





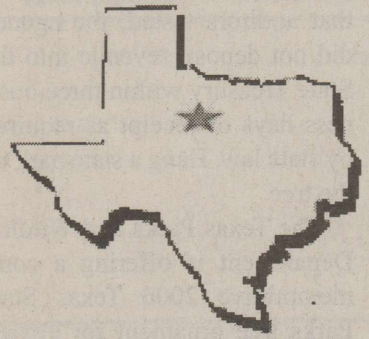


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Santa Comes To Downtown Knox City Saturday During Christmas In November



Tyler Rios and his mom Diana visit with Santa Claus Saturday at Christmas in November

Santa Claus came to downtown last Saturday night to help celebrate Christmas in November.

Santa was here to help get the upcoming holiday season off to

a festive start. Along with Santa there were lots of other fun activities to enjoy. The children's choir and lots of early Christmas shopping was enjoyed by everyone who came to downtown.

Santa wants to remind all the boys and girls to get their letter in to him by dropping them off at the News Office by Dec. 14, so he will know what all the boys and girls want for Christmas.



Santa Clause waves hello to all the boys and girls downtown Knox City

Knox City Houndettes Place Third In Fantasy Of Lights Tournament



back row l to rl Kursten Stafford, Kayla Martin, Shana Nicholson, Birdgett Billington, Jessica Albus, middle, l to r Jamilla Ward, Sarah Burt, Tiffany Wilde, Nikki Moss, front row, Brittany

The undefeated Knox City Houndettes participated in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament in Wichita Falls on Nov. 25 and 26. They were one of over 100 teams and won the Third Place Trophy in Division III.

The first game was against Itasca and the Houndettes defeated them with a score of 59-29. The second game was against Quinn Boles and once again the Houndettes came out on top with a score of 67-24.

The early Saturday morning game was against Claude who is ranked 8th in the State and the Houndettes were handed their first defeat with a score of 49-41.

The battle for 3rd Place was a close as any two teams could be with no more than 3 points dividing the teams at any point in the game as the Houndettes took on Tolar.

Once again, the Knox City Houndettes played some Houn-

dette ball and came out the winner with a score of 43-41.

There was plenty of good basketball for everyone at this exciting tournament and we look forward to great season of Houndette ball.

They will play at home against Munday, Tuesday night and then it's off to the Munday Tournament this weekend. December 1 to 3 for some more solid basketball action. So come out and support our teams.

Thanksgiving Meal Enjoyed By Many Thanks To Caring Neighbors

There isn't much that can be more lonesome than a holiday without family, but Carolyn Middlebrook and Carol Duncan kept lonely at bay for several people this Thanksgiving holiday.

When Ms. Middlebrook, manager of Lawrence Brothers IGA, and Ms. Duncan, learned that their families wouldn't be able to join them for the holiday they decided to make a traditional

Thanksgiving meal and share it with others who they heard would also be homebound and without visitors. With the help of Erma Garcia, the ladies cooked turkey, dressing and vegetables, and set up tables so that others could stop by and share the meal with them. Rex Allsup delivered meals to those who were unable to leave their home. At the end of the day around twenty had been fed, although Ms. Middlebrook

said that more could have been if they had planned further in advance.

Ms. Middlebrook, Ms. Duncan, Ms. Garcia, and Mr. Allsup truly personified the meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday by sharing their time, generosity, and home with their neighbors, and took away the chill of loneliness that sometimes envelopes us at a time of year that celebrates togetherness.

Dry Conditions and High Winds Cause Of Local Grass Fires

With dry weather and strong winds, grass fires are an extreme risk.

Vernon Fire Department rushed out to Waggoner Range Sunday to fight a grass fire that encompassed 1000's of acres. The fire started around 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon due to a down electrical line and was contained at about 7:00 p.m. that evening.

The wind was blowing a strong 55-60 mph and kept spreading the fire despite every effort made. The fire continued to burn into Monday afternoon but was surrounded and heavily guarded.

Vernon wasn't the only ones called out Sunday, Gilliland had it's share of the burn after friction was caused when two electrical lines were blown together.

All it took was one spark and about 5 to 7 acres burned. The Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department was called out around 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, but returned after only about an hour and a half.

It was in a bare area so extinguishing it was fairly easy. The fire department urges people to please be careful and take precautions when outside in the fields.

Benjamin Volunteer Fire Department was paged out again Monday afternoon around 2:00 p.m. to an area south of Benjamin, the fire burned approximately 40 to 50 acres on the Moorhouse Ranch.

Cause of this fire was unknown according to fire chief Richard McCanlies who stated the fire was out by 5:00 p.m. Monday evening.

The possibility of such fires during this extremely dry weather is very likely. All our area Volunteer Fire Departments urge everyone to take extra precautions during this time.

Supreme Court Set June 1 Deadline For School Finance Fix

state's control of local taxation for education by placing a cap on taxes amounts to a state property tax in violation of the Texas Constitution.

But the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's ruling that found part of the school finance system inefficient.

The Supreme Court sent the issue of attorneys fee back to the trial court and postponed until June 1 the effective date of the trial court's injunction that would halt funding for public schools.

"We remain convinced, however, as we were 16 years ago, that defects in the structure of the public school finance system expose the system to constitutional challenge," Justice Nathan Hecht wrote in the majority opinion. "Pouring more money into the system may forestall those challenges, but only for a time. They

will repeat until the system is overhauled."

Justice Scott A. Brister was the lone dissenter. New Justice Don R. Willett, who was formally sworn in by Gov. Rick Perry that same day, did not sit on the case. The plaintiffs, 47 districts led by West Orange-Cove Consolidated

Independent School District, contended that property taxes, though imposed locally, have become a state property tax prohibited by the Texas Constitution.

An additional 282 districts contended that funding for school operations and facilities is inefficient in violation of the Texas Constitution, because children in property-poor districts do not have substantially equal access to education revenue. So the ball is now back in the Texas Legislature's hands.

Lawmakers took up school finance during two special sessions this summer and the regular session but failed to reach a compromise. Perry said he would call another special session before the June 1 deadline.

His Texas Tax Reform Commission, headed by John Sharp, currently is studying various tax issues and will make recommendations.

"I am ready to resolve this issue. So are many legislators and so are the people of Texas," Perry said. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he would appoint the Senate Select Committee on Education Excellence and Public School Finance Reform to respond to the Supreme Court's decision.

Dewhurst said a special session on school finance should "address not only significantly lowering our local school prop-

erty taxes, but reforming and improving our public education system." Texas House speaker Tom Craddick said he looked forward to working with Perry and Dewhurst "to find a solution that will appropriately answer the court's ruling" by the deadline. Audit finds faults at SOS

Significant weaknesses in the Office of the Secretary of State's controls over its revenue processes limit its ability to safeguard revenue that it collects from citizens and businesses for providing various services, the state auditor's office found in an October report.

The audit found that the agency does not immediately log cash and checks upon receipt, its revenue process is decentralized and its staff's revenue processing duties are not properly segregated. Those factors contribute to

an inadequate system of internal controls, the report cited.

In about 38 percent of cases that auditors tested, the agency did not deposit revenue into the State Treasury within three business days of receipt as required by state law. Hang a state park on the tree

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is offering a commemorative 2006 Texas State Parks tree ornament for Texans who purchase a State Parks Pass gift certificate by Dec. 31. The pass gives the gift recipient and their guests a year of free entry to some 120 Texas state parks, historic sites and state natural areas that represent the best of Texas' natural and cultural attractions.

The gift certificates can be purchased for \$60 at most Texas state parks or ordered by phone at 512-389-8900.



The Texas Supreme Court on Nov. 22 agreed that parts of Texas' school finance system are unconstitutional and gave lawmakers until June 1 to fix the funding woes.

In a 7-1 ruling the court agreed with the district court that the

ACROSS

1 Acton State Park is 0.006 of an _____

5 TX Gen. Albert Johnston _____ to death at Shiloh

6 a sexual assault

7 TXism: "shootin' _____" (gun)

8 TX Bonnie & Clyde asset: getaway _____

9 TX Martha Hyer film: "The Sons _____ Elder"

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18 TX Kenny Rogers was a bounty hunter in this '93 TV movie

21 this Harris was in film "Nixon" with TX Powers Boothe

22 TXism: "lots of breathing _____"

23 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big _____ John"

24 Winkler Co. seat

30 TX H.L. Hunt novel: "Alpaca _____"

34 TXism: "the meanest bull can _____ dehorned"

35 ice in front of the Stars net

36 TXism: "_____ got a prayer"

37 Cantina in Marty Robbins' "El Paso"

39 TXism: "gave me a _____" (runaround)

43 swindles

44 Joe Tex song: "One Monkey Don't Stop _____"

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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45 pirate's "yes"

46 place of Napoleon exile

47 TXism: "a _____ man" (good roper)

49 TX coast catamaran race: "Ruff Rider _____"

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54 blue jeans

55 TXism: "grease monkey"

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59 apiece

60 "street" under 2nd flag over Texas donkey

61 _____

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1 TXism: "built like _____"

2 _____ (sturdy) outhouse"

3 where Gus was buried in TX-based "Lonesome Dove": "_____ Orchard"

3 employee at the Southlake Journal in Concho Co. on hwy. 87

9 TXism: "it's root hog _____ die"

10 Houston had the _____ in TX

11 Jacksonville FM

12 "H" topper (2 wds.)

13 TXism: "old- _____" (elderly folks)

14 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)

15 decline or recede

17 TXism: "numerous as ants on _____"

19 '87 film with UT grad Lou Diamond Phillips

20 Ector Co. seat

24 this Kevin starred with TX Quaid in "Wyatt Earp" (init.)

25 hesitation sounds

26 "_____ Speedwagon"

27 TXism: "he's a good _____ to mess with" (mean)

28 TX Don Henley's "After the Thrill _____"

29 TXism: "mad as a snake"

31 by way of

32 TX-based co. "Pizza _____"

33 erroneous belief of Christ's humanity

38 seasons food

40 Stars league (abbr.)

41 "_____ and gloom"

42 eyelid hairs

48 TXism: "speak your _____"

50 TX actress Tierney

51 keenly interested

56 "Savior of the Alamo" Driscoll

57 "_____ pocus"

Rolling Plains Ramblings

Thoughts On Thanksgiving

by Morton Scott

We are familiar with the story of the first Thanksgiving in what is now the United States. Europeans meeting with Native Americans to give thanks to the Father in Heaven for the protection He provided against the weather and for the food He provided to all.

The scene sounds familiar, but if you are picturing the Pilgrims in tall black hats carrying their blunderbusses among trees proclaiming fall colors, that's not the first Thanksgiving ever held in the United States.

Our first Thanksgiving was not in Massachusetts, but right here in Texas, in the Palo Duro canyon of the modern Texas Panhandle. In May 1541, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado held a Thanksgiving service for his exploration expedition of 1,500 on the Llano Estacado plains of the Texas Panhandle. They held Thanksgiving services with the Teya Indians, who inhabited the area.

Their meal that spring day may well have included turkey, for the birds were common in the Panhandle. However, no cranberries were on the tables, but they might have had hackberries, which were plentiful. They probably also had meat from the buffalo, which they referred to as "cattle of the plains."

We actually didn't start celebrating Thanksgiving until President Abraham Lincoln issued his proclamation during the Civil War in 1863.

My best and warmest memories of Thanksgiving are the most traditional. When I was quite young, we lived on what I call Scott Corner. My Grandpar-

ents Scott lived across the street from our house, and my Uncle Wyatt and Aunt Gertrude, with my cousins Jo Ann and Delpha SCOTT, lived in a house right behind my grandparents' house. My Uncle Bob lived with my grandparents.

On Thanksgiving, our families gathered at my grandparents' house, sometimes joined by my aunts and uncles from Independence, MO and San Angelo, TX. Many of you remember the aroma of cooking turkey, dressing and pies. Anticipation of the meal created an excitement, a hustle-and-bustle, which engulfed everyone.

Although the round table was extended to hold the huge turkey platter, the sweet potatoes, green beans and rolls, not enough room was available for the whole family to sit around. We kids had our own, special table, where we could eat and talk and laugh as much as we wanted.

When the main table was set and ready, the adults sat down, we children stood, bowed our heads and Grandfather Scott said the prayer. Then we kids filled our plates and went to our own table on the closed-in back porch.

Probably my most frustrating Thanksgiving came in 1957, when I was a reporter on The Lawton Constitution. I was a bachelor in those days, so I volunteered to work on Thanksgiving Day.

I covered the preparations of the Thanksgiving meal for 5,000 troops at nearby Fort Sill. I grew hungrier as the Mess Sergeant showed me preparations of

the turkey, dressing, apple and pumpkin pies and other delicious dishes.

The Sergeant invited me to eat with the troops, but I had to return to the Constitution to write my article, but told him I planned to eat a good Thanksgiving meal when I finished it.

I wrote the article about all the delicious foods and the tempting aromas out at Fort Sill. Then I went out for my Thanksgiving meal only to find that by that time all restaurants in town had closed.

My Thanksgiving meal that Thanksgiving was some lunch meat purchased at a quick stop. I couldn't find any turkey slices, so I had chicken.

My most dramatic Thanksgiving was in 1950, when I was in North Korea in the Army Signal Corps during the Korean War. Chinese troops joined the North Korean army and were penetrating our lines. Frigid winds were blowing out of Siberia.

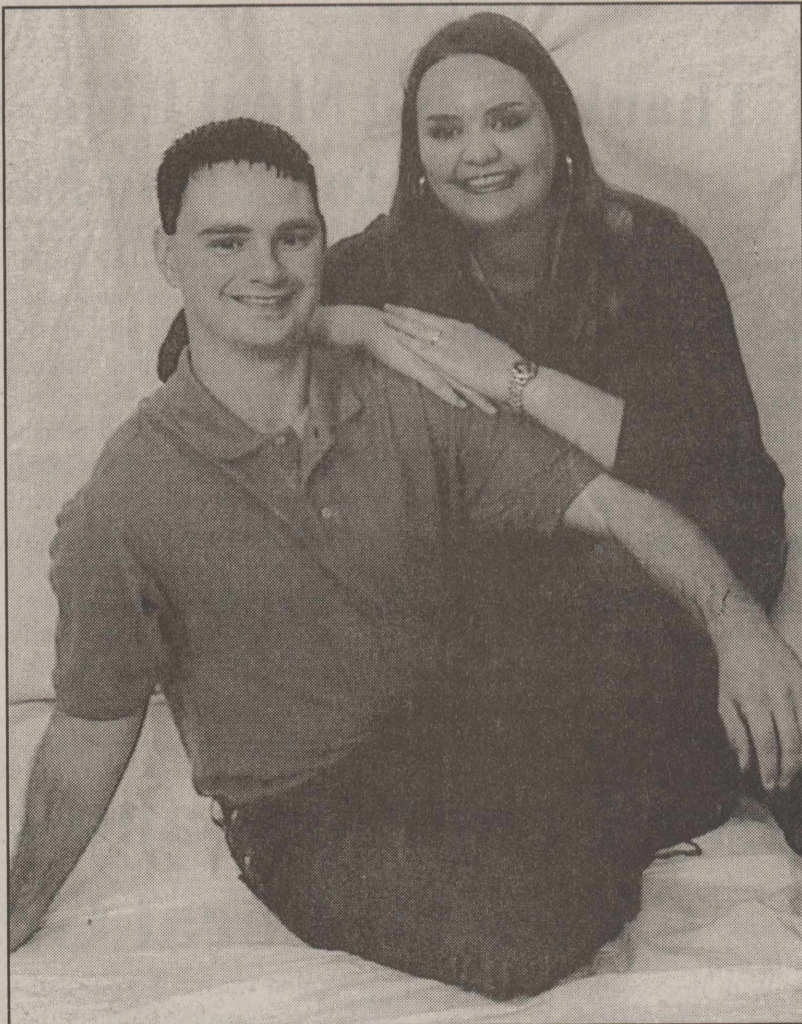
Our troops gathered in the room converted to a chapel, many kneeling at the impromptu altar, bundled in their overcoats. Major General Roughner joined the enlisted men, kneeling at the altar.

Occasionally, gunfire could be heard in the distance. Soldiers would automatically reach for their rifles. We all had much to be thankful for that year.

I remember this and think of our service men and women in Iraq this year. We had the Siberian winds in Korea; they have the desert winds in Iraq.

The winds both places too often carry the sounds of gunfire.

Wedding Announcement



Cypert-Wilde

Craig and Debbie Wilde are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Russell Dale Bishop to Kristin Camille Cypert, daughter of Buddy and Tonya Cypert of Haskell.

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Knox City High School. He recently completed the pharmacy technician program at Vernon College and is employed as a certified pharmacy technician by McKesson Medication Management

through United Regional Healthcare System in Wichita Falls.

The prospective bride is a 2002 graduate of Haskell High School. She will graduate from Midwestern State University in December with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Marketing.

She is employed by Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Wichita Falls.

The couple plans a March 4, 2006 wedding at the Haskell Church of Christ.

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Everyone that shopped downtown Saturday.

IT'S THE PITT'S

What's Up?

by Lee Pitts

Government economists tell us that inflation is under control. I'd sure like to find the gas station where they fill their cars up with gas. I wonder what planet they live on? Those economists must be using the same computers to calculate the inflation rate that they use to figure out the BCS ratings for college football. It's all BCS to me.

Incumbent politicians use an inflation formula designed for the sole purpose of getting them reelected. To paraphrase an old saying... figures lie and so do political figures. Of course, Congressmen are not being pinched

by inflation because they raise their salary every year. The rest of us can't even afford to be poor any more. When some teenager with his cap on backwards asks, "What's up?", the answer is, "Everything".

That same kid would never believe that the candy bars he pays 69 cents for used to cost me a nickel. And I am not that old! A nickel pack of gum is now 99 cents and a soda we bought for a dime in a vending machine now costs a buck. So does a bottle of water. I can remember when water used to be free out of a garden hose.

Recently I paid \$99 to stay in the same motel room that I stayed in 30 years ago for \$9 and I swear they haven't changed the carpet or drapes since then. The same college that cost me \$2,000 per year now costs \$20,000. Our first house that we paid \$40,000 for might fetch \$700,000 now and it never was much of a house.

We used to figure that groceries cost \$10 a bag and the trunk of our car would hold \$100 worth. Now it's \$30 for a smaller bag and that same old trunk will now hold \$500 worth of groceries. I'm getting a lot stronger too. I used to only be able to carry \$20 worth of groceries into the house in one trip. Now I can easily handle \$200. At this rate if I ever do get a Social Security check it won't even buy a bag of groceries. I admit that part of

the reason for inflation is that our tastes have changed.

Instead of a ten cent cup of coffee now we order a \$4 double mocha with a double shot of whipped cream.

Still, the prices received by farmers and ranchers have NOT kept pace. In 1971 lambs sold for 44 cents a pound and a gallon of gas was 44 cents. Lambs are now 90 cents and wouldn't we all like to be paying that for a gallon of gas?

In the past 25 years the price of finished cattle has increased by all of 50%. If the price of the meat we eat had increased at the same rate Big Macs would still cost under six bits and you wouldn't have to take out an equity loan on your overpriced house to buy a filet mignon at a restaurant.

Fat cattle were fetching sixty cents per pound 25 years ago and are at ninety cents today but. If they'd risen at the same rate as chewing gum, candy bars, college, motel rooms and soda pop they'd be fetching \$8 per pound! If you're blaming the rancher for high meat prices you're blaming the wrong guy. Today the retailer makes more in two days for a cattle carcass than the rancher got for caring for the animal for two years! And cattlemen are supposed to feel guilty because of the better prices we are receiving? I think not. Economists predict natural gas prices will go up 77% this year. THAT'S 77% IN ONE YEAR. Cattlemen haven't had that much of an increase in all of the past 30 years combined!

Farmers and ranchers would

be elated if the prices they received would merely keep up with their input costs but a similar truck to the one. I bought in 1973 for \$3,200 now costs over \$40,000. Yet, recently I read in a big city newspaper that the multinational corporations that sell us our inputs "are having difficulty raising prices due to increased global business competition." And no, it was not in the funny papers.

If you ask me, politicians and multinational corporations have been successful in confining inflation only to the wages of those who work for a living. Everything else is higher. We are told that this year net farm income will go down. I dare you to name one politician, government bureaucrat or fat cat CEO who can make the same claim.

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By Ace Reid

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"You know I ain't ever been beat, bashed and thrown as bad by any ol' bronc colt as I have by this here pickup!"

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PISTOLESS PETE

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

New Mexico State, one of my alma maters, called the Aggies, uses the symbol of Pistol Pete as a mascot. He's also the same character used by Oklahoma State and University of Wyoming.

As the mincing tip-toe of political correctness creeps across college campuses it leaves in its Gerber baby food wake an homogenized landscape of, not diversity, but a beige sameness. It is as if the designer of the universal architecture of Waffle Houses was now assigned to stifle and subdue any malignant spots of individuality with the university system.

To the point, after more than 40 years, the muffins of P.C. have disarmed Pistol Pete. It was deemed too controversial by those who know best. That, in a land where the first Amendment exists only because of the Second! In a country where the

NRA is more powerful than the unions! In a state where people pay money to come hunt! Where the Spanish, Native American and cowboy culture rules! Where they invented the atomic bomb! Where humans still believe they have the right to defend themselves! Pistol Pete can't be shown with his pistols.

What a bunch of babies we have become. Maybe Pistol Pete should be wearing diapers...that would not unfairly intimidate our football foes like the Lobos, the Wildcats, the Bruins, and the Rams. Or he could be wearing a mortarboard and robe. We could choose an inoffensive name, more in line with the Ivy League teams...The Yale Elis, The Harvard Elites, the M.I.T. Molecules, The Bryn Mawr Bunnies. How 'bout The New Mexico State Tassels!

Soon it will spread past the Atlanta, formerly called Braves

and the Unarmed Pistol Petes to include such threatening mascots as the Raiders, Steelers, Giants and Oilers! Even the Red Sox and Orioles will be considered a threat to the spectrum sensitive.

We will eventually resort to numbers only, all drawn randomly, which will last until the cell phone companies cry foul. It will never end...Well, this has gone entirely too far. I can hear the indignant cries and whimpers of the politically correct whose main purpose, of course, is not to offend anybody, and now they've offended me!

Let me offer a compromise that will put both sides at ease; allow Pistol Pete to keep his guns but run a disclaimer like they do on cigarette packs that says "In accordance with the PCPP (Politically Correct Pom-poms) Pistol Pete's pistol's are not loaded."

Whoa, that takes a load off!

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Please mark outside envelope "Sealed Bid Enclosed-Toyota Camry". SEALED bids will be taken in person or mailed. Bids will be opened and considered at Regular Commissioners Court on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 1:30 P.M. Knox County reserves the right to accept and/or reject any bid.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green



Randy (R.J.) Pedroza Jr.

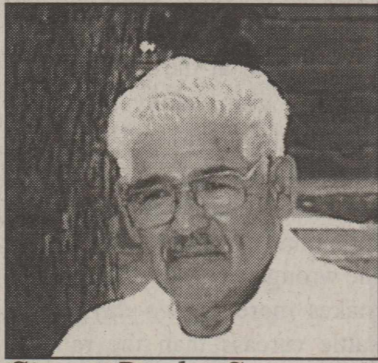
Randy Pedroza Jr. (R.J.), 25, born on August 29, 1980 was embraced by the Lord's loving arms on Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Juan and Julia Garcia, great grandparents Eulalio and Felicita Garcia, and paternal grandmother David Pedroza.

He is survived by loved one Melissa Larence, children Jaden Pedroza, unborn child Lilyana Pedroza, his parents Randy Pedroza Sr. and Connie Pedroza, sisters Stephanie Pedroza and fiance, Justin Casillas of Knox City, Sophia Pedroza and spouse, Mark Arredondo of O'Brien, Sarah Pedroza, and brother Michael Pedroza of O'Brien, maternal grandmother Santos Zavala of Harlingen, nephews: Aaron Arrieta, Michael Pedroza, Jr. and Jordan Casillas, nieces, Anna Casillas, Elysia Pedroza, Trennity Pedroza, and Emily Arredondo, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and long time friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 27, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City, with Deacon Julian Estrada officiating.

Burial followed at the O'Brien cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.



Simon Rocha Sr.

Simon Rocha Sr. was born on October 29, 1925 in McCauley, TX to Pete and Reyes Rocha. On Friday, November 25, 2005 he died in Abilene Regional Hospital at the age of 80. Simon lived in Knox City all his life.

He married Aurora Rocha in 1944. They celebrated 61 loving years of marriage before his death. He retired after 17 years of working for the City of Knox City.

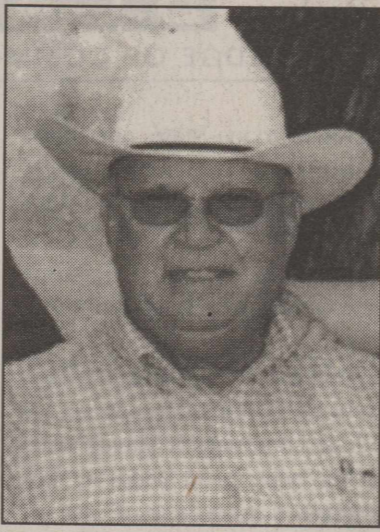
He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Aurora of Knox City, TX; one brother, Tony Rocha Sr. of Knox City; one son, Simon Rocha, Jr. and his wife Hope of Crowley, TX; one daughter, Carolina Rios and husband, Lupe Sr. of Knox City, Tx. two grandsons Simon Charles Rocha and his wife Cindy of Crowley, Tx. Lupe Rios, Jr. of Knox City, Tx. one granddaughter Christy Munoz and her husband Mark of Wichita Falls, Tx. five great granddaughters, Lisa Rocha of Crowley; Tiffany Rios of Rochester; Whitney Large of Abilene; Dawn Munoz of Wichita Falls; Nyome Munoz of Wichita Falls and one great grandson Bryce Munoz of Wichita Falls

Services for Mr. Rocha were at 2:30 PM, Monday, November 28, 2005 at the Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Knox City with Father Leo Schloemer officiating, with interment to follow at the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home of Knox City.

Antonia Munoz

Graveside services for Antonia Munoz of Knox City were held at 10:00 am, Saturday November 26, 2005 at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Mrs. Munoz passed from this life November 24, 2005 in Brazos Valley Care Center. Antonia was born December 22, 1922 in Houston, Texas. She is survived by her daughter Mary Helen Figueroa of Dallas, two grandsons of Washington; five nephews Jessie Rios of Knox City, Luis Rios, Sr. of Fort Worth, Sammy Rios of Knox City, Danny Rios of O'Brien, Ralph Rios, Jr. of Arizona; three nieces Toni Benavides of Knox City, Stella Quintana of Knox City, and Angie Pauda of Lubbock. Antonia was preceded in death by her sister Josephine Rios.



Bob Munsell

Bob Munsell, 67, of Big Spring, waged a heroic battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and went to be with his Lord at 2:25 a.m., Saturday, November 26, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at the First Baptist Church Big Spring, TX, with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, and Don Brodie, officiating and interment at 4:00 PM at Pecan Cemetery in Dublin, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 PM to 8 PM Monday at the funeral home.

Bob was born on August 9, 1938 and married Beverly Cole on January 30, 1981.

Bob was an active member of First Baptist Church where he gave unselfishly of himself to others. He was known for always greeting others with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Bob also participated in volunteer work at the Veterans Hospital on Sundays.

After retirement from Hunt Oil Company in Knox City, he was employed with Texas Railroad Commission Oil and Gas Division of Big Spring.

His hobbies included gardening and watching his precious grandchildren grow up.

Bob is survived by his wife, Beverly of Big Spring; his children, Robert Matthew Munsell and wife, Stacey of Big Spring, Latisha Munsell of Big Spring, Stephen Lee Munsell and wife, Karen of Odessa, Deana Lynn Eaton and husband, Ernie of Gardendale; six grandchildren, Maddie, Meagan and Montie Munsell of Big Spring, Stephanie and Kari Munsell of Odessa; and Ray Eaton of Gardendale; one sister, Judy Littleton and husband, James of Stephenville, two brothers, James Munsell and wife, Dorinda of Carlton and Kenneth Munsell and wife, Marsha of Andrews; one niece and six nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mark & Mable (King) Munsell; his brother, Freddie Joe Munsell; his nephew, Donnie Lee Munsell and his great nephew, Ryan Heath Moody.

Has everyone had a good holiday weekend? From the numbers of visitors I've heard about, it does seem lots of folks had a very pleasant and busy time.

The weather was nice for any outdoor activity that may have taken place or traveling so all things considered I guess we can't complain.

Not much change in the ones with health problems this week. All seem to be pretty well holding their own.

And in sports I was reminded Saturday that our Jr. High girls came in second in the Guthrie Tournament last weekend losing to Guthrie. Sorry I missed that last week. And congratulations! Christmas Program Planned

The annual Community Christmas Program will be on December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ. The theme will be "Christmas Comes To Benjamin" and it should be an entertaining presentation. Make plans now to attend. The program will feature the children of the community.

Gary Reed spent a day and night in the Seymour Hospital last week. Not sure just what his problem was but think he was pretty miserable for few hours. And it's good to know he's feeling better.

I talked to Omitene Barnett today. She is doing pretty well for her 90 plus years. Said she had Wynelle Holloway of Fredricksburg and Connie Peter of Fayetteville, Ark. for Thanksgiving and also Randolph and Judy Barnett. She said Connie cooked lunch for them and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. Wynelle stayed for a longer visit and plans to be here about two weeks.

Chance Propps of U.T. at Austin spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents and brother, James, Stacia and Cody.

Jessica Moorhouse was home for the holidays with her family, Mike, Debbie and Will. Jessica is a Freshman at Tarlton State in Stephenville.

My Thanksgiving Day guests and having lunch together were Diane and Mike Evans and Ash-

lee, Wade, Beckie Keys and Dillion of Childress, Lynn and Michael Rogers of Snyder, Liz, Nathan and Mason Herring of Munday, Jessie Moorhouse of Benjamin, Chance Propps also of Benjamin, Jay Sandusky of Stephenville and Mike, Debbie and Will Moorhouse of Benjamin.

Weekend guests of Debbie and Mike and Will were Bailey and Joe Dan Taylor of Childress. They are grandchildren, whose parents are Cody and Kyla.

Jan and Fred Carver had their Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday before Thanksgiving. Guest were Johnny and Patty Carver of Toft, Gary and Stacia Antille of Guthrie, Ryan and Callie Antille, Jacey Collins of Abilene, Dorthy Carver, Craig Carver and Riley and Stephanie Carver, Carson and Raleigh Paige of Knox City, Mike and Tammy and Cassie Lyles, Tyler Collins of Benjamin. Jan said Thursday there were only a few Stacia, Dorothy and Craig, Jacy and Lindsey Wilde of Munday joined her and Fred for the day.

Sue and Jack Sheedy had all their kids, Steve, Mike, Mitzi their families for the day Thursday. On Friday Steve took them to Big Spring to visit relatives and friends. They returned home Saturday and say they really enjoyed their trip.

James and Stacia Propps and Cody joined other family members at the home of Dick and Maggie B. Harper in Seymour for dinner on Thanksgiving night.

Thanksgiving week guests of Jack and Mary Young were their daughter, and family, Debbie Barry Neil, Dustin and Trevor of Boca Raton, Fla. Jack Jr. and Cindy Young of Round Rock. Thanksgiving Day they were joined by Pat Benson, Billy Carl Benson and family, Sheila Kuehler and family and Dutch and Imagene Young, all of Benjamin, and Sammy Young of Arlington, for lunch and lots of visiting.

Jessie and Gracie Zavala and family spent Thanksgiving in Temple with Gracie's family. They are also visiting a new

grand daughter, Valeria, born on November 14 to their daughter, Jessica who lives in Midland.

Dorothy Spikes and Penny Eaton had as their guest, Guy and Donna Spikes of Seymour, Matthew Spikes who is in College in the Dallas area and Rusty and Sandy Spikes of Electra.

Visiting Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon and having Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday were Lana Mendoza and family of Seymour and Sue Terry and family of Dallas.

Debbie Clower, Sara and David had as their Thanksgiving guests, Michael Clower of ACU, Betty Parker, Sabra and Chelsea of Aspermont and local kin Leory and Gloria West and Loraine Powers.

Edith Broach of Lubbock came in on Friday for the weekend. Saturday she Janet and Gary Reed, Michele and Jimmy Barrietez and family had a Thanksgiving dinner with Blaine Bradley and family in Seymour.

Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon had as their Thanksgiving week visitors, Mary Melton of Cincinnati, Ohio and Brandi and Brandon Herron of Abilene. Joining them for lunch on Thanksgiving Day were Bobby Hudson and Daniel Rains of Benjamin.

Thanksgiving Day and lunch guest of Hazel Stockton and Kim Moore were Blaine Bradley of Seymour and Janet Reed of Benjamin, also Bud Conner of Benjamin.

Holiday guests of Jacob and Tina Siemens and family were Lisa and Garrett Favor and daughter of Rule, Ray and Mary Ham and family of Abilene.

Dicky, Laura, and Jenna McCancies spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mike, Jean, Britanny, Ashley and Keylee Howse of Mansfield. Jean and Laura enjoyed a day shopping the after Thanksgiving Day specials while Dicky and Mike visited with Steve Bisbee and daughter Hanna Grace. Jennam Britanny and Ashley enjoyed going to the movies. They returned home on Saturday.

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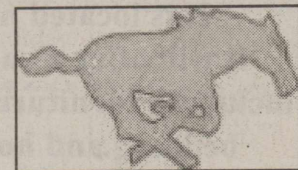
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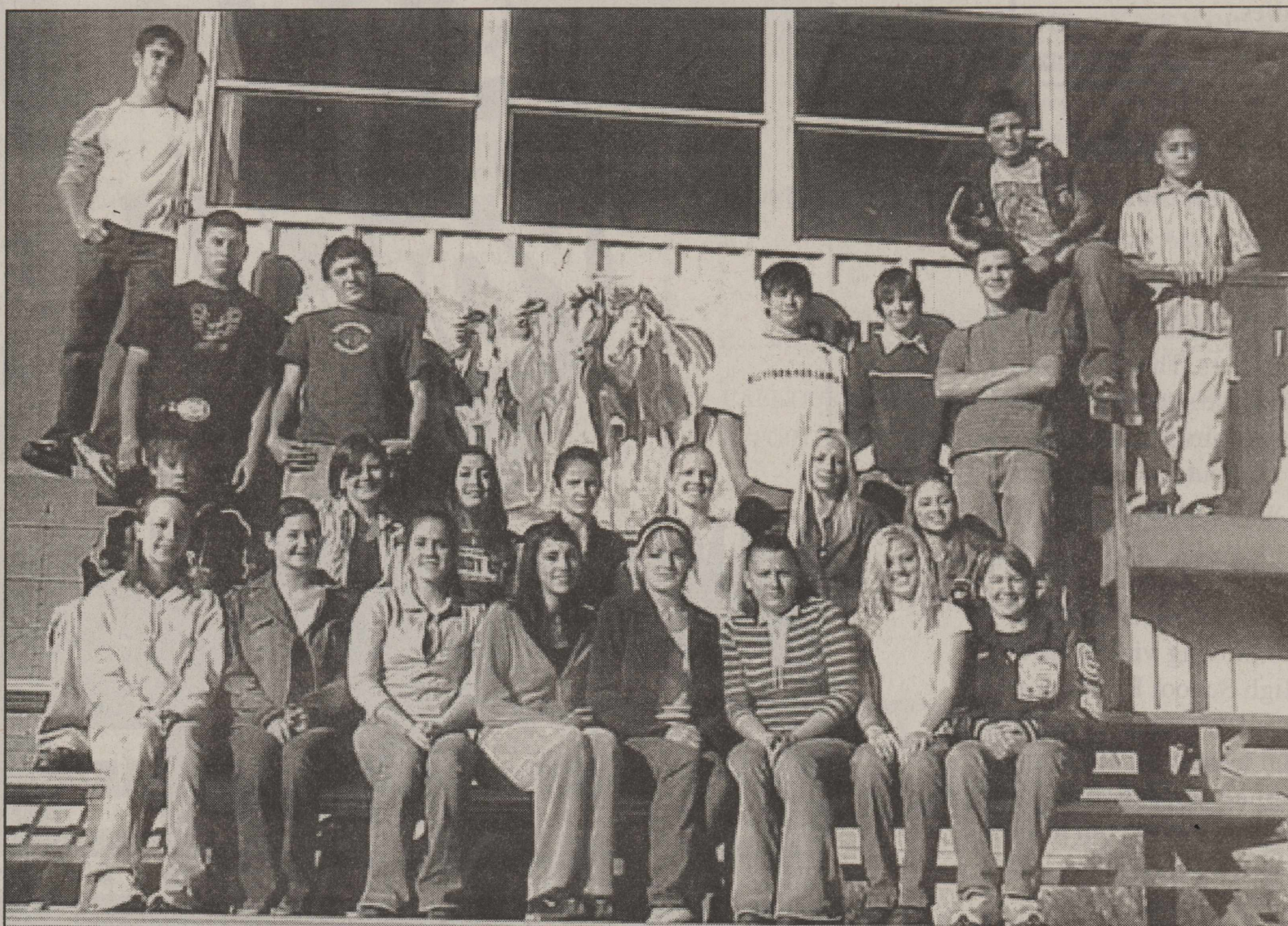




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Junior
Wide Receiver-First Team
Jeremy Saxton
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Derrick Magqna
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Second Team
Ryan Harrington
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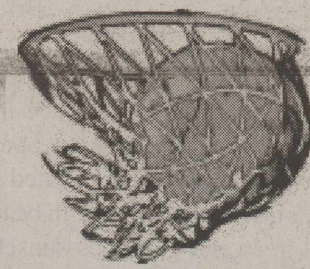
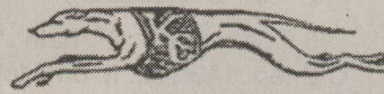
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Jeremy Saxton
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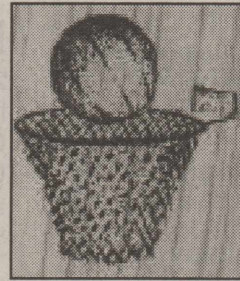
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Varsity Girls Knox City 65 Rotan 23	Varsity Boys Knox City 44 Rotan 50
Bridgett Billington-7 Nikki Moss-14 Kayla Martin-6 Shana Nicholson-4 Jamilla Ward-2 Kursten Stafford-8 Jessica Albus-14 Brittany Hawkins-10	Jeremy Saxton-17 Ty Chisum-4 Grant LeLwis-10 Jordan Carter-4 Derrick Magana-9



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Nov. 5	##Munday	Away	Girls Only	TBA
Nov. 8	Crosbyton	Away	JVG, VG	5:00
Nov. 11	Albany	Home	JVG, VG	5:00
Nov. 15	Petersburg	Guthrie	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 17-19	Crowell JV Tour.	Away	JVG, JVB	TBA
Nov. 18	Archer City	Home	VG, VB	6:30
Nov. 22	Rotan	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Nov. 25-26	Fantasy of Light	Wichita Falls	VG, VB	TBA
Nov. 29	Munday	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 1-3	Munday Tourn	Munday	JVG&B, VG&B	TBA
Dec. 6	Throckmorton	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 8-10	Vernon Tourn	Vernon	VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 13	#Rule	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 16	#Aspermont	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Dec. 19	#Paint Creek	Away	VG, VB	6:30
Dec. 30	Petrolia	Seymour	VG, VB	3:00
Jan. 3	Open			
Jan. 6	#Jayton	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 10	#Paducah	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 13	#Guthrie	Home	VG&VB	6:30
Jan. 17	#Rule	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 20	#Aspermont	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Jan. 24	#Paint Creek	Home	VG&VB	6:30
Jan. 27	Open			
Jan. 31	#Jayton	Away	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Feb. 3	#Paducah	Home	JVG&B, VG&B	4:00
Feb. 7	#Guthrie	Away	VG&VB	6:30

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Thursday, December 8th
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Friday, December 9th
German Sausage/Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Ranch Style Beans, Cornbread, Fruit Crunch

Call in Orders by 10:00 a.m.

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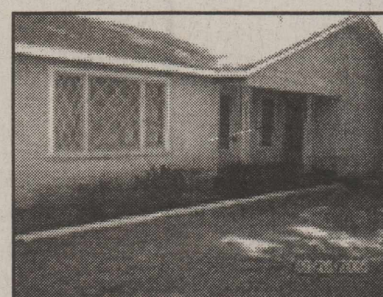
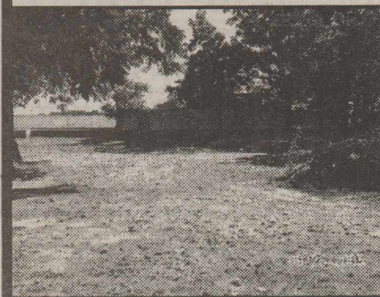
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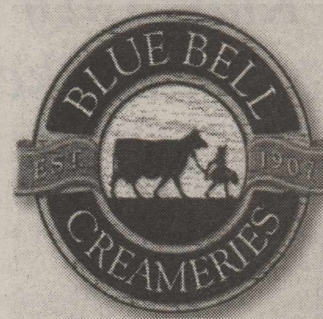


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