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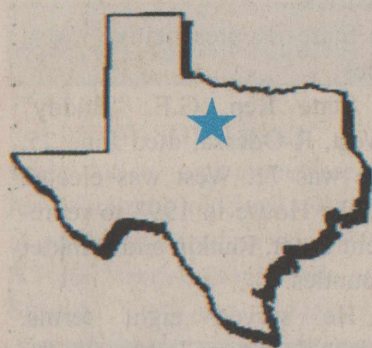
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## Looking Ahead

### SINGLES AND SINGLES AGAIN

The Knox County Singles and Singles Again will have their next monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11th at the Benjamin Church of Christ, Benjamin, Texas. All singles...widowed, divorced or never married... are encouraged to join us for an evening of snacks, conversation, board games and dominoes.

### K.C.R.A 2ND ANNUAL RANCH RODEO AND OPEN BRONC RIDING

Knox City, Texas July 25th and 26th. Begins at 7pm both nights. Ranch Rodeo: \$500 per team (team of 4 or 5). Open Ranch Bronc Riding: \$100 per man. Only taking first 20 entries for rodeo and bronc riding. For more information call: Riley Carver 940-256-1866, Tony Hunter 940-256-8807 or Andy Paul 940-256-1050. Come join the fun at the Watermelon Festival and Rodeo.

### WATERMELON FESTIVAL

The Chamber of Commerce announces the 20th Annual Donald Johnson Seedless Watermelon Festival July 26, 2008. Plans are shaping up for a fun filled day in the park, beginning with a Parade on Saturday, followed by the Classic Car Show, activities for the kids, various vendors and booths in the city park. Mark the date and tell your family and friends.

## The Art Stall Celebrates 34 Years Of Business



Romain Stubbs owner of the Art Stall, along with Shea Wise, who is modeling some of the Tommy Hilfiger collection on sale in the store.

Anyone and everyone who has visited downtown Knox City knows "The Art Stall" is a familiar sight.

Romain Stubbs, owner, is celebrating 34 years of a successful business.

"The Art Stall" carries a little of something for everyone. Custom made frames, collectible jewelry and designer clothing. If you can name it, Romain has it.

The shop opened on July 5th of 1974 when Romain's brother, Bobby Day, a realtor in Lubbock, Texas developed the idea of "The Mini Mall". Mr.

Day told Romain and sister, Dessie Egenbacher, they would soon be going to work.

The large corner building on Central Street in Knox City was given to the Day siblings by "Daddy Day" and later the connecting building was purchased as business boomed.

"The Mini Mall" brought new business to town and exceeded the expectations of the two sisters.

They were delighted with the response from the community. The business eventually grew to the point that more space was needed and Mrs. Stubbs relocat-

ed to 114 Central which is still the present day location.

Romain says, "Working in a family business has been a joy. We have enjoyed seeing our children and grandchildren grow up in the store.

She also states that her husband, the late Jack Stubbs, has been a tremendous help throughout the years.

Mr. Stubbs was retired from Texaco where he was employed for 34 years. Romain reports that "operating a retail gift shop is a constant challenge," but she is very proud of her shop and accomplishments.

## Maloney, Underwood & Tankersley Win The 14th Annual Wild Hog Classic Golf Tournament



Championship Flight winners of 14th Annual Wild Hog Classic; Marci Maloney, June Tankersley and Ann Underwood

On June 7th the Knox City Ladies Golf Association hosted the 14th Annual Wild Hog Classic Golf Tournament at the Knox City Country Club.

This year 22 teams participated in the tournament. The theme for this years event was "The 50s". The tournament kicked off at 10:00 am with door prizes donated by area businesses from Knox City, Munday, Haskell and Benjamin.

Randy Smith of Basic Energy Services Rental and Fishing Tools catered the sausage and hot wings while Larry Holder and Jerry McCowen provided the brisket and pork chops.

The event raised approximately \$4500.00 and the donations are still pouring in. Betty Starnes, Vice President of the Knox City Ladies Golf Association, stated "this is one of the best tournaments we have ever had".

All proceeds go toward the maintenance and up-keep of the Knox City Country Club golf course and equipment.

The Knox City Ladies Golf

Association is composed of Cathye Williams, President, Betty Starnes, Vice President, Carol Hunter, Treasurer and Delanie Adkins is the Secretary. Ladonna Smith and Jamie Pierce donated their time and effort to make sure that there were plenty of golf carts available for spectators.

Starnes also stated that the 4-T box pinch-hitters, Todd Austin, Domingo Garcia and Homer Rolston were a tremendous help.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS:

Maloney, Underwood, Tankersley-65

Williams, Skiles, Thane-66

Herrick, Smith, Bufkin-67

FIRST FLIGHT RESULTS: McNutt, Graham,

Godfrey-72

Starnes, Campbell,

Rolston-72

Latham, Wojcik, Oxford-73

SECOND FLIGHT RESULTS:

Hall, Miller, Kayle-77

Skiles, Ward, Zeissel-80

Fly, Reese, Dunn-81

## Knox City County Club Golf Course Gets New Greens



The Knox City Country Club golf course is putting new greens down for eager golfers. The project started about three weeks ago and the bulk of it is nearly complete. Approximately 30 volunteers have worked several hours to get the job done and the new greens should be ready to be played on in 30-45 days.

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**State Capital HIGHLIGHTS**



By Ed Sterling

# High Court Rulings Draw Comments From Top State Officeholders

AUSTIN - Texas' top officeholders spoke out in response to two hot-button cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the high court on June 26 struck down a law that banned private ownership of handguns in the District of Columbia.

"Texans have long held that it is a fundamental right of every law-abiding citizen to keep and bear arms," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Affirmation from our country's highest court

should unquestionably cement this right for future generations of Texans and Americans."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said: "I applaud the Supreme Court for affirming our fundamental Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. This decision is a victory for law-abiding Americans who own guns for self defense, or for hunting and recreation and preserves an important thread in America's history."

In another case, *Kennedy v. Louisiana*, the state of Louisiana charged a man with the aggravated rape of his then-8-year-old stepdaughter. He was convicted and sentenced to death under a state law authorizing capital punishment for the rape of a child under 12. The Supreme Court ruled on June 25 that the law violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, because the crime did not

result, and was not intended to result, in the victim's death.

Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst commented in opposition to the ruling.

"In my opinion," Perry said, "laws should be strong enough to deter these unspeakable offenses or, in the least, prevent these lowest of criminals from harming any child again."

Dewhurst said he was disappointed with the decision. "I believe, and the vast majority of Texans agree, that the death penalty is an appropriate form of punishment for repeat child molesters.

Our top priority remains protecting our most precious resource: our children. Fortunately, our law here in Texas was carefully crafted to give prosecutors the option of seeking life in prison without parole in the event a court invalidated the death penalty provision."

## Commission Picks I-69 Developer

The Texas Transportation Commission on June 26 picked San Antonio-based Zachry American and ACS Infrastructure to develop the Texas portion of Interstate 69 stretching from Brownsville to Texarkana.

Also competing for the bid was Bluebonnet Infrastructure Investors, composed of the Spanish firm Cintra, Citigroup, Earth Tech, Blanton & Associates, Maunsell, Othon and W.W. Webber.

The Texas Department of Transportation will negotiate a contract with the developer.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said the highway department would use existing highway facilities wherever possible.

The project includes the development of local toll road

projects in south Texas and work on a number of connecting highways in the I-69 corridor.

Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi said the project would have "limited" and "innovative" tolling. The proposal can be seen at [www.keeptexasmoving.com](http://www.keeptexasmoving.com).

## Comptroller Gives Revenue Report

The revised state franchise tax produced about \$4.2 billion in revenue May 1 through June 24, the office of the Texas comptroller reported June 25. That is \$1.7 billion short of the projected intake of \$5.9 billion.

Late filers have until Aug. 15 or Nov. 15 to pay, based on the amount of tax owed. Of the 133,000 businesses in Texas that were required to file, 46,000 were granted extensions after the original April 15 deadline.

The Legislature created the revised franchise tax in May 2006. The expected increase in

revenue was intended to help offset a reduction in property taxes collected by local school districts.

State Representative West dies

State Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, died June 25. He was 71. West was elected to the House in 1992 to represent Ector, Rankin and Winkler counties.

He served eight terms. Texas flags were lowered in the Capitol Complex and at all state buildings, installations and institutions in West's District 81.

## Ex-Supreme Court Justice Dies

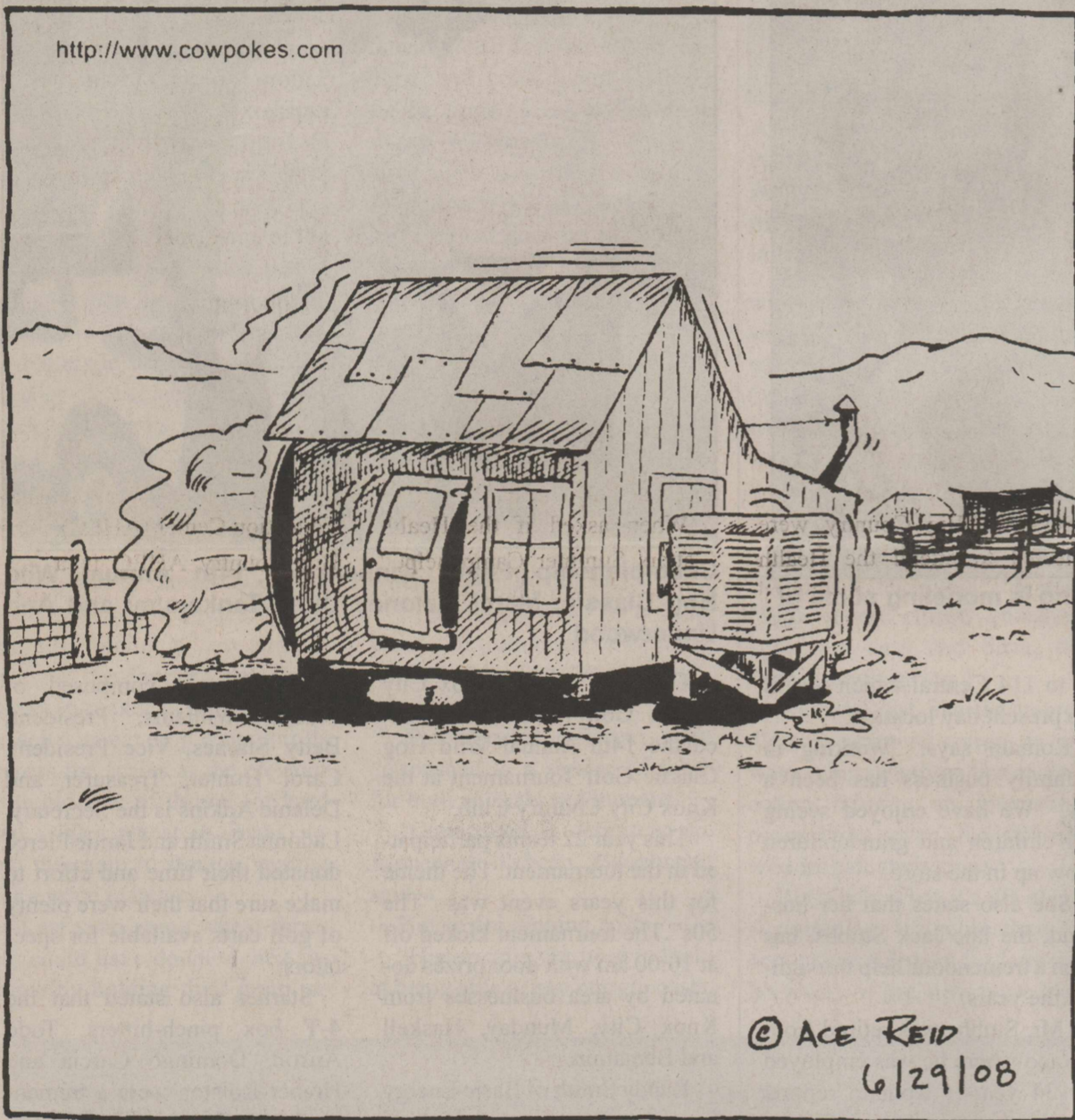
James A. Baker of Dallas, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, died June 22. He was 77.

Then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Baker to the Texas Supreme Court in 1995. Baker was elected to a full six-year term in 1996.

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"Paw, the only interestin' thing about this place is whether the wind'll blow it down or that air conditioner'll blow it up."



The federal Highway Trust Fund, which is the largest single source of funding for Texas' 79,000 miles of roads, is on the brink of insolvency. Unless Congress takes action, there will be a 34 percent cut in U.S. highway and bridge investment, which will cause our transportation infrastructure to deteriorate and our economy to suffer. I am working in bipartisan cooperation with other members of the Texas Congressional delegation to prevent this from happening.

In recent years, funding has been borrowed from the Highway Trust Fund for emergencies, like the devastating Minneapolis-St. Paul bridge collapse in 2007. These funds must be replenished in order to maintain the solvency of the trust fund.

If the federal Highway Trust Fund goes in the red, our state will be one of the biggest losers. Texas could expect nearly 30 percent less in highway maintenance and improvement funds for fiscal year 2009. Nearly 30,000 Texans would lose their construction jobs, the second greatest loss of any state. The decline in road capacity would also have a detrimental effect

on our economy. The Texas Transportation Institute reports that congestion in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area already costs the local economy \$2.7 billion in lost productivity and wasted fuel every year. Houston is not far behind with an annual loss of \$2.3 billion.

In the Senate, I introduced a measure that will replenish the Highway Trust Fund and keep highway projects funded through 2009. The legislation must still be approved in the House of Representatives and signed by the President to go into effect.

However, we need a long-term fix.

When Congress does consider a permanent solution to maintain the solvency of the federal Highway Trust Fund, I will work to make sure Texas receives its fair share of transportation dollars. We've already made great strides in this area. When I came to the Senate in 1993, our state received only 76 cents in transportation funding for every one dollar we paid in gas taxes. But in the years since, I have worked with my colleagues to increase our average annual funding by almost \$800 million - or

92 cents on the dollar - making Texas second only to California in federal transportation support. The money Texans pay should be used on Texas roads, and I will continue my efforts to secure a 100 percent return on our gas tax dollars.

In Texas, some of our new major projects may rely on toll funding in one form or another. I believe that tolls can be useful as one part of the solution when done with local input and consent.

A perfect example is the George Bush Tollway in North Texas. But tolls should never be placed on highways that have already been paid for by Texas taxpayers. That would be a violation of the public trust. Although we need to solve our transportation problems, we must do it in a way that is fair and honorable to the people of Texas.

Businesses and communities depend on efficient, properly managed infrastructure, which allows people to live and work wherever they choose.

We must work hard to find responsible solutions to our transportation needs to keep our residents safe and our economy thriving.

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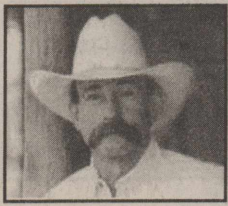
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# BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## GRANDPA TOMMY SAVED THE WORLD

We were watching The History Channel at Grandma's casita. It was a story about the USS Enterprise being attacked. It was 1945. They were describing acts of heroism that occurred. Stories of men risking their lives, staying with wounded comrades instead of swimming to safety. Stories that never made the paper or were recognized but were remembered only by those brave souls who dog-paddled in the waves next to a burning ship 3 miles above the sea floor.

It was one of those moments where my son and I were engaged. I said, "Isn't it funny, the only person in this house who really understands what we're watching, is asleep in his chair." Grandpa Tommy, Kansas farm boy, Junior Petty Officer, on a rebuilt WWI destroyer, operating as troop ship on the Pacific ocean, docking only twice in ports other than atoll island landings.

Now asleep in his chair, 89 years old. He has no scrapbook of his service, no contact with those of his caliber who went through the cauldron of war, no medals or pins commemorating his contribution. The only souvenir I'm aware of is his "coconut knife" US Navy issue, which he gave to his grandson. When the subject of war comes up his light-hearted response is, "I saved the world."

It's his joke. It comes and

goes so quickly. The subject changes and the opportunity to ponder his answer disappears. Which is unfortunate, because he, and countless thousands of others did save the world. Anyone who doubts that Germany and Japan had intentions of conquering us all, is deluding them self. Seldom has freedom and slavery or good and evil been so clearly defined. But at the time America reluctantly joined the Allied Forces in 1942, it was not so clear; there were many doubters.

Elected leaders make decisions of enormous consequence. They put the wheels of war, peace, conflict and resolution into motion. Korea, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Lebanon, Kuwait, Bosnia, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, North Korea, Iran...China?"

Elected leaders ride into battle, voices loud, sabers rattling and flash bulbs popping, on the backs of men like Grandpa Tommy who answer the call and if they are lucky, come home to the welcoming arms of a thankful country.

Political leaders are honored on President's Day. Grandpa Tommy is honored on Flag Day, July 4, December 7, Memorial Day, and, I guess, every day that I draw a free breath.

I'm proud and I'm gonna tell him I appreciate that he saved the world...soon as he wakes up.

## Knox County Students Attend Health Matters Summer Camp



The campers at Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing

The Big Country AHEC (Area Health Education Center) conducted their 3rd Annual Health Matters Summer Camp during the week of June 10th - 13th at ACU.

The camp hosted 24 high school students from across the Big Country, including one from as far south as Mason, Texas and as far north as South Orange, New Jersey. The Health Matters Summer Camp provided area high school students with information, activities, and hands-on learning experiences in the world of health careers. Campers participated in tours of local health care facilities and local health professions training programs including the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing and Cisco Junior College Respiratory Therapy Program at Hendrick's Medical Center.

Hendrick's Medical Center also provided a view of their Radiology Program for the campers.

In addition, the campers had the opportunity to tour health career programs at all three Abilene universities: the Hardin Simmons Physical Therapy program, the McMurry University

Pre-Health Professions Program, and the Abilene Christian University Social Work Department. Texas Tech School of Pharmacy also gave the campers a tour of their new facility and some insight into a career in pharmacy.

The campers also toured the West Texas Rehab, Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, and traveled to Coleman to tour the Coleman County Hospital and talk with Coleman County EMS.

Perhaps a highlight of the week's activities was a day trip to the Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock where the campers were able to witness many different program including a Clinical Simulation Lab and Telemedicine.

Upon leaving the Health Science Center, campers toured the Medical Examiner's Office before returning to Abilene.

High school students from across the Big Country were selected to attend the Health Matters Summer Camp based on their application and recommendation from a teacher. Each student accepted to the camp displayed a vested interest in entering a health related career pro-

gram upon high school graduation. The following students were chosen to attend the 3rd Annual Health Matters Summer Camp: Cassidy Cantu, a return camper from Roby, Jordan Arnold, a return camper from Roby, Okwui Ugahaze from Abilene, Sarah Moore from Avoca, Kristen Moore from Lueders, Cody Sliger, a return camper from Cross Plains, Jessica and Leah Vanderpool from Benjamin, Michelle Bridgestock from Abilene, Adam Vasquez from Rule, Morgan Lisle from Rule, Tina Paradez of Abilene, Jacob Mota of Ballinger, Jeremy Parchment of East Orange, New Jersey, Sunnie and Nikki Kuna of Abilene, Allison Petty of Abilene, Reece Halfman of Coleman, Caroline Campbell of Abilene, Paige Blair of Mason, Elmina Banks of Knox City, Megan Trietsen of Olney, and Eric Casillas of O'Brien.

When asked if the Health Matters Summer Camp helped with a decision about a career in the medical or health services field, return camper Jordan Arnold of Roby stated "Yes! The camp helps me more every year!"

Nikki Kuna of Abilene had a lot to say when asked if the camp helped her with a decision about a health career, "Honestly, no. It was a great camp and it allowed me to see other professions in the medical field, besides what I thought I wanted to be.

Now that I have explored other careers, I feel like I want to do everything!" Allison Petty of Rule said she would recommend the Health Matters Summer Camp to her friends because, "It is so fun and you get a lot of experience and learning."

The Health Matters Summer Camp is made possible through the support of the Hodges Foundation and Junior League of Abilene.

Opportunities like the Health Matters Summer Camp are the result of partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

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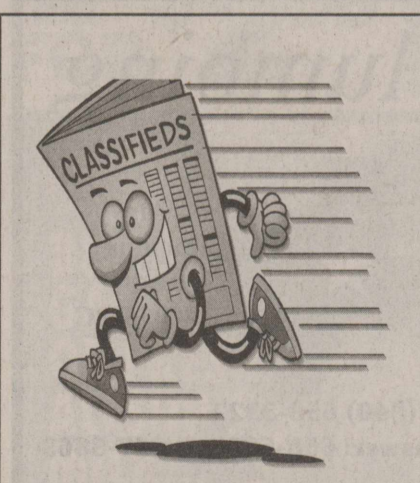


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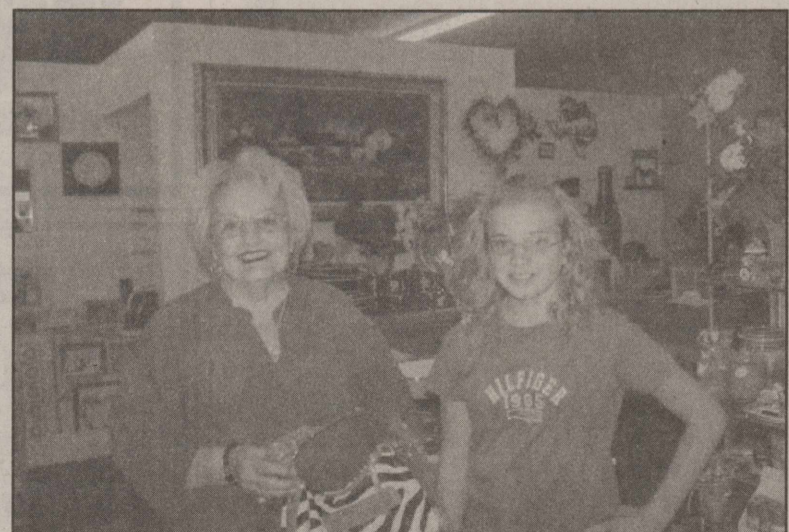
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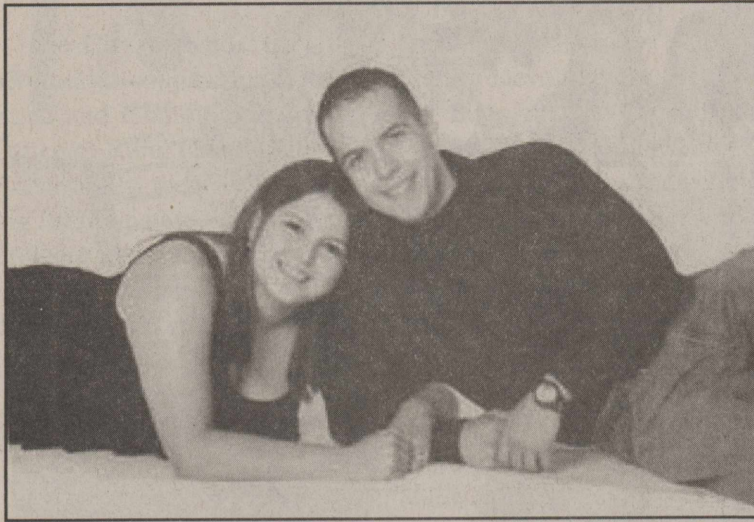
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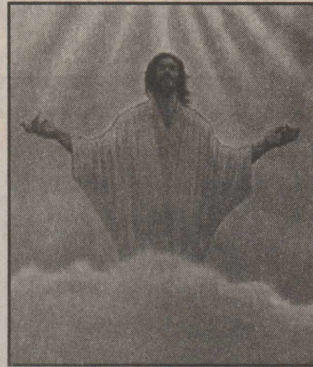
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By Jim Reid, Pastor  
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Trust is such a valuable commodity of the heart. Sometimes it seems with each generation, trust becomes less important. I'm sure there are few people who really don't care if they are trusted or not. Trust is important and it certainly is valuable.

Trust is critically important in every relationship whether it's friendship, work or marriage.

Living continually in a relationship of distrust is misery. What possible joy is there in waking up every morning and beginning the day wondering or even worrying about how will I be taken advantage of today?

An employer who can't be trusted creates continuous doubt in a person's job security. A friend who shares everything personal about you with others creates an immediate invasion of your privacy with others you would never have told. When trust in a marriage is broken, that act cuts to the very marrow of the bone.

It's not that trust is gone, nor is it depleted of good people who hold it sacred and dear.

It is virtually impossible to control what people think and say, but our trust in God will always prepare our way. We can always trust

God. Let this scripture give you peace and always trust in the Lord.

1 Answer me when I call to you,

O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies?

3 You can be sure of this: The Lord set apart the godly for himself. The Lord will answer when I call to him.

4 Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent.

5 Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the Lord.

6 Many people say, "Who will show us better times?" Let your face smile on us, Lord.

7 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe. (Psalm 4; NLT)

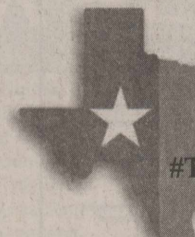
I pray that you experience the love of God in every way every day.

*The family of Fannie Mae Johnson would like to thank the many friends for their visitations, flowers and food. In this time of sorrow, we realize how many wonderful friends she had. We want to say a special thank you to the Knox City Church of Christ and pastor Gene McCarty for their many actions of kindness and sympathy. We shall never forget.*  
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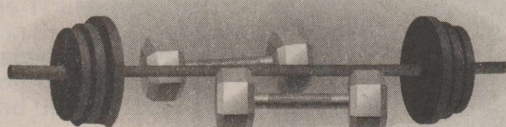
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**Melinda Robinson**

Melinda Robinson, 69, of Knox City passed away Friday, June 20, 2008 in Abilene. A funeral service will be held Friday, June 27, 2008 at 2pm at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. Burial will follow on Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.



Melinda was born November 23, 1938

to the late James Swearingin and Annie Bell Rogers Swearingin. They became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Melinda. She was born in Lorenzo, TX where she grew up with four sisters and ten brothers. Her father James Swearingin and mother Annie Bell Swearingin; one daughter Barbara Ann Wallace; two sisters Annie Mae Armstrong and Dorthy Hill; four brothers James Swearingin Jr., Jessie Swearingin, John Ed and John L Swearingin; two grandsons David Wayne Dockins and David Lee Dockins Jr. II all preceded her in death. She met and married Walter Robinson. They were married for 52 years. He also preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter Ella Andrus (Min J.D.) of Wichita Falls, TX; one grandson Brent of Grand Falls, TX; one granddaughter Crystal of Knox City, TX; four great-grandchildren Catherine, Mya, Vivica and Devin; brothers Floyd Swearingin of Houston, TX, Tommy Swearingin of Lubbock, J.C. Swearingin of Lubbock, TX, William Swearingin of Midland, TX, Andrew Swearingin of Odessa, TX and Lue Roy Swearingin of Midland, TX; sisters Rosie Rixby of Oakland, CA and Linda Faye McCrary of Knox City, TX and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends.

Acknowledgement

There is such a great comfort on knowing that we are not alone. God is with us. The assurance of his blessings are manifested in the warm and sincere expression of care and concern shown by you, our friends. God Bless.

Pallbearers Johnny Hill, Billy Hill, William Hill, Luther McCrary, James Jr. McCrary and Kevin Dorsey.

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**The 501**

by Hanaba Munn Welch



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If there's a gene for trains, I've got it. It's from my father's side, where everybody but Cousin Gene has it.

I'm exaggerating but not by much.

My father was a brakeman on the Katy for three months in the 1920s. He said he quit because he knew if he didn't, he wouldn't. Doesn't that sound like a genetic weakness?

As for my Uncle Joe, one of Daddy's brothers, my cousin Richard dubbed him "the man who travels on iron wheels." That was after we departed our family camp site and cabin at Lake Texoma one summer night to pick up Uncle Joe, consummate rail traveler, miles away in some place like Ada, where we parked at the dark station and waited through the early morning hours for the train. Mother had said it would be late.

My cousin Jody, grandson of Joe, worked his whole life as a Santa Fe conductor. Now that he's retired, he's wishing he could go somewhere by train. Is that normal? He's got the gene.

My cousin Lawrence made a career out of being a dying breed. He was a railroad engineer first and then a movie projectionist. I call that leading-edge retro.

Call me the same thing. When you've got the train gene, nostalgia can be chronic. I suffer frequent attacks.

So, when the bring-back-history train-for-a-day called the Quanah Zephyr was about to pull out of the station that's not there anymore after spending two hours in Quanah last

Saturday, and somebody said there were a few passes for the return trip, either to Wichita Falls or Fort Worth, I didn't hesitate. I ran four blocks, round-trip, for my driver's license, which I somehow supposed I'd need. The train wasn't yet moving when I boarded, but I was puffing. Whew!

We were off. All I had to do was sign some sort of release form. No problem. What can happen on a train?

So far that day, the Quanah Zephyr, providing the first passenger service on the track since 1967, had been unexpectedly delayed between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls by a partly cross-dressed blue-faced man armed with a single-bladed ax (strange but true) and then, right before Quanah, attacked per plan by a youthful band of pseudo-Comanches and reckless cowboys, also armed. As for the kid who jumped off his horse and onto the train, let's just say that kind of thing happens only in the movies.

Then I recalled my last trip on the Fort Worth and Denver route, circa-1962, when I was coming back from somewhere on the Texas Zephyr and—sound of breaking glass—somebody shot at us between Wichita Falls and Vernon.

No, we didn't find a bullet. But we didn't find a rock either. Either way, it's a good story.

I told it Saturday to one of the conductors. He listened. There's nothing like a captive audience, even of one, genetically predisposed to liking train stories.

Smile. That's it for now. Engine 501 is out of steam.

**The Paperboy**

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Don't look now, but countries are investing in Iraq.

Many countries, including several who stayed out of the war, have firms taking a chance on a country many said was in civil war.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, in Washington on an official visit, said Monday more firms were waiting for more security before entering the market.

Many of the companies active in Iraq now are from countries, including France, Russia and Turkey, who did not send combat troops to back the U.S.-led invasion.

At first it crossed my mind that we should ban these countries, but that's not really capitalism, which is what democracies subscribe to.

The news about Iraq is huge. Firms would not be spending hundreds of millions of dollars there on a bad investment.

Many European and Asian countries are now beating American companies out when it comes to territory. "It's starting to turn ... and the people who are getting in on the ground floor are not American," said Paul Brinkley, the Pentagon official who is leading U.S. efforts to help Iraq rebuild its economy. "It's ironic."

There are no reliable historic numbers, but the deals this year are among the first major investment opportunities outside U.S.-funded reconstruction projects and they signal new confidence in Iraq's economy, according to officials.

The activity by non-U.S. companies is not a cause for concern, said Charles Reis, the U.S. counselor for economic transition in Iraq. "This is a normalization of Iraq's relationship with the rest of the world," he said.

Officials are now saying American companies risk losing opportunities to establish long-term strategic ties with Iraq. Not to mention make a lot of money.

The following are the top investors (by country) in Iraq:

TOPEXPORTERS TO IRAQ  
January through April (in millions):

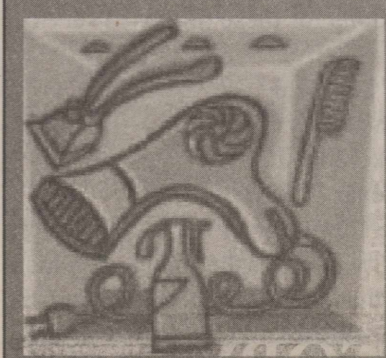
- United States: \$737
- Turkey: \$648
- China: \$358
- Thailand: \$110
- South Korea: \$102

Speaking of Iraq ... if I were running for president and someone asked me the question, "How long will you stay in Iraq?" I would answer, "Until we are repaid our war expenses in oil."

Security would determine the number of troops and we would maintain some presence in that country forever. In other words, we'd end up with a military base over there of some sort.

I know some of you are against any U.S. presence. Let's just agree to disagree. Simply put, I would refuse the notion that our troops fought this war in vain.

Besides, Iraq is perfect for a large base.



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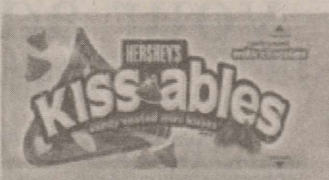
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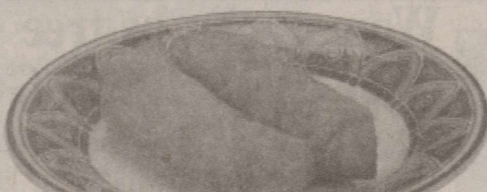
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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Galdene Green

The days are fleeting by. As July begins we are reminded that all to soon the new school year will begin anew. One month of summer vacation is gone! So kids, parents and teachers enjoy. As fast as June went, August can't be to far off.

### News of our ill

Several are on our not feeling well list this week.

LaMoya Patterson is in the UMC-ICU in Lubbock after suffering a heart attack at his home Friday around noon.

He underwent triple bypass surgery on Sunday and at last report was resting and doing well. We pray his stay there will not be long and he can return home soon.

Lorene Powers had a little "back-set" last week and had to return to ICU, but reports today are much more encouraging so maybe things are once again looking up for her.

She had her surgery on June 12 and has gotten wonderful care but that was serious and I'm sure it takes sometime to recuperate. Please continue to pray for her and her family. She's in a hospital in Houston.

Earlene Meinzer spent Friday night in the Knox County Hospital. Had unexplained weakness and dizziness and didn't feel like she should be at home nor did the doctor. They released her on Saturday and she's feeling O.K.

Sort of "Washed OUT" feeling but getting stronger. Earlene expressed gratitude to those who came after the ambulance was called. Said she couldn't remember who all was there but is was a houseful and she was glad they were there.

Deann Lamb fractured a couple of ribs in a fall at her home last Sunday. She has been almost totally immobile because she's so sore. that will take a few days to mend.

Linda Griffith is progressing right along since her knee surgery. Was back in Lubbock on Thursday to see her doctor and he was very pleased.

And Irene Reed is still do-

ing well after her last cataract surgery. Said this eye had not bother her as much as the first one.

### Here N There

Gene and Olivia Gloria have had their grand children from Alabama during the month of June.

The children's mom was flying into San Angelo thursday and they are returned home today (monday). The Gloria's were in San Angelo for the weekend with their family.

Judy and Randolph Barnett have had a very busy June. Her son, Jim Bob Conner and his children of Slaton were here for Homecoming as were grandchildren Cheyenne and Caden Conner.

They live in the Lubbock area. Later in June, Randy's grandchildren Pete and Elissa Barnett of Bartles-Ville, Oklahoma came for several days. They met his son Rusty in Lawton and picked up the kids and toured the wildlife refuge while there.

And Judy said they spent a lots of time at Miller Creek while their company was here. They are all gone now and she said it sure was quiet around there.

Tammy Geddis said they have sold their home (the Mike Shetty home). The Geddis will be moving to Vernon. We hate to see them go but wish them well.

Diane Evans and Ashlee of Childress were my guest Saturday. We all had lunch with Debbie and Mike Moorehouse.

Sharon Bivens called today. Said her brother Weldon Patterson has been released by his doctor.

Weldon had cancer in early June and his prognosis is great. No treatment and doctors don't want to see him again for quite sometime. That's wonderful news.

Jane Gideon and I attended a bridal shower honoring Kayla Garcia in Knox City Sunday p.m. Kayla and her fiance' will be married July 12 in Knox City.

## City Alley Notice

Most every household in Knox City at one time or another puts limbs and junk in their alley.

This is and always had been okay up to a point. This problem was discussed at the last City Council meeting. The City receives complaints over and over from citizens that their neighbors are putting their junk and limbs by the dumpster, and the dumpster is on the other side of the alley, not the side of the alley where the person lives that put the junk out there. That makes their yard and side of the alley look bad and they do not like it and want this garbage moved. Then this becomes the Cities problem and it should not.

The council has decided that if any household/citizen puts junk or limbs in the alley, you are to place it on your side of the alley behind your house. Not next to the dumpster or across the alley on your neighbors side. Also, it is not the City's total responsibility to pick up the junk and limbs in the alleys; the city has limited employes and does alleys only when time allows as a courtesy to the citizens that are not physically able to haul or remove this garbage to the dump grounds located at the end of Northwest 6th street. The Council would like to remind everyone that if you are physically able please carry your junk and limbs to the dump grounds. Or if you have hired someone please have them take the garbage to the City dump grounds. Remember the dumpster in the alley is only for household garbage and do not over pack the dumpster to the point that the garbage truck cannot pick it up. The dump ground is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Closed on Tuesday and Sunday.

Be a good neighbor and take care of your garbage.

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BENJAMIN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Benjamin will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on July 10, 2008 at City Hall, 303 S. Hinton, Benjamin, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Tami Gaddis, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Tami Gaddis, City Secretary at the City Hall, (940) 459-3131.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City is requesting proposals for engineering services in conjunction with Community Development Block Grant Fund and Community Development Supplemental Fund from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program 2007/2008. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections for the application's project that is awarded a contract by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor Jeff Stanfield  
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Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 P.M., July 24, 2008 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Knox City is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant Fund and Community Development Supplemental Fund from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program years of 2007/2008. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

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# The Gambles of Wheat Farming

Hanaba Munn Welch  
Correspondent

Farming has always been a gamble. Now it's one of the hottest games around -- risky enough to attract all sorts of players who want to capitalize on the volatility of prices for commodities like wheat and cotton.

Picture a mix of overalls and three-piece suits, Red Wings and wingtips.

If anything, the noticeable surge in speculative trading in commodities has added volatility to an already volatile situation.

Particularly unsettling to farmers and agricultural economists is the lack of knowledge of the crops themselves prevalent among the relatively new players at the table, who might not recognize a cotton boll if it snuck up behind them.

But the lack of knowledge about what prices should be according to how things are down on the farm doesn't diminish the tremendous power of the speculators.

"Now you have a lot of people that are in it, they're just looking for a place to make a profit," said Todd Baughman, extension agronomist at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon, Texas.

"I think it's taken some of the true pricing out, like the cotton market when it went to a dollar. There was no reason for that. ... It's made it more of a roller coaster. Speculators and fund traders, pushing that market up, they can put a tremendous amount of money in that market and swing it one way or the other."

Whether a farmer contracts his crop or not, the price swings are still adding a new dimension to the farmer's role as a decision-maker -- like whether to sell a wheat crop when it rolls across the scales at the elevator (the old rule of thumb for hard red winter wheat in Texas) or put the grain in storage, hoping for a price increase.

Last year, some wheat farmers could have doubled their income by holding their grain in-

stead of selling it. What's going to happen this year is -- like last year -- anyone's guess.

"Typically, it doesn't pay to store wheat unless you own your own storage," Baughman said. "Storage eats up the profit. Now we are seeing two years in a row that it has (paid to store wheat and sell at a higher price). The way this market's jumping around, you don't know what to do."

Cotton is also a guessing game, but less tied to other markets than wheat.

"I think if you talk to most people, they're a lot higher on the cotton market than I am," he said.

"It's definitely depressed when you compare it to other commodities. My feeling is that we're not necessarily going to get out of that depressed market."

Wheat, by contrast, goes up when corn goes up.

Both also go up when oil goes up. Part of the price increase is the use of corn for ethanol -- a situation that to some extent ties corn, and consequently wheat, to the price of oil, which shot over \$140 Monday.

"There's not another market for cotton to ride on," Baughman said. Wheat goes up when corn goes up because both products can be fed to livestock, meaning that high corn prices will make wheat more attractive, and therefore more valuable, as an alternative feed.

"Cotton has definitely been pulled up a little bit," Baughman said, citing the competition for acres against wheat, now that wheat prices are higher.

"There's going to be a little bit of pull from those other commodities," he said. "As far as direct linkage, it's not there."

The story is different with cottonseed -- a source of food for both animals and humans.

"Cottonseed is definitely up from where it's been," Baughman said.

But so are ginning costs. "Historically, we used to look at being able to pay our gin costs



After a good wheat harvest, moving wheat from on-ground storage to bins is part of the routine for Charlie Myers Grain Co., a business with elevators in several Texas counties. At Red Springs, east of Benjamin, Lupy Carrizales of Coltharp Seed Cleaning of Seymour mans the intake pipe of a pneumatic conveyor in a ground-to-bin grain-moving operation last Thursday.

with seed sales," Baughman said. "We went through a period where we couldn't even do that." On the Texas Rolling Plains, where this year's wheat harvest was a good one, Baughman's outlook for a good cotton harvest this fall isn't so positive.

"The heat and soil moisture situation is not good," he said. "With severe storms knocking acres out here and there, it's been a rough spring."

Weather, just like the unpredictable price of cotton, is always a big unknown that makes cotton farming an interesting proposition, even for farmers who irrigate their crops.

But that's what it's all about -- gambling. It's more than an occupational hazard for farmers. It's a way of life, now more than

ever.

At the Kansas City Board of Trade, the closing price Monday for hard red winter wheat for July delivery was \$8.83 a bushel. At the beginning of June, wheat was \$8.21 a bushel. Throughout the month, KCBOT closing prices ranged from a low of \$7.88 on June 3 to a high of \$9.55 on June 26.

The United States Department of Agriculture, through the cotton program of its Agricultural Marketing Service, reported on June 27 that average spot cotton quotations were unchanged from the previous week -- 66.56 cents a pound.

The price reflects an average of prices paid in spot trading in seven designated areas of the United States for cotton meeting

base quality standards.

The USDA report included this comments on cotton in West Texas: "Thunderstorms with hail and high winds caused damage to some plants. Local experts indicated that there was a possibility that around 1.5 million planted acres in Texas may be abandoned due to lack of water, damage from hail, and blowing sand. Lubbock and surrounding areas received around one and one-half inches of beneficial rainfall."

The remaining dryland fields south of Lubbock were in desperate need of more moisture. ... Some isolated fields were starting to show signs of early pinhead squares, while most were around the five- to seven-leaf stage."

## Seymour Celebrates It's 112th Old Settlers Rodeo And Reunion

For over 100 years, Baylor County has held the Annual Seymour Rodeo. The rodeo has become a much loved tradition that honors our rich western heritage and those who had a hand in shaping our past. Along with the customary rodeo events, it has also featured attractions through the years ranging from hometown fairs and pageants to an appearance by the great Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.

This year's rodeo will begin Thursday, July 10 through Saturday, July 12, starting nightly at 7 p.m. at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds. The entire weekend offers an assortment of events for the whole family. Along with the rodeo, the festivities include the Annual Old Settlers Reunion on Saturday morning, a parade on Saturday afternoon around 5 p.m. offering riding clubs, floats and bikes. The legendary Bull Poker will be held at the Saturday night rodeo featuring a \$500 pot. A dance featuring Texas Standard Time will be Friday 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. and Saturday 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. for everyone's enjoyment. Cowboy Church will be offered on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. at the rodeo grounds.

The rodeo will also feature a sanctioned R.C.H.A. Ranch Cutting at 9 a.m. on Friday morning at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds. For more information, please contact Cindy Burkett at (940) 586-1839.

For event information, contact Randye McKee for special events such as kids steer riding, wild wool riding, ranch wild cow milking, and bull poker at 806-687-9748. Booking is open from 4-8 p.m. till books are full on Sunday, July 6, 2008.

Contact Linda for rodeo events at 806-276-5672, books are open Monday July 7, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. For general information, contact Mark Daniel at 940-256-0190.

## Aging Center Lunch Menu

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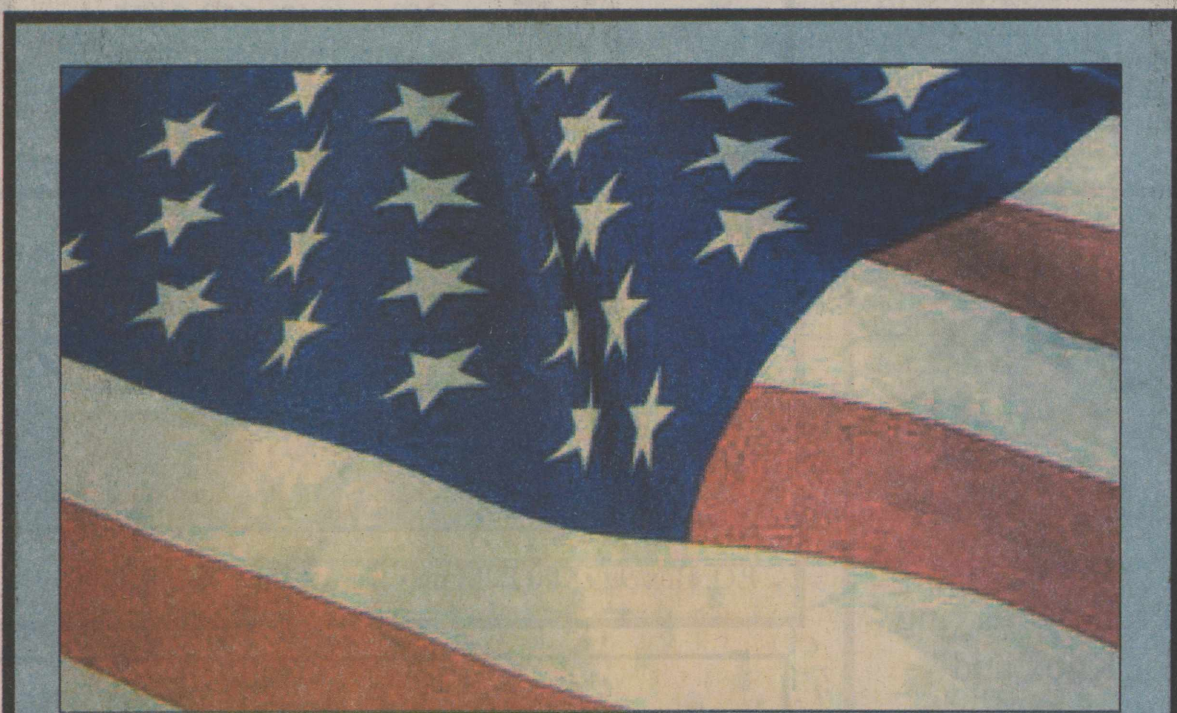
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