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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/ **GOVERNMENT MEETINGS** All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Health Care District February 19 6:30 p.m. Citizens Bank Meeting Room 210 N. Broadway

Garza County Commissioners Court February 23

9 a.m. Garza County Courthouse 300 W. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS Event info available at press time.

> Post Boys Basketball @ Roosevelt February 13 5:00 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater February 13, 20 & 27 7:30 p.m. 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Post Varsity/JV Softball @ Lamesa February 14 1:00 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater February 14, 21 & 28 3 p.m. 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

San Antonio Stock Show February 16 - 20

Post ISD GED Class Post High School/Southwest Entrance

Room 18 February 17 5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night February 17 5:30 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class Post High School/Southwest Entrance Room 18 February 19

205 E. 10th

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night

5-8 p.m.

February 19 5:30 p.m. 205 E. 10th

"Love Letters" Garza Theatre February 20, 21, 27 & 28 8 p.m. 495-4005 for reservations

San Angelo Stock Show February 23 & 24

Post Area Chamber of

Commerce **Annual Banquet** February 28 6:30 p.m. Post Community Center 113 W. Main Call 495-3461 for reservations

61 and counting ...

■ Post couple share secrets to a happy marriage

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

After more than 61 years of marriage, the affection that Bill and Movelda Harp have for one another is still strong. When asked what makes a long, successful marriage, Movelda said, "It is a day-to-day commitment." Bill explained, "I found out who was the boss a long time ago! We talk about things, compromise and then do it Movelda's way."

In a more serious tone, the couple agreed that they have been blessed. "The Lord has been with us through good times and not so good and has given us so much. We've had good health and good family."

The couple married October 15, 1947 in Welch. Movelda Gray moved to the Welch. school system at mid-term her freshman year. Bill remembers, "That she was kinda' cute." The couple dated "off and on" the last two years of high school, graduated in May of '47 and married 5 months later. As the couple reminisced about their wedding, which took place under an arbor at Bill's parent's home, Bill recalls that due to a knee injury, his leg was in a cast. "That's how she caught

me! Because I had that cast." After the wedding, the couple stayed in Welch and took over the Harp family farm. Later, Bill worked for Cities Service

Oil Co. for 34 years before retiring in 1985. Movelda worked at the First National Bank in Lamesa and retired from that job in 1983.

After retirement, the couple moved to Cloudcroft, NM where they made their home for 17 years. "We decided to move closer to family and to medical services," Movelda said. "So we moved to Post."

The couple began "RVing" in 1976 and has continued this hobby through their retirement years. They recalled visiting Branson, MO, still a favorite destination, when there were only 4 shows to see and the tickets cost \$6.00. They still enjoy Branson, listing the Soji Tabuchi and the Baldknobbers as their favorites. Several years ago, the couple drove to Alaska and toured the state. "We drove over 13,000 miles and were gone from May until September," Bill said. The Harps also attend four or five Cowboy Symposiums each year traveling as far as Sierra Vista, AZ. They have been to most of the lakes in Texas and especially enjoy Movelda's family gettogether – the Gray reunion – at Brownwood each year.

When at home, Bill and Molvelda attend First Baptist Church, where she serves on the kitchen committee. Bill is often seen at area musical events playing his harmonica. He is a regular at Graham Old Opry,



Bill and Movelda Harp on their wedding day October 15, 1947, (right) and today (above). The Post couple will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary this year.



Trailblazers and Golden Plains. Bill also participates in special events at the Heritage House and on Main Street and along with his nephew Jack Hattaway, provided music for the Post Centennial Celebration.

The Harps' family includes a daughter Linda and her husband, Marvin Self and a son Jacky and his wife, Thressa. The couple has 8 grandchildren

and 14 great-grandchildren.

As a reminder that those Valentine sentiments you give to loved ones can make a lasting impression, Molvelda recalled that her favorite Valentine gift was one she received from Bill while they were in high school. "It was a small cedar chest filled with candy," she said. "I liked that a lot and I still have the chest."

Prison guard faces charges

Gregory Stace Norman faces federal charges after being accused of smuggling drugs into the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in Post.

According to public records, an investigation of the former prison guard began in January 2009 after an informant inside the prison notified authorities that another inmate told him that Norman would smuggle drugs into the facility for money.

The informant also indicated that the guard had done this several times although a timeframe for the alleged incidents was not revealed.

Authorities arranged for an under-cover agent to meet Norman to attempt to arrange a drug delivery into the prison for

Court records indicate that on Thursday, Feb. 5 the agent met Norman at the McDonald's restaurant in Post and delivered an ounce of methamphetamine, an ounce of cocaine and \$1,000 in cash.

According to the court papers, when Norman allegedly agreed to deliver, the agent made an arrest.

Records show that Norman was released on a personal recognizance bond during his appearance before a federal judge on Feb. 6 and is scheduled back in court on Feb. 23.

Stace Norman graduated from Southland High School in 2006.

He had worked at the Dalby Unit since June, 2007.

Garza County burn ban in effect

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

In a regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Feb. 9, Garza County Commissioners voted unanimously to issue a 90-day burn ban for Garza County, effective immediately. Post Fire Department Fire Chief Les Looney spoke to the court stating his concerns about extreme fire hazard conditions and explained that he is in favor of a burn ban similar to the ban passed in June 2008. This type of ban would permit enclosed, contained burns. Looney also suggested that welding guidelines be incorporated in the ban. Judge Norman also proposed posting burn ban signs at the county entry ways on the existing highway department poles. Notice of the ban will also be posted on the Chamber digital sign on Main Street.

Clerk Jim Plummer presented information concerning the hiring of a vendor to scan, reverse and enhance county records that are currently in a Photostat format. The expected expense for this fiscal year is \$10,000 and is in the adopted budget. Commissioners voted to approve the archive fee ment contributions to the county. The Court voted plan and Plummer will present the scan project cost estimates at the next meeting.

The court voted to approve relocation of Catholic Family Services Rural Community Organizing in Garza County to the Community Action Building (county barn). The group currently has an office on the east side of the old mill.

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell provided information to the Commissioners regarding acquisition of vehicle radios. The South Plains Association of Governments has offered the commissioners the opportunity to purchase the

same radios for their crews that are available to law enforcement and emergency personnel. These radios are available at a reduced cost through a SPAG grant.

The Commissioners approved a Premier membership with the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Since reorganizing last year, the Chamber has expanded its services to include all of Garza County rather than just the city of Post. Cost of the annual membership is \$1,000.00.

County Attorney Mike Munk recommended the cancellation of the Westlaw Internet Service which would net an \$8,445.48/year savings to the county. Munk also requested that the remaining balance for this fiscal year, \$5,630.32 be transferred to his continuing education line item in the attorney's office budget citing the need for more continuing education than was needed by previous attorney Leslie Acker. Acker presented the attorney's office budget prior to his retirement. The court approved.

Commissioners discussed the City of Post's Resolution Number 350 concerning law enforceto have Attorney Munk compose a law enforcement contract between the county and the city for the court's consideration.

Acting on a previous suggestion by Commissioner Morris, a petition was adopted for when a sole proprietor, partnership or Texas corporation requested the use of a portion of a Garza County road. The petition will require a submission fee of \$10.

During discussion of an inspection of the new Garza County Law Enforcement Center, Commis (Continued on Page 2)

Heart health screenings scheduled in Post

Month, Accolade Home Care will sponsor heart screenings at Trailblazer's Senior Citizens Center, 205 E. 10th St., Feb. 19, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

The screening will take five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure:

In recognition of National Heart Awareness blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI.

Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to each participant immediately after the individual screening.

Post Notes

Ribbon Cutting scheduled at New Jail

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center Feb. 19th at 3:30 p.m. The facility is located at 412 E. 15th St.

Middle School TAKS meeting

The Post Middle School public TAKS information meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library. All parents of Middle School age children are invited and encouraged to attend.

Heart Screening at Trailblazers

Confidential heart health screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care at the Garza County Trailblazers on February 19th locate at 205 E. 10th from 9:30 - 10:30 am. For more information, call Accolade Homecare in Lubbock at 806-791-2100.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet The annual Chamber banquet, open to all Post and Garza

County residents and businesses, will be February 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. A catered meal will be served and reservations are required. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call the Chamber office for more information and to make your reservations: 495-3461.

Post Book Club to Meet

The Post Book Club will begin meeting again Saturday, February 21, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The book selection is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. "This astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard." Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. There are no membership dues. For more information, call 495-2665.

My Special Place accepting new enrollments

My Special Place is now accepting enrollment applications for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We are open Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please call (806) 495-3446.

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Post Students Honored by Angelo State

The Dean's List for the 2008 Fall semester was man, Roby L. Lester and Terrica T. Taylor. recently announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, TX. Honorees included the following Post students: Kelli D. Heckaman, Robert A. Hecka-

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

Local Ladies VFW

The VFW Post 6797 Ladies

Auxiliary members will host a din-

ner tonight at Shawnette Hinkle's

home in honor of State President

Debbie Daniel from Brownwood.

of weekend events for Ladies

Auxiliary VFW District 7 that

will include a luncheon Feb. 14 in

Lubbock at Granny's Tea Room

in KK's Craft Mall. The luncheon

begins at 12:30 p.m. and seating

is limited. Reservations can be

made by calling Pres. Janet Ratliff,

495-2026. District 7 will conduct a

District meeting Sunday, Feb. 15 in

Lubbock at the Post home on 114th

Street. That meeting will begin at

9:30 a.m. and end after lunch. State

President Debbie Daniel will be

making her official visit at this time

as well as State Senior Vice Mike

Barber. Auxiliaries from Lubbock,

Brownfield, Plainview, Snyder and

Post will attend this meeting. The

junior high and high school Voice

of Democracy and Patriot Pen's

contest winners will receive their

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies

Auxiliary members are urged to

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attend the District Meeting.

The dinner marks the beginning

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Garza County Senior Van

The County van is available to take seniors to and from Trailblazers for lunch Monday, Wednesday & Friday free of charge. The van is also available by appointments on Tuesday and every other Thursday to take seniors to and from Lubbock for Dr. appointments. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Melinda Quintana at 806-495-4425.

Pictures for Daniell Family

If you have any pictures of Gary & Heather Daniell or any of their family, please email them to Angie Meyer at awalden@ nts-online.net or mail pictures to Angie at 715 W. 14th St., Post, TX 79356. The Daniell family, formerly of Post, recently lost all of their belongings in a house fire in Cleburne. Heather also made lots of fleece blankets for friends in Post. If you have one of her blankets, she would love to have a picture of that also. Please call Angie at 790-1141 if you need more information.

GED classes being offered at high school

GED classes are currently available for the public. Classes are free and are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Post High School. Please enter high school building through the southwest entrance. Class meets in room 18. For more information, call (806) 495-2770. Leave your name and phone number and the instructor will contact you.

Burn ban ...

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sign-off on the punch list for the over \$5,000. facility and make final payment to the contractor on the project when appropriate.

In other business, minutes from the Jan. 26 meeting were approved; departmental reports were accepted and precinct and

Deadline Tuesday at 5 p.m.

sioner McDaniel informed the countywide accounts payable court that the roof at the center is for Jan. 27 through Feb. 9, 2009 leaking due to a rain the previous were approved. The court also night. The commissioners gave adopted a policy to require court Judge Norman the authority to permission for a single purchase

Woman Writes Historic Letter to Her Congressman

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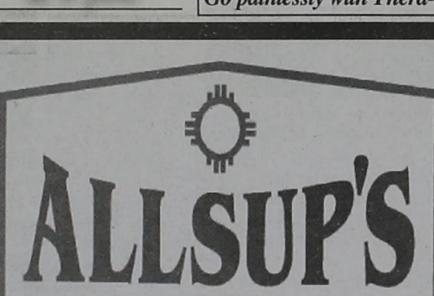
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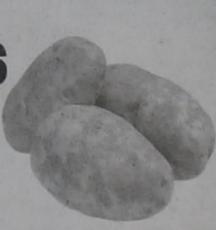
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Thelma Lou McMakin, 77, west to Heaven on Feb. 7, 2009. Ser- Pennell of Plainview were held vices were held Wednesday, Feb. at First Presbyterian Church, in 11 at 2 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Plainview at 2:00 pm Thursday, Home Chapel. Rev. Steve Rogers February 12, 2009, conducted by officiated and burial followed in Dr. Mark Stoub. Burial followed the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

June 6, 1931. She married Lloyd A visitation was held at the fu-Morgan McMakin in 1950. She neral home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. was a nurse for 30 years. Mrs. Wednesday, Feb. 11. McMakin was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her granddaughter was the light Center. He was 65 years of age. of her life.

her husband Lloyd, her children Jerry and Rita and sisters: Lucille, her brothers: R.B. and Henry.

Wayne, granddaughter Morgan including Gracie of Post, Bessie of Graham, Bob of Bassett, VA and Jo Beth of Carrolton, TX. She will and loved her.

Delmar Lee Partlow

Funeral services for Delmar Lee Partlow, 68, were held Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Lovington, NM with burial in the Lovington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Partlow passed away Jan. 31, 2009 in Houston, TX. He was born March 22, 1940 in Post, TX.

He is survived by a son, Terry Partlow and spouse Maribel of Carlsbad, NM; five daughters: Debbie Peppin and spouse Phillip of Carlsbad, NM; Christie Welhelm and spouse John of Snyder, TX; Kim Stahlhut and spouse Tony of Houston, TX; Marcia Lee Selby and spouse Jody of Houston, TX and Susie Carr and spouse Tony of Gulfport, MS; a brother: Jesse Partlow and spouse Cathy of Lovington, NM; 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, U.B. and Mattie Partlow; two sons: Jimmy and Gary Partlow; four sisters: Frances Woods, Doris Shedd, Nell Malone and Anita Powell.





Zachary Bush and RJ Perez would like to announce the birth of their brother, Myles Luca Perez. Luca was born Thursday, January 29th at Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 1/2 in. long. Proud mom and dad are Krisha Bush and Roy Perez. Grandparents are Ricky and Judy Bush of Levelland and Maria Perez of Post.

Harvey Lewis Pennell

Services for Harvey Lewis in Plainview Memorial Park by She was born in Graham, TX, Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pennell passed away Feb. 10, 2009 in Prairie House Living Harvey was born May 3, 1943 in She was preceded in death by Slaton to Donald David and Opal Lois (Howard) Pennell.

Survivors include wife, Jean-Ruby, Rosa Lee and Pearlie, and ie Pennell of Plainview, a son Heath Lewis Pennell and his wife She is survived by her son Jennifer, their daughter Bryton McKenna Pennell and son Bryce and many loving family members Michael Cochran of Lubbock; a son Arthur Leroy Baer, III (Trey) and wife Jennifer, their daughters Jordan Haley and Sydney Elaine be greatly missed by all who knew of North Richland Hills; a daughter Kristi Cheri' Standford and husband Stevan, their daughter Hannah Bailee and son Barrett Sills of Lindale; two brothers Jerry Pennell and wife Carol of Harlingen, Don Harlan Pennell of Lubbock; a sister Karen Gail Callaway of Lubbock; a cousin Marilyn Biggs of Plainview, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; caregivers Betty Thomas and Josie Zavala.

> The family request donations in his memory to Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-7633; Area Community Hospice, Inc., 3109 Olton Road, Suite C, Plainview, TX 79072; Plainview Humane Society, 500 SW 3rd Street, Plainview, TX 79072, in honor of his favorite dog, "Pepe Le Pew", Harvey's best friend; or a charity of your choice

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Congratulations to our coaches and girls on qualifying for a playoff spot for the second time in a row. Our girls defeated Meadow on Friday night to secure that spot. They could move into a tie for 2nd place with a win over New Home tomorrow night. Congratulations to our boys who have also continued to play extremely hard in the face of adversity. They have not given up all year.

Events for This Week:

Yearbook staff traveled to Dallas on Wednesday to tour the Taylor Publishing facility. This trip was made possible with Southwest Airline tickets donated by Brad Lewis. We want to thank him for being so generous.

FCCLA left Thursday to attend the regional meeting in Odessa. We will have several girls competing in Star Events, as well as having Brandon Martin who will be running for the regional office that is being vacated by senior Patrick Martinez. Mrs. Lewis will also be receiving an award as an outstanding voluteer to FCCLA.

Southland Students of the month included: High School: Michael Estrada, Laken Johnson; Junior High: Jaden Binford, Danny Martinez; Elementary: Trea Peterson, Zachary Vizcaino.

Staff Members of the month: Nick McCollister- Ag. Teacher, Tommy Gentry- Supervisor of Maintenance. Not pictured Staff Supervisor of Maintenance-Tommy Gentry, and Student Trea

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Entomology Project Will meet every Tuesday, 4:00 at the Extension office, Clover

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Rabbit Showmanship Clinics Will meet every Thursday after school at the GCJLA show barn.

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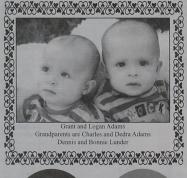
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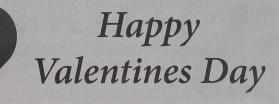


Tessa Fumagalli Dan and Jenifer Fumagalli, Mark and Cindy Hawthorne











Wasteful Spending Dressed in "Stimulus" Clothing

By U.S. Senator John Cornyn

For months, Americans across the country have been grappling with the results of our nation's economic downturn: layoffs, foreclosures, salary cuts, and the tough family budgeting decisions that go hand in hand with a recession. While Texas has fared better than most states-largely due to our probusiness economic policies and the can-do spirit inherent to the Texas culture —we are not immune.

According to Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Paulken, "Our state's economy has been fairly resilient during these months of economic uncertainty, but the national economic storm has reached Texas." In January, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs predicted a loss of 111,000 Texas jobs and announced a 10.5 percent drop in tax revenue in this fiscal year. In North Texas, the jobless rate has climbed to 5.6 percent—a significant ascent from one year ago, when the rate was 4.1 percent. The jobless rate for the entire state recently hit 6 percent—nearly two percentage points higher than a year ago.

The housing crunch has taken its toll in Texas as well. In 2008, Texas was listed as one of the top ten states in foreclosure totals. Meritage, one of the nation's biggest homebuilders with more than 65 percent of its communities located in Texas, reported that its fourth-quarter orders in Texas fell 61 percent. Experts claim that a decrease in prices in some of Texas' top industries like oil and natural gas is having a negative impact on the state's housing market.

In the U.S. Senate, I have been working with my colleagues to stop the recession in its tracks and turn the economic tide back in our favor. This has been no easy task. Unfortunately, while the new President has indicated his desire for bipartisanship, Democrat leaders in Congress have taken a different approach, attempting to jam an enormous spending bill totaling more than \$1 trillion down the taxpayers' throats.

Instead of producing a plan aimed at reviving the housing market, providing significant tax relief to hard-working Americans, and creating quality jobs for men and women looking for work—the Democrat plan instead reflects a political slush fund brimming with billion-dollar pet projects that will not have an immediate, tangible effect on our nation's \$1.2 trillion "stimulus" package is no such economic health.

With respect to Texas' interests in the economic rescue plan, the most simple analogy that comes to mind is 'robbing Peter to pay Paul.' In Texas, we have embraced low taxes and pro-growth policies that support our small businesses and middle class families. The Democrats' plan would take billions in Texas taxpayer dollars and reward reckless states with pet projects dressed in 'stimulus' clothing. Some of the more absurd examples include a request for \$600 million to build an "ethnic heritage trail" or a request for \$6 million to build three aquatic centers with water slides.

My Republican colleagues and I have sought to improve this inflated bill by offering low-tax, pro-growth amendments. I offered an amendment that would have lowered the 10 percent tax bracket to 5 percent, providing

pays income tax and files their taxes by April 15. Unfortunately, this was blocked by Senate Democrats. Another important amendment, offered by Sen. John Ensign, would have provided much-needed relief to the struggling housing market by reducing mortgage rates to as low as 4 percent for millions of homeowners. More than 3 million mortgages in Texas could have qualified for refinancing under this measure, and each household would have benefited from \$293 in savings on monthly payments. This amendment was also defeated.

Sadly, while the American people were counting on Congress to present a final economic rescue product that reflects bipartisanship and includes true tax relief and tangible economic growth measures, the Democrats' product. We need to work together to craft legislation that provides real relief for everyday Texans. It should begin with providing much overdo relief to the struggling housing market. Secondly, the majority of any economic stimulus plan should be tangible tax relief for families and small businesses. Hard-working Texans deserve to keep more of their own money to spend, save and invest how they see fit. Finally, any proposed new spending must be made fully transparent to ensure Congress is not spending taxpayer dollars on unnecessary or ineffective projects.

If American families are having to tighten their belts and make tough financial decisions,

the federal government should follow suit. I will continue to fight for a common-sense plan that incorporates these principles to help Texans weather the economic storm and emerge much needed relief to every taxpayer who stronger and more prosperous.

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By Christopher L. Williston

Ind. Bankers Association of Texas Much has been written about America's current economic dilemma and measures by the U.S. Treasury to unfreeze credit markets and stimulate lending activity. The Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Plan, or TARP, as originally designed would permit the government to purchase troubled assets such as mortgage and commercial loans from financial institutions. This move would free capital that banks must reserve for bad loans and be available for new lending activity. -

Instead today's TARP program allows the Treasury to inject dollars of new capital directly into banks, taking an ownership interest under specific terms and conditions. The "capital" represented by TARP funds can be used to absorb potential losses in the loan or securities portfolio, to provide "net worth" for the institution to "leverage" by borrowing additional money in the form of deposits or other liabilities, or could simply be "loaned out".

America's media outlets would have you and I believe that every bank that makes application and receives TARP funds is being "bailed out". The current program, as designed, is anything but a government bail out. Here are the facts.

The nation's largest nine commercial banks, (including banks such as Bank of America, Wells deemed too big to fail because of expand lending activity, precisely are in need of government assisthe systemic risk to the U.S. and what the program was designed to tance. Our free enterprise system world economies. These banks control nearly fifty-four percent of believe, there are many banks that should be rewarded. But don't be the nation's deposits. Some filled their loan portfolios with toxic economy and put their dollars to ated equal. Community banks are sub-prime loans, played heavily in the sub-prime securities market and got caught with bad assets and no market to place these assets, judgment. All were "strongly encouraged" to take the first round of TARP money, and indeed did so. Several have received additional TARP funds as well as further guarantees intended to stabilize the system. But that is where the so called "bailout" begins and

banking sector. Healthy banks, such as the vast majority of our nation's nearly 7000 community financial institutions have also been deemed the lending demands in their comeligible to apply for TARP funds with specific conditions and limitations. Since October of 2008 the Treasury has committed \$195 billion to 359 institutions in 45 states and Puerto Rico. The banks that have received these funds are held to rigorous evaluation of the bank's management, historical profitability and safety and soundness by their primary federal due diligence, the bank is approved

work in local communities.

applied and received TARP funds to fill all the lending needs of the are not "troubled" banks. So too American public, we would never or made other strategic errors in it can be said that banks that have have experienced this economic chosen not to apply for Treasury mess in the first place. assistance, are not "troubled." Many bank managers and their respective boards of directors have made the determination that participation in the TARP program was simply not in the bank's best interest consistent with their local ends – at least in the commercial business conditions. Some have munity banks and branches in the chosen not to be partners with the federal government; others have determined that current levels of bank capital are adequate to meet munity, and absorb any potential future losses. After all, banks must lend money to make money, and in the case of banks receiving TARP funds, a bank must earn money on this additional capital to meet the interest/dividend requirements mandated by the Treasury and still provide a reasonable return to bank shareholders.

You and I should be outraged regulator. Upon passing extensive by the irresponsible and unethical lending tactics of the too big to fail to receive TARP funds. Many of banks, investment bankers, giant the banks that have opted to par- insurance companies and others ticipate in the program view the who have profited greatly from

do. Despite what you are made to teaches us that success, not failure, have robust loan demand in this confused. All banks are not creresponsible lenders. And frankly, if Community banks that have community banks had the capacity

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The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

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-Mickey Rogers-GM White River

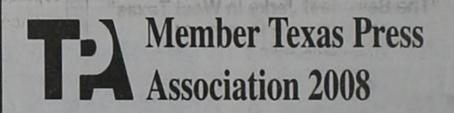
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Russell Graves Outdoors The Brim Bird Marsh

By Russell A. Graves

I remember talking to a Texas Parks & Wildlife department biologist when I lamented the lack of good water-fowling spots near Childress. I grew up in northeast Texas and with plenty of water around, I learned to love the abundant ducks that I'd watch all winter long. In Childress, though, I wasn't so lucky - at least I didn't think so.

"One of the best wetlands I know is just north of Childress," the biologist confided. "Really..." I deadpanned.

Hanging up the phone I cold-called the owner to ask permission to come see his place. Typically, I'm a bit apprehensive about calling someone unannounced but this one felt right. Turns out, it is one connection I am glad I made because not only did I gain access to an incredible property, I made friends with an amazing couple.

While I can use a litany of adoration-laced adjectives to describe Dr. Burl and Mary Brim, it's safe to keep it simple and say they are good,

affable Texas Panhandle people. Ray Kinsella in the movie Field of Dreams once heard an encouraging voice in his cornfield saying "if you build it, they will come..." The same inspiration must have inspired Dr. Brim when he decided to build and enhance a naturally high water table at the core of the farm in which he was raised. What's coming, however, aren't old-school baseball players as featured in the movie. Instead, each winter, ducks by the hundreds and thousands show up on the Brim Bird Marsh.

"My dad was a conservationist before people even knew what the word meant,'

explains Dr. Brim as we stand in his restored dairy barn which now serves as his art studio. As we speak, I can't help but notice how the soft light from the windows spill across a watercolor in which he's working and punch-up the colors on the painting. Peering out the western facing windows, the broad marsh is only steps away from where dairy cows once lumbered through the barn for a daily milking. "I grew up on this farm and my dad taught me to love this land and everything that lives here."

A career in academia took the Brims away from the farm but upon retirement, the couple settled back on the same land Dr. Brim spent so much time as a boy. Just a mile north of the Childress/Collingsworth County line, the bird marsh seems curiously jux-

taposed in an area whose rainfall patterns are notoriously fickle. Moreover, the marsh lies just about a hundred yards from their front door.

"We wake up every morning and watch the marsh come alive," says Mrs. Brim. "We could almost do without a calendar or clock because without fail, the birds always know what time it is."

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I wonder what would have happened to the economy if this were the stimulus package? Instead we have to see our \$14,000 go to a bunch of pork spread out over years. It's pitiful. I really wish someone would tell us exactly what will happen if they don't spend any money. All I've heard is the word "catastrophe." What catastrophe?

What kind of bizarro world do we live in when we give the people who are the worst at managing money - like Rep. Barney Frank - even more money to spend?

Why is anyone buying this hogwash? And speaking of hogs, there is so much pork in this bill, the Senate version now stands at 1,500 pages.

"We can't posture and bicker and resort to the same failed ideas that got us into this mess in

the first place," President Obama said Monday. Then why do we have another bailout package. Seems the one from the Bush Administration

failed miserably, yet here we are getting ready to double-down on this loser hand.

President Obama speaks valiantly about fiscal responsibility, but won't call Congress out for packing it with pork.

And what happens if it fails? No one is answering this question.

What happens if this bill perpetuates - or worse - exacerbates the problem? What then? What guarantees do you and I have?

So far in this new administration, it is evident the Democrats have not learned one lesson from the poor job the Republicans did while controlling the White House and both houses of Congress. Greed still rules the day and you and I will be left out in the cold.

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Weather

Well, we finally got a little rain. Here at the gin we measured 7/10 of an inch; Robert Craig got the same and Ronnie Graves got 1/2 inch. We are so thankful for what we received and could use some more so keep rain in your daily prayers.

I was told that the "ragtown trio" as we have dubbed them sang their hearts out at the Graham Methodist get-to-gather Sunday night. John Bill Hedrick, Ronnie Dunn and Jim Ellis all sang songs. I've heard John Bill and Ronnie and they really are fantastic! I have not heard Jim but Mack Terry says he has a wonderful voice.

Billie Jean Cross had a visit from Ann Teaff who lives in Roscoe. Their birthdays are close with Billie Jean's on the 3rd of February; Ann's was the 31st of January. They celebrated with lunch at George's with Shirley Sappington McInroe of Tahoka who

had a birthday on February 8th.

I got an email from Nancy Thuett the other day and she told me she and Ronald had just come in from a trip to Costa Rica. They spent 10 days touring by bus and small boats. Nancy says it is just beautiful, they saw rainforests and tropical birds and animals; they also saw lots of rain. On the way home they drove to their place on the Llano River and met up with their daughter, Kerry and her friend. Kerry gave her defense for her PHD in Neurotoxicology and is now Dr. Kerry Thuett. Congratulations to her.

Please allow me to brag on my family just a little. My older sister, Trevah was named Employee of the year at the Giles Dalby Correctional Facility where she has been employed for 8 years. Also congratulations to my son, Reece who competed in the Ranch Bronc competition in Lubbock and

received 2nd place scoring at 72.

Stevie got to spend a whole week with Papaw and Grandma, aka Danny and Susan Gonzales. Stevie's parents where in New Orleans at their National Golf Convention. Stevie is also the great-grandson of Mike and Eva Gonzales of Ragtown.

Visitors - We had Ronnie Gradine and his adorable grandaughter, Addi who came by to show us her brand new boots. Richard Cook and his brother came out to pick up a few caps; Cecil Stolle, Travis Lancaster and Fermin Rivera came in Monday to chat a while. Carroll and Helen Pate stopped in on their way home to Clovis.

Get Wells

Get well to my daughter Raegan who had her tonsils out on Tuesday.

Birthdays

February 15th - Danny Gonzales

February 16th - Tommy Young February 16th - D'Lynn Young Barnhart

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February 17th - Daniel and Trevah Yarbro February 17th - Ronnie and Andra Dunn

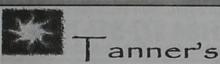
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Lord Help Me, I'm Falling!

In our current day and time with all of our fiscal woes, I am more and more convinced that prayer is not only needed, but a necessary and integral part of our Christian lives.

I am reminded of the three ministers who were one day discussing this very thing. It seems that they could not come to a consensus about the most effective and appropriate position to assume during prayer time. As these three men of God were conducting their discussion, a telephone repair man was working on the phones lines in the pastor's study where the conversation was occurring. The first minister stated that the key to prayer was in the position of the hands. He said, "I always hold my hands together and point my fingers upward to signify that I am worshipping God."

The second minister disagreed and pointed out the fact that real prayer must be on your knees in supplication to the Lord. The third minister emphatically believed that both the other minister's stance was flawed and stated that for true prayer to be effective the person must prostate themselves upon the floor, flat on their face. The telephone repair man, listening tentatively to the entire conversation, could not hold his opinion any longer and decided to put his two cents in.

"Well, if you asked me, I would say that the most powerful prayer that I ever made was while I was hanging upside down by my boots from a telephone pole, 40 feet above the ground!"

You know, I truly believe that the telephone repair man's prayer was much more fervent than all three of those ministers. Have you ever noticed that when we need God's intervention immediately in a situation, our prayer life always seems to dramatically increase and our formal, ritualistic manner is replaced with urgency.

The Word of God in Matthew 6:5-13 teaches us not so much about the ritual of prayer as it teaches us about the attitude of prayer, "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

As I study upon this passage in the Word of God, I am encouraged to concentrate more upon the attitude of my heart than upon the delivery system

This week, may God also encourage us to center not upon the differences in how we might pray, but to continually be in prayer for one another. May God bless you this week!

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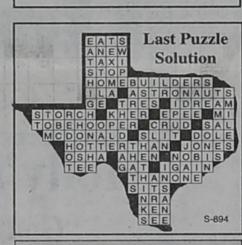
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February 18

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The Post varsity girls' basketball team placed third in district, and would compete for the bi-district championship. Coaches and players were coach Christi Daily, Kelli Collier, Ashley Mason, Kasey Hardin, Vondi Gradine, Becca Stelzer, Jennifer Strawn, Kenda Looney, Kelly Moore, Kristen Webb, Lauren Webb, Amy Line, Rachelle Jones, Davida Gregory, Erin Gregory, Megan Mills and coach Ron Taylor.

Headed for state competition in Cross Examination Debate were PHS Cross X Debate Team members Scotty Gaydos, Dereck Cowley, Kelci Hart, Kelli Collier, Meagan Mills and Tandi Humble. Gaydos and Cowley placed first at district, with Hart and Collier taking second and Mills and Humble placing third.

Elanor McCrary celebrated her 90th birthday February 5 with her coffee bunch friends at Linda's restaurant. Enjoying each others company were Elanor, Fannie Ballentine, Lucille Bush, Catherine Johnson, Velma Brown and Glenda Gilstrap.

20 Years Ago February 15, 1989

Post High School sweetheart contestants were Rene Craig, Sara Williams, Cheryl Thompson, Kim Wulfjen, Tina Brumbalow, Shal Sneed, Robin Dean, Krista Kemp, Sara Aguilar, Rosa Gonzales, Melinda Curry, Melanie Reece, Megan Bush, Amber Crenshaw, Irma Garza, Tamara Gerner, Misty Bartlett and Sara Alexander.

Kimberly Carlisle, a Post student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in business during fall commencement at the university.

Josh Fumagalli announced the birth of his brother, Andrew Bishop, who was born January 28, 1989 at 8:40 a.m. in Lubbock's South Park Hospital. Andrew was 19 inches long.

First Baptist Christian School first place spelling bee champions were 1st grade -Josh Long, 2nd grade - Tasha Gilbert, 3rd grade - Frederick Leano, 4th grade - Secret Bilbo, 5th grade - David Norman and 6th grade - Doug Flanigan.

30 Years Ago February 15, 1979

Gene Moore was named

Post's "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Dale Redman and Dana Bird were chosen as basketball beau and sweetheart by the Doe and Antelope basketball teams. Both are senior students at PHS.

New staff member at the First Baptist Church is Steve McMeans who will serve as the church's youth minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudman returned home this week following a seven-day Caribbean cruise.

Work is being rushed on the new show building so the annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Fair can be held at the new facilities on the Lubbock Highway.

Post had a record high of 84 degrees on Tuesday, a record high for February. With a low of 28 degrees Tuesday morning, the temperature climbed 56 degrees within hours.

40 Years Ago February 13, 1969

At the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, awards went to David Newby, "Outstanding Man of the Year," Helen Livingston, "Outstanding Woman of the Year," and the Post Jaycees, "Outstanding Organization of the Year."

The "hippie" movement and its effect on today's young people was discussed by Don Davenport at the Lions Club in the school building. The party meeting at Floyd's Steak

as the outstanding ESA'er of the Gamma Mu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha at the scheduled meeting held in the Community

Donna Maddox was selected 4-H Sweetheart when the Garza County 4-H Council met a its monthly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Holleman extended an invitation to friends and relatives to attend the wedding of their daughter Barbara to George Reece at 7 p.m. February 17 in the Calvary Baptist Church.

50 Years Ago February 12, 1959

An "old-time" dust storm hit the area this week in 1959 with wind gusts peaking at 80 miles per hour between 7 and 8 p.m. Visibility was down to zero during the duster.

Boy Scout Troop 16 presented Universal Scout pins to Rotarians B. E. Young, Harold Lucas and C. H. Hartel at the Boy Scout Week luncheon.

Jim Ferguson reported for duty in the U.S. Army at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

The local park was leveled - through the industrious contribution of one interested Garza Countian - in preparation for the planting of grass after the next rain. Park board members said the contributor preferred his name not be used in connection with the work.

Post commemorated the oil industry's achievements this week as Garza County oil production hit the 50,000,000 barrel mark.

60 Years Ago February 16, 1949

J. A. Stalling, Santa Fe agent, announced that the following changes in train schedules would go into effect here. Train number 94 to Lubbock - 6:30 a.m., train number 92 to California - 7:24 a.m., train number 91 from California to Sweetwater and Houston will leave here at 7:20 p.m. The only train schedule not changed was train number 95 to Sweetwater, which would leave here at 9:56 p.m.

Reynolds Brown Jug borrowed a horse from Post to ride in the four or five movies in which he played the part of Little Beaver. The horse, named Paint, belonged to Butch Wilson

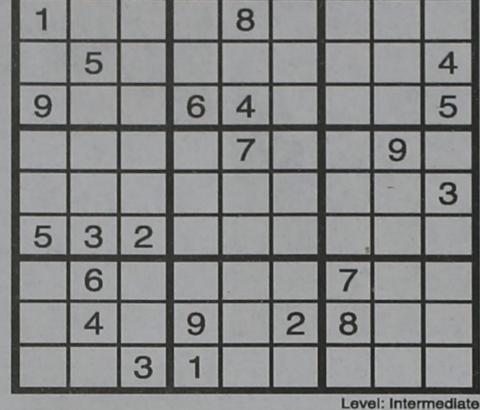
Mrs. Reynolds second grade room enjoyed a Valentine party featured story telling and games. Valentines were exchanged after Loveta Norman was selected the origin of the Valentine was explained by Jerry Windham and Ruth Ann Long.

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un-n-Facts for Brain-iacs

Christopher Columbus returned to Spain

from the New World with many riches. Among the new found spices and treasures e beans from the cacao tree (Theobroma cacao). King Ferdinand and Isabel were not very interested in a few strange beans. Then in 1519, Spanish explorer Cortez brought Spanish

royalty three chests of the beans home. The Aztec and

Mayan people had learned to process the cacao bean into a dark liquid drink called chocolatl. Cortez and his men had sweetened the bitter drink. The Spanish royalty were so impressed they kept the process of converting the little beans into this delicious

drink a secret for over 80 years. Lucky for us, the monks who prepared the chocolate beans eventually shared their knowledge, and the rest-is sweet, sweet history.

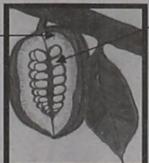


pounds of chocolate a year. Ingredients in chocolate

actually prevents tooth decay. During WWII the Hershey Co. made special survival chocolate bars, Ration Bar D, for the

Idaho law once prohibited a man from giving his girl a box of chocolate weighing less than 5 pounds. Sweet!

The white flesh surrounding the beans may be eaten and has a slight chocolaty



The seedpod is called cachuatl. There are 20-40 seeds in each fruit. Each pod can make about 7 chocolate bars.

The Aztec Emperor, Montezuma, liked chocolatl so much he drank 50 cups a day. The dark liquid was mixed with vanilla, pepper and pimento spices then served in golden goblets.



Ancient Mayan and Aztec legends tell of a serpent god called Quetzalcoatl. From the Garden of Eden, Quetzalcoatl brought the Aztecs the cacao tree. As the story goes, this god of wisdom and knowledge also showed them how to ferment (age) the beans, roast them,

hammer off the shell and grind the beans to make the rich drink, chocolatl. The cacao beans were so valuable the Aztecs used them as money.



Re a Chocolatier

Make Chocolate Pretzel Sticks! Supplies: pretzels rods, chocolate candy bark, assorted sugar sprinkles, tall mug, cookie sheet and aluminum foil (for easy clean up)

Cover a cookie sheet with aluminum foil Place 4-5 pieces of bark in a tall glass mug Microwave at 30 second intervals, stirring between each until the chocolate melts. Dip the pretzel rod into the melted chocolate, set on the side of the cookie

sheet, and sprinkle with candy decorations.

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Page 10 The Post Dispatch Friday, February 13, 2009



The Post High School Lopes and Lady Lopes finished their home season last Friday against rival Slaton. The girls dropped their home finale 51-37 while the Lopes lost 62-29. Tuesday night the boys fell 55-40 against Littlefield while the girls won a thriller, 53-52, on the road against Littlefield.





through May 5. In other business, the Coun-Specialized Public Finance Inc. for financial advisory services. The organization will pursue the refinancing of city debt in an attempt to provide a savings to the city. Depending on the market, the savings could amount to as much as \$22,000 annually on debt service.

The Council also approved the donation of fire truck unit 10 to the Volunteer Fire Department of Welch, TX. and accepted the resignation of Paul Beach from

Willy Awards are scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow night at the Garza

during 2008. The event, started by the theater's founder, Will

Real Estate

Early voting will run April 27 the Airport Board. The vacancy will be filled at a later date.

Two issues before the Council approved a contract with cil relating to city codes were tabled when it was determined that additional information and clarification regarding the codes was needed. One item involved a possible violation of nonconforming use and the other related to the city code regarding massage parlors.

> The Council approved the minutes from the Jan. 6, 2009 meeting and approved payment of invoices received at city hall for the month of February,

best play; best actor and actress; best supporting actor and actress; cameo roles; stage crew as well





Photos by Mitch Holly





Front row from left: Priscilla Ashley, CNA; Veronica Coy , CNA; Brenda Griffin, LVN; Lavinda Smith, RN/Administrator; and Amy Robertson, LVN. Middle row from left: Gloria Sepeda, RN; Lisa Briseno, CNA; Jessica Martinez , LVN; Alice Molina, LVN; Cindy Green, RN; Dedra Driggers, RN, and Lisa Pierce, LVN. Back row from left: Karen Walker, RN; Pamela Ashley, LVN, and Jeff Mason, Physical Therapist

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for the positions of mayor, Ward

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currently held by Kim Mills,

Mayor; Melba Cimental, Ward

1; and Dick Odom, Ward 2. At

press time, no one had filed to

run for these positions, accord-

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