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## Antelopes Prepare for Season ...

Hidden inside the mass of Post High School's 2010 Varsity and Junior-Varsity football teams is Coach Jones, giving the boys some last minute instructions before they head inside for a break. The teams started two-a-day practices on Monday and were out on the field at 8:30 a.m. The first Varsity game is Friday, Aug. 27, at home against Sundown. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale now at the central office.

Photo by Eleya Richards

## Comeaux settling in as Post ISD leader

By Eleya Richards  
Staff Writer

Michael Comeaux, the new Superintendent for Post ISD, has been in Post since May of this year. He began his career in schools as a seventh grade Texas History teacher and coach. While moving around, he worked his way up in both the athletic and academic departments. Comeaux has been in administration for nine years and is starting his 16<sup>th</sup> year in education.



Michael Comeaux  
Superintendent of Post ISD  
Courtesy photo

Mr. Comeaux began his career in Southeast Texas. He and his family evacuated to North Texas when Hurricane Rita hit his hometown in 2005. He and his wife, Keely, decided to move their family north and "not deal with hurricanes anymore." He spent several years at Palmer High School in Palmer, TX, and helped the faculty and school go from academically unacceptable to recognized in three years.

When Comeaux first came to Post, he and Keely felt at home and very welcomed. His hope is to give his two daughters, Kayla and Kally, a chance to have a hometown and grow up in one place like both he and his wife did. He hopes that the community of Post will be the place to give his girls "a common experience as far as a community and students that they have gone to school with." The youngest daughter, Kally, moved with her father to Post and enrolled in school here. She had the opportunity to sign up for summer softball and participate in the Summer Rec program. Comeaux's wife, who will teach Pre-K here, and Kayla stayed in Palmer, TX to finish out the year.

Michael's experiences with his daughters have certainly influenced the Superintendent's views. Having Kally in Post with him and participating in a variety of activities, he says, has allowed him to get to know

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## Slaughter among inductees to Texas Heritage Hall

Six prominent Texans have been selected for induction into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor September 24, opening day of the 2010 State Fair of Texas. The new inductees, distinguished by their contributions to agriculture and ranching, join 54 previously enshrined members.

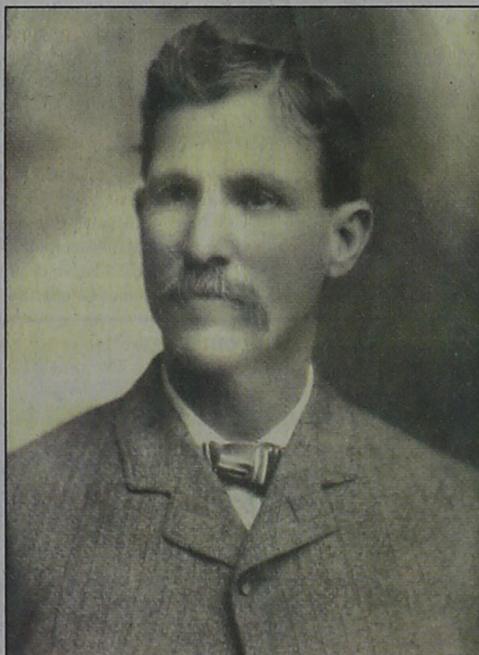
W. Post, cereal magnate and town developer, for the town of Post to be built. Slaughter and his wife spent most of their years living on the plains of West Texas. Just shy of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1928, Slaughter died of heart failure. He had spent the previous day in the saddle during a roundup!

Tobin and Anne Armstrong, Susan Combs, Morgan Jones, Wade Lewis Pennington and John Slaughter have been elected to membership for 2010. The Texas Heritage Hall of Honor was established in 1992 b the State Fair of Texas to recognize lifetime achievement in agriculture.

Other inductees, Tobin and Anne Armstrong, during their 55-year marriage, were a team of national, state and cattle industry leaders. Owners and operators of the Armstrong Ranch in Kenedy County, they were widely regarded for their production of beef cattle, breeding stock and wildlife. Tobin served the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for 48 years. Anne served as a counselor to Presidents Nixon and Ford and was the first woman to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain. Anne died in 2008, following Tobin's death in 2005.

The younger brother of Christopher Columbus Slaughter (HHH inductee, 1994) John B. Slaughter was a trail driver, Indian fighter, rancher, and farmer. Born in Sabine county, he started out with 30 or 40 head of cattle given to him by his father and spent a lifetime becoming one of the best known and respected cattlemen in the state. Among his accomplishments is the crossing of the buffalo with Brahma cows (cattalo) and a second cross with a buffalo known as the "Vernier." He moved his brand, the "U Lazy S" to Garza County in 1901 and, in 1907, sold 50,000 to C.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs was the first woman elected to the position of Texas Agriculture Commissioner. Serving in that capacity she ignited economic growth, promoted Texas products and launched one of the strongest school nutrition policies in the nation.



Garza County pioneer John Slaughter will be inducted into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor opening day of the 2010 State Fair of Texas.

Courtesy photo

### Post Notes

**Benefit for Jimmy Marlin**  
Benefit to help with Jimmy Marlin's medical expenses. Saturday, Aug. 7, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Gordito plates with rice, beans and tea or Chili Relleno plates with rice, beans, and tea \$7 each. Thank you.

Beneficio para Jimmy Marlin  
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### Inconvenient Detour

If you are one of the many folks affected by the closure of FM 211 to repair the bridge over the railroad tracks, you know how terribly inconvenient the detour is! I wouldn't mind a detour of just a few miles, but 20-25 miles and for six months? I realize it is necessary to replace the bridge, but to completely eliminate the way to cross the railroad tracks at that point is not acceptable!! If you share my desire to see a temporary railroad crossing built there, then please let your voice be heard! Call TXDOT Supervisor Doug Eichorst at 745-4411 and Railroader Justin Lopez at 765-3955.

boxes at City Hall and the Community Center. Although subtle, these types of things tell our residents and visitors a great deal about our community.

### Downtown Looks Nice

Our downtown area looks nice and is well maintained. I am especially impressed by the plants/flowers in the

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## Chamber News

Congratulations to Hildegard Marlin for winning the Promote Post award last week. Anyone who knows Hildegard, knows she always provides great service to her customers. Contact the Chamber office if you would like to nominate anyone for this honor. This program will continue through Labor Day.

This Saturday will be Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. We should have close to 30 vendors this month so come downtown and shop. We will also be having the Chamber Cash Giveaway - spend at least \$25 at any Garza County business (including the downtown vendors) and come by the Chamber office between 9 and 5 to draw for cash and prizes. The grand prize is \$250 cash.

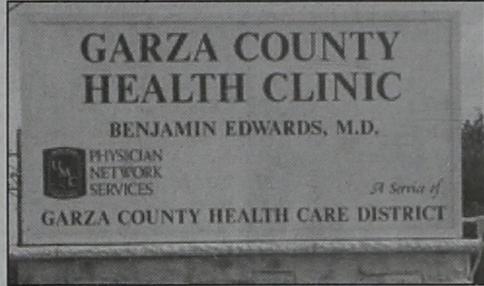
This weekend Ragtown Gospel Theatre will have "The Antioch Challenge" Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3 p.m.

The annual Post Stampede Rodeo begins Thursday, Aug. 12 and don't forget our annual Rodeo Parade on Aug. 14. We will also have vendors set up on Main Street that day.

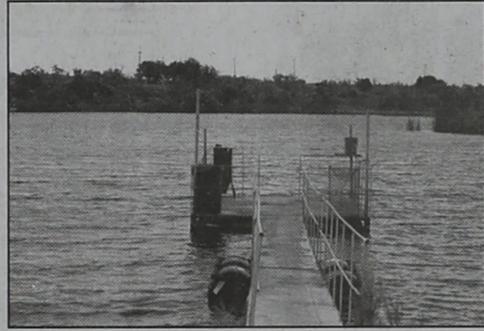
Call the PACC office for information - 495-3461.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Sil-

ver Members - TWO DRAW LAKE and GARZA COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT.



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MEMBER OF THE WEEK - Silver Member Two Draw Lake

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### In Memory of Debbie Maddox

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"*

*Gone where?*

*Gone from my sight. That is all.*

*She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and she is just as able to bear the load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her and other voice ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"*

- Henry Vn Dyke

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# Obituaries



Glenda Joyce (Pike) Morrow

*And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me  
And oh, my grave shall warmer, sweeter be  
For ye will bend and tell me that you love me  
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me.*  
~ from the song "Danny Boy"

On Tuesday, July 27, 2010, after a night of listening to her favorite music and contentedly drawing in her sketchbook, Glenda Morrow made a request - please be sure to get ham and coffee at the grocery store. Nothing much was thought of the request until the next day, July 28, when she passed peacefully from this life into the next. It became obvious then that she died as she lived: making sure that others had everything they needed.

Glenda often brought ham and coffee to the homes of families who had lost a loved one.

She loved beautiful clothing, station wagons, animals and insects (especially horses, Blue Heelers and spiders), reading, gardening, Christmas, sewing, gourds, her deck, dancing, flowers, babies, the Psalms, all kinds of music, d' Arches watercolor paper, ham, coffee, her friends, her family, and Jesus.

She was born on November 23, 1934 to John and Grace (Breeding) Pike in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She had 8 brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded her in death. Her family moved often, as

her father was a mechanic who specialized in the repair of a particular type of cotton mill equipment, and his work took him throughout the South where they rarely stayed in one town more than a year.

When Glenda met Charles Morrow in Post, Texas in 1949, the stories say that he was quickly taken with her soft beauty and fun-loving spirit. They married on September 20, 1950. He promised he would build her a home on his family farm and she would never have to move again. He kept his promise. She took her last breath in the beautiful home he built for her and their family, never having lived anywhere else in almost 60 years.

They spent over 55 years together, dancing, hunting and camping, making music, gardening, sharing meals and jokes and kisses. They also shared a time of great hardship and sorrow when their eldest son, Robin Dale, contracted a blood disease which took his life on October 17, 1960 at the age of 7. A box of sympathy cards, letters and other mementos recently found in Glenda's keepsakes were a testament to the loving support given to them by the community of Post during this difficult time, for which they were always grateful.

Though they mourned his loss for their lifetimes, they were comforted by the eventual arrival of three more sons and a daughter. As a family, they camped, fished, made music, played games, worked on the farm, sat around the dinner table and laughed and laughed. Charles passed from this life on June 6, 2006. They are survived by David Morrow of New York; Daniel Morrow, his wife Rhonda of Post, their children Heather Williams and her husband Shawn and their children Derek and Tiffany of Seguin, Texas, Jenny Curb and her children Dymon and Sheridan Gomez of Post, Tonya Moss, her husband Robbie and their son Blake of Tyler, Texas, Sierra Hart and her husband Jason and their children Gracie and Abby of Tyler; William Morrow, his wife Lisa, and their children Zachery and Lindsey of Lubbock and Alissa of Post; and Melissa Morrow of Post.

On March 4, 1978, Charles helped Glenda realize a lifelong dream. They rented a building and after extensive remodeling, Glenda's Gallery opened on Avenue L and 8th Street in Post. As an intensely creative individual, the Gallery became the place where Glenda was thoroughly able to share her work and talent with the community. For many years, she taught classes in watercolor and oil painting to children and adults, and a common refrain upon her death, was "Glenda taught me how to paint." She eventually closed the Gallery, but continued her work in her home studio. Her legacy to the community she loved so much were the many paintings, drawings and other works of art found

in museums, homes and offices throughout Post and the world.

She was a member of the Post Art Guild, the VFW Women's Auxiliary, Post Presbyterian Church, the Caprock Cultural Association, and many other community organizations. She was also a founding member of the board of trustees of Old Mill Trade Days.

Memorials can be sent to any of the above organizations, or to the Post Public Library or the VistaCare Foundation.

### Eva Sandra Kirkland

Eva Sandra Kirkland, 77, of Post, TX, formerly of Throckmorton, TX, passed away in Lubbock on July 23, 2010. Sandra was born in Vernon, Texas to David Kay Robinson and Lila Evelyn Lee on Dec. 12, 1932. She graduated from Vernon High School. She was an entrepreneur, cook, homemaker, at one time worked in a cotton mill and the Throckmorton Courthouse. Sandra was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church in Throckmorton. Sandra was an outspoken woman, hardworking, and agile. She was a baton twirler in High School, loved Bingo, shopping, Walker Texas Ranger, beans & cornbread, lemon pie and her family.

She is survived by two sons, Keith Fightmaster and wife Doris, Chad Kirkland and wife Kari; one daughter, Patti Lechuga and husband David; two sisters, Sue Nell Watkins and Sande Robinson, of Throckmorton, TX.; ten grandchildren: Mandi, Paul and AndaCriswell, Sandra Stone, Troy and Jason Gibson, Katelyn, Colin and Kara Kirkland, Kylie Hopkins Kirkland and fifteen great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kirkland is preceded in death by her parents David Kay and Lila Evelyn Robinson; stepmother Mozelle Robinson; two brothers, David Robinson and Ronald Robinson; one sister Jeanne Weaver and one step brother Jimmy Steadham.

A funeral service was held Saturday 2 p.m., July 24, 2010 at First Baptist Church in Throckmorton, TX. Officiating will be Peter Parker. Burial will be in the Throckmorton Cemetery, Throckmorton, TX.

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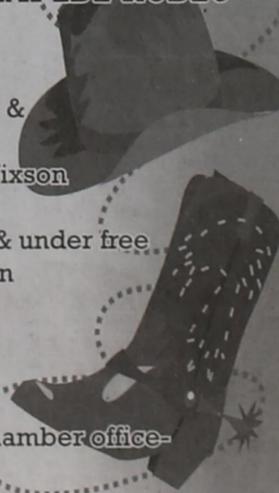
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For more information, call the Chamber office- 495-3461



# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Weather**  
Last week I said there wasn't much to tell and Wednesday night after I submitted my news it got a little wet again; we got another 2 inches here at the gin.

**News**  
Congrats to Kim and Rhonda Norman on the birth of their first granddaughter, Soffi Kim Scott. Soffi was born to Tanner and Steffi Scott. Great grand-parents are Gerald and Laveta Norman and Ronald and Shirley Storie.

I do want to send out our condolences to the Glenda Morrow family. Glenda was not a Ragtown girl but she was one of

our landlords here at the gin; she passed away last week. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Morrow. I took 8 years of art from her when I was younger as many of us did. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

**Ice Cream Social**  
Oh my goodness! We had such a good time Saturday night, the music was fantastic, the ice cream was wonderful and the people that came out were terrific! If you missed it then you really did miss it! There was just shy of a 100 people in attendance including 11 former students that attended school there. Nancy, who by the

way is just as much a part of this as I am; I would not get anything done if it were not for her and she deserves the recognition for all she does. Anyway back to what I was trying to say...Nancy and I need to thank some people who really helped out a lot. Cuco for the use of his generator; Charles and Sharron for the chairs and tables; The Underwoods, Monk Palmer and the gun club for the use of the canopies; GB for the use of his trailer; Lee for the stairs so we didn't have to jump up on the "stage"; all the ladies/gents that made ice cream or snacks; Patsy for the use of her cottage; Robbie, GB, Lexi, Jim,

Lee and Marsha for staying to help pack up; last but definitely not least, Hanks and Company and Foley Bluegrass for the wonderful music. And a special thanks to Monique for making and donating the beautiful table that is to be raffled off. If you are interested in purchasing tickets you can contact me or Nancy; we will sell them thru the month of August. The table top is made up of glass in which came out of the Close City School, she did a beautiful job on it.

**Get Wells**  
Those who may be a little under the weather and we just want them to know we are thinking

of them.....RayDon Underwood, who is home and doing fantastic; Eva Gonzales.

**Visitors**  
Al Craig; Cecil Stolle and Bil Hedrick were our visitors this past week. Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo

Stuart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

**Close City Birthdays**  
August 7<sup>th</sup> - Brooke Morris  
August 10<sup>th</sup> - Dena Watson  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Grey Beasley  
August 12<sup>th</sup> - Joel Lopez  
**Anniversaries**  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Jon and Salli Bess Page

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Everyone have a great weekend!

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## Weekly Inspirations

### THE BURGLAR

By: Michael F. Taylor

Jan was a devoted wife to Bill and loved him in spite of all of his shortcomings and downfalls. Speaking as a husband, I am so glad that wives tend to do so. But one thing in particular seemed to cause Jan distress about Bill's personality. It seems that Bill could never admit to any type of imperfection about himself in any way. Now, ladies, I know that none of you out there have ever experienced this problem with your husband because men never are guilty of this...Errrrr... Moving right along! Jan had spoken to Bill about this attitude many times, but couldn't help but laugh one day when she emphatically proved her point. It seems that Bill had purchased a brand new state of the art security alarm system for their beautiful brownstone home due to several reports of burglaries in the neighborhood. The alarm technician was very helpful as he went through a very thorough explanation of how to operate the system. Jan spent the entire hour and a half listening intently to the directions and made several notes on the instruction booklet that the polite alarm tech gave them. Jan, however, noticed that Bill seemed to be preoccupied with a football game on the television and did not seem to be listening. They politely said goodbye to the alarm company representative as he walked out the door. The very last thing that he said was, "Now folks, don't forget that the alarm company will contact your local police department if the alarm is tripped and your code is not entered within two minutes of the alarm." Everything went fine until five days later when Jan was sitting at her desk late that evening. Bill had just returned from a business trip and upon unlocking the door, heard the tell-tale BEEEEEEEEEEP- of the new alarm system. Bill hurriedly entered his code \*\*\*\*\* and to his dismay read the words, "Incorrect Code" in the bright green display screen. Bill once again entered his code \*\*\*\*\* and yes, you guessed it, observed the same "Incorrect Code" in the display panel. Ten minutes later, Jan received a telephone call from Sergeant Thompson informing her that a burglar of her house was in custody. When the police arrived, Bill would not admit that he had forgotten the code - AND TURNED HIMSELF IN!!! Well, hopefully you are not so inclined as to turn yourself in as a burglar as to admit imperfection, but I believe that Jesus spoke some words to each of us in Matthew Chapter 7, verses 24-28, "24Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." 28When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." NIV And we see in Ephesians Chapter 5, Verses 15-20, "15Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." NIV Isn't it wonderful to know that we can truly live with the wisdom of God as He has imparted to us in His Holy Word. God bless each of you this week and don't be afraid to admit it when you have to go back to the instruction booklet. GODS WORD!

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

Deuteronomy 6:5

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## Letter to the Editor

From the inception of the new jail concept the public was invited and encouraged to participate in the discussion for the need of a new county jail. That was three years ago.

Generally we had three options: to build 48 beds and pay for nearly all of the facility with Garza county tax dollars or #2 build 96 beds and have enough out of county contracting of space to pay for the whole facility. The third option would have been to continue to pay \$350,000 to some other county each and every year to house our prisoners.

We are currently in our first budget to have a full year of operations.

The first budget was based upon an estimate of seven months and at a 50% occupancy rate. We finished the first partial year at 59% occupancy.

Today the new jail is being occupied above our projection and has at one time run at 100% capacity.

We based our average inmate population on our previous years actual numbers.

On an annual basis the occupancy rate is at 74%

capacity, as of this date.

The average inmate days this year exceeded our expectations by 32%. We therefore amended the budget to reflect the increase in expenses. This increases our revenue as well.

The funds to amend our county jail budget were taken from reserves. Those reserve numbers are published in the Post Dispatch each quarter and certified by the commissioners court. The County Treasurer is a qualified investment officer and can only invest county funds in highly rated investment accounts.

The commissioners court meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 am to conduct county business. All of our meetings are posted at the courthouse or on our website [www.garzacounty.net](http://www.garzacounty.net). We are currently preparing the 2010-11 budget.

Anyone is welcome to hear all or a portion of the hours we spend on county business and preparing the budget.

Thank you  
Lee Norman  
Garza County Judge

# 4-H Play days a Success



Katelyn Cribbs (left) and Maegan Bland show off the buckles they won during 4-H Playdays.

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Participants in the 4-H Playdays enjoyed a swimming party.

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Clay Miller

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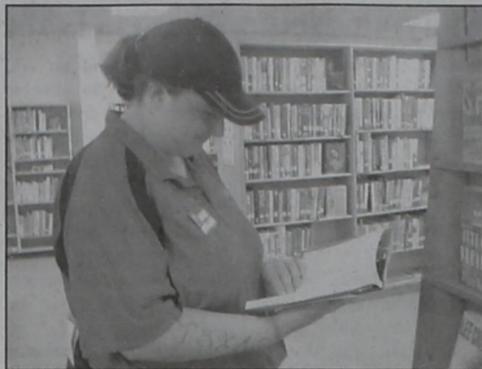
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Garage Sale, Sat. August 7, 8 a.m. - ? 701 N. Ave. O

Garage Sale – little bit of everything. Friday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m. – Noon. 109 E. 14th

Thank you for reading the Post Dispatch!

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## Lake Alan Henry Report

August 2, 2010

**Conservation pool elevation:**  
2220.00 feet above mean sea level  
**Elevation:**  
2220.43 feet, 0.43 feet above conservation pool elevation  
**Water Temperature:**  
84 degrees F  
**2010 cumulative precipitation:**  
19.30 inches; 0.30 inches last week

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Of course, most of us know this already.

According to Texas Health and Human Services approximately eight million cats and dogs enter animal shelters each year. Three to four million are euthanized. And countless strays are highly susceptible to diseases such as rabies and are responsible for numerous injuries to humans — not to mention \$20 million per year in animal control expenses.

So why are roughly one in four pet dogs and one in six cats not spayed or neutered? According to veterinarians, a handful of diehard myths and misguided attitudes bear most of the blame:

**Myth 1: Female cats and dogs should have at least one litter before you have them spayed.** According to the Texas Department of State Health (DSHS), the exact opposite is true. Early spaying greatly reduces your pet's chances of developing uterine, ovarian or mammary cancer.

**Myth 2: My dog is my**

**best friend. And no real "bro" would do that to another.** Guys often make this argument regarding male pets. But the concept of reproduction-linked mojo doesn't exist for male dogs or tomcats. They'll still be the same rough-and-ready dudes after neutering. And, chances are, they'll live longer and healthier lives.

**Myth 3: Witnessing the miracle of birth is a wonderful nature lesson for my kids.** Maybe so, if your kids actually get to see the miracle. More likely, it'll happen under the deck in the dead of night. Plenty of DVDs and TV nature specials show how puppies and kittens come into the world — in HD, complete with expert commentary.

**Myth 4: An animal's behavior changes drastically after sterilization.** What few changes occur, DSHS notes, are subtle and positive. Male cats and dogs remain active but engage in less fighting, wandering and other testosterone-fueled risk behaviors. Male cats neutered early also are far less prone to territorial spraying.

**Myth 5: I'm afraid my pet's watchdog instincts will be affected.** Dogs' natural

instinct to bark in response to possible danger has nothing to do with their reproductive functions. The instinct is hard-wired into most dogs and won't change as a result of spaying or neutering. Male dogs, though, may be less likely to confront and bite all suspected intruders — good news for the mailman.

**Myth 6: Neutered pets tend to get fat.** Just like people, pets gain weight when they take in more calories than they burn off. And neither of these factors is related to fertility. It's true that intact males wander more, but you can safely replace that activity with the daily exercise opportunities that everyone should give their pets.

**Myth 7: Spaying and neutering are too expensive.** Over your pet's lifespan, you'll probably spend more on collars than you would on spaying or neutering. These procedures generally start around \$45 for neutering male cats and dogs and can range up to \$200 and more for spaying very large dogs.

Do yourself and your pet a favor and have it spayed or neutered.



## The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

In the realm of excuses for human failings, I have a new favorite. My concussion.

I can't prove I had one, but it's my hunch, and I'm sticking to it.

When I crashed off my bicycle last week, my spongy brain must have bounced around some, even if I didn't lose consciousness. After all, when you fly over a set of handlebars and land hard on nothing but your upper lip and one elbow, every part of your body gets jarred, if not scarred.

Speaking of scars, my poor mangled upper lip is looking great. The stitches came out today, and I barely have a scar. I'm almost disappointed.

That leaves me with just my mangled yet-to-be-unstitched elbow to support the concussion theory, if that makes sense.

If it doesn't make sense, well, what can I say? I've had a concussion.

Speaking of elbows, what a great place for a scar. Almost anything you do to an elbow is an improvement.

Back to concussions.

Third time charm. My first two were worse but got me nowhere. This time I'm going to get some mileage out of a bad thing.

Back in the fourth grade, circa 1956, when a Flying Dutchman collision knocked me out, all I got out of the accident was a trip to town to see the doctor. That's just one cut above staying in class. And I had to vomit to make that happen.

The second concussion was on a Saturday morning in 1984. Fellow-cyclists and I were riding on the north side of Lake Pontchartrain. I was following too close. That crash knocked me out and even temporarily took my short-term memory. But by Monday morning, I was back at work in New Orleans, stitched and bandaged and putting in my day at work. That's a weekend accident for you.

You probably think I wasn't wearing a helmet when that one happened. Au contraire. My friend Karen, never one to do things halfway, had joined Mother Teresa's order, Missionaries of Charity, and bequeathed me

her old Bell helmet. If nuns wear helmets, I'm guessing they are issued by the church. I don't know. I'm not Catholic. Anyway, if Karen hadn't given me that helmet, I wouldn't have been wearing one.

So, when I crashed that day, also an all-out over-the-handlebar incident — aren't they all? — the sturdy helmet made the initial contact with the ground instead of my skull. Here's to helmets.

But I wasn't wearing one last week. Karen's not a nun anymore either.

If that doesn't sound like a good excuse, well, what can I say? I've had a concussion.

One of the good things about the concussion excuse is that it works for more than just faulty logic. Last week, when I couldn't recall the name of a new acquaintance, I simply said, "I'm going to have to ask you your name. I've had a concussion."

It worked. Maybe you think these lame thoughts are a poor excuse for a column. I've had a concussion.

### 2010 Property Tax Rates in GARZA COUNTY

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for GARZA COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,781,933
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 39,729
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,821,662
Last year's tax base	\$ 752,443,200
Last year's total tax rate	0.37500 / \$100

<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,820,284
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 829,170,049
= This year's effective tax rate	0.34013 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,780,572
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 829,170,049
= This year's effective operating rate	0.33534 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.36216 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00456 / \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.36672 / \$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF GARZA COUNTY adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.34013 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$5,274.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$713,045
R&B #1	\$267,439
R&B #2	\$69,221
R&B #3	\$83,182
R&B #4	\$40,040

#### Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
EMS BUILDING	\$37,000	\$925	\$0	\$37,925
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$37,925
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$37,925

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 300 WEST MAIN POST TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice: JUDY M BUSH  
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### 2010 Property Tax Rates in GARZA COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

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<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 638,440
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 638,440
Last year's tax base	\$ 784,227,982
Last year's total tax rate	0.08141 / \$100

<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 638,141
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 857,881,360
= This year's effective tax rate	0.07438 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 638,141
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 857,881,360
= This year's effective operating rate	0.07438 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.08033 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000 / \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.08033 / \$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF GARZA COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.07438 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$1,113.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$437,577

# OPINION

## The Return of the States Bailout

By BILL WILSON

Not less than a week after a \$26.1 billion bailout to bankrupt states like New York and California was stripped from a must-pass war supplemental, it has returned.

Senate Democrats had failed to muster the 60 votes needed for passage of a House version of the war supplemental — which included the funding for the troubled states. So, instead the House passed the Senate version that did not.

But, not to deny one of Barack Obama's top domestic spending priorities, Senate Democrats are once again bringing the states bailout back.

This time, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is attaching the \$10 billion for state public teachers unions and \$16.1 billion for state Medicaid spending to tax legislation that will enable the government to double-tax U.S. companies that do business overseas. The bill will limit the use of the Section 956 foreign income tax credits for profits generated overseas.

According to a U.S. Chamber of Commerce letter to Congress, Section 956 "allows companies to repatriate cash to the United States in a tax efficient manner." This prevents companies from paying taxes overseas on profits, then repatriating those profits and having them taxed again by the federal government. The Chamber says that the Section has been "particularly beneficial during the recent economic downturn and ensuing credit crunch when it was necessary for American worldwide companies to repatriate significant funds in order to meet the financial needs of their U.S. businesses."

As reported by the Hill, closing the foreign income tax

credits would raise \$9 billion. But, says the Chamber, "The revenue raising estimate for this provision seems to assume that taxpayers would simply bear the additional cost of the provision. However, the Chamber believes that most taxpayers, given the choice, would choose simply to not repatriate the earnings."

Another obvious result is that many U.S. companies will simply become foreign companies, where they won't be subject to this sort of double-taxation. Either way, profits made overseas will not be repatriated, leaving the nation with even less capital to help improve the weak economic recovery.

The National Association of Manufacturers does not like the provision either, writing in a letter that the "limitation on the use of Sec. 956 loans removes a greatly needed source of U.S. cash for worldwide American companies".

Promote America's Competitive Edge (PACE), a business coalition, agrees, writing to Congress, "A steep corporate tax hike on worldwide American companies will hinder our ability to protect and create American jobs and will slow our nation's economic recovery."

Not only would the legislation make the U.S. less competitive, the revenue raised is being used to save a scant number of jobs. Out of the estimated 3.3 million public school teachers nationwide, teachers unions are only expecting 160,000 layoffs this year — just 4.8 percent of all teachers. 38.1 percent of those layoffs are centered in just three states: 9,000 in New Jersey, 16,000 in New York and 36,000 in California.

Of course, these are the states with the most dire budget pictures, the ones that most need to make necessary cuts now to bring spending down in accordance with revenue. Califor-

nia currently faces a \$20 billion shortfall. On the east coast, New York faces a more than \$8 billion deficit, and New Jersey too faces an \$11 billion deficit for 2011.

According to the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO), state spending grew from \$945.3 billion in 2000 to more than \$1.5 trillion 2008, almost a 58.7 percent increase during the 2000's, where revenues were generally rising because of inflated property values. It was a bubble in which state politicians made the same bad bet investors of mortgage-backed securities made — that property values would never come down.

When the bubble popped, the drop in state revenues was entirely predictable. Nonetheless, state spending still grew by about \$100 billion in 2008, the year the market crashed.

These 160,000 state jobs being "saved" are "bubble jobs." They came about because of the housing bubble, which was the government's fault through its easy money and mandatory loose lending policies. Now they must be cut because the revenue that came from the economic distortion government caused is not coming back.

Compare that to the U.S. companies that operate overseas, which directly employ 22 million Americans. These companies create nearly half of all U.S. exports. They're the ones who are going to be hit with the limitation of the foreign income tax credits.

Sadly, Harry Reid thinks it's a good idea to put 22 million jobs and the capital flows generated by exports at risk all to save 160,000 bloated public sector union jobs that cannot be justified based on the budgets of the states involved.

## Reid's War on Dissent

By ROBERT ROMANO

Harry Reid just does not like dissent. Yesterday, the Senate Majority Leader failed to muster the votes necessary to proceed to the so-called DISCLOSE Act, which would impose burdensome restrictions on corporations and nonprofits that choose to engage in advertising for or against candidates for federal office.

In arguing for the bill, Reid blasted Senate Republicans for dissenting against major Democrat policy initiatives, in particular the \$2.5 trillion ObamaCare, the government takeover of the nation's financial sector, the \$862 billion "stimulus," and the \$34 billion extension of unemployment welfare benefits.

What Reid failed to acknowledge is that Senate Republicans were unable to stop a single one of those measures. They merely dissented against legislation that ultimately passed.

Perhaps that was the problem. Perhaps he would prefer unanimity in support of his legislative agenda. Or a one party system.

Nonetheless, that did not prevent Reid from labeling Senate Republicans who blocked the bill as being in the pockets of corporations and special interests. Only, the DISCLOSE Act, which Reid supports, is laced with special interest exemptions. The NRA, AARP, the Sierra Club, unions and others have all achieved privileged carve-outs that will allow them to make independent expenditures without any disclosure at all.

Media, too, maintained its decades-long exemption from federal election law. According to 2 USC 431 (9) (B) (i), the 1971 Federal Election Campaign Act: "The term 'expenditure' does not include any news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication". This media exemption to campaign regulation is reinforced in the DISCLOSE Act's language on page 24.

To add insult to injury, Reid said, "Why would we let those who go through such great lengths to conceal their names, and those who try to protect them by blocking this bill, dilute or manipulate our voices?" What about the NRA, AARP, Sierra Club, unions, and media? Why does their protection from disclosure yield the excessive regulation of everyone else?

The mere presence of exemptions for anybody in this bill discredits the premise for disclosure — that there is something inherently corrupt about political speech. Never mind that that the freedom of speech and of the press is explicitly protected by the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Never mind that the Supreme Court struck down disclosure requirements in 1958 in NAACP v. Alabama.

The same Senators who keep quoting former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, who said, "Sunlight is the best disinfectant," are the same Senators who are supporting

legislation with disclosure exemptions for the privileged few. How is it that the possibility for corruption from anonymous speech exists for everybody except those so exempted?

It would merely be a theater of the absurd if its ramifications were not so far-reaching. Corruption is not prevented under the DISCLOSE Act. It is being institutionalized. In fact, Congress is giving out privileged speech licenses to the highest bidder.

Reid revealed his true motivation when he said, "Whenever the voice of the corporation is the loudest, the voice of the citizen is harder to hear." He's okay with businesses and nonprofits criticizing him when he runs for reelection, he says, he just wants to know who they are.

Perhaps businesses and other groups are afraid to speak out in the open for fear of federal intervention into their affairs. In fact, under the bill, express advocacy for a candidate running for federal office is an open invitation to opening up the books of even the minutest details of a business or nonprofit's activities.

The Act's disclosure requirements includes any expenditures in excess of \$10,000 of express advocacy for or against a candidate up to 20 days before an election and in excess of \$1,000 within 20 days before an election, which must be reported to the FEC within 24 hours. The disclosure requirements extend to 120 days prior to the first presidential primary or caucus, and 90 days before the first

Congressional primary or caucus, and extend through general election day.

Anyone who invests or donates in excess of \$600 to a company or organization that engages in express advocacy of a candidate, except for media organizations and other exempt entities, would have their names submitted to the FEC. The bill also requires that the highest ranking official of a business or nonprofit appear on camera to say that he or she is approving the message on the organization's political communication, and they must list the top funder of the ad and the top five donors of the organization.

The effect on political speech will be a chilling one. The message is, "Don't you speak out against candidates running for office, or we'll come after you. We'll show your books to the public. We'll destroy you." The intent here is to intimidate by making the costs of speaking out outweigh the benefits, all under the guise of disclosure.

Americans don't let the government spy on individuals in the ballot box, so why should they let government officials necessarily know who is criticizing them?

Dissent against government is supposed to be one of the highest forms of patriotism. But under Reid's regime, it will be a marker, a scarlet letter by which dissidents can be weeded out for government discrimination. This should be greatly alarming for all who value any legitimate, credible opposition in our political system.

## Mining for Jobs

By REBEKAH RAST

The Seven Dwarfs from the Disney movie wouldn't be singing "Heigh-Ho" on the way to their job if they were mining in the U.S. In fact, they would probably be out of work altogether.

An often overlooked but critical industry in America is mining. It's what many states are known for. The California Gold Rush moved many people West in hopes of becoming rich off gold-mining operations, the state of Arizona is mined for its vast amount of uranium and copper, and West Virginia has mined coal since the 1700s.

America could easily sustain herself with her own resources. Whether there is a need for minerals, aggregate, sand, gravel or oil, America has it all. This begs the question, why then is the country's mineral import levels so high?

"The U.S. exploration budget is shrinking," says Luke Popovich, spokesman for the National Mining Association (NMA). "We used to comprise about one-fifth of the world's exploration budget, now we only represent about 8 percent of all the money spent on exploration. Our import reliance is increasing."

It's interesting that at a time when our economy is suffering and nationwide unemployment rates are almost at 10 percent, the federal government is spending money to import materials America already has in plenty.

Dr. Madan Singh, director of the Department of Mines and Mineral Resources (DMMR) in Arizona, says that 56 percent of the total land area in the U.S. is not open to mining. Why?

"The environmentalist agenda of the Obama Administration is destroying one of the most important and functional industries in America," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government. "It is a waste to just leave the valuable resources we have sitting in the ground so the government can own more land while increasing our nation's debt through imports."

One mineral America spends a lot of money

importing is copper — yet plenty of it sits in Arizona. Singh says possibly one of the largest copper deposits — probably in the world — was found in Arizona. The problem is the land where the copper is located is owned by the federal government. A land exchange has been proposed by the mining operation for 2,200 acres of the copper-rich land in exchange for 5,500 acres of other land. So far the federal government is not accepting the deal.

One of Arizona's own elected Congressman is putting forth his best effort to stop all mining in the state. In H. R. 644, the Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2009, Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ) has introduced in his legislation that approximately one million acres of land, including both federally protected land and beyond, be banned from any mining operations. Though the bill hasn't moved in Congress since last year, it is still being considered, Singh says.

Singh also states that last July, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar ordered that the same area in Arizona be withdrawn from all mining operations for two years while they conducted environmental studies on the area. Singh knows there are important minerals in that area, but it doesn't matter. He knows of only one mining operation that was allowed to continue mining the area. Salazar and his team are waiting for the results of the environmental impact statement and once they see what the results are, they have the power to shut the area down for mining for up to 20 years.

"Many in Washington, D.C. want to keep more and more land from development and make it into parks, wilderness areas or scenic areas," Singh says.

Popovich agrees. "The enormous appetite to lock up federal land and empower the Secretary of the Interior to, at his discretion, ban mining operations on land even when the mining company has all the correct permits is wrong. Obama has taken away useful land."

Land and jobs. Singh says the average salary of a miner is about \$60,000 a year. When you begin taking those jobs out of America,

the economy will suffer even more. "It's a domino effect," he says. "If people are working then they will buy things and spend money."

He goes on to say that every time you don't let mining operations go to work then surrounding industries struggle as well. Miners will no longer buy trucks or the necessary equipment to mine, hurting those manufacturing businesses and putting more hard-working Americans out of work. This ripple effect can shatter a small town reliant on mining to pieces.

"Obama talks out of both sides of his mouth," says ALG's Wilson. "He talks about job growth to the American people but his actions drive up unemployment numbers and force small businesses to close."

Because of the harsh environmental regulations mining operations have to go through before they can even begin to mine, many of the smaller mining businesses have been forced to close.

"Permits take a long time to get and the environmentalists are constantly fighting against them," says Popovich. "This forces you to spend more money on environmental analysis before you make any money on mining." Popovich says it can take five to seven years to open a new mine, depending on the area of the mine and how many agencies are involved and how many lawsuits you have to face from green groups.

This is exactly why smaller mining industries can't survive anymore. Singh says you still might find smaller mining operations in the sand, gravel and aggregate field, but they are facing lots of red tape as well.

A larger mining operation has the opportunity to run global. Popovich says it can take six to seven years to get a copper mining permit in the U.S., but in Chile, it only takes about 18 months.

Singh has also seen some companies go overseas as well, but they still face obstacles. "Some mineral mining operations do go overseas, but it is more difficult because countries like China and India are grabbing up mining areas in South America and other popular

mining countries making them unavailable to the U.S."

Aside from encouraging more spending on imports and depressing the job market further, the Obama Administration's actions toward the mining industry puts our nation at great risk.

By heightening our levels of imports the federal government is creating a national security problem. "If we are dependent on someone else and they no longer are willing to provide for us, then our supply line is interrupted and that's a problem," says Singh. "What if it is war time and we can't get the supplies we need?"

Another point Singh highlights is greed. What if countries we are dependent on are no longer willing to sell their resources? Singh gives this example: A mineral referred to as rare earth is used in high-tech materials, like television and computer screens and many military defense supplies. The U.S. used to mine this mineral, but was forced to stop because of all the environmental restrictions put into place. China now has well over 90 percent of all the rare earth used throughout the world and is beginning to restrict its exports of the material. Now the U.S. is in a rush to find the material other places. A mine in California, across from the Nevada border, used to be in operation and mined rare earth. There are efforts to restart this mine, but Singh says it will still take at least two years to get the mine running again.

America has not situated itself in a wise place. Uranium is another mineral we have an abundance of in Arizona, yet, Singh says we import 90 percent of the uranium we use for power plants in the U.S.

The federal government isn't helping America in any way by banning mining throughout the country. The mining industry is one of the most important, reliable and oldest industries in the nation. It is a critical part of America's past and has much to offer for its future. If Obama is serious about not being so reliant on other countries for imports then the answer is simple—let mining operations go to work.

# Why read to your baby?



*Courtesy photo*  
Alex Collier got caught reading to her grandson, Yates Dunn. Reading to an infant or very young child stimulates language development and provides an opportunity for building a closer relationship with a child.

There are many benefits to reading to your baby. An infant won't understand everything you're doing or why. But you wouldn't wait until your child could understand what you were saying before you started speaking to him or her, right? And you wouldn't bypass lullabies until your baby could carry a tune or wait until he or she could shake a rattle before you offered any toys.

Reading aloud to your baby is a wonderful shared activity you can continue for years to come — and it's an important form of stimulation.

- Reading aloud:
- teaches a baby about communication
  - introduces concepts such as stories, numbers, letters, colors, and shapes in a fun way
  - builds listening, memory, and vocabulary skills
  - gives babies information about the world around them

Believe it or not, by the time babies reach their first birthday they will have learned all the sounds needed to speak their native language. The more stories you read aloud, the more words your child will be exposed

to and the better he or she will be able to talk. Hearing words helps to build a rich network of words in a baby's brain. Kids whose parents frequently talk/read to them know more words by age 2 than children who have not been read to. And kids who are read to during their early years are more likely to learn to read at the right time.

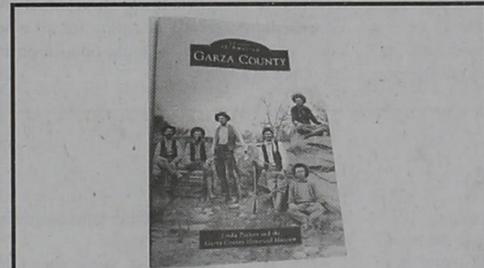
When reading, your child hears you using many different emotions and expressive sounds, which fosters social and emotional development. Reading also invites your baby to look, point, touch, and answer questions — all of which promote social development and thinking skills. And your baby improves language skills by imitating sounds, recognizing pictures, and learning words.

But perhaps the most important reason to read aloud is that it makes a connection between the things your baby loves the most — your voice and closeness to you — and books. Spending time reading to your baby shows that reading is a skill worth learning.

Get caught reading to your baby!



*Photo by Harry Record*  
Dana Holly received the cash prize from the Post Area Chamber of Commerce as part of their "Promote Post" project. Dana is known for her great customer service at Holly's Drive In and Holly's is a favorite with locals and as well as travelers.



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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odom From  
The Post Dispatch archives

## 10 years ago- August 3, 2000

Maxine Earl was joined by MAD DADS, Inc. board members Melvin Lee, Rodney Tidwell, JoAnn Mock and youth board members Mark McCallister, Jerica Tyler, Kyzandre Harper and Nicole Gray. Mrs. Earl donated professional video equipment to MAD DADS, Inc.

Mr. James Mathis was thrilled to announce that he is a granddad. Dylan Wayne Mathis was born July 2, 2000.

DeAmor Garcia and Brandon Crawford were top readers in the Post Public Library summer reading program.

The Post Junior League All-Stars swept tournament play in four games, pounding the 62 total runs. Post defeated Tahoka 16-6 and Lubbock Dixie 13-2 on July 11.

Tommy Young was named "Golfer of the Month" at Caprock Golf Course in Post.

## 20 years ago- August 8, 1990

Post Stampede Rodeo Association directors for 1990 included Mike Babb, Jeff Williams, Ken Young, Roger Blair, Mike Johnson, Danny Richardson, Ronnie Hart, James Dye, Royce Hart, Karl Bruce Hall and president Fred Humble.

Kenda Dee Williams and Paul Anthony Perez exchanged wedding vows, Friday, July 20, 1990 at the First Baptist Church in Post. Melanie Reece and Rusty Morris were united in a dou-

ble-ring ceremony Friday, July 27, 1990, at the First Baptist Church in Post.

District 4-H Fashion Show participants from Garza County included Shyla Johnson, Maggie Flanigan, Marci Hill, Shayla Wallace, Lorrye Ledbetter and Labeth Jones.

## 30 years ago- August 7, 1980

Traditional wedding vows were pledged between Patricia Lois Craig and Michael Jay Hair, Friday evening, August 1, 1980 in the First Baptist Church.

Wedding vows between Cindy Claborn and Gary Smith were exchanged in Plainview, in the home of the grooms' parents on July 26.

A double ring wedding ceremony uniting Tammy sue Reece and Kelly Williams Mason, was held in the First Baptist Church, July 25.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCellan honored them at a reception, July 27 at the Graham Community Center to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Dudley announced the birth of a son, Daniel Scott, born July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Clary announced the adoption of a son, Steven Martin, born July 19.

Carl E. Adams received his 35-year service award from Postex Plant Manager Don Smith. Adams has been employed with Burlington since July 30, 1945.

## 40 years ago- August 6, 1970

Yvonne Moreland Hill and George Beckan exchanged wedding vows August 1 in the home of the bride's parents.

Cliff Hightower, his wife, Pat, and their daughter, Hollye, moved to Post for him to serve as a new member of the Post Antelope coaching staff during the 1970-71 school year.

Rocky Gribble won first place in the Farm Bureau Talent Show in New Home. He is eligible to enter the district competition at Plainview.

Bob Compton and Sid Pierce teamed for a 138 to win the partnership low-ball handicap tournament held at the Caprock Golf Course.

## 50 years ago- August 4, 1960

New pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Ed Herring, moved to Post with his family including his wife, Leah, son Bill and daughter Ellen.

Miss Ann Taylor and Kenith Bullard were united in marriage at the Calvary Baptist church.

The Rev. J.T. Crawford, pastor, performed the single ring ceremony Monday night that united Miss Leona Hawkins and Melvin Collingsworth in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones announced the birth of a son, born July 27, named William Hal.

A son was born July 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Waldrip. They named him Richard Bruce.



*Courtesy photo*  
Mattie Smith is shown in 13-15 age group barrel competition on her horse Bug.

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Old Mill Trade Day Downtown August 7

Vendors of all types are invited to participate in Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, Saturday, August 7. Vendors set up outdoors downtown on East Main Street. There is a \$25 set up fee per event. For more information or to reserve vendor space, call the Chamber office, 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Cash Giveaway

Continuing its push to encourage Post/Garza County residents to "shop at home," the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a cash giveaway Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend \$25 in Garza County (including Old Mill Trade Day Downtown vendors) and come by the Chamber office to draw for cash up to \$250 and other prizes. Call 495-3461 for more information.

Post High School Student Schedules

Post High School student schedules will be available on August 10th and 12th. Students will need to pick up their schedules as follows:

Seniors and Juniors: August 10th from 9:00-12:00 (any changes will be made from 1:00-3:00 on that same day.) Sophomores and Freshmen: August 12th from 9:00-12:00 (any changes will be made from 1:00-3:00 on that same day.)

VFW Post 6797

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, Aug. 9 at the Post on the Clairmont Highway at 6 p.m. for a pot-luck supper followed by the meetings starting at 7 p.m. The upcoming District meeting is the main topic for all. Anyone

needing a ride call Rebecca, 990-3128 or Janet, 495-2026.

2011 Marching Band Starts

Meet Thursday Aug. 12, Monday Aug. 16, Tuesday Aug. 17 & Thursday Aug. 19; 7 - 9 p.m. at the Band Hall. Let's do it again!

Rodeo Parade

The Post Area chamber of Commerce is accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 14, at 3 p.m. Groups, families and individuals can enter floats, 4-wheelers, golf carts, bicycles, any vehicle, or your unique entry. Parade line up will be west of the Courthouse at 2:15. There is no charge to enter the parade and cash prizes will be given to the best entries. Go by the Chamber office, 131 E. Main, or call 495-3461 so they can put you in the line up.

Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers

Enjoy a great hamburger lunch before or after the Rodeo Parade! Second annual "Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center, 205 E. 10th St., Saturday, August 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings \$5/plate. Raffle for BBQ grill \$5/ticket. This is our main fundraiser for the year so come on out, enjoy a good meal and support Trailblazers!

Southland Reunion

The annual Southland Reunion will be Saturday, August 7 at the Southland School Gym. Registration begins at 3 p.m. and a meal catered by River Smith's will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$9.50 per person. Send a check with RSVP by August 1 to: Southland Reunion, P. O. Box 455, Slaton, TX 79364. For more information, call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. This event is for everyone who has lived in Southland, has gone to school in Southland or taken part in the community.

Post Elementary Open House

Post Elementary will host its annual open house on Thursday, August 19, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students will be able to meet their teacher, see their classroom and drop off any supplies they may already have.

Parents will be attend a brief Title I meeting, meet the teacher, see the classroom and receive beginning of the year paperwork. We look forward to seeing you then!

Back to School Coffee

All former Post ISD employees are invited to bring their coffee cup plus a quarter and share school memories Monday, Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Garza County Trailblazers.

Antelope Football Tickets on Sale

Reserved Football Tickets on Sale at POST ISD Central Office. Please see Kay Postell Ticket Price \$25. Last day to buy reserved tickets is August 23rd

School Supply Drive

A local car club along with area car clubs is sponsoring a school supply drive for local school children. Place your donations in the drop box at United Supermarket in Post. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

A World of Art

New exhibits at the OS Museum exemplify the unique art and culture of other countries. Located upstairs at 201 E. Main Street & Ave. I, the museum is open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator for your convenience. This exhibit will be displayed through September 28, 2010.

Conferencia de Damas

Conferencia de Damas el 28 de agosto 2010. Invitada de honor Felicia Payano De Huston Texas. Ven llenate de la precencia. De Dios y sera Bendecida almuerzo y comida precio \$25.00. Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia, Post, Texas

Animal center receives donation

Although the Women's Culture Club of Post is no longer active, it was a part of this community for 95 years. Mrs. J. B. Slaughter spearheaded this organization in 1913.

Throughout the approximate 95 years, the Women's Culture Club promoted civic, cultural and educational awareness in this community.

Comeaux...

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faculty and community members on a more personal basis. He has been granted an inside look at Post through his 11-year-old daughter. Because of his older daughter's involvement in different activities before, Comeaux has been given an awareness of things that may be missing from the Post area. According to him, one of the first things he would like to look into is the possibility of a fall sport for girls.

As a self-proclaimed "eternal optimist," Comeaux sees an abundance of possibilities in Post. His goal is to further excel the academic standard in all three campuses and for the district to become recognized by the state as an exemplary district. The newly hired superintendent views the strong, mixed faculty in Post as a strength for the district and is proud of the academic program already in place. He does hope to expand the Dual Credit and Advanced Placement opportunities to allow for a wider range of education. Comeaux believes that school, high school especially, should prepare you for life - whether that life leads you to a job right away or into college and higher education. He hopes to make Post ISD a place that helps students to recognize and achieve their full potential in anything they should choose to do.

As a former coach, Mr. Comeaux believes that coaching and teaching go hand-in-hand. He believes that "good coaches make good teachers, and reverse." His experience as a coach and

Hall...

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Born in San Antonio, Combs has a ranching operation in Brewster County on the same ranch owned by his great-grandfather more than a century ago.

A childhood fascination with railroads eventually brought Welshman Morgan Jones to American in 1866. The 27-year old was immediately hired as a foreman on the country's first transcontinental railroad, the Union Pacific.

Much of his career involved building railways in semi-arid, largely unoccupied regions. Considered a local hero in Fort Worth for completing the Texas & Pacific line to the city in 1876, his legacy is as large as the Texas Plains he's credited with developing. Jones died in Abilene in 1926.

In the East Texas town of Grapeland, the name Wade Lewis Pennington is synonymous with watermelons. Born on land farmed by generations of his family in Houston

This week a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 was graciously given to the Post Animal Refuge Center in honor of those who were a part in bringing civic projects to reality.

The Post Animal Refuge Center Committee is in the process of building a no-kill animal shelter on two acres of land which was donated by Argan Robinson Fulcher

in honor of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation, a notation of honor or a private donation can do so by mailing it to:

Post Animal Refuge Center, c/o Janice Plummer, 914 West 14th, Post, Texas 79356, PARC is a non-profit organization and any donation is tax deductible.

administrator enables him to see his responsibility to be "educating the whole child" and does not believe that sports and academics should be in competition. He wants children in the community to be able to participate in whatever their interests are.

Comeaux also hopes to "open the lines of communication" between the school and the community. The school should be "a beacon of the community" and reflect the great things going on. He believes it is important for him to become involved in community activities. In his short time in Post, he has joined Rotary and attended Lion's Club, and several churches. Since "everyone has a tie to the district," it is important to establish communication with as many people as possible. Comeaux has asked to write a monthly column in The Post Dispatch and the school has invested in automated phone and email systems to allow for faster communication.

In his short time in Post, Superintendent Comeaux has already become involved in the community on a personal, not just professional, basis.

He has high goals for Post ISD but he believes that the schools already have the tools and people in place to achieve those goals and excel further. He wants to build a district that the community will be proud of and that will serve the needs of the children.

County, Pennington served in the U.S. Army before returning home in early 1946 to be-

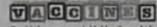
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Write-in Candidacy: Aug. 24, by 5 PM is the deadline for prospective candidates to file declaration of write-in candidacy (Election Code, Sec. 146.023) with the County Judge (Sec. 146.024(2)).

Candidate Omission from ballot: Friday, Aug. 20, is the last day on which death, declaration of ineligibility, or withdrawal of a party nominee for the November General Election for state and county officers causes an omission of the party nominee's name from the ballot. (Sec. 145.035).

Monday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m. is the last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate (Sec. 146.0301).

## VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration: Oct. 4, is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the Nov. 2, General Election. Also, Oct. 4, is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence. Applications and changes can be submitted to the Voter Registrar at the Tax Collector/Assessor's office.

For more election information, go to [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net) and click on "Elections."



Photo by Eleya Richards  
Tylo Kirkpatrick (left) and Zack Kirkpatrick, of Crosbyton, are shown with their impressive array of prizes they earned at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals in Clovis, N.M., in July. The boys are the grandsons of Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post.



Courtesy photo.  
Lana Kitten on her horse, Cowboy won All Around Cowgirl Saddle, in the 16-19 age group for the second year in a row at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals in July.



Courtesy photo.  
Cassadie Pitts is shown with some of the awards she has won in junior rodeo competition. At the HPJRA finals in July, she won a saddle for Year End Champion Goat Tying.



Courtesy photo.  
Brogan Macy competed at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals in the 9-12 age group and won a saddle for Year End Breakaway Roping.

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## High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals Results

By Eleya Richards  
Staff Writer

Lana Kitten, Brogan Macy, Cassadie Pitts, Matti Smith, all of Post, and Tylo and Zack Kirkpatrick of Crosbyton, competed in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals in Clovis, N.M., July 19-24. The Finals competition is the pinnacle event for the HPJRA season. Finalists come from all over the High Plains area to take part in this event.

The Finals is also when the year-end awards are given out. Boys and girls compete all year long and keep track of points throughout the season. At the Finals in July, the person with the most points accumulated over the season in each event receives a saddle and the "reserve champion," or second place, receives a buckle. Buckles are also given to the winners of each event at the Finals.

Lana Kitten, daughter of Clyde and Janet Kitten, competed in the 16-19 age group. She won saddles for Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, All Around Finals Cowgirl, and All Around Cowgirl. This is the second year in a row that she has won the All Around Cowgirl award. She also won buckles for Girls Champion Pole Bender and Girls Champion Barrel Racer.

Brogan Macy, daughter of Mike and Kelly Macy, competed in the 9-12 age group. She won a saddle for Year End Breakaway Roping and participated in Barrel

Racing and Team Roping with Zack Kirkpatrick.

Cassadie Pitts, daughter of Eddie and Sheila Pitts, competed in the 16-19 age group. She won a saddle for Year End Champion Goat Tying and buckles for Finals Champion Goat Tying, Reserve champion Barrel Racing, and Reserve Champion Pole Bender.

Matti Smith, daughter of Perry and Kelley Smith, competed in the 13-15 age group. She participated in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Breakaway Roping, and Goat Tying.

Tylo Kirkpatrick is the son of Joel and Rhonda Kirkpatrick and grandson of Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post. He competed in the 13-15 age group and won saddles for Champion Calf Roper, Champion Breakaway, and All Around Cowboy. Tylo also won buckles for Reserve Champion Cute Dogger, Reserve Champion Ribbon Roper, Finals Champion Chute Dogger, and Finals Champion Calf Roper.

Zack Kirkpatrick, Tylo's brother, competed in the 9-12 age group. He won saddles for Champion Calf Touching, Champion Double Mugging, Champion Steer Breakaway, All Around Cowboy, and Finals All Around Cowboy. Zack also won buckles for Finals Champion Calf Touching, Finals Champion Double Mugging, and Year End Reserve Champion Breakaway.

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