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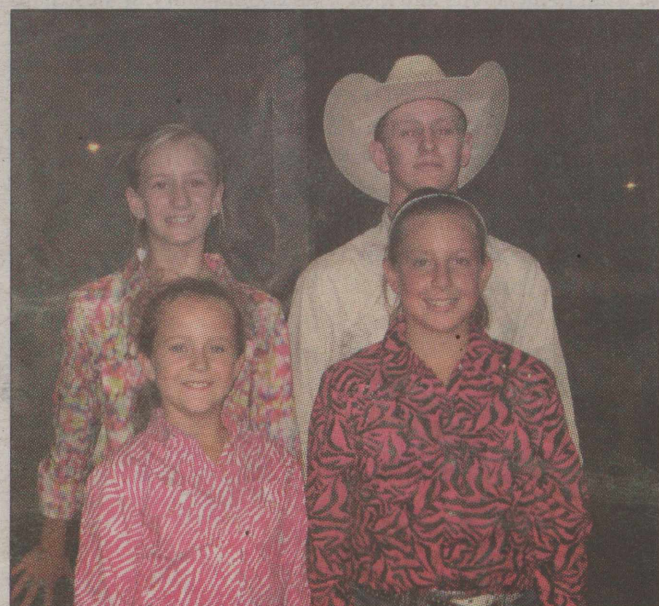
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Riders Excel at District Horse Show



Kathrynn, Ryder, Bryanne, Callie

The heat was not going to stop Rolling Plains 4-Her's from showing off their talents at the District 4-H Horse Show held at the Wilbarger County Events Center in Vernon, TX. From June 22 - 25, 134 4-Her's competed in Showmanship, Roping, Reining, Western

Pleasure, Western Riding, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Racing, and Futurity Classes. Once again Knox County was well represented by 6 great competitors which included Larami Stewart, Ryder Cude, Kathryn Cude,

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Art Stall and Mini Mall Celebrate 37 years of Success

Tamara Smart

Usually the best way to start a sibling rivalry, or better yet, a sibling war, is to put two siblings of the same gender underneath the same roof- be it sharing a bedroom or becoming late-in-life roommates. Yet, sisters, Romain Day Stubbs and Dessie Egenbacher found their sister bond to be nothing but enhanced in the last 37 years, since they started their two businesses under the same roof and watched the businesses expand and stay continually successful.

It all started on July 4, 1974 when the girls' brother, Bobby Day, a realtor in Lubbock, suggested that they create several businesses that were housed under the same roof. Romain and her late-husband, Jack, began their venture with The Art Stall and Frame Shop where Romain specialized in



Romain and Dessie 37th anniversary

various household trinkets, baby cloths, and odd ends-in outs while Jack prepared and built all sorts of frames for treasured pictures and artwork of local citizenry. The Art Stall also had a special feature, which still lasts until this day. Jack had the idea that he wanted to give a beanie baby to every child he ever met, and then

worked to fulfill that task. Jack was known for carrying beanie babies in the trunk of his car and handing them out to children in the street. If you walk into the store today, which is located at 114 N. Central in Knox City, you will still find a large table covered in all types of beanie
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LOOKING AHEAD

O'Brien is having their community Vacation Bible School "Beach Blast" this upcoming week. Sign up is Saturday July 16th from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Knox City Pool. Then the actual Vacation Bible School events last from July 17-21 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the O'Brien Baptist Church. For more information or to offer help call Lynn at 658-3553 or 658-3725.

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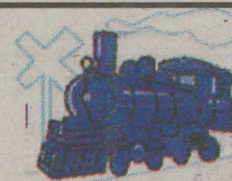


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GOD'S PROMISES



VBS is just around the corner for O'Brien Baptist Church. I sat last week going over the plans and studying each day's key lessons. I was amazed at such basic principles jumping off the pages hitting smack in the face and challenging me to the core of my heart. So

just how does "Beach Blast" seem to hit me where I live so to speak? I found the treasures hidden in the daily lessons. Our children will be digging into the WORD to discover treasures God has for them to learn. They will "Dig into God's--- Promises, Provisions, Power, Plan, and

Presence all five days.

Each day aimed its lessons at my heart and challenged me in the depth of trust. All we have to do is walk outside and see the effect of the drought, no rain; scoring temps have had on our land and cattle. Our farmers and cattle ranches are suffering

and making some tough big choices that will impact their future and ours for that matter. What do we all believe about God...right now...right here in the crises? Do we believe He keeps His promises? Do we believe He WILL PROVIDE ___ you fill in the blank, I mental filled in RAIN!?? Do I believe He is Powerful to handle the enormously critical situation our area is in or what maybe that secret burden you and I carry? Does He really have a plan for us, for you, and me? Can I really know and experience His presence daily. For each

of these questions my mind's computer spit out verses that gave way to the truth but does my head and heart agree? I had to sit back and really meet Jesus face to face in the Pastor's office at the church that day. Do I believe Him enough to stand up and give these treasure nuggets of truth to the adults and kids in these challenging times? I can attest that yes I can. Facing drought that led to famine in east Africa several years and many other crises and challenges, through it all He is forever faithful to me at His Word. He is trustworthy. For such a time as this, as

the Book of Ester records the saying, our church has chosen to do Beach Blast. It looked like fun and the water, sand, summer time fun, games, and music for the kids and adults to experience. However, God's Plan and Purpose is to teach us, our children, our church, and community in these hard challenging days ahead how to enjoy HIM, how to take Him at His word, how DIG into all He has for us and walk WITH Him on the path before us. Beach Blast... sounds fun but I think an adventure with God awaits us all.

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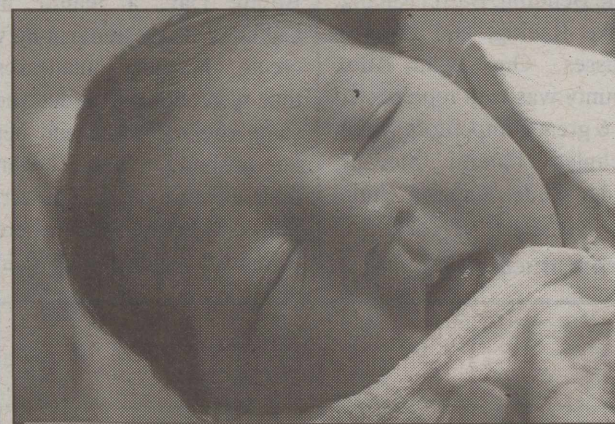
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Birth Announcement

Life is a gift from God and we are all His creation. We thank Him for giving Ivan and Autumn His new creation Noelle Grace Barretto.

We proudly announce the birth of our first granddaughter, Noelle Grace. She was born on June 29, 2011, the Feast Day of St. Peter and Paul at Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas. She weighed 8 lbs, 5 ounces, 20 3/4 inches long. Proud parents are Ivan and Autumn Barretto of Austin, Texas. Ivan is the son of

Joe Barretto and Dr. Shirley Barretto of Knox City, Texas, and Autumn is the daughter of Merle and Vanessa Grall of Leander Texas.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, calls, well-wishes and gifts for baby Noelle. Our sincerest thanks for all the hosts of the baby shower that was held at Romaine Day Stubbs' residence last April 29, 2011. A special thanks to Donna Byrd for her special talent. Job well done.

Thanks to friends and family that attended the baby shower.

Sincerely,
The Barrettos

Joe, Shirley, Ivan, Autumn, Noelle and pets, Sparkle, Nippy and Cookie

USDA Deadline to Apply for SURE Crop Disaster Benefits is July 29

Knox City, July 11, 2011-
Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, announced that the deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Rector. "All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE program benefits by the July 29th deadline," he said.

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation, can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities, whose non-farm income is more than \$500,000, are not eligible for SURE program payments.

For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Knox County FSA office at 940-658-3537.

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Wheat roll

WEDNESDAY JULY 20
Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
California Blend
Hot rolls
Cake

THURSDAY JULY 21
Grilled chicken salad
Pickled Beets
Crackers
Jello/Fruit

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

By Samie Offield

On Tuesday we find that most everybody had a great Fourth of July and no tragedies. Thanks be to God. Lots of cook outs were held and the safety measures concerning the increased fire conditions resulted in very little to no fires.

I love hearing from all my readers. They keep me "in the know" of what is go-

ing on in good ol' Knox City. Emily Nelson, the Chamber of Commerce secretary, is climbing her truck almost daily to change the sign downtown to keep us all informed of upcoming events I applaud her for a continuous job well done... and Mr. Nelson is a pretty handy sidekick for her too!

Mrs. Ann Rosa Rodriguez Flores, a long time resi-

dent, who grew up in Knox City but now resides in Rule, had all her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews here to help her celebrate her 70th birthday. I missed it because I got my dates confused and that's no big surprise. They told me that it was a great time of fellowship and lots of old memories coming back. They started with a meal and a dance. Even my

mother, Sandy Rodriguez, enjoyed herself. I'm thankful she has great days that are enjoyable.

Kristi and Chris King were gone this last week, probably getting things prepared for their next step in their life's journey. I hope they got everything taken care of, I know that Kristi has surely been missed this week. She is just great to visit and

so easy to talk to. If I am having a bad day, Kristi always has a smile for me and tells me "you are just like me- we have an easy heart for pain and disappointment, but we still listen with our minds and hearts open." Kristi is my constant reminder that tomorrow will always bring sun. Thank God.

If you have been to the City pool, you have probably noticed that across the street

everything has been torn down and cleaned up, but I have no idea what the next step is in this demolition/construction project.

We are having Bro. Jim Reed and his wife visit the First Baptist Church of Knox City until the middle of this next week. I got invited and I also passing along that invitation to anyone who would
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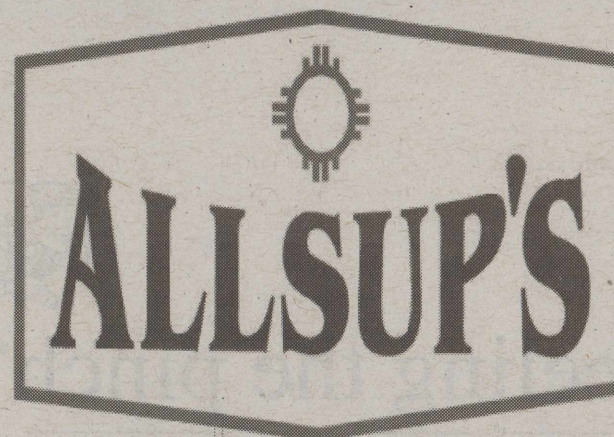
2011 Weekly Weather Report

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07/05	78/105	
07/06	77/106	
07/07	76/108	
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The Paperboy



Feeling the pinch?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I understand that our region of the country is "better off" than most, but small businesses in town are struggling.

Many businesses, including mine, are experiencing slow pay. It has a domino effect. Your customers are slow to pay you causing you to wait to pay your vendors and so on.

The drought is another major factor in our local economy. As dry and hot as things have been (thank God some areas are receiving beneficial moisture this week), people are absolutely beat down by the weather. As the rains come, you can hear a collective sigh of relief.

So much of what turns our economy is predicated on agriculture. Farmers and ranchers remain our lifeblood because they produce a lot, and they spend a lot. Our crop growers and cattlemen are doing everything they can, but it takes rain to make it work. Pretty simple really.

Our current economic problems can be helped some by local consumers. If locals will focus their spending habits on their local market, you'll help your neighbor stay in business and provide job security to the hard working people in town. As a resident of your county or community, you need to know you are a huge factor in the health of your local economy.

I understand your local store may not have exactly everything you need, but they have enough for you to cut your out-of-town shopping down by one-half. How much money

could you save if you cut your out-of-town trips to once per month? Don't forget to add in the money for gas, meals and impulse purchasing when you're doing your math in your head.

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Do you ever think about what town was like when you were child? Or if you're too young to have seen it first hand, what your parents and grandparents remember? Do you want to see it like that again?

Believe it or not, it is possible to pump life into downtown. It is difficult and requires determination, organization and money. Most of all, it takes most of the people getting on the same page about how to begin and what the vision is.

I think it would tickle 90 percent of us to death to see evidence of improvement. But in order to gain some consensus on how and where to begin such endeavors, as many people as possible need to be included in the process.

If you travel, you've seen towns of all sizes improve dramatically over a relatively short time period. If you think your town is too far gone to be relevant, then you need to get out of the way and stay out of the way. I have seen several towns under 1,000 in population receive millions with very little coming out of local pockets. How? Because they were organized to the point of having excellent grant writers. Plus, they knew who to ask for money to fund their projects.

You know, I got a bad rap when BMG began to purchase community newspapers. In some towns, it was perceived that some large company was coming in to take away from and not add too. The fact is I care a great deal about the towns and counties we're involved in. I want to see them flourish. I want what most of you want and your newspaper needs to help lead such efforts. It needs to serve as the goodwill ambassador and conduit of information regarding such endeavors.

I encourage you to get with you friends and neighbors and brainstorm about what you want for your community. When you come up with some ideas, send us your input and we'll share it with your neighbors. Be sure and be constructive and not harsh in your comments. The object here is to build on what we have ... what the generations before us have built. Let's not tear each other apart. Experience tells us that does absolutely no good and we all fail as a result.

I promise the things which weave us together far outnumber those that tear us down. It's time to realize that in our towns, counties and even across the country. We have to open our hearts, minds and ears and tackle the difficult things together. And it can all start right here at home.

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Default OK with Obama?

By BILL WILSON

By Rick Manning

President Obama's statement that he would not sign a short-term debt extension should be a signal to everyone that he is willing to accept default as an option.

Ultimately, Obama only gets to decide whether he will sign a law or not. It is up to the House and Senate to pass legislation to give him that option.

The fact that Obama is now saying that default is a better option than a short-term deal exposes the false choices and phony deadlines being foisted upon House Republicans by the administration and its media allies.

House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) needs to put an end to this charade by passing legislation that raises the debt ceiling with the maximum amount of spending cuts that the

House will accept.

Sending a debt-ceiling increase bill to the Senate will then pass the hot potato to Harry Reid and his merry band of do-nothings. Given that Majority Leader Reid (D-Nev.) has been missing in action on the whole debt-ceiling debate, allowing the executive branch to reach beyond its constitutional authority to speak for him, it is time for the baton to be passed to him to get something done in the Senate.

After the Senate does something (unlikely though it may be) the two houses can work out their differences and send the executive branch a bill that the president may choose to sign or not.

The system worked for more than 220 years. Now, in the face of an economic crisis, our leaders have devolved into a feudal system where the "great leaders" meet behind closed doors and impose settlements on the people.

Speaker Boehner needs to end the madness by returning the debt-ceiling debate to our system of separation of powers. If he does his job and a debt-ceiling increase passes the House, then all eyes have to shift to the Senate for action.

Ultimately, if Obama chooses to veto what the House and Senate mutually agreed upon, then he will be the one who has chosen default as the better of the alternatives put on his desk.

The truth is that all these closed-door negotiations by the White House are nothing more than an attempt to run out the clock on the normal legislative process, and force a bad deal where the details aren't disclosed until after it becomes law.

We've seen how it turns out when a Speaker declares that a law will have to be passed in order for the people to find out what is in it. Let's hope Boehner doesn't make the same mistake as his predecessor.

Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car

During the hot Texas summer, the danger of children dying from being left unattended in vehicles increases, warns Lorrie Coop, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent, Knox County. Safe Kids USA has launched a new campaign titled, Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car to help get the word out about the dangers of hyperthermia.

The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly. According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes the temperature can increase by almost 20 degrees,

A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult making children more vulnerable to a deadly condition known as hyperthermia or heat stroke. Heat stroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees. Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas temperatures climbing into the 100's each day the danger becomes even

greater.

Statistics from the Department of Geosciences at San Francisco State University show that Texas leads the nation with the highest number of vehicle hyperthermia deaths during the years 1998-2010. During that time there were 71 deaths. There have already been 17 hyperthermia deaths nationally so far this year, with five having occurred in Texas. In Texas, last year, there were thirteen vehicle heat-related deaths. Nationally, there were 49, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In more than half of the cases during that time period, the death was due to the child being 'forgotten' by the caregiver. Such deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles. According to Safe Kids, one-third of the heat-related deaths in 2000 were due to children becoming trapped in a vehicle they had crawled into.

Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families. It is important that parents talk to their babysitters, grandparents and others who care for their children in order to make them aware of the dangers of hyperthermia deaths.

Look for the Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car campaign promotions and follow these safety tips from the highway traffic safety administration that can help caregivers reduce the risk of children being left unattended in hot vehicles:

- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Do not let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.
- If you are dropping a child off at childcare, and normally

it's your spouse or partner who drops them off, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure the drop went according to plan.

• Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare.

• Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as writing yourself a note and putting the note where you will see it when you leave the vehicle; placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle. Another reminder is to keep an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.

• Always lock vehicle doors and trunks, and keep keys out of children's reach.

• If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

• If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call 911 immediately.

USDA Crop Certification Deadline is July 15, 2011

Knox County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, John Rector, reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for Spring-seeded crops is July 15, 2011.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Knox County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the

July 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Rector.

Considering the current drought situation in Texas, producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster or after the loss is apparent.

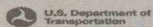
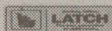
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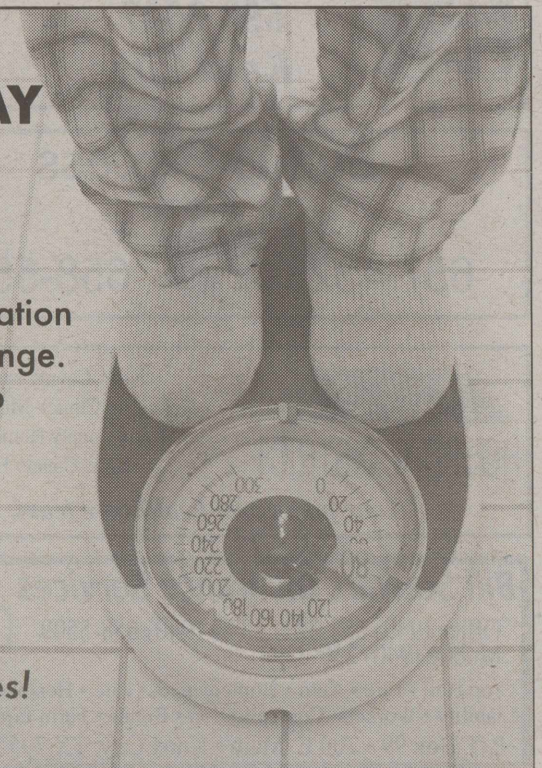
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like to attend the revival. It will be nice to have them back for a visit.

Our Ladies Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) are just an awesome group of women (and some men). They shine everywhere they go and they deserve every bit of it. If you

happen to run into one of these fine individuals, be sure you tell them just how much they mean to our community. We may not say it often enough, but we are thankful for all their time, effort and service in Knox City.

We have new arrivals al-

most daily it seems!. Nelda Dockins from Rochester spent the day on Friday greeting the arrival of another grandson, Anton, who came into the world weighing 5lbs 2 oz. Both mom and baby are doing good. He was a little early, but came through healthy.

I've been following this Casey Anthony trial on television. That lady and the verdict of not guilty makes me wonder where the justice is for the babies that die or go missing everyday because of bad parenting. Hopefully, somewhere at sometime, she will answer for whatever she may have done. Enough of that.

Jill Kilgore is having a

great time at her new location. Jill makes time for everybody and can do your hair, nails, give you a pedicure... and still she makes time for stray kittens or their mom cat to take care of and tend to. K=Jill and Lance have been working hard to make that parking lot easily accessible to all her costumers.

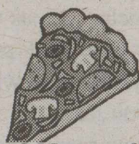
This week I also got to talk a little with Carl Brock, Marvin's son. He came to Knox City to bring Marvin a new Tom Landry cap. Now, that is true love from a son to a dad. Marvin was probably just as proud of that hat as the first one he ever got.

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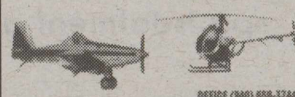
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Hydrologists Advise Residents To Expect Lower Lake Levels

July 7, 2011 -- According to the National Weather Service, Texas is currently experiencing one of the worst droughts in recorded history. The US Drought Monitor classified about 70 percent of the state and most of the Brazos River basin as being in "exceptional" drought conditions as of June 29. This is the most severe category on the scale.

For most of the State of Texas, the drought of record occurred in the 1950's following several consecutive years of drought conditions. While many areas of the state are expected to surpass record drought levels this summer, Brazos River Authority hydrologists are advising that if

current conditions persist residents should expect decreased river flows and lower lake levels.

"Though the current water supply in the Brazos River Authority system is at 82 percent, the exceptional drought conditions that began last fall are starting to take a toll on water supplies throughout the basin," said Brad Brunett, Authority Water Services manager. Most areas are anywhere from 12 to 20+ inches below normal rainfall for the period from October 2010 through June 2011.

"With the extremely dry conditions, the amount of water flowing in the river has been very low for several

months now," said Brunett. "We have been releasing water from most of our system reservoirs to meet water supply needs throughout the basin," Brunett said.

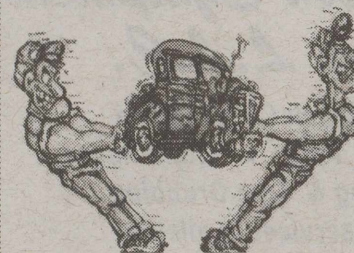
The lower river flows and lake levels are due, not only to a lack of rain, but increased water use and high rates of evaporation. "We've seen unusually high temperatures for this time of summer," said Brunett. "The extremely windy conditions have also added to very high rates of evaporation."

According to Senior Hydrologist Chris Higgins, weather conditions have resulted in large losses of water. "For example, on Lake Granbury the hot, windy days with low humidity have resulted in losses of about 300 acre-feet in one day which is about a 1/2 inch drop in the lake level," said Higgins. "Adding these high evaporation rates to increased water use and extended drought conditions, we have to expect water levels will drop."

To put this into perspective, 300 acre-feet of evaporation lost equals 97.8 million gallons of water or:

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

What can I say? It's still hot and it's still dry here on the Knox Prairie! Tonight (Monday), it's lightning in the north and west and the TV says there are chances of thunderstorms all around us, but I'm afraid that's not going to affect us. We did have another few rain drops this afternoon, nothing to "wrote home: about, but certainly looked good the 2 or 3 minutes it was falling. Anyway, we are one day closer to a good rain (or one day further away from the last one). Any way that you look at it, it is serious.

Regarding our ill

Chad Tolson is a patient at United Regional in Wichita Falls. He was hospitalized on Wednesday of last week, dismissed on Saturday and re-admitted on Sunday. Not real sure of his problems, but he is undergoing some tests and hopefully things will improve for him soon. Please remember him in your prayers.

Jane Gideon will be having surgery on Monday in Wichita Falls to correct a problem with her neck and spine. Should be just an overnight stay in the hospital, but she will have to be very careful after the surgery for at least 4 weeks.

Former resident, James Klutts, now of Knox City, will be having some surgery next Thursday in Abilene. He will have a stint implanted in the brain area for drainage of fluid that is collecting. That problem puts pressure on his brain and causes lots of problems with his thinking, memory and mobility. He's anxious to get that done. That is an outpatient procedure, but because of the distance from Knox City to Abilene he will stay at least one night, possible more,

depending on how he does.

And another former resident, Belle Rogers is a patient in the Knox Co Hospital for therapy after a fall at her home in Rochester about 3 weeks ago. She was in Wichita Falls about 10 days before being transferred to Knox City. According to her family, she's doing pretty well.

All these people and their caregivers need our prayers.

Here 'N There

Patti and Bob Tavernia of Fredrick, Maryland spent several days here last week with her mom, Earlene Meinzer and her brothers, Wyman (and Sylinda) and Rick (and Patsy). They left on Thursday for Dallas and their flight home.

Ronald Griffith, who lives in Minnesota, came on Friday for a few days visit with his brother, Charles (and Linda). On Saturday, all attended the Griffith reunion in Abilene.

Tina Siemens had a nice trip to Canada returning home last weekend. She visited relatives and said it was so nice and cool where she was and everything was so pretty and green. She enjoyed it but very glad to be back in this hot, dry Texas soil.

Mike and Debi Moorhouse had their kids, Jessica (and Brandon Hutchenson) of Abilene, Lynn Rogers and baby girl of Snyder, Will Moorhouse of Sweetwater and Liz Herring and family of Munday during the weekend.

Several from Benjamin have been attending the revival at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. Jim Reed, former pastor in O'Brien is bringing the nightly messages and a good crowd from all over the area is in attendance.

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Dated June 30, 2011, at Benjamin, Texas.

By Sheriff Dean Homstad

You may contact the Plaintiffs attorney at 325-672-4870.

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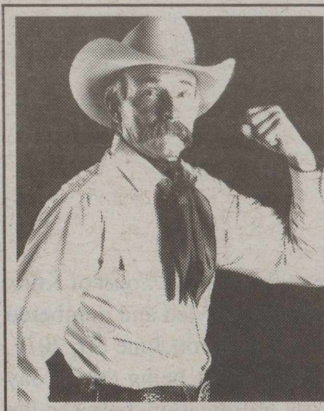
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
DVM

ANIMAL NAMING ABUSE

Common language on fauna betrays an anthropocentric bias... "Words such as 'pets', 'wildlife', and 'vermin' are derogatory..." says the director of the Oxford Center for Animal Ethics.

I imagine there are people in England who take the director seriously. But, as we watch this once-powerful nation disintegrate before our eyes, it may be observed that it has truly gone to the dogs.

Even using similes like "sly as a fox", "drunk as a skunk", or "perky as a porpoise" are considered animal abuse. Actually, the word 'Animal' is not approved and the description 'Differentiated Being' is preferred, according to the director.

I would posit the question, "How vacant must a person's brain be to think up this kind of stuff?" Then I realized, I do the same thing! Maybe I should offer my services to the Oxford Center for the nomenclaturally disadvantaged species, formerly known as the Center for (the A-word) Ethics. The first thing I would do is change the name of the Oxford Center,

in itself shows an oxcentric bias, implying that the faculty is Ox-like in their thinking, a definite derogation of the bovine species.

I would eliminate the Chinese calendar, no more 'year of the Rooster.' Rewrite history; "King Richard The Free-Living Cardio Ruler." Change car names; the Dodge Ethanol Charger. Edit phrases, "It's raining Salt and Pepper!" "Well, I'll be the brother of a simian's mother!"

How dare we humans call ourselves Buffalo Bill, Snoop Dog, Michael J. Fox or Aardvark Montoya! It's okay to slander humans; Manic Depressive, Reprimand, or Commando. But cruel to use abducted, dogmatic, hoarse, mediate, lampoon, irate or supplicant.

It's nice to know there are other people who think outside the box. Civilization needs them to help us define the difference between normal and hallucinatory. The director illustrates my point and, forgive my anthropomorphic bias, is crazy as a loon!

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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

Has anyone else ever had a blind date? If so, did it make you wish you were blind? I had one in my life and this is how it went:

I had a friend (notice I use the word "had") named Bear. Bear is the reason for this whole adventure. I was minding my own business on a weeknight during my junior year in high school and the phone rings. It's Bear.

"Hey can you go out?"

"Why?" I ask.

"I have got a awesome looking date for you tonight!"

This is interesting to me. "Who is she?" I inquire.

"Oh, you don't know her. She is from out of town, but she is my girlfriend's friend, was Bear's explanation. (I later learned, that the first clue to taking on a blind dater- never go out on a date with someone with no name.)

"Is she good looking?"

"She is blonde headed and blue eyed!"

I did not hear the words fine, hot, or even attractive, but I also did not hear "nice". Nice is the word that is deal breaker on any set-ups. Fifteen minutes later, a brand new firebird pulls up and with this beautiful blonde behind the wheel. Heck yeah, I think, that's how a friend hooks a buddy up!

As I walk up to the car Bear gets out and he says oh your date is in the back seat. I look in the back. I should have been tipped off by the way the car's front tires were not on the ground, but rather, slightly airborne. But man was I surprised. This was not just a large gal, but she had more facial hair than Abraham Lincoln! This girl made me believe that Chewbacca from Starwars was real and this woman was his twin sister.

Man, I was ticked, but being the nice guy that I am, I did not want to offend her or be rude. But at that moment, I would have given \$20 (this was a lot in 1984) for a good case of diarrhea to suddenly hit me.

When you have a blind date and wish you where Ray Charles, you dang sure do not want to go in public... So of course, guess what. My buddy he needs to go to the most public place on Earth- the mall. How in the heck do you do this to a friend? I mean this was not the

kind of date you want to be seen with in the mall or anywhere else, for that fact. I was glad we didn't live in the mountains; someone may have mistaken my date for a grizzly running loose. This rough old gal was so big if you would have had her picture it would weigh 3 pounds.

After ducking and dodging everyone I could at the mall, they decided (against my advise) to go eat. So the two love birds, Sasquatch and I, head to get some food. Never- I say never!- take a date that weighs more than Coach Steele out to eat. If you do, you had better get an estimate before committing yourself to the bill. I was thinking we could go somewhere dark and secluded (not for romantic thoughts, I assure you). I was looking for anyplace you would go if you were in the witness protection plan.

Wrong again. My buddy suggests: how about Mr. Gatti's? At least it was all she could eat. Ever see anyone eat 3 pizzas by herself? I mean this girl was 6' 6" and could out eat Nate Newton. To be honest, I would rather have been set up with him... or even Fred Ledesma. Hell, they both are prettier than she was. There were only about 50 people I knew in the restaurant and at least 5 of them asked me if we had been to the circus. It was the first time I ever stuck my hand out to say nice to meet you buddy after a date, and thank God, the last.

The reason for this story is a old friend of mine sent me a message on Facebook recently and asked if I remembered that blind date I had with the girl who liked like a NFL lineman at Mr. Gatti's our junior year in high school. (As though I could block that memory out.)

I sent him back a reply that said, "How could I forget? What made you think about that?" Apparently my friend's wife just had surgery and "Large Marge" was her dietician. I asked if she was still big.

His reply- she blacked out the sun, and ZZ Top would be jealous of her beard.

My next and last question is what would make her want to be a dietician?

God Bless

Jeff "Not as big as my blind date" Stanfield



The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch



People who never lose anything just don't know what they're missing.

What they're missing, of course, is the joy of finding what they've not lost.

Me, I'm a loser, and today has gone really well.

First I lost both my cell phones. Usually I lose just one and use the other one to ring it. The first time I tried that trick, I answered the missing phone the moment I got my hands on it. I couldn't figure out who was calling. I finally figured it out.

Today, having lost both phones, I was stymied. But I thought I knew where I'd left them - side by side in the basket in front of the handle on the shopping cart I had shoved five minutes before into a cart collection chute on the Wal-Mart parking lot. Unfortunately, I was trapped in line at McDonald's when I missed the phones and realized where they likely were. When you're stuck in line at McDonald's, you're stuck in line at McDonald's.

When I'd finally paid for my breakfast burrito, I departed McDonald's posthaste to return to Wal-Mart.

Alas. No shopping cart.

Did I mention that my main phone case also held my credit cards and driver's license? I do know how to lose things.

But the Wal-Mart cart-collector guy allayed my concerns. He said he'd just found my phones and turned them in. I love him.

That's another thing people who never lose anything miss. They miss feeling great affection for that perfect stranger who finds what's lost and doesn't keep it.

Incidentally, most finders are honest - at least from my experience. I'm long on experience.

Once I lost a whole batch of credit cards on a city bus in Washington, D.C., of all places. The finder mailed them back to me anonymously along with a Bible passage. Nice. I don't remember now which passage it was - just that it wasn't the parable of the lost coin or the lost sheep. Those are my favorites.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch at day's end, my husband waited patiently for the cows to come home and noticed the red and white cow and her black and white calf were missing.

Off we went to look for them. They were in none of the right places. We theorized mother and calf might have gotten shut in the far pasture inadvertently during a recent roundup. When it comes to rounding up cows, inadvertent happens.

Soon I was following cow trails though our mesquite forest while my husband drove the fence line in his Ford V-8, yippee-i-o-ki-a, if you know the song. Except he drives a Chevrolet.

When I thought I saw a distant heat-shrunk carcass, my heart sank. It was a big piece of plastic.

When the cow-calf pair ultimately came into glorious view, calmly standing in long shadows under hackberries and black locust trees by the old earthen tank, well... What can I say? Whether you've ever lost a cow, share my joy.

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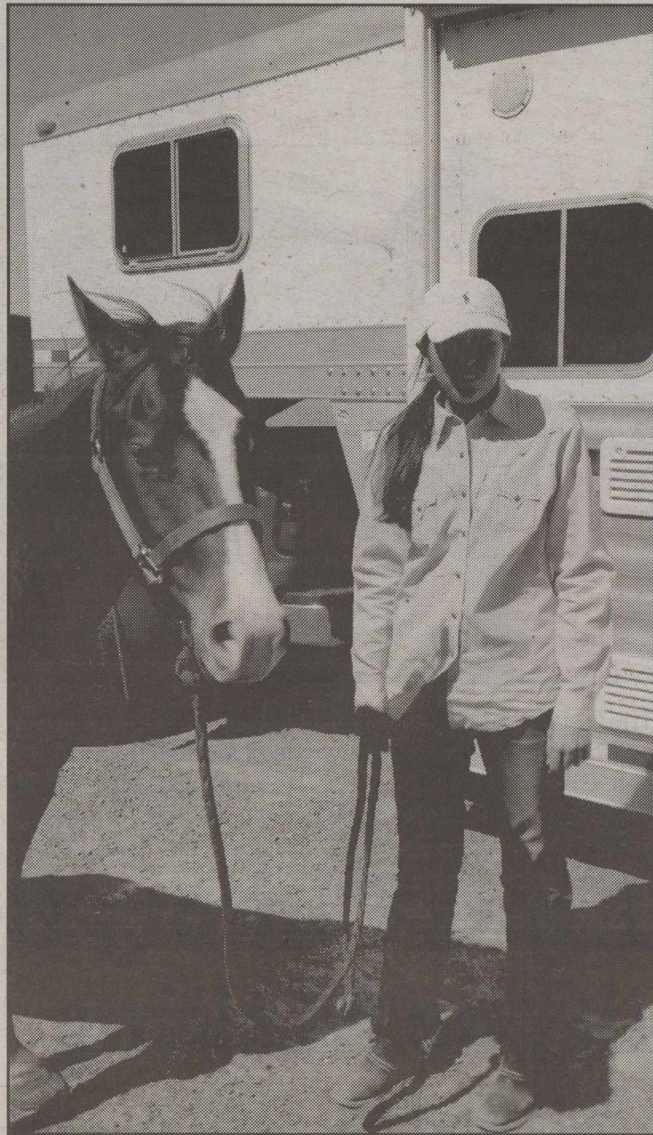
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Bryanne Cude, Callie Cude, and Will Patterson.

In the futurity classes Larami Stewart placed 1st in 3 Year Old Working Cow Horse, 3rd in 3 Year Old Trail, 1st in 3 Year Old Pleasure Pattern, and 3rd in 3 Year Old Reining. With these placings she came out close behind in 2nd Overall in the 3 Year Old Futurity Rankings. In the Working Cow Horse, Will Patterson had a 24th placing. Ryder Cude placed 3rd in the Stakes Race, 4th in Tie-Down Roping, and 6th in the Breakaway Roping, he also competed in Barrels and Poles. In the Team Penning, Cude's team which consisted of Will Patterson and Kevin Porter came close to taking top honors again this year; however King County slipped in at the last second to bump them to 2nd place. Kathryn Cude also had a good day placing 5th in the Barrels and 3rd in Pole Bending. She also participated in the Stakes Race. To keep the ball rolling for Knox County was Callie Cude in which she placed in all 3 speed events. Cude had a 1st place in the Barrels, 5th place in the Stakes Race, and 9th place in Pole Bending. All of these individuals did a tremendous job and best of luck goes out to



them as they prepare for the upcoming State Horse Show at the end of July.

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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.

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.

July 29-30 the 23rd Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Watermelon Festival will

take place. Friday night will consist of the parade down main street and downtown as well as a street dance and inflatable bounce houses. Saturday will bring the annual fair in the Knox City Park starting at 9 a.m.. The festival will wind down Saturday evening with another Street Dance. Be there!

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babies, from collectables to old models of beanies- all that are just waiting to be taken home by the next wide-eyed child to be smushed with many loving hugs. The table is a continued tribute to Jack from his widow who still loves him as much as she did on their wedding day. Today Romain still creates frames, is the local baby clothes guru, and proudly carries the line of Wyman Meinzer's books.

Dessie, Romain's older sister, brought the Lady Bug MiniMall to the store. Dessie stocked the MiniMall with the newest ladies' fashions and accessories. In 1983, Dessie branched out and added a shoe selection, which currently includes (but is not limited to) the ever-popular "Yellow Box Shoe" brand. The MiniMall has gone through some serious transformations. Dessie moved her portion of

the business venture out of the Art Stall building when she began to expand.

Since Dessie moved out of the building with Romain, the Mini Mall is located on the Southern end of the Strip Mall on N. Central Ave in Knox City. At one time, the store took up both the southern-most building, and the one connected to it just to the north. The northern building (which is where the MiniMall is currently located) was at one time just the shoe department. Dessie was cutting edge with her store, as she serve coffee and tea while shoppers browsed, had a soda shop and for a while, had a salon which beautified women 6 days a week. While the soda shop and the salon are a beautiful memory, the boutique is still fully functioning and carries beautiful clothes.

It is through this unceasing business enterprise that the sisters have gotten to travel and enjoy each other's company frequently, even as recently as in the last few months. The two ladies, who are now both in their 80s, still go to Market together in Dallas and have a whooping good time, always excited about their treasures when they return.

If a person would like, they can go buy and browse the selections at the Art Stall and Frame Shop 6 days a week from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; or at the MiniMall Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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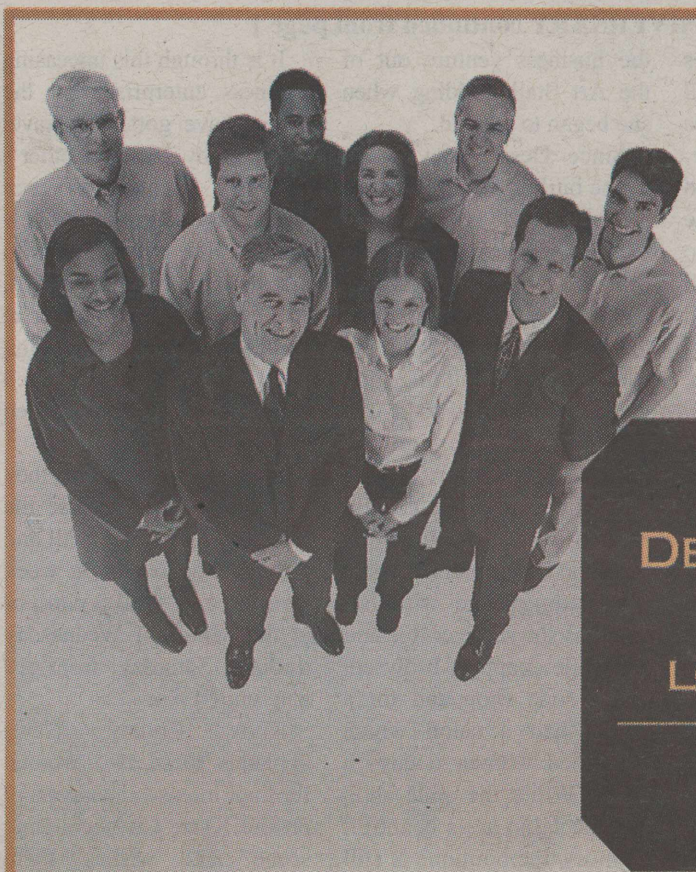
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The last day of June, Wesley Espinoza retired from the city with 15 years of service. A celebration retirement party was given to him on Friday July 1 by the city staff at city hall. City administrator, Chad Roberts, presented Wesley an engraved pocket watch from the city for appreciation of all his years of hard work and dedication.

Knox County Brochure in the Making

The Knox County Visioning Group has embarked on an exciting, new project: a county-wide brochure! This brochure will feature all of Knox County and its assets. The KCVG is projecting a fall debut for the brochure. A participation form has been mailed to all businesses throughout the county.

"The KCVG has discussed the need for a brochure many times, but now we are making it a reality," said Jimi Coplen, KCVG Director. The brochure will feature advertisements of businesses county-wide as well as historical attractions. A detailed county map will also be included as well as a list of accommodations and

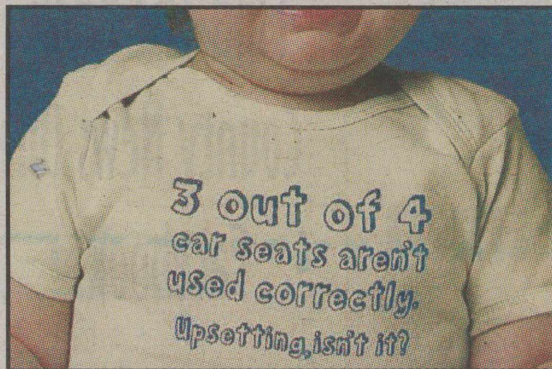
restaurants.

The brochure will be distributed at Chambers of Commerce throughout the county as well as high traffic areas such as motels, restaurants and convenient stores. It will serve as a tool for anyone who needs a map or a list of services available in the county. "The maps are useful to industry throughout the county as well as visitors. This year, the Texas Forest Service utilized county maps to find various county roads during the fires. That is just one way it can be used," said Ms. Coplen.

All businesses in Knox County should have received notice of the brochure by mail. If you did not receive one, please call

the KCVG office. Sarah Reeves, KCVG summer intern is following up with local businesses by phone and email. "We don't want to leave anyone out that wishes to participate," said Coplen. The brochure will likely have a shelf life of two years.

The deadline for advertisements has been extended to August 5. After that the KCVG will be working on the historical information as well as getting maps ready. Once all elements are complete, the brochure will be printed and distributed in the late fall. "It is a fantastic project that we are excited to see come to fruition," said Coplen. For more information, call 940-459-4121.



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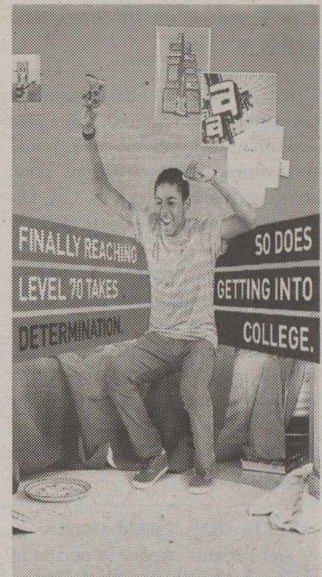
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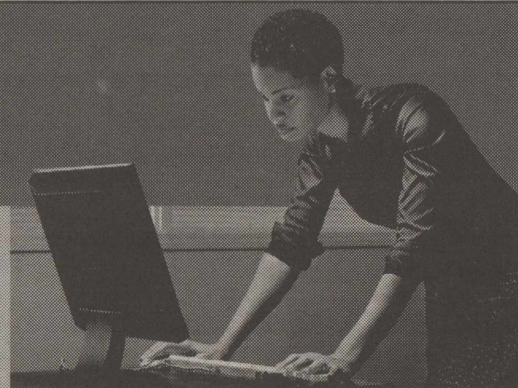
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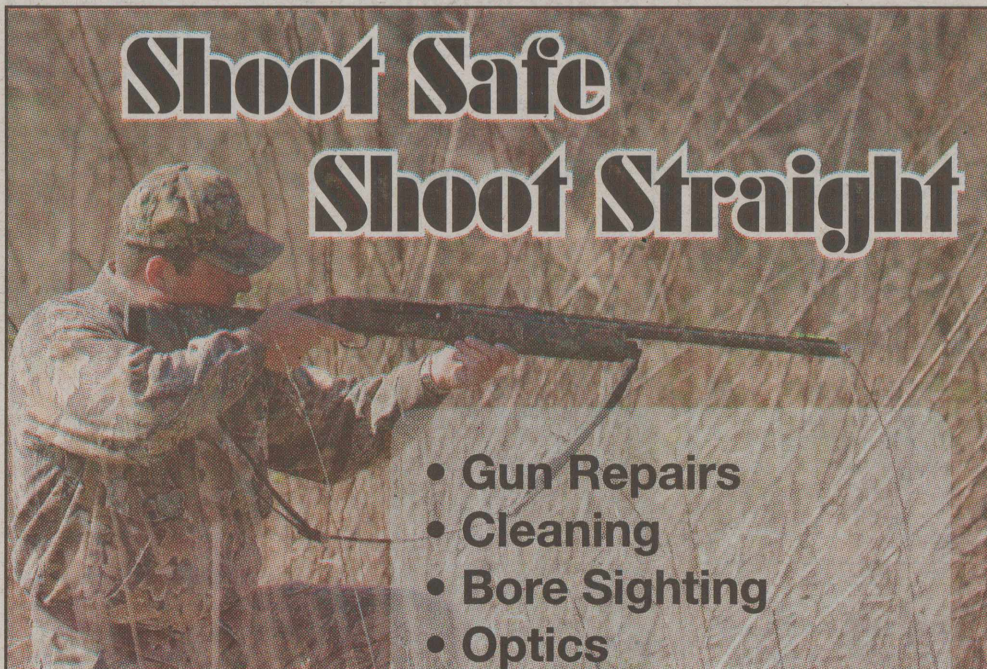
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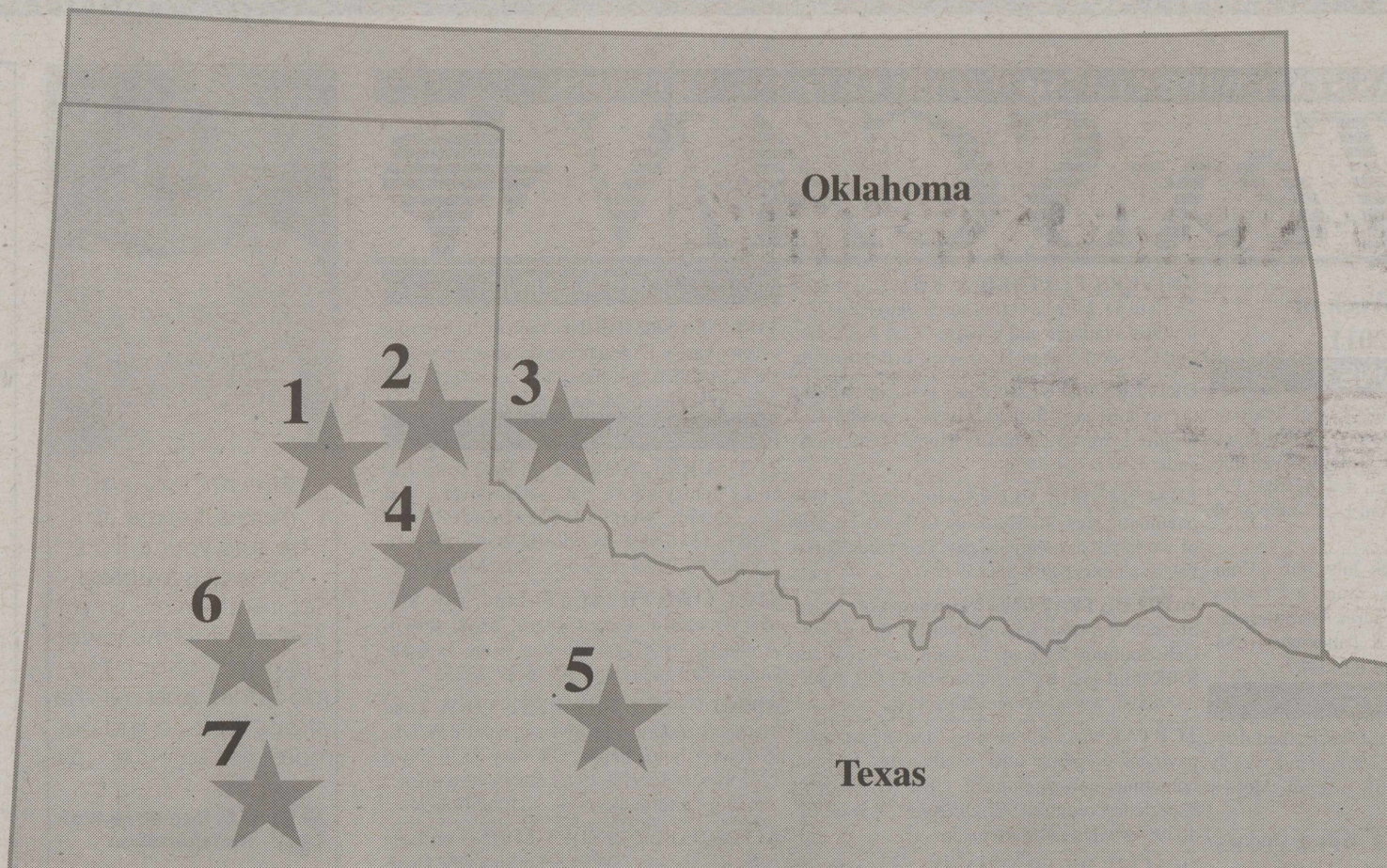


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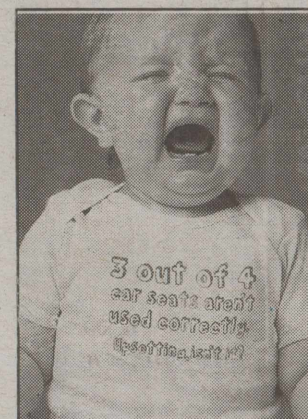
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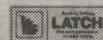
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