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Motorcycle accident kills Post resident

A Post man was killed last week when he struck a deer while riding his motorcycle on FM 651 at the Verbena cut off, according to Garza County Sheriff's Department officials.

Jacky Harp, 58, of Post was

air lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock Tuesday, June 9 at 6:55 p.m. Harp passed away the next day at the hospital.

Harp was a resident in Post for 27 years and the owner of Post

Auto Parts for 17 years. He also owned Post Automotive and Vintage Motors.

Services for Harp were held Saturday, June 13 at Antelope Arena.

Burning prohibited in city

According to Les Looney, Post Fire Chief, there have been questions about burning inside the city limits since the burn ban for Garza County was lifted last week.

Burning inside the city limits of Post is prohibited by city ordinance Sec. 13.03.011: "It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to burn or permit the burning of kitchen garbage, dry kitchen refuse, trash and rubbish on any premises in any manner whatsoever. (2002 Code, sec 51.08)

"The control burn that is done out in the county still needs to be called into the Sheriff's office," Chief Looney said. "I would like to thank the county residents that have called in their control burns."

Keeping the Sheriff's office and fire department aware of controlled burns prevents false emergency runs. "I would like to thank all of the citizens of the city and county for your cooperation in this matter," Looney continued. "This makes Post a better place to live when we all work together. And, let's keep praying for rain."

Two More Children's Plays at Garza Theatre

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

"Bed Bugs" by Leah Genunario and "Wooing Wed Widing Hood" by Charlie Lovett continue

at the Garza Theatre this weekend. Both plays are directed by Lauren Bryan. Performances tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. conclude the successful run of these plays.

"Our attendance has been very good," said Tiffany Graves, theater manager. "Last weekend which included a Sunday matinee was really good."

Bed Bugs is the story of a little girl who likes to jump on her bed.

However, to the bedbugs being squished underfoot, she is the wicked witch who causes earthquakes, among other natural disasters.

Wooing Wed Widing Hood takes the audience to the kingdom of Wynchwood-Under-Ooze where Wise Prince Jason, Strong Prince Justin and ordinary Loud Prince Frank all want to woo Little Red Riding Hood.

Tickets are: adults \$12; children 12 and under \$8; Senior, student and military \$10; group rates available. Call the theater box office at 806-495-4005 or visit www.garzatheatre.com for reservations.

The upcoming traditional Harley Sadler production, "Epic Proportions" by Larry Coen and David Crane and directed by Zachary Kocurek. Show dates are: July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee July 26 at 2:30 p.m.

East Side Clean Up Project work underway

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

The East Side Clean Up project, which will encompass an area in southeast Post, began yesterday and will wrap up today. Volunteers met at Pleasant Home Baptist Church to organize and then began a general clean up in the area.

"Our primary focus will be to remove the debris and clean the lot where the old church building was torn down," said Pam Cruse, Proj-

ect Leader. "There are other vacant lots that need to be cleaned also." The scope of this project will depend on the number of volunteers and the group will organize additional workdays in the future.

In addition to community volunteers, the City of Post will provide some equipment and trucks to haul away trash and debris. MTC will help by providing food and drink to the volunteers and some of their staff will assist with the clean-

up. Garza County is also going to provide personnel to help with the project.

"We hope to instill pride in the neighborhood and encourage property owners to clean up and maintain their property," said Reyes Pequeno, Community Organizer with The Rural Community Organizing Project. For information about future projects contact Pequeno at 806-778-2628.



Volunteers involved in organizing the East Side Clean Up project are (from left) Garza County Judge Lee Norman, Susan Little, Pat Cruse, Ronnie Riggs, Paul Perez, Carla Perez and Rev. Arthur Kelly; (seated) Bessie Lee and Rosie Perez.

Summer fun and safety go hand in hand

HOUSTON - Fun is the word on everyone's mind as summer heats up, but doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say "prevention" should not be far behind.

"There are common health issues that many people face during the summer, like sunburn, heat exhaustion and injuries from outdoor activities," said Dr. John Rogers, professor and interim chair of the department of family and community medicine at BCM. "But there are things you can do to prevent them rather than just waiting to treat the issue after the fact."

SUNBURN
 Always wear sunblock and make sure to apply it as evenly as possible over all exposed skin. Sunblock SPF 15 and above is sufficient coverage, but you should always reapply throughout the day regardless of your activities, especially if the skin becomes wet, Rogers said.

"Once a tan starts to show, you are damaging your skin with long-term results," said Rogers.

Wearing a hat with a wide rim and long sleeve shirts in a lightweight material can also protect the skin.

HEAT EXHAUSTION
 "Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water. That means you are already becoming dehydrated," Rogers said. "If you know you will be out in the heat, start drinking fluids before hand, and continue through out the day. Sports drinks with some sodium or salt is important."

Keep the elderly in mind during the summer, Rogers advised. Other health issues could be heightened by the heat. Even if they are indoors, they could still become victims of heat exhaustion. Main-

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Post Notes

"Meet & Greet" scheduled for June 19th

The "Meet & Greet" at the Community Recovery Center has been postponed until this Friday, June 19th, 2009 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The community is encouraged to meet the new staff and learn of the services available to Post and its citizens. Refreshments will be available. If you have any questions please call 806-495-3173. We are located behind the old mill trade days building next MHMR, 405 S. Ave C.

4th of July Booths

It is time to get ready for July 4th event at the City Park. Come out and enjoy games, food, pie baking contest, auction and live music, if you would like to participate or donate contact Diane at 495-1207.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday June 27 from 7:00 til 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. Those on the program are The Brownfield Bunch with country standards and gospel music. Eddie and Debbie Hanks and company from Seymour playing bluegrass and gospel, Cowboy music and poetry with John Hedrick, John Bland, Curtis Williams and Noel White. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

East Side Clean-up Campaign

The Rural Community Organizing Project along with several project leaders will be conducting an East Side Clean-up Campaign on June 18-19, 2009. If your group or organization would like to volunteer man power or donate towards the hotdog luncheon to help feed the volunteers please contact: Community Organizer Reyes Pequeno 778-2628 or Project Leader Pat Cruse 495-2190.

Second Annual Back to School Street Health Fair

The Back to School Health Fair is planned to take place on August 21, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If your organization would like to participate please contact: Jamie Edwards 327-5312, Barbara Palmer 470-1295 or Community Organizer Reyes Pequeno 778-2628 for more information.

Retirement party scheduled for June 28th

Everyone is invited to come to a retirement party for Sherry Owen, Sherry has worked as a teacher at My Special Place daycare for many years. The party will be on Sunday June 28th from 2-2:30 p.m. at My Special Place located at 111 N. Ave. H.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
 June 22
 9 a.m.

Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main

City of Post
 City Council Meeting
 July 14
 6 p.m.
 Council Chambers
 City Hall
 105 E. Main Street

Post ISD
 School Board Meeting
 July 14
 7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
 501 S. Avenue K

NOTE: Video of last month's Meeting at post.k12.tx.us or Suddenlink Channel 12

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

"Bed Bugs" and "Wooing Wed Widing Hood"
 Garza Theatre
 June 19 and June 20
 7:30 p.m.
 495-4005 for reservations

"Magdalene"
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 June 19 - 7:30 p.m.
 June 20 - 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
 June 23 and June 25
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

Summer Rec
 Middle School Gym
 June 1 - June 26
 8 a.m. - Noon

Graham Ole Opry
 Graham Community Center
 June 27
 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown
 Downtown Post
 July 4
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

July 4th Celebration
 Food and Game Booths
 Mr. & Miss Firecracker Pageant
 Fireworks
 City Park

Opinions Decline and Fall

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By Christopher Blackburn

I wonder what else is on the radar of lawmakers in Washington?
 The U.S. Government is getting sticky fingers and one would think we are helpless to stop it. As Congress considers taxing soft drinks such as Coca-Cola, Dr Pepper, Sprite, etc., I'm wandering what will be next.
 If you drink alcohol or smoke, chew or dip, you are well aware of the taxes on those products. The "sin" taxes placed on these products have been around and growing for years. Now soft drinks may soon join them.
 Will candy be next? Perhaps Twinkies. Maybe cupcake mix and chocolate milk will follow. Why stop there? Throw in lemonade, sweet tea and anything fried.
 Perhaps putting a huge tax on sugar and cooking oil is the route we're headed down. Ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard and relish had better watch out. Along with the patty and cheese, all could be taxed at the rate the federal government is growing... err, I mean going.
 Let's take it further. When will the government cross over from taxing smokers, drinkers and obese people to taxing people buying "outdoor" items like four-wheelers and golf clubs. I suppose they could say since the sun causes skin cancer, they need to tax everything used out in the sun.
 It's not just taxes on things. It's the whole idea that government is the answer for everything.
 Where is the opposition? Where is the organization needed to get a message out that we are not all sheep. Some of us are paying attention to a government, growing by the day, and headed down the wrong path on many issues.
 Is the Republican Party so inept that they can't even get a simple message out? Or are they simply done?
 Americans are going to wake up soon and when they do, the entire landscape of this country will be covered with those with their hands out. No more American Dream.
 We were once told "ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country," by President John F. Kennedy.
 We are headed down the opposite road. We are headed down a dark road where people are expecting the government to do it all - cradle to grave.
 That is not America!
 America is supposed to be a place where a teenager can dream of owning their own business or being a rock star.
 America is supposed to be a place where little boys and little girls who work hard, make good grades and conduct themselves well, should have the opportunity to reach for the stars.
 We're now told if you do reach the stars, you are going to be punished. If you make a lot of money, regardless of how generous you are, you are a bad person.
 Those in power and in the media would have you believe the wealthy in this country, the people who have built our economy through hard work - the ones who provide millions of jobs, are the bad guys.
 Yes Oprah, the very man you touted for president now has a pay czar. You and every other American paying taxes are now paying the salary of a guy whose job it is to control executive pay.
 I wonder if Oprah would have been able to reach the stars had she faced the class warfare being perpetrated by the Obama Administration.
 You know, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe having a couple of hundred million people under the iron fist of the government will fix everything.
 Maybe having the auto industry, airline and aircraft industries, banking industry, housing industry, insurance industry and so on under the guidance of a bunch of people who can't balance a checkbook is a great idea.
 Just maybe having no American Dream is the new American Dream.
 The Democrats in charge of this country are moving us too far to the left and much too fast. I certainly hope I'm wrong, but I have yet to see anything to convince me otherwise.
 It worries me. Where we'll be in the coming months and years. How many pies will Uncle Sam have his fingers in before we realize nothing can stop it outside a revolution?
 New York and California will probably let us know. Both states are hopelessly mired in the same trends engulfing Washington. We'll be able to see America's fate by keeping an eye on these two states.
 The recession revealed how fragile California and New York's huge economies were because in less than a year, both states went from problematic outlooks to near-disaster.
 Both also responded to their respective messes by making things worse through tax hikes, spending and borrowing.
 Sound like Washington to you?
 Like the majority of you, I don't need or want the government to hold my hand. But that message is being lost in Washington. They're convinced we can't do it without them and it's wrong.
 Again from Kennedy: "And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."
 If you don't like those, how about three from Ronald Reagan:
 "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."
 "Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets."
 "Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them."

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Don't Miss the
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By Robert Romano

As inevitable as the rising of the sun in the morning and its descent in the evening, eventually, every great empire in history reaches its summit of outermost expansion, its moment of greatest wealth, power, and influence. And then, decline and fall inevitably follow.
 Assyria. Persia. Macedonia. Rome. Byzantium. Britain. History is replete with examples of nations that dominated the politics and economies of their

era and who, once they reached their zeniths, subsequently returned to a relatively minor status among nations.

Through the ill-advised decisions of a nation's leaders, suffice to say, some fell quicker than others.

And America will be no different. The only question is how quickly the nation's leaders wish to travel down the road to serfdom.

Today is an extraordinary day in that respect. In Yekaterinburg, Russia, the leaders of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) are meeting to discuss—among other topics—safely transitioning their holdings away from U.S. dollar-denominated assets such as treasuries or Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities and into International Monetary Fund bonds denominated in the agency's reserve currency, Special Drawing Rights (SDR).

Not that anyone could or should blame them for opting to slow their purchases of U.S. debt. Creditors have warned the U.S. publicly that it is on a reckless fiscal course with its projected record budget deficit of some \$1.8 trillion, proposed \$3.6 trillion, \$11.3 trillion debt, and \$104 trillion of unfunded Medicare and Social Security liabilities. The national debt has grown for every single year since 1954.

Coupled with the nation's more than doubling the money supply since September, its more than \$12.8 trillion committed in bailouts for the financial system, and the now-proposed Obama nationalization of the U.S. health care system, BRIC are watching their dollar-backed assets decline in value as the U.S. spends and borrows itself into the Abyss.

Which is one reason pundits, traders, Timothy Geithner and everyone else should not take too much solace in Russian Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin's proclamation that it's "too early to speak of an alternative" to the dollar.

To continue investing in an asset that will predictably fall in value out of mere tribute would not only be irrational, but irresponsible to the peoples of BRIC's respective nations. S&P has already downgraded Japan's debt, and the UK faces a similar fate by Moody's. Facing a possible downgrade

of U.S. debt, BRIC's only alternative is to transition to a safer alternative as a hedge—one which they would be in a position to wield increasing influence over.

According to the International Business Times, BRIC are "seeking a louder voice on the global stage." More accurately, however, through today's BRIC summit, the nations are seeking to expand their role in overseeing the global monetary system of the 21st century. And the means by which they can leverage the inevitable decline and fall of the post-Cold War unipolar system to their advantage in light of the U.S. financial emergency that has given way to its even more formidable debt emergency.

If the U.S. is to fall as the world's economic superpower, they intend to ascend in its place.

They even have a willing participant in the Obama Administration. While in China recently, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said, "[T]he United States will fully support having China play a role in the principal cooperative arrangements that help shape the international system, a role that is commensurate with China's importance in the global economy." Left unspoken is America's declining influence, but the numbers speak for themselves.

BRIC has a combined \$2.8 trillion in international reserve assets excluding gold, according to Bloomberg News, representing 42 percent of global currency reserves. And they have a combined GDP (PPP) of \$15,446 compared to the U.S. GDP (PPP) \$14,264 trillion: Brazil (\$1,981 trillion), Russia (\$2,261 trillion), India (\$3,288 trillion), and China (\$7,916 trillion).

Comparatively, BRIC should be expected to grow against the U.S. especially as the dollar continues to decline and predicted inflation ensues with monetary and fiscal "stimuli" taking root. With oil topping \$70 a barrel and gold nearing \$1000 an ounce, there is no question that the next great danger facing the American economy is inflation. As noted by MSN Money's Bill Fleckenstein, "When money printing goes into excess, as it almost always does, speculation follows." And prices shortly thereafter.

All of which facilitates the

decline of the dollar, and the fall of the nation as an economic superpower. It is a danger that is certain to hammer the American people over the coming years at the gas pump and in the grocery store with higher prices, on their credit card statements in the form of higher interest rates, and on their tax bills as the next generation is faced with the daunting—if not impossible—task of paying off the gargantuan national debt.

And it only further incentivizes a whole sale run on dollar-denominated assets. Already, international demand for U.S. assets declined in April, as reported by Bloomberg News. And China has announced \$50 billion in purchases of SDR-denominated bonds, Russia \$10 billion, Brazil \$10 billion, and today India is expected to announce a similar plan.

This is just the beginning.

Today is also an extraordinary day with respect to the decline of the dollar for another reason. For today, the House is expected to vote on whether or not the U.S. shall willingly participate in replacing the dollar as the world's reserve currency by extending a \$100 billion credit line to the IMF, explicated in this background by Americans for Limited Government. That cash will be used to give loans to developing nations, which in turn will be used to leverage the sale of the SDR-denominated bonds. Since it is a fiat currency, the more widely used and accepted it is, the more value will be assigned to it.

And on a relative basis, the dollar as a reserve currency will only have one place to go: down.

This is a decline that shares at least one similarity with its Roman predecessor. Edward Gibbon famously wrote that Rome's downfall was in large part because the nation had outsourced its military to the barbarians. So, too, the U.S. has outsourced its line of credit to its adversaries overseas. The nation's leaders have done so willingly.

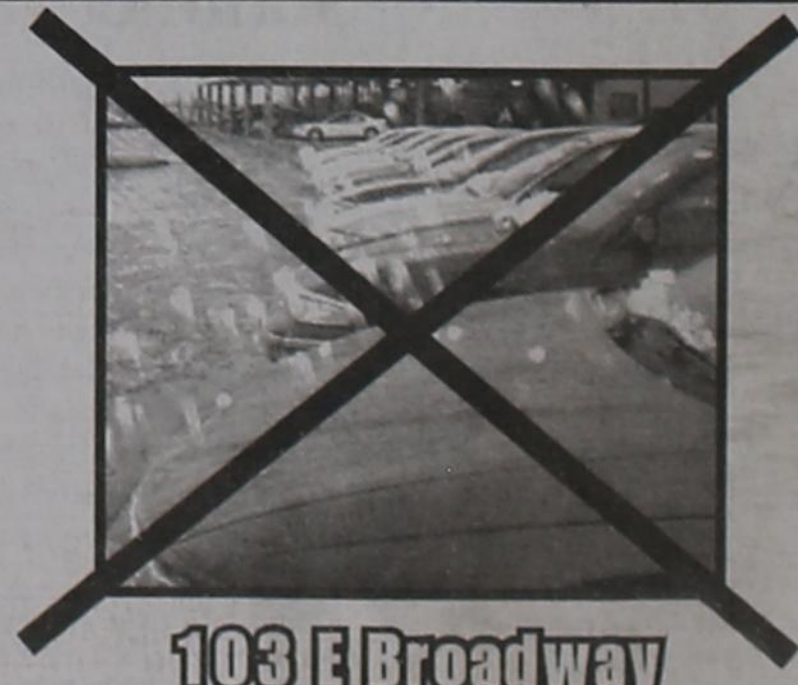
As noted above, through the ill-advised decisions of a nation's leaders, some nations fall quicker than others. And some appear to be in an outright rush to traverse the road to serfdom.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Night should be night. Artificial lights are a necessary evil and sometimes not even necessary.

That said, I needed both my headlights the other night as I took a circuitous cross-country route from Brownwood to Wichita Falls via Lake Kickapoo. A few wrong turns added to the circuitousness. At one point, I had to back uphill out of a mesquite pasture. Don't ask.

The Lake Kickapoo part of the journey was a side-trip to see an RV for sale cheap. I didn't get there until around 10 p.m. The guy giving me directions was admittedly dyslexic (some of my best friends are dyslexics), and my glasses weren't strong enough for nighttime map reading. Otherwise, I'd have gotten there sooner and the experience wouldn't have been anything like "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre," not that I've seen the movie. I've seen parts. It didn't help that the guy showing me the ramshackle trailer somewhat resembled the infamous Norman Bates of another movie I haven't seen either.

Anyway, the lights of Wichita Falls had never looked better to me than when I finally rolled safely into the city's welcoming glow.

A different feeling hit me when I drove from Wichita Falls to Vernon and saw a different kind of lights in the middle of nowhere alongside U.S. 287. Powerful swiveling twin beams shot up into the dark sky, swishing this way and that.

Why would those folks at the XXX highway movie store be searching the skies? I looked up myself to see what I could see. No enemy warplanes. But it was still exciting, like having a couple of

very powerful flashlights in the hands of someone very close by. I looked at the searchlights themselves — oversized animated kettledrums moving to frenetic music I couldn't hear. I forgot all about my own headlights and followed the searchlight beams instead, glancing at the road in front of me only often enough to stay on it. Dancing searchlights can't be taken lightly. They had my attention.

OK. We both know the XXX people weren't worried about a possible air strike on nearby Oklahoma. A traditional non-military use of waving searchlights is to draw attention to glitzy Hollywood movie premieres, as captured in the iconic 20th Century Fox logo. So it can safely be assumed the movie store got in a fresh shipment of DVDs and they just wanted to let everybody know. They must be really good — or bad.

A few days later, I saw the same searchlight beams from our farm, roughly ten miles away. Like a dog chasing its tail, they chased each other in vain through the overcast sky.

My initial fascination with the phenomenon had faded. From such a distance, so had the rays of light. I saw them for what they were: pollution of the night sky and a waste of energy in the name of pomography. Appropriate.

Postscript:

I didn't buy that bargain trailer at Lake Kickapoo. Go for it. If you like adventure, wait until dark.



Jacky Joe Harp

Jacky Joe Harp, 58, of Post passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at University Medical Center from traumatic injuries following a motorcycle accident.

He was born on March 20, 1951 in Lamesa, TX to Bill & Movelda Harp. He was a graduate of Dawson High School in Welch, TX and attended Texas Tech. He was baptized on April 23, 1961 during Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Welch. He joined the United States Air Force in 1973, where he served 4 years. Most of that time was spent as the Crew Chief for the Wing Commander of Cannon AFB. He was honorably discharged in March 1977.

On August 18, 1973 he was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Thessa Ann Palmer at The First Baptist Church in Welch. They were blessed with three lovely children, Amber Massey, Tonya Harp and Sonya Ellis. The Harp's joy doubled with the addition of their two sons-in-law Dustin Massey and Stephen Ellis. They have also been blessed with 3 beautiful grandchildren: Pappy's girls, Ashlee and Allison Massey and Pappy's Little Buddy, Cade Ellis.

After being discharged from the Air Force, Jacky and Thessa owned and operated a Phillips 66 gas station in Welch, TX. He then worked for Cities Service in Hobbs, NM as a mechanic and field repairman. Jacky subsequently moved his family to Post in 1983 and purchased Post Power Tongs; then worked for RJD Management, Patterson Oil and Davis Oil & Gas. To fulfill a life-long dream, he and Thessa purchased Post Auto Parts in 1992, added Post Automotive in 1994 and Vintage Motors in 2004. His hobbies included riding motorcycles with his life-long friends, watching NASCAR, and making slow pick-ups go fast with one little chip or programmer. He was never too busy for family, friends or strangers when they were in need. Harp loved playing with his children and grandchildren; he enjoyed being with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Thessa Harp; daughters Amber and husband Dustin Massey of Abilene, TX, Tonya Harp of Coppell, TX and Sonya and husband Stephen Ellis of Southlake, TX; three grandchildren, Ashlee Massey, Allison Massey and Cade Ellis; parents, Bill and Movelda Harp of Post; sister, Linda and husband Marvin Self of Post; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Antelope Arena in Post, TX. Dr. James T. Egan and Dr. Steve McMeans officiated. Pallbearers were Sammie Palmer, Tim Pettyjohn, Jon Hataway, Larry Lynn, Jimmy Jones, Danny Gray, Rodney Bearden, Larry King and Pat Penell. Honorary pallbearers were Marvin Self and Roger Lynch. Burial followed at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Family visitation was 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2009 at Hudman Funeral Home.



Candace Kaye Boling

Candace Kaye Boling was born March 11, 1957 in Deming, NM to LaDonna (Hohmann) McConnell and Lloyd McConnell and passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Covenant Health Center in Lubbock, TX at the age of 52 years.

Candace was married to Shelby Boling at Post, TX on June 10, 1996. She enjoyed reading and cooking and was very involved with her church, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson, TX. She was a teacher at Post, TX for 23 years where she taught Drama, English, Speech and Debate and took her students to state championship competitions.

Candace is preceded in death by her father. In addition to her mother, La Donna McConnell of Post, TX, she is survived by her husband, Shelby Boling, of the home; a stepson, Jimmy Boling, Post, TX; two stepdaughters, Michele Mojica & husband, Cipriano, Lubbock, TX and Angela Jasper, Lubbock, TX; her sister, Melody Stroud & husband, Grady, White Sands, NM; four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Graveside services for Candace Boling were Monday, June 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lone Wolf, OK Cemetery officiated by Rev. Ronald Boelte, Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church. Arrangements were with People's Co-operative Funeral Home of Lone Wolf, OK.



Louis Avery Sinclair

Louis Avery Sinclair, age 85, a resident of Lubbock, TX, passed away on Thursday, June 12, after a lengthy illness.

Louis A. Sinclair was born in Gardendale (LaSalle County), TX, on April 3, 1924, the son of Oscar W. Sinclair of Mountair, NM, and Gladys Maxey (Sinclair) Floyd of Post. In addition to his parents, his stepfather, Arthur E. Floyd of Post, preceded him in death. Louis received his primary education from Graham Chapel School and graduated from Post High School in the class of 1942. He was a long-time member of the Graham Chapel Church of

Christ.

Louis loved three things in life: God, his family and his country. In everything that he pursued, he displayed humble perseverance and great strength of character. But above all, as his mother had taught him, Louis always showed deep respect to everyone around him. Louis was content when he was tinkering and working with tools and equipment of any kind. He rarely sat still and most enjoyed fixing and building things.

At the inception of World War II, like many young men from West Texas, Louis enlisted and was assigned to the 82nd U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees). On July 10, 1943, he departed from Port Hueneme, CA, to serve two and a half years in the South Pacific. In the time spent serving his country, Louis built friendships that lasted and learned skills that benefited him a lifetime.

On January 18, 1946, Louis married Nina Lee Green of Roaring Springs. To this union three children were born: David, Terri and Jerry. The family made their home in the Abernathy community until moving to Lubbock in 1972.

Louis was employed by Southwestern Public Service Co. from 1946 until his retirement in 1986. From 1946 to 1968, he was stationed at the Tuco power plant (Abernathy) where he found great satisfaction because of his interest in how and why things work. Louis spent the remainder of his career with SW Public Service Co. as the maintenance foreman/supervisor at the Jones Station power plant (Lubbock) where no day was the same and where his mastery of tools and equipment of any kind allowed him to operate with a precision that defied belief.

In addition, he farmed in Garza County on a family farm for many years and ranched in the Texas Hill Country near Kerrville.

A whale of a pitcher, Louis played fast pitch softball in the 1950s for Tuco and in the Abernathy and Lubbock leagues.

While his children were growing up, Louis volunteered much of his time to the local 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters in Abernathy. From meat judging and leadership to farm skills and stock shows, he took a vested interest in supporting his children and these youth groups. In 1967, Louis was awarded an Honorary Farmer Degree from the Abernathy FFA. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years.

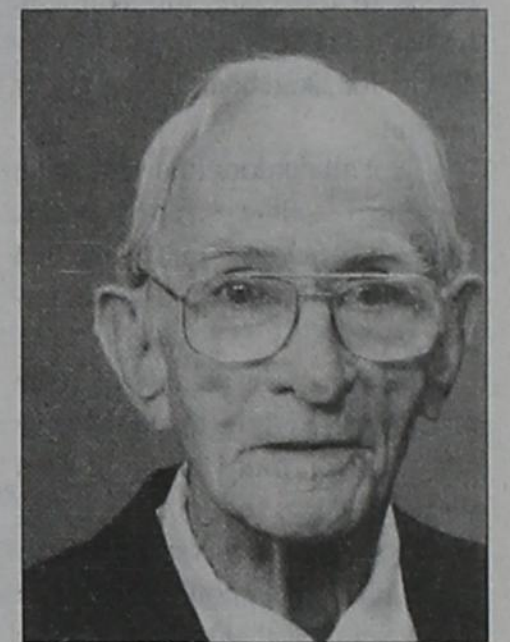
Louis is survived by his devoted wife and caregiver, Nina Sinclair of Lubbock; son, Louis David Sinclair and wife Connie of Pflugerville, Texas; daughter, Terri Sue Guy and husband Dan

Guy of Santa Fe, NM; and son, Jerry Don Sinclair and wife Jacqueline of Carrollton, Texas; two grandchildren: Darci Ann Sinclair of Denver, CO and David McDuff (Duff) Sinclair and wife Billy Jo of Lipan, TX; two step-grandchildren: Chance Cantwell and wife Valerie of Round Rock, TX and Jonathon Skinkle and wife Amanda of The Colony, TX; two great granddaughters: Dylan McDuff Sinclair and Dixon McDuff Sinclair who were the sunshine in the twilight of his life; sister-in-law Francis (Nell) Green Stevens and her husband Bayne of Gardnerville, NV; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation was 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, at Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Services to celebrate Louis' life were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, at Graham Chapel Church of Christ in Post, with David Joyner officiating and Bobby Cowdrey assisting. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery on Highway 380 East.

Serving as pallbearers were Duff Sinclair, Coby Wright, Steve White, Brent Mason, Brad Mason, and Ron Graves.

A special thanks to Dr. Floyd Pirtle and the staff at VistaCare and to Accolade Home Health Care. Memorials may be made to VistaCare, a hospice facility, 1717 Norfolk Ave. Ste A, Lubbock, TX 79416;



J.W. "Jim" Strawn

Services for J.W. 'Jim' Strawn 90 of Post were 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Post Church of Christ, 10th & Ave. M. Charles McCook officiated.

Travis Sweet and Jack Gordon assisted. Military Rites followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Jim died Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Slaton Care Center in Slaton, TX.

He was born March 14, 1919 to Joseph Stogden and Parlee Ethel (Furry) Strawn at Grosvenor, Texas. He was raised and attended school there. He went into the Army during WWII and served in the 36th Infantry. After being discharged he moved to San Angelo.

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EXTENSION EXTRAS

Spur Raffle

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Playday

The next playday will be Saturday June 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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District 2 4-H Roundup will be June 22, 2009 in Abernathy.

Shooting Sports

Trap practice is every Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Palmers Gun Club. The District Trap Shoot is June 26, 2009 at Monk Palmers Range.

State Steer Validation

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Moore receives national award

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Daegan Moore from Southland, TX has been named as United States National Leadership and Service Award Winner. Moore, who attends Southland ISD, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students. The Academy selects USAA winners based on the Standards of Selection set forth

by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Daegan is the daughter of Dennis Moore, Carlsbad, NM and Tom and Terry Payton of Southland; grandparents are Joe and Linda Allard of Wolforth, J.W. and Breena Payton of Post, Gilen and Peggy Moore of Carlsbad, NM.

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Summer Gospel Singing

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 15th and Ave S will be having singing on Wednesday nights at 7:00 on the Pavilion behind the Church building. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 495-3261 or 495-3057.

American Legion Post 270 scheduled to meet

The American Legion's James C. Cole Post 270's regular monthly meeting will be held at the First Christian Church, 812 W. 13th on Thursday June 25, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Summer...

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taining kidney output that is "clear and copious" is the goal to prevent serious problems, he said.

POOL SAFETY

Never swim alone. Even the most experienced swimmer could suffer an injury and need help getting out of the pool.

When it comes to small children, Rogers said once they go under water it is easy to not see them at the bottom of the pool. Assigning swimming buddies could be one way to make sure all children are accounted for. Children 2 or under should wear flotation devices even around a swimming pool.

BIKE SAFETY

Helmets are a must if bike riding is in the plans this summer. Elbow and knee pads are also suggested for skateboarding or roller skating.

Not all outdoor injuries can be prevented - like scraped knees. But usually a minor injury like that doesn't require a trip to the emergency room.

"If there is an actual gap in the skin, impaired movement or excessive pain or more bleeding than you think there should be, it might be time to call the physician," Rogers said. "You shouldn't second guess yourself if you decide to go for medical care and it turns out to be minor. The peace of mind of knowing your child is safe should be your first concern."

Older patients enthusiastic about emails to and from doctors

HOUSTON - Nearly half of patients over the age of 65 said they were enthusiastic about the possibility of email communication with their physicians, even though less than 2 percent corresponded that way at the time of a 2003 survey, said researchers at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine in collaboration with those at the University of California at Los Angeles in a report in the Journal of Medical Internet Research.

"I think the enthusiasm would be even greater now," said Dr. Hardeep Singh, an investigator in the Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and an assistant professor of medicine at BCM.

An analysis of data from surveys of 4,059 patients over age 65 and 181 physicians carried out in Southern

California showed that while only 52 patients reported communicating with their physicians by email, nearly half (49.3 percent) said they were enthusiastic about the possibility of using the electronic communication. The older the patients were, the less likely they were to consider using email.

However, African-Americans, Hispanics and men were more likely to say they would use email. Those who thought their doctors had good communications skills or those who felt that communication was not as good when they talked to their doctors during regular visits were also more likely to be willing to use email.

Physician attitudes also played an important role, said Singh.

"If the physician is enthusiastic about email, the patients are more likely to be as well," he said. Half of the physicians in the survey were less likely to be eager to use email.

"For physicians, the major issues are physician time and compensation," he said. "If I am a practicing physician and I get 25 emails a day from my patients, I would love to respond to all of them. However, time gets in the way."

Reimbursement from Medicare or private insurers for such communications would make it easier for physicians to budget such time, he said.

Educating patients and physicians about using email in this way will be important, he said. Urgent or emergency health concerns should never be communicated by email because physicians may not be able to respond promptly. Emails must also be succinct, he said.

"Patients should try not to send their doctors excessively lengthy emails addressing complicated issues. Complex health care interactions are perhaps best left for face to face appointments" he said.

Physician education will be important as well, he said.

"I think email use has tremendous future potential in health care," he said. "For instance, doctors often spend time writing down detailed instructions for patients on paper and these paper notes are sometimes lost. Similarly, we write patient instructions about medication changes and follow-up appointments in the electronic record. It would be really useful to get these instructions to our patients through secure email. They can always then have them accessible."

Others who took part in this research include Nancy J. Petersen, Anila Shethia, and Richard L. Street, Jr., all of BCM and Sarah A Fox of the Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles. Street is also with Texas A&M University department of communication.

Funding for this work came from the National Cancer Institute and the Houston VA HSR&D Center of Excellence.

Hutchison Grills FCC Nominees on Fairness Doctrine, Improved Internet Access, and Broadcast Decency

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), the Ranking Member on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, today questioned Julius Genachowski and Robert McDowell, nominees for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on improved broadband Internet access, broadcast decency, and the Fairness Doctrine.

Senator Hutchison explained that when it comes to broadband Internet access, the focus must be on rural unserved areas before attention is given to areas that already have access.

"It is so important that we ensure that everyone has broadband access before we go into underserved areas," said Senator Hutchison. "The

government should not seek to subsidize competition in so-called underserved areas before making sure that unserved rural Americans have the ability to access broadband for healthcare, education, and economic opportunity and growth."

Senator Hutchison also explained that the FCC plays an important role in broadcast decency.

"I do think the FCC has a major role to play in enforcing decency over the airwaves. I am the mother of two young children and I am amazed at some of the things that are on networks that are supposed to be ok for children. I hope the FCC will look carefully at what is appropriate for children and young people as they are looking

at the open airwaves that we all appreciate."

Senator Hutchison, a strong opponent of the return of the Fairness Doctrine, specifically questioned Mr. Genachowski, nominated as Chairman of the FCC, and Mr. McDowell, nominated for another FCC term, on where they stood when it comes to the Fairness Doctrine. In response to Senator Hutchison's questions ensuring that the Fairness Doctrine, or other policies with similar effect, would not be reinstated, both nominees responded that they do not support reviving the Fairness Doctrine or the involvement of the Federal Communications Commission in mandating broadcast speech.

Gov. Perry Signs Legislation to Cut Taxes for Texas Small Business Owners

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today signed House Bill (HB) 4765 which lowers the tax burden for more than 40,000 small businesses across the state. The bill more than triples the small business franchise tax exemption from \$300,000 to \$1 million. Revisiting the business franchise tax was a priority the governor laid out before the 81st Legislature in his State of the State address.

"As a result of this legislation, roughly 40,000 small businesses across Texas will be able to hang onto more of their dollars and plow them back into their businesses in the form of new hires and new equipment," said Gov. Perry. "There aren't many states that could extend a tax cut to small businesses in these tough economic times - I am proud that Texas has."

"Thousands of businesses now know that because they won't have to pay franchise taxes for the next few years, they can instead spend that money bolstering their business operations which are essential components to maintaining our strong state economy," said Rep. René Oliveira, author of the legislation.

HB 4765 modifies the franchise tax legislation passed by lawmakers in 2006, which was determined to have a disproportionate impact on small businesses making between the original \$300,000 revenue cap and \$1 million per year.

"This legislation represents a significant tax reduction on small businesses and I'm glad these companies now have greater opportunity to hire

workers instead of pay the government," said Sen. Dan Patrick, the Senate sponsor of the bill. "I am honored Gov. Perry would travel to Houston to sign this bill. His leadership from day one in his State of the State address to today has been instrumental in this bill's passage, and I am excited that we can come together to cut taxes in this uncertain economic environment."

By providing approximately 40,000 small businesses with a tax cut, Texas continues to be an attractive place to start or relocate a business, live and raise a family. Texas' low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory climate, fair tort system and a balanced budget with more than \$9 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund all contribute the state's economic prosperity and competitive edge.

Texas is home to more Fortune 500 companies than any other state and ranked as the number one exporting state in the nation for the seventh year in a row. The Lone Star State has been lauded as the top state for business by numerous publications and business executives and most recently was ranked The Best State for Business by Directorship Magazine, June/July 2009.

The governor was joined by Rep. René Oliveira and Sen. Dan Patrick at the signing ceremony. Talmadge Heflin, director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy, and Will Newton, executive director of the National Federation of Independent Business, also spoke at the event.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Still no rain to speak of here around the gin. They have gotten a little bit more closer to the caprock, that's great for those who have land that way. Our garden is coming along nicely, I am having to water it pretty regularly but I think it is going to turn off some good stuff, Don't forget we have black eye pea seed for sale here if anyone needs any.

Cuco and the guys are in the process of getting the gin repaired and in good shape for the upcoming ginning season, keep that rain in your prayers so that we may have a good one.

Dana Morris Carter and her daughter, Laura

Jean have been here visiting with Dana's parents, Jack and Jean Morris. Dana and her husband, Mike live in Longview.

Melanie Morris and the boys, Russ and Jake, have been in Florida with her dad visiting with her brother, Eric and his family. This is a trip they take every summer and I know they always have a great time!

Jerry and Judy Bush, Daymon Ethridge and Kenneth and Mary Ethridge took off to Snyder Tuesday night to eat supper. They ate at the Spanish Inn and just enjoyed each others company.

Congratulations to all the kids who finished up with a great baseball season. They picked 2 All Star

Teams Monday night with 12 kids on each team. The Ragtown kiddos to make the teams were, Aaron Lopez for the older group and Kale Yarbrow in the younger group.

Visitors

Ronnie Gradine and Addi came by on Monday for a visit; Noel, Clint and Reece came by to weigh a couple of horses; Sylvia Winder and a friend were down looking at the crops; Johnny Haire came in on Tuesday afternoon.

Get Wells

Don't forget our "Ragtown" folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post. Jewel White in Lubbock. If I

need to add anyone to this list, please let me know.

Keep our troops and the rain in your daily prayers. Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

Birthdays

June 20 - Salli Bess Bush Page
June 22 - Melinda Alaniz Quintana
June 23 - Andra Dunn
June 24 - Nancy Thuett
June 25 - Guille Alaniz
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Weekly Inspirations

Watch out for that Dog!

By: Michael F. Taylor

The sun had just gone down and darkness began to envelope the 1955 Chevy that Frankie and Joyce and her brother Bobby were riding in. They had been to Lamesa for a youth rally at the skating rink and had a wonderful time. Unfortunately, Frankie had failed to check the tires on the car before heading back to Floydada. And you guessed it, out in the middle of nowhere, a tire blew out. Frankie looked at Joyce and Bobby and told them the even worse news that he did not have a spare tire in the trunk. But he had seen a house about a half of a mile back down a dirt road. "I'll walk back to that house and see if they will let me use their phone to call Dub". Frankie said. Dub was Joyce's older brother and he had the same make a model of car that Frankie was driving. Hopefully, he would have a spare tire that they could use. Obviously, this was long before the concept of cell phones had even been thought of; nineteen fifty-something! Frankie began his long walk into the darkness and as he moved ahead, the night began to close in on him. By the time he reached the dirt road where he had seen the house, Frankie was getting a little nervous. As he turned down the dirt road, he noticed that there was small light in the yard of the house and that gave him incentive to walk a little faster. Finally, he arrived at the small white house and gently opened the gate and stepped into the front yard. When he stepped up onto the front porch, he heard the distinct sound of a dog growling and looking off to his right saw a very large German Sheppard scowling at him. Quickly, he knocked on the door and a frail old man answered the door. "Certainly, young man, you may use my telephone", the elderly gentleman replied. Frankie went inside, made his telephone call to Dub, who said he could be there in about forty-five minutes with a spare. The man even gave him a cold cup of water to quench his thirst as he happily walked out the front door and down the steps. Frankie completely forgot about the menacingly large dog until he heard that familiar growl coming from behind him. He heard the rustle of rocks as the Sheppard began running after him, teeth barred and snapping. Frankie began to run! The faster he ran the more he could hear the dog hot on his heels. He ran off the dirt road back onto the highway as fast a young man could possibly run, knowing that if the dog caught up to him, he was a goner. As he approached the disabled car, Joyce and Bobby heard the commotion. Frankie yelled out for them to turn on the headlights of the car so he could see how close the dog was to catching him. Bobby reached into the car and flipped the headlight switch on. Light illuminated the night, Frankie and what was behind him. Knowing that his life might be in the balance, Frankie decided to take a quick look behind him. He turned his head back and ran head first into a highway sign which struck him right about the nose level. Knocking him completely out! THE DOG HAD NEVER EVEN LEFT THE YARD!

I'll never forget that story my father related from his teenage days in the late 1950's. Have you ever felt like poor ole Frankie? Just a little afraid about what lies ahead, only to realize that something behind you wants to devour and destroy you. I know that I have. King David must have felt that way when he wrote Psalms 88, "O LORD, the God who saves me, day and night I cry out before you. 2 May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. 3 For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave. 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength." NIV

A little later, in Psalms 91, I believe that David answers that cry, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night..." NIV As I have spent the last couple of weeks saying goodbye to some really wonderful people who have gone on to be with the Lord, I couldn't help but cry out to God. And, He gave me Psalms 91 as my comfort. He truly is my refuge and my fortress. And He watches over me in my times of distress. May He be yours today. And watch out for that dog, he may have never even left the yard!

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Garage Sale Saturday 8-? 711 W. 13th

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June 23

Breakfast-Cheese Omelet, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch- Chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, rosey apple-sauce, milk

June 24

Breakfast- Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch- Popcorn chicken, macaroni & cheese, salad, fruit, milk

June 25

Breakfast-Pop Tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Corn dogs, tater tots, broccoli & cheese, pears, milk

June 26

Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, fruit, milk

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June 22

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June 23

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June 24

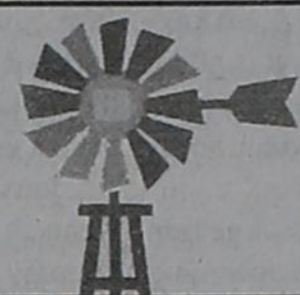
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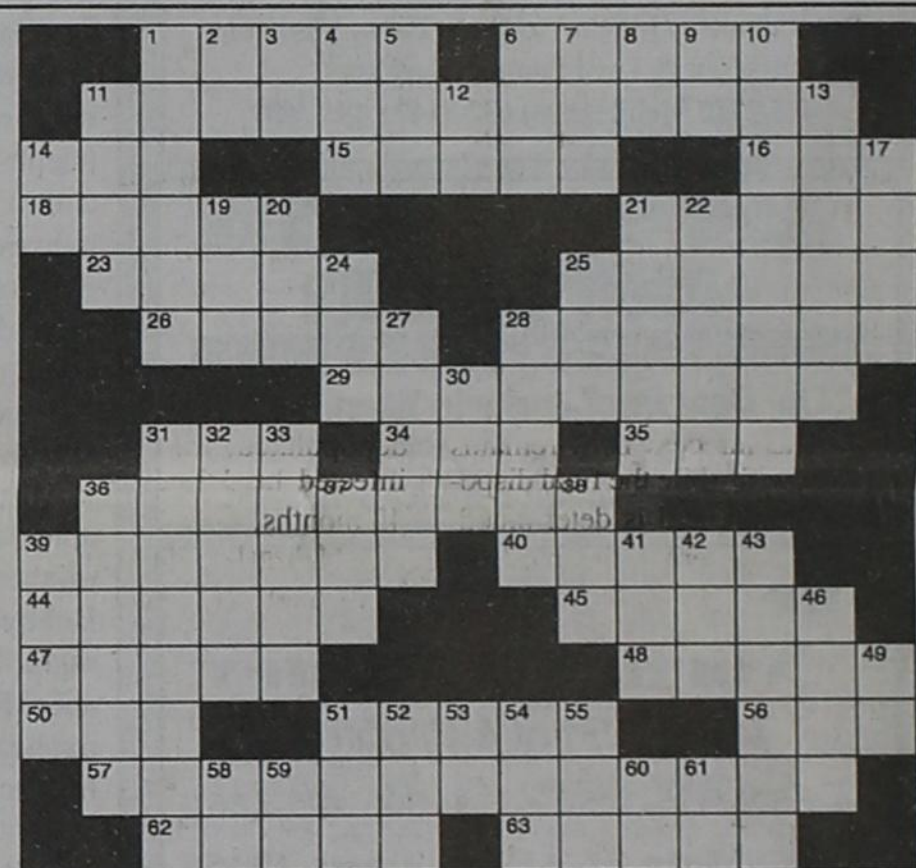
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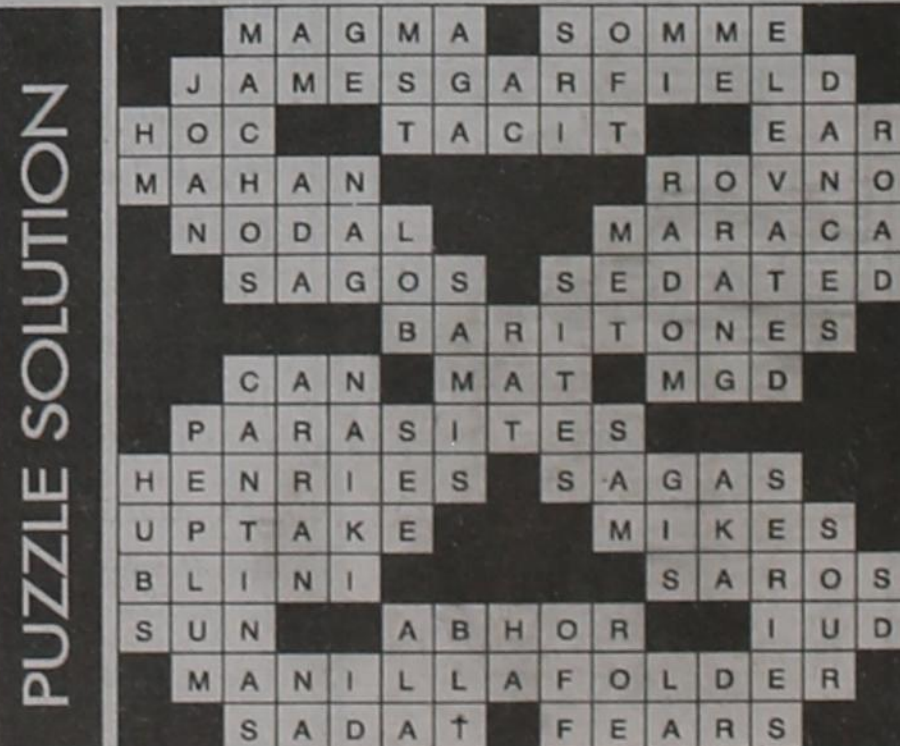


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25. Castanet
26. Starches
28. Anesthetized
29. Male vocalists
31. Metal food container
34. Free from gloss
35. Million gallons per day (abbr.)
36. Leeches
39. Inductance units
40. Adventure stories
44. Ingestion
45. Supplies with microphone
47. Russian pancake
48. Gulf of, in the Aegean
50. Our star
51. Dislike intensely
56. Birth control
57. Common file container
62. Egyptian statesman Anwar
63. Feelings of fright

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27. Lapplanders
28. Building lots
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33. Central Dravidian language
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37. Envision
38. John Adam's cousin
39. Wheel centers
41. World data organization (abbr.)
42. Alias
43. World baseball playoff
46. Acidic taste
49. South Dakota
51. Flower petals
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Free Symposium to Highlight Wind Energy Issues

FLOYDADA - What has to happen before wind energy development can grow exponentially in our area? For starters, a build out in transmission lines to move the power. On June 25th at 7 p.m. Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association will be hosting "A Symposium: Preparing for Wind" at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center featuring speakers to present on issues relevant to what needs to be done before we can expect to see more wind development in our area. The event is free and open to the public.

Speakers will offer information on what landowners can expect in the very near future and offer suggestions on what they can do to facilitate the process. Scheduled speakers include representatives from Sharyland Utilities, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and The Shaw Group.

Steve Stokes, Board President for Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association and local landowner, is excited about the upcoming event and thinks that each of the speakers will offer attendees quality information.

"As an association one of our specific goals is to make sure that our membership stays informed," Stokes said. "Having speakers that represent companies like Sharyland come into our area can open the lines of communication and help landowners understand what they can expect as we move closer to getting wind development."

Sharyland Utilities is a privately owned, Texas-based transmission and distribution utility that is fully regulated by the PUCT. In January of this year the PUCT chose Sharyland to be a part

of its plan to build transmission lines connecting wind rich regions of West Texas to urban areas throughout the state.

As a part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) process Sharyland will construct lines that will cover approximately 300 miles in Carson, Randall, Armstrong, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Floyd, Motley and Dickens Counties. Through their presentations Sharyland and PUCT representatives hope to give community members a glimpse into what is to come.

"Sharyland Utilities is pleased to participate in this event so that landowners and other stakeholders are kept up to date on our progress as the CREZ transmission process moves forward," said Sherry Kunka, Manager for Community Affairs at Sharyland Utilities.

The event agenda also features an environmental services representative from The Shaw Group to discuss issues concerning environmental reviews, due diligence, fatal flaw analysis, and other topics that need to be addressed before wind farms can be developed.

The event is free and open to the public. Local landowners, community leaders and interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information contact the CPWEA office at 806-983-2793.

Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association is a non-profit landowner association working to connect landowners with movers and shakers in the wind industry. Our goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Gears Up for 8th Annual "McSack Attack" Fundraiser

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest, Inc. is gearing up for its 8th Annual "McSack Attack" fundraiser.

This unique event is a partnership with Texas Tech football and allows fans to make a pledge based upon the number of sacks the Tech defense makes each season. "RMHC is so grateful to Texas Tech for allowing us this unique opportunity for partnership again this year. They are a huge asset to our chapter here in Lubbock as we work to raise money to support our services which provide care and comfort to critically ill and injured chil-

dren and their families," said Stacy Keith, Director of Development.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest, is part of a global organization, but relies on the generosity of the community for its funding. Like all charities, RMHC is proactively fundraising during this time of recession so that programs and services will not suffer.

McSack Attack is a great way to become involved in supporting RMHC which has not only the Ronald McDonald House, but also three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms

in area hospitals as well as the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile which serves the underprivileged in Ector County.

"We are responsible for 68 counties, 25% of the state of Texas," Keith said. "The total number of people we served last year was about 10,000."

This year, RMHC is seeking more corporate sponsors for the McSack Attack event. Sponsors to date for 2009 include: Atmos, McDonald's, Compass Bank and South Plains Mall. To get involved in McSack Attack, or for more information, please contact 806-744-8877.

Angelo State Dean's List includes former area students

The Dean's List for the 2009 Spring Semester at Angelo State included honorees from Post: Kelli D. Heckaman, Robert A. Heckaman, Roby L. Lester and Terrica T. Taylor.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Garza County Court Report from May 26, 2009

Jacob Kyle Canter, guilty of possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor; sentenced to 6 mos. Probation, \$400 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Jesse I. Comer, charged with possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor, No Contest Plea; 14 days in county jail, \$400 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Joshua D. Higgins, guilty of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanor; 12 months probation, \$500 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Jacob Scallions, guilty of possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor; sentenced to 3 months probation, \$500 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Melinda Nieto Rodriguez, guilty of DWLI, Class B Misdemeanor; sentenced to 3 days county jail, \$300 plus restitution and court costs.

Cattle Tuberculosis Confirmed in Texas; Check with States of Destination Before Shipping Cattle

Cattle tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a west Texas dairy that has been quarantined since April when some cattle in the herd responded to a TB test being conducted prior to a sale. (The sale was cancelled.)

The cattle TB diagnosis was confirmed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, where *M. bovis*, or cattle TB bacteria, was grown or "cultured" from tissues that had been collected during the necropsy of the test-positive cattle.

"The infected herd remains quarantined while the final disposition of the herd is determined—either slaughtering the herd, or repeatedly testing and removing infected animals until the herd is free of cattle TB," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Dairy, calf-raising and dairy animal replacement operations with epidemiological links to the infected herd are being tested to determine both the origin and potential spread of the disease."

"I encourage ranchers or accredited veterinarians to call

the state of destination prior to shipping bison, beef or dairy cattle out of Texas," said Dr. Hillman. "Some states may impose enhanced TB entry requirements on Texas cattle and bison. In mind, too, that many states, like Texas, have implemented cattle trichomoniasis testing requirements, so call before you haul."

Dr. Hillman said Texas' cattle TB-free status with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) could be in jeopardy, if the infected dairy cannot be depopulated, or if a second infected herd is detected within 48 months.

Nebraska, in early June, confirmed TB infection in a beef herd. Currently, California and Minnesota are not cattle TB-free, and areas in Michigan and New Mexico have specified zones that are not TB-free. When TB-free status is lost, breeding cattle and bison moved out of a state need a negative TB test within 60 days prior to shipment, or animals must originate from a herd that has accredited TB-free status, achieved through a formal testing and retesting program.

Texas initially gained TB-free status in November 2000,

when all counties except El Paso and portions of Hudspeth Counties were declared free of the disease. (The El Paso Milk Shed had a history of recurring infection, and eventually, the dairies were depopulated. Dairies no longer operate in this area along the U.S.-Mexican border near El Paso.)

In June 2002, Texas lost TB-free status after infection was detected in a beef herd and in an operation with both beef and dairy cattle. To regain TB-free status, 2,014 Texas purebred beef herds and the state's 818 dairies were tested for the disease from October 2003 through August 2006. One TB-infected dairy was detected and depopulated. In September 2006, the USDA issued the coveted TB-free status for all of Texas' 254 counties.

When exposed to cattle TB, an animal's immune system will fight the invasion by encapsulating the bacteria. This can cause the formation of lesions or growths in and on lymph nodes, mammary glands, lungs and other internal organs. Although infected, the animals may appear

Cattle...

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The Tommy Allsup Western Swing Music Camp

CROWELL -- The Tommy Allsup Western Swing Music Camp will tune up July 12 at Bowen Ranch west of Crowell, Texas, for five days of guitar and fiddle instruction from a lineup of accomplished teachers.

Now in its ninth year under the direction of the Grammy Award-winner Allsup, the 2009 camp is dedicated to the memory of Allsup's friend and colleague Bobby Boatright, renowned fiddler and long-time camp instructor. Boatright died in December.

The purpose of the camp reflects the common goal of Allsup and Boatright to protect and preserve the unique sound and technique of Western Swing music popularized in the 1930s by the late Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys.

Earlier in their careers, both musicians played with Wills. Allsup produced Wills' legendary final album, "For the Last Time."

Allsup, now 77, plays gigs year round and continues to display the guitar licks that have made him a living legend. In his long career, he's worked in different musical genres with over 100 chart-topping musicians and groups, including Buddy Holly, Gene McDaniels, Walter Brennan, Roy Orbison, George Jones, Bob Luman, Tanya Tucker, Buddy Knox, Asleep at the Wheel, The Ventures, Kenny Rogers, Jan & Dean, Paul McCartney, Mae West, Charlie Rich and Willie Nelson.

Also teaching guitar will be Ronny Dale Shultz, a versatile instrumentalist-vocalist, who's

performed with several top-name Country bands on guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin and trumpet. Shultz is a graduate of Texas Christian University, where he played in the band.

Fiddle teachers will be Amanda Shires, Kalli Burk and Linda Steen.

Shires calls both Lubbock and Nashville home. Talented as a fiddle player and as a songwriter, she will finish an extensive European tour just in time for music camp.

Burk plays and sings with Texas Stardust, a traditional West Texas and Western Swing band. For ten years, she toured with Lanny Fiel and his Ranch Dance Fiddle Band. During her college years at South Plains in Levelland, she studied fiddle under Joe Carr and played in his Western Swing ensemble.

Steen, former Hood County Judge, will be teaching beginner fiddle at the camp for the second time. She learned fiddle at South Plains College and has used her retirement as a time to hone musical skills.

The music camp draws both new and returning students.

"This year's camp promises to produce another great crop of musicians to carry on the traditions of the beloved Western Swing style of music," said J.W. Sollis, camp coordinator. "The presence of Bobby Boatright will be greatly

Music Camp...

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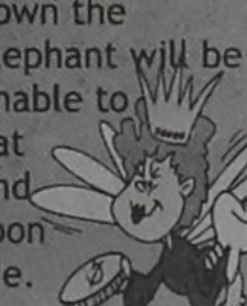
EVERYTHING ELEPHANT

VOL 130 Laura Craig



Elephants, the largest land animals, still roam free in parts of Asia and Africa. These pachyderms, (meaning thick skinned), love water and are great swimmers. When swimming in deep water, elephants use their trunks like giant snorkels, to breath air. The leader of a herd of 2-20 elephants is the oldest and wisest female. Her siblings and offspring make up the rest of the group. Elephants communicate with trumpets, roars, and squeaks. They also communicate with infrasounds that are too low for humans to hear. Infrasound can travel great distances and enables herds miles apart to exchange information.

An elephant uses six sets of teeth in its lifetime. (That must keep the elephant tooth fairy very busy!) When the last set of teeth wear down the elephant will be unable to eat and soon die.

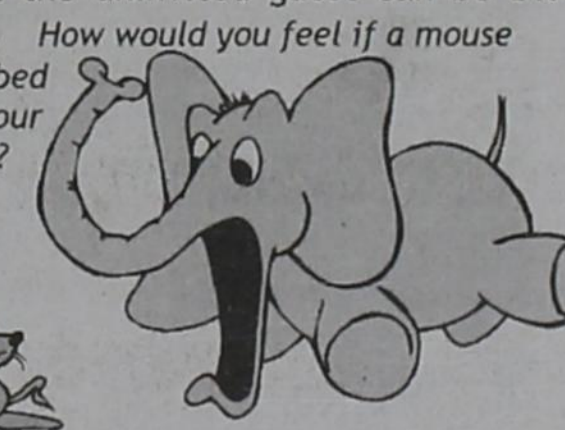


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Are Elephants Afraid Of Mice?

An elephant is not necessarily afraid of mice. It is just the pesky critters have been known to climb inside the trunk of the pachyderm, causing great distress until the uninvited guest can be blown out. How would you feel if a mouse climbed up your nose?



BIG BABY: Newborn elephants, called calves, weigh 200 pounds and can walk within 30 minutes. At birth their tusk will be about two inches long. They will nurse for about two years. All members of the herd help protect babies by circling them in times of danger. When a male elephant is about ten years old it will leave its mother and join other male elephants in a bachelor herd, or set out alone. Female elephants stay together for a lifetime.

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Hutchison-Mikulski Bill to Award WWII Women Airforce Pilots the Top Civilian Honor Passes in U.S. House

Bill Will Now be Sent to the President to be Signed in to Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, legislation honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II with the Congressional Gold Medal was passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Texas' senior Senator, in March introduced legislation together with Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) to honor these women pilots, who have never received formal or public recognition for their wartime service to the United States. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) sponsored the House version of the bill.

In the Senate, 75 Senators cosponsored the bill, which passed unanimously on May 18, 2009. The House version was sponsored by 334 Representatives. Now that the legislation has been passed in both chambers of Congress, the bill will be sent to the President for final approval.

"I am so pleased that my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and in both houses of Congress have come together to award the Women Airforce Service Pilots this long overdue honor. Their service and sacrifice has earned them a place of distinction in American history, and this medal will serve as a small token of our nation's gratitude," said Sen. Hutchison. "With Congressional passage of this legislation, the process of designing, casting, and presenting these medals may begin. The day that surviving WASP, and the families of those who have passed, get to hold these medals in their hands

is at last on the horizon."

"The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II are trailblazers and true patriots. They risked their lives in service to our nation, but for too long their contribution to the war effort has been undervalued or under recognized," Senator Mikulski said. "I am so pleased both houses of Congress have now come together to right this wrong, and to finally give these courageous women the proper recognition they deserve."

"Thank you to Senator Hutchison, Senator Mikulski, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and those members of Congress who have made this possible. This bill shines a national spotlight on the inspirational history and values of the WASP: honor, service, faith, determination, commitment, integrity, courage, and a devout sense of patriotism. Although they never expected or asked for this extraordinary honor, I do know they are grateful, as are all of us who follow in their footsteps," said Nancy Parrish, Director, Wings Across America.

Between 1942 and 1944, the 1,102 women of WASP were trained in Texas, then went on to fly non-combat military missions so that all their male counterparts could be deployed to combat. These women piloted every kind of military aircraft, and logged 60 million miles flying missions across the United States. They were never awarded full military status and were ineligible for officer status. Following the war, the

women pilots paid their own way home. And for the 38 women who died in the line of duty, their families were saddled with the costs to transport their bodies and arrange burials. It was not until 1977 that the WASP participants were granted veterans' status.

The example set by the Women Airforce Service Pilots paved the way for the armed forces to lift the ban on women attending military flight training in the 1970s, and eventually led to women being fully integrated as pilots in the U.S. military. Today, women fly every type of aircraft and mission, from fighter jets in combat to the shuttle in space flight.

Of the 1,102 women who received their wings as Women Airforce Service Pilots, approximately 300 are living today. The Congressional Gold Medals will be awarded to all 1,102 pilots and/or their surviving family members.

The Congressional Gold Medal is awarded by Congress and, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, is the highest and most distinguished honor a civilian may receive. The award is bestowed for exceptional acts of service to the United States or for lifetime achievement. Once approved by Congress, the U.S. Mint designs and creates each gold medal so that it uniquely represents the individual or event being honored. The original medal is then displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.



JOHN CORNYN
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TEXAS TIMES

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

More than 140 years ago, an abrasive Union general from New York delivered a message in Galveston that would change the course of the lives of African American Texans forever. Upon his arrival to Galveston on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger, who had recently been given command of the Department of Texas, immediately read General Order No. 3, the Texas Emancipation Proclamation—declaring slavery official over. Today, African Americans in Texas and across the country commemorate the end of slavery every June 19th, or "Juneteenth." The holiday is the oldest known observation of its kind.

Although Granger's declaration was decidedly belated—President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation nearly 2 and a half years prior—his decree was celebrated joyfully by Texas freedmen. At the time, Texas was home to 250,000 slaves. After Granger's declaration, it took several months for the news to be passed among individual plantation owners and eventually to reach slaves in other parts of the state. Many of the celebrations that ensued are documented in The Slave Narratives of Texas.

"Magdalene" continues at Ragtown Gospel Theatre

Audiences have only two weekends, four performances to take advantage of the current production of "Magdalene" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. Remaining show dates are: tonight, 7:30 and Saturday, June 20, 3 p.m.; Friday, June 26, 7:30 and Saturday, June 27, 3 p.m. Amy Sever in the title role of Mary Magdalene is joined on stage by her husband, Steve Sever as John, the apostle. Post actors, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Christy Morris portray Salome and her daughter, Joanna. Others in the cast are Jenny Davidson-Stowe, Cherry

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Granger advised freedmen to stay on the plantations where they had been working and sign labor agreements with the plantation owners, rather than moving to towns without guaranteed jobs. He counseled them to remain working on plantations while they awaited aide from the Freedmen's Bureau, which did not yet have a Texas branch. Gen. Granger continued to spread this message throughout Texas for the following six weeks, at which point he was relieved of his position and replaced by Gen. Horatio G. Wright.

At first, Juneteenth celebrations were used primarily to educate freed African Americans about their voting rights. This eventually evolved into more of a true "celebration," with parties and thanksgiving ceremonies hosted throughout the state. In 1979, Texas state representative Al Edwards from Houston succeeded in passing legislation establishing Juneteenth as an official state holiday.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated with concerts, picnics, baseball games, pageants, and parades. Many families organize family reunions around the date. Although it's a time for celebrating and enter-

tainment, the original themes of education and independence remain a central purpose of Juneteenth. Prayer services are held, hymns are sung, and guest speakers and elderly African Americans are invited to discuss the history of Juneteenth and the legacy of African Americans in Texas.

But Texans are not the only individuals who celebrate Juneteenth and the milestones it represents. Celebrations are hosted across the country, and 12 other states have declared it an official holiday.

Juneteenth is a day for each of us to pay tribute to the men and women who were freed from slavery, and to those who fought to uphold our Nation's commitment to the principles of justice and liberty that are outlined in the Declaration of Independence.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Eckols, Lynelle Glaze, Peggy Morton, Cindy Bussinger and Kacy Wheeler.

The theater web site describes "Magdalene" as "a portrait of a selflessly devoted disciple of Jesus committed to aggressively protecting and supporting His early church. The story takes place at a devastating juncture in the history of the church, ten years after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, when Herod Agrippa has James, brother of John beheaded, and imprisons Peter, with plans to execute him. This play presents the women who

supported and served the early church, caught up in a current of intrigue and danger.

A new, original Biblical drama "The Baptist, John the prophet of Christ" will open July 17. The very popular gospel singing group, The Hoppers, will perform at Ragtown July 24 and 25. All seats are reserved for these two music only performances; tickets are \$35 each. Contact the theater at 800-RAGTOWN or www.ragtowntown.com for reservations.

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Pontiac Solstice	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,500
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GMC Sierra Reg. Cab	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
GMC Sierra 1500 Ext Cab	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$4,000
GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
GMC Sierra 2500HD/3500HD	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,500
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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the Section 9007 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to make loan guarantees and grants to agriculture producers and rural small businesses. Renewable energy systems utilizing wind, solar, renewable biomass, geothermal, ocean, small hydropower or hydrogen sources may be purchased. Energy efficiency improvements may include retrofitting lighting or insulation, irrigation systems, grain dryers, or purchasing or replacing equipment with more efficient units in existing or new replacement facilities.

Grants to conduct feasibility studies for renewable energy are also available. Some key provisions of the program are:

- Applicants may qualify for a competitive grant, a guaranteed loan, or a combination of both.
- Grant request must not exceed 25% of the eligible project costs. Renewable energy grants can range from \$2,500 to \$500,000. Energy efficiency grants can range from \$1,500 to \$250,000.
- Loan guarantees can be for up to 75% of total eligible project costs. Maximum guaranteed loans are \$25 million per project.
- Projects can qualify for combined grant and loan guarantee, but the grant portion is still subject to the above limits and combined funding assistance cannot exceed 75% of total eligible project costs.
- Projects under \$200,000 total project costs qualify for a simplified application process.

• No renewable energy system or energy efficiency improvement, or portion thereof, can be used for any residential purpose.

"American agriculture is going through a time of enormous transformation," said Scooter Brockette, Acting State Director, USDA Rural Development. "We need to be bold in recognizing and capitalizing on new opportunities. Energy is unquestionably one of those areas that present tremendous opportunities for economic gains and ultimately an improved quality of life for rural Texans."

This program can assist agriculture producers and small rural businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to reduce energy costs and consumption. Agriculture producers must be directly engaged in the production of agricultural products and obtain at least 50% of their gross income from their agriculture business.

Complete applications must be received by the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 no later than 4:30 p.m. CST July 31, 2009. Neither complete nor incomplete applications received after this date and time will be considered, regardless of the postmark on the application. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact us at (254) 742-9780 or visit our website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/section_9007.htm.

Texas Superstar plants to grow research through sales at Lowe's

COLLEGE STATION - Superstars in the Texas plant world may soon yield the next group of talented landscape performers.

Beginning this June, plants designated as Texas Superstars and sold at Lowe's stores throughout the state will generate a royalty contribution toward the Texas Superstar program, according to Dr. James R. Fajt, licensing manager for the Texas A&M System's Office of Technology Commercialization. "This arrangement with Lowe's will help us continue to develop superior plants, educational information and products for the people of Texas," Fajt said.

Texas Superstar plants are those that have undergone rigorous testing and observation by a team of horticulturists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and sister agency, Texas AgriLife Research.

"These plants are hardy and

tolerate the challenging environments typical of Texas landscapes," said Dr. Mike Arnold, AgriLife Research horticulturist who chairs the plant selection committee. "They are disease and insect tolerant as well. With these traits, these Superstar plants stay beautiful with little care or need for chemical pest control."

The trademark Texas Superstar is on the tags of those plants that meet the criteria established and tested by AgriLife Extension's Coordinated Education and Marketing Assistance Program, Arnold added.

"Texas Superstars will now, for the first time, be available throughout the entire state through the 139 Lowe's Texas stores," said Dr. Doug Welsh, AgriLife Extension horticultural science associate department head. "Home gardeners now have more opportunities to purchase superior plant materials

specifically tested for their adaptability to Texas' tough environmental conditions."

Fajt noted that Texas Superstar plants will still be found at a variety of other plant nurseries throughout the state. But the arrangement with Lowe's, he said, will gather the funds needed to develop and test additional plant species and then provide them to the public.

"Lowe's believes the effort will help increase consumer confidence that a plant purchased there will grow well in Texas gardens and will be environmentally sound by requiring less water or chemical additives to stay pretty and healthy," said Mike Gettler, Lowe's vice president of merchandising for live nursery and outdoor fashion.

A list of Texas Superstar plants, including growth descriptions and photos, can be viewed at <http://www.TexasSuperstar.Com>

STAPLES AWARDS TEXAS SCHOOLS MORE THAN \$11 MILLION WORTH OF STIMULUS FUNDS FOR NEW KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced 381 Texas schools will be awarded more than \$11 million worth of new kitchen equipment as part of the federal stimulus package administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The new kitchen equipment will provide greater energy efficiency and increase the nutritional value of school meals by replacing deep-frying cooking methods and allowing for greater use of fresh ingredients.

"The kitchen equipment purchased with these funds will allow schools to provide more nutritious meals to Texas school children and also help in the fight against childhood obesity," Commissioner Staples said. "I am very proud of the

accomplishments of our Texas schools as they take another step toward encouraging the 3E's of Healthy Living — Education, Exercise and Eating Right."

When TDA announced the funds would be available, the agency received an overwhelming response from more than 3,000 schools that needed to replace more than \$135 million in lunchroom equipment. With the available funding, 381 Texas schools will be able to purchase a total of 939 pieces of new kitchen equipment such as ovens, freezers, steam tables and food processors.

"This is fantastic," said Carmen Ocanas-Lerma, director for Child Nutrition Services at McAllen Independent School District, a selected funding recipient. "We are currently

producing meals on equipment that is over 20 and 30 years old, so we're in dire straits. We look forward to making much-needed improvements because the kids deserve better. The funding will allow us to offer better meals and better service."

Eligible school districts are required to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Priority was given to those districts with a significant number of students eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. Funds must be used to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of delivering school meals. The money can be used to replace, upgrade or update food service equipment. A complete list of recipients and equipment can be found at www.SquareMeals.org/ARRA.

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healthy, until the latter stages of the disease, when signs may include weight loss, coughing or breathing difficulties. The disease is not treatable in livestock.

"Cattle TB is a serious, transmissible disease that can spread among herds," said Dr. Hillman. "In the early 1900s, when the national cattle TB eradication program was initiated, more than five percent of the country's herds were infected with the disease. At that time, cattle TB posed a significant human health threat, because consumers could become infected when they drank raw, unpasteurized milk that had not been through heat.

Music Camp... Continued from Page 7

missed. His spirit will be ever present to all who attend."

Boatright died after a long struggle with cancer. "The first chair for Western Swing fiddles now sits empty," said his friend Henry Baker, when he learned of Boatright's death. "We'll all miss him. My guess is, he's playing for Bob now."

Boatright had kept his illness mostly to himself until almost the end of his life, preferring to share his music instead, both as a performer and instructor.

For information about the camp, contact J.W. Sollis at (940) 684-1894 or (940) 839-7870 or by e-mail: jwsollis@yahoo.com.

More information about Boatright and Allsup is available at various Internet sites.

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Anniversaries

- June 20 — Dennis and Debbie Mason
- June 22 — Kim and Rhonda Norman
- June 22 — Steven and Amanda (Bush) Quisenberry
- June 24 — Ronald and Nancy Thut

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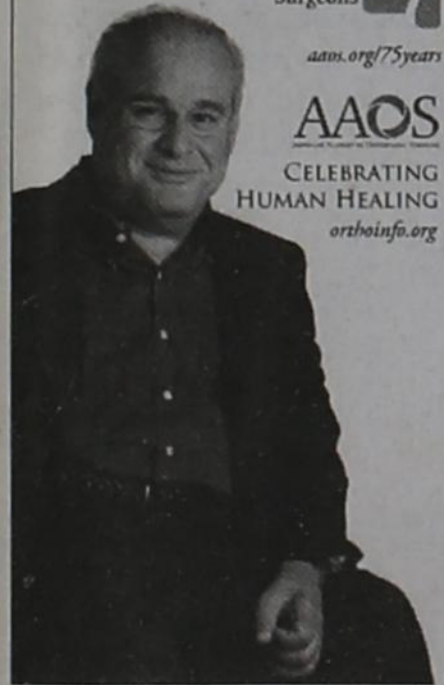
As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Russell Graves Outdoors

CONFESSIONS OF A POND JUMPER - Part 1 Whether in neighborhood parks, or at pay-per-use facilities, Texas boasts about a million reasons to try pond fishing.

By Russell A. Graves

I can't remember what exactly got me addicted to pond fishing. I can come up with a litany of reasons, but none stands out as the primary rationale for my passion.

Maybe the tug of a tight line first piqued my attention. Perhaps it was the way I felt when I first saw a bass explode from summer's still waters and spank a Hula Popper with incomprehensible quickness. On the other hand, maybe, just maybe, I subscribe to Kevin Costner's explanation of why his Field of Dreams grew from a cornfield: All the cosmic tumblers clicked into place to create magic.

This morning, I stand on the western side of a pond I've fished every year from the time I was eight. The pond is only 200 yards from my parents' front door, and I've followed the same path through the pasture to the pond for so many years, I'm surprised that my feet haven't worn a rut slicing through the blackland prairie.

Nearby, my lifelong friend Garry casts a 6-inch soft plastic bait that looks like a thick, rigid worm; but when it is twitched at the end of monofilament, it dodges and darts like a wounded baitfish. My brother William casts a double-bladed chartreuse spinnerbait that is usually effective for bass on this 2-acre farm pond. I cast a chartreuse lipless crankbait that's spotted black and stirs up some audible commotion as it wiggles through the clear water. As we fish, we speak in short, inarticulate sentences branded with a perfect mix of braggadocio, machismo and trash talk. We catch a few fish, but the chance to tease each other is what makes our trips fun.

Soon the fishing session, and an hour of angling nirvana comes to an end. We contemplate going to another nearby impoundment, and then another and another — we call it "pond jumping." Growing up in the country, pond access was never much of a problem, as my family maintained good relations with neighboring landowners. Therefore, it's not unusual for us to fish a half-dozen ponds in the course of a morning. If the fish stopped biting at one pond, they'd surely bite at another.

I've never been much of a lake angler, but I do enjoy the challenge of fishing farm impoundments. Sometimes, though, the challenge becomes too tough and I can't get the fish to bite at all. In an attempt to learn more about my favorite fishing holes and how to overcome inevitable lulls in fishing action, I visit with a couple of seasoned pond angling experts in the hope of unlocking secrets that I've never contemplated before.

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He married Bessie Conwell there March 6, 1948. He worked for Dowell Chemical from 1953 to 1973, working the Abilene area and then moved to Post in December of 1967. Jim retired in 1973. At that time he started Strawn-Chapman Transport and in 1978 it became Strawn Transport. He again retired in 1991. Strawn Transport still continues today under his son: Jay Strawn.

Jim served over 42 years as a Deacon or Elder for the Church of Christ in Abilene and Post. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. His special interests were his grandchildren, farm and family vacations.

Survivors include his wife Bessie; one son: Jay and his wife Susan Strawn of Post; three daughters: Mary Ann and her husband Jack Gordon of Slaton; Nancy and her husband Rick Hoffman of Southlake; Carolyn and her husband Donnie Hair of Post; 11 grandchildren: Suzanne and her husband Colt Scott of Lubbock; Larissa Gordon of Lubbock; Jenney Beth Gordon of Slaton; Allison and Lindsay Hoffman of Southlake; Jennifer Strawn of Lubbock; Jay Waylon and his wife Anne Strawn of Yuma, AZ; Lyndee and husband Ben Ayala of Fairfield, CA; Codie and his wife Sarah Hair of Lubbock; Amanda Hair, Jason and his wife Kenda Hair all of Post; 14 great-grandchildren: Ryder, Syndee and Jett Scott of Lubbock; Madi, Kyle and Mason Manweiler of Lubbock; Jared Wyatt Strawn of Yuma, AZ; Shelby, Bailey and Macey Hair of Lubbock; Brooke and Meagan Blair, Abbi Lechuga, Jaden and Landon Hair all of Post.

Pallbearers were: Codie Hair, Jason Hair, Jay Waylon Strawn, Colt Scott, Rick Hoffman, Donnie Hair and Ben Ayala.

Memorials are suggested to White River Youth Camp, Portales Children's Home or the Slaton

Care Center Activity Fund. Visitation was 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lucila G. Flores

Lucila G. Flores, 78, of Dimmitt passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in Dimmitt. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, June 12 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Ken Keller officiating. Burial followed at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Dimmitt. Rosary and Vigil services were recited at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening, June 11 at the church. Arrangements were handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Lucila was born on February 24, 1931 in Alamo, TX to Zachary and Natividad Garza. She grew up in Edinburg, TX and moved to Dimmitt in 1971. She married Eucebio Flores in 1949. She was a homemaker all of her adult life and a member of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Church of Dimmitt.

Lucila is survived by one son, Ismael Flores of Dimmitt and one daughter, Janie Lopez and husband Robert of Post; two brothers, Manual Garza of Tyler and Jose Garza of Edinburg; one sister, Ofelia Rocha of North Royalton, OH; two daughter-in-laws, Mary Helen Flores and Pat Flores both of Dimmitt; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eucebio Flores and one son, Marcello Flores.

Harlan James Morris, Sr.

Services for Harlan James Morris Sr., 89, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Post with Rev. Mike Taylor of Wilson officiating. Burial with military honors and Masonic rites was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Morris died Friday, June 12, 2009 in Post. He was born August 24, 1919 in Dallas to W. C. W. and

Mary Jane (Oden) Morris. He married Imogene Evans on July 29, 1939 in Post. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2001. He served in the US Army during WW II. He was a Methodist and a Mason. He farmed in Garza County for many years.

Survivors include two daughters: Janey McMillan of Taboka and Peggy Leatherwood of Lubbock; four sons: James Morris of Post, Wesley Morris of Post, Ricky Morris of Lubbock and Ray Morris of Post; one brother, Chester Morris of Post and one sister, Juanita Peel of Post; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son, Virgil Morris on Feb. 2, 1980.

Garza County members participate in Texas 4-H Roundup

Four Garza County senior 4-H members recently participated in the annual Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, Texas June 8-10. Competitions, assemblies, meetings and dances made for a busy week but their hard work paid off in the end.

As a member of the Vet Science Program, Jackie Milton was asked to help pilot the new Vet Science Skil-a-thon which consisted of a written test and several team assignments including giving a shot. Her team took 2nd in

quiz and 3rd in skills. Jackie also competed in the Companion Animal division with an Educational Presentation. Barbara Palmer is her coach.

The Consumer Decision Making team, consisting of Reed Williams, Dakota McDonald, Ja D. Young and Jackie Milton, also qualified for state. Participants make financial decisions in 7 categories including Gift Cards, Roth IRA's, Gold Jewelry plus one Mystery category, Used Cars. They had to independently judge

the classes then go before a panel of judges to justify 2 category rankings. The Garza County team placed 12th out of 54 teams and was the top team in District 2. Dakota and Reed each ranked in the top 20 percent of the 158 contestants. The team was coached by Janece Williams.

For more information on Garza County 4-H opportunities, contact Nancy McDonald, Greg Jones or the County Extension office.



Garza County 4-H members (from left) Ja D. Young, Dakota McDonald, Reed Williams and Jackie Milton recently competed in state Vet Science and Consumer Decision Making in College Station.



Post Junior League Gold Team

Post Junior League 13-14 year old Gold Team is pictured front row, from left: Manager Greg Jones, Paden Babb, Tyler Jones, Nolan Prather, Blaine Osborne and Coach Lanny Fluitt; back row, from left: Steven Howard, Vance Blair, Dalton Holly, Nathaniel Gill, T. J. Basquez, Pake Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, and Coach Chris Bolongia. Not pictured: Phillip Hernandez.

The Gold Team has had a successful year so far amassing a 12-1 record to date. The team will be competing in the District 38 Jr. League tournament in Ralls Saturday, June 20 after their last in-season game vs. Idalou on June 15. Beginning July 1 the District 38 Jr. Little League tournament will be held in Post at Norm Cash field. Manager Jones encouraged the community to "be sure to watch for game schedules and support these fine young athletes as they represent our community."

Macy wins second state title

The Texas Wrangler Junior High State Finals were held in Gonzales, TX June 1-6, 2009. Aaron Macy of Post qualified for state in Calf Roping, Ribbon Roping, Goat Tying, Chute dogging and Team Roping. With his roping partner, Brent Ivy of Happy, TX, Aaron won the team roping competing against ten regions. This was Macy second team roping state title. The pair will compete at Nationals in Gallup, NM the first weekend of July.

Aaron, a PHS Freshman, is the son of Mike and Kellie Macy; grandson of Bob and Debbie Macy of Post and Ted and Carolyn Kyle of Quanah.

Matti Smith, daughter of Perry and Kelly Smith, also competed in the state finals competing in barrels, goat tying, and ribbon roping. The Post 8th grader finished 14th out of 82 in barrels.

McLayne Hall, 8th grader at Borden County, competed in shoot dogging winning first in his rodeo with a time of 2.88. Hall was second in the first go and posted 13.85 in his second go. Hall is the son of Kevin and Julie Hall of Post.



Aaron Macy of Post won his second team roping state title at the Texas Wrangler Junior High State Finals earlier this month.

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