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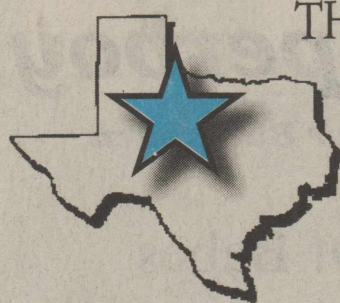


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LOOKING AHEAD

The Munday Chamber of Commerce is holding a community-wide Garage Sale next Saturday, June 13.

Knox City Summer Lunch programs start this week. They start service June 9 and will continue to serve breakfast (8am-9am) and lunch (11:30-12:30) M-F at the Knox City Cafeteria. The meals are free to kids ages 1-18 years old. (No food will be served July 3rd).

Benjamin Ranch Rodeo will be next Friday and Saturday.

Benjamin Senior Class of 2010 will be running concessions during Donkey Roping all day Saturday and during the Benjamin ranch Rodeo Saturday night. Beginning at 8am, they will be serving breakfast burritos; lunch and dinner will be hamburgers, sausage and BBQ.

There will be a closing service celebrating the memories and ministries of the Rule United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 14, 2009 beginning at 3pm at the Rule United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend this service. For more information, you may contact Pastor Tom Long at 940-864-3202

G-FORCE

Abundant Life Christian Fellowship will be having G-Force all summer along at the Church. Kids from 4th grade graduates to 8th grade graduates are all encouraged to come and participate in fun, food and fellowship, while learning the amazing and wonderful truth about God and Jesus Christ. Every Wednesday night from about 6 p.m. to 7:30 (we sometimes run late!) For more information call Brandy Wise 940-658-1060 or Tex Cox 940-657-4146.

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Coleman Wins Gold in 400 Meters at State Track Meet

By Tamara Smart

Not much can be accomplished in 49.27 seconds. Most television commercials are at least 60 seconds. Walking to the kitchen for a snack takes at least a minute for most people.

If your name happens to be Derrick Coleman of Knox City, though, a minute is more than ample enough time to explore the perimeter of a football field. In fact, Derrick only needs 49.27 seconds to accomplish that kind

of task. He proved this to himself and to the rest of the state of Texas last Saturday as he ran the 400 meter dash faster than anyone else state-wide, thus winning the gold medal and bringing a State Championship home to Knox City.

Derrick surprised himself with this time, though. Having run the 400 meter dash in 50.3 seconds at Area, then beating his own time (and the previous Knox City school record) at the

Regional meet running at 49.8 seconds; Derrick then cut another .53 of a second off his best time in Austin. His race was at 1:55 p.m., so not only did Derrick beat the State Track meet jitters, and his own best time, he did so in the heat of the day on a day with temps in the mid to high 90's and extreme humidity.

Sunday the town of Knox City celebrated the return of their champ with a parade of vehicles bringing Derrick back into town. The parade began with local Police car, Fire Units, a Fire Truck (Derrick's own chariot) and any other vehicle that the city could round up with sirens and flashing lights.

Derrick developed his talent through a number of facets. Genetics are on his side, as he is the son of a mother who won three gold medals in State during her day (in the 200 meter, the 800 meter relay and the mile relay). He also ran countless "31's", an exercise which consists of running 300 meters, resting for 20 seconds, then sprinting the last 100 meters. Finally, Derrick dreamed of running since he was a child. He has memories of attending track meets from his elementary

school days and was always out running around as a child.

Derrick plans on running again for Knox City during his Senior year for the 2010 season. This is his golden ticket to college, which he already has been offered a full scholarship to McMurry in Abilene (but he hopes to attend U. North Texas).

In reflection of the past season, Derrick wants to "thank the coaches, the Knox City girls track

stars who also made it to state (one of which being Derrick's cousin, the team placed 8th in Austin),

sends a thanks to Jordan Carter and to Lannie Coleman." Also, Derrick and his mother, Beatrice Collins, recognize Derrick's biggest fan, Linda Fae McCrary, also known to Derrick as his grandma, who never missed a track meet all season and was always there to cheer on her grandson.



Photo by Kirby Campbell

Derrick Coleman rounds the curve on his way to a state championship and a personal best time in the 400 meters at the UIL state track meet last weekend.



Photo by Kirby Campbell

Derrick Coleman smiles on the medal stand after receiving his gold medal after winning the 400 meters in Austin.

Duncan Says Session Contentious; Optimistic On TxDOT

CHILDRESS — Sen. Robert Duncan addressed a full house at StoneyRidge Golf Course Thursday morning and touched on rural issues and this past legislative session.

The Texas Department of Transportation was front and center with the lawmakers letting it and the Texas Department of Insurance pass through sunset with no measures taken to save those entities.

"We ended the session with the TxDOT Sunset Bill not passing and the Texas Department of Insurance bill not passing," Duncan said. "Unless we do something, those agencies will start winding down in about a year. I anticipate we will have a special session to deal with those issues."

"The Senate took kind of a hard position on this because what we were concerned about was the fact that in all of the rush and everything, there were \$2 billion in Prop 12 funds that were not issued that supported highway construction. We felt like we needed to force the issue on those bonds and that is one reason we didn't pass this safety net deal... Our view is we need to fund construction."

"My thought on that is if we're not funding construction in the cities, well then the first place it (funds) would go is to maintenance in the rural areas. A healthy TxDOT budget is very important."

Duncan said he thought a special session would be called closer to next summer as highway funding continues to be a major issue across the country. His main concern is the availability of funds outside of metropolitan areas.

Duncan, who was joined by Rep. Warren Chisum, both agreed the session was con-

tentious.

"It was the toughest session I've ever been through," Duncan said.

OTHER ISSUES Rural Health

"The physician employment bill, which allows areas of less than 50,000 to employ physicians, passed," Duncan continued.

Rural hospitals will benefit from the way smokeless tobacco is taxed (by weight) which will add \$90 million to state coffers.

"Of that \$90 million, two things happened which were very significant ... We put \$30 or \$40 million into the physician loan

repayment program which allows physicians to work in rural areas and get their loans repaid.

"With the extra money on that, we were able to raise the exemption on franchise tax for small employers to \$600,000 or maybe \$1 million depending on how much the comptroller certifies."

Duncan credited Chisum for his work in the House on those issues.

"The small business man is going to get a significant tax break because of what Warren Chisum did," Duncan added.

Cotton Farming

"We were able to get \$30

million extra in boll weevil money to help those south zones who were influenced by the hurricane," said Duncan. "That will keep those boll weevils suppressed so they won't come back and re-infest our part of the state."

School Finance

"We were able to put more money in for our local school districts and able to maintain many of the things that help rural school districts in the school finance bill," Duncan said. "The new stimulus money provides a significant boost to all of our schools in the state of Texas including our rural schools."

Duncan added that the legislature was able to clarify things on dual credit (high school/college) courses which will save school districts money as more students are able to take advantage of the availability of college courses through local school systems.

Duncan said he voted against the \$800 across-the-board pay raise amendment granted to Texas teachers.

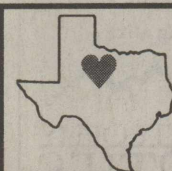
"I'd rather that money go to the school districts so they can use it to reward faculty accordingly and to recruit faculty,"

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Photo by Chris Blackburn

Sen. Robert Duncan (left) and Rep. Warren Chisum visited Childress Thursday to give locals an update on the 81st Legislative Session.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Each month, volunteer pilots from Grace Flight fly patients needing specialized medical care, including chemotherapy and dialysis, to hospitals throughout Texas. Many of these patients are from rural areas and would otherwise be hard-pressed to receive the care they need.

These flights are part of General Aviation (GA), which includes all flying except the scheduled airlines and the military. Right now GA is being imperiled by Congress. If proposed legislation is enacted, the outlook could be grim for patients who use Grace Flight as well as for millions of other people throughout the country who depend on General Aviation for services and jobs.

Among Congress' proposals are new costs and regulations. Since Grace Flight pilots already donate their time and planes and pay for their own fuel, these increased costs could ground them. The impact on patients who live in rural Texas could be devastating, because they would

have to drive long distances to receive care.

The legislation would involve not only medical volunteer organizations. With an estimated 65 percent of General Aviation flights conducted for public service and business, many industries and services would be affected, including agriculture, emergency medical evacuation, law enforcement, aerial fire-fighting, package delivery and the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition, millions of jobs depend on GA, which pumps more than \$150 billion into the U.S. economy. Two members of Congress deem GA so essential that they formed a caucus to educate their peers on its value to the American economy and transportation system.

Several weeks ago, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest pilot organization with more than 415,000 members, launched General Aviation Serves America. The goal of this national grassroots campaign is to educate policymakers, opinion

leaders and the public about the vital role GA plays in our local communities and the nation's economy. Actor Harrison Ford, an avid pilot, is volunteering his services in support of the campaign. (To learn more about the General Aviation Serves America program, please take a few minutes to visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.gaservesamerica.com"](http://www.gaservesamerica.com))

The importance of GA and its impact on the citizens of Texas cannot be overstated. For more than 80 years, General Aviation has played a significant role in the lives of millions of Americans across the country. I hope you will join me in our efforts to ensure that it's around for another 80 years, and well beyond.

Sincerely,
Craig Fuller
President
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

Raising children is a constant adventure. Sunday during a family outing, I hear, "Mom - Jack said 'crack.'" Sutton Hawk, my 3-year-old, was telling on Jackson, 5.

"Crack is not a bad word son," came Mom's quick retort. "You're a crack Sutton," Jackson fired off with new energy getting the clear for "crack." Sutton replied, "Cracker!" And he said it in a racial manner.

I looked at Sharon with nothing to say. A few weeks ago, Sutton really liked the word "Mexican." He used it every way imaginable. He wasn't using it in a mean manner, he just liked the way it rolled off the tongue.

Anyhow, Sharon and I had to tell the boy he could offend people by using his new favorite word. It took two weeks to get this bit of political correctness uploaded into his noggin. Finally, we started to name off our Mexican-American friends and Sutton Hawk said, "They aren't Mexicans ... they're brown people."

"What are we?" I asked. "We're white people," he said. I didn't ask him about his cousin, Sam. Sweet Samantha's dad is African American while the mother is white. I have no idea whether the mom is English American, German American, French American or any other American.

Finally, I told Sutton, "Mexican is a word meaning 'from Mexico.' Just like saying we're Texans because we're from Texas."

It got me to thinking... I certainly grow tired of the labels we've put on ourselves as a society in this country.

I'd prefer to drop the whole "fill-in-the-blank American." I think I'll settle for American. After all, there is no standard of how long you need to be on this soil to be called American. And since Native American is already in use, why not keep it simple.

But what of using state's as a characterization? I'm a Texan. My sister is an Oklahoman now, although she'd prefer Native Texan.

My buddy Rollie lived in Texas for decades, but he's an Okie through-and-through and has retired there.

It seems we've made things too complicated in our society. My mother was a genealogy expert and traced our family back multiple generations. Dutch, German, English, etc... Guess I'm a Euro-white melting pot ... or would that just be Euro American.

Then again, if someone actually referred to me as a Euro American, I don't think I would like it much.

I've got Indian American friends and Pakistani American friends. Sometimes I can't tell the difference when I meet someone from either of these countries, but I know there is bad blood between their governments. It can get confusing. Besides, I'm pretty sure they'd prefer to simply be called "American."

Here's how I see it and how my children will view it: I'm here now as are you. We're a ton of cultures from all over the world mixed together and each one of us should be treated as equals.

Our founding fathers - namely Thomas Jefferson - wrote it correctly and Dr. Martin Luther King helped us to understand: It's not race. It's just us, living together.

It is a complete waste of time and energy to worry about race. As far as Jack and Sutton's creative use of the English language - the jury is still out. They've each sampled soap and did not find it to their liking.

If they are anything like their dad, they'll continue to test the parameters regarding language. My dirty little mouth kept me in plenty of trouble and it would not surprise me a bit if one or both followed suit.

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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 person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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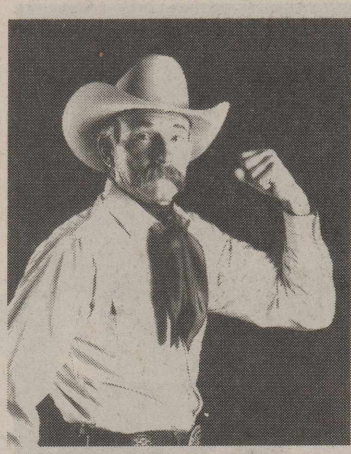
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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

TY MURRAY

THE CROSS-OVER COWBOY

It's been a long time since I've seen a real cowboy walk into the urban world spotlight and take it by storm! Not since Ben Johnson, Wilford Brimley, Nolan Ryan and Mac Baldrige, could I have pointed and said, "He's one of us."

Grandma Teddie watches Wheel of Fortune every weekday on Channel 9. Three months ago DANCING WITH THE STARS began airing after Wheel of Fortune. I was cleaning up the dishes when I heard the MC read the list of 13 celebrity contestants. I didn't recognize a single soul until he said, "Ty Murray."

Ty Murray? Seven times World Champion Cowboy in the PRCA? Co-founder of the PBR? The man who said "Rodeo is not a hobby. If you want a hobby, collect stamps!" On Dancing with the Stars? It's like they introduced Chuck Norris tating doilies with Martha Stewart!

Watching Ty and his professional dance instructor-partner was always an experience. I would not pretend that I, or the majority of watchers, would have had the stamina, persistence and humility to attempt a 13 week contest that was so grueling. Had one of the terrorists been a contestant, by the third week he would have been begging, "Take me back to Guantanamo!"

Each week they had to learn the steps, slides, moves and lifts of a different dance; from the Mambo, Sambo, Rhombo and Tombo to the Paso Doble and Quickstep...which I actually thought was a disease.

Amongst the moments of anguish and wincing, he would hit the mark or ride the wave and the crowd would cheer! We cowboys in the audience across the country rode with him on his weekly choreographed roller coaster ride. We voted for him by the millions as show after show he remained standing with the winners. As I watched his weekly torture and survival, over and over I knew, we cowboys all knew, that when the chips were down he's the man we'd want on our side.

There was only one time I doubted. It was when the choreographers included a dance move where his partner got down on her hands and knees bucking...and he climbed on, threw his arm back...never mind, I shouldn't have brought it up.

Out of 13 competitors he came within three of winning the whole thing! He left with his dignity intact, his fan base gigantified and his friends proud. And he did it all in good humor. In his own words, "Teaching me how to dance is like trying to teach a blind man how to paint!"

I couldn't have said it better.

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

Crop dusters are rural America's alarm clocks. They wake you up early. There's even a snooze feature. If the first full-throttle low pass over your rooftop doesn't rouse you from bed, they'll be back. They'll be back anyway.

If you live in town, chances are you've never been buzzed at sunrise by anything louder than a large housefly. You don't know what you're missing.

No, I don't know for sure that they always fly at full throttle. (I'm referring to the pilots and not the flies. Flies are always at full throttle.) I just know that's how crop dusters sound. Their over-powered planes are the street rods of the sky. It's my guess that muffler laws don't apply, except I always picture the pilots wearing one like Snoopy, whom they somewhat resemble, especially from a distance.

A crop duster by any other name is an aerial applicator - today's term of choice for a daredevil who gets paid to do the Red Baron thing. Or so it seems to us average ground-bound earthlings, watching and listening from afar as a spray pilot dips and loops, dropping the chemical of the day onto whatever. I use the word "listening" for two reasons: watching is optional; listening is not. Also, when you try to watch the low-flying planes make their appointed rounds, sometimes all you can do is listen, like when they disappear behind clumps of trees or buildings only to re-emerge on the other side. Good for them.

The standard plane flown

by this special breed of pilots is a tail-dragger, the kind with a wheel under each wing and another one under the tail instead of the nose. If crop dusters ever fly the wheel-under-the-nose kind of plane, they haven't been doing it over our farmhouse.

Disclaimer: I'm flying by the seat of my pants with no Internet connection to check facts. You're along for the ride. If you prefer facts, sit tight. We'll land soon.

Meanwhile, here's some advice based on lifelong crop duster-related observations and experiences:

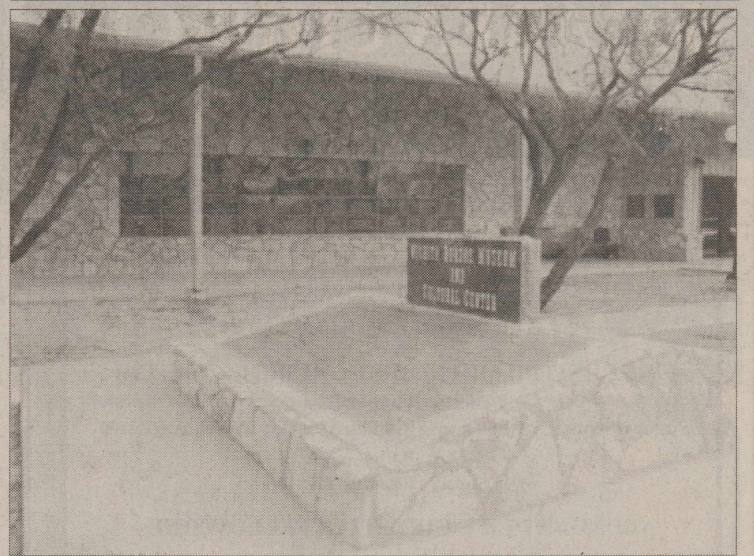
Crop dusting is dangerous. If a crop duster is alive, then you know he's good.

If you need some low-to-the-ground aerial photographs, get a living crop duster, the older the better, to take you up in a vintage slow-cruising tail-dragger. Expect to tilt for good shots at great angles. If it looks like baling wire is holding something together on the wing, don't ask. It's too late to ask. Don't forget to shoot the pilot while you're up there. It'll be your best close-up.

If a crop duster is spraying a field, avoid being there on an open-air tractor, unlikely nowadays anyway. In less-regulated times, someone I know dove off his tractor to avoid certain death by crop duster. From between cotton rows, he looked up in time to see the twinkle in the pilot's eye as he skimmed by, imaginary muffler streaming from the cockpit.

You wonder why farmers don't go to air shows? The real action is on the farm. Come early.

MUSEUM NEWS



Plans for the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center's "Grand Opening", on June 27th, are progressing. Each community is diligently working on their display area, which has very interesting historical facts and artifacts available for everyone to see. Many people have donated or loaned items from "the olden days", to be displayed.

Before the official program begins at 10:00A.M., visitors will have the opportunity to visit with two experienced re-enactors, until 2:00P.M., who will set up a "camp" near the program area. They will be dressed as Texas Frontier Rangers of the 1860's, and will answer questions about the men who took

over frontier protection west of the Cross Timbers when federal troops left frontier forts to go to the War Between the States.

The guest speaker, Dr. Scott White, is head of special projects, oral history, and Curator of Arts for the National Ranch Heritage Center at Lubbock. He is nationally recognized for his knowledge and expertise in historical preservation and his encouragement of historical preservation efforts.

Wichita Brazos Museum memberships and stamp cancellations will be available for purchase. The Museum directors will be available for helping those with questions while touring the museum, until 5.00 P. M.

\$1,000 Added To Prize Winnings For Each TCRA Event For 113th Annual Seymour Rodeo

Though the shaky economy has many citizens tightening their purse strings this summer, the Seymour Rodeo Association is loosening theirs for competitors in the 113th Seymour Rodeo and Reunion slated for July 9-11.

The Seymour Rodeo Association will be adding \$1,000 to the winnings for each TCRA event for this year's rodeo. TCRA events to be held include the following: Bull Riding, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc, Calf Roping, Ladies Breakaway, Senior Barrel Racing, Open Dally Team Roping, and Ranch Saddle Bronc. Additional non-TCRA events include Junior Barrel Racing, Double Mugging, Kids Calf Scramble, Kids Steer Riding, and Wild Wool Riding.

Books open Sunday, July 5 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. For more information about this year's rodeo, contact TCRA at 806-276-5672.

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Claudell Fred Bratcher

Claudell Fred Bratcher was born May 5, 1924 in Vera, Texas to Melvin Andy and Theo Docia Murphee Bratcher. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, having seen extensive combat in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and was erroneously declared killed in action. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Combat Group Medals. He returned to Vera to marry Mary Helen Ellis on February 18, 1945. After the war, they settled in Vera, Texas, farming successfully for over 60 years in the Vera and Knox City communities. He was a very concerned and involved citizen who served on many boards and committees over the years, in both civic and church capacities.

He was a member of the A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge of Seymour, Texas and a lifelong member of the Vera United Methodist Church. He was

preceded in death by his mother and father and one sister, Wilma Beck

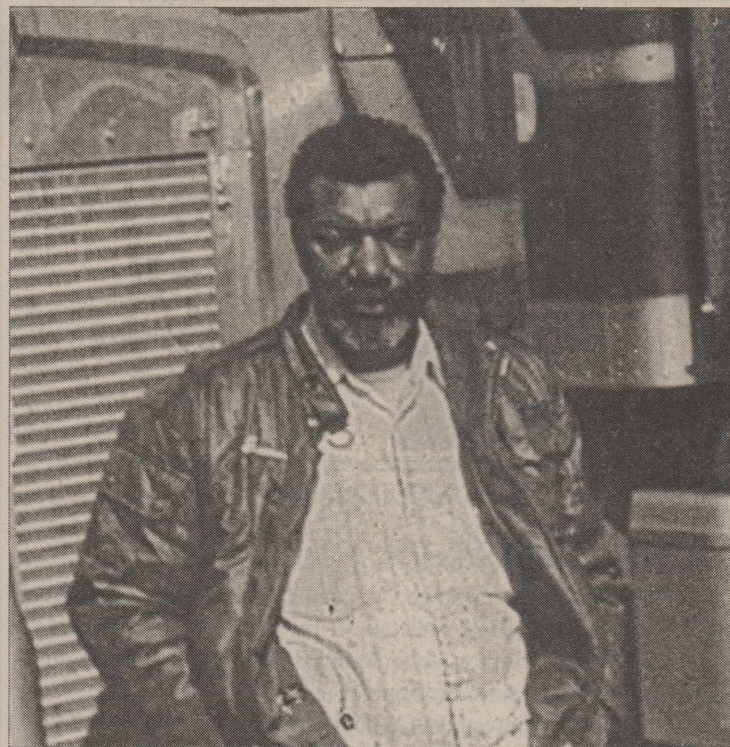
He is survived by:
Wife - Mary Helen Bratcher of Seymour

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5 Grandchildren - Bob Bratcher and wife, Sonja; Elizabeth James and husband, Stephen; Heather Bratcher Canwell and her husband, Dave; Tim Bratcher and Tara Bratcher Key and husband, Scott

8 Great Grandchildren - Lauryn Bratcher, Jordan Bratcher, and Meghan Bratcher; Dale Robert James and Merideth Ellis James; and Noah Scott Key, Jonah Alan Key and Micah Bratcher Key

The family suggests memorials to the Vera Cemetery Association, c/o Harold and Edith Beck, 1070 CR 4185, Seymour, Texas 76380.



MANUEL FAMILY BENEFIT LUNCHEON

The family of Mike and Mary Manuel would like to be a blessing to them and the two grandchildren they are raising. Mike is a truck driver for Warner. While on the road in Hartford, CT., Mike suffered a massive condition of congestive heart failure. After surgery Mike returned home where he has not received a doctor's release to return to work. They still have to live and the bills are continuing to come in.

For this reason the family would like to invite the wonderful and caring community of Knox City to this Benefit Luncheon in support of the Manuel family. On June 13th between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Knox City Housing Authority Community Building, 203 W South 4th Street, there will be a BBQ plate (drink and dessert included) for \$10.00.

Also any donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to the Manuel family. Lets bring our hearts and pocket books to help out the Manuel family in their time of need.

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BRIGHT IDEAS

By Alex Mills

Crude oil prices have market experts across the globe scratching their head trying to figure out the movement in price.

In May, crude oil prices rose \$13.11 for 30-day delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). That's a 25 percent increase from \$53.20 to \$66.31.

Prices rose to a high of \$68.55 on June 3, but declined \$2.43 on June 4 after the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported weekly inventories increased unexpectedly as fuel consumption plunged to a 10-year low.

Many speculators were betting that the EIA report would show crude oil inventories falling by about 1 million barrels, because the previous week demand fell 900,000 barrels to 17.7 million barrels per day. Prognosticators were second guess themselves after assuming that prices would return to last year's level but tumbled on news of oil inventory increase.

The weakness of the dollar seemed to be driving investors to crude oil instead of equities as an inflation hedge.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc., a firm that forecasts future crude oil prices, predicts that oil will be about \$85 per barrel – an increase of 30% - by the end of 2009.

"As the financial crisis eases, an energy shortage lies ahead," Goldman analysts, Jeffrey Curie and David Greely said in a news release.

Bloomberg reported that the analysts said the recent rally

in price is an indication that worldwide economic stability probably will occur in the second half of 2009, and as the economies stabilize demand will increase and prices will rise.

The report also noted the contango situation, where crude oil prices on the futures market a year out are higher than 30-day contracts, probably will continue to narrow. Several weeks ago crude oil prices a year out were about \$20, or 67%, higher than the 30-day contract price. On June 3, that differential had closed to \$7.40, or 11%.

Generally, gasoline and refined petroleum products will follow crude oil.

EIA reported that gasoline consumption had its largest decline last week since January 2005. The agency said gasoline consumption declined 518,000 barrels to 9.02 million barrels. Traditionally, gasoline consumption and prices peak between Memorial Day in May and Labor Day in September. Gasoline futures fell \$0.0236 to settle at \$1.9016 per gallon.

With the exception of this week, gasoline prices have been on the rise. On April 27, the U.S. average for retail gasoline was \$2.049. In a little over a month, prices rose almost 50 cents to \$2.524. However, gasoline prices remain far below the \$3.976 of a year ago.

Diesel, on the other hand, has declined, significantly. Last year the U.S. average retail price for diesel was \$4.707 per gallon compared to \$2.352 last

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The family of Ricky Bishop wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude shown to us during the sudden loss of our beloved son, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle. Words cannot convey our deepest appreciation for all the visits, cards, food, flowers and kind words of encouragement during this most difficult time. Thank you to the KC EMS, KC Law Enforcement, and Vonnie Ivie for being so supportive. If one's act of kindness was not recognized, it was truly an oversight. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

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We Thank You.

To the family of Ricky Dale Bishop,

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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

The weather has been a bit unsettled this past weekend, resulting in pretty good rain Saturday night. We got almost two inches, some wind and a little hail. No damage except for a few tree limbs blown off but moisture very much appreciated. Think maybe we may have more in store most of this week. The wheat is almost all cut & I'm sure a few more days of good weather would be appreciated by the farmers but we'll wait and see what happens.

I extend sympathy to the family of Claudell Bratcher of Vera today. Claudell passed away Fri. His health had been failing for sometime. He was always a pleasure to be around & I never failed to see him that he didn't express his appreciation for my "news" in the weekly papers. He will be missed by so many. His funeral is today (Mon) in Vera.

Here 'N There
It's good to report that I have no serious illnesses to report today. Seems everyone is doing well. Deann Lamb had gall bladder surgery on Wed. morning & was able to come home Wed. night. She is doing well & very glad to be free of pain.

I was in Iowa Park on Tues. Had to have three teeth pulled! And that's no fun- But sure am

glam to get it taken care of. Betty Bohannon & two of her great-grandchildren, Lezie & Nicholas spent the weekend in Nebraska with daughter (& aunt) Bonnie Howell & family. Two more grandchildren, Taylor and Sabra, returned to Benjamin with her for a few weeks visit. Randi Johnson of Christ is here for a visit with grandparents, Mike & Debbie Moorhouse. Mark Brown is in Dallas this week for tests & evaluation in preparation for a liver transplant. The process is quite detailed & much has to be done in making these preparations. Mark needs everyone's prayer at this time in his life.

Gary & JoAnn Hamilton of Rolla, Mo. visited me on Sunday night. They are former Benjamin residents and are still interested in his home town "goings on". The Srs. of 2009 are to return from Hawaii today. Reports from them are that they have had a marvelous time. And I bet they have. They have made memories they will treasure the rest of their lives.

I talked to Linda Parker today & she said her little grandson, Aiden Crinion, son of Shannon & Danny is doing well. Is out of the hospital & tho still has his little legs in casts, he is going to be o.k. Aiden developed strep

& went into toxic shock which threw his entire system out of order. A pocket of the infection settles in his hip joints thus causing the need for surgery & the reason he has to be in casts for a little while. But thankfully, he's pulling out of it & should be back to his 14 month old self pretty soon. The Crinions live in San Diego, Calif. & Linda and Jerry returned home last week from a weeks stay with them.

Finally, I have a request to ask of anyone who feels they can help in anyway. One of the waitresses at Bud's Café in Knox City had been diagnosed with cancer. She has no insurance & her husband is disabled. Their only source of income is his disability check & her wages & tips. This is by no means a solicitation for business at Bud's, but an earnest plea for help for someone who desperately needs it. She sees her oncologist on Wed. & will probably begin some sort of treatment soon which will be costly. If you can help in any way, drop by Bud's and let them know. There will be a receptacle there for cash. If financial help is beyond your realm of possibility, please remember them in prayer. Sandra Bishop is the waitresses' name & we all thank you in advance for your consideration & concern.

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Third Annual Quannah Ranch Rodeo Set for the Weekend

The Third Annual Quannah Ranch Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday, June 19-20, in the Quannah Riding Club Arena, entry deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, June 15. The Quannah Riding Club is sponsoring the event, which begins at 7 p.m. each night. A dance will be held Saturday night, and a concession stand will be available both nights. Admission tickets are on sale at The Tumbleweed Western Wear in Quannah. Box seats are \$8.00, adult tickets are \$6.00, and admission for children age 12 and younger is \$4.00. Events during the popular ranch rodeo will include team branding, team doctoring, team sorting, Remunda roping, and donkey ribbon pulling. Entry fee is \$400 per four-man team, with a limit of 10 teams per night. To enter, call 940-663-5916 during the day or 940-838-8676 after 5 p.m. Each cowboy can enter only once and participate on one team. Paybacks include:
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•Third place—\$1,000 plus halters donated by J&M Feed.
Bronc riding after the rodeo has an entry fee of \$50 and stock charge of \$10. Participants can enter with the rodeo secretary. The cowboy code of rules will be followed:
•Team branding—two-minute time limit; one head; catch neck or hind feet; no front legs.
•Team doctoring—two-minute time limit; clear rope before dismounting; one loop per rider (four loops per team); you may dally or tie on (your judgment); slick horns, half/head or neck; no front legs. Time ends when calf is on side with all four feet showing. Rope must be off calf for a time.
•Team sorting—two-minute time limit, 10 head. Only one

team member sorting in the herd; others can cross the line to hold the cattle only.
•Remunda roping—two-minute time limit; 10 horses at a time in pen. Time starts when roper enters pen only; time ends when roper leads horse to the flagmen. No assistance in leading the horse from the pen to flagman. Hooleyann roped. Team members stay in designated area.
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Scientists identify gene for deadly inherited lung disease

HOUSTON - A rare, deadly developmental disorder of the lungs called alveolar capillary dysplasia with misalignment of pulmonary veins (ACD/MPV) that usually kills the infants born with it within the first month of life results from deletions or mutations in the FOXF1 transcription factor gene, said a consortium of researchers led by Baylor College of Medicine

(www.bcm.edu) in a report that appears in the American Journal of Human Genetics. "There is no question that these data are convincing," said Dr. Pawel Stankiewicz (http://www.bcm.edu/genetics/faculty/zstankiewicz.html), assistant professor of molecular and human genetics at BCM. "This is the gene responsible for 30 to 40 percent of alveolar capillary dysplasia with misalignment of pulmonary veins cases. It is involved in angiogenesis (formation of new blood vessels) and lung development." He is first author on the paper.

fewer than 200 cases reported worldwide. The study based at BCM seeks to test blood and tissue from infants born with the disorder and their parents to find the cause and develop a test for the disease.

Generally, infants born with the disease have defects in the normal air-blood diffusion barrier in their lungs. They usually become critically ill soon after birth and they respond poorly to standard treatments used to help children who have lung or breathing problems at birth. Most die soon after birth.

He credited Dr. Claire Langston, distinguished service professor emeritus of pathology and pediatrics at BCM, with making the study possible because of her long-term interest in the disease. Dr. Partha Sen (http://www.bcm.edu/cnrc/faculty/?PMID=9563), assistant professor of pediatrics - nutrition at BCM, was instrumental in collecting unique samples from 25 families whose children were born with the disease for more than a decade.

Others who took part in the study include Sen, another first author, and Dr. Charles Shaw-Smith, a senior author from the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge, the United Kingdom.

Other institutions involved include Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, UK. Signature Genomic Laboratories, LLC, in Spokane, Washington; The University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville; Miami Children's Hospital; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and the University of Washington in Seattle.

Finding the gene may make it easier to diagnose the problem in children born with the disorder and to counsel families about the risk of the disease in future children, Stankiewicz said.

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Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Cress herbicides	8.9	8.9	8.9	50	0	p/Ci/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
2007	Cross alpha	0.8	0.8	0.8	15	0	p/Ci/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Barium	0.177	0.177	0.177	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Chromium	2.5	2.5	2.5	100	100	ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Fluoride	0.64	0.64	0.64	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong tooth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2008	Nitrate	0.1	0.1	0.1	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; seepage; erosion of natural deposits.
2007	Combined Radium 226 & 228	0.8	0.8	0.8	5	0	p/Ci/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRL	MRODL	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2008	Chlorine Residual, Free	2.82	1.7	3.7	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.
2008	Chloramine Residual	2.06	0.03	3.4	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Total Haloacetic Acids	40.4	29.7	56.2	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Total Trihalomethanes	65.9	31.6	123.7	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

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Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichloroacetic acid, and dibromochloroacetic acid are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Chloroform	32.25	32.25	32.25	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromoform	3.42	3.42	3.42	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromodichloroacetic acid	26.05	26.05	26.05	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Dibromochloroacetic acid	18.32	18.32	18.32	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Lead	5.9	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Copper	0.433	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Recommended Additional Health Information for Lead
All water systems are required by EPA to report the language below starting with the 2009 CCR to be delivered to you by July 1, 2010. We are providing this information now at your courtesy.
"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the rates of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>."

Turbidity
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Turbidity	0.30	100.00	0.3	NTU	Soil runoff.

Total Coliform
Total coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more heavily tested than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Total Coliform Bacteria	1	Presence	Naturally present in the environment.	

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VIOLATIONS

Violation Type	Health Effects	Duration	Explanation	Steps to Correct
REPEAT COLIFORM MONITORING - MAJOR - NO REPEAT SAMPLES	We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During this compliance period, we did not correctly monitor, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.	7/1/2008 to 7/31/2008	Hard wind Blowing 7/17/08	3 - Repeats 7/27/08 5 - Repeats 8/14/08

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Aluminum	0.069	0.069	0.069	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Bicarbonate	144	144	144	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2008	Calcium	48.5	48.5	48.5	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Chloride	27	27	27	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Copper	0.001	0.001	0.001	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2008	Hardness as CaCl ₂	180	180	180	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2008	Magnesium	14.2	14.2	14.2	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Manganese	0.0094	0.0094	0.0094	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Nickel	0.004	0.004	0.004	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.
2008	pH	8	8	8	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2008	Sodium	27	27	27	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Sulfate	41	41	41	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	144	144	144	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2008	Total Dissolved Solids	296	296	296	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.

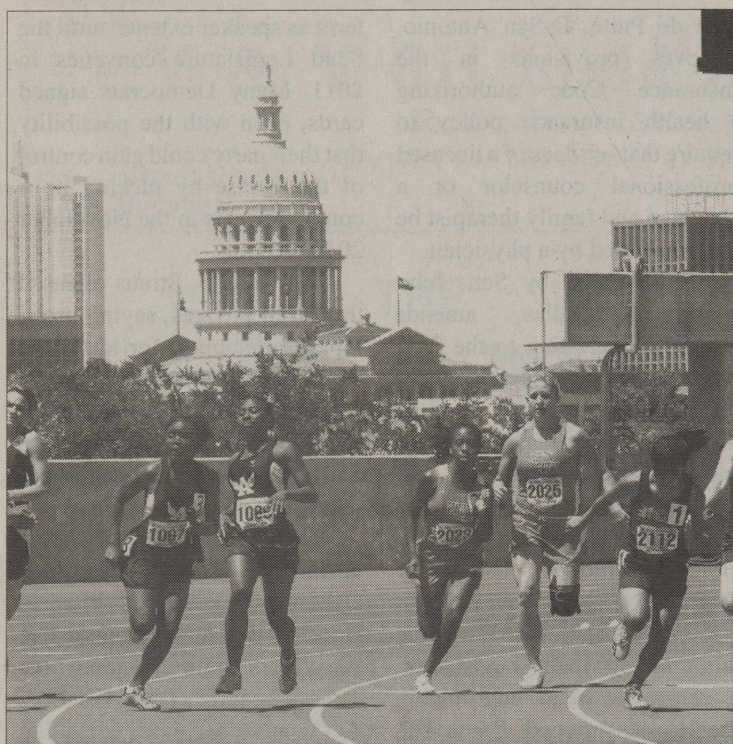


Photo by Kirby Campbell
Katelin Reed hands the baton to Holly McCrary in the 400 meter relay at the UIL state track meet held last weekend. Knox City ran a 51.54 to finish eighth.



Photo by Kirby Campbell
Munday's Abby Sanders, left, pulls up after the exchange with Lari Dee Welch in the 800 meter relay at the UIL state track meet held last weekend. Munday finished fifth.



Photo by Kirby Campbell
Munday's Rob Dillard puts the shot at the UIL state track meet last weekend. Dillard finished fifth with a best heave of 50-2.

15th Annual Wildhogs Scramble Held

The 15th Annual Wildhog Classic 3 Lady Scramble took place last Saturday, June 6 at the Knox Country Club. Eighty one women participated in the tourney, teeing off at 8 a.m. and playing throughout the day with an awards banquet at 4 p.m.

The winners (and their final scores) are as follows:
Grand Champion- Maloney, Tankersly and Underwood (65)
2nd place- Hendrix, Stewart,

Wilson (65)
3rd place- Williams, Skites, Thane (65)
1st Flight winners
Champion- Latham, Wojcik, Langley (69)
2nd- Martinez, Staland, McCurry (69)
3rd- Hatfield, Brown, McNutt (70)
2nd Flight
Champion- Adkins, Clonts, Bracey (72)

2nd- Verhalen, Cook, Urbanczyk (72)
3rd- Casillas, Eades, Saucedo (72)
3rd Flight
Champion- Ledesma, Ledesma, Rios (74)
2nd- Abila, Guey, Rodriguez (74)
3rd- Hager, Harlen, Hunter (74)
Special thanks is extended to Dorthy Jean Dykes, Susan

Cozart, Zahoma Stevens, Charlene Brothers and Marie Jackson, the women who worked in the kitchen for the banquet which followed the tournament. These women are the heart and soul of the tourney and work their fingers to the bone.
All proceeds from the tourney benefit the Ladies Golf Association.



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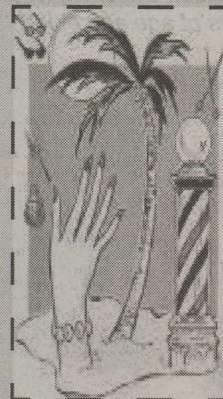
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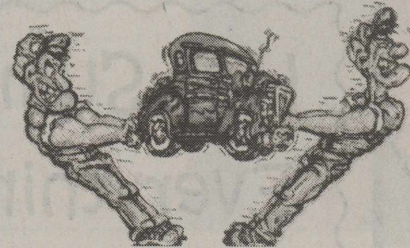
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Lawmakers left Sunset bills and other major issues unresolved in the closing days of the 81st Texas legislative session that ended on June 1.

The Legislature, through the Sunset process, may tweak, overhaul or dispose of entire state agencies. Left undecided were the fates of the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Racing

Commission and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. Also left unresolved was the bill to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to more Texas families.

But Gov. Rick Perry dismissed suggestions that the Legislature's failure to pass such major bills would force him to call lawmakers back to Austin for a special session this summer.

Perry lauded the Legislature for certain bills they did pass, namely the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association bill, legislation that provides coverage in hurricane-related disasters. Perry also cheered the cutting of the profit margin tax on small businesses.

The House and Senate did manage to pass 128 substantive bills that became law immediately when the governor signed them. On Sept. 1, 133 more bills will become

law. And, on Jan. 1, 2010, five more bills will be on the books as new laws. The governor has until June 21 to exercise his veto power.

Now, here are a few random samples of new state laws:

- HB 205 by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, makes municipal leash laws not apply to a dog used to protect livestock on property controlled by a property owner while the dog is being used on such property for that purpose.

- HB 328 by Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, eliminates the inspector of hides and animals, a county-level office created in 1871 to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by a thorough inspection of hides and animals shipped out of a county for sale.

- HB 375 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, reclassifies farm elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.

- HB 772 by Rep. Donna

Howard, D-Austin, requires the Texas Education Agency to provide a live audio and video webcast of all State Board of Education meetings and to maintain a publicly accessible archive of webcast meetings.

- SB 37 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, grants eligibility to a child for services under the deaf-blind with multiple disabilities waiver program at the time of the child's diagnosis. The bill ensures the receipt of services that enhance the child's ability to communicate and learn.

- SB 83 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, authorizes a victim of, or a parent or guardian of a victim of a sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault or continuous sexual abuse of a child, to terminate a lease early and avoid liability, if the assault took place at the leased property.

- SB 1291 by Sen. Leticia

Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, removes provisions in the Insurance Code authorizing a health insurance policy to require that services of a licensed professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist be recommended by a physician.

- SB 2225 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, amends current law relating to the civil and criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct involving the transporting or transferring of a firearm and making firearm smuggling a criminal offense.

House members pledge for Straus

In the days after sine die adjournment of the Legislature, evidence of team-building in the House emerged. Some 106 House members signed pledge cards in support of a second term as speaker for Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio.

Straus's first and current

term as speaker extends until the 82nd Legislature convenes in 2011. Many Democrats signed cards, even with the possibility that their party could gain control of the House by picking up a couple of seats in the November 2010 election.

On June 5, Straus released the list of pledges, saying broad bipartisan support for him is "a clear indication that members of both parties can set aside their differences to work together to find solutions to critical issues facing our state."

AG charges tax protest business Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott charged Houston-based O'Connor & Associates with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and other law, for filing tax protests without taxpayers' consent, failing to appear at clients' tax protest hearings and submitting fraudulent notarized documents.

Gonzales, Carter To Play in Greenbelt Bowl

Players will report to Childress Wednesday, June 10 to begin practice for the 60th Annual Childress Rotary Greenbelt Bowl.

Among them will be Munday defensive back Marcos Gonzales and Knox City receiver Jordan Carter. Gonzales will play for the North squad while Carter will suit up for the South.

Players from throughout the area will spend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in practices in preparation for Saturday's contest.

Tickets are \$8 with children five and under free. Tickets are available at the gate.

The queen's pageant is Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Childress Junior High Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. The queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies at the game. Tickets to the pageant are \$5 and available at the door.

The annual player's banquet will be held Friday night at 5 p.m. at Fair Park Auditorium. Tickets to the banquet are \$8.

Kansas Wesleyan's Dave Dallas returns for his 13th Greenbelt Bowl to lead the North while New Mexico Military Institute's Jeff Lynn returns for his third to coach the South. The two will also speak at the player's banquet.

Pregame ceremonies begin at 6:30 p.m. with kickoff at 7 p.m. at Fair Park Stadium.

Special awards and scholarships will be presented during postgame ceremonies with \$3,500 in scholarship money.



Derrick Coleman waves from a fire truck while being honored in Knox City with a parade. Coleman grabbed the gold at the recent state track meet.

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added Duncan.

Duncan said additional money was also made available to retired teachers and other state employees, but the Texas Attorney General has yet to decide on the constitutionality of the funds.

Both Duncan and Chisum gave lawmakers credit for managing the state's money as Texas is one of a handful of solvent states in today's economy. In fact, Texas has \$9 billion in the bank, much more than any other state.

Chisum added that the majority of new jobs created in the U.S. during the past decade were created in Texas and the Lone Star State was the most business-friendly state in the country.

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Derrick Coleman poses with his family for a photo after the parade.



Derrick Coleman stands with Coach Maxwell, Coach Webb, and Coach Steele, of the Knox City Athletic Department. Not pictured is Coach Howeth who was Derrick's coach during his preparation for the state track meet.

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