





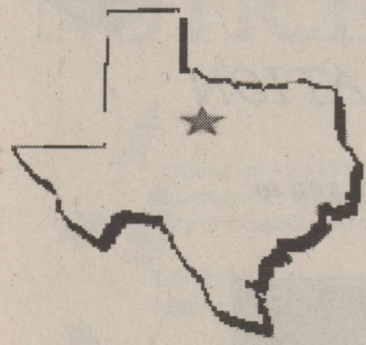


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Arkansas Man Arrested In Knox County

An Arkansas man was arrested in northern Knox County Friday afternoon when his stolen car ran out of gas and it was discovered he may be involved in an armed car jacking in Arkansas.

Knox County Sheriff Dean Homstad received a call Friday afternoon, July 22nd, to check the welfare of a motorist north of Truscott. When he arrived the car was missing the driver. The 1997 Cadillac had Arkansas plates and Sheriff Homstad called in the numbers. The car had been reported stolen at around 1:30 a.m. that morning in Hope, Arkansas. The owner of the stolen vehicle claimed his car was taken at gun point.

Sheriff Homstad waited at the

vehicle until the suspect, carrying a can of gas, was dropped off by a passerby who had given the stranded motorist a ride into Benjamin to pick up some fuel. He arrested him upon arrival.

Reginald Johnson, 22, claimed a friend had let him borrow the car to visit family in California, and that he had no idea it was stolen. The man claimed to be living in the Dallas area, but had a Arkansas address on his drivers license. Upon running his license it was discovered Mr. Johnson was wanted for felony assault in Arkansas. He was taken into custody and placed in the Knox County Jail. He will be there a few days until Arkansas authorities can pick him up.

Suspects Identified In Recent Burglaries

Two juveniles have been identified as suspects in the July 10th break ins and robberies of four down town Knox City businesses.

Aaron Lewis with the Knox City Police Department reported one suspect handed him a statement saying that while he was present when the crimes were committed, he did not participate in the act. He claimed the other suspect worked alone and provided a detailed description of the others activities. The juveniles used gloves stolen from

PBH Oilfield Supply to carry out the crimes which explains why no fingerprints could be lifted from the crime scenes. Footprints were discovered on doors where the thieves had kicked them in and they matched each other.

One of the suspects was previously charged with felony burglary in Haskell County, where he was involved in several break ins.

The stolen property has yet to be recovered from the burglaries. Both suspects are in custody in Abilene at this time.

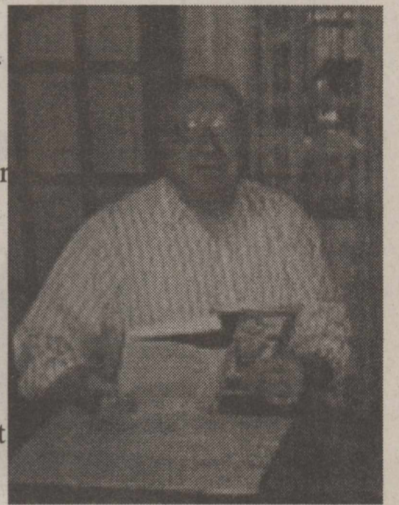
A Conversation With Elmer Kelton

by Jeff Jordan

His peers in the Western Writers of America organization have described Elmer Kelton as "the best Western writer of all time," and his books have attracted a loyal readership that agrees with that assessment.

Kelton received a Bachelors of Arts in Journalism from the University of Texas in Austin in 1948 and worked as an agriculture journalist for the *San Angelo Standard Times* as a farm and ranch writer and editor for 15 years. He was editor of *Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine* for five years and he spent 22 years as an associate editor at *Livestock Weekly*. He retired from active journalism in 1990.

While working as a journalist Kelton also had a career as a novelist which continue today.



(David Crane photo)

His first novel, "Hot Iron", was published in 1956; to date he has published almost 50 more, including "The Day the Cowboys Quit", "The Pumpkin Rollers", "The Good Old Boys", "The Smiling Country", and "Wagontongue".

His book have received seven Golden Spur Awards from the Western Writers Association, the first in 1958 for "Buffalo Wagons" and the latest in 2002 for "The Way of the Coyote".

His books, often set in post Civil War Texas in the 1800's, have also received four Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

In 1998, Kelton was the first recipient of the Lone Star Award for lifetime achievement from the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Elmer Kelton was born near Crane Andrews County, and grew up as the oldest of four brothers on the McElroy ranch.

Jeff Jordan :During that awards ceremony at Midwestern, you made a comment contrasting yourself and Larry McMurtry. Do you recall what it was?

Elmer Kelton: Yes, I probably said that we both kind of work the same side of the street, in a way, but we have a little different outlook on things. If Larry and I were to go to a barnyard together, he'd see the manure and I'd see the pony. Both of us would be right; it's just a matter of approach.

JJ: When can readers expect the release of "Jericho's Road"?

EK: It's supposed to be out right at the end of October, but one of our local dealers is looking for his books in any day now. They say they shipped them to his last Friday.

"Jericho's Road is the sixth in Kelton's Ranger series. The others are: "The Buckskin Line", "Badger Boy", "The Way of the Coyote", "Ranger's Trail", and "Texas Vendetta".

JJ: Do you have plans for any more in the Ranger series?

EK: I don't have any definite plans to do another one. I have just finished another book, but it's not really a part of this group. I used one character out of the Ranger books-I just had him do a little walk through. But basically, what I've done most lately is a prequel to "The Good Old Boys". I've taken Hewey Calloway

and his brother back some years before "The Good Old Boys" when they're just a couple of young cowpunchers.

J.J. Have you finished it?

EK: Yes, I've already sent it off and it's been edited, so it's in the process, but I don't know when they'll bring it out. My guess is somewhere around summer or fall of next year.

JJ: Do you have a title?

EK: It's called "Six Bits A Day". They seemed to like the title, so I'm sure it'll stay with it.

JJ: You touch upon racial issues in your books-how do they come into play?

EK: A great many of my books touch on racial relations. If you look at Texas history, you can't ignore the role that racial relations have had in it, especially between Anglos and Hispanics. That's been a very strong part of Texas history up to the moment, rally, but especially a few generations ago when there was kind of a constant undeclared war going on, especially down around the border.

The difficulty if the tow races is finally coming to an accommodation and being able to live together as we are doing. The generation has come much farther along that we ever had in the past to what I'd call almost equality in opportunity.

As our population is going, it's not going to be very much loner that Texas will be more than 50 percent Hispanic if you look at census figures. To me, that portends a lot of changes, social and political.

JJ: Along with the changes in population, there are also some changes in land ownership trends in West Texas "The Time It Never

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HOW IT ALL STARTED

The Evolution of the Seedless Melon and The Watermelon Festival

Every year, the Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival brings fun and entertainment to people from near and far. Rides, games, contests, music, and fellowship abound.

The actual festival itself was created seventeen years ago by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Board wanted something that would make Knox City "stand out," according to Doris Crownover.

"We wanted something unique, and it hadn't been long since the seedless watermelon had made it's debut, it seemed to be something spe-

cial."

In its fledgling years, the festival only lasted a day, but as time went on, with the hard work and dedication of the Chamber and many citizens and businesses, the celebration has grown into the event it has become today. Vendors from all over come to set up shop, there are parades, contests, live music, fun competitions, rides, givaways, and a classic car show. Mrs. Crownover stated everyones cooperation has always be beneficial.

"The Chamber sponsors it [the festival] but the city has always been so good with having the park and facilities

ready." She went on to add that the volunteers have always been a big help.

But the highlight of the festival are it's stars and name-sake the Seedless Watermelons.

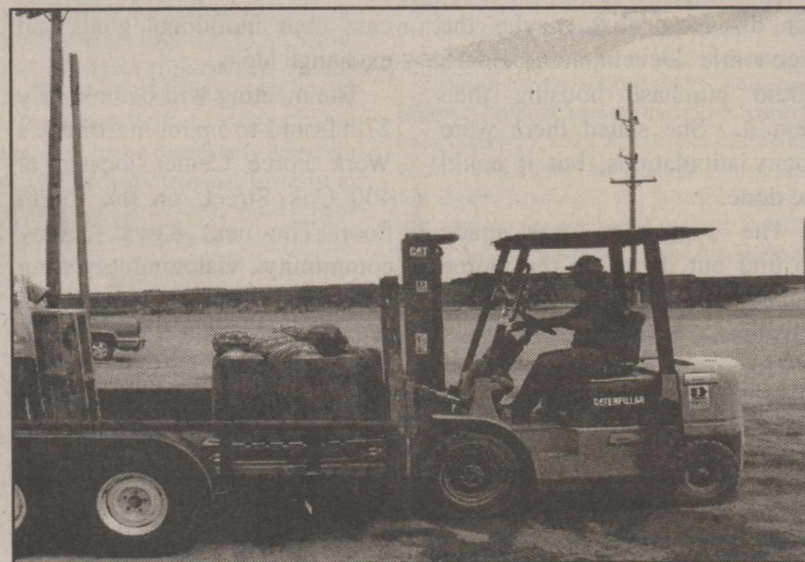
But, how exactly does one acquire a seed to a melon that produces no seeds? Actually it requires two different watermelon varieties. A regular seeded breed has to be planted along side each row of seedless. The seedless seeds are harvested from genetically altered melons. The local insect population pollinates the blooms and the two varieties are crossed. Pollination is

critical to the melons developing. With out it, the blooms would never produce a melon. Bees used to be brought in from South Texas to pollinate blooms, but Dwayne Johnson discovered last year that their were enough wild bees in the area, along with other insects, to pollinate adequately.

The first seedless watermelons were designed by a Japanese scientist in the forties, but Dr. O.J. Eigsti of Indiana spent years developing the seed into the product that it is today. His search for proper soil and weather brought him to Knox County, where he (Continued on Page 3.)



The Watermelon Season Begins at Johnson Watermelon Farm



The fruits of their labor are shipped nation wide.

Visioning Statement Summarizes Goals For Knox County

The second community visioning meeting was held Thursday July 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the assembly room at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

County Judge Travis Floyd facilitated the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The purpose was to present to the public the visioning statement for Knox County, and seek approval and modification, if needed, by it's citizens. At last months meeting, a "task force" of five people were designated to design a vision statement modeled after the contents of what different groups had written that day as sample statements. The statement is

written as follows.

"Knox County, Texas is a rural west Texas county comprised of farm and ranch land and scenic vistas of break land between the Wichita and the Brazos Rivers. Knox County is populated with people sharing a common goal and pursuing an enhanced quality of life for all its citizens. Desired growth of the county will be balanced with responsible resource management where people will feel safe, where public services to support residents are planned, and where mind, body, and spirit are nurtured." The team also came up with a mission statement for the county.

"The heart of any community is its citizens. Knox County citizens are friendly, caring neighbors to one another. They are anchored in strong faith communities and are quick to volunteer for a needy cause whether it is for a social service agency or for a community member in trouble. Thus, the mission of Knox County, Texas is to provide safe communities which offer economic opportunities, suitable (comfortable) housing, a stable tax base, and amenities which include recreational activities and friendly towns."

The group was very pleased with the statements as they were

described to be articulate, and the group could tell the task force had thought long and hard to make them accurate statements to summarize the mission and vision of the county. No one suggested any changes, and the statements were accepted.

Judge Floyd stated he had talked to Texas Midwest, the group responsible for assisting the county's visioning efforts, to ask what the options were in helping with facilitations at future meetings and representations. The company advised that they had people on hand to

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LACY JONES

Lacy Jones is the 20 year old daughter of Guy and Teretha Jones, and the grand daughter of Deroy and Gerry Anderson all of Mission Texas, and Theola Jones of Chillicothe, Texas. She is currently a junior going to the University of Texas in Austin Majoring in Communications

Lacy, Welcome to Knox City! We hope you enjoy your stay!
Kay, Dwayne, Lorie, Brad, Dustin

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STEPHANIE NOEL DUDA

Stephanie Duda, is the daughter of Darrell and Barbara Duda of Mission, Texas. She is a student at The University of Texas at Austin Majoring in Government and Communications.

Stephanie, Welcome to Knox City! We hope you enjoy your stay!
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Community Vision Statement

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help, or that we could do it locally. The professional facilitators, require travel expenses, and a small stipend for their services. It was decided to wait until after the regional summit meeting later in the month to decide which alternative to take.

According to Nicki Harle, the Texas Midwest Executive Coordinator who visited with Judge Floyd over the phone, Knox County was going to stand out in their efforts because of their unique approach to community visioning. It was decided that the entire county should be involved in the development of the area's assets, not just one town. So far, Knox County is the only county doing this.

Judge Floyd hopes that this will make the county "stand out" and maybe become a model for future visionings for other coun-

ties. A brainstorming session then ensued as citizens discussed their ideas to help solve the shortage of rental property and ideas on distance learning, as well of keeping consumer dollars at home.

There are many homes for sale in Knox County, but not very many for rent. Knox City City Administrator Barbara Recor discussed that maybe the Economic Development Board could purchase housing then rent it. She stated there were many stipulations, but it could be done.

The suggestion was made to find out if maybe the Goree School building might be used as a campus for distance learning.

Homer Lowrance suggested that everyone make a list of things citizens have to go out of town to acquire. At the next

meeting, the lists would be compiled and ideas could be made to resolved the issue, maybe to give business owners ideas of what to stock and improve their income, thus keeping locally earned dollars at home.

Texas Midwest is hosting a regional community visioning meeting where all communities involved in the project will discuss their individual goals and exchange ideas.

The meeting will be held July 27th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Abilene's Work Force Center located at 400 Oak Street, on the fourth floor. The next Knox County community visioning meeting will be held Tuesday, August 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at the courthouse in Benjamin, once again. All citizens wanting to work toward the improvement of all communities are encouraged to attend.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

BAD TIME FOR ECONOMISTS

The beef market for the last two years must be driving economists nuts!

There are so many factors affecting the price of cattle other than supply and demand, that the playing field is littered with mortar craters! It would be analogous to a basketball game where baskets count, but one could also earn points by number of hot dogs sold to visiting fans, near misses, the basketball futures, dress code violations, % of left handers in the World Series and number of junior kids over 6'4" tall!

Screaming headlines cause wild fluctuations in the cattle market, i.e. "B.S.E. found in U.S.!" "Japan restricts beef imports!" "Hamburger is fattening!" "Burger King is giant-sizing Whoppers!" "Canadian border may (or may not) open!" "Mushroom Check Off ruled illegal!" "Beef Check Off ruled illegal!" "Property rights diminished!" "Michael Jackson found not guilty!" "Beef Check Off ruled legal!" "Ronald McDonald is Wendy's illegitimate child."

Logic has no beefing on the market fluctuations. How would Denmark's ban on Ukrainian beef drive our market down? A Dairy Buyout announcement that doesn't start for months caused an immediate drop on the price of live cattle?

What's an economist going to do when cattle numbers are predicted to go up and the beef imports to be reduces?

Economists are a nervous group anyway. They are expected to predict the market through a blizzard of B.S.E. regulations, TB and Bangs restrictions, Homeland Security investigations, multinational mergers, political promises, international treaties, interstate restrictions, C.E.O. indictments and frivolous food safety scares!

The typical producer has become numb to the barrage of outlandish news releases intended to shake them to their boot heel's. The sales price particularly for the cow-calf man, has been the best he's ever seen. Right now he is actually investing in a time-share on cloud nine!

Consumers too have become immune to the B.S.E., Anthrax, E coli, cancer, Chicken Littles. They are more selective in the maet they buy because of price, but every head sold to the packer gets eaten.

Which leaves the economists, brave and true, behind the eight ball. When I think of economists in today's unsettled time, I'm reminded of that weatherman on the Weather Channel broadcasting live from Hurricane Ivan: the economist clinging to light pole, feet off the ground, flying horizontally, fighting for his life and talking on his cell phone.

Elmer Kelton on ranching, cowboys and history

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Rained" took place during the fifties. If West Texas were to experience another drought to the same degree, do you think the consequences would be greater now?

EK: I'd say we just almost have these last few years and for the farmer and rancher out on the lands, the economic consequences have probably been greater. I think it's probably been economically more stressful because the cost of production and farming and ranching—all the inputs that you have to pay for—are so much higher today in relation to what you get for the commodities.

You're in a worse bind than they were in the fifties because there are some farm commodities that aren't much higher than they were then, but the cost of producing those things has gone up several times.

For the ranchers who have had to feed pretty steadily for the last four or five years, at the cost of feed today and the cost of everything that goes into it—pickups, gasoline, all of that—in relation to the price of cattle or sheep, it was a pretty hard deal. The cost-price squeeze put some old families out of business.

JJ: What do you see for the future of big ranches?

EK: I don't know. It's hard for me to predict exactly what's going to happen. If I knew, I'd probably be out trying to capitalize on it in some way, but I think it's going to be increasingly difficult. I think the person who's been hurt the worst is the middle-sized one in the cattle and sheep business.

The little fellow who's got a small acreage and a small herd of cattle is likely to be working on the outside bringing in other income. He's making his living off of whatever job he has or the business he's in.

The real big outfits have some advantages in the economy of scale. Say they have 3,000 cattle against a guy that has 300 cattle—ten times as many—they don't have to have ten times as much help or ten times as many pickups. The economy of scale helps the big operator.

But the guy with the 300 head, he doesn't have time to have a job or anything else going. That's a full time job for him. In a way, percentage wise he's hurt worse than others, either below him or above him.

But as to what's going to happen in the future, I don't know. I do see a lot of gradual changes coming about, especially in parts of the country where they can adapt to it—a lot more emphasis on hunting,

and recreational income. There's a lot of Texas where that isn't all that feasible, but there are places where the game brings more income than the livestock.

You'll find some places that have given up on livestock entirely and just concentrate on game, especially if they're able to bring in exotic animals that aren't subject to Texas game laws and can be hunted year round.

JJ: What about the future of the cowboy?

EK: I don't see any way they can have cows out there in the country without a cowboy.

That cowboy may be the owner of the cows, especially if it's a smaller operator and the cowboy may be riding a four-wheeler instead of a horse a lot to the time, but somebody's got to go out there and tend to those cattle and bring them in every so often to feed them, vaccinate them, brand them, whatever's got to be done.

As long as there's cattle there's going to have to be cowboys. Their manner of work may change; it already has a lot. As a general rule, they sped a lot more time behind a steering wheel than they do on horseback. At heart they're still cowboys working cattle.

JJ: Do you think there's enough emphasis in schools on history in general or on Texas history?

EK: It's been a long time since I've been in school, but I've talked to a lot of students in schools. My impression is that they've de-emphasized history and geography a lot in comparison to the way it was when I went to school, and I think that's a loss. You'll find that most of these kids don't have more than a sketchy idea about our history.

If you don't know your history, how can you rally know who you are, how you came to be where you are, or what's going on around you? How do you understand that? What context can you put it in if you don't know what's come before?

Everything we are is a product of the generations that have come before us. We're all products of our parents and our grandparents and on back.

We may think we were boy yesterday knowing it all, but we've inherited all that knowledge. We've inherited the attitude that we live by.

If we don't know how those came to be—what happened in the past—we don't have any basis to understand where we are and why we are as we are.

IT'S THE PITT'S

by Lee Pitts

Here Kitty, Kitty

My wife won't go anywhere without me. At least not to our backyard. It's not that she's overly attached to me, it's just that she's afraid of being eaten by the mountain lion that has supposedly been seen in the area.

Whereas a cat may have nine lives my wife only has one and she doesn't want to sacrifice it providing a late lunch for a lion. She's heard about innocent bystanders being killed by mountain lions and so, naturally, she wants me around for her protection. Although if we ever do have an interaction with a lion her biggest risk will be being run over as I flee the scene.

I explained to my wife that the odds are higher that she'll be struck by lightning than being attacked by a lion and now she won't even putter in her garden if it's partly cloudy.

Here's her dilemma: Prior to 1963 there was a bounty on lions but since 1990 they have enjoyed "special protected mammal" sta-

tus. Now if you harm a hair on their head you'll pay \$10,000 and spend a year in jail. Naturally the lions are thriving, the deer are dwindling, the lions need an alternative food source and my wife thinks she's it.

She's worried just because she was in the garden when a lion killed a doe not 30 yards away. She said the lion uttered a blood curdling cry that sounded like a woman in childbirth... but that's something else I know nothing about.

My wife's safety is further endangered because our backyard is covered in dense overgrowth from which the lions can ambush their prey. I'd thin out the brush, also known as Moro manzanita, but it too enjoys a "threatened species" designation.

I've tried to convince my wife there aren't any lions around and even if there were, lions are nocturnal. "Just don't garden at midnight," I advised. But she insists lions are stalking her and keeps

trying to find evidence to prove it. Last month she insists she saw a mountain lion in our backyard. "You probably just saw a bobcat, like the one that ate the neighbor's cat," I insisted. "Did it weigh 20 pounds or 200?"

"Pardon me but I didn't weigh it," replied my wife sarcastically. "If you'll just go in the backyard with me I'll show you its tracks," she suggested.

So, I bravely put on my coon-skin cap, loaded the rifle and accompanied her to the backyard wilderness to show off my extensive knowledge of wildlife.

"Look at these tracks!" said my wife excitedly.

"Those are clearly the tracks of a either bobcat, a coyote, a fox or the neighbor's Rottweiler," I explained with authority. I also pointed out a five digit track belonging either to a raccoon or a physically endowed squirrel. "The skunk also shows five digits," I said authoritatively, "but they leave behind other lingering signs as well."

Speaking of other signs, my wife then asked me to identify some droppings she was sure had been left by a lion and, while I may have extensive knowledge

of the shape of animal's paws, I have little knowledge of what they ate for lunch yesterday.

"This is ridiculous," I finally said to my wife. "There's nothing to worry about and even if you do see a lion it will be just as afraid of you as you are of it."

"I doubt that," said my nervous wife, always on the lookout for lions. "Even though there isn't a mountain lion within 20 miles of here I'll give you some advice," I said. "If you see one don't run. Just try to appear as large as you can."

"It might be a little late to bulk up on steroids," my wife said sarcastically.

"Raise your arms, open your jacket wide, but don't stoop down," I cautioned. "If you have a shovel point it at the lion and say 'BANG, BANG'. Whatever you do, don't tear a branch off one of the trees because it's illegal and under no circumstances should you harm the lion or you'll go to jail. That's presuming, of course, that you survive the lion attack. Ha, ha."

My wife failed to see the humor in the fact that the mountain lions and the brush are protected but she isn't.

Watermelon Festival

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discovered that the late Donald Johnson had been growing and selling small crops of watermelons for years. He approached Mr. Johnson about growing the seedless variety and the two began to build a business that over the years has developed into a nation wide venture.

For weeks before and after the festival, anything from cars to pickups with trailers to semi tractor trailer rigs can be found at Johnson's Watermelons, east of Knox City on highway 222. An average of 16 to 22 million pounds of melons are harvested each year by migrate workers from the Rio Grande Valley area. These workers travel ten months out of the year following the harvest. The work is extremely tedious due to the delicate nature of the melons, they must be harvested by hand. Mr. Johnson contracts between fifty and sixty

harvesters a year to gather the crop. Mr. Johnson's harvest usually lasts anywhere from forty to sixty days, depending on the weather.

The melons are shipped all over the country and more are every year do to the growing popularity of the seedless.

The popularity of the festival is growing as well. Every year there are more fun things to participate in.

Last year, the festival was renamed to honor the late Donald Johnson who pioneered the growing and early marketing of the seedless watermelon, making it the Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival.

The tradition that started in 1988 continues today in 2005 along with the spirit of dedication, fun and fellowship at the 17th Annual Donald Johnson Memorial Seedless Watermelon Festival.

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Two area coaches were inducted into the Texas Six Man Coaches Association Hall of Fame in a half time ceremony Saturday during the All Star Games at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Harvey Wellman has been coaching at Guthrie CSD for 18 years, and has been coaching a total of 38 years.

With Guthrie Coach Wellman has had seven District Championships, one District Co-Championship, one District Tri-Championship, six Bi-District Championships, three Regional Championships, and two Quarterfinal Championships. He has been awarded the South Plains Six Man Coach of the Year, and Coach Who Makes A

Difference, from the Fox Sports Network.

Chet Forehand was with Rochester Schools for ten years.

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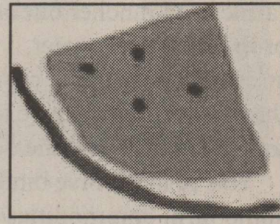
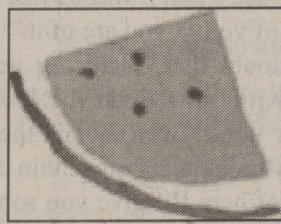

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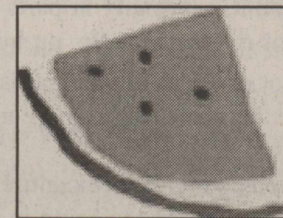
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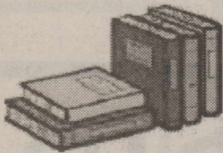
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ROLLING PLAINS RAMBLINGS

By Morton Scott

Many of you will probably attend family reunions this summer. Particularly if it is a large reunion, you may wonder how Aunt Mildred's grandson James is related to you. Well, hopefully, this column will help you figure it out. We'll start with a simple example, your own family, your parents.

Their children are you and your brothers and sisters. We'll move up one generation to the parents of your mother or father. They, of course, are your grandparents.

Their children are your parent, say, your father, and his siblings. His siblings, his brothers and sisters, are your aunts and uncles. Their children will be your first cousins, usually referred to as just cousins. All of these first cousins will have the same grandparents as you do.

The children of your first cousins are also first cousins, but they are one generation removed, i.e., first cousins once removed. The grandchildren of your first cousins will be your first cousins two generations removed, i.e. first cousins twice removed. Similarly, the great grandchildren of your first cousins will be first cousins three times removed.

In fact, ALL the decedents of your first cousins will be your first cousins, removed by a certain number of generations. Okay, now you know what a first cousin, twice removed is. So what is a second cousin? All the cousins we have talked about so far are descendants of your grandfather. Your grandfather had a father and mother, your great grandparents. They prob-

ably had other children in addition to your grandfather, children who would be his brothers and sisters. The brothers and sisters had children who would be the nieces and nephews of your grandfather.

They would also be the first cousins of your father. You and the children of the first cousins of your father are second cousins. You and your second cousins have the same great grandfather, but they are not descended from YOUR grandfather.

They are, however, descended from his brothers and sisters. Similarly, you and your third cousins are descended from the same great great grandfather, but not from the same great grandfathers. And you and your fourth cousins are descended from the same great great great grandfather, but different great great grandfathers. Oh, yes, one additional point.

If you have a, say, fourth cousin and she has a son, then the son is your fourth cousin, once removed. The son of that fourth cousin, once removed, would be your fourth cousin, twice removed. All the descendants of that fourth cousin would be fourth cousins, so many generations removed. Thoroughly confused?

Well, almost everyone is. That's all about cousins. Now, we're going to work back to aunts and uncles. Your aunts and uncles are, of course, the siblings, the brothers and sisters, of your parents. That part is easy. The rest is not too much harder. Your GRANDfather probably had brothers and sisters. They

would be your GRAND uncles and GRAND aunts.

Similarly, the brothers and sisters of your GREAT GRANDfather would be your GREAT GRAND aunts or uncles. If you are a genealogist, you may have the names of, say, your Great Grandfather and his brothers and sisters. His brothers and sisters would be your great great grand aunts and great great grand uncles.

I know this is all confusing. You may want to clip this column and keep it with your family papers. I am a life member of the Pierre Chastain Family Association. Pierre was my Great Great Great Great Great (7 greats) Grandfather, who immigrated to the James river area of Virginia in 1700.

We have several thousand members nationally. We spell the name a number of ways: Chastain, Chasteen, Chastagn, Chastine, Shasteen, etc. The Association holds annual family reunions. I have attended several and have met people who were, say, my fifth cousin, three times removed. I have a rather famous distant McCuiston relative.

I sometimes try to keep his picture in my billfold. He is Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States.

Cousin Andy and I are second cousins, five times removed. This means Cousin Andy and my fifth great grandmother (Ann Moody McCuiston) had the same great grandfather. Oh, yes.

There is one other kind of cousin I have not defined. That is a kissin cousin. You will have to define this one for yourself.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 17TH ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL IN THE PARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 30TH



Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, here it is-The beginning of the last week of July! You may think I should talk about the short summer a lot but just seems this one has literally flown by. School starts August 11. I believe with the teachers getting started a few days earlier. So kids-(and parents) enjoy these last few days of summer vacation!

Sympathy this week to the family of Linda Cox. Linda passed away last Monday. Her death came as a shock to us all-family and friends. She had not been feeling too well as of late but didn't seem to be seriously ill but got rally sick around 10 p.m. Sunday and passed away around 4 a.m. on Monday at Knox County Hospital. She was Mayor of Benjamin and just beginning to get really interested in community affairs after her retirement. She will be greatly missed by many.

Very good to report no real serious illnesses in the community today but have some who are recovering from precious bouts with various things.

Very happy to report that Sue Sheedy and Jessie Roberts continue to improve daily. I say (and talked to) both of these friends on Saturday and they are doing pretty well. They both said they were not back "good as new" yet, but are working on getting there.

Leroy West is still not doing as well as he would like to. Went back to the Dr. Monday and discovered he has a crushed vertebrae in his back form this fall and right now nothing is being done for it. Said Drs. say in time it will quit hurting.

Yesterday he has some temperature so he was going back to the Dr. today to find out what was causing that. Leroy had a kidney transplant about 8 or 10 years ago so naturally a lot of their concerns is whether or not he may have done some damage to it when he fell. He has contacted his transplant Dr. an they are keeping check on him.

Jane Gideon had her first shot last Wednesday for the pain in her back. She's going to a pain management Dr. in Wichita Falls and says after that first shot, she already can tell it's going to do her some good. She's in Wichita Falls today for some heart tests.

She has had a pretty good seize of not feeling well and is certainly ready for a change.

Crystal Baldwin was back to see her Dr. last week and right now her doesn't want to do any surgery on her. Her trouble is thyroid related and Drs. have adjusted her medication in hopes of helping her. We hope it does help to prevent surgery.

My great grandson, Dillon, was back in Plano Thursday to see his urologist. You may remember her had a problem about two years ago and spent several weeks in Children's Medical Center in Dallas. That problem left him with some after effects and one is a bladder or kidney problem so he goes prediocially for a check-up so far he's doing pretty well considering what he has been through.

He lives in Childress with his parent's and sister Beckie, Wade, and Randi and his grandparent are Mike and Debbie Moorhouse.

Lamoyne Patterson's son, Lynn n, who lives in Amarillo underwent surgery week before last and al last report he was doing pretty well. It's always good to get encouraging reports like this. Please continue to remember all these friends in prayer.

Jan Pollock of Iowa Park visited her mom, Clodell duke during the week end and attended the funeral of Linda Cox on Saturday.

Jessica Moorhouse of Stephenville was home for the weekend for a visit with her parents, Mike and Debbie. Jessica is working there this summer before entering Tarlton State in the fall.

Visited briefly with Jim and Patsy Bateman of Denton who were her Saturday for Linda's funeral. It's always good to see them.

Had a nice visit with Betty Escobar Martinez on Friday. Betty lives in California and was back to visit relatives and friends in Knox City (and the rest of the area). It's always good to see her , also.

Sharon Bivins and her mom, Maretha Patterson of Tatum, N.M. and Sharon daughter, Suzanne Averton and family of Semimole were here Wednesday readying Maretha's house

for company this welcoming weekend for the Hertel reunion. Sharon's husband Carson, was having surgery Thursday a.m. in Lubbock for removal of a kidney stone. They left in time to meet him at the hospital before surgery. Haven't heard how he's doing but I'm sure he's fine or we would have heard.

Keith and Pam Conner of McAllen spent Thursday with family here. They had been in Lubbock at their daughter's a few days but had talked to friends at home and said they got three or four inches of rain there as a result of Hurricane Emily. McAllen is about 60 miles from Brownsville which I believe got a good deal of rain during Emily's reign.

The All Star games went well out at Lubbock, this past weekend. This according to the players and fans who were present. Last minute call cam to Michael Clower who played in the football game.

And though all the teams our kids were on lost on the score board, they are still all winners. It's quite a honor to be selected to participate. Each player received a beautiful watch for their participation and Chance Propps was the recipient of a \$1000.00 cash scholarship. So Chance, Michael and Nancy Congratulation. We are very proud of you.

Among those going to Lubbock for one or all of the games were James and Stacia Propps, Shannon Propps, Shaylee Propps, Danny Owenby, Becky Jones, Devon and Brooke, Benny and Belle Grill, Debbie Clower, Sara and David, Vicki Clower, Lorraine Powers, Linda Underwood and C.H., Danny Copeland. I'm sure there were others from her out there but I didn't have all the names.

Bonnie Bohannon Howell and children of Lockwood, Missouri and a friend Shery left Sunday of their home after spending few days her with Bonnie's parents, Roger and Betty Bohannon.

Jimmy and Helen Green of Guthrie was here Saturday for the Cox funeral. Helen told me her brothers, James Coppedge is doing pretty well. Still taking treatments and not sure how long he will be taking them but seem to be holding his own.

HOOVES & HORNS

BY A.W. ERWIN



"Yer right,..... this ain't my brand,.....It's my neighbor's,.... Who's 'bout to become the proud owner of a fence-jumpin', bank robbin', no loadin', rope breakin', horse criplin' cow!"

ACROSS

- TXism: "sharp as a _____"
- TXism: "chew _____ awhile"
- Dallas TV station
- TX Judith Ivey's "Lonely Guy" role
- actress Taylor of TX-based "Giant"
- TXism: "_____ with the chickens" (retire early)
- this TX town was Concord and now is Lumberton
- ending for United or Confederate States (2 wds.)
- TXism: "all vine, watermelon"
- TXism: "_____ donkey fly?" (no)
- Fort Worth baker: "Baird's"
- this TX Johnny was a hostage in Iran
- Lubbock has an annual "Cowboy _____"
- this Berlin wrote songs for TX Ginger (init.)
- "Deep in the Heart of Texas" was sung in "How to _____ Millionaire"
- ihwart
- "_____ of Texas" features TX food
- it's brewed in San Antonio (3 wds.)
- "Fiesta Diez _____"
- TXism: "If I was any _____ couldn't stand it"
- TXism: "fair _____ midlin"
- religious group
- boat with sails
- "Hell in Texas" poem says the devil put "horns"
- this Williams was 1st mgr. of the TX Rangers
- to Denton from Abilene
- TV show of TX Crystal Bernard
- Gregg Co. peach grower "_____ Farms"
- Dallas area: "_____ Plaza"
- donkey
- astrological lion
- natl. ID no. (abbr.)
- TX Matthew McConaughey film "A Time _____"
- unfinished railway: "Dallas, Cleburne _____ Grande"
- Burnet newspaper "_____ Gazette"
- Sweetwater TV
- TXism: "from the get-"
- The Original
- Fannin was site of "Battle _____ Creek"
- TX academic test (abbr.)
- prefix meaning "all"
- Murchison animal refuge "Black _____ Ranch"
- TXism: "let '____ rip!"
- TXism: "his bulb glows kinda _____"
- beau
- TX Rex Reed, et al.
- "do _____ as _____ you can"
- TX "Peter Pan" Martin (init.)
- TX square dance caller Golden Robstown AM
- TX singer Tubbs
- Crystal City has statue of "Pop _____ Sailor Man"
- persevered
- mafia
- 32 pecan or crawfish
- 33 body rub
- 38 start of a TX crop
- 40 TXism: "_____ ninety" (small)
- 41 "art" south of the border
- 42 Alma Allen replaced him in TX House
- 48 TXism: "_____ solid perfect"
- 50 bathroom floor?
- 51 TX Roy Orbison's "_____ the Lonely"
- 56 TX-based "Hud" star Patricia, et al.
- 57 flower holders

DOWN

- TX Matthew McConaughey film "A Time _____"
- unfinished railway: "Dallas, Cleburne _____ Grande"
- Burnet newspaper "_____ Gazette"
- Sweetwater TV
- TXism: "from the get-"

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Chance Elliot Propps has received many awards in basketball as well as other activities. His basketball honors are 1st Team All-District, Six-Man All Regional, and Academic All-State.

Mr. Propps has received a scholarship in the amount of 1,000 from the Texas Six Man Coaches Association for hard work and academic dedication in high school.

Nancy Wieve Siemens played for the girls team.

Her basketball attributes are 1st Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-District, and 2nd Team All-District. She also plays volleyball, track, and cross-country, as well as being successful in academics.

Michael Clower played football at the All-Stars.

Mr. Clowers Footbal Honors include Second Team All-District Punter and Offensive End. He also received Honorable Mention Middle Linebacker, as well as being on the team that got district runner up in 2002.

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TRUSCOTT NEWS

It was 102 degrees at Truscott Sunday, July 24. There were some clouds floating around, but they weren't doing much good. According to tv a lot of Texas had a chance for showers, but Truscott wasn't given even a chance.

Jack and Clara Brown visited eastern Oklahoma last Monday and Tuesday in the Broken Bow area, then spent Wednesday night in Jacksboro. Jacksboro has and has had a lot of oil field people there lately.

Bill Brown mowed and looked after things for his folks while they were gone, then headed back home to Breckenridge where he and Staci will be teaching this year.

Ruth Mescall and her son Alex visited her parents Jack and Clara Brown, Friday night until Monday morning before returning to Baytown.

Kay an Jerry Hays of Abilene visited her mother, Jodi Miller, Saturday and Sunday.

Mary Welch reports her daughter Susan Cartwright had

back surgery recently but is home now.

Geraldine and Michael To-manke returned Sunday, July 17 from Branson, Missouri. They met there with Geraldine's brother, Ken, and his wife, Marlene. Geraldine's niece and her husband, Joan and Steve, all from Illinois. Edmund did not go with them this year.

Several have made it to the Johnson watermelon shed recently to get melons and cantaloupes. The Knox City Watermelon festival will be this coming weekend.

It kicks off with a parade at 7 pm Friday, with every entry required to feature a watermelon, or at least a picture of one. There will be a junior rodeo Friday and Saturday nights, a golf tournament, and all kinds of things on Saturday.

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission will have chairs and be ready to talk with anyone who wants to ask about the bricks and stones for the historical wall at the museum.

O'BRIEN NEWS

by Audie Johnston

Spending the weekend with Adelle Herring were her daughter Pansy Hines of Lubbock, and Julie and Stephanie Keeling, and Kevin and Tamera Urbanczyk of Goree. Adelle decided to go home with them and spend a few days.

Charlene Brothers enjoyed a visit with Laurie Lenliley of Abilene Sunday for a while.

Beatrice Ellis and son in law Grady of Plainview and wife spent sometime with her last week for a while.

Orval and Helen Manning were blessed last week by having their son Royce of Abilene spend some time with them.

C.H. And Linda Underwood spent several days in Lubbock last week for C.H. to attend some time in school there for some important schooling.

All of O'Brien was happy this week by having two houses for people to move into. We all hope they're happy to move here and that we will be glad to have them attend our church.

The Youth studied about God being thier compass as they lead a life long journey of following Jesus. The Scripture story was about the boys who were captured and taken to live in Babylon, but kept themselves pure by eating only vegetables and drinking water instead of sharing meat from the kings table that had been sacrificed to idols. Pastor Davey demonstrated how to make a compass using a needle, paper, water, and a magnet. Fried peach pies and party mix was served as refreshments.

Billie Ruth and nephew David are going to Abilene today to visit a neice of Billie's who is in the hospital there.

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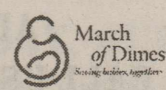


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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

July 25, 2005

Application for Local Option Election Petition to Legalized the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages for off-premise consumption only within the City Limits of the Incorporated City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas.

It is the hope, purpose and intent of the applicants whose signatures appear hereon to seek legalized the sale of alcoholic beverages referred to in the issue set out above.

Printed Name Signature Physical Address Mailing Address

James Arthur Propps James Arthur Propps 504 North Coleman Box 6 Benjamin
 Stacia Rynann Propps Stacia Rynann Propps 504 N. Coleman Box 6 Benjamin
 Misty Ham Jones Misty Ham Jones 501 N. Cooper St Benjamin TX
 Clinton Kyle Jones Clinton Kyle Jones 501 N. Cooper St Benjamin, TX
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 Bobby Robertson Bobby Robertson 204 W. Perry Box 33 Benjamin TX
 Jimmie William Pierce III Jimmie William Pierce III 204 W. Perry Box 33 Benjamin
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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KNOX

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Baker, Frank Morris and C.M. Burton, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of there hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 3 and 4, Block 65, Elandel Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 93, Page 535, of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 12-15, Block 15, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 58, Page 341 and Vol 58, Page 342 of the Deed of Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 10-12, Block 12, Original Townsite of the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 1465, Page 123 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 5 and 6, Block 51, Elandel Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 111, Page 137 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 15 and 16, Block 24, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas; lots 1 and 2, Block 23, original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 55, Page 572, of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 1 thru 6, Block 7, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 83, Page 586 and Vol. 93, Page 344 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 9 and 10, Block 18, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 42, Page 158, of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 9 and 12, Block 23, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 126, Page 265 and Vol. 159, Page 415 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 7 thru 11, Block 51, Elandel Addition, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 19, Page 314, Vol. 19, Page 631 and Vol. 19, Page 632 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 9, Block 24, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 55, Page 373 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 6-8, Block 23, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 80, Page 43 of the Deed Record, Knox County, Texas; Lots 1, 2, 17, 18, Block 24, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 75, Page 509 and Vol. 74, Page 198 of the Deed Record, Knox County, Texas; Lot 1, Block 28, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 74, Page 294 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 3-4, Block 24, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 82, Page 240 and Vol. 108, Page 306 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 14, Block 24, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 51, Page 578 and Vol. 51, Page 581, of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 4, 10, 11, and 12, Block 48, Elandel Addition, City Of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 58, Page 236, Vol. 58, Page 237 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 7-8, block 58, Elandel Addition, Original Townsite to the Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Vol. 21, Page 250 of the deed records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 5-12, Block 65, Elandel Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 17, Page 260, Vol. 21, Page 20, Vol. 21, Page 21, an Vol. 77, Page 210 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lot 5, Block 75, Elandel Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 17, Page 260 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and all of the Block 79, Elandel Addition, Town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 17, Page 260, Vol. 21, Page 204, Vol. 48, Page 189 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,078.82, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on April 19, 2005, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. J.F. Torres et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8912, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of September, A.D., 2005, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, A.D., 2005.

DATED July, 22, 2005, at Benjamin, Texas.
 Ronnie Verhalen
 Clerk of the District Court,
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 Michelle Esquivel
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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KNOX

Citation by Publication In Delinquent Tax Suit

Joe P. Rios AKA Joe Rios, Mendiola Santos, Ira Shields, Lee Edwards Shields, Alvaro Luna, Gifford Wilde, Delores Wilde, Glynn Jones, Charles C. Coates and E.H. Coates, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named person, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal responsibilities, legalities and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit: Lots 3 and 4, Block 55, Original Townsite of the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 96, Page 480 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; a 50' x 100' tract of land, more or less, out of the Southeast corner of Block 22, R.P. Munday addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 250, Page 495 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; East 1/2 of Lots 6, 7, 8, Block 127, Reeves & Musser Addition to the City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 192, Page 193 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 26, Original Townsite to the City of Goree, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 248, Page 427 and Volume 300, Page 653 of the Deeds Records, Knox County, Texas; the Southwest 55' x 110' of Block 31, R.P. Munday Addition, City of Munday, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 226, Page 197 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas; and Lots 1 & 2, Block 55, Original Townsite of the City of Knox City, Knox County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 70, Page 172 of the Deed Records, Knox County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$12,329.61, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Knox County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on February 25, 2004, in a certain suit styled the Knox County Appraisal District et al vs. Joe P. Rios AKA Joe Rios, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Knox County, Texas, 50th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8825, that the names of all taxing units which assess Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8825, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of September, A.D., 2005, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all cost of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, this the 22nd day of July, A.D., 2005

DATED July 2005, at Benjamin, Texas.
 By s/ Dean W. Homstad
 SHERIFF, Knox County, Texas.
 You may contact the Plaintiff's attorney at 325-672-4870

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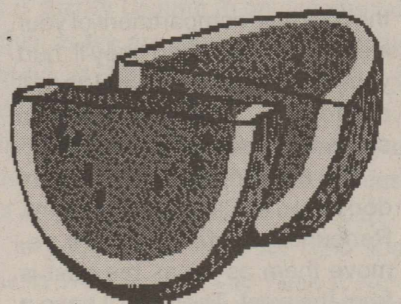
Benjamin Graduate Receives Degree

Gina Bolanos, daughter of Joel and Esperanza Bolanos of Benjamin, graduated salutatorian in the class of '99 from Benjamin High School. Immediately following graduation, Gina attended the University of North Texas in Denton where she majored in Psychology. She recently graduated in May of 2005 with honors. (Cum Laude.)

After her freshman year she was inducted into two honor societies Phi Eta Sigma, National Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Delta, Freshman Honor Society.) She also received the multicultural Scholastic Award for her academic accomplishments and community involvement. During her time at UNT, she was an active member and officer of Psi Chi (The National Psychology Honor Society, UNT Chapter) serving as vice president. In addition, she was involved in several student organizations, including ALAS (Association of Latin American Students,) LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens,) HOLA (Hispanic Organizations of Leadership and Advancement,) and LATINOS Organization. Further, she was chosen to represent the undergraduate Psychology Department as a UNT Eagle Ambassador.

While at UNT, Gina was accepted into the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program which awarded her a stipend for two years. As a McNair Scholar, Gina gained research experience on several projects, was the primary investigator on her own study, gained graduate school preparation, presented her research at conferences, and attended a clinical psychology internship at the University of Wyoming. One of her research experiences, included working on a research team called R.U.B.Y. (Racial Uniqueness of Black Youth.) The RUBY Studt investigated ethnic identity, religion, and information technology within the African American Community. Findings from the study have been presented at several conferences nationwide, including the American Psychological Association Conference. With regard to Gina's Honor's Thesis, she completed a study examining college women's HIV/AIDS risk behaviors. Upon graduation, she was one of only three students who completed a Psychology Honors Thesis, allowing her to graduate with a Bachelor of Science (as opposed to a Bachelor of Arts Degree) in Psychology. Her study was accepted for presentation at the annual Texas Psychological Association Conference in November of 2004. Currently she is preparing manuscripts for publications of her findings.

Gina is currently working as a Clinical Data Specialist in Pediatric Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Gina will be applying to doctoral programs in Clinical Psychology for the Fall '06 semester. She is pursuing a career as a clinical psychologist with an emphasis in child and family therapy.



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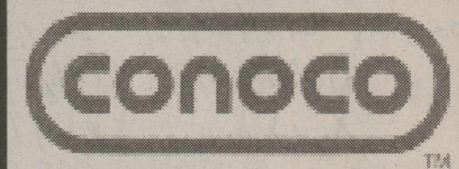
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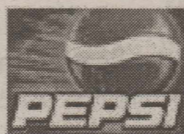
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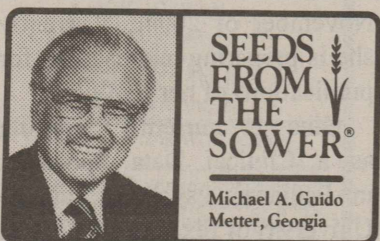
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