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Local Post Offices Being Considered for Closure

Tamara Smart

The U.S. Postal Service announced today that it is considering closing about 3,700 post offices over the next year because of falling revenues. In the list of the proposed Post offices to close: Benjamin, Goree, Guthrie, O'Brien, Weinert, Rochester and several others.

Facing an \$8.3 billion budget deficit this year, closing post offices is one of several proposals the Postal Service has put forth recently to cut costs. Last week for example, Postmaster General Pat Donahoe announced plans to [stop mail delivery on Saturdays](#), a move he says could save \$3 billion annually.

"We are losing revenue as we speak," Donahoe said. "We do not want taxpayer money. We want to be self-sufficient. So like any other business, you have to make

choices."

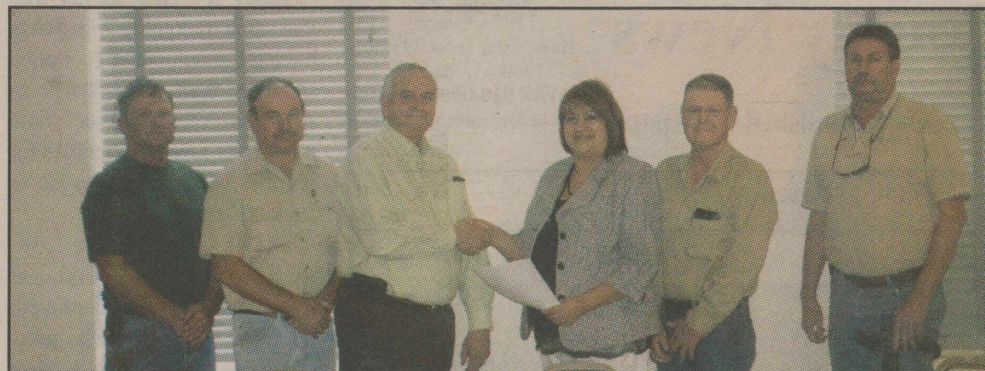
Post offices in every state except Delaware are up for closure and will be reviewed according to how much money they bring in, how many hours of work are performed there each day and how close they are to other post offices.

Dean Granholm, the vice president for delivery and post office operations, said the first wave of closings would begin this fall. He estimated that about 3,000 postmasters, 500 station managers and between 500 and 1,000 postal clerks could lose their jobs.

Of the nearly 3,700 proposed post office closures, slightly more than 3,000 of them have annual revenue of less than \$27,500, and a workload of less than two hours per day. Compared

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New County Attorney Pro Tem Sworn in



Lina Trevino was sworn in on August 1, 2011 as the Knox County Attorney Pro Tem by the Knox County Commissioners Court and Judge Travis Floyd.

Photo by Tamara Smart

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The Knox County courthouse was abuzz Monday morning as the commissioners, County judge, several county officials and visitors gathered for the official swearing in of new County Attorney Pro Tem, Lina Trevino.

The previous County Attorney, Meagan Suarez,

resigned last month to accept a job as a city attorney in the metroplex area, closer to her home and her family. Yet, while she was acting as the Knox County Attorney, she continuously bragged on Knox County and her job here to friends and business associates in other localities.

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New County attorney, Lina Trevino, settles into her new office on the first floor of the Courthouse in Benjamin.

Photo by Tamara Smart

LOOKING AHEAD

Registration for all the Knox City/ O'Brien schools is August 17 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Any new student to the district needs to bring their social security card, their birth certificate, and a current immunization record.



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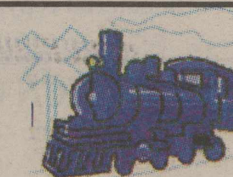
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GOD'S PROMISES

By Gary Schnable,
Foursquare Church

"You will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way. Follow it, whether it turns to the right or to the left.' ...The Lord will give you rain for the seed that you plant in the ground, and the food that the ground provides will be rich and nourishing. When that day

comes, your cattle will graze in large pastures" (Isaiah 30:21, 23 GW)

While growing up in rural Pennsylvania as children of the 60's and 70's, our parents insulated us from the many disastrous concerns of life that the previous generations faced. We faced no nuclear bomb drills, hurricanes, tornadoes,

flooding or earthquakes; no economic shifts or terrorism in America since December 7, 1941. Maybe we were just naïve growing up believing we were safe. Shucks, we worried more about being caught with gum in class, an argument with another student, or cutting laps at athletic practice. Life was care-free!

Living in West Texas reminds

of those care-free days as a kid. We were somewhat insulated from the sexually immoral revolution taking place, the fighting a hopeless war in Vietnam, fear of communism, and the boil of racism that was being lanced for equality. Wow, American life was not as tranquil as we thought in those days! We did not see it because it did not affect us then!

Today it's easy to fall into that same tranquility with Texas having a much better economic situation than most states in America. Yeah, we see some things that reveal difficulties for families who have lost a job or caused life struggles.

STOP... Wait a minute... We are in probably the worst drought since the early 50's according to many of you locals who grew up here... We believe you! We're awaiting a debt reduction deal (Stop the insanity... There are no real debt reductions just gimmicks ... Ugh) affecting our Seniors, the infirmed and our military families. It has hit close to home with some of our local families!

WE ARE IN CRISIS IN AMERICA AND TEXAS IS NOT EXEMPT! We can no longer think we are insulated. No, it's time to take pause... to get some real face time with God who cares.

Moses, King David, King Solomon, many of the prophets and here in Isaiah 30:8-17 these people, when facing a crisis of any kind, were called to fast and seek God's face, to get His answers and see Him lead them into blessing. It always requires great humility to acknowledge we are a people in need of His direction... Always.

This Saturday the **Knox City/O'Brien Ministerial Alliance** is calling our community to a time of prayer and fasting (Joel 215-17). A time for the whole church family to come together to seek God's face for His answers: Concerning our *national debt* (personal debt crisis); About the *natural disasters* of drought locally as well as the numerous natural disasters nationally; To find His protection from *terrorism* of all kinds; To discover how to stop

the *family breakdown* that hurts so many families, especially our children today.

We your leaders feel the most important need is for a new, "*Refreshing Encounter*" with God (Acts 3:19). God's calling us to return to that amazing relationship we once enjoyed with Him; along with all people who have yet to experience that life transforming encounter with God. He desires to personally reveal Himself as the loving Father that He is to every individual!

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- Duncan Campbell of the 1949 Lewis Island Revival (Small community island off Scotland)

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Pink Ladies News

The staff of the Hospital Auxiliary met July 20 at the thrift store. The checks for the Knox County Fire Department to help purchase a generator and for the hospital to purchase a machine to aid patients who have had knee replacement surgery have cleared the bank.

It was decided that Glenna Huff and her crew would change for Saturday to Friday beginning September 1. The store will no longer be open on Saturday after Sept 1.

The half price sale continues in the front room through July. As of August 1, the sale will move from the front room to the Children's room and Junior sizes will be included in August.

Your contributions continue to serve our community and hospital. Thanks.

MUSEUM NEWS

Mark Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 P.M., on your calendar for a must-go visit to the Wichita Brazos Museum at Benjamin. The Museum is sponsoring a talk by Clark Hitt of Sweetwater, formerly of Crowell. The subject is the 1841 Texan-Santa Fe Expedition which came through "the Narrows" in Knox County, nearly 170 years ago to the date.

This expedition was not a success in meeting its goals of helping the finances and territorial expansion of Texas, but it contributed along with other events, to factors causing the war with Mexico.

The 1841 expedition across an almost unknown part of Texas became a battle of man against nature. The plan was to go north to the Red River, then travel west across Texas and most of New Mexico, to Santa Fe.

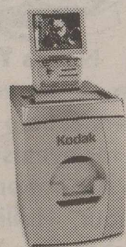
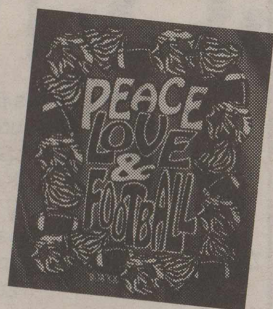
The caravan of around 300 merchants, accompanied by military companies,

left June 21, from Brushy Creek in Williamson County, about 15 miles north of Austin. They came through Wise and Montague Counties, then northwest into Clay and Wichita Counties. They were at the Wichita River near the future site of Wichita Falls, by August 4th. The Wichita River's muddy, reddish waters were mistaken for the Red River. Following the Wichita River they crossed Archer and Baylor Counties entering today's Knox County where they crossed over "the Narrows", the ridge that divides the water flowing to the South Wichita from those of the Salt Fork of the Brazos.

The northwest direction of the expedition took them through many of our surrounding counties, including King, Foard, Cottle and Motley, making this an important and interesting historical topic.

This adventure, explained in more detail, will be told by Mr. Hitt.

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By Sammie Offield

Monday evening and I have a lot of news. Chad Tolson's family is in need of help. He's been in ICU for three weeks with what seems to be an infection. We are asking for your help for the medical, lodging and other expenses. Please look for jars out in most places of business, Every penny counts and every penny helps. May God be with them through this time of need

Mrs. Le Alts Harris, a long time resident and great nurse in Knox City, had a wonderful family reunion this past week at Haskell. Her girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were all here from a long distance away. I got to talk to Terri and she said it was good for them to return to KC. It was good to talk to her.

Ray Penman is still hav-

ing to deal with more doctor because they discovered more spots. NO more reports lately, but Lindsey says they are just waiting on what the next step will be to take care of the problem. With God's help and blessing, things will quickly get under control.

Alfredo Abila is now in good health. No cancer is in his life, but her still has to keep close check-ups with his doctor to keep him healthy and strong and his recovery progressing.

Latest news on Ester Grindstaff is that she is still in ICU on life support. Hopefully she can be weaned off it slowly Her kids are staying close to her and continuously praying for her.

News on Dorothy Jean Dykes seems to be home recovering from a bad stomach virus which cause a week-end stay at the Knox Coun-

ty Hospital along with the broken leg. With help from her sidekick she progresses in her recovery daily. Some women just are blessed with great partners in life.

I got to visit with Kristi K. She is so tired but still going full blat and thinking of everyone else. Things are moving slow, but sometimes that is better than full steam ahead- It was great to see her and hopefully we will get to have her home for a few days. It's hard to let a good thing go, especially when that good thing is such a great personal friend. I know it's hard on Sandra and Paul too (a.k.a. grandma and grandpa Chambers). But on the other hand, the kids will be within driving distance. Love you guys and ish you all the best.

I have a few corrections on the Burkham granddaughter; she was competing in the

national gymnastics competition. She placed 3rd in her class and thirty-third in the nation. Sorry that my information was mistaken.

The Denton's had their family in for the Watermelon Festival and also probably places in the golf tourney too. They had a small crowd and I'm very sure they did have a great time and also turned out to be a nice day for lots of summer fun for kids of all ages.

I love the Watermelon Festival- lots of Watermelon, good food everywhere and vendors of all types. This all took place after the fantastic parade on Friday night.

Friday morning I escorted my brother, Roy Rodriguez to Abilene from the Knox County Hospital. He is in Hendricks and the news is not so good. He is having a series of chest pains, and it is

difficult to treat him because of his on-going kidney problems. On Monday the doctors are planning on trying new treatment. I put him and all our family in God's hands because this is going to be a long process of recovery and a possibility of dialysis every week. I will know more after all the tests. If you need information you can call me at home, or talk to Roy at Hendricks (325) 670-5723. They

will be doing a heart cath on Monday.

Laura Stovall informed me later this week that Chad Tolson has moved to Dallas to a neurology clinic with the hope they will be able to find the infection in his brain. They had to put him back on the respirator for the time being. He was having a hard

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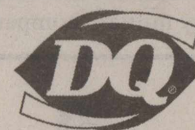
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The City of Benjamin, Texas, will hold a public meeting on August 11, 2011, at noon, at City Hall, Benjamin, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the City of Benjamin Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

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07/26	79/109	
07/27	78/108	
07/28	81/106	
07/29	79/104	
07/30	79/102	
07/31	77/104	

Total Rainfall for month
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 2.22

Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Conference to be held

LAWTON, Okla. – The annual Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Conference will be held August 5 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Coliseum, 920 South Sheridan Road, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

This conference is a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. The meeting is alternated between a Texas and Oklahoma location each year.

Conference planners expect to provide wheat producers and/or stocker cattle operators the most up-to-date information on topics that influence wheat and stocker cattle profits, said Stan Bevers, professor and AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon, Texas.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and end at 4 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person which includes educational material, a copy of the Cattle Trails Stocker Conference Proceedings, a noon meal and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Producers can register by contacting an AgriLife Extension county agent, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or by contacting either Karen Thompson with the AgriLife Extension district office at 940-552-9941, ext. 217, kethompson@ag.tamu.edu, or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension district office at 580-255-0546.

"We hope the conference will assist producers in driving their operation to profits," Bevers said. "Producers in this area are facing major issues from varying fronts. Most obvious is the ongoing drought and its impact on production and commodity prices."

Providing information on marketing wheat and cattle during these times will be ever, an overview of the entire marketing environment; Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist, Still water, Oklahoma the cattle market; and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist in college Station, developing a wheat marketing plan and an update regarding the grains market.

A second front is the current environment in Washington, D.C. regarding the federal budget and its potential impact on the 2012 Farm Bill, Bevers said.

Dr. Joe Outlaw, professor and AgriLife Extension economist in College Station, will provide an update of ongoing discussions regarding possible reductions of agricultural producer's support and safety nets.

Outlaw is also co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M

University and regularly provides legislators with analyses of possible change. Most recently, Outlaw provided testimony to the Senate Agriculture committee regarding the state of the national agriculture economy.

The afternoon session will begin with a panel consisting of four area producers who have experience these multi-fronted issues and how their

operation has changed over the past five years to address these issues. Producers will include Steve Marten, Holliday, Texas; Terry McAlister, Electra, Texas; Dennis White, Ninnekah, Oklahoma, and Jimmy Kinder, Walters, Oklahoma.

The conference will conclude with Dr. Jeff Edwards, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension associate professor and

small grains specialist, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension professor and agronomist in Vernon, Texas, discussing the challenges and successes of dual purpose wheat and variety updates.

In addition, industry spon-

sors will have their products on display during the event. There will be opportunities during the conference to visit with these respective representatives to discuss their products and how they might fit into your operation, Bevers said.

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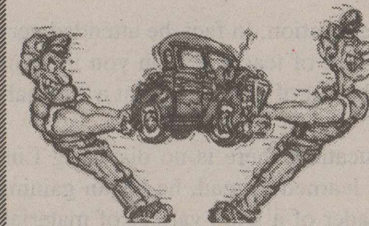
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public meeting on August 9, at 7:00 p.m. at 135 North Munday Ave at Munday Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to review the M&O proposed tax rate for 2011. The proposed effective tax rate of .10 per 100 dollars of value will be the same from last years tax rate.

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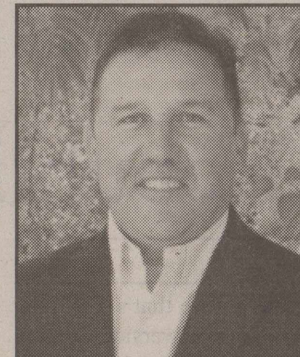
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Abraham Lincoln in 2012?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Could Abraham Lincoln be elected president today?

Let's take a closer look:

Lincoln had no formal education. In fact, he attended very little school because of a lack of teachers. Can you imagine what the media would make out of a man without a "formal" education.

Despite the lack of education, there is no disputing Lincoln's brilliance. Once he learned to read, he began gaining knowledge. As an avid reader of a wide-variety of material, Lincoln more than made up for his lack of schooling.

As a member of the Illinois Congress, Lincoln developed his skill as an orator.

For 16 years, he worked as a lawyer handling transportation cases as the country grew westward.

In a U.S. Senate run, his debates with Stephen Douglas gained him acclaim and attention. He lost to Douglas, but Lincoln's reputation grew in the north and he was elected president a couple of years later.

As you know, Lincoln despised slavery. It sickened him and his stance helped the Republican Party grow in stature. He also swung northern Democrats to his side which anchored him as president during the Civil War.

In his Inaugural Address, Lincoln voiced: "In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you.... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."

Back to today. Let's say Lincoln somehow got over the "lack of education" hurdle. Now let's look at his past. Lincoln was reportedly a good husband and father, despite being absent from the home much of the time.

In comparison to our last three presidents, Lincoln's actions away from the public eye, or before he made a name for himself, were mild compared to recent presidents.

How about looks? How would Lincoln do on television?

If (and this is a big if) people listened, he might have a fighting chance.

In my opinion, Lincoln would get slaughtered by the media on looks alone. Let's face it, we haven't elected an ugly president in a while now. It's possible, but he would face an uphill battle.

For Lincoln to win office today, he would need the best team of handlers ever known and would have to run an incredible campaign appealing to much more than whatever demographic made up his base. A Lincoln campaign would cost

a fortune. Would voters throw their monetary support behind this poor, odd-looking, uneducated man.

Today, there is no way in the world this country would elect Abraham Lincoln as president. I just can't see it happening.

The media would destroy his character and he could not raise enough money to combat them.

In dedicating the military cemetery at Gettysburg, Lincoln said: "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

It makes me wonder who is running for office today. Are there any Lincolns out there? If so, we need them identified and elected. This primary season, why don't you give the candidates you are looking at the Lincoln test. See what lies underneath the television persona. You never know, there could be greatness out there ready to make this country better.

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The Next Republic of California?

By REBEKAH RAST

"The last thing I want to do is create a state that's a carbon copy of what we have now," says Republican Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone about his recent plan to fix the state of California.

His plan: split the state into two.

If he has his way, the new state would be called South California and would be America's 51st state.

"The latest proposal takes most of Southern California with the exception of Los Angeles and dips into the Central Valley," says former California U.S. House of Representatives' Member Richard Pombo, former Chairman on the House Committee on Natural Resources. "This would create a more conservative state."

A more conservative state is exactly what Stone and many Californians are looking for. Thirteen counties would break away from the state including: Riverside, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego and Tulare. The Los Angeles Times reports, "Combined, those counties are home to about 13 million people. Republicans

account for the majority of registered voters in all of those counties except San Diego, San Bernardino and Imperial."

"California may be at the point where something like this desperately needs to happen," Pombo says. "People are talking about this right now because of the state of the government; people are looking for something, a change."

Republican Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone's plan isolates much of the coastal area in California. This is the area most conservatives consider to be the reason why the state faces such economic turmoil due to its liberal penchant for high taxes and overbearing regulations. Because of this, Pombo says some people wish the plan for the secession would include more of the state. "If the proposal took in more of the Central Valley, people might take to it more. No one wants to be with the coastal areas."

California faces an 11.8 percent unemployment rate. For perspective, in a three-year time span, California has lost 1.15 million jobs. A big factor of the high unemployment in the state is the high taxes businesses must pay. The fact that businesses, large and small, are leaving the state to find more business-friendly environments is only part of the reason why Stone has proposed

this break up of California.

"Our taxes are too high, our schools don't educate our children well enough, unions and other special interests have more clout in the Legislature than the general public," Stone said in a statement, reported by the Los Angeles Times. "It has to change."

Whether or not Stone's plan is the kind of change California needs or is looking for, the state doesn't seem too amenable to deviate from the status quo.

"We went through the 2010 election and Republican seats were picked up everywhere except California," Pombo says. "The state with the most problems voted for more of the same."

Ironically, on a national level our nation seems to be experiencing the same kind of divide between red and blue states. There is a saying that trends start in California, and the irreconcilable differences cited by Supervisor Stone are seeming played out on a national stage every day in Washington, D.C.

While Stone and others have determined that the marriage in California cannot be saved, many observers in Washington hope that this California trend doesn't spread.

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By: Janice Frost
Mayor Pro-Tem

Date: August 4, 2011

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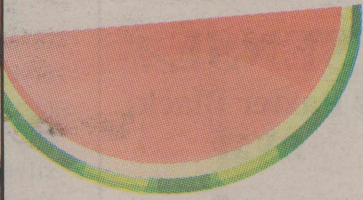
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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

The weekend of Watermelon Festival has been a humbling weekend for me. First I found out that I got beat in the golf tourney by Bruce Skiles and two ladies. If Coach Steele could putt and MJ would keep it in the fairway, it would not have been that bad. But good gosh, every time I see Bruce I will hear the same thing: "Its bad when the Mayor gets beat by me and two old women."

Well the truth is those two ladies, as Bruce calls them, can flat hit the golf ball. So congrats to Estelle Skiles and June Tankersly. My deepest sympathy to your backs; they must really hurt from carrying Bruce all day.

Then it was onto the festival, there was frozen cheese-cake, lemonade and chicken-on-a-stick. I was swelled up like a woman during her tenth month of being knocked up. I got to hang out with my new buddy, Stuart Edmonds. This kid is by far the smartest of Steve's kids. He has his wonderful Grandma's (Romain's) personality and common sense. Heck, even Jerry Mac decided to join us for some good laughs. He gave advice on everything from Obama to marriage counseling.

The Chamber of Commerce did a great job on this year's festival. Leslie Moore, Emily Nelson and Mark Tucker (just to mention a

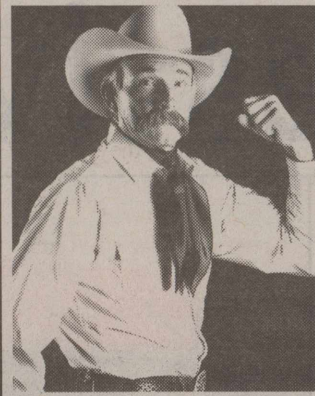
few) deserve a big "Thank You" for a great weekend.

Other than the Watermelon Festival, a few other things happening around town Football practice started and man I am ready for 2011 Hounds. This should be a great season for the Hounds with a ton of experience returning and I look forward to our first district title in 6-man. For the ladies- I did not forget you, volleyball and band also started practice this week. The Band will be working for a return trip to state Mr. Tucker is as good as they get and he will have the "Pride band" at its best when it is time for the contests.

I am so sick of the Debt ceiling talks on TV. How in the hell can a country that taxes the crap out of everything we eat, drink, drive, fly and sleep and yet still be broke? Because we piss about more money than anyone can imagine. How much do you think we pay for Obama's use of Air Force One to campaign? I know all the presidents have used them, but hey Ol' Big ears wants us to cut back. This would be a good start of leading by example, do not tell us about cutting back and throw yourself a B-day party and charge \$38,500 per couple to attend.

Heck I guess the Obama's have cut back. His Mother-

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
DVM

ENGLAND'S CHOICE

England has made a choice to remain dependent on other countries to feed them. Recently corporations have proposed to build a modern dairy and sow unit in their countryside. Two activist groups objected saying it would force a significant number of small farmers out of business. The proposal was withdrawn.

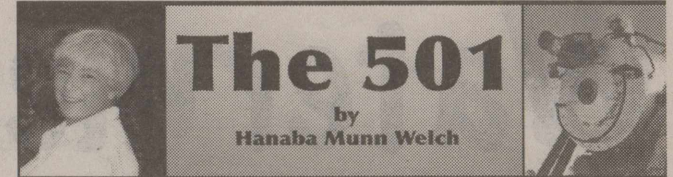
We in the United States have faced that choice and decided to encourage modern agricultural practices which have resulted in concentration of production and the elimination of most small farmers. Are we wrong or right to have chosen technology over status quo?

England can no longer feed itself. 60 million people in a country the size of Mississippi with an average rainfall of approximately 25 inches. The government micro-manages agriculture. It leans against modern agricultural practices. Much of it is subsidized. Politics controls imports. As if England did not have enough problems, Prince Charles has taken it upon himself to tell us we should follow their model. He says we need a "new system of accounting for sustainability." He points to Walmart's backing of local sourcing of food and sustainable or organic produce as a reason to be hopeful that our industry if listening. He is joined by the animal rights/environmentalist activists denouncing America's "mega farms" and accusing us of cruelty to animals and pollution.

By 2050 the world population will have increased 20% to 9.4 billion. If Prince Charles can convince us to limit our food production, and Canada, Australia and India follow suit, who will feed us? Argentina? Brazil? Russia? Maybe by then, Africa will have finally overcome itself and become self-supporting and change our import staples to Taro root and bamboo shoots.

Here Chuck...let me put this paper bag over your head. What is wrong with this picture? You need to take a course in Colonist Common Sense. Surely someone in your country must understand that a "new system of accounting for sustainability" has the profundity of "Yearning for Chickens that have no Bones." Charlie...the Sheriff of Nottingham thought he could take all the peasant's crops, and tools, and oxen away, and they would continue to farm! You point to Walmart as a good example. Walmart would not exist today if they restricted their sales to home-grown organic food. They have become the biggest corporation in the world by selling groceries, tires, meat, clothes, wine, pliers and guns manufactured by the

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My husband believes in watches. He thinks everyone should. When we married, he gave me a really nice watch - gold and silver with diamonds in the bezel. I liked wearing it. It looked good on my wrist. Sometimes I even looked at it to see what time it was. It's my favorite watch wherever it is.

That's right. It didn't take me long to lose my wedding watch. Or maybe I just misplaced it. I'm still not sure. Anyway I knew he'd bought it at a big chain store so I went there to buy another one just like it - easier said than done. Several watches looked like mine with only minor differences in their designs. Luckily I'd only recently used my camera hand to take a picture of wild plums in my other hand. My watch was in the picture - just the band and clasp but enough imagery for me to go by to buy an exact replacement. So I did.

Then I lost the second watch. So I bought another one, referring again to the wild plum shot. Then I found the first watch, meaning either I found the wedding watch or the replacement. Only God knows. I just know I ended up with two identical watches. Nice watches.

Over the years I've been careful never to put the two watches in the same place or to wear one with the other in view. I wouldn't want my husband to have to sort things out. There'd be questions.

It's not easy never to put things in the same place. It's sort of the opposite of always putting something in the same place, which is the rule for how not to lose a watch. As for me, all I'm really good at is keeping up with the wild plum picture.

Recently my two watches seemed to dwindle to one. I'm not sure which one, but at least I still had one my husband could assume he'd given me for our wedding. Maybe it is. Anyway, he noticed it needed a new battery - I was used to ten minutes after seven -- and he also thought it could use a new crystal. He took it to the jeweler. Sweet of him. I picked it up the following week. It looked great.

A few days later condensation appeared under the new crystal, and it quit running. I took it back to the jeweler. He popped it open and saw rust. Oops! I'd gotten the watch wet. Life isn't fair.

Of course, I wasn't sure which watch I'd gotten wet. Could I have switched it with a missing watch? I searched for duplicates but found none, so I took the non-running watch back to the jeweler. He's replacing the movement.

Next, wild plum picture in hand, I went back to the chain store to buy one more watch.

If there's anything I plan to be sure about in my life it's that I'll always have my wedding watch. I use the term loosely.

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 2 pink erasers
 1 watercolor paint set
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 1 bottle Elmers glue
 2 plastic folders with pockets
 2 folders with brads
 1 one-subject spiral notebook
 1 plastic pencil box
 2 large boxes of Kleenex
 1 box qt. size zipper bags (Boys only)
 1 pkg Paper plates (girls only)
 1 container Clorox/Lysol disinfecting wipes
 Backpack (No rollers/wheels)

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 2 pink erasers
 1 pair Fiskar scissors
 1 three subject spiral notebook- wide ruled

4 plastic folders w/ pockets (blue, red, green, yellow)
 1 set Prang watercolors
 1 roll Scotch Tape with dispenser
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 2 large boxes facial tissues (do not label)
 3 pkgs 3x5 index cards
 1 backpack (no wheels or rollers please)

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Still no change in the weather, so really no need to comment on it. Same ole story- hot and dry.

About Our ill

Jamie Bohannon was dismissed from the Knox County Hospital on Saturday after a several days stay suffering from pneumonia. She's feeling pretty well but sure needs to take care of herself or she might get down again.

Jane Gideon seems to be doing well since her surgery a couple of weeks ago. Still has to be very careful for another few days, but she's not having any trouble doing that. And she's getting lots of much needed rest.

On Friday Chad Tolson was taken from United Regional in Wichita Falls to Dallas. He is in the Zale-Lishey Hospital and has undergone lots of tests to try to determine the cause of his problem. The tests have been sent to the Mayo Clinic and according to reports it will probably be several days before they get the reports So they wait and pray for some encouraging news. I urge everyone to keep this family in their prayers- If you want to put a card in the mail to try and encourage Chad and his family, you can send it to Chad Tolson, 5151 Harry Hines Blvd., SW Medical Center, Room 314, Dallas Texas.

Here N There

Debi and Mike Moorhouse and Dillon have company this week. Grand-

children, Lexie, Katie, and Blaze Taylor are visiting from Amarillo and Debi's niece, Ashlee Evans from Childress is also a guest in their home. The Taylor children's mom, Kyla, had knee surgery on Wednesday so it was a good time for the kids to visit while she recuperates.

We have new residents here in town. The Andy Beck family has moved into the former Collins Moorhouse home, now owned by the school. Parker Implement in Munday employs Andy. They are former Vera residents. We welcome them to Benjamin and hope they enjoy living here.

Sherry Tennyson call on Sunday with quite a bit of news concerning her family. She said her grandson, Andrew, who is 8.5 months old will be undergoing open heart surgery on August 25 at Cook's Children Hospital in Ft. Worth. The surgery will be to open up the aorta valve and close the hole in his heart. I don't know how long he will be hospitalized, but I do know he will be in ICU 3 or 4 days. She asks your prayers on his behalf.

Also said her husband, Joe, has been off work about a month with a back injury. Is taking therapy

twice a week at Knox City and would probably be seeing a specialist as soon as possible. She wanted everyone to know she is going to be a grandma again. Her daughter, Rebecca Baldwin, will be welcoming a little one in November. Rebecca is living in Monahans.

Betty Parker and Chelsea of Aspermont visited her mom, Gloria West, on Sunday.

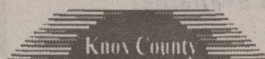
Imagean and Ditch Young attended the Deer Fest "goings on" in Wichita Falls on Saturday. She said they had a great time.

Lexie Mendoza returned home Sunday after an extended visit with her dad and family in Abilene. Her sister Sydney is visiting their dad this week.

Ronnie and Susan White and family returned home the last of the week from a week's vacation to South Padre Island.

In last week's news about the Vanderpol children visiting Oregon, they were visiting their dad, Brent's, parents- not his grandparents- sorry for the mistake.

And one last item, Stacia Propps and Cody were in the Longview area during the weekend to visit parents and grandparents, Jimmie Kay and Don Liles and Cody came home with a new pick-up- a pretty nice "ride" to begin his college years in Tarlton.


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Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	691,666	
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.0000	
Last year's total taxes	\$	691,666	
Last year's tax base	\$	164,229,052	
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.42115	/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	690,390	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	169,054,734	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.40838	/ \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

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- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.0000	/ \$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	690,390	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	169,054,734	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.40838	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.44105	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.0000	/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$	0.44105	/ \$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.0000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.0000	/ \$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	0.000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF KNOX COUNTY HOSPITAL ADOPTS A 2011 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ 0.40838 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2010 TAXES BY \$ 0.01277

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

This notice was prepared by Mitzi Welch, Chief Appraiser

PENMAN'S
SERVICES LTD
658-3513

Attention Cattlemen: Changes Announced for Adult Cattle being Sold at Texas Markets

AUSTIN - Effective August 1, 2011 the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will no longer require brucellosis testing of adult cattle for change of ownership. TAHC will also cease to pay the \$2 per head supplement to markets for the testing. Approximately half of the markets have indicated however, that they intend to continue testing all or some of the adult cattle sold through their markets. For markets wishing to test, they will still be able to receive all the supplies currently being provided at no charge, including the brucellosis card test kits. TAHC inspectors will also be able to run the supplemental testing as usual if a card positive animal is disclosed. TAHC officials strongly encourage voluntary testing of Texas cattle to remain vigilant in keeping Texas Brucellosis free.

It is imperative to remember that Brucellosis was found in two cattle herds in Texas earlier this year. Approximately 25 card positive (usually false positive) animals per month are detected throughout Texas markets. The secondary test run by TAHC inspectors at markets will usually clear those consignments for sale unrestricted, and only require the card positive animal to be held up.

"Even though TAHC is undergoing drastic budget reductions, the agency will continue to provide a market inspector wherever cattle are sold to support all of the cattle programs underway," Dr. Dee Ellis, State Veterinarian, said.

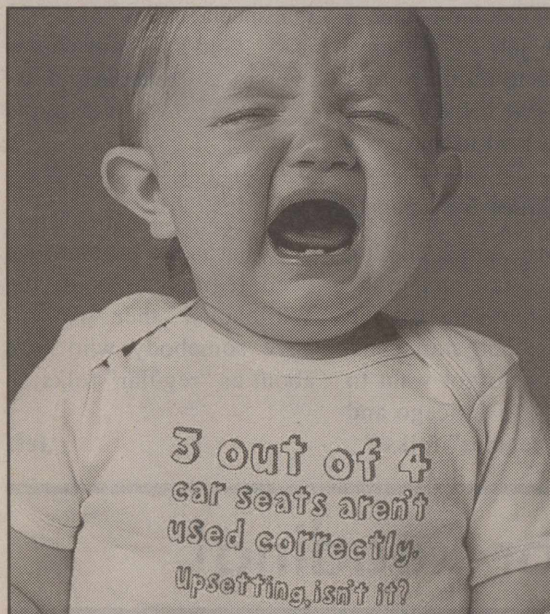
A separate issue regarding the identifica-

tion of cattle is also under discussion. Historically all Texas cattle leaving a market have had a USDA eartag in place because they were brucellosis tested there. The official identification of cattle (usually with a metal eartag) is not completely linked to brucellosis testing however. TAHC and USDA rules require official identification on all cattle tested, but they also require the market to record existing official Id's on any adult cattle presented for sale, all dairy cattle prior to movement, any bulls involved with the Trichomoniasis program (including virgins) and Mexican origin event cattle.

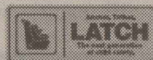
It is anticipated that the TAHC will consider a rule proposal in September that may require permanent official identification of adult cattle sold at Texas markets. It is further anticipated that USDA will release in the near future a rule for comment that will eventually require cattle moving interstate to have permanent official identification.

"I am asking all markets for voluntary compliance to continue eartagging adult cattle (or reading existing tags) sold through their markets for the next few months, while the rule making process is in progress," Dr. Ellis stated. Local TAHC regional offices and inspectors will work with individual markets on possible exceptions for extremely weak or old cattle presented for sale in the meantime.

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.



The LATCH system makes it easier to be sure your child's car seat is installed correctly every time. Just clip it to the lower anchors, attach the top tether, and pull the straps tight. To find out more, visit safercar.gov.



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2011 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BENJAMIN

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for CITY OF BENJAMIN. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 28,764.00	
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.000	
Last year's total taxes	\$ 28,764.00	
Last year's tax base	\$ 4,507,990	
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.63807	/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 25,945.00	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 4,006,140	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.64761	/ \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 25,945.00	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 4,006,140	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.64761	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.69942	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.69942	/ \$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0.000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.000	/ \$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF CITY OF BENJAMIN ADOPTS A 2011 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ 0.64761 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD INCREASE COMPARED TO 2010 TAXES BY \$ 0.00954

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

This notice was prepared by Mitzi Welch, Chief Appraiser

2011 **Property Tax Rates in KNOX CITY**

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for KNOX CITY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	240,103	
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.0000	
Last year's total taxes	\$	240,103	
Last year's tax base	\$	25,207,153	
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.80970	/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	201,834	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	30,236,529	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.66751	/ \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	201,834	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	30,236,529	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.66751	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.72091	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$	0.72091	/ \$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	0.000	/ \$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.000	/ \$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF KNOX CITY ADOPTS A 2011 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ 0.66751 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2010 TAXES BY \$ 0.14219

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

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**USDA Announces Last Call for Producers to File AGI Forms with the IRS-
Failure to do so Will Result in Interruption of Program Payments**

KNOX CITY, TX - July 22, 2011 - Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Rector. "The producer will be responsi-

ble for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," he said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Rector further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537.

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cheapest bidder, whether it's Chile, Hong Kong, or Vino Fino!

What is amazing to me is that Prince Charles' subjects seem to be blind or ignorant or complacent to the consequences of this royal balderdash. The Limeys have become Loonies! Family farms in the U.S. and Canada survive by using the same

technology that is available to our mega-farms! Our small farmers are innovative, hard working and committed to making a profit.

When you turn your farmers back into peasants, you get the kind of agriculture you are promoting now. But when you give them the ability, incentive, and freedom to produce the best that na-

ture, sweat and technology allows, you get the American and Canadian Horn of Plenty. Call us when you're hungry.

"I have watched this famous island descending incontinently, fecklessly, the stairway which leads to a dark gulf." Winston Churchill, While England Slept.

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time breathing on his own, but he is where they have the best of the best now that he is in Dallas.

Sunday evening comes to the end of another week-

Watermelon Fest is over and all the vendors have done a wonderful job of cleaning up. Thanks to Emily Nelson and all of her helpers—they worked so hard to make our

community come together in that special unique way.

**God Bless our troops
and each of us-
Sammie**

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in-law has moved in. That cracks me up can you imagine being the President of the US and having your mother-in-law living with you? I can hear her now, "Barack, what the

hell are you doing making Michelle go talk on Oprah? You get your Butt off the golf course and start campaigning! I do not want to move back to Chicago and live like "regular" folks."

That is the problem we need regular folks in the Whitehouse, then we will have somebody who care about us "regular" folks,,,

Jeff

Thanks for Reading!

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with the \$100,000 or so it takes to run a post office, many of them are not even breaking even, Granholm said.

"We made heroic efforts to take costs out of the system while still providing service," Donahoe said. "[But] the volume continues to drop off, especially profitable volume, like first class mail, and believe me that's what drives this whole thing."

Already the United States postal service has taken action. They have commenced in consolidating mail processing operations, adjusted carrier routes nationwide, consolidated area and district offices, reduced staffing levels at national headquarters and in the area and district offices and sold unused and under-used facilities

- Freezing executive salaries

The Postal Service has more retail locations -- 32,000 -- than any other private business in the United States -- more than every Walmart store, Starbucks and McDonald's combined.

In reviewing its retail facilities, the USPS looks at current office needs, proximity of other postal

locations, proximity to alternate access options, the structural condition of the office, lease terms if property is leased, real estate market if property is owned, and retail revenue transactions. Other factors in the review process to be considered are customer access, impact on customer and community postal needs, impact on employees, cost savings, environmental impact and the long-term needs of the Postal Service.

Because many of the proposed closings are in rural areas where there is not another post office nearby, the Postal Service plans to partner with community businesses to create what it calls village post offices -- which will sell stamps and ship packages -- within grocery stores, gas stations, libraries and town halls.

Village post offices will not provide the full range of services, though. Most will not offer custom shipping options, only flat-rate shipping, and few will provide passport services. But because Postal Service staff would not run them, USPS would save substantially on labor costs, which accounts for the largest portion of most post office

budgets. Granholm said USPS expects to open about 2,500 village post offices within a year.

In order to oppose the closing of a local office, the process is as follows: A written proposal will be posted for 60 days for comments and will then be sent to the District Manager for approval. The District Manager will determine if proposal is warranted. If warranted, the proposal will be sent to the Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations for final decision. That Vice President will make the final decision based on all of the information collected during the study. If warranted, final determination will be posted for 30 days, at which time customers can appeal the decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. If there are no appeals, the consolidation could occur as early as 60 days after the last date of the posting of the final determination

For a complete list of post office closures in Texas, please visit the website: <http://about.usps.com/news/electronic-press-kits/expandedaccess/states/texas.htm>

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One of the people who heard her praises of the Knox lifestyle was Lina Reyes Trevino, who jumped at the position which Meagan vacated in July.

Lina has extensive law experience, practicing law since 1993. She boasts a Law School Diploma from SMU, having spent 2 of her three years of law school there, and doing one year as a transfer at Texas Tech. She began her law career as an assistant City Attorney for the City of Lubbock, a position she retained until 1998.

After that, Trevino opened her own private practice in Lubbock, specializing in a myriad of areas of law. She is prolific in knowledge of family law, municipal law, personal injury, immigration law and other general fields of study.

Lina comes from a family of law enforcement. Her brother is a parole officer; her sister is a probation office. She has a nephew that is a border patrol agent and another nephew that is a detective. Trevino sees her legal career not as a

means of being able to "get someone off" after they have committed a crime, but rather as a part of the law enforcement process. Because of this thought, Trevino fancies herself as a prosecution attorney, saying she is "just not a defense attorney".

While Lubbock was the place that Trevino settled for many years, she kept seeing the city continue to expand. Lubbock keeps growing and growing, and the pace picks up faster and

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Property Tax Rates in KNOX COUNTY

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for KNOX COUNTY

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,042,939	\$ 0.0000	\$ 211,337
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,042,939	\$ 0.0000	\$ 211,337
Last year's tax base	\$ 164,229,502	\$ 0.0000	\$ 161,092,002
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.63505 /\$100	\$ 0.00 /\$100	\$ 0.13119 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,041,147	\$ 0.0000	\$ 210,758
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 168,313,724	\$ 0.0000	\$ 165,710,084
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.61851	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.12718
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.74569 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.000	/\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ 0.000	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

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+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 168,313,724	\$ 0.0000	\$ 165,710,084
= This year's effective rate	\$ 0.61851	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.12718
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.66799	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.13735
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.0000
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.66799	\$ 0.0000	\$ 0.13735
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.80534 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.0000	/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.0000	/\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

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= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.0000	/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

IF KNOX COUNTY GENERAL & SPECIAL ADOPTS A 2011 TAX RATE EQUAL TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$ 0.74569 per \$100 OF VALUE, TAXES WOULD DECREASE COMPARED TO 2010 TAXES BY \$ 0.02056

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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TYPE OF PROPERTY TAX FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	-0-

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faster daily. Lina was ready to get back to the slower small town lifestyle that she grew up with, and found that opportunity in Knox. She is excited to meet the people here and enjoying the small town values that are embraced here. Trevino will maintain the "pro tem" title until she has resided in Knox County for six months. Trevino has two children,

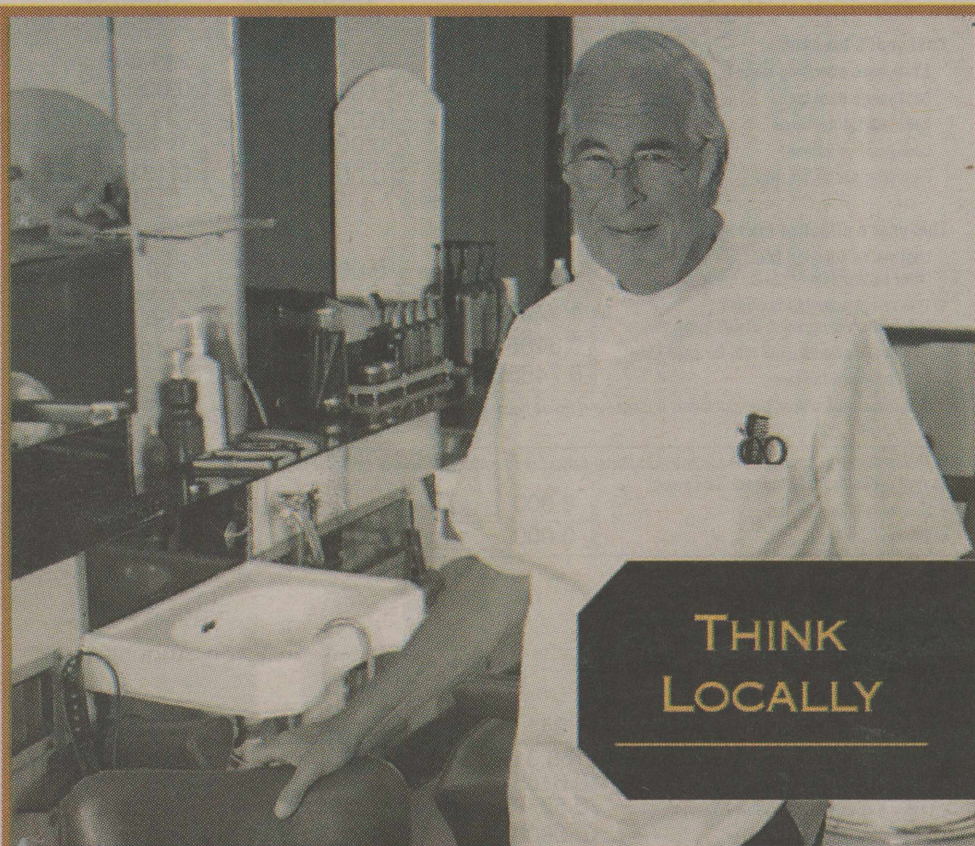
Alejandro, 16, and Sezar (14). She has been married to husband, David, for 21 years. When not practicing law, Lina enjoys photography, sewing and reading.

Saturday Watermelon Festival



Pictured Barbara Barnard and Mark Tucker help cut some of the 80 watermelons consumed at Saturday's festival.

Photo by Tamara Smart



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2 cases of watermelon were consumed. The watermelons were provided through an effort between Lawrence Brothers and the Knox City Chamber of Commerce



There was not a shortage of food, fun, vendors and visiting and so much more at the Knox City park on Saturday afternoon. The 23rd Watermelon Festival was indeed a success.

Photo by Tamara Smart

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST:

- 1st~Cleborn Plume
- 2nd~Adrian Soto
- 3rd~ (tie) Jack Sanders & Clay Cowen

WATERMELON BOWLING

- 1st~Zeke Duke
- 2nd~Mitzi Goodgion
- 3rd~Madelyn Mendoza

WATERMELON SEED SPITTING

- 1st~Lynn Nelson
- 2nd~Clay Burkham
- 3rd~Madelyn Mendoza

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MEMPHIS - WORKERS WANTED - New cafe coming to Memphis. Applications can be picked up at K Huddleston Sales 516 Noel St. in Memphis between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Need cooks waitresses and dishwashers. (TFN)

MEMPHIS - Help wanted, pick up application at Bartlett's Lumber in Memphis, TX. (0804)

WELLINGTON - Wellington Care Center is in need of an experienced Business Office Manager/HR Coordinator. 2-3 yrs experience preferred. Contact Cheryl Chapman at 903-455-8245 for more information. (0804c)

CANADIAN - D&R Transports in Canadian Tx is hiring full time CDL drivers. Uniforms, insurance, company match retirement, overtime and great wages 806-323-6161. (1-TFN)

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KNOX CITY - The Knox County News is accepting applications for the position of manager. Duties will include ad sales and reporting on

local events. For more information please email resume to Angie at angielove@blackburnmediagroup.com. (0825)

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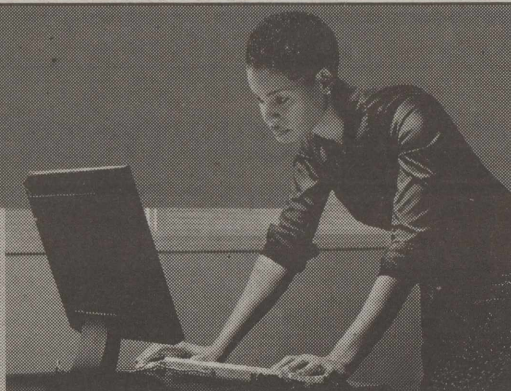
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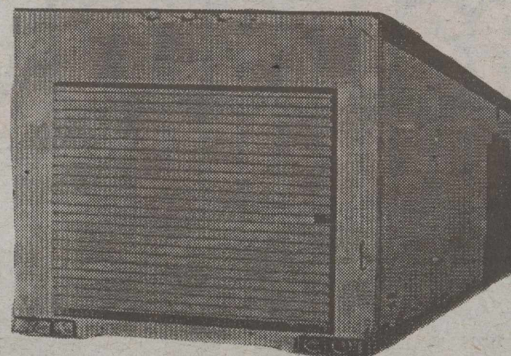
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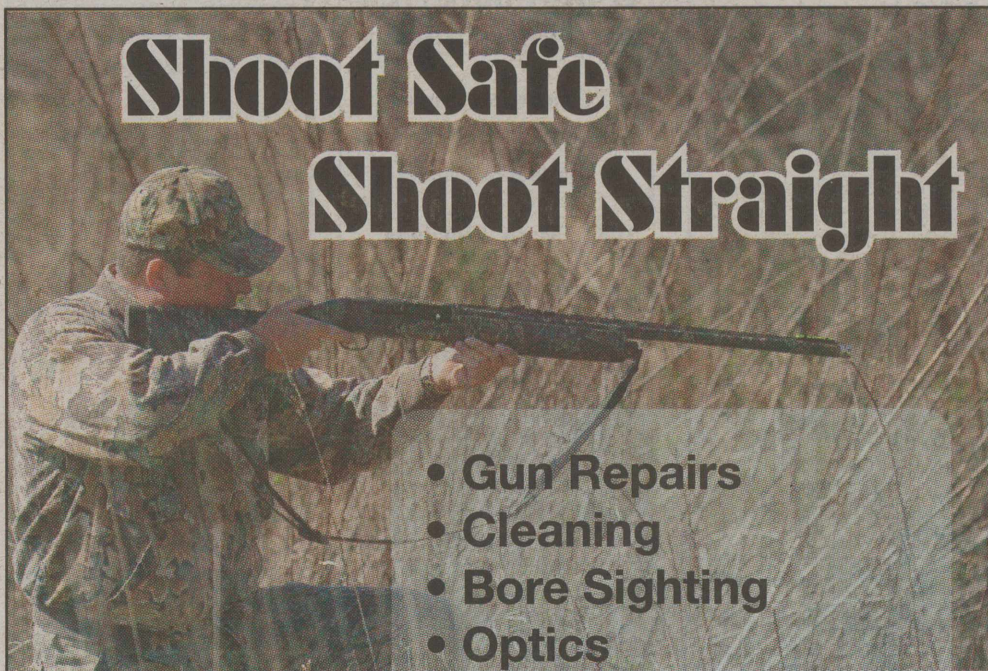
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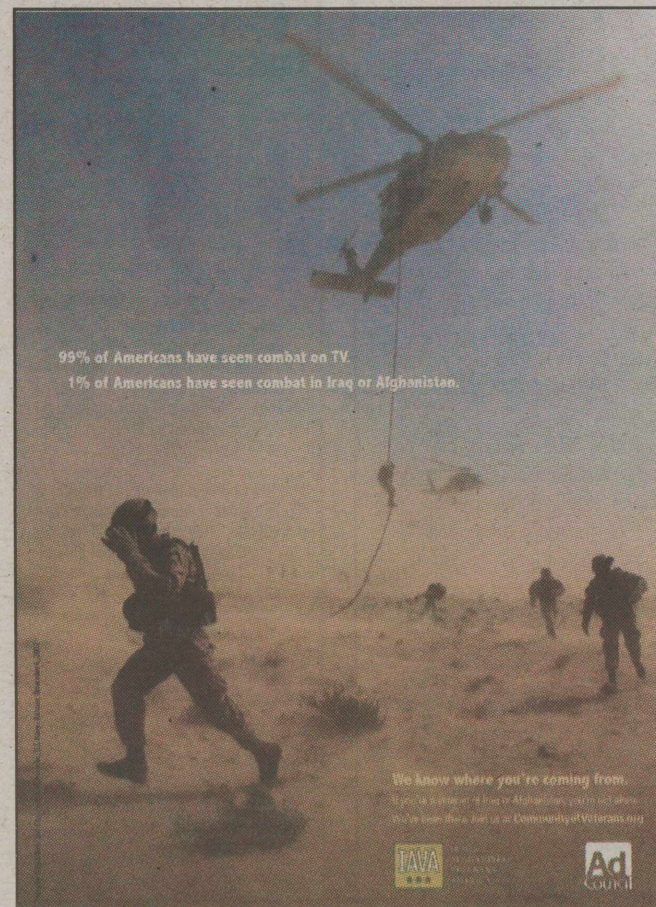
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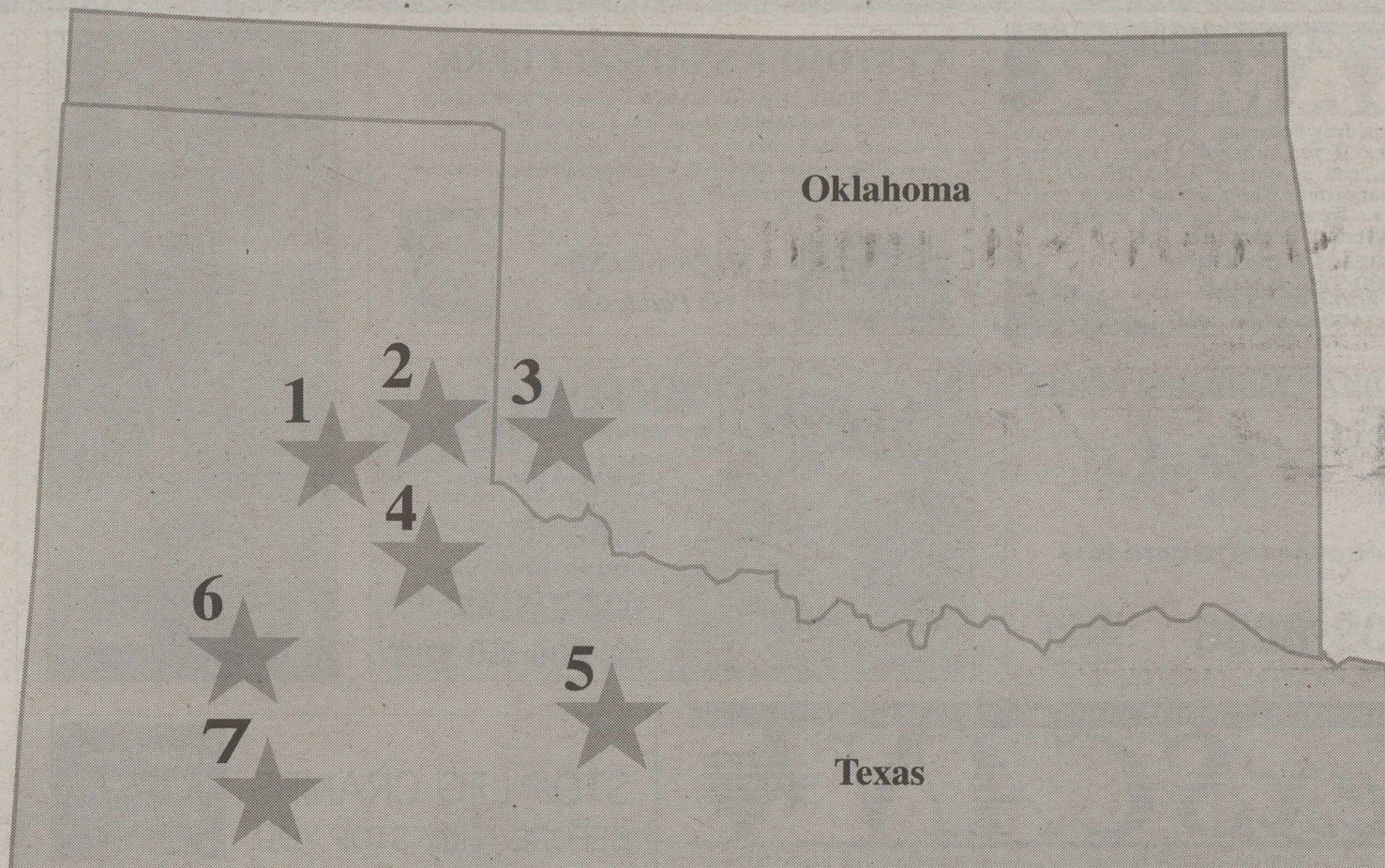
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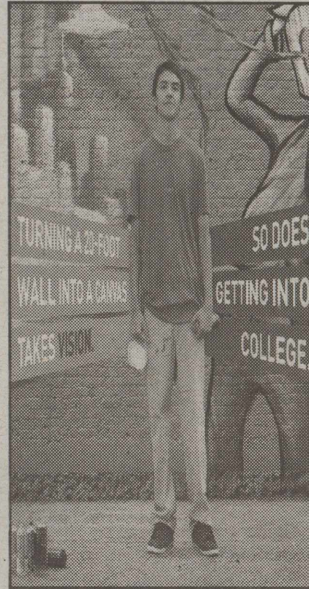
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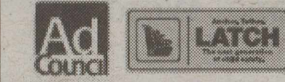
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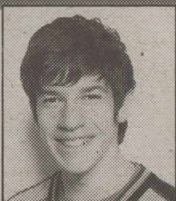
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Patrick from France, 17 yrs. Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Patrick's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.



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