produce tiny amounts of high-cost fuel.

"During this period, farmers and ranchers must do something they have never done: Tell urbanites why they farm differently from their grandfathers - to feed the hungry even as we save land for nature."

Dr. Brent Auvermann, Texas AgriLife Extension Service environmental systems specialist, followed Avery with a discussion of agriculture's "carbon footprint" and the role carbon plays in the production of beef.

"Over the past 10 years, we've seen a shift in the terms the environmental community used to lead us into conversations about the health of the ecosphere, which is simply the air, water, soil and the living organisms that make their

homes there," Auvermann

average. Early on, the talk was of sustainability - economic, environmental and social, he said. But no one learned to measure sustainability; it was an abstraction.

Next came the term "global warming potential," used to refer to the magnitude of the stress human activities were imposing on the world's climate.

"Global warming potential wasn't really a case of air pollution until Congress and the EPA got hold of it and the Supreme Court gave them elbow room," Auvermann said. "It didn't include other considerations like water quality or natural resource availability, either."

And, as global warming potential has lost its hold on the public's imagination, it has now been replaced by "ecological footprint," referring to the carrying capacity of an ecosystem, Auvermann said.

The ecological footprint is essentially an accounting procedure that adds up all the land and sea areas required to supply resources and assimilate wastes and divides by the number of people supported to get the per capita footprint.

"If we divide the global ecologically productive area by the global population, we get the global average of 4.7 acres available to each person on the Earth," he said. That means that some nations like Canada have room to grow, but that there are billions of people living in countries with far less bio-capacity than the global

The ecological footprint is derived from energy, cropland, pasture, sea space, forest land, built area and hydroelectric. The biggest portion of that is the energy footprint, Auvermann said. And that is where the carbon comes in.

The energy footprint is the area of land, predominately forest land, required to sequester the carbon emissions from fossil fuel combustion, he said. So when speaking of the carbon footprint, it is actually a subset of the total ecological footprint.

A production and environmental quality model for beef production shows how enhancing product quality, increasing efficiency or reducing emissions is deeply embedded in a larger system characterized by feedback, time variation, human agency and mutual dependence, Auvermann said.

This life-cycle analysis shows how a product that hits the plate is the product of just about everything else involved in its production, including the resources consumed, the machinery built to process it, and all the labor, processes and resources required to dispose of the wastes within the manufacturing and supply chain, he said.

"While the whole process is complicated, the idea underneath it all is pretty simple and appealing: We can't just pretend that a product's environmental footprint is limited to the waste-disposal processes immediately downstream from it in the supply chain. There's more to it than that."

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

First thing's first, I apologize for not having any news last week but there just wasn't much going on. And sorry to say, but this week is also pretty slow. Aside from talk about the cold weather, snow, ice, etc. that we have promised for the rest of the week, things are pretty quiet. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will be a little warmer and maybe the groundhog will not have seen his shadow. Tho we haven't had much of a winter, I'm ready for spring- but I dread the threat of severe weather. Then again, I say- We are never satisfied.

A belated expression of sympathy to the families of Winifred White, John Ed Hayley and Jeanette Hawkins Stepp this week. These friends passed away recently after being in failing health for quite some time. They will be missed by many relatives and friends.

Here 'N There

Anthony and Jessica Lamb spent last weekend with friends in Amarillo.

Lorene Powers, Gloria West, Debbie Clower and Sara Clower, student at H.S.U., along with Betty Parker of Aspermont attended a pre-nuptial bridal shower for bride-elect of David Clower in Plainview Friday night. David and Carissa will be married on March 12 in Taos, NM.

Steve and Maggie Powers of Midland visited his mom, Lorene, during the weekend. Also here for another weekend, making repairs on his mother's home, were Sharon and Karson Bivens of Tatum, NM.

Tina Siemens had a birthday Saturday and her family was here to help her celebrate. That's Nancy and Nathan Beavers and Jakey Siemens of Wichita, Ray and Mary Ham and family of Abilene, and Margaret and Sal Silva, both of Benjamin. Also, Kim Sealy joined them for lunch on Sunday. Her daughter, Lisa was unable to be here as she was working. Lisa is also in school and will graduate in May as a R.N.

I talked to Helen Green today and she said her brother, James Coppedge is doing pretty well. Had some surgery recently for a tumor on his neck but is recovering nicely from that.

She and the other sisters and brothers along with lots of family members were in College Station a couple weeks ago to help James and Betty celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. She said they all had a good time.

James is retiring and will be honored with a retirement party later this month. But Helen said she wouldn't make it back down there for it. It's good to get that report on him.

The museum dinner is Sunday and as usual, it promises to be a good day with plenty of food and the proceeds go for a wonderful cause. The museum is such a nice facility and something everyone in the county can (and should be) proud of. I'll see you there.

Bud Conner was in Wichita Falls today to see a pulmonary doctor. No results of his tests, but hopefully there won't be much of a problem. Just good to get those things checked out.

Everyone has been saddened by the news that little Briley Hostas of Seymour has been diagnosed with leukemia. Briley is 3 years old, and her parents are John and Alicia. She's the niece of Nathan and Elisabeth Moorhouse Herring. She is in Cooks Children Hospital in Ft. Worth undergoing chemo and will be there for quite some time. I urge everyone to pray for this young family during this time.

I congratulate Cody Propps for doing well in the county livestock show. Now it's on to Ft. Worth for him and we wish him good luck down there. And, as seems to be the Ft. Worth show pattern, looks like it will be cold and wet. Once in a while the weather during the show is good, but more often, it's not.

We have just learned of the death of David Milson. David has had health problems off and on for many years, but fought hard and overcame many of them. He retired from coaching this past spring and, though he had some new problems occur, he has been doing pretty well. No details on the exact cause of his death. My very sincere sympathy to his wife, Val, and his siblings and their families; Kathy, Shane and Kelly, and to all other friends and family members.

Farm Service Agency announces a general signup period for the Conservation Reserve Program

Knox City, Texas – February 01, 2011 – John Rector, Executive Director for the Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup March 14, 2011 through April 15, 2011. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

“Financial incentives available through CRP afford farmers and ranchers a low risk opportunity to implement a variety of conservation practices that will benefit the environment in a number of ways,”

said Rector “Over the past 25 years, CRP practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil erosion,” he said.

Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new

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Legal Notice

Notice of Sale

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DATED January 27, 2011, ad issued pursuant to a judicial decree of the District Court of Knox County Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 7909, and styled Knox County Appraisal District vs. Jay White, Ind. & d/b/a The Munday Courier, Cynthia White, Ind. & d/b/a The Munday Courier, First National Bank in Munday, Lienholder (In Rem Only), M.L. Waggoner, Lein Holder (In Rem Only), Michael Waggoner, Lienholder (In Rem Only), Ester Waggoner, Leinholder (In Rem Only), Texas Converting, Inc., Leinholder (In Rem Only), State of Texas, Texas Workforce Commission, Leinholder (In Rem Only) Account Number 07-338889-9 and United States of America Internal Revenue Service, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on January 27, 2011, seized, levied upon and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2011, the same being the 1st day of March 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Benjamin, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Knox and the State of Texas, to-wit:

The West 125' of Lots 11 and 12, Block 46, Lee Addition, City of Munday

The South 150' of Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Original Townsite to the City of Munday

Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED January 27, 2011 at Benjamin Texas
By Dean Homstad, Sheriff, Knox County

You may contact the plaintiff's attorney at 325-672-4870

Taxpayers Jan. 31 is the last day to pay your 2010 taxes and avoid the additional penalty

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homeowners are not required to file a homestead exemption annually. If you are already receiving the state mandated \$15,000 homestead exemption or additional over sixty-five \$10,000 exemption, you need not reapply for the taxing year of 2011. However, if you became 65 in 2010, or will become 65 in 2011, you need to apply for the additional over-65 \$10,000 exemption. If you have changed your place of residency you need to apply for a new exemption. All homestead applications must be filed with the Chief Appraiser between the dates of January 1, 2011 and May 1, 2011. These exemption forms are available at the Knox County Appraisal District Office, which is located in the Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas. Individuals who qualify for the over-65 additional homestead exemption, described above, have the option of paying their homestead taxes in four equal installments, without penalty or interest. These installments are due before February 1, April 1, June 1, and August 1. If you qualify, and are interested, please contact the Knox County Appraisal District.

AG-USE EXEMPTIONS

Annual applications for qualifying land for agricultural use are not required. If you have been receiving the AG-USE

exemption on your land in prior years, you need not reapply for the exemption. If you recently purchased a farm, you need to report this to the Chief Appraiser. AG-USE exemption forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2011 and May 1, 2011.

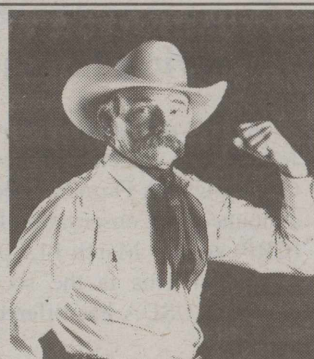
DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

These exemptions need not be applied for annually. If you received your exemption on the 2010 tax roll, you will automatically receive it for the tax year of 2011. However, if your disability percentage has changed, you need to report the change to the Chief Appraiser. Deadline for filing new exemptions are between January 1, 2011, and May 1, 2011.

Renditions

Taxpayers are reminded that it is still their responsibility to render their personal property to the Chief Appraiser. These rendition forms are also available at the Appraisal District Office. Deadline for tax renditions is between January 1, 2011 and April 15, 2011.

If you have any questions about your exemptions, or any other ad valorem tax related question, you are invited to write the Knox County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 47, Benjamin, Tx. 79505, or call (940)459-3891. If Appraisal District employees can be of assistance, please let us help.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

MAKIN' A LIVIN' IN THE COW BUSINESS

An interviewer asked me how one can make a living in the cow business. Actually he said, "As we're heading into the next couple years with declining cattle numbers and steady prices, how do you think you should position yourself to take advantage of the market?"

I assume he'd mistaken me as an authority in the cattle business. Maybe he thought I was a Wall Street speculator who heard rumors of another run on ethanol. Or maybe he mistook me for a dairyman, who works harder than an Egyptian hod carrier, and lives between dairy buyouts and the price of cheese in Laos.

Or I might have looked to him like a jaded packing house buyer who spends his day drawing blood from renegade cattle feeders and learning to speak Portuguese! OR an economist who practices economic monetary catability which allows him to spring back from the embarrassment and disrepute of making wrong market predictions over and over, like a ragged Phoenix with his tail feathers scorched.

Or maybe a cattle feeding addict who can't quit risking everything he has, on the belief that he can outsmart the rancher on his left and the packer on his right. He's like the fellow who keeps rewinding the video movie "The Alamo" and replaying it thinking, "Surely, Davy Crockett's bound to win sooner or later!"

Or he might have thought I was a stocker-grower who haunts the sale barns gambling on each bid that the calf in the ring just looks rough because there was mud in the alley, and the rat-tail and pot-belly are genetic defects. You've got to admire someone who brags he only has a 10% death loss!

Or the lonely cow-calf operator who is the only part of the industry wherein "life style" is counted on the financial statement under asset, and his banker's cell phone number is listed under "One More Year!"

You would think that I might have come up with some constructive answer to the interviewer, being as how I have been a keen observer and participant in this great thing we call, "The Cattle Bidness."

Last week I bought two solid-mouth, bred cows both marked 3rd trimester pregnant. The first one weighted 1390. My reasoning was even if I only kept her for one calf, I could sell'em both back in the fall and make

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Little rubber feet. They have a way of showing up, often in the kitchen. They're always alone.

Has anyone not been faced with one of those lost little rubber pads, typically circular, small and nondescript, never carrying identification? They epitomize detachment.

Last week a black one, flat on one side and slightly convex on the other, appeared on our main coffee table. I put it on the counter between kitchen and den. Neither my husband nor I recognized it. We just knew we had another lost foot on our hands – sort of like a body washed ashore from the Hudson River. You wonder if you'll ever determine the identity.

A few days later, I noticed the underside of my laptop computer had three black rubber feet and one spot for a missing one. Yes!

I called my husband. "Hey, you didn't throw away that little black rubber foot, did you?"

You probably think I'm going to say he'd tossed it and we had to process the garbage in the alley to find it. But he knew right where it was. A good man.

He told me he'd put it on my Bible. That's a rather sacred place for a little rubber foot. But sometimes the smaller the lost object, the more of a treasure it becomes when it's found – or, as in the case of little rubber feet, when you figure out what they go to.

We have a regular depository for homeless little rubber feet plus other small stuff we know what is but don't know what else to do

with. It's a little wooden box -- our version of the standard catchall kitchen drawer.

When I was a kid, our proverbial drawer for miscellanea was in an enamel-topped kitchen table. Among other things, it held a flimsy little frozen meat saw we rarely used -- a give-away from the bank or some other place besides the cotton gin. They gave potholders and rain gauges.

Back then, my parents subscribed to the "Saturday Evening Post," which came on Tuesday, which didn't seem right. I'd look first at the cartoons. In one cartoon a man and his wife were awakened in their upstairs bedroom when they heard someone in the kitchen below. The woman wanted her husband to go downstairs to deal with the supposed burglar. He saw no need to take action. He told his wife he could tell from what he was hearing that the intruder had found the kitchen drawer.

Yes, pity the burglar who gets involved with a kitchen drawer.

Regarding little rubber feet, they hardly figured in the mix back then because plug-in gadgets, particularly for the kitchen, were few and far between, and the technology of little rubber feet was still in developmental stages. We didn't know what we were missing.

Now we know what we're missing. We've got missing feet and things missing feet. What next?

A special version of match.com might be the answer. If not, maybe a lonely little rubber feet club.

Thanks for Reading!

SAMMIE

The Ladies Golf Association met to get ready for 2011. The new officers are getting ready for the 16th annual Wild Hog Classic Tournament for the first weekend in June. The new officers are: President, Pat Gonzales; Secretary, Missy Eades; Treasurer, Lindsey Penman; and Vice President, Marcie Maloney. We couldn't have made better choices and I think things will go smoothly and everything for the golf tournament in June will be awesome.

Good news about my brother, Roy Rodriguez. He has moved out to Estella Ferguson's place by the river with his son, Railey Rodriguez. I'm so glad because that's the perfect place for them. Dusty Bradley and his family live across the road and he can have some horses and I'm sure his neighbors will be glad to have them out there.

Got to talk to Sue Tolleson at the Grocery store this morning and things are going great for Norman. I'm so glad they are staying busy and in very good spirits. They are praising God for all they have. They

know the blessings are always wonderful, even if you have to wait for them

Saw Mrs. Kemletz today returning to the hospital after an evening out with ther nephew for dinner. She looks pretty good and is doing well. She is 92 years old, and she still looks like she did when I was six years old. Isn't that something?! Somethings never change. Her nephew said he had a great time, and does every time he gets to spend time with her.

Sunday morning began with a cup of coffee and getting ready for church. I heard some news concerning Johnny Gaston from some of our community members. They say that he is doing better. Leon and Eloise Watson are home and things are good. Ester Grindstaff is back in the hospital after taking a downfall in her health. May God Bless them and be with them all.

Well, I sign off for this week and leave you all in God's hands. Have a wonderful week and catch you on next week's column.

God Bless our Troop and Each One of Us
-Sammie

CRP

contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective October 1, 2011.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil,

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In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

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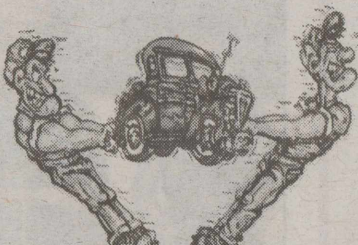
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money! Oughta work! The second cow weighed 930, I paid \$785. Got'er home. She's got popcorn teeth, is four months along and has a bad temperment! Turns out I bought the one that came in after the one I thought I bid

on! Gonna be hard to make her pay.

So, when he asked "... How should we position ourselves..." I aligned myself with the PGA, the NBA and the NRA, "Shoot for the center!" I said.

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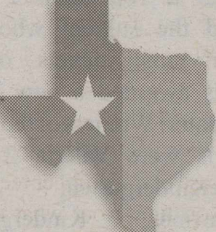
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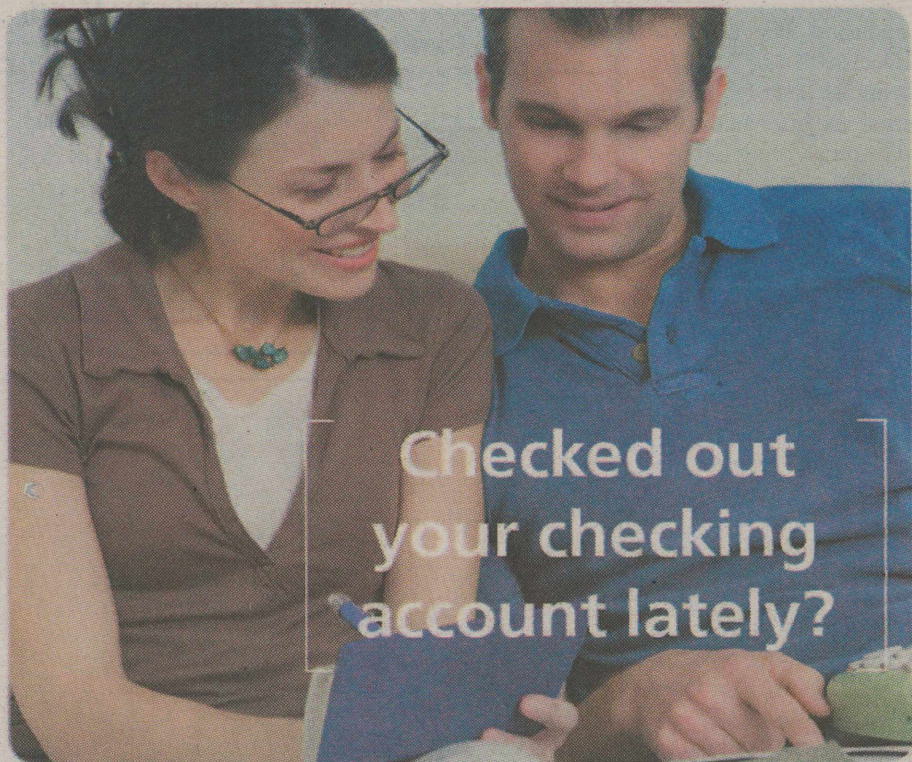
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Knox City Elementary PTO Hosts Fundraiser



(TOP) Mrs. Quade Rounds up the Elementary school pupils to announce the students who sold the most tickets for the PTO fundraiser. (RIGHT) Top Honors on selling tickets during the Baked potato fundraiser went to Alicia Martinez, Kindergarten, for selling 60 tickets.



Winners of the ticket sells were Valeria Zavala, PreKindergarten; Alicia Martinez, Kindergarten; Daniel Duke, 1st Grade; Eylon Barnum, 2nd Grade; Ainsley Manning, 3rd Grade and Preston Lynn, 4th Grade.

Photos by Tamara Smart

Knox City Elementary Parent Teacher Organization recently hosted a Baked Potato Supper at the Knox City Schools cafeteria. The meal consisted of a large baked potato with the choice of BBQ or chopped Ham as the meat topping with a salad on the side. Diners could also choose additional toppings such as broccoli, cheddar cheese, sour cream, butter and ranch dressing. Homemade desserts rounded off the meal to more than 300 hungry supporters!

A competition was held

between students to sell tickets. The students who sold the most tickets per grade level were awarded with a Top Spud T Shirt and the student who sold the most tickets overall was awarded a new Razor scooter! Winners of the ticket sells were Valeria Zavala, PreKindergarten; Alicia Martinez, Kindergarten; Daniel Duke, 1st Grade; Eylon Barnum, 2nd Grade; Ainsley Manning, 3rd Grade and Preston Lynn, 4th Grade. Top Honors went to Alicia Martinez, Kindergarten,

for selling 60 tickets! Congratulations Alice.

The Knox City Elementary PTO would like to thank the parents and staff for donating the potatoes and the desserts. They would like to also thank all of those who volunteered to help out during the evening meal which included Food Service Staff, parents, grandparents and KCE staff. Proceeds from this fund raiser will provide materials, equipment or enrichment opportunities for the students of Knox City Elementary.

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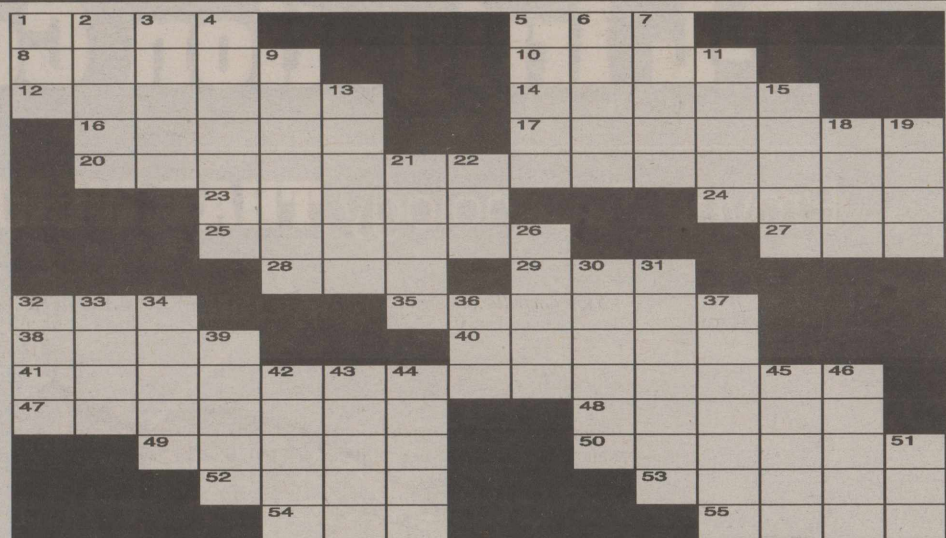
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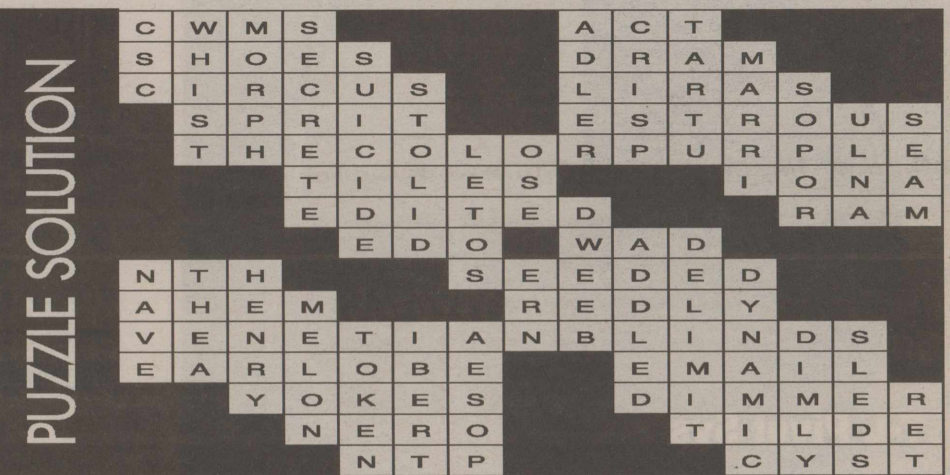
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19. Line formed by joining two pieces
21. Belonging to Apollo's mother
22. H____: watering device

26. Nerd or wonk
30. Befuddled
31. Set or draw the boundaries of
32. The central area of a church
33. Titan mother of Helios
34. "Daisy Miller" author James
36. European sea eagle
37. High-powered
39. Cantaloupe or honeydew
42. Old subway entry disc
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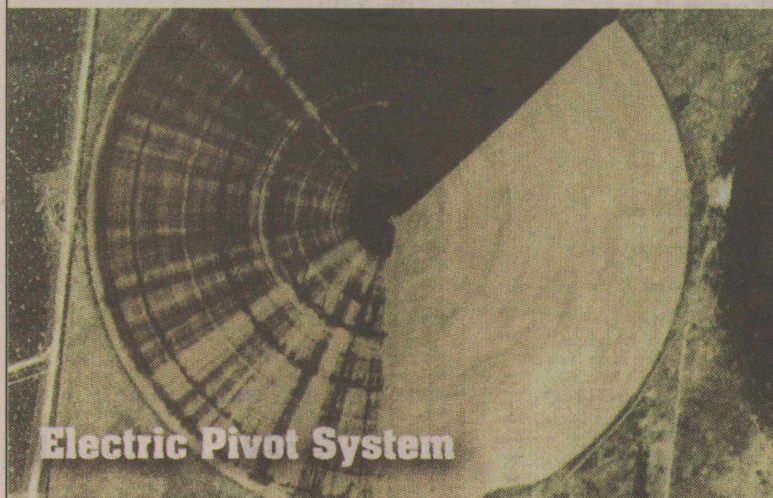
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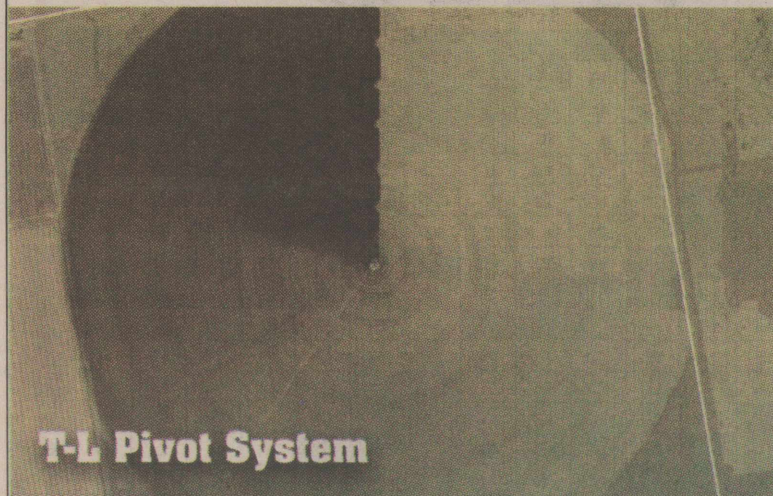
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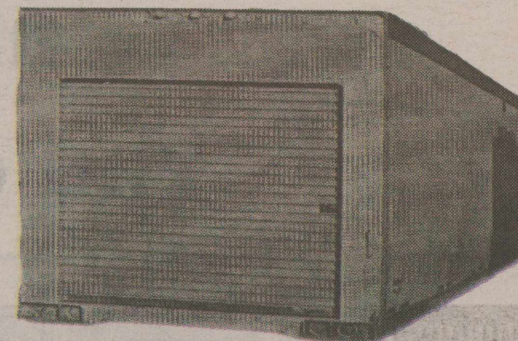
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