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SUMMER HEAT SETTLES IN Slight Relief Promised By Friday

On Tuesday, July 14 most everything alive in Callahan County was hunting shade.

The National Weather Bureau was giving the county a "slight relief from heat" forecast, however.

That relief was a little hard to fathom, with the temperature hitting 100 degrees by ten o'clock that morning. By afternoon the sun blazed from an orange sky, and triple-digits were upon us again. Only the most dedicated of people were stirring about their usual affairs.

The winds were varied, switching around from the north to the southwest and then the south. Those

At press time Wednesday morning the National Weather Service had revised its forecast slightly. The temperatures are expected to go above 100 for the next two days, with a southwest wind bringing in more heat.

The Weather Service is sticking with that "relief" by Friday, however. A surge of air from the north is supposed to bring down the temperature, with also a slight possibility of rain.

Things look grim on fire hazards until then. Local counties are some of several North Texas counties listed under extreme fire danger until the weekend - and maybe afterward. The heat and dry weather has parched the grass and brush, leaving a volatile situation. The hot winds add to these conditions.

So PLEASE no outdoor burning, or ANYTHING that could cause a destructive wildfire!!

little gusts from the north sure felt good!

The heat wave was worse elsewhere. A map of the country showed a big heat advisory area covering parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, all of East Texas, part of North Texas and much of Oklahoma. Eastland County was just on the western edge of that.

The highest temperatures were in Eastern Oklahoma and South-eastern Kansas, with the very worst in Southwestern Arizona and Southeastern California. (Mojave Desert, near the Colorado River.) There it can be 98 degrees at midnight and 118 or more in the afternoon.

This heat was coming from a sub-tropical upper-level high, weather forecasters said.

The high temperature in Callahan County was expected to be in the 100s on Wednesday, with area counties under "hazardous" conditions. The temperature was supposed to drop in the 70s that night, a welcome change for sleeping. Then the heat wave was expected to expand into Southern New Mexico and Central California, leaving most of Texas still hot.

The highs Thursdays were supposed to be around 100 here, and then on Friday fall back to 98. Somehow that sounds better.

What is disturbing, however, is the thought of any wildfires during this intense heat. Of course the Burn Ban is reinstated, but any carelessness with fire could still lead to a major disaster. This is surely no time to take any chances with trash burning.

(Continued Inside)



Ranger College Expands Classes To Heartland Mall

Texas House Rep. Jim Keffer (L) and Ranger College President Dr. Bill Campion (R) are shown at a groundbreaking and special news conference Monday, July 13, 2009 of Ranger College's Heartland Mall expansion in Brown County. photo by Margaret Hetrick

Ranger College has signed a 6 year lease with Heartland Mall for a campus of over 16,000 sq. feet, which will house a nursing program and extended education classes. Dr. Bill Campion was introduced by Charlotte Parrack, property manager of Heartland Mall. "This is the start of a long term program and a growing relationship," Dr. Campion told the gathered news media, Brown County officials and Chamber of Commerce officers, and other guests. Construction will soon begin and classes are to be held in the facility this fall, he added. Dr. Campion thanked Rep. Keffer for his encouragement, vision, and prompting, which helped to make the expansion possible. Since meetings about this project

had begun, Brownwood leaders and officials had given 100% cooperation and assistance, he added. Ranger College has also partnered with TSTC West Texas to offer several new programs. "I hope hundreds will get a start in higher education here," Dr. Campion said.

Rep. Keffer said step one was looking forward and thanked the Ranger Board of Regents, among others, for their seriousness and good will in helping carry out the expansion project. He said he wanted to see young adults given the widest educational opportunities possible. The second step would be working with Howard Payne University and Brown County ISDs, Keffer continued and added that Texas Sen. Troy Fraser also supported the expansion. "Look for great things," he said. "This is a wonderful day."

Also attending the news conference for Ranger College were Billy Adams, Associate Dean of Distance Learning and John Slaughter, Dean of Instruction.

See Callahan County Court Minutes Inside

Cross Cut Reunion July 19

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 19, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery As-

sociation annual business meeting.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will open at 9 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Keeka Byrd at (254) 725-6836 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

Burn Ban Reinstated in Callahan County

CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited:

A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement:

A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners of the 13 day of July, 2009, and executed on the same date.

Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge

Attest: Donna Bell, County Clerk

Attachment A

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood.

WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.
2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
4. Must have water sprayer available for use.
5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgment if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

Attachment B

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.

1. Individual grilling must attend the grill at all times.
 2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
 3. Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.
- Violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. An individual or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

DPS Report

7-05-09 to 7-11-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

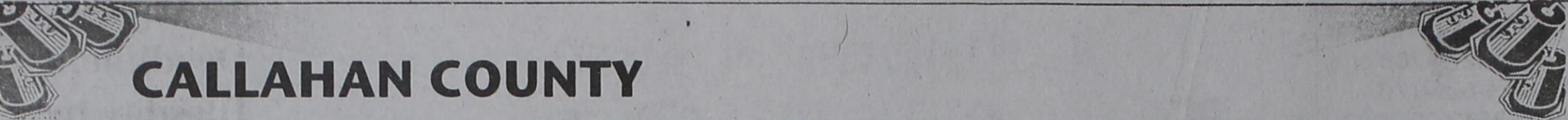
- Warnings- 77
- Complaints- 19
- DWI-4
- Fugitive Arrest - Possession of Controlled Substance - 1
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RAISING HIS VOICE

The early sparks of the celebrated poetry of Juan Felipe Herrera.

By Milan Gagnon
Poetry Media Services

When Juan Felipe Herrera started third grade in San Diego's Barrio Logan, he spoke little English; until then, he'd followed his parents, migrant Mexican farmworkers, from crop to crop around California. He couldn't understand anything his classmates said to him, so he made no attempt to respond. The boy thought to himself, "My tongue is a rock." He wouldn't speak for fear of sounding stupid.

As his vocabulary improved, his teacher, Lucille Sampson, broke through his silence by assigning Herrera to write his first poem in English. Sampson pushed him further out of his shell by asking her students to perform plays and songs. "You have a very beautiful voice," she told him when he sang "Three Blind Mice" in front of the class. Moments like these, according to Herrera, launched the career of one of America's most celebrated Latino poets. (Sampson still receives dedications in his books.)

"I didn't even know I had a voice," says Herrera in his casual California Chicano twang. He's 60 now, and the author of more than 20 acclaimed books, including this year's new and selected-poetry volume, *Half the World in Light*, winner of the 2008 National Book Critics Circle award. "That's how far away I was. I was just an observer."

Herrera's family moved frequently between San Francisco and San Diego when he was a kid. In 1958, at the age of 10, he shared a room in San Francisco's Mission District with his teenage cousin Tito Quintana, whom he calls "the family beatnik." The walls in Quintana's room were black, save for an eyeball painted on one of them; he'd mounted the album covers from jazz records by the likes of Dave Brubeck and Cal Tjader, and hung strange mobiles. Music by the Cuban percussionist Mongo Santamaria provided the soundtrack when Quintana wasn't pounding his own bongos; Herrera, having just found his voice in San Diego, now had the perfect place to raise it.

His work reflected the struggles he witnessed all around him. It came out of the civil rights movement and also was involved in the Chicano-Latino literary political-arts movement of the '60s and '70s and to the present," he says. Herrera marched for the United Farm Workers in the 1960s and '70s and against U.S. involvement in Central America in the 1970s and '80s—but for the most part his poems were his placards. In poetry he explored the issues of injustice, oppression, inclusion, and exclusion that fueled the rallies, debates, and conferences in which he participated. "We had a lot of concerns about questions of homeland, questions of cultural roots, reclaiming our culture, you know, questions of religious foundations," he says. "What is a community? What are our indigenous community roots? Questions of language: What is our language? What is language? Literature: What is literature? What are all those things?"

The first book on the long literary road to these two collections was *Rebozos of Love*—selections from which still find their way into creative-writing and Chicano studies curricula—published in 1974. The words in the volume can confuse monolinguals, as Herrera never sticks too long to English or Spanish, preferring that third language, the version of Spanglish common in and specific to California.

we
speak
lluvia
roja
fuente
song
of
our
struggle

"(Dawning Luz)" offers a characteristic mash-up of words and words: lluvia means rain, roja means red, fuente means fountain, and luz means light. When you add connotations and double entendres in two languages, you can easily end up wondering what anything means anymore. It's an in-between world that Herrera still relishes. "I use words in those books on occasion that are directly from my childhood, and they're ways of speaking that farmworkers, campesinos, or working-class Mexicanos or Latinos employ every day to communicate," he says. "It's part of our linguistic universe and not necessarily valued in officialized language classrooms, but I choose to use those words because those are the words that I know. When I read those words in the classroom in California or the Southwest or any classroom where there's migrant students, they're going to know those words."

Many Chicano poets have come to look up to Herrera. "For Chicanos, poetry has always been an essential form of expression," poet Rigoberto González says. "It is our art.

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our declaration of perspective, but it's also our cry of protest. Juan Felipe Herrera has the distinction of being one of these political activists who went on to build a career around his talent." González ranks Herrera among Chicano poetry's best, along with the recently deceased Abelardo "Lalo" Delgado, Alfred Arteaga, Raúl Salinas, Luis Omar Salinas, and Gloria Anzaldúa, and the "still marching" Lorna Dee Cervantes and Alurista. "Juan Felipe Herrera (and all those Chicano writers I just mentioned) taught me that writing is activism—not documentation."

Herrera gives us his newest work in the final poems of *Half of the World in Light*: a section called "The Five Elements," divided into "Wood," "Fire," "Earth," "Metal," and "Water," and navigating the continents, conflicts, and tragedies of days recent and long gone. His sympathy goes out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 train bombings near Madrid; his characters inhabit Afghanistan and Austin, Texas. In "Follow Rózewicz," he writes, "all these years, he utters so many things / about days gone and villages raped and / winters that lasted decades / how the women / clenched their hands and held their backs."

Will a writer who found his voice half a century ago, nurtured it in the academy and on the street, channeled it into more than 20 books, and still has so much to say find comfort in silence for long? His tongue was once a rock, but now he speaks for multitudes.

Former Poetry Foundation journalism fellow Milan Gagnon is a fellow attempting to not be a former journalist. This article first appeared on www.poetryfoundation.org. Learn more about Juan Felipe Herrera, and his poetry, on www.poetryfoundation.org. © 2009 by Milan Gagnon. All rights reserved.

American Life in Poetry: Column 225

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

There have been many poems written in which a photograph is described in detail, and this one by Margaret Kaufman, of the Bay Area in California, uses the snapshot to carry her further, into the details of memory.

Photo, Brownie Troop, St. Louis, 1949

I'm going to put Karen Prasse right here in front of you on this page so that you won't mistake her for something else, an example of precocity, for instance, a girl who knew that the sky (blue crayon) was above the earth (green crayon) and did not, as you had drawn it, come right down to the green on which your three bears stood. You can tell from her outfit that she is a Brownie. You can tell from her socks that she knows how to line things up, from her mouth that she may grow up mean or simply competent. Do not mistake her for an art critic: when she told you the first day of first grade that your drawing was "wrong," you stood your ground and told her to look out the window. Miss Voss told your mom you were going to be a good example of something, although you cannot tell from the way your socks sag, nor from your posture, far from Brownie-crisp. This is not about you for a change, but about mis-perception, of which Karen was an early example. Who knows? She may have meant to be helpful, though that is not always a virtue, and gets in the way of some art.

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Words You Can Use:

Buccinal: Should you use this adjective to describe the sound, or the shape of a trumpet?

Crassilingual: An adjective this is for a tongue that is thick.

Poetry Corner

Don't Be Too Quick To Turn Around

Focus eyes on those about us
Whose backtalk is impudent word
Is there none to be outspoken
Enough to lift voices unheard.

Uninvolvement is less fearful
It shuts tight the eye to what's there
It also reposes the mind
Forbidding with others to share.

We pray for peace every week-end
Our prayers may be heard to resound
But if we stop with just praying
Don't be too quick to turn around.

Our turn will see the uncaring
Who cry through loss of peace and quiet
Because they were so indifferent
Their weeping lasts into the night.

- Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, Texas



Rhymes To Use:

- Chaffinch
- Pinch
- Mince
- Prince
- Tailspin
- Aspirin
- Javelin
- Akin
- Tin
- Crystalline

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CISCO BEAUTY HAPPENED FRIDAY

Lady Luck smiled on me last Friday evening, as I was... The Big Country Dinner Theater production at the Hilton in Cisco was awesome in its staging, and execution.

rick Heffernand, Andrew Boetcher, Katie Nichols, Anthony Eastwood, Caitlin Boho, Katie Bellantone, Katie Meyers, and Johanna Jackson. It showed that Dance Rehearsal Captain Carly Stocking had prepared this cast well.

characters, even the town citizens, were portrayed as both good and evil. The cast took that and made the characters real. Surprises were pleasant. There was a nice effective moving silhouette for some of the numbers.

Patrick Ready

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land Band Boosters will provide concessions for the event. The concert will be held at the Marshall Complex in the event of bad weather; tickets are non-refundable. Seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Event staff has the right to deny entrance.

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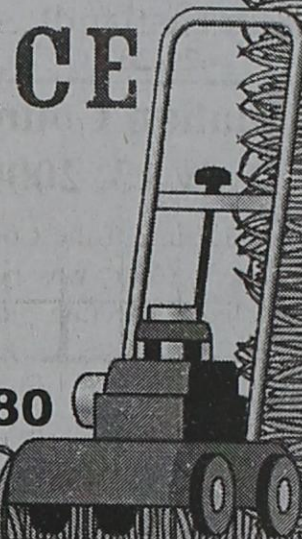
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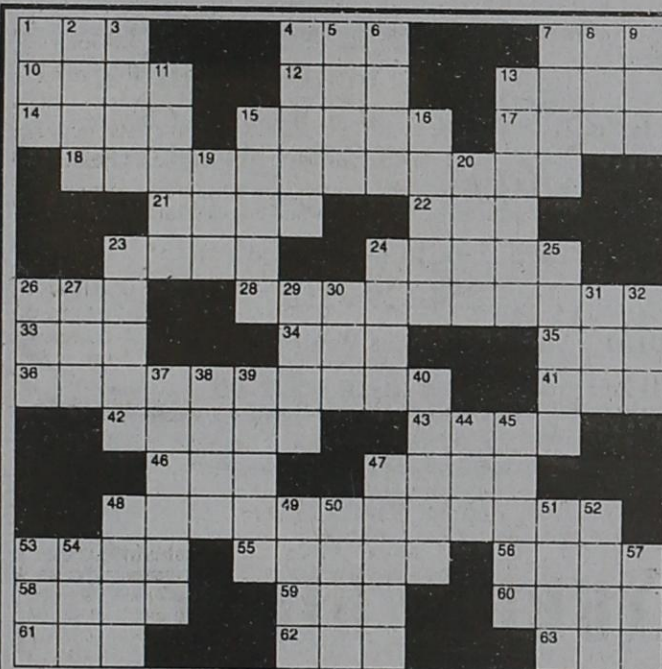
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Will Ferrell Christmas film
- 4. Possesses
- 7. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 10. Stray
- 12. ___kosh, WI
- 13. Potato bag
- 14. Small ornamental ladies' bag
- 15. Arracachas
- 17. Electronic warfare
- 18. Declared on 7-4-1776
- 21. Slash
- 22. Neither
- 23. ___ndipity; stroke of luck
- 24. Having deep margins
- 26. Chinese leader until 1976
- 28. Good helpers
- 33. Russian commune
- 34. Adult male human
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 36. About exegesis
- 41. Gibson's network
- 42. Tonight Show Jays
- 43. Dr. ___; serious plays
- 46. ___ de plume
- 47. Secondhand
- 48. Canadian province
- 53. Picasso's mistress
- 55. Coho ___n
- 56. Considered individually
- 58. Swedish rock group
- 59. Genome code
- 60. M. ___; Disney heroine
- 61. Type genus of the Muridae
- 62. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 63. Tent flap

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Before
- 2. Lesotho monetary unit
- 3. Roman man-goat
- 4. Chinese province
- 5. 7th Hindu month
- 6. Wearing footgear
- 7. Any competition
- 8. Licenses TV stations
- 9. Dekameter
- 11. Minute biting insect
- 13. Unknown information
- 15. Niches
- 16. Spanish title of respect
- 19. Pinna
- 20. ___lity; aristocracy
- 23. French social philosopher
- 24. Actress Turner
- 25. ___k; table linen fabric
- 26. Woman (French)
- 27. Wood duck genus
- 29. Friends (French)
- 30. Waterproof raincoat
- 31. Take hold of
- 32. Highest court U. ___ (abbr.)
- 37. ___al D. MacArthur
- 38. Enough (archaic)
- 39. Graves
- 40. A long noosed rope
- 44. Kitten sound
- 45. Farewell
- 47. Cause to lose one's nerve
- 48. Catches
- 49. Radioactivity units
- 50. The inner arm bone
- 51. A young cow
- 52. 1000 calories
- 53. A Mayan language
- 54. ___ Dhabri, UAE capital
- 57. Year end greeting (abbr.)

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Tips for Preventing Boat Injuries and Deaths

Wear Your Life Jacket While Boating

Life jacket use by all boat occupants can reduce drownings. Coast Guard-approved life jackets are now more attractive in appearance and comfortable to wear. When properly fitted, a life jacket or PFD can help to prevent a tragedy.

Avoid Alcoholic Beverages While Boating

Alcohol use affects judgment, vision, balance, and coordination. Reports suggest that alcohol was a contributing factor in about one in five boating fatalities.

Complete a Boating Education Course

Most reported incidents in 2006 involved operator-controllable factors. The primary causes of incidents were carelessness or recklessness, operator inattention, operator inexperience, and unsafe speeds.

Boating education courses teach the regulatory and statutory rules ("Rules of the Road") for the safe operation and navigation of recreational boats. In 2006, 70% of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the boat operator had not attended a boating safety education course.

For more information visit the following websites:

- Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/laws/

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Callahan County Commissioners' July 13, 2009 Court Minutes

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on July 13, 2009 with the following officers present: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #2; Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct #4; Dianne Gunter, County Treasurer; Donna Ball, County, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court.

The following items of business were transacted:
The meeting was called to

order at 9:33 a.m. by Judge Corn. Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Windham was absent from the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed. Under Public Comment - Judge Corn reported that Richard Windham the father of Commissioner Tom Windham passed away Saturday. On behalf of the Commissioners' Court, Judge Corn extended prayers and condolences to the family. Jeannie Folier came before the Court to discuss the

location of the fence on her property and County Road 441. No action was taken. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to change Precinct 3 voting location from the Baird Housing Authority/Senior Citizen Center, 401 Chestnut, Baird, Texas to the Baird Activity Center, 228 Walnut, Baird, Texas. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reinstate the Burn Ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks which then carried 4-0. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to keep the Texas Department of Transportation Optional Fees as is. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The optional fees are: County Road and Bridge fee- \$10.00. Child Safety Fund Fee - \$0. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which then carried 4-0. Pre-Construction Conference - Subject: TCDP Grant #728237 Present: Johnny Tabor, Tabor Engineering, Mary Alice Smith, Grantworks, Chris Bristow, Raydon Inc., Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, Precinct

1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct 2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct 4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham. A motion was made by Commissioner Farmer and seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m. Also attending the meeting were: Lydia Williams, Jeannie Folier, Shane Deel - County Attorney, Mary Alice Smith - Grantworks, Chris Bristow - Raydon, Inc., Johnny Tabor - Tabor Engineering

From Page One...
Summer Heat
outdoor cooking, campfires, or even the tossing of a cigarette onto the grass. Surface tanks are low now, but some area lakes such as Lake Leon and Lake Cisco are holding up very well, according to reports. On Monday the National Weather Service reported Lake Leon at 1369.09 ft. or about 6 ft. down from the 1375 elevation at the spillway. There is one good thing we can say about the heat- it is great weather for watermelons and cantaloupe. So maybe some of the local farmers will have some good sweet ones for sale.

Moran Homecoming Set For Oct. 23-24

The 2009 Moran Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, according to an announcement by the Moran Ex-Student & Teacher Association. The Moran Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Blackwell Hornets for the homecoming football game on Friday night, with the remaining homecoming activities scheduled on Saturday as usual. A parade and street dance are among the activities being considered this year, in addition to the traditional exes program. The Ex-Student & Teacher Association will hold a meeting very soon to discuss plans for this year's homecoming, although a meeting date has not yet been finalized. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to help with this year's homecoming or if you need further information, please contact Duston Brooks at (325) 945-3145, Aline McCormack at 945-3715, Jo Ellen Hise at 945-2199 or send an e-mail to moranhomecoming@aol.com. Please make plans to attend this year's homecoming.

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4	5	8	7	2	1	9	3	6
7	4	3	6	5	8	9	2	1
9	6	5	8	1	4	7	3	2
3	9	6	7	8	5	2	1	4
1	2	4	5	8	7	9	6	3
5	3	7	8	4	9	6	2	1

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Getting to know our new Doctor
Family: wife, Jyoti, and two grown children
Hobbies: watercraft, jet skiing, and international travel
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Favorite Sport: football, basketball, and cricket
Favorite Color: blue
Favorite Food: pizza and all vegetarian dishes
Dream Vacation: Tahiti
Best Attribute: always giving, helping both medically and socially.
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