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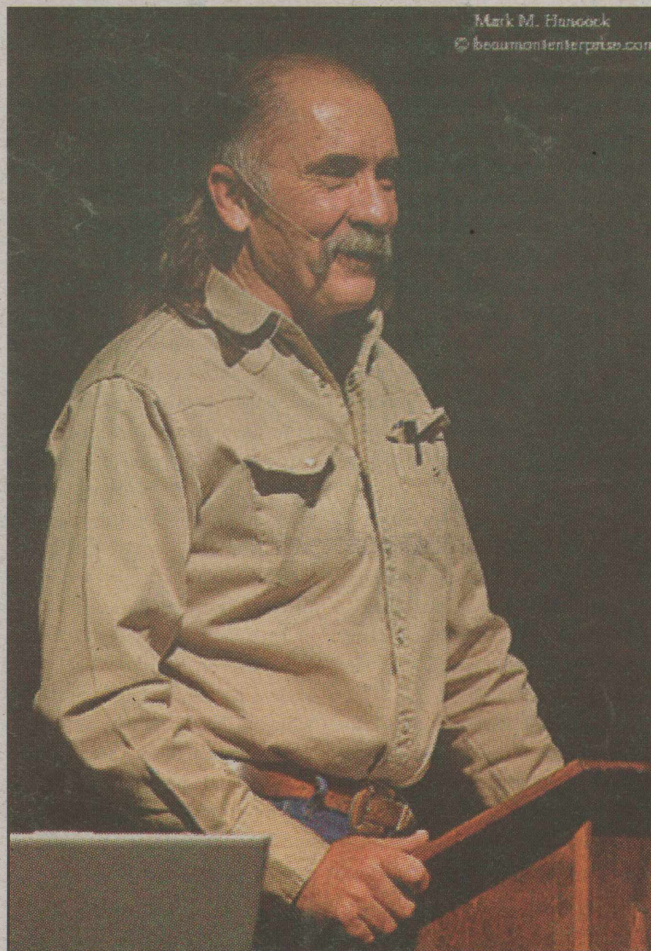
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Meinzer recognized for his photography books



By Glenn Dromgoole the West Texas Book & Music Festival every year is the

Boots & Books Luncheon on Saturday.

That's when the Friends of the Abilene Public Library present the A. C. Greene Award to a distinguished Texas author and hear inspiring words from that author and several other top Texas writers.

This year's award winner is photographer/author Wyman Meinzer from Benjamin, a West Texas treasure. A true outdoorsman with a keen eye and a deep appreciation for the natural landscape and its inhabitants, Wyman is respected throughout the world for his photographs of West Texas ranches, landscapes, skies and critters.

With 20 books and more than 250 magazine covers to his credit, Wyman possesses the great combination of seasoned experience and youthful enthusiasm. He still gets excited about his work and he passes on that excitement to his photography students at Texas Tech. Wyman has a

book coming out this fall on a native buffalo herd he has been following for several years, and listening to him talk about it you would think it is his first book.

As this year's A. C. Greene recipient, Wyman joins a very impressive group of Texas authors who have been recognized at the Abilene festival: John Graves, Walt McDonald, Elmer Kelton, Sandra Brown, Liz Carpenter, Jane Roberts Wood, Carlton Stowers, Don Graham, Kathi Appelt and Mike Cox.

At the luncheon, we will play a stunning video of Wyman Meinzer's West Texas set to the music of Lubbock composer Doug Smith. You can view it on Wyman's web site - wymanmeinzer.com. It will be even more impressive on the large screen. Luncheon tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling 691-1868.

In addition to Wyman, the luncheon features three other

authors who are headlining this year's festival:

■ Mike Kearby of Lometa is the author of a series of

MEINZER

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No Bull, just a lot of steer



Not many people have ever seen a steer this large, but Dan and Joe Godsey along with John Hendrix and Rick Meinzer not only found him, but got him loaded up. It took three "adjustments" to the original pen to make it strong enough to hold him. He stands 6' tall at the shoulders and weighs 2,360 pounds. For point of reference, the top of the fence is 7 feet tall. The future of this big guy is unknown at this time.



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Understanding how Alzheimer's effects the memory

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By DEE DERR

Everyone misplaces their car keys or forgets the name of a place, a person, or a phone number from time to time. While we often consider this to be a nuisance, it is a normal part of aging. In some cases, if episodes of forgetfulness become more frequent, it may be early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's and dementia are two words which are often used interchangeably because both indicate

the loss of memory and confusion which can interfere with a person's ability to perform daily tasks.

Unlike typical age-related memory issues, or medical conditions which can also cause dementia, Alzheimer's is a specific and predictable disease process which occurs in the brain.

As we age our brain creates two different types of protein deposits called plaques, which build up between nerve cells, and tangles,

which build up inside of the cell.

When compared to the average person's brain, Alzheimer's patients have an over abundance of plaques and tangles. The reason that memory is the first discernible symptom of Alzheimer's is because these begin to build up in the part of the brain which controls memory before spreading out to affect other areas. As this buildup increases, it slowly damages nerve cells causing them to eventually die which creates ir-

reversible and permanent changes to the brain.

Scientists still aren't sure why this happens but they have identified certain risk factors. The most common factor for Alzheimer's is age. A small fraction of Alzheimer's patients will experience early onset and begin to notice symptoms as early as their late 40's or early 50's, however the average Alzheimer's patient will be age 65 or older. By the age of 85, the risk for developing Alzheimer's increases to nearly 50 percent.

The odds of developing the disorder become two to three times more likely if you have a parent or sibling with the disease. While research has shown a genetic connection, many scientists believe that a combination of factors and influences play a role.

Studies also show a strong link between previous head injuries and health issues which cause damage to the heart and blood vessels, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, diet, and tobacco use.

At this point in time there is no single test which can definitively diagnose Alzheimer's. When a patient is exhibiting symptoms which may indicate the onset of the disease, patients are generally asked to give a detailed history concerning the severity and duration of their symptoms as well as undergoing a complete physical to rule out other disorders.

To determine if there is any loss of memory or cognitive function, patients may be asked to complete a series of tests which challenge their ability to recall information.

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's is a life changing event for the patient and their loved ones. While treatment can often slow the progression of the disease, there is no cure at this time.

As the disease begins to affect an individual's ability to function independently, they and their families will need to plan ahead to ensure a safe and supervised environment, as well as arrangements for the patient's medical, legal and financial affairs.

Alzheimer's patients generally live an average of eight years after their symptoms become noticeable to others, but that can vary from four

to 20 years, depending on the patient's age and their overall health.

In the later stages of the disease, many patients will experience Alzheimer's related complications which can include bladder infections, bed sores, pneumonia, sepsis, or issues with choking, aspirating food or malnutrition due to the patient's increasing inability to swallow food.

In the past there was often a stigma associated with Alzheimer's and many patients and their caregivers felt ashamed, socially isolated and alone. That has slowly begun to change as well known celebrities, such as Norman Rockwell, Rita Hayworth, and former president Ronald Reagan have been diagnosed with the disease.

More recently, last month singer Glenn Campbell and Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt stepped forward to publicly discuss the challenges they and their families face in living with Alzheimer's disease.

The National Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to public awareness, education and support for families touched by Alzheimer's and promotes events which raise money for research which may one day provide a cure.

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and follows a specific pattern of progression:

Stage 1: The patient has normal function and does not experience any symptoms.

Stage 2: A very mild decline begins which is often attributed to age related changes.

Stage 3: The individual may begin to feel they are having memory lapses, but friends, family or co-workers aren't aware of them yet. Symptoms can include forgetting the right word or name, greater difficulty performing routine tasks, repeatedly forgetting what you just read, or misplacing items.

Stage 4: Impairment includes the inability to perform challenging mental arithmetic, such as counting backwards from 100 by 7, planning a dinner for guests, paying bills or managing finances. Other symptoms can include forgetting your own personal history, becoming moody,

withdrawn and avoiding socially or mentally challenging situations.

Stage 5: Patients begin to need help with daily activities and are unable to recall important information such as their phone number or address. They may show signs of confusion as to where they are or what day it is and may need help in choosing appropriate clothing for the current season or occasion. They usually do not need assistance in using the toilet and usually can recall significant details about themselves and family members.

Stage 6: Personality changes may begin to take place and the individual may need a great deal of help to perform simple things such as taking care of their daily hygiene and dressing themselves. They may begin to forget the name of their spouse, children or caregiver and may become fearful or upset because they do not recognize you. As their cognitive function continues to deteriorate, personality changes may begin to take place and can include suspicion, fear, hallucinations and delusional behavior. Patients which have been docile their entire life may become physically violent or have emotional angry outbursts. Repetitive or compulsive behavior, such as pacing, shredding tissues or wringing their hands may also occur.

At this stage of the disease many patients begin to have difficulties with control of their bladder and bowels and may need supervision when using the toilet. Because patient's are still mobile, constant supervision is needed to ensure they do not wander or become lost.

Stage 7: In severe or late stage Alzheimer's disease, individuals lose their ability to respond and interact with environment. They may say or shout words or phrases but they are incapable of carrying on a conversation. Eventually, they will lose the ability to control movement of their limbs and body. At this point patient's require full time care and will need help with eating, personal hygiene and using the toilet. As the disease progresses, the patient may lose the ability to smile, sit without support or to even hold their head up. Reflexes become abnormal, muscles become rigid and the ability to swallow is impaired.

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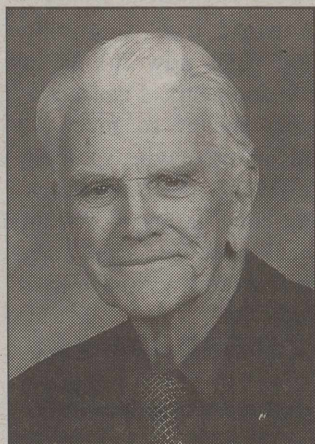
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OBITUARY



Arche Lieb

Funeral service for Mr. Arche Lieb, 86, of Monroe, La, formerly of Knox City, Tx. was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011, in the chapel of Mulhearn Funeral Home, in Monroe, La. with the Rev. Norman Bryant officiating. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Albany Cemetery in Albany, Tx.

After a courageous and determined battle to overcome injuries suffered in a fall, Arche Lieb went to his eternal rest on August 13, 2011. Mr. Lieb was born on Jan. 1, 1925 in Albany, Tx to Eual Green Lieb and Odessa Withers Lieb. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Bobby Withers Lieb.

Mr. Lieb is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia, son John Charles and his wife Manda, granddaughters Bonnie Virginia and her husband, Chad Leggett and Julianna Lieb, and one great grandson, John Peyton Leggett.

Mr. Lieb was a graduate of Albany High School and Texas A&M University. He was an employee of USDA, Soil Conservation Service in Aspermont and Knox City, Tx., retiring in 1980.

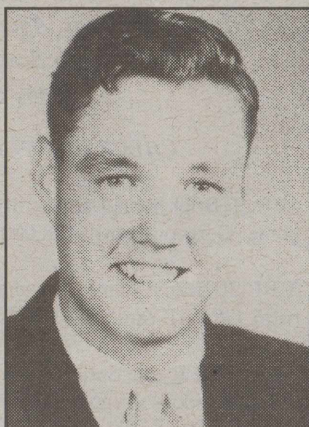
He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a pilot from 1943 to 1946 and the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve for 20

years, retiring as a Captain.

Mr. Lieb was a believer and had a heavy burden for the lost. He was a member of Rowland Road Baptist Church and Gideon's International. He taught several Bible study groups.

He and his wife moved to Monroe in 2005 to be near their son, Charlie and his family.

Memorials may be sent to Rowland Road Baptist Church or Gideon's International. P.O. Box 4612, Monroe, La.



Roy Dwain Day

Knox City, Texas
Dateline: Roy Dwain Day, 77, lifetime resident of Knox City, and fondly known as "Pea Vine" and "D-Bar", and was a man who wore only one spur, passed from this life on September 15, 2011 in Abilene. He was president of Rodeo Club at Abilene Christian College, President of Sull Ross University.

Roy Swain was born to the late Roy and Essie Day on June 2, 1934. He graduated from Knox City High School and attended Abilene Christian College, Ranger Junior College and Sul Ross College. He was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Sunday,

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MUSEUM NEWS

Giant Comanche Arrow marks Quanah Parker Trail

The giant Comanche Arrow erected September 7th, at the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin shows Knox County's recognition by the Texas Plains Trail as a documentation of Indian life in this county, marking the Quanah Parker Trail.

The 52-county heritage tourist organization covers the Texas Panhandle, the South Plains, and part of the Rolling Plains. The giant arrows, also erected at Quanah and Crowell, the same day, recognize areas where the nomadic Comanche and especially the Great War Chief Quanah Parker roamed and where the last of the Texas tribes lived.

The arrows are made of steel and painted in traditional Comanche colors. The sculpture was designed by Charles Smith of New Home. He designed, makes and donates the impressive 23 foot sculptures, through the Texas Plains Trail Region. The organization researches

giant arrow requests to be sure a county has Native American, Comanche, and or Quanah Parker connections.

One important source of documentation was the discovery of an 1858 running battle from Seymour Creek in Baylor County to the Narrows in Knox County which involved three hundred Comanche. Capt. Sul Ross, his company of men, and a force of Indians from a Texas reservation near Graham, were all camped near Seymour Creek, when a disagreement arose, leading to the battle. It ended at the Narrows, the narrow ridge between the Brazos River and the South Fork of the Wichita River.

Another source included documentation by Gunter Brune in his 1981 book, the "Springs of Texas", of Knox County springs with signs of an Indian presence through projectile points, matates, pendants, and signs of Indian camp sites.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Monday started with coffee and a visit with the guys. As the day starts I'm enjoying everything I can catch a look at. I have not had a chance to talk to Evelyn Balis since her phone call and having a trip to the Munday care home. Hopefully today or this week, I'll try to visit or call her and see how she is doing.

Diana has had a meeting with her brothers and sisters to find a good care home/rehab facility for her mother for further therapy and care. It has been very difficult for Diana,

so please keep her in your prayers to help her with this personal battle and the decisions that must be made.

Well, as you have probably noticed, the little football Pee Wee League is getting ready for their game. Let me tell you their practices are just as important to them as it is for the junior high and high school boys. They are learning about responsibility, hard work, and loving it with all their hearts.

You will probably see the jars for fundraising out

in the stores again. This fundraiser is for Dionisia Estrada. She has worked for the school a very long time and has been diagnosed with cancer. Her treatments are supposed to start about Tuesday. I don't have a lot of details, only that it is stage four and right now only chemo can help. She needs your prayers. She is a very dear friend to lots of families in Knox City, O'Brien, and Benjamin. Thank you for your kind help.

God, how do I say what a joy it was to hear from so

many of my lovely friends and families during the experience of a Walk to Ammaus. It was an experience of a lifetime that will be with me for the rest of my life. I started out of Knox City with my sponsor, Danny Wainscott, and I asked myself, do I know what I'm in for? Believe me, if you want a new beginning, this is where you want to start.

I guess now you've noticed we have a new news person and let me tell you, God could not have made a better choice when he

sent the Reids back here to make this their home. She's a breath of fresh air and the glory she brings to my day when we talk or visit I thank God for.

For the first time I have been left speechless as to what to write about because I was gone for three days and I feel like I have been in a whole new world.

A world that is all mine and right now it's in my life and heart. I can't share what meant so much for me, but maybe someday. I haven't had time to get out and gather news this week, but be assured that next week I will have it all. Love ya'll.

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And all of us. Sammie

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09/09	60	89	
09/10	53	93	
09/11	61	95	

Total Rainfall for month
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How Batman Almost Never Left the Bat Cave

He has generated \$2.6 billion in worldwide box office grosses, countless millions in toy and merchandise sales and survived not one, but two battles with a homicidal maniac. What's more, he's not done yet. Batman is one of the world's most dependable film properties, with even the worst entry in the franchise's history still charting \$238 million in receipts. As the trailer for the next installment of the franchise, *The Dark Knight Rises*, debuts online and with the release of the blockbuster *Harry Potter* film conclusion, millions have already started the countdown until next July when the new film opens. But if it weren't for the perseverance of one man who toiled nearly 10 years to make the franchise's first entry in 1989, it would not have happened at all. "When I bought the film rights to Batman in 1979, no one wanted to make a Batman movie," said Michael Uslan, executive producer – along with partner Benjamin Melnick – of the modern Batman film franchise. "Well, not a good one, anyway. First, the president of DC Comics tried to convince me not to buy the film rights. He told me that no one

wanted to make a Batman movie, but I made the deal, anyway. Who knew that he was actually on the money? I was rejected by every studio in town, multiple times, before I was able to convince people that Batman would be viable as a serious interpretation and not as a comedy."

Uslan was shut down early and often by studio heads, for seemingly ridiculous reasons, too. "Most of the studio executives I pitched swore up and down that Batman could never work as a movie," said Uslan, who tells the story in his new memoir *The Boy Who Loved Batman* (www.theboywholovedbatman.com). "One complained that it wouldn't make money because Annie – the musical version of *Little Orphan Annie* – didn't make money. I asked him what Annie had to do with Batman, and he replied, 'Oh come on, Michael, they're both from the funny pages.' One guy even told me that Batman and Robin wouldn't work because a Sean Connery movie about an aging Robin Hood and Maid Marian – called *Robin and Marian* – didn't work. I didn't bother to press him, but I'm assuming he felt that having the name 'Robin' in the title was somehow box office poison. At the end of the day, it was

clear that the studio bosses in the 1970s and 1980s felt that comic books weren't worthy of being translated into movies. Their view was that comic books were just cheap, disposable entertainment for kids."

Of course, since 1989's *Batman*, comic books have been rich fodder for studios, with *Spider-Man*, *X-Men*, *Iron Man* and others bringing in billions of dollars in box office and licensing revenue.

"What we showed with *Batman* was that you could make a good, dark and serious comic book movie," Uslan said. "What we proved with *The Dark Knight* was that we could use comic book-based material to transcend the genre and simply make a good movie, period. The bottom line is that *Batman* changed the industry, and if I didn't bloody my knuckles for close to ten years on doors that were repeatedly slammed in my face, comic book related films might not be enjoying the success they are having today."

FROM THE DESK OF THE SHERIFF

By Dean Homstad

A short trip around any town and you will see a pickup or some type with kids riding in the back of it. Well, let's see if we can confuse everyone a little more. Section 545-414 of the Department of Public Safety Transportation code seems to indicate the following:

A person commits an offense if the person operates an open-bed pickup truck or open flatbed truck or draws an open flatbed trailer when a child younger than 18 years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer.

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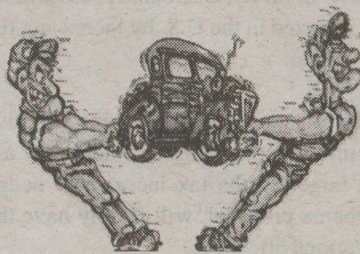
this mean? It means that if you own a vehicle that could contain all the members of your family and you choose to drive around in your pickup with your kids in the back, you have committed an offense. As happens on a regular basis, school kids will leave school with one to a dozen kids in the back, that is a no-no. Remember, common sense will prevail, or should. A young person could so quickly fall out of the back of the vehicle and become injured, so it seems that a reasonable person would attempt to refrain from letting kids ride in the back of a pickup. Try to have a good day.

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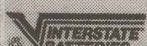
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Can America Stand?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Have you ever helped your neighbor in a time of need? Did anyone tell you to do so?

I don't know of any responsible people who do not help the needy in some form or fashion. Americans are a very compassionate people and will most likely stay that way unless the current climate in Washington stays the same.

To illustrate this point, I'll turn to a piece written which describes a mentality which has formed within our borders, but is already causing civil unrest in Europe:

THE REAL PROBLEM WITH OUR GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM

The folks who are getting free stuff don't like the folks who are paying for the free stuff.

Because the folks who are paying for the free stuff can no longer afford to pay for both the free stuff and their own stuff.

And the folks who are paying for the free stuff want the free stuff to stop.

And the folks who are getting the free stuff want even MORE free stuff on top of the free stuff they're getting already.

Now the people who are forcing people to PAY for the free stuff have told the people who are RECEIVING the free stuff that the people who are PAYING for the free stuff are being mean, prejudiced and racist.

So the people who are GETTING the free stuff have been convinced they need to HATE the people who are PAYING for the free stuff because they are selfish.

And they are promised more free stuff if they will vote for the people who force the people who pay for the free stuff to give them even more free stuff.

We have let the free stuff giving go on for so long that there are now more people getting free stuff than paying for the free stuff.

Now understand this. All great democracies have committed financial suicide somewhere between 200 and 250 years after being founded. The reason?

The voters figured out they could vote themselves money from the treasury by electing people who promised to give them money from the treasury in exchange for electing them.

The United States officially became a Republic in 1776, 231 years ago.

The number of people now getting free stuff outnumbers the people paying for the free stuff.

Obviously, this is a simplistic way of looking at our taxation. However, it illustrates a disconnect among some Americans who feel they are entitled to the same things those working for a living earn.

Why?

What has happened to the concept of working hard and taking

pride in one's work?

I knew a man who shined shoes for a living. He did not charge for a shoeshine. He simply left the amount of what he received to the customer.

I asked him one why he depended on faith to get paid. He told me he believed in his customers and their ability to show their appreciation for the high quality of service he provided.

He explained that most people charged \$3 to \$5 for a shoe shine. He also said it was very rare when he only received \$5 for a shoeshine. Most of the time he received around \$10.

The United States is a wonderful country with a lousy tax system. Not just on individuals, but across the board.

There are solutions out there. There is a better way of doing things. The question is, do we have enough courage to make the necessary changes to advance our way of life.

The truth is, it is impossible to get out of the hole we are in by keeping the status quo. Since that's a fact, we must get over our fear of real governmental change and move in a different direction.

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Obama's Capital Implication

By BILL WILSON

When Berkshire Hathaway chairman and chief executive Warren Buffett wrote his love letter to Barack Obama begging to have his taxes increased — a move that prompted Americans for Limited Government to note up to \$1 billion in back taxes his company may owe — he implied that he would be comfortable paying capital gains taxes at a higher rate, and that those gains ought to be treated equally as income under tax law.

Obama capitalized on the Buffett oped in his recent address to a joint session of Congress, saying, "Right now, Warren Buffett pays a lower tax rate than his secretary — an outrage he has asked us to fix. We need a tax code where everyone gets a fair shake and where everybody pays their fair share."

Again, Obama implied that he was gearing up to raise the capital gains tax from its current levels. He promised that the tax hike would "help the economy grow and get our fiscal house in order," but it will do neither. Why?

When you want less of something, you tax it. More capital gains going to the government will result in less capital gains be-

ing reinvested in the economy. In this case, Obama is essentially calling for less capital to be invested in the U.S. by increasing the government's share of that capital.

Call it simple math.

Broadly speaking, increasing taxes on capital gains will also have the impact of driving investments overseas where they are taxed at lower rates. Even targeting the tax increase to hedge fund managers, as in the Obama proposal, will simply have the effect of moving those operations offshore.

So, at a time when growth is anemic at little more than 1 percent and unemployment persistently high at over 9 percent, Obama is proposing policies that will result in there being less capital to invest in domestic private markets. Sadly, for the average American, that will mean fewer jobs available.

Besides driving investment overseas as noted above, White House budget director Jack Lew estimated that treating hedge fund managers' capital gains for services rendered would raise \$18 billion over ten years, or about \$1.8 billion every year.

That may seem like a lot of money, but to put it into context, that would account for little more than 1.4 percent of the \$1.244

trillion in capital gains tax collections expected from 2011 to 2020 by the Congressional Budget Office.

So, the proposal in a narrow sense will not help whatsoever to "get our fiscal house in order". With a deficit of \$1.5 trillion, the nation is borrowing at a pace of over \$4 billion a day. Therefore, Obama's hedge fund manager tax at best will help pay for less than 12 hours of the federal government's daily borrowing binge.

That makes Buffett's gambit and Obama's proposal little more than a political ploy — a clever way to inject class warfare into the debate. Certainly not a proposal that merits serious consideration for anyone actually interested in finding ways to "help the economy grow and get our fiscal house in order."

After all, if Obama was serious about fiscal reform, he'd be embracing Senator Tom Coburn's plan to cut \$9 trillion over the next ten years out of the budget, getting us back into the black and balancing the budget this decade. And if he was serious about growing the economy, tax hikes on job creators would be the last thing on his mind.

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Staples Introduces New Fuel Pump Sticker

HOUSTON - Gas stations that shortchange drivers will pay higher fines as consumers are now able to easily access fuel pump inspection history and file on-site complaints. At fuel stations in Houston and Dallas today, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples unveiled a new sticker for all Texas fuel pumps to connect drivers to a new mobile website formatted for cell phones that identifies a driver's location, provides fuel station compliance information and

enables consumers to easily file complaints.

"We use smartphones to email, take photos, send tweets, and now consumers can use them to file complaints directly with the Texas Department of Agriculture if they suspect they aren't getting what they paid for at the pump," Commissioner Staples said. "The Lone Star State's more than 15 million motorists now have the tools to ensure they get true value for their dollar."

While 93 percent of all fuel pumps inspected in Texas are compliant with TDA regulations, the new fuel program updates will help target those retailers that prohibit the industry from achieving a perfect score. Representatives with the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (TPCA) are committed to ensuring consumers have confidence when purchasing motor fuels.

"TPCA supports Com-

missioner Staples' newest program enhancements to ensure all fueling facilities are properly registered and maintained," TPCA President Chris Newton said. "Today's announcement is consistent with our organization's support of initiatives to maintain a level playing field for all competitors. Support of these initiatives ensures a vibrant, competitive fuels marketing industry that benefits the millions of consumers we serve each day throughout the state of Texas."

The new consumer information stickers, which replace outdated stickers, provide drivers with an easy way to get the most current, accurate and comprehensive fuel pump inspection data. Stickers will feature the URL to the new TDA mobile fuel website (www.TexasAgriculture.gov/fuel) along with a contact number and email. As part of a pilot project, all HEB fuel stations will have stickers with QR codes that

can be scanned by smartphones to connect directly to the site.

"We appreciate Commissioner Staples' leadership to ensure Texans are protected at the pump," said Cyndy Garza Roberts, HEB Public Affairs Director. "We routinely inspect and monitor our fuel pumps so HEB customers can have confidence they are receiving exactly what they pay for every time they fill up."

The new stickers also inform consumers about the requirement for every fuel station to display a current TDA registration. If drivers find unregistered locations, they're encouraged to notify TDA immediately.

In addition to the new stickers, Commissioner Staples also increased many penalties and implemented a zero-tolerance policy for retailers who fail to register their devices:

- Failure to keep pump in accurate and proper working

order - \$250 (up from \$100)
Failure to register a new pump - minimum of \$1,000 (quadrupled from \$250)
Failure of companies licensed to calibrate fuel pumps to immediately report new pump installations to TDA - \$5,000 for each outlet (up from \$500)
Unregistered fuel retail locations will have all devices tagged out-of-order; prohibited from use in sales transactions; and fined for failure to register with TDA.

Additionally, fines for retailers that shortchange consumers have been doubled, tripled, and in some instances even quadrupled.

"No Texan should be shortchanged out of their hard-earned money," Commissioner Staples said. "We appreciate the vast majority of gas station owners who do business the right way and treat drivers fairly, but those companies not following the law will pay the price."

End of Long-Haul Trucking Dispute Eases U.S./Mexico Trade

By **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples**

As a result of the signed agreement to allow limited access to U.S. highways for Mexican long-haul trucks, Mexico's punitive customs duties on 99 U.S. products have been cut in half. The remaining tariffs will be removed this fall within five days after the first carrier is inspected

and certified by the Department of Transportation to participate in the trucking program.

Trade equals jobs, and this agreement to reduce trade tariffs on U.S. and Texas products entering Mexico will help level the playing field and remove the unfair burden placed on the backs of our hardworking farmers and ranchers.

For too long Texas farmers, ranchers and consumers have paid the price for longstanding trade disputes between our two countries. According to the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M Univer-

sity, Mexico's list of retaliatory tariffs had a direct effect on \$190 million in Texas agriculture products, including pork, wine, peanuts, onions and dozens of other commodities.

In these tough economic times, it is imperative that the voice of reason speaks on behalf of our hardworking U.S. farmers and ranchers as well as consumers. As neighbors, Texas and Mexico have worked hard for decades to create harmonious trade protocols, and this agreement is another step forward in a mutually beneficial partnership.

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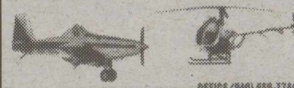


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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green



Wow! What a wonderful cool-down we have experienced this week. And a few showers along the way haven't hurt either. Just hope we get some more.

Word from Dallas is that Chad Tolson continues to improve though it's slow. After getting a diagnosis, and treatment begun, progress is being made and that's good news. His parents, Buddy and Janice go to Dallas every weekend.

Liddy Brumley had her tonsils out Thursday in Abilene. She's okay and for a day or so enjoyed all the ice cream she could eat.

We have encouraging news regarding Charles Griffith. His surgery Friday was successful. The surgeons removed a tumor from his pancreas and a large part of the pancreas as well. He was resting when I talked to Linda. Had been up walking and sitting in his chair, and so far, everything is going well. They will get the pathology re-

port tomorrow (Tuesday). He's in UMC in Lubbock.

Sympathy to the family of Roy Day Jr. this week. He passed away Thursday after a brief illness. His funeral (graveside rites) was Sunday p.m. at Knox City Cemetery.

HERE 'N THERE

Ashlee Evans of Childress and Randi Johnson of Amarillo visited Debbie and Mike Moorhouse during the weekend. Sunday visitors were Diane Evans of Childress and Beckie Keys of Amarillo.

Mary Jane Young attended the funeral of long time friend Virgil Cobb in Haskell on Saturday.

Jane Gideon was back in Wichita Falls today for more tests and a visit with her doctor. She's had stents for a blockage to her kidneys and doctors think that they may be causing some of her problems. They may have to re-do that procedure. She goes back Wed., the 28th for consultation.

Cody Propps, student at Tarleton State College in Stephenville spent the weekend with his parents, James and Stasia. He's doing great, loves school and had made the men's volleyball team and of course he loves

that. It was good to see him.

A post-nuptial bridal shower was held Sunday at the Methodist Church here in Benjamin honoring Kyle and Gabby Wilson. Calling hour was from 2:30 'til 3:30 p.m. The young couple, married in July, received lots of things for their new life together. Hostesses were Carol Dickson, Pam Duke, Laura McCanlies, Nancy McGreger, Janet Reed, Jessie Roberts, Penny Eaton and Mitzie Welch.

Leuders-Avoca, Rule and Jayton are district games. Doug Gore and Ben Grill are coaches, and cheerleaders are Dalynn Beck, Alyssa Casillas, Hayden King, and Marisol Ledesma. Shana Heard is their sponsor.

Following is the remaining Lady Stangs Volleyball schedule:

Sept. 24	Aspermont	There	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 27.	Open		
Oct. 4	Munday JV	Here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Knox City	There	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 11	Rotan	There	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Aspermont	Here	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 18	Open		
Oct. 22	Munday JV	There	10:00 a.m.

The Jr. High football schedule is:

Sept. 22	Knox City 7th grade	There	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Patton Springs	There	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Leuders-Avoca	Here	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Rule	There	6:00 p.m.
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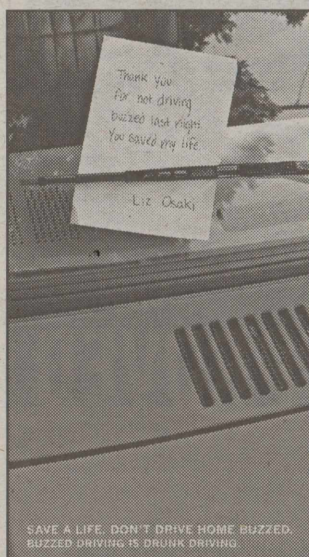
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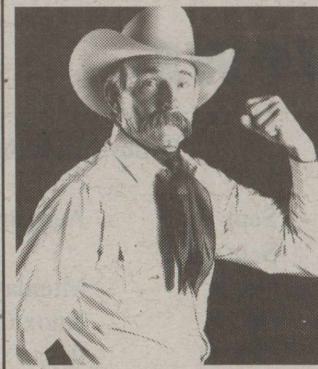
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

THE MISERY INDEX 2011

Economists have a mythical figure called the misery index. It is the total of the unemployment rate added to the inflation rate. This summer in the U.S. it's running about 13.0. The lower the better. In both the 90's and '0's it's been as low as 7.

To calculate indexes like this, the conclusion can be broadly accurate. But, to make it more personal one can include more variables. For instance, take one inch of rain as a factor. The misery index of an alfalfa farmer with hay on the ground would be 15.6. It would have been 16.0 except his prize pumpkin patch was getting parched.

Or say you were entered up in Cheyenne at the big rodeo and that one inch of rain fell the hour before you were to compete in the bull dogging. Your misery index could be as high as the weight of your hazer!

Another broad category would be the temperature. At the winter Olympics, the misery index would rise as the temperature did. But say Billy Bob went to the 3-day tailgate party at the Oklahoma vs Kansas football game. The hotter it got in the parking lot, the more beer you could hold! So the misery index would decline!

To personalize the misery index even more...and remember lower is better, you could include factors like:

- years since you bought a new pair of boots + unemployment + inflation or
- semesters till your daughter graduates from vet school plus, plus,
- months you have left on your truck payments, plus, etc
- age of the horse you are riding, plus
- payments left on your alimony, well, you know
- therapy sessions until your hip heals so you can get back on your horse...and
- time you have left wearing the court-ordered ankle bracelet

I was at a livestock convention a while back and after the big show a group of pretty salty cowmen were conversing. They got to comparing injuries and insults. I mentioned the misery index. They loved it! They could compete in who was the worst off! However, they began to get far afield in the categories to be counted as the evening went on: i.e., the number of missing teeth with no cavities you still have left, the number of times you've been bucked off lately, number of horses that have been dumped on your place, number of times you've been turned down by a barmaid until you met your wife, the number of times you lost your wallet, car keys and/or glasses in the last week but...Bud was finally judged the winner of the misery index by counting the number of times his old, incontinent dog peed in the pickup seat...plus inflation and unemployment. It nearly reached President Carter's old record of 21.9.

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

You know you're in a drought when you think water droplets on your windshield mean your radiator hose has a leak. Couldn't be rain. No way.

Happened to me in the drought of '98. I checked my temperature gauge and sniffed for anti-freeze. But it really was rain. The clay road got slick in a hurry. Civilization was nowhere near. If I slid off into a ditch, what then? It's not like my cell phone was working.

I wasn't alone. My passenger was a classic cowboy. Better yet, call him vintage. His main job at the ranch was to spend winters in a tent to keep poachers off the range and Canadian geese off the wheat. Maybe he still does.

But it was summer. His job that day was to be my guide. That doesn't mean he wanted to drive. He didn't even like being in a car. Like I said, a real cowboy.

What if we hit the ditch? All I had in my van was a bottle of Perrier and crackers. I figured I wouldn't have to share the Perrier. It probably rates with quiche on the cowboy list of food and drink.

Flashbacks of a 3-D movie came to me. The main character was a guy struggling to survive in the desert, tapping into cacti to drink the juice, wishing it was tequila. He'd broken his leg in a spill off a horse. He made his own splint. Would we be injured in our crash?

Suddenly the rain quit. Droughts are like that. Zane Grey would have spun a different story, but the cowboy and I happily made it

uneventfully back to ranch headquarters. He was especially happy. For him, taking ranch visitors around probably rated alongside building fence. Cowboys don't like to build fence. Ask Zane Grey.

Typically they don't like to go to town either. That's why they're cowboys.

Once in a lawyer's waiting room I fell into conversation with a cowboy and his wife. Of course, only she and I were talking. Cowboys don't talk.

He looked uncomfortable. She explained it made him nervous to be in town. And it wasn't even a big town.

The only cowboys who don't seem to mind talking, per my experience, are the chuckwagon cooks.

Speaking of droughts, it was 1953 on the Waggoner Ranch when I met my first chuckwagon cook, Cap Warren. Call him seasoned. The wind was blowing and picking up the dust. The cowboys had yet to arrive for lunch. My parents and I were there with visitors from Australia.

Cap had weighted down the lids of the cooking vessels with horseshoes. When the cowboys finally rode up and Cap yanked those lids off, a horseshoe fell in the spinach.

My mother, not knowing what had happened, asked, "What's this horseshoe doing in the spinach?"

Cap quipped, "Tromping the weeds out."

When you need rain on the Texas range and none's in sight, you make do with dry humor. Cap Warren could dish it out.

MEINZER

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■ *graphic novels intended for seventh grade Texas history classes. He has also written eight western novels for young adults and adults. He will speak to Abilene and Wylie seventh graders on Friday.*

■ *Leila Meacham (pronounced LEE-luh) of San Antonio is the author of "Roses," a best-selling epic novel set in East Texas. Readers have compared it to "Gone with the Wind." Her next novel, "Tumbleweeds," comes out next year.*

■ *John C. (Jack) Waugh of Arlington is the author of 11 books about the Civil War, including "20 Good Reasons to Study the Civil War" and "The Class of 1846." Check out his most impressive web site at johncwaugh.com.*

All four authors will conduct writing workshops Saturday morning and then will

speak at the luncheon and sign books.

Dozens of other authors from around the state will also be here to showcase their books and hopefully sell some. You could spend several hours in the Hall of Texas Authors checking out the variety and scope of the titles represented.

In addition to these Saturday offerings, we have book and music events going on all week starting Monday, including the Guy Clark concert on Friday night and one of my favorites, the West Texas Gospel Hymnfest, on Saturday afternoon.

Check out the complete schedule at www.abilenetx.com/apl and come join us.

Glenn Dromgoole is founder and chairman of the West Texas Book & Music Festival, which runs Monday through Saturday this week.

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September 18, 2011 in Knox City at the Knox City Cemetery with Tex Cox and Leon Burkham officiating and directed by Smith Family Funeral Homes. Visitation will be Saturday evening, September 17, 2011 at Smith Family Funeral Home from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Roy is survived by his daughter, Dana K. Day of Kona, Hawaii; a son, Darin Day and wife Cherone of Olive Branch, MS; 4 brothers, Hardy Day of Jamuel,

CA; Bobby and Kenneth Day both of Lubbock, Clyde Day of Albuquerque, NM.; 2 sisters, Dessie Egenbacher of Lubbock and Romain Stubbs of Knox City; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a dear, long time companion, Elizabeth "Mrs. Poodles" of Knox City and many who enjoyed his kindness and generosity will miss him the most.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Damon Day.

Services may be viewed on You-Tube.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1
(SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2
(SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3
(SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4
(HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5
(SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6
(HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7
(SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8
(SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9
(SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10
(SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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LOOKING AHEAD

There will be reunion activities Thursday evening AFTER the last football game in O'Brien. There will be three games with the first Jr. High game beginning at 4:30 p.m., the second Jr. High game begins at 5:30 p.m., and the JV game begins at 7:00 p.m. Then "Members of the Knox City High School Class of 1961 will meet on Friday afternoon, September 23, for their

50th Class Reunion at Glen Dell Larges's '57 Heaven Museum. The former classmates will attend the football game that night, then return to the museum after the game to continue visiting. The group will come together again all day on Saturday, at The Wooden Nickel, in downtown Knox City. Friends, family, and well-wishers are welcome to come by on Saturday to visit with

the returning class members and to renew old acquaintances".

COLLEGE STATION - Wildlife management with special emphasis on feral hog control will be one of the featured topics at Ranch Management University Oct 10-14 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"The ongoing drought is forcing a lot of feral hogs to travel to new areas on ranches throughout

Texas," said Dr. Jim Cathey, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist. "We will be discussing trapping methods, design, placement and other methods pertaining to the feral hog along with other aspects of wildlife management on the ranch."

The Knox County Retired School Personnel members will meet September 27 at 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Munday, Texas. Brother Kendricks will provide the program. Any person who has worked at a school in any capacity is welcome to come and join in, plus anyone interested in education is welcome to attend and become an alternate member.

The Texas Retired Teachers Association is hosting a Retirement Seminar for ALL school employees to be held at the Region 9 Education Service Center on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Registration is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

with the seminar beginning at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Wichita Falls Teachers Federal Credit Union. Please register at www.esc9.net, where you will click on the Professional Development button, login and use 43.8652 as your workshop number.

Information will be provided by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas concerning updated options from the latest Legislature as well steps needed to actually prepare for the retirement process. Admission is free to all school personnel in the Region 9 service area. Educators are encouraged to attend even if it will be several years before retirement.

Region 9 Education Service Center is located at 301 Loop 11 in Wichita Falls.

The nation-wide Angel Food Ministries will not have a distribution of food in September. Call Emily at Chamber of Commerce if you have questions, 658-3442.

Goree Jesus Jam will be Sat., Oct. 22. It is a joyous celebration unto the LORD! Any bands or individuals interested in performing contact us on facebook.

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Now that Labor Day has come and gone, most of the country is entering the stretch run of the exterior painting season. If your house is in need of a new paint job, there's little time to waste: "Paint-friendly" weather is fast disappearing.

"Doing exterior painting in the right weather conditions is extremely important," says Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert at the Paint Quality Institute. "Fresh paint forms a better protective film when it's applied in moderate weather like that commonly seen in early autumn. If your house needs to be painted this year, you need to paint it now."

To appreciate the urgency, it's important to understand how paint "cures". While latex paint dries to the touch very quickly, it actually takes many hours for it to form the most protective paint film. If the temperature is very hot when the paint is applied -- or more likely as winter approaches, if nighttime temperatures get very cold -- that can adversely affect film forma-

tion, and even lead to early flaking and peeling of the paint.

This point is vividly demonstrated on test panels at the Paint Quality Institute. More than 40 years of outdoor testing there shows that exterior paint applied in moderate conditions can last many years longer than paints applied in very hot, very cold, or even very windy weather.

Those extra years of service can offer homeowners a big return on their investment in an exterior paint job. As an example, let's say a new paint job costs \$3,000. If it lasts only five years, the annualized cost is \$600; but if it holds up for 10 years, the annualized cost is only \$300 -- half as much!

As the days get shorter and winter approaches, painting in moderate weather is one of the most important factors in getting a long-lasting exterior paint job. Other things that can affect the longevity of a coating aren't so time-sensitive, according to Zimmer.

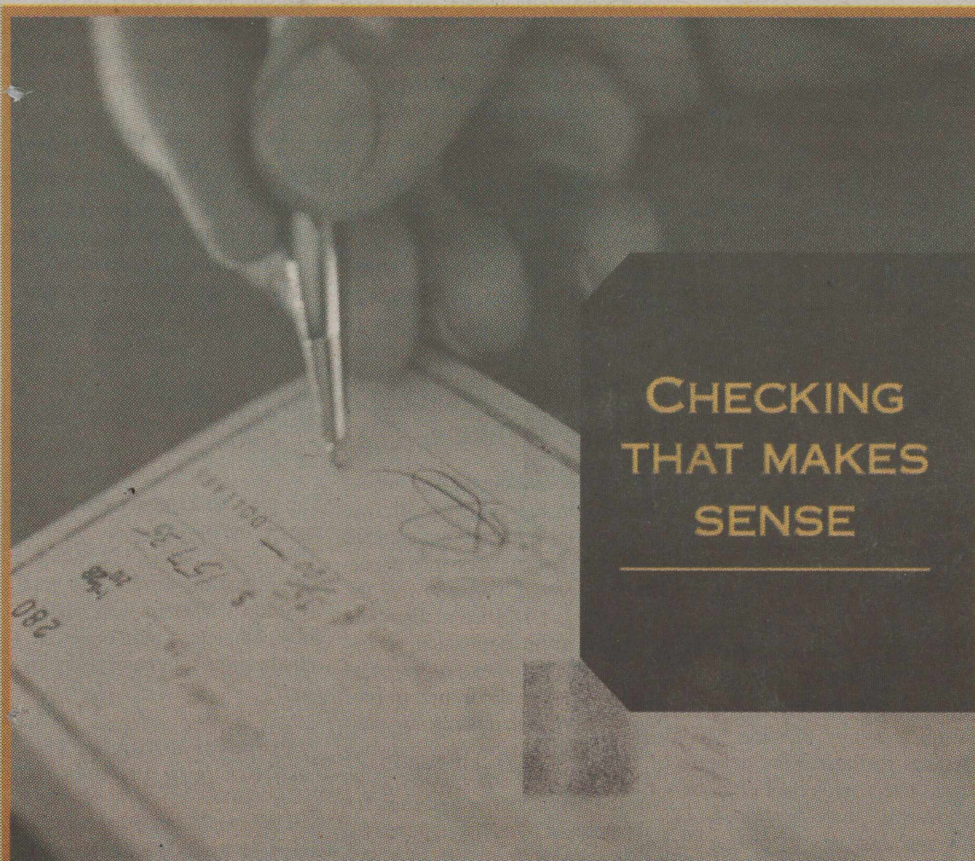
"To get the most durable paint job, it's always very important to

properly prepare exterior surfaces and to use a top quality paint," she says.

Good exterior surface preparation requires that siding and trim be clean and free of dust, dirt, and mildew, so that the new paint can adhere properly. Of course, peeling, flaking, or otherwise unstable paint should be completely removed, and any bare wood primed before painting.

As for the type of paint to use, studies show that high quality 100% acrylic latex paints are the most durable coatings for most home exteriors, including wood, masonry, vinyl and aluminum siding. These paints adhere well, they're tough, and they're very flexible, so they tend to expand or contract with the home exterior when temperatures rise or fall dramatically.

Which brings us back to the weather: As the song says, "For everything, there is a season." When it comes to exterior painting, that season is now.



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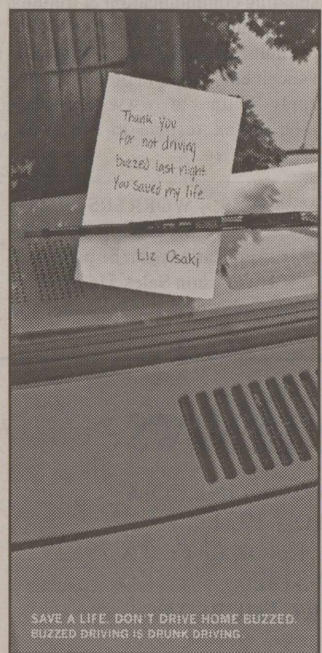
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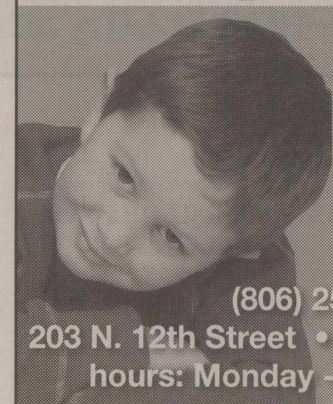
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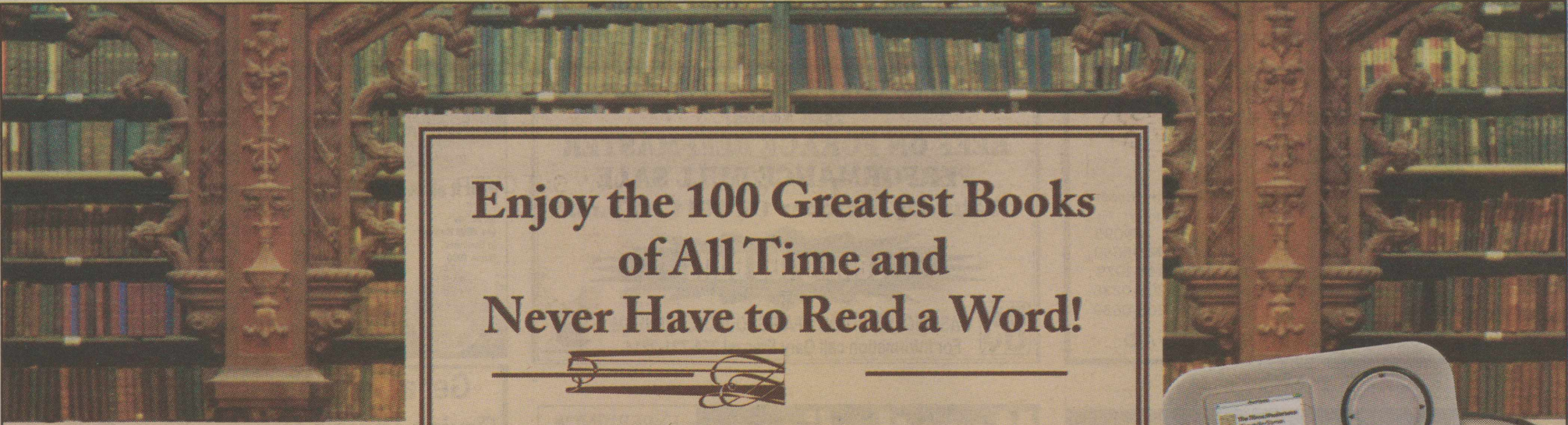
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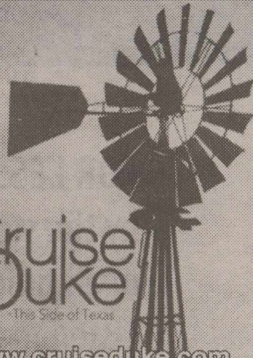
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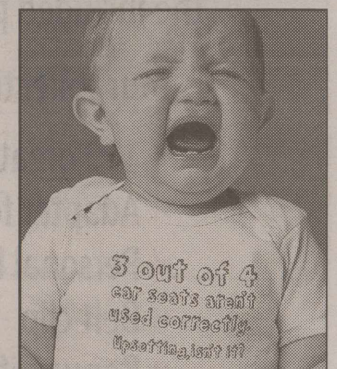
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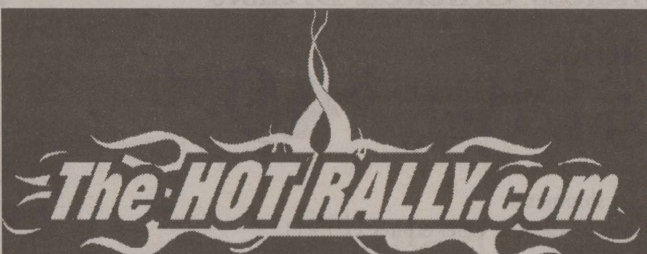
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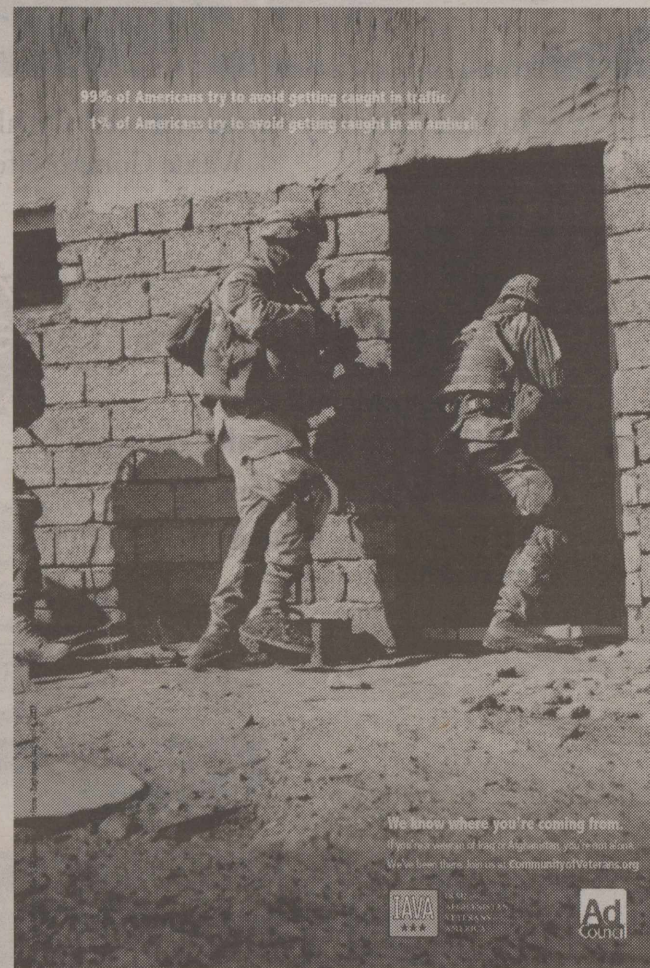
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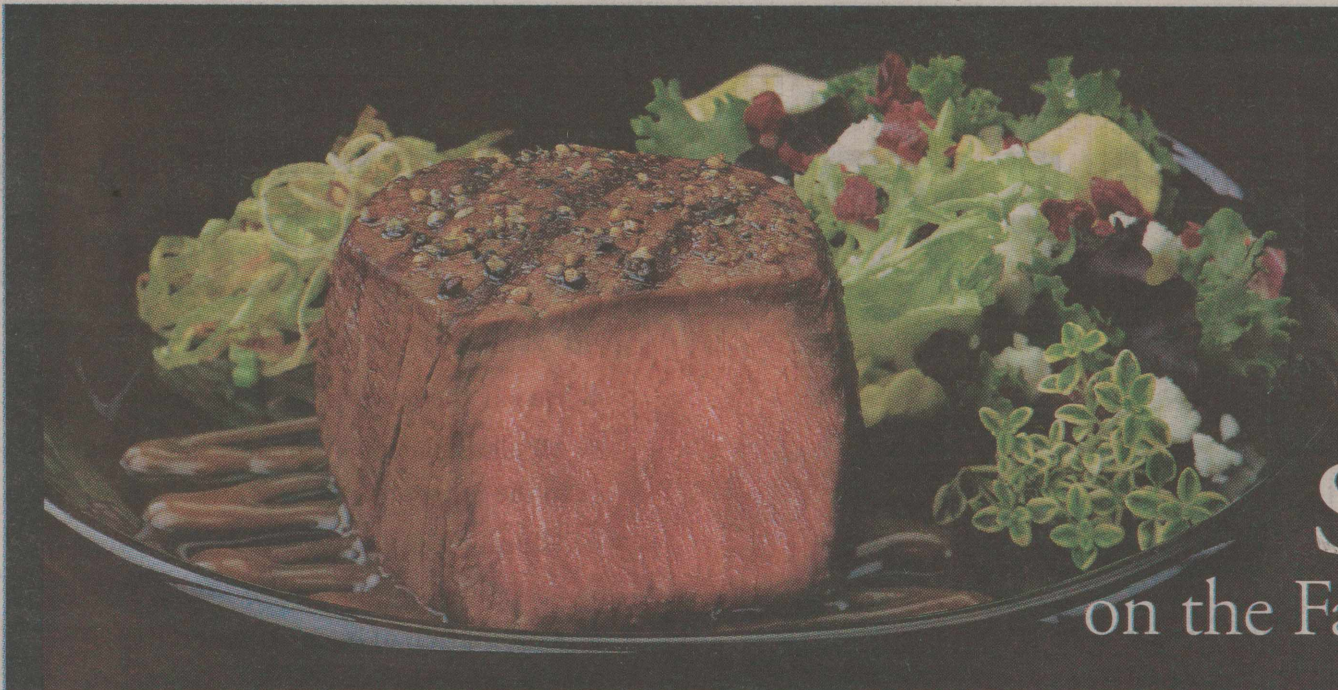
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