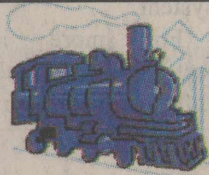


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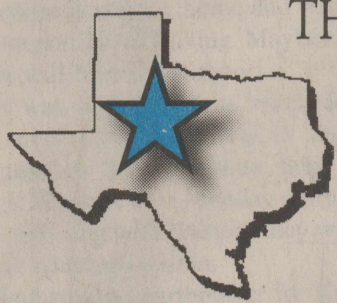
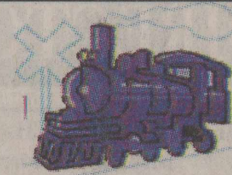


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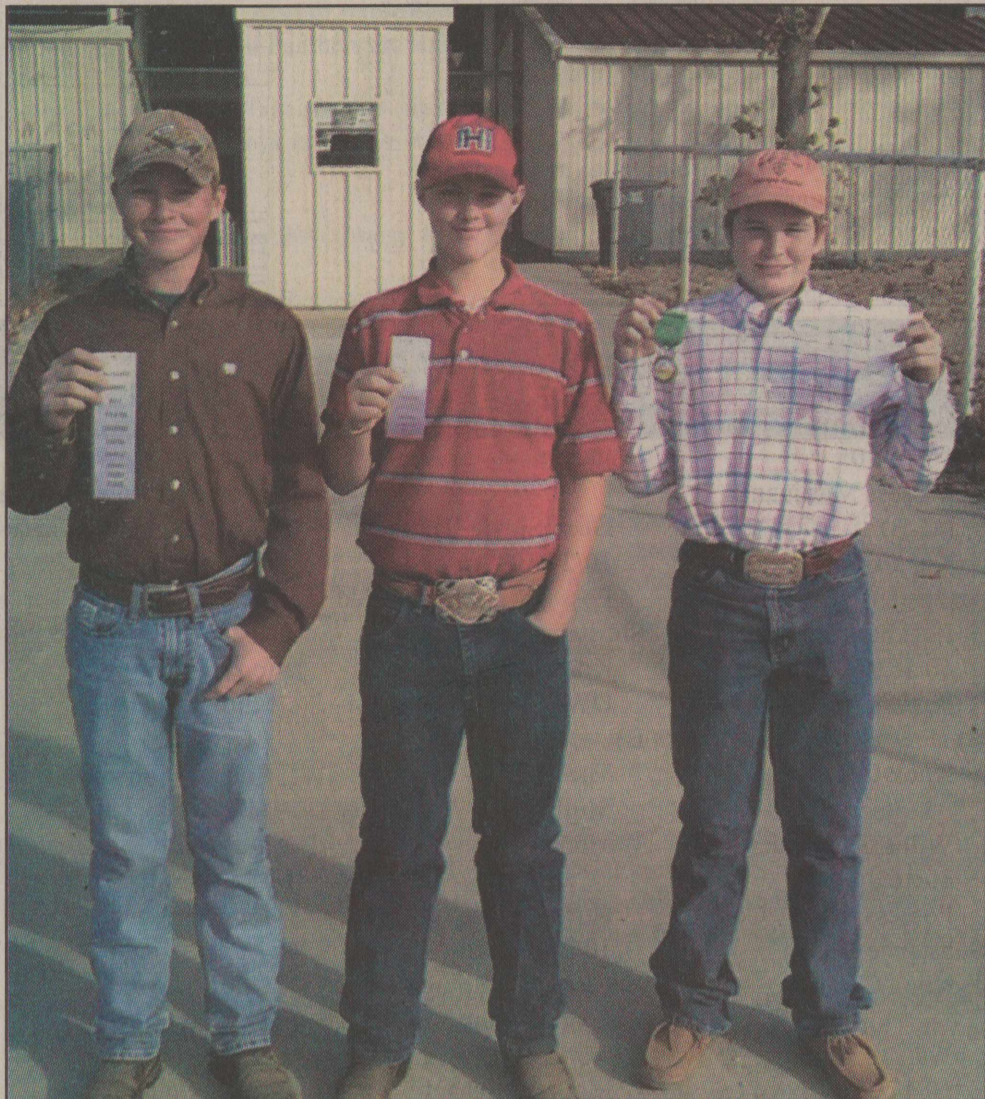
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## Knox County Livestock Judging team kicks off season

The Knox County 4-H Livestock Judging Team traveled to Brady, TX to compete at the Heart of Texas Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, November 20. The senior judging team consisted of Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, and Trey Tidwell.

The Heart of Texas Livestock Judging competition has always been a good contest for individuals to brush up on their judging as well as being a very good educational experience.

At this year's contest individuals had to judge and place eight classes of livestock which included; 1 class of market steers, a performance bull class, a Hereford heifer breeding class, market swine, breeding swine, market lambs,

breeding ewes, and market goats. Along with placing the animals, competitors had to give sets of oral reasons why they placed the classes the way they did. Once you have given your reasons the scoring process is then based on your classing and oral reasons combined together.

The senior team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 11 teams. In the beef class, the team had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with Shannon Reeves placing 5<sup>th</sup> individually.

In the swine class, the team came out with a 4<sup>th</sup> place, with Shannon Reeves placing 4<sup>th</sup> individually.

In the Reasons & Sheep/Goat classes Knox County ended up in 4<sup>th</sup> place once again. Shannon Reeves placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Trey Tidwell

placed 13<sup>th</sup>, and Parker Finley placed 15<sup>th</sup> overall.

With this being the first judging competition of the year, these individuals did an outstanding job on their placings and reasons and should be congratulated.

A special thanks goes out to Lyndle Reeves for helping out at the competition. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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## County gets much-needed cell phone tower

By Tamara Smart

Most people know that most of Knox County is a preverbal "black hole" when it comes to cell phone service. No one thinks much of seeing their neighbor sitting in a yoga bend talking on the phone because that's the way they found a signal to get service in Knox and they dare not move in fear of losing the call.

This is soon to change, though. When entering Benjamin, from either Hwy 6 or Hwy 222, a beacon of relief comes to frustrated cell phone users. A new 300-foot tall tower looms over the city, complete with guidelines and a light on top.

This isn't the only tower that finds a new home in Knox County, they are popping up in most towns. There is already one in Vera. The Vera tower is smaller than the Benjamin tower, not requiring guide wires for support. According to Philomae at the Abstract office, there are plans for another set of towers in the Goree area. While several conversation enter around the carrier that owns these towers

(is it AT&T? Verizon? Cellular One?), they will be delighted to know that their carrier of choice can use this tower. A company called "American Towers" who builds these towers then contracts out to servers. They can hold up to six carriers on each tower, so the main big companies will be such to be more able to effectively serve their clientele in the Knox Area better.

This new addition isn't just a more convenient addition to the landscape of Knox Communities, but a safety measure. With one of the main economic staples in the area being hunting and oil field (both of which are dangerous and remove participants of these activities from general populous), this ensures that if someone falls prey to harm, they can contact the correct public service agency to respond to their emergency.

Unfortunately, though, none of the cities that house these towers will see any profit from each tower. They are all strategically placed outside of city limits at each location so to prevent from paying city taxes.

## Christmas in November set for Nov. 27

By Tamara Smart

After Black Friday, the Christmas shopping experience is only beginning in Knox City.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, the annual Christmas in November will take place in downtown Knox City.

Starting at 5 p.m., the shops downtown will open their doors, display their best Christmas décor and usually have goodies and surprises for onlookers.

Sometime before 7 p.m.,

the guest of honor at the Christmas in November event will roll into town and make his way to the gazebo—that's right!

Santa Claus will make his first appearance of the holiday season 2010.

Children of all ages are invited to meet with Santa to discuss their wish list, and if they want, for only \$7, they can get their picture taken with the Jolly St. Nick.

Also, during the festivities, the Santa Dollars will be drawn. Every \$10 spent

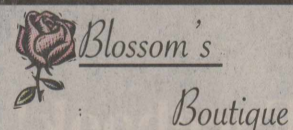
with local merchants beginning Monday, November 22, a ticket will be placed in the Santa Dollars bucket with your name on it.

The lucky person whose name gets drawn at the Christmas in November will win \$100 (you must be present to win).

While enjoying this Knox tradition, dance the night away, or just take pleasure in the sounds of the season, as a live band will provide a soundtrack for your enjoyment.



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## Considering the blessings of the past at Thanksgiving

When counting your blessings at Thanksgiving, one might consider experiences of the past.

For your Thanksgiving pleasure, a poem by Tibb Burnett:

### Nostalgia

In these later years, the invisibility of my soul  
Still grows, and my heart implodes and drifts with the musical notes of memory.

They sing to me like a plea toward Heaven,  
Where tears turn to distillation

And everywhere I go:  
hall road or valley,

I am deciphering the messages that scream through

me.  
Today I am prowling the grounds and buildings of my old campus

Where the wind howls around corners;  
And from the stairway, the mysterious window

sent harp strings of rain blowing sheets;

and something symphonic filled me.

At present, my heart becomes autonomous

And leads me to the Second home

Of my soul,  
Palo Duro.

Breathlessly, my heart plunges into the depths of the canyon,

And I become the multi-color of its cliffs.

Here are consuming memories  
and they grow as I visit them.

Beyond the wood fire of roasting meat are yester-

day's vapors.

They engage me, carry me, and elate me.

I am embraced by the arms of clouds

That tote me to a place of

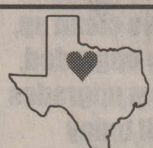
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The flickering of the years today has brought me

With the maelstrom of Nostalgia.

-Tib Burnett

Look inside for the best  
Thanksgiving recipes written  
expressly for the readers of the  
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Elementary  
1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders.



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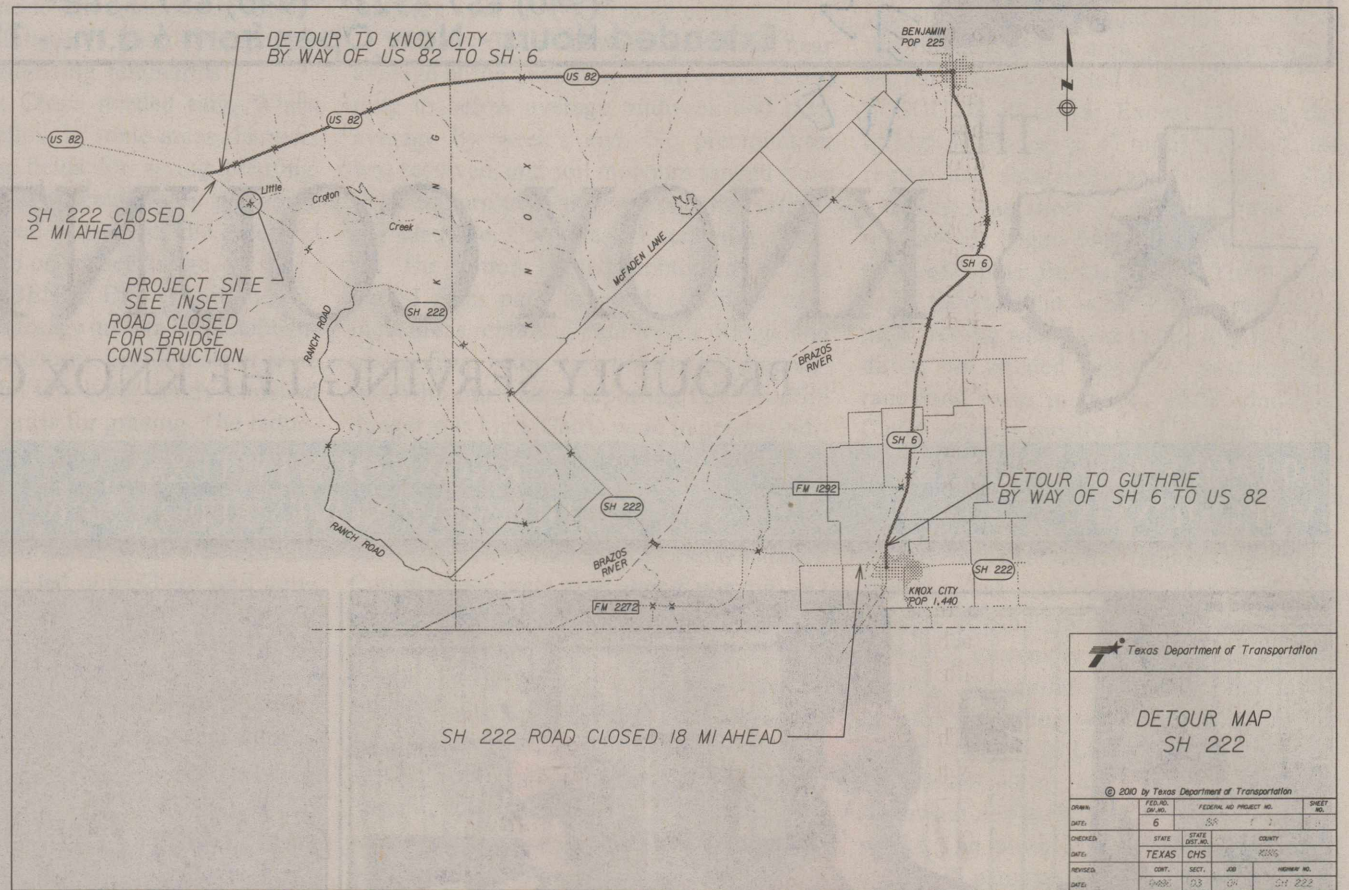
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## Sheriff's Report

Pursuant to you open records request, here is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Knox County Jail: October 7, 2010 through November 12, 2010

Scales, Addis  
 10/8/10  
 Surety off Bond (M-B)  
 Foard County (Denton Cnty Warrant)

Jackson, Jaadon  
 10/8/10  
 Consumption of Alcohol by Minor (M-C)  
 Knox County

Evans, Calvin Lee  
 10/11/10  
 Theft over 20K (F-3)  
 Knox County

Carroll, Alford  
 10/14/10  
 Theft over 20K (F-3)  
 Knox County

Thorne, Ray Thomas  
 10/15/10  
 FTA/ Money Laundering (SJF)  
 Knox County

Smith, Mackenze

10/15/10  
 Possess Marijuana (M-B)  
 Knox County

Lockhart, Jordon  
 10/15/10  
 Possess Marijuana (M-B)  
 Knox County

Willis, Alexander  
 10/16/10  
 Possess of Control Substance (F-3)  
 Knox County

Wall, AnaLaura  
 10/17/10  
 DWLI w/ previous conviction (M-B)  
 Baylor County

Davis, Julee  
 10/18/10  
 Surety off Bond/ Burglary of Habitation (F-#)  
 Baylor County

Pennington, Andrew  
 10/21/10  
 MTR/ Possession Control Substance (SJF)  
 Baylor County

Zepeda, Jose  
 10/22/10  
 FTS/ Child Support  
 Knox County

Sample, Christopher  
 10/23/10  
 FTA/MTR Credit Card Abuse (SJF)  
 Knox County  
 (Arrested in Tarrant

County)  
 Deer, Stevie Lee  
 10/27/10  
 Possess Controlled Substance (F-2)  
 Knox County

DWLI w/ previous (M-B)  
 Theft (M-A)  
 Midland County Warrants

Howard Morgan  
 10/28/10  
 Illegal Dumping (SJF)  
 Foard County

Moore, Michael  
 10/28/10  
 Possession Controlled Substance (SJF)  
 Knox County

Gowen, Galynn M.  
 10/28/10  
 Possession Control Substance (SJF)  
 Knox County

Smith, Stuart  
 10/30/10  
 DWI w/ Open Container (M-B)  
 Foard County

Adams, Lester Jr.  
 10/31/10  
 Fail to ID (M-C)  
 Disorderly Conduct (M-C)

Assault on Public Servant (F-3)  
 Resist Arrest (M-A)  
 Baylor County

Reyes, David Perez

11/1/10  
 Evade Arrest w/ Vehicle w/ previous conviction (F-3)

Involuntary Manslaughter/ parole violation (F-2)  
 Knox County

Fobbs, William Earl Jr  
 11/2/10  
 Disorderly Conduct (M-C)  
 Baylor County

Gray, Clayton  
 11/6/10  
 DWI 3rd (F-3)  
 Knox County

Williams, Kristie L.  
 11/7/10  
 Theft/ Engaged in organized criminal activity (F-3)

Capias pro-fine/ disorderly conduct (M-C)  
 Baylor County

Henshaw, Henry Lee  
 11/7/10  
 Theft/ Engage in organized criminal activity (F-3)  
 Baylor County

Carter, Paul  
 11/9/10  
 Possess Control Substance (SJF)  
 Baylor County

Submitted by  
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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Sammie Oilfield

Well, Monday evening was quiet and everything went smoothly. The Vasquez families have returned home after spending their weekend in El Campo with Rachel and her family.

We are now working on our Thanksgiving meal for Nov. 25. If you have never played Santa everyday of the year, try it. You might like it. You get a nice warm feeling all over that you, one person, can make such a difference in someone else's life.

Talked to some harvesters that are in this area to harvest gar, which is another kinds of harvest product for all kinds of thing as I was informed about. You'd be surprised who I have learned just talking to people and asking questions at Bud's café. You really can learn a lot.

Tuesday morning, I talked to Missy Eades who told me

that her son had an accident. Thank God that the kids were all okay after this freak accident.

Tuesday evening I went to talk to Roni and Quinn for my mistake, and take banana bread to them. To my surprise, he was just arriving from the hospital in Amarillo to repair his broken leg. He's doing good. I offered my help in anyway possible, and a blessing from God for a speedy recovery. Please give them a call or prayer or anything that can help them in anyway. His grandmother has been here through has recovery, so that is wonderful.

Wednesday morning, my day caught up with me. I got so tired but with my sister, Rachel, came into town with her husband's body for burial.

Thursday I spent the day giving. Thank God for all the

things I have learned in life that I was able to practice in order to help my sister-in-law and other family get through this hard time. Embrace what you have; tomorrow may never come for so many.

Alfredo Abila is doing great and recovering from his stay in the hospital. Linda Abila's mother is in rehab at Hendricks and is also making good progress. Frank Garcia is still having more testing done. Hopefully he will get to come home soon. Danny Reece is still in Hendricks.

Today starts the final resting place for Victor Vasquez Jr. Today, I ask that you be with this family in prayer and thought.

Take a moment everyday to tell your loved ones how much they mean to you. How much room they take up in your heart. We live for today and tomorrow is gone, yesterday isn't here, so live one day at a

time to it's fullest.

Gary Conn is so excited to see his daughter in two days from today. He hasn't seen her since she was 3 years old. He's excited and I am excited for him. He is such a special man... all the morning "coffee bunch" are special in their own unique ways. Gary also has one granddaughter who is nine years old. He gets to meet her for the first time.

Monday morning I met Gary's son-in-law. He seems so nice. He said that he planned on coming to Knox City more often to visit.

There is probably a lot more news, but I've been so busy to get out but when anything new comes up, I'll try and get it in next week's paper.

You have a wonderful holiday and thanks for your caring hearts about our little community.



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.

It was my first mugging. No, I didn't rob anybody. The sorry little guy got my money. Let's call him James. He said that was his name.

For what it's worth, here's my story. May it never be your story.

I was alone, about to head from my car to my motel room with a bagged laptop, an extra laptop bag, toiletries in a shoebox, 25 sheets of paper in a sack, a small box of art items, jeans, a jacket, a Bible (my preference over the motel Gideon), two cell phones, a GPS device and a sizeable camera.

At that encumbered moment James approached me from the direction of the motel. He asked for change for \$20. I found \$16 in my pocket. He took it - not forcibly, but neither did I hand it over. He didn't reciprocate with a \$20 bill, not that I wanted to cheat him out of \$4. I just wanted to get rid of him. He'd said at first that close would be good enough. He just needed change.

Yeah, right.

Having worked in a mental hospital and also having spent some time in the presence of the intoxicated, I drew on past experiences to try to persuade erratic, evasive James to accompany me to the office to complete our transaction, such as it was. Did I mention he wanted a ride to Whattaburger?

I wonder if he would have picked on me if he'd known I once clobbered a gypsy pickpocket and chased down a purse-snatcher? Maybe.

When we neared the office, the clerk heard our

voices and came out to join the fray. She accused James of panhandling. He didn't take to the scolding. I thought she knew him. She didn't.

Ah, the beleaguered James. He talked even more nonsense, got in her face, kept the money and walked off. We called the police.

An officer came, heard our story and promptly apprehended a suspicious-looking pedestrian nearby.

In the darkness, I viewed him in a one-man curbside lineup. I asked him to smile. He did so brilliantly. It wasn't James. Different teeth. I notice teeth.

Moreover he didn't have any money. That made two of us.

Nor was he as impertinent as James, maybe because of the police presence, or maybe he was on a different drug.

After the police left, I drove to Whattaburger to talk to the night crew. We pooled our information. They told me about a guy who hangs out at a cheap nearby non-franchise motel and routinely cons people out of money with a broken-down vehicle sob story. To protect the guilty, I won't share his name, but it's not James. It's from the New Testament, starts with a "C" and has four syllables.

I made one pass through the parking lot of the motel they'd named. Sure enough, there in a dark doorway stood a guy who looked much like my little mugger. I told the police.

What'll you bet I get my \$16 back?

Yeah, right.

Tickets on sale for Three Rivers Cowboy Ball



Bobby Flores and, R. J. Smith, one of his Yellow Rose Band fiddlers, blend their skills into music for the 2009 Three Rivers Cowboy Ball. Flores will be back this year for the 2010 Ball. Tickets are for sale from Carolyn Wilson, 3RF Arts director, (940) 839-7332, carolynswilson@yahoo.com. Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

It's that time of year. Tickets are on sale for the 2010 Three Rivers Cowboy Ball. Bobby Flores and his Yellow Rose Band are returning to play in Three Rivers Ballroom for the annual event, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Dec. 4. This year marks Flores' third appearance in Quanah. The Grammy-winning musician, himself a fiddler

and vocalist, plays a mix of Western Swing and Classic Country.

The ball is the final event of a day's worth of Cowboy Christmas activities, beginning with an early-morning Jingle Run and including an afternoon visit from Santa Claus and a lighted parade at 6:30 p.m.

Before the ball, Three Rivers Foundation for

the Arts and Sciences (3RF) will inaugurate the Ballroom Foyer, formerly Freeman Jewelry, with a reception honoring some of the former occupants of the historic building. Lucy Dean Record of Lockney, pianist, will play the 3RF Steinway concert grand, accompanied by Jimmy Burson, fiddler from Silverton. The pair plays regular at Silver

Dollar City in Branson, Mo. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$15 for the Foyer event, RSVP, and \$25 for the Three Rivers Ball, both available from Carolyn Wilson, 3RF Arts director, (940) 839 7332.

Reserved tables are available for the ball.

"We, at Three Rivers, are looking forward to visiting with friends, enjoying outstanding entertainment, opening a new building for everyone to enjoy and dancing the night away!" said Wilson. "We encourage everyone to make your plans and purchase your tickets!"

Besides the Foyer opening, another new event this year is Gospel music 9 a.m. Sunday at the old Trinity Church on Dubose Street, a Texas Historical Landmark. Record and Bursey will play.

"Everyone is invited to come by and sing along with us," Wilson said. "The building is a treasure. It was built in 1913. Miss Lucy is a treasure too. She's been teaching music since the 1940s. We're fortunate that she and Jimmy are able to come to Quanah for the two special events."

Pink Ladies News

Our hats are off to all the Knox County Hospital employees who prepared such a bountiful and delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 17 for the Pink Ladies and the staff at the hospital. Danny Reece remains in the Hendricks Hospital undergoing

treatment for cancer. We ask that you remember him in your prayers.

Donations this month have come from as far away as Graham. We thank you all for remembering Pink Ladies as we need both donors and customers.

KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR NOV. 29<sup>TH</sup> TO DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup>

Menus for Nov 29 to Dec 3		Thurs Dec 2	
Monday, Nov 29	Salsbury steak/ Gravy	Sliced Ham	Sweet Potatoes
	Steamed Broccoli	Green Beans	Cranberry Sauce
	Brown Rice	Hot Rolls	Fruit Salad
	Sliced Bread		
	Cookies	Fri Dec 3	Tacos/ Cheese
Tuesday, Nov 30	Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy	Salad	Fiesta Corn
	Mashed Potatoes	Dessert	
	Sweet peas		
	Hot Rolls		
	Poppy Seed Cake		
Wednesday, Dec 1	BBQ on a bun		
	Tater Tots		
	Cloeslaw		
	Cobbler		

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The City of Knox City Administrator, Barbara E. Rector, gave notice of retirement to the Council with the effective date of April 30, 2011. The City is now accepting applications with resume for this position and will continue until the position is filled. The position requires management and public skills, with excellent finance and grant knowledge. More information can be obtained at City Hall, 902 E. Main or cal 940-658-3313. EOE

Certified Nurses Aide position is currently available. Please apply in person at 605 S. Ave F, Knox City

City of Munday (Pop: 1500) is accepting applications for the position of Director of Public Works. Under the direction of the City Manager, responsibilities include management of water/waste water treatment distribution and collection systems as well as streets, parks, drainage, garbage, construction and any other areas assigned. Will direct, manage and supervise daily operations as well as develop a department budget. Should be familiar with TCEQ reporting and have good communication skills. Requirements: Strong leader able to supervise and motivate employees. TCEQ "C" Surface water and wastewater license preferred and must have a valid Texas driver's license. To apply, contact Dwayne Bearden, City Manager at (940) 422-4331. City of Munday is and

EOE. Applications will be taken through December 10,2010.

The City of O'Brien is accepting applications for City Secretary position Call 940-657-4263 or 940-658-1144 for an application.

For Sale

For Sale: WE have residential and commercial properties, farm/ranch lands for sale. We have buyers looking for land. Call Counts Real Estate (940)658-3390.

WacoPetro- Buying Knox & Haskell counties oil production, royalties, working interest, stripper wells, abandoned wells. 940-657-5526. 117 N. central, Knox City.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Bid  
The City of Munday will be accepting bids for the replacement of a roof on the City Hall building. For further information, contact Dwayne Bearden at (940) 422-4331. Bids will be taken until 5:00 p.m. November 23, 2010.

Miscellaneous

Now buying pecans. Drop off station, Knox County Cleaners. \$.80 for #1 pecans.

Services

Hicks Construction  
940-658-3688  
Renovation from homes to horse drawn carriages.

Lost & Found

Lost black bull with "TT" brand on its side. Last seen 5.5 miles west of Knox City. Reward. Call 940-256-0057 or 940-256-2926 with any information.

Lost Billfold. Last seen Monday October 25. Brown and Yellow filled with pictures. You can keep the money, please just return the billfold- no questions asked. 657-4453. Glenda Maxwell.

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• 654 AC., Irrigation Pivots, CONTRACT 290 AC.  
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• Nice Modern Restaurant, recently built. Also could be used for hunting lodge- Weintex, TX  
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James E. "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center  
Knox City, TX

2009 Weekly Weather Report			
Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches	Snow inches
10/25	54/85		
10/26	48/76		
10/27	44/75		
10/28	37/69		
10/29	34/74		
10/30	46/91		
10/31	54/92		
Total Rainfall for month		1.01	
2010 Rainfall (ytd)		36.03	6.6

# Our Favorite Thanksgiving Day Dishes

Upon the suggestion of Gladene Green (Knox county News columnist of Benjamin); Knox County News presents a special Thanksgiving presentation for our readers. The Knox City Elementary School first through fourth grade classes put their brains and creativity to the test and wrote down their favorite dishes at their Thanksgiving feasts and how they would go about making those dishes. Unfortunately the Benjamin students did not get a chance to participate in this activity, although Knox County can look forward to their Letter's to Santa in the Christmas issue an December 23.

Feel free to use any of these children's recipes. Some might be mighty tasty!

(Mrs. Shaver's 1st Grade Class)

I want to eat mashed potatoes Thanksgiving. The way to cook it is the oven for one awer.  
-Daniel Duke

I want to eat for Thanksgiving turkey/ The way to cook it is to cut it up and cook it in the oven.  
-Briana Contreras

I want to eat turkey for Thanksgiving. The way to cook it is oven 11.  
-Jonathan Martinez

I want to eat pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving. The way to

cook it is a pie pan and sum shgr and bakin podr and pit it on 1005 dgrees  
-Yania Mickles

I want to eat turkey for Thanksgiving. The way to cook it is cut and frd it 11 minits.  
-Gabby Sanders

I want to eat turkey for Thanksgiving. The way to cook it is to fri it and put it for 65 dugugres.  
-Gannon Pryor

I want to eat turkey for Thanksgiving. The way to cook it is cook it ten minits stov.  
-Tristian Estrada

I wantturkeyforThanksgiving. The way to cook it is put it in the uvin for 9 minits.  
-Ashten Pepper

I want o eat turkey frid 12 minits 298 dugres. Thanksgiving with my Pops. He is the best ther is in the home  
-Woody Stiewert

(Mrs. Espinosa's First Grade)

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by cooking it  
-Aulbry Navarette

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by grilling it.  
-Saige Turner

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by cooking.  
-Kobe Sanders

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by grilling it.  
-Gabby Espino

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by killing it and eating it.  
-Matthew Jimenez

On Thanksgiving I like to eat turkey. I would prepare it by grilling it.  
-Izzabelle Burkham

On Thanksgiving I like to eat cranberries. I would prepare them by smashing them and eating the,  
-Nathaniel Dickson

(Mrs. Hall's Second Grade Class)

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is mashed potatoes. I would put butter, milk, eggs and salt on the potatoes. Add sugar, whisk it and cook it.  
-Samuel Barnard

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is turkey. First thing I would put the turkey in a pan, poke holes in it. Put grease on it and stuff stuffing in it. Also I will cook it then take it out. Now I can eat it.  
-Brittany Casillas

I like to eat cheesecake on

Thanksgiving. I will cook it with cheese, cinnamon, and strawberries. I put it in the oven and when it is done I eat it. It tastes so good. I am going to get another piece.  
-Adriana Garcia

I am going to eat turkey on Thanksgiving. The way I'm going to cook it is put powder on the turkey. Then I put the turkey in a roaster. Then put it in the oven.  
-Martin Hernandez

One thing I like on Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie. I would cook it like this. First get the crust. Put it in the pan. Put mashed pumpkin in a bowl, mix it, and pour it in the crust. Put the pie in the oven, wait, take it out, and put whip cream on top and eat it.  
-Gracie Howeth

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is apple pie. I would bake it and put one scoop of flour. Then put a cherry on top. I would also put seeds around it and get icing to smear on my apple pie. Get cinnamon with honey and get two cups of sugar and 1/2 cup of water and get powder.  
-Tres Frausto

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is dressing. I will add flour and one teaspoon of sugar. I will put it in the oven. Then take it

out of the oven. Then have a good Thanksgiving with my family and friends.  
-Anthony Martinez

I would go hunting for a turkey. Then shoot one. I would bring it home and shave its feathers off. Then cook the turkey. I would fry in a turkey fryer. Then eat it.  
-Mayson McGaughey

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is apple pie. I will cook it by adding some eggs and one cup of sugar. I am going to get my apples to put in my pie. I will cut them into pieces. Now I am going to bake it. It is done. I made my apple pie. My favorite Thanksgiving food is apple pie.  
-Angel Perez

I am cooking sweet dressing. I am going to use apples and four gallons of sugar, a cup of vanilla, and a teaspoon of cinnamon. Don't forget the frosting.  
-Jacob Gonzalez

On thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is turkey. I put stuffing in it. I bake it for 45 minutes in the fryer. I take it out and eat it.  
-Tanner Strickland

One thing I like to eat on Thanksgiving is apple pie. I am going to put apples in it. I'm going to put three gallons

of sugar in it. I am going to cook it.  
-Gilbert Trevino

One thing I like to eat o Thanksgiving is cheesecak pie. I put eggs and flour. stick it in the oven then leav it in there for 10 minutes. Then take it out and leave to cool off. Then put whit cream on top.  
-Caitlyn Wilson

(Mrs. Webb's Second Grad Class)

For Thanksgiving, I woul fix mash potatoes and coo it. It will be good when w eat it. It would be good whe we eat it.  
-Gabriel Ruiz

For Thanksgiving, I woul like to make turkey. I woul skin it, take the wings off an the bones. Then cook it fo 30 minutes.  
-Kimberly McGavock

For Thanksgiving, I woul cook a turkey like this: would stuff it with flour an put it on the stove  
-Desirey Navarette

For Thanksgiving, I woul cook turkey. First I woul buy a turkey. Once I gc home, I would stuff th turkey. Then, I would bak him on the stove and then ea it. It will be yummy.  
-Bell Ledesma



**With A Bounty Of Best Wishes At Thanksgiving**

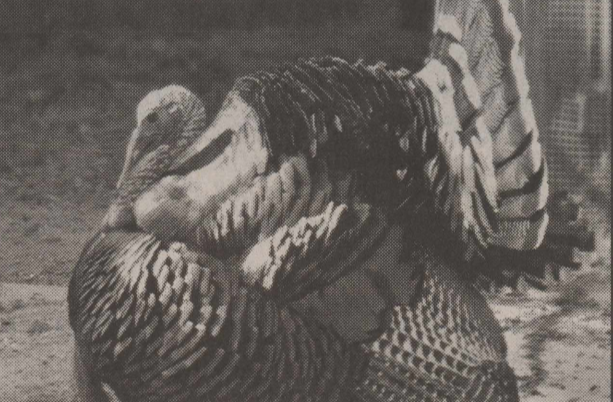
Before the festivities commence, we'd like to wish you and your family an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune this year.

First United Methodist Church  
406 SE 2nd St  
Knox City, TX  
940-658-3517

*Especially For You At Thanksgiving*

We have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season, including your business. With best wishes to all our friends for a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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Knox City, TX  
940-658-3541

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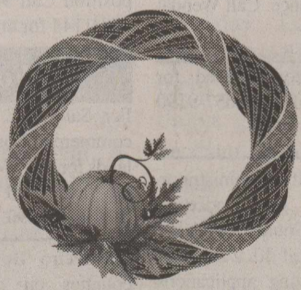
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Drawing to take place  
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BJ Country Store  
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**Thanksgiving Greetings**

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Knox City, TX  
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940-657-5200 (shop)  
940-256-2402 (cell)  
940-657-4566 (fax)

**AT THE HOLIDAYS**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

*Before the festivities commence, we'd like to thank you, our neighbors and friends. You make it all worthwhile for us, and we look forward to serving you again soon.*

Air Ag  
Knox City Air Port  
Stan Wojcik  
Knox City, TX  
940-658-3774



For Thanksgiving I would fix mashed potatoes. I would put them on the grill outside. I would fix them with gravy. -Kiyannah Gonzalez

For Thanksgiving, I would cook turkey. I would put them on the grill outside. I would fix them with gravy. -Angelica Gutierrez

For Thanksgiving, I would fix pumpkin pie. First, I'll have to go buy a pumpkin. Then, I have to carve it and cook it, and then I would have pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving dinner. -Chelsey Castorena

For Thanksgiving, I would cook turkey. This is how I would fix it. First, I take the plastic wrap off, then I place the turkey in a pot, and I put it in the oven for a while. Then take the turkey out. That's how you fix it. -Tyler DeLos Rios

For Thanksgiving, I would fix mashed potatoes. I would peel the potatoes. Then boil them and get a masher and mash it. I would pour the water out, and then it will be done. -Evelyn Barnum

For Thanksgiving, I would fix turkey. First, I would pluck it. Then I would stuff it with stuffing. Then cook it. -Mason Magana

For Thanksgiving, I would fix a turkey. First I would skin it. Then I will cook it. -Michael Rutledge

For Thanksgiving, I would make pudding. First, I would put chocolate in it. Then I would put milk in and stir it. Then it would be done.

-Melanie Ruiz  
For Thanksgiving, I would fix a turkey. I would buy a turkey. I would cook it and put it on the table and eat it. -Benjamin Goodnight

For Thanksgiving, I would fix a turkey. First, I would kill one and take off the feathers. I would put grease on it. Then put it in the oven for 20 minutes. Then I would take it out and let it cool and eat it. That was good. -Carson Carver

For Thanksgiving, I would cook a turkey. To fix it, I would catch a turkey. Then I would cook it in the oven. I would set the table and eat the turkey with my whole family. -Nastasia Dena

(3rd Grade)  
One thing that I want to eat on Thanksgiving is a turkey. To make turkey you first go to a market. Then pour some seasoning on it. Set the timer for 3:00. Take the turkey out when it's on 0:00. Set the timer to the five and wait while you put the broth in. Then you are done. Eat up! -Faith Slinger

I want to eat turkey on Thanksgiving! First, you buy it at Modern Way in Haskell. Then you go home and put in the oven for an hour. Then you set the table with forks, knives and spoons. Put a bowl of dressing, cranberry sauce and a water pitcher. Then get your family and kids and eat it. -Ethan King

I can't wait to Broccoli casserole on Thanksgiving

Day! Step one: Get some broccoli out of your freezer. Let your broccoli thaw out and get some cheese. Step two: Put it in a pan and turn it up to 3 degrees. Step three: when your broccoli is thawed out, rip the bag open and put the broccoli in the pan with the cheese. Step four: when they are mixed put it in an oven pan and then bake it. Step five: when it is done, take it out of the oven. Let it cool off and eat it! -Rachael Rodriguez

I want to eat turkey! To make turkey, I go to Lawrence Bros and get a turkey. I pay for it. I go home and cook it for 36 minutes and then eat it with dressing, cranberry sauce. Eat it a long time. -Breanna Pryor

Mmm! Cake is what I want o eat! First I would pour the flour. Put it in the oven for 5:30-5:25. Now time for the batter. Now pour the batter to three cups. Exactly three, not too much. Now pour the batter and mix it with some sprinkles. And put it back in the oven from 5:35-5:40. Now let's wait one minute, two minute, three minute, four minute and five minute. Oh! The cake is done! Enjoy! -Dawson Eades

I want turkey for Thanksgiving! First I would put a pan out and then I would put a sack over it. Then I will turn on the oven to 535 degrees. Then I will wait 4 hours to make the turkey. Tic, tock, tic, tock, beep! Beep! Beep! It's done! Then, I just wait until it warms up. Ok, it's warm. Today is November 24, Thanksgiving Day! Tammie, Jim, Ashley, Tony, Ganny,

Grandy, Kim, Patty, Gabby, Gary, Pearl are coming over. We are ready to eat! -Bradyn Durham

Rocky Road ice cream is what I cant wait to eat! First I get out a bowl and pour in marshmallows. Then I add nuts and whipping cream. Then I mix it together and put it in the freezer. Yum! -Aaron Espinosa

How does chicken sound for Thanksgiving? First, you sprinkle some parmesan seasoning on it. Second, you set the oven to one twenty two and let it cook. Then you eat it and you have yourself some nice chicken. -Tori Garcia

I am looking forward to deviled eggs on Thanksgiving. Step 1. You get some eggs. 2. Boil the eggs. 3. Get mustard and mayonnaise. 4. Put mustard and mayonnaise in a bowl and mix them together. 5. After eggs are boiled, cut them and take out the yoke. 6. After you get done stirring the mustard and mayonnaise put them in the holes. 7. Then get a big plate and take it to your Thanksgiving dinner. People will say yum! -Reylee Ledesma

On Thanksgiving Day IU want to eat turkey. First you buy the turkey. Go and put it in a pot. Then put butter on it and boil it. Until it steams, then you cook a firs and get the turkey and put it in the stove until the timer goes beep! Then you take it out of the oven and check just in case it's not ready. Enjoy! -Klarisa Martinez

Mashed potatoes are my favorite on Thanksgiving day! First you mash the potatoes. Then put ice cream. Mash the potatoes and get a piece of bread. Then you are done. -Abraham Perez

Some chocolate cake is what sounds yummy for Thanksgiving dinner. Step one: put eggs in the bowl and stir them up. Step two: put some milk in the bowl with the eggs. Step three: put some chocolate icing in the bowl. Step four: put chocolate cake in the bowl. Step five: bake it in the oven for 2 hours. Step six: take it out and eat it up for Thanksgiving. -Ainsley Manning

I would like some deviled eggs for turkey day! First, put the eggs in a pot and boil it. Get the eggs out of the pot and take the shells off. Cut the eggs in half. Take the tuff out, mix it up, and you got a deviled egg. Yum! -Andrew Sanders

Some turkey stuffing is what I can't wait to eat on Thanksgiving! Step one: You cut up some peppers. Step two: get two cups of water. Step three: add stuffing. Step four: you stir it up. Step five: you put it in the oven for about five minutes. Then you have great stuffing! -Vivica Guillory

I can't wait to eat some turkey on Thanksgiving Day! Step one: put in a cup of flour the put 3 cups of scrambles eggs. Step two: put all on them in a pot and cook it for 30 minutes. Step3: take in out of the pot then put some milk in it. Step 4: After you put the milk in, let it sit for 3 minutes and that's hou

you make a turkey. -Jababri Walton

I want turkey for Thanksgiving. Step one: Get some eggs. Step two: add some milk. Step three: Add flour. Step four: mix it together and add the stuffing. Step five: mix it all together. Step six: put it in the oven for 15 minutes. Step seven: gobble it up! -Corbin Cox

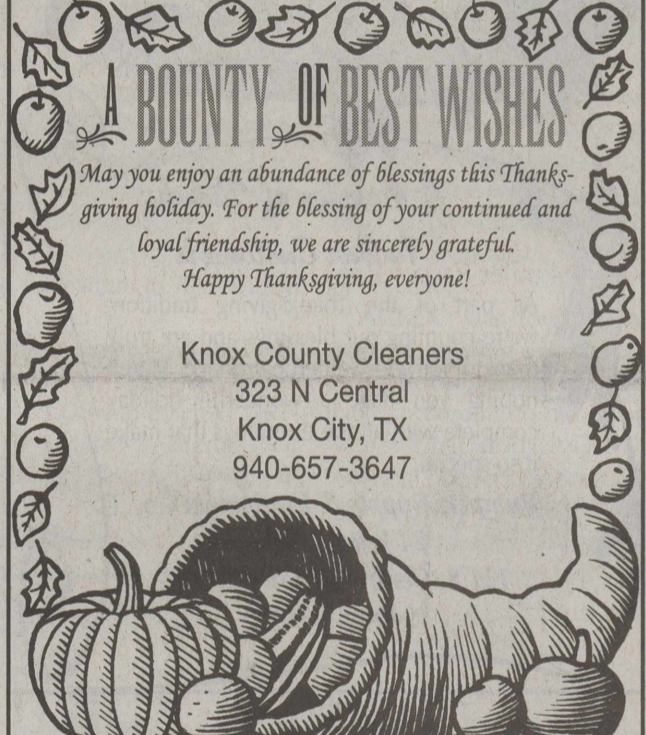
Some pie is what sounds delicious for Thanksgiving. 1. Crack the eggs in it. 2. Pour milk into it. 3. Pout apples into a bowl. 4. Put flour into the bowl. 5. Bake it for 30 minutes. 6. Eat it all up. Enjoy your Thanksgiving! -Raevn Rodriguez

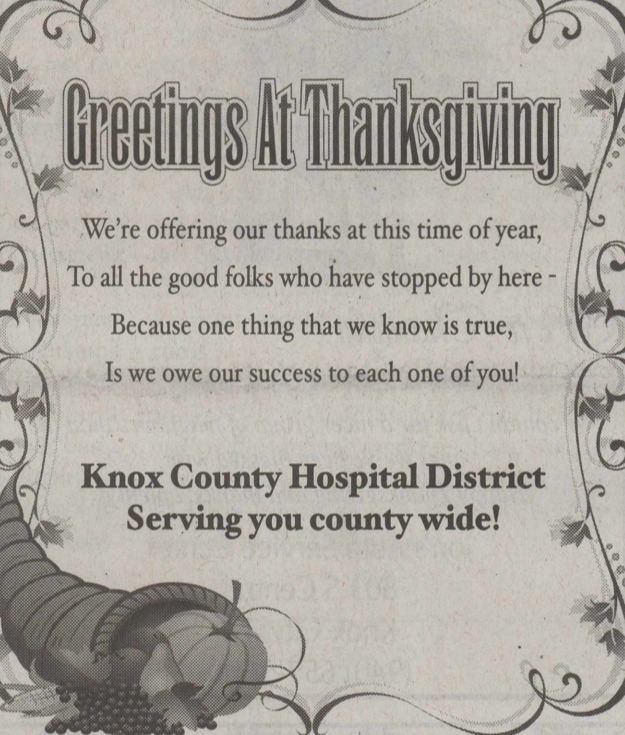
I want some pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving! To make the pie you put sugar in it. Then you make some pie dough. Then you put some cider and bananas in it. Mix it all together, then put it in the ove. Leave it there about 1 hour. Then it will be ready to eat. -Chance Baty

For Thanksgiving, I want some turkey. To make a turkey you have to put flour, salt, and pepper all over the turkey. Then you need to put butter on it. Put it in a pan and place it in the oven. Cook it for about 3 hours. Take it out of the oven, and then slice. Then you eat it with a fork and a spoon. -Andrew Casillas

(4th Grade)  
Have you ever tasted pecan pie? First, I will get pecans from my friend's house. I'll get ten pecans. I'll put the pecans

  
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FOR FRIENDS LIKE YOU  
*We couldn't ask for a nicer group of neighbors than the ones we've been blessed with.*  
*Happy Thanksgiving and thanks, aplenty!*  
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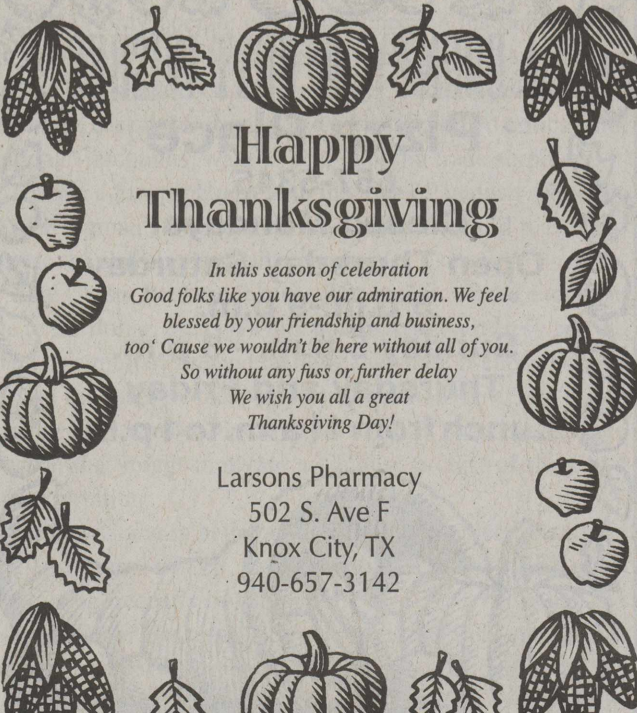
  
**A BOUNTY OF BEST WISHES**  
*May you enjoy an abundance of blessings this Thanksgiving holiday. For the blessing of your continued and loyal friendship, we are sincerely grateful.*  
*Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!*  
Knox County Cleaners  
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Knox City, TX  
940-657-3647


  
**Greetings At Thanksgiving**  
We're offering our thanks at this time of year,  
To all the good folks who have stopped by here -  
Because one thing that we know is true,  
Is we owe our success to each one of you!  
**Knox County Hospital District**  
Serving you county wide!


**TO OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**  
  
*We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the many wonderful blessings we share, including the gift of friendship.*  
*It's been a real pleasure to know and serve you.*  
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Jerry's Plumbing  
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**THANKSGIVING GREETINGS**  
As we welcome another Thanksgiving season, we wish you and yours all the trimmings of a wonderful holiday complete with our best wishes and heartfelt gratitude. Thanks for giving us so much to celebrate.  
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To thank you for your winning attitude -  
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Because there are no better folks than you!  
**KC Video & Gifts**

  
**Happy Thanksgiving**  
*In this season of celebration Good folks like you have our admiration. We feel blessed by your friendship and business, too! Cause we wouldn't be here without all of you. So without any fuss or further delay We wish you all a great Thanksgiving Day!*  
Larsons Pharmacy  
502 S. Ave F  
Knox City, TX  
940-657-3142

**To All Our Good Neighbors At Thanksgiving**  
  
From all of us to all of you go our sincere best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving filled with the blessings of family, good friends, good food and good fun. You deserve it!  
Knox City Florist  
106 N. Central  
Knox City, TX  
940-657-3581

**TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**  
  
During that first hard winter, the Pilgrims discovered that it took a lot of determination plus a little help from their friends to get by. In much the same way, we wouldn't be here without the support of good neighbors like you.  
Happy Thanksgiving and many thanks from all of us.  
Jeremy Eaton Service  
100 E Main  
Knox City, TX  
(940) 256-0470

in the oven. I have to put something under it. Then I'll put it back into the oven. I will cook at 85 degrees. It will cook for 100 minutes. This is the best pecan pie ever.

-Chris Gonzales

Dressing is my favorite thing on Thanksgiving. I help fix it every Thanksgiving.

I put onions, gravy, and green peppers in it. Last Thanksgiving I put cheese in it. I added a little bit of salad and salt.

My favorite part of this story is when I put all the ingredients together.

-Cheyenne Roberson

My most favorite Thanksgiving meal is dressing.

My mom always prepares it for a Thanksgiving meal, but the only thing I do not know is the recipes for it. So, this is what I think. I need a few pieces of salad, potatoes and bread. I really like her dressing. I always melts in my mouth.

I love dressing! I hope you find this recipe tasty!

-Naomi Ruiz

I am so excited that Thanksgiving is coming up. I cannot wait until it is here!

This is how I make turkey. First I get a big fat turkey from Big Jimmy's Live Turkey Farm. Once I get home, I give him a shot of sleeping medicine. Then I pull all his feathers off. When I am done, I cut his legs off. Step two is cooking it. I

cooke it in the sun with foil until it reaches 700 degrees. When it is done, I check it for fleas, just in case.

To wrap this up, I give this to my Grandma, Grandpa and Dad. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

-Issac Sanchez

My favorite food is pink lemon pie. This Thanksgiving I am sure going to make me some.

First I get the pie crust. Next I get the Eagle Bran. Then, I put it in the freezer. Last, I eat it for Thanksgiving.

This is how you do pink lemon pie. You might want to make this.

-Myleshia Manuel

I know people that like pecan pie. No one dislikes it on Thanksgiving. Some people have recipes, but some don't. Some people do not have a clue how to make a pecan pie. So, I am going to tell you how to cook a pecan pie.

First, you have the dough you just have to press. Then you put the stuff that goes inside. When its done, you just put the pecans. You put it in the oven for one hour. Next you cut the pecan pie out. You sit with your family and enjoy eating your own pie.

Do you have a recipe for pecan pie? If you need one, just let me know.

-Yesenia Perez

Everybody loves Thanksgiving. I like it with pumpkin pie. So does my family. This is my recipe to do a pumpkin pie. You add

a sprinkle of sugar Then, add a piece of pumpkin. Put it in the oven for 35 minutes. Take it out. Then I put little edible trees. I then take sprinkles that look like rainbows and add it on top. I then add a little frosting on top Then I cut the crust off. Use the crust to make decorations like an Indian or a pilgrim. Now it is time to eat.

Have a great meal with your family. Happy Thanksgiving.

-Erica Trevino

Dressing is my favorite food at my Mimi's house.

Dressing is fun to make. You make it like this. You put onions, cheese, cornbread and tomatoes together. Then you put it in the oven and cook it for 100 minutes.

Do you like dressing? I sure hope so.

-Kaelin Ledesma

Do you like feasts? Well, I do. It is my favorite thing to have a feast.

I like cooking with my mom. We make lemon pie. It's my favorite. Well, we are having lemon pie this Thanksgiving.

Do we have a recipe for you? We are going to get cows milk, water, eggs, and some groceries. To finish, we need some crust from a form. Then we hang our lemons until they are dry. Then we throw the crust on them. Then we throw all the stuff on them even the stuffing.

My favorite meal at Thanksgiving is hot wings. Although, I have a special

way of cooking it myself.

I go down to Jared's and get some hot wings. Next I put some secret spices on the wings, but they are not done yet. After I put some spices on the hot wings, I cover the hot wings in Big Bucks BBQ Sauce. Then I hang them upside down and start a fire under them. A few minutes later, I get a hair dryer and turn it on full blast, that way it has a smokey flavor.

Even though I cook a little different, my family still loves it.

-Preston Lynn

Do you have a favorite thing for Thanksgiving? Mine is Pumpkin pie.

To get the best pumpkin pie, you have to get a canned pumpkin mix from your local grocery store. When you get home make sure you have a pie crust. Then get a big bowl and pour all the mix in the bowl. Then get some evaporated milk. Don't just pour it in the bowl! Stir and pour, add a little salt and ginger. Put it in the oven and bake at 400 degrees in your crust. Hooray pie!

I hope you like my recipe. It's a lot of work.

-Sean Logan

If you want to prepare what I like to prepare on Thanksgiving, you must first go to Perrie's Pumpkin Farm and pick out the largest, fattest, heaviest pumpkin.

When you get it home, you must slotter it. Then you have to get out all the guts of the pumpkin. When you

are finished, you must gather up all the seeds and throw them away. Then you must get all the guts and form the roundly. Afterwards, you must stick it in the oven for 3.5 hours. When it is done, you must put orange icing on them, then cut several lines and make a scary face on it with black icing.

Then you and your family have a nice pumpkin pie.

-Nathan Williams

Do you like Thanksgiving? I do because it's my favorite time of year to eat fried turkey.

This year I get to make fried turkey. I am going to get a flamethrower and a turkey. I put the turkey in the pan and turn the flame thrower to 250 degrees and blast it for 20 seconds. Then, I've got a fried turkey.

Everyone loved my fried turkey. I hope to get to make it again next year.

-Dustin Ledesma

Have you ever eaten turkey before? Well, here is how you cook is and how it tastes.

Hello, my name is Priscilla and today I am going to teach you how to make a turkey. First you have to go to the store and buy a turkey. Second, you put it in the oven over night until it's done the next day. Third, you eat it! It tastes really good if you have ever eaten a turkey. Eat it on Thanksgiving Day.

Thank you for reading this. I hope you have a very good Thanksgiving.

-Priscilla Contreras

I love Thanksgiving, it is a good time to celebrate the pilgrims and the Indians. The most part of Thanksgiving is the feast. My favorite dessert is pumpkin pie.

Have a secret recipe for pumpkin pie. First you skin the pumpkin. Then you shake all the candy out of the pumpkin. You put it in the oven and let it cook. Then it's finished and ready to be eaten.

I sure did love that pumpkin pie. I can't wait until next year.

-Tyresha Collins

Have you ever eaten ham for Thanksgiving? Ham is one of my favorite foods. Here is how I make it.

First you go to Penny's Farm and gather a pig. Then you kill the pig so you can cut the pig. Next you get the bottom of the pig and cut it off. Then you cut open the pig and put stuffing inside of it and cook it for 2 days. Then it is ready to serve the family.

This is how you make ham my favorite way. Happy Thanksgiving!

-Ryleigh Waters

I am going to show you how to cook a turkey, military style. My turkey is my dinner and this is how I cook it. First I go to Tori's Tough Turkeys. I pick the toughest, the biggest, the fattest, the meanest turkey. Then I burn all the feathers off with my flame thrower. After that I wring his neck to make sure

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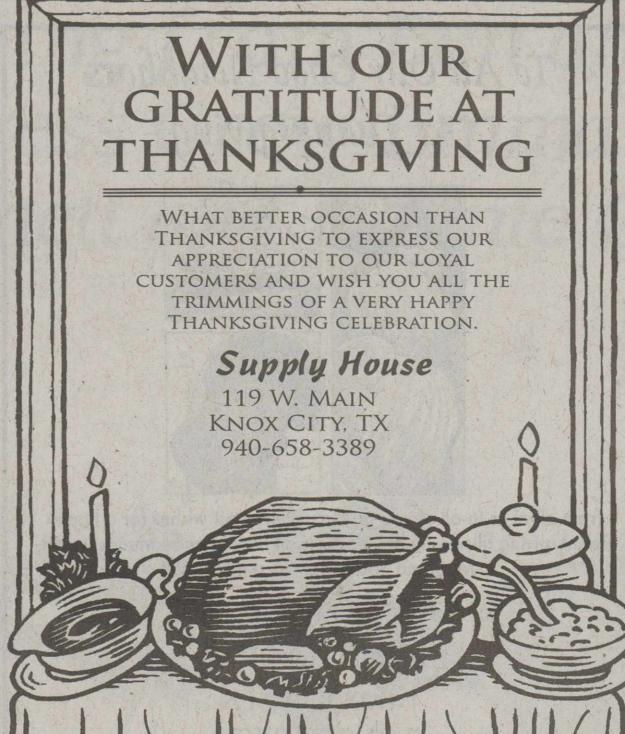
Mr. Obama -  
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*- Jeff Stanfield*

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Under The Siege of Toy Commercials

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Made the mistake of watching some children's shows with my children the other day.

This time of year the vast majority of commercials during that programming are for toys. The percentage of toys wanted by my 5-year-old from those ads is staggering.

When I was a kid, I'd get my hands on the Sears catalogue and daydream of playing with those wonderful toys. Of course there were toy commercials as well, however, there was not 10 channels dedicated to children.

I sat watching the other night trying to explain why the moon sand would not be the ideal thing for inside playing so he might want to ask for something else.

"Don't worry Dad, I'll just ask Santa for it," Sutton Hawk said.

Great. My response:

"Son, Santa is very busy trying to make sure kids around the planet are happy. If you ask for too much, some child in the Philippines might not get what he wants because of how much you're asking for."

Sutton gave this serious thought.

"Okay Dad, you can get it for me."

Guess my lesson on greed backfired on me.

Times change in a year.

This time last year my wife remained ill following a colon rupture, and I was her caregiver. Today her health has been restored. We're very thankful indeed.

Sometimes it's hard to be thankful or we may question what we have to be thankful for.

My advice is to keep it simple.

If you have a roof over your head, be thankful. If you have a job, be thankful. If you are getting the opportunity to give thanks with family and friends, be thankful.

There are no guarantees in life and frankly, no guarantee of happiness. Some people seem to have blessed lives while others appear to have it pretty rough.

It is hard sometimes not to question why, despite the fact we are told to accept that and move forward.

If you're down, I hope you can find a reason to be thankful. And if you have an abundance to be thankful for, I hope you will reach out to someone in need.

I remember when flying was fun. I looked more forward to the actual flight than the destination. That was decades ago.

Today, customers are treated like cattle. The hoops you

have to jump through just get yourself and your luggage on a plane are more of a hassle than ever.

If you've been paying attention to the news, you know that people are getting frustrated with the scanners and searches one has to incur in order to board a flight. It's getting pretty personal.

In order for airlines to be successful, they are going to have to be less intrusive. That means technology needs to be implemented which makes customers feel more like passengers and less like perpetrators.

We have the technology available, it's just a question of implementing it in a cost effective way. It could be made affordable, but there needs to be a consistent plan. The jury is still out on whether the Transportation Security Administration has the ability to get out of its own way and make flying less of a hassle.

Right now, the TSA is beginning to look like every other entity in the federal government: a bloated bureaucracy incapable of doing what it is designed to do.

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## Other Opinions

### ACORN Affiliate Listed as "Not in Good Standing" But Still "Active"

By KEVIN MOONEY

Apparently there is at least one ACORN affiliate that has declined to drop the organization's tainted name. The ACORN Community Labor Organizing Center (ACLOC), which is registered in Louisiana and also maintains a strong presence in Texas, has served as a major conduit for political operations and could play a prominent role in the 2012 elections.

The affiliate was prominently mentioned in a House Oversight Committee report that probed into ACORN's financial transactions and political activities.

"According to a document provided by former ACORN employees, the ACORN Community Labor Organizing Center ("ACLOC") led important campaigns including the Texas for Obama Campaign," the report said. "According to the document, ACLOC raised 1.3

million dollars from political campaigns and delivered the funds directly to ACORN offices.

The document noted, "[d]oes the ACORN association board want Wade [Rathke] to be this intimately involved in coordinating campaigns this close to ACORN? ACORN readily acknowledged its partisan behavior."

ACLOC is categorized as an "active" organization on the Louisiana Secretary of State's web site, but it is also listed as being "Not in Good Standing for Failure to File Annual Report."

Jacques Berry, the press secretary for Louisiana Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, said in an interview that ACLOS and other ACORN affiliates that have declined to submit their report could potentially lose their legal status.

"We are not an enforcement agency," he explained. "We just change their designation

of an organization if they miss their annual report anniversary and if they miss it three years in a row then we revoke their legal ability to do business in Louisiana. The annual report is not a financial document. It just includes basic information like name, address and if there's any changes to any changes to pertinent information such as the makeup officers. Even if no changes are made, they need to file every year. We don't get into financials at all, that's for the state department of revenue."

ACLOC was founded in 2005 for purpose of building and fostering partnerships between community activists and organized labor, according to the group's now defunct web site. In Canada, ACLOC provided "basic training" for recruits with Service Employee International Union (SEIU) who then moved into "Organizer Apprentice" positions. ACLOC has also partnered with the SEIU in

Houston and Boston.

The ACORN labor group has also allied with the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) to provide "community support" for daycare providers. It also joined with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) "to put pressure" on a grocery store chain in Arizona to allow for unionization.

All told, organized labor has contributed over \$10 million to ACORN since 2005, with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contributing about \$8.7 million of this sum, according to Labor Department records.

Other ACORN affiliates that are listed as being "Not in Good Standing" for their failure to file annual report include: ACORN International, ACORN Fair Housing and ACORN Television in Action for Communities and the ACORN Fund.

## Krugman's Conspiracy Theory

By ROBERT ROMANO

The world is plotting against Paul Krugman's economic central planning scheme. At least, that's what we're supposed to believe, based on his recent contribution to the national political dialogue, "Axis of Depression."

In this piece, Krugman has a theory about recent Republican criticism of the Federal Reserve's planned purchase of \$600 billion of U.S. treasuries: Republicans know Fed Chair Ben Bernanke's policies will work to improve the economy, and so they oppose them because if they are not implemented they will win elections.

Krugman quotes Stan Collender, who says, "with Republican policy makers seeing economic hardship as the path to election glory... [they will be] opposed to any actions taken by the Federal Reserve that would make the economy better."

Krugman writes, "Republicans want the economy to stay weak as long as there's a Democrat in the White House", adding, "In short, their real fear is not that Fed actions will be harmful, it is that they might succeed."

Although Krugman acknowledges that "some of Mr. Bernanke's critics are motivated by sincere intellectual conviction," they only operate on the periphery in his fantasyland. The real motive is "self-interest" in the case of Republicans, who want a weak economy to bolster electoral returns. And also in the cases of Germany and China, both Fed critics who, Krugman maintains, want to keep running trade surpluses.

There's a few problems with this line of analysis. Namely, all of Krugman's boogymen have perfectly valid reasons to oppose the Fed's monetary expansions.

Take China. Because it keeps the yuan on a fixed exchange rate to the dollar, the Fed's dollar depreciation merely has the effect of simultaneously devaluing the yuan. If cheap currencies are the route to cheap exports, then the U.S. action might actually help boost Chinese exports. So, it's not the balance of trade that might motivate a Chinese protest of the Fed's money-printing.

Perhaps China is being sincere about its objections to the Fed's purchases of U.S. national debt. Its credit rating agency, Dagong, recently downgraded U.S. debt, writing that the \$600 billion of Fed treasuries purchases "entirely encroaches on the interests of the creditors, indicating the decline of the U.S. government's intention of debt repayment." So, they're actually worried about all the cash they have lent us being

repaid with monopoly money.

For Germany's part, its Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble actually said, "With all due respect, U.S. policy is clueless... [The problem] is not a shortage of liquidity. It's not that the Americans haven't pumped enough liquidity into the market and now to say let's pump more into the market is not going to solve their problems." Okay, so they think more paper and ink simply won't work to create "a stronger pace of economic recovery," as the Fed claims.

Then there's the Republicans. In order for Krugman to be correct, conservatives would have to have a secret conspiracy to wreck the U.S. economy all to undermine Barack Obama, and land whoever the GOP nominee is in 2012 into the White House. The means? Stop the Federal Reserve from implementing its money-printing "stimulus".

Only, Republicans are in no position to stop the Fed or Bernanke from doing anything. Nor have they prevented the Fed from taking a single action since the central bank began blowing up the housing bubble in 1990's and 2000's. Back then, the king could do no wrong. Alan Greenspan was a monetary wizard, an alchemist who could sprinkle his magical fairy dollar dust into the economy, and poof! Prosperity would ensue.

At least, inflation ensued.

According to the True Money Supply index from the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, the money supply, which the Fed controls, rose from about \$1.787 trillion at the end of 1990 to about \$5.268 trillion by the end of 2007, representing a 195 percent increase. For comparative purposes, in that same period, gold rose from \$386.20 an ounce to \$695.39, a 80 percent increase, oil rose from \$23.19 a barrel to \$64.20, a 177 percent increase, and the national debt rose from \$3.23 trillion to \$9 trillion, a 178 percent increase.

As for mortgage debt, its growth dwarfed even that of the actual money supply. In 1990, outstanding mortgage debt held was \$3.805 trillion. Suffice to say, by the end of 2007, total mortgage holdings rose to \$14.568 trillion, a staggering 283 percent jump. Those jumps were all accommodated by the Fed's pump priming. Combined with weak lending practices, low down payments, lower-than-justified interest rates, and shoddy underwriting standards, the rapid government-induced expansion of mortgage markets was followed by an awful wreck.

In that sense, the Fed had an awful lot to do with the financial crisis. Afterward, its prescription was to print more

money to paper over the bad debts of others, like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, whom they purchased some \$1.25 trillion of mortgage-backed securities from and \$150 billion of agency debt, all to prop up a housing market they helped to ruin.

Perhaps that's why Republicans and others are skeptical of the Fed's new actions to now paper over the national debt with \$600 billion of new treasuries purchases. It's not as if the Fed has had a stellar record prior to and after the financial crisis began. The central bank is not beyond reproach.

So, what to make of Krugman's conspiracy theory? Perhaps his motives are the ones that are "highly suspect". He partially reveals his motive when he writes, "the main concern reasonable people have about the Fed's plans — a concern that I share — is that they are likely to prove too weak, too ineffective."

Krugman is worried that the "stimulus" will not work because it actually is not big enough. Except that's what he's been saying all along. In 2009, he was claiming that Obama's \$787 billion "stimulus" was too small to fill a \$2.1 trillion hole. The fact is, the total money put into the economy is at over \$3 trillion from fiscal and monetary authorities since the crisis began: \$300 billion of treasuries purchases by the Fed in 2009, the \$787 billion fiscal "stimulus", \$1.25 trillion of Fed purchases of MBS plus another \$150 billion of GSE debt, and now \$600 billion more for treasuries.

So, even if the total spending and money printing is more than he ever prescribed, perhaps Krugman is worried that his Keynesian ideology is running the risk of being completely discredited. Maybe he wants to keep his esteemed position as an economic guru.

By Krugman's own admission, the "stimulus" has not worked yet. And so he is neatly constructing a narrative whereby the reason the government action fails is because his boogymen "bull[ie]d" the Federal Reserve into calling off its efforts to create jobs." Or, if the Fed goes ahead with its plans, and it still doesn't work, his excuse for failure will become because the bullies scared the central bankers into scaling back their efforts into mere half measures.

You can almost hear Krugman now at the end of a Scooby Doo episode saying, "And the 'stimulus' would have worked, too, if it wasn't for those meddling kids." Right, tell us another one.

## Just Jeff

Jeff Stanfield

Why do I always end up having to sit at the kid's table for the holidays?

That is a compliment, I guess. You ever notice how many people spend the most important days of the year with people they only see once a year. You'd think if they really like these people, they would see them a little more?

Thanksgiving is a really important holiday for the eater. I look forward to the many Thanksgiving traditions... like eat, watch football and eat some more and watch football.

I cannot think of a better way to spend the day. Its also the day to turn on the Christmas lights. I really need to check to make sure ours still work.

I forgot this year until Easter to take them down so I hope they still have a little twinkle.

Just had a really interesting group leave the lodge from Los Angeles. One was a Greek immigrant who has been in the US for 20 years.

John has made his mark as a car dealer; he started out with nothing and went from a mechanic, to owning a couple of BMW dealerships.

The other two gentlemen are black guys (I hate the African American word since we are all Americans). They both grew up in Watt's, a very poor gang riddled neighborhood in Los Angeles.

One of these fellow, Ron, put himself through USC and became a VP for Ford Motor Company. Dr. Paul is a famous plastic surgeon in Beverly Hill's, who has seen more famous women nude than George Clooney.

Doc went from the University of California to Medical School at Harvard in Boston. Not bad for a kid who put himself through college, spent 4 years in the Army in Iraq fighting for my freedom and now is a world-renowned surgeon.

These 3 men are not my normal clients. We do not have lots of minorities, nor not many from California (which I lovingly refer to as the land of fruit and nuts).

John is my only Greek immigrant that I know of that hunts with me.

He is a duplicate of Danny Devito, same size, same temper.

But all 3 are just like most of our regulars; they are really good friends and have been visiting Knox County for over 10 years. These kind of men are the reasons I love my job.

It's all about having good friends from

all walks of life who all have the same interests.

The amazing thing about most of them, no matter which walk of life they come from, they all seem to worry about this great country and the direction it is going--which seems to be a trend these days.

It seems that if you want to get on an airplane today, you may find yourself getting groped or a couple of nude body scans. This to me is not a big deal, if it keeps my family and me safe, then that is great.

One of the things that I find ironic is Muslim women are allowed to have them not touch their Burqas (the traditional facemask that they wear).

That is amazing; I mean who are we worried about blowing up planes?

MUSLIMS.

No, I am not worried about a nun, or a rabbi; but please check the Muslim.

Does this make me a racial profiler? Damn straight!

Anyone who is not worried about flying with a Muslim is about as sharp as dog turd.

When are we ever going to have some cold weather? The forecast for this winter is a warm dry winter.

It is amazing that they have got that right so far. If they forecast rain it never happens but a winter without winter they get right.

Why do women marry men hoping the man will change; and men marry women hoping they will not change.

Ladies, if you are waiting for an engagement ring for Christmas, you are going to waste a good gift holiday on a ring?

Remember to adopt a family this Christmas. Always help those with less and make sure all of our kiddo's have a great Christmas. It is all about the magic of Christmas for the kids so lets help as many as possible.

Attention! If you know a kid who lost a shoe on Halloween (a Nike) please give me a shout, we ended up with a small kids shoe by our pumpkins.

Citizen of the week is Danielle Rodriquez who does a great job at the High school. She has been a great addition up there.

The students love her and the poor lady feeds Riley and that alone is a full time job.

Thanks for the great job.

Happy Holidays  
God Bless

## Official statement from Knox County Sheriff on high speed chase

On October 26, a subject made the mistake of trying to evade detention by one of my deputy patrol officers. As everyone heard, the highly publicized pursuit traveled down dirt roads, as well as paved roads, through Knox Cit and ending in Rule, Haskell County. That seemed to be the most difficult part of the whole incidents, at that time. Since the subject was never arrested by the Knox County Sheriffs office or anyone else, he was released to the Haskell County ambulance to be taken in for hospital treatment of a self inflicted broken ankle the subject was then transported to a major hospital in Abilene, Texas. Once at that facility, the drama and finger pointing of who is responsible for this subject began.

Many of the local news organizations were, rightly of course, looking for a story, but it seemed that the news was not exactly as broadcast. Partially from incorrect or conflicting information from various sources and partly from some trying to put the responsibility of the security on someone else. Nobody wanted to be responsible for this person who had not been arrested for any offense at this time. Because of differences in information, the office decided to issue no further information or comment of the situation, which also caused a stir.

A couple of days later, a local agency contacted the Knox County Sheriff's office and said they had located

the subject at a local motel, and had arrested him and sent him back to the hospital to continue treatment for his self inflicted injuries. End of story, right? Well, not so fast. On Monday, Nov 1, I received a call from the same local agency advising that they had not arrested the subject, and he was still our problem. Really, that was news to us. During our conversation, I was reached to about having to take arrest of a subject before a magistrate... and so on. Even though we, as in my office, try to stay below the radar and not to make and waves or start problems, along with my deputies, our B.S. detector is pretty well honed and looks out for fertilizer.

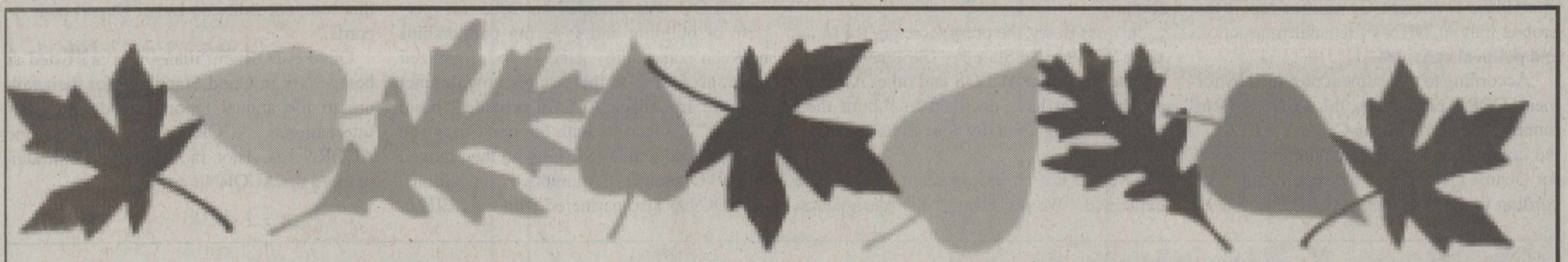
However, due to a high amount of publicity and finger pointing by various law enforcement agencies, I finally made the determination to take this problem by the "horns" and settle the argument. I advised that agency that, even though we are a very small agency and short on manpower, we would take custody of him and send a deputy to the health care facility for security. At that, I was asked if it could be release to the local media that we were going to do just that, which was fine with me, I added that we would have a deputy there around 7 p.m. Monday, which we did and continued to for two or three days. Guess what came out in the news- so and so department arrested this subject and the Knox County Sheriff's

office will take custody of him. Again, he was not arrested by anyone else, just an officer was sent to the health care facility for a couple of hours to wait on my deputy to arrive.

My point is, from the beginning of the pursuit in our county by our deputy, until the time we took "custody" of the subject almost a week later, nobody, no law enforcement agency that had the ability to do so, arrested the subject on the outstanding "blue warrant", which remained in effect until this department obtained an arrest warrant for evading charge, and at the same time was also arrested him on the said parole violation. Don't get me wrong, I know some of the street officers in the areas in question, they do what they are told to, they so not set the policy and it they were to get involved in the politics (such as not agree to some off the wall decisions of their superiors) their careers would be shortened substantially. Rather, the seemingly important thing to do was make it public by those making decisions and how much everyone is worried about their community, rather than just snatching him up on the outstanding warrant. We do not want to point any fingers, and won't, but we do our job and would kind of appreciate it if others that have the right and ability to do so, would do theirs without all the drama and publicity.

-Dean Homstad, Knox County Sheriff.

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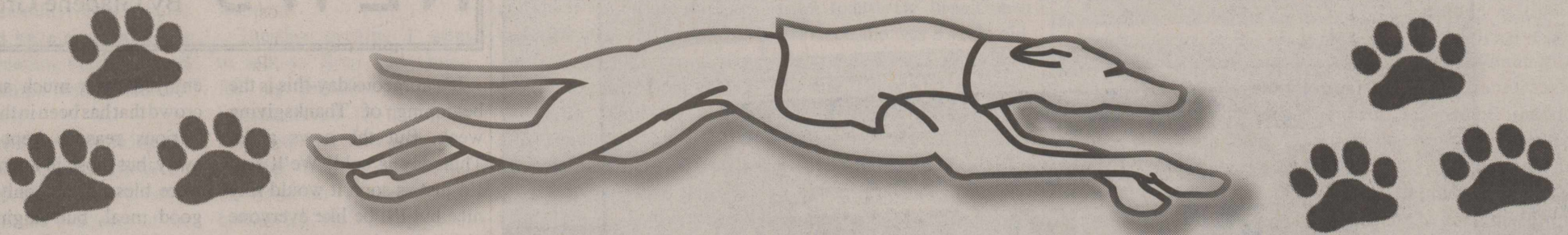
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



## Knox City wraps up football season

Sometimes in life we learn some valuable lessons, this past Friday the Greyhounds lost a game that they had won.

The loss came after a series of missed opportunities; from missed tackles, blocks, interceptions and extra points to just bad breaks. Seven senior's played their last football game.

These boys will not ever wear a Hound helmet again but they can look back and know that they took a great step forward for the program.

This team laid a foundation for the future. I understand that this is Steele's 3rd year here, and of course he has had other teams and players that have graduated. This team

was the 1st to make the playoffs and next season, I expect a district championship. We return a ton of talent and another year of a weight program will really help.

The coaching staff did a great job of playing lots of kids and still filling a 10 game slate for the JV. The future is very bright for the Hounds but remember, you ended this season losing a game you should have won. That can happen again next season. You have to play 4 quarters and it takes doing the little things to win.

Looking back for these seniors as they played as freshman on Varsity, since we did not fill a JV. Only one freshman got any playing time back then. Most never saw the field

in a disaster of a season. We started the year with 20 kids and ended with 9. Then, we did the best thing to happen to our sports programs since Coach Hutch. We hired a coach who cared about the kids and built a program for both girls and boys sports.

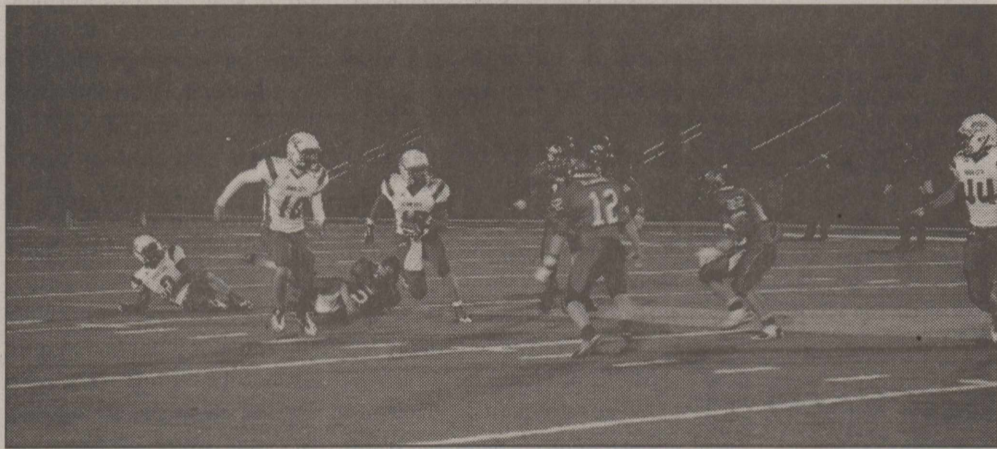
For the next 3 seasons, the Hounds improved each year. With hard work, next year's senior class should take the next step in making the Greyhounds a six man powerhouse.

Football is King in Texas, no other sport can even come close. Football is an identity for every town. What do Canadian and Katy have in common? Both are football powers and famous for it. How about Windthorst? Windthorst is the perfect example of how

football is king. They have won 8 or more state championships in volleyball, but they are famous for football (with only 2 state titles).

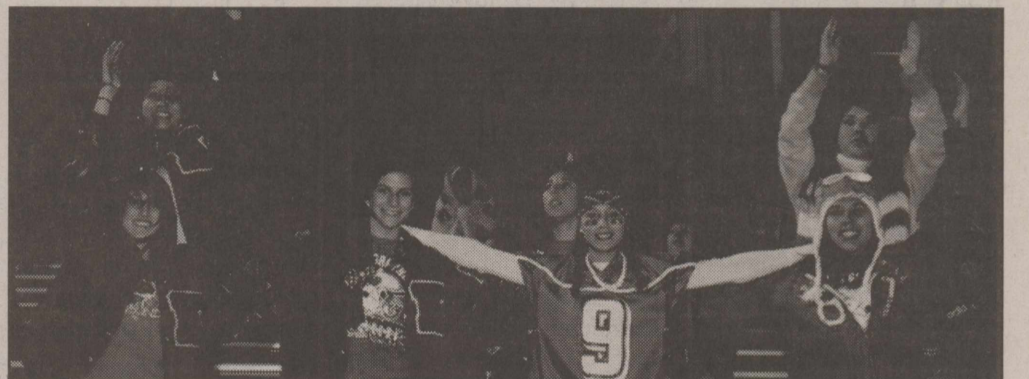
I was in a judge's meeting in Austin and one of the judges was from Cayuga, a school in East Texas that won state last year. The judges spent more time talking football with everyone than anything else. I graduated from a school that won 6 state titles and played in the finals 13 times. The last in 1969 but still is known as an old football powerhouse.

Looking back this could be the start of many trips to the playoffs and many November and December victories. Thanks for all the memories class of 2011 Hounds!!



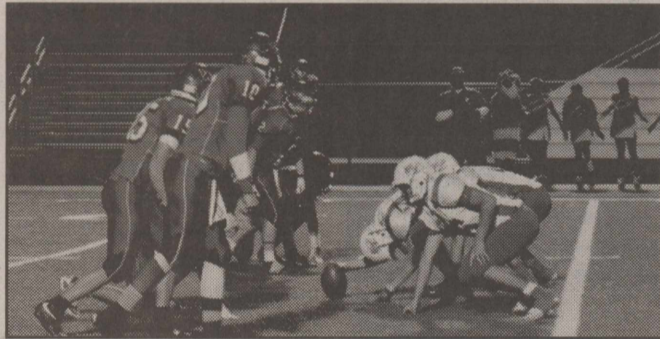
During the fast paced game, the Hounds move the ball down the field, side stepping defensive efforts of Walnut Springs.

Photo by Daveine Clark



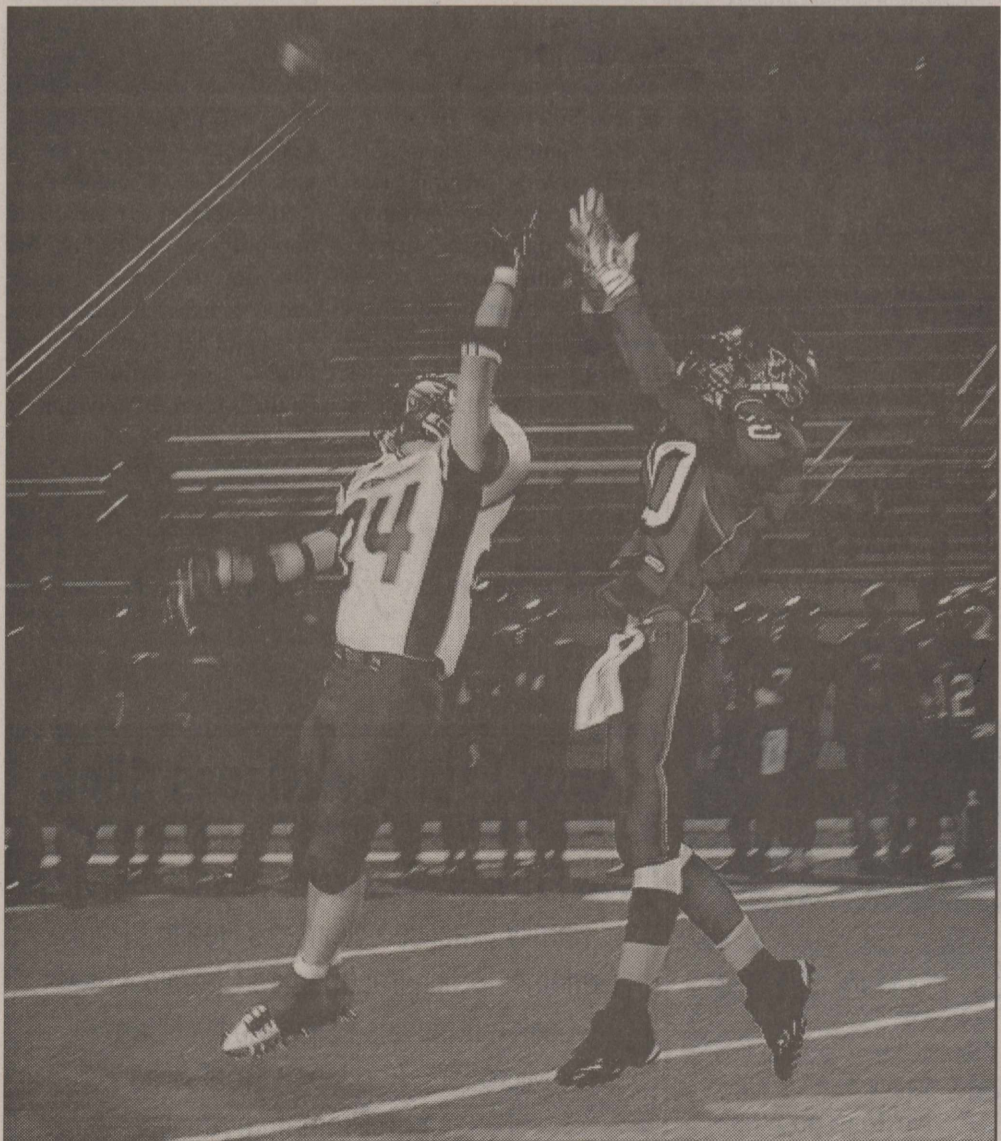
Hounds fans stand up proclaiming TOUCHDOWN after an exciting play from teh Hounds.

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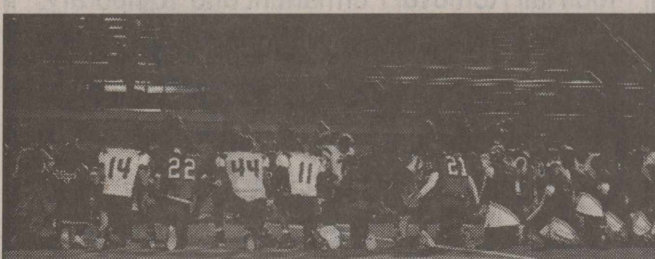
The Hound offense lines up on the line of scrimmage preparing to show Walnut Spring defense how it's done.

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Jarek Wilde juts to catch the high flying football during the battle for the Regional title against Walnut Springs.

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The Hound football team, cheerleaders, band, coaches, trainers and fans join together for a pre-game prayer.

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# Bob Lake returns to Korea



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**Lou Vail**  
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Chosin Reservoir Campaign, the third most famous winter battle in history.

Bob said they were treated like kings. They stayed in a 5 star hotel, went on daily excursions, and were gifted in many ways. He says the only bad thing that happened was when President Obama stopped

in Seoul on his Asian trip. Their excursion to Incheon, where he had been stationed, was canceled in order to bus the Veterans to see the President. The highlight of his trip was going to the DMZ where they could see South Korean guards looking North to keep the Northern people out, and the

North Korean guards also looking North to keep their residents from escaping!

Bob had dreamed of returning to Korea someday, and it was truly the trip of a lifetime. Bob is married to Ruth Denton Lake who grew up in Knox City and moved back here 3 years ago.

## Search for: Miss Teen Knox County 2011



Sydney Datcher

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2011 "Miss Teen Knox County"! Miss Teen Knox County will represent her area at the Miss Teen Texas International Pageant to be held at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in downtown San Antonio, Texas March 11-13, 2011. The young woman ultimately selected as "Miss Teen Knox County" will become an ambassador from

the --- Knox County --- area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2011 Miss Teen International Pageant in Chicago next July.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Miss Teen

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The current reigning "2010" Miss Teen Texas is **Sydney Datcher** of Keller, Texas. Sydney's little sister was born with a chromosome anomaly which makes learning difficult. In her honor, Sydney has dedicated her reign to assisting those intellectual and development disabilities. Sydney has partnered with **The Arc of Texas** to spread her message of inclusion, hope, and advocacy. "I have seen first-hand the struggles that those with intellectual and development disabilities face on a daily basis," says Sydney "I also know that the actions of just

one person can positively impact the life of someone with a special need." "I am inspired everyday by what my sister, and those like her, are able to overcome." adds Datcher. Sydney has also designed a special line of t-shirts that raise awareness for those with special needs. 100% of proceeds from t-shirt sales go directly to The Arc and several other non-profit organizations. For more information on The Arc, please visit: [www.TheArcofTexas.org](http://www.TheArcofTexas.org).

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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

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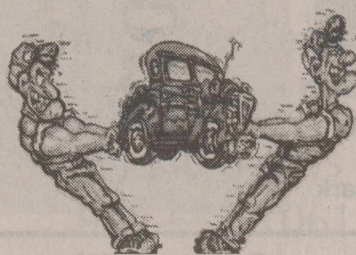
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# Hearing loss and genetics

HOUSTON - Using a combination of special techniques to capture specific DNA sequences and high-throughput technology to sequence them, scientists from the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu) and the University of Iowa (www.uiowa.edu) developed a test to simultaneously screen more than 50 genes known to cause hearing loss and deafness - a time- and cost-saving analysis that will provide important answers to parents and deaf children in the future.

"This use of massively parallel sequencing demonstrates the value of this kind of technology in identifying and diagnosing the source of disease," said Dr. Richard Gibbs (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/content-home-HG-SC\_director-x.hgsc), director of the Human Genome Sequencing Center, where the sequencing took place.

"The really exciting aspect of this news is the fact that we're now bringing the technology that the Genome Center has worked so hard to develop directly to the clinic and to the direct benefit of patients," said Dr. Steve Scherer, associate professor in the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center and an author of the report that appears online today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (www.pnas.org).

The technology, which Iowa researchers dubbed OtoSCOPE (otologic sequence capture of pathogenic exons), may soon become a test offered through the Molecular Otolaryngology and Renal Research Laboratory at the University of Iowa.

In the past, researchers looked for the genetic causes of hearing loss one gene at a time. It was a slow and expensive process,

said Eliot Shearer, a University of Iowa M.D./Ph.D. student and another co-author. Knowing which gene mutation causes the hearing loss can give families information on how severe the deafness will be and the chance of having another child with the disorder. It can also help doctors find the best treatment - such as hearing aids or cochlear implants.

In some cases, deafness is part of a syndrome that can include other problems. Usher Syndrome, for example, is the most common cause of deaf-blindness in the United States. While children lose hearing early, blindness develops at around age 10.

Early intervention can help slow vision loss, said Dr. Michael Hildebrand, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Iowa and a co-author of the report.

In the study, researchers tested 10 patients. In three, the gene mutation was already known. One sample was known to have no deafness mutations. The remaining six had unknown gene mutations. The genetic screen was able to identify the gene mutation in five of the six unknowns.

Others who took part in this work include Donna Muzny, Dr. Yi Han, Dr. Min Wang and Fiona Ongeri of the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center as well as Adam P. DeLuca Kyle R. Taylor, Jose Gurrola II, Todd Scheetz and Richard J.H. Smith, at the University of Iowa.

Funding for the study came from the National Institutes of Health (www.nih.gov), the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (www.nidcd.nih.gov/), National Health and Medical Research Council in Australia (www.nhmrc.gov.au/), and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (www.ddcf.org/).

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# Texas crop and weather report

COLLEGE STATION -- Many producers have a lot to be thankful for as Thanksgiving approaches, but cotton producers were particularly blessed, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"It's not often we have a good crop and a good price, and the future prices are still looking pretty good," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension statewide cotton agronomist based in College Station. "So I think we're going to see a pretty substantial increase in cotton acreage and throughout the cotton belt next year."

In South and Central Texas, gins are nearly done with this year's crop, Morgan said.

"Visiting with county agents in the Blacklands, some of the bigger gins are expected to wrap up next week," he said. "I haven't heard how they're doing out in the Rolling Plains and High Plains, but with the yield potential they have, I'm sure they'll be running into the spring."

In the High Plains, the cotton harvest typically isn't finished until December, and a late crop and late freeze in some areas may stretch the harvest well past New Year's, Morgan said.

Morgan noted that there is conjecture circulating that with cotton prices doubling, the cost of clothing will double as well, he said.

"If your blue jeans double in price, it's not because of cotton prices," Morgan said. "For example, you can make 215 pairs of blue jeans out of a (500-pound) bale of cotton. So at 60-cent (per pound) cotton, that's about a \$1.34 of cotton fiber in a pair of jeans. At \$1.20 cotton, there's about \$2.68 worth of fiber. That's about a \$1.34 difference in price of jeans."

And with other clothing, the comparison is more dramatic. For example, more than 1,200 T-shirts can be made from a bale of cotton, so a doubling of the commodity price should only add about 15 cents to the end product, he said.

At this point, it's just hearsay about the rise in clothing prices, and though it seems a bit far-fetched, a similar thing happened with bread when wheat prices went up a few years ago, Morgan said.

"There may only be only a nickel's worth of wheat in a loaf of bread, but a loaf of bread doubled in price when grain prices when up," he said. "I think it's an excuse for the

manufacturers to blame it on the commodity price. A lot of people don't understand that there's not a one-to-one relationship there."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**CENTRAL:** Crops needed rain. Wheat was turning yellow in some areas. Farmers were preparing fields for spring planting. Stocker cattle producers were providing supplemental feed because of the extended period of no rain on winter forage.

**COASTAL BEND:** Dry conditions adversely affected forage growth and establishment of winter pastures. Light frosts in some counties and in low-lying fields knocked back available grass for grazing. The reduction of grazing along with cooler weather caused producers to increase supplemental feeding of livestock, but the amounts being fed were still minimal. Winter wheat and oilseed crops needed rain. There was some planting of winter oilseed crops.

**EAST:** The southern part of the district received as much as 1.7 inches of rain. Winter forages responded well to the rain and warmer temperatures. However, producers in other counties were still waiting for better soil-moisture levels before planting. Stock ponds in areas that received rain were recovering. Livestock producers throughout the region were feeding hay and supplements. Livestock were in fair to good condition and began calving. Reports of feral hog damage were widespread.

**FAR WEST:** Ranchers needed rain to fill stock-water tanks and keep winter forbs and grass growing. There were burn bans in effect, and several wildfires were reported. Some counties reported the first freeze. The cotton harvest continued. The pecan harvest was expected to begin soon. Fall-planted onions emerged. Alfalfa hay production wound down.

**NORTH:** Soil-moisture levels ranged from short to adequate. Weather was cooler and dryer with plenty of sunshine, which promoted good growth of small grains and winter pastures. Small grains and winter annual pasture planting was nearly completed with 90 percent to 95 percent of the crop emerged. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Producers have been looking for hay to buy since the day they began feeding. Most pastures were dormant. However, some winter wheat was ready to graze. Feral hogs remained very active. The cotton har-

vest was ongoing, with the crop reportedly in fair to good condition. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to good condition.

**PANHANDLE:** Temperatures were near average at the beginning of the week, dropping to below average midweek and then average by week's end. No precipitation was received, and soil moisture ranged from short to surplus with most counties reporting adequate. Corn was 99 percent harvested. The cotton harvest continued. Wheat varied from poor to good condition with most areas reporting poor to fair. Rangeland varied from being very poor to good condition with most areas reporting fair. Wildfire danger was high. Cattle were in good condition. Producers were providing cattle with supplemental feed.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Conditions were dry, but remained favorable for cotton harvest. Cotton yields were at or above average, and prices were well above what producers were expecting at the first of the year. Wheat producers were back in fields planting. Existing wheat stands were slow to develop due to low soil moisture. Many wheat fields had a short root system and stopped growing. Pastures also needed rain, and stock tanks were beginning to get low. Landowners were concerned wildfires might be a problem if the dry weather persists. Some landowners were cutting fireguards around pastures and rangeland. Burn bans remained in effect for some counties. Ranchers reported that even though there was enough forage for cattle, they were having to feed supplements due to the grasses having low nutrient value. Livestock were in good condition, and producers were trying to raise body condition scores before colder weather set in. The pecan harvest was under way.

**SOUTH:** The region remained dry. Topsoil moisture levels continued to decline. The lack of moisture in conjunction with warm days and cool nights took a toll on rangeland and pastures. Agents in all counties reported dry to very dry conditions. Livestock producers provided supplemental protein, which kept cattle in fair to good condition. In the northern part of the region, growers were actively harvesting peanuts, winter wheat was in fair condition and 100 percent of oats were planted. Producers in the western part of the region continued heavily irrigating onions, spinach, carrots and cabbages. Cabbage harvesting was very

active in that area. Crops in the southern parts of the region progressed well under irrigation. Sugarcane and citrus harvesting was ongoing in that area, with some vegetable harvesting expected to begin.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Except for one day of high winds (up to 47 mph) midweek, the region had seasonally mild weather. Soil moisture was short to adequate. The cotton harvest began to wind down as many producers have finished fields. Yields were good to excellent with quality remaining high. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition but needed moisture. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Cattle were in mostly good condition with some supplemental feeding.

**SOUTHEAST:** Conditions varied across the region. Limited moisture in Montgomery County caused winter annuals to begin growing, but cool weather was restricting enough growth for grazing. Burtleson County remained extremely dry. Brazoria County reported no rainfall this week, but moisture the preceding week helped germinate winter pastures. In Liberty County, producers planted wheat, and pastures recovered somewhat due to the rain over previous two weeks. The ratoon rice harvest was approximately 75 percent complete in some areas.

**SOUTHWEST:** The region has been completely dry for more than two months. Fall rainfall since Aug. 1 was less than 40 percent of the long-term average. Fields were ready for early spring planting. Pastures and rangeland entered into winter dormancy early, primarily due to the dry conditions. Forage availability was rapidly declining. Winter vegetables made excellent progress under heavy irrigation. Growers were harvesting green beans, cabbage, spinach, lettuce and peanuts. The pecan harvest was finished.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Days were warm with cool nights. All areas needed rain. Burn bans were reinstated. Soil moisture was very short. The cotton and grain sorghum harvests were mostly completed. Growers were nearly finished planting wheat. Rangeland and pasture grasses were drying up and withering. Stock-tank water levels continued to drop. Livestock remained in fair to good condition, with producers increasing supplemental feeding. The pecan harvest was well under way, with a good crop expected.

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-Jesse Munoz

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