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Meet the Candidates

Tamara Smart

With the elections coming up for local government positions, it's pertinent to all taxpayers that they make an informed decision about who they are going to elect to govern their principality for the next few years.

While there is no race in Benjamin, as there are only 3 council seats to be filled and 3 people willing to fill them; current incumbents, Kim Sealy and Dick Dickson, will serve another term and will be joined by new-comer,

Jerry Parker.

In Knox City, the race heats up a little more as two men vie for the mayoral position; Councilman Danny Lewis opposes current incumbent, Jeff Stanfield. There are two council seats open for voting, and three men in the ballot to fill these seats. The choices to fill those positions are: incumbent, Terry Utley, Steve Pepper and Ezekiel Duke.

The following are the names and pictures of those contending for Knox City office:

See our Mayoral Contenders on Page 7 and City Council Contenders on Page 11

In Munday, the current mayor, Buddy Norville's term has run its course. Yet, Buddy is running again and is unopposed. There will be two 2-year term positions to be voted on in Munday. There are four people contending for those seats. Todd Wilson (current incumbent), Mario

Segala, Fidel Rodriguez, and Robert Bowen will fill one of those two seats at the Council table.

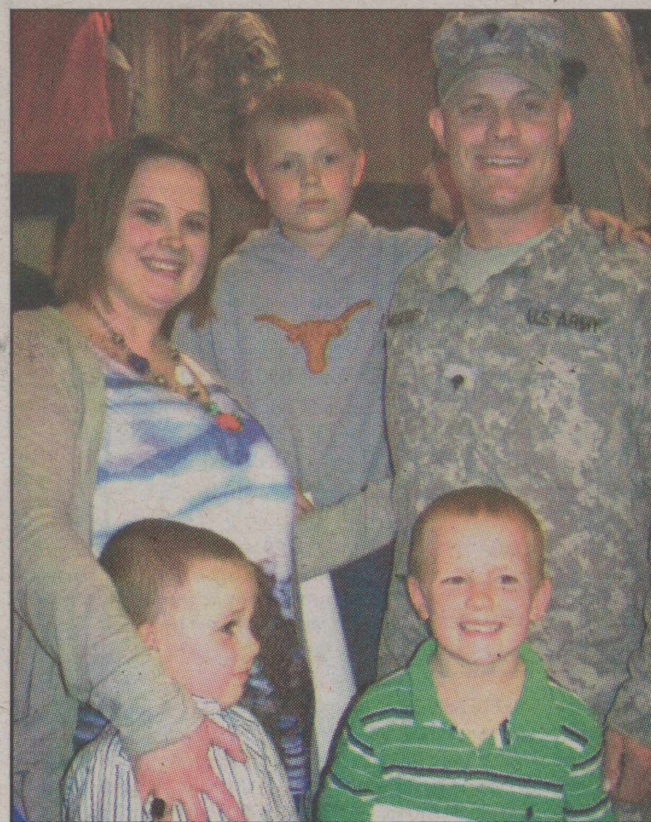
There is also one 1-year seat open for the Munday City Council. Scott Perry and Ryan Cottingham are competing for that seat.

Elections are May 14th.

Local Soldier Home from Kuwait

Army Spc. Michael McGaughey has recently returned to the United States after serving a 12 month deployment to Kuwait. Spc. McGaughey is assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Brigade Unit at Fort Riley Kansas. While based at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Spc. McGaughey was involved in Operation New Dawn which began September 1, 2010. The mission of the unit during Operation New Dawn was to assist in the drawdown of forces and the redeployment of thousands of American Soldiers as well as the return or transfer of war fighting equipment to the United States or to combat troops fighting in Afghanistan.

McGaughey has been reassigned back to Fort Riley Kansas since his return from overseas.



Rejoining him there is his wife, Tandy McGaughey, and his three sons Mayson, Luke and Jay Rick. Thank you Michael for your service to our country!

Feral Hog Appreciation Day Program

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Feral Hog Appreciation Day Program at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City, TX on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dale Rollins, a Professor & Wildlife Extension Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be there to

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I can't remember the program Melesha and I were watching the other night, but I do remember almost breaking out in tears at the answers I was hearing "Christians" give when being asked, "How does one get to heaven?"

Answers like: "Well, you have to be good and not do too many bad sins." "It always helps if you go to church as often as you can." "Well.....I

know my preacher always says you have to have Jesus in your heart, but I really think there are many ways to get there, everyone has their own god....."

Heart breaking!

Brothers and Sisters, YOU may be the only Christian somebody knows. YOU may be the only bible somebody hears!!! Wake up! We need to wake up! We've got to spread

this Good News and bring as many into the Kingdom of God as we can before our King returns!!

I want to encourage you today to stop worrying whether or not you 'have enough Scripture', or 'know all the answers', or 'I don't want to offend anyone'.....

Simply pray: "Lord, lead others across my path today and give me an opportunity to give them the Good News. Give me the words to speak so that I may be effective for Your Kingdom today."

God WANTS to use you! Make yourself usable!

Amen?

Remember ---- YOU ARE BLESSED!!!!

A Mother's Amazing Love Gary Schnable

Foursquare Church

"She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.

Her children stand and bless her" (Proverbs 31:27-28)

There is an amazingly inspiring story of a mother named May Lemke. I remember seeing a TV segment on this frail looking little lady years ago. She was a nurse by trade

who chose to adopt a severely handicapped young boy who was unwanted by his birth mother. He had cerebral palsy, was mentally retarded & doctors had to remove his eyes from severe birth defects. His name was Leslie and she saw something in him no one else could see, but a real mother!

May had to teach Leslie how to eat and swallow by force-feeding him. He did not stand until the age of 12. Upon learning to stand she strapped the boy's body to her body hoping for him to imitate her walking movements. He finally did at age 15! Then she faithfully placed his hands over hers as she played music on the piano, while singing to him.

May awoke one night to the playing of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 when Leslie was 16. She wondered where this beautiful music was it coming from? She went to Leslie's room to find out that it was him playing flawlessly! Amazingly he had only heard it one time before!

Afterwards May took Leslie many places before her death in 1993 to perform and inspire audiences with his incredible talent. He played not only classical music, but he and

his mother sang hymns, along with praise and worship music for audiences. May's strong faith in God was the thing that inspired her to love a helpless, seemingly useless child that nobody wanted.

I remember her saying in an interview that she had prayed and prayed and prayed to God that He created every child with a gift and purpose. She would continually pray to God, asking Him over and over again to release the hidden gift in her son Leslie! Yes, there were times over those 16 years that she felt like giving up, but her faith in God would not let her give up.

Because of an amazing mother's love, this thrown away child became God's gift to the world in music and inspiration! Physical limitations did not stop Leslie because of an amazing mother's love and perseverance!

Moms, you may have perfectly healthy children that God has given to you as a gift. Whether you realize it or not, your amazing love can, has and will inspire your children too reach for God's best in life! Do not give up on them...or on God's ability to do miracles in your children!

Mom, like Leslie Lemke, it may take your child a long time to break away from the obstacles of life, so do not give up on them! Because you lead by example, your prayers and the time you have taken to invest in your children will help them grab God's hand and break the barriers to reach their God given destiny that God placed in their DNA from birth!

Have an amazing Mother's Day because of all you do!

"There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised" (Proverbs 31:29-30)

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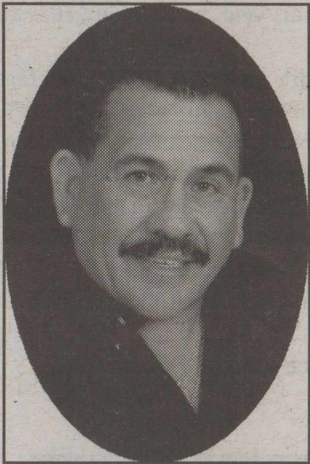
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Obituaries



FERNANDO MOLINA

Fernando Molina, 56, of Seymour, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2011 in Seymour.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Albert Francis and Deacon Jim Novak, officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery in Olney, under the direction of Archer Funeral Home.

A Christian Wake Service was held Sunday, May 1, 2011

at 7:00 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Jim Novak, officiating.

Fernando Molina was born September 7, 1954 in Edinburg, Texas to Henry Molina, Sr. and Betty Severa Molina. He later moved to Olney in 1977. Fernando married Phyllis Casillas Marin on August 18, 2000 in Wichita Falls. They lived in Seymour where he worked as the General Manager at the KGET plant. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Molina.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Molina of Seymour; his mother, Betty Molina of Olney; 2 sons, Fernando Molina, Jr. and Leslie Villa of Olney; and Joel Marin of Wichita Falls; 4 daughters, Rubi Molina of Seymour; Verónica Molina of Olney; Felicia Garcia and husband, Nick of Seymour; Leticia Perez and husband,

David of Wichita Falls; 5 brothers, Penny Molina and wife Irma of Olney; Ricky Molina and Hope Espinosa of Academy; Homer Molina and wife, Kelly of Olney; David Molina of Wichita Falls; and Armondo Molina and wife, Sarah of Olney; 7 grandchildren, Jayden; Avagene; Noah; Alanna; Joel; John and Marissa.



JOE HACKNEY

Joe Edward Hackney was

born on November 1944 in Knox City, Texas. He departed from this life on March 31, 011 at Medical Center of Plano following heart surgery. He was a member of the High Pointe Church of Christ. He was a graduate of Collin College where he taught electronics and semi-conductor manufacturing for many years where he won several teaching awards during his tenure.

Joe was married to his wife Hazel for 41 years. They have lived in Irving, Baytown, Lufkin, Plano and Celina, Texas. In Baytown and Lufkin, Joe owned his own sporting goods business. He also had his own local TV show. All of his life, Joe was an avid outdoorsman.

He is survived by wife Hazel; one daughter, Marla and Nick Young; 2 granddaughters, Shelby and Lyric who were the delight of his life; one son, John; his father, Elwood Hackney; and his brother, Jim. He is also survived by brothers-in law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a whole host of friends and students.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

Sammie Offield

Monday evening and all looks pretty quiet. I headed out to see my back surgeon and the report is good. It's just a long drive for one day, but I returned home quickly. Thank God.

It seems that some of our fires are back again, just in different places, but they have been put under control a lot faster than others. We spent the latter part of last week praying for moisture to help this constant fire danger.

Josie Lewis is very excited. She is going to be a great-grandma. Gary Lee and his wife are expecting their first baby. The family keeps growing- one baby at a time.

Romain Stubbs hosted a baby shower for Ivan Barretto and his wife, who are expecting, at her house on Saturday. I think they had lots of fun. With Romain and Dessie, a good time is always guaranteed.

That was not the only shower this week. It feels like the week was just full of them. Frankie and Danielle Rodriguez hosted their son's wedding in Haskell. It was nice and simple, with lots of music and babies everywhere. Bill Chenhall and one of his daughters, along with Snow Hernandez from Okla. were staying at Sandy Rodriguez's for the weekend. Everyone in Danielle's family from Amarillo stayed at her house with Josh, his wife, and two little ones from Wrangler Ranch in Seymour.

By now, you have heard Chris King has reenlisted in the Air Force to become a recruiter. He will leave for training on Tuesday, but Kristi will remain here at home until other plans can be decided. She'll still be at her shop doing what she does best.

While looking at the current storm situation in Alabama, some of the older people in the community may remember back in 1954 when Knox City saw situations that bad. I know some people lost loved ones and some others lost homes. But our community has survived through it all. We pray for those who are still missing.

Gilbert and Dianna Cassillas have spent the weekend in Seymour with his sister, Phyllis, whose husband passed away on Thursday afternoon in a hospital after a short illness. They had just had a benefit in Seymour to help with some of their expenses for the doctor and a surgery he had just undergone. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Bobby Minzer has moved to Haskell with her daughter, Penny, and husband, Floyd. She has had some health problems and now they have decided for her to be with them. We will look after her place as we drive by. And of course Frankie, the next door neighbor, will keep a watch on things.

Sunday and church was great as always, and it is always good to see our church family and friends.

After church, many people attended the annual band lunch, concert and auction. I missed it this year, but they are sure to do it again next year.

Back at my house, Eric, Sandra and Jacob were cooking dinner for Eddie's birthday. I don't have any idea how many birthdays that he's going to celebrate, but I thank God he can still keep up with the kids and me after 74 birthdays!

Everybody was ready Monday morning for the Royal Wedding to be over, and with the news that Bin Laden was killed; the Royal wedding is now a distant memory.

Also on Monday, it finally rained. THANK GOD. We needed it so bad.

Until next week, God bless each of us and our troops.

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04/27	45	72	
04/28	37	82	
04/29	56	95	
04/30	61	81	
05/01	44	64	0.41
Total Rainfall for month			0.41
2011 Rainfall (ytd)			1.36

Just Jeff

It seems as though someone else will have to take over as the "World Champion of Hide and Seek". As we get the news about the death of Osama Bin Laden, we have to realize that under some other cave in the mountains of Pakistan, or Afghanistan, or somewhere else for that matter, another Radical Muslim is trying to find a way to kill us. Getting Rid of Bin Laden is just another day in the life of the terrorism that we will face from now on.

The funny thing is Obama is taking a lot of heat and he is also taking a lot of credit for this. He is getting heat from the Muslims, which he did the right thing by making the execution order. The credit should go to lots of people. The whole Bush Administration should be given kudos right now, because it was their practice of "water boarding" torture tactic that got the info on the courier who led the CIA to this hideout. And yes,

Obama deserves credit that he gave the order to kill Bin Laden. If Clinton would have done that 14 years ago when he had the chance maybe we would not have had the 9-11 attacks.

The group that deserves the most credit are the troops. Without them, we would not have stayed safe as they have kept the terrorist busy fighting instead of attacking, and Bin Laden would have most probably died of old age, instead of by having

a couple of pieces of lead slammed into his forehead. One of the questions I have is about the Muslim belief that when they get to the afterlife, they will receive a bunch of virgins. I have heard they will either receive 48 virgins, and I have also heard 62. It really does not matter how many, but I bet the old 6'5" camel jockey is walking through hell and he still has not found his virgins. Let's just keep praying that our soldiers will

keep us safe and they can all come home soon.

The sad thing is this war is not all about 9-11, or Bin Laden, but rather, the driving force of the war is oil and lithium, and with \$4 a gallon gas they will continue to be a major force. We have to start getting our own oil and relying on America to save America.

This past week I got trapped into having to run into a Wal-Mart again. You talk about Redneck Central.

I beg you to walk through any Wal-Mart and see if you can get through the food section without finding one person that could have parents that are not first cousins. It is impossible I can only imagine a Wally world in Arkansas. I hope everyone has a great week!

Only 3 more weeks of school... man, I will be ready for school to start in about 5 weeks guaranteed.

**God Bless
Jeff Stanfield**

LOOKING AHEAD

The next Go Kart race at the Knox City Speedway is May 7 at 5 p.m. Bring the family for a evening at the races!

May 14 it's time to get out and vote! Look for voter polling places and times in upcoming issues of Knox County News.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a Feral Hog Appreciation Day

Program at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City, TX on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dale Rollins, a Professor & Wildlife Extension Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be there to discuss appreciating, distribution, biology, and interactions of feral hogs. Also joining the program will be Dr. David Finch with the Texas Animal Health Commission to

discuss disease concerns of feral hogs, as well as Jim Daniels, Game Warden, to discuss laws and regulations with trapping/hunting feral hogs. There will be a registration fee of \$10 in which can be paid at the door. CEU's and a lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions about it, please contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651

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We thank all who loved and cared for us at the time of Don's death and in the days since. We are grateful for your prayers, your visits, the beautiful flowers and plants, the delicious food brought to our house and the wonderful meal provided by the Methodist ladies. Your attendance at the visitation and Don's memorial service were truly appreciated. We thank Dr. Duke and his staff, the Munday Nursing Center staff, the Texhoma Christian Care staff and the Hospice staff for the loving and compassionate care given to Don and our family. Thank you Rev. Tim Trimble, Rev. Ernie McGaughey, Joe Nelson, Suzanne Godby, and the Smith Family Funeral Home for a beautiful memorial service for Don. We also thank our extended family that is always there for us.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



A victory for us all

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Our Navy SEALs were given the order and the world changed.

What an amazing turn of events. Talk about a morale booster to our troops and to the country in general.

The killing of Osama Bin Laden is major. This evil man - the mastermind of so much death and destruction - had become the stuff of legend.

I remember my nephews speaking of him years ago like he was the boogeyman. And the longer he stayed alive, the more the legend grew.

For Islamic extremists, he was their inspiration. The videos and tapes added to his legend. I can imagine the snickers ... the pride the terrorists felt when their leader continued to twist the thorn in the side of the bad 'ol USA.

I wonder if they're laughing now?

So what's our next move? Do we remove the troops? Do we shift resources to Libya and Syria where their people long for freedom?

The next few weeks for President Obama and the leaders of our fighting forces are key. Not only is it essential to keep our guard up, but it is very important to use this momentum and sever the many heads which will grow in Bin Laden's

place.

To be sure, Bin Laden's death is monumental. It had crossed my mind that it may never happen, meaning thousands of victims' families all over the world would lack proper closure from the many despicable acts he was behind. Thank God they now have that closure.

In hindsight, I wonder what Osama wanted to accomplish with his hatred and violence? Did he actually think he could bring this country down? Did he honestly think we would cower in the corner and self-destruct?

I've got news for any terrorist or government who believes strikes against this country will weaken us. They will not.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted our respect, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted us to live in fear, he failed.

If Osama Bin Laden wanted this country to crumble, he failed.

We are a people who love our country. We may fight like hell to try and get one another on the same page regarding how to run the country, but the common denominator of 99 percent of us is our love of country.

Yes, there are times when our rhetoric toward our countrymen is harsh. Yes, there are times when we are miles apart on what the proper course of action should be regarding a myriad of things. But you know what, it's always been like that and

probably always will be.

What sets us apart from other places on the globe is our love of country and our strong belief that freedom is worth fighting for.

President Obama deserves credit for his decision to take out Osama Bin Laden. He made the call and he was right and just in doing so.

Make no mistake, we still have huge issues in this country and we'll continue to fight like cats and dogs to resolve them. But surely we can all agree that the killing of Osama Bin Laden was the correct call.

I'm always proud to be an American. Navy SEAL Team 6 has made me that much more proud.

In my opinion, this was a huge victory in the war on terror. It is not over, but it does embolden our will.

Congratulations to our fighting forces, intelligence assets and the heads of our government on getting this done. We needed it in the worst way!

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A Voluntarily Balanced Budget

By ADAM BITELY

Efforts are underway in the U.S. Senate to introduce a balanced budget amendment. If adopted, the federal budget would be constitutionally required to be balanced, and the politicians in D.C. would have no choice but to make sure that they pay for all of the nation's yearly fiscal obligations in the year that they make the expenditures.

The amendment would also limit spending to 18 percent of the Gross Domestic Product, preventing Congress from simply raising taxes to balance the budget.

While this seems like a move in the direction towards fiscal responsibility, why are the politicians that support such an amendment waiting to be forced to balance the budget?

This is not to say that they should stop their efforts on passing a balanced budget amendment, but they should also start acting as if it is the law already. So how about they voluntarily, without the coercion of a Constitutional amendment, introduce a balanced budget for 2012?

After all, they want support such action to be constitutionally mandated, why not start getting the nation's fiscal house in order now instead of years from now when the amendment is adopted — if it ever even is!

Proposed budgets that have been introduced for 2012 so far are lackluster. The best budget to date that was brought forth by the Republican Study Committee, but was killed in a bipartisan effort on the House floor. The RSC plan would have balanced the budget within 10 years.

The budget that Obama proposed, and similarly, the budget proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan are such poor attempts at getting the deficit under control that it is amazing that folks are seriously attempting to criticize one plan while supporting another. The budget plan from Rep. Ryan does take serious stabs at starting to implement budgetary reforms, but does not go nearly far enough to honestly begin putting the nation's fiscal house in order. The Obama budget is more of the same, with tax increases and no realistic plan to fix the out-of-control deficits.

But Senate and House Republicans have a chance to start doing something now that would go much further than anyone has suggested thus far. And taking the action of balancing the budget would be the responsible step to take.

If Washington politicians want to have some action to back up their rhetoric about being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the taxpayer's dollar, introducing a balanced budget for 2012 would be a good start. Simply proposing a balanced budget for 2012 would start the budgetary debate off on the right foot, and achieve a budget that puts America much closer to the right track than the one the nation is currently on.

Proposing a balanced budget in 2012 is a good first step in bringing about lasting change to the budgetary process. If Senate and House Republicans want to get the nation's fiscal house in order, they can start in 2012, and not even bother to sit on their haunches waiting for a day when the voters force them to balance the budget.

Jeff Stanfield For Mayor

Current Mayor of Knox City, Jeff Stanfield, is running again for another term as Mayor. Stanfield has served in the position of mayor for 4 years, and before that was a City Councilman for 2 years. HE is re-running because many citizens have expressed their wishes to see him through another term.

While in office, Jeff has seen great things happen to Knox City. New vehicles have been purchased for both the Fire and Police Departments. A new tornado siren was installed on the top of City Hall. Commerce was brought to town through the City's financial efforts in the creation of a Go-Kart racetrack and a Softball



field.

The downtown project brought new awnings to Central Ave in Knox City and will soon rebuild the sidewalks. The City has been given a facelift and the economy continues to grow. Stanfield has lived in Knox City for 16 years, and has co-owned and operated a local business, Stanfield Hunting

Outfitters, for 20 years with his brother.

Jeff has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 14 years; with whom he has had the privilege of raising three sons; Andy, Zach and Payne. All three of Stanfield's children either are students or graduates of KCHS, and Andy is soon to be a alumni of Texas Tech.

Danny Lewis for Mayor

Danny Lewis is presently seeking the votes to become the new Knox City Mayor. Danny has served the Knox City public in many ways over the last several years. Mr. Lewis, 54, a born and bred Knox citizen, graduated from KCHS in 1975, then preceded to work at his father's shop, Lewis Paint and Body. At present, he is an employee of Penman's Service's Ltd.

Danny is a current City

Council member, and has been on the council for the past 4 years. Danny is a member of the First United Methodist Church, and is an active member of the Masonic Lodge #905. He has been a Past Master and a Worship Master in that lodge as well.

Denny has been married to Amber Lewis for 21 years, and is the father to 3 sons. Denny's sons, Aaron, Brandon and Grant Lewis are all pride's and joy's of the



Knox City community.

When Danny isn't working, he loves drag racing and sharing his joy with others.

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discuss appreciating, distribution, biology, and interactions of feral hogs. Also joining the program will be Dr. David Finch with the Texas Animal Health Commission to discuss disease concerns of feral hogs, as well as Jim Daniels, Game Warden, to discuss laws and regulations with trapping/hunting feral hogs. There will be a registration

fee of \$10.00 in which can be paid at the door. CEU's and a lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have any questions about it, please contact the Knox County Extension Office by calling 940-459-2651 on or before Tuesday, May 10, 2011 so we can get a head count. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife

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A Message form the Gospel is then

brought by Larry. Both Larry and Freida work well with children and young people, bringing together the whole family in Christ. This is indeed a very different Revival, But one that is Reaching thousands for Christ each year! If you are looking for a team that Ministers to the whole family men, women, boys and girls of all ages you don't want to miss this great week May the 22 11:00 A.M and 6:00 Pm and the May 23-25 7:00 Pm nightly at First Baptist Church Munday. For more info please call the Church office at (940) 422-4559



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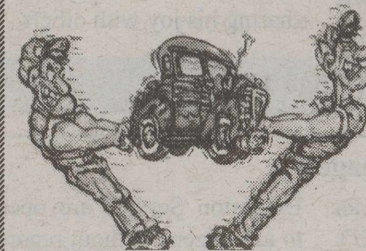
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Benjamin News *By Gladene Green*

Everyone makes mistakes from time to time and I am no exception. Sometimes you can't give a logical explanation why you do. Last week, I made another one. In reporting about Michael and Lynn Moorhouse Rogers' new baby, I said her name is Shaylee Michele. That's not so. Her name is Kaylee Michele. (I guess I was thinking "rhyme-time" when I wrote it down!) But she's Kaylee and is doing fine and I apologize to her and her parents.

We have had some rain here in these parts. Probably about ½ inch average, not a lot, but sure did sound good coming down. Early Sunday morning (I'm told) we had some hail. I didn't see it, but others did. Thank goodness it didn't do any damage other than beat some leaves off some of the outside plants. Maybe the moisture we did get will slow the fires for a while.

Here N There

The school year is in it's last few week's and it just gets busier with each day. The seniors are busy planning Baccalaureate and graduation and then it's off for that

much looked forward to trip to Hawaii. They can't wait.

Debi Moorhouse spent last week with Lynn, Michael, and Kaylee Rogers in Snyder, helping Kaylee get started out in life. She said she was a good baby and I'm sure Debi did what she could to spoil her as much as she could in the time that she was there.

Joy Yancey and a friend of Wichita Falls were here on Wednesday for a visit with her sisters, Jane Gideon and Imagean Young.

Weekend guests of Lorene Powers were her daughter, Chris Stroop and her husband, Earl, of Midland.

Weldon Gideon will be in the hospital in Wichita Falls later in the week. He will be getting a pace maker and defibulator and is anxious to have that done hoping he will feel much better. Please remember him in your prayers.

Edith Broach (and a friend) of Lubbock visited her daughter, Janet Reed and other relatives and friends here in Knox City during the weekend.

Buerkle set to join PCG staff



Steve Verett said. "Mary Jane brings skill, energy and an understanding and passion for agriculture that will be extremely valuable to our organization."

Since 1956, PCG has been an advocate for the cotton growers of the Texas High Plains, working primarily in the legislative and regulatory arenas. For more information on the organization, visit www.plainscotton.org.

Before moving to PCG, Buerkle was Vice President-Communications for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for more than

six years. Before that, she worked at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as their agriculture reporter. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Communications in 2003 and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education in 2004.

Buerkle is the daughter of Larry and Linda Short and the granddaughter of Warren and Jane Short, all of Rochester. Her husband, Nathan, is a pharmacist at United Supermarkets in Lubbock.

Rochester native Mary Jane Buerkle recently joined the staff of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., in Lubbock as the organization's Director of Communications & Public Affairs.

"We are pleased to be able to add someone of the caliber

of Mary Jane Buerkle to the staff here at PCG," Executive Vice President

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4/5/11

Unauthorized use of vehicle
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Fobbs, Denise Renee
4/6/11

Assault (m-c)
Baylor County

Shaw, Eric R.
4/6/11 Parole violation/burglary of
habitation (f-2)
Knox County

Williams Janay
4/11/11

Fta: criminal mischief (m-b), disorderly
conduct (m-c)
Baylor County

Butler, Damon Ray
4/14/11

Fta: DWI 3rd or more (f-3)
Knox County (arrested in Iowa)

Garcia, David Gabriel
4/16/11
Nonpayment child support (Knox
County)
Arrested in Moore County, Texas

Singleton, David Lewis
4/18/11 DWI 1st (m-b)
Baylor County

Hunubez, Gloria Jean
4/18/11 DWI (m-b)
Foard County

Garcia, Evan
4/20/11
Minor in possession (m-c)
Knox County

Spangler, Jerry Scott
4/20/11 Mtr: DWI 1st (m-b)
Foard County

Schademan, Loren
No driver license (m-c)
Knox County

Welch, macidonia
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1)
Burglary of vehicle (m-a)
Foard County

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The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications continuously throughout the year for participation in programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

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If you are interested in applying for EQIP, WHIP or CSP, or developing a Conservation Plan, contact the NRCS office at the USDA Service Center located at 3950 FM 1292. Drive 1.9 miles north of Knox City on Hwy 6 and 3.2 miles west on FM 1292. For more information, call the NRCS office at 658-3526 x 3.



The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

Have you ever bought a can without a label and then been surprised?

It was like that last week when I shopped for green beans and bought turnip greens. That's what I get for leaving my glasses in the car. At least my husband likes turnip greens.

The last-minute menu change meant I had to scramble some. I don't remember our entrée. Memory loss goes with failing eyesight. But whatever our main item was, it went OK with the turnip greens. I remember that.

Turnip greens, however, call for cornbread. With no time for baking, I let the greens simmer while I skillet-fried corn fritters. I don't think that's exactly the right name for them. Memory fails again. Maybe I never did know what you're supposed to call cornbread cooked like pancakes. Mother never fixed them. That's my excuse. Anyway, they're almost the same as cornbread.

In the end, all that ended up out of kilter was our potatoes — instant mashed rather than fried. You can eat mashed potatoes with cornbread. We did.

There you have it. Not quite being able to see makes life more of an adventure — even at church, where the challenge is trying to figure out where to sit now that words and music are projected onto a big screen. Experimenting to determine the optimum viewing distance means meeting new people every Sunday. Maybe they're unsettled too. Call it musical pews.

As for printed material in general, it's mostly gotten smaller. Of course, people like

me just need to wear the right glasses, whatever that means. I think it means buying lots of pairs of various strengths and styles and having them here and there, close at hand as well as around the neck (where they weren't when I bought the turnip greens).

Here's a trick for you:

If one pair of glasses isn't enough, add another pair. I'm the only person I know who employs this technique, but it works. I think I discovered it. Layered glasses. Maybe I'll start a trend.

But what I'd most like to do is inspire someone to invent and market shower glasses. Somebody already has designed a shower radio — a waterproof receiver that, if memory serves, hangs on a cord like shower soap, another handy invention. Come to think of it, I've seen neither lately. Maybe both soap and radio were fads. But if somebody would invent shower glasses, they'd sell well. Surely many aging Boomers besides me can't read the small print on a bottle of shampoo with the naked eye.

What small print? The word that tells you if it's really shampoo or if you've grabbed the conditioner by mistake.

Not only is "shampoo" written small. It's crowded against "shampooing" for the French and "champu" for Spanish speakers. We sell them short. They could all figure out "shampoo."

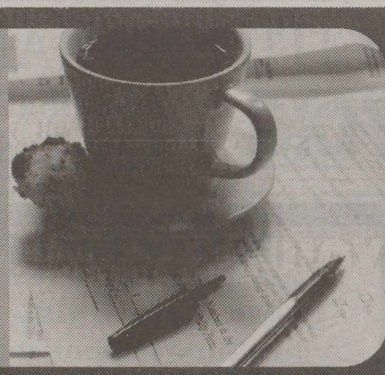
And so could I, if only I could see it.

Granted, it's all part of the above-referenced adventurous life, but I don't like being surprised by conditioner. Better turnip greens.

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Terry Utley for Councilman

Terry Utley, current Knox City City Council incumbent, will rerun for his position. Mr. Utley has who has served the City as Councilman for the last 5 years.

During the 5 years that Terry has served the

people of Knox City, he has witnessed continual progress. If re-elected, his goal is to maintain that growth pattern within the Knox City community. In the time of his service, there has always been money in the bank and financial stability in the municipality.

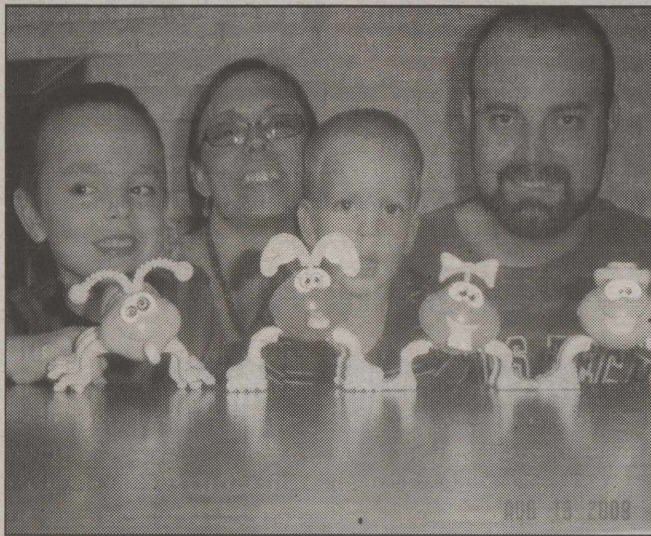
Mr. Utley attended

school Tarleton University in Stephenville, Texas and achieved his bachelors in Agricultural Services and Development. Then Terry continued on to obtain his Masters Degree Ag Education.

Mr. Utley has lived in Knox City for 6 years, has served the county as an Extension Agent and is

currently the Administrator of the O'Brien Co-op gin.

Terry is married to Jennifer Utley and together they are raising their two children, ages 4 and (almost) 2. Terry strives to not only make life the best possible for the citizenry, but to also create a wonderful community for his children to grow.



Ezekial Duke for Knox City Council

Dr. Ezekial Duke, a physician at the Knox County Hospital Clinic, is contending for one of the two open Knox City city council seats. Dr. Duke has never before been a member of the council, but has chosen to run for this position in order to fulfill his ethical obligation to civil servitude.

Dr. Duke, 32, is a Benjamin native. After graduating from BHS, Dr. Duke then went on to receive both his undergraduate

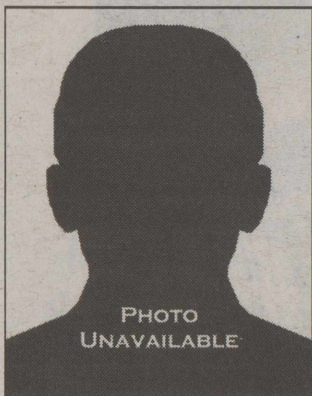
and his medical degree from Texas Tech in Lubbock. Upon the completion of his medical studies, Dr. Ezekiel Duke then returned to Knox County and took on a position as a physician at the KCHD Knox City Clinic. Dr. Duke also is an "amateur entrepreneur" who has joined the group of citizens that are responsible for the creation of the KC Variety Store, and spends extra time traveling the county to educate the public about different medical issues.

While Dr. Duke has no "pet projects" that he intends to bring

to the council with his presence at the table, he does want to be a part of the council to see that the continuation of the recent economic development in the community carries forward. Dr. Duke would really like to begin looking into the steps that it will take to resurface many Knox City streets.

Currently, Dr. Duke is the Finance Committee Chair at the First United Methodist Church and is an active member of the Knox City Masonic Lodge.

As a true family man, Dr. Duke married his bride, Amanda on June 2, 2001. The couple have 2 children, ages 7 and 4, who will both be products of the Knox City/O'Brien public school system. In his spare time, Dr. Duke plays with his children, fishes with his wife or training for marathons. Dr. Duke's children are his main priority and a striving force in his decision to run for local public office.



Steve Pepper for City Council

Steve Pepper, local entrepreneur, has decided to run for City Council again. When asked why he has put his name in the hat to sit

on the council, Steve says, "Knox City has been good to me; I've made a living here, raised my children here, have no where else I'd like to be. I want to be good back to the city."

In the 34 years that Mr. Pepper has lived in Knox City, he has served the community in many ways. Previously, Pepper has served 2 years on the council, has been a member of the school board for 2 terms, has served on the EDC, and was a Board Member of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

Pepper has also served in the Masonic Lodge, both locally and statewide. In 2009, Mr.

Pepper was pronounced the Grand Chaplain for Texas. Currently, Pepper is the District Deputy Grand Master for District 91 of the Masons.

Steve Pepper has opened several businesses in the Knox City landscape that have extended the economic development locally. A matter of pride for Steve is that he has "always owned and operated businesses that put taxes and wages back into the City". Currently, Pepper co-owns The Corley House Bed and Breakfast, Pepper's Dry Goods and Other Stuff, and the Wooden Nickel with his wife, Kay. Pepper is also

a part of the group "Chap" that owns and operates the ice stand on Main Street and an RV Park on the west side of town.

With the new administration, Pepper thinks that it is vital to have a strong city council. "I am not afraid to speak my speak" is one of the positions that Steve is very adamant about.

Steve has been married for (almost) 40 years to Kay Pepper. The couple has 2 grown children, Jerrod and Stephanie, who are both graduates of KCHS. They also have 5 grandchildren, of which 3 are students in KC/O'Brien CISD.

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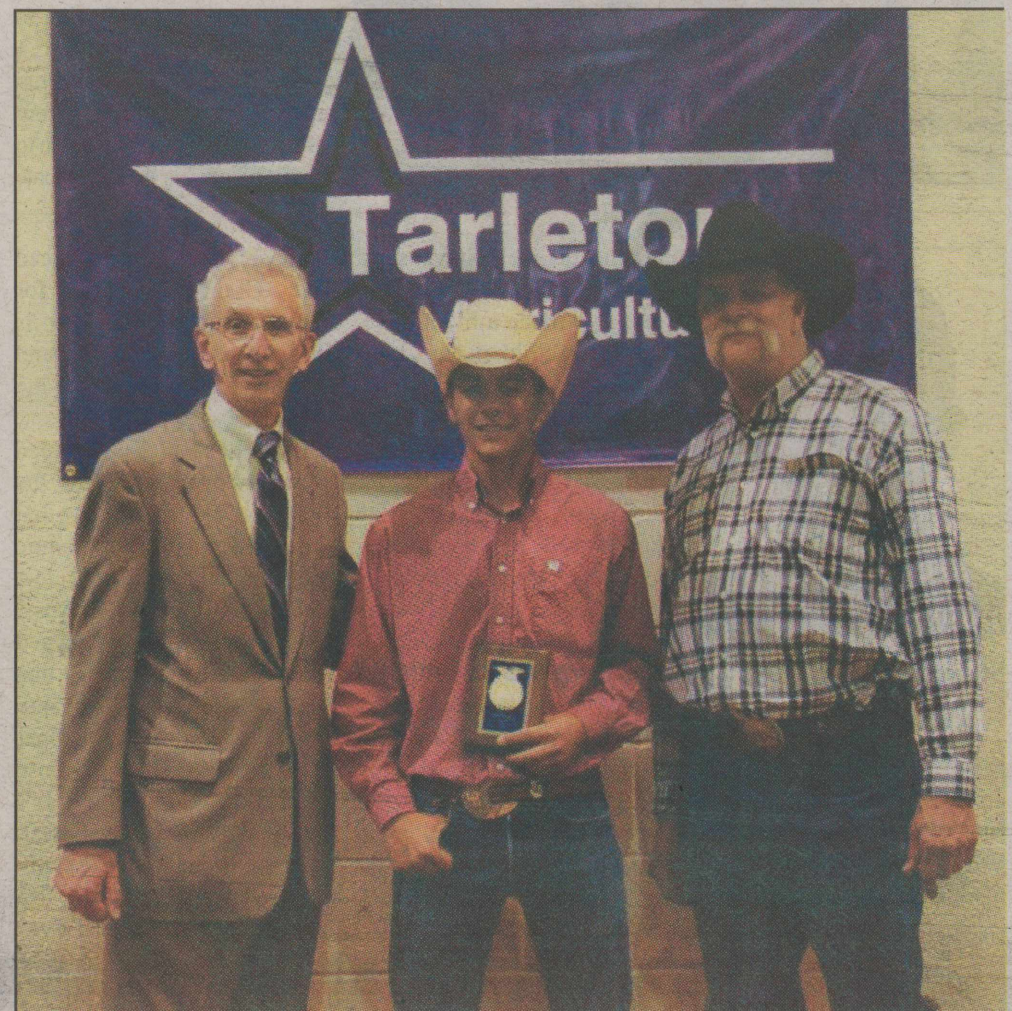


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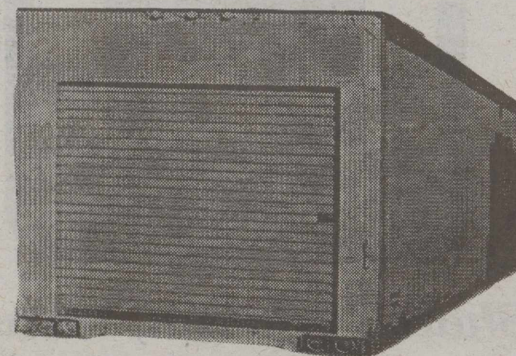
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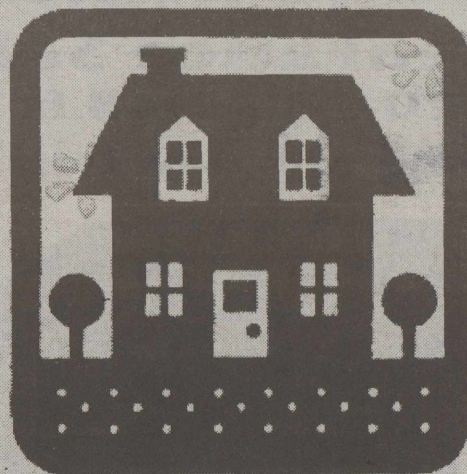
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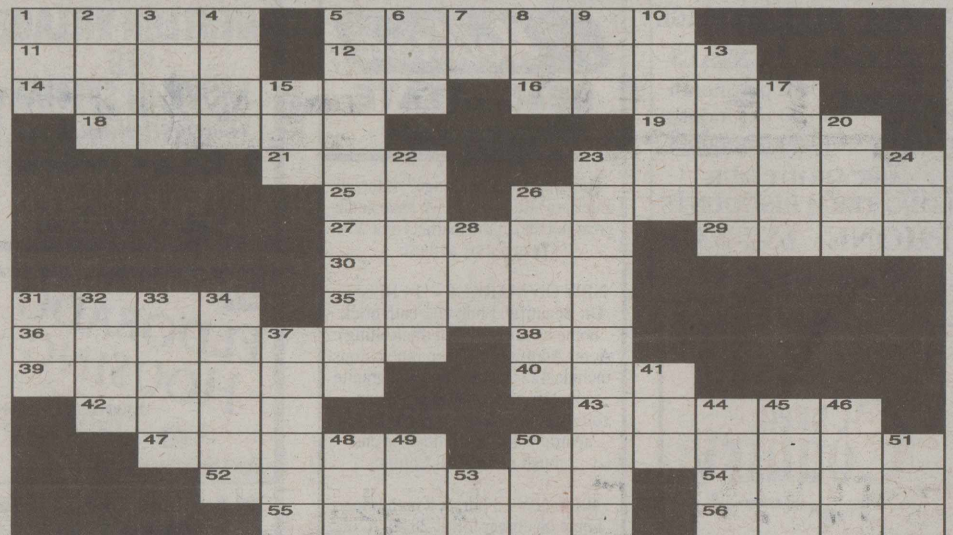
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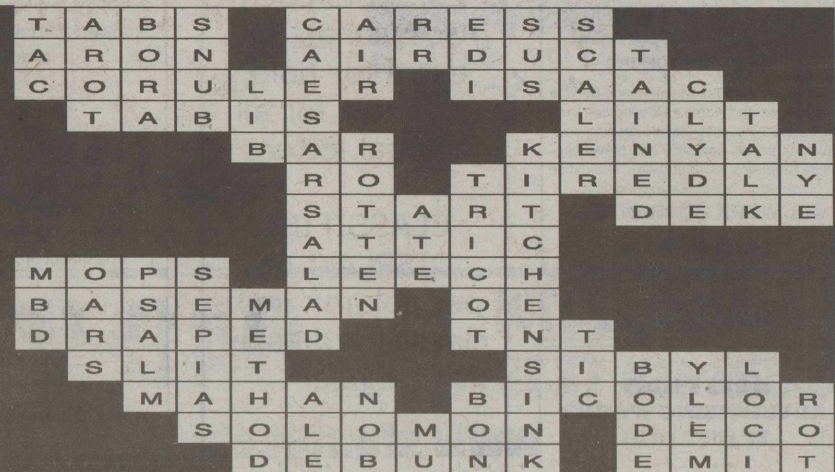
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- 5. Stroke
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- 12. Ventilation shaft
- 14. Shares a reign
- 16. Sir _____ Newton
- 18. Japanese socks
- 19. A jaunty tune
- 21. A measure of music
- 23. A citizen of Nairobi
- 25. Eu_____ monetary unit
- 26. Wearily
- 27. Begin
- 29. An ice hockey fake
- 30. Garret
- 31. Floor cleaning tools
- 35. Aquatic bloodsucker
- 36. Player at 1st, 2nd or 3rd
- 38. Opponent - f_____
- 39. Covered in folds of cloth
- 40. Explosive
- 42. Narrow incision
- 43. Greek prophetess
- 47. Alfred Thayer _____, US naval historian
- 50. Bichrome
- 52. Biblical son of David
- 54. 1930's design style
- 55. Expose while ridiculing
- 56. Utter sounds

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Game with Tic & Toe
- 2. T_____ - fortuneteller cards
- 3. French Polynesian island X2
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- 5. Salad made with a raw egg
- 6. What we breathe
- 7. Railroad
- 8. _____ t - review and correct
- 9. Wild boar genus
- 10. Rockface climber
- 13. Ob_____ - got possession of
- 15. Women's movement
- 17. Bonnie and _____, criminals
- 20. Speak
- 22. Unsound from decay
- 23. Dishwashing area
- 24. Bill, The Science Guy
- 26. Type of knit fabric
- 28. Consumed
- 31. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 32. Paddles
- 33. Biblical song
- 34. Reddish browns
- 37. Manner of procedure
- 41. Habitual facial twitch
- 44. Indicate by signs
- 45. Big bang theory original matter
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