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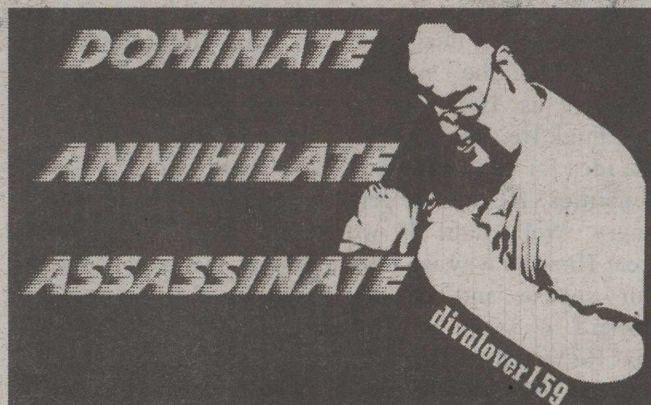
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## Online "Go Greyhound" Video Goes National



By Tamara Smart

Many people know Chad McGhee as that quiet soul in the background. Yet, he let his voice be heard when he posted a YouTube video on the Internet that encouraged the Knox City Greyhounds to "Annihilate, Dominate and Assassinate" any and all opponents this season. McGhee's video was intended to cheer the 2011 football team to win District, Area, and even a State title this year. Not only did the video make waves for the team members and their

parents, it put the Knox City Greyhound team on the map in a national spectrum.

Knox City alumni, Lew Patton, who works for "The Ticket", a Dallas sports radio station, got a look at the YouTube video off of McGhee's Facebook page. Patton loved it so much that he mentioned it on his radio show which has listeners from all over one of those listeners includes Jimmy Kimble.

Jimmy Kimble, a late night comedian on ABC and is the host of Jimmy Kimble LIVE!, tweeted the link to his viewers that night.

Thursday night 30,000 views- today well over 110,665 (one to coach is 17,000)

One website, Deadspin.com, said that Chad must be "The Biggest High School Football Fan In The History Of The Game". A live Internet live show out of Canada called "Right this Minute" soon contacted McGhee for a Skype interview. Dudley and Bob Morning Show in Austin interviewed Chad during one of their early morning chat sessions. Most recently, on August 29<sup>th</sup>, a very popular show called "Attack of the Show", which airs on G4, a cable station designed for men, interviewed Chad and played his tapes. Internet news media like yahoo and NBC Sports.com.

Chad felt inclined to make a public statement offering his encouragement to the Greyhounds after he was inspired by the young men in his Youth Group at First

**CHAD MCGEE**  
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## Bloodmobile coming to Knox City on Sept. 6

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at Knox County Hospital on Tuesday, September 6 from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. "I would like to apologize to the donors who came to the bloodmobile at the last blood drive," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "The drive started late because some necessary supplies were left behind and the air conditioners were not working properly. I appreciate the patience and understanding shown to the staff by the donors."

"Blood donations have dropped by almost 50% this summer", Baker continued. "We are asking donors in all of the communities we serve to answer the call for this urgent appeal for blood." The demand for blood continues to grow, and Meek Blood Center must collect a minimum of sixty pints of blood each day to make blood transfusions possible at seventeen area hospitals.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (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 Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

## LOOKING AHEAD

Coming Sept 1, 2011- "Our Hebrew Connection" which is a women's bible study to nourish Christians from the roots of faith. Meet at Faith Chapel in Rochester Texas every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for 8 weeks. Student books and Jewish New testament are available for purchase at time of class. For questions, call 940-864-2924 and ask for Laela Martin. Don't miss this awesome time of fellowship- women of all denominations are welcome and wanted.

Everyone is invited to the Liberty Church of God is Christ's 17th Annual Homecoming and Anniversary celebration. Scheduled to be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, the Theme for the commemoration is "this ole building". Saturday night, worship and musical will begin at 7 p.m and Sunday, worship and celebration start at 3:30 p.m.

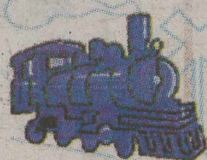


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# GOD'S PROMISES

## One Liners

Ricki Russell

My two sons can carry on a complete conversation using one-liners from movies they have seen. Well, it made me think of some of the one liners, songs titles or movies titles that Jesus might use if He were walk-

ing among us today.

Then it hit me; no one watches the same movies I do. I know that for each one of us the lines would be different. Like me, mine would be mainly westerns and for others it might be love stories or action films.

You know that is the way it is with God and how he speaks to each of us in His many different ways. Sometimes with me it is a song or a movie or maybe something in nature. The way He speaks or reveals who He is to you is as different as the many people

He is talking to.

When I talk to God, the speech varies from time to time. Sometimes it is like I am talking to God the Father and other times it is like I am hanging out with my best friend, Jesus. You know, you can hang out with a good friend without talking a whole lot, but you usually at least say good morning, or how are you doing. So if you are going to hang out with Jesus today, be sure and let Him know that is what you are doing. If you don't talk to Him, He might just get the idea that you don't care or you're mad at Him for some reason.

Okay- I saw that look that just crossed your face for thinking He would think you were mad at Him. Don't we often ig-

nore our spouse if we are mad at them? Say nothing when we don't care about their feelings. We get that far away look in our eyes when they are trying to talk to us about something. Have we forgotten that we are made in His image and that He feels the emotions He gave us. How else do you think He came up with the idea for us to have personalities? He says He gets angry. Well, duh! If we treat Him the way we treat our spouse and friends, doesn't it seem possible that He would feel the way they do when we don't put them before ourselves?

Now I am going to put you on the spot and ask the question that you probably don't want to hear. What did you say to God or Jesus this morning as you started

your day? I am sorry... I didn't quite catch that. Did you say nothing at all? Not so much as a how do you do, even? I will have to admit that sometimes it is the middle of the morning or later before I speak to Him. How would your friends or spouse react if you didn't say a word to them for hours? I dare say that there would be trouble at my house or my job if I didn't speak for that long.

Now that you know for sure, as if there was ever a doubt, I am not perfect. I still do the things I know I shouldn't and don't do the things I know I should. I am not that great a husband, father or friend. I don't tell God or Jesus hello every morning like I should. I am not as thankful for my blessings as I should be. But as for right now I say "God thank you for everything. Jesus, let's hang out for awhile and see what the day brings. Let me know if there is something I can do for you, okay?"

You know, it really is that simple. If God is your father and Jesus your friend be sure to tell Them.

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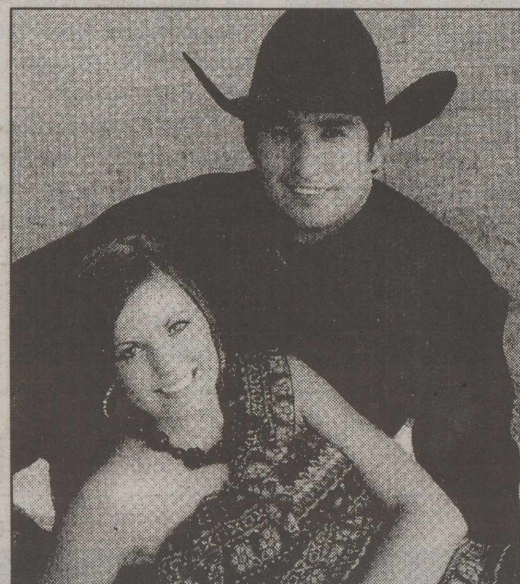
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Randy and Sharon Cypert are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Renea Cypert to Brady Joe Cerda. The prospective groom is the son of Bobby Cerda of Crowell, Texas and Dale and Gail Turner of Knox City, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows on November 5, 2011 at the Church of Christ in Munday, Texas.



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## SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

By Sammie Offield

Everything in KC was very quiet this week. All the morning crew at Bud's were excited for me and kept asking me when I was leaving for my trip to Guam with my chosen daughter to see my grandson.

The funeral for Ester Grindstaff was nice. I'm glad the kids know she is finally in a better place. May God Bless all of them.

Alfredo underwent surgery Sunday morning for some left eye repair. Amanda said he was doing good and more surgery will come later this next week. He is stable for now.

Janie and Dewayne Bradford were headed to Dallas last week to see their daughter Angela. She was due to have the baby anytime. I have not talked to them since I left for Guam, but I am sure things are probably good.

I'm miles away and I told the Knox County News Editor, Tamara, that I would get the news there one way or another. With her moving and a baby on the way, things are exciting for her. I am excited too, but would not want to do that at this age!

I'm having a great time and hope to bring back lots of pictures. Never in my life did I expect to go this far from home. I do miss everyone, especially my family, but I know they will be very busy until I get back... Man, this island was more than I expected. My kids have done everything they can to show me everything that happens here.

On Saturday night, Jeff and I went to see Paul Rodriguez perform at one of the motels. It was great. I never thought I'd get to see him live. He was wonderful. Priscilla is still trying to adjust to her return after being in the U.S. for some

schooling but she is doing a little better. I had some great plane rides on the way over here except for the one where a 1 and a half year old screamed and cried for 8 hours, but oh well, that happens.

The baby was so excited to see me that he has been at my side since I got here. We had a great time at the beach on Sunday, but we were so tired when we got home that I spent most of my time with the baby just playing and reading books and he has been showing me everything he has learned since being here. He's like a teenager in a 3 year old body. This has been a vacation LONG in coming. Now my stories are more real because I have seen everything the baby tells me about on the phone.

I talk to Eddie every other night, and I'm sure it will be great when I get home. The rain is great here and I wish I could bring it home with me.

See you next week.

God bless our troops and each of us.

## KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES

Menus For August 5th To September 9th

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

Closed for Labor day

everyone have a safe and happy holiday.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

Tacos/cheese

Salad

Corn

Fruit

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Chicken strips/gravy

Mashed potatoes

Green beans

Biscuit

Cobbler

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

BBQ chicken nuggets

Butter beans

Turnip greens

Cornbread

Cookies

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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Chips

Dessert

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### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Knox City

Timothy Trimble, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday Evening Service

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -

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Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m.

### FOURSQUARE CHURCH - Knox City

Gary A. Schnable, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
Mens Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am. Wednesday Morning

### SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH BILINGUAL - Knox City

Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Ben Vasquez

Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

### LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C. - Knox City

Gene Ward Jr., Pastor

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Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Jim Novak

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Saturday Mass at 6 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Benjamin

Timothy Trimble, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH - Gillespie

Matt Harrington, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST - Benjamin

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Mid-Week, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Kevin Neslon, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m.  
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# An Old Fashion Saturday on the Square Sept. 10

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce has great plans for "AN OLD FASHION SATURDAY ON THE SQUARE." in conjunction with the Stamford Homecoming Activities scheduled for September 9-10, 2011. The plans are for the alumni, guests, and visitors to try and remember Stamford with all of its activities as they were growing up.

From 10 AM -10PM, all of the activities will be on the Square. There will be food booths, vendors, class reunions, wagon rides, vintage cars, chuck wagon, horses for the kids to ride, children's activities, live entertainment as well as tours

of the Cowboy Country Museum, Old Timers Building, Carnegie Library, and other points of interest. Tables and chairs will be provided on the sidewalk around the Square for class get-togethers and visiting.

From 1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M., Mike Cochran, Nancy Robinson Masters, Ralph Hansen and possibly others will be available for Book Signings. From 7:00P.M.-10:00 P.M., a live western dance band, "TEXAS TRADITIONS", will provide the music on the square.

If you are an alumnus and would like to attend the brunch

on Saturday morning, registration is set at only \$10.00 for all of the Homecoming Activities to encourage more people to bring their families and enjoy a good time in Stamford. Not only the alumni, but everyone in the area is invited to participate and have a great day as Stamford rolls out the blue carpet for everyone. YA'LL COME.

There are still spaces available for additional food booths and vendors. If you need additional information, or if you are interested in space, please contact the Stamford Chamber of Commerce at (325)773-2411.

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#### Notice of Budget Hearing

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### Legal Notice

#### Public Notice

The North Central Texas Water Authority will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2011 at 135 N. Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate is \$.1... per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total sales in North Central Texas Water Authority by 8.1081%.

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Sealed bids will be accepted though September 19th, 2011. Sealed bids can be mailed to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 257, Benjamin Texas 79505, or can be dropped off at the Knox County Sheriffs office at 104 South Stewart, Benjamin 79505. Vehicle can be seen at the Sheriff's Office. All bids must be sealed with "sealed bid" clearly marked on the outside of said bid.

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Date	Temperature (F)		Rainfall inches
	Low	High	
08/22	74	105	
08/23	75	105	
08/24	77	107	
08/25	78	109	
08/26	74	106	
08/27	73	110	
08/28	74	111	

Total Rainfall for month  
2011 Rainfall (ytd) 2.22

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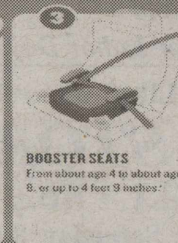
A child up to 8 years old, unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches, must ride in a child safety seat.

Most children between ages 4 to 8 will need a booster seat to be safe and comply with the law. Safety experts recommend that all children under age 13 ride in the backseat. Adults and children must be buckled up whether they are in the front or back seat.

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# Process to resolve discrimination in USDA program delivery continues

TEMPLE, Texas - As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, a process has been developed to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion

in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The program provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) or by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

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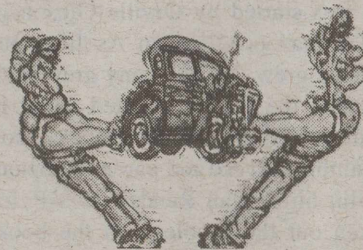


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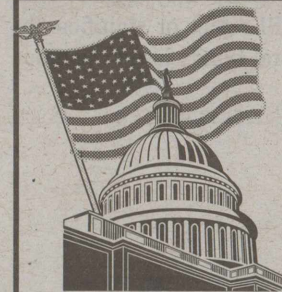
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# OPINION

## Constitutional Convention Could be Called to Pass National Debt Relief Amendment

By KEVIN MOONEY

Don't wait for the government to reform itself.

Instead, allow the states to take the lead in getting the federal debt under control; this is the central message of the National Debt Relief Amendment, which reads as follows: "An increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states."

Put simply, the amendment requires Congress to seek approval from the state legislative bodies, those that are closest to the people, before it can once again hike the national debt.

Sen. Curtis Olafson, a North Dakota Republican and Nick Dranias, director of constitutional studies at the Goldwater Institute, make a strong case for the amendment in a recent report.

"Unlike other fiscal reforms that would rely on the courts to enforce them, the National Debt Relief Amendment is uniquely powerful in that it would enforce itself," they argue. "This is because the financial markets will reject or significantly discount the value of any new federal bonds issued without

support from a majority of state legislatures. This would give the federal government a strong financial incentive to seek out prior legislative approval of any new debt without anyone having to resort to a lawsuit."

With the national debt now approaching \$15 trillion, recent polls show that Americans with differing ideologies and party affiliations are united on the need to curtail spending in Washington D.C. and alleviate the flow of red ink. A new Reuters poll, for example, shows 71 percent of Americans oppose increasing the national debt.

Under Article 5 of the U.S. Constitution, states do have the authority to direct Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments. The move would not be unprecedented. So far, there have been at least 12.

Critics charge that the process could become too open-ended and open the Constitution up to damaging changes. Robert Natelson, a retired law professor, has addressed these objections in a series of reports for the Goldwater Institute. He argues that the status quo in Washington D.C. is far more dangerous to American interests than the convention process.

"The Founders included the state application-and-convention process because they recognized that Congress might become irresponsible or corrupt and refuse to propose needed changes — particularly if those changes might restrain the power of Congress," Natelson wrote. "In the state application-and-convention process, the states play much the same role in curbing abuses at the federal level as citizens do when curbing abuses through citizen initiatives at the state level. Increasingly, Americans are recognizing the current situation in our country is precisely the kind for which the convention method was designed."

Louisiana and North Dakota have already passed resolutions that call for an Article 5 Convention. Eight other states are now considering similar resolutions. While it is very possible for the process to be opened up to ill-conceived amendments, it is worth noting that it takes 38 states to ratify a proposed change.

That's a steep hurdle. As the national debt spirals out of control, there is a strong case to be made that more states should consider this option.

## Other Views

### Nashville or Nuremburg?

By RICK AVERILL

Already we have watched the Obama regime drop a criminal conviction of Black Panthers violating the voting rights act, rescue and repair vessels being detained by the Coast Guard en-route to the Gulf oil spill and the Obama appointed NLRB preventing Boeing from opening its new production facility in South Carolina. Last Wednesday, DOJ enforcers, under command of capo Eric Holder, raided the Gibson Guitar company facilities in Nashville and Memphis.

According to my source inside Gibson, 20 armed agents raided the factory and seized pallets of wood, guitars and company computers (no word yet on the embargoed wood content of the computers). Gibson Chairman Henry Juszkiewicz was livid at this latest bullying of Gibson by the US Justice Department. In 2009, they had staged a similar raid and, while no charges have been filed, the DOJ refuses to return the confiscated property.

Juszkiewicz points out that the wood comes from one source in Africa and one in India. The wood is purchased from the same suppliers as other US guitar manufacturers, Fender, Taylor and C.F. Martin. This is the second raid on Gibson while all other manufacturers have been left alone to do exactly what Gibson is doing with no interference from the

Federal government.

There has been speculation that these actions could be political payback because Henry Juszkiewicz is a Republican donor while Chris Martin gives to Democrats. Some company history here might shed more light on the subject.

The Gibson Company was started by Orville Gibson in 1894 at his workshop in Kalamazoo, Michigan. As the popularity of Orville's instruments grew, his company grew with it. Gibson eventually became the most respected name in Mandolins, banjos and guitars in the world. In 1963, Gibson was having difficulty remaining solvent and parent company CMI president H. H. Berlin hired Stan Rendell as V.P. for manufacturing to straighten out the problem. In the book, 100 years of Gibson, Rendell says explaining the problem the company faced:

"The problem was the steelworkers union!" he details (the company had been unionized during World War II, when the plant was making metal-intensive war products). "They were dictating everything."

Rendell's solution was simple: Move all string manufacturing from Kalamazoo across Lake Michigan to Elgin, Illinois. This reduced the crossover from job to job and increased efficiency both in guitar production and string making. It also sent a message to the union that Rendell was not going to

mess around. (Mulhern, 1994)

Rendell soon returned the company to profitability but labor and quality problems persisted. Finally, the decision was made to open a new production facility in Tennessee, a right-to-work state. Hear this Boeing! Manufacturing in a new location with a new labor force was not easy but eventually the old Kalamazoo plant was phased-out with products coming out of plants in Nashville, Memphis and Bozeman, Montana.

Gibson has not only regained its former reputation for the finest quality electric guitars, but also enhanced that reputation. Gibson (like Chrysler and General Motors), was nearly destroyed by a parasitic labor union. The company survived by shedding the shackles of organized labor and starting out anew. This is not an American success story that unions, democrats or President Obama would like to share. Consider also that C.F. Martin's whose headquarters are in Pennsylvania while Fender and Taylor hail from California- not exactly right-to-work states. One more thought to consider is that Martin, Taylor and Fender also have a vast manufacturing presence in Mexico while all Gibson's are 100% US made.

You can take your pick of reasons Obama's DOJ is using their Gestapo tactics on Gibson, but one thing is certain; this sounds like Nazi Germany, not Nashville, Tennessee.



## Legislation regulating speed limits takes effect

Texas motorists may notice some changes to speed limit signs in the next several months, as new laws regulating speed limits on the roadways of the state highway system begin to take effect.

The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353, which takes effect on September 1. This legislation allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to create a 75-mile per hour speed limit on any state highway found to be reasonable and safe through a speed study. TxDOT will be reviewing existing 70-mile per hour speed limits to determine where a 75-mile per hour speed limit

may be safely posted.

HB 1353 also eliminates the 65-mile per hour nighttime speed limit and all truck speed limits.

On September 1, the existing nighttime and truck speed limits are repealed and no longer enforceable.

TxDOT awarded maintenance contracts in August to remove the nighttime and truck speed limit signs and is also in the process of hiring consultants to perform the required speed studies needed to implement the higher speed limits.

"We will be removing the existing nighttime speed limit signs, truck speed limit signs, and evaluating approximately 50,000 miles of state highway with a cur-

rent 70-mile hour speed limit," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. "With these contracts in place, we are moving steadily ahead to implement these new laws. However, it is important to remember that any increases to speed limits are not effective until the new speed limit signs are actually installed."

Speed limits in Texas are set by the 85th percentile method, which represents the speed the majority of drivers are traveling at or below. This is a sound engineering principle used to set speed limits on highways nationwide for the past 60 years. For more information on speed limits

see: [http://www.txdot.gov/txdot\\_library/safety/traffic\\_safety\\_pubs.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/txdot_library/safety/traffic_safety_pubs.htm)

The existing 65-mile per hour night and truck speed limit signs should be removed by the end of this year. The complete evaluation of the state highway system and posting of all new 75-mile per hour speed limits should be complete by early 2013.

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## IntegraCare Closes Acquisition of Outreach's Medicare Services Business

GRAPEVINE, TX - July 27, 2011 - IntegraCare Holdings, Inc.™, a visionary provider of Home Health, Hospice and Community Services, has closed its acquisition of Outreach Health Service's Medicare Services ("OMS") business this date. Outreach is a trusted provider of homecare services with over 35 years of service in dozens of communities. With this acquisition, IntegraCare strengthens its leadership position as a prominent home health services agency, expanding its service area footprint within the state of Texas and delivering on the promise of exceptional in-home care.

"At IntegraCare, we pride ourselves on integrity and teamwork, which I believe is very consistent with the principles and culture that Outreach operates under," stated David Hagey, President and CFO of IntegraCare. "In fact, one of the primary reasons that Buddie Ball [CEO, Outreach] decided to sell Outreach's Medicare business to Integra-

Care was because there is that communality between our two organizations."

IntegraCare and OMS have an agreement to help facilitate a seamless transition for OMS clients and employees alike. "The combination of our two organizations will make us a stronger company to compete in this ever-changing regulatory environment, and IntegraCare will continue to invest in our employees by providing the latest technology tools so that our clinicians can provide the highest quality of care to our patients," said Mr. Hagey.

IntegraCare's home health division is the Company's largest service line. Outreach has 13 Medicare offices, most of which expands the IntegraCare Service area. Pre-closing, IntegraCare serviced over 140 counties and provided care to more than 2,100 Home Health patients. "By joining our home health businesses, IntegraCare will increase its service area to over 180 counties, and will provide care to over 2,800 pa-

tients," said Chris Gerard, CEO of IntegraCare. "OMS has always provided quality care to their patients, offering many of the same services as IntegraCare. However, we bring additional benefits to OMS clients, referral sources and to the community, as we provide a number of specialty programs, Cardiac Care, Rehospitalization Prevention and Low Vision Programs to name a few and our state of the art Point-of-Care software enables our caregivers to efficiently coordinate care with physicians, case-workers and in-house staff."

"In acquiring certain agencies and/or divisions, IntegraCare has always had the goal of partnering with a seller who is a recognized leader in the field, one that could help to facilitate a smooth transition for their customers and one that wants extremely promising opportunities to be presented to their employees," added Chris Gerard, "And with this acquisition, we believe we have achieved this objective."

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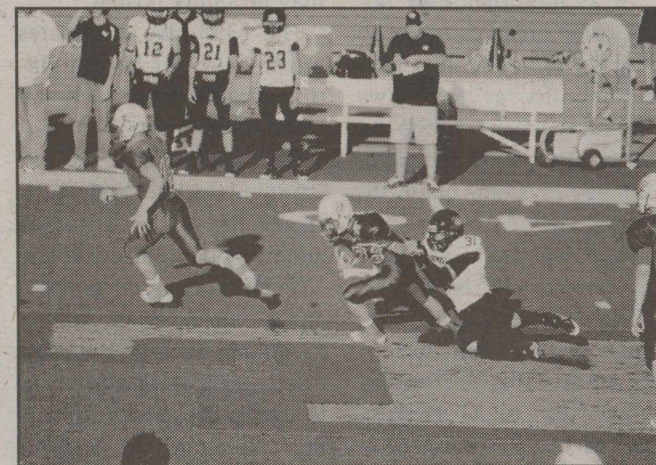
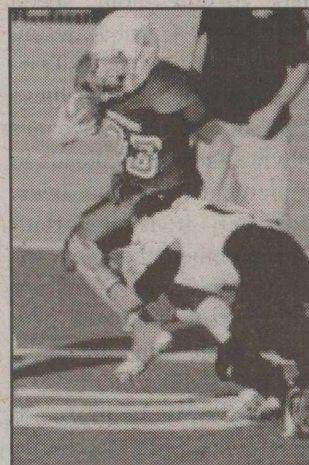


# KC Falls to Crowell Friday Night

Jeff Stanfield  
 The Knox City Greyhound took it on the chin Saturday night in Trent. The #15 Greyhounds opened up the season against the #16 Crowell Wildcats and it was all about yellow flags, missed opportunities and the spread offense.  
 Crowell ran the spread to perfection with Kody Knight going 16-24 for 276 yds and 5 td. He was the

MVP of the game with zero interceptions and chipped in 72 yds and 2 tds rushing.  
 Crowell finished up with a 47-36 victory over the Hounds.  
 Ryan Ledesma ran for 198 yds and 3 tds and Blake Jones had 3 catches for 62 yds and 1 td.  
 The schedule does not get any easier for the Hounds. This Friday they will host the #3 ranked Ira Bulldogs

at 7:30. The game will be the second game of the night as the JV will play at 5 pm.  
 The Greyhounds look to rebound this week and hopefully a big crowd will come out to cheer them on to a big victory.  
 The players of the week where Ryan Ledesma on Offense and Austin Valimont on Special teams, AJ Rodriquez on scout team.



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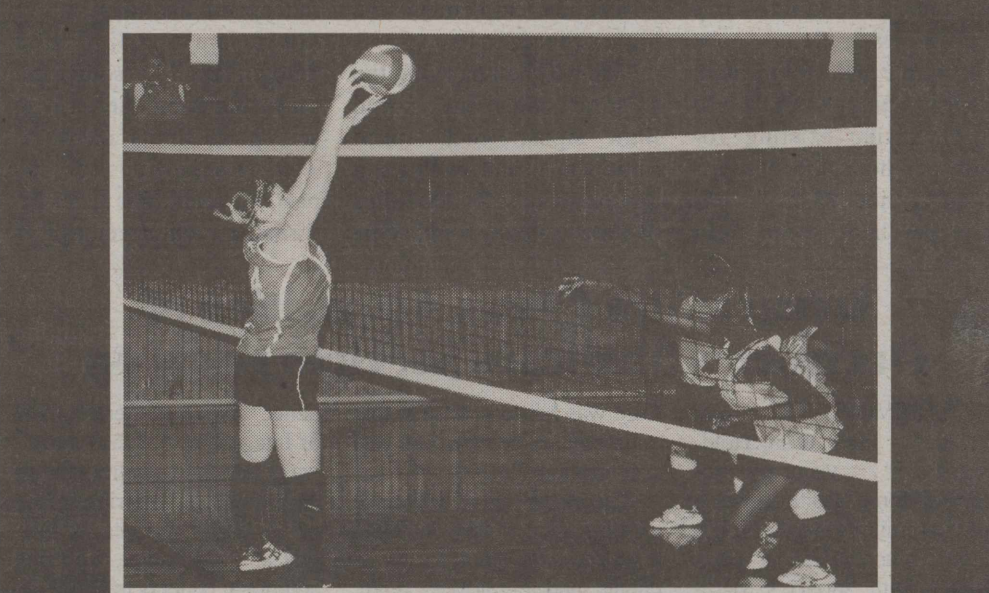
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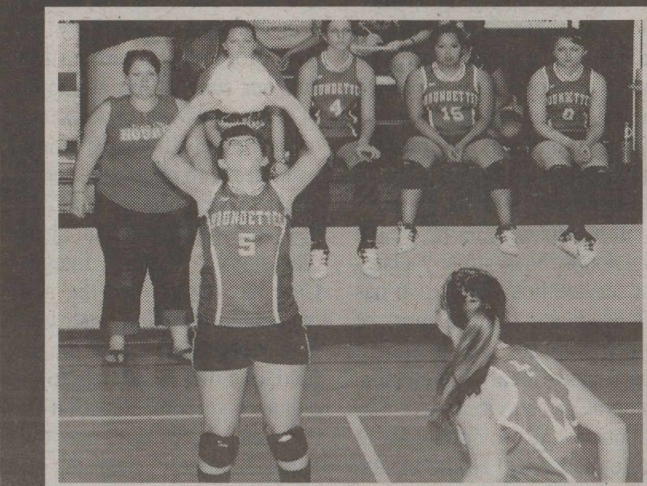
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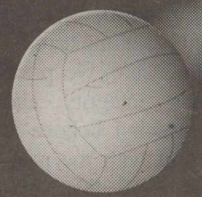


Cassidy Carter is a force to be reckoned with on the court, as she blocks an oncoming ball over the net.  
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Reagan Clark sets up the ball for Leighton Pepper to spike it in at the Harrold Tournament this weekend.  
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## Houndettes Volleyball



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## Benjamin News By Gladene Green

The news is very scarce this week- Still no rain, but some clouds are floating around so maybe that's some indication that things may be about to change- We hope so.

School got underway as usual last Monday. We have good attendance in elementary and Jr. High, but our high school numbers are pretty low. Not enough to have a football team and that saddens many of us. We do like our sports and thought we know (or feel fairly certain) we probably won't ever have a pro-team player, but we sure would like to have our Mustangs take the field on Friday night. That's just what is supposed to happen in "these here" parts! I think the Jr. High may have a team, I am not sure.

### Regarding Our Ill

News from Ft. Worth is that Baby Andrew Baldwin came through his heart surgery and is now out of ICU, but still very un-comfortable and I'm sure will be for several days. It is thought he will be in the hospital about 2 weeks (could be released sooner if no complications arise). His mom is Crystal Baldwin and grandparents are Jae and Sherry Tennison who are, of course, in Ft. Worth with him. He is in Cook's Children's Hospital.

Chad Tolson remains in a Dallas hospital and may have a little progress last week. This is according to a report from his mom, Janice, who spent last week with him.

Jane Gideon was released from her doctor

on Wednesday (following her surgery) with only one restriction. She cannot lift anything over 25 lbs for another couple of months but that won't be too hard to deal with. She will just have to stay alert about what she is doing. Otherwise, she is doing great.

Weldon Gideon has his potassium level down to about what it should be and is feeling much better. Went to see his cardiologist on Thursday and had his pace maker checked and it's o.k., so he is doing alright. A welcome change from the way he has been feeling.

### Here N There

Gloria West returned home on Friday from a week's visit with her daughter Cathy Tomlinson in Denton and with grandchildren, Penny, Diana, Sammy, and Jody and their families in the Denton area.

Randolph and Judy Barnett returned home the last of the week from an extended trip to Alaska where they visited his son, Rusty, and family. While there, they toured around the state- went to Fairbanks, and Mt. McKinley just to name a

couple of interesting sights. Did some salmon fishing near Seaward. Also caught some halibut so felt like they did pretty well. And Judy said the morning they left, they looked out their window at their son's home and a moose and two small ones were out in the backyard eating flowers. That would be something unusual to say the least.

Left our Shaylee Propps last week when I listed the kids off to college this year. Shaylee will be at West Texas State in Canyon (again). Sorry Shaylee.

We had a nice visit tonight (Monday) with Betty Escobar Martinez who was visiting relatives and friend here. Betty lives in California but still loves Texas and enjoys coming back each year. And she always makes it by to see us and her visit is always welcome.

My friend, Dorothy Dykes of Knox City is in Hendrick Rehab for therapy needed following a stroke last Monday. According to her husband she is doing well and hoping to get the feeding tube out soon. Please remember her in prayer.

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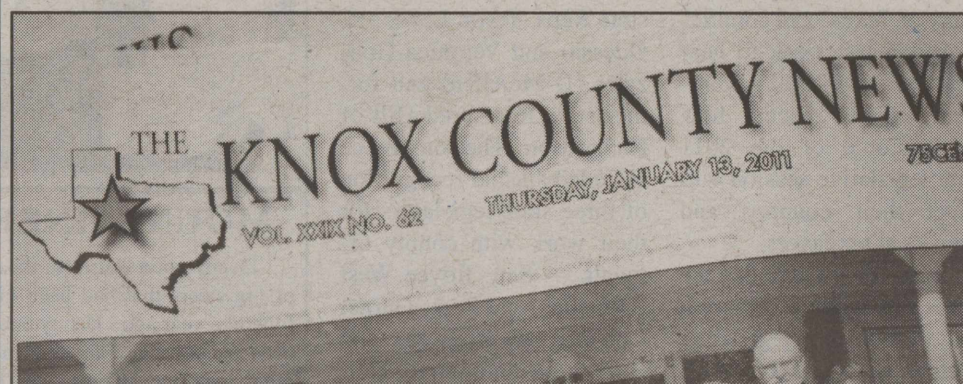
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## Local Leaders Attend Statewide Conference

AUSTIN – Judge Travis Floyd joined other leaders of many of Texas' 254 counties in Austin last week to hear legislators and local government experts discuss how the outcome of the 2011 state legislative session will affect their counties and their local taxpayers.

Judge Floyd attended the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) post-legislative conference Aug. 24-26 in Austin, where U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) wrapped up the event with a talk on national issues affecting Texas and local governments.

"The conference was an important learning experience, as we in county government deal with the reality of more austere budgets and trying to keep local tax rates as low as possible for our constituents," Judge Floyd said. "Discussing with our peers different ideas for coping with these tough economic times was particularly important."

Almost 800 county officials registered for the conference, at which also included important sessions

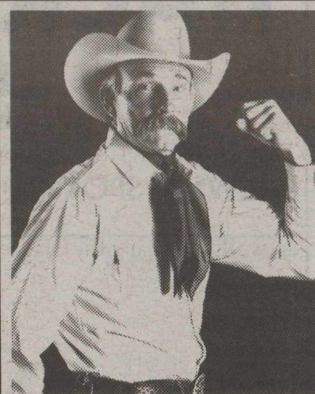
with Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples, state Reps. Tryon Lewis (R-Odessa) and Veronica Gonzales (D-McAllen) and former state Rep. Fred Hill of Richardson. The conference included special recognition of three state legislators for their work with county officials – Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas) and Reps. Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) and Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville).

Due to state budget cuts and a tight economy, county officials were much interested in unfunded mandates and cuts to state programs that could translate into higher costs at the local level.

The attendees broke into round-table discussions on topics such as health care, redistricting, indigent defense, juvenile justice and election law changes.

Keynote speaker Evan Smith, CEO and editor-in-chief of the *Texas Tribune*, gave his take on Texas politics.

Many of the county officials also earned hours of required continuing education at the conference.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

### MOUNTAINEER MENTALITY

Denny got a call from the farmer's widow. She had 13 head of big steers that had been hibernating in her woods since the funeral a year ago. Denny operated a hauling service in the neck of West Virginia. They did rip rap, lumber, heavy equipment and other inanimate objects.

Denny agreed to help the damsel in distress but he didn't have a stock truck, per se. Best he could find was a one-ton flat bed with a pipe-rail rack rigged out to haul ties to the recycling plant in Wheeling. He conscripted his brother Dee, and they headed out on their heroic mission. As they pulled up to the widow's overgrown lane they just got a glimpse of several colorful bovine rumps and tails disappearing into the blackberry thicket and head-high horse weed!

Not having horses, the 25-acre lot might as well have been the King Ranch! It took our brothers five hours of running, walking, yelling, stalking and whispering to trick two of the 1000 lb brindle steers into the rack on the flatbed.

They decided to go with the birds in the bush and take the short load. It was noon so they stopped in Moundsville for lunch. As Dee was digging into his plate of ramps, a state trooper came in. He visited with them a few minutes then said, "When you boys get ready to go, I'd be glad to call for some help to gather your steers back in the truck."

"What!" exclaimed the brethren! They bolted for the door! The two steers were headed for the railroad tracks along the Ohio River. Their truck looked like a Demolition Derby refugee! The rack panel was flattened forward onto the cab, collapsing the roof and the windows. The running lights were skived off and the windshield smashed into the front seat. The hood was mashed down on the 4-barrel carb and the special cowboy hat hood ornament was snapped off, replaced by a foul scurf of pucky!

To those of you who are thinking, "Man, these guys are helpless; no horse, no rope, no water trap, no loading chute..." you must put yourself into the Mountaineer Mentality. "How do we immobilize them from a distance, since we have no hope of getting anywhere's near to them?" Sifting their possible inspirational figures for a solution; i.e., Trevor Brazile, General Custer, Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Ruger Girl, and Billy Graham, they settled on Davy Crockett.

Denny dissected his 30-06 from the shattered glass and gun rack and stealthily approached the two steers in a cedar thicket down by the tracks. Once at the edge of their flight zone, he harvested them humanely.

As for the rest of the herd, our haulers consulted with the widow, the troopers, the local packing house, the NRA and the food bank. They agreed that it would be judicious, practical and humane to use the same method to harvest the remaining herd. Except, of course, without the destroyed truck, the state trooper and the railroad tracks.

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Do I hear thunder? It's possible. It rained just a little today. The drops on my windshield didn't connect. I turned on my wipers too soon, and they smeared the drops. Then it was over, leaving me with muddy arcs. Nice arcs. They're a little like rainbows. When I look through them tomorrow, I'll remember the drops.

I'm not leaving them for poetic reasons. There's no fluid in my wiper fluid reservoir. Or maybe the spray mechanism is clogged with dust. That's possible too.

PAUSE TO CHECK FOR THUNDER.

No thunder in sight. Maybe that thunder-like rumbling was an earthquake. Or maybe our air conditioning system is about to go out. I wouldn't blame it.

The other night I dreamed about rain. If an earthquake would shake some rain loose, I'd take one. I wouldn't want a big quake. I wouldn't want anyone to be hurt. But I'd like a nice long scary rumble followed by a downpour, please.

To tell you the truth, I'd even take an earthquake with no rain. The way things are going, that's probably the only way I'm going to get one. I guess I'm a little jealous of anyone who's experienced anything on the Richter scale. It's the kind of happening you can't seek out and pay for. You just have to be in the wrong place at the right time.

My friend Laura just survived the recent surprise quake on the East Coast. She had to descend the stairs after it happened. Presumably elevators aren't safe after an earthquake. Let's remember that.

The specific reason for the evacuation of her office building was dust on the walls where marble and plaster meet. Hmmm.

Sounds like the latest excuse for poor housekeeping. Pardon the dust. We had an earthquake.

Or better yet, pardon the clutter. We had an earthquake.

I once let things get into such disarray that the earthquake excuse would have come in handy. After a burglary – poor burglar – I felt obliged to explain to investigating officers that the house had not been ransacked.

At that very moment a mouse ran between the detective's legs. The cat followed in close pursuit.

I should have said simply, "Oh, you know how it is. The animals have been so nervous since the earthquake."

That's the kind of remark that just sort of sums things up nicely and leaves no room for discussion – unless somebody wants to admit they missed the quake.

An officer of the law probably wouldn't want to go off topic anyway – not with a crime to solve.

Not that they ever solved it.

As for quakes and pets, have you not heard stories about lower creatures more attuned to such things than us humans? A guy interviewed last week on the radio said his dog sensed an earthquake before he did and somehow got him out of harm's way just in time. Good dog.

I think maybe I need one now to hear some thunder for me. Anything to make it rain.

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# Portion of US 77 Approved as Part of U.S. Interstate System

AUSTIN — In a letter to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator Victor Mendez granted a request to add 6.2 miles of US 77 between I-37 and SH 44 in South Texas to the interstate highway system. The request was made of FHWA with the support of the Texas Congressional Delegation, Texas Legislature, local officials and citizen-led I-69 advisory and segment committees.

"The signing of portions of I-69 will be a great step in expanding the interstate system to meet the transportation needs of Texas, and the nation. I expect a great positive economic impact and improved job market as we link more of South Texas to the interstate

highway system," said U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold.

Two additional steps remain before Texas motorists will see interstate signage posted on this stretch of highway. The Texas Transportation Commission will consider submission of an application to the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Special Committee on Route Numbering later this month to use the I-69 route number. Once that approval is secured, the Commission must vote to add I-69 to the state highway system. That vote could take place later this fall.

"Approval of the department's request to add a portion of US 77 to the interstate system is a significant step forward in bring-

ing I-69 to Texas," said Ted Houghton, Texas Transportation Commission member. "TxDOT officials will continue working with the I-69 advisory and segment committees, as well as local officials, to develop recommendations and plans to bring appropriate sections of US 59, US 77, US 84, US 281 and SH 44 to interstate quality."

In 2008, TxDOT officials committed to developing I-69 in Texas by improving existing highways wherever possible. To that end, TxDOT officials are currently facilitating a public involvement effort by the I-69 segment committees to gather citizen feedback on their preliminary recommendations and priorities. More information on this effort is available at [www.txdot.gov/drivenbytexans](http://www.txdot.gov/drivenbytexans).

TxDOT is responsible for maintaining over 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its more than 12,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov). Follow us! [www.facebook.com/txdot](http://www.facebook.com/txdot), [www.twitter.com/txdot](http://www.twitter.com/txdot).

For more information, contact TxDOT Government and Public Affairs Division at (512) 463-8700.

## Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

As a man who likes to watch the news, I saw a interesting update as the new "Dancing with The Stars" lineup was announced. Chaz Bono was one of the contestants. For the ones of you who do not know or remember who he/she is, it is Sonny Bono and Cher's daughter. It is the cute little girl that used to be on the show with them. But you see, she is no longer a woman- and "cute" is not a good way to describe whatever she/he is. She has had an operation to become a male.

My first question: How in the heck is he/she considered a star? Second: Does he/she lead or follow? And third: why would anyone care to see "shem" dance?

See this is the crap that TV has become. I get so sick of "lets be politically correct". How about we work on becoming anatomically correct.

The east coast got hit by a big rain-maker last week. I understand that huge

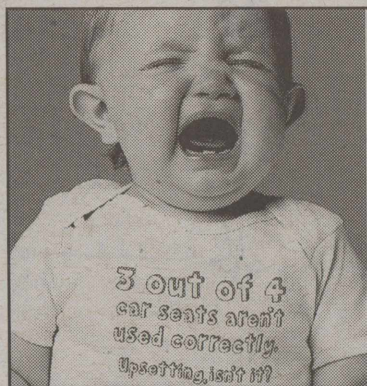
flooding and storm surge has effected lots of people. But when the rains have left and FEMA gets involved, we will have concerts, government handouts and those little debit cards for \$2000 for all involved to spend anywhere they like. My gripe is what about Texas, we have had zero rain, has anyone seen Sean Penn trying to see about helping drought-stricken Texas???? Obama does not even know we are in a drought. Why?? Because he understands that I, Jeff Stanfield, would have a better chance of carrying Texas in a presidential race than he does. Since we are not going to help him, then why does he care about us? You watch how many states get the biggest kick back from FEMA. They will be the ones that he is in a close race to win the election: Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and New Hampshire. Just watch we will be having Kanya West concerts, free money and all kinds of Government programs to help.

You noticed last year how much he

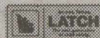
helped the gulf states with the oil spill. Not much because he cannot win those states in the election. I guess what I am getting at is the fact that Obama is looking out more for his vacation jet formally known as Air Force One than he is you and me....

Do not get me wrong I feel sympathetic for the people on the east coast, but we have spent more money in Africa combating the drought over there than we have at home. Obama pledged 20 billion to aid in Africa. Hey, Obama! Have you ever heard about "biting the hand that feeds the face"? If we do not help these cattle ranchers a steak is going to be \$20 a pound if you can even find beef. If you think this is a scare tactic, think again. If the rains do not come this fall, there will be no wheat or cattle. The feedlots will have sold what they have and we will be relying on a foreign source for our beef and grain.

Jeff "I do not want to Starve" Stanfield



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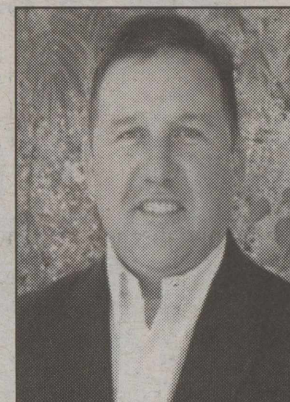


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United Methodist Church. Chad says "I heard them talk about playing and they were so passionate." He went to their games, got to know the boys on individual basis and was continually more impressed by our team and the spirit the

youth had. Jeff Stanfield, Knox City Mayor, saw Chad's first video and was the driving force to lead to more videos being posted.

One of the most recent posts includes a challenge from Chad to Coach Steele for a wrestling match.

Coach accepted the challenge, and the match is tentatively set for October 15.

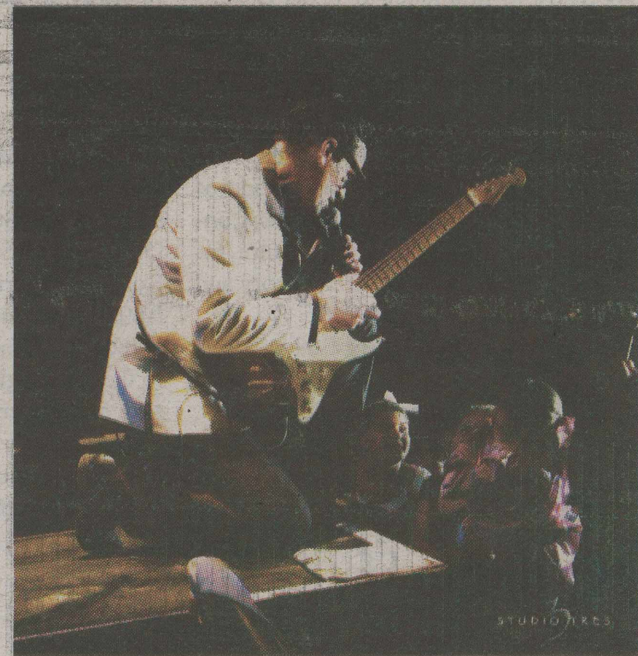
At the time of press, Chad's original video on YouTube had 126,742 hits. The follow-up video has 13,148 views and counting.

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Johnny will be in downtown Crowell on Thursday night, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Activity Center. Crowell native Ronny Dale Shultz will join him on bass and vocals, and Terry Thompson on the



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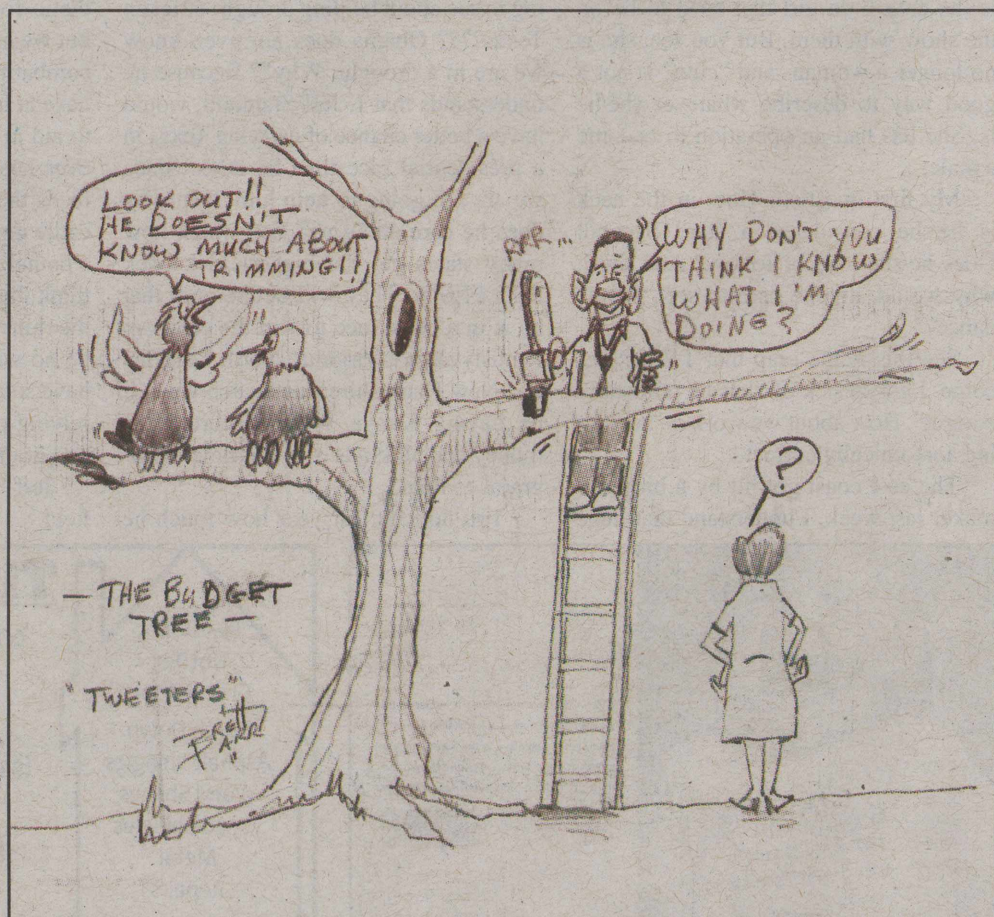
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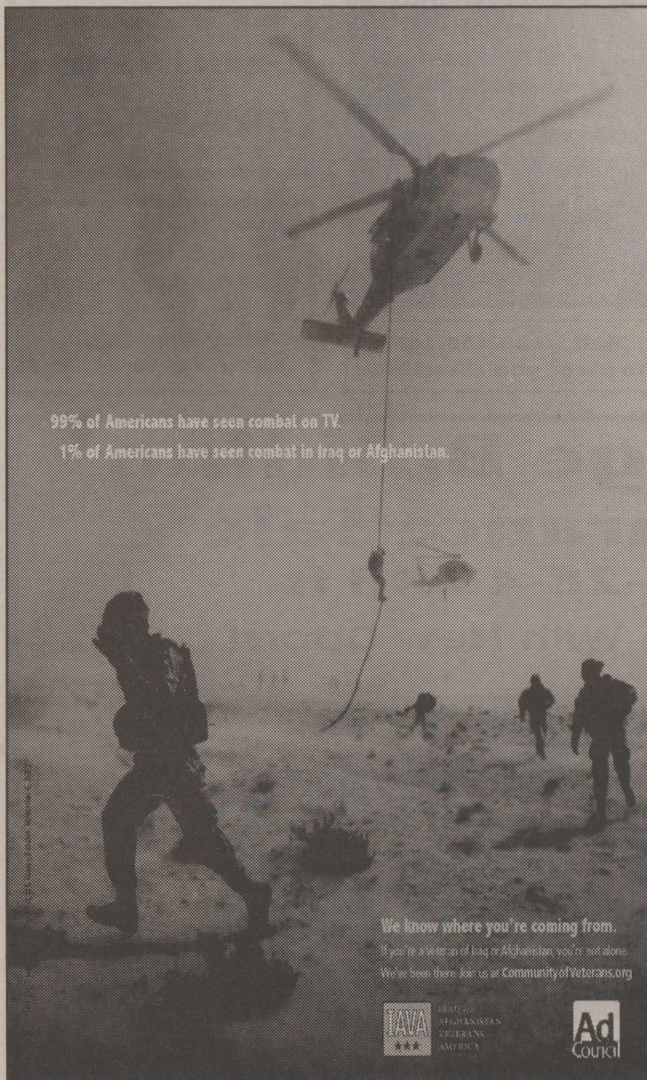
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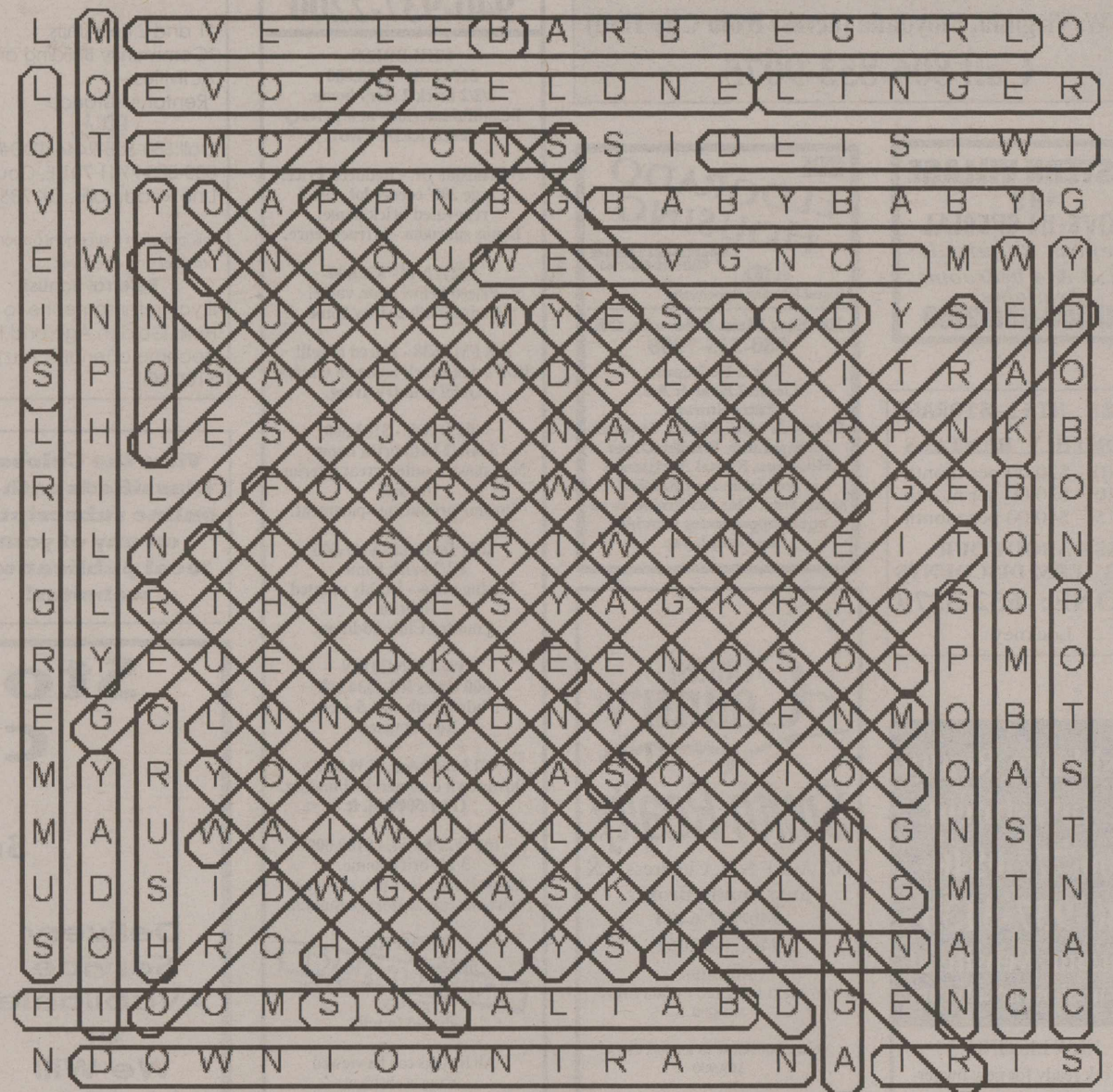
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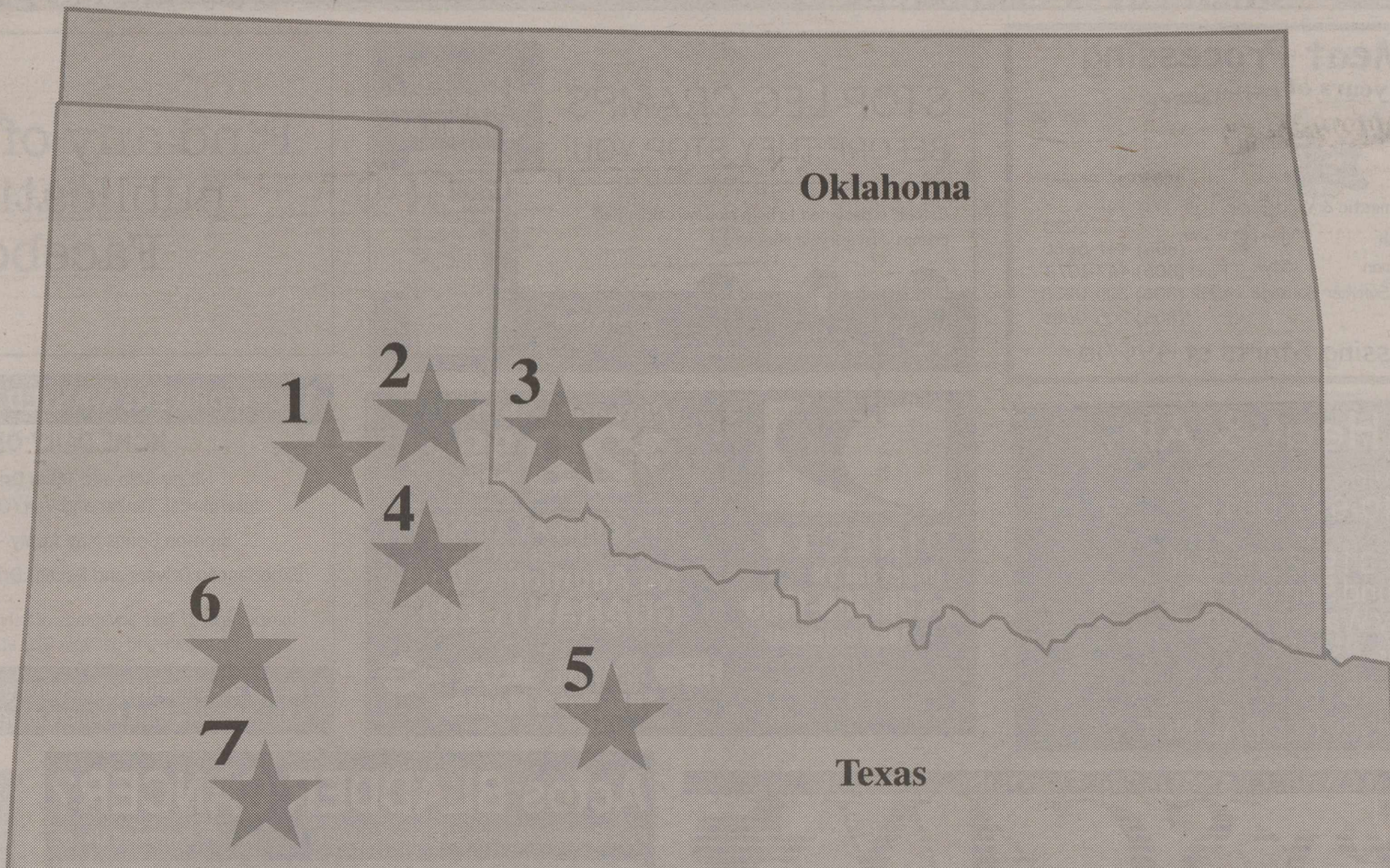
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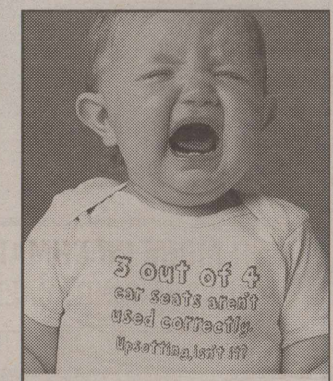
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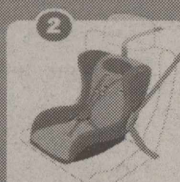
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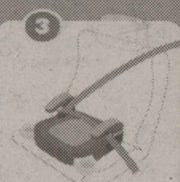
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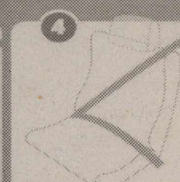
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