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Suspected arson fires still being investigated

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The suspected arson fires from last week are still being investigated by several agencies according to the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Tommy Binford spoke with the Dispatch this week and stated that "the fires that were suspected of being set

last week between Highway 207 and 651 are still being called suspicious and we still have a person of interest, however no arrest have been made and no charges have been filed at this time." He went on to state that "the Forest Service is offering a \$2,000.00 reward and a private rancher has offered a \$1,000.00 reward

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual caught setting the fires." Chief Deputy Binford said that the Sheriff's Department would continue to keep the public informed as the investigation progresses and as information can be released without jeopardizing the ongoing investigation.

When will it end?

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

It is a sound that many have come to dread hearing, a sound causing dread, fear, and many other feelings to course through the veins of the Garza County and Lake Alan Henry Volunteer Fire Departments and the local citizenry as the firefighters respond, putting their lives on the line to protect our community. It goes off way too frequently these days it seems as fires rage not just in Garza County, but also across the state. That same, alarm sounded one more time at about 1:00 pm and our tired, worn down volunteer fire fighters and other first responders responded with the same energy and determination that they have to all the fires they have fought in one of the driest seasons on record.

Tuesday afternoon another two thousand acres burned in Garza County when a fire began on Highway 211 and burned it's way over to 207 where it jumped the highway and was off and burning Sean Pennell's land. This fire was not the result of a suspected

arsonist this time, but the results were no less devastating. A transformer is believed to be the source of this latest fire. Dry, windy conditions with low humidity keeps us daily at risk of another outbreak of fires. This latest fire was contained within about 3 hours and by 4:30 pm firefighters were just left with cleaning up of the remaining hot spots.

Local officials have been kept so busy fighting fires and trying to maintain firefighting equipment that it has been difficult to keep up with current statistics of damage caused by the fires. It is known that to date, over 100,000 acres has burned in Garza County and the wild fire count is over 20. We have not received an official count on livestock lost, but our ranchers have been hard hit. Between the loss of livestock, loss of fence line, grazing land and outer structures, many are struggling on a daily basis to keep moving forward. The one positive in all of the fires so far is that we have had no serious injuries and no loss of homes from the blazes that have ravaged

the county; there have been many close calls to both human life and loss of homes however. Other departments have not been so fortunate with two firefighters having lost their lives in fighting the deadly blazes burning their way across Texas.

In Texas alone over 1000,000.00 acres have been burned in wild fires and countless homes have been destroyed. Of the 254 counties in Texas, 201 have burn bans. The Texas Forest is reporting this to be the driest March/April season on record. In Garza County alone out of a total of 608,000 acres in the county, over 100,000 of those acres have burned, roughly 1/6th of the county. Firefighters and all other first responders and volunteers are exhausted from the numerous fires that they have fought valiantly this year. Both the Garza County and Lake Alan Henry fire department equipment has taken a beating. Fundraisers are being held to help both departments keep their equipment functional, with more planned in the future.



Bo Jackson and Steve Norman are show at Centennial Plaza placing a brick from the latest shipment. If you would like to purchase a brick in memory or honor of someone, please contact the Chamber office, 495-3461. Bricks are ordered twice a year and the next order will be placed the first week of July

Honor A Firefighter Post Clean Up Week

With fires threatening to breach our city limits this past couple of weeks we have all become very aware of overgrowth from the heavy rains from last summer. This overgrowth is a perfect location for potential fire hazard, not to mention a breeding ground for mosquitoes this summer. The City of Post will be sponsoring a City Wide Clean Up campaign from Wednesday, April 27th

- Tuesday, May 3. You are urged to remove overgrowth, remove any items that would hold water, and remove trash and debris from any and all property. The City of Post will be running a truck to pick up items not suitable for the dumpsters on Tuesday, May 3rd., and will continue through the end of the week on Friday, May 6th. You will need to have these items placed by the CURB in front of your

residence, and NOT IN THE ALLEY, no later than 9 am on May 3rd. This is a one-time only event and any debris placed in the alley or near the curb after this date will be the responsibility of the owner. As always, residents who can take their debris to the landfill, are encouraged to do so. There is never a charge to City or County residents who bring their own trash to the City Landfill.

Pet of the week



This is Sadie, a one year-old female Rat Terrier. She is very friendly and playful and is looking for a permanent home. She currently resides at the Post Animal Refuge Center and is ready to be adopted. Please contact the shelter at postare@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.

Post Notes

Let's help our local heroes!!

THIS Thursday...
PHS Student Council is having a bake sale at United Supermarket from 4:30 til 6:30 to benefit the Fire Department. Get your Easter sweets! They would appreciate any donations of baked goods as well!!

Elementary students have all kinds of fundraising going on. Contact any elementary student or teacher and I know they will be glad to tell you how YOU can help THEM help the Firemen!

Benefit for Firefighters

The benefit for our local fire department has been set for April 30. There will be a dinner at the Community Center and a silent auction. If you would like to donate to the auction, you can drop your items by Wells Fargo Bank or the Chamber office. If you need someone to pick them up - call Carol Short at the bank - 495-2804 or the PACC office 495-3461.

The Post Lions Club will be sponsoring our Annual Crawfish Festival Food, Dance, Raffle and Silent Auction on June 4th to help the Garza County Library

continue to operate. Due to recent State funding cuts, the Friends of the Library & Post Lions wanted to help. Please watch for further information and/or contact any Post Lion.

Administrative Professionals Day
(Formerly Secretary's Day)
April 27, 2011

If you're looking for something different to honor these special folks this year... bring them to our house for lunch!

The Heritage House, Wednesday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delicious buffet including two entrées, salad, dessert & drink. Door prizes & lots of fun! \$15.50/person. Reservations required by Noon, Monday, April 25. Call 495-4148 or email ccart@poka.com

Sponsor the Post Elementary Yearbook

If you are interested in sponsoring the yearbook again this year, we are now taking those donations. The cost to sponsor is \$20.00 for a business, \$15.00 for a family/2 names or more and \$5.00 for an individual. Your name or business name will

be featured on our sponsor page in each yearbook. For questions please contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414. Good things come from small beginnings elementary begins their future. Thank you for supporting the Post Elementary Yearbook.

Brown Bag Book Talk

Friday, April 29, 2011, bring your lunch to The Heritage House and talk about books! Peggy Ashley will lead the informal discussion. You'll hear about new books, old favorites and enjoy time shared with others. We'll begin at noon and end no later than 12:50. The Book Talk group will meet the last Friday of every month. Call 495-4148 (The Heritage House) or 990-2149 (Post City Library) for more information.

Post High School Weekly Agenda:

Monday, 18
• What's this, an off day so go home and relax or enjoy your family!
Tuesday, 19
• 4:30/7 PM - JV/V

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Obituaries

D.E. MORRIS

D. E. 'Whitey' Morris 85, of Post, died Sunday April 17, 2011 at his home. He was born March 4, 1926 to Lonnie Clifford and Gaudie Gertrude (Gryder) Morris at Dublin, Erath County. He started school there and then the family moved to Levelland in 1941. He attended school there and then went to Chicago to attend electrical school. Whitey served in the Army during WW II and after being discharged he returned to Levelland. He then married Nell Curry on August 23, 1952 in Lev-

elland. They moved to Post and opened an electrical business, repairing electrical motors, panels and general electrical construction. In 2009 he retired due to health. He is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother and a grandson: Josh Hubble, March 11, 2004. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Post.

Services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Cliff Colvin, his grandson, officiated. Arrangements were under-

the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years: Nell Morris of Post. Son: Dewayne Morris of Post. Four daughters: Kathy Nelson of Fort Worth, Cynthia and her husband Mike Colvin of Post, Sherri and her husband Tommy Barger of Wolfforth and Judy and her husband Larry North of Lubbock. One brother: Charles and his wife Allene Morris of Lubbock. 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Chamber News

We want to welcome our newest Chamber member - Pamela Cox, Architect. Pamela's office is located at the Heritage House and will be open 10-2 daily.

The Post Animal Refuge Center has been chosen to participate in the PetSmart Big Top Adoption Event April 29 - May 1. If you're in Lubbock those days, stop by PetSmart on Slide and visit the animals.

The following weekend will be another great time in Post. The Post City Bike Fest will begin on May 6 at the Rodeo Arena and run through the weekend. Also, Post City Trade Day will be downtown on Saturday May 7 from 9-6.

All employers are invited to have a booth at our annual Post & Garza County Job Fair on May 17. Booths are free for Chamber members

and \$25 for non-members.

The High Plains Junior Rodeo is coming to Post on May 21. If you are interested in a sponsorship for this event, please call Trey Poage at 747-7373 or the Chamber office 495-3461.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week: Silver Member - MAURINE'S FLOWER SHOP/HUDMAN GREENHOUSE and Silver Member - FISH & D'S.

Would you like to know what an 80 year old man looks like?

Please come join us to celebrate A.J.'s birthday on Saturday, April 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm. A.J. says come and go. No gifts-Card Party room in the back of Well's Fargo Bank 216 W. Main St.-Post, Texas. Welcome.

A Study in Citizenship

By: Keri Ann Thompson Secretary, Post Elementary

The talk of the town last week was the fires and the damages they have caused-both to the land and to the fire-fighting equipment. Is there anything positive that we can say about the fires that have devastated so much of Garza County in the last three weeks? Post Elementary staff and students have found something-a study in Citizenship. Early last week students in 2nd grade issued a challenge to the rest of the school- Let's see who can raise the most money between now and May 6th for our Garza County VOLUNTEER fire-fighters.

All grade levels have taken the challenge and run with it!! Teachers are getting into the challenge by paying \$1.00 each day through May 6th for the privilege of wearing jeans to work (something normally

reserved for Fridays only). We have students selling blow pops, bandanas, bracelets, filled Easter eggs, raffle tickets for a chance to throw pies at Mrs. Marts and Mr. Price (and other volunteers), a concession stand for Play Day, raffle tickets for chances at a dunking booth at Play Day, an auction, hat day (students/staff can pay \$.50 to wear a hat on 4/20/11), popcorn and a movie, and many other ideas.

We are so proud of our elementary school students for taking a lesson on citizenship and applying it to their community in a way that is tangible. We learn the best in life from our own personal experiences. These students' lives will forever be altered by the experiences of the last few weeks. They look up to these men and women with the greatest respect. They have seen first-hand the worry

of the wife whose husband has not been home in two days as well as the signs of sleeplessness in their classmates who have had a parent or grandparent out battling the blazes. They have learned to listen for the emergency sirens that are not only a call out to the volunteers but a call out to the community to be vigilant and pray for them as they "sacrifice and serve" for us.

While we would never say that the fires in Garza County have been a good thing, we can say that a good lesson has been learned by the students at Post Elementary School. We are so proud of them! If you see an elementary school student, please let them know that you are proud of them for what they are doing. If you would like to make a donation to their cause you may do so with any student, teacher or at the school office.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Friends my age have been known to say, "I'm turning into my mother."

Lately when I've looked in the mirror I've had cause to reflect that I'm looking more and more like my own late mother if not exactly acting like her. Maybe it's my prematurely gray hair. Once prematurely gray, always prematurely gray.

Sunday morning at church the congregation watched a video clip of a silver-haired lady telling about a Ugandan woman who made enough money raising cassava to build and lease primitive wheelbarrows. She used the wheelbarrow money to establish a canteen and the canteen profits to build a school for girls. The woman telling the story looked something like my own mother, I thought. Apparently she had an interest in mission work in Uganda and for that reason was the spokesperson for the Ugandan woman, who was asking for money to help run the nice school.

By late afternoon I was loading my paper plate at a

church picnic, mixing and mingling and meeting new people and reintroducing myself to people I'd met before who didn't remember me either so it didn't matter. It's a church with a high median age. Makes me feel young.

A man came up to me and asked me the name of the town in Uganda. I told him I thought it was Lira, but I also told him I wasn't the woman in the video.

There you have it. I knew she looked like my mother. I just didn't know I looked that much like my mother. Oh well.

Maybe if I can just keep my wits about me I won't be surprised when I begin to lose them in the same style.

Through the years my dear mother was fond of relating various stories. I spent enough time with her to know virtually all of them. One evening at a friend's house, she was taking longer than I thought necessary to tell one of her stories.

"Get to the point, Mother," I urged her.

"What was it?" she asked.

Mother never lost her sense of humor.

Speaking of points, I'm having a little trouble now getting to one. Maybe if I tell what happened last night a point will emerge.

My friend Norma and I were parked curbside at McDonald's when a young man approached and asked for a dollar to help pay for gas so a friend could take him to his grandmother's house in the next town. He didn't look like a full-blown meth user.

We asked him his grandmother's phone number and exactly where she lived. Things didn't quite add up.

By the time it was all over, we'd gotten her correct number via the Internet and called her. We even handed him the phone. He kept up the act, but it became apparent she wasn't in the next town and wasn't expecting him. We didn't give him the dollar.

My mother could always spot a con, I never could. Maybe I really am turning into my mother.

A reason for Hope in the fire

By Darren Weaver Contributing Correspondent

The dominating topic of late has been the fires that have swept across the lands while Texas lingers in a dry spring. Not one soul must be reminded that our area needs rain, that our countryside lies blackened and smoldering from the ravaging flames. As the community came together for a week of fasting and prayer for rain, the fires raged on, volunteers and equipment strained to the last with no relief in sight. Texas fires claimed national headlines as some burned tens of thousands of acres unchecked. Yet there is reason for hope and a

purpose for tomorrow as those anticipated rains tarry.

Also claiming national headlines were those areas that were beset by devastating storms. Those storms claimed dozens of lives, reminding all of us that one day, the rains will return, but those lost lives will not. In times such as these when the need is desperate, we must cling to a hope and kneel in gratitude that we are spared a much more costly outcome.

As a child, I was a victim of an irrational fear of severe storms. This stemmed from my family making for the cellar every time a small thunderstorm threatened the little town where

I was born. I can remember countless nights spent on a cold, mildew-covered mattress in that dank underground refuge, while lightning brightened the night and thunder cracked the sky. Even as a teenager, that fear was still present. As we spent a lazy summer afternoon in the back room of my house, a sudden spring storm brewed overhead and rained softball-size hail onto our neighborhood. Panicked and with only a friend in the house with me, we tuned on the radio to hear the frightening sounds of a tornado warning being broadcast over the airwaves. Worse yet, the funnel had been sighted less than a quarter mile from our house.

That day will live in my mind forever. I was also present in Wichita Falls the summer after a monster tornado ripped through that city, and will always remember the devastation. Seeing the headlines of those storms that recently swept through Raleigh, NC brought those childhood memories flooding back, and I could again taste that fear at the back of my throat in sympathy for all those that lived through the experience.

The truth is, we live in an area prone to those types of storms, yet our forecast of late has been more for "Drifting Smoke" than severe storms. We are more familiar with plumes of white coming from the ground than forming in the sky. Are we ready to take the trade?

As Easter approaches this weekend, we should all pause to be thankful for the many blessings we have been given. Certainly we need the rain. We need an end to the fires and a respite from those labors. Yet we have our lives, and can fight another day. The rains will return to us, hopefully sooner rather than later. Yet let us be thankful to have the life within us to fight. Let us be grateful for the strength to outlast these recent trials, and let us continue to remember those less fortunate victims claimed across the country in the devastation. And let us continue to pray for rain.

Thank You, TEACHERS!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2011.

Have YOU thanked a teacher lately?

"He who opens a school door, closes a prison." Victor Hugo

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Henry Adams

"What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches." Karl Menninger

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Legends...Garza County Historical Museum by Linda Puckett

Part II of the Bird family history, as written by the late Beulah Bird

In those days when we wanted to travel, we would catch the mail hack in Post and go to Fluvanna to catch the train. This was before there was a train through Post. Once when I wanted to go to the Dallas Fair, I caught the mail hack in Post, and on the way to Fluvanna, the hill was so bad I got out and walked, and the mail hack waited for me to catch up. Mrs. John Mason took care of the children while I was gone. When I got back, Charlie didn't know me, and I decided I would never leave the children so long again.

We bought groceries, supplies, and everything twice a year in Colorado City. Dad and I would each drive a wagon to Colorado City and load it with all the things we would need; it would take four or five days for the trip.

For fun and relaxation the folks would gather from far and near for a picnic. There

was one special place two miles from our home, where all the families in the area would gather together. The Barrows, the Wilks, the Lindseys, the Nickols and many others, all together for a day of fun and visiting. Someone would bring an instrument and we would all gather around and sing and visit throughout the day. We would clear off a space in the trees and spread out our dinner, and oh my, the good things we had to eat. A few families came 12 miles to attend those picnics. Another form of entertainment we had then was old-time fiddling. They played as well then as now, ear music they called it back then, and no music can beat it to my notion.

We had a terrible drought, and didn't have water for our cattle. They were herded 15 miles to Van Leonards for water. I rode horse back and drove them back each day. While Dad was hunting for grass, I stayed with the Hank Smiths on their ranch in Blanco Canyon. The bats

were terrible there. Late in the evening they would make a dark cloud, there was so many of them. The house had no screens and they would come in the house, but the Smiths didn't seem to mind. We got grass for our cattle in Blanco Canyon.

Our first car was a big second-hand car. We wore a driving habit when we were driving or riding in the car. This habit consisted of a cap with a bill and a veil, chiffon like, and a long sleeved blouse and long skirt. We wore bonnets when we rode horseback or any work we did outside. I went everywhere with Dad on horseback. My sister was not very well so she stayed with the children most of the time while I was out with Dad.

One trip we took I remember well. We made it a sort of vacation, but Dad was looking for a ranch out in Colorado, so we loaded up the wagon with a chuck box on the back so we could make camp at night and cook our food. This was a big

wagon and since we worked four horses to the wagon, we needed spare horses so that if Dad found any land to look over, we could ride horseback over the ranch. Our bedding was in the wagon, so we enjoyed the trip. When we arrived at Fort Summer on our way out, they were having a professional baseball game. Can you imagine that in that isolated country?

At the foot of the beautiful Capitan Mountains we leased a ranch and went home by train from Roswell. I couldn't think of leaving my favorite horse. No one had ever heard of a horse riding a passenger train, but Dad outtalked the trainment (sic) and they let "Old Buck" ride home in the baggage car for \$50.

By 1907 we has a son old enough to go to school, so Dad bought a block of land in the southwest part of Post and built a story and a half house. I never saw it until it was finished, and we must not have discussed the plan;

maybe didn't even think about it except that we were building a house. When I saw it, I said, "Oh my, what an inconvenient house. Not a closet in it, nor any of the conveniences a woman wants in a house." The wash house was out in the yard.

We had no church house then, Preaching was held under a brush arbor once a month. Brother Bilberry was our first preacher. Then we had a Methodist preacher, Lee Self's brother Ferm, preached some for us.

I remember when our first county officers were elected. Their names are on a marker on the Courthouse grounds. I also remember very well when Post was named county seat. The occasion was celebrated with a picnic. People came from all over and there was lots of food and fun.

I remember the first Doctor to come to Post was Dr. Rumph. Later Dr. Ponton came and the Sanitarium was built, then Dr. Surman and Dr. Williams. In the early

days of the Sanitarium, folks came from all around. Finally other towns built Sanitariums and our Sanitarium was closed. Marshall Mason secured the building and used it as an apartment house for a while, but the Mason family has given it to the county, a wonderful gift. I hope I live to see this building as a museum with all the valuable antiques of this county put there, so the younger generation can see and re-live the old days of their pioneer ancestors.

Thinking back on my life here, the first picnic in Post, and all the things we did, has brought many happy memories. I have had my 86th (in 1973) birthday. I stay here on this old ranch, 13 miles east of town, by myself. I do have a telephone, and a good dog for company, and I drive my car anywhere I want to go.

A photograph of the old Bird home and references to this story can be found in the new book "Images of Garza County" by Linda Puckett.

Railroad Commission: protect propane tanks from wildfires

AUSTIN—With wildfires threatening many areas of Texas, the Railroad Commission—the state agency in charge of propane safety—wants Texans whose homes or businesses are fueled by propane gas to know what to do in the event of one of these fast-moving fires.

"Wildfires are impacting many regions of our state, particularly West Texas, and the potential for other regions to be impacted by wildfires is high," said Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones. "For those who have propane tanks, we urge you to be prepared

to protect your family and property."

Commissioner David Porter said, "If you have time to do so safely before evacuating, one of the most important steps to take is to turn off the shut off valve at your propane container if your house is fueled by propane. Also have your propane system inspected for leaks before turning it back on after an emergency."

Below are other steps to take before, during and after a wildfire:

Before A Wildfire: Make sure any small propane cylinders are stored outdoors, and check

the area around your main propane fuel tank. Clean and clear out vegetation or other items that can burn around the tank. Mow close to the ground, and cut back all growth around tank supports. Trim overhanging trees or shrubs.

Your propane supplier can help by showing you where your service line is buried and how to operate your propane system's safety features. Have your supplier show you and your family how to turn off the gas at the tank. Your propane supplier can also put a reflective Railroad Commission tank locator

decal on or next to your electric meter or service box. The bright orange decal helps emergency responders find your tank, even if it's underground or dark outside.

Finally, post emergency phone numbers in an agreed location and make sure all family members know your community's warning signals and how to tune into your area's Emergency Broadcast Network.

During a Wildfire: If it is safe to do so, disconnect small propane cylinders from grills or other appliances and move them away from any structures.

Shut the cylinders' service valves by turning them all the way clockwise. Also, turn off the shut off valve at a propane container, if your house is fueled by propane. In the event of an evacuation, follow emergency workers' instructions.

After a Wildfire: Propane storage containers exposed to fire need to be inspected and, if necessary, tested and repaired after an emergency. Contact a licensed propane supplier to inspect the container and system and ensure it is safe for use. Always use caution when re-entering

buildings following an evacuation. If you smell gas, do not operate electrical switches, appliances or telephones. These actions could ignite propane vapor. Exit the building quickly and carefully. Go to a neighbor's phone or use a cell phone outside to call emergency personnel or your propane supplier for help.

For more tips to safeguard your propane-fueled home visit www.propane.tx.gov or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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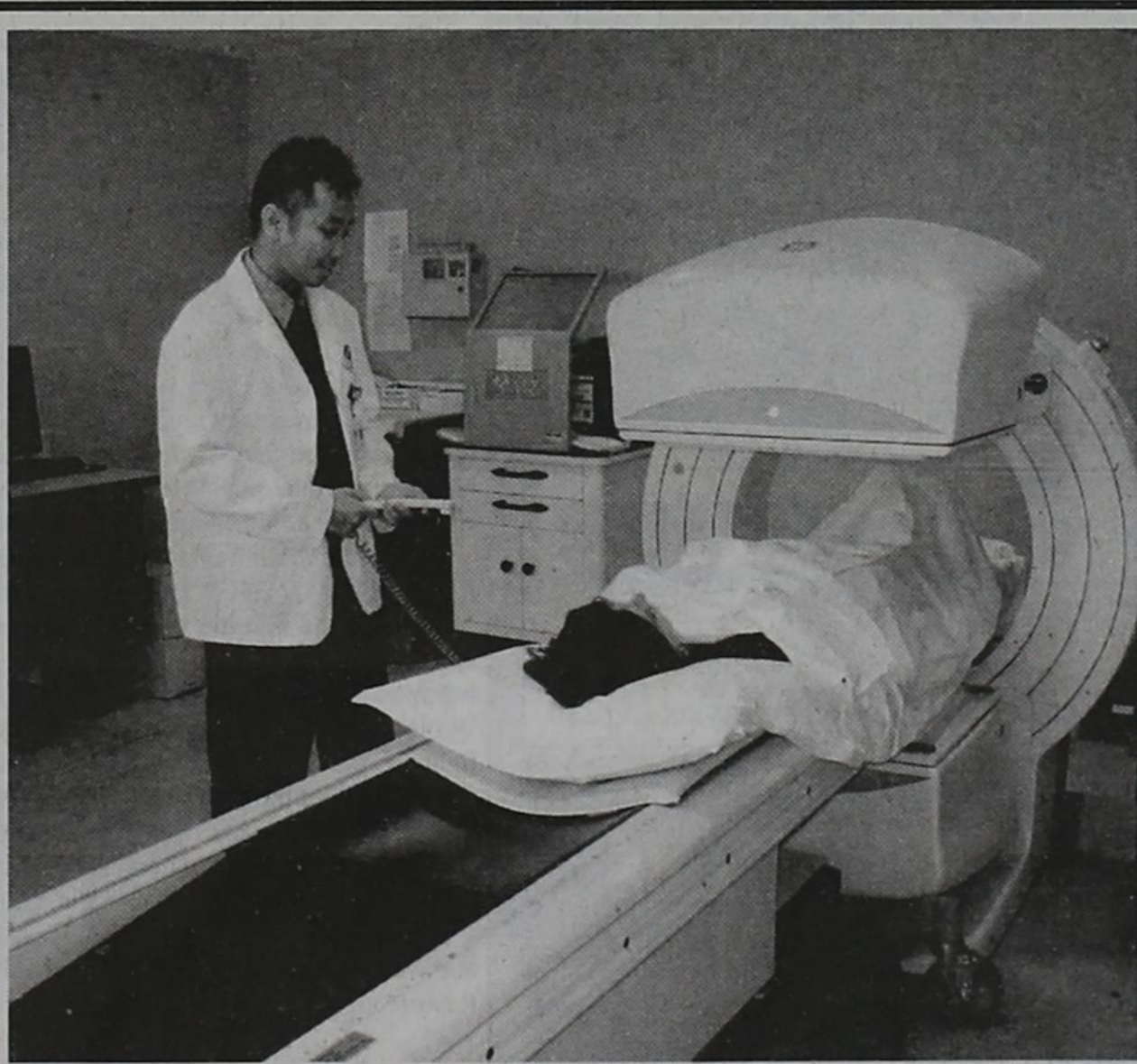
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A physician's order is required. For more information call 325 574-7441. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Lubbock Diagnostic Radiology provides professional services for Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hi ya!!! Hope everyone has had a good week, can you believe it is nearly the end of April? That means we are supposed to be having showers so we can have those May flowers! Pray, Pray, Pray for rain. I know the good Lord will take care of us one way or the other so keep those prayers a going.

We all had a pretty good turn out for all 4 garage sales that were out here last weekend. Thanks to everyone who came out!

Nancy and I both have had so many people ask us when we are going to do another BINGO. We will definitely do another one just not sure when yet but we will keep everyone informed.

I want to say a big Congrats to my daughter Raegan for breaking the Borden County school record in discus and is headed to the regional meet in Abilene next month.

Baseball has begun so be sure you go out and

support the youth as they start off their season. I'm sure we have many Ragtown kids playing, but as of now I don't have a list. Good Luck to all of them!

Got a phone call from Annie Violet the other day and she told us that Bob Graves has been ill and is staying in Lubbock while taking treatment. A big get well out to him from everyone in Ragtown!

Did you know? More wool comes from

the state of Texas than any other state in the United States.

EYI Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's downtown or you can come by the Gin and pick one up.

Check out our Facebook Page under Close City Community. If any of you Ragtown people have pics you would like us to put on there let us know.

Visitors Where's our visitors?

Come out and visit sometime and have one of the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county!

Close City Birthdays
April 22nd - Ronnie Gradine, Dalton Thuett
April 23rd - Kristi Morris, Jane Terry
April 27th - Lois Childs, Andrea Lopez Armendariz
April 28th - Jerry Bush, Bill Short

If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble

Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers and send me your news! See ya next week.



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Weekly Inspirations

I LOST E'M BOTH

By: Michael F. Taylor

John was not too particularly excited about having to ride forty miles home on the back of his best friends Kawasaki sports bike, but found himself stuck sitting for the next ten hours in a Greyhound Bus Station or riding on the back of Bill's motorcycle. Especially with it being a balmy 38 degrees in the sunlight (if you could find any), with mixed ice and snow blowing in the wind. But in spite of the weather, John and Bill were determined to beat the really bad snowstorm reportedly heading straight for them.

Unfortunately, Jim had not been riding motorcycles for very long and the weather certainly didn't make him any better of a rider. In fact after only a few miles, they had to stop and re-adjust their outdoor wear to prevent the cold and snow from penetrating down to the bone. John was wearing a dark navy blue overcoat and decided that he would turn the coat around and wear it backward in order to keep the chilling winds at 60 miles per hour from turning him into a human Popsicle. Everything seemed to be going okay for about another ten miles, when they came upon a large brown and white cow standing in the middle of their path just as the old country road curved toward the north- the direction that the wind was coming from.

Again, unfortunately for them, Bill in his haste to get home and out of the foul weather, was doing about fifteen miles an hour over the speed limit. Bill swerved the bike away from the cow, only to crash head first into a tree on the side of road. As the Justice of the Peace drove upon the accident scene and exited his vehicle, he spoke with the Rookie Policeman who was the first officer to arrive on scene. "Officer, can you tell me what you found when you arrived at this crash?" he gently asked. "Well, yes Judge. You see the driver of the motorcycle was dead when I got here. And, sadly, by the time I got that passenger fellows HEAD TURNED BACK AROUND STRAIGHT, he was dead TOO! I guess we lost e'm both."

Well, give the officer credit. He tried to SAVE poor backward John! And, as we are approaching this Resurrection Sunday, I cannot help but think about another person who gave his all to save others. But this was no ordinary person. No common thief or murderer that the Roman government dealt with by crucifixion on a regular basis. No! This was the Son of God! The Promised Messiah! The one who would bring with him Salvation. We read in Luke Chapter 23, "13 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." ...18 But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" 19 (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

20 Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. 21 But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" 22 For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." 23 But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided to grant their demand. 25 He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. ...32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

But even more important to each of us today, is that HE AROSE! THE TOMB WAS EMPTY! SALVATION truly came after HE WAS RESURRECTED. look at Chapter 24, " 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words." NIV

My prayer for each of you this week is simply to know that Jesus Christ is RISEN and we now have a means of eternal salvation in His sacrifice. God bless and Happy Resurrection Sunday.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu
April 25th - April 29th

Monday

Pizza, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday

Churros, Sausage Link,
Fruit, Milk

Wednesday

Malt-O-Meal, Sausage,
Toast, Fruit, Milk

Thursday

Poptart, Sausage Link, Fruit,
Milk

Friday

Cereal, Graham Cracker,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

April 25th - April 29th

Monday

Fajitas, Refried Beans,
Seasoned Corn, Orange
Smiles, Pudding, Milk

Tuesday

Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches,
Milk

Wednesday

Salsbury Steak, Whipped
Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll,
Milk

Thursday

Chalupas, Spanish Rice,
Salad, Peas, Milk

Friday

Ham Burger, Salad, Baked
Beans, Fruit, Rice Crispy
Treat, Milk

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for April
25 - April 29

Monday

French Toast, Sausage, Fruit,
Juice, Milk

Tuesday

Pancakes, Bacon, Yogurt,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday

Oatmeal, Yogurt, Fruit,
Juice, Milk

Thursday

Eggs, Toast, Sausage,
Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday

Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy,
Eggs, Jelly, Fruit, Juice,
Milk

Lunch Menu for April 25 -
April 29

Monday

Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Corn,
Oranges, Milk

Tuesday

Steak Fingers, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Green
Beans, Fruit Salad, Milk

Wednesday

Stuffed Baked Potatoes,
Tossed Salad, Carrots
w/Ranch, Strawberry
Shortcake, Milk

Thursday

BBQ Sandwich, Oven Fried
Potatoes, Baked Beans,
Fruit, Brownie, Milk

Friday

Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed
Salad, Corn, Breadstick,
Fruit, Banana Pudding, Milk

SHERIFF'S REPORT

During the period of April 12th to April 20th, officers responded to a total of 94 dispatched calls.

Tuesday, April 12th-13 total calls, including a sick person, water leak, alarm set off, livestock on highway, disabled motorist, repossession, animal control, harassment, smoke, fire, verbal disagreement, threats.

Wednesday, April 13th -8 total calls, including warrant service, assault, fire/brush, fire/grass, animal control,

Suspicious vehicle, ambulance.

Thursday, April 14th-13 total calls, including ambulance run, livestock, alarm-residence, reckless driving/grass, information, buffalo, fire/possible, assistance, disabled motorist, unwelcome guest, meet in person.

Friday, April 15th-15 total calls, including reckless driver, ambulance, welding, bicycle vs. car, motor vehicle accident, fire, forgery, mutual aide assistance, information, dryer on fire,

suicidal subject, livestock on highway, gas drive off.

Saturday, April 16th-9 total calls including fire, dumpster blocking exit, gas drive off, animal control, fire, gas drive off, domestic dispute, officer assistance.

Sunday, April 17th-13 total calls including, information, disturbance, civil standby, domestic dispute, loud music and wild dancing, disabled motorist, possible child abuse, disturbance, breathing problem, assault, possible intruder.

Monday, April 18th-6 total calls including, assault, civil standby, gas drive off, alarm-commercial burglary, red light malfunction, ambulance.

Tuesday-April 19th-12 total calls including, wanted/stolen indicated, ambulance, theft, motor vehicle accident, fire/grass, animal control, disturbance, vehicle traffic stop.

Wednesday, April 20th-5 total calls including, repossession, fire, dead animal, warrant service, fire-controlled burn.

Donations sought for ranches affected by wildfires

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is encouraging Texans who wish to make financial donations to ranchers affected by the recent Texas wildfires to do so through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Star of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) fund.

The STAR fund will use financial donations to help purchase hay and fencing supplies for ranchers in the affected areas. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made at www.texasagriculture.gov or by calling 512-475-1615.

“Many ranchers across parts of West Texas have been completely devastated by the raging wildfires. Thousands of grazing acres have burned, cattle have been lost, and hundreds of miles of fences have disappeared,” said Joe Parker, Jr., a rancher in Clay County and president of TSCRA.

“Thankfully, most of these fires are under control; however, the dry and windy conditions continue to pose serious threats which has us

all feeling a little uneasy.

“The flood of support from Texas ranchers, the industry, and state and local officials has been remarkable. We here in the cattle industry know what it means to work together to help each other out, which is why the continued effort to support those affected by the fires is so important. TSCRA would like to thank Commissioner Staples for his ongoing support and efforts for these ranchers.”

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old

trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members

Trailblazers Menu

April 25th - April 29th

Monday

Tacos, Rice, Salad, Cobbler

Tuesday

Roast Beef, Brown Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Fried
Zucchini, Strawberry Cake

Wednesday

Chicken Strips, Potatoes,

Black-Eye Peas, Cornbread,
Fruit Salad

Thursday

Barbecue on Bun, Pork
& Beans, Coleslaw,
Grasshopper Salad

Friday

Fish, Potatoes, Pinto Beans,
Hushpuppies, Peaches w/
Cottage Cheese

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Al-Anon

Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact: Miranda at 806-632-7367.

Thank You

The Community of Kalgary would like to thank surrounding area fire-

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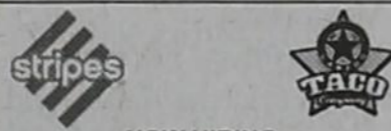
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OPINION



The Paperboy

315 Million vs. 545

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

It's not about us. It's not about the working people. It's not about Moms and Dads and it's sure as heck not about seniors or children.

It's about power, money and greed. It's one big charade and unless people remain watchful and demanding, it's not going to change anytime soon.

When you look at the financial condition of the United States, what do you think? We're struggling, right? We're facing mounting deficits, our entitlement programs are out of control and we're spending money like a 17-year-old with Dad's credit card. These are obvious points we can all agree on.

What we can't seem to agree on is who got us in this mess and how to get out of it?

Our problems have very little to do with the American people. We are simple pawns in a game of power and greed controlled by the 545.

The real "blame" for our problems are the 545 human beings in control of EVERYTHING.

Every single national problem we have has been created by 545 people we've trusted to do the right thing. Instead they have been manipulated by special interests and controlled by lobbyists. Basically, the 545 have sold their souls over the years and now, when it's time to pay for THEIR transgressions, we're broke.

In Washington, D.C., 100 Senators, 435 Representatives, one president and nine Supreme Court Justices make the rules we all live by. While the names of the 545 change some, the mentality to spend more than we take in has not. The 545

are legally, morally and individually responsible for our problems.

I think this is where the water is muddied. We, as spectators, get caught up in ideology, tradition, name-calling and the rest of the shenanigans which make for good political theater. We are tricked by slick politicians and have bought into the "blame the other party" game which has done nothing for us but has allowed politicians to kick the ball down the road for someone else to deal with.

The "old way" in Washington has become so commonplace, that we are running out of chances to avoid catastrophe.

You can't blame big banks or the Federal Reserve Board. The board was created by Congress, which delegated its duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private central bank.

You can't blame special interests and lobbyists. They have no legal authority and do not vote. The politicians they approach and buy are the ones voting on legislation. Legislation which has our hole deepening.

If the tax code is unfair, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If the budget is in the red, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our fighting forces are spread too thin in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

If our education system is a mess, our elected officials control it and have the authority to change it.

The 545 spend a lot of time blaming bureaucrats. These are people hired by the 545 and they can be fired by the 545.

In fact, there is not one thing wrong with this country that cannot be fixed by the 545 if they choose to do the right things, which they have each taken an oath to do.

Don't like the president's budget? Vote it down and pass a better one. If the president vetoes it, overpower the veto with a larger margin.

We, the 315 million, should not let the greed and incompetence of the 545 ruin this country. But we are letting them. And every day they make it harder for us to be able to dig out because every day they spend more money than they take in.

What will it take to change the process where "we the people" are back in charge? It will take term limits, major campaign finance reform and restraints on lobbyists and Political Action Committees. Unfortunately, the 545 control this and since it would take money out of their greedy hands, the chances of such reform are slim and none.

The bottom line is we will no longer have Social Security, Medicare or anything else with the status quo. Changes have to be made and now. We don't have a choice in the matter. And in time, when our financial house is in order, we can make whatever necessary changes the "people" deem necessary for the people.

Americans need to stop thinking party and start thinking people. Take the "D" and the "R" out of the equation and replace them with "\$." Because this is what's at stake. They are taking our money and making poor decisions. That should be enough to get you fired...

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Other Opinions

California Can Look Within its Borders for its Budget Answers

By REBEKAH RAST

A state boasting the world's eighth-largest economy now suffers from a 12.2 percent unemployment rate. What has happened to the once-booming state of California?

California Gov. Jerry Brown wants the answer to that question so he sent Lieutenant Gov. Gavin Newsom to the state of Texas where 165,000 jobs have been created over the past three years.

Bloomberg quoted Gov. Brown saying, "Let's get more jobs, more businesses. Some of our state legislators are going to Texas to find out how they're doing. Gavin Newsom's going with them. I'm waiting for his report, when he gets back, and if he has any good ideas, I'm going to share them with you."

In a three-year time span, California has lost 1.15 million jobs. Bloomberg states, "While signature industries such as technology, trade and tourism have rebounded, construction and government employment are

weak or falling" in the state.

But California didn't need to go to Texas to get its answer. It only needed to look to another leader within its borders.

"What everyone can learn from Texas is that low taxes combined with limited public employee union power equals job growth and economic prosperity," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "And that is exactly what the city of Sanger in California is doing."

According to the Sanger Herald newspaper, the city's unemployment rate rests at 28 percent. It is a town facing some of the highest poverty in the nation and its mayor is Joshua Mitchell.

While running for election, Mayor Mitchell said the city's debt, the amount of bad loans that it has and the lack of revenue coming in were of main concern. "I fully recognize we are in a financial mess and I will make it my top priority to fix it."

And he has. In February, the City Council

passed an incentive to return half of the city's 1 percent share of sales tax revenue to new businesses that open in a vacant building. The City Council also agreed to waive sewer and water development fees for new commercial and industrial construction projects.

The city wants the passed measures to "make sure that roadblocks to business development and operation are moved aside so businesses can feel comfortable locating here," stated Dan Spears, the city's manager of planning, community and economic development, as recorded by The Fresno Bee newspaper.

An article written by Serafin Quintanar, a past Congressional Candidate for California's 20th district, credits Mayor Mitchell for reining in spending as well. He writes:

"Sanger was paying the highest salaries for many department heads in Fresno County, even more than Fresno, the largest city in the county! Obviously, this had to be changed. So, Mayor Mitchell had the unions put their

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) up for a vote before the council. The council voted it down. Then the Mayor did something that is often heard in the rhetoric and pandering of politicians when running for office, but not put into practice. He told various departments to make concessions or have their department privatized. The results were what conservatives have always known: the unions backed down and conceded rather than be completely forced out of the equation."

ALG's Wilson is right. It looks like Lieutenant Gov. Gavin Newsom did not need to travel to Texas to learn how to make business and people in California prosperous once again.

Wilson adds, "Unlike California, big spenders and union employees know better than to mess with Texas and Mayor Joshua Mitchell."

The Real Issues in Wisconsin

By BILL WILSON

On February 27, My Opinion, Penn Miller clearly illustrates the envy theory of the left. However envy does not justify support of public sector unions at taxpayer expense. It is not wages and benefits that are the real issues in Wisconsin.

The bill in Wisconsin would require state workers to contribute 6 percent of their income towards their retirement and 12 percent towards their healthcare. These percentages are similar to what private sector workers pay. State workers in Wisconsin are agreeable to starting to contribute toward their health and pension funds.

The real reason that unions bussed thousands of people to Madison to protest is because the legislation makes the unions directly accountable to their members. The state will no longer withhold the \$700 annual union dues from employee paychecks. Unions must collect it directly from their members.

Unions have difficulty collecting dues in other states that passed similar legislation. The other issue that has inflamed the Wisconsin unions is that the union must be recertified each year by a majority of its membership. It is ironic that unions would protest legislation that would give their members a greater say in their own future.

In the 25 years that my wife was a teacher, she saw the union that she joined change from a professional association committed to helping teachers provide the best education for children to just another industrial union that was concerned with political power and getting Democratic politicians elected. Helping teachers to provide the best education for the taxpayer's money was not a priority.

Rather than rewarding good teachers through merit pay, the union promoted pay rates based on seniority. Benefits like healthcare and pensions were valued over wages, because benefits were not taxed and pension obligations did not have

to be accounted for immediately in school district budgets. However, it is exactly these unsustainable benefits that are creating financial crisis in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and numerous other states.

The usual solution that Mr. Miller and the others on the left propose when unions, and the politicians they help to elect, raise benefits and pensions to the point of bankrupting the states is to raise the taxes on the rich. However, the top 5 percent of taxpayers already pay more of the tax burden than the other 95 percent and over half of that 5 percent are small business owners that report their company earnings on their personal returns.

If public sector unions and the politicians that they helped to elect in Wisconsin and other states were not grossly irresponsible stewards of the public's money, they would not fear the legislation in being proposed in Madison, Wisconsin and numerous other budget strapped states.

Budgeting Apples and Oranges

By ROBERT ROMANO

A battle has broken out between the tea party movement and House Republicans over just what the now-enacted continuing resolution (CR) for fiscal year 2011 will achieve in real savings. Activists have been responding to AP reports that the resolution cutting \$38.5 billion would only result in \$352 million in actual cuts to outlays in 2011.

How can this be?

The difference is between the not-commonly-understood "budgeting authority" for 2011 versus outlays that will actually occur in 2011.

Here's the facts: the 2011 CR addresses the non-emergency budgeting authority for 2011. It authorizes \$1.049 trillion of spending versus the total \$1.364 trillion discretionary portion of the budget that will actually be spent this year. Why the difference?

Because discretionary outlays for 2011 serve as a function of the 2011 non-emergency budgeting authority plus the war supplemental plus budgeting authorities enacted by previous Congresses. All that was on the table with the continuing resolution was the

non-emergency portion, and a small portion of mandatory spending.

Also including in the \$1.364 trillion discretionary spending is the war supplemental that will cost \$159.4 billion, but CBO projects only \$75.583 of it will be spent. The rest of it, approximately \$240 billion, is spending that was already in the pike from previous Congresses.

Therefore, departments and agencies will have to burn through the remaining funds before the impact of \$38.5 billion reduction of the budget authority is felt.

In many ways, this discussion over the savings of the continuing resolution is a testament to just how much Congress spent under Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, who controlled Congress from 2007 through 2010. Congress authorized so much spending, it has not even all been spent yet.

For that reason, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education will spend \$202.5 billion in 2011 even though Congress has only authorized \$156.5 billion this year. The additional \$46 billion was already authorized, and not subject to the CR that passed Congress. Another example is that the Transpor-

tation and HUD will spend \$131.76 billion in 2011, but the CR only authorizes \$55.49 billion. The other \$76.26 billion was previously authorized.

So, Speaker Boehner is correct that he has reduced the budgeting authority by \$38.5 billion from its previous level — the savings of which will be felt over time beyond 2011. And the tea parties are correct that this will have little effect on 2011 outlays, and that the minuscule savings felt this year fall far short of the Pledge to America to "roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bail-out levels, saving us at least \$100 billion in the first year alone and putting us on a path to balance the budget and pay down the debt."

The American people were expecting more, and for the most part, that is why the outcome is surely disappointing to most observers.

However, on the bright side, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the bill will reduce outlays by about \$20-\$25 billion over the next ten years, with "[t]he vast majority of the \$20 billion to \$25 billion reduction in projected outlays would fall in the five-year period spanning fiscal years 2012 through

2016, with a small amount occurring over the 2017-2021 period."

Obviously, with such a small reduction in the total \$3.7 trillion budget, there is much more to be done. If the tea parties, and more broadly the American people, really want to reduce total outlays, it will require more reductions in the discretionary budget authority, as Boehner has accomplished here. Additional savings can be found by rescinding previous budget authorities.

And the bulk of the real savings will be found by reforming the \$2.194 trillion of mandatory spending programs by rolling back eligibility requirements, amending and in some cases repealing legislation that requires the Treasury to spend the money. ObamaCare is a perfect example of legislation that must be repealed to rein in Medicaid spending as well as health insurance subsidies under the insurance exchanges.

In order to get at the heart of the nation's spending problem, all of the spending needs to be on the table. And with this now-enacted continuing resolution, it was not, as the American people have learned. In the 2012 budget process, it needs to be.

Eminent Domain Bill passes House

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) today applauded House passage of SB 18, also known as the eminent domain bill.

"This bill reforms Texas eminent domain laws to better protect the private property rights of landowners, something Texas ranchers have been working on for a

long time," said Joe Parker, Jr., rancher and president of TSCRA.

"TSCRA would like to thank the Texas Legislature for their years of hard work on this legislation. We look forward to it becoming law," Parker continued.

SB 18, filed by Sen. Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) and sponsored by Rep. Charlie

Geren (R-Fort Worth) reforms the eminent domain laws in Texas by requiring the following:

- A public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings. All entities with eminent domain authority must register with the Comptroller by December 2012.
- Condemning entities

must make a bona fide offer in writing and if not, pay the property owner's expenses and attorney fees.

• Impairment of direct access to the remaining property must be identified and taken into consideration when determining compensation.

• Land must be sold back at the price it was condemned if not used within

10 years.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million

head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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Is intolerance good for Immigration Policy

Darrell Ahrens isn't an intolerant man, but he believes that intolerance has its place in America today -- and that when it comes to immigration policy, it's not a negative thing.

"Sometimes intolerance can be a genuine expression of love," said Ahrens, a retired marine and former Air Force Officer, as well as author of the book *Divine Love/Divine Intolerance* (www.curlyscorner.com). "As an example, the idea of protecting our borders and tightening our immigration policy has a lot of people pointing fingers and using words like 'racist' or 'bigot' at those of us who take a dim view of our porous borders. But it's not about that at all. It's the fact that we have tolerated that situation and accepted illegal immigrants into our nation and our economy that has produced the current crisis. That's why maybe a little intolerance is what we need to shine a new light on the issue."

Ahrens believes that immigration reform isn't just about securing borders for reasons of national security or even about American jobs. He believes it should also be about

fairness to those who are trying to enter the country legally.

"The average amount of time it takes for someone to become an American citizen is several years," Ahrens said. "Some people are paying thousands of dollars in government application fees, and several thousand more if they employ an immigration attorney. So, how do you think they feel when they make an effort to honor our laws and regulations, but see us tolerating a vast population of illegal immigrants just because they're already here? It's not fair, and one of the founding principles of this country is fairness and justice. Intolerance of illegal immigration is a way of ensuring justice for those who are going through the legal process of immigration."

Ahrens is further concerned that the immigration debate is simply one of the many symptoms of the bigger problem -- our unnecessary adherence to principles of political correctness. He believes that we are so concerned about not offending people, that we are unable to have a real public debate about the

issue.

"As soon as someone raises their voice about our borders being as porous as a sieve, that person is labeled as a racist or a bigot, and that's just ridiculous," he added. "We have immigration laws already, and we have people who obey them and those who disobey them. We should reward those who are in the country legally, and punish those who aren't. That's what laws are for, and being in favor of a policy that protects our borders is not an inherently racist or bigoted position. It's about protecting America and Americans. But we have so succumbed to this group mentality that we can only talk about the policy issues that don't offend people of color, when it has nothing to do with ethnicities. It has to do with national security and the justice all Americans want for themselves. It's an example of over-tolerance -- tolerance that goes to such an extreme that it actually undercuts its original goals of being fair to everyone. So, against that landscape, I think a little intolerance is just what we need to set things right again."

White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2354.90	17' 7"	0"	.0"	0.99"	
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"	32.16"

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White River Lake has 3,799,422,660 billion gallons left available at the intake or 38% capacity or 11,660 acre feet. Subtract 23,545,362 MG for evaporation this week in March that leaves 3,775,817,298 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in stage 1

of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Mickey Rogers General Manager

Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of April 18, 2011 - 2216.86 feet, 3.14 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature April 18, 2011 - 62 - 64 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of April 18 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of April 18 - 31.04 inches

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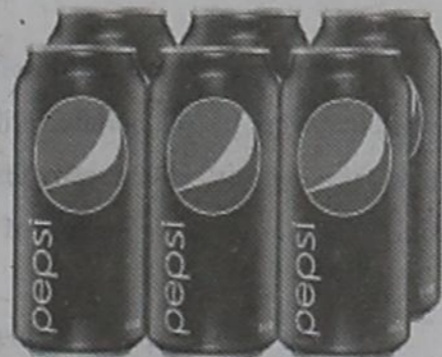
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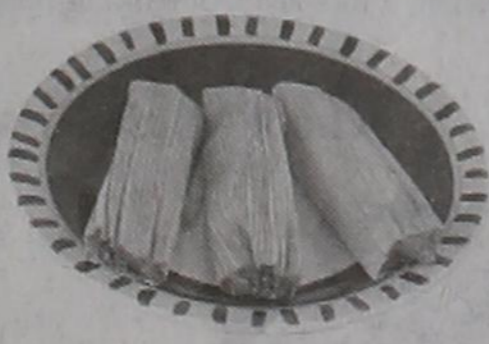
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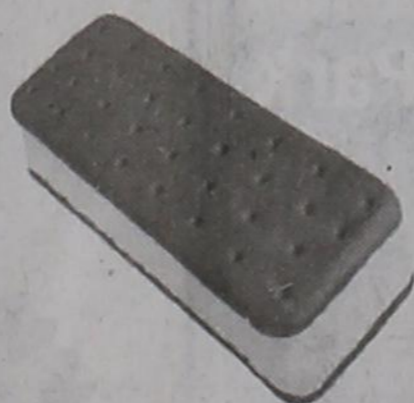
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MyMeter Program allows consumers to take charge of energy use

When Harmon Electric Association completed the installation of smart meters for its members, the co-op said the new meters would allow them to offer more to members in the future. Being true to its word, Harmon Electric Association has launched a new service called MYMETER, a Web-based energy tracking service that will provide members with current energy usage information and tools for greater control over their electric bills.

MYMETER is a free online service that allows Harmon Electric Association members to view their daily electricity usage. The tool is made possible because of the initial Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) installed with the co-op's smart meters and is available

through the Cooperative's Web site.

"Our new automated meter infrastructure is in place and provides a technology backbone to build on. Starting in April, we will offer the innovative MYMETER online software program to our members and look to offer additional energy management type services in the future," said Charles Paxton, General Manager of Harmon Electric Association.

Information on the MYMETER screens includes the ability to:

- View your daily and monthly energy use in an easy to read graphical format.
- Compare energy use fluctuations to changes in temperature.
- Set goals for reducing energy use and track the progress.

• Use *Energy Markers* to indicate an energy saving action and then track any changes in consumption.

• Access tips to help conserve energy. "Clearly, we are facing a situation where energy is only going to get more and more costly and that's what makes MYMETER such a valuable tool. It provides our members more control over their energy use and their energy bill," Paxton said.

Paxton noted that Harmon is the first utility in Oklahoma to offer the MYMETER service to its members. "These kind of web-based energy management tools are the future, and we are very proud to be on the cutting edge of this technology," he added.

A key element of the service is consum-

ers' ability to place a marker on their daily use graph when an efficiency upgrade such as new appliance or air conditioner is introduced into their home. It is then possible to note any changes in energy usage as a result of the new product.

Harmon members can register for MYMETER online by visiting <http://www.harmonelectric.com/> and clicking on the MYMETER icon. Members will need to have their account number handy for the initial registration.

The MYMETER program was developed by the St. Paul, Minnesota, software development company Accelerated Innovations, and has been the recipient of two national new energy product awards.

Exercise-induced asthma is a manageable condition

HOUSTON - Gasping for breath during a workout may be more than just a sign that you're out of shape. It could also indicate a condition called exercise-induced asthma, according to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Exercise-induced asthma occurs when someone has shortness of breath, gets winded easily, has wheezing and sometimes even a cough shortly after exercise begins," said Dr. John Rogers (<http://www.baylorclinic.com/find-a-doctor/details/index.cfm?id=238>), professor of family and community medicine (<http://www.bcm.edu/familymed/>) at BCM.

Asthma occurs when there are spasms of the smooth

muscles in the breathing tubes that lead to a blockage of the airways. It can cause shortness of breath, coughing and a wheezing noise when breathing out. A feeling of tightness in the chest is another common symptom.

Patients with exercise-induced asthma experience these symptoms, but not on a regular basis. Instead, they occur during exercise or when they have a cold or viral infection, said Rogers.

However, the condition is manageable and people are still able to perform at a very high level athletically with proper treatment, he said.

Treatment usually includes using an inhaler 20 to 30 minutes before exercise. The inhaler helps relax the

smooth muscle and can last for up to four hours.

There is not one exercise routine that is better for the condition than another. Rogers recommends those with the condition do other things to manage it such as staying away from cigarette smoke, staying indoors when pollen or other allergen counts are high if you have allergies and avoiding exercise when you have cold symptoms. Getting the flu shot each year is also recommended to help maintain healthy lung function.

Although having exercise-induced asthma does not necessarily mean there are asthma symptoms at all times, asthma does exist in some form, said Rogers.

Copper Breaks State Park hosts Quanah Parker exhibit

QUANAH - The highly regarded travelling photography exhibition "Quanah Parker: A Man in Two Worlds" will open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Copper Breaks State Park.

The show was developed by the Texas Lakes Trail, an operation of the Texas Historical Commission with support from the Comanche Nation. More than 40

images explore the colorful life of Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker.

The Quahadi Society, Friends of Copper Breaks State Park, will host an opening reception at 6:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday, April 16, freelance photographer and Texas Master Naturalist Laurie Hall will give a program on wildflowers. Hall will start in the park headquarters with a power

point presentation followed by a wildflower walk along part of the park trail system.

For more information on the exhibit, the wildflower walk, or other park programs or facilities, contact the park daily during regular business hours at (940) 839-4331.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

Refreshed website connects students, teachers to agriculture

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) recently launched a fresh design of its Be Ag Smart website, a showcase of how agriculture affects the daily lives of consumers, students and teachers in the Lone Star State.

"The Be Ag Smart website reaches an audience that may not have first-hand experience with life on a farm," said David Davidson, Childress County Farm Bureau president. "Be Ag Smart connects Texans

with the people and places that grow their food."

Along with its consumer messages, Be Ag Smart is geared toward students and teachers. Site resources include informative videos, workshop information and lesson plans like "Texas Top Ten," which highlights the top ten Texas crops, and "The Very Hungry Texas Caterpillar," which parallels Eric Carle's popular children's book. "Among it's many

missions, Farm Bureau is committed to helping students and teachers across the Lone Star State gain an understanding of agriculture's role in our society and our world," Davidson said.

The website also provides information on other Farm Bureau efforts, including the Mobile Learning Barn and Planet Agriculture. To view the new Be Ag Smart website, visit www.BeAgSmart.org

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In some situations, school nurses have to fall back on their extensive training to provide information on a particular health topic and promote healthy lifestyles. In others, they have to be ready to supply a dose of moral support and be handy to wipe away the tears.

Each May, a week is designated to honor school nurses for the important role they play in the lives of young Texans.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize our school nurses for their unwavering dedication to our children.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby declare May 8-14, 2011, to be

School Nurse Awareness Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 1st day of April, 2011.



Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

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Public Forum; Who Owns The Groundwater?

By Kathleen Hartnett-White

Who owns the groundwater in Texas? Senate Bill 332, already passed by the Texas Senate and pending in the House, provides an answer.

SB 332 re-affirms and clarifies that the landowner has a vested ownership interest in the water below his land. For more than a century, Texas courts have recognized that ownership of the surface extends to what is in and below the land — including oil, gas, sand, gravel, stone, and groundwater — unless legally severed from the surface.

The question about groundwater ownership only arises now because of the rapid growth of regulation by local groundwater districts, new state law establishing long-term aquifer management, and a few influential voices claiming that landowners never owned groundwater under Texas law. Those who deny the landowner's real private property right in groundwater might conclude otherwise after reading a century of Texas court decisions.

Since the 1904 case of Houston & Central Pacific Railway v. East, Texas courts have upheld the landowner's vested right in the groundwater below the land. The Texas Supreme Court reasoned that groundwater "is a part of, and not different from the soil, and that groundwater is the same as the land and cannot be distinguished in law from the soil."

Accordingly, landowners have assumed they owned the groundwater and have invested in reliance on this property right. Many cities, including San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo and El Paso, have spent millions to

purchase groundwater rights from landowners for future water supply.

Like the land surface, vested groundwater rights are fully compatible with reasonable regulation. In 1917, the Conservation Amendment to the Texas Constitution established the authority to regulate groundwater. Now 98 local districts regulate groundwater under broad authority granted by the Legislature in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

A few districts, however, contend that the landowner's interest in groundwater is not a protected property right under the Texas Constitution. Concerned about liability for a regulation that a court might find an unconstitutional "taking" of private property requiring financial compensation, these districts and some state officials have devised an odd legal theory. They say no one owns the groundwater. And that the landowner's ownership is triggered only after "capturing" the groundwater.

Critics of SB 332 confuse the "rule of capture" with the landowner's vested ownership right. The "rule of capture" does not confer a right but describes the method by which a landowner can exercise his ownership right. Limiting a landowner's groundwater ownership to the "rule of capture" gives local districts unlimited authority, including complete denial of a landowner's right to extract groundwater.

Clarifying the landowner's groundwater rights would not, as critics claim, spawn a flood of "takings" litigation against local districts. Re-affirming a fundamental property right does not create a new cause of action to

mount constitutional takings claims.

SB 332, indeed, underlines a local district's broad authority to regulate groundwater. Even under the expansive regulatory authority given by the Texas legislature to the Edwards Aquifer Authority, only three takings claims have arisen over more than 10 years — and none of the landowners won!

In mounting a takings claim, the burden of proof is on — and the odds are against — the landowner. If the landowner loses, Texas law stipulates that the landowner must pay all legal costs, a gamble too risky for all but a few.

Clarification of the landowner's vested property right may, indeed, reduce takings claims by providing regulators with a legal backstop to balance their authority with the landowner's rights. And water marketing would be more difficult — not less — because a marketer would have to recognize the vested rights of all the landowners affected by withdrawals from the marketer's wells.

Texas faces an historic choice. Texas can reaffirm the landowner's vested ownership with confidence that secure private rights will maximize stewardship, conservation and efficient use of groundwater for all Texans. Or Texas can deny — or remain silent about — a right basic to land ownership for over a century in exchange for greater confidence in government control.

History has shown across the world, in this country and most graphically in Texas, that clear property rights offer the most effective path for achieving not only private goals but also the public good — an abundant and sustainable water supply.

Post notes... continued from page 1

Baseball vs. Roosevelt
 • 5:50 PM – V Softball vs. Roosevelt
 • 5-8:00 PM – GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg
Wednesday, 20 – ARD Meetings – AM Only
 • 9:40 AM – NHS Mtg. in Library
 • 9:45-Lunch – Jostens to deliver Grad. Announcements & Accessories

Thursday, 21 – Student Council Bake Sale at United, 4:30-6:30 PM.
 • 9:00 AM – HS Blood Drive, Mobile Unit on South Lot
 • 9:40 AM – NHS Bake Sale in Library
 • 5-8:00 PM – GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg

Friday, 22 – Make-Up Day. We will be in school and not taking our Bad Weather Day!
 • Regional Qualifiers Meet
 • 5:30 PM – V Softball vs. Colorado City
 • 4:30/7 PM – JV/V Baseball vs. Colorado City
Looking Ahead:
 Ap. 18-23 – Boys Reg. Golf at Midland
 Ap. 24 – EASTER

Sunday
 Ap. 25 – V Baseball at Coahoma, 7 PM
 Ap. 26-29 TAKS Testing, 10 – 11 Grades
 May 2 – Bad Weather Day, schools out
 May 2-3 Regional Track Meet at Odessa
 May 4 – Immunization Clinic, 9:40 in Library
 May 4 – Spirit Day, wear fav College T-Shirt
 May 5 – AP English Testing

May 5 & 6 – Shattered Dreams
 May 6-7 Band Festival, Floydada
 May 6 – End of the 6th 3 Week
 May 8 – MOTHER'S DAY
 May 9 – Sports Banquet at Caft., 6:30 PM
 May 11 & 12 – NHS Mtg. & Bake Sale, Library at 9:40 AM
 May 12-14 – Band Festival, Abernathy
 May 14 – PROM at Heritage House

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Post Elementary Notes:
 Post Elementary students are in a competition to see who can raise the most money to donate to our Garza County firefighters. The competition will end after Play Day on Friday, May 6th.

Tuesday- April 26th- 3rd and 4th Grade TAKS test-Math

Wednesday- April 27th- 3rd and 4th Grade TAKS test-Reading

Thursday- April 28th- 5th Grade TAKS test- Science
Monday- May 2nd- Post ISD will NOT have classes. This is the bad weather day that we did not have to use.
Friday- May 6th- Play Day during PE. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy Play Day with your student(s). There will be a concession stand as well as other FUNdraising opportunities.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will all be TAKS testing the week of April 25th. Parents, please make sure that your student(s) get plenty of rest the night before and a good breakfast the morning of their test(s). The elementary school campus is considered a closed campus on testing days. If you do need to pick up a student or visit the office, please make sure that you go directly to the office upon entering the building and that you have your picture ID ready. We appreciate your cooperation during the testing process.

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6TH GRADE
 Yvette Armendariz
 Kally Comeaux
 Blaze Smith
 Brogan Macy
 Blaine Reece

8TH GRADE
 Dakota Greer
 Kelsey Griffin
 Carson Kirkpatrick
 Jayson Walden

First Grade
 Matthew Alfred
 Meagan Blair
 Shayla Brown
 Jayden Carroll
 Maria Gonzalez-Murillo
 Shawn Looney
 Damon Mauney
 Briley Miller
 Carter Rankin
 Zachary Sawyer
 Kalem Soto
 Kelsey Turnbow
 Addee Williams
 Evangelina Zubia

Second Grade
 Matthew Basquez
 Dee Cole Boren
 Cayce Britton
 Maken Contreras
 Karla Cruz
 Matthew Frausto
 Leah Gonzales
 Ryleigh Graves
 Jacob Isbell
 Josephine Ortiz
 Michael Blake Parrott
 Sterlin Self
 Nathan Taylor
 Chelsea Thomas
 Bailey Tidwell
 Kolton Wink

Third Grade
 Chris Dihenia
 Madison Guthrie
 Dillon McKee
 Shaylee Salmon
 Alexandra Turner

Fourth Grade
 Malina Gomez
 Sydney Quinn
 Kara Thomas

Fifth Grade
 Brooke Blair
 Pacey Blevins
 Brandon Britton
 Ezra Gill
 Leslie Gill
 Marco Gonzalez
 Ian Haworth
 Pete Lazcano
 Morgan Lynch
 Shailey Miller
 Courtney Ramirez
 Lucas Record
 Krystal Rodriguez
 Elizabeth Tanner
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"Congratulations to our honor roll students!"

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MC BRIDE, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of WILLIE MC BRIDE deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 14th day of April, 2011, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

DATED: 14th APRIL 2011

B.R. Mc Bride
 B.R. Mc Bride, Independent Executor Cause # 1936, Garza County, Texas

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

B & S Salvage, Box 345 Post, Texas 79356
 (Company Name/Address)

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork (Formation Name)

Guthrie "A" Lease, Well Number 3R. The proposed (Lease Name)

injection well is located 11 miles North of Post, Texas (Direction) (Nearest Town)

in the AFG Clearfork Field, in Garza (Field Name)

County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3450 to 3478 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

HAPPY EASTER!



NOTICE

Our offices will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

A Mother's Day Greeting Says It All!

Tell the world how great Mom is with a loving Mother's Day message in the newspaper. Your Mother's Day greeting will appear in our special Mother's Day edition on Friday, May 6. Order forms must be received by Tuesday, May 3.

\$20
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MOM,
Thank you for always standing by me and for all your endless love and support!
XOXO, ALAN

MOTHER,
We cherish you! You are the best mother and friend anyone could ask for. Thanks for being you!
**Lots of Love,
Bob & Sue**

Please mail entry form along with photo (if desired) and check or money order to: Mother's Day Messages, c/o The Post Dispatch, 123 E Main Street, Post, TX 79365

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Mother's Name: _____
 Message (maximum 25 words): _____



Latest wildfire in Garza County on Highway 211

Photo by Jodi Lincoln



Brogan Macy & Zack Kirkpatrick have qualified for State in the Jr. High Rodeo Association to be held in Gonzales, TX, in June. Brogan, daughter of Mike & Kellie Macy and granddaughter of Bob & Debbie Macy of Post, and Ted & Carolyn Kyle of Quanah has qualified for state in 5 events. Barrel race, goat tying, breakaway calf roping, ribbon roping, and Team roping with partner Zack Kirkpatrick, who is also a 7th grader and attends Idalou. Zack is the son of Joel & Rhonda Kirkpatrick of Crosbyton and the grandson of Jack & Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post. Brogan & Zack won the team roping for the finals held in Vernon, TX. Zack also won the all around cowboy for the region finals and Brogan won reserve all around cowgirl. Very proud of all their hard work.. Good Luck at State

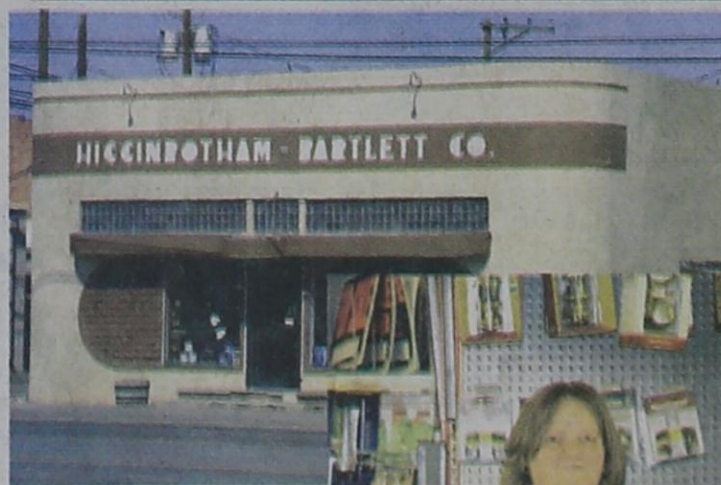
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130th Anniversary give-aways!

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- 2nd Prize**
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- 3rd Prize**
50" Flat Screen TV
\$130 Gift Card



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Vonda Timmons and Dusty Clary two employees at Post Higginbotham Bartlett
Photo by Jodi Lincoln

Higginbotham Brothers History

This year marks the 130th Anniversary of one of the oldest lumberyards in Texas, a remarkable feat considering its humble beginnings.

The history of Higginbotham Brothers began in late 1880 when JM Higginbotham along with his family moved from Water Valley, Mississippi to the Dublin, TX to make their home. According to recorded documents, the trees were just being cleared for the town-site and the Central Texas Railroad had just made its advent in the area, when two brothers decided to open a General Mercantile in Deleon, TX. So began the first link in the Higginbotham Brothers chain.

By the early 1900's the brothers, along with other relatives opened 8 other General Stores in towns such as Ballinger, Comanche, Rising Star, and Stephenville. In the early years, the stores did a tremendous amount of credit business. Many times they would carry the farmers from early spring to fall when the crops were harvested. The stores either bought the crops or saw to it that the farmers were paid full market prices for what they had to sell. There were some notably tough years with drought, the Great Depression, and boll weevils but the company adjusted and continued to prosper.

It can be said that in most towns, Higginbotham Brothers served the customers from their birth to the grave. All locations sold dry goods and clothing and most also operated an undertaking department. Along with of course, lumber and the above, the company dabbled for a time in the automotive industry as well as farm implements.

That same enduring spirit that began almost 130 years ago is still alive in well in the Higginbotham Brothers Company. In October 1999 Rufus H Duncan, Jr., a great grandson of one of the founders, purchased the existing Higginbotham Brothers stores, adding this to the Big Tin Barn locations of East Texas that he already owned. In 2001, the Higginbotham-Bartlett's of West Texas were added to the Higginbotham family.

Higginbotham Brothers today operates 35 locations within Texas. Through the years, many components of the business have changed. We've replaced dry goods with a notable hardware department. In addition to the core of Lumber and Building Materials, we've added lines and departments such as RadioShack, Bass Pro Shop, Husqvarna, and Stihl to fit our communities growing needs.

The existence and continued success of our Higginbotham Brothers is due to our dedicated and hardworking staff and the communities that have supported our stores since 1881. We are proud to say that Higginbotham Brothers has served Texas communities for 130 years and will continue to do so.