

# Knox County extends Burn Ban order

**Tamara Smart**

The Knox County Commissioner Court, came together on March 14, 2011 to discuss the burn ban that was originally put into place on December 13, 2010. The previous burn ban had expired, and the commissioners voted to extend the ban, citing drought conditions for 90 days.

The burn ban is specific in nature about the "do's and

"don'ts" when it comes to burning in Knox County. The full Ban can be viewed at the courthouse in Benjamin, but the following are highlights of the decree:

Welding, cutting and grinding cannot take place in winds that exceed 15 miles per hour, the welder must notify the Knox County Sheriff's office before welding, cutting or grinding commences; all grass, leaves,

brush and other flammable material must be cleared within a fifty foot radius of the area which the welding shall take place, and a spotter with water at hand in case of an emergency must be present before, during and after welding activities occur.

Branding is also noted in the ban concerning the heating  
**See BURN BAN on page 11**

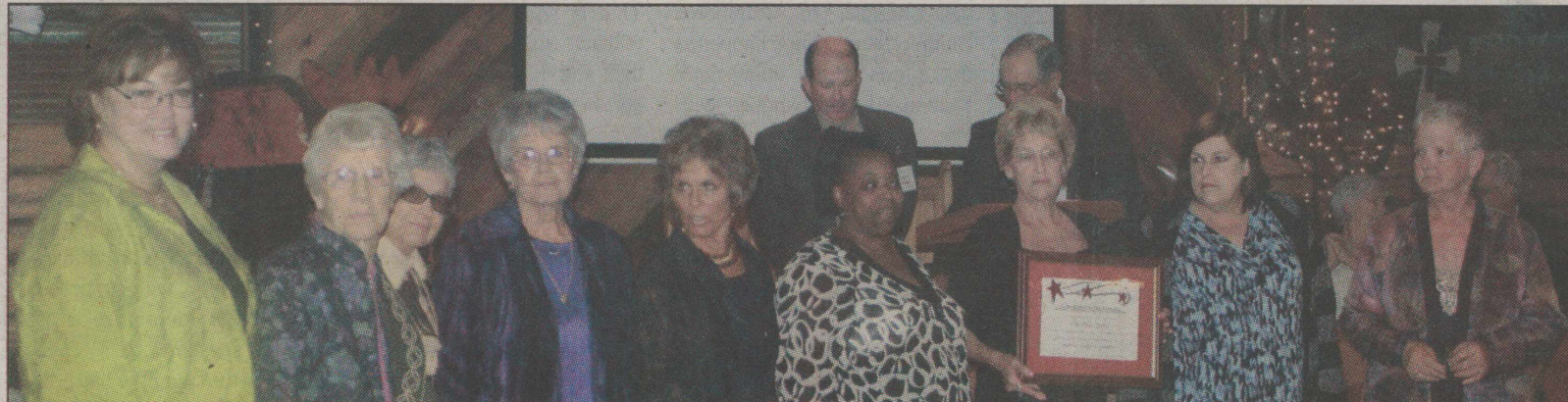
**Outdoor Burn Bans**  
 March 14, 2011

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The Pink Ladies Hospital Auxiliary was named as the 2010 "E. Hob Smith Memorial Most Appreciated Citizen" Award. Pictured here are a few of the hard working ladies: (From Left to Right) Lou Vail, Paulie Marion, Francis King, June Tankersley, Lanelle Kight, Gladys Walton, Glenda Huff, Sandra Stone, Karen Ferguson (Not pictured: Judy Leaverton, Stella Carver, Nellie Reyes, Margaret Hill, Connie Boone, Emma Fetch, Betty Thompson, Betty Ruth Walker, Maria Chilcoat, and the two Pink Men: Dannie Reece, and Ronnie Verhalen

**For more pictures of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, see page 12.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

The March meeting of Knox Co. Retired School Personnel will be at 2:30 on Tuesday, March 22nd, in the fellowship hall of Knox City's First United Methodist Church. Anita Palmer, past president of Region 9 Texas Retired Teachers Association, will bring a program on her recent trip to the Holy Land. Bill and Frankie Baker will host the meeting. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

The next KCVG regular meeting is being moved to March 24th in Benjamin, at the museum starting, at 4:00 p.m.

**See LOOKING AHEAD on page 11**

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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 patient, premature babies and those with chronic anemia. All these patients depend on volunteer donors

to supply them with lifesaving blood products.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with signed parental consent), weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and in general good health. All donors must present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call the Meek bloods center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

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## God's Promises



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday night, at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, something happened that I don't fully understand. I attended the banquet with Romain Stubbs, owner of the Art Stall and Frame Shop. We visited a while, enjoyed dinner, the guest speaker, etc, and then came the door prize section of the program. Each door prize was donated by various businesses around Knox City. Everything seemed to be going quite well; until the end of the door prize segment of the

program came and the attendees of the banquet were dismissed. That is when Romain Stubbs realized that the door prize that she had donated out of her business, a \$60 book by Wyman Meinzer, had not been given out among the rest of the door prizes. Romain became somewhat alarmed thinking her donation had been misplaced or lost. When she approached the so-called stage to check about the absence of her contribution to the banquet, she witnessed the book was being given to the guest speaker. It wasn't

presented as part of the program, no mention of Romain's generosity in giving the gift to try and enhance the banquet was ever given. The book was just handed to the guest speaker, Hanaba Munn Welch, with no explanation nor appreciation toward the Art Stall and Frame Shop from those who took it upon themselves to utilize the book, which was supposed to be used as a door prize, as a gift to the speaker... It seemed as though the Chamber had bought the book with the intention to give it to the speaker.

Romain seemed stunned to me. She was HURT by the way this situation was handled. She got no recognition or ANYTHING. This was NOT RIGHT!!!! To hurt and intentionally ignore one of the most giving and generous members of the Knox City Community is unthinkable to me.

I must reiterate: This was NOT RIGHT.

Sincerely,

A concerned friend and citizen,

Janoma Stephens,  
Member of this community  
for 86 years



### Margaret Hill is turning 80!

Her family would like for you to come help her celebrate Saturday, March 26, 2011 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Munday, Texas

## Obituary



### ANSON-MICHAEL KEITH WILSON

Anson-Michael Keith Wilson, 52, died Monday, March 7, 2011 in Austin, TX. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Bethel Baptist Church in Funston, TX with Lewis Turner officiating. Internment at Bethel Cemetery will be at a later date directed by Adams-Graham Funeral Home.

Born May 19, 1958, in Anson, TX, Michael was the son of George Ernest Wilson and Paula Geneva Baucum. He was a 1976 graduate of Knox City High School and married Cheryl Browning in June of 2000 in Austin, TX. Michael worked for AMD Spansion as a lab technician since 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents and maternal grandparents (Paul & Geneva Baucum).

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Wilson of Austin; seven sons, Brandan Wilson (and wife, Alecia) of Rockport, TX; Brent Wilson of Austin, TX; Ben Wilson of Tennessee Colony, TX; Nathan Wilson of Vernon, TX, Jimmy Counts and Justin Pierce of Chico, TX, Jess Counts (and wife, Jessica) of Spring Lake, NC; two brothers, Jon Tabor of Albuquerque, NM and Brian Tabor (and wife, Deanna) of McKinney, TX; two grandsons, Dakota Counts and James Michael Counts;

three granddaughters, Brayden Michael Wilson, Alyssa Christiana Wilson and Audrey Rose Counts.

Family visitation will be Saturday, March 12, 2011, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at Adams-Graham Funeral Home 732 Ave I – Anson, TX

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Care Communities P.O. Box 16529 Austin, TX 78761 or Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd. Suite 100 – Austin, TX 78759



### FRANCISCO PUGA GARCIA

Francisco (Frank) Puga Garcia, 65, passed away March 8, 2011 in Knox City, Texas. A Graveside service was held Friday, March 11, 2011 at 2:30pm at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home, Knox City.

Frank was born September 8, 1945 in Goliad, Texas to the late Pablo Garcia and Guadalupe Puga.

He served in the Army and worked in the oilfield. He was a Knox City resident for 47 years and baptized Catholic.

Surviving relatives include his children; Kathy Sosa of Abilene, Mellisa McClendon of Grandberry, Matthew Garcia of Knox

City, and Christopher Garza of Munday; 3 sisters; Janie Garcia of Beeville, Imelda Rodriquez of Knox City, Irene Lankford of Knox City; 2 Brothers; Richard Garcia of O'Brien and Felix Garcia of Austin; 7 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Pablo Garcia, Jr. and sister Yolanda Garcia.

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*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
As any friend could say  
Perhaps you were not here at all  
Just though of us that day*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts  
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

*Love all whom you love dear  
Precious is the time you share  
Do not wait for tomorrow  
For tomorrow may not be...  
Thank you for keeping us  
in your thoughts and prayers.*

*-The Magana & DeLao Families*

### A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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When I woke up last Monday morning to find out that TW Barton had gone to meet his Father in Heaven. Later on Monday, my brother-in-law, Frank Garcia, also left his Earthly Circle of family and friends to sit at God's table and be surrounded by the streets of gold. Yet, with these two passings, that made Friday seem to go one forever, as we put both T.W. in his final resting place in the morning, followed by my brother-in-law's funeral later that day.

So, as the week proceeded, it seemed to go one forever, as the community prepared for a long week of funerals and saying goodbye to loved ones. We visited Barbara at the flower shop, and she told us they have been so busy, it's been non-stop around there.

At the funerals, I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to sit with families and

hear their stories of growing up, laughing and crying at their memories of this life's experiences while they are waiting for the next life to take them. I love hearing this from both people that I've known all my life, as well as those who I have only known for a short time.

I got to see Danny Reece and he is doing just great. He only has 2 more rounds of chemo to go. Prayers have been with him, and have been answered. Tell you what- God has been working overtime.

The family of Mrs. DeLaos made it through the day of mourning. Our love and prayers will hopefully provide comfort in their hearts during the days ahead. Thursday must've been one of the longest days of their lives.

I suppose the Chamber Banquet went well last Thursday. I have no idea

who made the Citizen of the Year, but I hear the banquet was lots of fun and I'm sure they used some of our high school students to help. Those students always do such a great job in helping out at these functions.

There seem to be many houses up for sale lately. I hate to see so many neighbors depart from our community, whether to move to another city, or to join God in Heaven.

Kim, Jessie and baby Luke, along with Jodi had a good trip to Knox City. I hope their trip home was not a long one. It was great to see them, just wish it hadn't been under the circumstances we had to visit.

Great change of time- everyone made it to church on time. Charles and Betty Starnes had their children and grandkids here for the weekend, and they all

attended church together on Sunday. It was great to see them.

Johnny Gaston was also in church, recovering great. He said Phyllis was home and doing wonderfully after open-heart surgery.

Sunday morning found many people packing their cars, vans, trucks, trailers and other vehicles so they could hit the road to Houston for the stock show. Good luck to all involved, may you have an enjoyable week and a safe trip home.

It was cold in Knox City on Monday morning, and I am pretty sure I am not alone in wishing this weather would stop being so crazy with hot days and cold days.

Angela Bradford spent the week with her parents Dewayne and Janice Bradford, and her grandma Rodriquez as she goes to

Dallas to spend time with her in-laws before going to California where her husband is stationed with the government.

May our prayers and thoughts be with those who have been effected by the earthquake/tsunami in

Japan. May God provide shelter, food, and all the basic necessities, and may those who are lost and unaccounted for after the tragedy be found.

May God Bless our Troops and each of us!

Sammie

## Knox County Aging Services

Menus For March 21st To March 25th

### Monday March 21st

Salsbury Steak/Gravy  
Buttered Potatoes  
Spinach  
Sliced Bread  
Fruit

### Thursday, March 24th

Bbq On A Bun  
Cole Slaw  
Chips  
Cobbler

### Tuesday March 22nd

Chicken Strips/Gravy  
Corn Casserole  
Green Beans  
Biscuit  
Chocolate Chip Cake

### Friday, March 25th

Steak Fingers/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Hot Rolls  
Dessert

*New serving time is 12 noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts for diabetics.*

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03/08	40/76		
03/09	31/67		
03/10	27/72		
03/11	38/86		
03/12	47/79		
03/13	41/73		
Total Rainfall for month 2011 Rainfall (ytd)		.93	

## Museum News

By Clara Brown

The Wichita Brazos Museum needs help. The Museum has been collecting for years. First it collected money to put up a building, and then it collected exhibits. Most of the collections came from Knox County residents and former residents.

Now the Wichita Brazos Museum is seeking help for another collection to improve the museum archives. The archives are mostly paper-based preservation of history, housed in the small room in the northeast part of the museum office. Some people know about the Knox County Veterans Albums; the Knox County Cemetery Records; the Obituary Records, obituaries of people buried in Knox County; and the Family History Files, but there is more stored in that little room and more is needed—from you.

Families neglect to share information that can be used in the files. When that happens, it can be embarrassing to the Museum when a visitor asks for family information that isn't there. It can also be embarrassing if you are the lone member of your family still living in Knox County and your sister (not you, your sister who lives a hundred miles away) discovers on a visit back home that there is not even one line about your mother in the Obituary Collection. (I promise! I will correct that situation!)

Recently a book of stories told by cowboys on the Shawver Ranch near Gilliland was found by a museum supporter who plans to donate it. The title is, "Chuck Wagon Windies and True Stories". Chuck Wagon Windies and True Stories", a book of stories told by cowboys on the Shawver Ranch near Gilliland. Knox County stories, handwritten or those professionally printed, is what we are interested in. The Knox County History Book, published in 1966, has many stories and facts provided by people who are no

longer with us. We are asking you to help save the facts, and please, help save the stories. -- What kind of stories?

One old Knox County story told by my father-in-law took place during a big drought. A man passing through the county with his family ran out of water. He stopped at a house, the first seen in quite a while, and asked for water for his family and team. He was refused. "I have to haul my water", the man explained, pointing at the wooden water barrel beside his door. But, he gave directions on how to reach a water-hole down the way. By following the directions, after awhile the first man drew up his team, at a bone-dry water hole. Remembering the water barrel at the last stop, he turned the team and went back. Again, he asked for water. Again, he was refused. His money was almost gone but he offered to pay for water for his family. For a third time he was refused. Desperate and angry, the traveler shot and killed the man who refused his family water. It was a terrible drought.

stories like this help tell how terrible it was. Maybe the story you remember hearing is different. Tell it for the next generation so they too can understand how it was, back then.

For example, one time a cowboy who worked in southern Foard County was riding near the North Wichita River when he heard horses running, then a lot of yelling and shooting. In later years he told his son that he decided to find out what was going on and turned his horse toward where the noise had been. He soon \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_, but that's another story. You tell your story, and I'll finish mine.

Anything with Knox County stories is wanted, those handwritten or those professionally printed. Last week, I mentioned the book,

Send the museum a story your family told about hard times, or good times and in the next column about the archives, I will finish the North Wichita River Story. Just one story will get you "THE REST OF THE STORY".



**Talk to your neighbors, then talk to me.**

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March 8, 2011

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February 28, 2011 through

Armendariaz, Rigoberto, 3/1/11, No D.L. (M-Knox County)

Melendez, Joel, 3/1/11, Possession of Marijuana (M-B) Knox County

Barrioz, Ronnie, 3/2/11,

Non payment of Child Support (M-B) Knox County (Arrested in Dawson County)

Collins, James, 3/6/11, Traffic Warrants, (Wood County), Baylor County

## Rain Water Harvesting Program

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Rain Water Harvesting Program at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday, TX on Friday, April 8, 2011 with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m.

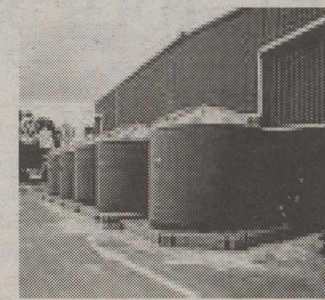
Billy Kniffen, a Wildlife Program Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be there to discuss the importance of water, the different types of rain water harvesting systems, and the uses of rain water harvesting. This will be a two part series program in which this initial program will see what kinds of rain water interests are in Knox County.

There will be a registration fee of \$10.00 in which can be paid at the door.

Refreshments will be available.

If you are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions about it, please contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651 on or before Tuesday, March 29, 2011 so we can get a head count. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

## RAIN WATER HARVESTING PROGRAM



**Friday, April 8, 2011**  
**6 p.m., Registration @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**Perry Patton Community Center**  
**Munday, TX**  
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# The Paperboy

## Epic tragedy unfolds before our eyes

By **CHRIS BLACKBURN**

What can I say about our friends in Japan?

When you're seeing the footage of nature wiping towns off of the face of the earth, words cannot bring justice to the catastrophe. Honestly, it looks like scenes from one of those "end of the world" movies.

In the decades following World War II, Japan has been an incredible success story. With our help, a conquered Japan rose from the ashes like a Phoenix and is now the third largest economy on the globe. Honestly, what Japan has accomplished in the past 65 years is incredible.

They are also a prime ally and business partner. I would say Japan is right there with the England and Australia as our closest allies.

Now our friends are in desperate need of help. I know many of you are anxious to provide help in some way. That's one thing I will always love about this country: we are a giving people.

Unfortunately, in today's society, you have predators ready to pounce and profit off of generous people attempting to help the cause. Don't be fooled! Check the source and confirm that the cause is worthwhile and will directly benefit Japan.

One thing I've noticed during these past few days in Japan is the lack of looting. You have to admire a society where

honor rules the day. I've also been impressed with how prepared the Japanese Government is in attempting to manage and begin to cleanup.

I'm thankful for the thousands of Americans helping. Servicemen, volunteers, engineers - we've got feet on the ground making a difference. That makes me proud to be an American.

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I'm no expert on Japan so I did some research on the country and people. Society there is far different from ours. The Japanese culture is fascinating. If you'll indulge me, I've provided some interesting facts:

Sometimes the trains are so crowded railway staff are employed to cram passengers inside.

Japanese celebrate Christmas, but it is more like Valentine's Day in the western world.

More than 70% of Japan consists of mountains, including more than 200 volcanoes.

Mt. Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan, is an active volcano.

There are four different writing systems in Japan, romaji, katakana, hiragana, and kanji.

Coffee is very popular and Japan imports approximately 85% of Jamaica's annual coffee production.

Japan's literacy rate is almost 100%.

Sumo is Japan's national sport, although baseball is also

very popular.

When you use the restroom in some one's home, you should put on special bathroom slippers so as not to contaminate the rest of the home.

Japan is the world's largest consumer of Amazon rain forest timber.

Vending machines in Japan sell beer, hot and cold canned coffee, cigarettes, and other items.

There are around 1,500 earthquakes every year in Japan.

Average life expectancy in Japan is one of the highest in the world. Japanese people live an average of 4 years longer than Americans.

Japan is the largest automobile producer in the world.

Raised floors help indicate when to take off shoes or slippers. At the entrance to a home in Japan, the floor will usually be raised about 6 inches indicating you should take off your shoes and put on slippers. If the house has a tatami mat room its floor may be raised 1-2 inches indicating you should take off your slippers.

Some traditional Japanese companies conduct a morning exercise session for the workers to prepare them for the day's work.

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## Big Labor Rallies for Big Government

By **RICK MANNING**

George Soros' puppet group MoveOn.org, along with the AFL-CIO, SEIU and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and a laundry list of far left groups are staging rallies across the United States to try to stop the tea party/limited government momentum that has surged across the nation.

MoveOn's fear based rallying cry contained in the announcement e-mail tells the story of someone who purports to be a mother and college student who cannot get a job now, and worries when the mean old Republicans are done, it will be next to impossible to get one. With a baby who has had multiple heart surgeries, which the mean old tea party wants to deny her, she is just afraid for the future of America.

Not surprisingly, no mention is made in the e-mail or the flyer that the purpose of these rallies is to ensure that the U.S. government budget deficit will continue to balloon out of control. It is merely the common fear of someone who feels as though they benefit from the existing out of control spending and fears what will happen if things are changed.

Also, not surprisingly, the e-mail never mentions that in just a few years, that heart surgery will likely not occur due to the

ObamaCare-induced shortage of qualified surgeons to do it. Somehow by bringing the budget into alignment with our nation's revenues, the dreams of Americans will be shattered, at least that is the theme of the rallies.

The special interests behind the rallies are truly the shock troops of the hard left, and this is anything but a mom and pop operation.

In the 2010 election, AFSCME, representing public employees, spent more than any other group on elections, a whopping \$87 million. After they were soundly defeated at the polls, they are now back with a vengeance, funding rallies at times when public employees get off work (in Fairfax, VA the rally is at 4:30 pm), to try to stop elected officials from taking the financially necessary steps of reducing the size and scope of government.

The AFL-CIO has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past few election cycles to elect big government oriented politicians who are beholden to them. Representing 600,000 federal and DC dues paying government workers through the American Federation of Government Employees, the AFL-CIO has millions at stake in keeping government large and in charge.

The SEIU has its own government employee union arm, the National Association Government Employees with more than

42,000 dues paying members and a multi-million dollar budget.

The massive growth in public sector unionization has seen the number of public employees who belong to a union exceed private sector union members within the past year for the first time in history.

Growing government is good business for organized labor, as private sector industrial job creators flee the high costs of unionization to either right to work states or overseas.

Now you know the dirty little secret that Big Labor has been trying to hide. They are the ultimate beneficiaries of big government, and with their near uniform rejection in the private sector, their long-term survival depends upon government growth, and compulsory union membership.

Do you have doubts about why the Wisconsin protests became so virulent and over the top, as elected officials decided to take a step toward getting their budgets under control by limiting the power of public employee unions?

Expect more in the weeks ahead, as Big Labor struggles to maintain their government cash cow at a time, when America can no longer afford it.

## JUST JEFF

This week is no different than any other week for the past 30 years. We are too dependent on oil... but so what! Why is that a bad deal? We are all hooked on heating and air conditioning, but you never hear any complaining about that. Or let's look at electricity in general. Anyone wanna give that up? Nope!! They say we are going to have to give up that dependence on oil, but guess what; it is not gonna happen. We use gasoline like Charlie Sheen does drugs; lots of it and as much as we can afford. We need to drill, baby drill, we have lots of places: Alaska, California and, heck, I say why not 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC?

I find it funny that California

is so broke they cannot pay attention, but God help 'em they just do not want to drill and miss up their smog. Yet, they need the rest of us to bail them out. Drill, Baby, Drill... that is the answer. Oil is just not fuel-let's think about plastic, can we live without it? NO, look at a hospital. If it was not for plastic how many lives would be lost or different. Petroleum products are part of life as we know it. Let 's look at our choices: we can all drive the Chevy Volts; boy, that is as exciting as having to take your fat cousin to the prom. The car is such a lemon that Obama is giving you a tax break to buy it. That is another typical screwing the Obama administration has giving us.

The Government owns most of GM, and you get a tax break to buy one of their cars; that smells like conflict of interest to me. I just don't understand why a little common sense never comes into any political decisions. Drill more dum crude oil and build more refineries! It is simple. We have all the Oil we need right here in the Good Ol' USA!!

But because of some granola crunchers and bunny huggers, we would rather make some third world litter box rich than producing and using our own oil. You think oil is high, you just wait until the Saudi's decide they need to revolt. It seems all these countries with

some camel jock for a leader are going to Hell in a hand basket.

I am proud of the Wisconsin republicans. They took on a powerful union and spoke up for the people. If the unions where so popular, then the Republicans would have never won the last election. These teachers are making 3 times what our teachers make, and pay less for insurance and retirement than a KC teacher does. This is the reason a \$20,000 truck costs \$35,000. This is also the same reason Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania have lost so many jobs overseas and to the non-union states. Oh, and guess who is the biggest supporter

of the unions??? Obama. The same man who has shut down all off shore drilling. Could that have a little to do with \$4 gas?

Wake up, America. The man who was elected to run this country does not give a Rats-you-know-what about us; instead, he wants to send more jobs overseas. He wants to shut down our own ability to protect our own borders and send more aid to other countries. I say we build a 16 foot fence from sea to shining sea; send everyone a bill who owes us a dime, then

send China an IOU. And my best suggestions to the "man without a birth certificate": tax the crap out of every imported good sent to us. Make the price of that product the same as it would cost to produce it here at non-union manufacturing plants.

Then, and only then, maybe some of his bed-buddies, like GE, start being American made again.

God Bless,  
Jeff Stanfield

## Knox County Aging Center News

The Knox County Aging Center enjoyed their second monthly musical last Tuesday, March 8. Twenty-five people were in attendance to enjoy the music, visit with each other and take pleasure in the refreshments provided. The next Aging Center Talent show will be held on April 12, and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the music and fellowship.

Band members devoting their time and talent were Ron Stanfield, Herman Hearn, Jim Burt, Joe Nelson, Jim Hatcher, Tibb Burnett and Joyce Greenwood.

The Aging Center extends sympathy to the family to the families of Sandra Chambers, Sammy White, Louis Baty and Frank Garcia on the loss of their loved ones.

Recent visitors at the Aging Center included Kenneth Myers and Ramona Horne, who used to be some of our "regulars". It's always good to see our friends who have moved away.

Also visiting recently was

Bea Ellis; sister, Vondell Reynolds, who lives in California.

Aging Center meals are served Monday through Friday at the center in Knox City, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the center in Munday, and Tuesday and Thursday at the center in Benjamin. We would love for you to eat with us. Just give the center a call bu 9 a.m., so we will know how many people to cook for.

Many thanks to Lawrence Brothers grocery store for their donation of groceries.

Also, the Aging center really appreciated the County commissioners and the Road Hands for all their assistance during the bad weather in February. They made sure all of our vehicles were started, cleared off the walk in front of the center, helped deliver meals, and assisted people as they entered the building to prevent any falls on the ice.

Meals for people aged 60 and up are for a suggested donation of \$3 and for those under 60, the cost is \$5



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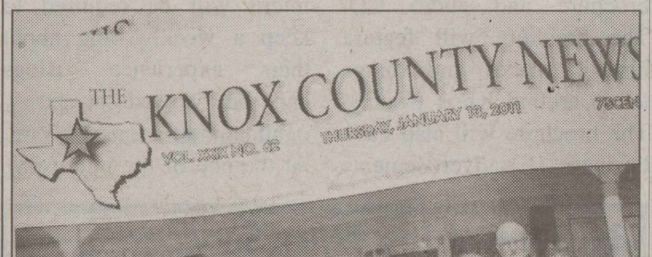
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The Knox County Visioning Group is seeking a summer intern to help with community development projects. This internship is being offered as part of Ogallala Commons.

Duration of Program: June 2011- August 2011 (8 weeks)

Who is Eligible to Apply: High school juniors and seniors; college and graduate students; or young adults in a continuing education program. **Must have license and transportation.** Compensation/salary: \$8 per hour, for a maximum of 210 hours (25-30 hours per week)

Projects: The main focus for the KCVG internship will be a community-wide brochure and audio CD. The brochure will feature historic places and things to do around Knox County. The brochure will also have business advertisements

included on it.

The intern will be responsible for gathering history and information to be included on the brochure. The intern will also help sell advertisements on the brochure. They will work with the designer to layout the brochure and advertisements as well as make arrangements for the printer on getting copies printed.

The audio CD will feature the same information as the brochure, but in an audio format. The intern will help coordinate speakers to record audio on to the CD, as well as get copies of the CD produced and ready for the public.

As part of the Ogallala Commons curriculum, the intern will be required to keep a weekly blog about their experience. Blogs can be viewed at <http://ogallalaintern.blogspot.com/>. At the end of the internship,

interns are required to do a final project for the Ogallala Commons. The weekly blog will make this easy, as your entire internship have already been documented.

Who is a good candidate: OgallalaCommonsfocuseson rebuilding local food systems, conserving natural resources, learning and sharing local history, youth engagement and entrepreneurship, community development and nonprofit work, public speaking, fostering a sense of place, and designing a career path. Students interested in any of these areas would be a good fit for this internship.

For more information: Contact Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director, 940-459-4121, or at [kvcg@srcaccess.net](mailto:kvcg@srcaccess.net)

Deadline: Applications must be turned into the KCVG office no later than March 25, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.



The debut of The Big Country Music review was held last Saturday, March 12, 2011. The show went off without a hitch, and all who attended were blanketed with an array of talent hailing from all over the Big Country. Pictured here are the cast and crew that made this production a success: Front Row: Don Wind, Aspermont, Sound, Alexys Killion, Hamlin, Vocal, Rob Mobly and Candi Davidson, Merkle, Prickly Pear Bank. Middle Row: Dr Lana Ness, Hamlin, Keyboard and Music Director, Pam Reither, Stamford, Vocalist, Danielle Benavides, Hamlin, Vocal, Jeanie Delaney, Haskell, Vocals, Chaplin Paul Matta, Abilene, Vocal and Whistler, Elvis aka Danny Langford, Rule. Back Row: Jerry Burke, Haskell, MC, Pastor Buff Ness and friend Jerry, George Kirkland, Hamlin, Guitar and vocals Holly Robleson, Haskell, Bass guitar, Denise Hibbitts, Haskell, Vocal, David Acuna, Hamlin, Electric Guitar, Donna Hill, Hamlin, Vocals, Robert Partin, Merkle, Prickly Pear Band, Charlie Thomison, Vocal, Mike Delaney, Sound Engineer, Not Shown are: David Wright, Haskell, Drums, Roxanne Wind, Photographer and Concession. Please watch the Knox County News "Looking Ahead" for future dates and times of the Big Country Music Revue.

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# Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

I begin this week with sincere expressions of sympathy to the families of Charles Baker of Munday, T.W. Barton of Rochester, Frank Garcia of Knox City, and Mark Brown who lived at Scotland and whose parents, Gene and Dorothy live in Munday. These men passed away last week and their deaths leave a void in many lives.

This morning we awoke to cooler temperatures and the time change didn't help much. But warmer days are ahead and we will get used to these new hours of daylight. It just takes a while to get our minds and bodies settled to it.

Spring Break is here and everyone seems very happy to be away from the school routine for a while. Some of the kids are working this week, a few are off to Houston for the last stock show of the season, and still others are just sleeping last and as they say, "hanging out", and the teachers are taking advantage of being able to do what they can't when they are working. When school starts back, those last few weeks will fly by and graduation will be upon us.

#### Here 'N There

Lorene Powers and Gloria West accompanied by Cathy Tomlinson and Penny Tomlinson of Denton and Betty Parker of Aspermont attended the wedding of David Clower

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and Carisa Nichols in Taos, New Mexico last Saturday. David is Gloria's grandson. Also attending (of course) was David's mom, Debbie, and his sister, Sara, a student at HSU.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, New Mexico were here for the weekend. Sharon is a teacher and their spring break is next week, so their plans are to be back for a few days. Lorene Powers will have her "other" eye operated on for cataracts and they will be here to help her out for a day or two.

Judy and Randolph Barnett are here for a few weeks before returning to Alvin where he will be working for a while. Randy said he was going to "get in" his spring fishing trip between jobs (hopefully)

Jackie Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock are here for a few days visit with his mom, Mary Jane and other relatives and friends. Jackie is part of the school system in Round Rock and they are on Spring Break.

Gilbert Nevarez and Will Moorhouse, both of whom are students at TSTI in Sweetwater, are home for their Spring Break.

Reyes Barrientez returned home on Saturday from what started out to be a nice visit with her daughter and family in Johnson City. However, she got sick while there and came back to her son's at Stamford and was admitted to the hospital there with pneumonia. She's better and glad to be home, but is still weak. Says she's just taking it easy until she gets her strength back.

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## Two Weeks Left to Apply for Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — With the March 28 deadline approaching, more than 150 Texas high school seniors have applied for the Don't Mess with Texas scholarship.

With only two weeks left to compete for a win, students are encouraged to apply.

The 8th annual scholarship is sponsored by the Dow Chemical Company in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

"It is important that everyone — particularly our youth — take action to make our communities and our planet healthier and more sustainable," said Laura Ambrose, Responsible Care Leader for Dow Texas Operations and Keep Texas Beautiful Board Member. "We are proud to sponsor a program that encourages high school seniors to come up with great ideas for litter prevention while enabling the winners to get support in furthering their educations."

Don't Mess with Texas, now in its 25th year, is the litter prevention campaign of the

Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship helps engage students about the importance of litter prevention.

"Similar to previous years, we anticipate that most entries will come closer to the March 28 deadline, and we hope to get our most applications yet — about 600," said TxDOT Travel Information Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "To rally schools, we also reached out to principals, counselors, and student council leaders to encourage student submissions."

Students in East Texas are edging out others, with 44 applications from that region, 39 applications from South Texas, 37 from North Texas, 34 from Central Texas, and four applications from West Texas.

#### How to Apply

Any Texas high school senior who will attend a two- or four-year Texas college or university can apply. For the essay prompt, application, rules, and background information, visit <http://dontmesswithtexas.org/programs/scholarship/>. Winners will be notified in April.

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church Sausage Dinner

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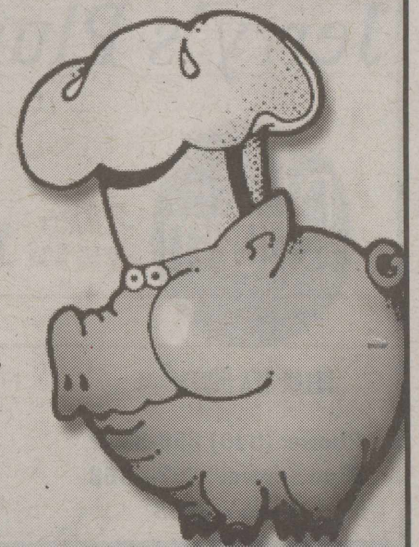
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## Texas Commission on Jail Standards acknowledges Knox County Sheriff Office

The Texas commission on Jail Standards wished to acknowledge the excellent work of the Knox County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Compliance for the Knox County Jail. The most recent inspection of the Knox County facility on February 25, 2011 by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Jacquine Semmler has demonstrated that the Knox County facility is in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

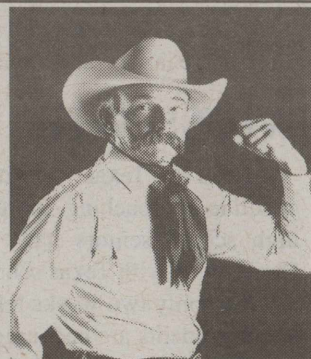
The Knox County Jail facility is responsible and accountable for over 600 standards of responsibility under Texas minimum Jail standard and the diligent work by the Knox County staff is recognized and acknowledged under the leadership of the sheriff, Dean Homstad, with said

certificate of Compliance. This Certificate of Compliance is a direct result of the Knox County Jail department's commitment to excellence and further arrests, signifies, and demonstrates the Knox County Jail department's dedication and professionalism in maintaining a safe, secure and sanitary facility.

Providing the necessary budgetary support for jail operations is tantamount to achieve compliance and so let me also congratulate the Knox County Commissioners Court for their vital support of jail operations.

The citizens of Knox County should be proud of your combined efforts, as is the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

- signed, Adan Munoz, Jr. Executive Director



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

### NASCAR CORN

NASCAR has announced an agreement with the National Corn Growers Association to begin using Ethanol 15, a greener fuel, manufactured from corn. Al Gore has just announced that ethanol for use in cars was not as good an idea as he thought. He must have bought some BP stock!

It's great news for corn growers, although it's worse news for cattle feeders. But that is an old seesaw. Right now the world is completely upside down, as the price of corn is rising, so is beef! We've always assumed that congressmen sat around manipulating world disasters to insure that agriculture remained dependent on government.

In truth the actual quantity of corn usage in NASCAR races will have no real impact on the availability of corn to livestock feeders, but is an endorsement of ethanol. Instead of movie stars wiping their lips and saying "Got Milk? Jimmy Johnson and Carl Edwards will be photographed topping off their tanks saying, "Got Corn?"

There is another, more subtle message at play here. As the public continues to lose track of the connection between food and farmers, the joke that they think milk comes from a bottle and meat comes from a Styrofoam box, grows less funny. The Corn Growers have profit motives, of course, but they hope to bring to light the farmer's contribution to 'green' energy and in a broader context, to the consumer's dependence on the food that farmers grow.

At the same time, Furniture Row is sponsoring a NASCAR Sprint car emblazoned FARM AMERICAN #78! It is a unique way of getting in a plug for American farming in front of knowledge-deprived consumers.

NASCAR is the #1 spectator sport in the U.S., according to them. To be able to use stock cars as circling billboards for our industry is a good idea and great opportunity for agriculture. If it catches on maybe we'll see more crossover in other sports and endorsements. Instead of "Mail Pouch Tobacco" painted on the side of a barn in Georgia, we'll see "Sunoco Green E15"! Cows branded with a big NASCAR logo on their right rib! Sprint car driver smoking a corn cob pipe!

At county fairs there will be competitions pitting tractor-maniac pit crews trying to change a tractor tire in the fastest time! "And the winner, from Ida Grove, Iowa, Gary Sandve in a blazing 3 hours, 42 min, 10 seconds!"

Pork producers can have Cook-Offs involving pitchforks, country style spareribs and flame throwers! We'd see farmers wearing drivers helmets on the fairways playing golf! Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles painted like a giant corn cob, all tying American farmers to sports but...our Super Bowl-World Series-Final Four...the Arkansas State Fair 'Filler-Up Finals!' a contest wherein the winner is determined by which Razorback could siphon out a quart of Ethanol 15 from a Sprint car in the fastest time, using an Oklahoma credit card!



What does a French rooster say?

Ask a beginning French class, and puzzled looks cloud the students' faces. Then it dawns on them (pun intended) that it's probably not "cock-a-doodle-do."

Sure enough, only English-speaking roosters say "cock-a-doodle-do." French ones crow "cocorico." Sounds delightful, doesn't it? But if you're asleep by an open window in a charming French country cottage, a light breeze ruffling the curtains, "cocorico" probably sounds just as bad as "cock-a-doodle-do" if you're not ready for your bare feet to hit the floor.

At this point, are you wondering what French cows and pigs say? Maybe not. Don't worry. I don't know. I've never met a French pig. My only close encounter with a French-speaking cow was in 1972 in Belgium. I wasn't on the moo end of things. I don't remember what the cow said when I grabbed her by the tail to encourage her and her cohorts to leave the confines of the youth camp where I was a counselor. They'd wandered onto our section of the creek via a weak spot in the fence. It fell my lot to drive them out - not that I spoke Belgian cow French but because all the other camp workers were clueless city dudes. So there I was, the only American, literally pushing those gentle dairy cows back onto their own turf. "Yee-ha!" wouldn't have worked.

INTERNET PAUSE.

OK, I looked it up. French cows say "meuh." If we could convince all animals

to switch to Esperanto (not likely in view of Esperanto's universal failure to catch on with humans), cows would all say "muu."

Regarding pigs, instead of "oink, oink" it's "groin, groin" when French pigs belly up to the feed trough.

All this to say that we do animals a disservice when we assign them just one word, whatever their language, even if they get to say it twice, like pigs, who have trouble snorting just once.

Pigs also squeal. When they do, it's not an "oink" nor a "groin." Cows have all sorts of moos. We have one that can sound just like my cell phone on vibrate. I fall for it every time.

If you have a dog, you know they have barks for all occasions. Our dog Fritz had a snake bark - "wow-oh-wow-oh-wow-oh." Thankfully he seldom had reason to use it.

When I brought home a fresh rattlesnake skin from the Mangum Rattlesnake Hunt for tanning, it still had a piece of meat sticking to it. Looked like a chicken neck to me. When I tossed it to Fritz, he started to devour it. Then he backed off and did his snake bark instead.

If Fritz was trying to tell me something, it was too late. I'd had rattlesnake for lunch the day before in Mangum, breaded and fried. Tasted like chicken to me.

Closing thought:

Even if you don't speak any other languages but you understand your dog, count it. You can add the usual disclaimer:

"I don't speak dog, but I understand it."

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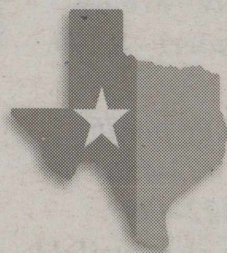


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The first paragraph of the band reads as follows: "Whereas, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoors burning: It is hereby ordered by the commissioner's court of Knox County that all outdoor burning is banned

in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of the adoption of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081 and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources commission for 910 firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager under section 153.047, Natural Resources Code."

While Knox continues to remain under a burn ban, neighboring Haskell county is not under restrictions. Many prescribed burns can be seen in Haskell County, as farmers and land

owners are trying to burn off old shrubs and dead foliage in order to prepare for a greener and less bug infested summer. The burns are more often than not controlled by a person at the ready with means to put out the blaze. Citizens are urged to check with local officials to stay conscious of regulations concerning burning in their area.

## AGING CENTER

donation of groceries.

Also, the Aging center really appreciated the County commissioners and the Road Hands for all their assistance during the bad weather in February. They made sure all of our vehicles were started, cleared off the walk in front of the center, helped deliver meals, and assisted people as they entered the building to prevent any falls on the ice.

Meals for people aged 60 and up are for a suggested donation of \$3 and for those under 60, the cost is \$5

The change in schedule is due to Spring Break this week. Please mark your calendars.

The KCVG in partnership with Ogallala Commons will be hiring a summer intern. This internship will be paid. It is open to Junior and Seniors in high school as well as college kids who may be home for the summer. Please have anyone who is interested

## LOOKING AHEAD

fill out the application and return it to Jimi by **March 25, 2011**. For more information, please contact Jimi Coplen at the Knox County Visioning Group at 940-459-4121. Applications are available at local school's main offices, and at the KCVG office located in the Benjamin Courthouse.

March 28 is the last day to

sign your youth up for Knox County Youth Baseball.

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

The next Aging Venter Talent show will be held on April 12 at the Knox City Aging Center. Make plans to come on out and boogie.

## Legal Notice

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

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Contract 6219-18-001 for ON-CALL STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on April 06, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,401,594.40.

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## State Office

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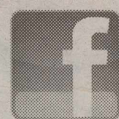
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## Knox County Chamber Banquet



Mr. Mark Tucker, Vice President of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce, gets a drink from the hard working O'Brien Middle School Student Council, who served drinks and desserts to the attendees of the Chamber Banquet last Thursday night.

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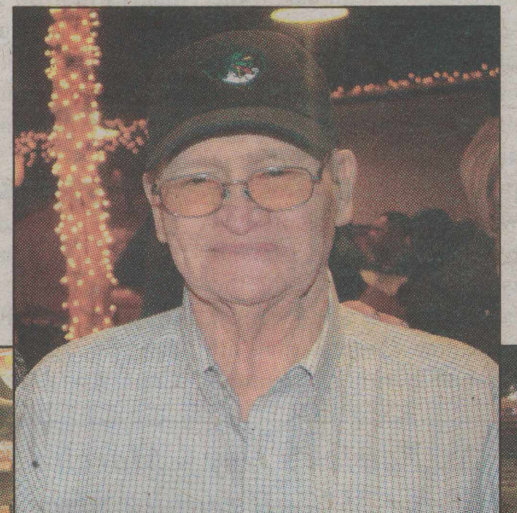


Leon Burkham gave an especially warm and inviting invocation to bless the food to open the event. Attendees looked forward to the Knox City Chamber Banquet.

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Danny Reece is one of the two Pink Men who are members of the honored Pink Ladies Knox County Hospital Auxiliary.

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The Wooden Nickel was packed with hungry attendees of the Chamber Banquet, who were served a grand meal of fish, chicken, chips, beans and coleslaw prepared by Kay and Steve Pepper.

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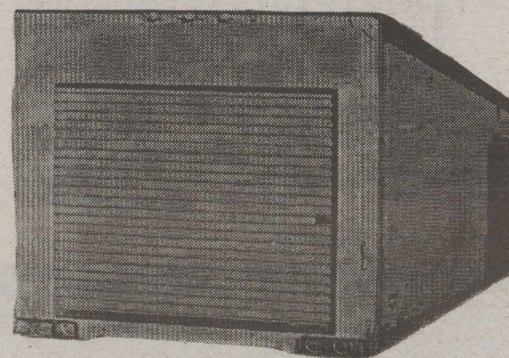
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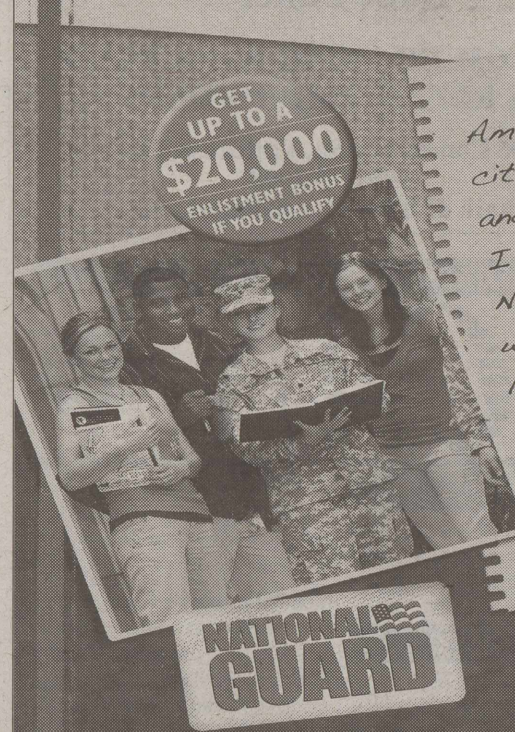
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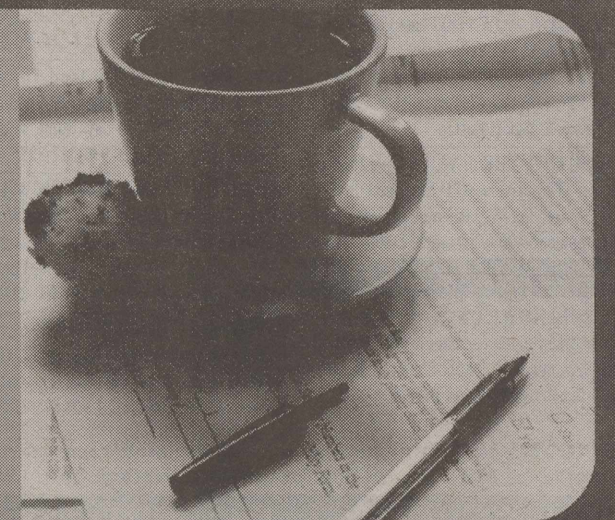
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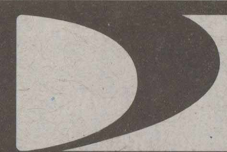
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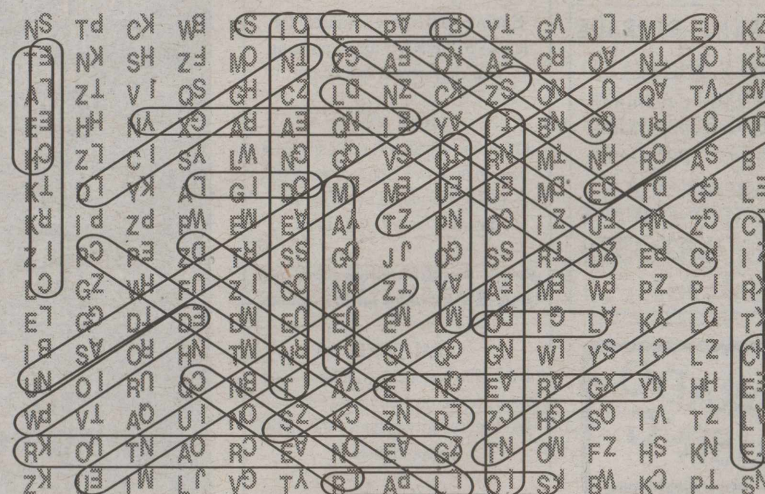
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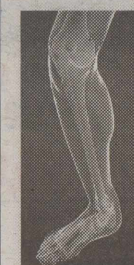
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