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## **Effecting Knox County in Many Ways Oil Recession**

# AHEAD

The Knox City/ O'Brein CISD Band will be hosting a Barbeque Style Luncheon on Sunday May 3rd beginning at 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. See band members for your tickets! \$8 for adults and \$4 for 12 and younger. Take-outs are available. Afterwards the 5th, 6th & 7th and the High School bands will be performing their Spring Concert at 1:30 p.m.

The Aging Center is planning to have a bake sale on May 9th in front of Lawrence Brothers for the Mothers Day weekend. We will start at 8 am. I would appreciate it if you could put this in the paper for the next two weeks. Thanks, Cheryl

Elections for all local school boards and City Council positions will be held on May 9th. Contact your local City Hall for polling places and times.

## F.R.E.D. Reaches Halfway Point

#### **By Tamara Smart**

point of a program spon-

States. It seems that capitalism ' power, etc.

**By Tamara Smart** 

is collapsing and big business is being affected the most. Everyday the current time floats between new "corporate giants" announce \$45-\$50/barrel, which is a good, their bankruptcy, merger or hearty, profitable amount; many going out of business sales. The local oil field workers finds country unemployment rate is at themselves without work, less historical highs. Talk of a second money per paycheck, the same depression is not uncommon bills as before the recession of around dinner tables and in work began, and the query, what passing conversation. For some is there left to do? Will this of these companies, though, there "no work/ no pay" trend end? is the optimism that comes from Why does it continue even with the stimulus act and the moneys the market posting decent oil that will be divvied for those prices? In the 1980's, oil fell trillions of federal dollars.

recession hits Knox County out of work, the oilfield came hardest will probably never alive again with Desert Storm. see any stimulus relief, or any In the late 90's, oil fell once financial help at all from the again to \$9/barrel, but again this federal government. With the was only a temporary lapse in credo "Go Green" on many price. It was only a few months political tongues, the last place ago that oil field hands (the men that federal moneys are going will be to the oil field, on which so many Knox County residents

depend. Rather, money is National headlines have being used on the creation and been shouting of the recession development of cleaner means to that is plaguing the United get energy... Wind energy, solar

Although the oil price at to \$8/barrel, and while many Yet, where this national found themselves temporarily who are classified as floor hands,



**Photo by Tamara Smart** 

Pump Jacks are a regular sight on the horizon in Knox County. Are these instruments about to become archaic, outdated antiques?

# IL Reschedules Events Due to Swine Flu

Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation This week marks the half- with Texas Education Agency our student activity participants of our events is a way to keep

AUSTIN, TX - On the of events due to the outbreak of ery possible precaution to pre- following schedule for UIL re- May 26-28. All contests will recommendation of Dr. David the swine flu in Texas. As a re-Lakey, Commissioner of the sult, many UIL events have been disease is an important contriburescheduled.

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Commissioner Robert Scott, is of the utmost importance," our participants safe."

vent the further spreading of this tion to the welfare of our great "The health and safety of state, and altering the schedule

gional and state events affected take place on the University of by this situation.

**Academic State Meet** Academic State Meet are May posted on the UIL web site in the 25-26 for all conferences. The near future.

Texas campus.

A detailed schedule of the The revised dates for the Academic State Meet will be

sored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Agency at Knox City's Headstart Center. "F.R.E.D." was a program introduced to parents at the last Headstart meeting on Tuesday, April 21.

With the guidance of Laurie Coop and Sheri Ellis, local dads the official "Open House" to were challenged to participate in F.R.E.D. (Fathers Reading Every Day) in reading to their children Manor Bed and Breakfast. every night for 15 minutes a night for the first two weeks and for at least 30 minutes a day for the last flocked to see the newest cretwo weeks.

At the beginning of this project, the families came together at the Headstart parent meeting, father's were given a "Top 100 Book list" and a "Reading Log" in which they can track the amount they have read with their child over the last four weeks. Headstart provides books for the

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Juan's Burritos New Location 310 SW 3rd St Knox City New Phone Number 940-657-8907

the University Interscholastic said UIL Executive Director Dr. League is altering its schedule Charles Breithaupt. "Taking ev- the UIL tentatively releases the

As this is a fluid situation,

# **Bed and Breakfast Has Open House**

#### **By Tamara Smart**

Monday, April 27, marked Knox City's newest entrepreneurial enterprise, The Corley

People from all over Knox County and surrounding areas ation from the minds of Kay and Steve Pepper.

Combined with the Pepper's unending ideas for success, Heath Turner's amazing abilities at construction and remodeling, and a lot of hard-work, sweat

and unending inertia from many parties involved, The Corley Manor was actually finished and ready for it's first guests as they showed up to their April 10 reservation commitment.

The Saturday before the first official showing of the Manor, on April 25, about 90 people got the privilege of going seeing the newly refurbished house during a Bridal Shower held there for Angela Roberts. On Monday, at the official opening, 63 people signed the Registration Book.

This is a positive step for Knox City, as many people expressed their happiness at seeing something so classy open in this town. This is a step n the right direction to enhance tourism and helps put money pack into local economies.

Corley Manor is the only Bed and Breakfast in Knox City. Located at 500 S. 3rd Street, this B&B can comfortably sleep 7-8 people. For more information on rentals, call Kay at Peppers at 657-4406.



**Photo by Tamara Smart** 

Monday, April 27, marked the official "Open House" to Knox City's newest entrepreneurial enterprise, The Corley Manor Bed and Breakfast.

One-Act-Play competition for conferences 1A-3A will be held

The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, originally scheduled for May 9, has been rescheduled for May 16. The UIL staff will consult with the 16 participating schools to determine whether or not to reschedule the event at a later date.

**Regional Track Meets** 

After collaborating with University of Texas officials and the twenty UIL regional track meet hosts, the UIL has tentatively rescheduled the regional track meets to take place after interscholastic competition resumes on May 11. Additionally, the state track meet is scheduled to be held June 5-6 at Myers Stadium at the University of Texas at Austin.

"The decision to suspend competition was not a decision we took lightly," said Breithaupt. "Much effort and consideration was given to resurrect the regional track meets and change the dates for the state meet. With the cooperation of our regional sites and the University of Texas, we are now able to hold the regional and state track meets as we had originally intended."

On April 29, 2009 the UIL announced that the state track meet would be held May 14-16 and that qualifiers would come from the top four participants in each event from each region.

"At that time, we were simply trying to save the state track meet," said Breithaupt. "When our staff had the time, opportunity and information they were able to make this happen. We had numerous calls in support of the original decision as well as calls to return to the regional forTexas State Wind Ensemble Festival

mat. We also know that additional conflicts may occur because of these changes. However, we believe this schedule represents the best opportunity for the most students."

The tentative schedule and sites for the regional track meets is below.

#### **Golf State Tournament**

The UIL golf state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

#### **Tennis State Tournament**

The UIL tennis state tournament will take place at the previously scheduled times beginning May 11.

#### **Baseball and Softball**

No interschool games will take place until May 11 for either softball or baseball. Below is an altered playoff schedule for both events.

The swine influenza subtype isolated from these cases is unique. It has not been found in U.S. pigs and had not been previously recognized in people. According to the CDC, "This virus is different, very different from that found in pigs." At this time there is no evidence that this swine influenza subtype is present in pigs in the United States or anywhere in the pig herd in the world. The CDC's investigation continues.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security people cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Most influenza viruses including swine flu virus, are not spread by food



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# **OPINION**

# Letter To The Editor

am concerned for Texas and Texans now that General Motors and Chrysler Corporation intend to shutter thousands of new car and truck dealerships in this country. Not only are these dealerships not part of the financial problem for their manufacturer, but they are a critical component in the recovery of the automotive industry.

is not the number of dealers that 90% of manufacturer but whether the dealers are a cost center for their respective dealer numbers would further manufacturers and they clearly are not. A study by the Casesa and market share and do little Shapiro Group found that or nothing to improve the franchised automobile dealers provide a vast distribution channel "at virtually no cost" to their manufacturers.

#### Dealers:

- 1. pay for vehicles for leave the factory;
- ever receiving them; 3. pay all their employees' etc.);
- pay all their own 4. real estate costs (ie: land, loss to the community is real and

buildings, insurance, taxes, etc.): 5. pay all their own IT and

computer costs; 6. pay all their equipment costs (ie: service department lifts, tools, diagnostic equipment).

#### The list goes on.

Keep in mind, dealers add revenue to manufacturers, not The most important question costs. Dealers generate more revenue. A rapid reduction in reduce manufacturer's revenue manufacturer's viability in the short term.

Elimination of dealerships will only serve to hurt the hardworking employees of those dealerships and their families, the numerous communities that customers and inventory rely on the taxes generated by before the vehicles ever those dealerships, the related businesses that sell to those 2. pay for parts before dealerships; the consumers that are served by the competition and convenience of the costs (ie: wages, benefits, dealerships and the numerous payroll taxes, training costs, charitable organizations that benefit from dealers' support. When a dealership closes, the

#### immediate.

The 1368 new car and truck dealerships located in 311 Texas cities and towns are essential to the daily lives of our citizens, for transportation to work, to school, to the doctor and to run Texas business and industry.

These primarily familyowned and operated businesses, that collectively employ over 80,000 Texans, are part of the very fabric of our state. Closing the doors of even one dealership reduces the quality of life of Texans and does nothing to enhance the viability of the company that dealership has represented faithfully, in many cases for generations.

The truth is, closing dealerships won't affect the bottom line for any manufacturer positively, but will negatively affect thousands of independent businesses, their employees, their customers who depend on them for sales and service and the communities that rely on those dealerships.

> **Bill Wolters** President **Texas Automobile Dealers** Association



# The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

I need to address a few issues concerning elections and advertising.

If a written piece, regardless of it's basis on fact, has opinion or conjecture regarding a measure or issue concerning a taxing entity, it is a political ad.

Being that there are at least two sides to most issues - this newspaper makes space available for all sides of an issue or election. It is up to the individual or group to either express their side or not. It is against this newspaper's policy to run political ads for free nor can we discount them.

Newspapers can endorse one side of an issue or even an individual candidate. Some newspapers do so frequently, some do not.

In all of my years in journalism, my publications have only endorsed two candidates and that was for statewide office.

Elections are emotional. When you do something for one side, you had best be ready to do the same thing for the other or you're not playing by the rules.

Candidates, those on one side of a contentious issue, etc... you have a choice whether to advertise or not. But rest assured, opposition to your stance has the same right as you.

#### Producing newspapers is expensive. The cost of newsprint, ink, mail, etc... have climbed steadily over the past two decades.

It is nearly impossible for Mom and Pop to make a decent living at a newspaper in smaller towns which is why you see so many closing.

When you have a situation where you can offer small businesses a terrific rate to advertise their merchandise or services in several area newspapers, you'd be a fool not to. It's a winner for the businesses.

I have marketing consultants which are contacting area businesses so that we can do our best to fulfill your needs and get you traffic. If you have not been contacted, you soon will be. And if you wish to get before 15,000-30,000 readers at a greatly reduced rate, give us a call.

Meantime, please consider that your newspaper is an evolution in progress. I am not happy with it and I won't be until it is exactly how I want it.

Just know that we are working very hard and we'll continue to strive to improve your newspaper.

Pakistan has between 60 and 100 nuclear weapons.

Why should you care? The Taliban may be getting close to taking over that country and with it, it's nuclear arsenal.

Can you imagine the Taliban - and Al Qaeda having nuclear weapons at their fingertips? According to news sources, U.S. officials are worried militants could take possession of the arms during transport or by infiltrating atomic laboratories or fuel-production plants.

The Taliban has recently occupied Buner, a key region 60 miles from the capital, Islamabad. That news increased global fears as to the whereabouts of all of Pakistan's nuclear sites is unknown

Something must be done now, even if that means U.S. intervention. I would think the entire world would be interested in getting this situation rectified before it's too late.

Obviously, the Pakistan government is in jeopardy and judging by how porous their border is, their military are either very weak or simply have not been ordered to do much about it.

You have to think Israel, India, Russia ... just about everyone in the region is watching the situation real carefully.

For the record, Pakistan dropped the ball when they insisted on using negotiations when tackling violent extremism within its borders. and comment

Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters already have strongholds along Pakistan's border regions from which to plan attacks on U.S. and NATO forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Of all of the potential threats to U.S. and world security, this one should now be at the top of the list.

The world cannot afford to let these terrorists get their hands on even one of these weapons. Because if they do, they'll use it on us or Israel and World War III will most assuredly be underway

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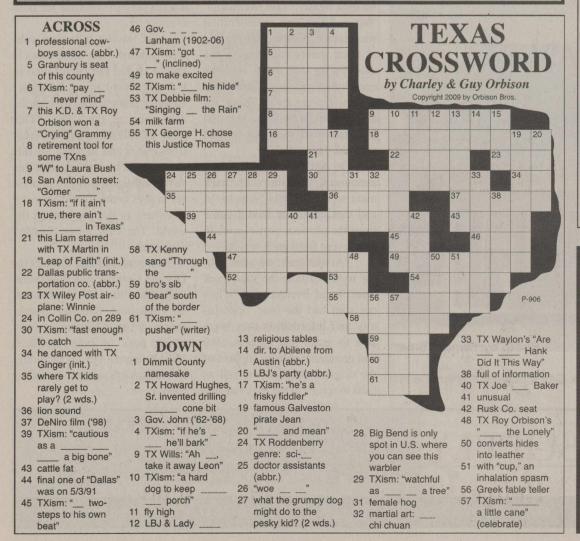
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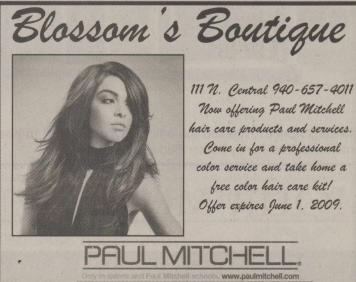
On April 20, 2009, AEP Texas North Company (TNC), a regulated electric transmission and distribution utility, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) a Request for Approval of Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan and Request for AMS Surcharges. The requested AMS surcharge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

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

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

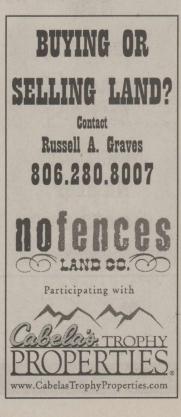
A copy of TNC's filing is available for inspection at TNC's offices at 901 Energy Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602.

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



We Appreciate you, our readers!

Thanks for Reading!



#### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009



# **ON THE EDGE OF COMMON** SENSE by Baxter Black, DVM

#### THE CHOICES WE MAKE

I was in Colusa, CA in the beautiful Northern Sacramento Valley. But farmers are worried because of the lack of snowmelt in the surrounding mountains, which furnishes their irrigation water. Drought is a serious problem in many parts of the country.

In times when conservation of water is so critical, how do environmentally-conscious consumers justify the consumption of all natural organic produce, products that use more precious water and cost considerably more per pound or per acre to grow than crops that use herbicides, pesticides and chemical fertilizer?

I would be hypocritical if I didn't place the same scrutiny on my personal proclivity to buy Choice grade beef. Beef, which uses more grain, at least quantitatively, than meat that grades Select. The same dilemma applies to the eco-aware person who buys a brand new fuel efficient Toyota that gets 8 more miles to the gallon than the three year old Ford Explorer that they now own. Logically the energy and natural resources consumed in building the new Toyota could never be justified by the fuel savings.

The answer that explains our behavior is that This is a Free Country. Free to eat the meat and vegetables we desire and drive the car we like and can afford. America is a land of abundance. Even in our bad economy we are lavish consumers compared to most of the world. We live in a land where even the poor have a vehicle and cable television.

It is good that our concern to conserve natural resources has grown. But there is often a condition: the sacrifice must not be personal. Senator Kennedy loves wind power, but not in his own backyard. Movie stars condemn pharmaceutical companies but demand the best health care possible when they get sick. Senators know they need to eliminate redundant military bases unless it's in their own state. Coloradoans refuse to dam beautiful canyons until their own suburb runs out of water, farmers complain about government spending except for the Farm Bill and I gripe about the price of gasoline as long as my Conoco stocks don't drop!

Truth is, we are so wealthy as a nation we can still afford luxuries, even in hard times. Luxury is relative though. It can be a hybrid car, a meal at Ruth Chris Steak House, an organic Thanksgiving meal, a \$500 vet bill for your dog, a \$24 monthly

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

What do pigs call swine flu? People flu?

Snort if you will, but shouldn't we humans think twice before we besmirch the names of other species with diseases? Does any animal deserve that much bad press? Bird flu is another example.

Furthermore, it's not just pigs and fowl that get slandered. Geography suffers too. Consider Asian flu, Hong Kong flu and German measles. I wonder if those illnesses go by other names in those places? I also wonder if an outbreak of American flu might be next. Don't worry. In this country we'll find another name for that strain.

Back to the German measles. I've had them, and they were a disappointment nothing to compare to the plain old measles. Maybe it took the German measles for me to realize that not everything lives up to its name. For that matter, the German measles aren't even measles. But let's don't get technical.

Speaking of diseases, kids missalotnowadays, don't they? All my generation missed was diphtheria and smallpox. I'm not complaining. If I wanted to miss a couple of contagious diseases, I'd pick those two.

On second thought, I'd rather skip polio. The vaccine for that terrible malady became available when my age group hit the first grade. It was a

t-shirt and how quickly he hit the hardwood floor, right next to bottles and bottles of Coca-Cola in yellow wooden cases: We each got to drink one. So did Harold when he came to.

Other diseases were like childhood rites of passage. Inevitable.

The timing was especially bad for the measles. We'd all just learned to read, and most families had just gotten their first television sets. But all of us infected with the measles risked going blind, or so we were told, if we strained our eyes. And maybe it was true. So we stayed in rooms with shades pulled and listened to the radio. The announcer took pity and mentioned us by name - even if we did live in the country instead of in town.

Mumps came later. I read the Bobbsey Twins. Chickenpox also came later. I scratched.

Chickens, of course, don't get chickenpox. Maybe it was just their turn to endorse a disease, and maybe we really shouldn't feel sorry either for chickens or swine. When chickenpox got its name, rumors no doubt flew, and some people probably quit eating chicken for a while for fear of catching the disease.

Sure it's hogwash, but the same sort of misunderstanding prevails today regarding swine flu. I've heard Russia, China and Ukraine aren't buying

**BEEF STEW** FRIED SQUASH CORNBREAD COOKIES

**MONDAY MAY 11TH** 

**KNOX COUNTY AGING SERVICES** 

**TUESDAY MAY 12TH** TACOS/CHEESE SALAD WHOLE KERNEL CORN DESSERT

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH **BAKED CHICKEN MACARONI & CHEESE** SALAD HOT ROLLS **BANANA PUDDING** 

## **THURSDAY MAY 14TH** CHICKEN STRIPS/GRAVY

MASHED POTATOES

MENUS FOR MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 15TH **GREEN BEANS** BISCUIT PINEAPPLE CRUNCH/ TOPPING

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**FRIDAY MAY 15TH CHILI DOGS/CHEESE FRENCH FRIES PORK & BEANS** DESSERT

**ALTERNATE DESSERTS** FOR DIABETICS

PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDERS BY 10 A.M. TO 657-3618 ORDERS CANT BE TAKEN AFTER 10 A.M. AND NEED TO BE PICKED UP AFTER 11 A.M.



**Picture by Tamara Smart** 

The writers published in the Kid's Letters to Obama Book which went on sale in April. Pictured: (Top row, left to right) Jessica Perez, Tyler Harvey, Kate Baker, Mrs. Amanda Baker-Adkins. (Bottom Row, left to right) Hailee Cox, Hayden King, Avery Frausto. (Not pictured: Elissa Hacker, Tiffany, and Jeremiah Rincon)



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#### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009



# Blue~Butler Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blue of Palo Pinto, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassidy Lea Blue to Patrick Lynn Butler, son of Kelly and Traci Butler of Guthrie, Texas. The couple will wed on August 1, 2009 at the Loving Baptist Church in Loving, Texas.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. • Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. FBC Sunday School, and the worship services at 10:55 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. are telecast live on Classic Cable, channel 6 in Knox City and O'Brien

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#### No Sunday Evening Service

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#### **Knox City** Tex Cox, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Classes 5:00 p.m. • Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Warriors 6:00 p.m. "Discovering God's Word" radio broadcast Sunday mornings on AM

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LIBERTY COMMUNITY C.O.G.I.C- Knox City Gene Ward Jr., Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Services - 11 a.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rhineland Father Charles Gorantla • Deacon Jim Novak Monday through Friday mornings, 8 a.m. Mass Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. • Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.



## Jerry "PaPa" Ray

JERRY "PaPa" RAY, 78, died Friday May 1, 2009 at an Abilene hospital. Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2009 at Midway Cemetery in Hodges with a memorial service to follow at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Knox City. Dr. David Ray and Bro. Rick Neal will officiate under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home. Jerry will lie in state at Smith Funeral Home in Knox City and visitation will be Sunday from 5:00-7:00 at the funeral home.

Jerry was born May 13, 1930 to I B and Nannie Mae (Bristow) Ray at their family farm south east of Hamlin. They moved to Truby when he was two years old where Jerry attended school. He graduated from Anson High in 1948 and then attended Cisco Junior College. He met Eloise "Susie" Barker in their early teens when she through confetti on him at a Halloween carnival. They later married at her parents' house in Hodges on December 18, 1950 and were married fifty-eight years. Jerry proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War. Soon after returning from Korea in 1954, Jerry and Susie moved to Knox City where he was employed by General American Oil Company. General American was eventually purchased by Phillips Petroleum and Jerry continued to work for them as a field supervisor for forty-two years until his retirement. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church and he was a Fifty-Year Mason . Jerry was a very dedicated husband, of Michigan. father and grandfather and was always involved in his family's butted heads with Dingell when activities. He was a Little League he was chairman, because coach and umpire, Sunday school teacher, and Scout Master. PaPa continued this support for all of his grandkids. He always enjoyed a game of "Forty-two" and working in his tomato garden. Jerry was an unbelievable fisherman and truly loved fishing with his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother (Bill Ray) and two brothers-in-law (Joe Berry and Alfred "Butch" Barker). Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Susie Ray of Knox City; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Lee Lowe of Munday; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Christi Ray of Katy, Cliff and Chi Chi Ray of Archer City and Doug and Lisa Ray of Rotan; twelve grandchildren, Stuart, Robin, Haleigh, Skylar, Kelsey, Amanda, Brittany, Jeremy and his wife Brittany, Justin, Jordan, Brittany and Mackenzie; one greatgranddaughter, Jaylee; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann and Joe Paul Howle and Betty Berry; and two sisters-in-law, Hortense Ray and Janelle Barker; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, uncle and friends; and his special puppy, Lucy. Jesus must have needed help feeding the masses and brought Jerry home to catch more fish.

# God's

# Promises By Jim Reid, Pastor

O'Brien Baptist Church Are you frustrated because it seems you just can't reach your child? Many parents find themselves searching for the way, or a way, and frankly sometimes any way to communicate to their children. Their children may tune them out or turn them off; sometimes children simply refuse to answer. Unfortunately there may be times that we as parents simply shut down out of frustration. But we can't just give up. We must always maintain a positive attitude and live with the hope that we can find a way to reach our children. We want them to respond to us, because we know that we're not only raising children, but we're actually raising adults.

The Word of God has great insight into teaching children and living in a right relationship with our children

The more that we study God's Word, the more we realize that Jesus considered the children to be the insight to the Kingdom of God. Luke 18: 16 "But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

The book of Proverbs in the Old Testament contains a wealth of insight into teaching and training our children. One specific verse really keys in on the most prevalent interruption in communication; Proverbs 23: 7 "For as he thinks within himself. so he is."

When children sinfully express themselves by disobeying, throwing temper tantrums, talking back, lying, etc., they are drawing from what is in their hearts. We as parents need to realize the



importance of reaching past the outward behavior and pulling out the issues of the heart. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. The heart is the well from which all of the responses to life gush forth. "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4: 23) The behavior a child exhibits is an expression of the child's heart. To put it simply...the heart determines behavior. With God's help and diligently studying His word we all can be parents who will resolve issues with the heart, and our children will love us for it.

I believe that you will pray and know that the Lord will strengthen you and give you His wisdom in all that you do this week.

**By Alex Mills** 

Congressmen Henry Waxman and Ed Markey have become quite a dynamic duo for the environmental extremists in Washington. Their take-noprisoners approach to politics has earned them the nickname – The Beasty Boys - is some political circles. The Beasty Boys tag comes from the 1980s pop rock group from England that had quite a reputation.

Waxman, who has been representing a portion of Los Angeles since 1974 (yes, that's 35 years), chairs the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee. He took over in a controversial move this year for long-time chairman John Dingell

Speaker Nancy Pelosi had he would not move as fast as she wanted on environmental regulations that would punish fossil fuel producers. As one of the most liberal members of Congress, Waxman has always been an outspoken proponent of leftist, biggovernment ideas. Dingell, on the other hand, took a more deliberate and cautious approach to enacting legislation.

is just northwest of Boston. His position as Chairman of the Beasty Boys came to a head House Energy Independence & Global Warming Committee was created especially for Markey by Speaker Pelosi. Markey, like Waxman, had thrown political rocks at the oil and gas industry for many years. His anti-drill, more-government-restrictions policies have prevented the full development of the nation's oil and gas reserves.

When Pelosi created the Energy Independence & Global Warming Committee for Markey, Dingell protested.

The hard-ball tactics of The last week when the two senior Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee - Joe Barton of Texas and Fred Upton of Michigan - wrote a letter to Waxman and Markey asking them for more time to debate the massive "cap-and-trade" bill that was in committee. They pointed out that during testimony this year the Committee had heard from 54 Democrat witnesses and 14 Republican witnesses.

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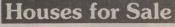
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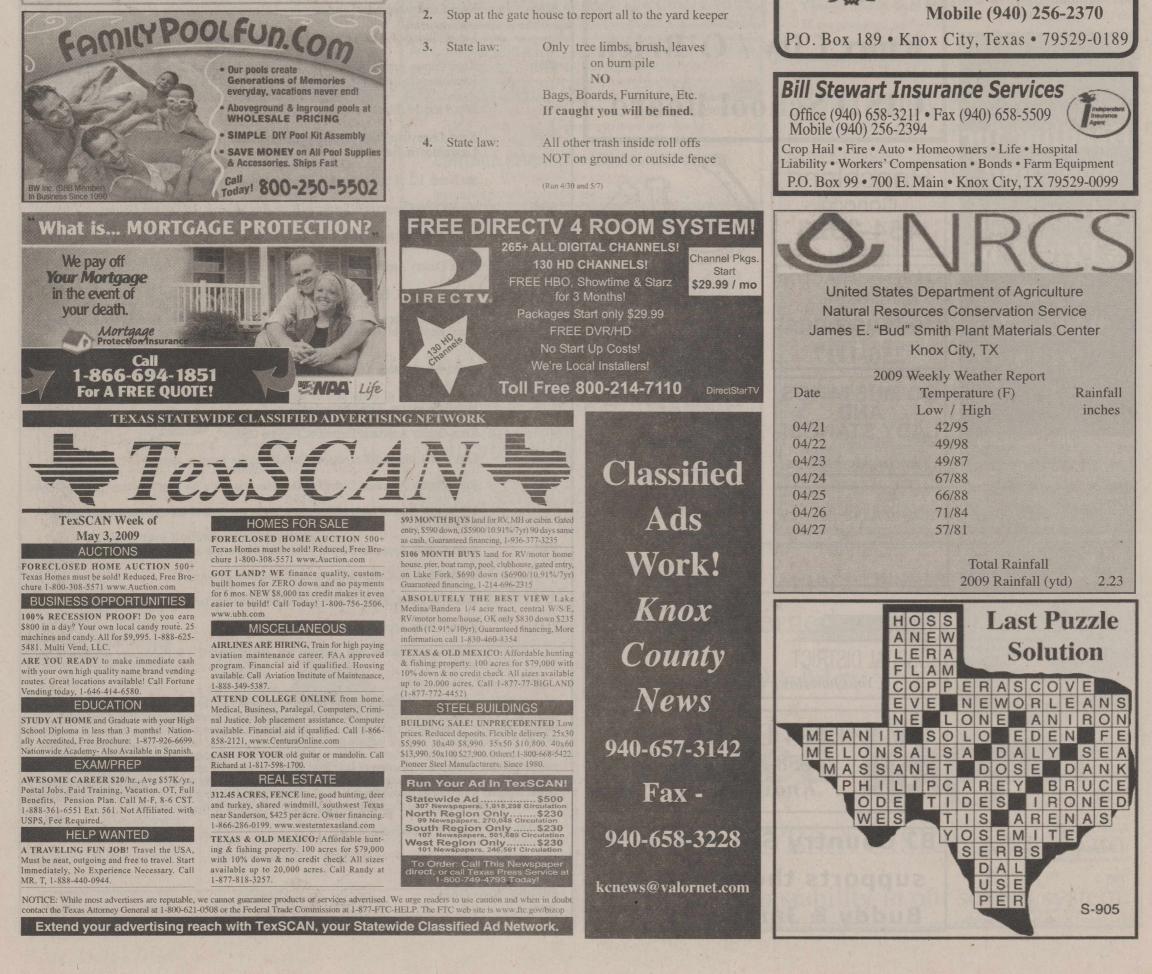
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# BENJAMIN **VEWS** By Gladene Green

You talk about varied weath- at Munday Nursing Center. er! We have had it. High wind, Betty also told me that former and Sun. No damage from any husband, Pete) had called her & of it except lots of early flow- told her that her mom had passed still chance for more- we'll see-

ilies who have lost loved ones. Marsha. Jeny Ray of Knox City passed away on Friday after several the weekend in Round Rock with still eating the food they love. months' illness. His funeral was their son and his wife, Jack, Jr. today (Mon).

died on sat. She was a for- daughter in Wimberly. She was mer Benjamin resident & her looking forward to seeing a lot gravesite will be here tomorrow of her "Sams cousins". This girl (Tues).

And Marilyn Fish of Abilene daughter of Bob Sams. dies on Sat. She was the sister of Betty Bohannon. Marilyn had came home today and is dobeen sick for several years & ing great & glad to be back in very ill the past few month. Had Benjamin. And we are glad he's undergon several surgeries & de- home too & hope his progress veloped an infection she could continues. not overcome. Her funeral will be Thurs. in Dumas.

Shower Honors Mom to Be a baby shower at the Church of Student Bldg. everything is bewas served to the guests.

ceived for the soon to arrive baby all "turned out" girl.

& Belle Grill.

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had 3 of their grandchildren & safe return. a niece for a weekend of fun. Dillon 7 Randi Keys & Ashlee Evans of Childress & Taylor Herring of Munday were over for a visit with "Mam" & "Pa". On Sat, they were all in Abilene for a good time.

Betty Lyles told me today that Lewis is doing pretty well.

rain, hail, 100 degree weather, resident; Marsha Condron (who dren and their parents to interpret then much, much cooler days Sat now resides at Dean with her food nutrition labels. This innoers, (especially roses0 were beat away early last week. She was to find healthy food products down to nothing. And there's formerly of Spur but had lived in down to five clues- that even than Dean near them for some time. average 8 year old can remember. Sympathy this week to fam- We send sympathy to Pete and

Mary & Jack Young spent & Cindy. On Sat they attended Florence Ray of Seymour the wedding of her cousin's who was married was the grand-

Good news! Mr. Roberts

The Prom is this next Sat night (9th) & Jr. parents, students, sponsor & maybe some Ashley Cartwright Burrow outside help they can enlist are was honored Sat morning with busy, busy decorating the Ex Christ Annex. Breakfast Brunch ing kept pretty quiet so the Srs. will be surprised. Maybe by next Lots of baby goodies was re- week I'll have a report on how it

Judy and Randolph Barnett Hostesses were Shanna are back in Benjamin for a few Heard, Susan Jones, Pam Duke, weeks, before he goes on anoth-Debbie Moorhouse, Becky Jones, er work assignment. Judy told Stacia Propps, Olivia Gloria, me that her son, Jeff's step-son, Kathy Rainwater, Carol Dickson Matthew Posey, has gone to Iraq. He is in the Air Force & left San Antonio a couple of weeks ago. Debbie and Mike Moorhouse Of course we pray for Matthew's

# **Teaching Kids** on Kinds

Nutrition Detectives is an innovative and interactive program, developed by Dr. David Katz of Yale University School of Medicine, and his wife Dr. Catherine Katz.

It focuses in teaching chilvative program narrows everything you need to know in order As a result, families can learn to make better food choices in supermarkets and restraints while

This program will be presented in Benjamin on Monday , May 11, 2009 by Susan L. Trail **RNC CHC** 

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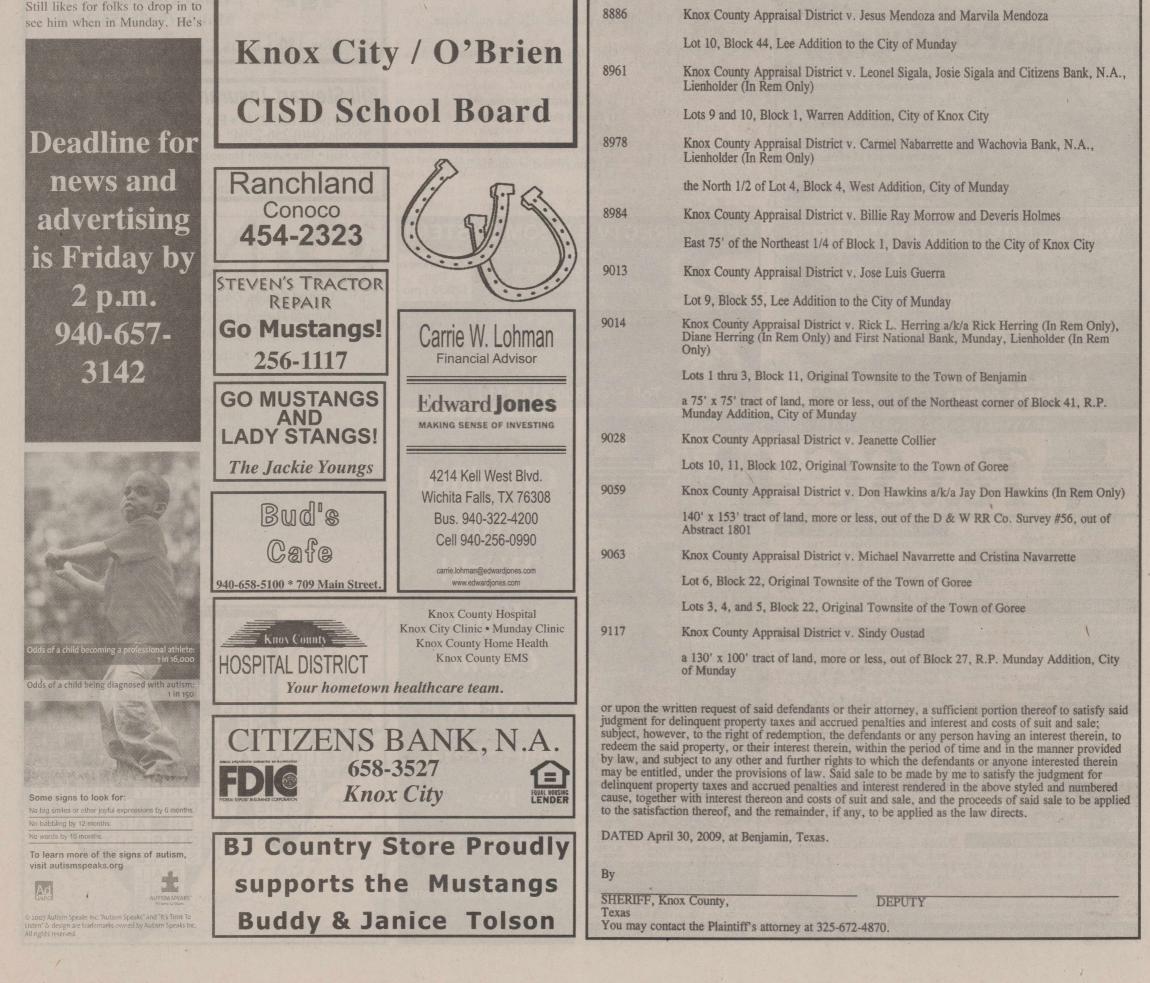
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**Knox County News Photo** 

Survivors dined on homemade Fajitas during the Luncheon on Saturday April 25th, which was cooked on the Grill by Rick Moeller and served by Volunteer High School students.



**Knox County News Photo** These 29 Extraordinary Cancer Survivors met at the First Baptist Church in Knox City to have lunch and kick off the Relay for Life Events that were held On April 25, 2009.

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In grade levels 10-12, win-Killeen; second place, Samuel ners were: First place, Margaret Bickham, Shiner; third place, Sone, Dallas; second place,

sored by Wildlife Forever of Brady King, Livingston; second awarded to: Ryan Lockhart, The Woodlands; Adrian Ramirez, Brownsville; Janelle Campos, Brownsville; Michael Florez, Brownsville; Jackie Morey, Magnolia; Susanna Hoffpauer, Valley View; Makenzie Williams, Wills Point.

> Also, Alina Hail, McKinney; Isabella Orozco, McKinney; Sam Baxter, McKinney; Elise Broadway, Dallas; Amber Wang, Katy; Bonnie Leung, Austin. Honorable mentions also went to: Kinsey Simmons, The Woodlands; David Rutledge.

place, Katya Lopatko, Grapevine; Stephenville; Caroline Traeger, Winners in the 4-6 grade third place, Mary Campbell, Fort Dallas; Jinda Cason, Dallas; Xinyi Chen, Dallas; Maryam Ogunkoya, Houston; Rachel Kalich, Shiner.

> Prizes were awarded to first Hailey Sowden, Dallas; third through third places in each grade level. In grades 4-6, sav-Honorable mentions were ings bonds were awarded in the following amounts: first place \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50.





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derrick hands, operators, etc) were seeing paychecks reflecting and wondering when or if they co-owner, Charles Pierce, "why would get any time off. Now, the feeling is the adverse: when will this time off stop and work need to be done?

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to rise (and the employment of Knox County? Many local men owner, Tracy Carter, says their Supply, who predicts an upward are spending more and more sales are down 30-40% ... yet, movement "toward the middle time at home, or are currently looking for other means of work. stacking down rigs and releasing find that they are is an awkward has had any lay-offs and has been position of, while having a job, able to maintain their staff. The With no money in the not having any work. Locals only thing thwarted for Pumpers economy for oil exploration are finding that even after years Supply is their buying and and a proposition to apply the of paying into the "system", expansion plans. "windfall profit tax" to any profit there is no such thing as "partial made on oil, people who have unemployment". Many try to oil service companies' local

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What does that mean for will be okay. Pumper Supply that is coming off the best year part of the year". they have ever had last year, so they are about at average on their sales. Neither of these companies

While none of the main executives have much to say about the current state of affairs in their field, the tale is told without words as the yards are filled with rigs, trucks and equipment seldom being used.

With those yards filled, paychecks dwindling and no new work on the horizon, the rest of Knox County is beginning to feel the effect. Less money is available for locals to spend in restaurants and boutiques. Grocery lists are being edited and less money is being filtered back into the County economy... remember; less money spent on sales taxes equals less money in the schools, and less money for community upkeep and repair.

When will the oil field boom again? Not many are very optimistic that it will. PBH Supply's Peirce says that in 45



needs, but find themselves with a like this oil recession. Many fears that this is the beginning of The local oil supply houses the end for this field of work. The pretty sure that their business for the future of the local oil field is Tracy Carter of Pumper

#### BRIGHT

Waxman and Markey fired back a letter complaining that under Republican rule the committee had been forced to consider legislation under very hash rules.

Waxman and Markey see their support for "cap-and-trade" legislation slowly slip away. Most Republicans in the House have been against such an idea from the very beginning. They see it as a "carbon tax" that will raise the cost of energy to consumers. Some fiscally conservative Democrats see the new tax as being damaging to the already precarious economy. Democrats from states that rely on coal or natural gas for electricity generation are having second thoughts because as energy costs rise so does the cost of doing business and businesses will start leaving their state for an area that is more competitive. Democrats from the Midwest to Appalachia are becoming more disgruntled with the liberal leadership from the West and East coasts, and the carbon tax is just one example.

The bills mandate that "any building, structure, facility or installation" that emits more than 250 tons of air pollutants in a year must comply with the complicated 600-page bill. The threshold is so low that most schools, hospitals, malls, farms and colleges would have to buy, beg, borrow or steal emission allowances under the program. As more details are revealed

about Waxman and Markey's "magic" legislation, more people become suspect of the magnitude of it all. They wonder can the federal government significantly reduce carbon dioxide emission because the largest share comes from water evaporation and humans breathing and plants. And what is the real cost?

Waxman was asked that question recently by a CNSNews and Waxman's reporter responded with, "I've got to go.

The way things are going for The Beasty Boys of carbon taxes their bill could be doomed by Memorial Day.

#### PROGRAM

certificates.

Sheri's first time at attempting texasmidwest.org. to get fathers/children reading together through the FRED program. In fact, this is the third year that they have had this program. Headstart is a federally funded program with several requirements and guidelines; one of which is to target fathers in children's educations.

Lori Coop is not lonely involved in this endeavor at Headstart, but is a familiar sight at the Headstart building as she has several other programs too. At least once a week, Ms. Coop is there helping teach the children about nutrition, or reading, or something else all together. Through her position at the Extension Office, Lori is able to provide a welcome service in the many Places of education in Knox County.

The F.R.E.D. program con-

#### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

#### **KNOX COUNTY REPRESENTED AT** NETWORK LUNCHEON

The Stonewall County Chamber of Commerce hosted one of four network luncheons being held in April sponsored by Texas Midwest Community luncheon Network. The presentation and discussion focused on "Moving Forward in Times of Uncertainty"

the During luncheon community representatives from neighboring cities offered comments on the current local economic conditions. Attendees discussed factors that affect the local economy and how to best prepare for the unexpected. The group also received a recap on value-added programs and activities conducted by TMCN.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Abilene, Aspermont, Haskell, Knox City, Munday, Rotan and Sweetwater. The luncheon was catered by Hickman's Restaurant.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, families to enjoy together. At the tourism development, regional end of the four week program, awareness & promotion, and the families reconvene for an- legislative awareness. It is an other meeting where they will organization of "communities also enjoy a pizza party and the working together to accomplish fathers and children who partici- what one community cannot do pated in the program will receive alone." For more information about TMCN call 325-795-8626 This is neither Lori nor or 800-845-3563 or visit www.

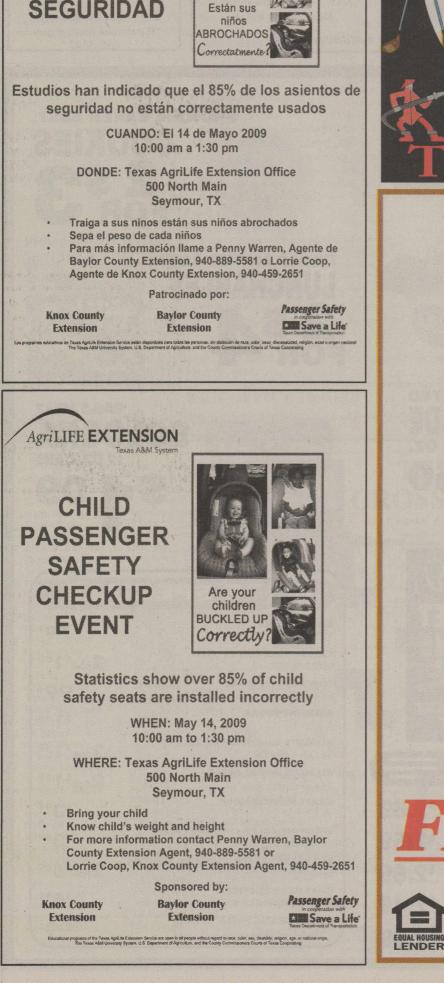
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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research-including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more



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