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Frank optimistic about budget despite falling oil prices

AUSTIN—The slowdown of the state's energy industry because of plummeting oil prices was expected to scale back talks of huge tax cuts as the Texas lawmakers began a 140-day session here Tuesday.

Rep. James Frank of Wichita Falls still believes there is enough money in the coffers, pointing to a projected \$6 billion surplus, to take care of all the budget needs.

The good news is that the state's largest tax revenue source continues to be from sales tax, which accounts for more than half the state's general revenue. It is expected to generate approximately \$61.2 billion in the 2016-17 biennium—an 8.9 percent increase over 2014-15 collections.

Lt. Governor-elect Dan Patrick said that the oil prices should not keep the Legislature from enacting tax relief. "The best way to go in a downturn to keep your economy rolling is to put more money in the people's pockets," said Patrick. "We're not going to cut back on doing what the people want us to do, because they've heard that too much."

Border security is also a major issue facing the state, said Patrick. He plans to encourage Senators to fund the increase of DPS personnel on the border as well as fund National Guard troops engaged in border security operations for the remainder of the fiscal year. "We should not have a gap between March and August and we should not be pulling back forces now when the Guard and DPS working together with Border Patrol and local law enforcement is working," said Patrick.

On the education front, Patrick said that tuition deregulation at state colleges and universities has been a failure, and that the Legislature will work with institutions to find ways to bring the cost of tuition down. "Tuition has skyrocketed and quickly middle class families can't even afford to send their child to school," he said. "Too many students are graduating with too much debt. We have to reduce the burden on families and students."

Patrick also wants to improve transportation funding by ending diversions from gas tax revenue. Aside from constitutionally mandated education funding, Patrick wants all the money from gas taxes to go to the transportation fund, which he said will put \$600 million more to road operation and maintenance. He said that transferring part of existing sales taxes on cars and trucks could be another source of transportation infrastructure revenue.

Sen. Charles Perry supports repealing the franchise tax for businesses that don't make money, saying it would allow many small businesses to expand and create new jobs.

Perry also has filed a bill to preserve the "Rainy Day Fund." He noted that this fund is funded primarily from revenue from oil and gas production and it is lower when the prices are \$50 a barrel instead of \$100.

Knox decides no change needed in livestock rule

By JAMES McAFEE
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN—The Knox County Commissioners Court decided Monday that no new regulation was needed for the stock law, leaving the area south of the South Wichita River as closed range and the area to the north of the South Wichita River as open range.

The commissioners approved the request of Pam Duke to add Aleisha Ledesma, Phyllis Nichols, Marsha Quade and Sharon Wainscott to the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

In addition, they OKed the terms of service for the Knox County Historical Commission, which includes Mary Jane Young as the chair and Mary Birkenfeld as the marker chair plus members Edith and Harrold Beck of Seymour, Clara Brown of Truscott, Susan Cartwright of Benjamin, Doris Crownover of Knox City, Dennis Duke of Benjamin, Pam and Richard Garrett of Munday, Byron Gass of Goree, Charles and Linda Griffith of Benjamin, Ben Grill of Benjamin, Margaret Hill of Munday, Jan Kilgore of Knox City, Homer Lowrance of Munday, Ruth Lowrance of Truscott, Fred McGregor of Benjamin, Faye Railsback of Knox City, Geraldine Tomanek of Crowell, Renee Underwood of Knox City, Annelie Welch of Munday and Judge Travis Floyd of Munday.

Lisa Cypert and Jeannie Clark were added as approved names on county bank accounts.

The commissioners reviewed the racial profiling report of Sheriff Dean Homstad in regard to 168 stops that showed a majority of 116 being Caucasians and approved it.

The commissioners also heard reports from the different county offices, paid bills and worked on the 2014-15 budget.

Knox City project show



Sheri Baby/The Knox County News-Courier
Emma Lambert is followed by Kenlee Lambert into the show ring at the Knox City Project Livestock Show last Sunday. (See results, pg. 7)

Knox Livestock Show kicks off Friday

MUNDAY—Knox County youngsters in 4-H and FFA programs get to show off many hours spent with their respective animal projects when the Knox County Junior Livestock Show judging is held here Friday and Saturday at the Munday Events Center.

It's the start of the playoffs for many youngsters not involved in other school activities like athletics and band with many bigger shows still on the schedule in upcoming weeks.

"One of the greatest things an animal project can do for a child is build his confidence and work ethic," noted David Graf of the Wichita County Extension Service. "It offers tremendous challenges they must work at, often with the help of a caring adult, and then it provides an atmosphere where those around them, in addition to parents, share in personal victories."

The annual event is a collaborative ef-

fort of the Knox County Junior Livestock Association, the FFA organizations at each of the county's three high schools, the respective 4-H groups and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Knox County.

Youngsters will start weighing in their animals at 7 a.m. on Friday. At 5 p.m. that day, judging will be done for rabbits, chickens, sheep and goats. Then starting at 8 a.m. the next day, hogs and steers will be shown.

One of the seniors from the Texas Tech University judging team will handle the judging, according to Jason Evans of Knox City High School.

Grand champion and reserve grand champion winners will be announced in each category.

Youths ages 5 to 8 will get a chance to show animals in a special new event called "Little Britches."

Senate advances Keystone XL bill despite veto threat

WASHINGTON—The Senate voted 63-32 on Monday to advance the Keystone XL despite the threat of a veto by President Barack Obama.

The House earlier had approved the measure, 266-153, as 28 Democrats joined the majority Republicans in support.

The Republican cause has been helped after Nebraska's highest court tossed out a lawsuit challenging the route, an obstacle the White House had wanted removed.

The Nebraska Supreme Court let stand a 2012 state law that allows the governor to empower TransCanada

to force eastern Nebraska landowners to sell property for the project.

Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon said, "There are no more excuses for building the Keystone XL pipeline. It is not rocket science. It is common sense."

Environmental groups oppose the pipeline.

Thornberry now chairman of Armed Services panel

WASHINGTON—Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon was sworn in as the new chairman of the House Armed Services Committee last week.

Thornberry, the first Texan to head the committee, indicated he would spend time organizing the committee and subcommittees and then go on a planning retreat later in the month to prioritize an agenda.

He said national security would be a priority. "Before we jump ahead to specific budgets and so forth, we need to understand the threats that we're facing," he said.

"I want to help make sure that everybody understands what sequestration is doing to the military. It's one of the big challenges. The Armed

Services Committee on its own can't solve it. It's going to have to be both the House and the Senate working even with the president to do it."

The Texan added that getting the cooperation of President Barack Obama would be difficult despite speeches that say he wants to do it. "When push comes to shove, basically he has not been willing to cooperate."

Thornberry also said he'd work on defense acquisition and spending to make sure the country is getting more value out of military spending.

However, he said that while some democrats will go along with bolstering the military because they understand the dangers, there is still some "anti-military" feelings from other Democrats.

Knox Calendar

Please notify the News-Courier to add or update your events and meeting times. Emailed submissions to kcnews-courier@gmail.com are preferred, but will also be accepted by phone at 940 422-5350. The deadline for inclusion in the next week's issue will be 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Thursday, Jan. 15
O'Brien JH basketball vs. Patton Springs

Munday JVG, JVB at Aspermont Tournament

Friday, Jan. 16
Knox County Junior Livestock Show, Munday Events Center, Munday

Munday VG, VB basketball at Benjamin VG, VB

Saturday, Jan 17
Knox County Junior Livestock Show, Munday Events Center, Munday

Munday JVG, JVB at Aspermont Tournament

Monday, Jan. 19
Munday CISD board meeting, noon, Administration Building

Munday 7G, 7B basketball vs. Benjamin

Knox County Hospital District, 7 p.m. Clinic Training Room

Tuesday, Jan. 20
Benjamin VG, VB basketball at Northside

Knox City JVB, VG, VB basketball vs. Guthrie

Munday JVG basketball at Hawley

Munday JVB, VG, VB basketball vs. Chilli-cothe

City of Knox City, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Thursday, Jan. 22
Benjamin JH basketball at Munday

O'Brien JH basketball at Paducah

Friday Jan. 23
Benjamin VG, VB basketball at Crowell

Knox City JVB, VG, VB basketball at Motley County

Munday JVB, VG, VB basketball at Northside

Corrections

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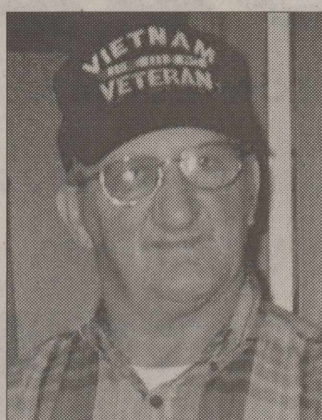
Deaths

Daniel Lee Compton

Daniel Lee Compton, 67, a recent resident of Knox City, passed away on Saturday Jan. 10 at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Knox City Four Square Church with Reverend Gary Schnable officiating. There will be a private graveside at a later date in Illinois under the direction of Blurton Funeral Home. Services are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation was planned for Wednesday evening at the funeral home located at 210 Avenue A in Knox City.

Daniel was born Oct. 3, 1947 in Danville, IL. He



DANIEL COMPTON

grew up in Hoopston, IL and served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, including service in the Vietnam War. Daniel moved to Knox City 13 years ago. Daniel enjoyed fishing, hunting, and collecting coins.

He is survived by his

children, Cory Lee Compton and wife Tammy of Henderson, NV; Lisa Renee Mitchell and husband Jason of Danville; Kimberly Dawn Phillips and husband Michael of Moapa, NV; and Jason Lee Compton and wife Linda of Danville; and his grandchildren, Kaylynn Diggins and Preston Lee Compton, both of Henderson, NV.

Memorials can be given in Daniel's name to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, 1-800-342-2383. Online condolences can be shared with the Compton family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Eldrene 'Rene' Reed

Eldrene "Rene" Reed passed away Sunday, Jan. 11 at the age of 80. Rene was born in Ringgold, TX on April 22, 1934 to George and Fleda Pruitt. Rene and Floyd Reed Sr. were married March 16, 1951.

Rene loved playing cards with anyone, especially of late the ladies of the Munday Card Club. She enjoyed square dancing, reading and cooking for family. She was a devoted caretaker of family and pets. She also graduated from Midwestern University with an associate degree in nursing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Charlie



ELDRENE REED

Pruitt and Ed Pruitt.

Rene is survived by her loving husband, Floyd of Munday; three sons, Floyd Reed Jr. and wife, Phyllis of Seymour; Mark Reed and wife, Pam of Munday; and Eddie Reed and wife, Kristine of Suffolk, VA; grandchildren

Jai Reed and wife, Jana of Ft. Worth, Trae Reed and wife, Kami of Seymour, Brant Reed and wife Laci of Seymour, Amber Reed and husband, Logan Burdine of Boulder, CO; one sister Frances Strickland of Selma, AL.; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday at the McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Munday. Interment followed in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Smith Funeral Home of Munday.

Knox Notes

Knox 4-H will serve barbecue

MUNDAY--The Knox County 4-H Club will host the concession stand at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show here Friday and Saturday at the Munday Events Center, serving locally-prepared chopped barbecue beef sandwiches, sausage wraps, brisket fajitas and breakfast burritos. There will also be homemade desserts and drinks. A brown bag special for \$7 will include a sandwich, chips, dessert and a drink. The hours will be Friday from 7 a.m. through noon during weigh in and from 4 p.m. until the end of the evening show. On Saturday, hours will be from 7 a.m. through the end of the sale. All proceeds benefit the Knox County 4-H Club.

Benefit sale for Casillas set

KNOX CITY--An inside sale to benefit Alyssa Casillas is scheduled here from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Abundant Life Fellowship Hall. In addition, there will be a benefit dance scheduled at place to be named on Jan. 31. Call 940 256-1506 for more details.

Leija benefit lunch set Jan.25

MUNDAY--A benefit luncheon for Robin Leija is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Munday High School. Fried chicken and all the trimmings, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, along with a drink and dessert will be available for a \$10 donation.

Lions Club seeks new members

MUNDAY--The Munday Lions Clubs is inviting potential new members to check out the service club by attending and enjoying its Tuesday lunches at the Perry Payton Community Center as their guests during January.

Knox County Aging Center

Menus for week of Jan.18-34

Monday: Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, bread, dessert.

Tuesday: Ham & beans, spinach, red bliss potatoes, cornbread & cake.

Wednesday: Baked chicken, carrots, beets, bread & mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, chocolate pudding.

Friday: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, salad, dessert.

THANKS FOR READING!

Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District is selling wind break trees. Order by February 12 for February 19 delivery. 3950 FM 1292 Knox City. 940-658-3526 Ext. 3

The Munday Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Administration Building.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)

AGENDA:

- 1) Call to Order - Roll Call
- 2) Public Forum, Comment
- 3) Consent Items: Minutes
- 4) Knox County Appraisal District Property Held in Trust
- 5) Financial and Investment Review & Report
- 6) Administrative Reports
 - a) Student Activities
 - b) Student Programs
 - c) Student Performance
 - d) Facilities
- 7) Personnel Matters Including the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal and/or Compensation of Individual District Employees
 - a) Certified Personnel
 - i) Superintendent
 - (1) Appraisal
 - (2) Contract
 - ii) Coach / Teacher
- 8) Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 3:00 p.m., January 6, 2015.

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The Paperboy

You've been warned about AI

Make no mistake, it will be us against them. I'm sure you've seen one of the *Terminator* or *Matrix* movies at some point. If not, here's the storyline of both series of hit movies: we develop Artificial Intelligence and the machines take over and conquer our civilization.

It sounds so ridiculous. I mean it's not like we have armed drones flying over head with the capability to receive orders from anywhere in the world. Oh wait...

A couple of days ago, some of the top scientists and technology leaders on this planet, including Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk, signed a letter warning of the potential dangers of developing AI.

"Because of the great potential of AI, it is important to research how to reap its benefits while avoiding potential pitfalls," reads the letter, which was published Sunday. "Our AI systems must do what we want them to do."

From speech and facial recognition to self-driving vehicles, progress in AI is likely to have an increasing impact on humanity, the letter states. "The potential benefits are huge... The eradication of disease and poverty are not unfathomable," the letter says.

Hawking has worried about AI publicly before. In December of 2014, Hawking said the development of AI could "spell the end of the human race."

One of the main things that concerns me regarding our technological advances is how quickly it is happening all around us coupled with some less than whole-

some world leaders.

Take North Korea for example. These guys got mad at Sony over a movie and proceeded to hack the company. And they did it easily.

Now think about China, Russia, North Korea, and several Middle Eastern countries pouring resources into the development of AI. That scares me much worse than the known scientific community's stance on such things.

Today, we have the technology to control our homes, offices, TVs, computers, etc., with our phones. Our phones are now voice controlled computers.

Are we heading for a day when Siri does more than answer questions? I had an elderly friend once tell me they were glad they weren't going to be around long enough to see humanity destroy itself with our inventions. I think he was onto something.

With so many companies, governments and individuals around the world developing the latest and greatest technology as fast as they can, it only increases the chance that we push the envelope too far. And once our machines get smarter than us and learn the art of replication and duplication, it's going to get real interesting.

Simply put, there are just no checks and balances in place when it comes to technology. That should scare us all.

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Looking back at record cold

When did the worst period of cold weather occur in Texas?

The record was more than 100 years ago, says Texas A&M University's John Nielsen-Gammon, who also serves as the state climatologist. "On Feb. 12, 1899, both Texas and Oklahoma had its coldest weather ever," he reports. "On that day, all of Oklahoma was below minus-10 degrees, while one-half of Texas was below zero. Galveston Bay had areas of ice in it. Most cold waves in Texas aren't that bad because the cold air tends to move east quickly, but on this particular day the air mass was so cold and large that there was little that Mother Nature could do to prevent it."

What about other cold periods?

In December 1895, Amarillo had a cold spell in which the city spent 261 consecutive hours below freezing. In January 1930, the temperature reached only 13 degrees in Galveston while farther north, Oklahoma set its all-time cold record of minus 27 degrees in the town of Watts, Nielsen-Gammon adds. "In the more modern era, on Jan. 4, 1959, Spearman in north Texas had a high temperature of zero. On Jan. 9-12 of 1962, the temperature dropped to minus-14 degrees in the Panhandle and 10 degrees in the lower Rio Grande Valley, which saw 65 consecutive hours below freezing. In the last days of January 1951, Houston was below freezing for a record 132 consecutive hours."

Notice of Surface Water Treatment Technique Violation (Monthly)

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of **December, 2014**. Specifically, our water system **allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 0.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units in more than 5.0 percent of the measurements made during the month.**

If you want more information about the nature and significance of this violation, you may contact **David Kuehler** at (940) 422-4051.

[Unless you are certain that each person you serve is getting a copy of this notice, you must add the "Ending Paragraph" below.]

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF O'BRIEN

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of O'Brien will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM on January 22nd, 2015 at the O'Brien City Hall, 1002 Grand Central Ave, O'Brien, Texas in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens' participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Sam Watson, City Administrator at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. **For further information, contact Sam Watson at the City Hall 940-657-4663.**

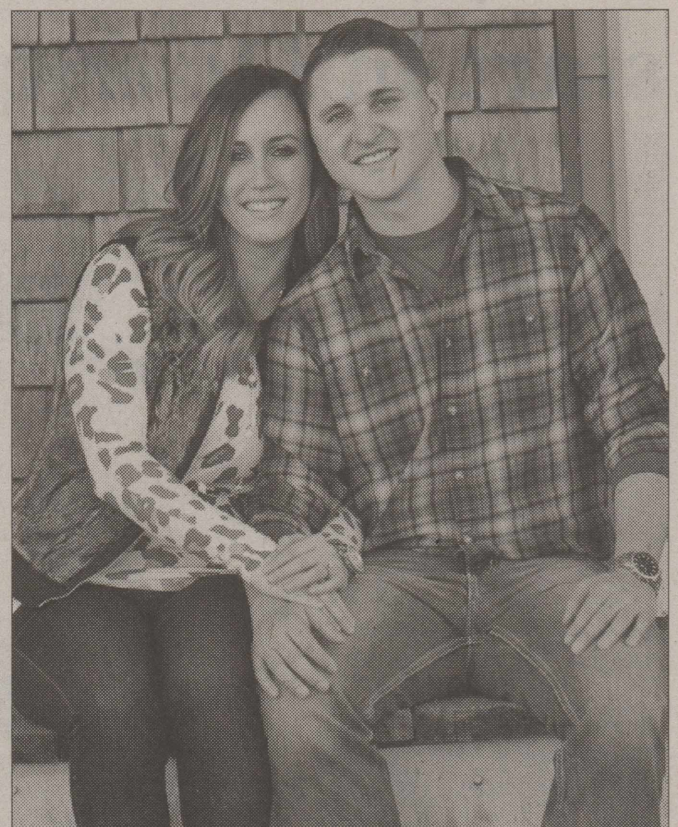
Engagement Announcement

Abby Noel Sanders and Tyler Chase Castle have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Abby is the daughter of Jerry and Joyce Sanders of Munday. Abby is a graduate of Munday High School and Covenant School of Nursing. She is employed as a Pediatric RN at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock.

Tyler is the son of Cookie and Jeremy Meredith of Olney and Chuck and Kellie Castle of Fort Worth. Tyler is a graduate of Frenship High School and is currently a student at Texas Tech University, studying Personal Financial Planning. He is employed at Lowell Wealth Management in Lubbock.

They are to be wed on April 11 at First Baptist Church, Munday.



ABBY SANDERS, TYLER CASTLE

The 501 Be careful or risk being shocked

I'm shocked anyone would want to be an electrician. You know you're going to get jolted by some volts or amps sooner or later. You just don't know when.

I could be wrong. Maybe real electricians never get zapped. Maybe it's just us dabblers in electricity who get the occasional surprise buzz. EEEEEK! Maybe you heard me last week.

The greater mystery: Why would anyone untrained in the ways of electricity risk exposure to the stuff? That would be me. I don't have a good answer.

What's more, why do I most often find myself involved with electricity at the water well? Water and electricity, according to my belief system, should never mix. Never mind that most water heaters are electric. How does that work anyway?

I'm especially baffled that current-carrying wires, even though insulated, can be attached to a submersible water pump that, as the name suggests, works while submerged, wires and all, below the water table. Amazing.

The water pump pressure switch, although above ground, is yet another water- and electricity-mixing device in the scheme of things. If not, it's close. What else can you say about something that screws onto a water pipe and also features terminals for four hot wires? I don't make these things up.

Advice: Never drop a hefty two-by-four onto such a pressure switch. Not even by accident. Not that

you would. I did.

Think geyser. Think Old Faithful. After gazing at the explosive jet of water for one second, I scrambled to flip the breaker. For the next 20 minutes I watched. It takes a while for all the water to drain from a couple of hundred yards of uphill pipe, especially if you're watching.

More advice: You can wire a helpful heat lamp to your pressure switch. Just don't do it on a January day when icy weather threatens and the cows are no help. Instead, tell your smart phone to remind you to winterize the well in July. That's my plan - my new plan.

Also, don't work on a Sunday, whatever your theology, if the big city is far away and the job at hand requires a quarter-inch pressure switch nipple. You won't find one at Wal-Mart or even Tractor Supply. My experience.

Final advice: If your water well is by a public road, leave your vehicle in the middle. With any luck, your neighbor will come along and, unable to drive around you, will stop to see if you need help.

Thank you, neighbor Lane. Thanks for that time you helped my husband and me pull the submersible out of the well. Thanks especially for getting that really big snake out of the other well. Thanks for stopping yet again and helping, particularly for telling me I was dabbling with 220 volts. Who knew?

Shocking conclusion: It's easy to wire a lamp socket to a water pressure switch as long as you know what you're doing. If you don't know, muddy ground is a bad setting for trial and error. EEEEEK!

135 North Munday Avenue
Munday, Texas 76371

P.O. Box 36
Phone 940-422-4051

North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority

January 8, 2015

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter four of 2014 of 0.134 mg/L for DBP2-01.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following steps to address the issue: Lowering tank levels to increase water turnover rate and reduce water age in the distribution system.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Greyhounds off to 2-0 start in District 7-1A



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Adrian Silva connects with jump shot against Patton Springs

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Greyhounds got off to a good start in District 7-1A play with a pair of victories last week, beating Spur 61-20 and Patton Springs, 86-50 to share first place with the Paducah Dragons and the Guthrie Jaguars.

Battles with the other leaders were scheduled Tuesday and Friday of this week and will give the Greyhounds a better idea of how they stack up in the race for the playoffs.

Coach Josh Webb was proud of the defensive effort against Spur. "Our press worked well and we had the tempo we wanted," he said. "Our offense shot the ball well and looked to go inside to take advantage of our size."

Ryan Heard and Kryz Campos led the scoring with 14 points each while Skylar Neil added 10.

The Greyhounds broke up a close game with Patton Springs thanks to a 27-6 edge in the second quarter, enabling them to take a 51-26 lead at halftime.

However, Webb didn't feel the defense played near the caliber it was capable of, allowing too many easy layups early. "Our timing and routine were thrown off as we couldn't get in the defensive groove early."

"We played well offensively, getting easy shots and rotating the ball to look for those easy baskets," he added, pointing to 41 of 69 field goal attempts.

Six players finished in double figures, led by Adrian Silva with 20. Elias Nevarez and Campos added 16 each, Anthony Estrada and Neil 12 each and Heard 10.

The Hounds came up with 26 steals and also dominated the boards, enjoying a 30-16 edge in rebounds.



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Caitlyn Baxter makes layup in earlier game

Houndettes suffer loss to Spurettes

KNOX CITY—The Knox City Houndettes suffered a 45-27 loss to the Spur Spurettes in their District 7-1A opener last week, but there was no game last Friday as Patton Springs decided not to field a girls team this season.

"I do not know if it counts as a forfeit," said Coach Dylan Ballard.

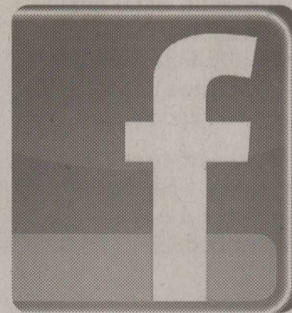
Ballard did feel that the final score of the Spur game was a little misleading. "It was a five point margin for most of the game," he said. "Brooke Jones got fouled on a three-point attempt at the end of the third and made two free throws to cut the

deficit to four. Spur just got hot in the fourth quarter."

Ballard was pleased with the way the Houndettes played and indicated the rematch with the Spurettes was shaping up as a good one.

Makaylie Steele and Jones led the scoring with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Coach Ballard still has high hopes of the Houndettes remaining in the hunt for a playoff berth as they were scheduled to play another title contender in Paducah on Tuesday.



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Munday Moguls basketball teams



The Munday Moguls opened District 8-1A basketball play Tuesday night, dropping a hard fought 49-42 decision to the state-ranked unbeaten Crowell Wildcats at home. The varsity and junior varsity teams are shown above.

Mogulettes open 8-1A with victory

MUNDAY — The Munday Mogulettes opened District 8-1A play with a convincing 74-17 victory over the Harrold Lady Hornets on the road last Friday.

They were scheduled to host the Lady Wildcats of Crowell, 48-37 winners over the Northside Lady Indians, Tuesday and go to Benjamin on Friday to play the Stangs.

Raci Dillard led the Mogulettes with 22 points while Maria Vega added 12. Coming off the bench, Myca Flowers and Brenley Waters added 10 and 9, respectively.

Gibbs named defensive coach at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — David Gibbs, formerly with the University of Houston, has been hired as the new defensive coordinator for Texas Tech.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury said, "With stops in both college football and the NFL, Coach Gibbs will bring experience and ingenuity to our defensive unit."

Gibbs specialized in turning opponents over. The Cougars forced 43 turnovers a year ago, the most since 2011, and tied for 10th nationally this season with 30 takeaways. Texas Tech forced 34 turnovers over the past two seasons. The Red Raiders are just 3-14 in their last 17 games against Power Five competition and fixing their abysmal turnover margin will go a long way toward fixing that.

"I couldn't be more excited about joining Coach Kingsbury and the rest of our coaching staff," Gibbs said. "I have followed Kliff's career and believe special things are happening in Lubbock. There are several talented, young defensive players that will contribute for years to come."

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Gladene Green

Sunday was pretty nice—except for that ball game in Green Bay. The temperature warmed up to about 50 degrees, and with no wind to speak of, it was fairly pleasant. Then wham, some time after midnight the north wind blew in, and on Monday it was cold again! So far, no moisture, but my trustworthy TV weatherman says we may have sleet Wednesday and then a warm up starts. That certainly will be a welcome change.

Sympathy today to family and friends of Danny Compton of Knox City. Danny passed away late Saturday night or early Sunday morning after several weeks' illness. Danny's long-time friend, Catharine, passed away about three weeks ago.

Also sympathy to the family of Rene Reed of Munday, who passed away early Sunday in a Wichita Falls hospital.

A belated expression of sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Ratliff, who passed away early last week. Her funeral was last Thursday in Munday, where she had lived almost all her life. She was a lovely person and will be missed by many.

Also a late note of sympathy to the family of Jane Wilson, who passed away a couple of weeks ago. She had been in failing health for quite some time. She was a Munday resident who had also lived there all her life.

Here 'N There

Seems like the flu-like "stuff" that's making the rounds may be easing up some. Nearly every family over this way has been touched by some form of it, but, hopefully, that has passed. With the weather as it's been, I guess it's no wonder that folks are "under the weather." Makes one kinda scared to even get out of the house for fear of being exposed to another case of it.

Mike Young was planning to enter the Seymour Nursing Center if all goes as planned. He hopes to be there for just a few weeks for some much needed therapy and hopes that will make him feel much better. His sister Deann Lamb is in the Munday Nursing Center, doing about as she has been and has no idea when she may be released, but hopes it will be soon.

Jamie and Tyler Ford have moved to Munday. They had been living here since they married in June and are glad to finally get into their own place. We wish them well.

The Historical Commission is planning its annual museum benefit lunch for Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Ex Student Building. The plans are not all complete, but will be in another few days, and as the time nears, more will be said about it. Start planning now to be here. Again, the desserts will be furnished by the public, so expect a call to ask you to donate a pie. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Museum fundraiser scheduled Feb. 8

BENJAMIN -- The Friends of KCHC and Knox County Historical Commission board members met here last week at the Wichita Brazos Museum to make plans for the upcoming annual fundraiser meal at the Benjamin Memorial Building, scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

Mary Jane Young reports the date was changed to the second Sunday of February and the menu changed from brisket and now will

consist of ham, sausage, turkey, potato salad, slaw, pinto beans and homemade pies.

"Thanks to the board members and many Knox County supporters we have approximately 80 pies donated," Young said. As usual, remaining food will be sold at the conclusion of the silent auction.

The silent auction, always one of the highlights with 100 or more items, will be set up by 11 a.m. for people to place bids. Bidding will

close at 1:30 p.m. "We are accepting donations for the silent auction, including handmade items," Young added.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the meal. There were 84 prizes given away last year, ranging from a \$50 bill to gift certificates from area businesses.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for visitors. The new exhibits are a "must" to see, featuring some of the Adolph Byers items.

Social Security disability benefits could be cut

WASHINGTON—As one of its first orders of business, the House approved a rule preventing routine reallocation of Social Security funds to those men, women and children who receive Social Security Disability, unless such a reallocation is accompanied by either benefit cuts or tax increases:

In laying out parliamentary rules for the year, the bill included a little-noticed provision blocking Congress from shifting funds to prevent a 2016 shortfall in Social Security's disability insurance program.

The Social Security Administration's actuaries have projected that the disability insurance program's trust fund will run out of money next year, resulting in a 20 percent benefit reduction for nearly 11 million Americans.

Social Security advocates are concerned

about the change. "It is hard to believe that there is any purpose to this unprecedented change to House rules, other than to cut benefits for Americans who have worked hard all their lives, paid into Social Security and rely on their Social Security benefits, including Disability Insurance, in order to survive," wrote Max Richman.

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) sharply criticized the measure. "Reallocation has never been controversial, but detractors working to privatize Social Security will do anything to manufacture a crisis out of a routine administrative function," Brown said. "Rather than solve the short-term problems facing the Social Security Disability program as we have in the past, Republicans want to set the stage to cut benefits for seniors and disabled Americans."

Mustangs kick off 8-1A cage action

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin boys basketball team was scheduled to kick off District 8-1A play at Harrold on Tuesday night.

The Mustangs will then host the Munday Moguls Friday night.

Coach Jacob Navarro pointed to Crowell and Chillicothe as being the two teams to beat, but felt the race for the third play-off spot was wide open.

Brown finished with 14 points to lead the Stangs. Tori Everson added nine points.

The Stangs had games with Harrold and Munday scheduled this week.

Stangs suffer opening 8-1A loss to Chillicothe

BENJAMIN—The Benjamin girls basketball team dropped a 48-37 decision to Chillicothe in a District 8-1A opening game last Friday night.

Coach Jacob Navarro

pointed to a poor second period as putting the Stangs in a hole that they could never recover from. Adding to the woes was the fact Kelsey Brown fouled out in the third period.

On the Tee with McAfee Always check course's local rules

When playing a new golf course or in a tournament away from your own course, it's always a wise idea to check the scorecard or the rules sheet to see if there are special local rules that may modify the Rules of Golf.

I bet Dustin Johnson wishes he had read the local rules closer when he was penalized two strokes for grounding his club in a bunker on the last hole of the 2012 PGA Championship. The situation was covered in the local rules that he could have read.

Watching the back-to-back U.S. Opens at Pinehurst No. 2 last summer, you saw golf professionals getting relief from sprinkler heads if their approach shots were within two-club lengths of the green. For major events, relief also is given for interference by temporary obstructions such as grandstands.

In muddy conditions after a rain, you may be allowed to lift, clean and place your ball—usually within a club length, but no closer to the hole. Sometimes your ball must be in a closely mown area, not the rough.

One thing to remember is that the player must replace the ball himself.

On courses where there may be stones in the bunkers that may represent a danger to players, you may be allowed to remove them by declaring they are movable obstructions, not loose impediments.

On courses where power lines come into play, you may be required to cancel that shot and replay the stroke if your ball hits one of them.

When environmentally sensitive areas are defined as ground under repair, you may take relief without penalty. However, there may be cases where these areas are declared out of bounds or a lateral hazard and applicable penalties would apply. In some cases, you are not even allowed to enter these environmentally sensitive areas.

Here are some other local rules that can be used:

*Designated drop areas may be used along with other options after hitting into a water hazard.

*Relief can be taken if your ball ends up in an aeration hole or from seams of cut turf.

*Relief can be taken from newly planted or staked trees.

*Relief can be taken from an immovable obstruction like a fan used on some courses to circulate air to a green.

*Play of a provisional ball may be permitted if there is a water hazard of such character that, if the original ball is not found, it is known or virtually certain that it is in the hazard.

*Relief may be granted from roads and paths not having artificial surfaces, but like on the 17th hole at the St. Andrews Old Course, a road may also be declared an integral part of the course.

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Utley earns grand champion honors for market swine

KNOX CITY—John Cross Utley claimed honors for the market swine grand champion at the Knox City Project Livestock Show on Sunday with his Cross breed.

Christian Abila took reserve champion honors with his Chester.

Other breed winners included Grayson

Utley for Berkshire, Tyler Rios for Duroc, Emilee Maynard for Hamp and Spot and Jayden Lambert for York.

Brylee White and Austin Hacker were winners of Grand champion honors for goats and sheep. Reserve honors went to Josiah Coplen and Debra Alvarado.



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Tyler Rios shows off his pig

Knox City project show results

Goats

Grand champion—Brylee White
Reserve grand champion—Josiah Coplen
Class 1, light weight—1. Josiah Coplen 2. Brylee White 3. Brody White
Class 2, heavy weight—1. Brylee White 2. Brogan White 3. Brody White

Sheep

Grand champion—Austin Hacker
Reserve Grand Champion—Debra Alvarado
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Champion—Grayson Utley
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Reserve champion—Jayden Lambert
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Duroc

Champion—Tyler Rios
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Class 1, light weight—1. Tyler Ross 2. Emma Lambert 3. Jayden Lambert
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Hamp

Champion—Emilee Maynard

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Spot

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Reserve champion—Maeley Evans
• Emilee Maynard 2. Maeley Evans 3. Christian Abila

York

Champion—Jayden Lambert
Reserve champion—Alissa Hacker
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Champion—John Cross Utley
Reserve champion—Emilee Maynard
Class 1, light weight—1. Kenlee Lambert 2. Emma Lambert
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Class 3, medium weight—1. John Cross Utley 2. Kenlee Lambert 3. Austin Hacker
Class 4, heavy weight—1. Emilee Mynard 2. Mona Alvarado 3. Ella Hunter 4. Debra Alvarado

Grand champion market swine—John Cross Utley, Cross
Reserve champion market swine—Christian Abila, Chester

Sheriff's Report

Worse than herding cats

Sometime around the last part of November, there was an accident at the location of SH 222 and US 82/114—many around here know it as the ranch house area several miles into King county. That area is basically in the middle of no-where when talking about a lonesome highway at night.

King County was contacted and had the accident pretty much under control, but were asking that the Knox County Sheriff's office turn traffic towards Knox City, that way all of the traffic headed towards Lubbock could travel south on TX 6 and avoid the accident and the hassle of turning around at the accident scene and coming back to Benjamin, then taking the said alternate route anyway.

Seems simple, set up with a patrol vehicle at Benjamin, in the intersection of TX 6 and US 82, give directions to the motorists, and send them on their way. I tried that with one vehicle for a while, but then the strong north wind blew through during the activity, making it difficult along with all the college traffic headed to Lubbock. Some vehicles headed south towards Knox City, but then some motorist decided they knew better, so even after having been told about the detour, drove around the courthouse and headed west towards Lubbock.

Despite telling each motorist to head south, they refused to and continued to circle the Benjamin courthouse and head west. I believe it was worse than trying to herd cats. Impossible!!

During this crazy activity, Dennis Duke with the Benjamin fire department came by and asked if he could help. Sounds great to him and me, so he set up with a fire truck on the street everyone was using. Guess what, they continued in great volumes, to travel two or three blocks south, then traveled through the south part of Benjamin, insistent on getting around the area blocked off even as we continued to give directions.

Somewhere in the mess, Dickie McCandlies arrived and tried to help Dennis with the traffic. If it wasn't so cold and serious, it would have been funny to watch the motorists, mostly young people, shake their heads that they understood they couldn't get through towards Lubbock and would have to take the detour, then to simply ignore the simple directions and avoid the hassle of having to turn around and return to Benjamin.

Anyway, after some time, it was decided that because there was another wreck in King County that needed tending to and all others were occupied, just let the vehicles go and make the turn around when they got to the

accident that was blocking the roadway.

The Benjamin fire department traveled west and set up trying to slow down the traffic slightly as I worked on sorting out the wreck that King County couldn't get to. Despite the fire department's lights flashing and the waving of a flag to get their attention, 90 percent of the motorists refused to slow down, just barreled past them, past my accident, and continued about a mile down the road, where, guess what, they had to turn around and travel back to Benjamin, to Knox City and avoid the wreck.

Some seemed to have disgust in their face as they headed back to Benjamin, upset that they had to turn around. One even suggesting that we put someone in Benjamin to turn traffic around the area. Great idea! Wish I had thought of that. The two vehicles that were involved in the wreck I was working on probably were some that had driven around the detour attempt made by myself and the Benjamin fire department in Benjamin earlier.

After things settled down a bit, Duke and McCandlies, who were a mile or so away from the wreck still dodging crazy drivers, told me of one motorist who, not knowing if the person was joking or not, drove up and stopped in the traveled part of the roadway with others flying past, and asked if they could clean her windshield. Really? Pay no attention to anything else, but why do something so dangerous as to stop as others are driving past at a high rate of speed.

It probably would not have been so difficult to control the many miles of roadway and detour, if hadn't been for the fact that, as stated earlier, many of the drivers were young, college kids headed back to Lubbock after Thanksgiving vacation, with nothing on their mind but driving as fast as possible to get there as quickly as they could.

Anyway, next time you see flashing lights and some poor soul standing on the roadway trying to flag you down with a bright orange flag or flashlight, slow down, take a look to see what the issue is, continue down the road as directed to do. Driving with both feet flat on the floor all the time endangers more than just yourself.

My thanks to Dennis Duke and Dickie McCandlies for their help and efforts in trying to contain the circus this time.

Thanks for your time and drive defensively and safely.

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Tales from the Good Ol' Days Tag and I at Wildhorse Creek

By Walter Hertel

Starting out in this trip-down memory lane, here is a story that I first shared in the book, "Cow Chips in the Cook Stove," published back in 2011.

I was eight, the year was 1933. My dad, mom and brothers Charles, 6, Don, 3, and sister Rose, new baby, lived in the back two rooms of a store in Benjamin. Times were hard, people had little money and the grocery store lost a lot of money due to bad credit. There was a lot of love in the family of six and through hard work we somehow survived.

My next five summers were very special to me. They were spent at Grandma and Grandpa's farm about seven miles south of Benjamin. When I was there, it was a special time to me. I loved it.

First, I had to help Grandma water her chickens in four pens and one pen of turkeys. They made a good part of their living from these animals. They also had several milk cows and many times I churned butter in an old crock, making it move up and down.

The part I loved most was Wildhorse Creek, with its crystal clear water running

all the way through the pasture. That creek was like heaven to me and old Tag, their favorite dog. He was always with me and overjoyed to kill water moccasins. He tackled them in the center and viciously shook them until they died.

I always had my gun, a BB gun at first, then about the second year my Grandma announced to mother, "He is old enough now and I am going to get him a single shot 22." I hunted up and down the mile and a half creek, just me and old Tag. We were two happy beings.

One deep place, near a corner, was the swimming hole and a good swim on a hot day in this cool creek happened many times.

What a carefree life for a young boy, I loved every minute spent there and will always remember those good times. They are burned in my memory forever.

Walter Hertel, 89, still lives in Munday with his wife of 70 years Peggy. He formerly served 24 years as a city administrator in Benjamin and 20 years in a similar position in Munday. He will be sharing some memories with us in future issues.

Mac's Views

It does seem at this time of the year that there are certainly a lot of advertisements on television about ways to lose weight, probably the No. 1 New Year's resolution. It's not one of mine. I just hope to play more golf this year than I did in 2014.

As I am reminded often, today is the oldest I will ever be, yet the youngest I'll ever be. It's the same for you. So enjoy this day while it lasts.



JAMES MCAFEE

I do realize that I'm on the back nine—yes, a reference to golf. Time certainly has a way of moving quickly, but my goal is to quit worrying about the future and just take one day at a time. My daughter, Tamara, can do the worrying for me.

Perhaps the biggest lie I tell myself is that I don't need to write something down as I'll remember it. That doesn't happen all the time. It does seem I tend to forget some things, like turning my phone on or in the case of church last Sunday forgetting to turn it off.

Also, I do sometimes talk to myself, but so does Vonda in my office. I guess we feel we need to talk to an "expert" for advice.

Even if you are not on the back nine yet, it will come faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish, don't wait too long. Do what you can today since you are never sure whether you might be on the back nine at even a younger age than you think. You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in the past.

As someone else once wrote, "Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after."

It's time to catch up on some other views of mine:

The Dallas Cowboys have been eliminated by the Green Bay Packers and the reversal of an apparent fourth down pass to Dez Bryant to the one-yard line played a major role. It looked like a catch to me. However, a closer look at

the complex rule does seem to indicate that the replay officials were right as it says the player must maintain control of the ball throughout the process of going to the ground and it did appear the ball touched the ground. Even if the Cowboys had scored to take a 28-26 lead, the Packers had plenty of time and could have moved into field goal range to prevail 29-28.

In a followup to last week's report on the "Unbroken" movie, I've learned that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has released its own film about Louis Zamperini entitled "Captured by Grace" that is available on its website. Zamperini indicated that he didn't keep his promise on the raft to God until attending a Graham crusade in Los Angeles.

Having grandkids going to community college, I would certainly like to see Texas follow the lead of Tennessee and bring the cost of community college "down to zero." President Barack Obama supports the idea, too, suggesting that the federal government take care of 75 per cent of such costs and let the states handle the remaining 25 per cent.

KRBC-TV certainly doesn't want a repeat of what happened for the Baltimore-Pittsburg telecast recently since it will broadcast the Super Bowl next month. Satellite customers missed the beginning for the AFL playoff game after a power hit on the transmitter damaged the computer that sends signals to DishTV and DirecTV. Cable and direct customers were not affected. Station manager Albert Gutierrez told Scott Kirk of the Abilene Reporter-News that the possibility of the problem reoccurring was "very remote" and added, "Believe me, I'll have 10 people here if I need to, to make sure it doesn't happen again." It didn't really bother me since I had already planned to go to bed early that night. However, I do plan on watching the Super Bowl.

Finally, the college football season is over and all the so-called experts were proven wrong as the No. 4-seed Ohio State ended up as the national champions. Do you realize that under the old system, the Buckeyes wouldn't have even had a chance? Alabama, Oregon or Florida State would have played in a bowl game to decide the issue.

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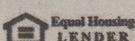
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