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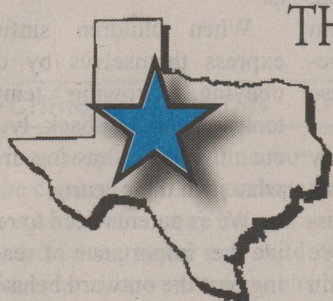
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Eaton sets school record

By Tamara Smart

On Thursday, March 25th, 2010, a record was broken in Knox City. Ty Eaton, an O'Brien eighth grader, flung a discus further than any other O'Brien Jr. High School student has ever thrown it. C.J. Bruce set the previous record, 105 feet, in 2001 during his eighth grade year. Ty hurls the discus 131 feet and 10 inches last Thursday during the Knox City Relays, beating that record by almost 27 feet.

As a 14 year old, Ty has participated in as many sports that he can. Eaton is an O'Brien Bulldog football, basketball and baseball player; and now goes down in history as a star in the O'Brien Track and Field records.

How did Ty get so good at this whole discus business? Well, according to Ty, he has had good coaching. Coach Howeth has helped, and his grandfather, Anthony Logsdon has spent countless hours working with his using videos from a Coach out of



Ty Eaton, the new O'Brien discus record holder threw the discus 131'10", almost 27' further than the previous school record. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

Colorado University. These training videos are some of the same tapes Ty's grandfather used when helping train his daughter, Angie (Ty's aunt), when she won a gold medal for discus in 1990 at the State Competition. (Young Ty's throw last Thursday beat his Aunt's 1990 gold medal winning throw by 5 feet, 4 inches).

Other than good coaching and great genetics, Ty says that his best coach and train

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Knox County athletes hosted the Knox City Relays in Knox City. For complete results see page 4 of this publication.

Courtesy photos

Easter Egg hunts around Knox County

KNOX CITY- The Knox City volunteer Fire Department will have a community wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Knox City Park at 2:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd. There will be a drawing for one of two special Easter Baskets (one for a boy, one for a girl) at the Hunt.

BENJAMIN- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the BVFD will be at 3 p.m. Sun

at the park. The Fire Truck will leave the Fire Hall at 3, so those who want to ride to the park, be there! And if you want to help by donating eggs; they need to be at the Fire Hall by 1:30 p.m.

MUNDAY- Munday V.F.D. will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 3rd at 10:00a.m. in the front lawn of the High School.

Easter bake sale to help support church fellowship in church family

By Tamara Smart

On Saturday morning, as citizens of Knox County make it to the Knox City Lawrence Brothers for their last minute egg purchases for the traditional Easter Egg Hunts and family fellowship centered around such activities, they will be met by the ladies of the Santa Rosa Church sitting at the doorstep with cakes, pies, cookies and brownies to help enhance enjoyment at holiday gatherings this weekend.

The ladies of Santa Rosa Catholic Church will be pre-

paring their own special baked goods to sale that Saturday for the express purposes of helping supplement their own fellowship as a church family in the upcoming years. Desperately, the Santa Rosa Church family needs new chairs and tables for their fellowship hall in order that they may have more church activities and the abil-

ity to celebrate God's love through one another, just as the commandment "Love One Another" instructs His people to do.

The Santa Rosa ladies will be in front of Lawrence brothers with their goodies beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and they will stay there until they are sold out.

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Knox County honored with THC award

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently recognized Knox County with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award.

The honor will be presented during a meeting of the Commissioner's Court on April 12th.

The award recognizes county historical commissions (CHCs) that have demonstrated a dedication to several of the THC's programs as well as preservation efforts that lead to a greater understanding of state and local history.

"The commitment of Knox County's preservation efforts demonstrates an enthusiasm for saving the real places of Texas," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "Your service has helped to enrich the lives of others through history, ensuring the preservation of our state's past into the future."

CHCs are a vital link in Texas' preser-

vation network and few other states have a built-in mechanism that makes possible a preservation organization in every county.

Some of the exemplary efforts considered for the Distinguished Service Award include advancing youth programs, overseeing historical marker applications, recording oral histories, cemetery preservation and assisting local museums.

CHCs work in a dynamic and positive partnership with the THC to preserve Texas' heritage for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations.

Other responsibilities maintained by CHCs include the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, documents and other pieces of Texas history.

For more information about the Distinguished Service Award, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the History Program's Division at 512.463.5853.



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LOOKING AHEAD

The Santa Rosa Catholic Church will be hosting a bake sale in front of the Knox City Lawrence Brothers at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 3rd. Come get your Easter goodies!

Liberty Community Church of God in Christ will have their Easter Sunrise Service Easter morning (April 4th) from 6 to 7 a.m.

The ANNUAL HATTITUDE is to be held on Easter Sunday at the Liberty Church of God in Christ. This is a program centered around the hats in the Bible. All community women are urged to don their favorite hat and come share on

their favorite scriptures centered around hats... and this year, shoes will be featured as well.

Liberty Community Church of God in Christ will hold their Annual Prayer Revival on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The Benjamin City Wide Clean-up is April 10. Call City Hall & Tammy will give you details on what to do to get your "throw aways" collected.

The City of Munday will be offering a city

wide clean up day on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until noon (or before is dumpsters fill up) at Farmers Grain coop.

Citizens of Munday, within the city limits may dispose of unwanted items free of charge (including tires and batteries).

Chemicals and Asbestos will not be accepted.

(The City of Munday is hosting this event in accordance with as agreement order with TCEQ. The cleanup day is to be supplemental, environmental project to benefit the area by offering a recycling service.)

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Knox City

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m.
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FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

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

No Sunday Evening Service

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"Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM 1400 The River 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.

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Matt Harrington, Pastor

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Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. • Mid-Week, Wed. at 6 p.m.

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

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Jim Reid, Pastor

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Sunday Mornings on KVRP 97.1 at 9:05 a.m.

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Stock show season comes to an end

The San Angelo and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo was the last stop in 2010 for Knox County stock showers. Individuals show casing their animals back in February in San Angelo were Brylee White and Brogan White with their goats; and Kristen Kuehler and Madison Thompson with their hogs. In the barrow show Madison Thompson received a 3rd place in the Hampshire division and an 8th place in the Crossbred division.

In Houston there were entries in the steer, swine, and lamb show. Logan Groves had a 12th place with his Simmental steer. Kristen Kuehler placed 12th in the class with her Fine Wool Cross lamb. Cody Propps, Rocky Smith, Jade Brown, Katelyn Brown, Shannon Reeves, and Kristen Kuehler all had entries in the barrow show. Rocky Smith had a 4th place and Jade Brown had a

7th place with their Hampshire barrows. All of these individuals and their families devoted countless hours of hard work and preparation with these projects for the shows and it showed. Congratulations to all of these exhibitors for a job well done in San Angelo and Houston and for a great year. We look forward to next years show season and good luck to those who plan on jack potting and showing at the State Fair later on this year.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-2651.

Volunteers make Knox City Relays possible

By Coach Colin Howeth

"There were 22 teams in attendance at the 2010 Knox City Relays. This is the biggest track meet hosted at KC in the last ten years. It takes a whole community to put on an event of this magnitude, and the coaching staff would like to send out a special thank you to all the community members who volunteered their time for the betterment of Knox City Athletics. We would like to thank the track meet helpers from the press box sorting ribbons to running off field events; without this core group of volunteers this track meet would have been impossible:

High jump- Paula and Tracy Carter

Long Jump- Joe Nelson and Lisa Harrington

Discus- Anthony Logsdon, Walta Logsdon, Lyndzie and Jeremy Eaton and Family

Triple Jump- Davine Clark

Press Box- Christie Howeth, Bergen Webb, Pam Maxwell, Marsha Quade, Kristi Moeller, Danielle Rodriquez

Announcer- Rick Moeller

Pickers- Jeff and Michelle Stanfield, Dusty and Julie Bradley, Chris and Kristi King,

Mark Tucker, Gary Schnable

Timers- Cody Manning, Nick Jimenez, Tracy Carter,

Louis Baty, Gary Schnable, Rick Reid (Rick does a multitude of other things, that have saved us thousands of steps and hours of labor)

I always hate to name names in a situation like this, but these people deserve to be recognized for their above and beyond efforts. If I have left anyone off this list I apologize for the error.

Thanks again for a successful 2010 Knox City Relays!"

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

Are you frustrated because it seems you just can't reach your child? Many parents find themselves searching for the way, or a way, and frankly sometimes any way to communicate to their children. Their children may tune them out or turn them off; sometimes children simply refuse to answer.

Unfortunately there may be times that we as parents simply shut down out of frustration. But we can't just give up. We must always maintain a positive attitude and live with the hope that we can find a way to reach our children. We want them to respond to us, because we know that we're not only raising children, but we're actually raising adults.

The Word of God has great insight into teaching children and living in a right relationship with our children.

The more that we study God's Word, the more we realize that Jesus considered the children to be the insight to the Kingdom of God. **Luke 18: 16 "But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."**

The book of Proverbs in

the Old Testament contains a wealth of insight into teaching and training our children. One specific verse really keys in on the most prevalent interruption in communication; **Proverbs 23: 7 "For as he thinks within himself, so he is."**

When children sinfully express themselves by disobeying, throwing temper tantrums, talking back, lying, etc., they are drawing from what is in their hearts.

We as parents need to realize the importance of reaching past the outward behavior and pulling out the issues of the heart. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. The heart is the well from which all of the responses to life gush forth. **"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life"**

(Proverbs 4: 23) The behavior a child exhibits is an expression of the child's heart.

To put it simply...the heart determines behavior. With God's help and diligently studying His word we all can be parents who will resolve issues with the heart, and our children will love us for it.

I believe that you will pray and know that the Lord will strengthen you and give you His wisdom in all that you do this week.

Knox City Police Department Report

The Knox City police Department during the month of February 2010 received a total of 101 calls and tasks that required attention. This total included 8 actual offenses. Seven charges were filed in regards to the above offenses.

Offenses reported include:

Injury to an Elderly- 1
Assault Family Violence- 1
Burglary of Habitation- 2
Theft- 1
Striking a fixture- 2
Gas Drive off- 1

During February, the Knox City Police Department received several calls from the following agencies:

Central (911)- 17
Sheriffs Office- 7
City Hall- 13

Other items reported to the Knox City Police Department during the month of February 2010 are classified as incidents. These incidents are not all considered as a criminal offense; however, they must be handles in a responsible and proper manner.

Incidents Reported include:

Assist EMS- 3
Assist Other Agencies- 2
Welfare Concern- 4
Horse Call- 3
Dog Bite- 2
Suspicious Person- 2
Reckless Driver- 1
Neighborhood Dispute- 2
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Dear KCVC friends, Consider this your first installment in my new, and continuing, personalized just for you, Knox County travel, adventure and event guide. After all how sad will it be if the whole world discovers our wonderful real ranch country home before you do?

Whether you are interested in fabric, quilts, old fashioned nostalgia, great sales or just the punch and cake.... or even if you're not into any of those, it is BIG news that one of our new businesses in the bustling metropolis of downtown Benjamin, population conservatively under 200, has its first anniversary next week!

Having a new business open in Benjamin was noteworthy, having it become a recognized stop for tour groups and individual travelers and adopted by our heritage tourism friends on the Real Ranch Country Travel Map, distributed by the Texas Historical Commission, Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau is amazing!

The successful first year of Front Porch Quilts is a great stepping stone for all of Knox County as we build on our efforts to bring folks in to discover, and spend some time and money with us in our unique home place!

So, I'm passing along to all of you this invitation to join the ladies at Front Porch Quilts, in celebrating with cake and punch Saturday, April 3rd, any time between 10am and 2 pm. If you've never been in the store, now's a great time to see what all the tourists are so excited about! It's easy to find, no GPS needed, just look for the old west store front on the South side of Hwy 82, east of the flashing light.

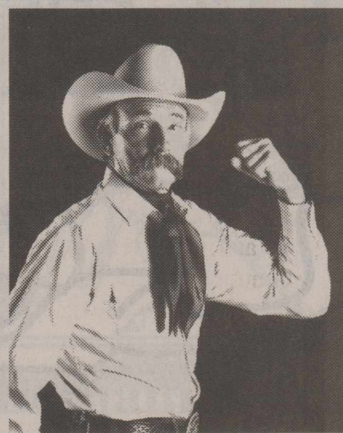
And, while you are in Benjamin, how many of you have never been to our wonderful museum, just across the road, had a fresh

sandwich at BJ's (um the very best picnic fare anywhere!) or visited the unique and very successful Santa Fe on the Brazos where you can also see the work of our own Official State Photographer? Imagine, a day of tourism adventure right here in your own backyard! And just in case you use up that whole quarter tank of gas, 2 gas stations right here on the highway, so you can surely make it back home before sundown!

Now I don't want to overexcite you on your first foray around Knox County but if you're going North to get home any way, go ahead and make that 1 mile detour off Hwy 6 to see Truscott and the renovated, recreated, preserved, romantic heritage to be respectfully re-discovered there, view the old Bank and the Church turned Lodge, and if you still have a little adventurous spirit left in you follow the blacktop on out 5 or miles or so to the Truscott Brine Lake and see the salt, that's right I said salt, lake of Knox County. It's a naturally beautiful drive, with great improvements by the Corps of Engineers, that make it the ideal place to stretch your legs and picnic on that sandwich and cold drink from BJ's.

Going home by 82 East? Be sure to stop and see the National Historic and Natural Landmark, The Narrows and take in the fact that right here, where you live, are two phenomena. One is the fact that here is the continental divide of watersheds, one river sending water to the Mississippi and one to the Gulf of Mexico with just this narrow ledge of rough country between them, and two that every explorer, native culture and adventurer to the Southwest visited and noted this unique place, known for providing the best grass, the surest source of water, dependable hunting

See TOUR on page 6



ON THE
EDGE OF
COMMON
SENSE
by Baxter Black,
DVM

ADOPT A FARMER

As the percent of farmers continues to decrease in proportion to the population, it seems the harder the ANTI's (HSUS, PETA, Sierra Club, name one) try to increase America's dependence on foreign food just as they have done with manufacturing, energy, timber, and steel. They have the foresight of a mayfly.

If farmers were a race we'd be a minority smaller than the National Left-Handed-Americans for a Fair Shake!

So, I'm thinkin' there must be more opportunities for farmers to elevate our reputation. The Hare Krishna and Farm Sanctuary drew attention with their Adopt a Heifer fund raiser. The BLM has Adopt a Mustang. Freeways have sold Adopt a Mile. How 'bout Adopt a Farmer? We could have a spin off of the Dating Game. Three farmers could sit behind a curtain while a Real American Consumer (RAC) could ask questions of a sheepherder, a corn farmer and a horse whisperer.

RAC: "Which one of you enjoys long walks, can cook mut-ton and appreciates privacy?"

"Baaaaaah..."

RAC: "Do any of you enjoy long winters by the fire and a good book?"

"Shore," says the corn farmer, "If you mean in the shop. I've read Golfing for Dummies!"

RAC: "I have a very nice horse property but I need someone to listen to me!"

"Ma'am," says the cowboy, "Does that include a credit card?"

What could a RAC expect if they adopted a farmer? The opportunity to enjoy working outside in all kinds of weather! A vague understanding of tractor parts. Long drives to town on dirt roads through mud and snow. The chance to partake in the replacement of a uterine prolapse, chopping ice, pulling a dead calf, stacking hay, holding the flashlight or driving the oldest grain truck on the farm.

Maybe as a means of impressing the urban majority of us, we could hold our own "America Farmer Idol!" To qualify as a contestant you just have to have your place mortgaged, have a wife with a job in town, or have an addiction to spring time planting, all verifiable by your wife and/or bank lender.

As a matter of fact a virtual Farmer Idol contest was held by the Delmarva Peninsulites, and the finalists included:

- a) a soybean farmer who sculpts tofu.
- b) a sheep producer who can knit their wool into the shape of a coyote while they are still unshorn! And...
- c) a chicken farmer who put Tabasco sauce in his pullet feed to stimulate 'hot wings'.

But the winner was an Illinois River fish farmer who invented the Asian Carpcake, Carplegs, the Carp-apple tree, even carpglass for your lawn! "His theme song was "I've got Carp, You've got Carp, Everybody's got the Carp!" It was actually his second attempt at winning the American Farmer Idol. He tried the year before when he was a crab fisherman in Maryland. He was disqualified when the judges heard his theme song!

KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES
MENUS FOR APRIL 6TH TO APRIL 10TH

Monday April 6th Meatballs/Macaroni Ranch Style Beans Salad Sliced Bread Cookies	Fried Okra Salad Hot Rolls Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Tuesday April 7th Chicken/Stir Fry Vegetables Rice Peas Hot Rolls Fruit Bars	Friday April 10th Potato/Cheese Soup Tuna Sandwiches Crackers Dessert
Wednesday April 8th Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Blackeyed Peas Biscuit Cheesecake	We Could Use Volunteers!! New Serving Time Is 12 Noon (In Knox City Only) AlternatE Desserts For Diabetics
Thursday April 9th Breaded Pork Chop/Gravy	Please Call In Your Orders By 10 A.M. To 657-3618 Orders Cant Be Taken After 10 A.M. And Need To Be Picked Up After 11 A.M.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, Recently I was involved in a tractor/hay roll mishap and sustained injury in a rural area while alone. I had the ability to call 911. The response of all involved was amazing. Respondents include the 911 operator, police, fire department, constable, and EMT personnel. All of them acted swiftly with an utmost professional manner to insure that all assistance

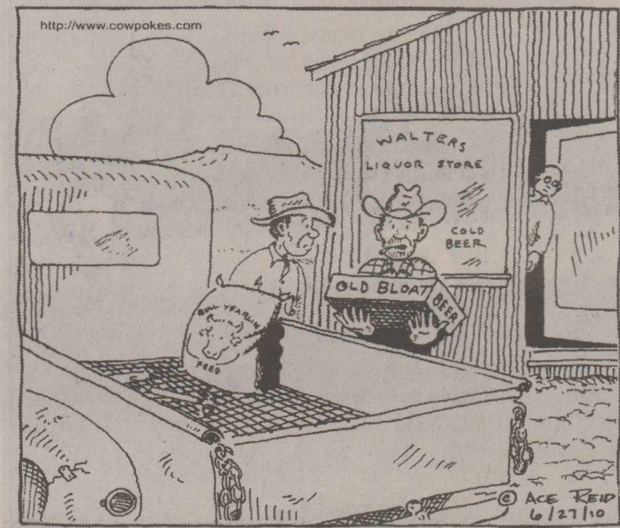
was provided. Upon arrival at the hospital, the same outstanding help prevailed. My sincere thank you goes to all involved, including those who were not on duty at the time, for the assistance they provide.

Sometimes I have tended to overlook the great service these people provide. That will not happen again.

Thanks,
Jack Vail

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By Ace Reid



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3/23	50/82		
3/24	43/75		
3/25	39/64		
3/26	35/77		
3/27	45/70		
3/28	38/68		
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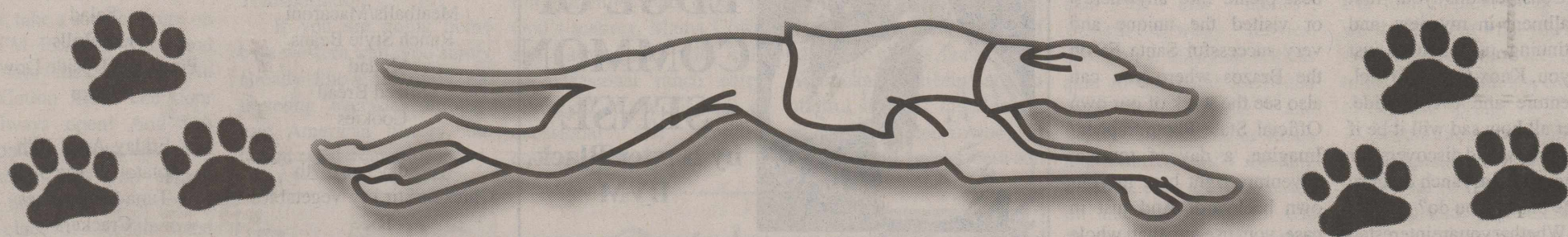
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



Knox City athletes were in action last week competing in the Knox City Relays and competing on the baseball diamond.

Knox City results from the Knox City

By Tamara Smart

On Thursday and Friday evening last week, the Knox City Track and Field was packed with volunteers, spectators, and athletes competing to run faster, jumper higher and throw further than the next.

The Results of the Meet left Guthrie winning the meet in the girls division, although Knox City's kids did pull off some amazing feats opposing gravity and testing the rules of common physics.

Derrick Coleman, State Gold Metal winner in 2009 proves to be Flash-in Training as he won all of the short distance dashes: Coleman took first in the 100 Meter Dash (with a time of 10.62 seconds), the 200 Meter Dash

(with a time of 22.37 seconds) and the 400 meter dash (running it in 53.03seconds).

Brandon Bradley placed 6th for Knox City in the 3200 meter run.

The Houndettes were honored during the individual races too, as they placed in several events. Cassidy Carter completed the 800-meter run in 3:05.75, taking 5th place. Chastity Tolsen won 4th place in the 200-meter dash, with a final time of 28.42 seconds. Molly Espinosa won 6th place for the Houndettes in the 1600 Meter Run, finishing the track in 7:19.66.

The Knox City athletes though, are known for their teamwork and their ability to "run ahead of the pack". In the relay events, Knox City Hounds took 4th in the 1600-meter relay. The Houndettes won 3rd in both the 400 meter relay (ran by Lacey Pierce, Chastity Tolsen, Camille Ward and Holly McCrary) with a running time of 55.63; and the 800 meter Relay, which was run with Lacey Pierce, Molly Espinosa, Chastity Tolsen and Camille Ward (competed in 1:59.19).

In the Jumping events, Knox City was alive and present. Cassidy Carter placed 6th in the High Jump Event (with

a jump of 4'6"), and Derrick Coleman took second for his Long Jump (jumping 21'8.5"). Coleman also placed second in the triple jump event with a jump of 42'7.75".

Blake Jones won 2nd in the Shot Put events, throwing 39'6.5", and also took 4th in the discus event, with a toss of 94'4".

The next Track and Field meet will be Thursday and Friday this week in Aspermont, and the following week will mark the District Competition, also in Aspermont.

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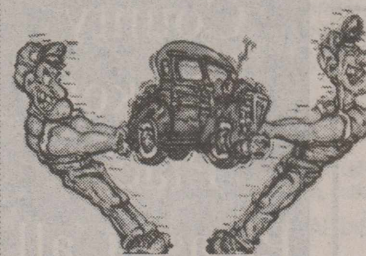
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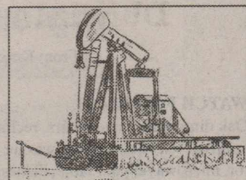
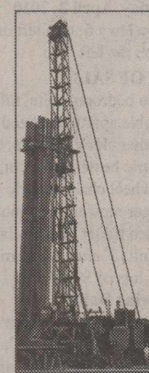
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Whoever said the wind doesn't blow in Knox Co. anymore was not around Thurs., Fri., & especially Sat. Make one wonder if any of that moisture we've been having is left in the ground. Lots of sand has been in the daring these windy days to remind of of years gone by when the sand storms were expected in the spring. Today (Mon) is nice- Warm & a slight breeze. Maybe it's a prelude to a nice Easter- We can hope so.

Regarding Our Ailing Friends

Deann Lamb was in Wichita Falls Tues to see her Dr. Is having trouble with her back and hip but her drs. think surgery is necessary now but instead recommended some physical therapy for a while- and maybe surgery can be postponed (or maybe even avoided) for a good while. She is sure hoping that is the case.

Johnnie Williams continues to have good days. Is much stronger & does some things for herself. She has someone with her most of the time in the event that she needs them.

Mark Brown called Sat. to tell us that his Mom, Rosie, is in a Chattanooga, TN hospital. Rosie has a number of health problems, which she has been battling for several years, and according to Mark she is pretty sick at this time. Rosie is a sister to Bud Conner.

One Act Play

The One Act Play competition began Sat & for Benjamin, and for Benjamin the season ended. Leading Ladies, the name of their play, was preformed in Guthrie & after critique, our cast & crew were named alternated while Guthrie & Aspermont advanced to the next round. However, we can boast as having the Best actor, who was Mitchell Ham, Cody Propps was named to the All-Star cast & Raquel Acevedo was given Honorable Mention. All Honors we are certainly proud of.

And there are other Benjamin connections doing well in the competition. Chelsea Parker of Aspermont was named best actress Sat. at Guthrie. Chelsea is the daughter of Roger & Betty Clower Parker & her proud "grandma" is Gloria West. And from Seymour High School, Colton Caldwell was given Honorable Mention in the first go-round. Colton's mom is Lana Gideon

Mendoza & grand parents are Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon. Colton's play has advanced also & we wish him and his "bunch" well as we do Chelsea's Aspermont cast & crew.

Here 'N There

Sharon Patterson Bivens called on Saturday to tell me her sister-in-la, Maggie Patterson passed away on Fri. nite of a massive heart attack. Marge and her husband were residents of Fresno, Calif. but of course had visited Benjamin many times. Benjamin is Weldon's home and Marge sort of adopted it as her "home away from home." We extend sincere sympathy to Weldon & to his daughter at this time.

Weldon did say for those desiring to do so, Memorials to the Benjamin Cemetery Ass'n would be appreciated. And anyone wanting to send him a card, his address is: Weldon Patterson 5541 E. Tulare #20 Fresno, CA 93727

Lorene Powers visited family and friends a few days last week in Midland. Her daughter, Chris, was having some health problems but is doing much better.

Freeman Brown of Decatur visited Benjamin friends on day last week. For those who may not know, he's a former resident, son of Loyal and Era.

Cheyenne & Caden Conner of Lubbock spent their Spring Break with grandmother Judy Barnett & Randolph.

Easter service will be Sunday morning beginning at 7 at the Methodist Church. A "pot-luck" breakfast will follow, so bring your best biscuits & gravy, etc. & join in for a wonderful service & mean following. The Church of Christ will be in charge of the service.

Also the Annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the BVFD will be at 3 p.m. Sun at the park. The Fire Truck will leave the Fire Hall at 3, so those who want to ride to the park, be there! And if you want to help by donating eggs; they need to be at the Fire Hall by 1:30 p.m. So a full day is ahead on Sun for everyone.

And the City Wide clean-up is April 10. Call City Hall & Tammy will give you details on what to do to get your "throw aways" collected.

And let's pray for good weather!

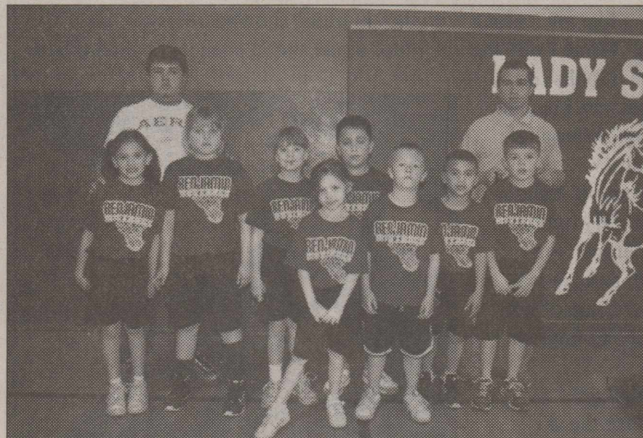


BENJAMIN SPORTS

Benjamin Track Places Well At Knox City Meet

Dylan Benson- 2nd in the 800, 3rd in the mile
Becky Baldwin- 2nd in shot put, 5th in the 300 hurdles
Derrick Northrup- 4th in the 2 mile, 5th in the 300 hurdles
Cody Propps- 3rd in the 2 mile

"We had a good meet overall for our little crew. I am proud of the way these kids have been working. We have our district meet April 8th in Aspermont." Coach McCoullough



Benjamin 1st and 2nd grade Lil' Dribblers Team (Courtesy Photo from Stacia Propps)



Becky Baldwin, Caleb Barrientez, Lexey Mendoza, Joseph Macias, McKenzie Gray, Hailie Macias, J.C. Espinal, Teri Miller

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Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2009. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2010.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2010 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

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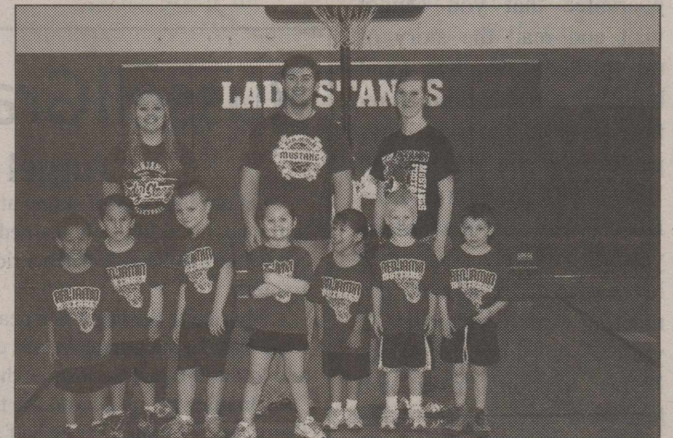
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Benjamin Kinder and Pre-k Little Dribblers. (Photo courtesy Stacia Propps)

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¿Existen ventajas en rendir la declaración?

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present day Benjamin and Lubbock? This popular series also became the basis for the European version of early silent movies, then the first "talkies", western cowboy movies, and later a string of movies akin to our Clint Eastwood spaghetti westerns and finally a spoof series much like Mel Brook's Blazing Saddles, even an opera based on the adventures of Ole Shatterhand? It's true read all about it on the internet! Just don't expect to read the books, unless you can read German, Dutch or French. They were never released in the US.

Well, I'm afraid that is all the adventure and shocking revelations about Knox County you can handle for one Saturday's tour time. But tune in next week and we'll talk about what you can see and do on a short day tour to Knox City, Munday, Goree or Vera this spring!

Meantime, don't forget the original message here, get on out of the house next Saturday and help celebrate the successful first year of Front Porch Quilts!

**Until next time,
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Angel Fire - Part 3

On our final day of skiing at the Angel Fire Resort, we were on our own with only the skills we'd learned the day before. When the lifts opened, I was among the first to catch a ride to the top of the mountain on the Chile Express.

My ride to the top was a peaceful one. Snow was falling and the crowds were light so the mountain was quiet. Overnight, big flakes began to fall and add to the 210 inches of snow that blankets the resort annually.

On my way up, I could see trail after trail bisecting the evergreens. In all, the Angel Fire Resort has 74 trails. While half are made for intermediate skiers, 24% are for advanced downhillers, and 26% are made for beginners like me. Along with the ski trails, snowboarders can take advantage of a pair of terrain parks. While I ride the two miles alone and in silence, I contemplate learning how to snowboard because it looks like fun. As my exit from the lift approaches, I decide that I'd better wait on snowboarding. After all, I just learned how to ski the day before.

When I reach the 10,677 foot summit, I slide from the lift and take a look around. My options for my downhill adventure are numerous. First, though, I decide to go inside the full service restaurant at the mountaintop and order a cup of hot chocolate from a young lady who spoke English mixed with a cool Chilean accent.

As it turns out the ski resort employees a number of international employees for the ski season. Later on in the day, I introduce my kids to some employees from Costa Rica, Chile, and Peru so they can appreciate and learn about people from other cultures. Now though, I must start my descent. After I finish my drink, I ski over to the map to make sure I understand my route back to the lodge. Staring at the big map, I decide that the trail for me is the one marked in beginner green - Headin' Home.

The Headin' Home trail is a nice one. For the most part it is gently sloped but there are a couple of steeper spots that make the trip interesting. It was a perfect trail for me to practice my ski skills and after traversing three miles of the mountain, I was back at the bottom.

I skied the trail one more time at the end of the day to cap off my experience but during the middle of the day, I skied with my wife and kids on the shorter, beginner slopes.

By four o'clock we were finished. My legs were aching, my feet a bit sore, and my face was chapped, but as we turned in our rental gear, we all agreed that we'd be back and skiing Angel Fire was going to be an annual trip for our gang.

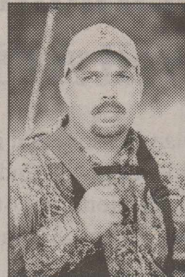
That evening we ate supper at the pizza restaurant in the resort as it seemed appropriate to spend our final evening with other families with whom we shared our experience. As we waited on the pizza, the United States Olympic Hockey team was playing on the big screen.

"Daddy, we should learn to play hockey,"

Bailee smiles.

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front row: Gilda Solis, Elias Nevarez, Benjamin Vanderpol, Justin Rainwater, Joslynn Harris



The 5th & 6th grades were posing for the camera celebrating their undefeated basketball season. (Photo Courtesy Stacia Propps)

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A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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Or contact:

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¡Varías exenciones contributivas podrían reducir los impuestos de su hogar!

Una exención contributiva para su hogar de residencia disminuye el valor imponible de la propiedad, reduciendo así los impuestos a pagar sobre la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y usted recibe una exención de \$15,000, usted pagará los impuestos residenciales de una propiedad valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién es elegible para recibir una exención contributiva?

Los dueños de una propiedad utilizada como residencia principal comenzando el 1ero de enero tienen derecho, desde esa fecha, a recibir la exención contributiva de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar este año. Sea la residencia una casa, condominio, o una casa móvil, puede ser elegible para la exención. Los condados, las ciudades y los distritos imponibles especiales también pueden ofrecerle exenciones contributivas para su residencia.

¿Existen otras exenciones disponibles?

Si usted está incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, tiene derecho a recibir una exención adicional de \$10,000 de los impuestos escolares para su residencia. Si es elegible para exención contributiva como incapacitado o tiene 65 años o más, también tiene derecho a obtener un límite permanente de los impuestos escolares basado en los impuestos actuales. (El condado, la ciudad o la universidad comunitaria pueden establecer un límite y congelar los impuestos del 2010 para los propietarios incapacitados o mayores de 65 años.) El límite de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente de 55 años o más al momento del fallecimiento del propietario si es el cónyuge sobreviviente dueño y residente de la propiedad. Los dueños de 65 años o más o los cónyuges sobrevivientes de 55 años o más pueden también transferir el porcentaje de los impuestos escolares pagados a una nueva residencia basado en el límite establecido en la vivienda anterior.

Si usted es un veterano incapacitado que recibe de la Administración de Veteranos: 1) el 100 por ciento de su pensión por incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar y 2) es considerado 100 por ciento incapacitado o, la Administración determinó que no puede trabajar, usted tiene derecho a una exención de impuestos del valor total tasado de su residencia. El cónyuge sobreviviente no es elegible.

¿Debo solicitar la exención todos los años?

No. Si recibió una exención contributiva por su residencia en el 2009, no hay necesidad de solicitarla en el 2010—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de tasaciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención por su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2010. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, puede solicitar una nueva exención hasta un año después de la fecha de su cumpleaños. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención para personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud a la oficina local del distrito de tasaciones antes del 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede contactarnos a:

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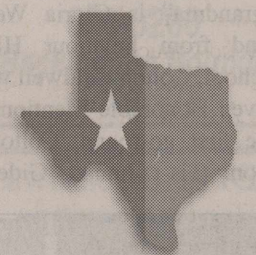
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Out of the mouths of babes

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

It can happen at any time, but seems to rear its ugly head in the dead of night. Or perhaps we just remember the episodes better when they happen at night.

I'm referring to the sick child. Specifically, when a small child erupts like a volcano in the middle of the night.

My wife was at market in Dallas and the boys and I were at my in-laws while our house is being worked on. We had planned a trip to Dallas over spring break so the boys could have some fun, but postponed it until this past weekend after the passing and subsequent funeral of my wife's uncle.

I was upstairs getting ready to turn in for the night when I thought I heard a sound. I don't know if I actually heard something or if the good Lord was looking over me, but I went to check on the boys one last time. It's a good thing.

My 4-year-old had just thrown up all over his brother, sheets, comforter, pillow and worst of all, his green blanky. (I don't know how many of your children are blanket-toteing thumb-suckers, but it can be an ordeal when without.)

My first thought was, "HOLY #&%!" My second thought was, "Man, am I ever glad Jack, 6, is still asleep or he'd be puking too." My third thought was, "What on earth do I do

now?"

Sutton, now is sitting in the middle of the bed with the Pepto-chicken nugget pink mess all over him says, "Dad, I thought it was a regular burp, but I was wrong."

"You sure were honey," I said. "Way wrong."

"I feel normal now Daddy," he said.

I told him I was a little freaked out then I began to think my way out of the situation. I picked up Jack and managed to get him cleaned up and placed in the other bed while Sutton sat patiently, which was no small feat.

I then told Sutton to kiss his green blanket goodbye until tomorrow because it was in no condition to go with him.

I texted my wife after cleaning up and told her the story. The next morning, I received a text with her telling me she had become ill and was now throwing up every 10 minutes. Needless to say, her duties at market were not being performed.

Since we were to join her there later in the day, all of this illness was not boding well for our plans.

The day continued when, like clockwork, Jackson became ill. And so did Becky, my mother-in-law. At this point I could not understand why I had not become ill, but I was glad.

We didn't get to leave that night and the entire trip was in jeopardy the next day (Saturday) until - just as quickly as the bug had arrived - it was gone. Both boys reported ready for duty, so we set out for a fun weekend.

The boys were not really a hundred percent, and neither were Sharon and I, but we saw some very interesting things and had a nice visit with some very good friends of ours.

Now, a few days later, here I am with a cold and some sort of pulled or torn muscle from coughing. When I cough or sneeze, I get a sharp pain and a warm sensation on my left side. It's brutal.

Last week, a friend told me, "I think God tries to keep someone in the family healthy when the rest are sick to tend to their needs." I really found that profound when the boys were ill.

Today, my wife is running around trying to help me as I'm in a lot of pain and discomfort. I guess my friend was right.

Maybe this Easter weekend will be a little better in terms of health. I certainly hope it is for you and yours.

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Other Views

What's really driving the Toyota controversy?

By DON WATKINS and YAARON BROOK

How many congressmen does it take to identify the cause of a runaway Toyota Prius? No, it's not a trick question. A congressional panel issued a draft report recently on a case of supposed runaway acceleration in San Diego.

Why wasn't that left to the objective assessment of the police and courts? The answer to that question was made clear during recent congressional hearings on the Toyota recalls.

In February, Toyota executives were hauled in front of Congress, purportedly so that renowned auto experts like House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman of California could determine the cause of reported cases of unintended acceleration and evaluate Toyota's alleged failure to respond.

The hearings had the fingerprints of politics all over them. Indeed, it was uncanny how easily a careful observer could predict whether a given congressman would defend or deride Toyota. Just take stock of which pressure groups dominate his or her district.

Would you believe that Rep. John Dingell, D-MI, was highly critical of Toyota? Or that Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-TX, whose district is home to thousands of Toyota employees, came to the car company's defense?

The whole spectacle is a rogues' gallery of pressure groups descending upon Washington.

The United Auto Workers union showed up hoping to use Toyota's problems as leverage to force the company to keep

open its sole UAW factory. Rumor has it that some in the UAW camp even hope to unionize all of Toyota's U.S. factories.

The trial lawyers are drooling at the prospect of parlaying Toyota's apology into hundred-million-dollar awards. No need to wait for the evidence to come in, either as they have their own "experts" who already "know" Toyota is covering up pedals of doom.

And then there's the Detroit lobby, which is hard to distinguish from the government itself now that the government holds a 60 percent stake in General Motors. Even if concerns about an electronic problem in Toyota's vehicles turn out to be baseless, domestic manufacturers stand to benefit by prolonging the parade of bad publicity.

Anyone who thinks Toyota's executives were summoned to Congress to discuss the evidence concerning Toyota's vehicles has missed the point. Regardless of what we ultimately discover about Toyota, this was about a horde of pressure groups seeking to impose their economic agendas via political power.

But pressure groups are only a symptom. The cause is the government's power to intervene in the market to pick winners and losers. In the auto industry alone, the government controls everything from whom car companies can hire (unionized employees) to what kind of vehicles they must build (hybrids).

And elsewhere it decides which businesses are "too big to fail," which industries "deserve" massive subsidies, and

which unproven technologies warrant billions of taxpayer "investment." That's a recipe for pressure group warfare.

This is not what Madison and Jefferson had in mind. Their vision was of a strictly limited government, which would perform one basic function, guard individual rights. Its role was to protect the individual's rights to life, liberty, and property from infringement by thugs and frauds, while otherwise leaving people free to produce and trade in a free market.

In the original American system, it's the job of the market to pick winners and losers, and the job of the courts, not Congress, to arbitrate disputes, such as that between Toyota and drivers harmed in accidents.

The truth is Toyota's troubles should not be a political issue. On a free market, Toyota would have to address the real or alleged problems with its cars and work to restore its reputation with consumers, or suffer the consequences.

And if the company were proved in a court of law to be guilty of negligence, it would be held accountable. In any case, there would be no need for the circus now taking place, with all its sordid political posturing and favor-trading.

So here's a proposal. Make Washington come up with a plan to disentangle government from the economy. It might even start with a congressional investigation.

Don Watkins is an analyst with the Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights and Yaron Brook is the executive director.

Other Opinions

Who cares about the doctors?

By TOM BOWDEN

Amid the clamorous debate over health care, how much have you heard from the doctors? Very little. Nobody's particularly interested in what they have to say. It's taken for granted that they'll always be there when you need them.

These are the forgotten men and women of American health care. They stand to one side, mostly silent, while self-important politicians noisily debate how to allocate "access" to health care. These legislators hold showy "summit" meetings of "stakeholders," where doctors are outnumbered by the poor, the uninsured, the already-sick, the health insurers, the drug companies, and big corporations like Walmart.

In this political universe of warring pressure groups, no tiny minority can expect to have much influence—even the minority that provides the services everyone is clamoring for.

Since professional organizations like the American Medical Association won't rise to

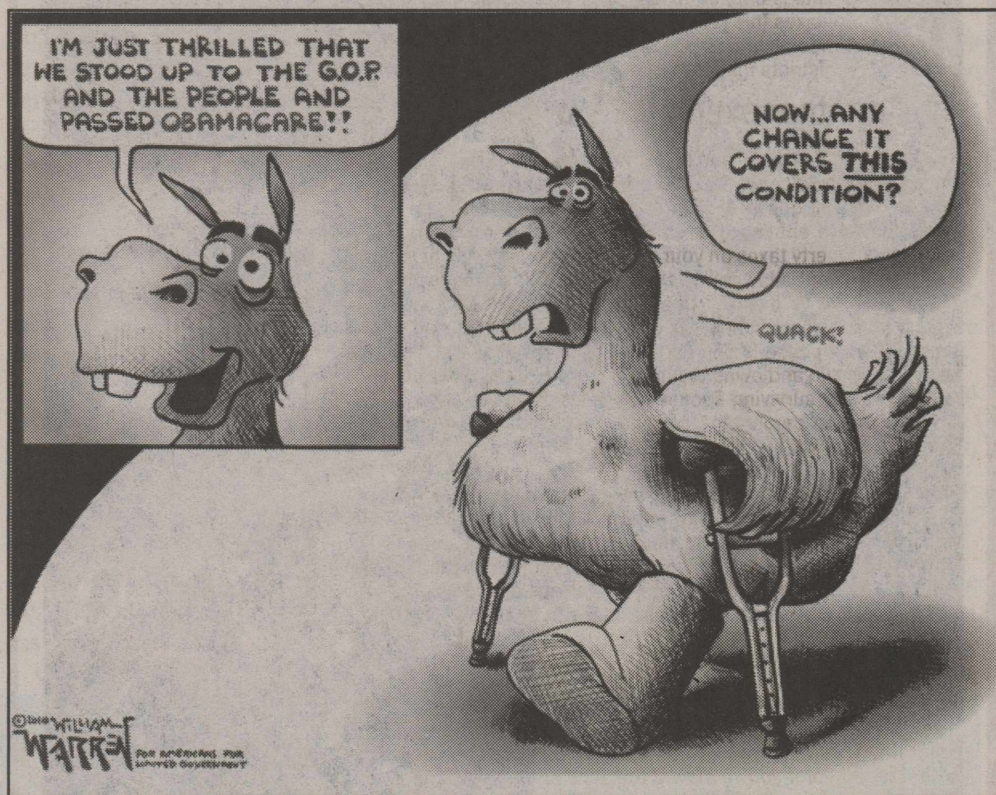
their members' defense, it falls to the rest of us—those whose very lives may depend on a physician's skill and dedication—to consider some pointed questions our leaders won't ask:

- * Are you content to have your doctor's professional judgment second-guessed and regulated by politicians?

- * Should our legal system treat doctors like civil servants who are obligated to place their skills and intelligence at the service of every individual who happens to need medical care?

- * When America's doctors have finally lost all freedom to treat patients as their professional judgment dictates, who will be left to provide health care in this country?

The debate over health care did not end with the vote; it's just moving into a new phase. It's past time for that debate to start taking serious account of the doctors—not as one pressure group among many, but as individuals whose freedom our government is duty-bound to protect. It's wrong to keep ignoring doctors' rights.



A grim sign for ObamaCare

How ironic that, even as the Senate debated the reconciliation "fixes" to ObamaCare, word came that Social Security has reached the so-called tipping point -- years ahead of schedule.

For the first time, Social Security will pay out more in benefits than it receives in tax revenue, to the tune of \$29 billion.

The reason: Continued high unemployment means there are fewer paychecks from which to deduct Social Security taxes. Meanwhile,

many who can't find work are applying for benefits much earlier than they'd planned.

The so-called tipping point wasn't supposed to arrive until 2017, according to current congressional projections.

And it also means that the ultimate day of reckoning -- when Social Security runs out of money unless something is done to stabilize the system -- has been pushed ahead by four years, to 2037.

So is this really the time for the

US to be setting out on a trillion-dollar entitlement adventure filled with so many unknowns and untested elements?

And, more important, whose ultimate financial impact on the sky-high -- and still soaring -- national debt is open to so much question?

You'd think not.

But President Obama and congressional Democrats don't seem to have gotten the message.

Which is that even beyond the inherent costs of a system like So-

cial Security, unsettled economic conditions can have a swift and unexpected impact.

Budget estimators predicted that unemployment would average 8.2 percent last year and 8.8 percent this year.

Instead, it remains at about 10 percent.

No, Social Security isn't running out of money just yet: Thanks to some fixes a quarter-century ago and past robust economies, the system maintains a balance of \$2.5

trillion.

But with annual payments now running in the red, that balance will slowly be depleted.

And, by law, Social Security can't pay out more money in any given year than it has in its balance.

In other words, it cannot print money.

The same could well hold true for ObamaCare, once its payments fully kick in down the line.

Is Congress paying attention?

PA students in Munday for clinical training

Munday, Texas- Kevin Finley, DO continues to provide Physician Assistant students enrolled at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth with an opportunity to experience rural medicine as part of their training. Exposing health professions students to rural medicine is a key component in addressing the health care provider shortage in rural communities.

Dr. Finley recently provided teaching support for two Physician Assistant students. Ryan Stepinoff completed 160 hours of clinical training with Dr. Finley January 4th - 29th, 2010. Ryan is originally from Cypress, Texas and has completed a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Stephen F. Austin State University. Cory Kern began completing 160 of clinical training with Dr. Finley on March 1, 2010. Cory is originally from Weatherford, Texas and has completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology at the University of Texas at Arlington. In addition to the teaching support provided by Dr. Finley, the Knox County Hospital provides donated housing and some meals for the students while they complete training in Knox County.

On a recent visit of rural sites in the Big Country region, Michael Clark, PhD, PA-C, Associate Director of Physician Assistant Studies and Vice Chair of Clinical Education for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at University of North Texas Health Science Center had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Finley and Ryan Stepinoff during Ryan's training in Knox County. Dr. Clark commented "rural physicians like Dr. Finley, who are willing to teach our students in rural areas, are key to exposing these students to rural medicine and the needs that exist in rural communities."

Meeting the health needs of rural communities continues to be a focus of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs in Texas. Providing the opportunity for students in health professions programs to complete clinical training in rural areas not only gives the student a glimpse of what rural medicine entails but also allows the community the opportunity to recruit



Pictured: clockwise is Dr. Kevin Finley, PA Student Cory Kern, Director of Big Country AHEC Kelly Cheek and Knox County Judge Travis Floyd enjoying a meal at Kathy and Jack's.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Kevin Finley, PA Student Ryan Stepinoff, and Dr. Michael Clark, UNT Health Science Center in front of the Knox County Hospital.

health professionals for the long-term future.

Travis Floyd, Knox County Judge agrees, explaining "Knox County is thankful that The Big Country AHEC has provided us with this opportunity. We get an opportunity to share the experiences of living and working in a small rural community, and hopefully make a positive impression on the student so that they might want to return. The student not only gains knowledge of working in a rural environment but also gains additional skills by working side by side with a physician. And of course the medical facility wins by having an additional person to assist in all aspects

of the work involved. This is a great program and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Community based education experiences like these are the result of a partnership between communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Big Country AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health

professions, supporting existing health care professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living. The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and Presbyterian Medical Care Mission. For further information about the Big Country AHEC please contact Kelly Cheek at kcheek@bcahec.org or 325-672-0495.

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Raquel Acevedo, Tyler Kinnibrugh, Mitchell Ham, Eddie Rivera, Jessica Vanderpol, Cody Propps



Benjamin School One Act Play: Eddie Rivera, Cody Propps, Raquel Acevedo, Mitchell Ham, Jessica Vanderpol, Julia Rudowicz



Benjamin School One Act Play: Jacob Siemens, Cody Propps and Julia Rudowicz



Benjamin OAP placed third individuals receiving honors were: Mitchell Ham - Best Actor Cody Propps - All-Star Cast Raquel Acevedo - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Picture of cast and crew: Julia Rudowicz, Shelby Russell, Tyler Kinnibrugh, Jessica Vander

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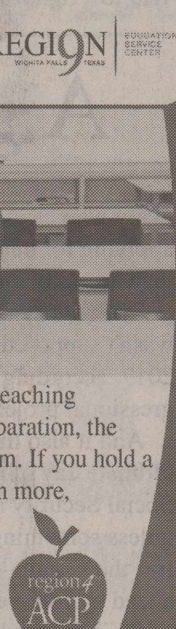
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TRACK

er has been God, to whom he gives all the glory for his athletic ability and achievements.

Ty has 2 more track meets this season to improve his already stunning record. In two weeks, at the district competition in Aspermont, Ty hopes to do very well, although he did sustain an injury in relay practice earlier this week.

Ty also runs the Spring Relay, the mile relay and the 200 meter dash. Next year, Ty will represent Knox City as a Greyhound on the Track and Field circuit.