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Post High School Fall Musical Scheduled

By Jodi Lincoln

The Post High School Theatre Department will be performing the musical "Grease" for their fall show. The show will be a one-time showing on Saturday, October 29th. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and seats will be sold on a reserve-seating basis. Tickets for the event will be \$10.00 a piece and will go on sale after September 15th. They can be purchased from the cast members or contact Tim Tatum at ttatum@postisd.net.

The kids have been doing an incredible job and having a blast while preparing for this show. We have a very talented group of singers and dancers, and they are working very hard to make this a memorable event. The cast

members include: Janice Curtis, Josh Curtis, Kelsey Isbell, Kelsey Griffin, Kambry Mason, Stephen Rodriguez, Zach Quinonez, Israel Gonzales, Jordan Barboza, Katie Dunn, Rose Taylor, Steven Howard, Kari Dunn, Shirley Ariaza, and Andie Soliz. Crew members include, Mondo Martinez, Jose Rodriguez, Christen Pina, Lilly Maldonado, Jaime Marquez, and Kelly Villalon. Directing the show will be Tim Tatum, Leslie Tatum and Laurel Tatum. Cathy Sawyer will fill the roll of the show's musical director.

We would like to invite you all to come out and attend this blast from the past! Our cast and crew would love to see the support of our community behind this event and the cast is eager to show off their talents.



Cast of Fall Musical "Grease"

Another historical building is condemned

By: Jodi Lincoln

I had recently finished writing a rave review to run in this week's paper on the new play that opened last weekend at the Garza Theater when I learned that the theater would no longer be open to the public due to structural deficits in the building. The city has had an architectural firm come and inspect the building for safety, and in meeting state and federal building codes. The building was found to be structurally unsafe for occupancy and an immediate threat to the safety of anyone entering the building.

The board members of the Garza Theater were informed of the report, and the city's decision to close the building forthwith. At press time, board president John Davis had no immediate response to the closure as the board had not had the time to assimilate the information and make any plans for moving the play to another theater or closing the run. At this point, "We can't even enter the building to get our lights, props and property, so we have no idea yet what is to happen or take place over the next few days or weeks. We will keep our support-

ers and public informed as we learn more information," said Davis.

Among other safety concerns, the building does not meet fire or electrical codes or federal ADA regulations. The report stated that the roof needed shored up prior to anyone entering the building again. The city of Post currently owns the building but has allowed the building to be used for plays done by the Garza Theater for the past 20 or more years.

While no one would dispute the need to keep entrants into the building safe and that safety must be a

first priority, it is a great sadness to see another historical building in Post become condemned as unusable. As our historical buildings go away, our history feels diminished along with the closure or destruction of those buildings. Such a sad epitaph to the great legacy left to us by our founding father, C. W. Post. Imagine how his heart would be breaking if he were here to witness these events today. Tearing down a city instead of building it up, as was his dream. Equally sad is the fact that a fantastic play will not be seen by those who would have wished to go see this

Proposed tax hike meeting proves to be informative to citizens

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The Garza County Commissioner's Court met on September 8th at the Trailblazers for a second hearing on the proposed county budget. The meeting was attended by a fair number of local residents who were there to show their concern over the proposed tax hike and job cuts. Although there were enthusiastic questions raised among the citizens, the meeting proceeded in a timely and professional manner. The citizens showed concern not so much for the tax hike, but the loss of jobs and what we need to do to see that we continue to have sufficient law enforcement, as that was one of the budget cuts for the coming year, the elimination of one deputy position.

The county is proposing an ad valorem tax hike from the current tax rate, which is \$36 and the effective rate for the 2011/2012 fiscal year is \$35472. to \$0.37809 per \$100 property valuation. The tax hike would generate \$2,716,639 for the general fund in the 2011/2012 fiscal year. The judge also further explained that the ad valorem tax revenue is based on certified values of \$845,192,357.00, an increase of about \$14 million over the current year.

Prior to coming up with the tax rate hike, the commissioner's spent many eight hour days going over the proposed budget line by line and cutting cost wherever they could without affecting the function of the departments being cut to avoid having to propose a tax hike. The

County Commissioners even voted to give back to the general funds any monies they do not use in their respective precincts in order to avoid having to cut jobs and raise ad valorem taxes.

Judge Lee Norman spent several minutes explaining to the residents that the county and its budget and the city and its budget were two totally separate entities and also operated totally different. The main discrepancy in the budget is difference in the amount of monies the county gives to the Sheriff's department for a budget and that given by the city. The county is proposing an amount of \$425,000 from the county coffers to the Sheriff's department for its annual operating budget while the city is giving \$350,000.00 to the Sheriff's department budget. In order to not cut a deputy position within the department, there would need to be more money given by the city to match the funds given by the county.

The city has had a study done out of Texas Tech to see what and how much would be needed if the city were to operate a city police department. The study revealed that the city would need to figure on approximately \$100.00 per capita to operate and maintain a city police department and based on that figure, the city felt that \$350,000.00 was a fair amount to contribute toward the operations budget of the Sheriff's department. The difference between what the two entities are contributing

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Post Notes

Garza County Health Clinic will be offering flu shots on September 21st for \$25.00.

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday 17th from 7:00pm-10:00pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US #380 and two miles south on FM #399. There is no admission charge; 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 806-495-3261

Assistance for those interested in attaining GED
South Plains Community Action wishes to announce its receipt of Community Services Block Grant ARRA funds, September 27th. The funds will be used to assist income eligible persons interested in acquiring their GED. The CSBG/ARRA funds will be used to assist GED participants with the cost of the GED test, transportation vouchers to and from the test

site. The program is in effect immediately and will run thru 8/31/2012. For information please contact: Diana M. Jones @ (806) 495-2329.

Post Ex's Baseball Tournament:

The 2nd Post Ex's Baseball Tournament will be held October 1 & 2. The tournament will consist of up to 8 teams with an entry fee of \$100.00. A team may have up to 16 players but must have a least one player who participated in Post Little League. For more information, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Ragtown Gospel Theater continues run of play Deacon and the Pharisee

The play, Deacon and the Pharisee began Friday, Sept 26th at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. And will continue to run until October 1st. The story of Stephen and Saul is one of the most horrifying, yet among the most touching, and uplifting

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I would like to respond to the critic who wrote in last week about the Citywide End of Summer Celebration. I am so tired of hearing people criticize those who at least try to organize events for our community. What I would like to know is, what did you do to contribute to bringing this event off...let's see, you went by the park, decided it wasn't worth your time, so you went home and wrote a letter criticizing the first time effort of others. You did not stop by to show even a token of support. Do you honestly think the watermelon festival that you spoke of came off without a hitch on it's first run? Were you there at 10:00 am when Pastor Mi-

chael Taylor said the prayer to the very slight handful of people who were there? I think not or you would have known that the City and the Dispatch did have prayer at the beginning of the event. Thank you, Brother Taylor, for your support and your prayer.

And thank you to the City of Post and the Dispatch who did at least attempt to put an event together. I do not know what happened to the vendors or the musicians who were supposed to be here, but I would rather give them the benefit of doubt rather than a fistful of criticisms. If you attempt the event again next year, I will again be there to support and participate.

OBITUARIES



LULA JO STEWART

Lula Jo Stewart 87 of Lubbock and formerly of Post died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 in Lubbock. Graveside service was held Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in

the Terrace Cemetery at Post. Sky Moore, grandson, officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Post.

Lula Jo was born July 17, 1924 in Lynn County to Emory Ollie and Ivy Lula (Bullock) Young. She attended school at Close City and completed school at Post High School. The former Lula Jo Young married Melvin 'Skinny' Stewart December 24, 1940 at Two Draw Lake. They were married in the home of Ollie and Roy Stevens at Two Draw. Skinny preceded her in death December 28, 1994. They

farmed in the Graham Community until Skinny's retirement. A Great-grandchild also precedes her in death: Tatum Rae Moore, March 5, 2008.

Survivors include: four daughters, Sandra Claborn of Post, Pam Cross of Mansfield, Donna Sell of Lubbock and Melvin Moore of Wilson. One brother: Emory O. Young, Jr. of Ft. Worth. Five grandsons and five granddaughters. Nine great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Pallbearers were grandsons and a great-grandson: Jay Claborn, Brody Moore, Sky Moore, Wacey Moore, Sasha Mandikian and Payson Hendrix.



GLORIA "SIS" GILMORE

Services for Gloria "Sis" Gilmore, 85, of Post were held at 10 AM Wednesday, Sept.

14, 2011 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Darren Weaver officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery

was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home

She died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. She was born Sept. 27, 1925 in Post to Jim and Mattie (Lee) Hays. She married Roy Gilmore on May 10, 1946 in Snyder. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 2000. She worked

at Postex Cotton Mills and for Collier Drug for many years.

Survivors include 1 Daughter: Charlotte Baker of San Antonio, 5 Brothers: Jackie Hays of Post, Pete Hays of Post, Jerry Hays of Post Herb Hays of Austin and Donnie Hays of Austin, 1 Sister: Reba Probst of Post, 4 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Sue Cash on Jan. 13, 2008.

PACC News

Welcome to our newest Chamber Member - Reliable Finance. This is a new business in town and we welcome them to our community.

We want to thank Citizen's Bank for allowing us to have our Community Prayer Breakfast in their community room and McDonald's for providing breakfast for everyone attending. A special "thank-you" to the pastors who offered prayer - Scott Richards, Les Looney and John Bill Hedrick. Pastor Hedrick also added to the event with special music prior

to the prayer time.

This will be another busy weekend in Post. Both theaters will have live performances. Ragtown Gospel Theater will present "Deacon and the Pharisee" with performances Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. The Garza Theatre will be performing "Godspell" on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Post Antelopes will be playing football at home this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. against Floydada. If

you can't attend the game, go to www.postsportspace.com for a live webcast.

The Post Alumni Game will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Jimmie Redman Stadium. This will be a lot of fun and a great chance to see some of the former Antelopes shine.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:

- Silver Member - TANNER'S PLACE/TANNER'S HEATING & A/C
- Silver Member - NAMES & NUMBERS



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Fun By The Numbers

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

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Here's How It Works:

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu
September 19th- September 23rd

Monday
Pancake Sausage on a Stick, Fruit Milk
Tuesday
Muffins, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday
Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Thursday

Pop Tarts, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
Friday
Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch Menu
September 19th-September 23rd
Monday
Golden Fish Strips, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Choice, Hot Roll, Milk
Tuesday

Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches, Milk
Wednesday
Beef & Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Seasoned Corn, Sparkly Apple, Milk
Thursday
Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Hot Roll, Royal Brownie, Milk
Friday
BBQ on Bun, Quick Baked Potato, Pickle Sears, Pineapple Cherry Delight, Milk

Trailblazers Menu

September 19th- September 23rd

Monday
Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Mexican Salad, Strawberry Bread
Tuesday
Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Roll,

Brownie
Wednesday
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana
Thursday
Turkey & Dressing, Mashed

Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Roll, Fruit Salad
Friday
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Roll

Southland ISD School Menu

Breakfast Menu for Sep. 19 - Sep. 23
Monday
Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday
Sausage & Egg Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday
Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt,

Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday
Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch Menu for Sep. 19 - Sep. 23
Monday
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Carrots w/ Ranch, Fruit, Frozen Cherry Bar, Milk
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green

Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
Wednesday
Burrito, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk
Thursday
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Pears, Milk
Friday
Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Oven Baked Fries, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

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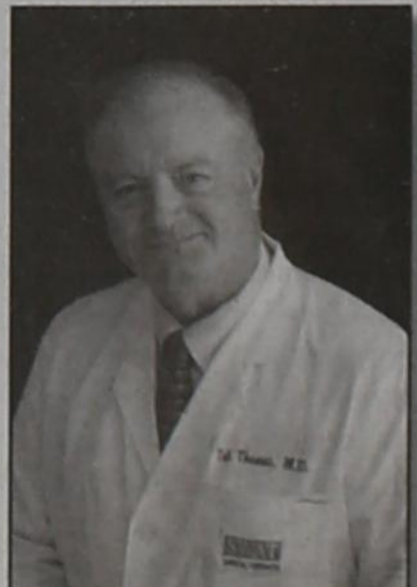
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BY LINDA
Part two of a story continuing to unfold, discrepancies in the days following the federal Stafford. On (the second 8, 1935- Morning Agent Is Mystery. Th describes this today, some couldn't tell times I have say that Cat I. agent on steps. Well, of that stat The newsp only source tion and ev still hard to actually Stafford sho or a sub-mac was Cato w vest? Was a stand-off I have vision four shots of sub-machine Cato deputi Tom Morgan The follow same mornin Avalanche J February 8, The agent McCullough area in an att a large-scal narcotics. Lindsey wa eral represer with McCul slaying. He

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LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

BY LINDA PUCKETT

Part two of the W.F. Cato story continues. As this story unfolds, there are many discrepancies, especially in the days immediately following the shooting death of federal agent Spencer Stafford. One headline on (the second day) February 8, 1935- in the Lubbock Morning Avalanche Journal read; Post Slaying Of Agent Is Shrouded With Mystery. That pretty much describes this incident even today, some 76 years later. I couldn't tell you how many times I have heard people say that Cato shot an F.B. I. agent on the courthouse steps. Well, of course none of that statement is true. The newspapers are our only source of information and even then, it is still hard to discern what actually happened. Was Stafford shot with a pistol or a sub-machine gun? Why was Cato wearing a steel vest? Was he anticipating a stand-off with the Feds? I have visions of more than four shots coming from a sub-machine gun. Why did Cato deputize the farmer, Tom Morgan?

The following is from that same morning edition of the Avalanche Journal, Friday, February 8, 1935

The agents (Stafford and McCullough) came to the area in an attempt to uncover a large-scale trafficking of narcotics. Commissioner Lindsey was the first federal representative to confer with McCullough after the slaying. He came to Post by

automobile, accompanied by a newspaper reporter. He and McCullough returned to Lubbock late that day.

A reliable informant, who gave the information only upon the condition that his name not be disclosed, said that Stafford and McCullough accompanied by a man and a woman working for them as informers, entered Post in an automobile Thursday morning.

Soon afterward they went to the veterinary hospital, a red barnlike structure on dusty flats, two blocks south of the main street, and the two agents went inside. There, with Kitchens, they were examining his narcotics records, finding nothing amiss.

Meanwhile Sheriff Cato and newly deputized farmer, Tom Morgan drew up in front of Kitchen's place alongside of the agents' automobile, in which the two informers were seated. With a sub-machine gun in hand, Sheriff Cato walked to the agent's car and began questioning the occupants. They said they told him they were accompanying two federal agents who were inside, and that they were in a government car.

"What are you hauling?" the sheriff first asked, according to this, the only available version.

"Nothing but this typewriter and brief case," the man in the rear seat replied.

After quizzing them further, the sheriff ordered the man out of the automobile. The woman remained undis-

turbed in the front seat. With the muzzle of the sub-machine gun against his abdomen, the man got out of the car and the sheriff searched the man as if feeling for a weapon. The man called out and the agents emerged from the building. When Stafford came out, Cato said "Kill him Tom", but Tom didn't shoot. Stafford yelled "don't do that, we are officers" he was quoted as saying to the sheriff. Stafford approached Cato and pushed the gun away from Lowery and walked around to the other side of the car, but Cato shot him before he got to the other side. The sub-machine gun spat its deadly load, and Stafford, estimated to have been 30-40 feet from Cato, fell to the ground. He died on the spot. Stafford had his badge clasped in one hand as he hit the ground, the shield plopped to the ground beside him.

It was several minutes after the shooting that McCullough was able to convince Cato that he and the dead man were government agents.

They put the corpse in the sheriff's automobile and took it to an undertaking establishment, in the Davis-Mason Furniture Company building. There Dr. D.C. Williams examined the body. The body was taken to Fort Worth on Saturday. Mrs. Stafford would accompany the body to Hudson, N.Y., for burial.

The names of the two government informers were withheld to avoid further endangering of their lives, already penny-cheap.

After declining to make a statement, N.C. Outlaw, a Post attorney engaged by Cato said, "The only statement we care to make about the incident is that it is very regrettable, but under the circumstances it seemed to have been necessary."

The defense attorney seemingly leaned toward a report, which County Attorney Smith said was correct, that Sheriff Cato had been informed that the movements of several armed strangers, at the veterinary hospital were peculiar. There were private statements that the sheriff, who wore a bullet-proof vest to the scene, was led to believe or for other reasons suspected that city 'gangsters' had invaded the little town. He did not know the federal agents were there, it was said.

"Stafford did not carry a gun regularly", a government attaché said, and consequently did not use a holster.

Sheriff Cato's "tommy" gun was the first on the South Plains. He bought it in early 1927 upon entering office. "Later, I thought the Commissioners Court would pay for it but they never have," he said.

The Dallas Times Herald reported on February 9, 1935. The headline read:

Hearing Delayed Here in Slaying Of Federal Agent

The federal government refused Saturday to furnish proof of charges against Sheriff W.F. Cato and two other prominent citizens of Post, Tex., accused of murder and complicity in connection with

the street slaying Wednesday of Spencer Stafford, federal narcotics agent. The hearing was passed until Monday, when the trio were arraigned before United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith Saturday morning in the Dallas county jail.

Each of the three West Texans, Sheriff Cato, Dr. L.W. Kitchen, veterinarian, and Dr. V.A. Hartman, physician-announced "not guilty" when Commissioner Smith had read the charges against them.

Want Proof Of Charges

Walter Scott, a Fort Worth attorney who appeared with defense council, told the commissioner his clients weren't "waiving anything," and demanded proof of the charges.


Clyde Hood, assistant United States district attorney, said the government was not ready to furnish proof, and could not have witnesses available before Wednesday.

Scott said that was too long and demanded hearing Monday. Commissioner Smith set the hearing Monday, explaining that if the government at that time shows proof for further delay he must grant it.

Defense council was in conference Saturday noon to decide whether they would file an application for writ of habeas corpus in United States District Court.

The article continues to describe how the agent's body was riddled with machine gun bullets outside the office of Dr. Kitchen. Cato was arrested immediately after (the shooting) and then released on a \$5,000, claiming he shot in self-defense. State bond Federal authorities declined to reveal the alleged connection of Dr. Kitchen and Dr. Hartman with the case.

Our story continues next week, with part three of the Cato shooting and trial.



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Cattle Raisers Host Fall Meeting in Lubbock

Combs to discuss endangered species act

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - Cattle raisers from across the state will gather for educational breakout sessions, networking and fellowship at the annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Fall Meeting Sept. 28-30. The meeting will take place at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock, Texas.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, who also serves as the presiding officer of the Inter-agency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species, will speak to cattle raisers at 10:30 a.m. on the endangered species act and what landowners can do to protect their private property.

The breakout sessions, hosted by TSCRA committees, begin Thursday, Sept. 29, and will cover a variety of topics critical to Texas cattle producers and landowners. A schedule of sessions is below.

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Marketing Breakout Session
Paul Colman, National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Live Cattle Marketing Committee chair, will discuss the Eastern Livestock fraud, how it happened, what has been learned and how to prevent similar situations in the future. An update on the discontinuation of the Texas Department of Agriculture market reports will also be discussed at this session.

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Agricultural Research Breakout Session
Dr. Tiffanie Brooks, DVM, university veterinarian and instructor with Texas Tech University's Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy, will discuss the threat of bioterrorism attacks against Texas cattlemen. Dr. Brooks will go in depth on how to recognize a biological terrorist attack in cattle, how to manage its effects, and how to prevent your cattle operation from experiencing such a disaster.

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Legislative and Tax Breakout Session
The Honorable Larry Combest, former chairman of the U.S. House Ag Committee, will address the debt ceiling/debt reduction debate and give his take

on how it will affect ranchers and what it means for the state of our economy.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wildlife Breakout Session
During this session, cattlemen will discuss TSCRA's role in preventing the expansion of the endangered species act.

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Joint Animal Health and Brand Inspection Breakout Session

Leann Saunders, president of IMI Global, will introduce the animal disease traceability framework from a national perspective, while Dr. Dee Ellis, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, will discuss how the state will implement the proposed rule.

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Natural Resources and Environment Breakout Session

Marty Jones, partner with Sprouse Shrader Smith P.C., will discuss Senate Bill 332, the groundwater ownership bill, and what it really means to landowners. Rick Kellison, project direc-

tor for the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, will discuss how landowners can implement water conservation practices that help conserve groundwater.

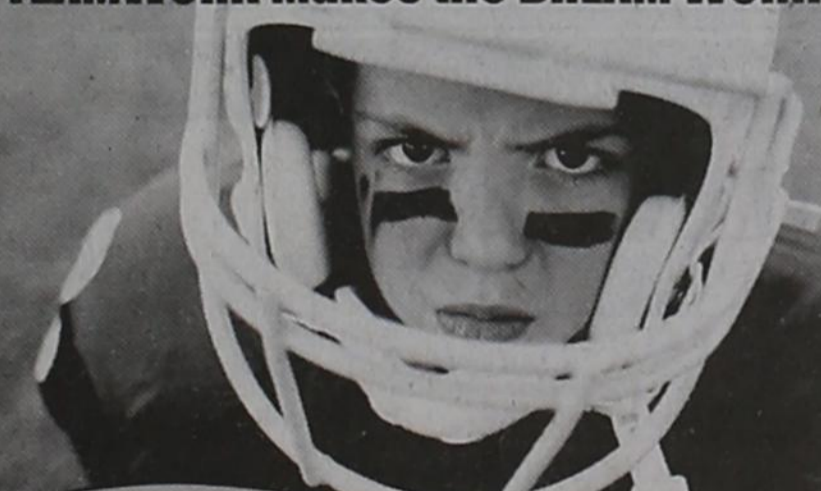
For registration information and a complete schedule, visit www.tscra.org. The Overton Hotel is located at 2322 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

All members of the press are invited to attend. For media registration, please contact Carmen Fenton at cfenton@tscra.org.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

News
Robert and Miranda (Shults) McDonald and their children Katherine and Sean were here last week visiting with Miranda's family, John, Joyce and Frank.

The McDonalds live in Bedford.

Our Sympathies go out to the family of Lula Jo Stewart. Lula Jo aka "Bama" passed away late Monday evening. Also to the family of Sis Gilmore who also passed away this past week.

Sorry the news is so short this week.....don't forget to

call or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com with all your news.

Don't forget to check out our page on Facebook under Close City Community. Feel free to write on our wall or post pictures. It's a fun place to keep up with friends and happenings

FYI
your prayers! You can now get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at Co-Cara's and Caprock Heirloom downtown Post, stop in and pick one or two up, they make great gifts and keepsakes!

Did you know...

The Cotton Gin was introduced in 1793

Happy Birthday this week...
September 19th - Benny Alaniz

September 20th - Eric Alaniz
September 21st - Janet Hines

Visitors

Cecial Stolle; Ronnie and Addi came out and visited a while.....ya'll come out and drink a cup of coffee with us one morning or a cool drink in the afternoon, you are guaranteed to be entertained and a whole lot smarter when you leave!

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are...

Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend. Keep our troops, all affected by the wildfires and rain in

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Weekly Inspirations

Why is She Following us?

By: Michael F. Taylor

Jill was very apprehensive about her first grade child Jimmy walking the two blocks to school with his little friend Mark. But they lived in very small town and older children walked the same route everyday and after much prayer and discussion with Mark's parents and the local neighbors along the route, Jill finally gave in and agreed to a trial basis for the first week. Still concerned however, Jill enlisted the help of her best friend and neighbor Shirley. It seems that Shirley had a three year old, Marcy, who loved to get out in the fresh air Shirley was in the habit of a daily walk anyway. So, she agreed to follow little Jimmy and Mark to school everyday from a distance just to ensure that they were going to be okay.

The first week of school came and went without a glitch and so Jill agreed to another week if Shirley would continue her vigilant and watchful daily walk behind the two boys. On Monday morning, young Jimmy and Mark started out upon their morning trek to school with Shirley and three year old Marcy following at a safe distance. Mark, looking at Jimmy exclaimed, "Hey, Jimmy, have you noticed that strange Lady and her little kid following us all last week? And now they're following us again today!" Jimmy lowered his head in shame and replied, "Yea, I know who she is. Her name is Shirley Goodnest and her kid is Marcy. She is a friend of my Moms".

"Well, why has she been following us?" Mark inquired.
"Well, you see every night my Mom and I say our Prayers and then we say the 23 Psalms. And at the end it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of MY life! So I guess we better get used to it!!!!'

Well, little Jimmy was almost right! Let's look at the 23 Psalms again, "1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." KJV.

If you have been going through a troubling day, a difficult week, or even a discouraging month, this prayer gives much needed assurance. When your soul is in need of restoration, look no further than to the One who died for you! For He truly does prepare a table before us, even in the presence of those who would seek our destruction! And yes, Surely Goodness and Mercy SHALL follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the LORD! God bless each of you this week and when you're feeling down, let this beautiful prayer come to your remembrance.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Church of Christ	108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326	First Presbyterian Church	910 W. 10th, 495-2135

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

Deuteronomy 6:5

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Post High School Class of 71 held their 30th reunion.

Amber Peebles of Post performed at the South Plains Fair Sept 28.

Holly Hardin and Mathew Hoel were united in marriage on September 1, 2001.

Jenny Curb and Anthony Gomez were wed August 25, 2001.

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Sept. 13th in the home of Edna Mae Owen.

20 Years Ago

Gospel singing was held on Saturday, September 21, 1991 at the Trail Blazers Senior Citizen Center.

Post was treated to the first

ever Fiesta Patrias. Amanda Alaniz was crowned queen.

Maria Garcia, was former queen. Runners-up Irene Garza and Janie Chapa.

Service for Marvin Williams, 66, was held Sept. 18, at Calvary Baptist Church.

30 Years Ago

Lloyd Mock was presented a 30 year award by George R. Brown firm.

PHS class presidents: Mendy Tatum, freshman; Charles Johnson, sophomores; Darla Jackson, junior; and Patti McClellan, seniors.

Approximately 150 guests attended the open house held by the United Convalescent Home on Sept.13, 1981.

Jane Mason hosted Gamma Mu Sorority in her home.

40 Years Ago

Garza County new voter registration and new jury wheel goes computerized.

Post Rotary Club held appreciation banquet for teachers and school administrators.

Jim Prather, head of the Garza County Benefit Association, hosted a group of boys from the West Texas Boys Ranch as they attend the OS Ranch Steer Roping.

John Clevenger and Kathleen Mason were married Sept.4, 1971.

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Eckols celebrated their 50th anniversary. They were married Sept. 18, 1911.

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Al-Anon
Family Group meeting meets Monday at 7 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket. For more information call 495-3053.

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

Garage Sale
Grassland Nazarene Fellowship Hall garage sale Saturday 9-? Baby items, lots of kitchen items and furniture

119 N. Av S 8:00am-? "Lots and lots" of items to sell. Saturday September 17th.

2 family garage sale 216 N. Av L breakfast burritos will be sold. Saturday 8:00am-?

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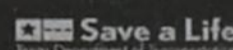
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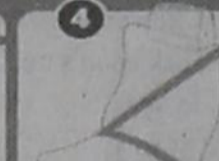
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#45 Keaton Collins



#21 Dylan Pearson

POST ANTELOPES

VARSITY	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat.	Aug. 13 th		Ralls-Scrimmage	Post	10:00(J,V)
Thr.	Aug. 18 th		Abernathy-Scrimmage	Abernathy	6:30(J,V)
Fri.	Aug. 26 th		Sundown	Sundown	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 2 nd		Lamesa	Lamesa	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 9 th		Slaton	Post	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 16 th		Floydada	Post	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 23 rd		Forsan	Forsan	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 30 th		Anson	Post	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 7 th		Coahoma	Coahoma	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 14 th		Idalou	Post	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 21 st		Stanton	Stanton	7:30
Fri.	Oct. 28 th		Hawley	Post	7:30
Fri.	Nov. 4 th		Open		

Junior Varsity	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 25		Sundown	Home	6:00	
Sept. 1		Lamesa	Home	6:00	
Sept. 8		Slaton	Away	6:00	
Sept. 15		Floydada	Away	6:00	
Sept. 22		Forsan	Home	6:00	
Sept. 29		Anson	Away	6:00	
Oct. 6		Coahoma	Home	6:00	
Oct. 13		Idalou	Away	6:00	
Oct. 20		Stanton	Home	6:00	
Oct. 27		Hawley	Away	6:00	
Nov. 3		Open			

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Sept. 8		Slaton	Home	5:00, 6:30	
Sept. 15		Floydada	Home	5:00, 6:30	
Sept. 22		Forsan	Away	5:00, 6:30	
Sept. 29		Anson	Home	5:00, 6:30	
Sept. 6		Coahoma	Away	5:00, 6:30	
Oct. 13		Idalou	Home	5:00, 6:30	
Oct. 20		Stanton	Away	5:00, 6:30	
Oct. 27		Hawley	Home	5:00, 6:30	
Nov. 3		TBA			

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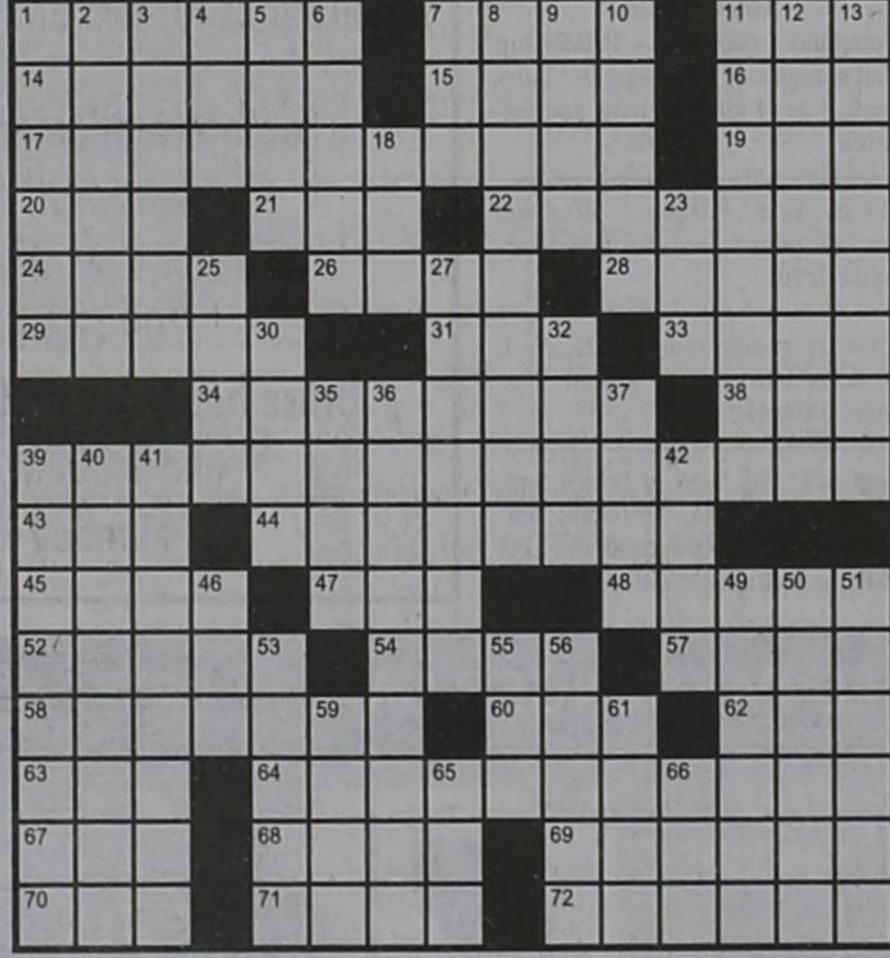
Post Lady Lopes Volleyball 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM	TIME
8/5 Friday	Olton (Scrimmage)	Away	JV	tba
8/9 Tuesday	Hawley	Away	Freshman/jv	3:00/4:00
8/12 Friday	Midland Greenwood	Away	Freshman/jv	4:30/5:30
8/15 Monday	Colorado City	Away	Freshman/jv	3:00/4:00
8/16 Tuesday	Brownfield	Away	freshman/jv	4:30/5:30
8/20 Saturday	Snyder Tourney	Away	Freshman	TBA
8/23 Tuesday	Brownfield	Home	Freshman	5:00pm
9/3 Saturday	Lubbock Christian	Home	Freshman/jv	4:30/5:30
9/6 Tuesday	Levelland	Away	Freshman	6:00pm
9/10 Saturday	Levelland	Home	Freshman	11:00am
9/27	Colorado City	Home	Freshman	4:30pm
10/1 Saturday	Midland Greenwood	Home	Freshman/jv	10:00/11:00
10/18	Plains	Away	Freshman/jv	4:30/5:30
10/22	Tulia (Dig Pink)	Away	Freshman/jv	4:30/5:30
10/25	Plains	Home	Freshman/jv	4:30/5:30

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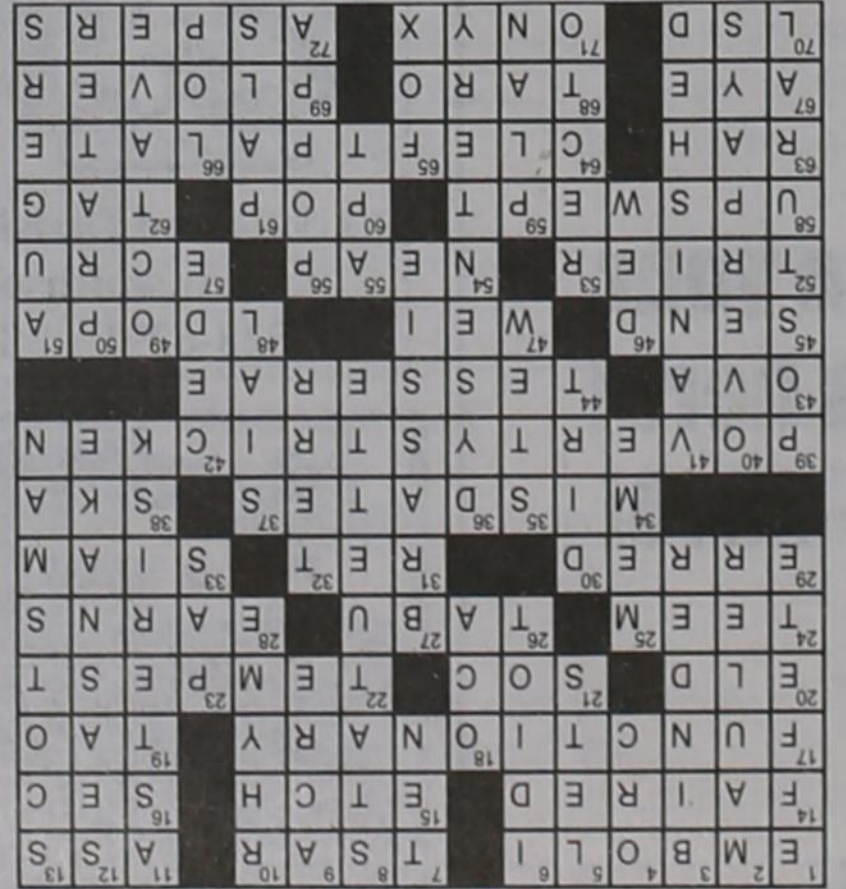
- CLUES ACROSS**
- Blood vessel obstructions
 - Boris Godunov, for one
 - Balaam's mount
 - Became clear, like weather
 - Carve in stone
 - "Hold on a ___!"
 - Official
 - Chinese "way"
 - Antiquity, in antiquity
 - Assn.
 - ___ in a teacup
 - Abound
 - Forbidden: Var.
 - Brings home
 - Blew it
 - Emeritus: Abbr.
 - Thailand, once
 - Assigns wrong day
 - Calypso offshoot
 - Destitute
 - Egg cells
 - Mosaic tiles
 - E-mail, e.g.
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Parkinson's treatment
 - Judge
 - ___ tide
 - Almond
 - Brushed upward
 - Appear, with "up"
 - What "it" plays
 - "Go team!"
 - Hairlip (2 wd)
 - Affirmative vote
 - Hawaiian tuber
 - Wading bird
 - "Acid" (acronym)
 - Black stone
 - Silver coins of Turkey



- Intestinal infection
- Rock layer beneath continental landmasses
- Involving the position of the body
- Gives more money than is due
- Disappeared
- Formally surrender
- Drops on blades
- Organ stop
- Loquacious talker
- Plumber's snakes
- Odd-numbered page
- Appropriate
- "Big ___" (Notorious B.I.G. hit)
- Agenda
- Buddies
- Vixen
- Chop (off)

- CLUES DOWN**
- Decadent
 - Ruffian
 - Ringed notebook cover
 - Mythical monster
 - "___ go!"
 - Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
 - Big ___ Conference
 - Small carved figure
 - "God's Little ___"
 - Sound-alike lines of verse
 - Star-shaped figure referencing a footnote
 - Japanese delicacy (2 wd)
 - Native of Scotland
 - Mozart's "L' ___ del Cairo"
 - ___ de deux
 - Same: Fr.
 - Two wood (golf)
 - Gossip
 - Okl., before 1907
 - Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

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OPINION

The Paperboy



Keeping up with discovery

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Like so many young children, I fell in love with dinosaurs when I was a child. I was fascinated by them.

Back then, scientists did not know half of what they do now. A lot has changed since the 1970's.

In the grand scheme of things, humans have not had the tools to expand our knowledge like we do today. Supercomputers, space-based telescopes, atom smashers - the advances are mind-boggling.

When you think about exploration and everything it encompasses, science is night and day compared to 40 years ago. Heck, there was still plenty of land on this planet we were learning about then, not to mention our lack of knowledge concerning the oceans and space.

This week an exoplanet-hunting telescope from the European Southern Observatory has found more than 50 new alien planets - including one so-called "super-Earth," which could potentially support life.

These exoplanet-hunting telescopes look for planets which could sustain life based on what we know about Earth's relationship to our sun. The exoplanet findings came from the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher instrument, or HARPS. It is actually much more complicated than that, but no need to get too technical.

The latest discovery of alien planets includes 16 which are potentially rocky worlds that are more massive than our planet. One in particular - called HD 85512.b - has

captured astronomers' attention because of the way it orbits it's sun. It suggests the planet could be ripe to support life.

"The harvest of discoveries from HARPS has exceeded all expectations and includes an exceptionally rich population of super-Earths and Neptune-type planets hosted by stars very similar to our sun," HARPS team leader Michel Mayor of the University of Geneva in Switzerland said in a statement. "And even better - the new results show that the pace of discovery is accelerating."

The so-called super-Earth is estimated to be only 3.6 times more massive than Earth, and its parent star is located about 35 light-years away, making it relatively close. (A light-year is the speed light can travel in one year. Light travels at 186,000 mph a second).

HD 85512.b is located in a narrow region where the distance is thought to be just right for the existence of liquid water. And where there is water, there is life.

"This is the lowest-mass confirmed planet discovered by the radial velocity method that potentially lies in the habitable zone of its star, and the second low-mass planet discovered by HARPS inside the habitable zone," said exoplanet habitability expert Lisa Kaltenegger, of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Germany and Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Boston. In other words, it meets the conditions for life.

Further analysis of HD 85512.b and the other newfound planets will be able to determine more about the potential

existence of water on the surface.

"I think we're in for an incredibly exciting time," Kaltenegger told reporters in a briefing. "We're not just going out there to discover new continents - we're actually going out there to discover brand new worlds."

It's amazing to me how rapidly astronomers are discovering planets similar to Earth. Astronomers have used HARPS to observe 376 sun-like stars. By studying those stars, researchers have found that approximately 40 percent of stars similar to the sun host at least one planet that is less massive than the gas giant Saturn. Approximately 40 percent of sun-like stars have at least one low-mass planet orbiting around it.

Astronomers have previously discovered 564 confirmed alien planets, with roughly 1,200 additional candidate worlds under investigation.

As I mentioned before, the advances mankind is making are remarkable. And while the discovery of exoplanets is still new, we are now discovering several planets at a time. And the more we learn, the faster we search.

Take note of what's around you. Look at the tools you use and how they've changed your life. Computers, smart phones, 3-D television ... technology knows no bounds. I wonder what things will be like in 40 years?

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Perry's 'Ponzi Scheme' Diagnosis Is Accurate

By HOWARD RICH

Texas Gov. Rick Perry made waves during a recent Republican presidential debate when he referred to Social Security - one of the entitlement programs responsible for our nation's skyrocketing debt - as a "Ponzi scheme."

"You cannot keep the status quo in place and call it anything other than a Ponzi scheme," Perry said. "It is a Ponzi scheme to tell our kids that are 25 or 30 years old today, you're paying into a program that's going to be there. Anybody that's for the status quo with Social Security today is involved with a monstrous lie to our kids, and it's not right."

Many in the Republican establishment - including several elected officials responsible for perpetuating this generational fraud - scolded Perry for his remarks. In fact, one former advisor to George W. Bush went so far as to call Perry's views on the subject "toxic."

In defending itself against Perry's criticism, the Social Security Administration (SSA) released a statement acknowledging that the program "is and always has been either a 'pay-as-you-go' system or one that was partially advance-funded."

Translation? New investors are required to pay off older investors - the very definition of a Ponzi scheme, or what the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission would call

"an investment fraud that involves the payment of purported returns to existing investors from funds contributed by new investors."

Of course the SSA has a very literal defense against this analogy.

"The American Social Security system has been in continuous successful operation since 1935," the agency's release noted. "Charles Ponzi's scheme lasted barely 200 days."

Perhaps, but can a system that's careening toward insolvency really be called "successful?" Also Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme - which defrauded thousands of investors out of billions of dollars - went on for at least two decades before it was finally detected. Most importantly, Charles Ponzi didn't have politicians and bureaucrats working with him who could compel higher taxes, the printing of new money or the accumulation of trillions of dollars in debt. If he did, his scheme might still be fleecing unsuspecting "investors" just like our government is doing.

According to Michael D. Tanner - a senior fellow at the Cato Institute - Social Security taxes have been raised at least 40 times since the program's inception by a total of more than 800 percent (even after adjusting for inflation). Meanwhile, the ongoing decline in Social Security benefits is forcing millions of Americans to work longer than ever before. In fact, a new Ohio State study reveals that reductions in ben-

efits are responsible for anywhere between 25 to 50 percent of the recent spike in delayed retirements.

"Most experts think it is inevitable that there will be further reductions in Social Security benefits to keep the program financially balanced," the study's author concluded. "Those changes may very well lead to even later retirements."

Of course these "changes" will lead to later retirements - which further underscores Perry's point. The only way to "fix" Social Security is to compel additional sacrifices from new workers while simultaneously reducing the benefits they are entitled to receive when they retire. It's exactly what Ponzi and Madoff did - only the victims of this scam have no choice in the matter.

Social Security's unfunded future liability is a scarcely-fathomable \$20 trillion - and growing. Also expanding is the imbalance between those who are forced to pay into the scam and those who are taking money from it. In 1945, there were 42 workers per Social Security recipient. Today, there are only three - and that number is shrinking.

Rick Perry has correctly diagnosed Social Security as a Ponzi scheme. Now the only question is whether our political leaders will finally summon the courage to scrap this scam in favor of private accounts that will truly provide for the long-term welfare of our citizens.

When entitlements meet Big Government regulations

By REBEKAH RAST

America is a nation that invests heavily in its social welfare programs. One program in particular is growing so quickly that independent companies are catching on and now wanting a piece of the government-subsidized pie.

Food stamp benefits, also called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), have grown by leaps and bounds as high unemployment continues to plague the nation.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that one in eight Americans was enrolled in the program as of February of this year. Anti-hunger group Food Research and Action Center was quoted in a Reuters article stating, "This is the highest share of the U.S. population on SNAP/food stamps."

The cost of the program has skyrocketed as well. USDA records show food stamp benefits went from \$28.5 billion to \$64.7 billion from 2005 to 2010.

Since this is a program fully subsidized by the U.S. federal government, more companies including retailers and restaur-

rants want to be involved and reap the benefits as well.

The latest chain of restaurants lobbying for their share is Louisville-based Yum! Brands. Its restaurants include Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silver's and Pizza Hut.

"It makes perfect sense to expand a program that's working well in California, Arizona and Michigan, enabling the homeless, elderly and disabled to purchase prepared meals with SNAP benefits in a restaurant environment," Yum! spokesman Jonathan Blum told USA Today.

But some groups aren't so excited about fast food restaurant's bid to get involved.

USA Today quoted Kelly Brownell, director of Yale's Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity. She said, "It's preposterous that a company like Yum! Brands would even be considered for inclusion in a program meant for supplemental nutrition."

What concerns her is fast food is not as healthy an option as a grocery store and allowing consumers to use food stamps at a fast-food restaurant might only propagate the obesity epidemic in America.

Ironically, First Lady Michelle Obama shared similar concerns about the obesity problem and continually encourages children and adults to eat healthier. In fact, her main issue so far while in the White House has been to reduce the obesity rate among children. Allowing food stamps to be used at fast food restaurants might very well disrupt her goal.

So will those who overwhelmingly support government handouts like food stamp benefits restrict their usage to conform to their own ideals? Even as food prices continue to rise and the cost to feed a family at a fast food joint makes more economic sense?

The road of entitlement has crossed the road of government regulation and the agenda of those who favor Big Government is stuck at the fork.

What a world we live in when the people who support doling out money for food programs to feed those in need have to then decide if participants in their program can purchase food from places that sell it at a more reasonable price. It's no wonder programs like this always turn into Big Government boondoggles.

Obama's Story of America

By BILL WILSON

For Barack Obama, economic prosperity for 14 million Americans seeking a job is just a matter of borrowing a few more dollars, and printing yet more money. And of course, paying your fair share - by Obama's rules.

It is Obama's "story of America," where the only solution for government's unsustainable spending is to reach into your pocket, and the only way to grow the economy is to put it on the charge card.

Which is the same old story.

During the longest period of sustained high unemployment since the Great Depression, is now the time to raise taxes on job creators? And at a time when the nation is already steeped in a \$14.7 trillion debt that cannot be repaid, is another \$447 billion of "stimulus" the answer?

This is more of the same, and is precisely the recipe to turn the United States - into Europe, where merely funding government through more borrowing is tearing society to pieces. There, painful tax increases are thought to replace governments' tepid efforts to control spending, too.

Specifically, Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress called for raising taxes on capital. He claims the hike is at the behest of billionaire Warren Buffett.

Even if it is, when you want less of something you tax it. So, there will be less investment, further squeezing the balance sheets of businesses large and small. That in turn will increase the cost of doing business in America, resulting in yet more jobs being shipped overseas.

As for his plan to fork over hundreds of billions of dollars to balance state and local government budgets - again - that will only put off the day of reckoning yet again for politicians. How?

Obama is merely incentivizing profligate states like California and Illinois to resist spending cuts - and wait for a bailout. Kind of like Greece... Or Italy.

In principle, his call for an infrastructure bank could be worth looking at, but only if all such spending was specifically exempt from Davis-Bacon union wage guarantees, and is accompanied by off-setting spending reductions elsewhere in the bloated budget.

Otherwise, it will just be a payoff to Obama's Big Labor political allies in the midst of the worst sovereign debt crisis in history.

Obama has no plan to grow the economy. He only has a plan to grow the government - in the hopes that it will trickle into the real economy.

But he already tried that. The results are in.

While the debt grows at 10 percent, the economy only grows at 1 percent. After trillions of dollars of fiscal and monetary "stimulus," unemployment remains above 9 percent.

Why will more of the same work now? We are already caught in a trap, which more spending - and raising taxes - will not lift us out of. Government is only taking money away from the private economy. From creating real jobs.

The money lent to the government - there are over \$2 trillion in treasuries sales every year - could be invested into equities of American companies. Instead, that capital is lent to the government to pay off the nation's creditors, and ever increasing health care spending, unemployment benefits, food stamps, and other social welfare.

Government has become a parasite that can only take from producers to sustain itself - harming production in the process. The only way the economy will grow again is to foster domestic production, not by starving it. Obama's few hat-tips in this direction will not achieve the goal. Business is not going to make long term decisions based on temporary relief.

The one sure thing that would come from the Obama proposal is deeper debt and a nation - states, the unemployed, and an increasing number of zombie businesses - tethered tighter on the government leash.

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Agents Give Texas Volunteer Fire Dept. Funding for Protective Fire Suits

AUSTIN, TX — The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) and its Trusted Choice® agents have donated a total of \$200,000 to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA) to assist volunteer fire departments. The entire donation will go to a special fund created to purchase fire retardant clothing for volunteer firefighters who battle the numerous wildfires across the state. An original \$100,000 donation in May on behalf of Texas Trusted Choice independent insurance agents was recently doubled in response to unmet needs for protective gear.

The lightweight, fire retardant, protective suits

are provided by the Texas Forest Service, but many departments can't afford them. It costs approximately \$8,400 to completely outfit one firefighter. "Now more than ever, our Texas firefighters deserve the best protection available," said IIAT's Executive Director David VanDelinder. "While the contribution is helpful, more is still needed to fulfill the requests for these lightweight suits."

More than 20,900 wildfires have raged across Texas since Nov. 2010 — the largest number in the state's history according to SFFMA — and more than 3.6 million acres have been destroyed. Seventy to 80 percent of the state's fire service is covered by vol-

unteer fire departments. According to SFFMA, 86 percent of volunteer firefighters use their personal funds to meet the day-to-day equipment and supply needs of their fire department.

"The timing of such a great donation is perfect as we continue to see numerous volunteer fire departments fighting wild fires like the recent ones in Central Texas. IIAT's donation will help many volunteer firefighters get much-needed equipment," said Chris Barron, SFFMA's executive director.

IIAT encourages members of the public to show their support by donating online to SFFMA's Texas Wildfire Relief Fund (<http://txwildfirerelief.org>). In addition, IIAT has created an "I Support Volunteer Firefighters" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/isupportvolunteerfirefighters>). Facebook users are encouraged to "Like" the page and share it with their friends to help spread the word and to increase donations to the Texas Wildfire Relief Fund statewide.

To learn more about the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association and their Texas Wildfire Relief Fund, contact Chris Barron at 512.454.3743, or go to www.sffma.org.



This is Charlie and Lucy - two of the 4 Dachshunds now with the shelter. Charlie is 11/2 year old male and the three puppies are about 3 months old. Please contact Post Animal Refuge Center if you are interested in adopting these or any of the other dogs currently at the shelter. We are on facebook at Post Arc or email postarc@yahoo.com

Is that what I think it is???

By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM

"What in the heck is that?" Lee Ann asked while I was looking at an x-ray we just developed. "I'm not sure, but it's not good" was my reply. We had just taken x-rays of a dog who came in for vomiting the last few days. The owner explained that the patient seemed to be acting normal otherwise. The dog was very painful upon exam, and I knew there was something abnormal going on in the abdomen. After overnight observation the patient still presented the same symptoms. Our only option was to go in and find what was going on...aka, exploratory surgery. Boy was I surprised at what I found! Evidently, the dog had chewed up a plastic ball, and then chewed up another ball with string wrapped around it. Somehow the balls were in the stomach at the same time; the string wrapped itself around the other plastic ball; and it was one big mess. Now I had TWO different types of foreign bodies, first an obstruction, meaning an object that can't pass, and second, a linear, meaning a string that is hung and will cause intestinal problems. This surgery had been the only option to save this dog's life.

My first foreign body removal was while I was a 'newbie' vet in Odessa. It was a young boxer puppy that liked to chew on anything and everything, just like any typical puppy would. This puppy came in for vomiting and diarrhea. Again on physical examination I noticed a mass in what appeared to be in the intestine. I took the puppy into

surgery and removed a baby bottle nipple from the intestine which was lodged and could not pass.

One of my most memorable foreign bodies was when I worked in San Angelo. A cat came in for yearly shots. While performing my physical exam before giving the vaccines, I noticed a hard mass in the abdomen. I questioned the owner if the cat had been vomiting. She replied yes, but they thought it was due to stress since they just moved from overseas back to Texas. She explained her pets arrived about one month before they did, and was at her parent's house while they were gone. Her parents noticed the vomiting at this time. When the owners moved into their house, the cat was still vomiting but otherwise acting normal. Again, they thought it was just stress. I took a radiograph of the abdomen, aspirated the mass, and still didn't know what it was. I did an exploratory surgery on the cat and removed a shoestring from the stomach. Yes, an entire shoe string! When we told the owners what we found, the daughter said her shoe string from her combat boot had been missing for about three months. She had no idea what happened to it. The scary part was they had to obtain a health certificate to fly the cat back to the United States to come back to Texas, and the vet overseas did not notice anything abnormal on physical exam.

Since I've been in Post, I've had three foreign body

removals. What's up with Post and fish hooks? Yes, I said fish hooks. Are ya'll trying to come up with a new sport of catching dogs with a rod and reel? I can just see this on Outdoor Channel... Post Puppy Fishing. Or Garza Canine Catching. Normally I have dogs come in after being nosy in a tackle box and getting hooked on the outside of the lips. Yes, I did say this was a normal occurrence. How can a dog not ignore big ol' chicken liver or smelly stink bait as a snack? All it takes it one second to lay that baited hook on the ground within his reach and Fido's been caught! All joking aside though, I've seen two dogs have a really bad experience with fishhooks. One dog swallowed a single fish hook that got stuck in the thoracic inlet, and another dog swallowed a treble...yes, treble hook that made its way to the stomach. Both required emergency surgery to remove the fish hooks. Turned out to be a pretty pricey catch right?

Needless to say, I never imagine what could be in a dog or cat's abdomen that might be causing a problem. I'll still take a wild guess and make my employees guess with me, but until we go in to look, I've learned not to be too surprised anymore what I might find.

If you have any questions relating to your pets health or just would like to see a particular subject discussed in this article, give us a call up at the clinic, 495-3726. We can assist in any way to help you provide a healthy happy life for your pet.

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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Texas Agricultural Land Trust Announces Wildfire Assistance Fund

The wildfires ravaging our state are straining the resources of many Texas rural fire departments. Having suffered severe budget cuts, these mostly volunteer departments need cash donations. The Texas Agricultural Land Trust (TALT), a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of private agricultural lands, requests your support to ensure that those fighting to protect your homes, ranches and livestock have the resources they need.

TALT is accepting donations for the Texas Wildfire Relief Fund, and will match any donation received between September 14th and September 30th. Interested persons may donate through the "Donations" tab on TALT's website, www.tx-aglandtrust.org, or send a check to Texas Agricultural Land Trust, P.O. Box 6152, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

"With the continuing drought and over 99 percent of Texas

under a burn ban, we are concerned that rural communities will continue to be strained by the resource demands necessary to fight fires," said TALT executive director, Blair Fitzsimons. "Approximately 75 percent of our state's firefighters are volunteers, most of whom use their personal funds to purchase equipment. Your donations will help effectively fight wildfires, prevent further loss in rural areas, and ensure the safety of our brave firefighters."

According to Texas Wildfire Relief Fund, it costs \$8,400 to fully outfit one firefighter. As of September 12th, there are still approximately 19 wildfires burning in Texas, largely in rural areas. Landowners have suffered over \$78 million in agricultural losses in 2011 and over 3.6 million acres of land have been lost to fire.

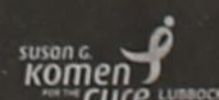
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and the Pharisee
The play, Deacon and the Pharisee began Friday, Sept 26th at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. And will continue to run until October 1st. The story of Stephen and Saul is one of the most horrifying, yet among the most touching, and uplifting episodes in the Bible. This drama unveils the intrigue that led to the execution of the beloved deacon, Stephen, which would forever plague the heart of the Apostle Paul.

"Deacon and The Pharisee" will be staged only 5 weekends between August 26th and October 1st. There will be no performances over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Call or go online right away to assure that you get the best seats in the house for this powerfully moving production.

Our online box office is open 24 hours a day **CLICK HERE for dates and times, and to purchase your tickets now.** Or call 1-877-RAG-TOWN.

Post Community Youth
We are ready to start another thrilling year with the Post Community Youth. **All youth are invited.** As

a community youth group many different churches are involved and you do not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community would be in constant prayer for the Youth group.

The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.

The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by 7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm.

This is going to be a great year!
HOUSE OF FAITH!

Will begin again Starting on Wednesday September 21st and will continue each Wednesday after school. (Weather Permitting) Registration is required and will be held on September 14th at 3:30 at Family Harvest Church. A Parent/Guardian must be present to register your child/children and each registrant will go into a drawing for \$100.00 to be used at United for Groceries. If you need to register before that you may contact Kathy Hamlin at 806-495-2772. Drawing will be held on Sept 21st at HOF and will include all registrants received on or before September 14th!

Post Elementary Post Notes

Friday, Sept. 16th- Early Release. School will release at 12:30 p.m. Buses will run.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th- Patriotic Assembly at 10:00 a.m. in the elementary school auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 22nd- School Pictures- Individual pictures only. Order forms will come home with your student. Payment is required on the day pictures are taken.

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entities are contributing leaves the budget short the funds to continue to pay the current number of staff in the Sheriff's department.

The jail is funded by the county and after a study done to determine the efficiency of the current jail operations, the study determined that the jail could be operated more efficiently and with less jailers than are currently being used. The county therefore voted to decrease the budget for the county jail, which would eliminate three jailer positions;

positions that the study found were not needed.

The response from the residents attending the meeting once they understood the how's and why's of the budget cuts and proposed tax rate hike went from concern over taxes being raised to what do we need to do to fix our situation and continue to have sufficient law enforcement in our city and county.

Judge Norman told the Dispatch that "I came away with good feeling from both the city and the community of

what do we need to do to meet our needs. Just like during the peak of the wildfires when our fire departments were working day and night to fight all the wildfires and they quickly were in a bad situation of needing funds to continue to operate and keep this community and it's citizens safe, this community came together to raise funds and raised more money than I have ever been witness to in order to get done what needed to be done. That is the kind of community Garza County is and it is a community I am so proud to be a part of."

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6231-25-001 for CRACK SEAL in TERRY County, etc will be opened on October 07, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$300,011.06.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 37723

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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USDA Farm Service Agency Offers Assistance to Producers Affected by Texas Wildfires

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), September 9, 2011 – The USDA Texas Farm Service Agency offers several disaster assistance programs that can help producers recover from devastating natural disasters such as wildfires.

"Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011," said James Douglass, Acting State Executive Director for Texas FSA. "Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heartbreak experienced by many producers this year, it's my hope that FSA's disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters."

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) which provides finan-

cial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados, lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, dis-

ease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

Emergency Loan Program – The recent primary or contiguous **Secretarial Disaster designation** for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA's low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) which provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

Legislative authority for SURE, LIP, LFP, TAP and ELAP ends on September 30, 2011.

For more information on disaster assistance programs or to apply for program benefits, contact your local USDA Service Center.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 617

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SETTING FORTH RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE FENCING AND ENCLOSING OF PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; REQUIRING A SWIMMING POOL PERMIT; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Post, Texas has jurisdiction under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas to set the set forth ordinances governing the health and safety of persons and property within the corporate limits of the City of Post, Texas;

WHEREAS, section 214.101 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes municipalities to establish minimum standards for swimming pool fences and enclosures;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas has determined that this ordinance is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Post;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Post, Texas:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein, are determined to be true and correct, and are hereby adopted as a part of this Ordinance.

2. ENACTMENT

The Code of Ordinances, City of Post, Texas, is hereby amended to read in accordance with Attachment A. Specifically, Chapter 6, Article 6.04, of the City of Post Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read in accordance with Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Sections of the Code shall be renumbered as necessary.

3. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated herein.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

Cause No. 11-05-06580

JACOB MEADOR) IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT
VS.) OF
MORGAN COOK) GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: MORGAN COOK, Defendant- GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the Courthouse in said County in Post, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 20th day of May 2011 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Defendant did operate said vehicle in violation of various civil and/or criminal statutes of the State of Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas this 11th day of August 2011.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Ted A. Liggett, 1001 Main, Suite 300, Lubbock, TX 79401
Clerk of the Court: Jim Plummer, P. O. Box 366, Post, TX 79356
By: *Lynn Redding* Deputy

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the 15 day of August 2011 at 8:46 o'clock A.M. and executed this citation by delivering the same to the Post Dispatch, a newspaper published in the County of Garza, State of Texas, to be published four times, once in each week for 4 consecutive weeks. Said publications were made respectively on the: 8/19/2011, 8/26/2011, 9/2/2011, 9/9/2011

the first publication to begin at least 28 days before the return day hereof. A printed copy thereof will be returned to the clerk of this court and attached hereto.

Fees \$ 50.00
Printer \$

David Garza Sheriff/Constable
Garza County, Texas
By: *Brian Smith* Deputy

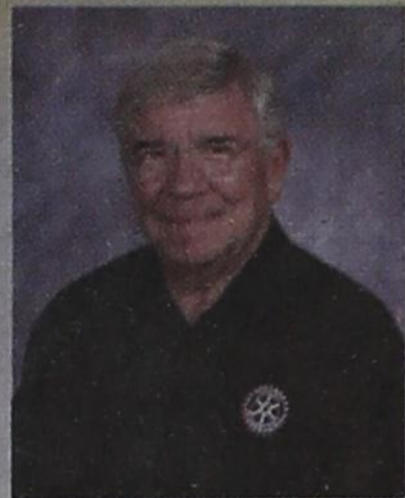
Lake Alan Henry



1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation - 2213.23 feet, 6.77 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature 80 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation - 0.93 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation - 132.37 inches

Revival

with Evangelist
Dr. Paul Anderson



Sept 18th
thru 21st
@ 6:00pm
2011

Calvary
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Inspirational night
with country music recording artist

DARON NORWOOD



This country hit maker has a heart for the church and believes families can come together to pay tribute to Christ through song. Daron Norwood grew up as a gospel singer before moving to Nashville and performing in the Grand Old Opry. His motto is to perform and let God touch those that need Him most, drawing closer through the words and music Daron was given by the Lord. Daron has written 10 new praise songs that were laid on his heart, and eager to share a few with the congregation.

New Texas laws in effect this month

Below is a list of selected changes to traffic and criminal statutes. Unless otherwise listed, all laws below take effect September 1, 2011. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of all new laws passed by the Texas Legislature.

Criminal Laws

Certain synthetic compounds deceptively labeled as "bath salts" and synthetic marijuana products (K2 or spice) have been added to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. (HB 2118, SB 331) Bath salts contain dangerous stimulants, and K2 mimics the effects of marijuana. Both have been sold in convenience stores and head shops, and have side effects that can be harmful and long-lasting.

The electronic transmission or possession of visual material depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct ("sexting") has been added as an offense in the Penal Code. The penalty can range from a Class C misdemeanor to Class A misdemeanor, depending on the circumstances. This does not apply to minors involved in a dating relationship or spouses. (SB 407)

The possession or use of tire deflation devices, commonly known as caltrops, for any purpose other than law enforcement use or as an antique or curio is prohibited. Criminal organizations have increasingly used caltrops as they attempt to evade apprehension, resulting in damage to patrol vehicles and innocent vehicles on the road. (SB 1416)

Traffic Laws

Tow trucks have now been added to the slow down or move over laws, which require drivers to slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit, or to vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency

lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. (HB 378)

Speed limits will now be the same during night and day driving, and separate speed limits for trucks have been eliminated. The maximum speed limit on state highways may be raised to 75 miles per hour if approved after a finding by TxDOT that the increased speed would be reasonable and safe following an engineering and traffic investigation. (HB 1353)

A driver may not allow a child under 18 to ride in a watercraft while it is being towed on a street or highway. This does not include watercraft being towed on a beach or in a parade. (HB 2981)

Driver License

Hardship driver licenses will be suspended if the holder is convicted of two or more moving violations during a 12-month period. DPS may no longer waive the driver education requirement to issue a 60-day hardship license. (HB 90)

Drivers subject to the Driver Responsibility Program will be able to pay the entire three-year amount of surcharges owed for a violation in advance, rather than paying across all three years. (HB 588)

Veterans will be exempt from the fee for a personal identification certificate if they can show honorable discharge and at least 60 percent service-related disability. Disabled veterans are exempted from driver license fees under current law. (HB 1148)

A veteran designation will be displayed on a driver license for applicants who provide proof of military service and honorable discharge. (HB 1514)

The Sunset Commission has been charged with reviewing the current oversight structure of driver education and driver safety schools, which are currently overseen by the Texas Education Agency, and determine if another state agency should have oversight. Providers of driver education courses, including DPS for the purposes of parent taught driver education, will be able to provide certificates of completion directly to those who have completed driver education courses. (HB 2678)

DPS will establish a deferral program for surcharges assessed under the Driver Responsibility Program to military personnel actively deployed outside the U.S., for the duration of the individual's deployment. (HB 2851)

Voters will be required to present a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification certificate, election identification certificate, United States citizenship certificate passport, or concealed handgun license to participate in an election. DPS must create an election identification certificate to be issued by DPS for registered voters who do not have any of the other acceptable forms of photo identification. The election identification certificate will be distinguishable from a driver license or personal identification certificate, and will be issued free of charge to persons only if they do not hold any other acceptable form of identification, as listed in Election Code 63.0101. These forms of identification include a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification, a United States citizenship certificate, passport, or concealed handgun license. (SB 14)

A four-hour driving safety course was approved

for drivers under 25 years old. Drivers under 25 who are cited for a moving violation may be required to take this course. (SB 1330)

Applicants for a driver license or identification certificate must provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, or admitted to the U.S. as refugees or asylees are considered temporary visitors. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors expire concurrent with the end of the applicant's lawful presence, or after one year if the legal stay is indefinite. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors are to be in the same format and contain the same information as those issued to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. (SB 1, 82nd 1st Called Session, effective September 28, 2011)

Weapons

A person may carry a handgun, knife, or club in a watercraft under the person's ownership or control. The handgun, knife, or club may not be in plain view, used while engaging in criminal activity, or carried by a member of a criminal street gang. (HB 25)

Employers may not prohibit employees with a concealed handgun license from having firearms or ammunition in their personal cars in the employer's parking lot. This does not apply to employees of public, private or charter schools, or employees of chemical manufacturers or oil and gas refiners. (SB 321)

Crime Labs

Crime laboratories are required to preserve biological evidence used in the investigation or prosecution of a felony for at least 40 years, or until the applicable statute of limitations has expired if there is an unapprehended actor associated with the offense. (SB 1616, effective June 17, 2011)

Law enforcement agencies are required to submit DNA evidence in active sexual assault cases to an accredited laboratory within 30 days of receipt. Once the evidence has been analyzed, the DNA must be compared by DPS to state and federal DNA databases. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to submit unanalyzed DNA evidence collected after September 1, 1996, to DPS for analysis. (SB 1636)

Miscellaneous

A new category of missing person alerts may now be issued for missing persons with intellectual disabilities. Activation of this alert includes a requirement of documentation of a qualifying intellectual disability. (HB 1075)

DPS must create a pass for expedited access to the state Capitol building. To be eligible, an applicant must meet the criteria to apply for a concealed handgun license, with the exception of handgun proficiency requirements. (HB 2131, effective May 30, 2011)

The Texas Fusion Center Policy Council was created to assist DPS in monitoring fusion center activities in Texas. The council is required to establish a privacy advisory group, recommend best practices for fusion centers in Texas and annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the council's progress. (HB 3324, effective June 17, 2011)

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