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Knox City Hires New Police Chief

Tamara Smart

After about a month of a hiatus in the Knox City PD, the City Council decided to hire Chris Mendoza as the new Chief of Police.

Mendoza is not a new face on the Knox City landscape, as he has served Knox County for the last 7 years as a Deputy Sheriff. Before that, Mendoza worked at the Taylor County Sheriff's department.

Chris is not a native of Knox, rather he graduated from high school in Merkel. In the years since his high school graduation, Mendoza then attended West Central Texas council of Governors to obtain his further education in order to become an officer of the peace..

When Knox county News inquired about what the most significant case Mendoza has ever worked in his Peace Officer tenure, Mendoza's answer was simple, "Every case is



New Knox City Chief of Police, Chris Mendoza

significant his career." Mendoza says he is and to meet challenges in who lives in Munday.

Mendoza has one excited to start this new job daughter, Madelyn Mendoza

2011 Graduation Schedule

Knox City High School- Saturday, May 28th, 7 p.m. in the Baker Auditorium

Knox City Jr. High- Friday, May 27th, 7 p.m. in Baker Auditorium

Benjamin ISD- Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center (Ex-Student building)

Munday High School- Friday, May 27th, 7 p.m., Munday High School gymnasium

New City Government elected

Tamara Smart

On Saturday, May 12, the voting booths were rolled out and all registered voters were invited to come let their voice be heard concerning local politics.

At 7 p.m., when the polling places closed, votes were tallied and new City Councils were made.

In Knox City, in the race for Mayor, Jeff Stanfield was re-elected with 74 votes, beating opposing candidate,

received 64 votes.

The race for the two open council seats in Knox City was a close one... kind of. With about 140 voters turning out, Dr. Ezekiel Duke won 120 of those votes, securely landing him a spot at the council table. The other open position was not the landslide numbers, but rather was a very close race. That seat will be filled by Steve Pepper, who brought

Danny Lewis, who only in 66 votes, de-seating incumbent, Terry Utley, who had 63 votes.

> In Munday, Buddy Norville, current mayor who ran unopposed received 70 votes.

> There were 2 two-year positions to be filled at the Munday City Council table along with 1 one-year term. Of the four men vying for the 2 two-year terms, Todd

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God's Promises

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Your Key To Life! In Deuteronomy Chapter 30 the Lord lays out our choice in life. We can choose life -- - or we can choose death. We can choose blessings - - or we can choose curses.

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"You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God. obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life " Wow!

First of all, I hope we are all smart enough to choose LIFE and BLESSINGS. Most of you receiveing this email have already chosen ETERNAL life, the most important choice of all - - -

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- well, guess what? Eternal life **BEGINS** the moment you made that choice!

Have you ever noticed that for a lot of Christians, there life does not seem blessed, peaceful, abundant, joyful, and complete? They are still struggling with the same old problems they had before they got born again. Why aren't they partaking in everything their eternal life

has to offer?

Ephesians 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places with Christ."

If you've been born again, then you are one blessed person! Woohoo!

If you aren't walking in blessing, you need to grab a hold of your key and open the door!!

- 1. Love God
- 2. Obey Him

3. Commit yourself firmly to Him

The key to walking in the abundant life that Jesus died to give us is to spend time with God (loving Him) - - -

LISTEN to Him (that means close your mouth and mind and let HIM speak to you) -- - - obey what you hear Him saying and commit yourself to Him.

Here is where most of us miss it: we "hear" that still small voice, but we don't trust that WE heard right. Then, when we do hear and trust that we heard, we **OUESTION** why, what, when, where, how

We question, because we have not yet FULLY committed ourselves to the Lord, KNOWING that HE is our source.

When I think on this, I always remember Abraham taking his son up the mountain. He HEARD God

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because he loved God and spent time with Him and knew His voice.

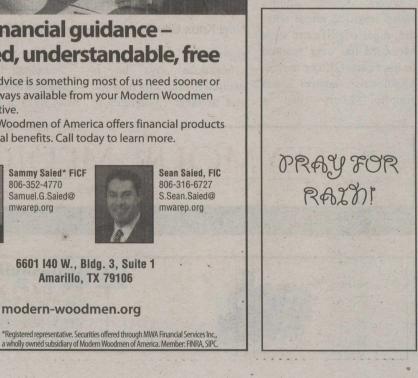
HeOBEYED God and took his son up the mountain.

He was **COMMITTED** to God to very point of completing the act of sacrifice because he KNEW God and knew that God was His source - - - God will provide - - - - and God DID provide!

When God opens a door for you in your life (especially in an area you have been praying and seeking God for) do you walk through, trusting that He will provide.....or do you QUESTION, weigh options, think it though, etc., etc.? I'm not saying that there isn't wisdom in making sure you heard correctly, but once you have heard from the Lord. **COMMIT YOURSELF TO** HIS WAYS! He's got your back! He is your source!

God had plans to prosper you, not to harm you - - plans of peace for you! Make the decision today to grab a hold of the key to life and CHOOSE LIFE!

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on the 9th day of May, 2011, there was conducted a **REGULAR** Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

Knox County Judge Travis Floyd, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. all members were present. Also attending were County Attorney Megan Suarez, County Tax Assessor/Chief Appraiser Mitzi Welch, County Sheriff Dean Homstad, County Clerk Annette Offutt, County Treasurer Rosie Ake, County Court Coordinator Michelle Esquivel,911 Director Pam Reed, County Community Development Director Jimi

BE IT REMEMBERED Coplen, Cheryl Daniel, and Knox County Justice of the Peace Vonnie Ivie. Chad Roberts City Manager from Knox City, Kathleen Hicks and John Hruska from West Texas Rural Counties Association were also present. The Court considered the following matters and addendum as posted and filed for Record in the office of the County Clerk May 5, 2011.

Roberts City Chad Manager from Knox City was on hand to discuss permission to burn some abandoned buildings in Knox City.

Commissioner Griffith made the motion seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held April 11, 2011. The motion passed five to zero.

Kathleen Hicks and John Hruska with West Texas

Rural Counties Association presented the proposal for Property Insurance Coverage.

Sheriff Homstad discussed Air-Evac coverage for the jail.

The Extension Activity Report, Aging Services Report, 911 Report, Knox County Visioning Team, and Road and Bridge Report required no activity.

Commissioner Birkenfeld made the motion to approve Financials, Budget and pay the bills for April, 2011; the motion was seconded by Commissioner McCown, the motion passed five to zero.

There being no further business to come before the Court Commissioner McCown made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Griffith, all agreed. The meeting of the Court was ADJOURNED.

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SAMMIE'S KNOX CITY CORNER AND FINAL THOUGHTS

You'll probably se some new faces at Bud's Café as the staff is changing. San Juana, a staple waitress/ cook, has gone to work at Home Health full time and preparing for CNA classes.

Sheila Overmeyer has more information on her little fivemonth-old niece who lives in Ovalda. She will probably go on the heart transplant list in the very near future. Please be praying for them.

There will be jars out to help myself, we will keep the collect money to aid Sheila in travel and lodging to go stay with the baby so that her sister can get some rest. Her father-in-law is living with them while recovering from a heart surgery and stomach repair.

The band leaves Tuesday to go to Disney World on their trip. Kristi K is one of the sponsors. Between Kristi's mom, Sandra, and

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tanning salon open while she is out.

Danny Reece has had his last chemo treatment, now he is doing physical therapy for his hip. He is doing great and happy to be able to stay home and rest. Danny's wife and all our friends have just done great with prayers and lots of food, card, flowers and anything else they may need.

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Alfredo Abila seems to be doing great. The girls and Amanda are enjoying just being at hoe as a family after such a long road of illness.

My mom is doing well after the fall last week. She is sore, but good. The stitches will hopefully come out Tuesday. Her daughter, Stella Abila, was in town this weekend to se her. Mom always enjoys good company.

My great news is that

I heard from our chosendaughter and grandson who are stationed in Guam. She said her husband will get to return home with her and the baby on May 24 from where he had been stationed for the last 6 months. They are both excited that he is coming home.

I had a visit with Norman and Sue Tolson. Norman is doing much better and looking very good. Thanks

again for all your prayers and thoughts of support and kindness.

I heard that our seniors had a wonderful time at their luncheon last Monday. They also enjoyed a meal on Sunday morning at each others church as they were honored for their successes. Our eighth graders move on

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A sealed bid was received on the following

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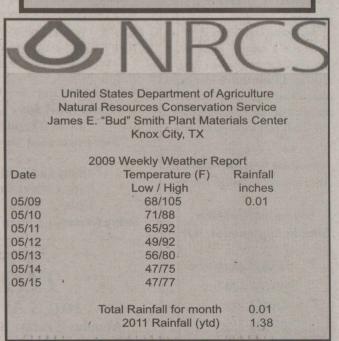
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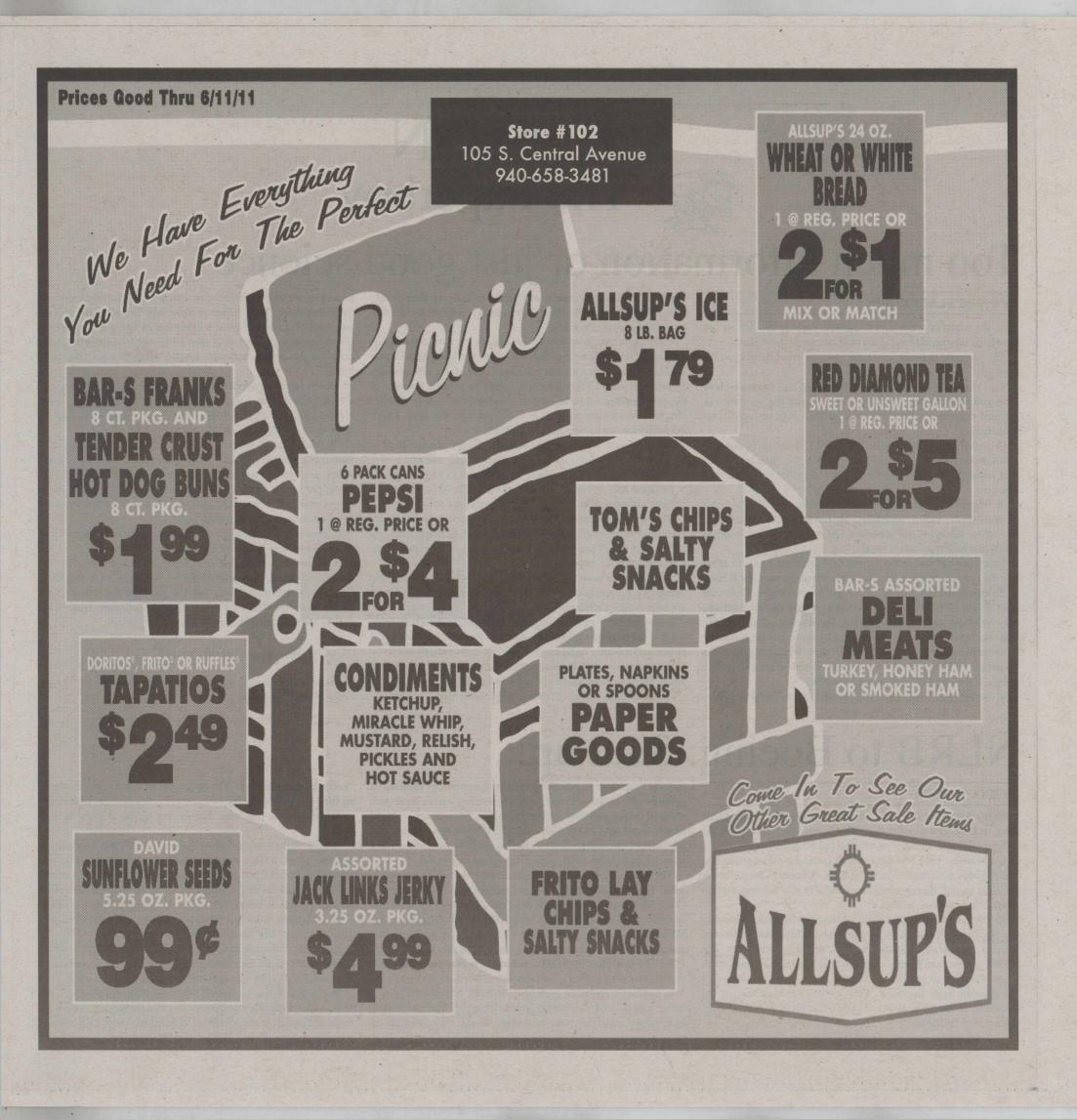
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OPINION The Paperboy

Too much information or just good science?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

In the world of science, it sometimes feels to me like we are bordering on playing God. This may be one of those times.

Do you want to know how long you will live - should you die naturally?

Can you imagine a time when a blood test will determine how long you will live and - perhaps - how much life insurance or medical coverage will cost you? That time may be rapidly approaching.

A controversial test measures how fast you are aging and provides the possibility of estimating how long you have left to live. It is scheduled to go on sale to the general public in Britain later this year.

It works like this: vital structures on the tips of a person's chromosomes, called telomeres, are measured. Scientists believe these telomeres are important and accurate indicators of the speed at which a person is aging.

Scientists say the test determines "biological age." In other words, are you older or younger than actual chronological age?

Telomere testing is expected to become widespread over the next decade. It doesn't take a wizard to realize there are serious concerns from an ethical standpoint. Some scientists are worried that telomere testing could be adapted by some groups, businesses or organizations trying to peddle their anti-aging remedies on people. I worry that the information could be used to punish people if they are old biologically-speaking.

However, one could argue the benefits of such testing, partic-

ularly if it can be determined why someone is dying prematurely from a range of age-related disorders, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer or Alzheimer's.

"We know that people who are born with shorter telomeres than normal also have a shorter life span. We know that shorter telomeres can cause a shorter life span," said Maria Blasco of the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre in Madrid, inventor of the new commercial telomere test. "But we don't know whether longer telomeres are going to give you a longer life span. That's not really known in humans," she added.

"What is new about this test is that it is very precise. We can detect very small differences in telomere length and it is a very simple and fast technique where many samples can be analyzed at the same time. Most importantly, we are able to determine the presence of dangerous telomeres – those that are very short."

Dr Blasco's company, Life Length, is currently in talks with medical diagnostic companies across Europe to market the test and collect blood samples for analysis in Spain. She said deals across Europe are expected within the year.

"We need to have a clinical company to send us the blood [samples]. We are in contact with several groups in the UK who are interested," Dr Blasco said.

Life Length is not the only company selling telomere tests, but it is the only one gearing up for over-the-counter sales to the public and the only company with an accurate-enough test to be of practical use, said Professor Jerry Shay of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas.

"This test devised by Blasco is so accurate that it is likely to owner of this publication.

provide more useful information than some of the other tests out there right now," said Professor Shay, who is a scientific consultant for Life Length. "What's important in aging is the shortest telomeres. What makes cells stop growing is the shortest telomeres, not the average telomere length, which is what other tests look at.

"Everyone talks about the chronological age, but there is also a biological age, and telomere length is actually a pretty good representation of your biological age. Telomeres are important – there is no question of that," he said.

"I think people are just basically curious about their own mortality," Shay continued. "If you ask people what they worry about, most people would say they are worried about dying. People might say 'If I know I'm going to die in 10 years I'll spend all my money now,' or 'If I'm going to live for 40 more years I'll be more conservative in my lifestyle.""

I'll leave it to your imagination to determine the pros and cons of someone other than God knowing this information.

The world is advancing fast. There is so much science and technology developing around us that it is truly mind-boggling. It seems almost like we jump into the puddle without making the proper assessment of whether we should. And guess what? That will be the case until man is no more...

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NLRB to Boeing: Shut up!

By BILL WILSON

Every American should be afraid when their government tells them to keep their mouths shut. This is especially true when the subject relates to a matter of national public policy.

On Monday, Lafe Solomon, acting general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), seemed to forget about the right to free speech when he essentially told Boeing, and all other commentators, to shut it.

In 2009, Boeing made a rational business decision regarding the placement of one of its new production facilities. It decided to open a new plant in South Carolina, a right-to-work state. The NLRB claims that Boeing decided to locate the new facility in South Carolina as retaliation for past union strikes in Boeing's Washington State locations. This ignores the fact that in the meantime Boeing has added over 2,000 employees to its Washington State locations.

The unions are unhappy with the Obama administration for

ways to keep them happy. While unions spent tens of millions of dollars to get Obama elected, only a few union wishes have been realized. Since political opposition makes the passage of highprofile legislation like the so-called Employee Free Choice Act impossible, the administration has resorted to below-the-radar ways to appease its union supporters. Enter the NLRB.

The administration has stacked the NLRB with union operatives. The president used the recess appointment process to place Craig Becker, the former associate general counsel for the SEIU and AFL-CIO, on the board. With Mr. Becker in office, the board has embarked on an activist stint with the apparent intention of making labor laws and regulations more favorable to unions.

Having seen that the NLRB's case against Boeing is weak and that the board's position is being destroyed in analysis by anyone who has taken a serious look at the matter, Mr. Solomon, in a rather snippy letter to Boeing general counsel Michael Luttig, complained about the press coverage, saying, "We hope all interested parties respect the legal process, rather than trying to "keep your mouth shut." The hypocrisy here is hard to miss given the board's propensity to issue press releases anytime doing so will further its positions. This is case of "do as I say, not as I do."

Boeing and all other commentators have a First Amendment right to speak freely, and all should continue to exercise that right. The fact that a high-ranking government official is telling a company and the rest of the public to shut up should send chills down everyone's back. This type of attempted prior restraint is unacceptable in all but the most extreme circumstances, i.e., falsely yelling "fire" in a crowded building.

Since Mr. Solomon is an attorney, he could do well to take a refresher course on First Amendment law. Perhaps a continuing legal education class on the issue would be helpful for him.

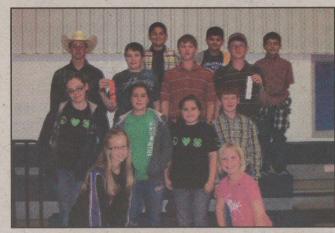
In the meantime, he and all other similarly situated officials should take a step back and remember that preserving our constitutional rights is more important than saving the NLRB's board members from suffering embarrassment as their position is taken

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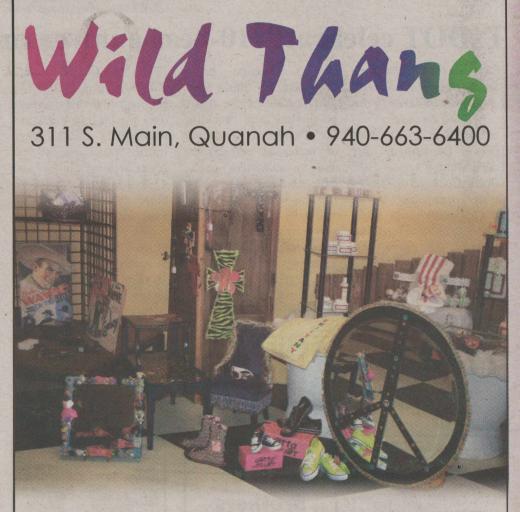
Knox County and the 23 other counties that make up the Rolling Plains District had the biggest Round-Up yet, having over 300 participants. The Round-Up was held at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Vernon Boys & Girls Club in Wichita Falls on Wednesday, May 4. Individuals or teams who placed third or better in Educational Presentations, Beef & Horse Quiz Bowl, and Consumer Decision Making in their respected Senior Divisions, ages 14-19, will also be able to showcase their abilities at the State 4-H Round-Up on June 13-17 at College Station on the Texas A&M campus.

Knox County had a good showing with 14 youth participating in the contest. In the Intermediate Division of Educational Presentations, Kathryn Cude took home 3rd



Consumer Judging 2011 Pictured front to back Ryleigh Waters, John Ross Shaver, Sean Logsdon, Brogan White, Jesse Munoz Brylee White, Katelyn Baker.

place in the Horse category. In the senior division, Ryder Cude had a 2nd place with his horse presentation in which allowed him to advance to the state contest. Another division in the contest was Share-The-Fun. For the Musical category Ryder Cude played his fiddle allowing him to take home 4th place. For Horse Ouiz Bowl there were senior divisions and intermediate/junior divisions. Knox County 4-Her's made up three intermediate/junior teams. "Team A" consisted of Parker Finley, Brylee White, and Katelynn Baker while "Team B" consisted of Brogan White, Brady Finley, and Raleigh Waters and "Team C" consisted of Jesse Munoz, Sean Logsdon, and John Ross Shaver. Parker Finley, Brylee White, and Katlynn Baker came out with a 3rd place against Wichita and Clay county teams. On the beef side of things, we had one senior division beef quiz bowl team that captured a 2nd place finish behind Stephens County. 'The Beef Quiz Bowl team of Shannon Reeves, Trey Tidwell, and Ryder Cude will be competing in the State Beef Quiz Bowl contest in June. Congratulations goes out to all the youth and a special Thank You goes out to all the parents for assisting and traveling with the youth at the contest.



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District Round-Up 2011

TxDOT celebrates 10-year anniversary of the *Click It or Ticket* Campaign

Researchers Estimate Safety Belts Have Saved 2,843 Lives in Texas in the Last Decade

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation's 10th annual Click It or Ticket spring campaign kicks off this week with good news—Texans are buckling up more than ever, and thousands have been "saved by the belt."

Before the Click It or

in Texas in 2002, only 76.1 percent of the state's population was buckling up. Thanks to a decade of increased enforcement and an extensive public education campaign about the life-saving benefits of seat belts, Texans are using seat belts in record numbers. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, 93.84 percent of drivers and passengers now buckle up. Experts at the National

Ticket campaign began Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimate that this increase over the past 10 years has resulted in 2,843 fewer traffic fatalities, 48,000 fewer serious injuries, and a savings to the state of more than \$10 billion in associated costs.

"We're extremely proud of what Texas has been able to accomplish over the past 10 years, and we're grateful to law enforcement, safety advocates, and drivers and

since1976

passengers everywhere for making it happen," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's **Traffic Operations Division** Director. "But we can't quit now-we want this trend to continue."

Despite an overall downward trend in fatalities between 2003 and 2009, traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for those between one and 44 years of age in Texas. In 2009 in Texas, more than 3,000 people died in fatal collisions on Texas streets and highways, and just under half were not buckled up. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent, and in pickups, that number increases to 60 percent, due to the fact that pickup trucks are more likely to roll over in a crash than passenger cars.

To ensure that Texans

seat belt laws, thousands of state troopers will join police officers and sheriffs' deputies statewide between May 23 and June 5, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend, to ticket drivers and passengers who aren't buckled up.

"Click It or Ticket is about saving lives, because we know that when a person buckles up, their chances of surviving a crash are far better. We prefer voluntary compliance with the law, but we will write tickets if necessary," said Major Ron Joy of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Fines for failing to fasten your seat belt can add up to \$250, plus court costs. It's not just drivers that must buckle up-state law also requires passengers in the front and back seat to buckle up.

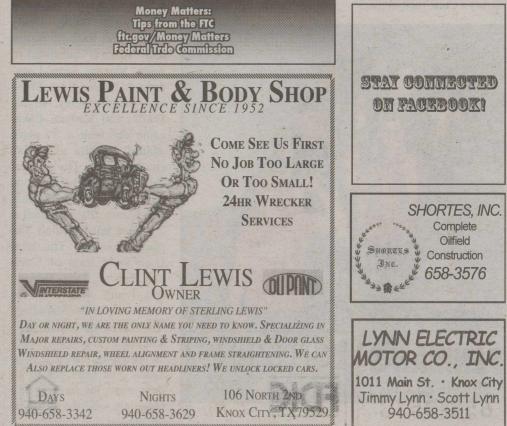
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Benjamin News By Gladene Green

Here it is already Mid-May. Where have the past 4 and a half months gone. The weather is far more pleasant than it was for a few days. Matter of Fact, the early mornings have been pretty chilly. But as the saying goes: "It's Texas and there's always change happening."

Sympathy Sent

My sincere sympathy to the family of Sybil Simmons today. Sybil passed away on Friday. in Vernon hospital after a few days illness. She was a Gilliland resident, but had resided in the Crowell Nursing Center for quite sometime. She was a wonderful person and a very good friend of mine, as she was to many Her funeral was today at Gilliland Baptist Church.

Regarding Our Ill

Roger Bohannon and Mike young are both doing much better after their hospital stay last weekend. Both are out and about and hopefully their progress will continue. Also, Weldon Gideon continues to improve daily after getting his pace maker. His son, Mike, who also lives at Bryan was a recent visitor with him, which made him feel better. (The kid visits always "perks one up"!)

Kenneth Roberts is in a Wichita Falls Hospital after a fall off his motorized scooter on Saturday. The result was a broken shoulder and also breaking his arm in a couple of places. Reports are that he probably will not have surgery, but that treatment will be immobilization and



own. He may also go back to one of the nursing centers for some skilled care when he is able. I ask your prayers for him and his family at this time.

Charles Griffith is to have cataract surgery on Wednesday in Lubbock. He's ready to get it done. He says it just affects one eye, but he wants it "fixed".

Awards Banquet

annual awards The banquet was Tuesday night at the Memorial Building. After a delicious meal of brisket and all the trimmings,

let the injuries mend on their the awards were presented to all who participated in the High School activities.

> The Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang Award went to Senior, Cody Propps, and the Lady Stang Award went to Shelby Russell, also a senior. Winning the Lamar Award, given my the Masonic Lodge for allaround leadership were Cody and Shelby.

> On the elementary awards given, Dennis Harris, a 6th grade student of Mrs. McElroy, won first place in an essay contest. The award was given by the Tx Dept. of

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Health and there were several entries from the area- not just Benjamin.

I congratulate all these

students on their year's accomplishments.

Receives Degree

Brittney Kuehler received her Bachelor of Science degree in General Business on Sat., May 14, from Midwestern University. The program was held at the Kay Yeager Coliseum at 10 a.m.

Brittney is a 2007graduate of B.S., and the daughter if Mark and Teresa. She us currently employed in the financial aid office of M.U. and will continue to work there while she busies herself with submitting resumes and filling out applications for permanent employment. Other than her parents, those attending the graduation were her grandparents, E.O. and Irene Reed, Dickie and Laura

McCanlies of Benjamin, Donnie and Sheryl Reed of Jolly Val Reed of Bowie, and Sherry and Christ Hons of Seymour. They all enjoyed a family meal together following the program. I congratulate Brittney and wish her well from here on.

Here N There

Sara Clower, a student at HSU has completed the year and is home for the summer. See BENJAMIN NEWS on page 11



FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

It is our honor to salute the heroes, past and present, of our Armed Forces this Memorial Day.

> Their dedication to our country and to the defense of freedom will never be forgotten.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

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KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES MENUS FOR MAY 23rd TO MAY 27TH

Monday May 23rd Steak Fingers/Gravy **Buttered Potatoes** Peas, Hot Rols Fruit

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Just Jeff

By Jeff Stanfield

Obama taken credit for Bin Laden's death is like going in a McDonald's and Ronald McDonald taking credit for the hamburger. It's the guy cooking the hamburger who should get credit, not the clown in front.

Do we have a potential crisis in the making? No, I'm not talking about the NFL, or even the Ranger's pitching. I am taking about a food shortage. Have you noticed how everything is getting higher because of supply and demand? It is not just because of fuel. Beef prices are getting higher and they are not able to maintain the national herd. Corn is not getting planted up north due to soil temperatures and flooding. Look at all the great farmland that has washed away in the Mississippi delta, and this week alone is going to wipe out most of all the farmland in Louisiana along the river delta. Now we throw of this drought in west Texas

and the panhandle, creating even more of a shortage for grazing. The cattle are being sold, but nothing to replace them with. I personally am not scared of dying but the thought of starving to death is not the way a fat boy wants to go.

Last week they had a shoot out in Lake Falcon with 12 people getting killed in a shootout with a Mexican drug gang. Then 5 days later, Obama stands in El Paso and says the border is safer than ever. I have a great idea; if it is so safe why doesn't he take his family and tour Juarez or even better than that, camp out in the desert south of Phoenix! Why won't he? Because he is full of Obama. The border is not safe and that old story is about as worn out as Pam Anderson's mattress. The border is the gateway for drugs, gang's and terrorists. If you were a pissed off Arab and you wanted to get in America, and money was not an object, all you would

have to do is take a plane to Mexico and walk across the bridge to America.. Hell, if a fat mayor in West Texas can figure that out, then it is not a hard solution to their biggest problem of getting a terrorist into America.

FEMA has decided they will not give Texas any disaster relief for the wildfires but I am sure we will make our 3 billion dollar a year payment to Pakistan for all their needs. The US gives somewhere around \$25 billion a year to foreign countries. Why? If we took that money and put it into social security it would not take too long to get it back on its feet.

Enough politics. Let's talk about my grammar. It stinks. I am not an English major; never was and never will be. Heck, I had a hard enough

time spelling Louisiana and Mississippi earlier. I doubt anyone reads this for my vocabulary. I am still really surprised anyone reads it at all. My last rant for the

week: A soldier fights for our freedom and sacrifices his family, and possibly his life for us. When he retires after 20 years he gets 50% pay and healthcare. When a senator or congressman retires after 1-term he gets 100% pay and healthcare (which is better that what we can buy). How is this fair? I think we could randomly select 100 people from Wal-Mart (and we all know how I feel about that place) and would improve our senate. Maybe not in pedigrees, but damn sure in common sense...

God Bless Jeff Stanfield



Advice to tour guides: If you're talking to 10-year-old boys, throw in a murder and a suicide. Works every time.

No, I'm not a seasoned tour guide. I learned that guiding principle only recently - namely, yesterday evening. But the next time I lead a group of adolescents on a historical walking tour, I'll know to mix the sensational stuff with the architectural details.

Last night's tour for adolescents followed close on the heels of a similar tour for adults. The grown-ups were nice and showed interest in everything, but the kids were the greater delight. For instance, they weren't perturbed when the train went by. They stood at the track and counted the cars and prompted the engineer to blow the whistle more than usual, which is a lot. OK, I'll admit it. I too signaled him to lay on the whistle toots - the same way my friends and I used to get truckers to blow their air horns. Do trucks still have air horns? Not that it matters

Anyway, back to last night's boys. They asked me first about saloons. Armed with a sheaf of information based on maps that went back to 1892, I was able to confirm to them the prior existence of several saloons. Never disappoint.

They told me they'd heard there'd once been a shootout.

I confirmed what they'd learned in school, even as we stood where the gun battle occurred. Since we were on an architectural tour, I worked saloons into the story. It's

true the protagonists had hit more than one local watering hole that day, probably all on the very street where we stood. I made nothing up.

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Not that I would lie - neither to kids or adults. There's too much truth to tell.

Based on their interest in saloons and the famous gunfight, I told them about a suicide a couple of blocks away - one they'd not heard about in school. Again, success.

More advice to tour guides:

It's best to tell stories that have the patina of time. After enough years, sensitive issues diminish, and you simply have a good story. About 75 years usually does the trick, but sometimes you have to wait 100, especially in a small town. You never know whose grandkid is listening.

Speaking of grandkids, a friend of mine has one who's about 11. She was chauffeuring him in the town where he lives. Coincidentally, some of his ancestors once lived there too. When she happened to drive him by the courthouse, he told her his friends said it was haunted.

She told him that his great-great uncle (or some such relative) had killed himself there.

Probably nothing she could have shared with him would have given him a better story to tell schoolmates the next day.

A few good stories. That's all it takes to bring history to life for eager young minds.

One of the boys in my little group summed it up with one remark:

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Katy, Lexee and Blaze Taylor of Amarillo spent the weekend here with grandparents, Mike and Debi Moorhouse and their cousin, Dillon Keys, while parents, Cody and Kyla were in Mansfield playing in a softball tournament.

Gloria West, Lorraine Powers and Debbie Clower attended the wedding of Sara Leathers and Kyle Bartlett in Abilene on Saturday afternoon. Sara is the daughter of Joe and Louis Leathers and is a former Benjamin resident. The Leathers are now residents of Guthrie.

Brooke and Kamryn Jones spent the weekend in Lubbock with their "big" sister, Devon. Devon is a student at Tech, but will be transferring to M.U. in June.

Cody Propps was in Austin on Sunday fro an interview, applying for a 4H scholarship. He said that the interview went well, but won't know how he came out until later. The winners will be announced on June 13 at a banquet in College Station. Of course, we wish Cody well.

Jane and Randolph Barnett were in Lubbock last weekend to visit her son, Jeff, and his family, and Joe Bob and his family who live in Slaton and attend their grandchildren's band concert. Judy said they did really well and, like all grandmothers, girls, and congratulations.

she is very proud of them. I congratulate the Mogul track team for winning it all in Austin. They took top honors in Class A division and that's mighty good. Sorry that the OAP didn't win down there, but already were winners when they got home.

And I congratulate the winners in all the local election, as the number of seats to be filled was the number running. Pam Duke, Dawn Vanderpol and Bubba Benson have gone onto the school board. Dickie McCanlies and Mike Moorhouse opted not to run again. Both had served for quite sometime. Jerry Parker went on to the City Council:

Don't forget Baccalaureate Sunday night, May 22 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ. High School commencement on Friday night, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Building. Jr. High graduation is Thurs. night, May 26, also at the Memorial Building.

And one more thing, I omitted a very important part of the awards presentation. That being the announcement of the High School Cheerleaders for the next year. They will be Toni Brown, who will be a senior, and Sydney Mendoza, who will b a freshman. Sorry

The results of Saturday's election are not official until city and school elections. the local council "canvases We didn't have to have an the vote" at their ext meet-

votes.

ing. The new and returning incumbents will be sworn in on Thursday evening, and

votes. In the one-year term

race, Rvan Cottingham col-

lected 85 votes, defeating

Scott Perry who obtained 21

Sybil Simmons, 92 died on Friday, May 13, 2011 in Vernon, Texas. Date and Place of Birth: July 17, 1918 - Gilliland, Texas, daughter of the late J. R. Spivey and Clara Bates Spivey. Married to William Hewitt Simmons on November 28, 1940 in Gilliland, Texas. Date and Time of Funeral Service: Monday, May 16, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. Place of Funeral Service: Gilliland Baptist Church - Gilliland, Texas. Officiating: Rev. Marq Brockett, pastor of the Gilliland Baptist Church

See ELECTIONS continued from page 1 Wilson and Robert Bowen their term will officially start won those positions with 53 at midnight Friday, May 20. and 70 votes respectively. One notable thing about They defeated Mario Sigala this local election was the who received 35 votes and percentage of people who Fidel Rodriguez with 30

are registered to vote as compared to those who participated in the voting procedures. In Knox City, there are over 600 registered voters; yet, not even 140 made the effort to vote. In Munday, the voter turnout was also very low. To become more involved in local politics, please contact your City Hall regarding upcoming meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

Obituary by: Rev. H. B. Graves of Knox City, Texas. Date and Place of Burial: Monday, May 16,

2011 - Truscott Cemetery - Truscott, Texas. Under the Direction Of: Womack-Manard Funeral Home-Crowell, Texas. Background: She was a lifetime resident of Gilliland, Texas, a graduate of Truscott High School, member of the Gilliland Baptist Church, and a retired teacher's aide. Survived by: Son - Ronnie Simmons and wife, Sherri, of Crowell, Texas. 5 Grandchildren, 2 Great Granddaughters

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adults.

to the high school too. It was a wonderful mean and a great time, especially getting to see the pride and love in parent's and grandparent's faces.

fire department The fundraiser was a great success. Saturday, the KCVFD hosted a gold tournament and 15 teams signed up to enjoy the food, golf and door prizes. The weather was great for golfing, but we still pray for rain.

Speaking of which, it is golfing season again. Be extra careful when you are walking on the walking path at the country club. You probably need to reschedule walks for times that there isn't' a tournament going on. If you are a golfer and haven't received a schedule of upcoming tournaments we will try and get one to you as

soon as possible. It was great to see Cody Wainscott home and planning a wedding. How quick the kids grow up. It's good to see them become such great

This weekend Gilbert and Diana Casillas had David and Maggie Saucedo from Corpus Christi and her mother in law, Pauline, from Seymour.

Ken and Jim Lawson were here for the weekend to clear out some of their parents home. They visited with me for a minute and they will be back and forth until they get everything done. It was good to see them and their lovely wives.

Until next week.

Sammie Offield



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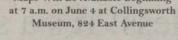
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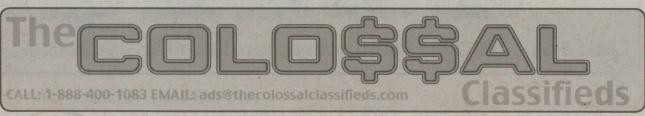
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