



THE

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75 CENTS

Knox County Hospital District Places New Ambulance In Service



Pink Ladies Ambulance

Once again the Knox County Hospital District Auxiliary, The Pink Ladies, came through for the citizens of Knox County and the surrounding area with a \$15,000.00 donation toward the replacement of an

ambulance. Board President Clint Jones, commented, "The Pink Ladies play a vital role in the delivery of quality care by their ongoing willingness to provide funding for equipment purchases. As a rural

hospital, we are fortunate to have this dedicated group looking out for us. Many of the purchases would be impossible without their assistance."

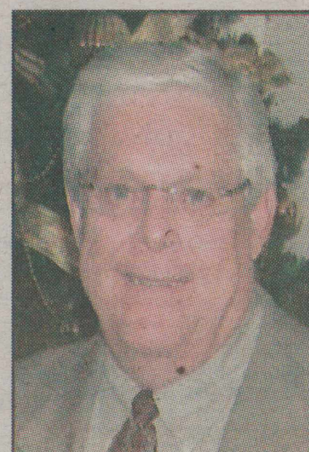
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First Baptist Church, Knox City Revival

First Baptist Church of Knox City will be holding Revival meetings July 10-July 13. Jim Reid will be preaching Sunday, July 10, in the morning service at 11:00 am and the evening service at 6:00 pm.

Services on Monday-Wednesday nights will be at 7:00 pm.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Knox City Summer Football camp will be on July 13, 14, and 15th from 9 am until 12 noon. Registration is Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. Cost will be \$30 per child. 1st grade until incoming freshman are eligible to attend.

Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Knox County Hospital on July 12th, from 1 pm to 6 pm. Donors must be 17 without parental consent (16 with parental consent). Donors also

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2nd Annual Goree Music Camp Next Weekend

Western Swing in Full Swing! Camp begins Sunday Night, in Goree, July 10th! Bring yourself, your family, and your toe tapping shoes! That's the invitation from the folks at Goree and the Knox County Visioning Team, as they host

the return of Western Swing to Knox County, with old fashioned, family friendly, jam sessions each night of music camp, 7 pm at the Goree School. For those old enough to remember when

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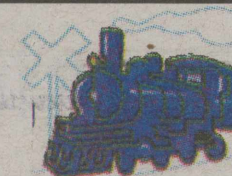


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GOD'S PROMISES

By Gary Schnable, Knox City Foursquare Church

Don't Go To Church!

Don't go to church! It's boring, it's the only day to sleep in or spend time with the family, it's full of hypocrites, they always ask for money, they don't care about me, we can have church

anywhere or we don't need God in our lives! Yes, there are many reasons given for not being part of the church family. I have probably said a few of the previous statements myself at one time or another, but I have come to find out that most people would say much the same

thing about going to work, but the money keeps them returning each day...even a job from the pit!

Let me give you one reason why my family & I have hardly ever missed in 52 years. A number of years ago our family moved to Lafayette, IN to start a church.

When we first moved there we rented a home in a nice area & got to know our neighbors. If we needed to know where to go for different things or needed a specific item, our neighbors were more than willing to help us enjoy our new community (All were part of different church families in town). Nine months later we bought a home a few blocks away. We tried to get to know our new neighbors, but it took a long, hard time to just scratch the surface with most of them to just say, "Hello".

One morning while going to work two hours away, my beeper went off with the message, "Your house is burning down...go home". A fire had begun in our home. Amy was seven months pregnant entertaining some neighbor kids & kids from our church family outside when she saw flames shooting from the house. She ran from house to house to house trying to find someone to call the fire Dept. only to find no one home in any nearby home. Finally, after what seemed like a lifetime our next door neighbor arrived home hurrying to call 911. We became much closer after this event!

Here I am two hours away & wondering what to do for my pregnant wife & children? I called the church office! The Pastor's son & youth pastor went immediately to the aid of my family. When I arrived home, there these two men were comforting my family & had already called my insurance company! We had lost most everything. The next two nights we stayed in another church family's home until we received temporary housing for four months (Imagine taking

in a family of five???)

What's amazing is that churches all across Lafayette that we had gotten to know while planting our new church gave us clothing, a crib, money & offers of help. We found out what it was like to be part of a church family & the greater church family when a major crisis hit! Through the church family God blessed us beyond our wildest dreams!!! We felt like royalty being honored in the way we were blessed... it deeply humbled us by this outpouring of kindness and love! Gosh, we were not even pastoring at the time... we were just regular folks serving, living & growing in our new church family.

God did so many more miracles in our family's life during that season. However, the one thing God revealed to us is the amazing reasons to be part of a church family!

The Bible says, Jesus Christ gave the church these gifts: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11-16) to fully prepare us for service here & now. They are also given to help bring us to full maturity in preparation for our eternal destiny with God. We need the church family and God's appointed leaders too!

Jesus Christ knew He had to provide these gifts (Though imperfect) that would keep His church family from being led away from the true relationship He had reestablished between the Father & the church at the cross. Having them lead by a loving hand of discipline & encouragement, while bringing His church family into a tapestry of many, to create a loving body who cares for one another and impacts our

world where a few cannot.

The writer of Hebrews (10:23-25) tells us clearly that we are not get out of the habit of gathering with His assembly (church family) because we all need encouragement and need others to spur us on in serving others even when it gets tough. These verses reveal that in the latter days people will begin to pull away -from the church family Jesus Christ Himself birthed (Pentecost) for us to be nurtured by, grow in & be encouraged through. No, it's not a perfect place, but if we were perfect we would already be in heaven...eh?

What's amazing is that Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my Name I am in the midst of them!" This means we are to celebrate the first day of the week all together (Sunday... the day Jesus rose from the dead) and when we are out & about through the week we can have church across a car hood, over coffee, while camping, over a fishing pole or golf club or even over an oil pipeline. Amy & I had church over jet skies while vacationing in Key West, FL with a guy who was servicing them back a few years ago. It has been a mentoring relationship ever since that day.

I call it mini-church. God wants us to have mini-church everyday wherever we are like the first century church had! They still met in the temple, yet they also met in homes throughout the week!

Christ is the "head" and the church His "body." 1 Corinthians 12 further explains how the church family (the body) is made up of in-

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Arrest Report

Pursuant To Your Open Records Request, The Below Is A List Of Those Arrested Within The Indicated Time And Processed Through The Knox County Jail:

June 9th, 2011 Thru June 22nd, 2011

Gutierrez, Debbie
06/11/2011
Assault Causing Bodily Injury (M-A)
Knox County

Arriets, Jason
06/11/2011
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Knox County

Simmons, Nicholas
06/12/2011, Fta:possess
Marihuana (M-B)
Orange County Warrant

(Knox County)

Alexander, Kaleb
06/14/11
No Drivers License (M-C)
Knox County

Thomas, Cleveland
6/14/2011
Mtr: Parole Warrant
Louisiana, (F-2)
Distribution Of Cocaine,
(F-2)
Possess With Intent To
Deliver Cocaine (F-2)
Possess Cocaine (Sjf)
All Louisiana -Warrants
(Baylor County)

Dean W. Homstad
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Knox County Aging Services

Menus For July 11th To July 15th

Monday, July 11th

Salsbury Steak/Gravy
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Rice
Sliced Bread
Pudding

Tuesday, July 12th

Chef Salad
Baked Potato
Crackers
Fruit Salad

Wednesday, July 13th

Sliced Ham
Blackeyed Peas
Apple/Celery Salad
Cornbread
Fruit Crunch

Thursday, July 14th

Fish/Tartar Sauce

Cole Slaw
Macaroni & Cheese
Hush Puppies
Cobbler

Friday, July 15th

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

By Sammie Offield

Another week has gone by and it just seems like the older you get the faster time travels. Lots of little ones having birthday parties and us older ones are avoiding having another one realized. I hope all these summer babies celebrate their birthdays in a great way. May God send our children blessings. We know they will have greatness and sorrow in their lives, but learn from it all. Only He knows what tomorrow will bring, so live one day at a time.

The Abila twins celebrated their 4th birthday and looked like they were having a great time.

Friday night at the Park our Fire Department, police office and EMT were honored. They deserve a lot of

notice because they are a very important part of our everyday lives. May God bless them for the heroic things they do.

Our Bible School week went great and we've never had so much fun. It's amazing to see all the smiling faces and find out how much they learn in only one week. I have never seen so many hot dogs get devoured in one night as I did on Thursday night after the closing program either. The VBS helpers were great in every way. Like many others, I am already looking forward to next year again. We never ran short on snacks or on help. Thanks to God for helping provide all we needed.

I see our youth baseball league is getting ready for

another tournament at the middle of this month. Hopefully the weather won't be so hot and dry.

I wish they could have celebrated the Fourth of July like usual, but I am sure we all understood the safety issues that have to be considered. Lots of cookouts and games and swimming. We had a little rain on Monday evening, and maybe we will get more later this week.

The Mane Place has a new name and a new owner. Now they are the "Cutting Edge". They will be a greatly appreciated asset in the community, especially as Kristi makes plans for her future with husband, Chris, and their boys.

Jill and Lance Kilgore had a long weekend as they

traveled to her daughter's wedding. We hope she had a great beginning to a great life, which undoubtedly lies ahead of her.

Paula Carter hosted a baby shower for Bergin and the new baby. Paula says the shower was a great success and they had a wonderful time. These new babies are coming into a wonderful life. The parents are waiting patiently for their arrival.

Tamara and Jason Smart are having an eventful summer with all their kids. I know Tamara appreciates all the help from her in-laws as the kids get bored at the news office with her and probably run out of games to play. I don't know how she does it and she still puts out a great paper every week. Thanks

Tamara-for all your dedication to the newspaper.

During the last couple of days, I haven't had time to visit with the guys at the café, but seems like things are going smoothly.

I see that Kathie and Jacks have started to open on Saturday and Sunday. That is great to have more options. I know Bud's is pretty packed on Sunday afternoon, but has successfully made it through

each time.

Let me tell you something great about our new Variety Store. If you need an item-no matter how small- just go down to the KC Hometown Variety Store and tell them. They will always greet you with the same smiling face and are always ready to help any way they can.

Time is getting closer for
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06/29	80/105	
06/30	78/104	
07/01	73/101	
07/02	77/103	
07/03	75/103	

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drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires January 1, 2011 and continuing are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager, Kelley R. Boone, is urging

farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Kelley R. Boone said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is February 24, 2012. The longer they

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OPINION

Trains, Planes, and...Motorcoaches?

By REBECCA DIFIDE

In the wake of our looming debt ceiling and the millions of dollars wasted every year on Amtrak's less-than-stellar service, Republicans in Congress have proposed that Amtrak be privatized so as to maximize not only revenue, but also efficiency.

Amtrak's popular and lucrative Northeast Corridor route, running from Boston down to Washington, D.C., would be sold to the highest bidder and would give a company an opportunity to expand as the market dictated. According to the Wall Street Journal, several companies that manufacture Europe's high speed trains are eyeing the prime piece of travel real estate like a pack of hungry dogs as they stand to engage in a bidding war in the hopes of future profits.

Since its creation in 1970, Amtrak has had more than its share of mishaps. Going beyond just chronic lateness and the uncanny ability to break down more often than a rusty Model T, Amtrak has an astonishing track record of hitting objects such as cars, trucks or people. While no system is perfect it would seem that Amtrak has failed to maintain a standard of even remotely satisfactory or reliable service, which is one of the many reasons they barely manage to turn a profit, despite being in charge of the most densely populated route in the country.

One downside of traveling with Amtrak that could be remedied by privatization is the high cost. For example, to travel from Washington, D.C., to New York City one way costs an av-

erage of \$140, depending on what time you leave and whether or not the train is an Acela, Amtrak's fleet of high-speed trains, which are more expensive. The biggest competitor to the comfortable yet pricey Amtrak trip are Delta and other flight shuttles that service the Northeast Corridor. Business travelers needing to make a round trip in a day could very easily take this route, without having to risk the threat of track issues or engine trouble. Although planes come with added wait time and various invasive Transportation Security Administration (TSA) inspections, this is a small inconvenience in exchange for cheaper fares.

Another route that is often forgotten about, but is relied on by college students and many tourists as the cheapest of all options is the bus route. A bus trip on any one of a number of private motorcoach companies that service the route of D.C. to New York (BOLT! Bus, Greyhound, megabus, Peter Pan, etc), you can make that same trip for as little as \$15. And even if you book last minute, you won't pay more than \$25. Sure, some would say that a train or airplane offers more amenities, however these bus companies now come equipped with expanded leg room, outlets at every seat, and even free WiFi, and their travel times are extremely comparable.

The idea to create private bus routes was absolutely genius because they provide a competitive service for a fourth of the cost, and because buses are essentially autonomous (all that is needed is a driver, unlike a train which maintains a hefty amount of employees to run effectively), it is much easier to garner a profit be-

cause they have less expenses. Also, by traveling on local roads and highways they are more able to adapt to changes in weather or construction via detours, while trains are bound to their fixed track. However by the same token, trains are less likely to be delayed (assuming there are no weather or mechanical difficulties) because there is no traffic and the routes can be timed very accurately. Especially with the economic structure the way it is, they can corner a large portion of the market who only wants to go from point A to point B as quickly and as cheaply as possible.

If the Northeast Corridor route is privatized, it too can boast lower, more financially accessible prices. Also, the issues with crashes and break downs can be dealt with internally, rather than taking taxpayer dollars to pick up the slack where the government was negligent. Although the removal of the Northeast Corridor would likely dissolve Amtrak, that in itself is a good argument to go on with it because if the other routes don't make enough to support themselves and rely on the profits from the Northeast Corridor to stay in service, why do they exist in the first place?

It is safe to say that the incentive to keep subsidizing Amtrak, when the only route that makes any money is being overrun by competitors, is officially gone. There is no reason to spend countless millions of dollars on a trip that can easily (and much more cheaply) be made by using a different method of transportation. Any way you travel you're going to have to make sacrifices, but wasted taxpayer dollars shouldn't be one of them.

MSNBC Analyst Suspended for Crude Truth Telling

By RICK MANNING

The first presidential press conference in three months brought the real Barack Obama clearly into focus and what America, and even the liberal press corps witnessed was not pretty.

Rather than the uniter, visionary leader who they manufactured and sold to the American public, one MSNBC analyst used an off-color pejorative that is a synonym for jerk to describe Obama. Of course, after receiving complaints from the White House, that analyst has been suspended indefinitely. Somehow I don't remember swift suspensions following various attacks that were far cruder against Sarah Palin, but that is another story.

Even more important than the revelation that the anointed one is actually a jerk who talks down to anyone who doesn't bow to his commands, was the incredible site of a president who is renowned for playing basketball and golf demanding that Congress "get to work."

This is audacious even for someone who "wrote" two autobiographies before he had ever done anything.

The "get to work" order comes from a man who submitted a budget to Congress this year that garnered zero votes in the Senate. Not one member of the U.S. Senate was willing to vote for Obama's vision for America. Harry Reid voted no. Barbara Boxer voted no. Even socialist/independent Bernie Sanders voted no.

Obama could not lead anyone to vote for his vision.

The "get to work" order comes from a man who has studiously attempted to avoid involvement in the day to day negotiations over the fiscal future of the nation.

Ironically, the "get to work" order was directed at Republicans in Congress who have passed a budget in the House of Representatives, proposed a plan to deal with the looming Medicare bankruptcy, and have had the courage to tackle sacred cows.

In contrast, the Senate Democrats have not even bothered to offer a budget, let alone pass one, for more than two years. The Senate Democrats and Obama himself have sought to use Republican attempts to begin addressing and saving Medicare for their own political advantage through a campaign of deliberate misrepresentation and knowingly false scare tactics.

Rather than being the adult in the room, Obama showed himself to be the churlish child who stomps, pouts and spits invective when he doesn't get his way. Hardly helpful in an already tense discussion pressed against a short time frame before the United States government runs out of money to pay all of its bills.

Of course, Obama's attitude did cheer one person, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who applauded his performance, which probably says more about why she is the former speaker than anything else.

Over the past few months it has become fashionable to compare Obama's presidency to the disastrously incompetent Jimmy Carter years. I have begun to think this is too kind to Obama as he begins to look more and more like James Buchanan, a man overwhelmed by circumstances whose deer-in-the-headlights approach led to the inevitability of the civil war.

However, the one thing that can be counted upon with this president is that unlike Buchanan, he will not go away easily. Right after his incredible demand that Congress "get to work," Obama flew off to Pennsylvania, a key electoral state where his approval ratings have been in the dumpster lately, to raise a little campaign cash. It is reassuring that in this world where every assumption about our nation's future seems to be in question that one thing remains the same.

The modern politician seems to always think of the American people first, at least those Americans who have check books big enough to fund his re-election ambitions.

The Declaration of Independence concludes with the words, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

It sure would be nice if the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue took those words to heart and served as a leader rather than a bullhorn-wielding community organizer.

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must be 120 lbs and be good general health. Bring a list of medications/ recent travel with you.

On July 10-14 the Annual Music Camp in Goree will be held. The cost to attend the camp is \$425. Contact Jimi Coplen at the KCVG to sign up.

July 27th and 28th, at 1:30 p.m. Knox City Athletic Physicals will be given at the Knox City Clinic. Anybody participating in Athletics at

KCHS or O'Brien Jr. High need to get their physical. Boys will be checked on Wednesday, girls on Thursday.

O'Brien is having their community Vacation Bible School July 17-21 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the O'Brien Baptist Church. Sign-up for this "Beach Blast" event is Saturday Night from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Knox City Pool. For more information or to offer help call Lynn at 658-3553 or 658-3725.

Preserve foods at home safely

This time of year brings an abundance of home grown fruits and vegetables. It also sometimes triggers the desire to can foods at home. While this can be a fun and rewarding way to keep foods long after the season ends, care must be taken to assure that foods canned at home are safe to eat.

Following research-based methods and using tested recipes are just things to consider when canning foods at home. "Not all recipes for home canning have been tested for safety," said Lorrie Coop, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Sources of tested recipes include the National Center for Home Food

Preservation (<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>), USDA, and manufacturers of home canning equipment and supplies. Recipes from cookbooks, out-dated Extension publications and the Internet should not be used.

It is also important to use the right equipment when canning. Some foods can be preserved using a water bath canner but others must be processed in a pressure canner. "If the right canning method is not used, then the finished product could make people very sick," advises Agent Coop. Also, make sure that the equipment you have is in good working order. Experts advise that dial gauges on pressure canners be tested annually to make

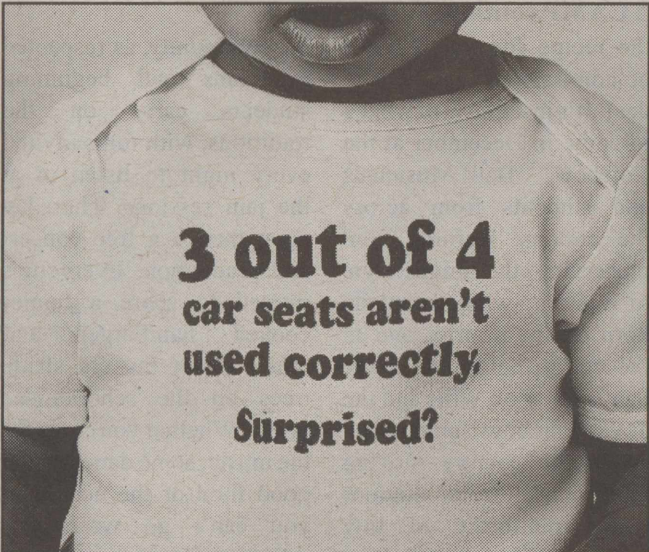
sure they are accurate. In addition, canners should be checked to make sure they are in good working order.

There are many other aspects to canning that one needs to consider, including jar size, headspace, and recommended processing (canning) times. All of these can influence the safety of the final product. "The last thing that we want to do is tell someone that the food they have just spent hours canning has to be thrown away or redone, said Agent Coop. However if one did not use a tested recipe, if unsealed jars were not identified within 24 hours after canning, or if jars were not processed properly (i.e. using a water bath canner instead of a pressure canner) we

may have no other choice. Nobody likes to throw food away but nobody wants to get sick (or worse) from eating unsafe food."

For more information about canning food at home safely or to have the dial gauge tested on your pressure canner, contact the Knox County Extension office at 940-459-2651.

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For Jim Reid, who was born and grew up in this local area, and now serves as pastor in Naples, Texas, it will be like coming home. He, his wife Sherry and son, Scott are looking forward

to visiting with friends as Jim preaches the Word and Sherry shares messages in song.

Bob Acree will be leading the congregational song service, and other local talent

will present special music at each service.

Bro. Jerry Vincent and the members of FBC Knox City invite everyone to join in this time of Revival.

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Stationed in Knox City, the Ambulance was placed in service on June 20th. The patient compartment of the old ambulance was refurbished and remounted onto a new chassis. The ambulance is state-of-the-art and will be a reliable mode of transport for years to come. Administrator Stephen Kuehler stated "A safe and efficient vehicle is essential to the transport of ill or injured patients. We commend The Pink Ladies on their contributions to the

District." Funding provided by the Pink Ladies partnered with a grant from The Priddy Foundation made the remount possible.

Located at 110 South Central in Knox City, The Pink Ladies accept donation of any clothing or small household item. The hours of operation are:

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families loaded up and went to town on Saturday night it's a trip down memory lane, for families looking for good summer fun it's a memory making opportunity and for those who might be looking for good music it's by far the best destination within a hundred miles. Western Swing and Classic Country music will fill the air with 4 days of music in Goree, celebrating the return of a tradition and the rebirth of a community in Knox County. You are invited to set up your lawn chair or park the pickup and put the tailgate down. Bring your own picnic basket adding good food and the chance to support a good cause to

the recipe for fun. There's no admission charge, what a deal! It's just a taste of what's to come in December at the Cowboy Ball! Musicians and students from across the country learning, and preserving, the unique style of Western Swing, the music born on the prairies and in the cotton fields that made bands like Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys famous and swept the country moving the sounds from outdoor dance platforms in tiny country towns, to the soon to be famous dance halls in places like Rhineland and on to ballrooms in Los Angeles and New York City. The sounds of fiddles and guitars will reverberate through the old school, and

the community, as respected musicians and beginning students carry on the traditions, with folks invited every night to listen in at the jam sessions. Thursday noon there's a free concert and graduation. Everyone's invited to share a home-cooked hamburger and music under the old shade trees on the schoolhouse lawn. Whether you come for the music, some dancing, the good food or the nostalgia, you can't go wrong by going to Goree next week, July 11-14th! So go on out and see what's going on in Goree. Want to know more? Contact Kent or Tammie Trainham at 940- 422-5321 or Bobby or Ronnie Cude at 940-422-5115.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Hooray! We had a little rain both Saturday and Sunday. And when I say a little, I mean just that. Not enough to do any good, except cool the air and freshen it a bit and just make one feel better, in general. This Monday, after a hot 4th of July, the clouds have begun to develop, so who knows, maybe there is more in sight.

The firefighters are out on a grass fire east of Benjamin, certainly we're hoping and praying that it is out soon and the guys are back at home- safe and sound.

Here N There

Debbie Neill will leave tomorrow (Tuesday) for her home in Boca, Raton, Florida after spending a couple of weeks here with her mom, Mary Young. Debbie said he and her husband, Barry, plan to come back in August for another few days visit.

Oscar and Shannon Gideon and children, Ian and Izzy, left Sunday for their home in Arizona after a few weeks' visit her with their daughter, Ariel and family and his parents, Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon.

Teresa Washington of Bouham was a recent visitor of Debi Moorhouse and family.

Sean and Mary Widmer and Hannah, who live in the Metroplex and Allie Barrientez of Decatur, spent the 4th of July with relatives here.

Karson and Sharon Bivens of Tatum, N.M. spent the weekend with relatives in the area.

Casey and Lacey Conner came by the later part of the week en route to Brownwood for the long weekend. They visited his great-grandmother, Hazel Stockton, briefly.

Stasia and Cody Propps were in Stephenville Thursday and Friday for Cody's orientation at Tarleton State. He will be going for the first semester soon.

Judy and Randolph Barnett came in Thursday or Friday after several weeks in Port Arthur where he was working. Don't know just how long they will be able to be here before having to go again.

Jane Gideon was in Wichita Falls on Thursday to see her doctors. She will be

having some surgery on her upper spine (neck) on July 18th in Wichita Falls.

While talking to Judy Barnett today, she told me she and Randolph had their Benjamin "kin" over for a 4th of July lunch. Guests were her mom, Philomae Roberson, her aunt Corrine Parrish and nephews, Justin Waldron and Briceton Pieve.

I had a nice visit with Nancy McGreger today and she said Fred is recovering nicely from his recent knee surgery. Had both done at the same time at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Has been back home a couple of weeks and is mighty glad to be here. Just will take a while to get back to get back to regular activities. Of course, we wish Fred continued progress. She also said her mom and dad is doing pretty well. Adjusting pretty well to the Nursing Center. Of course, they miss being at home, but realize they are where it's best for them right now. I'm sure they would appreciate anyone coming by for a visit.

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DATED June 30, 2011, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Knox County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter styled and numbered causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said court, I have on June 30, 2011, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August 2011, the same being the 2nd day of August, 2011, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Benjamin, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being in the County of Knox and the State of Texas, to wit:

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or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest herein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in manner provided by law and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein maybe entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

What a great weekend. We celebrated the 4th of July without the annual fireworks, but it still was a great time. Maybe without fireworks some of us could reflect on what the 4th is really about. We thought about a group of people who were overtaxed, had no representation and were sick of being told how to live by their government who founded the country that we live in. Hmm. It kinda makes you think. Let's be realistic about the Revolution- a huge military power (the biggest of its kind at the time) facing a bunch of farmers and outcasts who had no central government. The who was was because of a clashing over freedom and rights!

This was not about economic hardship either. The colonist had some of the greatest economic times in the history of the world. In today's standards many of them were making \$500,000 a year. No, this war was about freedom; something we take for granted each and every day. These farmers, plantation owners, slaves and freed blacks fought Goliath and won. They fought for freedom and when you are fighting for a cause, you can beat a superior opponent who is fighting for just a check.

After the British surrendered, King George III of England said: "The colonists will be begging to be back under England's rule as soon as George Washington makes himself a dictator." When told

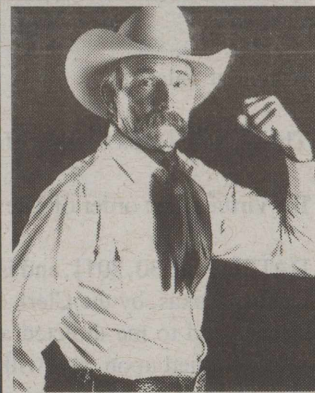
General Washington was going to turn over his command, King George said "He will be greatest man of all time." Not much argument there. God Bless the colonists.

The 4th is also a special day at my house as it is the day of my wedding anniversary... which also has led to many great battles. I knew I had lost control when we got married and the preacher left out the part that says: "To Obey Thy Husband". It's been all downhill since that was left out. Why would anyone take that out? Why? Again, I ask, Why? Really, Michelle should be awarded a medal she has had to put up with me, Andy, Zach (a.k.a the grey hair maker) and Mini-Me (Payne). The 4th of July is my favorite holiday. I received a great family and freedom on the same day. God has blessed me truly and that I am very thankful for it. Imagine getting a day like the 4th and Thanksgiving (which as we all know is the ultimate fat man's holiday) every year. If they would just come up with a "Recliner Day", the world would be perfect.

In 2013 I do get an extra Holiday on January 13th. "The Muslim Madman" will be out as President of the United States. That right there should be worth a day off and lots of celebrating.

Enjoy summer it is going to be a hot, miserable son of a gun, but hey, we live in Texas and that right there is worth the heat...

God Bless Jeff Stanfield



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

ENGLAND'S CHOICE

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

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

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

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

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

What is amazing to me is that Prince Charles' subjects seem to be blind or ignorant or complacent to the consequences of this royal balderdash. The Limeys have become Loonies! Family farms in the U.S. and Canada survive by using the same technology that is available to our mega-farms! Our small farmers are innovative, hard working and committed to making a profit.

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

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Breezes don't ruffle curtains like they used to. That's because you have to open the window to make it happen. Who opens windows?

In North Central Texas, the newer the house and nicer the suburb, the less likely the windows open. I could be wrong. That's my impression.

When I was a kid in the drought of the '50s, evaporative coolers ruled. They fit in windows. You hooked them up to a water supply, and they kept you cool and made your wallpaper want to fall off. If a little oil boom hadn't come along, my folks wouldn't have been able to upgrade to refrigerated window units. I sort of liked the old coolers better. I liked the water in the bottom and the excelsior-looking stuff in the sides and the drum fan that looked like something you'd see in cartoons with an animal making it spin.

Mother, however, much preferred the new units. They rumbled on 220 volts. Impressive. They cost fifty cents a day to operate. Ouch. We used them sparingly, leaving them off until late morning. They ran during the heat of the day and into the evening. At bedtime we turned each unit off, turned all lights off, opened the double-hung windows, wide at the bottom and a little at the top, and jumped into bed, in that order. You didn't dare open a window with the lights on. Various insects loitered outside, some of them capable of getting through less-than-perfect window screens to zoom around inside. It was their

purpose in life. Intrusive insects sometimes came in after curfew despite our precautions. I remember hearing one bug buzz in and land on my bed with a thud. He sounded huge. I lay very still, waiting for him to leave. I waited long. Finally it dawned on me that he wasn't going to rev his engines for take-off. I turned the light on to investigate. Sure enough, he was gone. His identity remains a mystery. He lives in my imagination.

All who reside in today's hermetically sealed houses miss all that. No mysterious night bugs. No breezes. No listening to distant thunder and smelling the rain through a dusty window screen.

Today's cars similarly shut out the natural world. We zip down the road at 74 degrees and miles per hour, occasionally checking an ambient temperature gauge just to see what we're missing.

The other day, when the outside reading was 109, my car began to overheat from the strain of towing a trailer. I turned the air conditioner off, and things went back to normal, except for me.

I opened my window to catch the breeze, thankful that car windows still open. I bought ice next and put cubes on my head and down my neck. I balanced cubes on both knees, which is not as bad as texting.

The ice melted. The water evaporated. Shades of the past and evaporative coolers. I was almost cool. All I needed was a breeze-filled curtain.

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dividuals who work together, pooling their talents, skills, and strengths—all for the purpose of helping as many people as possible know our loving God, growing closer to Him & spurring each other on to live life to it's fullest of pleasure with Jesus leading us!

To refuse to be an active part of the church family is to say that we do not want to follow God's plan. In a sense, such people believe that by acting on their own (Outside the church family He gave us) that they have a better plan than God does. Whoa?

I have enjoyed the benefits of an encouraging church family my 52 years. Like a club, a rodeo circuit or a co-op, you can never experience the benefits God has for you

until you go and become an active part of them...giving part of yourself as many adults and youth from our community did last week in serving our community kids at VBS. What a beautiful sight to see! Amazing thing is how much fun our adults had watching and interacting with the kids. Together with all our talents we blessed the kids tremendously!!!

You know, we get the greatest benefit when we plug in and serve God and the church family...God supernaturally blesses you with more than you can imagine! What you put into it will be what you get back & more...in other words, "What you sow, you will also reap!"

God's in Charge, Not Us: "Watch your step when

you enter God's house. Enter to learn. That's far better than mindlessly offering a sacrifice, doing more harm than good" Ecclesiastes 5:1 (MSG)

Did you know...? "God's Got Talent...YOU!" He loves you and has blessed you with talents to use to bless the church family and touch the world with His love! Get into the game, get where God is leading you to be involved & God will bless you beyond your understanding! After all it was the church and Biblical foundations that gave our founders the framework for this great republic we call America to succeed as it has for 237 years! "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" Psalm 33:12 (NKJV) Happy Birthday America!

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our Watermelon parade and festival. It's a day in the park for play and swimming that a great bunch of people work really hard to put together every year for our community. Get ready to start putting floats together for the Friday night parade. Believe me, it starts a weekend of great fun.

In our church we have lots of people on our prayer list. Janie Williams has lost a brother this past week and Mrs. Watson has informed us that her some, Tim Watson, has been going through more treatment. His cancer has attacked other parts of his body and Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds told us about a lady who is pregnant, but has lost her baby en utero. She has to carry to full term for diagnosis reasons. May God bless them and help them get through this.

Beverly and David Speck are on a cruise this week. Hopefully having a

good time and returning home safely. We had lot of people in our church go on vacation recently and so far everyone has returned home safely after the holiday.

May God Bless our school system for providing meals to some of our children and making sure they have good nutrition for the days while parents are working or getting other duties done. It is a great program. Ladies, God bless you all.

All our teachers are doing their workshops and getting ready for the next school year. They are also enjoying the last weeks of their summer.

Lots of our teenager have summer job. If you have a small job that needs to be done, find a teenager. We all have something that needs to be done and maybe we can help these young adults save up for next year's college expenses.

Ester Grindstaff is still at Hendricks hospital. Last I heard she is still having some health problems. She is now having problems with her other leg. Keep her in your mind, heart and prayer lists. Hopefully she'll come home soon.

Wilma Hougan has a positive attitude and is still having treatments. done. What little information I get about her is from people who talk to her and visit on the phone with her. But she is doing well. Thank you God.

Mrs. English from Rochester has fallen and fractured a hip. She's home but has 24 hour care. Her children are making sure she is comfortable and very well taken care of.

Modelle Barton, also of Rochester, had a birthday last week which she celebrated with her family.

May God bless our troops and each of us.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Knox County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of county redistricting on the 21st day of July 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Knox County Courthouse.

The Commissioners Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. Changes in the existing boundaries of each Commissioners Court precinct will also have an impact on election precincts, polling places, and Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

Signed: *James C. Floyd*
Knox County Judge

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas will convene in special session on the 21st day of July 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Knox County Courthouse, to receive public comment on redistricting of county election, justice of the peace and commissioners court precincts. Following the public hearings, the Commissioners Court will take up for consideration and possible action one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. The Court reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action regarding the redistricting of Knox County political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the Commissioners Court precincts, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Those wishing to address the Court should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Court, to identify themselves, their address, and the Commissioners Court precinct and Election Precinct they reside within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Court will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particular topic. The hearing will be conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A tape recording of the hearing will be made of this hearing. Your comments will be transcribed and included with the submission of the proposed changes to existing Commissioners Court precincts to the United States Department of Justice.

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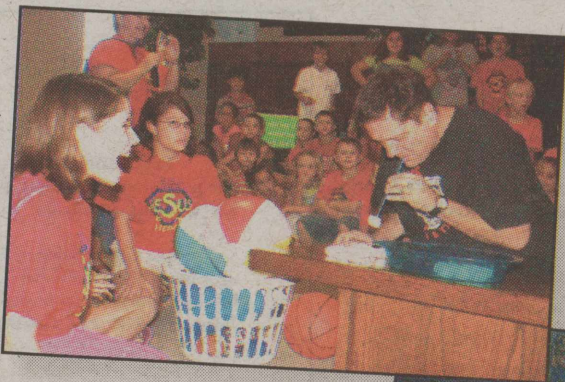
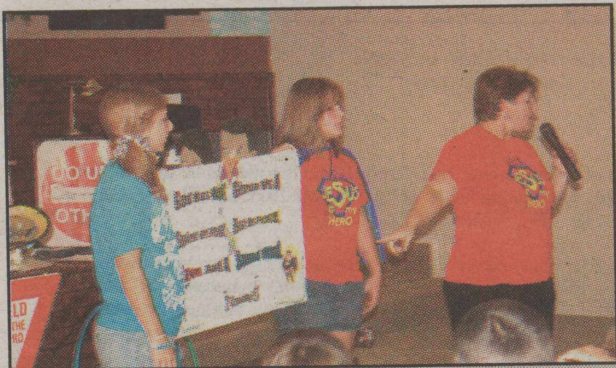
La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Knox en Texas cordialmente invita al público a asistir a las audiencias públicas sobre el tema de la redistribución de distritos del condado el día 21 de julio 2011, a las 1:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Knox.

La Corte de Comisionados está considerando uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en los límites actuales de cada precinto de la Corte de Comisionados también afectarían los precintos electorales, lugares de votación, y precintos de los Jueces de Paz y sus Alguaciles. La opinión del público será de mucha utilidad.

Firma: *James C. Floyd*
Juez del Condado de Knox

En cumplimiento con el Capítulo 552 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, por medio de la presente se da Aviso de que la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Knox se reunirá en sesión especial el día 21 de julio 2011, a las 1:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Knox. Del Condado de Knox para recibir comentarios del público sobre la nueva delimitación de precintos electorales, de Juez de Paz y de la Corte de Comisionados. Seguido de la audiencia pública, la Corte de Comisionados pondrá a consideración y posible acción uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. La Corte se reserva el derecho de tomar toda y cualquier acción apropiada con respecto a la nueva delimitación de la división política del Condado de Knox, incluyendo la aceptación de nuevos límites para los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados, la modificación de cualquier límite, y/o posponer las propuestas pendientes para su posterior consideración y/o acción.

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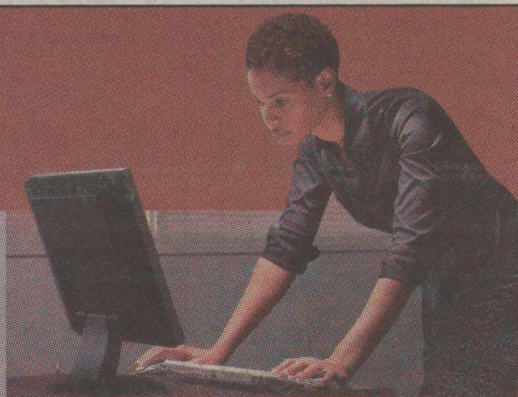


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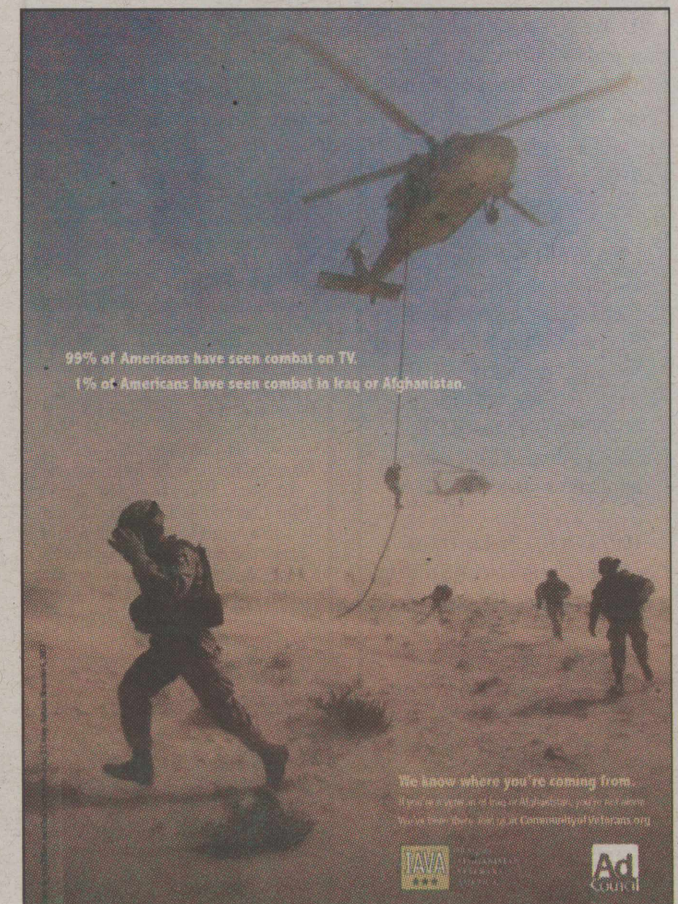
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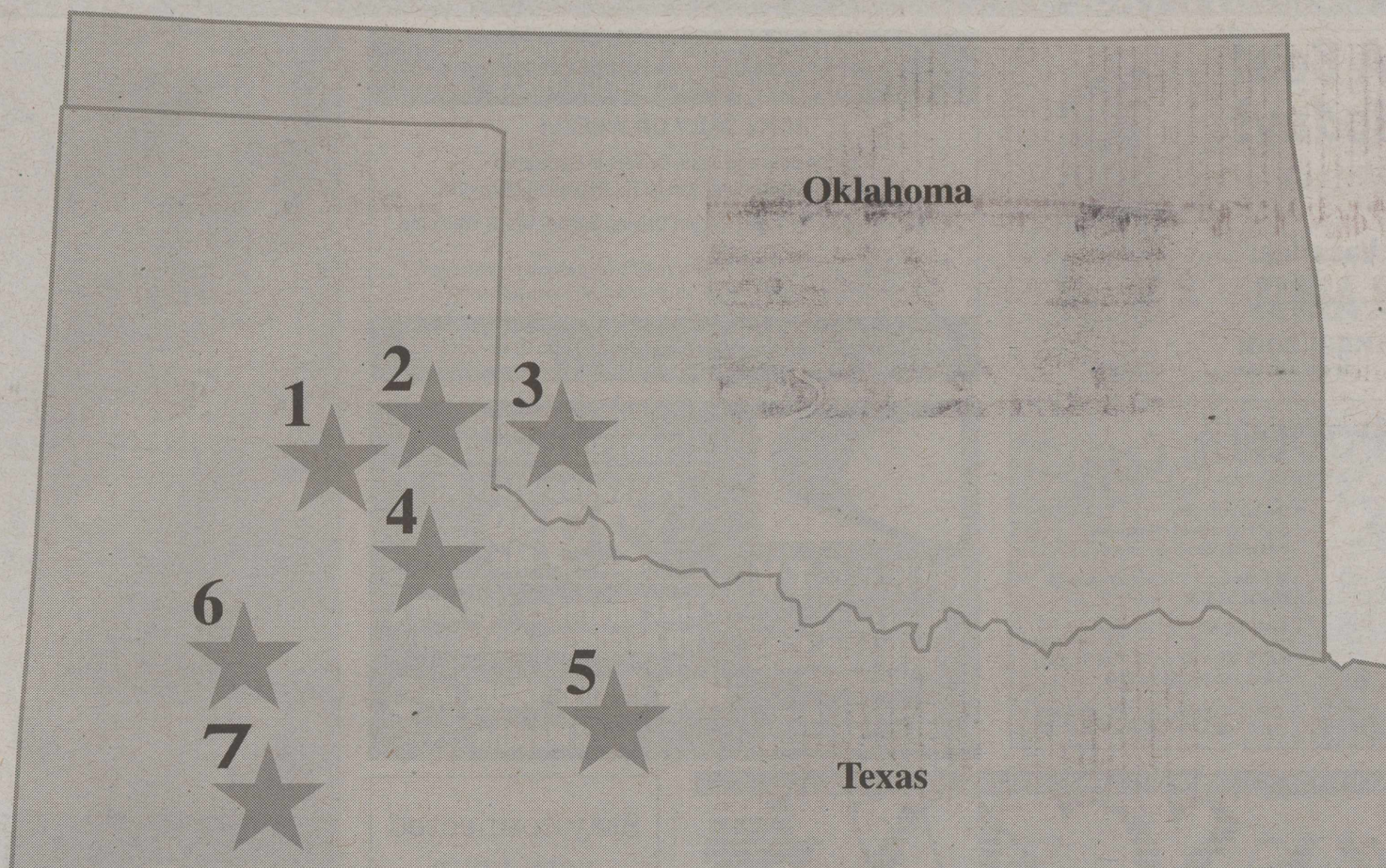
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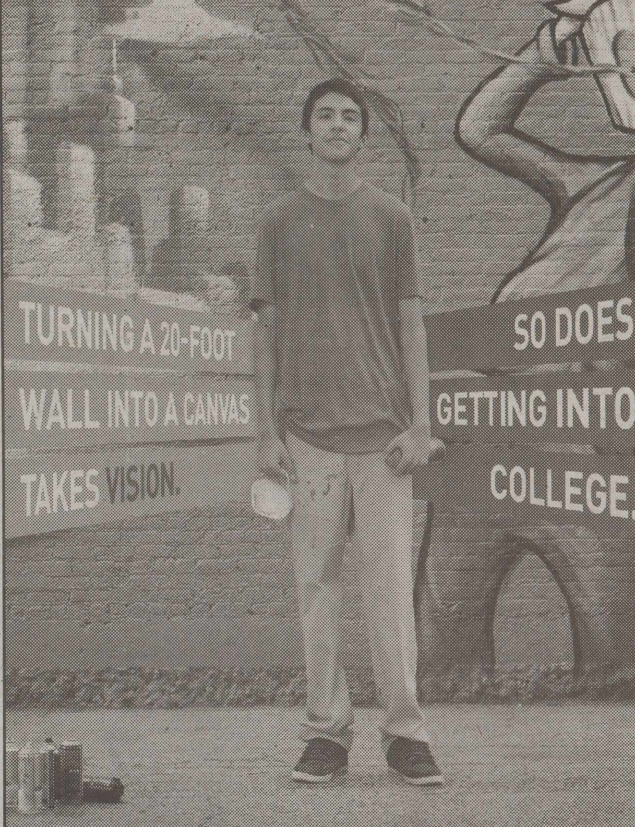
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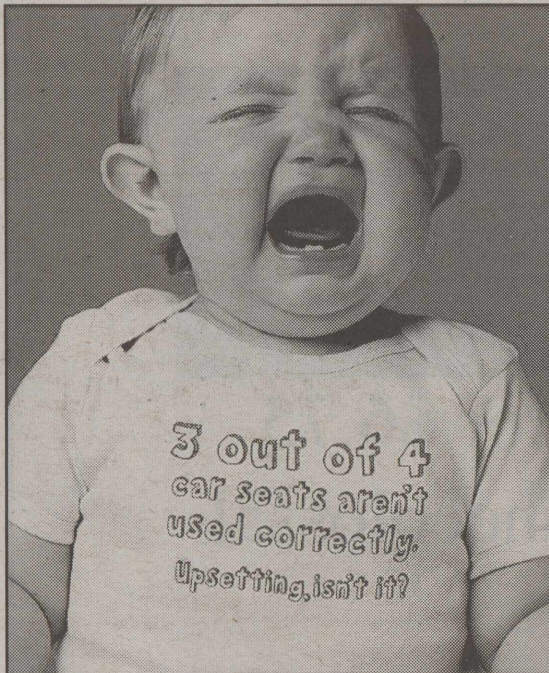
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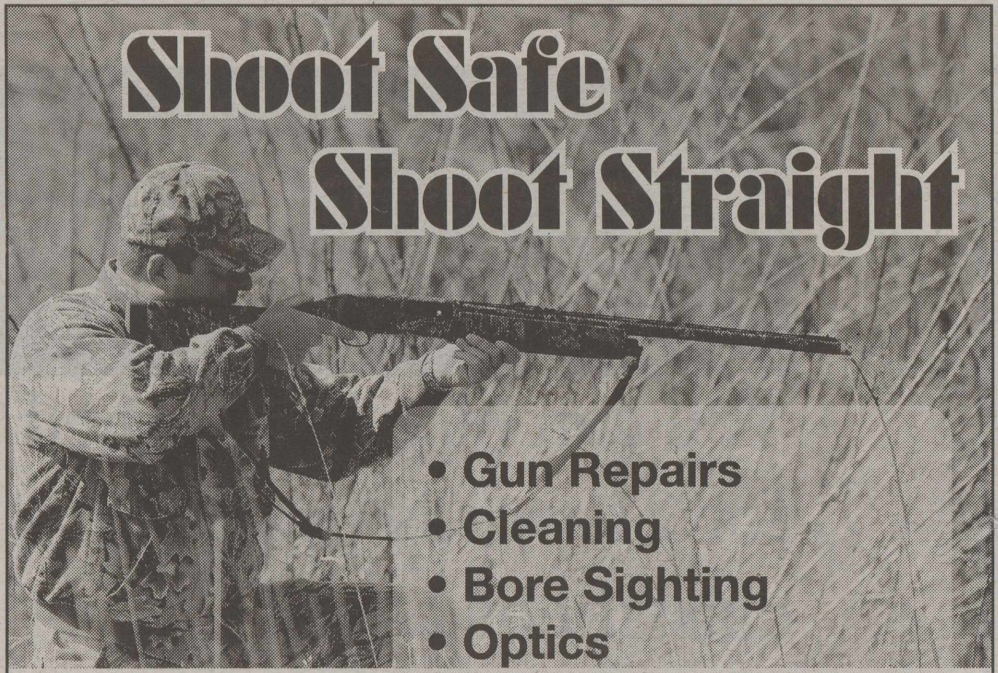
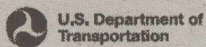
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