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Donna Ammons Jones, right, was on hand last week to help her father, Don Ammons install a brick honoring her parents and their business, Ammons Printing. A large crowd met at the Centennial Memorial Brick Plaza on the Court House lawn to install the latest engraved brick honoring individuals, Veterans, businesses and organizations. The total engraved bricks is now near 900. Order forms for engraved bricks are available at the Court House or at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office, 131 E. Main St. The memorial bricks are ordered twice a year. The next order will be submitted July 1.

Photo by Harry Record.

### **Garza County Election Corner**

**ELECTION DAY:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Joint Party Run-off Elections

There are two run-off races: Democratic Party County Commissioner Precinct 4 and Republican Party, Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3.

Run-off Candidates

Democratic Party: County Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Jerry Benham and Mike Sanchez.

Republican Party: Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 – Debra Lehrmann and Rick Green.

Eligible Voters

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RUN-OFF: those from Voting Precincts 4 and 6 who voted in the March 2, 2010 Democratic Party Primary and those registered voters from Voting Precincts 4 and 6 who did not vote in either party's March 2, 2010 primary election.

REPUBLICAN PARTY RUN-OFF: those who voted in the March 2, 2010 Republican Party Primary and those registered voters who did not vote in either party's March 2, 2010 primary election.

A registered voter may vote in ONE party's primary run-off election, not both.

(Texas Election Code, Sec. 162.003 and Sec. 162.010)

#### **Joint Polling Places**

Early Voting (April 5-9, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.): Garza County Courthouse, first floor.

**Election Day** (April 13, 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.):

Wells Fargo Bank: Democratic Party Voting Precinct (box) 4 and Republican Party Voting Precincts (boxes) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (consolidated).

Justiceburg Firehouse at Lake Alan Henry: Democratic Party Voting Precinct (box) 6 and Republican Party Voting Precinct (box) 6. Voting Precinct (box) 6 at the.

For complete results of the March 2, 2010 Primaries and for other election information, please go to www.GarzaCounty.net.

> Information Provide by: Garza County Clerk



Cheyenne Miller (left) received Best Actress honors and Bethany Berry (right) was chosen for the All Star Cast at the One Act Play District competition in Shallowater last week. The play, The Love of the Nightingale, advanced to the Area contest at West Texas A&M in Canyon on April 6. The "Nightingale" female chorus and Clint windham were Honorable Mention All Star Cast at the District event; Michael Porter was also chosen for the All Star Cast. Competition proved more daunting at the Area contest in Canyon with the Post thespians chosen as Alternate.

Courtesy photo.

#### Garza County Sheriff's Department reports several arrests

the county and fifteen in the juana; theft; assault causing

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

A 3-month summary of cases handled by the Garza County Sheriffs Department shows that the agency closed a number of cases, some resulting in arrests and others in warrants.

"In several of the cases when we haven't yet served a warrant, we are very close to apprehending a suspect or in some cases, suspects," said Lt. Mike Taylor.

The twelve cases completed in January were split between the county and the city with 6 arrests occurring in Garza County and 6 in the city limits of Post.

One Garza County case involved numerous charges against three individuals including 2 counts each for evading arrest detention with a vehicle; 7 counts each of

assault and 3 assault causing

The cases in the city limits

included criminal trespass;

carrying a prohibited weap-

resulting in arrests or warrants

city. The county arrest was

an individual charged with

possession of a controlled

substance and unlawful pos-

session of body armor.

terroristic threat, aggravated bodily injury charges as well as DWI, disorderly conduct and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

In one of the February cases an individual was attempting to sell stolen property to a Post business. The Sheriffs Department identified the property as having been reported missing in a theft of a business in Lubbock and arburglary of a building; and rested the individual.

#### Last weekend for 'Rainmaker'

With performances Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:30, "The Rainmaker" Theatre.

and the day the Rainmaker \$10/each.

came to town promising to make it rain for payment of

For reservations call the will close its run at the Garza theater box office, 806-495-4005. Tickets are: \$12/ Directed by Jay Young, adults; \$8 for children 12 the play tells the story of a & under; \$10 for students, drought-ridden rural town Seniors 60 & above, and during the depression era military. Group rates are



Trade Day Downtown

We had family in for the Easter weekend and decided to stay in town for entertainment Saturday rather than drive to Lubbock. Were we glad we did! We all went to Main Street for the Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event and had a great afternoon. Everyone from Grandpa to

the youngest enjoyed walking from vendor to vendor and store-to-store and we had some good food, too. Our "big city" kids loved being in a safe environment where we didn't have to watch after the little ones all the time. Good memories! Thanks to Chamber for supporting this.

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March cases involved 4 arrests in Garza County and In February, 2010, cases eleven in the city of Post including 2 DWI arrests; 3 totaled seventeen with two in counts of possession of mari-

bodily injury; a fugitive warrant; driving while license invalid; possession of drug paraphernalia; and one case of burglary of a habitat involving a juvenile.

# Post Notes

Close City Rummage Sale

The Close City Community is accepting items for the Rummage Sale that will be held on April 9th and 10th If you have items to donate no matter how big or small you can drop them off at the Close City Gin during regular business hours or call Traci at 632-3611 or Nancy at 239-0838 and we will come and pick them up. The sale will benefit the Close City School Restoration Project.

Boy Scout Hot Dog

Lunch Sale Post Boy Scout Troop 316 will again be selling hot dogs for lunch at the Higginbotham Bartlett store on Saturday, April 10 beginning around 11:00am. Please come by to help support the Troop members raise money toward Summer Camp and assist those members that are attending the National Jamboree in Virginia this summer. A hot dog, chips and a drink are \$5.

Voter's Forum

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Voter's Forum, Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage House. Candidates for the upcoming city and school board elections have been invited to participate. For more information, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

Pre-K Roundup Pre-K Roundup for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Tuesday, April 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the Post Elementary School playground located between the cafeteria and the school building.

Holy Cross Fish Fry

Holy Cross will have a fish fry Friday, April 22 in the church hall, serving 5 to 7 p.m. A plate includes potato salad, cole slaw, beans and fish for \$7.

**Garza County Cowboy** Hall of Fame

We are trying to complete information in tribute to past recipients of Cowboy Hall of Fame honors. If you know who received this honor in the following years, please contact The Post Dispatch: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007. We have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Bill Long, 2008. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@ yahoo.com.

Golden Plains Care Center

Golden Plains Care Center is planning two big events, one in May for National Nursing Home Week and another at the end of the summer. We are having a fundraiser to raise money for these events and we need your help! Classic Color Photography will be taking family portraits April 24 at Trailblazers, 205

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We had a great crowd in town for Old Mill Trade Day Downtown last Saturday. We are looking forward to bigger and better events as the summer approaches. Hope you will all take advantage of the wonderful opportunities we have to "shop in Post", not just on OMTDD Saturdays, but also the rest of the month.

Twenty employees from the Dalby Unit were treated to a Hospitality Tour on Tuesday. The group was given a sack lunch from Cocaras and taken on a 30 minute tour of Post. The tour was sponsored by Poka Lambro.

The local Boy Scouts will **R. BROWN PARTNERSHIP.** be serving hot dogs at Higginbotham-Bartlett this Saturday. Go by and help out this group of hard working young men.

Welcome to our newest Chamber members - C & B Equipment and Accolade Home Care.

Don't forget our local theaters. This weekend we have "Peter the Rock" at Ragtown Gospel Theater on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and "The Rainmaker" at the Garza Theatre. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30.

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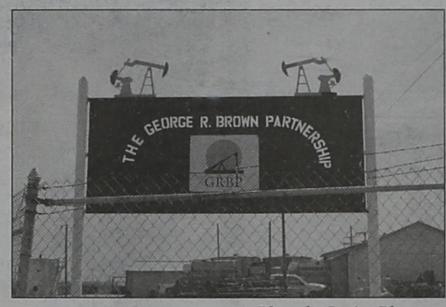


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Photo by Harry Record MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER OS MU-SEUM

# Heckaman - Ynostrosa to Wed



Bobby and Nita Jo Heckaman of Post are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Allen Heckaman to Jessica Ynostrosa daughter of Jimmy and Sharla Ynostrosa of San Angelo, Texas.

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The couple will be united in marriage on June 12, 2010 in San Angelo, TX where they will continue to reside with their daughter, Riley Grace Ynostrosa-Heckaman.

# Obituaries



Velma Smith

Chapel with the Rev. Scott Richards of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She was born July 7, 1914 in Ryan, OK to John and Reba Estelle (Barnes) Cowser. She married W. G. (Willie) Smith on Sept. 21, 1940 in Dallas. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1975. She worked for the Postex Cotton Mills until her retirement.

Survivors include two Ann daughters: George Claborn of Post and Sharon son, Johnny Smith of Lubbock, nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.



Egnacio Mendez Jr.

Vigil for Egnacio "Nacho" Mendez Jr. 65 of Lubbock who passed away on Friday, April 2, 2010 was a Velma Alyne Smith, 95, 7 p.m. April 6 at Calvillo Fuof Post left this life with her neral Home Chapel. Funeral loving family beside her Fri- Services were Thursday, day, April 2, 2010. Services April 8 at 10 a.m. at Calvillo were 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 Funeral Home Chapel with in the Hudman Funeral Home Rev. Lauro Hernandez. Burial was at Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Egnacio was born on July 9, 1944 in Knox City, TX. He moved to Lubbock in 1964 and worked with the City of Lubbock for "32+7 years" as he would say. He retired in 2001. Egnacio is remembered as a generous, compassionate and friendly person. He found enjoyment in being surrounded by his family and spontaneously traveling to various destinations with family.

He is preceded by his fa-Mahar of Van Buren, AR; a ther Egnacio Mendez Sr. in 1974; his mother Inez Mendez in 2000; his brother San Juan Mendez in 2000 and his sister Criselda Trejo in 2004.

On April 4, 1964, Egnacio and Oralia Martinez were married for 14 years. They had a daughter, Rebecca D. Robles. On December 17, 1983 Egnacio and Diana Lucio were married for 11 years. They had one daughter, Erica

brother, Greg Mendez and his man Funeral Home. wife Ariana of Lubbock; two Lubbock and Inez Manriquez Lubbock; six grandchildren: Vincent Robles of Post; Al-Ramirez all of Lubbock.



Martinez, 38, of Slaton were 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the Church of God of Prophecy in Post with Bishop Randy Asebedo officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, April 3, 2010 in Lubbock. She was born December 30, 1971 in Pecos, TX to Robert and Arcilia (Gonzales) Barbosa. She married Danny Martinez Oct. 2, 1987 in Post.

Survivors include her husband: Danny Martinez of Slaton, four sons: Isreal Barbosa of Slaton, Chris Barbosa of Post, Patrick Martinez of San Angelo and Danny Jay Martinez of Slaton; four daughters: Sunnie Huff of Post; Kimberly Stratton of Cahokia; IL, Gloria Mathews of Slaton and Allyson Martinez of Slaton; her parents, Robert Barbosa Sr. of Azle and Arcilia Gonzales of Post; two brothers, John Barbosa of Lubbock and Robert Barbosa Jr. of Odessa; one sister, Sylvia Trebing of Post; four grandchildren and one great-nephew.

She was also preceded in death by twin infants in

#### **Tommie Woods**

Graveside memorial ser-Survivors include two vices for Tommie Woods, 81, daughters: Rebecca D. Robles were held at 6 p.m. Thursand her husband David of Post day, April 8, 2010 at Terrace and Erica Mendez and her Cemetery in Post with Rev. husband Rick Flores of Lub- John Bil Hedrick of Graham bock, TX; two stepchildren, Chapel Methodist Church of-Jessica Ramirez and Jesse ficiating. Arrangements were Ramirez both of Lubbock; a under the direction of Hud-

She died Thursday, April sisters, Modesta Trevino of 1, 2010 in Lubbock. She was born February 10, 1929 and her husband Juan also of in Lynn County to Irvin and Louzell (Shepherd) Chandler. She married Bill Woods in yssa Flores, Anyiah Flores, 1947 in Tahoka. He preced-Jesse Ramirez and Ashley ed her in death in 1974. She worked as a bookkeeper for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Prichard of Ruidoso, NM and a son, David Woods of Post; three grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

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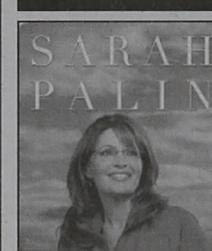
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# **Book Review**



Going Rogue

By Marita Jackson

Going Rogue, by Sarah Palin has the facts. Want to know what Sarah Palin stands for? It's on page 394 of her book. Going rogue is what the Republican "headquarters" accused her of doing when she tried to speak her own mind during the last presidential campaign.

Remember all the accusations made against her by the media? Three of the most glaring were her campaign clothes, questions about her Syndrome baby) mom, and her pending divorce. Sarah tells "the rest of the story."

She never asked for nor left with any of the clothes provided for her during the campaign. They were provided for her without her knowledge. And about Trig not being her baby? Sarah's dad gave the perfect answer when he said, "I was there when he popped out of her.' Her spin on the pending divorce is quite comical. Let's just say it involves a \$35.00 wedding band. Sarah also gives her spin on the infamous Katie Couric inter-

Many wondered why Mrs. Palin resigned as governor of Alaska. Again Sarah's dad speaks his mind, "She's not retreating, she's reloading." Watch the news! She is not retreating but "advancing in another direction."

It is disturbing to read about all the ethics lawsuits

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## In and Around Close City by Traci Freeman

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David

Our sympathies go out to the family of Harold Caffey who passed away last week and also to the family of Tommie Chandler Woods. Harold lived in Ragtown many years ago; Tommie also lived out here growing up and worked here at the gin for many years.

Hello, hope everyone had Our thoughts and prayers are allowing us to have the sale with both of these families.

> The Rummage Sale is today and Tomorrow (Friday and Saturday) from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Graham Community Center, 5 miles west on 380 and 2 miles south on 399 Ya'll come out and see what all we have, there is just too much to list. I want to thank everyone for the donations they have given us and also the Graham Community for

at the center.

Visit our blog at http:// closecitycoopgin.blogspot. com; we have all sorts of info on there as well as some really good recipes and some fun pictures. If any of you Close City people have a picture or a recipe you would like for me to put on the site send it to me, I'd be glad to

#### Cookbooks

We still have some cookbooks left, if you want one you can pick yours up at Cocara's or LaPosta. Or you can come to the gin, we have several here.

#### **Visitors**

Grant Bright, David Tyler. Laveta Norman, Robby Williams, Travis Lancaster have all been out to visit this week. Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in April 10th - Mike and Tammy Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Bland Lubbock. Others are, Doris weekend!

we always have hot coffee Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stuart also in Ragtown folks in the Lubbock. Please let me nursing homes we need to know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

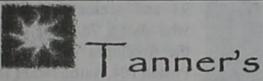
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# Weekly Inspirations

### I AM AN HEIR

By Michael F. Taylor

Philip Jones happily strolled out of the elevator and into the brightly lit hallway. Immediately to his left, he noticed the black office sign with white push-in letters and his eyes scrolled down to the fifth floor names. DR. FRED WILLIAMSON – OFFICE # 510 – The name he was searching for popped into his view and the arrow pointing him to the right side of the narrow hallway led him down to Dr. Williamson's office secretary. Walking up to the counter desk, Philip smiled his biggest smile and clearing his voice said, "Good morning Ma'am. I would like to speak personally to Dr. Williamson."

"Well, Sir, are you a patient or do you have an appointment?" the secretary smiled back as she spoke. "As a matter of fact, no I am not a patient", he responded, "but I would just like to thank the doctor for all of his help." Not knowing quite what to think about the situation, the secretary dutifully obtained his name and asked Philip to wait while she went into the back offices to speak with the good Doctor. After waiting for several minutes, the secretary returned and advised Philip that the doctor would see him in examination room # 3. Philip followed her back to the exam room and gingerly sat down on the only available place, the fold out exam table which was covered in that typically noisy white waxy paper. Several minutes later, Dr. Williamson knocked on the door and walked in wearing his white coat and the traditional stethoscope around his neck. "Good morning Sir, I understand that you wanted to speak with me?" he inquisitively said. "Yes in fact I did. I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate you and all that you have done for me!" Philip said excitedly. "I don't understand Mr. Jones. My records indicate that I have never seen you as a patient" Dr. Williamson stated not understanding Philips obvious gratitude. "No Sir, you have not. But you were my rich Uncle Ted's doctor and I am his only HEIR, so put er' there!" as Philip extended his hand in friendship.

Well, I certainly hope that you have a better doctor that Doctor Williamson. But on this week immediately following the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, I want to remind each of you that you are a Joint Heir in Jesus Christ. Paul teaches us in Romans Chapter 8, " Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, 4in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. 5Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. 9You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup>because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." NIV My prayer for each of you this week is that you would take God's Word to heart and remember that as we enter into this Spring Season, THAT YOU ARE A JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST!

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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#### Lopes Out Hit, but Lose to Littlefield

By Jim Plummer Sports Writer

M.J. Wynne hit his second homerun of the season while Ernie Saldivar went 3 for 4 at the plate to lead the Antelopes in the district match-up at Littlefield on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

But it wasn't enough offense to overcome a five run third inning which catapulted Littlefield to a 7-3 win.

Until the bottom of the third, Post was in the game down just 1-0. "Littlefield did a good job of hitting the baseball and capitalizing on 5 walks in that one inning", explained Coach Billy

Coach Hardin was pleased with the defensive play of his team. The Lopes were errorless in the field.

But offensively, even though Post had two more hits then Littlefield "we left too many scoring opportunities on the bases throughout the game," said Hardin. Post attempted a comeback in the sixth inning when they scored all three of their runs.

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#### Post Over Roosevelt, 16-12

By Jim Plummer Sports Writer

Coming off a tough loss to Littlefield, the Antelopes flexed their might slugging for 16 runs in two innings to defeat the Roosevelt Eagles, 16-12 at a March 30 game here at Norm Cash Field.

The Bold Gold got clicking in the bottom of the second to come from behind. "Our kids did a great job of coming back after falling behind 4-0," said Coach Billy Hardin.

Post scored the rest of their six runs in the third inning then went silent for the last three. Clint Windham started on the mound for the Lopes and was relieved by Ernie Saldivar who went on to strike out six batters in four innings.

Windham and Jacob Perez shined at the plate both hitting three out of four tries and the two were responsible for 12 of the Post's runs. Windham scored two runs and batted-in four more. Perez knocked in three runs and crossed the plate three times himself.

"Our kids responded well to the loss against Littlefield and I think they showed everyone in our district how dangerous this team can be," explained Hardin.

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	Н	E
Roosevelt	1	3	0	3	0	1	4	12	10	2
Post	0	10	6	0	0	0	-	16	12	5

#### JV Baseball

April 2, 2010

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Post	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	7
Abernathy	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	7



Sydnee Jones (33) hit for two doubles in the Lady Lopes' game against Shallowater. Photo by Jim Plummer.



Brooke Morris (10) gets one of her two hits against Shallowater Monday night. Photo by Jim Plummer.

#### Powerlifting 2010 Season Re-cap

By Coach Ken Roberts

At the Boys Regional meet in Sundown, both Nick Rodriguez and Joe Menjares competed well. Nick had to scratch out of the event after the bench press due to an injury. Joe finished the squat with 475 lbs and the bench with 315 but was unable to dead lift his 545 lbs start and that eliminated him from the competition.

Cody Dean finished with his best total of the year 740 lbs. Cody was also awarded the Regional Fighting Heart award.

Great job to all of our Lifters this year. Isaac Stern, Cody Dean, Seth Babb, Josh Rodriquez, Joe Menjares, Roberts Contreas, Nick Rodriquez, Elijah Gomez, Paul Martinez, Dale Diaz, Caden Dean, Jordan Aguilar and Trent Babb (wrapper).

It was a great year on the Girls side of

PHS Juniors Miranda Hair and Sydnee Jones (top)

completed the 2010 powerlifting season ranked 8th in the

Powerlifting as well. Special thanks to all of our lifters, Madison Davis, Sydnee Jones, Miranda Hair, and Yesenia Gomez.

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Sydnee and Miranda traveled to Corpus Christi over the spring break holiday and competed in the State Powerlifting Meet. It was a rough start for both girls in the squat. Sydnee was not able to get her lift and was eliminated from the competition. Miranda had a difficult time improving her opening lift of 245 lbs. Miranda went on to finish the meet with a 590 lbs. total.

Both girls finished the year being ranked 8th in the state in their weight class. I think this year was a great one and big building block for next year. Both Sydnee and Miranda are Juniors and will be back next

#### **District Golf** Results

By Jim Plummer Sports Writer

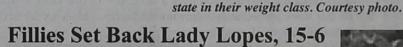
Both the boys and the girls competed in the first round of District 3-2A golf contests last week at Abernathy; the Antelopes on March 24 and the Lady Lopes on the March

Skylar Jones shot a 106 and Madison Cash a 117 for

The boys were led by freshman Aaron Macy's 93 and senior Luis Duran who shot a 98. The rest of the Antelopes were: Chess Postell 104, Aaron James 105, John Bocko 106, Jace Fannon 107, Travis Emeyabbi 113, Clint Windham 122 and Ja. D. Young 129.

Second round action was held earlier this week in Littlefield. See the results in The Dispatch next week.

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By Jim Plummer

Post hosted Shallowater on March 30 for a "top of the heap" battle. The Fillies took a 3-0 first inning lead and prevailed to the end. The game resulted in both teams tied for first place with 3-1 District 3-2A records.

Down 5-0, Post scored its first run in the bottom of the third inning when Bethany Berry hit a homerun. They later scored another in the fourth. With the score 7-2 in favor of Shallowater going into the fifth inning, both teams went scoreless until the sixth when the Lady Lopes scored three runs to tightened the score to 7-5.

Shallowater shut down Post's momentum by adding eight runs in the top of the seventh inning. Post's fielding errors, passed balls, walks and the Fillies' bats were enough to keep the Lady Lopes from maintaining an undefeated league record.

Charlsi Brawley pitched the seven inning game for Shallowater and Post's Hair sisters split the game for the Lady Lopes with Chelci Hair opening and closing while

Post's Branda Stevens and Brooke Morris went 2 of 3 at the plate. Sydnee Jones had two hits out of four appearances, both of which were doubles.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	1
Shallowater	3	1	1	2	0	0	8	15	11	1
Post	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	6	9	
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Sidelines

The girls played at Slaton on April 2nd for a 20-11 win. They lost to Idalou, 9-2, this past Tuesday and will play at Denver City Saturday, April 10 at noon. See next week's Dispatch for the reports of these games.

On Tuesday April 13th, the Lady Lopes welcome Roosevelt at 5:00 P.M. and go to Shallowater Saturday, April 17 for a game at noon.

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Joe Menjares is shown competing at the Regional Powerlifting meet in Sundown. Courtesy photo.

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DISTRICT 3-2A SOFTBALL STANDINGS (as of 4/3/10)

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Shallowater	4-1	19-3
Post	4-1	13-5
Slaton	3-2	12-11
Roosevelt	2-3	not avail.
Idalou	2-3	10-8 -
Denver City	0-5	not avail.

Courtesy of TerrysSportsPage.com





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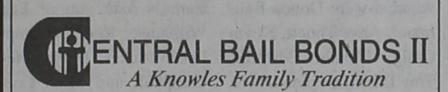
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Lunch- Hot dog, fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

April 13

Breakfast- Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk Lunch- Pizza & enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

April 14 Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, toast, sausage, fruit,

Lunch- Chicken rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbet, hot rolls, milk

BBreakfast- Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch- Pizza & taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

April 16

Breakfast- Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots, crispy treat, milk

> Southland ISD April 12

Breakfast- Waffles, fruit, juice, milk Lunch- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, cake, milk April 13

Breakfast- Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, puppies, fruit salad

Lunch- Crispy tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jello, milk

April 14

Breakfast- Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk Lunch- Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli with ranch, strawberry/bananas, crackers, milk

April 15

Breakfast- Cereal, fruit, juice, milk Lunch- Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, milk April 16

Breakfast- French toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch- sack lunch for early release Trailblazers

April 12

Lemon baked chicken, macaroni salad, spinach, biscuit, peach cake

April 13

cornbread, cobbler

Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, tortilla, salsa, fruit

April 16

## Yesteryears

10 years ago- April 6, 2000

Post Elementary School students took top honors at the Texas Tech Science Fair. Participants included Seffi Norman, Kylie Easterling, Allen Heckaman and Kamron Shumard. D'Anne Bishop was the coach. Norman placed second in biology and Easterling took first in physical. Heckaman took first with Shumard earning third place. In district competition, Norman won first place and best of show, Easterling placed second and Heckaman and local baseball field, 21-9. Shumard placing first.

Haley Rene Pie, two and one-half year old daughter of Harriett and Lanny Poe, qualified to compete in the National All Star Pageant in Dallas. She was chosen as the Overall

Winner in the Lubbock All Star Pageant and crowned queen of her age category. She earned a \$5,000 schol-

Scotty Gaydos and Kelci Hart earned third place bronze medals at the CX State Debate Tournament. Additionally, Gaydos was awarded the Silver Gavel Top Speaker Award in the 2A Conference, recognizing him as second in the

The Post Antelopes baseball team posted a huge win over Olton at the

20 years ago- April 11, 1990

Post High School Regional U.I.L. \*Academic qualifiers include Kevin Williams, Jay Mitchell, Roger Adams, Bill Rankin, Michael Robertson, Barry Owen, Jimmy Holleman, Michael Voss, Luci Rodriguez, Cathi Cash, Betsy Ethridge, Tina Brumbalow, Sara Hudman, Krista Kemp, Crystal Clay, Me-Jana Hudman, Michael Radle, Alvaro Gutierrez, John David Fields, Tray Payne, Rachel Wilson, Ruth Ann Gutierrez and Sandra Mathies.

Christy Lynn Davis and Randy Ratheal exchanged vows on Saturday, April 7, 1990 in a double ring ceremony at the First Christian Church in Lubbock in a candlelight service.

Traci Elizabeth Bush became the bride of Christopher James Belongia in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, March 31, 1990 in the Post Church of Christ.

Curt and Rhenalea Beck announced the birth of a son, Austen Paul, born Sunday, March 25, 1990.

Post High School's Nancy Criado placed second in girls' singles at the District 3-AAA tennis tournament, qualifying for the regional meet. Kenda Williams and Sarah Williams finished fourth at the district meet in doubles' competition.

30 years ago- April 10, 1980

District U.I.L. contest winners were Donna Baumann, Amy Thuett, Kevin Craig, Donald Edwards, Tim Tatum, Leanna Davis, Melissa Tatum, Trushell Marts and Holly Giddens. They all advanced to the Regional U.I.L. competi-

The Post Middle School seventh grade girls track in their District Track Meet

held at Seminole with 132 points, and the eighth grade girls finished third with 107 points. Results are: Shot, Jana White, fourth; Discus, Jan White, fifth; Triple Jump, Mendy Tatum, sixth; 440 relay team, first; 440 yd. Dash, Marta Clellan, first; second was a tie between Marta Holly and Patricia Price; 220 yd. Dash, Cynhia Samora, second; Channa Williams, sixth; 880 yd. Relay, team, first; Long Jump, Regina Williams, second; Patricia Price, fourth; 100 Meter Hurdles, Kayla Peel, first; Mile Relay, team, second.

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Luann Kennedy set a new district high jump record in the girls 5AA district meet at Seminole, clearing the bar at 5 feet, 5

40 years ago-April 9, 1970

The Duffy's Peak historical marker, 11 miles north of Post on the Ralls highway, was dedicated Sunday afternoon under gan Bush, Marilyn Bell, ideal weather condition and before a large crowd.

Twenty-one descendants of Garza County pioneer Job Davies were among those attending the Duffy's Peak marker dedi-

Specialist Six Byron O. Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambers Parrish of Post, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a technical and administrative leader, communications maintenance branch, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Two Garza County 4-H Club girls, Sue Cowdrey and Phyliss Kennedy won blue ribbons in the senior division of the District 4-H Food Show held at Texas Tech.

Two Post drag racers, D.L. Mason and Cecil Foster Jr., won first place trophies in competition at the Amarillo Dragway.

50 years ago- April 7, 1960

The Post High School golf team advanced to the regional meet in Lubbock after winning the District 3-AA championship. The team is made up of Lee Williams, Roger Camp, Leslie Acker, David Mc-Campbell and Mike Cornell. They were coached by Charles Hopkins.

Mrs. A. Lee Ward and Mrs. Larry Hopkins, leaders of Girl Scout Trop 286 took six girls to Camp Rio Blanca, near Crosbyton. Those girls included Brenda Ward, Mickie Taylor, Kay Litton, Donna Mathis, Zelika Freeman and Helen Cheshire.

Teddy Scott, 7th grade student at Southland, will represent Garza County in the 8th annual Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Spelling Bee.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Davis announced the birth of their son, Jackie Wayne, born April 1, 1960.

A son was born March 28 to Mr. and Mrs. William St. John. They named him Jeffrey Neil.

- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Peede announced the birth of their son born March 28, named Ronald Dale.

Baked ham, red beans, fried sweet potatoes,

April 14

Chicken fried steak, black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes, roll, peanut butter cake April 15

Fried fish, beans, potato salad, coleslaw, hush

## Some Good News for Seniors under Health Care Reform

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

There appears to be some good news for Medicare beneficiaries now that the Health Care Reform has passed, according to sources seniors often turn to for straightforward information regarding Medicare and health care issues. Only time will tell if the good outweighs the bad. However, two issues in the reform certainly have the potential to affect older adults in a more positive way.

According to the web site, medicare.gov, the good news includes a reduction in prescription drug spending: "Roughly 493,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Texas hit the 'doughnut hole,' or gap in Medicare Part D drug coverage that can cost some seniors an average of \$4,080 per year. Reform legislation will provide a 50 percent discount for brand-name drugs in this coverage gap." However, this coverage won't reach its maximum until 2020. The coverage gap starts after the first \$2,830 spent on medications in a year. Seniors then pay entirely out of their pocket until they have spent

\$4,550, when the government starts picking up 95 percent of the tab. After the rebate this year, seniors in the gap will get a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs in 2011, and a smaller break on generics. The discounts gradually ramp up until the "doughnut hole" is closed.

"In theory the changes [to Medicare prescription coverage] sound good, but until the details get worked out, we really don't know," said Alisa Peters, owner of Hometown Pharmacy in Post. "It is too early to tell and we haven't received any information on the changes yet."

will also now cover free preventive services. AARP explains it simply: "Currently, seniors in Medicare must pay part of the cost of many preventive services on their own. For a colonoscopy that costs \$700, this means that a senior must pay \$162 - a price that can be prohibitively expensive. Under reform, a senior will not pay anything for a colonoscopy, or for any other recommended preventive service. A senior will also get free annual wellness visits

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org. If you are confused about reporting, call

Garza County Victims Assistance,

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personalized prevention plan smaller (about 6 percent) to remain in good health."

Even with advantages, an Associated Press survey in March found that "54 percent of seniors opposed the legislation that was then taking final shape in Congress, compared with 36 percent of people age 18-50. And last week a USA Today/Gallup Poll found that a majority of seniors said passing the bill was a bad thing -- while younger people were positive about it." It seems that the negative reaction by seniors to the health care reform is primarily a concern The change in health care about how to pay for these

> A recent AARP bulletin stated there was no doubt that broad cuts in projected Medicare payments to insurance plans, hospitals, nursing homes and other service providers will sting. However, folks haven't yet realized that the new law also improves the lot of many Medicare beneficiaries.

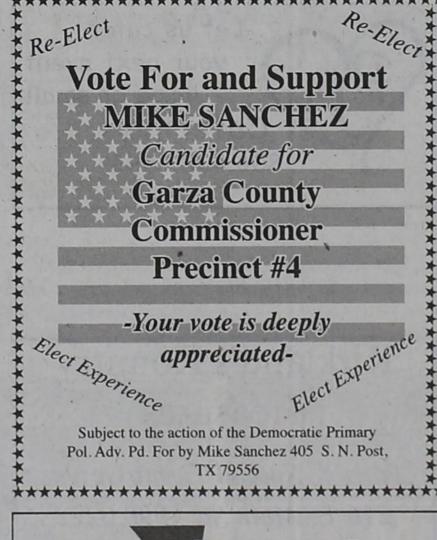
The Associated Press online reported that Medicare spending will continue to grow under the law, just not

to his or her provider, with a as fast. The reductions are than Democratic President Bill Clinton and a Republican Congress came up with in

1997 (12 percent). This report on April 1 further claims that the law strengthens traditional Medicare, which covers about three-fourths of seniors, by improving preventive care and increasing payments to frontline primary care doctors and nurses serving as medical coordinators. But it also gradually reduces generous government subsidies to private insurance plans, Medicare alternatives that have lately gained popularity."

As the end result of Health Care Reform plays out, Medicare beneficiaries' and other seniors will be best served by determining how to take advantage of the "good" of the reform while downsizing any negative affects whenever possible. This can be accomplished by becoming and staying informed on the issues.

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# The Paperboy

## Lack of good fathers hurts the country

#### By CHRIS BLACKBURN

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A couple of generations of poor fatherhood has damaged the United States.

Whether it's one of our illustrious sperm donors running around impregnating young women or men too lazy to take responsibility and set a strong example, many of our societal ills can be attributed directly to the lack of male parenting.

Consider these facts:

According to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau in November, 2009, there are approximately 13.7 million single parents in the United States responsible for rearing 21.8 million children (approximately 26% of children under 21 in the U.S. today).

Approximately 84 percent of custodial parents are mothers. Of those single moms, 45 percent are currently divorced or separated and 34.2 percent have never been married.

It is a pitiful existence when so many of our youth resort to harmful behavior trying to fill the void left by not having an active father.

We've gone so PC in this country, we've handcuffed ourselves as a society. Instead of demanding, "TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN!" - we've said, "That's okay buddy, we'll all jump in and help."

While I believe in generosity and helping whomever needs it, nothing can replace a real father. Nature has yet to provide humankind an adequate replacement for the father and I doubt it is in God's plans to do so.

I guess I'm old-fashioned or perhaps I'm simply wrong, but this is one societal stance I will not budge on. I'm crazy enough to think the good Lord intended men and women to work as a team in order to rear their offspring.

My wife was in Dallas a couple of weeks ago and within hours, she's calling me furious and victimized because her vehicle has a busted window and all of the contents of the car are now in the possession of a thief. National crime statistics tell us there's a good chance this thief came from a situation with little or no involvement from the father.

The rise of gangs, a growing prison population, a general lack of manners in everyday life ... there is a seemingly endless list of negatives which can be directly associated with "daddies" not fulfilling their role.

Thirty years ago and more, society frowned upon men who failed to do the basic and right thing ... rear their chil-

Today, we tell young men, "good job" when they happen to make a child support payment.

In 2010, it's great to be a "pimp" and go from woman to woman spreading your DNA. However, you're weak if you are quiet and monogamous. It's simply the wrong mindset.

In our society, there should be pressures placed on those ignoring - or refusing - to make their children their top prior-

Personally, I have respect for those men who take on the responsibility and obligation of fatherhood. I have neither respect or time for those men who shun their duties.

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## Other Views

# Obama counters 'drill, baby, drill' with his own drilling plan

#### ByTERESA ALBANO

health care reform, President Barack Obama has decided to use the momentum to push forward his next Big Agenda item: energy and climate

Much to the chagrin of environmentalists, progressives and many politicians, he made his move with what's becoming his signature tactic -- a preemptive attempt to neutralize the opposition.

The opposition is still the ultra-right GOP, but now the Republicans' corporate sponsors, the oil, gas and energy conglomerates, enter stage right. Their mantra since the John McCain/Sarah Palin campaign has been "Drill,

baby, drill." President Obama announced his own plan to drill. This week he made known plans to open up the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and Alaska's northern coast

"Drilling our coasts will do nothing to lower gas prices or create energy independence," Michael Brune of the Sierra Club said in a statement. "It will only jeopardize beaches, marine life, and coastal tourist economies, all so the oil industry can make a shortterm profit."

Politicians from states worried about the impact on coastal economies that rely on fishing and tourism also took issue with the president's plan.

"It's fundamentally wrong as an energy policy when we can drive toward renewable energy sources," U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, a long time opponent of offshore drilling, said. "I think it's an effort to bring Republicans on board with broader climate change legislation, and I think it's a dangerous plan," he added.

From the other side of the

ing off their bruising defeat over health care, some in the GOP are cautious about being labeled the "Party of No." Yet, Rep. John Boehner summed up the GOP's position best. He said it didn't go far enough, and the biggest gas reserves, which are on the West Coast, should be

The president anticipated the criticisms from both sides in his speech. To environmentalists, he emphasized the transition moment the country is in, and stressed that his strategy could move us "from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies more on homegrown fuels and clean energy."

opened up too.

Worried about an already weak U.S. economy and most important -- jobs --Obama said, "The only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy

to oil and gas exploration and aisle, Republicans also react- in the short term and long the east coast of America, seeing deep water platforms.

He also said drilling alone cannot solve the U.S. longterm energy challenges. "[W] ith less than 2 percent of oil reserves, but more than 20 percent of world consumption, drilling alone cannot come close to meeting our long-term energy needs," he said. "[F]or the sake of the planet and our energy independence, we need to begin the transition to cleaner fuels now."

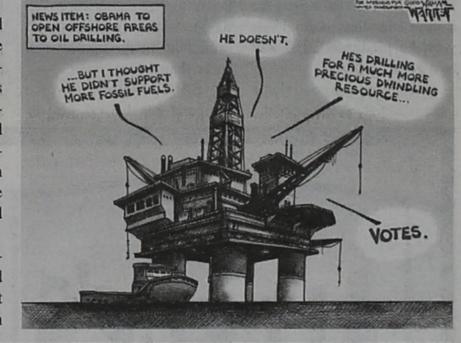
Obama's attempts to thread the political needle infuriate many of the president's progressive allies, who see this as a threat to the ocean ecosystems. "We're appalled that the president is unleashing a wholesale assault on the oceans," said Jacqueline Savitz of Oceana, as reported in The New York Times.

Doug O'Malley, of Environment New Jersey said the group was outraged. "It makes no sense to threaten disasters when we're about to unleash the real solutions to oil dependence -- cleaner cars, cleaner fuels and clean energy."

The Associated Press reports new drilling could "fill coffers" of cash-strapped states who get a share of the royalties. Exploratory drilling could start as early as this summer, AP reports, but the areas are years away from

drilling. The announcement ed with criticism, some more term. To fail to recognize this including the Jersey Shore, The drilling is not expected Off an historic win on met a firestorm of criticism. muted than others. Com- reality would be a mistake." with spills and other drilling to bring down high oil pric-

> Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management agreed to stop using a Bush-era provision that fast-tracked oil and gas development on federal lands that conservationists have said could harm a wide variety of lands, including parks, refuges, recreation areas, wetlands, flood plains or other ecological significant or critical areas.



# Other Opinions

# The United Nations vs. America, Chapter 3259

#### By ELAN JOURNO

The U.S. is not only a founding member of the U.N. but for a long time has been its largest financial backer. What are we getting for our money? An institution that makes a mockery of protecting rights around the world. Consider this report from veteran U.N. observer Anne Bayefsky, cataloguing just some of the recent perversities of the U.N.'s (notorious) Human Rights Council.

The Council, which meets in Geneva, is the personal playground of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They hold the balance of power by controlling the Asian and African regional groups, which together form a majority at the Council. The Council's agenda is accordingly fixated on issues of priority to the Islamic bloc - number one, delegitimizing Israel; number two, trumping free speech in the name of

Islam; and number three, avoiding any criticism of humanrights violations in their own backyards. None of which has anything to do with protecting human rights.

Later, Bayefsky observes, "The Obama administration lost every time it called for the vote on a resolution at the Council session." But don't be misled into thinking that Obama's diplomats were all that energetic.

Having jumped on the Council bandwagon last year without insisting on any reform-minded preconditions, U.S. diplomats now sit there taking it on the chin and lending predictable and immutable Council routines undeserved legitimacy. This past session, the Council adopted five resolutions condemning Israel and fewer resolutions on the rest of the world combined: one each on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, North Korea, Burma/Myanmar, and Guinea.

The other 187 states on the planet got a free pass from

the Council, notwithstanding the pressing reality of Nigeria's butchered Christians, Saudi Arabia's gender apartheid, Egypt's systematic torture, China's iron fist, Sudan's genocide, and Russia's slain human-rights defenders.

Now, guess which regime is a candidate for membership in the U.N. Human Rights Council?

Here's a clue: since the regime's obviously rigged elections took place last June, it has gunned down protestors in the streets, rounded up dissidents, tortured many in prison, and executed them after show trials. (These things are in keeping with the regime's character, but they became more widely known after mass protests made international headlines). Yes: Iran. Given the U.N.'s kid-gloves treatment of Iran, its application for membership in the Council looks promising.

By continuing to support the United Nations, we lend it undeserved legitimacy that directly undermines our own political ideal of individual rights.

# Health Care Reform: Endorsed by Obama Supporters?

#### By VICTOR MORAWSKI

Fallacies are mistakes in reasoning that occur so often and are so easily made that, over the years, logicians have sought to give them names for convenient reference. While teaching a recent unit on fallacies to my Logic students, I plucked from the Internet, summarized, and placed on a test an argument advanced by a blogger to counter the evidence from polls that Health Care Reform legislation was unpopular with the American people.

What the blogger said in essence was: "It is wrong to say that the majority of the American people no longer support the legislation for comprehensive health care reform now before Congress. A majority of the American people elected Barack Obama as President. Health care reform was part of his platform. So, a majority of the American people support -comprehensive health care reform."

Now I would be happy to let this one go as a piece of shaky reasoning by an obscure liberal blogger that deserves little serious attention were it not for the fact that, just a few days ago, I heard the Rev. Al Sharpton use essentially the same argument on a national news broadcast. As acceptance of this reasoning may be more widespread than I had previously realized, I think that it deserves to be addressed.

If the above argument seems alright, don't be misled. An additional characteristic of fallacies is that, while from a logical point of view they are leaky buckets that won't hold water, they are often quite persuasive psychologically. What goes wrong in the blogger's reasoning is that he is offering as reason to believe that a majority of Americans really do support ObamaCare a fact about the special circumstances of Obama supporters. In essence, it is argued that because they are his supporters, then they automatically supported the health care reform plan in his platform.

This simply just does not follow. If I am a Republican, it does not follow that, because of those special circumstances, one should conclude that I automatically support every plank in the Republican platform. Neither does it follow from the fact that a majority of Americans elected Barack Obama to office, that that same majority of Americans automatically supported his plan to reform health care - even less does it

Additionally, it can be argued that of those Obama supporters who really did endorse his plan for comprehensive

health care reform, what they really in fact endorsed was a version of health care reform that did not include an individual mandate — as that was the plan he ran on and what he stressed separated his health care reform proposal from that of his opponent, Hilary Clinton. We could view his election in the Democratic primary as being, at least in part, a rejection by even Democratic voters - his base - of the individual mandate in health care reform.

Gone now from Obama's speeches are any mention of how hard it will be for some Americans to live with the odorous burden of an individual health care insurance mandate points he made campaigning. We hear nothing of his argument that a person who is fined substantially for not being able to comply with an individual health insurance mandate will now be worse off than before - that person will still have no health insurance and will now have to deal with the additional burden of paying the fine laid on them. Unlike the argument with which we began, this was a good argument Mr. President. What happened to it?

No matter where the cut-off point for subsidies is eventually stipulated to be, there will always be a group of Americans for which the above will be true.

# Texas Crop and Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION - - There likely will be a lot of fallow fields in the North and Central Texas regions this year, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

"We are very, very, very wet still at this time," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent in Collin County, northeast of Dallas. "Because of this wet weather we've got very little of our corn in."

Maxwell said very little wheat got planted in Collin and neighboring counties as well. He estimates only about 5 percent of the 30,000 acres of corn that are typically planted went in this year. Wheat is planted in the fall, but only about 30 percent of the usual acreage of wheat was planted last fall.

corn closed about March 15 in North Texas. Sorghum is an option some years, but this year, Maxwell expected most Collin County growers will elect to take prevented planting provisions of their cropinsurance policies.

"We're basically a twocrop system here in Collin County - - corn and wheat," Maxwell said. "We're just now getting into the normally wet period of our year. And they think -- at least the ones I've talked too -- it's going to be more of the same."

The situation is a lot better in the Panhandle, where 30 percent or more of Texas corn acres are generally an AgriLife Extension agronomist based in Amarillo.

The planting window opens and closes later in the Panhandle, Bean said, and though corn planting may be a little later than normal this year, he predicted 2010 will be a good corn year.

"We're in very good shape from a moisture standpoint," Bean said. "We're not going to have to be pre-irrigating this year."

Bean said he believes planting will be a little late, perhaps a week on the average, because of the wet weather. Most Panhandle growers strip-till, a soil and moisture conservation method where only a narrow strip that is to be seeded is tilled and fertil-

Most growers haven't had a chance to either till the strips or fertilize yet, but Bean didn't expect more than a short delay in operations.

"As soon as the soil temperatures get above 50 degrees, they'll be starting to plant," he said.

Bean also noted that because nearly all corn is irrigated in the Panhandle, yields are generally a lot higher than The planting window for in North and Central Texas, so the 30 percent of acreage generally represents 50 percent of the bushels grown in the state.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: A week-old freeze caused minor damage to vegetable crops. The extent of damage to fruit trees was not yet determined. Most of the region received more rain after the freeze. Pastures began to green up with warmer weather, but grass and small grains needed more sunshine. Farmers were behind in their planting due to the extremely wet weather.

COASTAL BEND: planted, said Dr. Brent Bean, Strong winds caused blowing sand. Corn emerged and was looking very good. Cool nights slowed emergence of cotton and sorghum. Rice farmers began planting. The condition of cattle improved as the supply of grass was sufficient for the first time in more than a year.

EAST: Warmer daytime

green up, but growth was slow due to cooler nighttime temperatures. In some areas, soils were still too moist for farmers to get into fields and pastures. Azalea blooming was delayed, and horticulturists expected peak bloom not to come before mid-April. Spring calving continued. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers still providing some supplemental feed. Feral hogs continued to cause damage to property. Skunks began to be a problem on highways.

FAR WEST: Warmer days and high, gusty winds dried soils. Wildfire danger was high. Farmers were pre-watering irrigated cotton fields. Winter wheat was doing well with some fields close to heading out. Farmers were preparing seed beds, working on irrigation equipment and planting corn. Rangeland plants were emerging. Locoweed crop continued to spring up and bloom.

NORTH: Soil moisture levels ranged from adequate to fully saturated. The weather ranged from snow, followed by temperatures in the 70s, then by rain and thunderstorms. Most fields and pastures were very wet. Because the wet winter, few corn farmers were able to plant. Most corn growers believe it is too late to try and plant and were expected to take advantage of prevented planting provisions in crop-insurance policies and not try to put another crop in such as grain sorghum. There may be only 10 percent or less of the average corn planted this year. The total wheat acreage planted was a lot less also because of the same wet conditions. Livestock were in fair to good condition, but fields were very spongy and producers had to continue heavy supplemental feeding. Hay supplies were running short and in many cases, pro-

ducers had run completely out and were trying to purchase hay from other areas to finish up the feeding season. Very few producers were able to plant winter annual pastures last fall, so there is little or no spring grazing. In some areas, supplemental feeding slowed a little where there was growth of ryegrass.

PANHANDLE: The northwest portion of the region received another 6 to 8 inches of wet snow, bringing their winter total to 40 to 45 inches. Soil moisture levels in most of the region were better than in previous years. Some field work was done on wheat that dried out some. Only light insect activity was reported. Some cattle were removed from wheat fields and placed on other grazing fields and pastures. Rangeland coolseason grasses emerged, and it was expected that warmer grasses should coming out of dormancy soon. Until then, most producers were still feeding from hay stocks, which were becoming very low. Cattle were generally in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Though spring officially arrived, temperatures dropped to 30 degrees and storm systems brought snow, rain and high winds. Later in the reporting period, days were sunny and temperatures rose to about 70 degrees. With high soil moisture and the warmer days, winter wheat and grasses really began to green up and grow. Livestock were in good to excellent condition and required less supplemental feeding. The warmer weather dried fields out, and farmers were beginning to plow, put out fertilizer and kill winter weeds. The spring calving season was coming to an end, and cattle were in good shape considering the harsh winter.

Most trees were blooming. SOUTH: Cool nights and rain has slowed in comparison

rule. Most of the region had adequate soil moisture levels. Most corn and sorghum have been planted and emerged. Farmers were beginning to plant forage sorghum for hay, and in the northern part of the region some wheat and oat fields began to head. In the eastern part of the district, growers were planting at a steady pace, and early planted grain and sorghum began to emerge. Also in the eastern counties, grass growth slowed due to cooler-thannormal soil temperatures. In the western counties, cold weather delayed the planting of sorghum, cotton, corn and sesame. Growers completed the spinach harvest and continued with the harvesting of cabbage. Irrigators applied water to onion, corn and sorghum crops. In the southern counties, spring vegetable crops were progressing well, and the onion harvest was ongoing. In most areas, good forage growth meant the condition of livestock improved. In the western counties, beef producers continued with some supplemental feeding. Soil moisture levels in those counties were dropping, and

were running low. SOUTH PLAINS: The region had windy days with highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. Soil moisture was adequate. Producers were applying chemicals and listing seedbeds. Wheat was in fair to good condition and continuing to mature. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Cattle were in mostly good condition. SOUTHEAST: Range-

stock tank water supplies

land conditions improved but grass growth was still slowed by cold weather. The cold front also slowed planting ac-

SOUTHWEST: March

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warm days continued to be the to the substantially increased rate since September, but the year-to-date accumulation remained at about 1.5 times average. The region greened up, and the mild, cool, open weather accelerated spring growth. Bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, redbud trees and many other woody plants were blooming. Forage availability improved significantly, but less-palatable winter weeds were using up soil moisture. Ranchers have increased stocking rates. Corn and sorghum fields had good stands despite a mid-March frost which caused some leaf damage. Frost or cold injury to potatoes and onions also appeared to be minor. The spinach harvest was winding down. The harvesting of cabbage, broccoli and carrot crops continued. Wheat, oats and late-planted cabbage made excellent progress. Cotton, cantaloupe, watermelon and cucumber planting was expected to begin soon. Pecans trees were leafing out and blooming was expected to begin soon.

> WEST CENTRAL: Daytime temperatures continued to rise. High winds accompanied scattered showers in a few areas. Soil moisture levels remained very good in most areas. Small grains continued to improve with good conditions. No damage from the late freeze was reported. Winter wheat showed a small amount of strip rust and leaf rust, and producers were monitoring fields but not treating. Rangeland and pasture conditions also continued to improve. Producers began to decrease supplemental feeding of livestock as grazing improved. Fruit trees began to bloom.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 316 are shown during their fundraiser at Higginbotham Bartlett on March 26 (from left): Zach Hinkle, Fermin rivera, Jr. and Caelan Thuett. The troop sold hot dogs at the store to help raise money to attend Summer Camp and four members of the troop will attend the National Jamboree event in Virginia this summer. The boys will sell hot dogs again this Saturday, April 10 at Higginbotham during

Courtesy photo.

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State Fair of Texas Lamb & Goat Validation

The deadline to order your tags will be April 14. This is ONLY for the State Fair of Texas.

Leader Lab Camp

4-H Connect opens on March 29 and closes April May 4, 2010 at the Swisher 16 for all who want to attend County Extension Meeting this camp in Levelland. It Room at 310 W. Broadway is a first come first serve ba- in Tulia, Texas. The training sis. Get your registration in will begin at 9:00 am.

Rifle Contest

The deadline to enter the D-2 rifle contest is Monday, April 12 and the contest will be held on Saturday, April

Horse Validation

horses for district and state shows is Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Playdays

May 1st will be the first playday. They will be every Saturday in May at 9:00 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds.

Cooking with Diabetes The next class will be April 12, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Applicator Private Training and Testing

There will be a class on

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# **Big Country Plans Annual Meeting**

Cooperative will hold its 11th Annual Meeting of the Membership Saturday, April 24th at Stamford High School, located at 507 S. Orient in Stamford.

begin and the meal serving line will open at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a tasty Texas barbecue meal catered by Jay Hager of Stamford. As members and guests are finished eating, they should

Big Country Electric move to the auditorium to enjoy entertainment provided by Revolution, a dynamic violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students.

The business meeting will Member registration will convene at 6:30 p.m. in the

auditorium. Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

## White River Municipal **Water District** April 6, 2010 Report

Gauge Reading:	2345.90
Feet below spillway:	26' 7"
Rise:	0"
Rainfall past week:	0.0"
Rain 2010 to date:	5.66"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
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White River Lake has 1,563,433,098 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 16% capacity or 4,798 acre feet. Subtract 30,412,760 MG for evaporation this week in April that leaves 1,533,020,338 BG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White River Customers and 1.36 million gallons per day for 2009. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level raises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

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### Lubbock Arts Festival to feature LEGO Brick Art

Alliance is building up to the 32nd Annual Lubbock Arts Festival, April 16-18 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

This three-day celebration will bring the very best visual, performing, and children's arts to Lubbock and the surrounding area.

A theme of "Life, LEGO Art!, and the Pursuit of Happiness" has been selected and will feature a special exhibit, "The Art of the Brick," which is comprised of 30 pieces of contemporary artwork made entirely will be different performing be admitted for \$2.00 and all

Arts from LEGO bricks. Many stages each spotlighting the children age twelve and unof the pieces of art are freestanding, three-dimensional works each made with more than 250,000 LEGOS bricks. There will also be displays by Texas LEGO Users Group.

Every year the Arts Festival features over 150 visual artists from around the nation displaying and selling original work in the mediums of painting, drawing, pottery, fiber, leather, jewelry, glass, wood, and sculpture. A juried and invitational gallery will be available for viewing along with artwork from area school children. There

Lake Alan Henry Report

April 5, 2010

Conservation pool elevation -

2220.00 feet above mean sea level

Elevation as of April 5, 2010 - 2214.71 feet, 5.29 feet low

Water Temperature - 56 - 58 degrees F

2010 cumulative precipitation as of April 5: 5.51 inches

Reports of many spotted bass being caught, particularly near

the dam. Largemouth bass fishing is still slow, and no reports

of catfish or crappie being caught.

\*Note - On April 1, the United States Geological

Service, Wichita Falls, Texas, resurveyed and calibrated the

very best local and regional der, accompanied by an adult, talent singing, dancing, act- will be admitted for \$1.00. ing, and playing instruments. place along with ten different "Kid Stops" providing FREE art related to activities for children.

The "Kid Stops" include www.lubbockarts.org. 'make and take' projects, Art Zone with LEGO bricks, a Home Depot woodworking activity, a chance to perform on the Kids Karaoke stage, Book Fair, and a Kiddie Flatland Film Festival.

Adult festival goers will

The Arts Festival is open Demonstrations by artists to the general public Friday, creating their work will take April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule go to

#### Book Review ... Continued from Page 2

filed against her and her staff while governor after the campaign. All were deemed frivolous and were dismissed in court. Her staff was targeted for destruction because of her. The sad thing is that all the lawyers and court fees had to be paid for personally. The fees became twice as much as her annual salary and took much of her and her staff's time. She became convinced that she could serve Alaska and her country better by not being governor.

She speaks highly of John McCain, his family, and his ideals and dreams for America. She admits President Obama's personality charismatic exceptional speechand making capabilities. She speaks about oil exploration and development vs. the environment and declares that America is capable of being energy independent.

Whether one likes her or not, the book will give insight into this exceptional woman's life, her family, her accomplishments, Alaska, her dreams, beliefs and faith in America, plus much, much more.

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### **HOSPITALITY TOUR**



Employees of the Dalby Correctional Facility took a Tour of Post during their lunch hour Tuesday. The event was sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to acquaint participants with the community and its many ame- Center nities. Chamber member Poka Lambro provided lunch for the group and Jim Plummer served as tour guide.

Photo by Janice Plummer

# Post Rotary Club honors three seniors

The Post Rotary Club All-Region band honors. recognized three Post High

awarded by the club.

Kelly Chapa is the daugh-School students in March: ter of Hector and Linda Courtney Basquez, Kelly Chapa. She has been in-Chapa and Danica Williams. volved with UIL One-Act These three are among stu- Play and UIL Prose/Poetry dents selected throughout the events, 2007 - 2009. Kelly school year to attend Rotary enjoys spend time with famclub meetings. If the students ily and meeting new people. meet the Rotary attendance She wants to "travel the world requirements they are consid- sometime in my life." Kelly ered for annual scholarships also enjoys the "little things in life." She likes reading Courtney Basquez is the new books and discovering daughter of Diana Basquez ad new music; going to the movis involved in band and soft- ies with friends, and "living ball at Post High School. Her life to the fullest every day." special interests are writing After graduating from PHS, poetry, playing softball, play- Kelly hopes to attend Angelo ing the clarinet, painting and State University and earn a One-Act Play; Honorablecooking. Courtney plans to degree in Communications. Actor for UIL One-Act Play attend South Plains College in After completing her studies and Regional Qualifier in pursuit of a career in Physical at Angelo State, she wants to UIL Prose/Poetry. Therapy. She then plans to move to a larger city to "fulfill attend Texas Tech to further my dream of being a television daughter of Kurt Williams her education. While at PHS, host." Kelly has received the and Cynthia Williams. At she has achieved State Solo following awards/honors at PHS, she has participated

however in some case you



DANICA WILLIAMS



KELLY **CHAPA** 



COURTNEY **BOSQUEZ** 

one-act play, cross country, cheerleading and UIL. Danica is very interested in Danica Williams is the

sports, activities with her friends, traveling, meeting new people and dancing. She plans to attend Angelo State University and gain a Bachelors Degree

in Nursing. While in high school Danica has received Softball. She also made the will have it's 45th reunion or All-Star Cheerleading team Friday June 18th and Saturday England.

appliances begins April 16,

2010. For refrigerators, freez-

Class of 1965 Plans Reunion The class of 1965, the Honorable Mention and largest PHS graduating class Second Team All-District in and of course the best class

convenience.

and performed in the New June 19th. Class dues are Years Day Parade in London, \$25.00 per classmate. Please contact Larry Osman larryosman@att.net 806-445-3359 or Dan Johnson djohnson65@ consolidated.net for details.

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sell certificates for \$10 each that will give you a 10x13 photo and you will be able to purchase the packet of photos

of your choice. Certificates

are on sale now. If you have

any questions, please con-

tact Christy Rutherford of

Joel Warren t 806-495-2848

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Post Animal Refuge

Post Animal Refuge Center

(PARC) is looking for a per-

manent home for two dogs - &

male and female, small to me-

dium "Benji" look alikes. Cal

Post City Merchants

Winners of the Post City Bucks during the April Olc Mill Trade Day Downtown event were: \$50 each - Danny Castleman, Amarillo and

Peggy Yowell, Brownfield \$25 each - Henry Cruse, Pos and Jason Jones, Lubbock.

OS Museum Spring

It's time for an exhibit

change and the winds blew ir

"Spring" at the OS Museum

Spring and Easter art and artifacts are on display from

the McCrary's travels around

the world. Viewing hours

10 a.m. to 12 and 1 - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Closed most major holidays OS Museum, 201 E. Mair

Street and Avenue I in Post

Upstairs - elevator for your

781-6766.

Exhibit

**Bucks Winners** 

PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

Can you believe it has alroamed the halls of Post High union is July 3, 2010, here purchase period ends 60 days in Post. Pay your reunior fee to Susie Barboza (Class Treasurer) at Wells Fargo lows contractors, who install The cost is: \$25 per classmate, \$10 with spouse, or \$40 for the family. We also have for the classmates if you pay by April 1, 2010. For more of Licensing and Registration information visit our website, www.phs90lopelegends Disposal of the old, func- webs.com or call Cornelic "Corky" Saldivar, 956-281-

Class of 1980 Reunion

Class of 1980 is looking for posal or recycling requires the all classmates in preparatior for our 30 Year class reunior entity (such as a retailer, con- set for Saturday July 3, 2010 Anyone interested in attendsuming responsibility for the ing or who would like more proper disposal or recycling information contact Leanna -details will be provided on Davis on Facebook or emai Jendy Thomas Touchstone a A courtesy list of partner ilhtouchstone@hotmail.com or call her at 361-296-3772 We need all classmates' adorg. Recycling is not limited dresses so we can get inforto the entities on the courtesy mation to you. Hope to see everyone there.

#### and Ensemble honors and PHS: All-Star Actor for UIL in softball, basketball, track, Rebates still available from trade up appliance rebate program The purchase period for all

Purchase period begins al appliance. next week

As of April 7, \$19,963,315 the following appliances: rein rebates are still available to frigerators, freezers, room air Texas consumers for the pur- conditioners, clothes washchase of select Energy Star ers, dishwashers, central air appliances. The Texas Trade conditioners, air-source het Up Appliance Rebate Program pumps and hot water heaters. is taking reservations from Rebates range up to \$1600, consumers who can receive depending on the type of apthe rebate forms by visiting pliance and energy efficiency the online reservation system rating. The purchase period at www.TexasPowerfulSmart. for most appliances is beorg or calling toll-free to tween April 16 and April 25; 1-877-780-3039.

Texans can use the rebates have 60 days after April 16 to to buy energy efficient appli- make your purchase. ances in eight different appliance categories and replace the same type of old, function-

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**Texting at Games** 

I am a parent of a Lady Lope and am very active in the school. I am writing to voice a small complaint. There is a Post coach who is always texting on the cell phone during games and practices. I know times have changed and this is the popular method of communication, but I feel there is a time and a place for it and during a game is not it. Isn't the coach getting paid to coach and not text? I can understand between innings, but while our team is at bat? Ridiculous.

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two appliance rebates per Rebates are available on household. Consumers need to submit a separate reservation or waitlist request if they want to request rebates for two appliances. Though up to two rebates are allowed, they must be for different appliance categories.

Consumers will need to provide their name, address and appliance category when making a reservation, and must be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waitlist in order to print or receive the application forms Shoppers are limited to necessary to mail in to claim

rebates. Rebate applications from waitlist participants will be processed in the order received, pending available ers, clothes washers, dish-

printed a rebate form through the guaranteed reservation list or the waitlist, they can buy appliances on the set dates. Then consumers must mail in the rebate form and a copy of the receipt, along with any postmarked within 60 days of reservation."

Fun By The

Like puzzles?

sudoku. This

mind-bending

Then you'll love

puzzle will have

you hooked from

the moment you

square off, so

sharpen your

your sudoku

pencil and put

savvy to the test!

Numbers

washers and room air condi-Texas Comptroller Susan tioners, the purchase period most been 20 years since we Combs explained, "Once ends April 25, 2010. For cenconsumers have received or tral air conditioners, hot water School? The date for the reheaters and heat pumps, the from the rebate reservation or waitlist request date; this althese items, to collect payment at installation. Central other required documents, air conditioners and air-source an "early bird" special of \$20 heat pumps will require installation by a Texas Department

> (TDLR) licensed contractor. tional appliance of the same type is required for all rebate 4058. applications. There is an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance. Proof of dissignature and address of the tractor or other business) asthe rebate application form.

recycling agents is listed on www.TexasPowerfulSmart. list.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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