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## Rodeo, Celebration Day this week

The 34th annual Post City Celebration Day is set for this Saturday as part of a weekend packed with a rodeo, entertainment and other fun activities in Post.

Local musicians will line Main Street and the Post Art Guild will host a juried art show. Joseph M. Adams is the judge for the art show.

Western artist Brian Asher of Snyder will have an exhibit and demonstration at Hudman Furniture and Lubbock watercolorist Dyan Newton will exhibit at Ruby Lane Books.

The Heritage House will celebrate its community grand opening with entertainment and tours of the building. An Antique Tractor Show is planned along with special fun for the kids. The OS Museum and the Garza County Historical Museum will have special tours and exhibits. Performances at the Garza Theatre and Ragtown Gospel Theater are also planned as part of the celebration.

The traditional rodeo parade, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will head down Main

Street at 3 p.m. Saturday.

### Annual Rodeo and Parade information

The 68th annual Post Stampede Rodeo will run Aug. 7-9 with all of the spectacular rodeo events that have made this rodeo one of the most exciting in West Texas. Mutton Bustin' and Flag Race events for the kids are included each night and a rodeo dance is scheduled Friday and Saturday night.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will play for the Friday dance and Wes Nickson will provide music Saturday night. Admission to the Friday night dance is \$10 per person and admission to the Saturday night dance is \$5 per person.

Rodeo admission is \$5 for adults and the Grand Entry begins each night at 7:45 p.m.

For more information about Post City Celebration Day and the 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, (806) 495-3461.

## Post ISD receives 'acceptable' rating

By Jeff Blackmon  
Associate Publisher

August is such a busy month for schools across Texas.

Students are just about to return to school as well as teachers, and Friday night football games are about to light up in just about every Texas community.

But August has also become especially important because there is another piece of information that is released by the Texas Education Agency: school accountability ratings.

These ratings give communities and school leaders the opportunity to see where their schools measure up statewide, and if schools are providing

a quality education by state standards. Schools are given a rating of Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable according to performance. Schools receiving an Academically Unacceptable rating face provisions made by the state that must be met.

The accountability system is based on three base standards: To determine ratings under the standard accountability procedures, the 2008 accountability rating system for Texas public schools and districts uses three base indicators:

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## Silent auction for Key this week

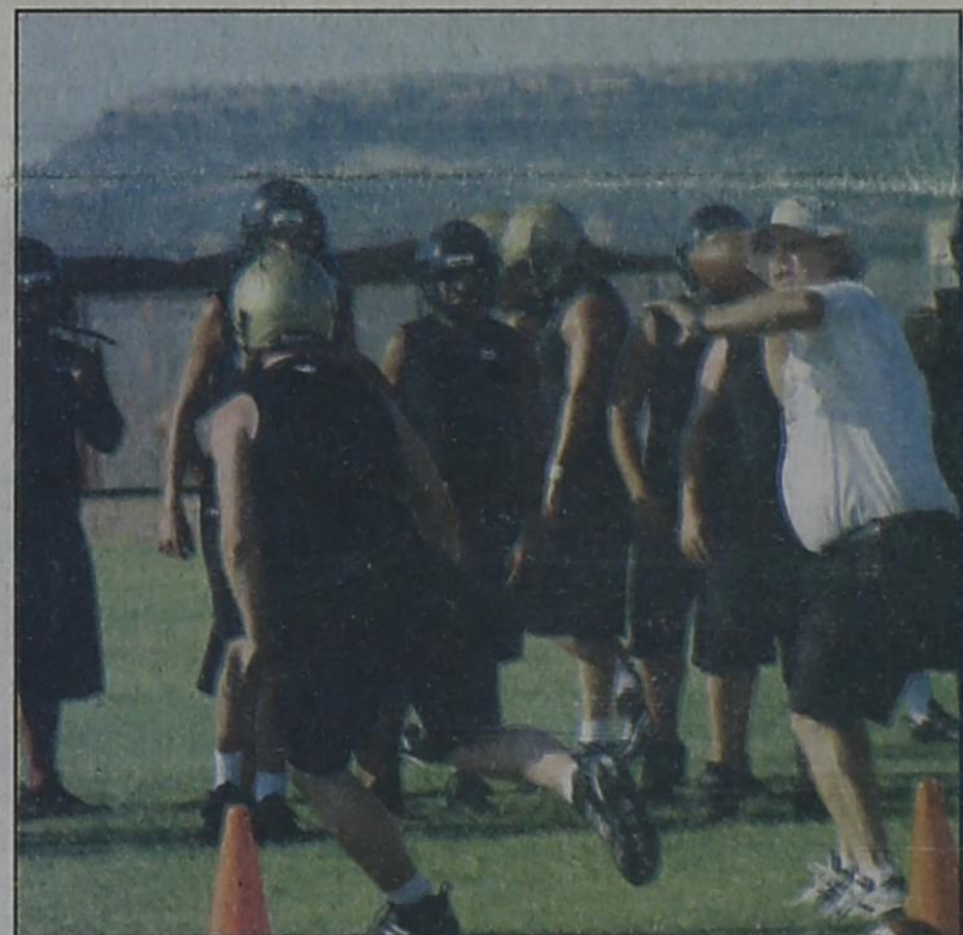
A silent auction will be held in honor of Major Key, an Austin-area child who has had a kidney transplant. The event is planned for August 7-9, at the Post Stampede Rodeo in Post, Texas. Two-year-old Major Key has received a kidney at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, California. Funds are being raised to assist with transplant-related expenses. Major's grandfather, is an accountant for many local Post businesses.

"The family and friends of Major want to encourage everyone in the community to attend this special auction in an effort to give him a second chance at life," said Event Chair Linda Brown. "100% of the profits from the auction will assist with transplant-related expenses."

Major is the focus of a fund-raising campaign to assist with his medical and other transplant-related expenses. Major was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease due to an obstruction called Posterior Urethral Valves. The Key family needs an estimated \$50,000 to pay their transplant-related expenses.

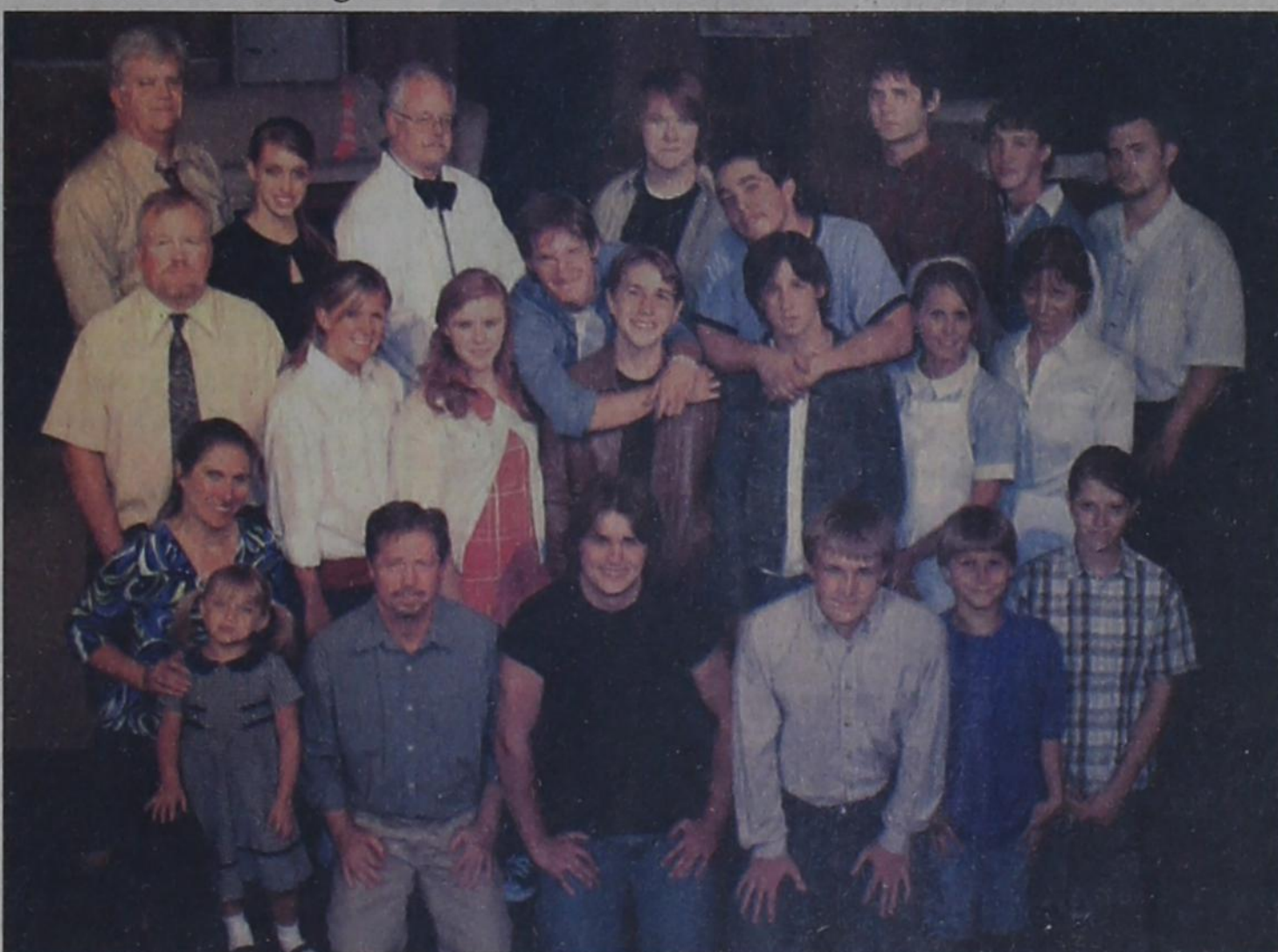
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## Off to work they go ...



The heat didn't stop the Post Antelopes from starting summer football practice early Monday morning. The Antelopes continue summer practices this week.

Staff photos by Merika Strivens



### 'The Outsiders'

The Garza Theatre's production of "The Outsiders" begins and runs through Aug. 24. The play is directed by Lori Holt. Pictured are (back row, from left) Charlie Holt, Clarissa Baker, Mike Corley, Tanner Britton, Zachary Kocurek, Mikey Gonzales, Jordan Lowrey, Dillon Dunn, Derek Thomas, (second row, from left) director Lori Holt (kneeling), Terry Moore, Bethany Ratliff, Megan Ganez, Ian Boone, Derick Longoria, Keely Ratliff, Holly Baker, (front row, from left) Zoe Holt, Rick Boone, Paul Kiowski, Wyatt Myers, Ethan Boone and Savannah Baker.

## Post Notes

### VFW Post 6797 Men & Ladies Auxiliary

A VFW District 7 meeting has been planned for Sunday, August 10 to be held in Brownfield at VFW Post 6794. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information contact Chuck Ratliff at 806-495-2026. VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Monday, August 11. The ladies' meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the men at 7 p.m., at the post on Clairmont Highway. All members are urged to attend.

### PHS marching band practice scheduled

The 2008-2009 Post High School marching band will check-out instruments on Thursday, August 14 from 7-9 p.m. Band practice will be held on Monday - August 18, Tuesday - August 19, and Thursday - August 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the new band hall. For more information call Mr. Rathbun at 632-5417.

### Vacation Bible School set August 11-15

It's round up time! Church of God of Prophecy located at 602 W. 14th street will have vacation bible school on August 11-15 from 7-9 p.m. All children 3 thru 15 years of age are welcome. For more information call 495-3644.

### Post Antelope Booster Club meeting

Post Antelope Booster Club will meet Monday, August 11 at 6 p.m. at the high school library. The money raised will be spent on all girls and boys programs throughout the year. All parents who have GIRLS AND BOYS participating in high school athletics are encouraged to attend.

### Revival planned at Templo Bautista

Templo Bautista located at 315 Main Street will be hosting a revival on August 8-10. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. Music provided by Las Huellas De Cristo.

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# Post City, Texas ... Home of Ragtown Gospel Theater



# TEA Ratings...

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• spring 2008 performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS),  
 • the Completion Rate 1 for the class of 2007, and  
 • the 2006-07 Annual Dropout Rate for grades 7 and 8.  
 This year, Post Independent School District and Southland Independent School District received district ratings of Academically Acceptable.  
 For Post ISD, Post Elementary received the highest mark in the county receiving a grade of Recognized. Post High School and Post Middle School were Academically Acceptable while

the Garza County Detention and Resident FAC was Academically Unacceptable.

Southland School was named Academically Acceptable.

Statewide just 43 school districts received the Exemplary mark while 328 were Recognized. Receiving Academically Acceptable nods were 753 districts while 31 were academically unacceptable.

Just 996 school campuses statewide were Exemplary, 2,815 were Recognized, 3,112 were Academically Acceptable and 194 were Academically Unacceptable. For more information on these

scores go to [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us).

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## Key auction

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related expenses.

For more information about the silent auction, or other fundraising and volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda Brown at 806-799-3002.

Major's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), a national charity based in Bloomington, Indiana. COTA is dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. COTA's services are completely free of charge and 100% of funds generated by COTA fundraising campaigns are available for transplant-related expenses.

# Garza County court records

Garza County Court  
July 28, 2008

Hank Williams Berkley, charged with public intoxication enhanced, a Class B misdemeanor plea: guilty. Sentenced to 180 days in county jail. No fine. Court cost \$258.00

David Davis, charged with theft by check, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 12 months probations. Fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$316 in court cost and \$2721.63 in restitution.

Ana-Belia Tarango, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: No Contest. Sentenced to 6 months probation. Fine \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court cost and \$140 in restitution.

Myles Curtis Baker, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: No contest. Sentenced to 6 months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered

to pay \$258 in court cost and \$140 in restitution.

Garza County District Court  
July 8, & 29, 2008

Feliciano Torres, charged with judgment revoking Comm. Supervision, a 3rd degree felony. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to 6 years TDCJ. Fined \$1500 and ordered to pay \$561 in court cost and \$140 in restitution.

Johnny Jay Jefferson, charged with use of a deadly weapon, a state jail felony. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to 16 months state jail. Fined \$1000 and ordered to pay \$561 in court cost and \$140 in restitution.

Steven John Espinoza, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to 2 years in state jail. Fined \$5000 and ordered to pay \$261 in court cost, \$200 in restitution and \$300 in attorney's fee.

# Adams to judge art show

The Art's on Main Street 2008 Juried Art Show presented by The Post Art Guild, Inc., is just around the corner, in fact it's Friday and Saturday.

Gallery viewing hours this weekend are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. An awards presentation is Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

This year's judge is Joseph M. Adams, who has a bachelor's degree with a printmaking emphasis from Brigham Young University and a masters degree in printmaking from Utah State University. He also has education in the field of engraving from Krysstof Skorczwski in Poland and was in a relief workshop by Alfredo Benavidez Bedoya of Argentina.

His exhibitions include:

2001 - Juried Student Exhibition - BYU

Juror - Justin Diggle

2001 - U of U/ BYU Printmaking Invitational

"A" Gallery, Salt Lake City, Utah

2003 - "Wherehouse - A Sense of Place" Invitational

Logan, Utah

2003 - 11<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Print and Drawing Exhibition

Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

2004 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lessedra World Art Print Annual

Sofia, Bulgaria

2004 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial International of Miniature

Prints Exhibition Vancouver, Canada

2004 - "Hearts and Hands: A Juried Exhibition of Book Arts" Lincoln, Nebraska.

Omaha, Nebraska

2004 - Parkside National Small Print Exhibition

Juror - Karen Kunc. Kenosha, Wisconsin

2005 - VI International Graphic Competition for Ex Libris

Gliwiche, Poland

2005 - 4<sup>th</sup> Lessedra World Art Print Annual

Sofia, Bulgaria

2006 - International Ex Libris and Graphic Exhibition Dedicated

to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Composer Akhmet Kcuanuli

Zhubanov Kazakhstan

2006 - 5<sup>th</sup> Lessedra World Art Print Annual

Sofia, Bulgaria

2006 - 12<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Print and Drawing Exhibition

Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

2007 - Un Monde en Blanc et Noir/A World in Black and White

Ottawa, Canada

His collections include:

Taiwan National Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. - "Four Diabetic Graces"

# Post Notes

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Fund-raiser for mission trip

Unchained Life Ministries will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 26" RCA flat screen TV with surround sound, DVD and entertainment stand. Tickets are 3 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 1. You need not be present to win. You may purchase tickets at The Post Dispatch and Holly's Drive-In.

Church ladies offer enchilada plates

On Saturday, August 8th, the Ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling enchilada plates from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Trailblazers BBQ brisket sale

A barbecue brisket plate with all the trimmings will be available for \$5 at Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, August 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a good meal before the rodeo parade. Donations to the center will gladly be accepted at that time. A special bucket will be available for those wishing to donate to a special fund to help Trailblazer director Lana McGee with expenses incurred by her recent major surgery. Raffle tickets for a shotgun will also be available for purchase.

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Sijah 12 gauge pump shotgun may be purchased at Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th street. One ticket cost \$1 or six tickets may be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, August 11, at noon at the Trailblazers Center.

Cub Scout Swim Party

A Cub Scout swim party is planned for August 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Post City Pool. All current Cub Scouts are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Anyone interest in joining Cub Scouts is invited for swimming and snacks. Anyone interested in leading a Cub Scout group is welcome to join the fun. Any questions call Cassandra Boren at 495-2441.

Trailblazers seeking fresh veggies

Donations of garden vegetables will be gladly accepted at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Community Ice Cream Supper

Graham Chapel Church of Christ will host a community wide fellowship and ice cream supper at their building, 15th and Ave. S., Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 7:00 p. m. They will be joined in this effort by the 10th and M Church of Christ. Everyone in the community is invited to come and bring friends for a fun evening.

"The Outsiders"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly presents "The Outsiders", directed by Lori Holt. Seven performances only: August 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m.; August 24 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Football Tickets on Sale

Post ISD Football tickets will go on sale August 11th through August 25th. You may purchase them at the Post ISD business office. Please see Kay Postell.

Class of 1958 50th Class Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion during the Labor Day weekend in Post. Beginning Friday, August 29 the class will meet at Tommy and Ruth Ann Youngs at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 30, we will meet at The Heritage House at 3:30 p.m., with a dinner that evening. If you have questions or need more information, call Tommy Young at 806-632-2026 or Linda Lane Runkles at 432-664-5988.

"Great Women of the Bible"

The Church of Christ, located at 10th and Avenue M, will be holding its annual summer series of speakers beginning July 30 thru September 3. Guest speakers: July 30 - Ryan Simpson, August 6 - Jon Page, August 13 - Dale Huff, August 20 - David Hooten, August 27 - Larry Marshall, September 3 - Ron Bontrager. Please come and join us as we hear inspiring lessons on "Great Women of the Bible". All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

"Where The Spirit Dwells"

OS Museum located at 201 E. Main and Avenue I, invites you to view the 2008 summer exhibit, "Where The Spirit Dwells." Experience the spirit of the old and new world through the spectacular art and artifacts exhibited. An upstairs elevator is provided for your convenience. For more information, call 495-3570

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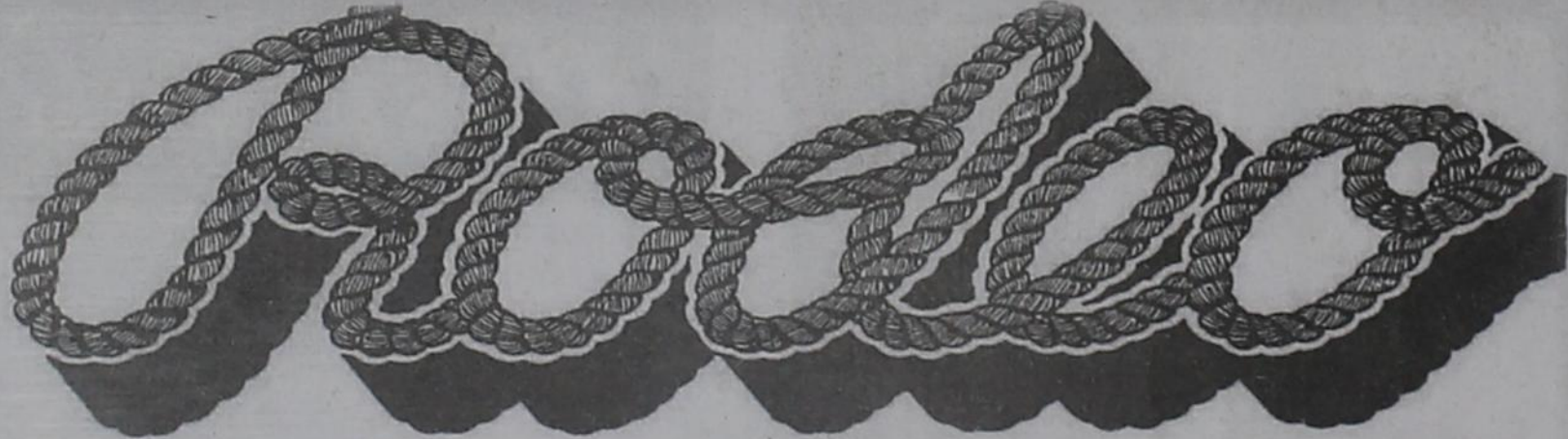
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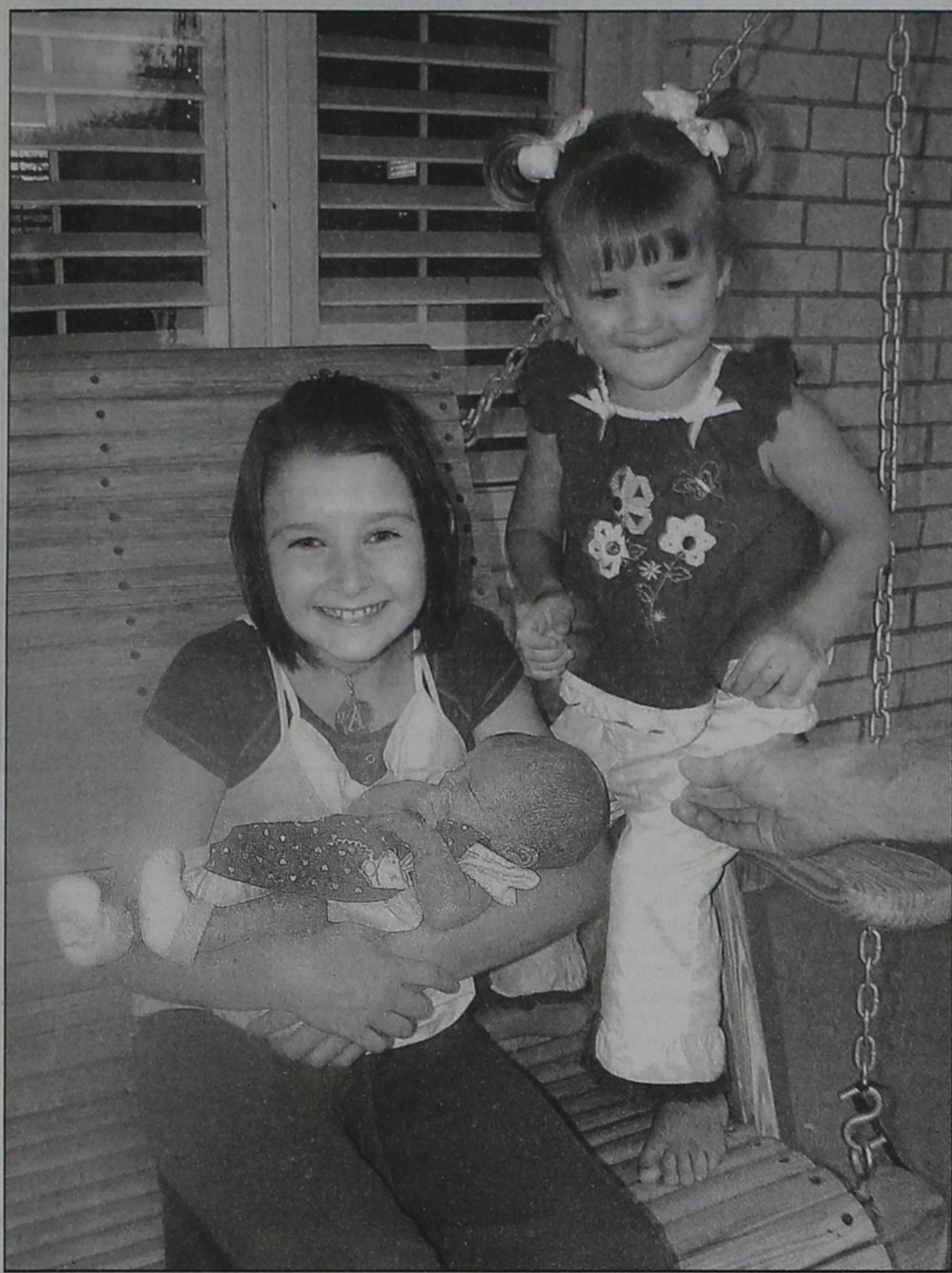
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### New Arrival

Avery and Haven are happy to announce the birth of their new baby sister, Harbor Graciebeth Hill. She was born Monday, July 21, 2008, at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock, and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Tim and Keitha Beth Hill of Seminole. Maternal grandparents are Noel and Orabeth White and great grandmother is Mrs. L.C. White, all of Post.

## Wellington burglar, rapist sentenced

### Man came to town from Lubbock area

Hanaba Munn Welch  
Correspondent

WELLINGTON — The sentencing Thursday of burglar-  
rapist Jose Alaya Epifanio Nunez brought a collective and definitive sigh of relief to residents of Wellington, including Sheriff Joe Stewart, the town's chief law enforcement officer.

Nunez, a 42-year-old Honduran national and seasonal hand at the local cotton gin, had terrorized Wellington in March and April, burglarizing houses and assaulting and raping elderly women, ages 68 to 88. When officers arrested him on Sunday night, April 27, the charge against him was possession of false identification documents. Then, thanks to DNA and fingerprint evidence, authorities were able to connect Nunez to the string of spring crimes that had put the town on edge.

Nunez, who doesn't speak English, had been living in the United States illegally. He had managed to keep a low profile, both at work and elsewhere.

"He had been working nights at the gin during ginning season," Stewart said.

His local crime spree apparently didn't start until his work at the gin ended.

"I knew of him," Stewart said. "I thought he'd left town."

Instead, he was close at hand — very close.

"He lived across the street from the sheriff's office," Stewart said.

Nunez came under scrutiny when he burglarized the house of a former co-worker at the gin, who told authorities he suspected Nunez. Rape and burglary evidence on hand ultimately enabled authorities to charge Nunez with several crimes once he'd been taken into custody for possession of false identification, also a felony.

On Friday evening, April 25, less than 24 hours after the final rape incident, dogs from the Roach Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice tracked Nunez from the scene of the crime.

"We chased him all night long," Stewart said.

But the dogs lost the scent in the vicinity of the gin — a location that made sense to Stewart the following Sunday morning, as he looked at all the facts and clues in the case.

"It started falling together," Stewart said. "We figured out who we were looking for. We watched him."

A hunch isn't grounds enough for an arrest.

"You can't do it on a whim," Stewart said.

The arrest of Nunez came Sunday night.

"He was coming out of a house he had burglarized," Stewart said.

Both Stewart and Luke Inman, 100th Judicial District attorney, were pleased that the arrest came as soon as it did and that the other charges could be firmly established.

"Without the collaborative efforts from various law enforcement agencies from around the Panhandle and Lubbock area, we would not have been able to build our case against Mr. Nunez in such a short amount of time," Inman said Thursday, in a statement following a guilty plea from Nunez and the sentencing.

"Our first priority in these cases was to satisfy the victims and to make certain this man would never be able to do this again," Inman said. "This plea today accomplishes this goal and brings closure to many families affected by Nunez's heinous acts towards these women."

A Collingsworth County grand jury had indicted Nunez in June on 13 felony counts — three first-degree counts of burglary of a habitation, one second-degree count of attempted sexual assault, four third-degree counts of injury to an elderly person and five first-degree counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Instead of going to trial, Nunez agreed to plead guilty to two counts of first-degree aggravated sexual assault of an elderly woman for a life sentence (reckoned as 99 years) plus a "stacked" 10-year sentence, meaning that it will begin to run after he has served 35 years of his life sentence. At the mid-point of the 10-year sentence, when he will have served a total of 40 years, he will

first be eligible for parole.

Several entities worked together to catch Nunez and assure that he would face charges.

"Key individuals from the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers Division, Donley County Sheriff's Office, Wheeler County Sheriff's Office, the Roach Unit and TDCJ, Childress County Sheriff's Office, the Lubbock Police Department Detective Division and the Texas DPS Lubbock Laboratory assisted the Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office in this investigation and helped make this plea possible," Inman said.

Even if Nunez outlives his sentences, he won't be back in Wellington.

"Nunez will be deported after his sentence is served in the State of Texas," said Hattie Sanderson, 100th District crime victim coordinator.

Meanwhile, now that Nunez is behind bars, he's no longer a low-profile gin but a person of potential interest to law enforcement agencies wherever he lived before his winter-spring stint in Wellington.

"I'm of the opinion it didn't just start (in Wellington this year)," said Stewart.

Before arriving in Wellington, he apparently lived in the Lubbock area — "somewhere around Abernathy, I think," Stewart said.

Stewart acknowledged that questions have been raised about Nunez's pre-Wellington days.

"Nothing has been put together," Stewart said.

But the end of the story in Wellington could put a similar ending on other unfinished stories elsewhere.

## Monthly oil and gas statistics

### TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS

**JUNE PERMITS TO DRILL**  
The Commission issued a total of 2,444 original drilling permits in June 2008 compared to 1,396 in June 2007.

The June total included 2,111 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 107 to re-enter existing well bores, and 226 for re-completions.

Permits issued in June 2008 included 433 oil, 583 gas, 1353 oil and gas, 63 injection, one service and 11 other permits.

### MAY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary May 2008 crude oil production averaged 894,639 barrels daily, up from the 884,924 barrels daily average of May 2007.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2008 is 27,733,807 barrels, an increase from 27,432,652 barrels reported during May 2007.

### JUNE OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In June 2008, operators reported 432 oil, 813 gas, 17 injection and three other completions compared to 477 oil, 764 gas, 23 injection and two other completions during June 2007.

Total well completions for 2008 year to date are 7,759 up from 7,358 recorded during the same period in 2007.

Operators reported 385 holes plugged and three dry holes in June 2008 compared to 898 holes plugged and five dry holes in June 2007.

### MAY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 513,811,515 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2008, up from the May 2007 preliminary gas production total of 486,248,686 Mcf.

Texas production in May 2008 came from 138,976 oil and 83,228 gas wells.

### JUNE TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 113

Oil Completions: 33  
Gas Completions: 15

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 81  
Oil Completions: 7  
Gas Completions: 41

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 124  
Oil Completions: 17  
Gas Completions: 34

RRC District: (4) DEEPSOUTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 165  
Oil Completions: 1  
Gas Completions: 41

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 113  
Oil Completions: 0  
Gas Completions: 26

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 216  
Oil Completions: 11  
Gas Completions: 121

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 140  
Oil Completions: 86  
Gas Completions: 17

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 281  
Oil Completions: 97  
Gas Completions: 133

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 411  
Oil Completions: 50  
Gas Completions: 22

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 127  
Oil Completions: 67

Gas Completions: 4  
RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 524  
Oil Completions: 40  
Gas Completions: 280

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE  
Permits To Drill Oil/  
Gas Holes: 148  
Oil Completions: 23  
Gas Completions: 79

### MAY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

#### COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. GAINES - 2,193,273
2. ANDREWS - 1,970,800
3. YOAKUM - 1,806,254
4. HOCKLEY - 1,547,295
5. ECTOR - 1,497,307
6. SCURRY - 1,219,818
7. UPTON - 1,103,449
8. PECOS - 1,013,392
9. MIDLAND - 854,428
10. CRANE - 800,829

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### MAY TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

#### COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. FREESTONE - 24,218,494
2. PANOLA - 23,609,109
3. ZAPATA - 21,947,956
4. HIDALGO - 19,792,165
5. PECOS - 19,776,304
6. JOHNSON - 17,329,017
7. TARRANT - 17,017,580
8. ROBERTSON - 15,785,987
9. WEBB - 15,225,485
10. WISE - 14,237,475

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## TxDOT gives flash flooding tips

AUSTIN — Flash flooding is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in Texas. As little as six inches of water can float some vehicles. This includes pickups and SUVs.

When approaching a flooded roadway motorists should Turn Around, Don't Drown.

"With hurricane season in full swing, it's really important that we stress to motorists the dangers of driving during flooding conditions," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. "The incredible power of water is unrealized by most motorists during flooding conditions."

Motorists should do the following during flooding conditions:

- Never try to walk, swim or drive through swift water.
- Stay informed about weather conditions when you are driving.
- If your vehicle stalls in deep water, leave it and move to higher ground - if you can do so safely.

It is illegal to move, tamper with or drive around barriers blocking a low-water crossing in Texas. Penalties range from \$200 to \$1,000 and/or two years in jail.

According to the Centers for Disease Control more than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many

people continue to drive around the barriers warning motorists about flooded roadways.

A motorist approaching a flooded roadway will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night, when vision is more limited.

Motorists should be safe and cautious on Texas roadways during the next several days when the effects of Tropical Storm Edouard will be felt in areas across the state.

For more information contact TxDOT's Government & Public Affairs Division at (512) 463 -

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The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety

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**The Paperboy**  
 By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

**Thornberry deserving of kudos for energy stance**

An Open Letter To:  
 The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
 2457 Rayburn House Office Building  
 United States House of Representatives  
 Washington, DC 20515

**Dear Representative:**

Thank you for representing your constituents with class and honor.

We have many problems facing us in the near future, problems Congress failed to act on before recess. Unfortunately, that has come to be expected.

I commend you on your efforts to get your colleagues to act on drilling for oil within our own country. It's a pity Speaker Pelosi refuses to let the collective American voice be heard on this issue.

I find it hard to believe one lady stands in the way of whether the United States takes control of the world oil market or not.

It's completely absurd, because we now stand at 70 percent in terms of the percentage of Americans who support drilling.

Here in rural America, we spend a considerable amount on gasoline as you well know considering your Clarendon roots.

The simple fact is, we are forced to drive more miles for service. Many rural Americans must drive many miles for health care, groceries and ironically, gas.

In many cases, people drive 30 or 60 miles to their jobs or to take

college classes. The miles add up. Out here, we do not have the option of mass transit. There are no subways and no buses to take us from town to town.

Our farmers and ranchers work to put clothes on our backs and meat on our tables, yet every time they start the tractor or the truck, the money starts flying out faster than its coming in.

Mr. Thornberry, we need you to help force the issue on drilling in this country. We need you and your colleagues to form a bipartisan petition to have President Bush call Congress back into session and force a vote on this issue.

One person should not stand in the way of lower gas prices. One person should not stand in the way of more jobs for Americans. One person should not stand in the way of a more secure country.

It's time for Mrs. Pelosi to step out of her limousine and pump and pay for her own gas. No doubt she'd be shocked.

Sincerely,  
 Christopher Blackburn,  
 Blackburn Media Group  
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# Opinions



**The 501**  
 by  
 Hanaba Munn Welch

**Bicycles**

by Hanaba Munn Welch

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

More people are riding bicycles these days, aren't they? My husband says it's my imagination. Yes, I have one - an imagination.

I also have a bicycle. Sometimes I imagine myself riding it.

Truth be told, I own four bicycles - a ten-speed touring model, a 15-speed commuter, a three-speed folder-upper and a slow-speed Schwinn from Christmas circa 1958, not exactly in running condition. I can sympathize. I'm not in running condition either - or cycling condition.

But I still like to ride, preferably downhill and - even more important - with the wind in my back. Maybe Heaven will be like that. Or maybe not.

An episode of "The Twilight Zone" comes to mind. A fellow died and crossed into eternity to find himself

in a place much like earth but where everything turned out right for him, time after time. When he played pool all his shots were good. In fact, I think all the balls rolled perfectly into pockets each time he broke the rack. He was surprised to think he'd landed in Heaven and even more surprised when he figured out it was Hell. No challenges.

That "Twilight Zone" lesson notwithstanding, I still dream of living for a while in a place with no headwinds and no long uphill climbs.

Europe beckons. Sure, the wind blows on that continent too. I'd just keep my itinerary flexible and always ride with it. Ups and downs? No problem. I'd pick one of those countries where you can rent a bicycle at one train station and return it to a different one. I'd start at a high elevation and ride to any lower one.

Don't tell me I'm the exception. All those train bicycles must collect at low points. I picture train people in train hats periodically loading the rental bicycles onto baggage cars and shipping them back to their lofty Alpine points of origin. I could be

## White River Weekly Report Aug. 8, 2008

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
2341.00	43.58"
Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
31'6"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
0"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
0.00"	24.19"
Rain to Date	
13.97"	

**DID YOU KNOW**

White River Lake has 812,346,543 million gallons left available at the Intake or 10% capacity or 2,483 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 765,255,818 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Well Field wells will produce 1.80 million gallons per day. 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.

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

Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD

## Scribbling Scribe ...

By Jeff Blackmon

At this time of the year there are two things that makes me realize school is just around the corner.

One-It's hot. Two-football two-a-days are underway.

This year, I honestly don't know how the players are putting up with triple digit heat while getting ready for Texas' favorite past time. In fact,

I was pleased to see at all of the practices I went to this week there was concerted effort by coaches to have their practices earlier in the day and also to keep an eye on their players while they hustled and hit the turf.

The heat will surely follow us into the school year and into the fall.

I remember last year when I was covering the Wellington Skyrockets,

the team played its home opener in Amarillo against Hale Center with game time starting just after lunch.

Wow. It was hot enough to fry an egg on the bleachers at Dick Bivins Stadium, so I can't imagine what it was like down on the field.

Tuesday morning I was thinking about a great story I heard from our UPS man in Wellington. Tim was a star athlete from Claude and played college football for the Baylor Bears and then for the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals (yes, the Cardinals used to be in St. Louis youngsters).

Anyway, Tim recalled for me the move from Claude to Waco his freshman year of college, and he told this great story about going through the first of coach Grant Teaff's summer workouts.

First, Tim realized the humidity

was quite different in Waco than in Claude. It probably felt like a different country after growing up in the Texas Panhandle. All he would say was that it was like a furnace down on the field during afternoon practices.

My parents moved to Waco several years ago to be closer to my sister and her husband who live there, and all I can say is during the summer it is unbearable.

He and some other freshmen had arrived at the field early, trying to figure out the routine of college football life.

Out of the corner of their eye they saw the head trainer walk out on to the turf and survey the field. All of the rookie players soon gathered around the trainer hoping to get an idea of just how long Coach Teaff's practice would be that day.

of me braked. Long story short, it took a while for me to regain consciousness.

Oh well, if misfortune is inevitable, a few mishaps like that one are better than a day-long nagging headwind or a boring uphill climb.

If you're keener than I, you might find a moral there.

Meanwhile, maybe I should quit looking for an all-downhill wind-to-my-back world in this lifetime. Here's my new wish instead:

Whatever happens, bicycling or not, all I want is always to live to tell about it.

Bring on the interesting mishaps.

The trainer then took out a thermometer and tossed it to the ground.

The players watched as the thermometer's reading rose and rose and finally burst. I can imagine the players were quite intimidated by this display.

About that time Coach Teaff arrived at the scene.

"Coach," the trainer said. "I'd go two hours."

Teaff didn't hesitate. "Three hours it is then," Teaff said.

That experience left quite an impression on Tim, and I can imagine why.

It also gave me a little glimpse of life as a Division I athlete. Whew ... if I had seen that thermometer burst I probably would have said, "see ya later!"

## Election Corner

**Garza County  
 November 4, 2008  
 General Election**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

Write-in Candidates: July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by 5:00 PM is the period for filing Declaration of write-in candidacy for the November 4 general election.

**VOTER INFORMATION:**

**Voter Registration:** October 6, 2008 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Also, October 6, 2008 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

**Early Voting:** Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 31, 2008 (weekdays) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Garza County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Election Day Polling Places (Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM):**

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1-Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2- Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3-Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4-Wells Fargo Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 5-Southland School
- Voting Box (Precinct) 6-Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

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**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
 UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In fewer than 200 days, the Digital Television (DTV) transition will affect every television-watching household in the country.

The DTV transition will dramatically enhance the clarity of television broadcasts and allow for new and diverse television programming. Most importantly, it will free up the frequencies on which data is transmitted to the public, otherwise known as the broadcast spectrum, for important safety activities that will increase the nation's ability to respond to terrorist attacks and national disasters.

Broadcasters will switch from an analog format to digital broadcasting at midnight on February 17, 2009 and the change will be imperceptible to households with cable or digital television service, or those who have already equipped older model TVs with converter boxes. But those who are not prepared will wake up the next day with neither basic television programming nor access to public emergency broadcasts, such as AMBER Alerts, severe weather warnings, and other important safety messages.

In Texas, 20 percent of households - much higher than the national average of 13 percent - still receive broadcasting in analog and must take steps to prepare for the transition.

When the DTV transition occurs, customers who rely on rooftop antennas or "rabbit ears" to receive television broadcasts will have to subscribe to a "pay" television service, purchase a TV with a digital tuner, or acquire a converter box for each analog television in their home.

To help defray the cost of converter boxes, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will issue up to two \$40 coupons

per household to be used toward the cost of a converter box. Consumers may apply for their coupons until March 31, 2009 by calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009) or by visiting [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov). The coupons must be used within 90 days of being issued.

Unfortunately, those who are at the greatest risk of being caught off guard, such as the elderly and non-English speaking populations, face significant obstacles to obtaining sufficient information about the transition. While the government, advocacy groups, and the broadcasting industry have worked to provide educational materials in Spanish and in media that will reach residents without Internet access, many households may slip through the cracks.

Border communities are also confronted with a unique challenge. Nearly 30 percent of Texans living along the border rely on antenna reception and must equip their televisions with converter boxes. Even after the transition takes place, these residents will still be able to receive analog broadcasts from Mexican television stations. Due to the expense of transition and the continued availability of analog programming from Mexico, many households may choose not to participate in the transition.

Government data reflecting the number of converter box coupons that have been requested, and redeemed, is extremely low along the border. This is a strong indication of how many residents may not be properly prepared.

Last year, I introduced the Digital Television Border Fix Act to make sure that Texans living along the border will not lose access to public safety messages. This bill, which passed the

Senate on August 1, allows broadcasters along the border to seek permission from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue both analog and digital broadcasts during a transition period. The legislation applies only to stations within 50 miles of the common border with Mexico.

Residents across Texas and all over the United States who are aware of the transition must be careful that they don't become the victim of DTV scams that are cropping up around the country.

In particular, households should be wary of "discount" converter boxes, "free" coupons, and retailers that try to sell an "installation package" for a converter box. Consumers should be mindful of these scams, deal only with reputable retailers, and contact their local government or the FCC if they need information. The FCC's website dedicated to the DTV transition is <http://www.dtv.gov>. There is also a Spanish-language version at <http://www.dtv.gov/spanish/index.html>.

I hope that Texans will embrace the spirit of community and look for opportunities to aid friends and family with preparations for the DTV transition.

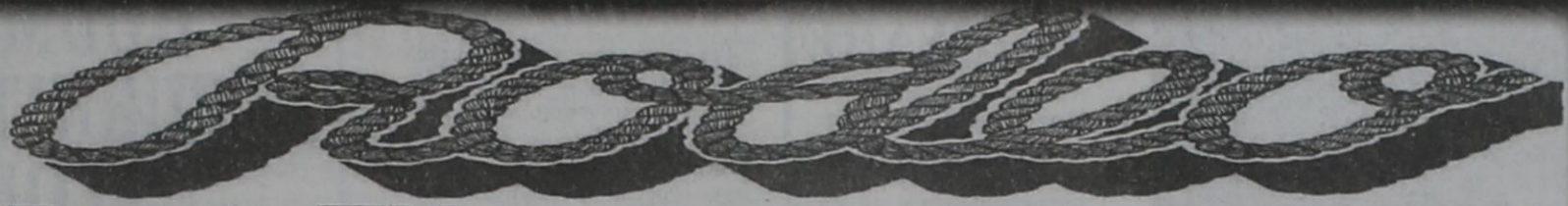
You could help a housebound senior who is unable to get to the store to redeem his or her converter box coupon, assist your neighbor in setting up a converter box, or prevent others from being taken advantage of by warning them of possible scams.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior Senator from Texas.



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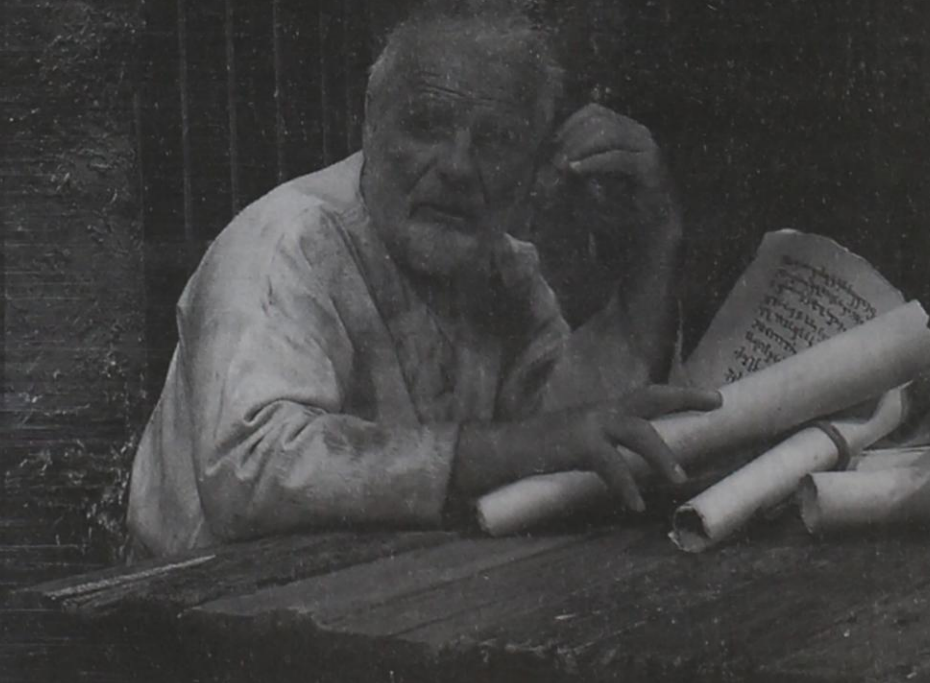
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I've over the years bought alot of tools that always says wear eye protection...why? I've always been told to wear eye protection when doing almost any type of job...why? Why should someone like me that claims to know a little bit about everything have to wear them stupid safety glasses?

July 3rd, I discovered the reason we should wear safety glasses when doing a dangerous task. A rock the size of a dime hit me directly in my left eye from a weed eater. Results... blind for four days. Infection causing me to almost lose my eye, medical expenses of about \$600 (with no insurance), and excruciating pain for two weeks. One month later, my eyesite is about 75%. Who knows if I'll ever gain it back to 100%?

Stupidity, bullheadedness, and ignorance, I learned is not the best road to take when doing dangerous tasks. As we should all do, I think I'll add "wearing safety glasses" to my book of knowledge.

Moral to the story is "Common sense pays, foolishness don't".

Someone said: A good scare is sometimes worth more to a man than good advice.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We have had no rain this past week, we might get some off of the hurricane.....who knows? It has definitely been hot, I am ready for fall. This heat just takes what little energy I have smooth out of me. I remember when I was younger I loved the summer weather, now it is a whole different story! My gin school is in Ruidoso each year so I am very anxious to go this year, hoping it is a lot cooler there than here.

Congratulations to Amy Bush on being selected as 2A Coach of the year for softball by the Sportswriters Association. Amy is a coach at East Bernard, her and Josh live in Wharton. She is the daughter-in-law of Ricky and Judy Bush of Levelland.

Kim, Rhonda and Steffi Norman along with Hailey Lester traveled to Ruidoso last

week. Rhonda said despite the flooding going on at the time they had a good time. Rhonda also let me know that her brother, Greg and his fiancée, Karen, traveled to Elderado and were married in the home of Greg's grandmother, Wynona Isaacs. Congratulations to them.

Ronnie and Andra Dunn had company last weekend. Linda Livingston Runkles was here for the Southland School Reunion and spent the night with Ronnie and Andra Dunn.

Visitors.....Jerry Morris came in and drank coffee one morning last week, James Long came by for a cool drink, Tammy Bland, Corky Bullard, Susan Boren, Roxanne Osborne and John Bill Hedrick all came by to pick up some things they had ordered.

We send our sympathies out to the family of Lois Howell Vukad who died last Saturday. Lois was raised out here at Close City. Our prayers are with her family.

Get Wells.....We send a big get well out to Odie Campbell who has been under the weather. But I hear he is at home and doing well. Ruby Bostick is still in the hospital.

Don't forget our folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, Ruby Carpenter and Carmen Abraham in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays this week...  
August 11th - Gray Beasley  
August 12th - Joel Lopez

August 14th - Devon McClain  
Anniversaries...  
August 11th - Jon and Salli Page

See ya next week and ya'll come out and see us sometime!

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com



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## Weekly Inspirations

### BE OF GOOD COURAGE

By: Michael F. Taylor

Last week, I wrote a little about myself and one of my life experiences as a police officer to speak to you about dealing with discouragement. This week I would like to take a little time and tell you a story I once heard about some firemen. To all my fireman brothers out there, this one's for you!

A few years ago, an oil refinery caught on fire and it turned into a major problem very quickly. Flames shot hundreds of feet into the air. The sky was thick with black, billowing smoke. The heat became intense - so intense that responding firefighters were required to park their fire engines up to a block away and wait for the heat to dissipate before they could begin to fight the fire. And while they were waiting for the heat to die down, the fire was about to get out of control.

Then, suddenly, from several blocks away came a lone fire engine racing down the street with its siren blasting, lights flashing and air horn blowing. With the brakes screeching, the fire engine hit the curb in front of the fire. The firefighters jumped out and began to battle the blazing inferno.

Now, all the firefighters who were parked a block away waiting for the fire to die down saw this and jumped into their trucks. They drove down the block and began to fight the fire, with as much gusto as the courageous lone truck. And because of that cooperative effort, they were able to bring the fire under control and extinguish the threat.

Now, the citizens of the community who saw this teamwork thought to themselves, "My goodness! What a marvelous act of bravery for the man who was driving that truck directly into the fiery flames!" So, they decided to give him a special award recognizing him for his bravery in leading the charge.

At the ceremony the mayor announced proudly, "Captain, we want to honor you for this fantastic act of bravery. Your courage, literally in the HEAT of battle, prevented the loss of property, possibly even the loss of life. If there is one special thing you could have - anything - what would it be?" Without missing a beat, the captain replied, "Mayor, a new set of brakes would be dandy!"

Do you feel courageous today? If you are a child of God, you should. Scripture tells us in I JOHN 4:4 "YE ARE OF GOD, LITTLE CHILDREN, AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM, BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD." REVELATION 3:21 ADDS: "TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY THRONE, EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME..." As a child of God today, do not allow yourself be intimidated by anything that Satan throws in your path. Greater is He that is in you and I, than he that is in this world. I love the way that scripture reads, "Ye are of God, LITTLE CHILDREN, and have overcome them..." I believe that God's word is telling us that because we are His, even though we may many times feel weak and defenseless like little children, we have overcome. And, if we have overcome, Revelations then shows us that we have a royal future ahead.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind. We then can be confident when going through the dry season. We can be courageous when we are facing a fire in our life that threatens to consume our very happiness and peace. We can be confident in knowing that God is going to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory. This week, my prayer for each of you is that you would BE OF GOOD COURAGE.

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# Obituaries

## RUTH ULM

Chapel services for Ruth Ulm, 85, of Slaton were held at 11 AM Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Chris

Downer of Bible Baptist Church in Slaton officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 in Slaton Care Center.

She was born to Oliver and Ruby Harris on Sept. 20, 1922 in Birmingham, Alabama. She married Jack C. Ulm who preceded her in death. She worked for the IRS prior to her retirement.

Survivors include 2 Sons: Charles and his wife Toni of Slaton and Jack and his wife Rhonda of Austin, 3 Grandchildren: Eric Dunaway

of Lubbock, Michael Ulm of Snyder and Ryan Ulm of Slaton; 2 Great Grandchildren: Addison Ulm and Austin Ulm both of Snyder.

## BETTIE PIERCE

Chapel services for Bettye Pierce, 82, of Georgetown were at 2:30 PM Tuesday in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial

in Southland Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

She died Saturday, August 2 in Austin. She was born July 5, 1926 to T. H. (Haywood) and Mary Ella Basinger in Southland. She married W. C. "Dub" Pierce on Nov. 3, 1952 in Lovington, NM. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1995. A sister, Delores Ann Dunn, died on January 23, 1986. She was a Baptist and a homemaker, beautician, and real estate agent. She lived in Kingsland most of her adult life, then moving to Marble Falls and surrounding areas. She loved to travel, do ceramics, and attend her grandkids rodeos. Her family was the most important thing in her life.

She is survived by one daughter, Sue A. Collier and husband, Jerry D. Collier of Georgetown, one grandson, Shawn D. Collier and wife, Sarah Collier also of Georgetown, and one granddaughter, Christi N. Bland and husband, John E. Bland of Turkey, Tx. She had five great-grandchildren. They are Barrett Bland, Jace Bland, Karson Mae Collier, Tatum Collier, and Kannan Collier. She always said they were her greatest accomplishments. She is also survived by a sister, Emma Lou Taylor, and two brothers, Donald Basinger, and J. Martin Basinger, all of Slaton and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research or to the American Cancer Society.



LOIS HOWELL VUKAD

Lois Howell Vukad, 91, of Post died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 in a hospital in Lubbock. Memorial Services were at 10:30 AM Tuesday, Aug. 5 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel in Post with the Rev. Jerry Howe of the First Baptist Church of Levelland officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She was born July 11, 1917 on the family farm at Close City (Ragtown) to A. C. and Bamiah Howell, Garza County pioneers. She graduated from Post High School in 1935. She attended business school in Lubbock and roomed with a sister, Doris, while the sister was a student at Texas Tech.

She was a bookkeeper for an auto company for several years at Seagraves. She owned and operated beauty salons in Seagraves and Post, mostly Post, for about 40 years. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Post.

She married Nicholas Vukad, a U. S. Navy Seabee veteran of WW II, on July 28, 1957 in Post. He died Sept. 14, 1992. She was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include her twin sister Lennis Howell Joplin of Levelland; another sister, Doris Howell Davis of Brownfield; a stepdaughter Dorinne Vukad Fierer of Eau Claire, Wis.; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Loretta Mosely; and five brothers, Lonnie, Byron, Auburn, Conor and Dee Howell.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity or the First Baptist Church of Post.



Reba Parks

Reba Parks, 63, longtime resident of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2008. A celebration of life service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Chaplain Doyle Patterson officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Friends may come to Resthaven Funeral Home beginning at 1:00 p.m. today to visit and sign the register book.

Reba Sharlene Parks was born July 19, 1945 in Slaton, Texas to Elmer James Teal and Lorene Blacklock. She was raised in Post and graduated from Post High School. She and Barry Lee Parks were married on July 5, 1972.

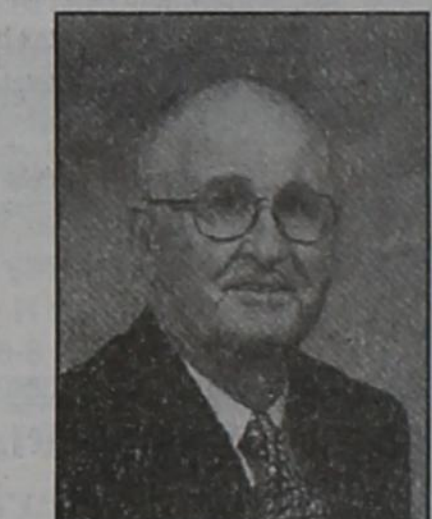
Reba graduated from the LVN program at South Plains College in 1984, and from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1988. She was employed with Methodist Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital for 25 years. She was her family's longtime genealogist and an avid reader. She was a survivor of the 1970 Lubbock tornado. Reba was a longtime member of Trinity Church.

Reba is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Robert, and grandchildren, Emily and Jordan; her brother, Otis Gary Shepherd and his wife, Jewell; special friends Robert and Katy; and great-aunt and uncle, Nora and L.J. Richardson, of Brownfield. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lorene Blacklock Shepherd, her father, Elmer James Teal, her stepfather, Otis "Junior" Shepherd, her son, Sean Patrick Parks, and her husband, Barry Lee Parks.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Reba's name to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock TX 79424, or to the Covenant School of Nursing, (formerly Methodist Hospital School of Nursing), 2002 W. Loop 289, #120, Lubbock, TX 79407.

To honor Reba's life, please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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Hern Pettigrew

Services for Hern Pettigrew, 88, of Slaton were at 2:00 PM Tuesday in Slaton's First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Slaton's Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service in Slaton.

Mr. Pettigrew was born March 15, 1920 in Dumas. Hern attended school in Justiceburg and Post. Hern retired from the Santa Fe Railroad after 44 years. He farmed and ranched in Justiceburg for 20 years. Hern was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy and a lifetime member of Slaton's VFW. He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church, BLE Union and the Retired Railroaders Club.

Hern married Jimmie Clarkston on August 9, 1941 in Post.

He was preceded in death by 3 siblings.

Hern died Friday, July 25, 2008. A daughter, Patsy Tanner, preceded him in death on June 24, 2007.

Hern's survivors are his wife, Jimmie, daughter; Ronda Wheeler of Colorado, Grandchildren; Patrick Wheeler, Lynn Wheeler, Amy Cornelius, and Jennifer Winkleman and 6 Great Grandchildren, sisters; Gladys Morgan, Geneva Crowley and Evelyn Rhea and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30P.M. August 18, 2008 in Administration Bldg. Southland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>2.19</u> % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase or _____ % (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>58,539,050.</u>	\$ <u>80,991,079.</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>29,300.</u>	\$ <u>39,850.</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>57,491,190.</u>	\$ <u>79,614,153.</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>29,300.</u>	\$ <u>39,850.</u>

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.040	\$ 3840	\$ 6980
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.0395	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.0395	\$ 4476	\$ 6344
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 1.040	\$ 4478	\$ 6380

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 23,614	\$ 27,395
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 7,525	\$ 13,860
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 78.26	\$ 144.14
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 65.88

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04005. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04005.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 510,343.44
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 12, 2008, 6:30 PM A public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM, August 12, 2008, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The subject of this hearing is the consideration of a Special Use Permit for the property located at: 214 W 15th Street, Post, Texas.

A Special Use Permit was approved for this property in 1997, however, Special Use Permits expire with the

sale of the property, therefore, the prospective buyers of said property are requesting a new Special Use Permit. The existing Permit allowed the operation of a barber shop at the location. This new application will be for permission to operate a beauty shop at the location.

Following the Public Hearing, the City Council, acting as the Planning and Zoning Commission, will consider public input in rendering their decision.

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF POST TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Post will hold a public hearing at 6:40 p.m. on August 12, 2008, at Post City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ric Walton, City Manager at City Hall in Post. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City of Post to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City of Post at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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- Cause No. 93-05-04,891-CV Styling Post Independent School District, et al v. James F. Keel Legal Description 1. South 36' of East 67.5' of Lot 8, Block 157 of the Original Town of the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 98-12-05,458-CV Styling Post Independent School District, et al v. Henrietta Cruse, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of Legal Description 2. Lot 16, Block 156, Original Town of the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 03-11-05,895-CV Styling Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Randy Babb Legal Description 3. Lots 1, 2, Block 8, Original Town of the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 03-11-05,895-CV Styling Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Randy Babb Legal Description 4. A 180 acre tract of land out of the Southwest Quarter of Section 403, Block 8, Abstract 350, Garza

- County, Texas. Cause No. 03-11-05,900-CV Styling Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Nathan Manuel Legal Description 5. Lot 63, and 140' x 45' joining Lot 64 on the East Half, Block 2, Clarence Hart Addition to the Town of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 03-11-05, 904-CV Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Tiffany Steel (Arlene Guerrero) Legal Description 6. Lot 1, Block 39, Original Town to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 05-03-05,999-CV Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Iva Cruse, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of

- Legal Description 7. West 67.5' of Lot 8, Block 157, of the Original Town to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. Cause No. 05-03-06,003-CV Styling Garza Central Appraisal District, et al Sonya Sue Smithy Legal Description 8. .005721 Royalty Interest, City of Post San Andres "A" T02 85060713 Brown, Geo R/Garza Abstract 304 Section 1233, EL&RR Survey, Garza County, Texas. 9. .005722 Royalty Interest, Garza

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### 2008 Property Tax Rates in GARZA COUNTY

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for GARZA COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,431,668
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 42,490
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,474,158
Last year's tax base	\$ 659,775,467
Last year's total tax rate	0.37500 /\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,473,010
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 862,105,549
= This year's effective tax rate	0.28685 /\$100

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

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,430,541
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 862,105,549
= This year's effective operating rate	0.28193 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.30448 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00480 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.30928 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If GARZA COUNTY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.28685 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$8,569.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$1,292,902
R&B #1	\$122,847
R&B #2	\$93,635
R&B #3	\$111,036
R&B #4	(\$3,475)

#### Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
EMS BUILDING	\$37,000	\$4,625	\$0	\$41,625
Total Required for 2008 Debt Service				\$41,625
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008				\$41,625
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2008				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$41,625

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

Name of person preparing this notice: JUDY BUSH  
Title: GARZA COUNTY TAX A/C  
Date Prepared: August 4, 2008



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Cause No. 08-01-06,269-CV Styling Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Salvado V. Rodriguez Legal Description 11. Lot 12, West 20' of Lot 13, 15, the West 40' of Lot 16, East 40' of the West 60' of Lot 17 through Lot 19, Block 116, Original Town of the City of Post, Garza County, Texas.

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# Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago  
August 6, 1998

GHD board president Jack Alexander announced Garza Hospital District board of directors approved the assignment of its contract with Methodist Hospital to the newly created Covenant Health Systems.

Air Force Airman William C. Cole graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Cole's parents are Tommy and Rosemary Cole. He graduated from PHS in 1996.

Thurman Francis was honored by his family, with a surprise 85th birthday dinner at Hotel Garza on July 25, 1998.

About 150 area residents attended the elegant Black Gold & Glamour Style Show & Luncheon conducted at the community center. Models for the show included: Gena Lott, Terri Cash, Kelli Macy, Carolyn Gossett, Kimbra Jones, Martha McLendon, Raylynn Kirkpatrick, Pam Gorman, Patricia Hernandez, Rhonda Kirkpatrick, Tracy Stevens, Amber Eagle, Keitha Wright, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Lilly Hart.

20 Years Ago  
August 10, 1988

Riding clubs from Lubbock County, Dawson County and Crosby County and floats from different Post organizations were

making plans for the upcoming 48th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo. Post's own Homer McCrary served as Parade Marshal for the downtown parade. Officers of the Post Stampede were: Gary Lester, president; Gary Workman, vice-president; Tommy Young, secretary-treasurer; Roger Blair, arena director; and Fred Humble, manager. Stampede directors included Royce Hart, Johnny Kemp, David Nichols, Ken Young, Karl Hall, James Dye and Mike Johnson.

In celebration of the couple's 50th Wedding Anniversary, the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pierce hosted a reception at the First National Bank of Post Community Room. They were married on September 16, 1938 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post.

30 Years Ago  
August 10, 1978

Mrs. Ruth Reno was appointed the new Garza County tax assessor-collector to succeed T. H. Tipton. Mrs. Reno, who had been a deputy tax assessor-collector in Tipton's office for 20 years, was named by the Garza County Commissioners Court to fill the vacancy, which was created by Tipton's resignation.

Jim Jackson was working in the recovery room at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock putting in some clinical hours for his

Emergency Medical Technician's certificate, when who should pop into the emergency room nearby but his wife who was being admitted to the hospital with an eye problem. Jim knew she had an appointment with a specialist that day but was surprised to find her at the hospital.

Donnie and Carolyn Hair announced the birth of their son, Codie Bruce, born August 4 in Lubbock's West Texas Hospital weighing 8 lbs.

40 Years Ago  
August 8, 1968

Ira "Dad" Greenfield was elected commander of William C. Cole Post No. 270 of the American Legion at a regular meeting. He succeeded Bill Hall.

Pfc. Johnny Smith, who had been stationed with the Army at Fort Bragg, N. C., was home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith, and would report in the fall at Seattle, Washington, for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

An estimated 5,000 persons gathered at White River Lake under ideal weather conditions for a fun-filled day of activities that ranged from sky diving to fishing contests. Dixie Abell, a tall, blue-eyed blond from Ralls, was crowned Miss White River Lake by Al O'Brien, water district manager. First runner-up was Cozette Brakebill of Ralls and Miss Janice Gordon of Post was named second runner-up.

50 Years Ago  
August 7, 1958

Natha Jo Mears, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Nathan Mears, no doubt was the youngest entrant in the cowgirls' barrel race at the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo here. Natha Jo rode in a number of rodeo parades, but this was her first time to enter a rodeo event.

Norman Cash of Justiceburg was sent to Indianapolis by the American Association by the Chicago White Sox. Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bandy Cash, had been with the White Sox since his discharge from the Army in June, 1958.

R. B. McAlister and Grady F. Maples assumed ownership of radio station KRWS here, which they purchased from Wallace Simpson for \$23,017. The new owners changed the station's call letters from KRWS to KPOS.

Billie Lou Hill was presented as Queen of the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo. Runners-up in the queen's contest were Ruth Miller and Jane Maxey.

60 Years Ago  
August 5, 1948

A large crowd witnessed the Postex Mill Softball team become the champions of the 1948 City Softball League, after beating the Storie Motor team by a score of 7-6.

Guys and Gals, by gay nellie: Gertrude Ward began work at the West Texas Gas Company; Josh Cook will accompany her sister and brother-in-law, Johnnie and Ed Hughes, and Maxine Durrett Presson to Colorado. Polly Cook and her roommate, who have

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been studying this summer at the University of Colorado, will return home with them; W. F. Cato writes home that he and Bill Hoover met-up at the Navy Base at San Diego and had a long chat.

It was announced by J. W. Potts of College Station, 4-H Clut Specialist, that Alvin G. Davis of Garza County was winner of the Danforth Scholarship for 1948.

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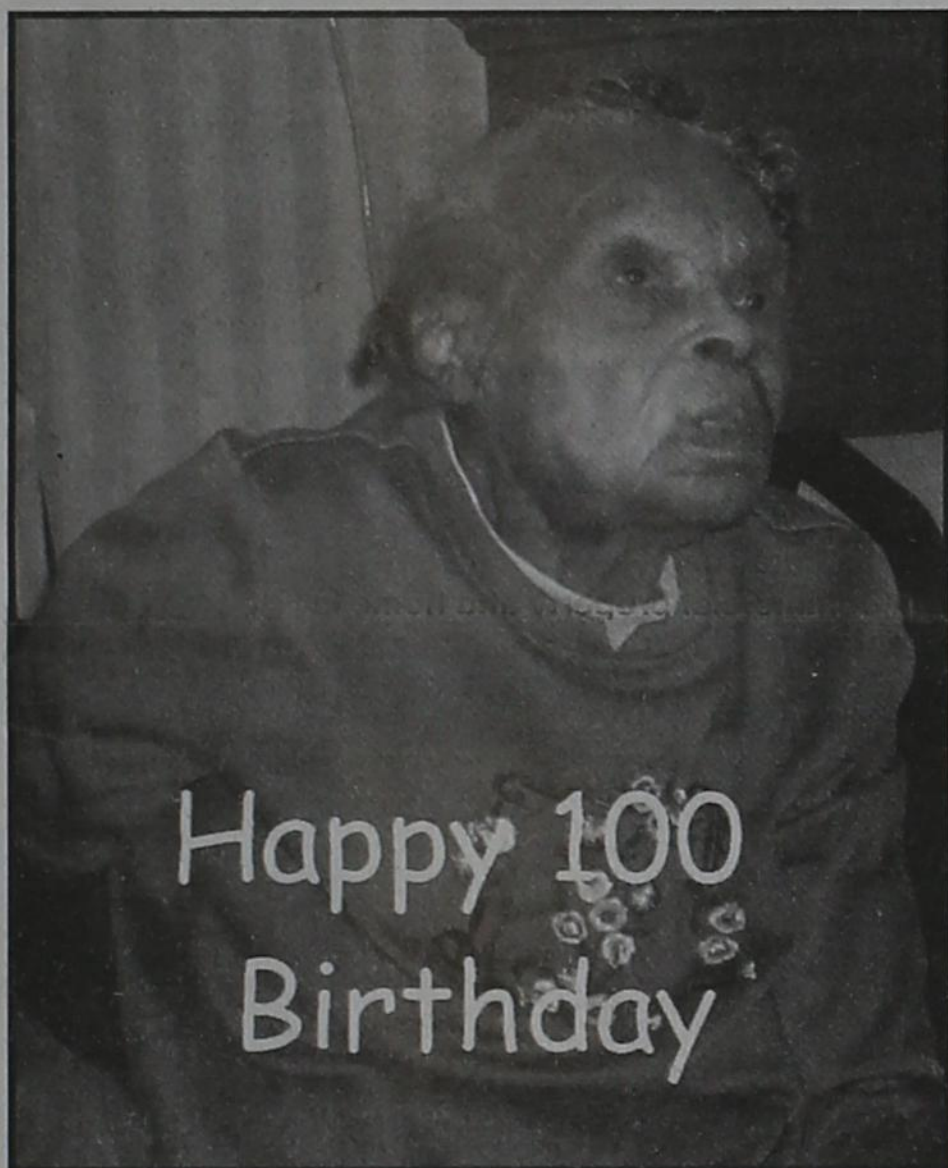


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The Wynne Family Celebrated the 100th birthday of Fisher Wynne, July 27th, 2008. After attending church services at Pleasant Home Baptist Church the family went to Golden Corral where Fisher ate all the shrimp she wanted. There are six generations in the family. Wynne has one son deceased, two adopted sons, three granddaughters, ten great grand children, seventeen great-great grand children and one great-great-great grandchild. Fisher Wynne resides at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home at 5301 University in Room 319A.

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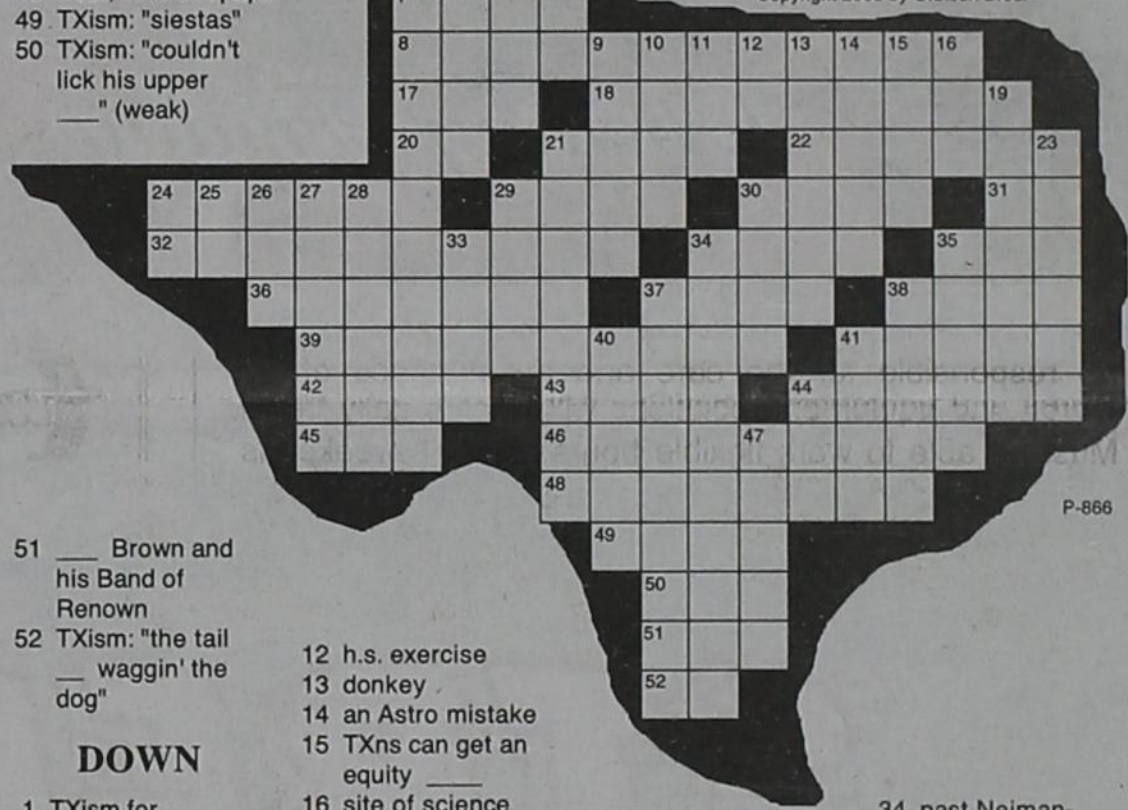
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- in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- Don Barthelme book: "Unspeakable Practices, Unnatural..."
- TXism: "in neck of the woods"
- creator of "Texas Football" magazine
- City, TX
- "El Camino del Rio"
- Dallas Co. was named for this V.P. George (init.)
- angelic instrument
- oil-rich Saudi
- TXism: "cautious as dog with a big bone"
- TX judge garment
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- Denton outlaw Bass (init.)
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- Post, TX newspaper
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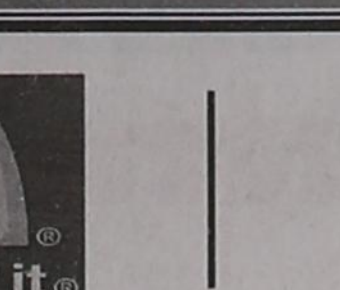
# Brain Boost!

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## WAGONS WEST

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Because of the Homestead Act of 1862 many Americans headed west. For a filing fee of \$18.00 you could stake a claim on 160 acres of unsettled land. After 5 years the land officially became the property of the homesteader. Thousands of families began preparations for the great Western Expansion. To water proof a Conestoga, or smaller farm wagon, the canvas top was soaked in linseed oil. Then the canvas was stretched across metal frames to cover the load. Four to six oxen were needed to pull the 2,500 pounds of gear a family would need for the long journey. Wagon trains, sometimes with more than 100 families, were lead by a wagon master. They departed from St. Joe or Independence, Missouri in the early spring and followed



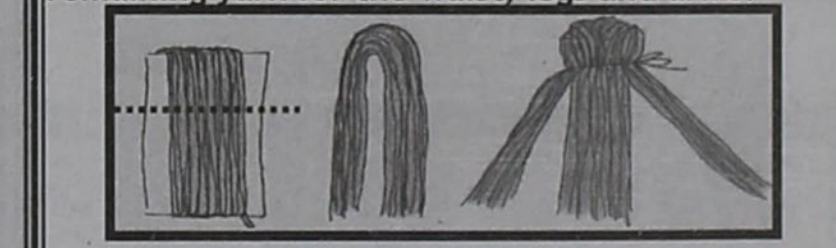
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the Oregon or Santa Fe Trails. If they left too early, when prairie grass for grazing was sparse, livestock may starve. If they left too late, they could be caught in the mountains during an early blizzard. Wagons traveled about 15-17 miles a day. The trip lasted 4-6 months. Illness, wagon repairs and heavy rains could cause dangerous

## BE ART SMART

Because wagon loads were kept to a bare minimum toys were scarce. This easy to make yarn doll would be a perfect wagon train diversion. DIRECTIONS: Wrap yarn around a 3x7 inch sturdy piece of cardboard. Cut yarn off the card (see dashed line) and fold in half. Next tie off the head portion then divide and tie the remaining yarn for the waist, legs and arms.



delays. It was a great adventure and a hard journey. One out of every 17 pioneers traveling the Oregon Trail died. Some died from accidents or Indian attacks. Diseases like small pox, cholera and dysentery caused most deaths. The trail was often littered with grave sites. Wagonloads would have to be lightened as oxen weakened or died. It was not unusual to see furniture and heirlooms discarded along the way. Despite the hardships, 600,000 families followed their dreams to a new life in unsettled territories. These pioneers are a proud part of American history.

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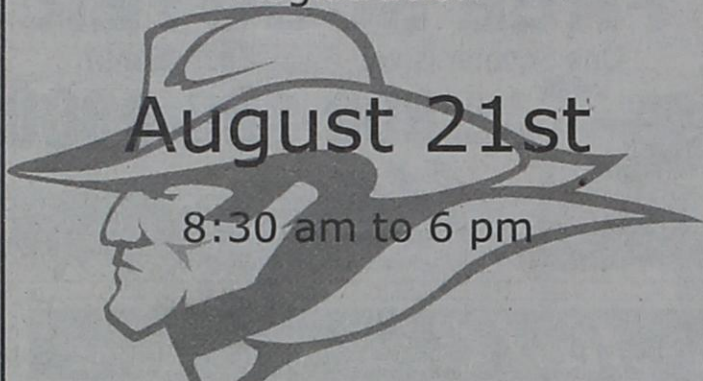
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## Extension Extras

**State 4-H Horse Show**  
Congratulations go out to Lana Kitten who placed 7th in the 2 Year Old Western Pleasure showmanship event at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. Great job, Lana!

**Post Stampede Summer Series**  
Rafter M Ranch Hwy 380 East, 11 miles turn left on FM 2008, go 2.6 miles to Medlock Land and Cattle, entrance on left. Held every Sunday through August 17, rain date August 24 if needed. Entry fee is \$110 per child. The events are meant for children to have fun and learn to ride. For more information contact Cindy Babb 806-454-0196 or Doyle Babb 806-454-0195.

**Fall Fair Entries**  
For those wanting to exhibit at the upcoming fair(s), entries are due by August 8, 2008. Please come by the Extension office to enter for these fairs prior to the 8th of August. Entries in Photography, Baking, Sewing or Crafts at the South Plains Fair are due September 16th to the Extension office. For more information call Barb Palmer at 806-470-1295.

**There are also new competitions at the fair.**  
Best Dressed Rabbit Contest is a costume contest. Kids who have one bunny or prefer sewing and embellishing can enter their bunny dressed up. Call Barb Palmer for more information. 806-470-1295 or email her at barb1102@gmail.com.

**4-H Pool Party**  
The end of summer 4-H Pool Party has been set for August 14 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend.

**State Sheep/Goat Validations**  
The state-wide sheep and goat validation tags must be ordered by August 25, 2008. The cost is

\$10 per tag, payable upon ordering them. Contact the Extension office for your 2009 tags.

**GCJLA Fun-Raiser**  
Garza County Jr. Livestock "Fun-Raiser" will be held September 6 in the Post ISD Cafeteria. Raffle tickets available for \$100 each from GCJLA members or the Extension office. Brisket dinners will be sold. Cash prizes will be awarded. 4-H members need to bring desserts. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



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### Yard of the Week

1009 Camden Circle, is the home to the Pool's this weeks "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (left to right) are Naomi Matsler, Joy Pool, Bill Pool and Jan Acker. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

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