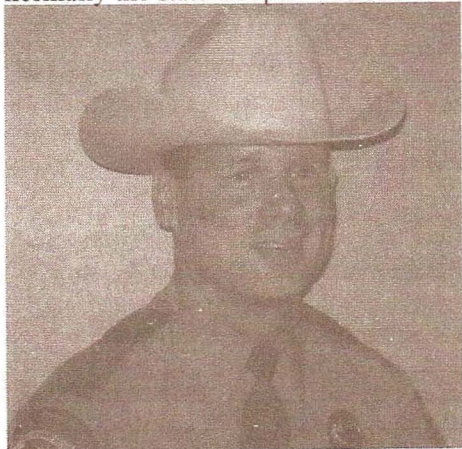


COMMUNITY NEWS

Addressing the Readers

I am grateful for the opportunity to address the readers of the Northeast Times. I should probably introduce myself since this is my first submission. I have been a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper for fourteen years. Prior to that, I worked for six years in Indiana as a police officer. I am not from Texas but I got here as quick as I could. I am not normally the state trooper



Pictured above is Texas Highway Patrolman Lonny Haschel.

that you see in the rearview mirror when you've been driving a little too fast. I have been shot at, stabbed, hit by a car, and rear ended twice in my career. Working the road full time is a younger persons' sport. I am currently assigned to the Public Information and Education Unit of the Texas Highway Patrol.

With education in mind I thought it appropriate to re-

road.

Start with your vehicle. The highway patrol 800 number is on the back of your license if you get stranded. Top off all fluid levels and check your belts and hoses. Pack some tools in case you need something other than a butter knife. You chuckle; I had a person on 121 at Glade road trying to change a flat with the only tool he could find, a butter knife. Check your tires for proper inflation and make sure they are not heavily worn or damaged. I can't stress how important it is to check your spare tire as well. There have been numerous occasions that I have stopped to assist a motorist with a

flat tire only to discover the spare was flat too. Check your battery and ensure it is in good working order. Check your windshield wipers and replace them if the are worn or leave streaks. A clear view will be very important on unfamiliar roads in inclement weather.

Next, take inventory of those that will be driving. Make sure all drivers are

THE BEST BOOKS YOUR KIDS WILL EVER READ

Parents today face a serious problem – getting their children to read quality literature. Some kids would rather hike Kilimanjaro than pore over a good book. When they do find the motivation to read, they often choose material that supports questionable morals or has limited educational value.

The new VocabCafé Book Series easily solves this problem by encouraging vocabulary development, promoting positive morals, and entertaining young audiences with exciting contemporary stories. The first book of the series, “The Summer of Saint Nick”, features Nick Franklin – an average kid – who unexpectedly discovers a small fortune. Instead of using this gift for his own pleasure, Nick decides to share his wealth with the community.

Young teens and pre-teens alike will be fascinated by

plot elements like romance, mystery and surprise, and parents will be glad that the content stays clear of offensive language, sorcery, drugs, alcohol and implicit sexual themes.

Not only does “The Summer of Saint Nick” eliminate negative subject matter, but also it stimulates learning. As part of the VocabCafé Book Series, this book is infused with 300 advanced vocabulary words. As kids read through the narrative story, they will learn these difficult words through their context. For instant reference, the literal definition of every emphasized word can be found at the bottom of the page.

Now finally there is a book series that can entertain kids and enhance their education, while remaining unpolluted by the vulgarity that can easily be found in contemporary media.

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Annual Awards Banquet

The Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce held its annual Awards Gala titled “50th Anniversary- A Magical Mystery Tour” at the Speedway Club ant Texas Motor Speedway, with over 330 in attendance.

The Chamber announced

with Atmos Energy, as the Gertrude Tarpley Director of the Year and Faye Branche with First Bank Fossil Creek, as the recipient of the Siegrid Charbonnet Community Spirit Award.

Outgoing Chairman of the Board Dr. Larry Darlage, President of Tarrant County College-NE also praised the efforts of John Pena with TXU Electric Delivery, Phoenix Electric, Lif