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Slaton woman scratches way to \$1 million

By Henri Brickey
Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Diana Valencia is Slaton's newest millionaire. While on lunch break Thursday, Valencia bought a winning scratch-off lottery ticket at the Allsup's store on the corner of 13th Street and Broadway in Post.

Valencia, who works as a training coordinator at a juvenile detention center in Post, scratched the ticket when she returned to work and discovered she was a grand prize winner of the Weekly Grand.

The total before-tax earnings for Valencia's ticket is \$1,040,000, which will be paid in weekly installments of \$1,000, according to the Texas Lottery Commission.

Valencia showed her manager the winning ticket as soon as she realized she was a winner.

"She asked me why I wasn't screaming," Valencia said in a

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Saturday Morning Garage Fire

Deep into the smoke (left to right) Ken Finch, Jimmy Solis and Brian Looney.

Last Saturday morning, the 12th of June, Post Volunteer Fire Department were called out to a fire at 302 W. 14th St., Donny and Caroline Hair's place. Many watched as the volunteers persistently worked to put out the fire. Standing in the left picture, (left to right) Joey Stone and Ken Finch, (kneeling) Brian Looney and Jimmy Solis.

There was a rhythm to how they worked, two or three on the hose, and more working the truck such as Jason Powell. And still there were others retrieving equipment and others examining the building and grounds. Tirelessly, and in the heat of the morning they continued to step inside of the smoke-filled garage. Caroline and Donny watched as their home was threatened. Donny says, "We may not understand what they are doing, but what matters is that each one of them (Post Fire Department) knows what they are doing."

After the fire had been put out, the family stood in front of the charred garage looking at the remains. Caroline says, "There was no smoke damage to the house at all and as a matter of fact the insurance agent said we may have to only replace the back part of the roof to the garage. The inside walls are just fine, except the drywall, of course." She continues, "We have a lot to be thankful for and we are all doing fine, thanks to the quick response of the DPS, Post Fire Department, Sherriffs...all of them"

Fire Chief Brandt Taylor, would like to thank the community for its involvement and support. For every member and their families, for their dedication to help others in the community and it's needs. He asks the community to take note of this fire and take time to check your smoke detectors, fire alarms and extension cords making sure they are in working condition. (Photos by Merika Strivens)



Post Notes

2008-2009 Post Antelopes Booster Club Meeting

The Antelope Booster Club will have their first meeting for the 08-09 school year on Monday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library. All parents of GIRLS AND BOYS who wish to participate and raise money for ALL athletic programs should attend. Everyone is welcome.

3rd Annual Kids Fishing Derby

The 3rd Annual Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by Post Masonic Lodge & The Game Wardens Association will be held July 24, 2008 at the Post City Park. The Derby starts at 9 a.m. All kids ages 0-13 come and have fun.

Rotary Dog Dip planned July 19

The annual Post Rotary Dog Dip will be held at the Post Fire Station from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. Dogs will be dipped for fleas and ticks for \$5 each. A veterinarian will be available to administer rabies shots for an additional charge.

Gorditas Sale at Church

The Church of God of Prophecy will be having a Gorditas plate sale on Friday, July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Three Gorditas with beans, rice, salad and salsa.

"Last Tango in Pango Pango"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly presents "The Last Tango Pango Pango", directed by Christy Morris. Seven performances only: July 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, at 8 p.m. and July 27 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Post Pee Wee Football Tryouts

Join us July 21 & July 28 at 6 p.m. at the practice field. You will need to wear t-shirt, shorts and running shoes. All students that are between the ages of 10 and 12 years of age are welcome! For more information call Delton Osborn at (806) 629-4088 after 5:00 p.m. or Russell Benham at (806) 629-4322 after 5:00 p.m.

Class of 1978 reunion

The Post High School Class of 1978 reunion will be held at the home of Bill and Donna Aten on Saturday, July 26. For more information, call Donna at 495-4088.

Caprock Springs Fellowship Hosting B.B.Q.

Caprock Springs Fellowship will be having a B.B.Q. supper on July 26, 2008 at Trailblazers from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Proceeds from this meal will go to our missionaries. BBQ plates are \$7.00, so come eat with us.

Southland Reunion

The Southland Reunion will be held August 2, 2008 at the Post School Cafeteria, 211 W. 8th. Registration starts at 3 p.m. Meal will be catered by "River Smiths" at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.95 per person. Please send check with RSVP by July 25th to Southland Reunion, P.O. Box 455, Slaton, Tx 79364. If you need more information call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. Call your classmates. For everyone who has lived in Southland, gone to school in Southland, or taken part in the community.

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Christy Rutherford, holding her award is Golden Plains Care Center Activity Director of the Year (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Texas Assoc. of Activity Professionals awarded Christy Rutherford, Activity Director of the Year

The Texas Association of Activity Professionals awarded Golden Plains Care Center's very own Christy Rutherford Activity Director of the Year honors at their 2008 convention in Waxahachie, Texas on Saturday, July 12th.

GPCC submitted Christy's name to the TAAP nominating committee for this special recognition along with numerous letters of recommendation from residents, families, co-workers and also a Region I Surveyor with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Lubbock office.

Along with a full schedule of daily activities, Christy undertook an enormous project this spring with "A Night to Remember" hosted by Golden Plains Care Center. This special night was the result of Christy's deep desire to give the home's residents a "Senior Prom" night to enjoy and remember. The nursing facility was beautifully transformed into prom night with gorgeous decorations, water features, plants, lights, music and food. With tremendous

staff, family and community support, Christy was able to provide the resident's of Golden Plains Care Center an event they won't soon forget.

"Christy possesses a special gift for engaging people with her delightful personality, positive attitude and genuine love for her job and the residents of GPCC."

"She's kind and considerate; treating every resident with dignity and respect."

"There have been many fun and memorable activities...the list is endless and she is tireless."

These are just a few of the heartfelt words people were eager to share about Christy Rutherford. One resident said it best "Christy is more than an employee or Activity Director to me...she truly is my BEST FRIEND."

Congratulations to Christy Rutherford for a job well done.

Post City, Texas ... Home of Garza County Historical Museum

Jennifer Rogers and Brice Easterling Wed in June 7th ceremony

Jennifer Rogers of Anton and Brice Easterling of Post were united in marriage in a 7 p.m. ceremony conducted on June 7, 2008, at The Refuge - Anton Church of Christ. Larry Bloskas and David Joyner officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Marshall and Lisa Rogers of Anton. The bridegroom's parents are James and Amy Easterling of Post.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose for her wedding a white strapless gown in an A-line design with a black sash

knotted in the back. She wore a veil of white tulle created by her mother and carried a nosegay of red flowers. She wore a garter handmade by her grandmother Lousie Boothe from lace belonging to the bridegroom's great-grandmother. She also wore her grandparents' wedding rings tied with a blue ribbon and pearl earrings, a gift from her grandmother.

Kyle Easterling, sister of the groom, served as maid of honor. She wore a classic, strapless tea-length black satin dress with white trim.

Rachel Myers and Annie Weaver were flower girls. They wore white princess style dresses with black ribbon trim.

The bridegroom wore a classic black tuxedo with a white shirt, white vest and a white tie.

Serving as best man was Cole Easterling, the bridegroom's brother, who also wore a classic black tuxedo with a white shirt, white vest and a white tie.

Joshua Myers and Conner Cowdrey served as ring bearers. They wore black slacks and long-sleeved white dress shirts with black ties.

Ushers were Tye Mason, Chase Tatum, Chad Cowdrey, Caleb Cowdrey, Chase Luft and Garrett Luft.

The couple repeated their vows in a double-ring ceremony under a canopy of lights suspended from the center of the room creating a "wedding in the round." Lining the aisles were wrought iron lanterns hanging from shepherds' hooks.

Music was provided by Shanna Ford from Anton, who sang "Doubly Good" and "I See Jesus in You." Also, the father of the bride sang "I Loved Her First."

Honorary attendants were Cassie Bloskas, Kristen Creech, Jennifer Davis, Kayla Durham, Lauren Garrett, Kaitlin Pierce, Salli Page, Megan Moore, Morgan Mills, Lindsey Mills, Hayley Mason, Kayla Hodges, Whitney Rogers and Melissa Weaver.

A reception followed the ceremony. Delicate greenery cascaded down a white column wall that provided a lighted backdrop for a marble fountain and glass serving table. A band of red roses encircled each lighted tier of the white wedding cake on the bride's table. White and dark chocolate fountains flanked a tower of fruit and chocolate thumbprint



Mr and Mrs Brice Easterling

cookies served atop a lighted glass tray on the groom's table.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Senior Citizens Center in Lubbock.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Anton High School and Lubbock Christian University. She has a degree in visual communications and is employed by Lubbock Christian University in admissions and recruiting.

The bridegroom is a 2003 Post High School graduate. He attended Texas A&M University and is employed by Office Depot as a Technology Associate.

million dollar scratch off ...

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statement provided by the lottery commission. "I told her I couldn't scream because I was in shock."

Valencia originally was going to eat lunch with her co-workers Thursday, but a slight change of plans altered her life forever.

When she entered the Allsup's store during her lunch break, she told the clerk "my luck hasn't been good lately" and asked the worker to pick a lottery ticket for her. At first, the clerk pointed to an Instant Bingo scratch ticket. Valencia said she wanted something different.

That's when the employee handed her a Weekly Grand ticket.

Valencia's win is one of four top prizes offered by the \$2 Weekly Grand game.

Valencia says she plans to continue working and wants to share her winnings with her children, grandchildren and her parents.

She also plans to move into a larger apartment and pay off bills.

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Vacation Bible School

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ and 10th and M Church of Christ will co-sponsor a vacation bible school on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9:30 a.m. until two o'clock at the 10th and M Church location. Theme for the day will be "Miracles of Christ" and is for pre-school thru fifth grade children. Teachers from both churches will be preparing and teaching. Lunch will be served following the miracle of feeding the 5,000. Registration begins at 9:30 and classes begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their children to attend this very special day of learning from the bible. Much work and planning is going into this activity.

Garza County Team Roping

The Garza County Team Roping for 2008 will be held on August 2, 2008 at 6 p.m. Books open at 5 p.m. The 2008 roping will be dedicated to Jimmie Redman twenty-five percent of all donations will go to the Redman scholarship fund. There will be Steer stopping first followed by the Team Roping. For more information to enter or donate call Randy Lewis 777-8295, Cass Tatum 549-7176, or Danny Vernon 495-2415.

Rodeo Parade entries

Post Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 9 at 3 p.m. If you would like to participate with a float, 4 wheeler, golf cart, tractor, vehicle or your unique entry. Please go by the Chamber office at 131 E. Main or call 495-3461. This year's parade will be in honor and memory of Jimmy Redman, parade chairman for the Centennial Parade. Please call and enter today!

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

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

Celebration Days Street Party August 9

Post City Merchants will be sponsoring the annual "PCM Street Party" on Saturday, August 9. It will be held in conjunction with the Post Stampede Rodeo, August 7-8-9. All vendors are invited to sell their wares on the streets of Post. Please call Donn Degan at 495-0888 for more information, or come by Plum Crazy to pick up an application form.

Community Ice Cream Supper

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

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MUSIC CAMP TEACHER Tommy Allsup, Grammy Award-winning guitarist, communicates a word of instruction during a jam session Monday on the Bowen Ranch near Crowell. Fiddler Bob Boatright, wearing the dark shirt, is chief fiddle instructor. Also teaching fiddle is Kallie Harbin Burk of Lubbock, far right. Both Allsup and Boatright live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Students at this year's camp are from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

these young kids adapting to Western music and Western Swing and enjoying what they're doing and trying to earnestly learn to play it," Boatright said.

Allsup doesn't think of what he does as teaching. "I'm not really a teacher," Allsup said. "I just show them stuff. They pick it up."

Camp director is octogenarian J.W. Sollis, a retired educator. For him, camp is an extension to his career -- icing on the cake, so to speak.

"It's my desire to keep this type of Country music alive, particularly Western Swing music," Sollis said. "I like to see the young people. It's the thrill of my life. It adds to my love of education. It's prolonging my interest in education and young people."

Many of the campers fall in the teen and pre-teen category -- too young to remember Bob Wills and other musicians who popularized the musical genre but not too young to learn to play "Faded Love" and like it.

Fiddler John Jennings, 13, is from Nocona. He's been playing the fiddle for five years and doesn't apologize for his favorite music -- even if his peers don't share his interests and taste.

"It's better than the new stuff," Jennings said. "It's better than Classical."

It's Jennings' second year to attend the music camp -- a place where he can connect with other people his age to play the music they all like.

Maybe it's natural that Western Swing music from the 1930s and 1940s should still be popular -- even among some young people -- in the part of the country that spawned it in the first place, namely Texas and Oklahoma and, later, thanks to the Dust Bowl migration, California. If anything is a surprise, it's the current popularity of Western Swing in other parts of the world.

Ask Allsup. He's just back from his latest trip to Europe.

"We've played Western Swing in England, Scotland, The Netherlands, Greece, France -- in the French Alps next to Switzerland," he said. "They all know 'San Antonio Rose.' 'Right or Wrong' is very popular. 'Milk Cow Blues' is very popular. They know that song. They have lots of questions to ask me about Bob Wills."

It's a small world when it spins to Western Swing.

More information about the yearly music camp is available from J.W. Sollis at jwsollis@yahoo.com. The camp is a project of Sollis, Allsup and Boatright.

Post's Own Fiddler

Post's own talented fiddler, Lillie Hart, came close to teaching at this year's Western Swing Music Camp.

"I really wanted to go this time, but I couldn't get off from work," said Hart, whose primary job is being a case manager at Giles Dalby Correctional Facility.

Two years ago, she and Kalli Harbin Burk teamed up to teach beginning fiddle students at the camp.

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Western Swing Music Camp 2008

Hanaba Munn Welch
Correspondent

CROWELL (Special) -- On a cedar-studded ridge a few miles west of Crowell, the two-story Bowen Ranch log lodge shines an unlikely white in the July sun and pulses to the upbeat sounds of guitar and fiddle tunes. There's no place like it.

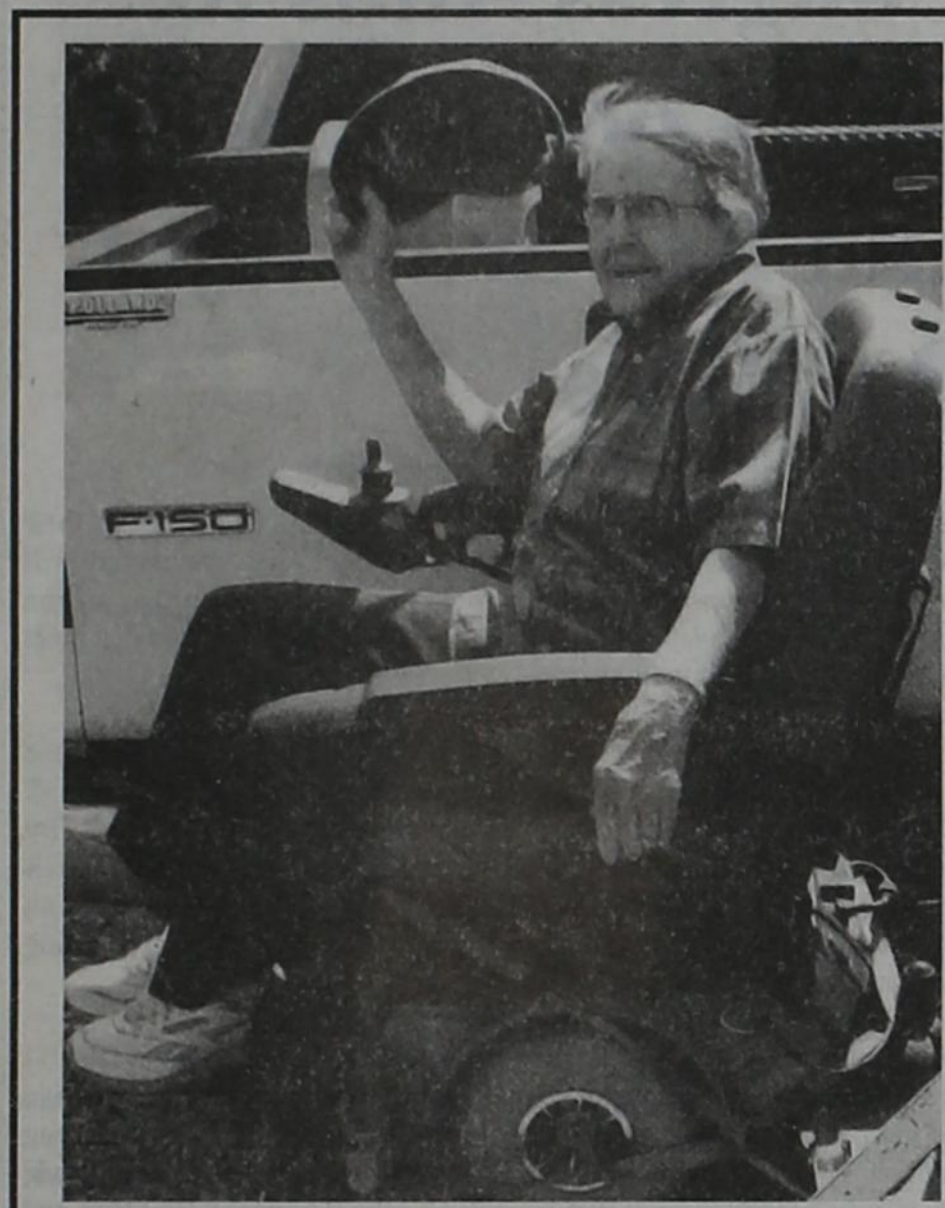
What's happening this week on the Bowen is Western Swing Music Camp. It's a time and place for aspiring musicians, young and old, either to learn to play Western Swing music or learn to play it better.

Country standards find their way into the repertoire. So do a few Buddy Holly tunes, courtesy of Grammy-winner Tommy Allsup, chief guitar instructor at the camp. Allsup, Holly's last lead guitarist, is famous for losing a coin toss that cost him his seat on the plane that crashed and killed the young Holly in 1959.

Chief fiddle instructor is Bob Boatright, an accomplished performer and teacher whose six-decade career spans most of his life.

Both Allsup and Boatright have played with a long list of top-name musicians, but both are comfortable in off-stage roles as teachers of their respective crafts.

"We like teaching Western Swing and Western music -- to see



Bill Hedrick (above) traveled to Ruidoso, N.M. on June 26-28 to celebrate her 80th birthday. She was accompanied by her children, Natha Jo, Bob Arnold, and John Hedrick. All had a good time.

White River Lake Depleting

by Merika Strivens

The cost of water and a drop in the level of White River Lake were topics Tuesday, July 8, at a regular meeting of Post City Council.

Rich Oller, P.E. reported a two-foot drop in the level of White River Lake since January. He attributed the change to both use and evaporation. The level was recorded as 10 feet below the floating pumps.

As of July 4, the lake reportedly rose .04 inch -- a gain from rainfall. But 6.5 million gallons a day are evaporating, Oller said. From 1.2 to 1.5 million gallons are pumped through the treatment plant daily.

"The treatment plant can't treat mud," Oller said. "The odor will increase. There is less to work with, and it is more expensive to treat."

The city has options:

- Work on new wells
- Fix old wells

Enter into an agreement with Lubbock through Lake Alan Henry; the city of Post is its biggest user.

The White River Board has discussed keeping its permit and not selling it; however, the board may be forced to accept an offer from Lubbock that is already being negotiated.

Regarding water rates to city residents, as reported in last week's Dispatch, the council voted to raise rates by 20.4 percent. The cost of water to the city from White River Lake is increasing by 30.4 percent. Post residents who use 3,000 gallons or less per month will continue to pay the minimum charge of \$29.50 inside the city and \$35. in county.

In other business, the council:

- Voted to suspend of the Xcel Energy Tariff filing.

Considered funding for the Community Recovery Center.

Renee Whittington and Joanna Waterhouse requested additional funding due to the increase in services provided for the community. The CRC provides education and counseling for chemical dependency, alcoholism and family violence. Whittington has been in touch with Supt. Marlin Marcum of Post Independent School District, Child Protective Services, the Ministerial Alliance and the Dalby Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Authorized publishing a request for proposals for auditor.

Consider disposition of the Main Street-Tourism Bureau Office.

Wanda Mitchell is retiring. The council considered using an office in the community center to handle the bookings. The council was reminded of the \$500 per year fee to be part of Main Street, a division of the state historical commission. This item was tabled.

Accepted Loyd Mashburn's resignation from White River Board.

Appointed Victor Ashley to the white River Board.

Appointed Lee Doggett to the airport board member.

Accepted Ruthell Stanley's resignation from the cemetery board.

Appointed Angela Massey as municipal court clerk.

Accepted a bid of \$362,310.50 from Triple L -- the only bid submitted -- for the Clinic Sewer Project.

The council agreed that the sewer project will be a positive step toward making the area more attractive for future development.

Council agreed to change meeting dates from the first Tuesday each month to the second Tuesday.

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Garza County 4-H Hosts District Shoot

Garza County 4-H Trap & Skeet project club hosted the Annual District 2 4-H shoot at Palmer's Gun Club June 27. The District 2 Shoot had 130 contestants from across the South Plains area that competed in four age divisions. The highly competitive event has the youth shoot at targets ranging from 50 to 100 targets, depending on their age/division in rounds of 25 targets from five stations.

The Garza County site was selected by the District committee for the trap portion after Monk Palmer offered the facility. Ray Mason and Mark Kirkpatrick, Garza County 4-H Trap and Skeet project leaders and coaches were in charge of the shoot with assistance of other leaders from across the 20-county district.

Garza County 4-H'ers that competed in the shoot were: Jr. Division: Brody Kelso; Sr. I: Ben Mason, Chase Odom, Reed Williams, and Steve Pitts; Sr. II: Wes Mason, 1st place Class B. Reed Williams also competed in the Skeet competition held in Seminole on June 28th.

Congratulations to the Garza County 4-H shooters for their outstanding performance and representing Garza County 4-H well. A big thank you to Mark and Ray and other volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our youth. The shoot would not have been possible without the generosity of Monk Palmer and him allowing us to utilize his gun range. Thanks again, Monk.

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The Paperboy
By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Ever heard of H.R. 6458? Probably not, but you should.

H.R. 6458 was introduced by U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier [D-CA] on July 10 and would change the national maximum speed limit to 60 miles per hour on highways, and 65 miles per hour on portions of the National Highway System located outside of an urbanized area.

All the time, at the local, state and federal levels, there are items introduced which can effect you directly.

Unless you are paying attention, many just slip by unnoticed until it is too late.

In recent months, T. Boone Pickens has been in the media regarding his giant wind farm in the Panhandle and the fact he wants to claim eminent domain on across a very large section of Texas. He is able to claim such because of two items placed in legislation during the most recent session of the Texas Congress.

Despite the countless watchdog groups keeping an eye on various pieces of legislation in Austin and Washington, items are occasionally "snuck" in. It's not right, but it's the truth.

Other items recently

introduced at the national level include:

Senate Bill 3227, introduced July 7, is titled Iran Sanctions Act of 2008 and would "impose sanctions on Iran.

House Bill 6453, introduced July 10, is titled Schoolchildren's Health Protection Act and would "amend the General Education Provisions Act to prohibit Federal education funding for elementary or secondary schools that provide access to emergency postcoital contraception."

In the perfect world, it would be nice to be able to trust our elected officials to look out for the best interests of the vast majority. Sadly, many are looking out for a very small minority and are nothing more than agenda-driven puppets.

Next time you have a few minutes, go online and check new bills which have introduced. A good place to start is <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. It is a bipartisan site and provides a load of information about the goings on in both the House and Senate.

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Opinions

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Germs

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Four days on a musical dude ranch and what do I have to show for it? Three hundred eighty-four pictures, not counting culls already deleted.

If you've never heard of a musical dude ranch, that's understandable. I made up the term. It's where you go to mix with working musicians who sometimes wear boots and white cowboy hats and you can too if you want to. You learn to play an acoustic instrument of the Western variety, the standard choice being guitar or fiddle. You never set foot in a stirrup or get your hands on a rope, except maybe the one to the dinner bell. There are no tenderfoots - only tender fingers. You don't earn your spurs. You earn your calluses.

I didn't exactly go. My guitar-playing husband did. I was just there. That's how I ended up with all the pictures. I play the camera.

I play the guitar too, but only tuition-paying bad guitar players get to play all they want. I know my place.

So there I was, an interloper (almost sounds like a ranch term), surrounded by wonderful opportunities to shoot musicians - some young and photogenic and some old and photogenic. Click, click, click. I couldn't help myself.

Now that it's all over, the music campers have their new skills and their sore fingers and, in the case of the fiddlers, their sore necks to remind them what a wonderful time they had.

But they still want pictures. Remember the days of film? You took pictures until your film ran out.

You didn't get anything developed until you got home. Everybody exchanged addresses and promised to send pictures and didn't. It was all so easy.

Now everything is digital. If you've got a laptop computer in your saddlebag, the sky's the limit. Take pictures, download pictures, take more pictures, download more pictures. There's no end of the trail for the digital photographer. Whoa is me.

But that's all right. All I have to do now is sort through the images and prepare to respond to requests from 40-something music campers to provide them shots that show them at their musical and visual best - all with just a few strokes of the computer keys and moves of the electronic mouse.

To borrow an overused phrase, it sounds easy if you say it fast.

Meanwhile, since I took all those pictures to the sounds of Western Swing tunes, a new version of "Faded Love" seems appropriate - dedicated to me, the ubiquitous photographer:

As I look at the pictures that you sent to me

It's you that I am thinking of as I view the people that to me are so dear I remember your blasted camera ...

and how you were everywhere, clicking away, often in our faces, an annoying presence and distraction.

What can I say? It's what I do best. It's where pictures come from.

But next year will be different. I'm not taking my camera. I'm taking a fiddle.

Remind me I said that.

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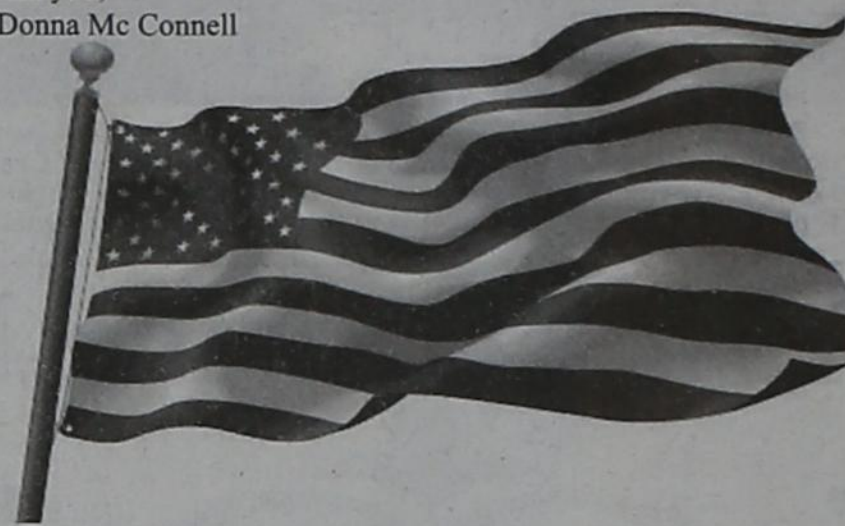
Dear Editor,

I am a resident at Golden Plains. I have lived in Post only a few years, but I would like to commend the people of Post for it's civic attention to the 4th of July holiday. The Park is nicer than some cities and the fireworks display is amazing for such a small town.

I look forward to it every year!

Thank you,

LaDonna Mc Connell



Congress Aims to Rob Consumers and Reward Major Retailers

By Daniel R. Ballon and Lawrence J. McQuillan

A recent survey found Americans rank skyrocketing gas prices as their most serious economic concern. The House Judiciary Committee will soon consider a proposal to put more money in the pockets of gas station owners and major retailers, while raising the interest rates and fees that most consumers pay on their credit cards.

The Credit Card Fair Fee Act (HR 5546) would artificially lower the transaction fees that merchants pay each time a customer swipes his card. Banks use these fees to offer consumers a variety of perks and rewards. By taking money away from credit providers and handing it to merchants, HR 5546 will increase the profits of big retailers, and impose higher costs on credit card users. This will result in fewer cards, higher annual fees, rising interest rates, and the end of rewards programs.

How could the bill's authors support this? Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT) received the maximum allowable donation to his 2006 reelection campaign from the political action committees of several big-box retailers including Wal-Mart. Two other co-sponsors of HR 5546 represent districts that include the corporate headquarters of Wal-Mart (Rep. John Boozman), Best Buy, and Target (Rep. Keith Ellison). Nobody benefits more from the "Fair" Fee Act than these megastores.

While Rep. Cannon insists that his bill will remedy "anti-competitive" behavior, it actually subverts the very laws designed to promote competition. Conspiracies between private companies to fix prices are considered the most serious violations of antitrust law, and are the only cases that provoke criminal prosecution. But the Credit Card Fair Fee Act's stated purpose is to disregard these laws, granting retailers "antitrust immunity for the negotiation and determination of rates." In other words, HR 5546 promotes anti-competitive conduct that would otherwise be illegal.

If this government-sponsored collusion fails to siphon enough money into retailers' coffers, HR 5546 empowers lobbyists to influence a panel of three government-appointed lawyers who can arbitrarily set transaction fees. How is this corporate welfare justified? Merchants argue that increasing their profits from credit card sales will allow them to lower prices.

But retailers have already demonstrated that transaction fees have virtually no effect on final prices. If this weren't the case, customers who use cash or debit cards would be offered a discount. Instead, most retailers charge identical prices for all payment types, regardless of whether a transaction fee applies. In reality, the credit cards themselves already return some of their transaction profits back to consumers. While credit card transaction fees average about 1.75%, nearly 85% of card users participate in rewards programs that typically rebate between 1-5% of the purchase price. The "Fair" Fee Act would redirect a lot of this money from consumers directly into the pockets of merchants.

Customers enjoy these cards because of the benefits they provide, and retailers welcome these cards to attract customers. If merchants find transaction costs "unfair," they are free to stop accepting credit or shop around for a better deal. The CEO of Costco, the nation's largest warehouse retailer, declared in 2004 that "Visa and MasterCard's fees are outrageous." Rather than lobby the government to rig the market, Costco signed an exclusive deal with American Express.

New technologies are rapidly expanding competition among electronic payment services. The Internet has spawned options such as PayPal and Google Checkout, and several startups will soon turn mobile phones into "electronic wallets." If Congress unfairly protects and favors existing payment services, it will be harder for new technologies to emerge and grow. Congress should not be in the business of picking technological winners and losers.

In a time of rising gas and consumer prices, Congress should not be helping gas station owners and "big box" retailers to fix prices at the expense of consumers and turn plastic into gold.

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Election Corner

Garza County
November 4, 2008
General Election

CANDIDATE & OFFICE HOLDER INFORMATION:

Write-in Candidates: July 27th through August 26th, 2008 by 5:00 PM is the period candidates may file Declaration of write-in candidacy for the November 4 general election.

VOTER INFORMATION

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



Kay Bailey Hutchison
UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

Equipping Our Troops for the Battlefield - and the Future

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In 1944 the Congress passed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill of Rights, which rewarded World War II veterans with higher education benefits paid for by the federal government. As a result some 7.8 million returning veterans were afforded the chance to complete their education and prepare for the future - at four-year colleges, vocational schools or agricultural training programs.

The resulting efforts and enterprise of these veterans allowed the United States economy to flourish and laid the foundation for the technological, industrial and agricultural boom that would last for decades.

The men and women of today's military match the service, valor, and sacrifice of that Greatest Generation. Up until very recently, however, some of the benefits our active duty troops and veterans depend on for their education have not kept pace with rising education costs, or the needs of military families. They deserve benefits that will place a prosperous future within their grasp - whether in career military service or in the civilian job market. A substantial enhancement of our veterans' financial assistance has been long overdue.

In June, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, an emergency funding bill that included a sweeping measure to provide expanded education benefits to educate and equip our troops and veterans and their loved ones for future opportunities.

I am pleased that the legislation addressed an inequity that I have actively worked in the Senate to correct - the transferability of education benefits to veterans' family members. For more than a decade, troops and veterans have ignored

Congress to extend these benefits to military families. In 2005, the Army launched a pilot program allowing GI Bill funds to be transferred to the spouse of a service member with a critical skill. Although a good start, the provision was restrictive and limited transferability to a narrow group of beneficiaries.

The new GI Bill will allow a broader group of military personnel to transfer up to half of their unused benefits to their spouse or child after six years of service and the full amount after ten years. In January, I introduced the Education Assistance Transferability Act of 2008, a separate bill that goes even further by allowing any service member - active duty, Guard or Reserve - who has paid into the GI Bill program the ability to transfer education benefits to his or her spouse or child once the service member has served six years and commits to additional service.

The revised GI Bill that passed broadens education benefits for all active duty military personnel, as well as eligible activated National Guard and Reserve members, who have paid into it and have served at least three years since September 11, 2001. Veterans may receive educational benefits along with a cost of living stipend.

The law doubles the value of education assistance, and restores today's veterans' benefits to the levels of aid that enabled World War II veterans to thrive.

The bill signed by the President also included a provision I authored to forgive VA debts that are owed by the courageous service men and women who have lost their lives in combat. Previously, the VA Secretary was required by law to notify the fallen hero's family of the outstanding debt, most commonly educational payments, and attempt to collect it. It was unconscionable to compound the grief of military families with this insensitive requirement.

Finally, this bill will fund operations in two theaters of conflict well into 2009. It will provide our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission and to help safeguard our nation from the violent threat of global terrorism.

In a time of war, when our nation's servicemen and women are bravely carrying out the Global War on Terror, it is critical that lawmakers come together and stand behind our troops. With passage of this legislation, Congress has provided our outstanding military service men and women, and their families who sacrifice so much, what they need and deserve - both on the battlefield, and for their futures.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

White River Weekly Report July 15, 2008

Gauge Reading	2341.60	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	30' 10"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	7"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	4.77"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	13.94"		

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 851,122,812 million gallons left available at the Intake or 10% capacity or 2,612 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 804,032,087 MG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

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

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

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

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

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

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Osman, (left) is a local from Iraq that had invited Nick Edwards (right) over for lunch while contributing to The Preemptive Love Coalition, BSSL (BuyShoesSaveLives) organization.

Post - Buys Shoes Saves Lives in Iraq

By: Nick Edwards, Post, TX

Back in the last two weeks of May I went on a trip of a lifetime. It was one of those trips that changes everything. It's kinda of like the first time you see the Grand Canyon... you really don't know what to say but you sure can feel it. And really, I'm not sure that the Grand Canyon does this situation justice. Anyway, back in May I went to Iraq - a Kurdish city in Northern Iraq. I'm sure already you're asking... "WHY?". Well, that's what this article is about.

You see, I have a friend that lives in Iraq. He runs an organization that used to be called Buy Shoes Save Lives. Now it's called The Preemptive Love Coalition, or PLC for short. BSSL (BuyShoesSaveLives) is actually a part of PLC now. Anyway, what

PLC does is preemptively love people that we typically don't. Here in West Texas where we believe in Justice and Righteousness we really don't mind a little preemptive strike now and again...if it makes sense and it's directed at the enemy. What PLC is about is preemptively loving those very enemies to show them there's a better way than the typical avenues of violence and retaliation.

What PLC does thru BSSL is buy shoes. Kurdish handmade shoes called Klashi Kurdi to be exact. We just call them Klash. Klash are a tradition that go back a couple of thousand years. Kurdish men have been wearing them for a very long time. Initially my friend saw them as he walked thru the bazaar and just thought they were really cool shoes. But after a little thought, he saw the value in them and opportunity that there was for the American public

to enjoy them just the same as he did. And more importantly he saw the opportunity for them to be the vessel that would be used to help facilitate some cultural and spiritual reconciliation.

So, he began buying the shoes and selling them in America. Oh, you might be wondering what the profits go to...it's children. Children with heart diseases. Children that will die because of their ailments and lack of medical care. The profits from the shoe sales go to transporting these sick and dying children and a guardian out of Iraq to get their much needed heart surgeries. The surgeries are provided by Israeli doctors who are with a partner organization to PLC. That organization desires to see cultural reconciliation between Jews and the Arabs.

Back to my little part of the story. I went for two weeks to help my friend with this organization. Honestly, I really didn't know what to expect. I felt like I was going into enemy territory and I really didn't have any good reason why. It didn't take long for me to figure it out.

What I found out almost immediately was that all of my preconceived notions about Muslims were wrong. I've gotten in a little trouble for that statement since I've come home so let me clarify. The majority of my involvement with Muslims are Kurdish Iraqis and a Palestinian refugee from Gaza that is living in Amman, Jordan now. So, those are the people I'm talking about. In the past, my mental picture of Muslims and the Islamic religion pretty much had to do with terrorists, AK47s and rocket propelled grenades. Now I hope that most of you don't follow suit with that but being honest... that's where I was. When I got to Iraq, what I found was very loving, respectful, generous, family oriented people. Honor is very important to them, and contrary to popular belief in the "West", they don't hate us. I think some of them are threatened by our ultra liberal culture, from their perspective, but they don't hate us. I was invited more times than I could have ever imagined into peoples homes for meals or just to be entertained. It was amazing. I was accepted with open arms by people who knew nothing about me other than the fact that I was a human being just like them.

To be honest, as I flew home I began to really rethink...or maybe I should say think for the first time about what Jesus meant when he

told us to love our enemies. I had hated these people and I had no clue who they really were or what they were all about. To be sure, there are bad people over there that wish us harm. But no more than what live over here that wish us the same harm. Anyway, I was faced with the reality that I really don't have a good grasp on what loving people is about. So, I've been placed on a new journey of living out love. For people that I like and also those that I don't. I have to love my neighbors and my enemies. That what Jesus said anyway and I figure that's a pretty good place to start. It just took me having to fly half way around the world to begin to see that. And now that I've had a glimpse of it, everything has changed. If you see me in town, ask me about it. I love talking about what I have experienced.

So, enough about me and back to PLC and BSSL. I want to tell you about how you can check these guys

out. Go to <http://buyshoessavelives.com/> on the internet and read all about them. While you're there, go ahead and save a kid's life, buy a pair of shoes or a shirt or a wrist band or just donate some money. I promise you that every bit of your money will go toward saving a child's life. I give you my word. I've been there and I've seen it. It's an amazing organization and you won't be wasting your money there.

Also, if you'd like to do something a little bit easier, if you're not one of those internet savvy folks, you can come by TRAILBLAZERS on JULY 26 from 5-8pm because we're having a Bar-B-Q to benefit PLC and the kids that are directly supported by them. Come by and have a \$7 plate of brisket cooked by award-winning BBQ-ers or if you're interested in a whole brisket email us at csfpost@yahoo.com and let us know. We'll make sure to have you one there.

Extension Extras

4-H Record Book Winners

Two Garza County 4-H'ers won first place ribbons on their record books. Dakota McDonald (Intermediate) in the Horse category, and Jackie Milton (Sr.) in the Rabbit category. Audree Williams (Intermediate) took 2nd place in Gardening & Horticulture, Reed Williams (Sr.) won 2nd place in the Science & Technology Open category and Jarrett Blevins (Sr.) placed 5th out of seven in the Beef category. Congratulations to everyone!

4-H Club and 4-H Booster Club Meeting

There will be a meeting on July 24 at 6:30 for 4-H members and the 4-H Booster Club. You will receive an invitation in the mail with more information. Please plan to be at the meeting.

Mark Your Calendars!

Post Stampede Rodeo August 7-9. Shotgun Project Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club until August 2.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Post museum is a treasure

by Alex Rose for The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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With the steep climb in the price of gasoline it behooves us to look for places to go that are not too far away from home. One of these treasures is the OS Museum in Post.

I have made trips to this museum in the past, and found the displays exciting and unusual for such a small West Texas town. This is a museum that displays the wonderful art and artifacts gathered around the world by Giles and Louise McCrary.

Their collection was inventoried and recorded beginning in 1991. The next year, the building that C.W. Post had originally owned was acquired by McCrary and the OS Ranch Foundation Museum (OS) opened its doors.

The collection is so vast that the exhibits are changed three times a year: in the spring, summer and at Christmas. I have now seen all three displays. Were I to go back I could still see more because each change is not exactly like the last change for

that period.

Each piece on display is numbered and as you enter the display room you are given a brochure that tells you where each piece is from and a little of the history. If you are lucky enough to be there on a day that it is not busy, you are enlightened with remarks from the wonderful women who put the exhibit together.

Fabergé eggs from Russia; porcelain from Boehm, England; crystal prisms from West Germany; wooden sculptures; Persian rugs; items from China, Chile, Denmark, New Mexico and Kenya are on display. You truly have to go and see for yourself.

The displays are changed in February, June and October so do not plan your trip during these months. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. There number is 1-806-495-3570.

In addition, schedule time to visit the Garza County Historical

Museum, which is housed in a grand old colonial style building built in 1910. The building was originally a hospital built by city founder C.W. Post.

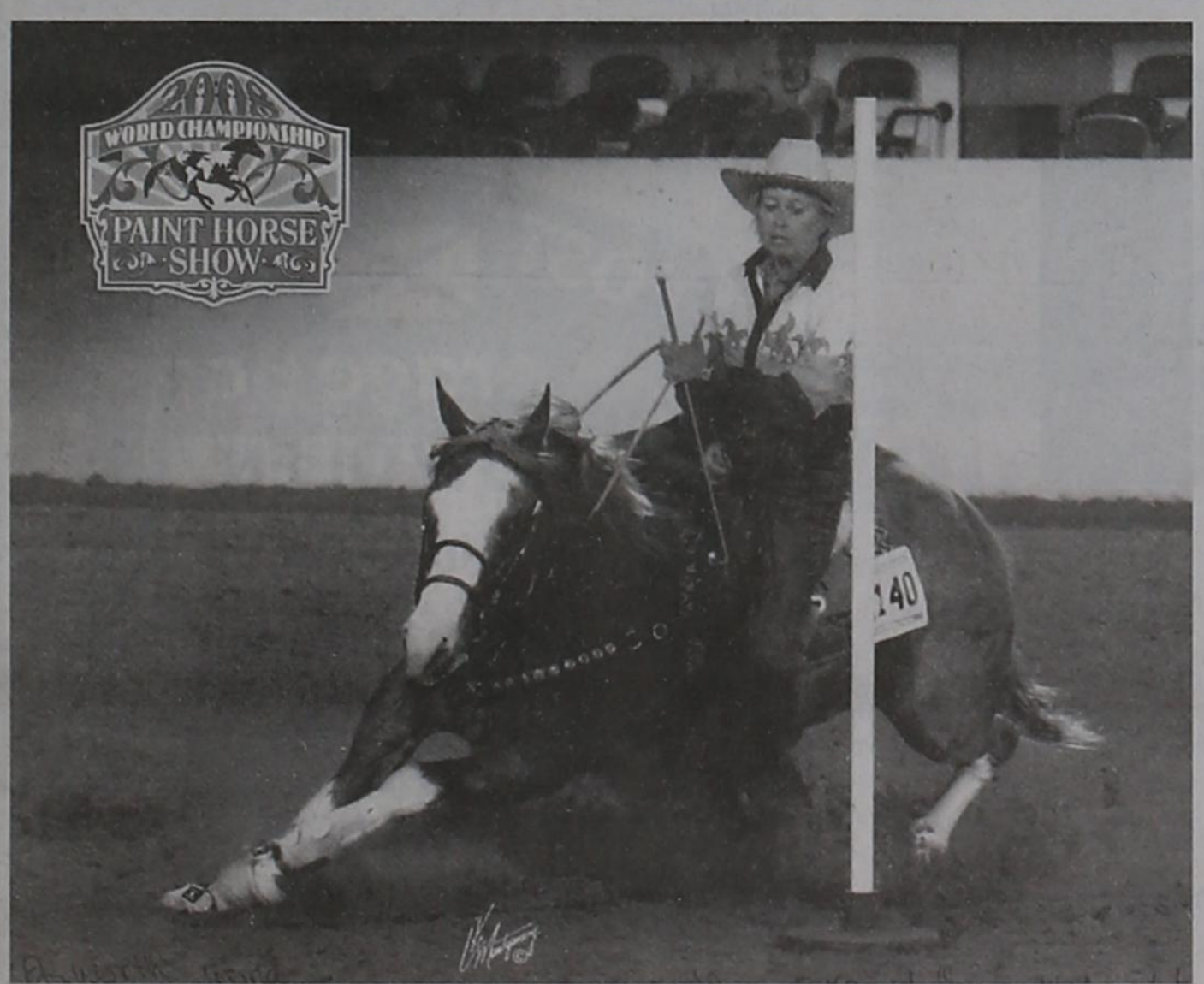
If you want to spend the night in Post, try the Hotel Garza Historical Bed and Breakfast. When you enter, you'll feel the ambiance of a 1915 western inn. More than 90 years later with modern conveniences in place, this fine bed and breakfast offers overnight accommodations, scrumptious home cooking and true West Texas hospitality. A country-style hot breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings; a hearty Continental-plus breakfast is served weekday mornings.

Editor's Note: A resident of Post brought this column to our attention. This was published in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Sunday, July 6th, 2008.

Water Rates to Increase... No Change to Minimum

Due to a 30.4% increase in the wholesale water rate charged by White River Municipal Water District, the City of Post will also be increasing water rates effective August 1, 2008. In an effort to lessen the impact on rate-payers, the Post City Council has voted to totally absorb the increase for those customers who do not exceed the 3,000 gallons of usage that are included in the minimum charge. Additionally, the City is absorbing one-third of the increase for those who use more than the minimum: The increase will be 20.4% across the entire rate structure above 3,000 gallons of usage per month. The City of Slaton will be increasing their wholesale rate in October, but the City of Post will absorb that increase and not pass it on to the consumer at this time. This will probably be the last increase that the City can absorb without affecting the minimum charge. The new rate for the effective August 1, and will be used in the computation of August consumption on the August 31, 2008 utility bills.

A point to consider: Oil is selling for around \$140.00 per barrel (42 gallons); even at our highest rate, the cost of water is about 18 cents per barrel (42 gallons)...think about it!



June 23rd, Natha Jo Arnold (above) competed at the American Paint Horse Association World Show in Fort Worth where she was in the top 5. She came in 4th in the world in Pole Bending on her horse "Prime Example."

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**Coach Bryan
Compton**
(left)

**Olympian,
April Steiner**
(above)

Post graduate coaches at Olympics

Bryan Compton, 1979 graduate of Post High School, is now the assistant track coach for the Lady Razorback's at Arkansas University. For the past 10 years he has specialized as their pole vault coach. Bryan will be coaching April Steiner in the pole vault event, and attending the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. April placed 2nd recently at the Olympic Trials in Oregon.

Fever Ticks Lay Claim to a Million Acres in Texas

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) marked an ominous anniversary July 3 by expanding the preventive cattle fever tick quarantine area in south Texas by 307,000 acres, after the dangerous livestock pests were detected on cattle outside quarantine areas in Starr and Zapata counties. Fever ticks, capable of carrying and transmitting deadly "tick fever" to cattle, have been detected on livestock or wildlife on 139 Texas pastures during the past 12 months.

"In July 2007, the first preventive quarantine was established—39,325 acres in Starr County—to enable the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Tick Force and the TAHC to inspect and treat livestock moved from the area, get ahead of the fever tick and push it back across the quarantine line," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Now, a year later, we have more than a million acres under preventive quarantines in Starr, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties, in addition to the half-million acres in the permanent fever tick quarantine zone that runs alongside the Rio Grande, from Del Rio to Brownsville."

The enlarged preventive quarantine includes portions of Starr, Zapata counties and a small area in Jim Hogg County. It is bounded on the north by Texas Highway 16, from its intersection on the west with US Highway 83 to its eastern junction with Ranch Road 649. Ranch Road 649 is the eastern boundary to its southern intersection with US Highway 83, which is the western boundary stretching northward to the intersection with Texas Highway 16. Maps of this and all preventive fever tick quarantines are available on the TAHC website at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> or by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242.

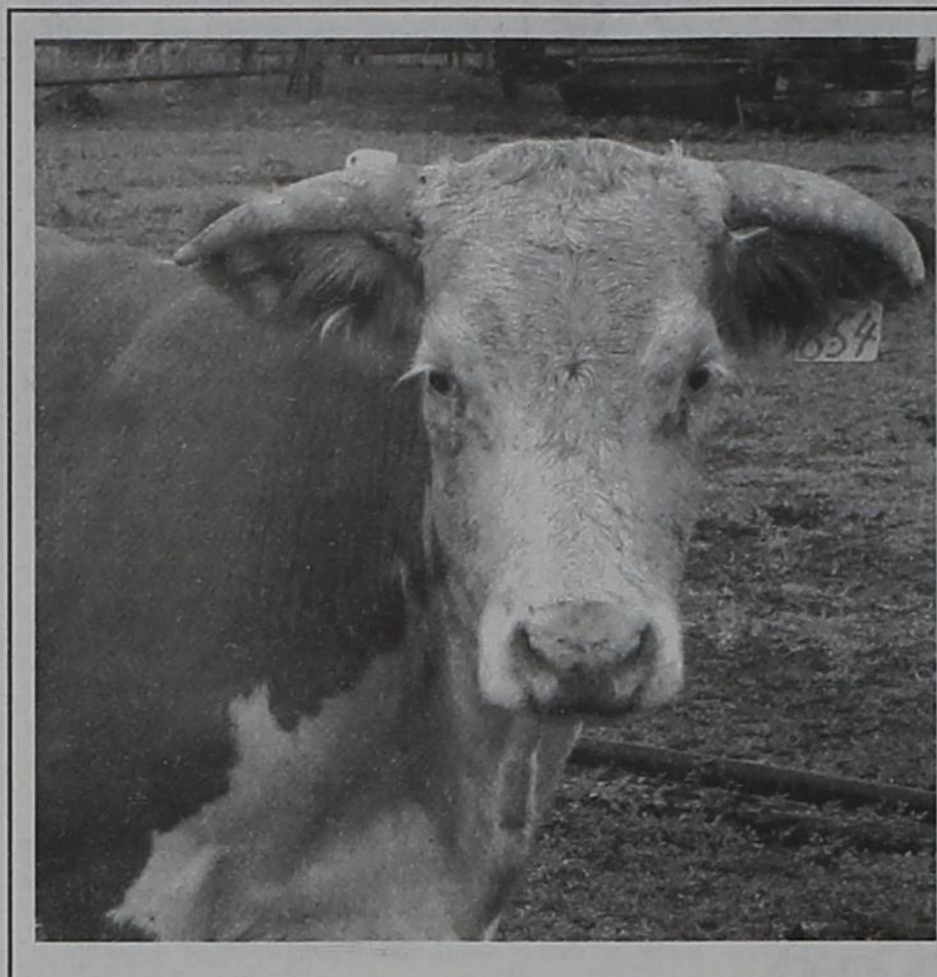
"This is no longer a 'border war' against the fever tick," said Dr. Hillman. "The fever tick has gained a substantial foothold on Texas soil, and without adequate resources to fight this pest, it will spread." The fever tick, which can survive winters from coast to coast and as far north as Washington, D. C., was successfully pushed back into Mexico in 1943. Periodic tick incursions since then have occurred in Texas, but only one, in the 1970s, eclipsed the current outbreak for the number of premises infested and took six years to eradicate.

"In smaller states, a quarantine area the size of Delaware would raise red flags," said Dr. Hillman. "Texas' vastness and the previous success at keeping the fever tick controlled may be working against us. Now we need help, with a million more acres to cover and finding about a dozen infested premises a month."

"Early this year, the fever tick program received \$5.2 million of the \$13 million of federal funds requested to fight the tick, and while appreciated and used, it is not enough to win this battle," said Dr. Hillman. "Furthermore, there has been no funding for the National Fever Tick Eradication Strategic Plan, developed and approved by USDA in 2006. It called for preventing entry of cattle fever ticks into the U.S., enhancing surveillance, and eradicating infestations resulting from fever tick incursions. The plan also was to identify and procure the tools necessary to keep the U.S. free of fever ticks, and to work with Mexico, where cattle fever ticks are not controlled. The strategic plan has not been implemented."

"It's really a 'pay now or pay later' scenario, because this tick

won't be stopped with less than an all-out assault that requires adequate personnel, sufficient treatment products, and enough equipment, such as portable dipping vats or portable spray boxes for cattle, and treatment equipment for deer and other wildlife hosts," said Dr. Hillman. "Texas has a ticking time bomb in south Texas. So far, we have had only two of the three elements for a 'tick fever' outbreak—fever ticks and fever tick hosts—including cattle, horses and several species of wildlife. If, however, some of



these fever ticks carry babesia, a blood parasite deadly to cattle, the equation would be complete and we could see livestock death losses."

On the front lines are the ranchers in the preventive quarantine areas who must gather their cattle for inspection which in the south Texas brush country usually requires helicopters and cowboys on horseback. The TAHC and USDA work cooperatively to provide the inspections to determine the scope of infestation in the area. Cattle, horses and ruminants, including llamas and camels, also must be inspected, treated and permitted prior to leaving the area.

Dr. Hillman encouraged ranchers to comply with the preventive quarantines and asked producers in adjacent counties to have their livestock checked prior to movement out of the area. "In discussions with ranchers, it has been suggested that cattle moving through south Texas livestock markets be inspected and dipped prior to sale," said Dr. Hillman. "This is being considered, but it, too, requires additional personnel, chemicals and the construction of dipping vats, resources we do not have at this time."

"We have traced more than 1,000 cattle moved from ranches later found to be tick-infested," said Dr. Hillman. "Requesting an inspection prior to movement costs nothing for the rancher, but it could save us countless hours of tracking cattle, time that could be better used in the field to fight the ticks. I also encourage

ranchers anywhere in Texas to call us if they see tick infestations on their cattle. We can check the animals, and collect and send tick samples to the state-federal laboratory for identification. We do not want to take any chances with these ticks and spread them further." Ranchers can call their area TAHC office, or the agency headquarters at 800-550-8242.

Ranches where ticks have been detected are quarantined, and cattle are rounded up, inspected and treated as often as every two weeks, or as seldom as every 28 days, depending on the treatment method—dipping, spraying or injection with Dectomax, an injectable treatment. The cattle are repeatedly treated and returned to the pasture to 'pick up' ticks on the vegetation, until the animals are tick-free, indicating that the premises is free of the pests.

Another method of clearing a pasture of ticks involves removing clean, treated cattle and 'vacating' the pasture for as long as nine months to starve out the ticks. Recently, this method has met with less than positive results, as ticks have demonstrated their adaptability to live on wildlife when cattle hosts are not available.

"Historically, fever ticks preferred cattle, and sometimes, hitched a ride on horses. Now fever ticks are being detected not only on white-tailed deer and nilgai, but also on aoudad sheep, fallow, axis and red deer, and elk. Fighting fever ticks on a variety of species—especially free-ranging animals that don't respect fences—makes this battle much more difficult," said Dr. Hillman.

Currently, treatment of wildlife or exotic livestock is limited to providing corn treated with an insecticide, or setting up feeding stations equipped with treated posts that transfer pyrethrin, an insecticide, to the animal's head and neck. Later, as the animal grooms itself, the pyrethrin is distributed across its body, killing the fever ticks. The problem: some products require a 60-day withdrawal period, so they can't be used just prior to or during the hunting season. In the quarantined areas, the hides of harvested animals are either left behind, or inspected and treated prior to being removed from the premises.

"Concerns about fever ticks run deep in Texas, where the TAHC was established in 1893 to fight this pest. A Fever Tick Working Group, with industry and related agency membership, is working on recommendations for getting ahead of the fever tick, so it can be pushed back to the border. Likewise, a Wildlife Subcommittee also is working on suggestions for addressing fever ticks on free-ranging and exotic livestock," said Dr. Hillman. "Fighting fever ticks may seem simple, but it's not easy...and it's never cheap."

Garza County

News of tick fever among Texas cattle has spread to Garza County—but not tick fever.

"I've heard about it," said Jimmy Valdez, foreman on the U Lazy S Ranch.

Recent stories in farming and ranching publications have brought tick fever problems—on the increase in South Texas—to the attention of cattle-raisers everywhere.

"We do hear about fever ticks, but it's not something you have to focus on around here," Valdez said.

Not that local ranchers don't take measures against deer ticks and other pests that plague livestock.

"When we gather cattle, we do use an insecticide," Valdez said. "It's preventative."

More information about tick fever is available on the Web site of the Texas Animal Health Commission: <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>

fiddler, Lillie Hart ...

(Continued from Page 3)



Like this year, the range in the students' ages made the classes interesting for Hart.

"Nine years old to up in the young-hearted 70s," she said.

For the older students, learning to play an instrument is most often a dream that's taken a long time to come true.

"A lot of people have worked their whole lives and have wanted to do this (learn the fiddle) every since they were young," Hart said.

Slower fingers and minds that aren't as quick to grasp new knowledge may be a handicap,

but the age-related challenges don't keep the senior fiddlers from learning to play the tunes alongside their younger counterparts.

"They have a real desire," she said. "They do it for the playing of the music. It's not that they're going to be concert violinists."

Nor are the younger students likely to become professional musicians.

What's important is that dreams come true, early or late.

TDA Market Recap July 14, 2008

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commissioner Todd Staple

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AUSTIN—(July 14, 2008) For the week ending July 12, 2008, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions ranged \$2 to \$4 per hundredweight higher than a week earlier in response to declining grain prices. Fed cattle prices were lower after beef values dropped late in the week. Corn and wheat prices declined as markets continue to adjust to the latest acreage and production reports. Corn was also pressured by forecasts for favorable growing weather in the Midwest. As for futures markets, feeder cattle, cotton and lumber ended the week higher, while finished cattle, wheat and corn were lower. Most of the state received very little rain during the week, but areas of South Texas and the Northern High Plains recorded one-half to two inches or more. Drought conditions prevailed over most of the state with topsoil moisture in short to very short supply in many areas. Wheat harvest is complete except for a few late-planted fields on the Northern High Plains. Cotton was setting bolls on 18 percent of the acreage with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Corn harvest continues in central and southern locations, with 31 percent of the acreage now mature. Pastures were in mostly fair to poor condition.

----- Week Ending -----				
Texas Cash Markets:		07/12/08	07/05/08	07/14/07
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	108.31	106.31	112.97
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	99.87	101.97	90.83
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	95.50	*	89.00
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	103.50	*	111.50
Cotton	(¢/lb)	62.25	63.75	61.00
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	11.14	12.33	5.88
Wheat	(\$/bu)	7.85	8.32	5.49
Corn	(\$/bu)	6.79	7.46	3.84
Watermelons	(\$/lb)	0.16	0.17	0.11
Futures Markets:				
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	111.73	111.58	113.85
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	101.20	103.80	91.63
Cotton	(¢/lb)	70.63	68.02	66.49
Wheat	(\$/bu)	8.53	9.05	6.09
Corn	(\$/bu)	6.80	7.46	3.42
Lumber	(\$/1000 bd ft)	256.00	248.50	279.80

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week. * Price not available this week as all the auctions covered by Market News were closed for the Independence Day holiday.

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Obituaries

Jesus Riojas

Military graveside rites for Jesus Riojas, 84, of Lubbock were held 2:00 PM Monday July 14, 2008 at the Grassland Cemetery at Grassland. Travis Sweet of the Post Church of Christ officiated. An honor guard from Ft. Hood did the military honors. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Riojas was born January 8, 1924 to Margaito and Feliz (Ibarra) Riojas at Webb, Texas. He served in the Army during WWII. He married Francesca Deleon on September 4, 1948 in Laredo. Jesus worked as a long haul truck driver and was a cowboy for many years.

Survivors include his wife: Frances Riojas of Lubbock. Three Sons: Jesse and his wife Tricia Riojas of Lubbock; Joe and his wife Felicia Riojas of Corpus Christi and George Riojas, also of Corpus Christi. One Daughter: Yolanda and her husband Alcala of Premont, Texas. Two Brothers: Danny Riojas of Chicago, Ill. and Armando Riojas of Webb. One Sister: Chita Maldonado of Laredo. Six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather has again been crazy out here. We have had a total of about six tenths as of Tuesday afternoon. They say we have another chance on Wednesday. It hasn't been to hot so a lot of us have been out and about, Raegan and Kale are back at White River Youth Camp this week, Will is attending day camp out there; I have seen Aaron, Joel, and Patty out on the 4 wheeler. Grady was out working in his garden as well as Billie Jean out mowing her grass. Justin Boren and Reece Belongia have been working at the Rodeo in conjunction with the State FFA Convention in Lubbock.

Danny and Susan left on the 4th of July and rode to Stamford to the annual BBQ cook-off. They met up with Steve, Flora, Stevie and friends, Richard and Linda. Steve and Richard entered the cook-off and placed 6th in Beans and 5th in Ribs. Their camp site, "Cycle City" won first place. This was the first long solo trip on her bike. Danny also tells me his dad, Mike has a new ride so if you see a red go-cart out and about give him the right of way!

Billie Jean Cross enjoyed some of her family over the weekend. They all met at Billie Jeans and enjoyed a great meal and lots of visiting. Those there include; Terry, Ruth and family; Ricky, Lana and family; Doke, Melissa and Cameron; Chris and Shannon and Brady and Candace.

We send out our sympathies to Claudine Tipton the loss of her brother-in-law who lived in Hondo, Texas, he passed away on Saturday.

I send out a huge happy birthday to my son Ryan, he turns 18 on Sunday! I can't believe how the time as flown by.

All of us here in Ragtown send a big hello to Fred who is a faithful reader of In and Around Close City.

Visitors.....We have had a few visitors this week, Syd Conner came by for seed; Ronnie Gradine brought his grandson Grey in to say hello; Willard Yarbro met up with his brother-in-law, Elvin Allen and visited for a while. Nancy Thuett also stopped in on Tuesday. Jim Ellis came in and brought some delicious cucumbers, Thanks, Jim!

Birthdays...
July 20th - Ryan Belongia

See ya next week and Ya'll Come See Us !

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

On God's Word

GO TEAM!

By: Michael F. Taylor

As the clock ticks, we are ever nearing that most glorious time of year when at least many of you men out there are looking most forward to; FOOTBALL! Myself included. When men equip themselves with pad's and helmet, walk out onto a prepared field of battle, and engage in valiant combat on the old gridiron. It gives me a rush just to write about it. And, I am reminded of a football story from my youth. There was a particular young family attending the church my father was pastoring at that time, and the gentleman of that family happened to be the band director of one of the local high school football teams. My father loaded us up that Friday night for an evening which I will never forget. It turned out to be a very close football game where the home team (our team) would score and immediately the opposing team would respond with their own touchdown. To this day it is one of the most exciting high school games I have ever watched. The fourth quarter certainly was no disappointment, either. It had gone down to the wire and the home team had fallen behind by a two point conversion and a field goal- 5 points. Our team must score a touchdown or lose the game, and there were only 20 seconds left on the scoreboard. By some miracle, the home team wound up on offense and the quarterback took the snap from the center, fading back to the right. A receiver took off down the field and was at least five yards ahead of his defender. The quarterback threw the most beautiful spiral pass and by the time the receiver caught the ball, he was ten yards ahead of anyone. A jet plane could not have caught that young man. The wife of this band director jumped to her feet, struck the man sitting in front of her in the back with both fists, and began screaming "He's going to make a touchdown, He's going to make a touchdown." She told my father after the game that she didn't even know the guy in front of her that she "assaulted" in the heat of the moment. The touchdown was scored and the home team triumphed.

Football is exciting, isn't it? But how much more exciting should our experience with Christ Jesus be. Romans 8: 37-39 tells us this, "37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." NIV Scripture is telling us that we are "more than Conquerors through Christ Jesus our Lord". And yet how many times have we become as excited about what the Lord is doing in our lives as we have over something external like a football game. And yet His Word is telling me, that not life, or death, neither angels nor demons, or anything else in all of creation can separate me from His love. That is exciting news. Good news. The Gospel news! And because it is such Good news, I want to proclaim it to the world. As Paul said in Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." NIV Therefore, we should all bring back to remembrance with amazement and wonder the very first memory verse learned, "16 For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17 NIV I sincerely pray that each of you is excited about what Jesus is doing in your life. I also pray that when presented the opportunity, that you will proclaim it to the world.

Yes, you may be facing challenges and trials today. If so, keep God's Word close to your heart and look to Paul's encouragement, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NIV Many times, the trials and challenges that we face enable us to better understand and deal with the obstacles yet to come. Even more often, the obstacles faced, allow us the opportunity to put them in God's hands and rely upon Him. "19 And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20 NIV May each of you have an exciting week in Christ Jesus. Go Team!

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By: Shawnette Hinkle

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
July 16, 1998

Local PRCA cowboy Gary Puckett took Jacksonville by storm, winning the bull riding at the 31st Annual Rodeo with a score of 87 points on "Prime Time Scoal" of the Auger Rodeo Company. Gary took a 3rd place at Mesquite the next night.

Ed Gill was treated to a real surprise birthday party at the Garza County Trailblazers at lunch. The surprise was pulled off by his daughter Susan Radle.

Cody Collier was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Cognitive Science from the University of Texas at Dallas during commencement exercises.

Billy J. Carlisle of Post had been approved for membership into a program developed by the American Quarter Horse Association that is designed to bring horse buyers together with reputable American Quarter Horse owners and breeders.

20 Years Ago
July 20, 1988

Advancing to the Area Championship tournament were Post Little League all star team members Oscar Acevedo, Johnny Titsworth, Rynn Sappington, Jeremy King, Raymond Garza, Jim Riley Simpson, Russell Baldree, Robert Baldree, Ruben Soto, Justin Terry, Shawn Pennell, Russ Bird, Radley Nichols, and Lane Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Binford announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Bruce Crenshaw, son of Glenda and Jim Booth.

4-H members from Garza County attending the 1988 Texas 4-H Congress in Austin were Korren and Steven Payton, Ron and Angela Graves and Clay Cowdrey, who as Texas 4-H Council 2nd Vice-President, acted as "Speaker of the House."

Approximately 50 guests were registered at a wedding shower honoring Miss Jayta Ticer, bride-elect of Eric Cravy.

30 Years Ago
July 20, 1978

L. M. Crowley presented Noah Stone his 50-year membership certificate and pin presiding installation ceremonies of Post Masonic Lodge.

Post's Little League All-Stars crushed North Lynn at Slaton 29 to 4 to win the Area IV Little League Championship. Members were R. J. Greathouse, Daniel Gonzales, Curtis Clinesmith, Gilbert Perez, L. D. Harper, Lynn Allen, Michael Valdez, Jeff Lamb, Curt Greer, Greg Massey, Robbie Williams, Paul Perez, Danny Storie and Danny Valdez.

Wedding vows were exchanges between Voda Beth Voss and Ronnie Gradine July 15 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voss. Officiating the double ring ceremony was

Rev. Billy Porterfield. Attending the bride as matron of honor was Cheryl Blair and her husband, Roger Blair, served as best man.

40 Years Ago
July 18, 1968

It was a tense moment for everyone involved when two young Lubbock burglars, each armed with a loaded pistol, dropped down through the roof air conditioner into Hundley's Men Store and were confronted by Jimmy Hundley with a shotgun in one hand and a flashlight in the other. The burglars decided not to take any chances with Hundley's shotgun and surrendered.

The first six entries in the Miss Post Beauty Contest, planned for July were announced. The six were Nancy Hart, Barbara Gilmore, Sheryl Cooper, Jody Kolb, Sue Eubank and Rhonda Case. The contest was sponsored by the Jaycee organization.

20th Century Fox's western adventure, "Bandolero" was this week's feature at the Tower Theatre. It starred James Stewart, Dean Martin, Raquel Welch and Academy Award winner George Kennedy.

Neighbors in Graham welcomed the Bob Robinson family to their community. The Robinsons moved into the house vacated by the Therlbert McBrides.

50 Years Ago
July 17, 1958

Post's newest business firm - Casey and Welch Electric held its grand opening in its new business building at 715 North Broadway, with partners, Charles Casey and Ralph Welch, two well known Post men, inviting everybody to

stop in and visit them.

After 25 years of all-male competition, the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show at Lubbock opened its gates to girls.

Three Post Antelope Band students, Judy Gossett, Beverley Young and Minnie Lee Mathis were at Abilene attending McMurry College's Summer Band and Twirling School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Guthrie announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bonnie, to R. B. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Taylor of Meadow. The wedding would take place July 19 at the Church of the Nazarene.

Lexa Acker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Acker, was one of 2,266 students listed on the University of Oklahoma honor roll for the spring semester.

60 Years Ago
July 15, 1948

Earl Hodges announced this week in 1948 the new home of the Hodges Tractor Company, on east Main Street, had been completed and equipment was ready to move from the building on north Broadway.

The Official Board of the First Presbyterian Church consisted of elders, G. W. Connell, Dr. A. C. Surman, J. A. Stallings, William Zetzman and Shelley Camp. The deacons were Dr. Glenn Kahler, J. N. Power, Bryan J. Williams, Giles McCrary and Thomas Power.

The Post Chamber of Commerce campaigned to protect the townfolk from fraudulent

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solicitors, which increased in numbers due to inflation. The Stone and Albert McBride were members of the chamber asked to have every solicitor show a card of approval from the Post C. of C. before giving him any patronage.

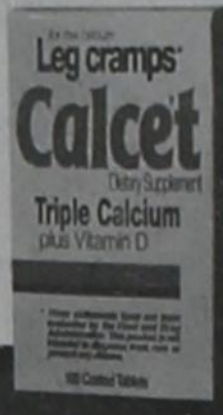
Mesdames James Stone, Albert Stone and Albert McBride were hostesses for a layette shower honoring Mrs. Donald Windham in the James Stone home. Misses Melba Rose McClellan and Joy Mason registered the 50 guests.

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ACROSS

- 1 in Falls Co. on 77
- 5 EU currency
- 6 this OT Williams blocked for Emmitt
- 7 TXism: "missed a country mile"
- 8 TX Orbison sang with Emmylou Harris in '80
- 9 Rice's Dickey who was tackled from Alabama bench in '54 Cotton Bowl
- 15 slang for a conservative Democrat
- 16 backs financially
- 19 TX film producer Elizabeth
- 21 Lake del Rey
- 22 West TX has a warm dry one
- 27 three feet
- 28 put new rawhide on your baseball mitt
- 29 martial art popular in TX
- 30 TXism: "racked" (thought)
- 32 Texas-Weekend
- 33 where women hook thumbs in Texas Two-Step (2 wds.)
- 36 TXism: "como" (how are you)
- 37 once a fast civil aircraft (abbr.)
- 38 chinese restaurant name (2 wds.)
- 39 famous TX-bred gossip columnist
- 41 TXism: "ugly as homemade"
- 42 soft drink owned by TX-based co.
- 45 "Charlie the ___" dir. to Austin from San Antonio
- 47 George W., Jeb, Neil & Marvin to TX George H.
- 48 head rug
- 49 TX-born Railsback '91 film with Sharon Stone
- 52 examinations
- 53 TXism: "___ his dust" (followed)
- 54 ___ Boston, TX
- 55 physicians (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 TX actor Tommy Jones
- 2 TXism: "we ironed out ___ differences"
- 3 Morton newspaper
- 4 TX Fred Hansen won pole vault gold at these '64 games (2 wds.)
- 8 Gulf activity; scuba
- 9 TX-born Louise or Irlene to Barbara (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "got ___ itchy trigger finger"
- 11 TX-born Keyes who was Suellen O'Hara (init.)
- 12 TXism: "___-week-old corn"
- 13 sit lazily
- 14 in Hidalgo Co. on hwy. 107
- 15 former news show of TX-born Stone Phillips
- 16 TX ___-Que
- 17 older sister of TX-born Tanya Tucker
- 18 private detective
- 20 chips marketed by TX-based Frito-Lay
- 22 designer Klein (init.)
- 23 retrieving dog
- 24 intense anger
- 25 thick drinks made with TX Blue Bell products
- 26 reach a goal
- 28 Austin historic theater, now site of "Alamo Draughthouse"
- 31 LBJ problem: Southeast ___
- 34 this Otto directed TX Tierney (init.)
- 35 TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water"
- 37 what TX Willie does
- 40 TX Tierney film: "The Ghost and Mrs. ___" ('47)
- 43 TXism: "___ me an arm and a leg"
- 44 "___ for all"
- 50 meat & vegetable dishes
- 51 Michael Young's position on the Rangers (abbr.)



Welding - Beginners Class of 2008

Participants (left to right) Lance Dun (Instructor), Jimmy Kemp, Perry Smith (Instructor), Aaron Rathbun, Kary Callen, George Williams, Shellee Odom, and Joe Cook. Not pictured was Jason Gill.

Post ISD Ag Department held a three day course in Beginners Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW). Participants learned the beginning basics of SMAW and were able to take home a completed project. All were presented with completion certificates.

Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs!

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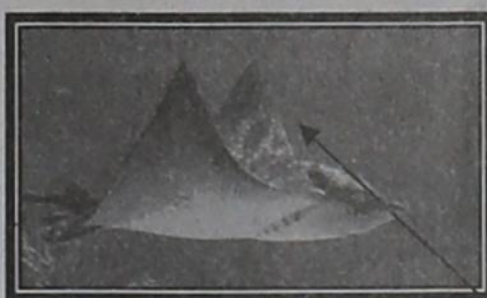
VOL 16 STINGRAY STYLE



Like a magic carpet on the ocean floor that suddenly springs to life, the startled stingray flutters away to avoid human contact.

These beautiful and graceful swimmers may be found in shallow USA waters from Chesapeake Bay to Florida and in the Gulf of Mexico. They are ovoviviparous which means they give birth to litters of 3-5 live young (no egg).

Friend or Foe? In the USA there are about 1,500 stingray strikes reported each year. World wide, a few deaths will occur when a person is struck in the chest. Heat applied to the wound will deactivate the poison. Stingrays are not aggressive, but when accidentally stepped on a ray may sting. The barbed spines leave a painful mark called a hickey.



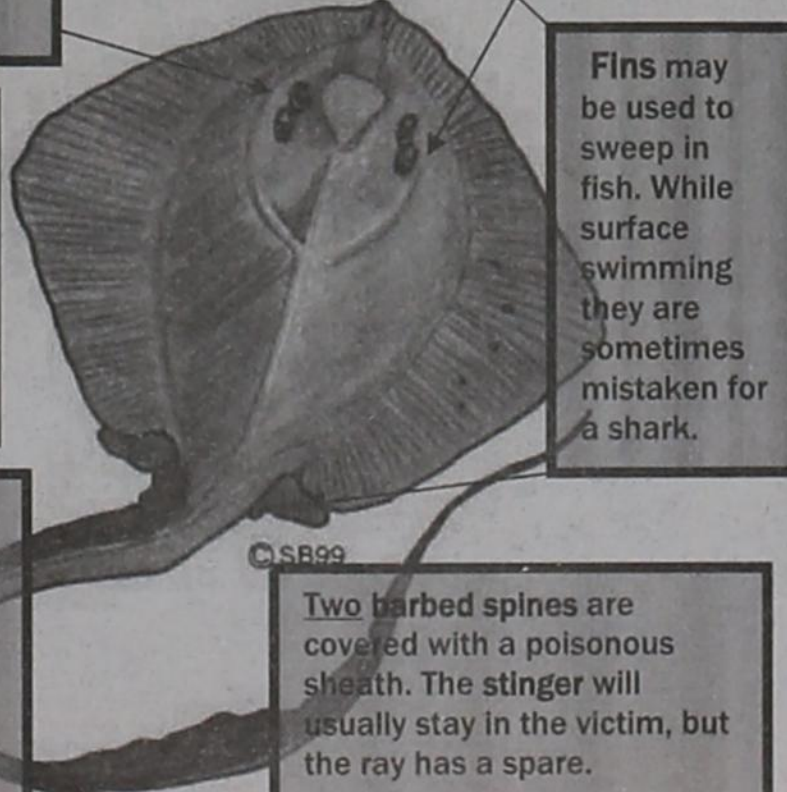
Scientific name: *dasyatis americana*

Snout

Eyes

The mouth is on the bottom, with teeth strong enough to easily crush shellfish.

A ray's color and spots helps it to blend into the ocean floor and hide from prey, like the shark.



Flins may be used to sweep in fish. While surface swimming they are sometimes mistaken for a shark.

Two barbed spines are covered with a poisonous sheath. The stinger will usually stay in the victim, but the ray has a spare.

Rays range from 6 inches to 14 feet long.

Spiracle (breathing hole), where water is sucked in are located on the top so it will not become clogged with sand when the ray is cruising for lunch on the ocean floor.

R-A-Y Word Wonders

Rays, found in most oceans of the world, may also be found swimming among the words below. Use the hints to fill in the blanks.

1. s _ ray - burst of fine mist
2. _ _ ray - homeless dog
3. _ ray - cafeteria lunch holder
4. _ ray_n - art class staple
5. _ ray_i_h - fresh water shrimp
6. _ ray_n_ m_n_i_ - big ugly bug
7. _ ray - heavy load wagon
8. f_ray - to raid
9. _ ray_r - "Our Father"
10. _ ray_d - jean cutoffs, hem
11. ray_n - synthetic fabric
12. _ ray - a holy plea

Stingrays are much like a flattened shark.

Answers: 1.spray, 2.stray, 3.tray, 4.crayon, 5.crayfish, 6.praying mantis, 7.dray, 8.foray, 9.prayer, 10.frayed, 11.rayon, 12.pray
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Yard of the Week

At 116 E.11th Street, the Woods' home s this weeks "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (back left to right) are David Woods, Tye Basquez, Thadd Basquez, Trena Woods and Linda Puckett. Front (left to right) Marie Neff and Naomi Matsler. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Commerative Jimmie Redman belt buckle part of this years Team Roping (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Garza County Team Roping dedicated to Jimmie Redman

This years Team Roping is dedicated to Jimmie Redman and will benefit the Jimmie Redman Scholarship fund. Twenty-five percent of all donations go this fund.

All this takes place August 2nd at 5:00pm. The books open at 5:00pm. There will be a Steer Stopping first followed by Team Roping.

You must pre-enter.

For more information, to donate or to enter call: Randy Lewis-777-8295, Cass Tatum-549-7176, or Danny Vernon-495-2415



Many were involved in washing cars for the Skate Park fundraiser.



The Dreamers Car Club was also a part of the festivities at Sonic's Summer Days and the Skate Park fundraiser. (Photos by Merika Strivens)



Some, opted for something "cooler." Like Perfect Pena who decided to volunteer in his work attire for the dunking booth at Sonic last Saturday. (Photos by Merika Strivens)

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