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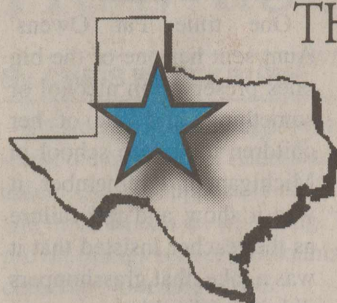


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Music, memories: Goree event is devoted to old tunes



Wearing his black hat, guitarist Johnny Boatright is just one of the guys on a music camp hayride Tuesday night through Goree. Others, from left, are fiddle student Ryder Cude of Goree and guitar students Parker Finley and Shannon Reeves from nearby Munday. Boatright took advanced guitar lessons this week at Goree at the Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp, named for his late brother.

By Hanaba Munn Welch

In fiddling circles, the late Bobby Boatright (1939-2008) could fiddle circles around most fiddlers. In his other life, he was a mathematician and physicist. It was a fine art, juggling two careers. His younger brother,

Johnny Boatright, remembers it all. He reminisced about his brother this week at the Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp in Goree.

Bobby Boatright's fiddling career took off in Wichita Falls when he was just 14, the younger Boatright said. The family had just moved to the Faith Village neighborhood from Denison.

"He started playing with Bill Mack," Boatright said. "It was a live TV show."

Johnny Boatright smiled when he said his brother was introduced as "the 14-year-old fiddle player" for about three years.

The music camp opened Sunday night with a visual presentation on Bobby Boatright narrated by Johnny Boatright.

Bobby Boatright helped found the camp, previously held near Crowell, and was the chief curriculum organizer

and fiddle instructor until his death.

Johnny Boatright himself traveled from Houston to Goree to take advanced guitar lessons at this year's camp, the first time for instruction sessions to be held in Goree. The Knox Prairie Events Center, the old Goree School complex, furnished a place for classes, dining and lodging.

At the drop of a hat — and plenty of students were wearing them — Johnny Boatright would talk about his famous brother.

"He never made a B after the eighth grade," Johnny Boatright said. "That includes his first master's degree, which was in math, a very difficult master's to acquire."

Bobby Boatright was a student at both Midwestern State University and East Texas State in Commerce, where he earned a master's in physics.

He continued to study.

"He had over 100 hours past his second master's," Johnny Boatright said.

A question often asked is why Bobby Boatright never pursued a doctorate.

"I'll tell you what he told me one day," Boatright said. "He did not go and write his doctoral thesis because he wanted to teach at a junior college, where he could teach Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. The reason for that's pretty obvious. That left him a three-day weekend where he could play fiddle."

And fiddle he did, all over the country, earning a name for himself in western swing.

"Western swing is jazz played with country instruments," Johnny Boatright said, showing his own bent for teaching. "It's a different flavor. It's Big Band music. It definitely swings. It's definitely not country music. It's much

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Knox City High School computes the retirement of long-time computer teacher, Mrs. 'D'

By Tamara Smart

For the past 5,292 school days, Tammie Dillon has gone through the same routine- Get up, go to school, teach the youth of Knox the fundamentals of Business/Careers/Technology all day, staying after hours to help students put together one of the 26 Knox City year books she oversaw, come home, loved on her husband, Jim (who is a long time member of the KC/O'Brien CISD School Board, and retired teacher himself), then went to bed, resting up for the next day when she did it all over again.

This year, though, on Aug. 23, when the rest of Knox County will be rising for the first day of the 2010-2011 school year, Tammie will not join the normal first day hubbalo that encircle first-day-of-school activities.

Tammie Dillon, or Mrs. D as she is commonly known around Knox, graduated from Adrian High School in 1978 in a class of 13 students, after which she graduated from West Texas A & M University in the spring of 1982 with a Business of Education Degree. The following fall, Mrs. D got her first teaching job in Rochester where she spent the next two years. In the fall of 1984 Mr. Bill Baker, Superintendent of Knox City School District, hired Tammie to replace Mrs. Dottie Lowery as the High School Business Education teacher. But that isn't where Ms. Dillon's education stopped. In addition to her "formal education," Ms. Dillon



Tammie Dillon, also known as Mrs. D.

Courtesy Photo

spent one summer in Houston getting certified to teach Career/technology classes when the business curriculum changed into the area of computerized based programs.

Yet, the days of Mrs. D's tenure in the classroom are officially over.

Tammie retired as of this summer after 26 years of service to the community. In those 26 years, Tammie saw the technology curriculum go from typing on IBM electric typewriters to cruising the Internet on Dell Desktops. Tammie reflects on her ever changing teaching duties throughout her 26 years saying, "The technology change in my position has been amazing. I always thought math, English always stayed the same but teaching business/computer kept changing, and I had to keep abreast of the latest technology to pass on to my students." That was true not only of her daily teaching duties, but of the

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Knox County Hospital district challenges you to give the gift of life

Knox County Hospital District challenges you to imagine, for a moment, that your child is involved in a tragic accident. Realizing a split-second too late that the accident could have been avoided; feeling immediate terror and the adrenaline rush that propels her to still try to avoid the accident; hearing the screaming of brakes as they fight to miss the mark; hearing the crunching of metal before it is felt wedging itself relentlessly into her body; feeling a hot and sticky substance flowing over tangled limbs; realizing that this substance is life draining from her body; feeling the rescuers frantically trying to extricate her from the wreckage; hearing the piercing sounds of sirens; watching the frenzied work of the paramedics as they fight for her life as if it was their own; then bursting through the doors of a trauma center. She hears the term 'blood transfusion'. Then sees the heartbreak in the nurses eyes as she tells the doctor that none is available. She continues to feel life ebbing from her body until she is surrounded in total blackness.

Accidents happen and all too often they happen right here in Knox County. We are not immune but we are not alone. Knox County Hospital District partners with Meek Blood Center to ensure that a safe, steady supply of blood products are available at all times. Though donations have been low at recent blood drives, the need for this life-sustaining substance continues. Meek Blood Center ships approximately 1,000 units of blood per month to fifteen hospitals in a twelve county area and a single blood donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

On July 29, 2010 choose to be a hero and give this gift of life at a blood drive scheduled at Knox County Hospital, 701 South 5th, Knox City, Texas from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Bring along a friend and double the contribution. If you are unable to donate yourself, challenge someone to do it in your place.

Knox County Hospital District thanks every individual who chooses to give this precious gift.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Knox City First Baptist will host an all summer long program for the youth of Knox. From 10 am until noon, children from 1st to 6th grade are invited to the basement of the church to engage in arts, crafts, story time and life lessons to learn more about God's Love. The basement will reopen on Thursday for the older kids, Jr. High through High School. For more information, call Jerry or Monette Vincent at 657-3141.

It's time for the Go Kart tract to heat up again with roadsters of all kinds. The next Go Kart race at the Knox City Track will be July 24th.

Knox City Athletic Physicals are coming up next week-

Girls Physicals will be held Wednesday, July 27th at 1:30 pm

Boys Physicals will be held Thursday, July 28th at 1:30 pm.

Contact the school for more details.

It's almost Watermelon Festival time again! Mark your calendars for the last weekend in July-The Annual Parade will be held on Friday, July 30th at 7:00 pm, and the Street Dance will start immediately after that in the City Park. The big

Watermelon Fest Activity day will be July 31st, starting at 10:00 am. Free Watermelon, rides from S&J Amusements, food, clothing booths and much, much more.

The Watermelon Golf Tournament 3 person scramble is coming up on the 31st, beginning at 8:30 am. Only \$60 per team for entry. For more information on the Golf. Tourney, call Tracy Carter or the country club at 658-3911 after 6 pm.

Summer is winding to a close- Knox County schools all reconvene for the Fall Semester on August 23rd.

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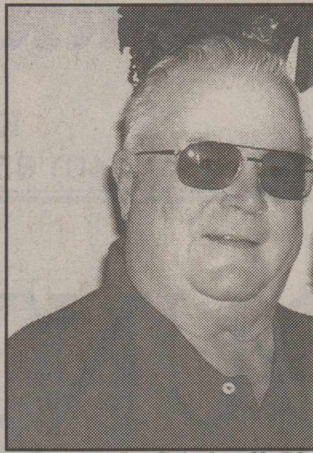
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Obituary



Sammy L. Grindstaff, 70, who had lived in Haskell and Knox County through all his life, passed away in this same place, Knox City. He farmed the land that he loved.

Graveside services are 11:00 am, Friday at O'Brien Cemetery with Rev. Paul Chambers officiating, under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home.

Sammy was the son of John L. and Gladys Grindstaff. He had graduated from O'Brien Carney High School in 1957. Esther Saenz and Sammy were married in 1964. He had also been general manager of O'Brien Co-Op Gin. Sammy served as mgr. and president of Knox City Country Club. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, of the home, three sons; Sammy Jr. and Melanie of Rule, TX., Danny of Knox City, Johnny and Christina of Lubbock, three daughters; Sherry Harper and Ed of Ft. Worth, Kandy D. Hickerson and Ed of Abilene, Tx., Jennifer Grindstaff of Knox City; one brother; John L. Jr. and Peggy of Knox City, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Adopt - A - Box Foundation

Adopt-A-Box is the brainchild of Spa Bella owner Dawn Thompson. It's part of Operation Spa Kids, a nonprofit corporation with the motto, "Turning needs into dreams one child at a time."

In 2007 Dawn Thompson heard a story from a teacher that children in Wichita Falls were going to school without brushing their hair and teeth. Instead of walking away from the conversation she decided to try and fix the situation. As a spa and salon owner Dawn knows how important it is to feel good about your appearance.

Dawn was searching for an inexpensive way people could come together and provide the basic products to help these families. Each Adopt-A-Box contains toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, brush, comb, small lotion, deodorant, bubbles (who doesn't love bubbles), q-tips, pen, pencil and small notebook, things that can be purchased and delivered easily and effectively. Knowing everything you need to start the day would

fit in a shoebox, she created Adopt-A-Box.

In just two short years Adopt-A-Box has grown from Wichita Falls schools into 16 counties in North Texas, where they provide boxes to over 100 schools, and hoping for continued growth. Thanks to a successful Deer Fest event last year we have been able to expand our outreach in the community. In the last year we were able to buy clothes and Christmas presents for families in need.

We will soon be hosting our second annual fundraiser, Deer Fest, to raise money for this much needed cause. This one day event will include vendor booths, a live and silent auction, tons of food and family entertainment.

Ways you can help Adopt-A-Box, become one of our multi-level sponsors for Deer Fest, donate items for the silent and live auction, fill a box yourself, or donate money (each box costs about \$15.00 to fill). For more information feel free to contact us at 940-704-2984 or by e-mail at dayspadi@aol.com.

Truscott News

By Clara Brown

The past week has been mostly hot and sunny, with farmers taking to getting wheat fields plowed before all the moisture is sucked out of the ground and the phrase "too wet to plow" is forgotten as the country becomes too dry and hard too plow.

Don Daniels says he is trying to get some farming done.

Irma Bell is please with her farming, zucchini, but not so please with her blooming tomato plants, which have yet to give her some tomatoes.

Eugenie Daniel was to busy to give her news as she was in the midst of making wild plum jelly. When it's jelly-making time, it takes all your attention to make good jelly, and we know that's what Eugenie makes as we tasted her wild plum jelly in the past.

Tim Horne answered the telephone at his house and reported the Hornes had a good time at Lake Kickapoo at the Davis family reunion.

Sybil Simmons was honored with a birthday party Saturday at the Crowell bank room. Helping her celebrate were all the Simmon's family and kin, including all her nieces, down to about the 4th generation. It was her 92nd birthday, marked by cake, flowers and love all around (she says it was wonderful!)

The book Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne is reported to be sixth, at present, on the New York Times list of best selling books. This despite the fact that no one is making western movies, writing western short stories or TV shows, and even WalMart's list of Western novels is so short, it's almost non-existent. So kids ever play cowboys and Indians anymore?

But don't worry, love of the story of American west must still live in America's heart if Quanah Parker still sells books. Wonder if this book is for sale in Quanah. Didn't Parker once call the Hardeman County seat "my town"?

So you have grasshoppers? China Creek has them hopping high and often. They seem to be small and golden in color. None of the giant grasshoppers we used to have seemed to be around.

One time Pat Owens' Aunt sent her one of the big ones preserved in alcohol or something, and one of her children took it to school in Michigan, if I remember, it was a show and tell failure as the teacher insisted that it was a fake, that grasshoppers didn't get that big.

A representative for the Texas Plains Train Region will be at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin at 11:00 a.m. on August 18th. A stamp cancellation will be part of the day's events so stamp collectors and others might want to take part.

The Texas Plains Trail Region consists of 52 counties. Knox, Foard, and Hardemon counties are on the eastern edge of the regional organization. The western edge is made up of those counties on the Texas-New Mexico border to the west and the north-south area is from the South Plains north to the top of the Panhandle.

The August 18 visit to Knox County is part of a regional effort to promote heritage tourism. The Wichita Brazos Museum keeps adding exhibits that reflect the history of this part of the Rolling Plais and adding to its archival collection with published and unpublished stories and records of individuals, families and communities.

This includes autobiographies, family stories, cemetery records from all over Knox County, printed histories of almost every town in Knox County, veterans records and more. If a person wants to research an ancestor or a family in Knox County, the museum is a good place to start. Come to the Museum on August 18th, enjoy the Stamp Cancellation honoring Knox County and ask about records that may involve your own family.

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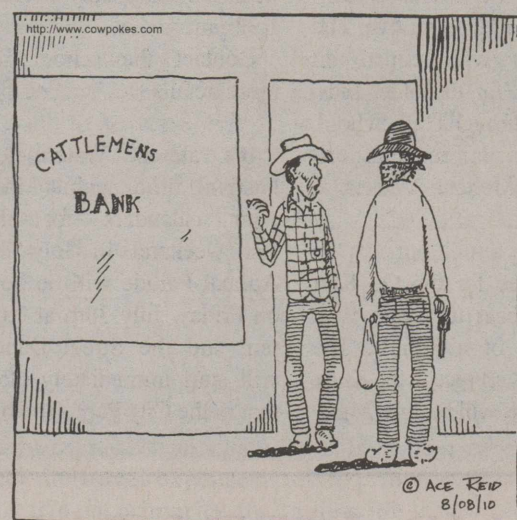
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

Diesel. All I know about the stuff is that it's not as volatile as gasoline, it's named for a German named Rudolph, and it's really just glorified kerosene.

That's what I think I know. Maybe I'm wrong, especially about the kerosene part.

Years ago, people used kerosene as an all-purpose preventative and cure for everything imaginable. I'm guessing that, as a substitute for garlic, kerosene would even ward off vampires.

But at our house, kerosene was just the stuff that went in the tractor and in our emergency coal oil lamps, which makes me think kerosene is just glorified coal oil, whatever coal oil is. I still don't know. Anyway, just about every kerosene story I ever heard came from outside our little family circle and made me think we were a cut above the kerosene set because we used Mentholatum and Campho-Phenique and other store-bought pharmaceuticals instead of plain old kerosene for what ailed us. We were almost chic.

But kerosene lore intrigued me anyway - especially the story about using kerosene to keep chiggers from biting.

At this point, here's the standard warning:

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.

If I ever compile my columns into a book, that could be the title.

We digress.

That might also make a good title.

Moving right along, you really can use kerosene against chiggers, the troublesome little mites that live in the grass and love to get

on humans and leave itchy welts, mostly where clothing binds.

You soak two strings in kerosene and tie them snugly around your ankles. When the chiggers get on your feet and start looking for a tight spot to bite, they come to the strings. The kerosene either kills them or makes them too doopy to bite. That's my take. Either way, it's a human victory and a clever one at that. When you outsmart a chigger, it's a fine day.

It's also nice to outsmart the companies that sell insect repellents. Why pay their price for a can of spray that runs out when you need it?

So when ants, chiggers and mosquitoes attacked me last weekend, I decided to get back to the basics - the new chic -- and try kerosene.

I had the string. I just needed the active ingredient.

Have you tried to buy any kerosene lately? Illegal drugs would be easier to find. I bought 43 cents' worth of diesel instead.

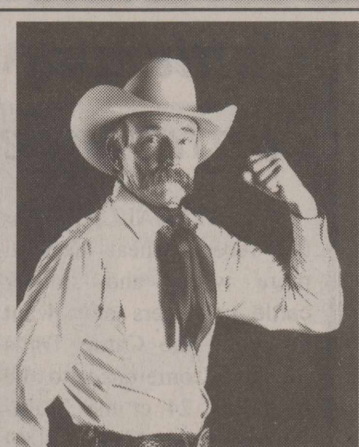
Speaking of illegal, I caught the diesel in a lidless coffee container. Most of it didn't spill.

Just blocks away at the weed patch, I gave the strings a diesel dip and tied them on.

For the ants and mosquitoes, I slathered my feet, face, neck and arms in diesel. It seemed like a good idea at the time. It worked. No bites. But I must be allergic to diesel. A week later my whole neck is still itching.

No more diesel for me. I want kerosene - the real stuff, uncut, no additives.

There's gotta be a dealer out there somewhere.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

COWBOY YOGA

It was one of those surreal moments in a cowboy's life that you'll recall in vivid technicolor years later when you're living in the senior center trying to balance your checkbook on the tv remote. Like the time you roped with Fred Whitfield, or got into vet school, or wrote your first alimony check!

I was sitting at the Stockmen's Casino counter in Elko breaking fast with Rodney discussing our lumps and bumps, when he asked if I had ever tried the Breath of Fire Kundalini. I responded that I didn't care for Italian food but I do like jalapeños, speaking of "breath of fire." He asked me if he seemed taller since the last time I'd seen him. I pointed out that he was sitting down, so how could I tell!

"It's yoga," he said. "The Fountain of Youth Kundalini Yoga Pranayama. Everybody's doing it back home." Since Rodney was from North Dakota it sounded more like a Scandinavian trying to say the Hawaiian alphabet. "It's made me spry again. Watch this!"

He picked up the quarter tip off the next table and flipped it into the air. "My thumb's broke!" he explained, "I couldn't do this till I signed up for the Fountain of Youth Yoga! I can sing again, dance the Glen Ullin polka, touch my toes and see more clearly!" He stared at me till I went out of focus.

"So this is an exercise program?" I asked. "No, no! Much more! You just need to spend 15 minutes a day doing the special positions and breathing fire. Can you touch your toes to your nose?" he asked me.

"Truth is," I said, "I don't know if I'd want to, even if I could! My dog can reach a lot of places on himself that I can assure you, I wouldn't want to see up closer! There's a good reason God invented boot jacks, back scratchers and Handy Wipes!"

"Let me show you the easiest position, the Corpse Pose," he offered. Rodney lay down on the floor on his back with both his head and his feet perpendicular to his body. "Try and hold this position for eleven minutes."

"Looks to me," I said, "If you could hold it for eternity you'd be cheaper to bury. You'd fit in a shorter casket."

"One more! It'll change your life!" Rodney stood and bent over; legs straight, arms outstretched, and palms flat on the floor. He looked like an upside down V. "It's the Kundalini Archer Pose. Three minutes with long deep breathing."

"What's he doing?" asked the deputy sheriff.

"Breath of Fire," I said.

"What's he looking for?" he asked again.

"The Fountain of Youth," then I added, "I think he's been drinking."

The deputy spoke into his walkie-talkie, "I'm down here at the Stockman's. We've got another Norwegian bent over peering between his hind legs. I know. Just get the detox pen ready."

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7/13	74/96		
7/14	77/97		
7/15	75/96		
7/16	74/97		
7/17	72/99		
7/18	71/100		
Total Rainfall for month		10.62	
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 September 10 Rule at Knox City 7:30
 September 17 Newcastle at Knox City 7:30
 September 24 Spur at Spur 7:30
 October 1 Woodson at Knox City 7:30
 October 8 Northside at Knox City 7:30
 October 15 OPEN
 October 22 Gordon at Gordon 7:30
 October 29 Throckmorton at Throckmorton 7:30
 November 5 Paint Creek at Knox City 7:30

Knox City Athletic Physicals are coming up next week-
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Cattle and wheat topics of July 24 conference in Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS – After the recent wheat harvest, more wheat and stocker cattle producers may want to attend the Cattle Trails Stocker Conference to be held July 24 at the Multi-Purpose Event Center, 1000 5th Street, in Wichita Falls.

This conference is a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

“We believe this will be an extremely important conference given the circumstances that we faced with this year’s wheat harvest and wheat price,” said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

“Planning early will be imperative for the upcoming crop,” Bevers said. “Given the low prices experienced at harvest, many producers may choose to turn to cattle for additional flexibility.

However, adding cattle to the wheat operation always increases the level of management involved and the associated risks.”

Planners envision an annual conference that will provide wheat producers and/or stocker cattle operators with the most up-to-date information on topics that influence wheat and stocker cattle profits, Bevers said.

The conference will alternate between Texas and Oklahoma each year, he said. It is named to represent the vast area of agricultural production between the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western cattle trails of the late 1800s, both of which started in south Central Texas and moved up through central and western Oklahoma.

Speakers will include faculty from both Oklahoma and Texas. Important topics of marketing and outlook,

animal health, wheat pasture research and wheat production will be covered, Bevers said.

Industry sponsors will have their products on display during the event.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and end at 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the Cattle Trails Stocker Conference Proceedings, a noon meal and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Producers can register by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or by contacting Karen Thompson at 940-552-9941, ext. 217 or by e-mail at kethompson@ag.tamu.edu.

Leaders strive to maintain program statewide

COLLEGE STATION - Officials have completed the difficult task of notifying employees whose jobs with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will end between now and Oct. 31.

The personnel cutback affects 94 jobs - 31 vacant positions that will not be filled and 63 occupied positions that will be eliminated agencywide. The downsizing results from a 5 percent state budget reduction, according to Dr. Ed Smith, AgriLife Extension director.

Leaders of the state agency, which has offices in 250 Texas counties, said their decisions were based on maintaining core programs statewide.

AgriLife Extension is part of a national community-

based adult and youth education system.

“We delayed restructuring as long as we could, because we hoped that economic conditions would improve,” said Smith. “But that has not happened and we regret that we have to take these steps.” One-fourth of the staffing cut is at the agency’s College Station headquarters. The rest is throughout Texas.

“To keep positions strategically distributed, we will refill some vacancies,” said Kyle Smith, AgriLife Extension executive associate director. “So displaced personnel may find other internal job opportunities.”

He stressed that the agency has long maintained a presence in each county. That will continue.

“Counties currently being served by a single extension agent or through a shared position will not be impacted by the new staffing plan,” said Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension associate director for county programs. “We looked most closely at counties where we had three or more positions, especially if more than one employee supported the same subject matter,” said Dromgoole.

Dromgoole said all county Extension personnel contribute to 4-H, AgriLife Extension’s youth program, and will share full responsibility for that program where needed.

“Youth programming remains a strong emphasis of our agency,” he said.

Award winning barbeque tips From passionate pit master Mike Davis

It’s grilling season again and backyard chefs have begun turning up the heat on grills nationwide in their continued pursuit of juicy and delicious barbecue.

As they dust off their grills and pull out their tools, everyone from novices to aficionados knows that summer promises the opportunity to officially dive back into the grilling season.

One of those passionate grillers is National Champion Pit Master Mike Davis of Lotta Bull Barbeque from Oklahoma. Mike, his wife Debbie and their two miniature schnauzers travel around the country stopping at almost 50 competitions a year to flex their BBQ muscles.

In preparation for the sum-

mer grilling season, Davis is sharing some of his secrets to keep your grill in high demand no matter where you fire-up:

* When grilling, use a “smoker” box of aromatic hardwoods such as mesquite, hickory or pecan to give that distinctive wood smoked flavor.

* When cooking larger cuts of meat, always use an indirect heat as a source. Using the direct heat method will char the outside of the meat without allowing the inside to cook properly.

* Use a spray or baste during cooking to help keep the meat moist and flavorful and prevent meat from drying out during the cooking process.

* A mustard slather can be used to thoroughly coat the meat to help hold spices and seasonings in place during preparation.

* Use olive oil or any other cooking oil to coat the surface of vegetables to add crispness

and to hold on spices and seasonings.

With BBQ season comes tasty seasoned foods that may cause frequent heartburn, or heartburn that occurs two or more days a week. Davis, a frequent heartburn sufferer himself, understands the importance of protection.

Those like Mike, who don’t want to let frequent heartburn stand in the way of enjoying the foods they love, can take Prilosec OTC, the number one branded frequent heartburn medication. Prilosec OTC is the number one doctor recommended acid reducer according to a 2007 Wolters Kluwer audit, and the number one pharmacist recommended OTC heartburn medicine according to the Pharmacy Times.

Davis also has some safety tips for fellow grillers:

* Pay careful attention to pork and poultry. You must make sure both meats are properly cooked through.

* Always grill in a well ventilated area, away from eaves and overhangs that can trap toxic fumes.

* Keep a full water bucket handy in case flames get out of control quickly.

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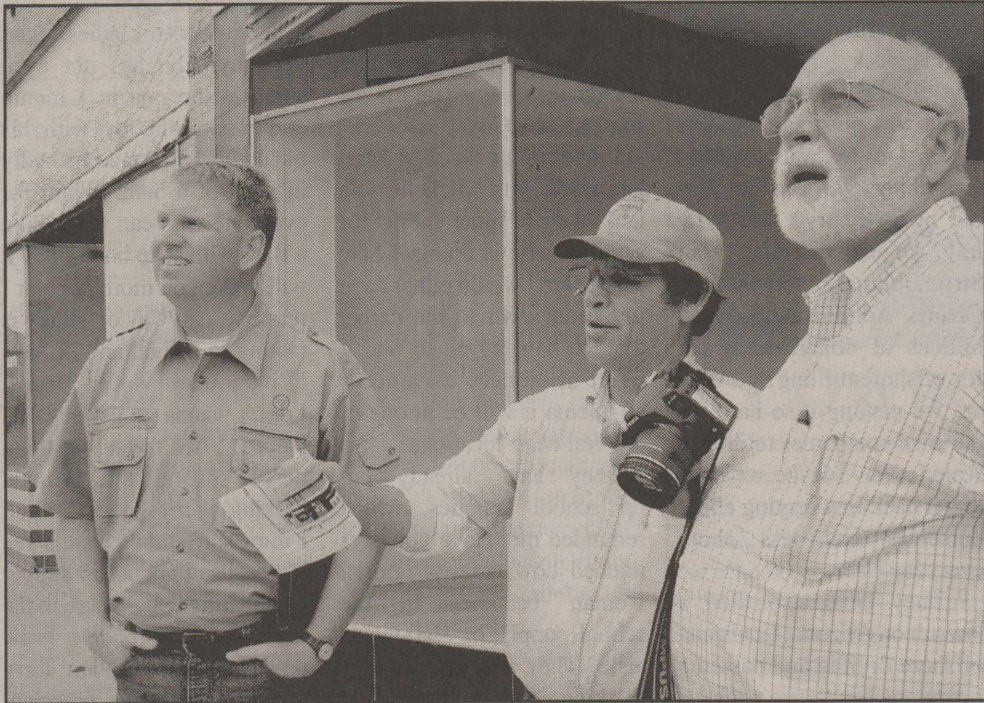
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Allen the 'reality' of Three Rivers Foundation



Brian Allen looks across Main Street in Quanah toward the old Texan Theater, a building slated for restoration and rehabilitation, while contractor Stephen Barker looks at an old picture of the same building and Wayne Bell, Main Street architect, prepares to take a picture for his records. Allen is the chief operating officer of Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, owner of several buildings in the historic commercial district in Quanah. Bell's visit was in 2008. During the past two years, 3RF has completed some downtown Quabah projects and kept other buildings stabilized for future renovation. 3RF also operates a dark-sky astronomy campus southwest of Crowell.

Photo By Hanaba Munn Welch

Editor's note: Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF) is a private foundation that's making a difference in two small West Texas towns -- Crowell and Quanah.

In this issue of The Knox County News, an interview with Brian Allen, 3RF chief operating officer, is the second of a Blackburn Media Group series of installments about the foundation and the difference it's making in the two communities and across the area.

Quanah is home to 3RF Arts and also home to Allen's uncle, Fred Koch, M. D., 3RF founder and chief executive officer. (Last week's The Knox County featured an introductory interview with Koch, who

divides his time between his hometown and a secondary residence in Australia.) Several buildings in downtown Quanah's historic district are owned by the foundation.

In Crowell, offices for 3RF Science are on Main Street, and Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus lies west of town amid dark-sky ranching country far from interfering city lights.

The aim of 3RF is to enhance life in small town America, particularly in the realms of science and the arts and especially through education.

Brian K. Allen is the nephew of Dr. Fred Koch and President and COO of the Three Rivers

Foundation. Allen is the "reality" behind Dr. Koch's dreams of what 3RF could become. As President and Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation, Brian is responsible for the daily operations.

"I'm sort of a catch-all," says Allen. "I take care of everything from accounting, HR, to employees. Basically anything that isn't programming."

Allen has been the driving force behind 3RF since taking his position. He was recently tasked with completing the new bunkhouse at the Comanche Springs astronomy campus, including designing the building and the delegation of the construction. All of this work is a part of the 3RF goal to maximize the potential of small towns.

"It's everybody else's responsibility to make Fred's dreams a reality," says Allen. "We identify areas where 3RF can make an impact, and decide how to go about implementing those ideas. In the 60s the majority of the electronics that Americans used were made in the USA, now very few of the electronics that we use are manufactured

here. Our hope is that promoting math and the sciences and the arts can lead to the intellectual capital to make that happen again."

Allen explains that 3RF's goal is to make their students marketable on a worldwide stage. 3RF has been buying buildings in Quanah, and turning those buildings into venues to promote the arts and sciences. The main question that they ask when taking on these projects is: "how can we blend this all together?"

"Whether you're a school kid or 90 years old," says Allen, "you can still learn."

Allen and the rest of 3RF know that small towns have a lot to offer, and they want to communicate that as best they can.

"I think these small towns, they have to embrace who they are and turn it into a positive," says Allen. "We need more people embracing what our natural resources have to offer. When people come to downtown Quanah they see crumbling buildings, 3RF sees performance arts venues and art galleries."

"Creating experiences is what 3RF is all about," says Allen. "We want to create that unique opportunity that no one has. We're certainly not the first ones to try it, but we can be a part of the revitalization."

Small towns using their resources to their advantage has worked out well for many small towns in Texas and Oklahoma. Look no further than Marfa, Texas, which was once on the brink of extinction and is now a thriving artist's colony.

"We're working hard to try to make Quanah and Crowell destinations," says Allen. "Whether it's astronomy or an event at one of the 3RF venues. We had our first wedding (at the church that 3RF renovated in Quanah) a few weeks ago. Why couldn't Quanah become a destination for weddings or other events?"

For now 3RF surges forward against the tide that is sweeping more and more people to urban population centers. "Most people drive through Quanah on 287 and never even turn down Main Street," says Allen. "Which is typical of many West Texas towns. We're gonna keep all of doors open, you never know when opportunity may come knocking."

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Gladene Green

Last week it was talk about rain. This week, it's the heat that's the main thin on folks' minds. And there are sprinklers going in several places- A reminder once again, that it doesn't take long to dry out even after 7 or 8 inches of moisture.

Regarding Our Ill

Reports on Jack Waldron is that he continues to improve after his bout with viral meningitis. Of course, still has a lot to do before he's completely well, but he is making progress. It's good to report that.

Jonnie Williams seems a little better- That according to her family. She's still pretty weak but has been given some blood so that should strengthen her and give her more energy.

Word on David Milson is that he had 4 heart stints on Wed. It was first thought he would have two, but found out he needed four. He's doing pretty well, & hopefully, he will be able to begin chemo soon. David's mom, Bo, was in Dallas last week & went on to San Antonio with her other son, Shane, to see David's son, Tanner, play in the All-Star Game (basketball) tonight (Mon). Tanner is enrolled at North Carolina State where he will further his education. Please keep David & his family & these other friends in prayer.

Sympathy

I send sympathy to the Sammy Grindstaff family today. Sammy died on Thurs. after several months of failing health. His funeral was Fri. at O'Brien cemetery.

Here 'N There

Judy and Randy Barnett spent last week at their "other" home in Alvin, Texas. Their grandchildren, Cayden and Cheyenne Conner of Lubbock made the trip with them & visited places of interest including the San Jacinto Monument & a trip to Galveston. Judy said the kids enjoyed it, but were ready to come home when the week was over.

Lorene Powers was in San Angelo a few days last week

to be with her granddaughter Shelly & family. Shelly has a new baby boy born on Fri. Last report was that things are going pretty well & Lorene should be home sometime this week.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse visited her cousin Given & family at Bedford during the weekend.

It was a wonderful several days for a few "Benjaminites" last week who made a trip to Hawaii. Enjoying the wonderful time were Ricky & Kaitlyn Acevedo, Raquel Acevedo, Jessica Vanderpol, Tyler Collins & Chaz Myers who lives in Seymour.

Bob & Patti Tavernia of Fredrick, Maryland spent several days here last week with her mom, Earlene Meinzer & her brothers, Rick and Wyman & their families.

I attended the wedding of San Juana Jasso & Michael Gallegos at St. Joseph Church in Rhineland Saturday afternoon. Other Benjamin folk attending were Kim Moore, Samijo & Shelby Russell, & Cody Propps. Later on Sat, I attended Eva Flores 80th birthday party at the Catholic Church fellowship hall in Knox City. Lots of Eva's friends & many family members came by between the hours of 3 7 5 to wish her Happy Birthday & offer wishes for many more. Eva & I go back a bunch of years from our days at Munday & Munday school. She is the former Eva Martinez.

Fred and Jan Carver's grandson, Ricky Carver & family, visited a couple of days last week. Ricky & his family have been living in California but are back to Texas (Abilene) to make their home. Everyone is sure glad they will be closer to family. Stacia Antille of Wingate has been here helping Fred do some farming since the rain.

During the weekend, Jan Carver, Pam Duke, & Carol Dickson, along with other members of the Brazos Valley Quilt Guild attended the annual Quilters Retreat at Ranger Creek near Vera. They always enjoy this time away from town with plenty of good food & lots to do.

Stamp Cancellation in Benjamin Aug. 18

The Texas Plains Trail Region in partnership with the US Post Office is excited to let you know that there will be a special Knox County Stamp Cancellation in Benjamin on August 18,

2010 at the Post Office at 11:00 a.m. Knox County is # 33 of the 52-Counties that we will be visiting. This TPTR stamp cancellation project was the creative idea of photographer Rick Vanderpool.

There will be representatives from the Plains Trail visiting Benjamin and Knox County on that day. We would love the opportunity to speak to your local 4th and 7th Grade history students as the Plains Trail Region Organization offers an abundance of resources that will aid in informing students about their local/county/regional/and state history. Also we would enjoy an opportunity to present a program for any of your local organizations. To find out more about the Plains Trail Special Stamp Cancellation Project, you can visit the following link: <http://www.texasplainstrail.com/index.aspx?page=1440> . Knox County will be highlighted on our website as "County of the Week" that same week. Visit us at: www.TexasPlainsTrail.com. Please give me a call if you have any questions at 806-231-3479.

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To: Miriam Estrada, Respondent, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 16th of AUGUST, 2010 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 50th District Court of Knox County, at the Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on APRIL 8, 2010 in this case, numbered 9300 on the docket of said court, and styled THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$13, 653.00)

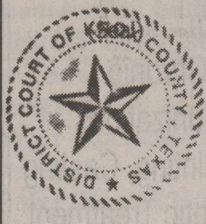
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and MIRIAM ESTRADA are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on July 2, 2010.

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Other attractions include tons of vendor booths, the Deer Fest Calling Contest, Texas Junior Anglers Catch tank where kids catch real fish

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Just Jeff

July 20th

This week, let's go back to my love Politics. I just don't get it, so I must ask, "why"? As in, "Why must we do everything we can to hurt our own country?" or "Why last August did the Wall Street Journal report that the Obama Administration lend billions of dollars to Brazil for offshore drilling?" "Why are we making it so hard for our own companies to drill in America?" Maybe we need to get back to worrying about ourselves and less about everyone else.

They have also filed a lawsuit on Arizona, Louisiana offshore drilling and passed a ridiculous healthcare package that they (by they, I mean the democratic senators- not one republican voted for it) will not have to use. See they have their own healthcare, and they opted out of using the one we (the American "commoner") will be forced to use.

How long will this last, and what is next? This new financial reform they just passed will kill the small banks, but help all the big banks. A group of radical Muslims want to build a Mosque at the site of the World Trade Center. That is Horse Crap- can you imagine building a tribute to Hitler at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp. It just

floors me what is going on in this country. This is just more reason to be so thankful we live in Knox City.

I had to go to Wal-Mart last week with Michelle. We had to grab some fabric for a project she is doing. I hate Wal-Mart. I would rather have my head sewn to the carpet than to have to go to one. I figure if Abilene ever needs an enema it will be at one of the Wal-Mart locations.

They have already put up school supplies, which reminded me, Have you ever noticed how crazy a normal woman becomes in the school supply or Halloween aisle? They are like bulldogs marking their territory. If I am pushing the basket, I always move out of the way and say excuse me. If I see an older lady and she is trying to reach or get something heavy I always ask if they need help. Does Michelle? Heck no. If they are in her way they better hope the electric scooter can get going. She, and those other crazy ladies, are out for blood. If you really wanna laugh, go to Wal-Mart after 11 pm. I wonder if some people own mirrors... I mean, when a women is pushing 3 bills, she does not need to wear anything that may let her skivvies stick out. And please make sure your tattoos are spelled correct.

It is just not the ladies either, this guy who has not even stood in the rain in a month comes strolling by with his old lady; I am talking badly in need of a bath. A hint for everyone who can read: Take a Bath with soap once a day it will make you more popular I promise. Anyway ol' stinky is talking to his gal and he says in his loudest voice "Jenna, I don't wanna go get this boil lanced, I don't want all them people up at the hospital looking at my goods." Well I durn sure didn't wanna see it, because I about lost supper just hearing that. Where in the heck do these people grow up? Kenya? No, I am sorry that is where our president grew up.

I would like to wish Michelle Happy B-Day. It will be the 25th anniversary of her sweet 16. She is getting a little age on her but with age comes wisdom.

My citizen of the week is Dr. Duke. I really have been very impressed with this young man. He leaves Benjamin to go to Tech, becomes a great doctor. Then has the audacity to give up the big bucks to move back home. What a class act.. Dr. Duke, Thank You for making KC a much healthier and better place to live.

God Bless

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Legal Notice

Open-House Style Public Meeting
Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host the second series of open-house style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this second series of meetings is to present project updates and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings, including exhibits and videos about the status and results of the study to-date. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Childress area will be held on August 3, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at: Childress District TxDOT Training Room, 7599 US 287, Childress, TX 79201

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: TPP_xtranplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The KNOX COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a Proposed Budget for the 2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas.

At 5:45 p.m. on August 9, 2010, at the Knox County Appraisal District, Knox County Courthouse, Benjamin, Texas the Proposed Budget will be Adopted.

A summary of the Appraisal district Budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$187,010
The total amount of increase over the Current year's budget	\$ 0
The number of employees compensated Under the proposed budget will be	4-1/2 (full time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated Under the budget is	4-1/2 (full time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Knox County Appraisal District.

If approved by the Knox County Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities and towns served by the appraisal district office.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Tax breaks for job seekers who were previously employed

DALLAS – Many people may be unaware that it is possible to deduct some job search expenses on their federal tax return, though you cannot deduct such expenses if you are looking for a job for the first time.

"Even so, this is good information for folks who have lost their job and who spend time updating résumés and attending career fairs," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "If you are searching for another job

this summer, the related expenses could mean some tax breaks when you file a tax return next spring."

To qualify for a deduction, the expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation. You may not deduct expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupation.

You can deduct employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation, but if your employer pays you back in

a later year for employment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year.

Amounts spent for preparing and mailing copies of your résumé to prospective employers usually are deductible as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation.

If you travel to an area to look for a new job in your present occupation, your

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OPINION



The Paperboy

How about a challenge?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

President Obama's approval ratings continue to drop because the majority of Americans don't like his policies. Many ardent Obama supporters could care less. They love the man and think he can do no wrong. That's fine, but those poor approval ratings reflect the country's mood and will lead to his defeat in November 2012.

Part of Obama's problem are the clowns he's surrounded himself with from his advisors to his Cabinet. In other words, he could have placed some real experienced talent at those positions, but seemingly went a different direction.

Another Obama problem is lack of a popular vision. Obama's current agenda is not popular. If he stays the course, it will cost him.

So, what would you advise the president to do to get some momentum? If you were one of his advisors (and I know most of you are brighter than that so hear me out), what would you suggest the president do to boost moral and get the economy started.

If I were Obama's Chief Advisor, the first thing I would do is to tell the man to hideout in the White House for a couple of weeks, maybe even a month.

I'd tell him to send Press Secretary Robert Gibbs out to give his daily briefing, but inform the press that the president is working on something bold and big which will have a major impact on humanity.

After "teasing" the public and getting everyone curious

about this bold plan, I'd advise President Obama to take the stage during prime time to address the country.

Obama would then take center stage and challenge these United States. He would tell us that within the next decade, we are going to find a cure for cancer. We are going to find a cure and that cure is going to save millions of lives and billions of dollars.

Obama would continue: "Any country which can put a man on the moon can advance humanity past this horrible, expensive disease which effects everyone in the country in some way."

Of course the president would then disclose an outline and appoint the top minds on the planet to see such an endeavor accomplished.

Over 1.2 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. within the next year. Over 600,000 will die.

The impact of such a cure would be staggering and reaffirm that the American spirit is alive and well.

Of course, this is just a pipe dream. Even though I'll email and mail this column to the president with a note, I doubt it will ever get his attention.

It's too bad. I honestly believe that with the proper resources and brain power, a modern-day version of the Manhattan project or moon shot could be accomplished. I know it could.

A couple of weeks ago a woman in the former Soviet republic of Georgia turned 130, making her the oldest person on

Earth.

Antisa Khvichava, from western Georgia, was born on July 8, 1880, said Georgiy Meurnishvili, spokesman for the civil registry at the Justice Ministry.

The changes which have occurred during her lifetime are staggering, even though life in her tiny mountain village is very simple.

Her birth certificate has been lost during the turbulent years which those in the region have experienced during her lifetime. There is documentation supporting the claim, like her work information. She was a tea and corn picker and retired in 1965, when she was 85, the records say.

If in fact she is 130, I sincerely hope she donates her body to science. In fact, someone should convince her to do just that and everything about her body and brain should be studied. I'm very curious to know how on earth someone can live so many years?

Can you imagine 75 being middle aged?

"I've always been healthy, and I've worked all my life - at home and at the farm," said Khvichava on her birthday. The number "130" was largely displayed on her cake.

Amazing, if true.

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Toyota rapid acceleration case raises questions of government motives

By RICK MANNING

Did the United States government deliberately use its regulatory enforcement power to damage Toyota, and benefit government owned General Motors?

Reasonable people are asking this question around the world, as the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's early tests of Toyota's supposedly sticky accelerators have found that driver error was the cause of the problem, not faulty parts.

Just six months ago, the Obama Administration's public relations machine was in full gear deriding Toyota for putting consumers at risk, fining them more than \$16 million, and declaring Toyota guilty for everyone in the world to hear. Lawsuits were filed, Congressional hearings were held, and most importantly Toyotas went unsold, while GM sales increased.

Now, it looks like this sudden acceleration problem was caused by, get this, drivers hitting the accelerator pedal rather than the brake, and Toyota owners not being smart enough to keep their floor mats from underneath the accelerator, causing it to stick in the fully-engaged position.

I guess that the government's next step will be to require a safety yellow sticker on every dashboard that says, "Warning: Pressing down on the accelerator will result on sudden acceleration."

The real issue here is that the very motives of the government are in question in publicly convicting Toyota before any real evidence had been collected.

Was the rush to judgment based upon the Obama Administration's general dislike for every business, or was it based upon the need to jumpstart the sales of General Motors vehicles?

We will never actually know the truth.

Government control over functions that are rightly in the private sector like auto manufacturing leads everyone to wonder whether regulatory justice is truly blind, or are the regulators blinded from justice by the inherent conflict of interest of being competitors in the marketplace?

Imagine if a prosecutor and judge stood to benefit financially from the outcome of a case. That great oxymoron, legal ethics, requires that they not participate in the case in order to allow an indisputably, honest outcome to be achieved.

The foundation of our legal system is found in the Biblical Book of Deuteronomy which states, "Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike."

Beyond the moral implications of ensuring that everyone gets a fair, impartial judgment, the assumption that the U.S. government does not play favorites is foundational to our successful free enterprise system.

In many third world countries it is the norm for "favored" companies to receive government grants and other favored treatment over their private sector competitors. This expectation of an uneven playing field serves as a great disincentive to developing new business ventures that are separate from the government-controlled enterprises with the economy and people suffering as a result.

The very fact that the question could be reasonably asked about the U.S. government's motives in the Toyota sudden acceleration case further undercuts the belief that winners and losers are created in our economy based upon innovation, guts, business acumen, hard work and a willingness to risk everything to achieve success. Instead, it reinforces the notion that who you know in DC, is more important than what you know in your business.

So long as the U.S. government has a car czar who oversees the activities at General Motors and Chrysler Corporations, every other auto manufacturer will always wonder whether these competitors are being tipped off to new regulations, and if they have any chance of getting a fair shake through the regulatory process.

Selling the federal government stake in GM and Chrysler is the only way to restore a belief that the many regulatory arms of the government are acting in good faith, rather than capriciously. This should be job one of the new Congress in 2011.

Extortion or Justice?

By ADAM BITELY

Late Thursday, in the aftermath of final passage of the Financial Takeover bill, it was announced that Goldman Sachs would pay a \$550 million settlement fee to the Securities and Exchange Commission in the civil suit where the SEC charged Goldman Sachs with fraud. Oddly, this settlement seems to be accepted widely instead of drawing criticism that this may have been simple extortion.

This is not to say that Goldman Sachs did not defraud its customers into selling mortgage securities in order to strike it rich on the housing market collapse. Rather, we will never know if that is what happened or not.

Considering that the SEC levied these charges, which are very serious, in an effort to stop and expose bad practices, one would assume that the SEC would carry these charges through the Court system until a verdict was reached. Alleging that a party had committed acts of fraud is serious. And these types of actions should be

investigated. But to walk away from charges, albeit \$550 million ahead, is cause enough for suspicion to rise.

One must wonder if the SEC was serious about its allegations. While \$550 million is no small sum, excluding the fact that the amount of the settlement was the equivalent of two weeks' profit for Goldman in the first quarter of 2010, one must wonder if this was a shakedown committed by the SEC.

Of the few powers granted to Government in the Constitution, one is to provide a justice system which protects the rights of the people and the rights of the accused. If the government can levy charges against a corporation, then reach a settlement in which the government is awarded money without determining if there was any wrongdoing, then justice has not been reached.

If the government does not proceed with the case, dropping the charges in exchange for money, then why were charges brought forth in the first place. One would usually assume that charges were brought forth in order to stop

wrongdoing.

However, the governments dropping of the case raises one to question if the case was brought forth in good faith? Many Washington insiders question if the case was brought forth to coincide with Obama's financial reform agenda. By dropping the case, the government does not engage in the discovery process thus leaving the questions of government timing and motives unanswered. Was this civil case simply a way for the government to hustle money from an organization they claim misled their customers without providing proper information on investments?

Clearly it was in Goldman Sachs's best interest for the case to go away. Having such high-level law suits on their hands is troublesome enough. But what does America learn from this charade?

It is clear that the government did not want to proceed with their charges. It is also clear that they prospered significantly from their accusations. But where is the justice? This smells

like crony capitalism.

In an age where distrust of government is at an all-time high, one would assume that the government bureaucracies that are charged with providing regulation to the financial markets would act responsibly now more than ever. Clearly, in the case of the \$550 million settlement with Goldman Sachs, someone at the SEC was very afraid that their actions would be subjected to scrutiny in a court of law.

This just goes to show that handing more power to the government to investigate the actions of Wall Street power brokers only results in shakedowns, a lack of justice, and a lack of transparency.

If the government wants to bring a case against a corporation or labor union, they should be required to see it through the court system in order to provide certainty to the American public that they are not engaging in legal extortion. This is the least that we should expect from them.

The Eco-Jihad

By TREVOR SIDES

The greenest kids on the block aren't your Whole-Foods-buying, Prius-driving neighbors with the wind turbines in the backyard. No, the real champions of earth-friendliness are the faithful followers of Islam.

Or so says the Prince of Wales, the royal highness of eco-absurdism.

Speaking at the Sheldonian Theatre on June 9th, in a lecture to mark the 25th anniversary of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Prince Charles urged mankind to save the natural world through the means of "sacred traditions." In the Prince's ecumenically patchwork doctrine, our ruthless destruction of the environment stems from an ignorance of these sacred religious and spiritual traditions — most notably Islam.

The Fresh Prince of Fresh Air then went on to bemoan the fact that Islam's "treasuries of accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge" — these "priceless" gifts to the world — are being overshadowed by the "dominant drives towards Western materialism." You know, the barbaric notion that "to be truly modern you have to ape the West." If only we could only follow Islam's

"spiritual principles," said Charles, then our environmental worries will be over!

It's all very clear now. For the last decade, we right-wing Islamophobes have had it all wrong. We've thought that bin Laden and the like were waging their jihad in the name of Allah. But in reality, their global struggles have been about the restoration of a clean, un-Westernized eco-Eden.

Ergo, if you're of the Islamic tradition and you want to save "the environment" and still get a guaranteed spot with the 72 virgins, fly planes into buildings. Blow up the London Tube. Smuggle C4 on a plane via your underwear. Park a car bomb in Times Square. Stage a "massacre" on a flotilla in Israeli waters. Because the worst polluters and CO2-contributors to Allah's delicate creation are those damned Westerners with their affluent lifestyles. Felling the Great Satan — surprise-surprise — has nothing to do with a world-wide caliphate after all. Just greener lives for those of us still alive.

This Islamic eco-platitude works just fine if you view the world through multicultural-colored windows. But reality has a way of smashing thinly-paned glass.

Not more than a week after Prince Charles's

hour-long tribute to Islam's greener side, members of the Muslims Against the Crusades (MAC) group berated British soldiers during their unit's homecoming parade in a neighborhood of Barking, Essex. Prince Charles was undoubtedly surprised that the MAC's protest had nothing to do with the soldiers' Westernized affluence and carbon footprints.

"This is a protest against parading in a Muslim area. We love death the way you love life," shouted one MAC member. "Butchers return" and "Murderers" were also common refrains from the MAC contingent.

Muslims cut from this kind of cloth care nothing at all about the state of the "environment." And about their "sacred traditions" — do those include female genital mutilation? Honor killings? What about their contributions to architecture and math? Nope. As scholar and author Rodney Stark points out, Muslims never "had" it. "The civilization we typically associate with Islam was in fact the civilization of the Christians and Jews they were ruling," said Stark in a recent interview. "When those Christians and Jews finally disappeared, so too did that advanced 'Muslim' civilization." Oh, well. At least NASA is here to make them feel good about

their cultural legacies.

One of the more dangerous revelations from this episode is that environmental doomsayers, like Prince Charles, will bark up any tree that they think will "save" the "planet." Climategate brought the pure, wind-driven science of climate change urgency to a screeching halt, and now it's time for religion — Islam to save the day. It's absurd simply writing that. How absurd must it feel to actually believe this nonsense?

I'm not normally a fan of Christopher Hitchens, but he made some pertinent observations about Charles' speech. In an article in Slate, Hitchens assures us that the Prince's remarks drew some "wolfish smiles among his Muslim audience." Hitchens then went on to quote a document published by the Islamic Forum of Europe — "a group dedicated to the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate" and not the saving of the environment — stating that the "primary work" in establishing a global Islamic state "is in Europe, because it is this continent, despite all the furor about its achievements, which has a moral and spiritual vacuum."

And the Prince of Wales is first among the vacuous.



J. W. Sollis, octogenarian director of the Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp, takes horseshoe in hand Monday to demonstrate his pitching style. Recreational breaks are part of the routine at the fiddle and guitar camp, but most of the day is devoted to instruction. Lessons in traditional West Texas dancing and jamming are evening activities. Watching Sollis are the Finley brothers from Munday and, far right, a fellow-student from Pampa.

Photo by Vikiann Gunter



Knox County heritage tourism promoter Remelle Farrar visits Saturday night with J W Sollis, music promoter and director of the 2010 Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp for fiddle and guitar. In the background is Wichita Falls attorney Cyndi Schenk, fiddle student, and her dog, Clara. In the background is the old First National Bank building, a historic corner building that is the focal point of downtown Goree. The music camp started Monday with most activities held at the old Goree School.

Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch



May I have this dance? Brady Finley asks Cyndi Schenk to dance Monday evening at the Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp in Goree. One of the school rooms serves as the dance instruction area. The lessons, a new feature of the curriculum, help the students learn rhythms and appreciate some of the traditions of their own culture.

Photo by Vikiann Gunter



Munday resident Cole Redwine concentrates Monday on his fiddle technique. He's one of several youngsters studying music this week in Goree at a Western Swing Music Camp. Some students are older, including 87-year-old fiddler Jack Drury. Age differences don't keep students and instructors from making music together in nightly jam sessions. The camp closes Thursday with a concert at 1 p. m. in the downtown bank building.

Photo by Vikiann Gunter



Munday resident Shannon Reeves, beginning guitar student, listens closely to his instructor Monday at the Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp at Goree. Reeves' older sister, Sarah, is taking fiddle. The camp is in its tenth year, but this year marks the first time for the camp to be held at Goree.

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more complex, where harmony means something. The chord progressions — excuse the pun — they're off the charts."

Johnny Boatright talks easily about western swing, but it's a little harder for him to talk about his late brother. Tears come.

"J.W. (Sollis, camp director), asked me to come last year," Boatright said, talking about the camp. "It was just too soon after Bobby passed away. This year had its trepidations. Once here, all that was like a wisp of smoke. It takes me back to my own childhood when I was

learning. It seems like Daddy was always teaching kids."

This year's camp drew mostly youngsters, ages 10 and older. Adults also enrolled, including Jack Drury, 87. Camp director Sollis is only a few years his junior.

The music spans the generations. Many songs aren't familiar to young ears.

Guitar student Ashley Wheeler, 17, is learning the words to "I'm Confessin'," a 1930s song popular in the Big Band Era.

"I love the old songs," she said. "A lot of them I've never heard before."

Agewise, Johnny Boatright

found himself somewhere in the middle of it all. When other responsibilities forced him to leave the camp a day early, he directed his farewell speech mainly to the younger set.

"You represent everything his ideal was about," he told the students, referring to his brother's standards. "It's an honor to be part of this. Good luck with your fiddle playing, your guitar picking. Play with your heart. It's a no-miss situation."

The camp ended last Thursday, July 15th, with a 1 p.m. concert at the old bank in downtown Goree.

MRS. D.

Annual Yearbook that Mrs. Dillon sponsored yearly. "Along with the students help," Tammie says, "I produced 26 yearbooks starting with carbon copy drawings of each page and advancing [over 26 years] to pages submitted using an Internet based program."

Tammie's classroom, a building separated from the actual school building, in a place adjacent to the school, just across the road, was not just a place for learning, but a "refuge" for forlorn teenagers to seek counseling, find an open ear for their necessary complaining, locate the essential shoulder to help comfort through their complicated teenage years, or just chill out when the world was eating their lunch.

Tammie found the world of educating so prosperous that she continuously took her job to another level. If there was a job to be done, Knox City High school students and administration could always count on "Mrs. D" to pick up the slack. In 26 years, Mrs.

Dillon, along with her normal teaching duties, served as the Annual Advisor, Grade book Coordinator for the High School; was the Senior Sponsor; Calendar Committee representative, Scholarship Committee representative; Educator Excellence Grant member; College Dual-Credit Coordinator for six years; Tech Prep Coordinator for 15 years, along with being a friend and advocate to all her students. Tammie was essential in receiving \$4,000 in Grant Monies and UIL Computer Applications/ Accounting/ Spelling Coach.

In 26 years, Mrs. Dillon was able to see two generations of families undergo the grueling education process, witnessed children of former students graduate.

Yet, there will be no boredom for Tammie in her retirement years. She plans to spend more time with her four daughters and seven grandkids; help her husband, Jim, at the Greenhouse and work at the Dillons' newly

acquired business- "Knox County Cleaners." Tammie says, "I plan to stay involved at school as a parent helping with elementary activities."

Tammie (AKA Mrs. Dillon, "Mrs. D," or just plain "D") would like to say to her former students, whoshenowconsiders friends, "A big 'Thank You.' as well, she would like to thank "the colleagues whose close friendships I will cherish, and to all of the parents for helping make the past 28 years not be just a job but 'my life.' I'm sure when the bells ring on August 23, 2010, a part of me will want to turn toward the high school as I have done. Jim and I have been involved with Knox City O'Brien CISD since 1973 (38 years). Mr. and Mrs. "D" will continue to be a common greeting as they start this phase of their life in Knox City."

The community of Knox City will forever cherish both Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, and the school district will surely will mourn the loss of such a wonderful teacher with a smile.

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may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. You can only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job, and the amount of time you spend on personal activity compared to the amount of time you spend looking

for work is important in determining whether the trip is primarily personal or is primarily to look for a new job.

You cannot deduct job search expenses if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you

begin looking for a new one.

For more information about job search expenses, see IRS Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions. This publication is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).