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Commissioners Approve Increase in Jail Budget

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Continuing the discussion from the June 14 Commissioners meeting regarding a request from County Sheriff Cliff Laws for an increase of \$171,000 in the current jail operating budget, Laws told the court that the budget amendments he had requested were all jail related and the "projections are based on what we've spent already." Laws also explained that "hopefully overtime won't be this much. We've already trained 19 staff. Staff to cover while these were in training has contributed largely to our overtime." Commissioner Gary McDaniel asked if the court "could pay as we go" rather than approve the overall increase. Judge Norman replied that he "would rather not do budget amendments every month." With the sheriff pledging to "continue to try to cut expenditures" the Commissioners voted to approve the entire amount requested as a budget amendment. The additional monies will be taken from county reserve funds.

The Commissioners heard a presentation from the 106th District Attorney's Office regarding a 2010/2011 budget request. Greg Conner, Assistant District Attorney (ADA), addressed the court explaining that the DA's office requests a budget increase of 12.7%. Due to changes in the law that

affects how cases are handled and a growing caseload, there is more of a burden on the DA's office and they feel an additional Assistant District Attorney is needed. This additional

staff would allow an assistant DA to be in Garza County on Tuesday every week beginning October 1, 2010. Garza County's current allotment is \$50,212.64. With the proposed increase the county's share would be \$57,158.39. "With this addition we'll be able to attack domestic violence issues head on," Conner said. "We're not asking for a cost of living raise. We'll leave that up to the court." District Attorney Brian Kingston added that No action was taken. The request will be taken under consideration during the budget considerations by the court.

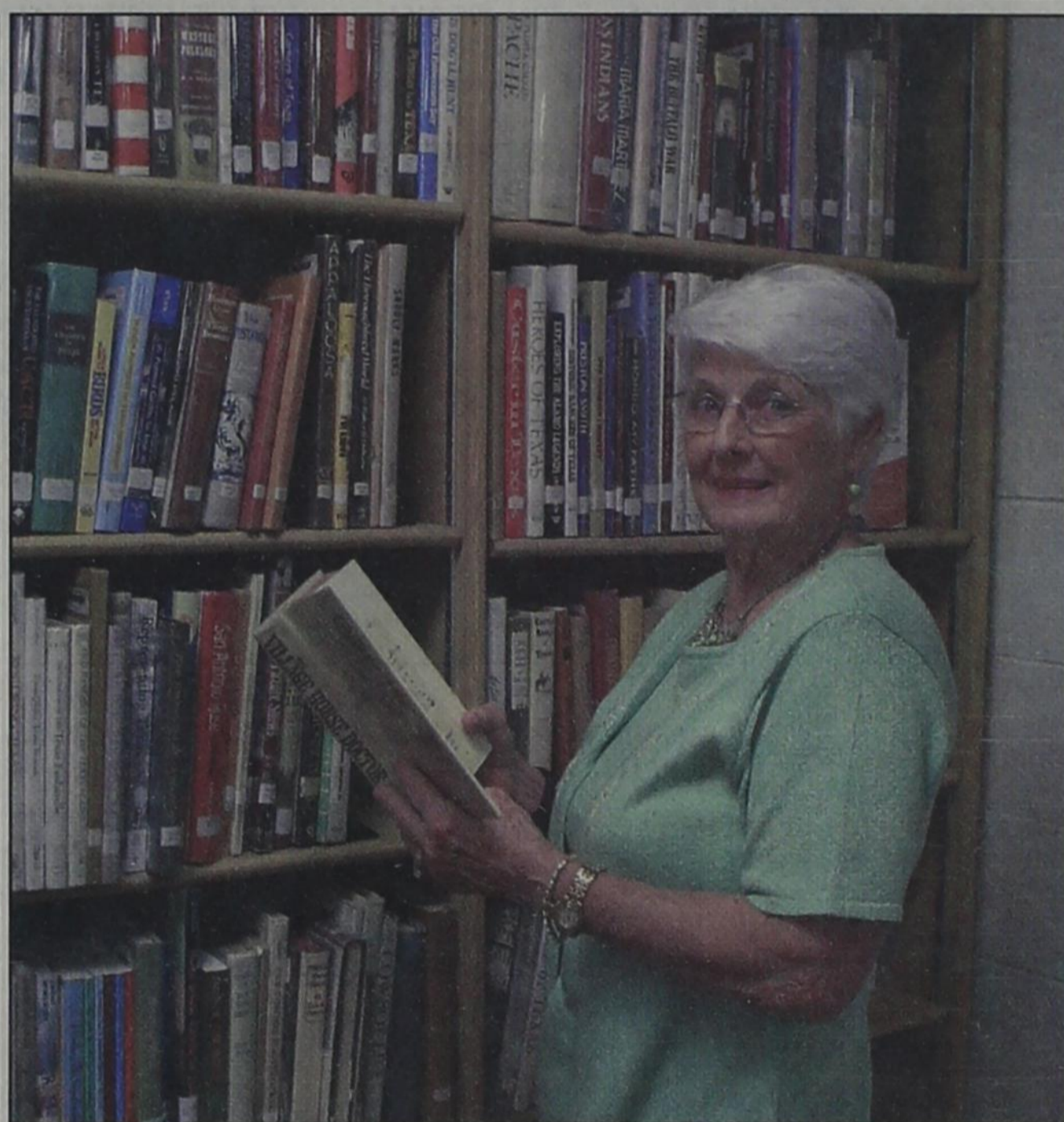
The court opened sealed bids for the 2010/2011 Garza County Property; Inland Marine; General Liability; Auto Liability and Physical Damage; Public Officials Liability and Law Enforcement Liability. Bids were received from Wells Fargo Insurance Services and Texas Association of Counties, the current insurer for the county. Both had representatives present at the meeting. Wells Fargo presented two blanket quotes from different carriers and TAC's bid was for a pool policy. An exact comparison of the cost and coverage on the policies proved to be a challenge. After a lengthy discussion and many questions from the Commissioners and Judge Norman for the representatives, the court voted to accept the bid from Texas Association of Counties.

Randy Sowell of Freemantle Energy came before the court to discuss the tax abatement agreement

for Red Hollow Wind Energy project at Southland. "I'm asking the court to go back to the original agreement so we can move forward," Sowell said. "Action on the tax abatement agreement doesn't shut the door on helping the Southland school. We can sign the abatement agreement and amend it to include the school in the way the Judge has proposed." Sowell further explained that he felt it would be best to "wait on the next legislative session to see what we're handed" regarding this issue. At this time any financial benefit to a school district from a project such as this is limited to \$100 per student. Garza County Commissioners Court has asked that other options be explored to determine the possibility of directing additional funds to the school district. Sowell also explained that Freemantle is "waiting on a power purchase agreement before we know how to move forward. It will be very helpful to have an abatement agreement before we sell power." The Commissioners voted to table this agenda item and take no action at this time.

Commissioner McDaniel presented an estimate for the construction of an awning at the Garza County Jail Facility. The awning will prevent water from flooding into the building on the east side as well as provide protection for county vehicles. The court approved the construction of a 30' x 56' awning at a cost of \$5200.

Elena Quintanilla of South Plains Association of Governments made a presentation to the court **continued on page 11**



Courtesy photo

Jenny Cowdry is often caught reading. Reading is fun! Get your free library card at the Post Public Library and get caught reading!

MAD Dad's Lights Up July 4th

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

Summer is here and that means July 4th, a time for firecrackers and cookouts, is not far off. In Post, the holiday also means MAD Dad's will host fun and games in the city park. There will be booth spaces for food vendors to rent, bounce houses and games for kids ages 1-100, and live music all afternoon. A 32" flat screen TV will be raffled off at \$1 per ticket. The festivities will begin around 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th and will continue until dark. If you would like to rent a booth or volunteer

to help with the event, call Diana Poe, 495-1207.

Don't forget about the Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker Pageant and Talent Contest 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the park. Children from 6 months to 6th grade are welcome to participate and winners will receive Toys 'R' Us gift certificates. The entry fee is \$25 for one child or \$40 for two children. Entry forms can be picked up at the Farm Bureau office, 1651 Ave. J or by calling Rhonda Norman at 495-4364. Special entertainment during the contest will be provided by West Texas Extreme Cheer and Dance.

The city pool will also be open for July 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. There will be a charge of \$3 per person and if you leave the pool you will be given a stamp so that you and your children can come and go all day. Between the park and the pool, you and your children are sure to have a great time.

After the sun sets, break out the lawn chairs and picnic blankets, round up the kids, and settle in for a special "thank you" from MAD Dads and their supporters. Everyone is invited to make themselves comfortable on the grass as fireworks light up the night sky.

Post Notes

Honoring Veterans

To commemorate Independence Day, the Post Public Library would like to recognize local citizens who now serve in the U. S. armed forces. We will display their military pictures during the month of July. Please bring photos of your loved ones to the library. We are humbled by their courage and bravery.

Raffle Tickets for Patio Set

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for a 6-piece patio set. Tickets are \$1/each or \$5 for six. The group will have a booth at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. They will be selling raffle tickets, Post commemorative Christmas ornaments and baked goods. They will also be selling raffle tickets, ornaments, and toys for the kids during

the City Park. The patio set will be given away at the park Sunday, July 4.

Class of 1980 Reunion

Class of 1980 Reunion activities will be on Friday and Saturday July 2 & 3. Bar-B-Q in the city Park Friday evening July 2 at 7:00 pm; tour of Post High School Saturday at 2:00 p.m. July 3; dinner, music and reminiscing @ The Heritage House Saturday July 3: Social Hour: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 for Class Members; \$15.00 for Spouse, Friend, Date or Significant Other

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If you need additional information check out Facebook or call Meg Reed Nelson @806-629-4028 or Jenny Thomas Touchstone @ 361-296-3772 or jthtouchstone@hotmail.com

PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

The Class of 1990 Reunion scheduled for July 3, 2010 has been cancelled.

July 4th Celebration Preparations Underway

It's that time again! Preparations are being made for our annual July 4th Celebration in the Park. If you would like to participate contact Dianna Poe at 495-1207.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown

It isn't too late to be a vendor at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, Saturday,

up fee and vendors are set up outdoors downtown on East Main. For more information or to reserve vendor space, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

BBQ Grill Giveaway

Post City Merchants are giving away a BBQ Grill July 3, 2010. Tickets are \$2/each or 3 for \$5. Grill can be seen at Texas Treasures.

Freedom Blood Drive

Freedom Blood Drive, Friday, July 2, 4 - 7:15 p.m. in the Donor Coach in the United Supermarket parking lot. Register to win some great prizes, including dinner for two at Carino's, Tinseltown movie money and an iPod Touch. To schedule an appointment, go to www.bloodhero.com. Use sponsor code: unitedpost.

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No Law Against It

I agree with last week's "Speak Up." What's the big deal about hiring someone who doesn't live in Garza County? Aren't there several teachers who don't live in Post? And, what about people that live in Post and work somewhere else? Is there a law against that? What happened to hiring the best person for a job no matter who they are or where they live as long as they get to work on time and do what the boss wants?

Likes Trade Day

Post Trade Day Downtown is a wonderful addition to Post. It has created excitement downtown each month on the first Saturday and has given us something local to look forward to. The food and

different merchandise are really nice!

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Chamber News

We want to welcome our newest Chamber member - Maurine's Flower Shop. Maurine's Flower Shop not only offers beautiful fresh cut arrangements and house plants, they also have a full greenhouse with the best plants in the area.

This weekend will be full of fun. On Saturday, we will have our Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event on Main Street. The July 4th Celebration at the City Park will be on Sunday. Festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the Fireworks Display will be at dark.

We will place another brick order for Centennial Plaza on July 9. Mail or bring your orders by the office. We only place orders twice a year - January and July - so this is our last order in 2010.

Don't forget our annual Rodeo Parade on August 14. We will also have vendors set up on Main Street that day. Call the PACC office

for information - 495-3461.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members

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MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER J. CRUSE CHRISTMAS GALLERY



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Jack G. Ault

Jack G. Ault, 81, of Post passed away on Friday, June 25, 2010 at his home. His services were Monday, June 28, at 2:00 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Darren Weaver, Pastor officiating.

Military Graveside services were provided by Cannon Air Force Base in the Terrace Cemetery, Post. Services were under the direction of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral home.

Jack was born September 10, 1928 in Comanche, OK to Ben Barlow and Mary (Crowley) Ault. He graduated from Comanche High School in 1945 at 16 years of age. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1946 and honorably retired as Master Sergeant from the US Air Force in December of 1964. After his retirement he worked on crude oil drilling rigs and later operated Core Barrel Operations. He married Sara Sprayberry on May 21, 1982. In 1985 Jack retired from Core Barrel. He was a member of the Baptist church and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his sister Mary Beth Ault. He is survived by his wife Sara; a son, Michael Allen Ault of Sweetwater; one step-son, Howard Leon Sprayberry; two grandchildren: Michael Allen Ault, Jr. and Elizabeth Anne Smietana; four great-grandchildren: Claire Elizabeth Ault, Katie Kristine Ault, Emily Smietana and Max Smietana; three step-grandchildren: Bryan Dean Sprayberry, Michael Howard Sprayberry and

Kimberly Braida Sprayberry; fourstep-great-grandchildren: Hailey Braida Sprayberry, Ryan Thomas Sprayberry, Alexander Michael Sprayberry and Sean Anthony Sprayberry; one brother, John E. Ault and his wife Coleen of Euless, TX.

Pallbearers were Richard Welch; Michael Ault, Sr.; Michael Ault, Jr. and David Mann.



Nita Jo Heckaman

Nita Jo Heckaman, 49, of Post passed away Friday, June 25, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. The services were Tuesday, June 29, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial followed at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice Mason Funeral Home.

Nita Jo was born October 7, 1960 in Slaton to Oneita Jones Gunn and Clarence Gunn. She was raised on the family farm in Garza County, and graduated from Post High School in 1979. On June 23, 1979, Nita Jo married Bobby Heckaman in Post. After working and living all over the Panhandle of Texas and New Mexico, Bobby and Nita Jo settled in Post in 1992.

She was employed by the Post ISD. Nita Jo was also a longtime member of the Post Band Boosters and was a leader in Garza Co. 4-H Activities.

Nita Jo was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Gunn and her grandparents, Barnie and Evelyn Jones of Post. She is survived by her husband, Bobby; two daughters, Breann of Lubbock and Dionn of San Angelo; one son, Allen and his wife Jessica and their daughter Riley of San Angelo. She is also survived by her mother Oneita Gunn of Post; one sister, Darlene Speck, her husband Gary and their two children of Wall; one brother, Danny Gunn, his wife Melinda and their three children of Idalou. Nita Jo is also survived by her mother-in-law, Margaret Heckaman of Pikeville, TN and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers were: Scott Speck, Garrett Gunn, Brady Gunn, Bud Jones, Darrell Reece, Andrew Dorow and Cass Tatum.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICE

Thomas Doyle Worley passed away June 27, 2010 in Prattsville, Arkansas. Graveside services pending. Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Birth

Announcement

Paxton Curtis Jones

Paxton Curtis Jones, 4 lb 14 oz, 18 inches long was born June 13, 2010 at 11:06 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, KS. The proud parents are Coby and Mandy Jones. Maternal grandparents are Hal and Brenda Hansen of Taylor; paternal grandparents are Greg and Channa Jones of Post; great grandparents are Charles and Ruby Williams, Wayland and Margaret Jones, Curtis and Trudie Gauntt and the late Hal Hansen, Sr. and Eunice Hansen.

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Bessie Elnora Conwell Strawn

Services for Bessie Elnora Conwell Strawn of Post were 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at the Post Church of Christ, 10th & Ave. M. Charles McCook Officiated, Travis Sweet and Curtis Baker assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Bessie died Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the Golden Plains Care Center. She was born Feb. 25, 1925 to Lionel Conwell and Vera Francis (Hiser) Conwell at Caddo, OK. She was raised and graduated school from Anson, TX. She attended nursing school at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock, TX. She married J.W. 'Jim' Strawn March 6, 1948 in San Angelo, TX. They moved to Abilene, TX and she worked at Hendrick Hospital. She was the first nurse to start the Head Start Program in Abilene. She moved to Post in January, 1968. She worked for the Garza Memorial Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse. She then went to work as the Post ISD school nurse for 20 years. She retired in May of 1985. In 1982 she received the Citizen of the Year Award. She was a life long member of the Post Church of Christ. Bessie's special interests were her grand kids, quilting and sewing and family vacations. She is preceded in death by her husband J.W. Strawn June 15, 2009; by her sisters: Pat and Mary; a brother, Gene and a great-granddaughter, Summer J. Scott.

Survivors include a son, Jay and his wife Susan Strawn of Post; three daughters: Mary Ann and her husband Jack Gordon of Slaton; Nancy and her husband Rick Hoffman of Southlake; Carolyn and her husband Donnie Hair of Post; 11 grandchildren: Suzanne and her husband Colt Scott of Lubbock; Larissa and husband Barrett Cable of Lubbock; Jenny Beth Gordon of Andrews; Allison and Lindsay Hoffman of Southlake; Jennifer Strawn of Lubbock; Jay Waylon Strawn of Lubbock; Lyndee and husband Ben Ayala of Burkburnett, TX; Codie and his wife Sarah Hair of Lubbock; Amanda Hair and Jason and his wife Kenda Hair all of Post; 18 great-grandchildren: Ryder, Sydney and Jett Scott of Lubbock; Madi, Kyle and Mason Manweiler of Lubbock; Jaylee Keel of Andrews; Jared Wyatt Strawn of Yuma, AZ; Addison Ayala of Burkburnett; Shelby, Bailey and Macey Hair of Lubbock; Brooke and Meagan Blair, Abbi Lechuga, Jadon and Landon Hair all of Post.

Pallbearers were Codie Hair, Jason Hair, Jay Waylon Strawn, Colt Scott, Barrett Cable and Ben Ayala.

Memorials are suggested to White River Youth Camp, Portales Children's Home or the Golden Plains Care Center Activity Fund.

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
We measured a little more rain this past week and they say we are going to get some more over the weekend. Might need just a little bit of sunshine pretty quick, but I'm not complaining about the rain. My squash garden is looking pretty good; thanks to Cuco and Javier for hoeing it for me.

News
We send our deepest

sympathies out to the family of Nita Jo (Gunn) Heckaman. Nita Jo and her family have been a big part of our community for many years. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her family.

Kim and Rhonda Norman celebrated their 25th anniversary with a party at their home. Family and friends helping them to celebrate were; Ronald and Shirley

Storie; Gerald and Laveta Norman; Tanner and Steffi Scott; Kaly and Lane Norman; Greg, Karen, Sam and Jordan Storie; Joey and Kathy Hamlin

Visitors
Travis Lancaster came out and visited a while this week; Y'all come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the

county.....
Get Well
We are so glad Gene King is feeling better after being a little under the weather, David Quintana had some minor surgery but is doing well.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to 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 Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stuart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Close City Birthdays-
July 3rd - RuthAnn Young
July 8th - Brandi Gunn

Pleasant, Jonathan Page Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.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 do so.

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Weekly Inspirations

BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

By Michael F. Taylor

"Oh, Say, can you see, by the dawns early light; what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming; whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight; o'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming. And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O, Say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?" Those poetic words written by Francis Scott Key never fail to produce that goose bump effect upon me every time I hear them sung. Francis Scott Key had just witnessed an onslaught of cannon fire upon Fort McHenry by the British Fleet laying siege. When the sun began peeking through the mist and haze just about 5:50 A.M., he peered through his telescope just as an eastward wind began to blow. And, as he strained to see the results of the British attack, what do you think he saw? Standing out against the dull gray of clouds and black gunpowder smoke - THE FLAG, OUR FLAG, THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER of freedom! The British had failed, the victory had been won. Our flag proudly flying as a symbol of independence in the early light of dawn! What wondrous and beautiful words they truly are for each and every American today.

As I think on these words, I can't help but wonder just how discouraged Francis Scott Key must have been when after a quite lull in the battle around midnight; the British began another hail of cannon fire at the fort just after one o'clock. How utterly defeated he must have felt to see the red glare of fire from the cannonade and feel the percussion from where he stood on the deck of a small ship observing. And then the elation he must have experienced to see our flag proudly flying from the hilltop flagpole telling all who would witness, WE HAVE TRIUMPHED!

I cannot help but look to another time when a battle raged and by all appearance, it seemed that the enemy would win the struggle and defeat the idea of freedom. But this time, it was a spiritual battle. A battle for our very souls! And who was our champion? None other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God! He faced all of the cannon fire of Satan himself as He gave His life for you and me on that Old Rugged Cross. And then just as the dawn broke, and the very Demons in Hell began to cheer that they had won, the Flag of Resurrection began waving for all to witness that God's plan of Salvation had come. This week I would like to encourage each of you that by the Dawn's Early Light, we can know without a doubt, that Jesus Christ is Risen! Risen from the dead! And our victory is assured. If we put our Faith and our Trust in Him, our freedom from death and sin is guaranteed. By the Dawn's Early Light, we can see the that the Cross of Christ is not only missing His bruised and broken body, but the Stone is rolled away and the Tomb is empty. Jesus is truly risen, and we are truly free. Our country is still ONE NATION, UNDER GOD this Independence Day. God bless and have a glorious Fourth of July, 2010.

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

Deuteronomy 6:5

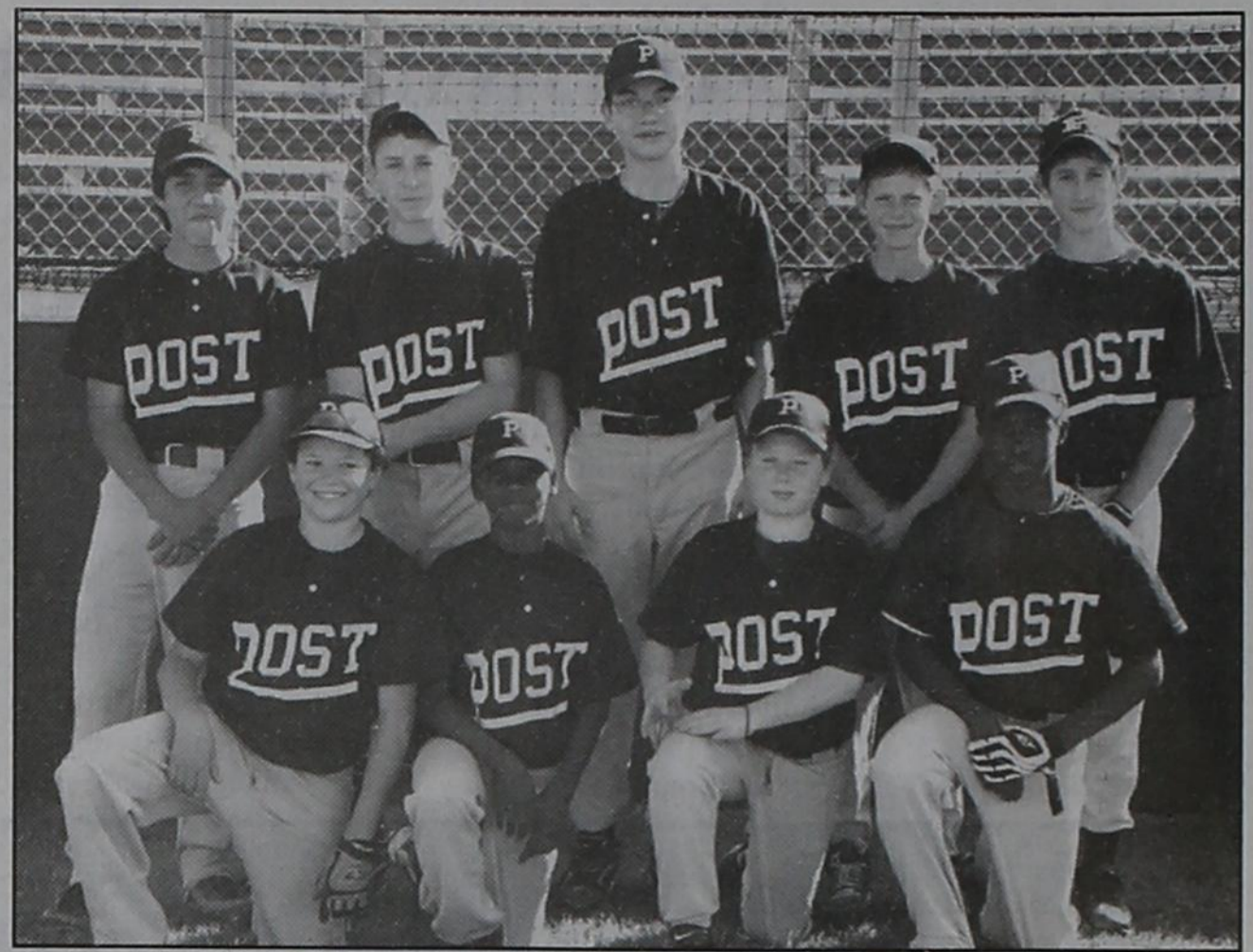
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Major League Astros sponsored by the U Lazy S Ranch

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(Kneeling from left) Blaine Justice, Trey Havens, Isaac Soto, Ben Ayala, Jayton Lewis. (Center) Blaze Smith, Case Lott, Christian Saucedo, Damontre Curtis, Dylan Morris, Russ Morris, Tristan Fannon. (Back) Coaches Jay Lott, Randy Lewis and Chuck Morris.



Junior League Black Antelopes sponsored by Outerwear

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(Kneeling from left) Christian Pearson, Jarrod Curtis, Wyatt Benham, Cambry Gilbert. (Back) Phillip Gonzales, Paden Babb, Michael Taylor, Blain Osborne, Ethan Self. Not pictured: Aaron Lopez, Seth McGee, Blace Stevens, Manager Trey Jones, Coaches Tyler Odom and Ramie Holly.



Major League Yankees sponsored by Mason Brothers

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(Kneeling from left) Jonathan Hernandez, Carson Mason, Fidel Trinidad, Bandy Osborn, Kevin Finch. (Center) Tallen Hodges, Pacey Blevins, Shandon Wiley, Landon Greer, Austin Britton, Brandon Britton, Ryan Wilborn. (Back) Coaches Ken Finch, Joe Mason and Curt Greer.



Junior League Gold Antelopes

(Kneeling from left) Janie Ceja, Dylan Pearson, Hunter Belongia, Christian Armendarz, Ricky Fontenot. (Back) Manager Greg Jones, Tyler Jones, Pake Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Carson Kirkpatrick, Marco Urivas, Coach Lanny Fluitt, Coach Chris Bolognia.



Post Junior League Team
District 38 Tournament Champions

Courtesy photo

(Back, from left) Greg Jones, Manager, Pake Jones, Aaron Lopez, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Lanny Fluitt, Coach, and Chris Belongia, Coach; (Middle, from left) Tyler Jones, Phillip Gonzales, Marco Erives, and Paden Babb; (Front, from left) Dylan Pearson, Hunter Belongia, Jarrod Curtis and Ricky Fontenot.

Junior Lopes win tournament

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

The Post Junior League Antelope baseball team won the championship of the Texas Little League Baseball District 38 Junior League Tournament hosted by the Floydada Little League.

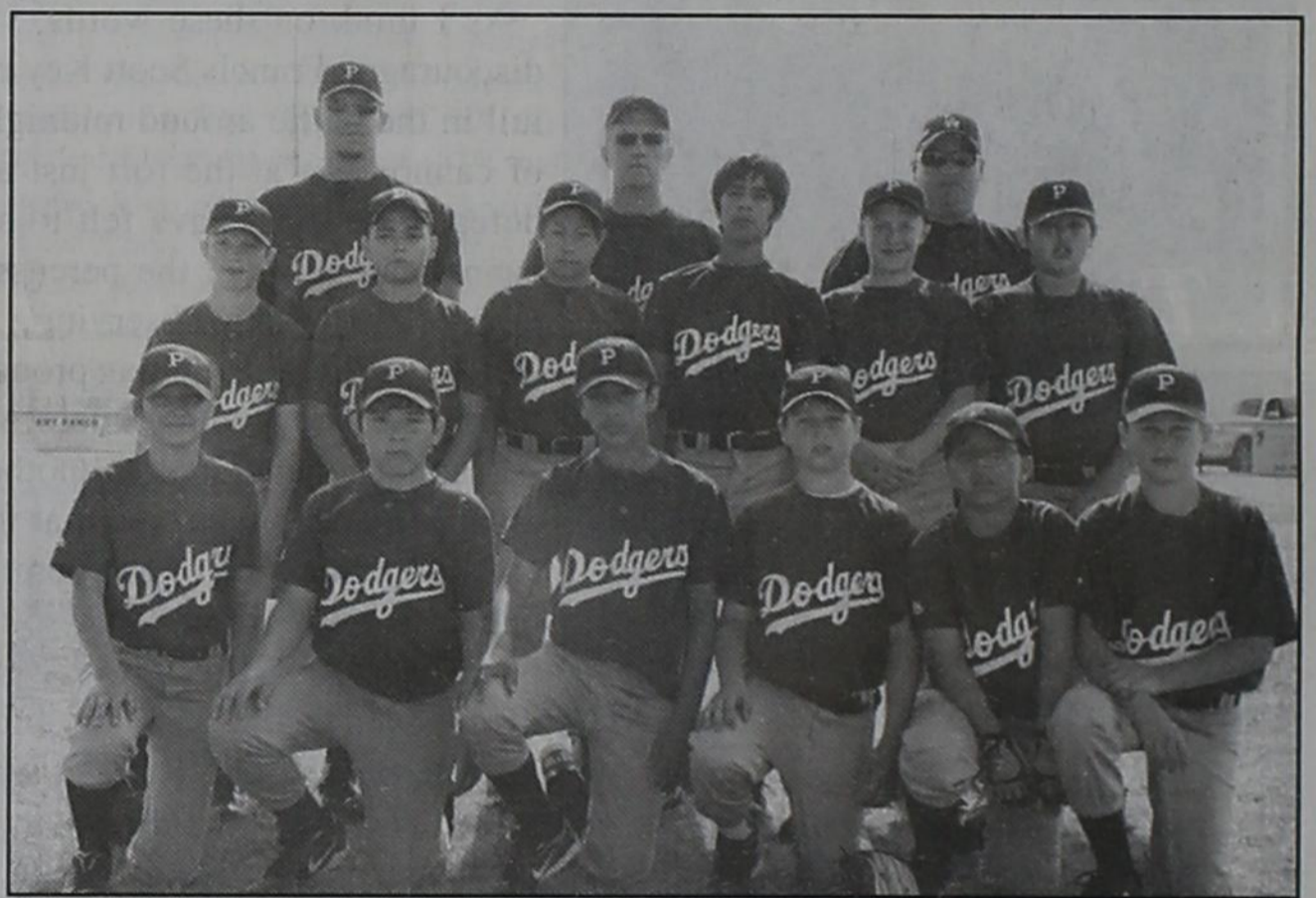
The eleven team hardball event wrapped up four days of play on June 25 with the Post team defeating Idalou Wildcats by a score of 9-7 for the championship.

The team is made up of the Gold and Black

teams from the regular season. The 13 and 14 year old all-star team consists of Tyler Jones, Pake Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Marco Urivas, Dylan Pearson, Ricky Fontenot, Jarred Curtis, Cambry Gilbert, Phillip Gonzales, Paden Babb Aaron Lopez and Blain Osborne. Waiting in the wings are alternate players Hunter Belongia and Christian Pearson.

The Lopes, who are managed by Greg Jones, won all four of their games in Floydada. Starting on June 19, Post beat the

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(Kneeling from left) Tatiana Gomez, Jacob Dissinger, Adrian Rodgers, Kobe Ammons, Daniel Gomez, Lucan Record. (Center) Kale Yarbro, Miguel Gomez, Nathan Collazo, Alonzo Armendarz, Blaine Reece, Fabian Marquez. (Back) Coaches Craig Bingham, Daryl Reece and Kent Ammons.



Major League Cardinals sponsored by George R. Brown

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(Kneeling from left) Colton Thompson, Stetson Cimental, Augie Menchaca, Justin Self, Rhaeden Bland, Christian Chapa. (Center) Eric Gomez, Colby Pennell, AJ Escobedo, Jaibren Rodriguez, Kade Smith, Tucker Lee, Hayden Benham. (Back) Coaches Weldon Smith and Russell Benham.

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Post AI-Anon

Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

The Safe and Serene Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact Chris, 806-312-0121

Thank You

I want to thank the Caprock Cultural Association for the fantastic tribute paid to me and my 25 years as Executive Director. It was my honor and privilege to be of service and to have been involved in so many activities in Post. My grateful appreciation to all of the folks involved and willing to give time, money, and energy to those projects and community building. Congratulations to the CCA on the 2nd Anniversary of the Heritage Center and for continuing a great tradition.

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Enforcement Officer to mow/shred specific lots and it may include trimming of trees/brush. Average lots per year: 15. City average size lot: 40x152.

Bid must be submitted per lot and a copy of minimum insurance should be provided.

Interested parties may contact Cynthia Williams at 806-495-2811 for more details.

Post ISD is requesting proposals for reconstruction of an asphalt playground located at Post Elementary School. Scope of Work and other information may be obtained at Post ISD Central Administration Office, 501 South Avenue K, Post, Texas, or by calling 806-495-3343. Proposals should be sent to above address and will be accepted until July 12, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6210-82-001 for MOWING THE RIGHT OF WAY IN GARZA County, etc will be opened on August 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$321,640.00.

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

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 8A

Rule 37/38 Case No. 02666209
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 14, 2010

Status/Permit No. 697353
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 26, 2010
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas

ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RR.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., [RRC Operator No. 770731] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. 6, H&GN RR CO/JOHNSON, J E Survey, A-903, WILDCAT and TOBE (ELLENBURGER) and TOBE (STRAWN) Fields, GARZA County, being 1.5 miles E direction from JUSTICEBURG, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jul 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION. The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

Lease/Unit Name: EPPLER 20
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1
Lease/Unit Acres: 40.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 235.0
Lease Lines: 665.0 F E L, 235.0 F S L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
WILDCAT : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
TOBE (ELLENBURGER) : OIL Special Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
TOBE (STRAWN) : OIL Special Rules 467/1320, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8700 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kyle Grant, at (512)4783456.

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There's Plenty to Do in Post this Holiday Weekend!

Saturday, July 3

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1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 4

City Pool Opens
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Fireworks Display/City Park

11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Fun Facts About July 4th

The Chinese are given credit for making the first fireworks, filling a bamboo shoot with gun powder and exploding them at the New Year in the hopes of scaring away evil spirits.

An urban legend that began during the Cold War in America held that the ball on the top of every flagpole contained a razor blade, a lighter and a bullet so that if the Russians invaded, the flag could be properly destroyed rather than taken.

Our national mascot, the bald eagle, can achieve speeds of nearly 200 miles per hour when making a predatory dive. During a normal flight, the bald eagle can travel up to

30 miles per hour. In 2002, \$5.2 million was spent on U.S. flags imported from China.

125,000 flags were flown over the U.S. capitol in 2009; 1,200 of those were flown on July 4th alone.

The first public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804.

The first Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi occurred at Independence Creek and was celebrated by Lewis and Clark in 1805.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in less than three weeks.

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were the only men to sign the Declaration of Independence who also became President of the United States of America.

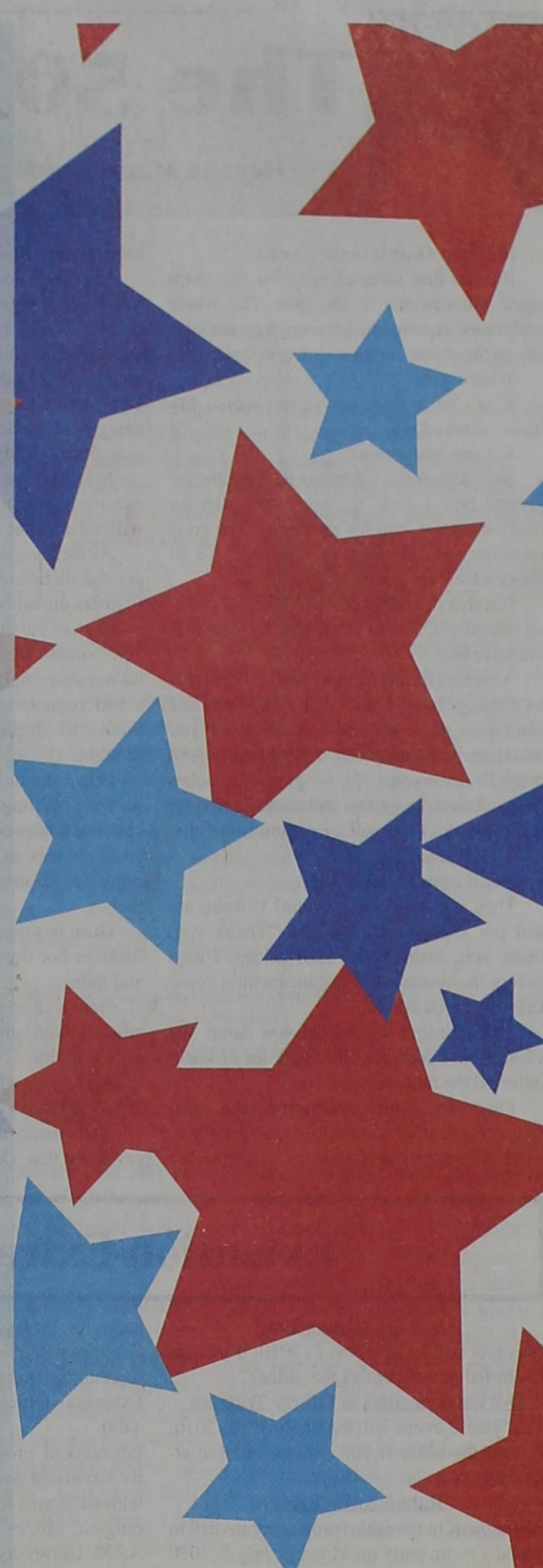
The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials

stood for "Uncle Sam". This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.

Betsy Ross, according to legend, sewed the first American flag in May or June 1776, as commissioned by the Congressional Committee.

According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, Americans consume over 150 million hot dogs during their Independence Day festivals.

Texas is the only state that is allowed to fly its state flag at the same height as the U.S. flag.



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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

It's done. Guar is in the ground. It's the first summer crop for this farm since watermelons in the '90s. The whole ambitious experiment is reminding me of a trip to the moon, not that I've ever been.

What's guar? If you're asking, you're not alone. My husband asked too.

But first, the moon. Neil Armstrong's famous declaration expresses how I feel: "... one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." For good measure, add "The Eagle has landed." It's all about adventure and accomplishment.

Not that my husband and I actually planted the guar. One of our custom farmers did. We have two.

A custom farmer is a guy who knows what he's doing, has all the right equipment and can't quite get to your field exactly when you need him. Everybody else needs him too. And breakdowns happen. So, we gave two inches of rain time to evaporate and make us wonder if the wonder crop will ever sprout now that it's been planted.

It still beats real farming. Then last night we got rain! It woke me and put a prayer on my lips. "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" Half asleep, I kept saying the words, as if my incantation could keep the drops coming.

This morning the ground was damp. On various hard surfaces, little puddles of water reflected the morning sun. Nice.

I had parked our wheelbarrow in an open space to use it as a rain gauge, but my husband had leaned it against a tree so it wouldn't

catch water. Oh well.

Yes, they do make regular rain gauges. Too easy. Too perfunctory. When you use a wheelbarrow, you get to dip your finger in the water. Sloping surfaces must be considered. By the time you've made all necessary adjustments to get a reading, you're feeling smug. And nobody's ever around to challenge your findings. My kind of math.

Not that it really matters whether I know exactly how much it rained last night. Time will tell whether it was a guar-sprouter.

As for guar, it's pronounced either *gwahr*, per the dictionary, or *gahr*, the farmer way. Farmers probably say it that way because it's easier than pursing the lips to make the sissy "gw" sound. Besides, *gahr* sounds like a big no-nonsense ugly bottom-feeding fish — not a bad connotation for a crop you'd like to think is tough enough to survive a West Texas drought.

When my husband asked me what it was we were planting (he's been busy being an architect), I showed him the Heinz steak sauce label. Guar is an ingredient. It's also in drilling mud, ice cream, salad dressing and cosmetics.

Guar is supposed to grow well in sandy loam in hot droughty conditions. Our farm and India.

Guar's chief nemesis is the alfalfa midge, when alfalfa grows nearby. Our neighbor grows alfalfa.

And guess when midges are most active? When the moon is full.

Neil Armstrong might have something to say about that. Or not.

Extension Extras

Food & Clothing Tour

This tour will be held July 7, 2010; if you are interested please contact the office.

D-2 Extravaganza & Officer Training

This year's event will be on July 20, 2010; contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Rabbit Swim Party

Participants in the rabbit project are invited to attend a swim party on Monday, July 5, 2010 at the City Pool from 6-8 p.m.

Playday Party

We have scheduled the end of season swim

party for Friday, July 23, 2010 at the City Pool from 6:30-8:30. Watch you mail for more information will follow.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Arbor Day Foundation to plant 10 trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for every American to have 10 trees planted in our National Forests simply by joining the Foundation during the month of July.

The Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins the Foundation through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign by planting 10 trees in forests that have been destroyed by insects, disease, and devastating fires. A membership to the Foundation costs \$10.

The need to replant our National Forests is greater than ever. Wildfire season started early this year, and the

previous four years brought unprecedented wildfires throughout the country.

By planting trees in National Forests, Americans from all walks of life can help preserve these treasures for future generations to enjoy.

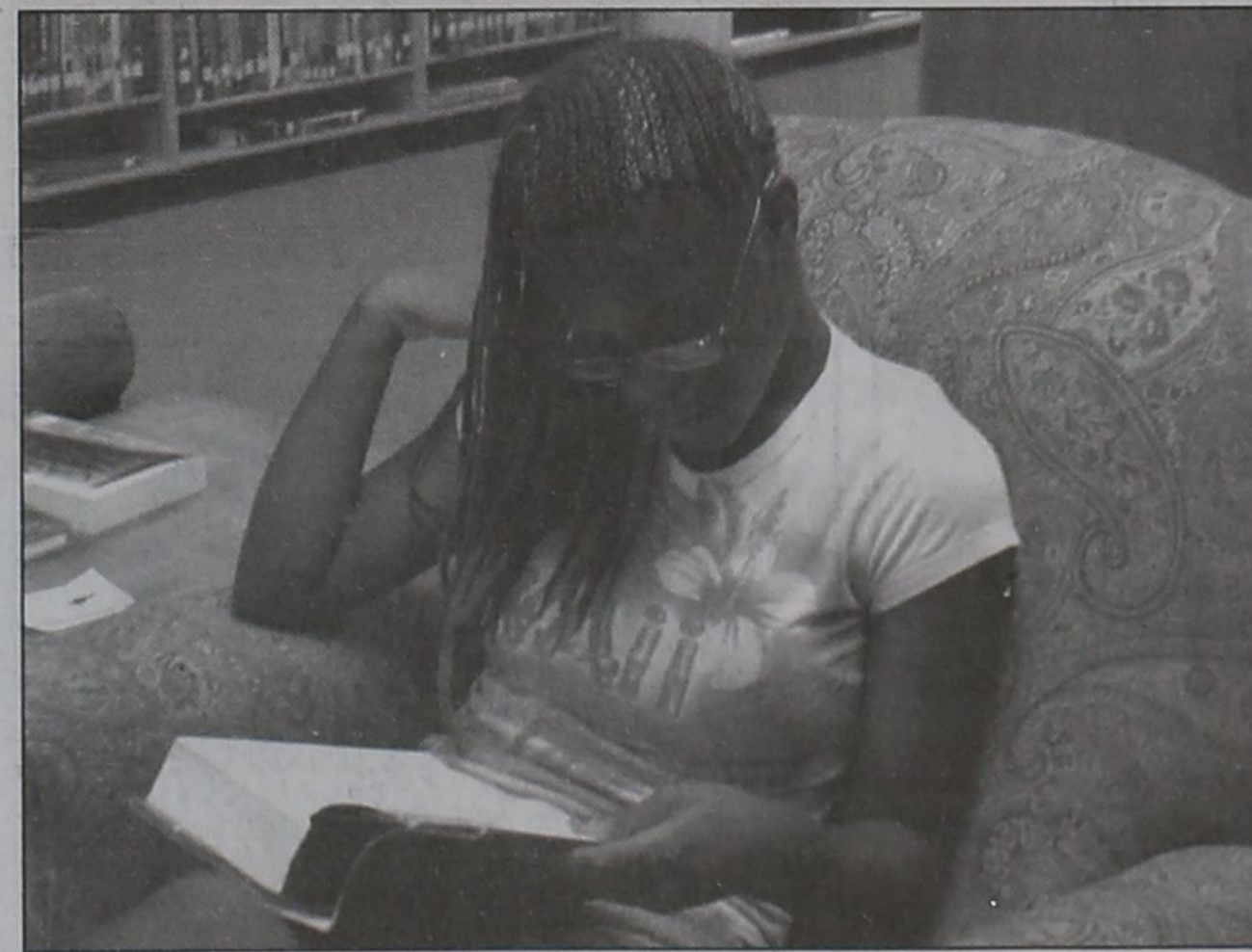
The Arbor Day Foundation will work with the U.S. Forest Service, as it has for more than 20 years, to determine which forests will receive the trees based on the greatest need. The U.S. Forest Service has identified a 1-million acre backlog that needs replanting mainly because of record wildfires in recent years.

"Americans can help the

planet through the simple act of planting trees in our National Forests," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "We rely on our forests to help clean the air we breathe, clean drinking water for millions of Americans and provide habitat for many species of wildlife. It is vital to the overall health of the Earth to plant trees."

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our National Forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go to arborday.org.

Get caught reading



Courtesy photo

Teshae Huey from Lubbock likes to read during the summer while visiting with her family Jack and Charla Washington in Post.

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Hay barns already empty in parts of East Texas

COLLEGE STATION — A week into "official" summer and many livestock producers are already worrying about hay supplies, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

As is often the case, whether yields are average or the situation is dire depends upon whom one talks to. The situation varied county-to-county or even from one part of a county to another. But generally, there were more shortages in parts of east, north and central Texas.

Darick Chabot, AgriLife Extension agent for Hamilton County, south of Dallas, said hay in the southern part of that county was doing alright as far as he was concerned, but in the northern part, things were dry and hay was short.

"In the southern part of the county, they've had plenty of rain, and most of those boys have got a cutting put up, and they're working on a second cutting," Chabot said.

The overall situation could be termed "average" if one looked at the Stephenville-area counties, he said. But average is a relative term. Where he lives, in northern Hamilton County, hay was "very sparse," he said.

"The thunderstorms have been very spotty," Chabot said. "In Comanche County, they're in great shape. In Somervell County, they're worse off than we are."

Chuck Jones, AgriLife Extension agent for Grayson County, north of Dallas, said his area remains on the intermediate stages of a drought.

"That's what's happening to our hay (and forage); we're just not getting any rain," Jones said.

Earlier in the year, the situation looked good. Despite a slow start because of wet weather, producers in his county made their first cutting.

"Things were well on the way to where they should be," Jones said. "But right now, they're not expecting a second or third cutting, but a lot of producers in the area are already starting to feed hay."

Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent for Henderson County, west of Tyler, said "We have the lowest carryover that I've seen in 20 years."

Hirsch said producers in his county missed the first cutting, first to wet, cool weather that delayed growth, then a nearly bone-dry May.

"We are behind. We basically missed our first cutting. What should be our second cutting, they're harvesting right now, and yields are 50 percent to 75 percent of normal."

Recent rains greened pastures up, but a few producers have had to start feeding hay. Only part of the problem stems from this year's unfavorable spring weather. Last year, many producers in Henderson County and other parts of East Texas sold large parts of what they thought were surplus hay stocks to South Texas, which was then drought-stricken, Hirsch said. However, a cold winter meant East Texas producers had to feed more hay than normal.

"If we get some rain, things could normalize," Hirsch said. "However, there are no carryover stocks from last year. Most of the barns are still empty."

Other parts of the state fared better. Pastures and rangeland were in excellent shape in the Rolling Plains, fair to good in the South Plains and slightly above average in the Southwest part of the state.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries: **CENTRAL:** The region received scattered showers. High temperatures were above normal. Dry conditions stressed all crops. Bermuda grass was

slow to emerge. Growers were spraying milo for stinkbugs. The wheat harvest was nearly completed.

COASTAL BEND: Some counties reported rain, but other were drying out because of high temperatures. Grain crops were maturing, and growers were planning to start harvesting soon. Cotton and soybean yields were expected to be good this year.

EAST: Some parts of the region received up to 4 inches of rain. Other areas saw only scattered showers if any at all. Producers continued to harvest hay, but yields were about half the average. Harvesting of peas, beans, tomatoes, melons and produce was ongoing. Feral-hog activity increased. Grasshoppers became more of a problem. Large populations of horn flies were reported. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

FAR WEST: Cotton began to square, but the crop needed another rain. Dryland cotton was particularly stressed. Cotton growers were also having to deal with pests large and small, from trips to grasshoppers to deer. Growers were harvesting spring wheat, and keeping a close eye on pecans for second a generation of pecan nut casebearer. Alfalfa growers were taking their third cutting. Chiles were blooming.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from very short to adequate. The region remained hot and dry with spotted showers in a few areas. In most of the region, crops, pastures and hay meadows were suffering from the heat and lack of rain. The first hay cutting of hay was completed. Yields were disappointing as stands were weakened by excessive moisture during the winter, a cool spring, then a lack of rain and, finally, grasshoppers. Hay producers reported baling about half of their normal yields. Some producers were already feeding stockpiled hay. Bermuda grass growth was slow. Corn was tasseling, and grain sorghum was heading. Both crops look fair to good, but could really use rain. Soybeans were in fair condition. The wheat harvest was completed with slightly below average yields. The oat harvest was also finished. Growers planted sunflowers. Cotton was in poor to good condition. Rice and peanut were reported to be in very poor condition. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture was adequate in most areas, but parts of the region were in need of rain. The wheat harvest was nearly completed in some counties, but it was delayed in a few counties because of evening showers. Producers reported average irrigated yields and widely ranging yields for dry land. Corn and cotton were rapidly growing thanks to daytime highs in the mid to upper 90s. Rangeland and cattle were in good condition in most of region.

ROLLING PLAINS: Early in the weather stayed hot and dry with triple-digit temperatures depleting what little soil moisture was present. However, rains later supplied much needed moisture. The wheat harvest was nearly complete. Cotton was emerged and looked good. Producers were spraying some early planted cotton with Roundup. Peanut producers reported a good crop. Grain Sorghum was heading out. Sudan fields vary depending on location, but most were in decent shape. Alfalfa was being baled. Rangeland and pastures were in excellent condition. Cattle and calves on pasture were in good condition. Grasshoppers were devouring pastures, yards and gardens.

SOUTH: Windy days and

temperatures were 100 degrees and higher were drying out topsoil throughout the region. AgriLife Extension agents reported 50 percent adequate soil moisture in the north, and 80 to 100 percent short soil moisture in the eastern, western and southern sections of the region. Rangeland and pastures were beginning to turn brown, but livestock were still doing well without additional supplementation. In the northern part of the region, corn looked very good as it began to dent. Sweet corn was being harvested, peanut planting continued, and watermelon harvesting and hay baling were ongoing. In the eastern part of the region, corn and sunflowers were maturing, grain sorghum began to turn color and cotton was growing quickly. In the western part of the region, corn and sorghum matured and was in the drying phase, watermelon harvesting began, and producers were readying for the sorghum harvest. Also in that area, the onion and cabbage harvests wound down. In the southern part of the region, producers were busy irrigating sugarcane, citrus and cotton, the sugarcane harvest was nearly done, the harvests of watermelons and early planted grain sorghum were ongoing.

SOUTH PLAINS: Temperatures were in the mid to upper 90s. Isolated areas received ample rains while others saw none and continued to dry out. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Corn was in fair to good condition and nearing the tasseling stage. Cotton was in fair to good condition and was progressing well where there were recent rains and warm temperatures. Grain sorghum was in good condition and nearing the boot stage. The winter wheat harvest neared completion. Sunflowers and peas were planted. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Livestock were in good to excellent condition.

SOUTHEAST: Rangeland and crops were doing well in some counties. Livestock were in good shape, and the hay situation improved. Showers late in the reporting period in some areas brought less than 1 inch of rain. Hot, dry conditions allowed for some hay harvesting. Pastures, hay fields and corn were stressed due to lack of rainfall in some

SOUTHWEST: The region received only a trace of rain from June 1 through June 28. The wheat harvest was finished. Corn and sorghum finished growing and drying down. The region needs some rain as mid-afternoon temperatures climb to near 100 degrees and high winds have desiccated other crops. The watermelon, cantaloupes and onion harvests were nearly completed. Cotton, potatoes, peanuts, pastures and rangeland made slow progress. Forage availability remains slightly above average for this time of the year thanks to earlier rains.

WEST CENTRAL: Days were hot, dry and windy, and nights were warm. A few areas received some rain, but most of the region remained very dry as soil-moisture levels rapidly declined. Crops were showing signs of heat and moisture stress. Producers were cutting and baling hay. The small-scale commercial vegetable harvests were under way. Spring annuals and grasses on rangeland and pasture were showing signs of heat stress. Vegetation was fading away with the extreme heat. Stock water tanks and ponds were drying out. Livestock remained in fair to good condition. Pecans were doing very well, and the peach harvest was ongoing, though the fruit has been small.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

The backbone of rural America

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The small businesses in your community are the backbone of your community

We have local people taking on the risk to get in business, stay in business and employee people and it's a tough job.

Most people in this country work for someone. Certainly nothing wrong with that. Hard-working people trying to put food on the table is one of the ingredients which made this country great.

However, it is the small business owner who takes on the responsibility of keeping the doors open.

I was asked a question the other day: "How many of your employees loose sleep over your company?"

My answer was very few, maybe two or three.

Does that mean employees don't care? Of course not. It means that owning your own business brings with it a set of headaches and pains which go largely unnoticed by the majority of the labor force.

In the news and in Hollywood, owning your own business is glamorous. Shoot, if you watch the news, it's almost evil to own your own business. Don't you know all business owners drive Bentley's and Mercedes and make \$1 million a year?

Truth is, most small business owners I know struggle just like everyone else. The hard-working small business

person works their tail off trying to justify being in business in the first place.

They pour their blood, sweat and tears into their businesses and try to hire the most honest, dependable people they can. If they get their hands on a self-starter who has a strong work ethic and follows instruction well, they try their hardest to hang on to them. Unfortunately for the owner, as has been my experience, someone with those qualities is often lost to a better provider.

In society today, owners of small businesses face competition on so many levels. In many ways, we even have to compete with our own employees for the company's time. It may be an email, phone call or text, but it is still a case of an owner paying for time allocated to someone else or the World Wide Web.

Take a guess at what happens when you remind someone of the fact that while on the clock, their time is company time? You hurt their feelings.

In parts of the country, people are beginning to realize the importance of a job. Here in our neck of the woods, we've felt some effects of the economic problems, but nothing like those in California, the Rust Belt and Northeast. When jobs get scarce, workers who know how to work effectively rise up the food chain or at the very least, tend to stay employed.

The small business person, the entrepreneurs, those chasing the American Dream, they are out there in your

community slugging it out day in and day out. They incur the risk and they incur the stress with the hope that their idea might just work.

I encourage you to support these men and women. If you can find it local, get it local. If you blow these businesses off and decide you'll go ahead and get that particular product next time you're in Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls or Oklahoma City, then you've just done damage to a store and the infrastructure of your town.

It's the local business making sure the booster club has money. It's the small business sponsoring our youth in their endeavors. It's the small business which is giving your troubled family member a second chance at life.

Small business accounts for so much when it comes to local support in hopes that their good will is returned by customers. It's not too much to ask that local residents at least give these business owners a chance at earning your business.

Flowers, gifts, insurance, used cars, groceries, paint ... whatever the need may be, keep the thought of your local businesses in your head. The truth is, you need these small businesses to thrive and they will compete for your dollar.

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Is the Welfare State a Ponzi Scheme?

By HOWARD RICH

Ponzi schemes rely on people falling for promises that are literally too good to be true — but the outcomes are never really in doubt for the perpetrators of these scams, are they?

First they are playing with money that does not belong to them — which means they cannot lose. Also, when the scams finally unravel, the perpetrators have invariably moved on to their next group of unsuspecting victims — where the fleecing begins anew.

Sound familiar? It should. This is the modus operandi of governments all over the world in our current era of Keynesian excess — an era in which new taxes, fees and fines must be continually created and levied in order to pay for promises made in previous years. Of course these government promises are never actually "paid for," the IOUs just keep mounting as the burden of repayment is extended further down the line to future generations of taxpayers.

Crisis compels the scammers to grow even bolder in their efforts to fleece the taxpayers. In fact, these "too good to be true" scams have only grown more expensive in response to the recent economic downturn.

Take the ongoing financial crisis in

Greece, which has prompted a \$144 billion bailout from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. This EU/IMF bailout — part of a larger \$1 trillion "rescue" plan for the Euro — is nothing but a massive Ponzi scheme, as the leaders of fiscally reckless nations are basically saddling their debt onto the shoulders of their more responsible neighbors.

Not surprisingly, the root cause of the crisis that is threatening to bring down the global economy lies in the unsustainable expansion of the welfare state — which should be a lesson for American politicians of both parties.

First, let's look at what's happening in Greece.

"Greek governments have spent years buying social peace and votes with public spending, generous pensions, tax breaks, EU money and jobs for life, directed to an array of rent-seeking interest groups," The Economist noted last month. "This sort of social contract, lubricated by endemic corruption and lax law-enforcement, has evolved to suit a country emerging from a vile civil war and years of dictatorship in which consensus was painfully absent."

Also, let's not forget that Greece sought

for years to hide its growing debt problem from the rest of the world, paying hundreds of millions of Euros to various financial institutions in an effort to conceal the extent of its profligate borrowing.

Greece is now implementing several so-called "austerity" measures as a pre-condition of receiving the rest of Europe's bailout benevolence. But what sounds "austere" to the Greeks is still quite excessive when compared to the government largesse being doled out elsewhere on the continent. In fact, at its heart Greek "austerity" amounts to little more than tinkering around the edges of the nation's overextended entitlement culture, and in typical Ponzi fashion this political path of least resistance includes several new tax hikes that will only exacerbate the fundamental problem.

Meanwhile, even more frightening is the likelihood that the financial woes in Greece presage a broader European solvency crisis — one that will spread to other nations that are similarly drowning in the red ink of unsustainable government welfare. Spain, for example, is on the verge of having to tap into hundreds of billions of Euros tied to the EU/IMF bailout, and even that may not be enough to stabilize its teetering economy.

Spain's welfare state includes a socialist labor system that makes it nearly impossible to fire workers for any reason. And like Greece, its habit of dispensing unsustainable taxpayer-funded largesse has been propped up for years by government denials and deception. Most recently, Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero chose to deal with the brewing fiscal crisis by ignoring it and delaying long-overdue reforms in an effort to maintain his political positioning.

It's the Ponzi mentality all over again.

Eventually, though, the scammers will run out of people to scam — and Spain could very well represent the last great heist. Spain represents 10 percent of the euro zone banking system and 16 percent of all net euro-zone loans, meaning that its collapse could very well bring the entire global house of cards tumbling down.

Such an outcome would clearly have disastrous effects on the American economy, which makes the aggressive expansion of the welfare state here in the United States all the more unexplainable. Greece and Spain (as well as Portugal and Ireland) are clearly cautionary tales — not examples for America follow.

Extending Misery

By ROBERT ROMANO

Debate continues in the Senate over a controversial \$35.52 billion extension of unemployment welfare benefits as Senate Democrats continue to struggle to find the votes necessary to overcome a filibuster. Joining Republicans in defeating the measure last week were Senators Joe Lieberman and Ben Nelson, citing concerns that the combined legislation, which includes \$24 billion for Medicaid expansion, would add \$60 billion to the \$13 trillion national debt.

They want the bill to be paid for with offsetting reductions in other areas of the \$3.6 trillion federal budget. That's the least that can be done.

While everyone has compassion for those who, through no fault of their own, have been laid off because of the troubled economy, it is time to consider that perpetually extending welfare to the jobless by means of expanding the debt is the least compassionate option available to policy makers.

A recent study by Carmen M. Reinhart of the University of Maryland and Kenneth S. Rogoff of Harvard University found that "median growth rates for countries with public debt over 90 percent of GDP are roughly one percent lower than otherwise; average (mean) growth rates are several percent lower."

That's important because the 90 percent threshold of debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is exactly where the current U.S. national debt is. As noted the House Ways & Means Committee Republicans, "the Administration estimates the total debt for Fiscal Year 2010 will reach \$13.6 trillion, or 93.1 percent of Gross Domestic Product." By 2012, the International Monetary Fund reports the U.S. national debt will reach 100 percent of the GDP.

This means Congress is doing nothing to rein in the growth-choking, jobs-killing debt. Indeed, by 2020 the Office of Management and Budget reports that the debt will grow to over \$25 trillion.

Note that Rogoff and Reinhart are not just measuring the so-called "debt held by the public," which stands at \$8.559 trillion. That is the number often cited by mem-

bers of Congress, economists, and even former Federal Reserve chairmen in offering a debt to GDP figure, which is only about 60 percent. No, the good economists are factoring the total debt, including "Intragovernmental Holdings" debt, money owed to the Medicare and Social Security trust funds, which stands at \$4.487 trillion.

So, the entire debt is the important number to calculate when considering its impact on the economy, and therefore on jobs. The Obama Administration's own economists, Christina Rohmer and Jared Bernstein, estimated a one percent increase in GDP would create 979,000 jobs.

Assuming the accuracy of the estimate, applying Rogoff and Reinhart's analysis to Rohmer and Bernstein's, a loss of 1 percent GDP because of the debt level would translate into the U.S. failing to generate approximately 1 million jobs every single year.

The data bears that out. Rogoff and Reinhart famously predicted that the \$826 billion stimulus would generate economic growth of 3.7 percent and create 3.675 million jobs. Instead, the economy actually shrank by 2.4 percent in 2009. And, in the past year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total number of employed Americans has dropped from 140.438 million to 139.420 million, a loss of about 1.018 million jobs.

With such obvious data to glean, one might assume that policy makers would find cause to correct course and actually reduce the debt.

Instead, the Keynesians have but one tool in their shed to respond to unemployment: borrowing and printing more money. This is analogous to bringing a hammer to fix a plumbing problem, and then wondering about all of the newly leaked water.

Ironically, as the Senate debates increasing the debt by another \$60 billion to "help" the unemployed, they appear to be actually choking off future job growth. Couple that with another \$100 billion in handouts to public employee unions to balance state and local government budgets, and in effect, by extending unemployment welfare, Congress is extending misery. Something to consider.

A Cheeky ObamaCare Discovery

By RICK MANNING

Your head is tilted back, you can hear the drill whirring, and that faintly sickening smell of enamel burning is coming from your mouth, as you try to accommodate a suction tube and the mirror wielding Shaquille O'Neil sized hands of your dentist.

Well open up wider because a government-sized tooth fairy is getting ready to join the party.

That's right, Nancy Pelosi's award winning statement that, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it," is coming back with a vengeance as analysis of the ObamaCare bill reveals that the federal government wants to know about every cavity that you have.

This cavity search can be found at Section 4102(d)(2) of the minty fresh health care law, which directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "develop oral healthcare components that shall include tooth-level surveillance for inclusion in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey."

"Tooth-level surveillance"?

The law goes on to define this "tooth-level surveillance" as "a clinical examination where an examiner looks at each dental surface, on each tooth in the mouth."

To be fair, the regulations have not yet been written, so the extent of this oral intrusion is still unknown. While currently, the law appears to just expand and fund a nationwide oral health care sampling of Americans, it is easy to see how overzealous regulators could expand the reach of the law to require each American to subject themselves to having each tooth in their mouth examined, chronicled and reported to the Feds.

But who knows, maybe future generations will be able to look up how many cavities that Aunt Mabel had in a special Bicuspid wing of the Library of Congress, or better yet view photos of her mouth right on line at Ancestry.com. After all, future generations deserve to know whom they should blame for that problematic family overbite.

On a serious note, taxpayers will be paying for Marv Albert loving government bureaucrats to be ensconced in their cubicles pouring over millions of bite marks and dental x-rays to determine the average dental health of Americans by every income category, age and ethnic group. All this effort and cost expended to produce government reports that will helpfully be made available to the fine people in the hygiene industrial complex, so they can develop, and most importantly market, that ever important ethno-centric toothpaste, mouthwash and pre-rinse.

It used to be fashionable to demand that the government stay out of the bedroom, perhaps now in this brave new world that catch-phrase should be updated to "keep the Feds out of our heads."

McDonald wins Best of Show

Six senior Garza County 4-H members recently competed in the State Photography Contest in College Station. The submitted photos must have been taken within the last year and were judged on focus, exposure, lighting, print quality, subject, composition, impact and uniqueness. All 15 photos submitted from Garza County students received either blue or red ribbons. Participants included: Jackie Milton, Audree Williams, Alissa Morrow, Morgan Williams, Skylar Jones and Dakota McDonald.

Dakota's photo titled "High School Rodeo" won Best of Show in Still Life for which he will be receiving a cash prize. We are hoping more and more youth will be interested in all that 4-H has to offer and will want to get involved. It's easy! Just start taking pictures! 4-H is open to all Garza County youth. There are lots of opportunities so watch the Extension Extras in the Post Dispatch weekly for upcoming activities.



This photo, "High School Rodeo" taken by Dakota McDonald, Garza County 4-H, was awarded Best of Show in Still Life at the recent state photography contest in College Station.

It wouldn't be summer in Post without vacation bible school

Children in our community will have two opportunities to attend Vacation Bible School this summer:

First Baptist Church will hold their Saddle Ridge Ranch themed Vacation Bible School from July 11 - 15. The church welcomes all children who have completed kindergarten through fourth grade to participate. VBS will be offered to children who have completed fifth and sixth grades. Registration is Sunday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. and VBS/VBX is 6-9 p.m. that week. For more information, go by the church office Monday through Wednesday or Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00

p.m. or call Kelli Egan, 495-0255. A ride to VBS/VBX will be provided on the church van to those who express the need.

First United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Graham Chapel United Methodist Church, Post Church of the Nazarene, and Family Harvest Church, will hold a one-day Vacation Bible School July 17. Registration will be 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided during this time. After registering, the children will participate in a variety of activities until noon when everyone will break for a hotdog lunch. After lunch, VBS will continue until 3:30 p.m.

Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July!

Boaters are urged to be safe this weekend

This July 4 weekend friends and family will haul their boats into the water and celebrate, but someone else might crash the party - Alex

Hurricane Alex is expected to make landfall on Thursday in northern Mexico or South Texas and bring with it rain that could lead to inland flooding during the weekend. With that in mind, in addition to the usual safety tips outlined below it is important to watch the weather reports and plan holiday get-togethers on the boat accordingly.

Jeff Parrish, Texas Parks & Wildlife assistant chief boating law administrator, said that while lakes surrounded by urban development are usually unaffected by inclement weather along the coast, anyone who plans to celebrate near the Texas coast this weekend should monitor the forecast and prepare for the weather.

"Just like pilots develop a flight plan, you should develop a float plan," Parrish said. "Let people know where you're going and how long you plan to be out so if you don't come back by a certain time, they know to start looking for you."

In addition to monitoring the forecast, boaters are urged to take the usual precautions when spending time on the water this July 4 weekend, including wearing a personal flotation device and not operating a boat while drinking alcohol.

Boat operators must have at least one lifejacket per passenger on board, and children younger than 13 are required to wear lifejackets while on the water. TPWD reports that 90 percent of boating fatality victims who are recovered had not been wearing lifejackets and that wearing a lifejacket increases your chances tenfold of surviving in the water.

In 2009, TPWD reported 211 boating accidents and 35 boating-related fatalities as well as 219 incidents of BWI (boating while intoxicated). So far this year, 72 boating accidents and 15 boating-related fatalities have been reported as well as 75 incidents of BWI.

Parrish said alcohol consumption is a leading contributor to boating accidents and that not only boating operators but also passengers, skiers, tubers and swimmers should drink responsibly. Someone in the group should also be selected as a designated boat operator.

"Falling or jumping overboard while vessels are underway or at anchor is a common occurrence in recreational boating," Parrish said. "Consuming alcohol coupled with not wearing a lifejacket is a recipe for disaster."

Parrish said in the event of an accident on the water, boaters should call 911 for help.

Additionally, anyone younger than 18 who was born after Aug. 31, 1984,

is required by law to pass a boater education course before being allowed to operate a boat. Along with photo identification, boaters who are required to take the course must also carry their completion certificate on board their vessel.

People who are exempt from the boater education course include anyone 18 and older, minors who are accompanied by an adult who is exempt from the course and anyone who holds a master's, mate's or operator's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. Nonetheless, TPWD research indicates that those who have taken the course are far less likely to be in a boating accident.

The boater education course costs about \$13 and is about six hours long. Boaters can take the course in person or through online and at-home formats.

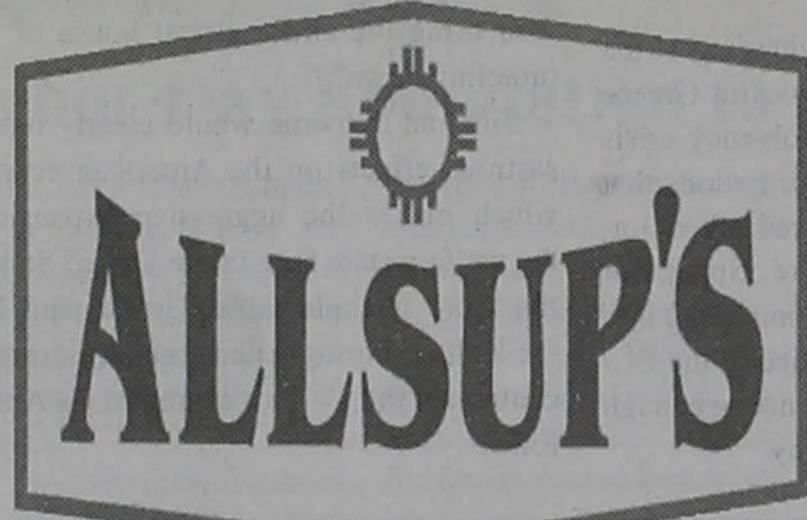
For boating safety tips or more information on the boater education course, visit the TPWD Boating Safety Web Page or call 800-792-1112, option 2.



Courtesy photo Cheryl K. Jackson was caught reading in the Post Public Library. Have you been caught reading this summer? It is never too late to discover a good book.

Menu

- Monday, July 5 - CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, July 6 - Meatloaf, Carrots, Ranch Potatoes, Roll, Cookie Bar
- Wednesday, July 7 - Green Chili Chicken, Refried Beans, Salad, Salsa, Mexican Wedding Cake
- Thursday, July 8 - Pork Roast, Spinach, Mac & Tomatoes, Roll, Jello
- Friday, July 9 - Fried Fish, Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies, Fruit



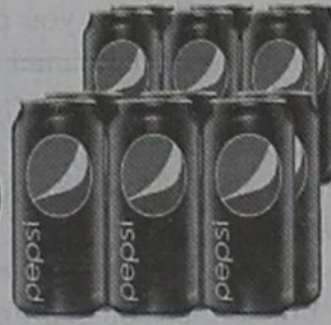
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ESTATE OF ANNE MATHIS SIMS, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of ANNE MATHIS SIMS, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 23rd day of June, 2010, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to his attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P. O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

DATED June 23, 2010
ED KELLY SIMS
Independent Executor, Cause #1919,
Garza County Texas

White River Municipal Water District Report June 28, 2010

Gauge Reading:	2347.60
Feet below spillway:	24' 10"
Rise:	0
Rainfall past week:	5.2"
Rain 2010 to date:	14.04"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
Rainfall 2009:	12.70"

White River Lake has 1,895,475,267 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 18% capacity or 5,817 acre feet. Subtract 42,577,864 MG for evaporation this week in June that leaves 1,852,897,403 BG available as of today. That's over 4 years of water for 4 cities.

White River's daily average demand for 2009 was 1.36 million gallons per day for all White River Customers. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

Mickey Rogers, GM
White River

Have a safe and fun
Fourth of July!

Games...

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13 & 14 year old Junior League Lady Lopes host the Post tournament starting July 2nd; game time unavailable at press time.

Boys Baseball

9 & 10 year old All-Stars host a 10-team tournament in Post starting July 1; game time unavailable at press time

11 & 12 year old All-Stars are in Roosevelt starting July 1; game time unavailable at press time

13 & 14 year old Junior League Antelopes play in the Hale Center tournament; first game is July 2 at 6:00.

(Dates and times may vary from original schedule.)

Tourney ...

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Idalou Brewers 13-3, then O'Donnell 7-6 and then Floydada 16-6 to get into the final game against the Wildcats.

The Floydada tournament was a warm-up for this week's Texas Little League Baseball District 38 All-Star Tournament. This seven team double elimination competition started July 1 and will go thru July 11. Even though the event is hosted by the Plainview Little League, the games will be played at Hale Center. Post will play Idalou in their first game on Friday at 6 p.m.

Post Notes...

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Adult Welding Class

An Introduction to Arc welding will be taught by Post High School Ag teachers at the Post High School Ag Department, July 5 - 6, 7 to 9 pm. Basic wire welding will also be demonstrated and taught. Learn to weld for the first time or brush up on old skills. All materials and equipment will be furnished. Free to those who sign up. Call 806-495-2770 to reserve a spot.

Memorial Brick Orders

The Chamber will place an order July 9 for memorial bricks to be placed in Centennial Plaza. The engraved bricks are \$55 each. Bricks in this order will be installed in the plaza September 2, 2010. This will be the last brick order for 2010. Order forms are available at Garza County Courthouse or the Chamber office, 131 E. Main St. Call 806-495-3461 for more information.

Jail Budget...

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explaining grant opportunities available to the county and the grant writing services offered by this organization.

The court considered engaging Underwood Attorneys and Counselors at Law regarding Limited Assessed Value Agreement and tax abatement agreements with Freemantle Energy. After discussion as to whether this firm would have

Saddle Ridge Ranch Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School July 11-15. Registration begins on Sunday July 11 at 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School is 6 - 9 p.m. VBS will be offered to those that have completed Kindergarten - 4th grade. VBS will be offered to those who have completed 5th and 6th grade. If you need a ride on the church van, call 495-0255.

Kids Fishing Derby

The 5th Annual Kids Fishing Derby for kids 13 yrs and under will be Thursday, July 15 at the Post City Park at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Post Masonic Lodge and the Game Wardens Association. Come, catch some fish and have some fun!

Booster Club Meeting

Post Booster Club

Meeting, Monday, July 24, 2010 at 6 p.m., Post High School Library. All Post ISD student athlete parents as well as other volunteers are welcome to attend and help support Post ISD youth.

Texas Basketball Camp July 11-15

The South Plains College Texan basketball camp is scheduled for July 11-15, 2010 and applications are still being accepted. Cost of the camp is \$130 for day campers and \$260 for those wishing to spend the night at the SPC campus. For more information contact Brooks Miller or Larry Mendez in the men's basketball office at 806-716-2225 or by email at miller.brooks@yahoo.com.

Annual Dog Dip Scheduled

The Post Rotary Club will hold its annual Dog Dip at the Fire Station Saturday,

July 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Cost for the dip to help eliminate fleas and ticks is \$5 per dog. Dr. Kerry Wink will be on hand for those interested in shots for their dogs. Cost of the shots will be in addition to the dipping fee.

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 2002 and 2007, please contact The Post Dispatch. We how have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluit, 2004; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick & K. W. Kirkpatrick, 2006, and Bill Long, 2008 as well as years prior to 2001. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

a conflict of interest because of their representation of other entities involved in the Red Hollow project, the commissioners voted not to engage this law firm.

The court once again discussed proposals for the maintenance of air conditioning filters at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center. Proposals were previously submitted from Advanced

Environmental I.A.Q. of Lubbock and Tanner Appliance Heating and Air of Post. Additional information had been requested to clarify the terms of the proposals; however, the court had not received this information. The Commissioners voted to table the item.

The court also approved minutes from the June 14, 2010 regular meeting as well as reports from

AgriLife Extension/Jones and AgriLife Extension/McDonald. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for June 15 through June 28 were approved as presented. A line item transfer presented for the county jail to transfer \$837 from the juvenile center budget was approved.

The next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court is July 12 at 9 a.m.

Classifieds get results!

Happy Fourth of July!

LAKE ALAN HENRY REPORT June 28, 2010

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
Elevation: 2220.22 feet, 0.22 feet above conservation pool elevation
Water Temperature: 82 degrees F
2010 cumulative precipitation: 12.25 inches

Fishing for largemouth and spotted bass is good, although mainly small ones are being caught. Crappie fishing is spotty and catfishing is good.

Mark A. Record, P.G.
City of Lubbock
Lake Alan Henry

White River

Marina

On the patio...

Friday, July 3rd

Kevin Rainwater & the Moonlighters

Saturday, July 4th

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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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Area animals find new home

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

My heart melts when a stray animal – hungry, tired, lonely – shows up on my doorstep. After the initial reaction, however, reality must set in and I have to consider other places for the animal to go. Not everyone can keep animals around for a variety of reasons. Unfortunately, many of these animals have been shut out into the cold and left for someone else to take care of or have been sent to the pound where they must

be put down if they are not adopted quickly. But a group has been formed locally to help these stray animals find a safe home.

Post Animal Refuge Center (PARC) has been taking animals since March and housing them in foster homes until a suitable, permanent, home can be found. The organization has already adopted ten animals, eight dogs and two cats, and is looking for homes for four more dogs. PARC owns two acres of land outside of Post city limits northwest of town and is in the process

of building a permanent structure on the property to house the animals.

According to Margie Maestas, the organization's spokesperson, the initial vet bill for a dog is close to \$150. This bill covers all shots, a heartworm preventative, and spay/neuter for the animal. The cost to adopt an animal, however, is only \$50, a fraction of the cost to the organization.

PARC has found homes for animals such as Peanut, a 4-pound Chihuahua who was left in the country and had twelve loose teeth, a bruise

on his neck, and tick disease when he was found. He has been adopted and is doing very well in his new home. Peanut is just one example of PARC's mission: "To provide shelter, food, and necessary medical treatment for unwanted and/or abused animals in Post, Garza County, and the surrounding area until suitable permanent homes can be found."

Adopting an animal from PARC is quite simple. The people of the organization feel responsible for the animals that are in their care and work hard to find them

good homes with a loving family. Before adopting an animal from PARC, the potential owner must fill out an application and go through either an interview or a home visit. There is also a contract to sign that states that if something happens that you cannot keep the animal, you will return it to PARC so they can find it another home.

Currently, the organization is housing animals in foster homes and cannot accept more animals until their permanent structure is complete later this summer. If you would be willing to

make your home a foster home for a needy animal, please call or email the organization.

PARC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and will be applying for grants to help fund the organization. The group would appreciate donations of doghouses, blankets, and food. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to PARC. To learn more about PARC or to sign up for the newsletter, contact Rick Jones at parc.newsletter@yahoo.com.



Photo by Jim Plummer

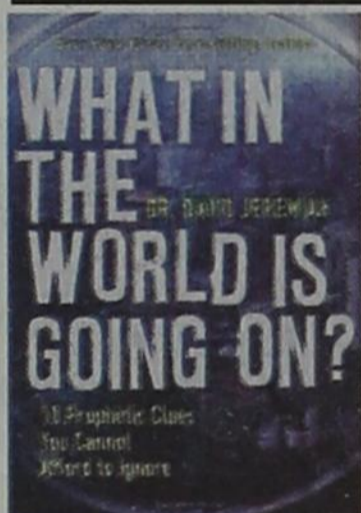
Volunteer Paul Beach recently cleared the land for the Post Animal Refuge Center to make way for a structure and fencing to provide shelter, food and necessary medical treatment for unwanted and/or abused animals. Until the facility is complete later this year, the group places lost and unwanted animals in foster homes.



Courtesy Photo

Max and Ruby are both ready for adoption to a loving home through PARC. Max is a Boxer/Pit Bull/Terrier mix male puppy and Ruby is a German Shepherd/Boxer mix female puppy.

Book Review



By Marita Jackson

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

By Dr. David Jeremiah
Chapter Six

Dr. Jeremiah gives ten prophetic clues that one cannot ignore concerning the end of the age. I have given a review of five of the clues in previous weeks. The sixth clue is the examination of the role America has in biblical prophecy.

America, the world's most powerful nation, is not mentioned in the Bible. Why not? We can identify America's blessings but can only speculate about her role in the prophetic future.

Dr. Jeremiah gives reasons why God has blessed America. He believes God in His sovereignty-founded America. America has been the source of world missions,

been a friend to the Jewish people, been a free nation, and was founded on God and His Word.

America has only 5 percent of the world's population but seventy-five percent of the missionary activity in the world has emanated from America.

Now, why is America not mentioned in the Bible. Most modern nations, unless rooted in antiquity such as Persia, Syria, Israel, and regions of Asia Minor and southern Europe, are not mentioned. The U.S. is less than 250 years old. However, we are the super-power of the world. What will America's role be in the end times? Dr. Jeremiah presents several ideas that have been expressed that he feels is worthy of examination.

The first idea is that America will be incorporated into the European Coalition. America is tied more to Europe than any other nations, so the thinking is that America might join with European nations in an alliance.

The second idea is that America will be invaded or weakened by outside forces. The speculation is that America's economy will be weak-

ened by wars and the price of oil. There is also the predictability of a nuclear attack.

The third idea is that America will be infected with moral decay. History tells us about the world's major civilizations and their fall because of moral decay. 200 years is the average years before their fall. That means America is living on borrowed time. We can see the cycle of history being played out in America. The cycle goes like this: moving from bondage to spiritual faith, from faith to courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, and from dependence back to bondage.

The fourth idea is that the Rapture will occur (discussed in a previous review), taking 25 million citizens or more, Christians and children, from the earth. Not only would America lose a large portion of her population, but also she would lose her best population. If America loses her most faithful and patriotic citizens, she would be in no position to play a major role in future events.

Flowers in Bloom

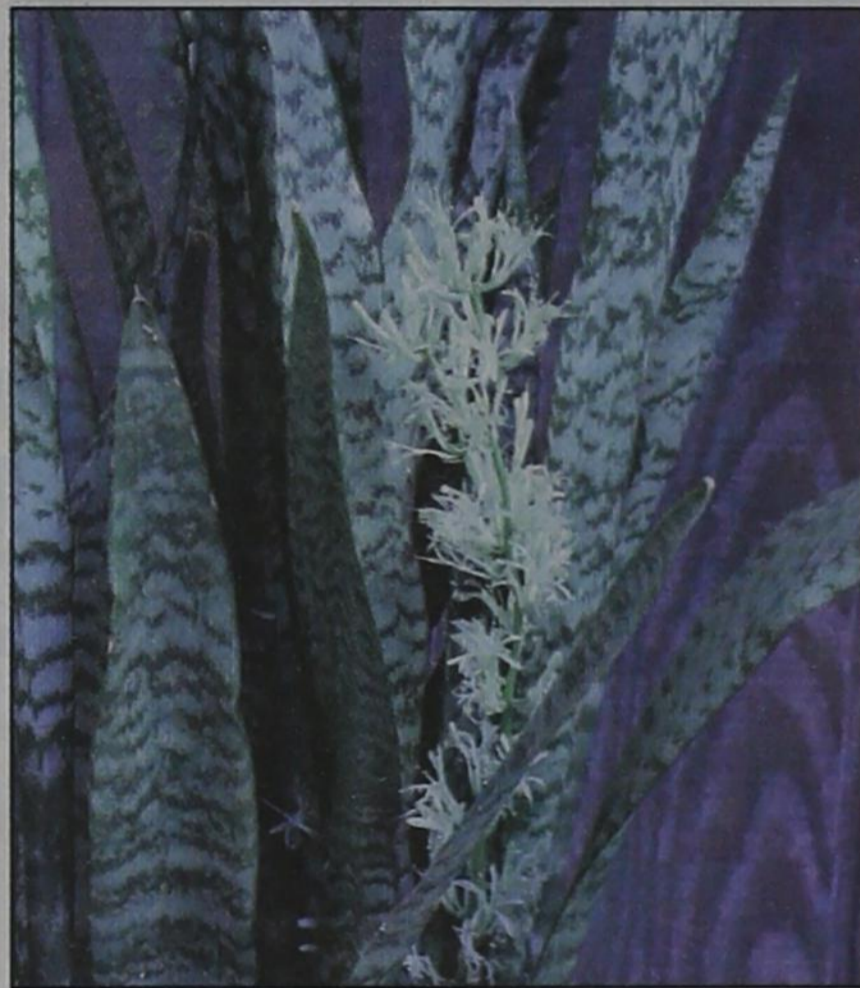


Photo by Eleysa Richards
Pat Bilbo's sansevieria trifasciata, or "Mother-in-Law's Tongue," plant has recently started blooming. This common plant blooms very rarely. The flowers are a treat to see and are a beautiful addition to Pat's yard which was recently named "Yard of the Week" by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Yard of the week



Courtesy photo.

JoAnn Stelzer (center) and Sue Ann Davis (right) of the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce are shown presenting "Yard of the Week" honors to Janie Matthews (left), 908 W. 12th Street.

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