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'Click It or Ticket' campaign to start

Texans know their pickup trucks rock, but they also need to know that they roll.

Because pickup trucks are larger than cars, drivers tend to feel safer in their pickup than in a passenger car. But pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll as passenger cars. And, according to a 2011 study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute, only 80 percent of pickup truck drivers buckle up. Compare that to the more

than 90 percent of passengers in all other types of vehicles who regularly put on their seat belts.

Unfortunately, half all those killed in pickup truck crashes were found to be unbuckled. That's why this year's Click It or Ticket campaign is focusing on getting pickup truck drivers and passengers to buckle up.

This year will mark the 11th anniversary of the Ticket or Click Campaign. Over the

years, campaign efforts have saved an estimated 2,843 lives in Texas and prevented more than 48,000 serious injuries resulting from car crashes.

Click It or Ticket is a two-week-long program that coincides with Memorial Day weekend. The message is designed to emphasize that wearing a seat belt is not only cost-saving, but life-saving.

From May 21 to June 3 extra law enforcement will be on the

roads enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws. Seat belts are required for both front and back passengers. Children under eight years old, unless taller than 4-foot, 9 inches, must ride in child safety restraints. Fines for noncompliance can range from \$25 to \$250.

Texas AgriLife Extension Agent, Lorrie Coop, reminds motorists that buckling up can save money and, more importantly, save lives.

USDA crop certification deadline slated for May 15

Knox County USDA Fann Service Agency Executive Director, John Rector, reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for small grain crops is May 15.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Knox County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the May 15 deadline," said Rector.

Producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster.

Best at BHS ...

Kelsey Brown and Matthew Acree walked away with some of the top honors at the recent Benjamin High School Awards Banquet. Brown, a multi-sport standout, was presented the 2012 Benjamin Lady 'Stang Award, while Acree netted the bots' Mustang Award. Acree competed in the Class A state golf tournament last weekend in Austin.



Fun Days slated for May 12 at KC Park

Fun is coming to the Knox City Park - Family Fun Days, to be more precise.

Family Fun Days will be held in the city park on May 12. All funds for the event will be applied to student scholarships.

The event supports four Big Country high school seniors who will soon receive college scholarships from local Freemasons.

Orient Lodge # 905 in Knox City, consisting of all Masons from the communities of Benjamin, Haskell, Knox City and Munday, is beginning its annual fund raising drive in an effort to offer one high school senior from each community a \$1,250 scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of the school year.

Interested seniors must write a short essay to compete for the scholarship. The high school counselors at each school will have details.

The opportunity for communities to join in the effort is available through the donations of individuals and businesses. For the third year in a row, a premium grade over-and-under

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Bloodmobile coming to Knox City on May 15

Knox County residents can help save lives next week.

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be Knox County Hospital Commerce, on Tuesday, May 15 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test.

Meek Blood Center recently revised their guidelines regarding many medications and medical conditions, which will qualify more people as blood donors. Those who have been deferred for medications and medical conditions in the past are asked to call (325) 670-2798 to inquire about eligibil-

ity. Blood donors are needed on a daily basis to take care of patients with a variety of medical needs and conditions. The need for a blood transfusion is usually immediate, and adequate supply of all blood types that has been processed and tested must be available at all times. There is no artificial substitute for human blood. All blood products used for blood transfusions must come from volunteer donors. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at seventeen area hospitals covering fourteen counties, including Knox County Hospital.



Big winners ...

Josiah Coplen (son of Jerry and Jimi Coplen) and Jeannie DePippo (grandson of Greg and Pam Oliver) were the blue ribbon winners in the Red Wagon contest last weekend during Adventure Days.

KC Class of '67 to hold 45th reunion

The Knox City High School Class of 1967 will be holding its 45th class reunion in Knox City on June 2, at The Wooden Nickel. The reunion is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run through 5 p.m.

Local residents are invited to stop by and visit with old classmates.

For more information, or to register for the Class of 1967 reunion, please contact Twyla Barnard at (254) 212-9124 or write: Class of '67 Reunion, c/o Twyla Barnard, 1102 N. Memphis Ave. #5108, Lubbock, Texas, 79415.



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Junior high powerhouse ...

The Benjamin Junior High volleyball team dominated the Rotan tournament on Tuesday, May 1. The Lady 'Stangs accumulated 97 out of a possible 100 points by beating Aspermont, Munday and O'Brien. Overall, the BJHS squad went 3-1, with their only loss in the points-based tournament being a narrow 25-22 loss to Rotan. Additionally, the Lady 'Stangs competed against Munday and O'Brien on May 7. This Monday, Benjamin will travel to Aspermont. The 2012 season will come to an end on Monday, May 21, at home.

God bless all the moms on their day

The most special person on Earth is your mom.

A mother is the safety blanket for all of us, no matter how tough or mean. We all have a special place for mom. It has to be the most sacred bond in the world.

Mom's sacrifice so much for their kids, some more than others. I have known many moms who stop their own goals and dreams to raise a family. I have known single moms who work more than one job to make ends meet, and I know those who have never worked but volunteer countless hours to help so many unfortunate children have better lives.

I have never seen my mom, or wife, eat the last of anything, drink the last coke or get up last in the morning. Who packs for trips, and reminds us of all the things we are going to forget? Who always seems to pack the things we did forget?

Mom... Who remembers to leave the window unlocked for the Easter bunny? Who remembered to make sure that the Tooth Fairy knew under which pillow a tooth could be found?

Who got caught kissing Santa Claus?

Mom. That's who.

Just Jeff



By Jeff Stanfield

A mom wipes are tears when we are scared, and tells us she loves us when someone has hurt our feelings. When we have a bad day, who makes that special treat to eat? Well, of course, it's Mom.

Who cleans up our cuts and scrapes and cleans up our messes? Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, who cooks, serves a meal and cleans up?

Poor Mom she gets the short end of the stick. But Moms wouldn't have it any other way.

God Bless all the moms and, hopefully, on Sunday dad and the kiddos will take care of you...

Jeff Stanfield is a local columnist His column does not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper or its publishers.

Benjamin to hold pet vaccination clinic

Knox County pet owners take notice, the City of Benjamin is about to make your pet's life a whole lot better.

The City of Benjamin will be holding its annual Pet Vaccination Clinic on May 19. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the Benjamin City Hall, which is located at 303 S. Hinton.

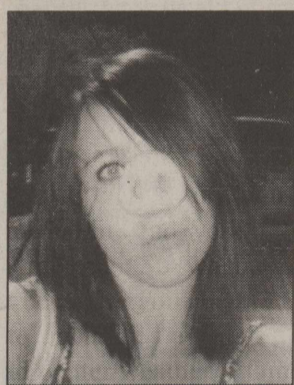
The clinic will be held by Dr. James Gober of the Haskell Veterinary Clinic.

According to city officials, residents will be able to obtain several shots at the clinic, including those for rabies, distemper/parvo and feline leukemia.

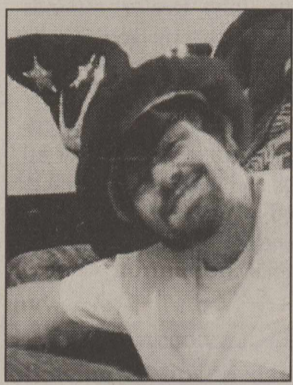
The cost for a rabies vaccination for dogs will be \$10. The distemper/parvo vaccination will cost \$15. The rabies and FVRCP vaccinations for cats is \$12, while the Feline Leukemia vaccine will be administered for \$19.

In addition to the shots, local residents will also be able to register their pets with the city.

For more information please contact Benjamin City Hall during regular business hours.



May 11



May 9

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Area seniors to be honored in special graduation edition

Area high school seniors will get their chance to shine next month when the Knox County News published its annual graduation edition. Seniors from Knox City, Munday, Throckmorton, Woodson and Benjamin will be spotlighted.

Overall, more than 100 area seniors will be showcased in the edition.

Area individuals, parents and businesses will be able to place ads in the edition.

Advertising rates are available that can fit almost any budget, said KCN publisher Tommy Wells.

Reserve your ad today in the keepsake edition by calling (940) 329-1540 or emailing knoxconews@gmail.com.

Triangles have a unique place

Triangles have a unique place in our world. Engineers use them to build bridges, romance writers use them to manufacture chaos, Pythagoras used it to create his theorem, and the shortstop uses it to make a double play! Triangles strengthen structures. They take three straight lines going nowhere and form a bond that can withstand great pressure.

I see this cohesive combination in another triangle: woman-horse-child. It is particularly evident when the child has Down's syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis or any other disability which restricts their possibilities.

In many equine therapeutic riding programs that I've visited, women are the predominant hands-on helpers in the arena. To be successful, a mutual trust must be established. It is no secret that most young kids are more at ease with a mother figure. Children innately sense the mother's compassion from her voice, her touch and her protective stance.

A woman introduces the child to the horse. This allows the child to give the horse the benefit of the doubt, because the woman trusts the horse and the child trusts the woman. When the child is set up on the horse's back, it is still in the mother's arms, ready to be rescued if need be. Through a long progression of walks around the arena the child's faith increases in the horse. The physical mother-child contact begins to loosen.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

It proceeds from holding one hand, to a hand on the back, to a hand on the saddle, to walking beside leading, and then one day, cheering from the sidelines.

The child's trust eventually expands to include the horse. The triangle is complete. We have connected woman-to-child-to-horse and back to woman. This third leg was there before the child was born or was even a thought. Woman-to-horse was always there. Not in all women, in all horses, or in all kids, I admit, but in many. I have given up trying to understand the relationship. I have seen it so often I no longer think it is haphazard or coincidental. I have concluded it involves some primitive instinctual behavior.

It is especially obvious at any

equine therapeutic riding center. Check it out for yourself. You will see small islands of woman-horse-child. Concentrate on one of those triangles. Try and drown out the chatter, the buckets, and the racket going on around you. Then imagine the child on the horse is yours. You become hypersensitive to the slightest movement; be it protective, encouraging, or loving.

Even the smallest step in this magic triangle performance going on in the arena becomes magnified. Successes are marked in the tiniest gesture, the slightest smile, the tentative smile and the skip of a heartbeat. And through the cloud that puts you in the triangle, you hear the softest of voices saying, "It's all right, he won't hurt you."

Knox County Aging Services

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of May 14-18 for the Knox County Aging Services

All meals are served with Wheat Bread, Margarine and 1

percent milk.

Monday, May 14 - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables. Whole wheat roll, Angel Food cake/strawberries.

Tuesday, May 15 - Ham/beans, spinach, seasoned corn, cornbread, orange/pineapple cup, country apple crisp.

Wednesday, May 16 - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato/sour cream, peas/carrots, strawberries/topping.

Thursday, May 17 - Baked chicken & dumplings, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, winter fruit cup.

Friday, May 18 - Breaded fish on a bun/tartar sauce, lettuce/tomato/pickle, potato wedges, slaw, peach chantilly.

NOTE: New serving time is noon (in Knox City only). Alternate desserts available for diabetics.

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- cowboys cow's hide when branding
- Lady Bird: Claudia Taylor Johnson
- ex-Cowboy Leon
- UT has collection of work of this folksinger Burl
- Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93
- this TX Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- TXism: "just two whoops — holler away"
- this TX Jamison was 1st black woman in space
- in Hidalgo Co. on 107: couch
- rodeo cowboys use rosin to improve their grip
- San Antonio street: Chaney
- Coleman Co.'s namesake was Aide- to Gen. Sam Houston
- TX prof.'s degree
- TX Ginger film: "Shall Dance?"
- music system
- LBJ took of office on Air Force 1
- TXism: "legal" (lawyer)
- Cinco de Mayo Mexico defeat of France
- Duke (M.D.)
- historic Kiowa chief
- ex-Cowboy Irvin (init.)
- TX chain: Pay-n-approves
- TXism: "blister (handle)
- '89, the Phillips plant in Pasadena did this
- Santa TX
- TXism: "got knocked down a peg two"
- under the Houston Ship Channel: Baytown
- Astro pitcher in '91
- TX hot sauce maker
- 2,000 pounds
- Spurs play at the Center
- "to the degree"
- early Rio Grande indian tribe
- a football team
- "Texas" is most outdoor
- drama in U.S.
- barn critters
- TXism: "size up" (evaluate)
- TX C&W singer Gary Morris played Rodolfo in this play
- private jet
- nat. corn farmers organization based in Dimmitt (abbr.)
- "Elissa" in Galveston Bay is three-
- TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- Rice's 1st president Lovett (init.)
- TXism: "dumb as"
- least toxic radioactive waste (2 wds.)
- TX flag upside down means "help"
- ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- and so forth (abbr.)
- TXism: "honcho" (company head)
- meaning of Brazos: "God"
- TX Kristofferson's "Help it Through the Night"
- Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- TX Tyler who sang "Deck of Cards" (init.)
- TXism: "plain as the mule"
- TXism: "brave as a first teacher"
- TXism: "horse town" (small town)
- century of Spanish exploration of TX
- TXism: "just a in the bucket"
- English saloon
- pitcher Nolan (init.)
- TXism: "quick as you can eye"
- TX-born ragtime composer Joplin

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Sports

Acree grabs 6th at Class A UIL state golf tournament

Matthew Acree went into the University Interscholastic League's Class A State Golf Tournament looking to prove he could play with the state's elite golfers.

He more than did that. The Benjamin High School standout rode the strengths of a solid first round to a sixth-place finished in the individual medalist standings at Lions Golf Course in Austin. Acree finished

the two-day tournament just 13 strokes off the winning pace.

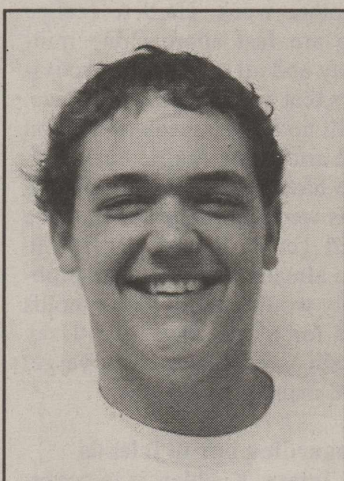
Acree was among the top players on the course in the first day. The BHS junior fired an opening round of 74 - just four shots over par, and went into the close of action ties for fourth just three strokes off the lead.

Martin's Mill standout Jackson Latimer and Canadian's Brody Davis led the tournament after the first round. Both carded one-

over 72. Tilden's Clay Atkinson was third at 74, one stroke ahead of Acree.

The second day of the tournament didn't go quite as well for Acree. He struggled to fire a round of 82 over the final 18 holes and finished with a two-day mark of 159.

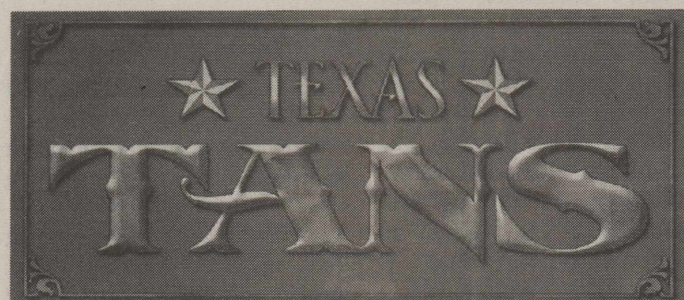
Latimer won the boys' medalist honors with a 146. Davis finished second at 147, three shots better than Atkinson.



Matthew Acree... finished 6th at state golf tournament in Austin.

KC Youth Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Teams	Place
May 10	5:30 p.m.	Haskell vs. KC Dirty Devils	KC
May 14	5:30 p.m.	Anson Red vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 14	7:30 p.m.	KC Dirt Devils vs. Rotan	Rotan
May 15	7:30 p.m.	Aspermont vs. KC Knights	KC
May 17	5:30 p.m.	Aspermont vs. KC Dirty Devils	KC
May 17	7:30	KC Thunder vs. Anson Black	Anson
May 18	7:30 p.m.	KC Knights vs. Hawks	Haskell
May 19	9 a.m.	Spartans vs. KC Rangers	KC
May 21	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs Bears	Haskell
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Hamlin Green vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 22	7:30 p.m.	Stamford vs. KC Knights	KC
May 24	7:30 p.m.	KC Rangers vs. Bulldogs	Stamford
May 28	5:30 p.m.	Yankees vs. KC Thunder	KC
May 28	5:30 p.m.	KC Dirty Devils vs. Bulldogs	Stamford



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Pride of O'Brien ...

The O'Brien Middle School seventh grade volleyball team (top) and eighth grade (bottom) competed in the Rotan tournament this past week. The OMS squads will return to action this Monday.

Knox City-O'Brien School Menus

The following lunch menus have been listed for the week of May 14-18 for the Knox City/O'Brien schools.

BREAKFAST
May 14 - Biscuits w/ sausage gravy or Berry Puffs cereal bowl, peaches, juice, milk.

May 15 - Cinnamon toast or Lucky Charms cereal bowl, majestic pears, juice, milk.

May 16 - Scrambled eggs w/ sausage or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bowl, mixed fruit, juice, milk.

May 17 - Pancakes w/ syrup

or Cocoa Puffs cereal bowl, sour green applesauce, juice milk.

May 18 - Cinnamon roll or Trix cereal bowl, original applesauce, juice, milk.

LUNCH

May 14 - Classic Italian lasagna w/ roll or Italian Antipasto salad w/ salami or Energy meal w/ bologna and cheese, green peas, sweet corn, fresh apple, strawberry applesauce, Slushy, milk.

May 15 - Chicken fried steak w/ gravy and roll or fajita chicken salad or Energy meal w/ turkey and cheese, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat crack-

ers, mixed fruit, Slushy, milk.

May 16 - Soft chicken fajita tacos or Garden Pasta Salad or Energy Meal with ham and cheese, Mexicali corn, charro beans, fresh orange, lettuce, cheese, Slushy, milk.

May 17 - Cheeseburger or zesty tuna salad or Energy Meal with tuna salad, glazed carrots, whole wheat crackers, mixed fruit, lettuce, cheese, Slushy, milk.

May 18 - Tony's pizza or Chef Salad or Energy Meal with Po-Boy, tater tots, pork and beans, original applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, Slushy, milk.

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Date	Temperature (F) Low / High	Rainfall inches
04/30	63/92	
05/1	68/95	
05/2	66/100	
05/3	67/100	0.24
05/4	70/104	
05/5	71/105	
05/6	73/101	

Total Rainfall for month 0.24
2012 Rainfall (ytd) 4.45

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

My cell phone earned itself a new name by getting run over and not quite living to tell about it:

Dead Ringer.

Actually, before it got lost and crushed and found and returned, it never had a name. Now it does. What else would you call a shattered phone with a ring tone that still works?

What's in a name anyway? Lots. A man named Bell found my phone. Really. Think about it.

Back to Dead Ringer. I'm guessing the origin of that term dates back to the time in England when some people got buried with a string tied to one toe. At the other end of the string was a bell subject to activation by toe movement. Anyone buried alive could regain consciousness and ring the bell to draw enough attention to the gravesite to prompt a disinterment. That's when you'd hope your ringer toe was working.

Ring finger, ring toe, ringer toe, ring tone.

Sorry, I couldn't help myself. INTERNET PAUSE.

Well, if you've read this far, don't stop now. It's not like I know what I'm talking about. If my Internet research sites are credible, the term "dead ringer" originated not with graveyard bells but with the use of the word "ringer" to refer to a horse that's identical to another horse. As for "dead," it simply means "abso-

lute," as in "dead sure," unless you want to quibble about adjective versus adverb. I don't.

As for coffins with bells -- and maybe even whistles -- it seems some did indeed exist. But my research unearthed no references to coffin bells activated solely by toes, although the schematic of one graveyard bell alert system shows cords attached to both the hands and feet of the person presumed dead.

Yep, if you had any wiggle left in you, it'd be a way to be dead sure somebody knew it, if anybody was around to hear the bell.

Back to Dead Ringer. I replaced it with a phone that works -- a dead ringer for Dead Ringer, although the replacement has more memory and some extra features. Here's hoping it does nothing extraordinary enough to earn itself a name.

If phones could talk, Dead Ringer could explain everything that happened during the hours it spent missing. Did the person who ran over Dead Ringer set it on the curb, where it was ultimately found by Judge Bell, justice of the peace, the way a baby ends up in a basket on a doorstep? That's my guess.

My new phone has a find-my-phone feature. Here's hoping it doesn't come in handy.

Maybe that's a little bit like hoping you don't get buried alive.



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Question of the Week

What are your plans for this summer?



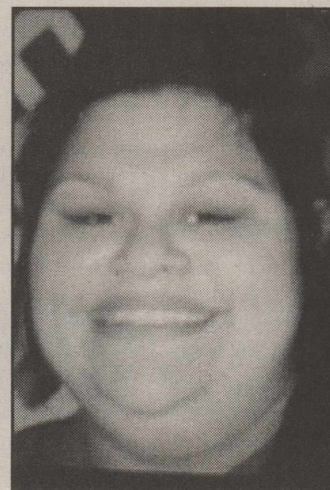
Shauna Caldwell
Knox City, TX

"Take my kids to the zoo and SeaWorld."



Kevina Walton
Knox City, TX

"To work."



Veronica Guerra
Knox City, TX

"I'm going to have a baby this summer."



Mallorie Wells
Big Spring, TX

"I'm going to visit my MeMe and Apa."

How to tell if he's ready for Mother's Day

One of the mysteries that has stymied women for years is, "How can I make sure my man remembers Mother's Day?"

Unfortunately, because of the Man Code, I am forbidden to give a precise answer. That, however, doesn't mean I can't help women move a bit closer to discovering how they can make sure their men remember the day.

According to Professor I. Nolot at the Department of United Male Buds, women can determine the probability of whether there man will remember "the day" by taking a simple test.

Ladies, please don't blame me if you discover something you don't want to know.

Here's the test.

The 'Man Brain' Test

1. If your husband bring you flowers for no reason:

- a) he did something wrong.
- b) your mother-in-law is coming for a visit.
- c) You don't have as much money as you used to.

2. According to men, the best Mother's Day gift is?

- a) football tickets
- b) anything you want.
- c) is cheap.

3. If you wake up to breakfast in bed ...

- a) The kitchen dishes are waiting for you.

Off The Beaten Path



By Tommy Wells

- b) Chips were a midnight snack.
- c) Somebody really did something wrong.

4. When your man looks at you, he sees...

- a) your eyes.
- b) your fist.
- c) other parts.

5. Your man would choose:

- a) Chocolate
- b) flowers
- c) Football

6. Which date does your man remember most frequently?

- a) Your birthday
- b) Your anniversary
- c) The Rangers' double-header with the A's

7. Your husband's gift always shows ...

- a) he loves you.
- b) he forgot to get money from the bank to buy a big gift.
- c) can be found in the automotive section.

8. If your husband won the lottery, his ultimate dream would be ...

- a) take you on a vacation
- b) send you on a long vacation.
- c) send you a card from vacation.

9. If you man wakes up quickly on Mother's Day in a sweat ...

- a) The baby had an accident.
- b) He forgot something he shouldn't have.
- c) The game comes on early?

10. If you man forgets Mother's Day, he should ...

- a) know how to dial 911.
- b) find a doctor quickly.
- c) He better not.

Okay, put your pencils down, and prepare for the earth-shattering results. If you chose A, B or C to any question, you should probably just pin a note to their shirt that says, "It's Mother's Day."

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