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New Mayor, Buddy Norville, Has Big Plans for Munday

By Tamara Smart

Last Tuesday evening proved to be a long night for certain members of the Munday community. After the elections the previous Saturday, the Munday City Council had the daunting task of counting all the ballots and getting "official" results...

After the regularly scheduled meeting and the normal business as usual, the ballot counting began. Two and a half hours later, an official count was in and the new council took their oaths of office.

The results proved for two new faces at the council table each month; a new mayor, Mr. Buddy "Bunny" Norville and Todd Wilson, a new alderman.

The new mayor, Buddy ("Bunny") Norville, was previously known around town as the City Judge. Mayor Norville will reign as city judge next month and already has an "executive session" planned for next month's City Council meeting where names for his predecessor will

be discussed.

Born in and raised in Munday with the name "Bunny," Mayor Norville adopted the name "Buddy" as his calling card as a young man when he entered the US Air Force when a glitch was discovered on his birth certificate.

After serving in the Armed Forces and receiving a degree in religion, Buddy Norville spent 30 years doing Christian missionary work in West Africa and in the Caribbean. Mayor Norville retired from missionary work at the age of 62 and moved back to Texas.

In 1999, Buddy became a widow after a 33 year marriage, the memory of which still causes a smile on his face. In those 33 years, Buddy fathered two children.

As far as Mr. Norville's plans for his mayoral term, he hopes to see a new breath blown back into Munday. By writing to businesses in Wichita Falls, Abilene, Fort

Worth, Lubbock and other cities to market the profitability of Munday resources, clearly legitimizing the locational value of Munday as a half-way point between several cities on a major vehicular thoroughfare, Mayor Norville will begin to try and lure business enterprise back into town.

Mayor Norville also wants to see about issues concerning "retiree entertainment" and "things for teens to do". One of his passions involves the local theater and his hopes are to see that town jewel come back to life.

All in all, Mayor Norville wishes to "encourage people in Munday to DREAM and to THINK." He reminisces about the time when Munday seemed to be an innovative a progressive town, which is not that long ago.

The Knox County Visioning Committee challenges people to "catch the vision" which is something he hopes will be contagious in Munday.

Voters Want Law to Secure Credit Cards

Millions of Texans -- almost one in three (29 percent) according to a new poll released this week -- have had their credit or debit cards cancelled because of fraud or a breach in business security by hackers. Eight out of 10 say they want to see the Legislature act.

The most recent breach compromised more than half a million cards at Texas Credit Unions alone. These breaches potentially expose millions of Texans to identity theft. It's a costly and serious problem all around: for consumers who have set up automatic payments to their credit or debit card and may be hit with late fees when cards are cancelled, and for issuers who end up covering millions of dollars in fraud and replacement costs. All because criminals are targeting huge data bases which hold card member data -- without the knowledge or permission of the individual.

Texas lawmakers have the opportunity to protect Texans from many of the problems resulting from these breaches and the theft of card information. House Bill 345 will require businesses that collect debit and credit card data must take reasonable steps to protect that data, and gives the power to the Attorney General to take action if they don't protect the data.

"Clearly Texas voters overwhelming support better protection of their personal financial information," said Buddy Gill, Chief Advocacy Officer at the Texas Credit Union League (the League). "They are undoubtedly tired of having their financial information vulnerable. The question now is whether the legislature will act."

Texas consumers agree. In the statewide poll of 800 Texas voters, a whopping 73 percent believe businesses would do a better job protecting their customers' private data - if they had to pay costs for replacement and fraud. Another 83 percent think the state ought to pass laws to protect their data.

"There are businesses that have databases filled with personal financial information of... See VOTERS Page 10

By Tamara Smart

In a world where many a mishap lingers around every corner; one can always breathe a little easier when knowing there are people out there who can help in times of physical struggle, disaster, worry and need. In the '80's, a theme song came out enticing people to react to "something wrong in the neighborhood -- who ya gonna call?", a questioning lyric which if written today in Knox City would be followed up with "Knox City Volunteer Fire Department"...

which although loses some of its poetic flow, would actually be the reasonable thing to do. KCVFD not only fights many a fire on the West Texas rolling plains that create our scenery; but also are EMS workers, first responders, kitten-in-tree retrieval units, landing zone creators for medical emergencies at Knaox County hospital, prevention specialists and role-

models for many youth to look up to. The KC Firemen and their very identifying pagers on their hips are sights well known around Knox, the song of their beepers going off not unfamiliar to locals nor their quick response jump and run when they hear that "go get 'em" whine. And they do all this completely out of the kindness of their hearts... be it 2 o'clock in the afternoon or 3 o'clock in the wee hours of the morning.

Yet, what many people of Knox don't know is all the "behind the scenes" things that happen at the Fire Hall. The Firemen are not the only volunteer group who work their fingers to nubs to have an active and effective department. The Fire Hall is its own non-profit entity, entirely responsible for all the financial burden that comes with firefighting equipment, training and otherwise. Most of their operation money is provided through do-

nation and/or fundraiser. There is one other group of people whose soul cause is to try and make the active firemen's life a little easier.

It has been said, "Behind every good man is a good woman". The KCVFD Ladies Auxiliary maybe the proof of the factuality of that statement. A group of wives, girlfriends, daughters and concerned ladies are on the roll call for this hard working group. Headed up by President, Juli Ledesma, who partnered with vice president Dina Rios, Secretary Tanya Ledesma and Treasurer Missy Eades; once these women go into action, they are an unstoppable force.

The product of that force was seen by many this weekend, as it was marked by the KCVFDLA 1st Annual Golf Tournament. 17 teams entered and spent the day playing 18 holes. In this venture, the Ladies were able to raise \$2663 which

will go towards the purchase of new pagers to replace some old dilapidated ones and equip some new recruits on the department.

This significant amount of money raised was not the end result of high team entry fees, but rather the very generous donations of over 40 local sponsors; including Pumpers Supply, KC Chamber of Commerce, Penman's Conoco, Counts Real Estate, and Ledesma Oil Field to name a few. According to Missy Eades, KCVFDLA treasurer who put in countless hours on the planning part of Saturday's golf event, she was "absolutely blown away by the local businesses generosity... especially in this hard economic time..."

Missy Eades is not the only one who seems to be "blown away" by the efforts that were put into this occasion. Assistant Fire Chief, Mingo Garcia, said of the Ladies Auxiliary, "The Ladies are great in backing us for 25 years we would drink out of the fire hoses at fire scenes, but now the Ladies are quick on

sight with food and drink while we fight fires." And his thoughts on the superior tourney turnout? "The Ladies did what they do. They got out and hustled... got sponsors... [and] did a super job." Fire Chief Fred Ledesma summed up his thoughts on the event as "spectacular," and notes that the pagers the Ladies Auxiliary purchased "will come in real handy". He also was on the "blown away" list thinking about the community support. He says the "Fire department thanks the Ladies for a job well done."

Also, the tournament would not be possible without the hard work of Mr. Gilbert Cassillas, who tended the Country Club's Golf Course. Saturday, although a little windy, was an ideal day for golf on a very picturesque course.

The results of the Golf tournament were as follows:

1st place (\$200.00)- Tommy Mangis, Shannon Mangis and Derrick Sallee (14 under par with... See GOLF Page 10



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The new Munday City Council: (top row) Adrin Fletcher, Todd Wilson and Mayor Buddy Norville. (seated) Tammy Pienaar and Dina King.

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OPINION

Global Warming: The Issue

By Mac Thornberry

The temperature of the Earth has fluctuated over time. At one point, much of the Northern Hemisphere was covered with ice, for example. A number of factors influence the Earth's temperature, including variations in the amount of heat coming from the sun, changes in the Earth's orbit, shifts in the continents through plate tectonics, and levels of volcanic activity. Obviously, we cannot do much to affect those factors.

Now there is a concern that the Earth is experiencing a warming trend caused by the emission of "greenhouse gases." These gases are presumed to trap heat within the Earth's atmosphere, thereby raising the average temperature of the Earth. Greenhouse gases are primarily water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Water vapor, not including clouds, is by far the most significant greenhouse gas, responsible for more than half of the presumed warming effect, followed by carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.

The essential argument is that the temperatures in the Earth's atmosphere are rising because of greenhouse gases generated by human activity and that this global warming will bring about a catastrophe, causing ice to melt at the poles, the levels of the oceans to rise, and weather patterns to be altered. Former Vice President Al Gore is the best known advocate for taking drastic action to limit human activities that cause certain greenhouse gases to be produced.

(There are also those who say that even if the temperature is increasing somewhat, it is not necessarily a bad thing. They argue that more arable land, longer growing seasons, and better plant conditions could result.)

In summary, the global

warming argument depends upon establishing two facts: (1) the temperature of the Earth is warming and (2) man's actions are the cause of that warming. The science is not unanimous on either point. Some scientists believe that the temperature of the Earth is increasing rapidly. Others, such as those at the United Kingdom's Hadley Center for Climate Studies, say that the Earth's temperature is not much different now than it was 50 or 100 years ago.

The case that man is causing any change in temperature is even more hotly contested. It is based largely on computer models of our climate. No computer model yet developed can include all of the factors influencing our climate, so certain assumptions have to be made. So far, none of the models have been completely accurate in tracking past weather patterns. Relying on them for the future is even more problematic.

Yet, many, but not all, of the scientists who have spoken out come down on the side that man is causing the warming. An interesting question is whether it is science or politics that is leading to that conclusion.

Science, Politics, or Something Else?

Certainly today's conventional wisdom and political correctness agree that man is causing the temperature of the Earth to increase. A few press reports have looked at what happens to a scientist who dares to offer a different position. It is not pretty.

Dr. Sallie Baliunas, a Harvard astrophysicist, points to another factor -- money. She notes that more than \$25 billion has been spent to research global warming. If researchers found

that man had little to do with changes in temperature, there would be far less money spent on that research.

It is interesting to note that government funding of climate change technologies has increased more than 500% since 1993 while funding of climate change science has declined a bit when adjusted for inflation, according to the Congressional Research Service.

So, despite the conventional wisdom, there is a lot we do not understand about exactly what is happening to our climate, and even more, we do not understand the reason it is happening.

And yet, Congress is about to take drastic action that will affect you.

The Proposal

It is usually called "cap and trade." The idea is to limit or "cap" the amount of certain greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. (Water vapor is the more prevalent greenhouse gas, but the concerns and bills focus on carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.) Over time, that limit would be pushed further down so that less gas could be emitted. In order to control such emissions, the government would require a power plant, factory or refinery to have a certain number of allowances or permits which authorize the emissions. If a factory does not have enough allowances, it could buy them from a facility that had more than it needed, thus the "trade" part of "cap and trade." The intention is to limit and then reduce U.S. contributions to greenhouse gases in the hopes that global warming would be moderated.

It is not clear at this point how the allowances would be distributed initially. The government could hand them

out to certain businesses, or it could auction them to the highest bidder. A combination of the two approaches is also possible. One thing that is very clear is that Washington is expecting to get a great deal of money from your pocket through this approach -- about \$650 billion over ten years under President Obama's budget proposal.

Concerns

Among the concerns that have been expressed about this plan are that it costs too much and that it will not work.

Even the proponents of cap and trade admit that as energy and goods cost more to produce, their price will go up. We will all pay more for the electricity and fuel we use, for example. One study found that the higher prices will total about \$3,100 a year for the average American household. In truth, that may be just the beginning. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that this plan would cost Texans between

53,690 and 311,600 jobs by 2020.

I believe that the consequences to the economy of our region will be enormous. Oil and gas businesses will suffer. Everyone who uses energy -- from farmers and manufacturers to rural households -- will pay more. And our quality of life will erode as more and more of what we earn goes to pay for the higher prices.

Another concern is whether all of this economic cost will accomplish anything. Setting aside for the moment the questions about whether the Earth is warming and what role man plays in any temperature change, the limits on greenhouse gas emissions would only affect the United States. China and India, among others, have said they have no intention of doing such a thing.

In addition, studies in the European Union, where they have tried this kind of plan for several years, have found no decrease in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In fact, there are

more now than before, according to Myron Ebell, director of Energy and Global Warming Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Bottom Line

The bottom line for me is that there is a lot that scientists still do not know, and we should try to understand this issue better before we inflict severe economic hardships on our economy and on our citizens. We need to focus on improving our economy, and we need to improve our energy security. We know that our increasing dependence on foreign sources of energy is a problem that we can do something about. I have introduced again this year a wide-ranging energy bill to encourage more domestic energy production of everything from oil and gas to wind and nuclear power. Common sense and a little humility about what we do not know can help lead us to the right decisions. Rushing through a political agenda will lead us to the wrong ones.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Cyberspace Invaders

Have you been cyberbullied? Perhaps your children have and you don't know it. Maybe they are too proud to tell Mom and Dad someone is messing with them online. They may not even know it is happening to them.

According to stopcyberbullying.org, "Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to have a minor on both sides, or at least have been instigated by a minor against another minor. Once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyberstalking. Adult cyber-harassment or cyberstalking is NEVER called cyberbullying.

Parents - it is so important you keep up with where your children are. Cyberspace is no different.

It is the job of a parent to know if your child is on MySpace or Facebook. Those sites, while useful, are also misused by teens. Know what your children are saying and what is being said to them online.

Also check out their text messages on their cell phones from time to time. It's amazing how quickly things can get out of hand when texting is involved. Fights, sex, drug parties, etc... texting and instant messaging are how the word gets out. It takes vigilant Moms and Dads to take on these issues.

Not too many years ago, students would pass notes in class and harass each other by phone when they got home. Not any more. These tech-savvy teens can message in the blink of an eye and MySpace, Facebook and email are at their fingertips.

You may feel like you are invading the privacy of your children by checking their online habits ... DON'T! If you don't, who will? We're not talking about adults. We're talking about your children.

Did you know the entire Columbine massacre could have been avoided had the parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold known about their online activity. Their plan to kill their classmates was there to see right on their computers.

Technology and the exposure heaped on our children have made parenting more difficult. It seems like we're fighting an uphill battle when it comes to what our children are exposed to so the prudent thing to do is stay on top of the changes and learn their habits.

In other words, get to know your child. Talk to them. Be nosy and let them know what is right and wrong. In addition, network with other caring parents so that you can monitor cyber-conduct more closely.

All of these gizmos and technology do have their place. But like most good things, they can be used for bad. It's our job as responsible parents to make sure our children are protected and behaving as they should whether that be in the real world or the cyber one.

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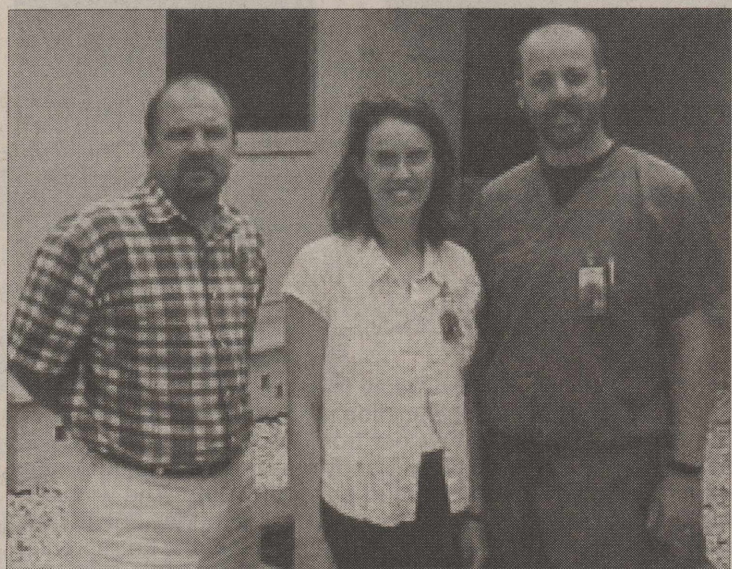
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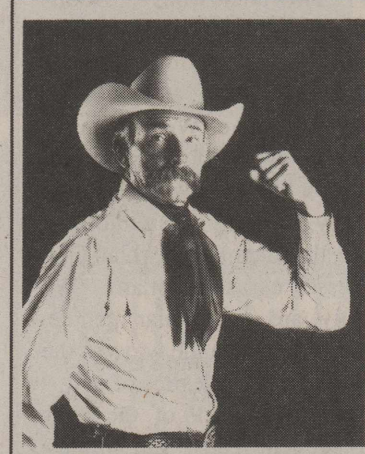


Knox County Hospital District is pleased to introduce physical therapists, Eric and Larressa Earthman, who joined the staff of the District on May 11, 2009. Both are 1995 graduates of Texas Tech University's Physical Therapy Program.

Recently returning from a 3-month traveling assignment in Virginia and a 3 week tour of the east coast, the Earthman's have settled back in their home in Sagerton, Texas. Both are

involved in the home-schooling of their six children.

Knox County Hospital District Administrator, Stephen Kuehler, stated "Physical therapy is an integral part of recovery for many patients and we are excited to again offer this service. Physical Therapy will be available on several levels including inpatient, outpatient, and home health. The Earthman's come to us with extensive experience and are a welcome addition to our team".



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

ROASTING CHESTNUTS

There is a new book out on Horse Lameness. The author is my good friend and a fine equine veterinarian, meaning:

- 1) He can tell a \$50 horse from a \$5,000 horse over the phone
- 2) Has never picked up a shoeing hammer
- 3) And drives a silver Porche Boxster!

I complimented him on the thoroughness of his coverage, then I noticed that there was only one mention of the chestnut. I had expected a full chapter! He politely explained that you couldn't write a page on the chestnut, much less a chapter.

I took that personally. I have an attachment to vestigial appendages; the pelvis in a blue whale, the wishbone in a turkey, the appendix in a human, the heart in a banker. The chestnut is the remnant of the medial phalanx. Which is equivalent to the human thumb, the inside toenail of an elephant and the truffle in a salad!

There is a Chestnut Society. They meet once a year at the jockey club at Ruidoso Downs and ponder the Chestnut's contribution to civilization. For instance, on the ark Noah had a chestnut attack, an egregious craving for chestnuts. "I can't steer without my chestnut!" he cried.

"But Noah," said his wife, "The ark doesn't have a rudder!" Nonetheless he was inconsolable until his nephew Jim Bob went down into the hold, trimmed some shavings off Roany's chestnut, and presented it to Noah on a bagel. Who knows where he might have landed if he'd lost his way? Maybe Australia, Lapland or Kentucky. Just think, all those coal miners would have been speaking Yiddish if it weren't for the chestnut!

I have always suspected Napoleon really lost at Waterloo because his horse suffered a chestnut injury instead of losing a horseshoe. I mean, a horseshoe! It is common knowledge that obscure lamenesses are often blamed on the shoer. So that's what I think Napoleon did, even though he knew it was really the innocuous chestnut.

The most famous line about chestnuts is from that song, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire..." Which is wrong. The lines were mistranslated down through the millennia. It is really derived from an old chant of the Senior Pro Rodeo Assn..." Stressed nuts roping 'cause they can't retire..."

I have my own lucky chestnut. I take it with me every time I go riding. My horse carries it for me, plus a spare. I think it has protected me from many things; I've never been trampled by a herd of wildebeest, never been in a 100 year flood, and never been tempted to eat an ergot. Which, of course would be blasphemous, so far as a chestnut nut is concerned!

We appreciate you, our readers!

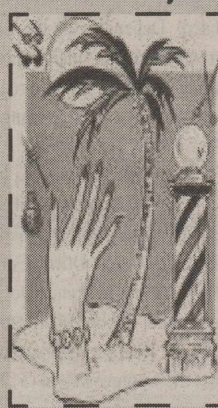
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Papaya anyone? They weren't on my grocery list either this week. But at 99 cents they got my attention.

I'm a sucker for things exotic, especially when affordable. So I bought a papaya and balanced the purchase with a cantaloupe - my way of letting people know I hadn't turned into a papaya snob. After all, cantaloupe picker comes right after nail puller on my resume if we go back far enough.

The next couple of days the two fruits rested together on our kitchen counter, ripening and looking exotic and non-exotic, respectively.

"What's that?" my husband asked, referring to the papaya. He knows a cantaloupe when he sees one.

"Papaya," I said. I wish I'd said "Cantaloupe." But I didn't. And that was that.

Eventually, I began to think about slicing the papaya, but to cut into an unfamiliar object takes nerve, especially if you want to do it right. Maybe there were things I should know first. After all, hadn't I seen some mango slicing instructions somewhere? Maybe papayas needed instructions too.

Besides, planted in my subconscious, a childhood memory of my late father, the consummate slicer, is ever present, reminding me he's a hard act to follow. Picture him with our biggest kitchen knife in hand, ready to perfectly bisect any watermelon. He could also slice hamburger pickles at lightning speed. We digress.

Back then, watermelons were bigger. Our traditional

place to cut into them was outside on the rock slab that topped our little rock picnic table. It was an altar. We gathered close as Daddy made the cut. Mother and I watched to see if it would be a good melon. Spot also watched.

So as I faced the papaya, I hesitated. Then, rather than cutting the thing, I popped open my laptop instead to read about papayas on the Internet.

More than I wanted to know and no slicing instructions.

Is it just me, or has the Internet turned many of us from people of action into seekers of information who can't do anything until we've first checked at least three Google sites for all things pertinent to the task at hand?

Sometimes it's best just to go ahead and slice the melon. So I did.

Whoa! The Internet illustration hadn't prepared me for what I saw. Talk about seeds!

Packed tight into the cavity in the rose-tinged golden papaya flesh, the black seeds were almost as big as English peas. They looked creepy in their individual sacs of gel. They looked like caviar.

Internet wisdom tells me the seeds can be ground into a black pepper substitute. I've got a batch of them in an aluminum pie pan on the dash of my car, drying and looking more like peppercorns every day.

But the next time I cut a papaya, my plan is to put a blob of fresh seeds on a little plate for my husband to see when he walks in the kitchen. I'm practicing my nonchalant reply to his inevitable question.

"Caviar."

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State 4-H Horse Show later this year, said Lorrie Coop, Knox County Agent.

Competition will be held at the Finley Bradley 4-H Arena in Vernon.

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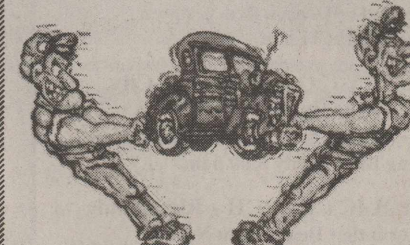
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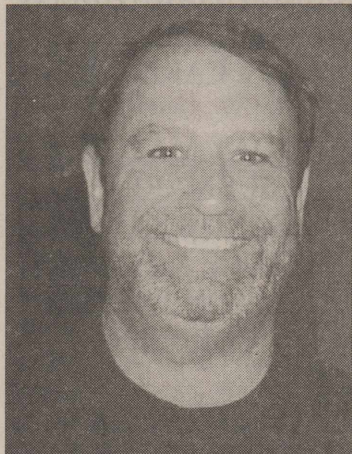
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Obituary



Ricky Dale Bishop

Ricky Dale Bishop, 51, of Lubbock, formerly of Knox City, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2009 at his mother's residence in Knox City. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Foursquare Church, 1:30 pm with Rev. Gary Schnoable and Rev. Gary Wilcox officiating. Arrangements were made by Mansell Smith Funeral

Home.

Ricky was born in Graham, TX on April 27, 1958 to Pansy Wilcox and the late Shelby Bishop. He graduated from Knox City High School in 1976. He was a Senior Mortgage Loan Officer with the Bank of America in Lubbock.

Survivors include his mother Pansy Hale of Knox City; step mother Jean Bishop of Grand Prairie; wife Lisa Sandoval Bishop of Albuquerque, NM; two daughters Ashley and Kelsey Bishop of Duncanville; a step son Brock Sandoval of Albuquerque, NM; two grandchildren Kadence and Alyssa Bishop; a sister Debbie Wilde of Knox City; two brothers Bill Bishop of Keller and Jeff Bishop of Mansfield; nephews Russell, Jarek, Zack, Brady, Luke, and Jacob and nieces Tiffany, Bailey, Brynli and Leah.

BRIGHT IDEAS

By Alex Mill

If there ever was any doubt about the Obama Administration's sincerity about blotting the oil and gas industry off the face of the Earth, or at least in the United States, those doubts were erased recently when the Administration issued its general explanations of its 2010 revenue proposals.

The revenue proposals call for the repeal of several tax provisions for the independent oil and gas producer and a new excise tax on production in the Gulf of Mexico.

It must be noted that the proposed changes in the tax code will do nothing to reduce the nation's dependence of foreign oil. As a matter of fact, estimates are that the nation will spend an additional \$36 billion annually on imported foreign oil for the next 20 years.

Two of the tax provisions - percentage depletion and expensing of intangible drilling costs - are critical to small, independent oil and gas producers, who drill 90% of the wells in the U.S. For the most part, independents are privately-held companies that use their own money to drill wells. Major oil companies, on the other hand, raise operating funds from the sale of stock and revenues generated around the world through the sale of oil and gas production, refining operations, transportation of petroleum products, and sales to the public at the local service station. Percentage depletion and expensing of intangible drilling costs have been in the tax code for more than 80 years, and they are designed to help independents finance the risky business of drilling and producing crude oil and natural gas.

The tax provisions only apply to independents. Major oil companies are not impacted.

So, why is the Obama Administration increasing the taxes on small oil companies?

The Administration explains that the tax provisions "distort markets by encouraging more

investment in the oil and gas industry than would occur under a neutral system."

Additionally, the Administration believes that the tax provisions "encourage overproduction of oil and gas" and "it is detrimental to long-term energy security" and "it is also inconsistent with the Administration's policy of reducing carbon emissions and encouraging the use of renewable energy sources through a cap-and-trade program."

"Moreover," the Administration's explanation continued, "the tax subsidy for oil and gas must ultimately be financed with taxes that result in underinvestment in other, potentially more productive, areas of the economy."

The proposed changes would reduce "economic distortions."

There you have it. Tax breaks and mandates for usage of wind, solar, biomass, ethanol and others are not enough. The Administration wants to prevent the independent oil and gas producer from raising venture capital and to slowly strangle the domestic industry to death.

If the public thinks \$4-per-gallon gasoline was high, wait until U.S. production drops and shortages return. Whether the petroleum comes from Texas or Venezuela, the nation will continue to need petroleum products for decades to come to run our cars and heat our homes.

The Obama Administration is taking a huge and unnecessary gamble with the future of the nation based on laughable assumptions that the tax provisions create "economic distortions" and "encourage overproduction of oil and gas."

The Administration's energy, tax and environmental policies are naive and irrational.

They are based on erroneous beliefs that wind and solar can replace fossil fuels in the near future. In reality, when the oil and gas is gone, there will be nothing there to take their place.

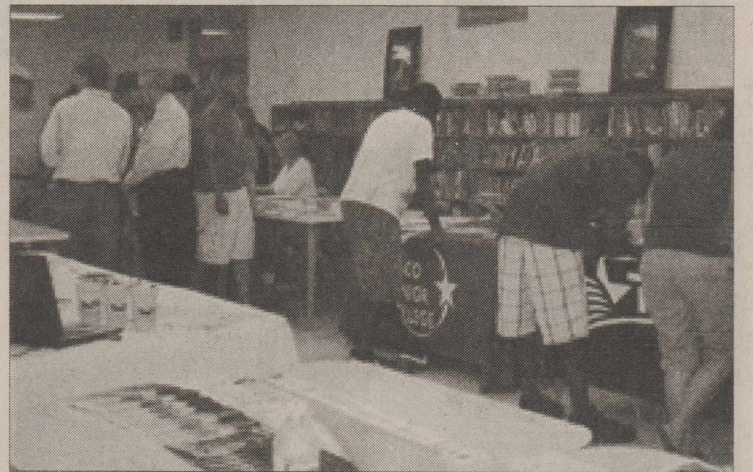


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On Thursday, the Knox County Visioning Committee helped host a college fair in conjunction with the final round of the Entrepreneur Fair as the winner from Benjamin (Brittney Coop) and the winner from Knox City (Bandy Moeller) faced off for judges in competition for the final grand prize of \$1000. The winner of the Entrepreneur Fair will be announced at the May 26th awards assembly in Knox City. While the local judges of the Entrepreneur Fair were listening to the presentations of the finalists, all other junior and senior students attending each high school strolled through booths set up with propaganda from near-by colleges. Vernon College, Cisco Jr. College, Texas State technical College (TSTC), Workforce Solutions and West Texas College were all represented in the schools' libraries. At the end of the fair, door prizes were awarded to several students.

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By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

I write and submit this article each week in the hope that you will be encouraged in all that you do. I pray that you will be encouraged to glorify God in everything that you do. If we are to glorify God then we must example Him to others. Let's think about how we can show God to others? Well, how does God show himself to us?

God's love is such an overwhelming demonstration of a love that we really can't begin to understand, but His love is known. When we experience God's love we know without a doubt that it was Him. We know that others would benefit so much if we can share the understanding that we have of His love. We know God's love is experienced in and through all that we do each and everyday. He is our security, hope, affection and assurance in life. He is our protector, provider and one who promises to be with us always. He is the one who wants us to follow His lead, each and every step of the way as He leads us into victory over circumstances, giving us the courage to endure the consequences and the strength to overcome evil.

How could we as Christians be more blessed? Our blessing increases every time we share Christ with one who doesn't know His love. We meet many people everyday who want to have a life filled with blessing. They certainly desire to live the abundant life in which God blesses us as Christians. We truly are a peculiar people, separated from the ways of the world and the desires of evil.

1 Peter 2:9 of the New Testament reads; *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

It is easy to see how much God thinks of you and why He wants you to share Him with others. God will provide the opportunity today for you to share His love with someone else. Let's be ready and willing to do that as He creates the opportunity. You will be blessed beyond measure for doing it.

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On April 20, 2009, AEP Texas North Company (TNC), a regulated electric transmission and distribution utility, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) a Request for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan and Request for AMS Surcharges. The requested AMS surcharge is designed to recover the reasonable and necessary costs that TNC will incur under the AMS deployment plan. TNC also requests five waivers from the provisions of P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.130 in connection with the proposed AMS Deployment Plan.

If approved, the requested AMS surcharge will go into effect with the October 2009 billing month (which commences on September 28, 2009). The AMS surcharge will apply to electric service to residential and non-residential customers in TNC's service area, other than those who have interval demand recording (IDR) meters or take unmetered service. The AMS surcharge will be billed to the retail electric providers (REPs) who provide retail electric service to these customers. The amount of AMS surcharge borne by an individual end-use retail customer will depend on whether its REP passes the approved AMS surcharge along to the end-use customer. The costs recovered through the AMS surcharge will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission.

As an element of the requested AMS surcharge, TNC requests the Commission to approve the use of the System Integration Agreement (SIA) refunds for TNC that are the subject of Docket No. 36924, to moderate the AMS surcharge and ameliorate the negative cash flow associated with AMS deployment, as opposed to being directly refunded. Depending on the Commission's treatment of the SIA refunds, the amount of the AMS surcharge finally approved by the Commission for any particular AMS class could vary from the amount requested in TNC's petition and application.

A copy of TNC's filing is available for inspection at TNC's offices at 901 Energy Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon the filing should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of June 4, 2009, has been imposed. A request to intervene or further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Post Office Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, and reference Docket No. 36928. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477 (toll free). Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (512-463-6792).

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05/12	62/97	
05/13	74/98	
05/14	70/87	
05/15	69/93	.05
05/16	55/77	
05/17	48/76	
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

First thing's first! I apologize for not having a column last week. Just one of those things that happen from time to time. But I do appreciate all the kind words & even the "scoldings" I got for not having it in the paper. So the first of this weeks news is actually last weeks.

I do want to acknowledge (and apologize for) some of the mistakes made 2 weeks ago - some names were misspelled - Jerry Ray was spelled Jeny, Marilyn Fisk was listed as Marilyn Fish and Ashley Burson was Ashley Burrow. To all these families, I say I am very sorry and regret the mistakes were made. Maybe it won't happen again. We hope not.

Last Week's Benjamin News Well, here we go again- this "spring" weather is more like fall. Very cool and rainy- just seems that's the way it has been for quite some time. Guess when summer does get here, we will be wishing for some of these "un-seasonable" temps.

About Our Ill Hazel Stockton is having some pretty uncomfortable days. Had some tests and x-rays last Monday and goes back today (Monday) for more. She is anxious for her doctors to pin point her problem and get on to taking care of it. Kenneth Roberts is doing well since his return home last week. Such good news. He's had several weeks of not feel-

ing too well but according to his family, did just what the doctor's told him to and it has paid off- it's good to know he's doing so well.

Here N there Betty and Roger Bohannon and Lonnie and Misty Bohannon and family were in Dumas last Thursday for the funeral of Betty's sister, Marilyn Fisk.

Cathy Tomlinson of Denton was a Mothers day weekend guest of her mom, Gloria West. Gloria had two grandchildren graduating from college on Saturday. Michael Clower, son of Debbie and the late Bud Clower received his degree from ACU and Sabra Parker turner, daughter of Roger and Betty Clower Parker was a graduate of texas tech (also on Saturday).

Linda and Charles Griffith spent Mothers Day with their daughters Amy and Lori and their families in Lubbock.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and I attended commencement at Tarlton State University in Stephenville Saturday night. Jessica Moorhouse received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree graduating with the honor of outstanding department graduate in accounting, finance and economics. Jessica has accepted a position with Condley and company in Abilene beginning in June.

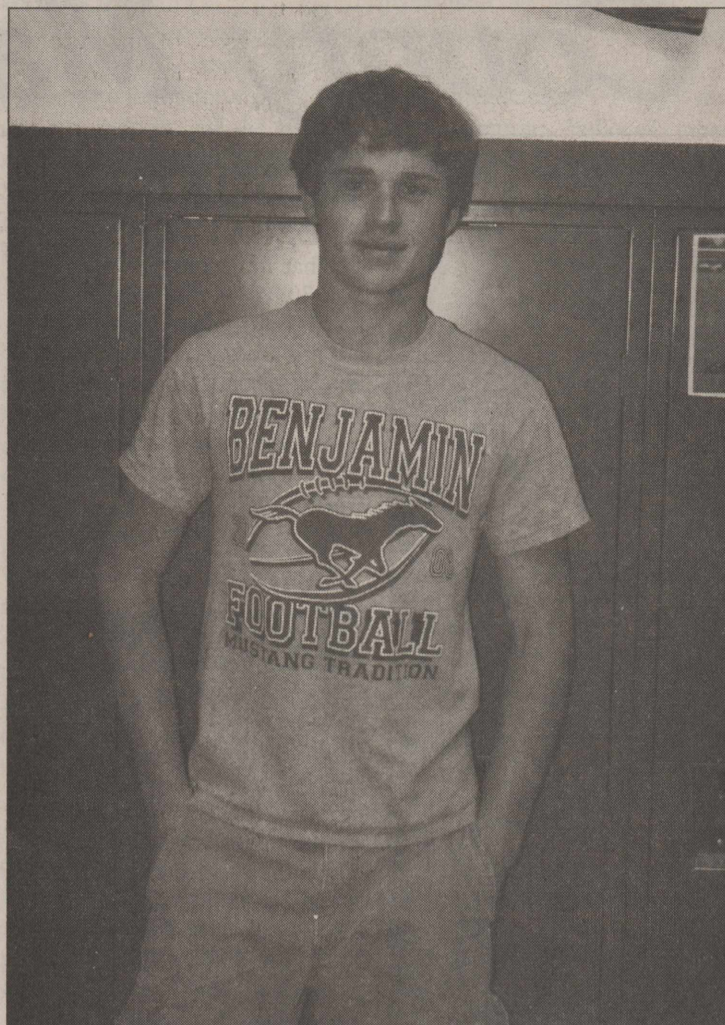
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Dylan Benson Runs at Regional Meet

Benjamin Mustang Dylan Regional track meet this past Benson participated in the week placing 14th in 800 me-

ters 2:14 "We are very proud of Dylan and his accomplishments during this track season as well as all the members of our track

teams, they have worked very hard this season and stood up against tuff competitors." Coach Loftiss



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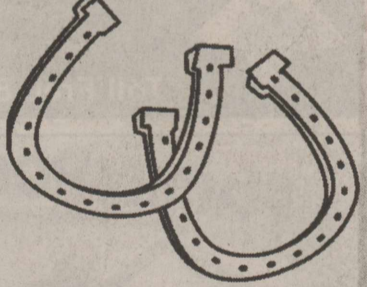
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Knox City Houndettes Finish 3rd at Regionals

The Knox City Houndettes traveled to Abilene to the ACU campus to compete in the Regional track meet. After doing well in the are meet the houndettes finished 3rd this time around! " I am extremely proud of these girls!" Coach Jan Reed goes on to explain "They have gone above and beyond in their athletic endeavors this year! I wish them the very best in the future. Thank you, Ladies!"

Regional Results are as follows,
 4 x 100 = 1st -Regional Champs 51.3 (Camille Ward, Shelby Gutierrez, Katelin Reed, Holly McCrary)
 4 x 200 = 3rd - 1:50.4 (Lacey Pierce, Camille Ward, Shelby Gutierrez, Holly McCrary)
 100m = 3rd - 12.55 - Shelby Gutierrez
 Long Jump = 3rd - 17' 3" - Camille Ward

Coleman Sets New School Record

The Greyhounds ran in the prelims of the regional track meet last Friday.

The sprint relay consisting of, Marcell Lewis, Derrick Coleman, Zach Shaver, and Jordan Carter, competed well running a 45.03 and advancing to the finals on Saturday.

The mile relay consisting of, Lannie Coleman, Derrick Coleman, Hosiel Rodriguez, and Jordan Carter, also advanced to the finals on Saturday with a qualifying time of 3:33:45.

As for individual events, Friday Carter competed in the regional high jump and Derrick competed in the 400m dash.

This was Jordan's second year to advance to the regional meet in this event.

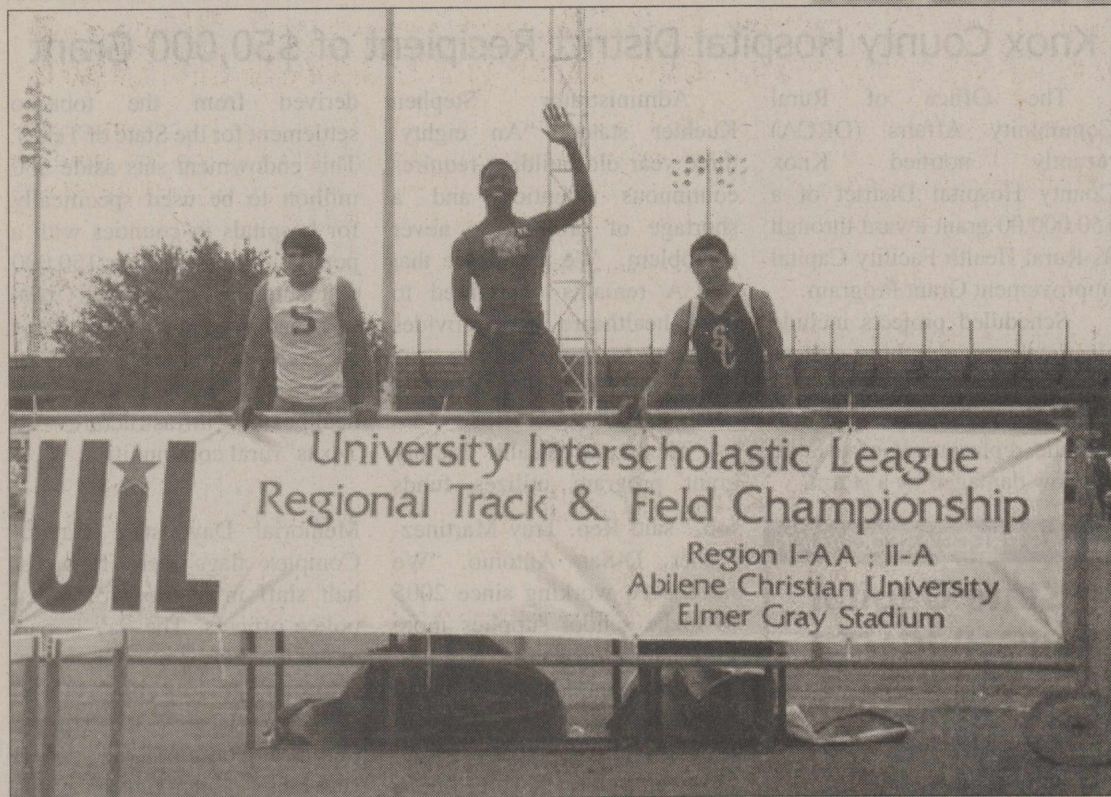
He jumped well but missed out on qualifying to the state meet.

Coleman ran the 400m in the preliminaries and ran well.

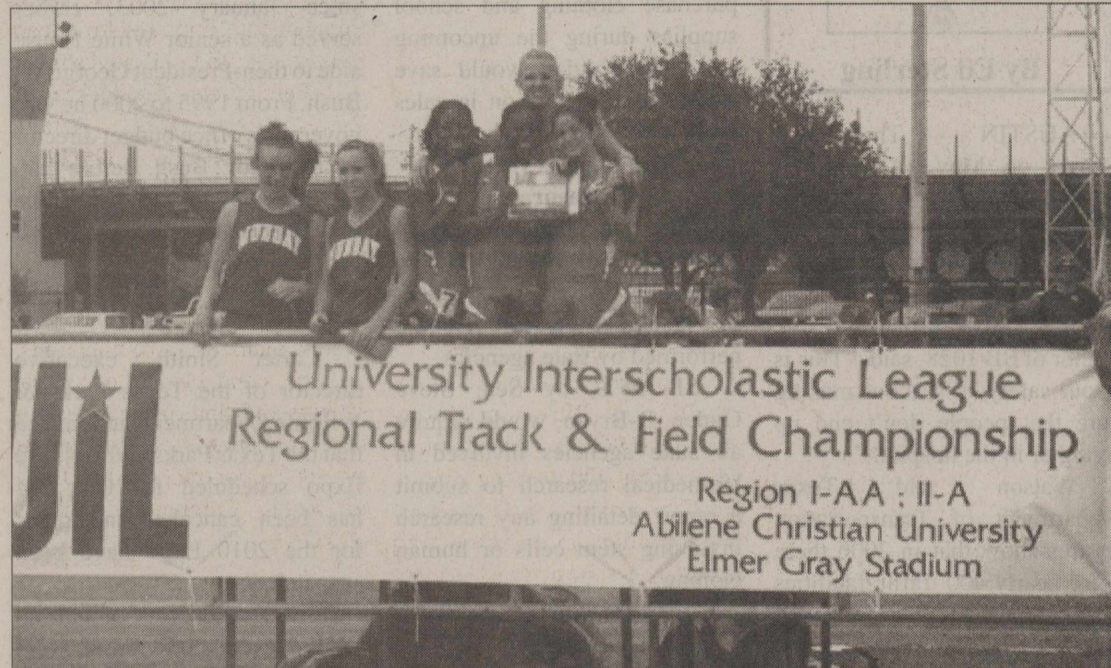
He ran a qualifying time of 49.84 seconds, which broke the Knox City High School record of 50.3 set in 1983 by former

Knox City graduate and athletic director Wayne Hutchinson.

Derrick followed his great performance on Friday with a gold medal run on Saturday in the finals. His finals time was a 50.33 which will advance him to the UIL state track meet on June 5th and 6th.



Knox City's Derrick Coleman waves from the gold medal stand after winning the 400 meters at the Region II-1A track meet in Abilene. Coleman's time of 49.84 set a new Knox City school record.



Regional Champs Camille Ward, Shelby Gutierrez, Katelin Reed, Holly McCrary at the podium receiving the plaque for 1st place with a time of 51.3. The relay team will join Derrick Coleman at the UIL State Track Meet June 5-6 in Austin. The 2nd place winners from Munday are Rian Dillard, Makeabra Collier, Faith Hunter and Abby Sanders.

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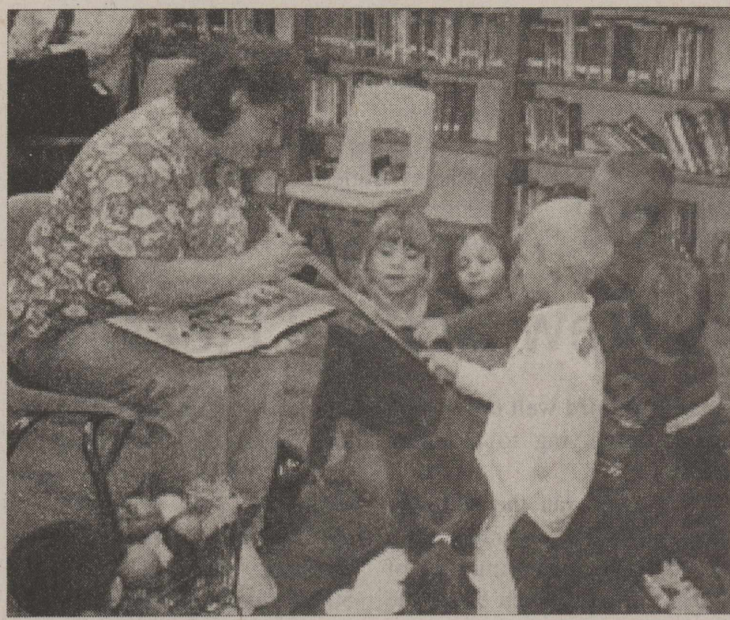
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Benjamin Children get Nutritional Education



Ms. Trial discusses food choices through "Traffic Light Eating" with the kindergarten and Pre-k classes in Benjamin school during a presentation on May 11th.
(Picture and Caption by Tamara Smart)

By Tamara Smart

During a visit to the Knox City Family Wellness Center in order to try and get posters to display in the lunch line, Benjamin Schools Food Coordinator, David Lindsay got more than he bargained for: all the "stoplight foods" posters that he wanted and a contact to a woman who travels around Texas, doing seminars for children about the importance of good nutrition.

Susan Trial, a registered pediatric nurse, says "children's health is [her] ministry." The growing statistics that predict 1 out of 3 children in the United States will end up with diabetes and 2 out of 3 of today's children

the "Traffic Light Eating" was created, which divides certain foods into categories that are labeled with a color of a traffic light (i.e. ice cream is a "yellow light food"- only to be eaten sometimes as opposed to "red light foods", which should be stayed away from all together). David Katz has been featured on Oprah, is a syndicated columnist for The New York Times, and has created a program called "Nutrition Detectives" which helps kids read and interpret labels. Dr. Sears has authored over 30 books, regularly submits articles to Parenting and Baby Talk magazines, and Parenting.com. AskDr.Sears.com is his website through which an individual can get their nutritional or medical queries answered.

Because of these two men and their profound studies and research on children's health and nutrition, Ms. Trial is able to continuously become more proficient in her task of spreading the "health" message to youngsters throughout West Texas. All of her services are pro bono, at no cost to anyone involved. (Her busiest time of year is in March, which is widely accepted as "nutrition month"). At the request of David Lindsay, Ms. Trial spent the entire day Monday, May 11th in the Benjamin School Library discussing with each grade level their nutritional choices and the consequences of their decisions today.

will not live past 60 years old because of malnourishment leading to heart, liver or blood issues is Ms. Trial's fuel as she is diligent in her task of nutrition education. Trying to reach the younger crowd (children before the age of 8) and help them develop the wanting and the tastes for healthier food is the best way to affect the future health of our country according to Trial.

Ms. Trial subscribes to the teaching and theories of David L. Katz (associate professor in Public Health at Yale University) and William Sears, renowned pediatrician who received training at Harvard Medical School. It is through them that

Knox County Hospital District Recipient of \$50,000 Grant

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) recently notified Knox County Hospital District of a \$50,000.00 grant award through its Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Grant Program.

Scheduled projects include electrical and plumbing system improvement, replacement of emergency entrance doors, and the replacement of a large window damaged by a storm.

Administrator Stephen Kuehler stated, "An eighty-three year old building requires continuous attention and a shortage of projects is never a problem. We are pleased that ORCA remains committed to rural healthcare and provides funding to help ensure the viability of our facility for future generations."

The Rural Health Facility grant program utilizes funds

derived from the tobacco settlement for the State of Texas. This endowment sets aside \$50 million to be used specifically for hospitals in counties with a population of less than 150,000 residents. The earnings from this endowment can be used for various projects aimed at improving health services and healthcare infrastructure in Texas' rural communities.

Memorial Day, state Capitol Complex flags were flown at half staff in memory of fallen police officers. The day is part of National Police Week.

Human Services chief retires
Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins announced his retirement after a 35-year career in state government.

Hawkins, head of the agency since January 2003, earlier served as a senior White House aide to then-President George W. Bush. From 1995 to 2000 he was governor's office budget director for then-Gov. Bush. Before that, Hawkins was an employee of the state Legislative Budget Board for 16 years.

Parks & Wildlife cancels Expo

Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, announced that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo scheduled for Oct. 3-4 has been canceled and plans for the 2010 Expo have been suspended.

Smith said costs of putting on the events previously were underwritten by sponsors, but sponsorship has been adversely affected by the economic downturn.

AG charges telemarketing firms

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 14 charged three telemarketing firms with participating in an illegal scheme to sell vehicle service contracts that were falsely marketed as extended warranties.

Two California-based telemarketing firms, SCM Media Inc. and On Point Media Inc., along with a Nevada company, Pacific Guard Warranty LLC, are named defendants in the state's enforcement action.

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate on May 14 approved legislation that requires automobile passengers of all ages to buckle their seatbelts, no matter where they sit.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, author of SB 1028, said, "This is about safety; it's about making sure that people don't end up dying or in the hospital."

Watson said Texas Department of Transportation figures show that in 2006 there were nearly 400 traffic fatalities that could have been prevented by wearing a seatbelt, and that passengers not wearing seatbelts are twice as likely to be hospitalized after a crash.

Texas would join 35 other states that mandate seatbelts for all passengers if the bill is approved by the House and signed by the governor.

Sales tax holiday set to expand

The House on May 13 passed HB 1801, legislation that would expand the Aug. 21-23 state sales tax holiday to include school supplies. Current law limits the sales tax holiday to clothing and shoes.

"School clothes and sneakers are already eligible for tax-exemption and we think crayons and paper ought to be

too," said Rep. Trey Martinez-Fisher, D-San Antonio. "We have been working since 2005 to make school supplies more affordable for Texas families, and I am pleased that through a bi-partisan effort we are about to make that a reality." Rep. Dwayne Bohac, R-Houston, is coauthor of the bill.

Senate passes stem cell measure

The state Senate on May 14 approved a bill intended to help lawmakers determine the extent of stem cell research being performed by state agencies.

SB 2573 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, would require all state agencies involved in biomedical research to submit a report detailing any research involving stem cells or human cloning.

State representative hospitalized

Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, was found collapsed in a state Capitol elevator on May 12, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Rep. John Zerwas, R-Houston, a physician, and Texas Department of Public Safety Officers

, rendered first aid on the spot. Kuempel was transported to an Austin hospital where he was put into a medically induced coma as part of ongoing treatment.

Kuempel, 66, is chairman of the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedure.

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2009 Elder Abuse Campaign: Get Involved

"It's Everyone's Business"

May is Elder Abuse Prevention month and Older Americans Month, and Adult Protective Services (APS) is reminding Texans that stopping elder abuse is truly everyone's responsibility.

No one knows exactly how many older Texans are being abused, neglected, or financially exploited. Many victims are too embarrassed to ask for help, and their suffering can be shrouded by secrecy.

As our population ages, statistics show the problem is a growing concern: nationwide studies estimate that three to five million seniors age 65 and older have experienced abuse, with only one in five cases reported.

In 2008, Texas APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), completed almost

70,000 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults living at home. Of those, more than 48,000 cases were confirmed, with most cases including physical or medical neglect.

In these cases, it was often family members – adult children, spouses or grandchildren – who were the perpetrators.

"Everyone needs to be diligent to ensure vulnerable adults are free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation," said Karl Urban, APS Assistant Commissioner. "Isolation places vulnerable adults at risk. That's why elder abuse prevention is everyone's business."

This marks the fourth year of APS' It's Everyone's Business campaign. It's a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect

and exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference.

Throughout May, APS employees across Texas will distribute brochures and information kits, as well as participate in conferences, information fairs, and ceremonies honoring those who work on behalf of vulnerable adults.

The message is simple but important. If you believe an elderly person is being abused, neglected, or exploited, report it by calling 1-800-252-5400.

For more information about preventing elder abuse, and to download public awareness materials, visit EveryonesBusiness.org.

APS FACTS AND FIGURES

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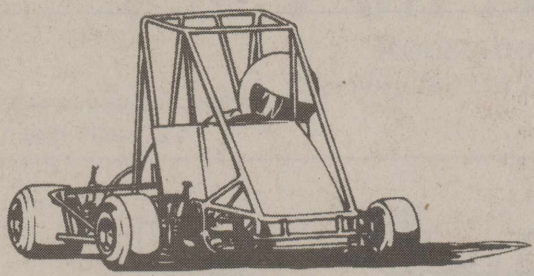
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DWIGHT C. KEY, DECEASED

On April 20, 2009, original Letters Testamentary were issued to me by the County Court, Knox, County, Texas, in Cause 2490 styled *Estate of Dwight C. Key, deceased*, and in which court the matter is pending. I now hold Letters Testamentary and administration in the Estate of Dwight C. Key, deceased has commenced.

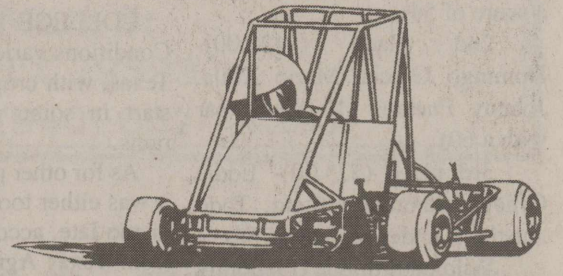
All persons having claims against the Estate of Dwight C. Key, deceased, are required to present those claims to me at the address shown below prior to the expiration of the limitations period on the claims, before the estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

Dated April 20, 2009.

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Independent Executor
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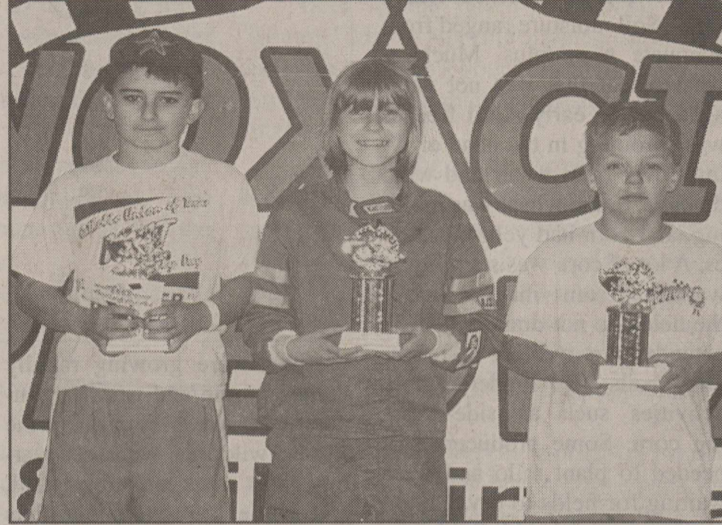
SEYMOUR SPEEDWAY



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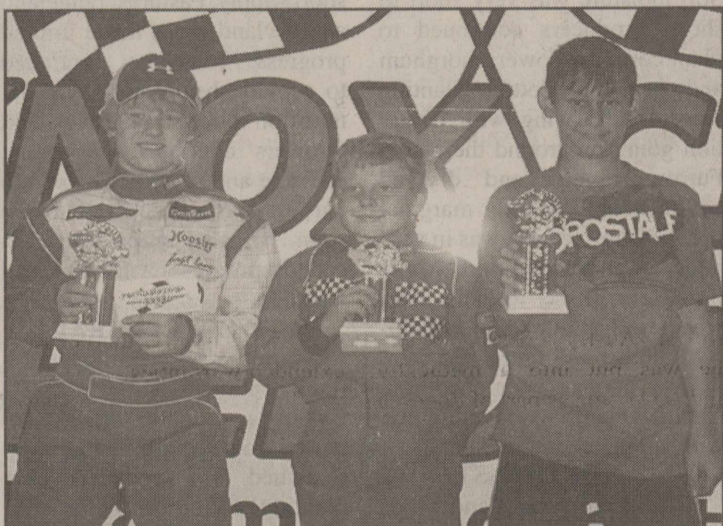
WINNERS OF YOUNG GUNS - BEGINNER DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #88 - Dylan Coates of Wichita Falls, Texas; Second Place, #26 - Charlie "Hollywood" Hammond of Graham, Texas; and Third Place, #5 - Cason Lewis of Knox City, Texas.



WINNERS OF BRIGGS INTEK DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #88 - Dalton Gann of Seymour, Texas; Second Place, #74 - Madison Jones of Graham, Texas; and Third Place, #38 - Blake Andrus of Sweetwater, Texas.



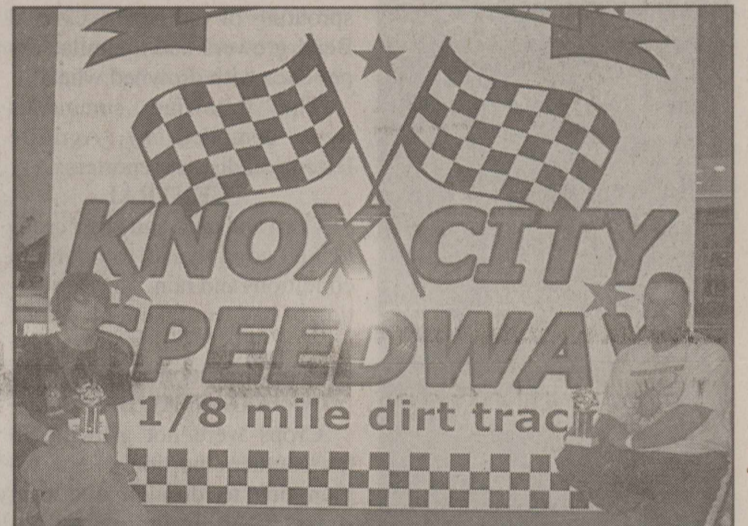
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WINNERS OF STOCK ANIMAL DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #17 - Patrick Knight of Wichita Falls, Texas; Second Place, #77 - Jayce Hudson of Seymour, Texas; and Third Place, #16 - Mike Rogers of Wichita Falls, Texas.



WINNERS OF MODIFIED DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #10 - Trevor Williams of Newcastle, Texas; Second Place, #9 - Jeff Williams of Newcastle, Texas; and Third Place, #25 - Mike Clark of Olney, Texas.



WINNERS OF ADULT FLATKART DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #57 - Brett Douglas of Sweetwater, Texas; Second Place, #31 - Kelly Andrus of Sweetwater, Texas.



WINNERS OF STOCK MOWER DIVISION - Pictured l to r: First Place, #11 - Bradley James of Seymour, Texas; and Second Place, #24 - Justin Cook of Seymour, Texas



WINNER OF MODIFIED MOWER DIVISION - Pictured: First Place, #99 - Bill Cook of Seymour, Texas.



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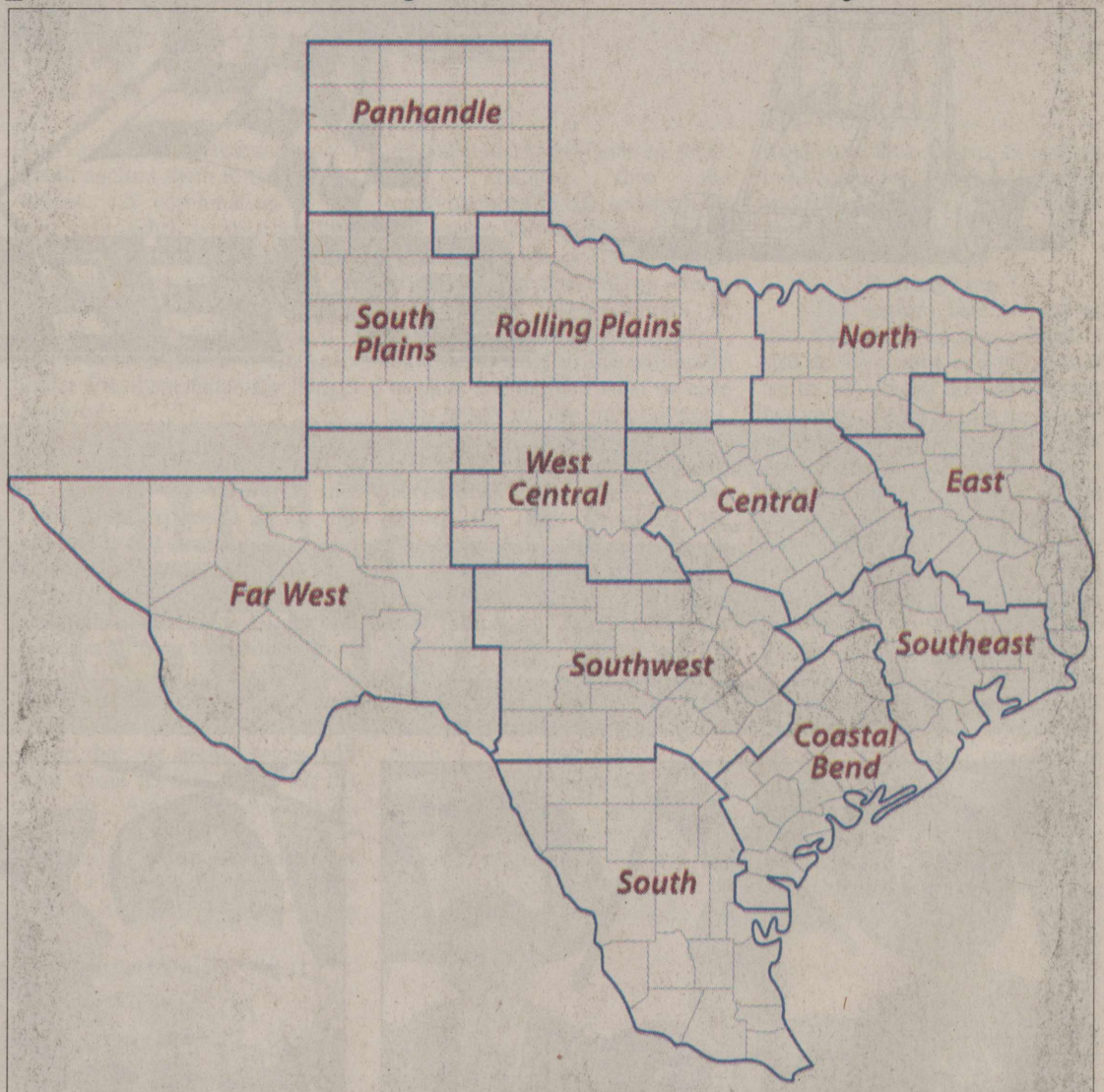
VOTERS

Texans, information that, in some cases, has been gathered and stored without the knowledge of the individual. We need a law to make it clear - data must be protected," said Gill.
 HB 345 by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston) was approved unanimously by the House Business & Industry Committee but has not been set for floor debate yet, and risks being lost in the final days of the session. The Senate companion bill is SB 327 by Leticia van de Putte (D-San Antonio).
 The poll was conducted April 23-26 by Public Opinion Strategies and Hamilton Campaigns and commissioned by the Texas Credit Union League. The margin of error is +/- 3.46 percent. For more information on this and other consumer advocacy information, visit www.

Texas crop, weather: Crop insurance adjusters have busy week

COLLEGE STATION - Conditions varied widely across Texas, with crops off to a good start in some areas thanks to rains.
 As for other parts of the state, it was either too much, too little or too late, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.
 In North Texas, too much rain threatened to drown out wheat and corn. In much of South Texas and Southwest, Southeast, Far West and Coastal Bend regions, many crops not under irrigation were not growing or declared a total loss by insurance adjusters.
 The situation in Mitchell County, west of Abilene, is representative of much of Central Texas where insurance adjusters have been busy, said John Senter, AgriLife Extension agent.

parts of the region. Soil moisture levels remained sufficient, but some counties reported windy conditions had already begun to dry out soils. Warmer weather paired with the recent rainfall sped up growth of warm-weather forages. Many producers cut hay. Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Feral hogs continued to be a problem in many areas.
FAR WEST
 Very sporadic rain showers fell, with about 1 inch of accumulation reported by AgriLife Extension in Howard County. The rest of the region was extremely dry. Pecan trees finished pollinating. Producers began the second cutting of alfalfa. Cotton was planted and it was mostly emerged. Fall-planted onions were bulbing.



"This current drought situation began, for all practical purposes, last fall as we began to wrap up cotton harvest," Senter said. "Typically, of the 25,000 to 30,000 acres of wheat we planted, most would be combined for grain. At this time there are virtually no fields that are going to be combined for grain because the yields are just not there."

A large portion of his producers did insure their wheat in order to be in compliance with federal farm program requirements, he said. A "vast" proportion of the county's insured wheat has been terminated or zeroed-out by insurance adjusters.
 Much of the wheat has recently been released by the adjusters for grazing, he said.
 In the north, it was a matter of too much rain. What wheat the April freeze didn't take, heavy rains knocked down or caused sprouting of the heads. Coastal Bend growers had a similar experience with drowned wheat.
 The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL

Corn and milo and other crops looked good thanks to optimum conditions and rain. The first cutting of hay was taken. Livestock were in good condition. Pecans were off to a good start.

COASTAL BEND

Crops were not growing in the southern portion of the region due to drought and heat stress. Crop insurance adjusters began to zero-out sorghum acres. Local auction barns saw large runs on cattle because of a lack of hay and standing forage in pastures. In the northern portion of the reporting area, heavy rains drowned wheat, causing much of it to be shredded or baled for hay.

EAST

Scattered showers fell in

the region received heavy rains. Soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus. Much of what wheat that was not damaged by the early April freezes was sprouting in the head or lying down from water and wind damage. Some wheat was molding, and corn had yellow patches. A lot of corn was standing in water and some may be lost if the fields do not drain well. The extended wet weather and saturated soils also hindered field activities such as side-dressing corn. Some producers still needed to plant milo and were waiting for fields to dry. Cotton planting was delayed. Producers were trying to get their first cutting of hay. However, soybeans, sorghum and rice were all in fair condition, and growing conditions for pastures and hay improved. Sweet potato growers began transplanting slips. Livestock were in good condition and gaining weight.

PANHANDLE

Some moisture was received across the region, but dry conditions continued in most counties. Producers were busy with field activities, fertilizing, spraying, planting and running water. The corn crop was off to a good start, with most fields being pre-watered before planting. Cotton was being planted, but emergence was slow because of cool soil temperatures. Forage and grain sorghums were also being planted. The recent moisture helped the winter wheat crop, but yields may be lowered by various disease and insect problems. Rust and barley yellow dwarf disease were showing up in some wheat fields. Pastures continued to green up.

ROLLING PLAINS

Wheat that wasn't grazed out was baled. Sudan planting was in full swing. Rangeland and

pastures were growing rapidly thanks to rain and warmer temperatures. Areas burned by the Easter wildfires were recovering. Most stock tanks were full, and cattle improved, but flies were becoming a problem.
SOUTH
 Hot, windy and dry weather as well as very short soil moisture conditions continued. In the northern parts of the region, the wheat and oat harvest ended. Harvesting of potatoes and green beans continued. Most corn was tasseled, and sorghum continued to develop, but some browning was observed due to high temperatures. The majority of corn was planted and emerged, and early peanut crop planting began. Many producers met with crop adjusters in the eastern parts of the region. A few crops will be carried over but were not expected to be harvested. Insurance adjustments on sorghum were expected to come soon. Dryland cotton crops were zeroed-out. The cabbage harvesting was ongoing, and early planted wheat under irrigation was harvested. Watermelons and cantaloupes were setting fruit. Corn and cotton under irrigation progressed well with little insect

pressure. In the southern parts of the region, the harvesting of spring onions, honeydew melons and watermelons continued. Cattle producers continued to cull herds because of worsening rangelands and pastures and the rising cost of hay.
SOUTH PLAINS
 Weather was mixed, with cool, damp and foggy mornings followed by hot afternoons. Soil moisture was very short to short. Producers continued to plant corn, sunflowers, sorghum and peanuts. Cotton planting was in full swing with irrigation going on around the clock. Furrow-irrigated and dryland cotton fields had only marginal soil moisture. Wheat was in very poor to poor condition. Many producers chose to bale their wheat for hay due to freeze injury. Pastures and rangeland were in very poor to poor condition. Cattle were in good condition with supplemental feeding.

SOUTHEAST

High temperatures and winds dried out soils. Pastures were in good shape. Hay was being cut. Many rice farmers were not able to plant due to high soil salinity, a lingering result of the Hurricane Ike storm surge. Lack

of fresh water for irrigation was also a factor in discouraging rice producers from planting.

SOUTHWEST

The region received 0.5-1 inches of rain, but the soil profile remained very dry. The continuing, extended drought was expected to limit agricultural production. The San Antonio Water System entered into Phase I water rationing. Forage was in short supply. Pastures, rangeland and dryland crops made limited progress. Ranchers continued to provide heavy supplemental nutrition to remaining livestock. Growers continued harvesting cabbage and onions. The potato harvest was expected to begin soon. Irrigated crops made excellent progress with the cool weather.

WEST CENTRAL

Warm, dry, windy conditions continued. A few AgriLife Extension county offices reported some rainfall, but most remained dry. Producers were planting cotton in fields they pre-watered by irrigation. Some cutting and baling of small grain fields was under way. Rangeland and pastures greened up from rain. Stock tank levels continued to drop.

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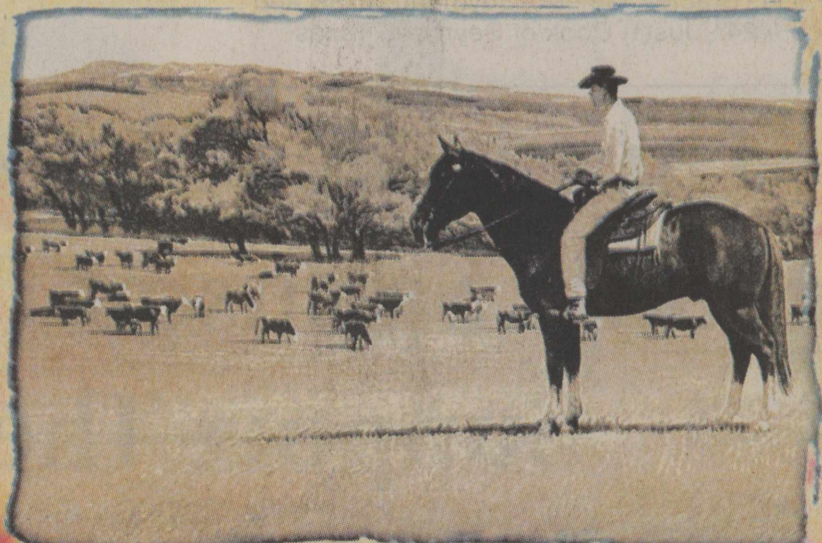
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