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July Fourth a local washout



Flood waters at the intersection of 15th Street and US 84 early morning, July 4. (More pictures on back page.)

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

To best describe the July 4th holiday weekend in Post and Garza County, we may need to rely on some familiar clichés: It was a washout. It was wet and wild. It rained on our...fireworks.

The downpour that began

during the night of July 3 and continued into the morning of July 4 certainly was an inconvenience to many folks. Travel plans had to be changed. Picnics and cookouts were cancelled as well as the annual Mad Dad's celebration in City Park followed by a fireworks

display. Representatives of the event have decided to save the fireworks until next year rather than try to reschedule this summer.

Approximately a dozen local emergency personnel began the early task of diverting traffic away from flooded roadways. Post

became an island of sorts with 5 ft. of water over the bridge at South Lake; Hwy. 380 west closed; and Hwy. 84 closed near Southland. The Garza County Sheriff's Department reported 10.81 inches of rain in Post between Thursday, July 1 and Sunday, **continued on page 9**

Chamber launches 'Promote Post' promotion



Photo by Rosa Latimer

Sherita Hair (left) who along with her husband, Jerry Hair owns Jerry's Fast Stop in Post is shown receiving a twenty-five dollar "Promote Post" cash award from Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager. Hair was recognized by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce for providing a high-level of friendly and helpful customer service.

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce has begun a promotion to encourage and help local businesses "Promote Post." The purpose of the promotion is to provide business owners and employees information that will make it easier for them to respond to questions from customers concerning things to do in Post, where to obtain services and other general information.

The Chamber also hopes this promotion will remind local businesses of the overall, long-term benefits of responding positively to all customers. "It is important to realize that if we all treat visitors with respect and in a friendly manner that will be a huge encouragement for them to come back," said Harry Record, Chamber PR/Membership Director. "The next time they are in Post, they might stay the weekend. At the very least they will tell others about their positive experience. We need to treat our local customers in the same as this will encourage them shop at home."

The Chamber is providing badges for employees that say "Thank You for Shopping in Post Texas." Businesses

are also given laminated posters to display or use for reference that provide helpful information as well as a list of fun things to do if you're only here for a few hours or an entire weekend.

The promotion began July 1 and will continue through the Labor Day weekend.

Each week the Chamber will send a "secret shopper" into local businesses to ask for information or assistance. An individual who responds in the most positive and helpful way will be chosen to receive the weekly twenty-five dollar cash award.

Sherita Hair, Jerry's Fast Stop, received the first award for her enthusiasm for the promotion. This Fina station has an information center for customers that provides maps, helpful telephone numbers and other information about Post and Garza County.

"Every positive interaction business owners, employees and residents have with visitors to our community has the potential to impact our economy in a positive way," Record concluded.

If you have not received the badges and posters from the Chamber and want to participate in "Promoting Post," please call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

Health Care District Repays Clinic Loan Early

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

Many residents of Post and the surrounding area have paid a visit to the new Garza County Health Clinic building at 1104 N. Avenue S. Whether you have seen Dr. Ben Edwards or Angela Hannaway, the physician's assistant, you have surely noticed a considerably short wait time and an abundance of friendliness and professionalism in the staff. These qualities have allowed the clinic to treat an average of 988 patients monthly and that number continues to increase.

Any money that the clinic collects from patients goes directly to payroll, office supplies, medication, and **continued on page 9**



Photo by Eleya Richards

Garza County Health Clinic, shown here, opened its new facility in December of 2008. The Garza County Health Care District board of directors announced last week that the loan on the newly constructed building has been paid in full 13 months early.

Post Notes

Memorial Brick Orders

The Chamber has extended the deadline for memorial brick orders until July 12. 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.

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 Post Masonic Lodge and the Game Wardens Association. Come, catch some fish and have some fun!

Local Blood Drive

The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, July 16, 2010. The bus will be at the facility from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

Contact Jenny at 495-2175 for an appointment. Come help save a life!

Funding For Housing Available

Application packets for USDA rural development home remodel or, in some cases, the purchase of a home, are available in the County Programs office on the first floor of the Garza County Courthouse (north end of hall, next to Driver's License office) or at the front desk at City Hall. The USDA Rural Development program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families and individuals living in rural communities.

Booster Club Meeting

Post Booster Club

Meeting, Monday, July 19, 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.

Annual Dog Dip Scheduled

The Post Rotary Club will hold its annual Dog Dip at the Fire Station Saturday, July 24, 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.

Benefit Dinner

A benefit dinner, raffle and silent auction is being held **continued on page 9**



Shop at Home

Here's a good example of why we should all "Shop in Post." The rain last Friday reminded me that I needed new windshield wipers. I pulled into our local auto parts store and minutes later I had new wiper blades - not just purchased but also installed by one of the great guys that works there. You don't get that kind of service in many other places.

Set Good Example

I'm just wondering with all the restaurants in our

wonderful town why is it that those that drive the Sheriff's department trucks and the Constable trucks feel the need to go through the local beer store drive-through to purchase their beverages. Our young people might be watching and wondering, is it really a soft drink or is it alcohol? The ice can't be that unique. I believe my tax dollars are not only paying for law enforcement but also to set good example for the young, impressionable people of this community. **continued on page 9**

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Chamber News



Courtesy photo

Owners Jayme and Doug Parsley, their employees and Post Area Chamber of Commerce representatives recently had a ribbon cutting at Burnham's Country Store at Lake Alan Henry. Burnham's, under new ownership, is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. serving delicious, freshly prepared food and providing a convenient place to shop for groceries, live bait, tackle, beer, wine and tobacco. Burnham's telephone number is 806-629-4061.

Country Star Pat Green headliner at Cattle Baron's Ball

Consider participating in "Cowboy Up for a Cure" at the 2010 Cattle Baron's Ball. This year attendees will dance the night away with headliner Pat Green.

The 27th Annual Cattle Baron's Ball is Saturday, July 24, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the V8 Ranch. The event has been the primary fundraiser for the Lubbock Unit of the American Cancer Society since 1983. To date, the ball has raised almost \$5 million in the fight against cancer.

Aside from great music,

attendees will have the opportunity to delight their taste buds thanks to catering by Don Strange of Texas, Inc. The event will also include live and silent auctions as well as cowboy and Las Vegas-style games.

Proceeds from the entire event will benefit the American Cancer Society through education, research and patient services such as transportation to and from treatment, hotel rooms for out-of-town patients and their families, survivor sup-

port group meetings and summertime camps for children with cancer.

Mike and Leslie Moss, the 2010 Cattle Baron's Ball Chairmen, credit this event to the time and dedication of more than 100 volunteers throughout the past year.

"To say we are honored and humbled to chair the 2010 Cattle Baron's Ball is an understatement. It has been overwhelming, heart-warming and humbling to be involved with such a dedicated group of volunteers and to live in a community that understands and generously supports finding a cure," Mike Moss said. "To the many underwriters and sponsors who have made this event possible, we cannot express our full gratitude. This has truly been one of the most rewarding and important endeavors of which we will ever be a part."

For more information or to purchase tickets to the 2010 Cattle Baron's Ball, visit www.lubbockcattlebaronsball.org.

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Book Review

By Marita Jackson

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

By Dr. David Jeremiah Chapter 7

In Dr. Jeremiah's book, *What In The World Is Going On?* Ten prophetic clues are given that one cannot afford to ignore. In chapter seven we meet "the man that will unleash hell on earth" - the Antichrist. He is the opposite of Jesus Christ thus the name Antichrist.

He is mentioned in Scripture by several aliases: "the prince that shall come", "a king of fierce countenance", "the man of lawlessness", "this evil man", "the beast", and the Antichrist. (Biblical references are given in the book).

It is a great comfort for followers of Christ to know that the Antichrist will appear after the Rapture. (An previous chapter review spoke about the Rapture-the taking away of Christians and children from the earth.) The event of the Rapture will create an environment ripe for a charismatic man to step forward and lead to momentary world stability. The Antichrist will demonstrate super-human (supernatural) powers "such as the

world has never seen except in Jesus Christ".

The Bible does not tell us who the Antichrist will be, nor his name, nationality, nor other specifics. However, we know from scripture that he will be charismatic, cunning, cruel, and a cultic leader. His number is 666. In Revelation 13:1, "the beast" will come from the Gentile nations of the earth, the nations of the revived Roman Empire in Europe. He will gradually assume power. "Christ comes from heaven, the Antichrist from hell. Christ is empowered by the Holy Spirit; the Antichrist is empowered by Satan."

The Antichrist, the world leader, will make a 7-year treaty with Israel, but he will break the treaty after 3 1/2 years and begins to persecute Israel. After this time, he will be mortally wounded, but will miraculously come back to life. The entire world will marvel and follow the beast. Whether his death and resurrection is real or feigned, the world will throw their support to this powerful one.

No one can buy or sell without the "mark of the beast". Even now there is talk about preventing stolen

identity by placing a chip into the body, probably the hand or forehead.

The Antichrist will set himself up as the one to be worshipped in the temple of the Jews in Jerusalem. He begins an all-out attack on the Jewish people. Before he carries out his mission, Jesus Christ returns from heaven with His army of saints who were raptured seven years earlier. The Antichrist is defeated and Jesus sets up His Kingdom on the earth for 1000 years.

Dr. Jeremiah says Christians are not to fear. Satan does not hold the power. God does. Revelation is not about the appearing of the Antichrist, but of the Christ. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Again, I have only touched the surface of this chapter. I recommend this book for your personal reading, learning, and enjoyment. Dr. Jeremiah gives Biblical references and footnotes that backup all information.

Help fill empty backpacks

By Eleya Richards

Staff Writer

The South Plains Community Action Association has begun a Back-To-School Backpack Project. The goal of this project is to fill backpacks with basic, necessary school supplies that will be given to needy and low-income families for the upcoming school year. American State Bank has been gracious enough to partner with SPCAA and has donated the backpacks for the project. The unofficial goal of this project is to fill 150 backpacks for

needy children.

The requested school supplies include: pencils, map colors, pocket folders, school boxes, markers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, erasers, scissors, water colors, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, glue, and rulers. These are basic school supplies required of most public school students that are relatively inexpensive individually. Unfortunately, many low-income families have no other choice than to send their children to school without all the necessary

supplies. By working together and donating supplies to SPCAA, you can help many children without spending much money.

Donations of both funds and school supplies are necessary in order to make this a successful event in the community. If you would like to be involved in this positive action, please bring your donations to the local SPCAA Neighborhood Center located on South Highway 84. Contact Dina Morales at 495-2329 for more details or if you know of a family in need.

Informational Telephone System

By Eleya Richards

Staff Writer

Everyone has been taught that dialing 911 will connect you to emergency services such as the fire department, ambulance, or police. However, there are several other helpful numbers that connect you with non-emergency services. For weather information, you can dial 806-748-1071 and for road conditions you should

dial 325-676-6855. For directory information, you would dial 555-1212.

One of the more recent additions to the list of special numbers in Texas is 211. At one time calling this number from a payphone was the only way to get a refund from that payphone. Today, dialing 211 connects you to 211 Texas. This allows you access to information regarding local community resources and

services and information on food stamps, Medicaid, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), and other temporary assistance for needy families and how to apply for those benefits. 211 Texas also gives you a place to report possible fraud or abuse of State of Texas services and programs such as food stamps and Medicaid and to register for evacuation transportation assistance.

Obituaries

Thomas Doyle Worley

Thomas Doyle Worley, 84 of Prattsville, AR and formerly of Post, was born May 14, 1926 in Anton, Texas. He was the son of Thomas Franklin and Mattie Jane Ford Worley. He was a member of the VFW and served in

the United States Navy during WWII.

Mr. Worley died Sunday, June 27, 2010 at his Prattsville home. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine "Geri" Fletcher Worley, Graveside and military

services were held at Terrace Cemetery, Post, TX.

Friday, July 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Mike Holly officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Post.

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Kevin Rainwater & Mike Porter on the patio prior to the fireworks

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
Can you believe the rain we have gotten? With all the lake bottoms out here it was really hard to get around Sunday and Monday. Tuesday morning GB came to the gin on the tractor, he must really like my coffee! haha I'm really not sure how much we got out here but I would say around 10 inches. I know many 4th celebrations got cancelled, as for us as soon as it dries up we have a lot

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of fireworks to set off. Russ and Jake Morris spent the 4th of July weekend in Lubbock with Kyler and Karsen West. Also joining them were Tyler, Tanner and Tate Allen. Pour Karsen, I think she was outnumbered with all those boys. Rus and Jake are the grandsons of Jack and Jean Morris; Kyler and Karsen are the grandkids of Ronnie and Diane Graves and the Allen boys belong to Brit

and Cheryl (Thompson) Allen. Everyone mark your calendars for July 31st from 5 - 8 when the 2nd annual ice cream social will be held out here on the east side of the school building. There will be lots of home made ice cream and music provided by Hanks and Company and Foley Bluegrass.
Visitors
David, Melinda, Quincey and Andrew Quintana,

Max Haney, Dylan Morris, Dee Hodges and Roscoe Moulton all came out and visited a while this week; Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....
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 12th - James Melton
July 13th - Nancy Morris
July 14th - Ken Young, Ronnie Graves
July 15th - Kayla Dunn Overstreet

Anniversaries-
July 15th - Ronnie and Voda Beth Gradine
Don't forget to check out 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 do so.
Everyone have a great weekend!



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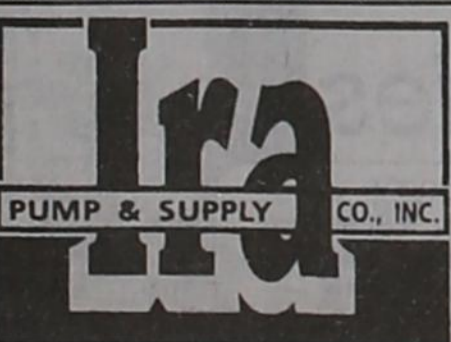
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Weekly Inspirations

THE PEARLY GATES

By Michael F. Taylor

Little Jimmy Dell was a small in stature boy of eight years old, but what he lacked in size, he certainly made up for in exuberance. His mother, Janice was literally running ragged on this particular summer afternoon and noticed that several folks at the local five and dime store were becoming frustrated with Jimmy's mischief. After abundant warning from Mom, Jimmy continued to run underneath the clothing racks knocking several items onto the floor. In desperation, Janice gently took Jimmy by the arms and sternly said, "Jimmy Dell, you are being a horrid young man today! How on earth do you plan to make it into Heaven if you continue with such bad behaviors?" Jimmy scrunched up his forehead as if he was in deep thought. Then in Jimmy's typical rambunctious fashion, declared, "Well, Mommy, I'll just keep running in and out, in and out of the Pearly Gates until St. Peter tells me, 'Jimmy, get in here and SHUT THAT DOOR!'"

Well, Jimmy had a plan, I guess. But it is so encouraging to me to know that God Himself has already given us the perfect plan. In Exodus Chapter 15, the Children of Israel sang, *"2 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."* NIV The Psalmist David sang in Psalms Chapter 27, *"1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"* NIV In the Book of Acts, we are taught, *"10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* NIV Acts Chapter 4. And then in Romans Chapter 1, Paul assures us, *"1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. 6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ."* NIV

What a glorious Plan it is for us today. And so much better than little Jimmy Dells plan of running in and out, in and out. God bless and remember that Jesus Christ is our Salvation yesterday, today and forever.

"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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Lake Alan Henry Report
July 5, 2010

Conservation pool elevation: 2220 feet above mean sea level
 Elevation: 2229.40 feet, 9.40 feet above conservation pool elevation
 Water Temperature: 80 degrees F.
 2010 cumulative precipitation: 18.79 inches
 Due to the approximate 9 feet rise in lake elevation, present fishing conditions are unknown.
 Mark A. Record, P.G. City of Lubbock Lake Alan Henry

Menu

- Monday, July 12 –**
BBQ Chicken
Southwest Potatoes
Corn
Roll
Pudding
- Tuesday, July 13 –**
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Salad
Garlic Toast
Cobbler
- Wednesday, July 14 –**
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Peach Cake
- Thursday, July 15 –**
Corn Flak Chicken
Cucumber Salad
Mac & Cheese
Biscuit
Fruit Salad
- Friday, July 16 –**
Roast Beef
Potatoes
Carrots
Roll
Neiman Marcus Cake

Garza County 4-H Trap & Skeet Results

Garza County 4-H recently hosted the D-2 Trap competition on June 25 at Monk Palmer's Two Lazy Two P Shooting Range. Tucker Lee went on to place first in the Junior A division with a high score of 39 out of 50 targets and Dallen Fogerson placed third in the Junior C level.
 Participating at the Intermediate level with 75 possible targets were Paden Babb shooting 67, Blace Stevens, Riley Herridge, Jayton Lewis and Case Lott. Participants in Senior I shooting 100 possible targets were Tyler Lee shooting 92 and McLayne Hall followed by Senior II participants Ben Mason shooting 97 and Reed Williams.
 The skeet and 5-stand portion of the competition was held on Saturday June 26 in Seminole with Reed Williams and Tucker and Tyler Lee participating. Tucker Lee was on target with a Second place in Junior Skeet and Third in Junior 5-stand.
 Garza County 4-H would like to say thank you to all participants and adult volunteers including Monk Palmer, Ray and Celia Mason, and Mark Kirkpatrick.

White River Municipal Water District Report July 5, 2010

Gauge Reading:	2353.75
Feet below spillway:	18'8"
Rise:	6'2"
Rainfall past week:	7.85"
Rain 2010 to date:	21.82"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
Rainfall 2009:	12.70"

White River Lake has 3,349,096,578 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 32% capacity or 10,278 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 3,302,005,853 BG available as of today.

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

New state laws for Texas drivers

The last time the Texas Legislature was in Austin, state lawmakers passed new laws governing Texas drivers. Two principal areas of focus were prohibitions on distracted driving activities and new safety belt laws.

Distracted Driving
 Texas lawmakers restricted what Texas drivers can do while they are behind the wheel. Legislators acted to prevent distracted driving, which the U.S. Department of Transportation defines as "any non-driving activity person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing." This includes use of technology such as cell phones, personal digital assistants and other electronic devices.

The National Traffic Safety Administration reported that nearly 6,000

people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than half a million were injured. Younger, inexperienced drivers under 20 years old have the highest proportion of distraction-related fatal crashes.

Under a new Texas law, drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Texas lawmakers prohibited all Texas drivers from using a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the device is hands-free. Texas cities and counties enforcing this law will have signs posted at the start of each school zone informing drivers that cell phone use is prohibited. Drivers who violate this law will be subject to a fine of up to \$200. The only exception to this law is if the call

made in a school zone is an emergency call.

Safety Belts
 Effective June 1, vehicle occupants of all ages must be secured by a safety belt – whether they are seated in the front or the back seat of the vehicle. Prior to the law's passage, occupants did not have to wear safety belts if they sat in the back seat. Unbuckled adult passengers in the front or back seat can be issued a citation.

Teas parents should remember that state law now requires children younger than eight years old be in a child safety set or booster seat unless the child is taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Violators of the child safety seat law face fines of up to \$250 plus court costs.

To access applicable Texas statutes pertaining to these laws, visit capitol.state.tx.us.

Help with parenting and family issues available

When parents are involved in their children's lives, the kids have a better chance of growing up healthy, happy and well adjusted. Most parents instinctively understand this and do what is needed to provide the foundation for success.

Simple activities such as sharing a meal, going to the park or getting caught reading at the local library or at home provide ideal opportunities for family bonding. Take advantage of the long summer days and have a picnic or barbecue to form lasting memories. And, don't forget to take pictures!

Employees of the Office of the Attorney General who are charged with ensuring Texas children receive the financial support they need from parents, see the benefits of fathers and mothers being involved in their kids' lives. This begins, in many situations, with regular child support payments. Children depend on child support to provide basic needs such as food, shelter, health care and clothing.

Research shows that children who receive regular child support reap intangible benefits as well, such as making better grades in school, being more likely to finish high school and attend college, and even having fewer behavior problems at school. Without a doubt, paying child support is one critical way parents can demonstrate their unconditional love for their children.

However, money is

only part of the equation. Too often, children would benefit from roe, not less, involvement from the parent who pays child support. That is why the Attorney General's Office encourages strong family formation, responsible parenthood and parental involvement through initiatives including the Access and Visitation program and Paternity Awareness.

Access and Visitation Program

The Access and Visitation program promotes noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. The services in this program include co-parenting education, alternative dispute resolution, development of parenting plans, supervised visitation and visitation enforcement. The Access and Visitation Hotline (866-292-4636) is the only service of its kind in the nation that provides parents with free phone access to attorneys who offer legal information and assistance related to child custody and visitation issues, as well as paternity and child support information.

These hotline attorneys do not represent parents. Rather they provide tools and guidance, and answer parents' questions. The toll-free number is answered in English and Spanish, Monday through Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. The hotline has a corresponding website,

www.txaccess.org, where parents can download sample materials and tools for assistance with child access issues.

p.a.p.a. (parenting and paternity awareness)

This innovative educational curriculum is designed for high school students and young adults that deal with the "rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting." Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realities of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.

The Office of the Attorney General provides the 14-session curriculum and training at no charge to teachers, school counselors, school nurses, teen parent program staff, and parent educators in community-based programs. The p.a.p.a. curriculum is the method by which school districts comply with state law passed by the 80th Legislature requiring high school health to include a parenting and paternity awareness curriculum.

Often a parent realizes that they and their children need help, but are unsure of where to get the help and education they need. These are two resources that are easy to use and free.

All-Star tournaments update

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

(Note: Inclement weather has changed the schedules of the all the tournaments that were planned to start last Friday. Also, most of the tournaments were changed to a single elimination format due to time restraints.)

Girls Softball

The 13 and 14 year old Junior League Lady Lopes hosted a three team double elimination tournament. On July 5 Slaton beat Idalou. Slaton beat Post on July 6. Post played Idalou on July 7 to see who will take on Slaton on Thursday. The tournament will end either on Thursday or Friday depending on the outcome of Thursday's game. The scores starting with the Wednesday, July 7 game were not available at press time.

The 9 and 10 year old all-stars started play Thursday in Abernathy. The 11 and 12 year old girls will begin Friday also in Abernathy.

Boys Baseball

The 9 and 10 year old Post all-stars are hosting their tournament. They opened with a win with a come from behind 11-10 victory over Crosbyton on July 5. Post was scheduled to play the winner of the Abernathy-Petersburg on July 7. Results were not available at press time.

The 11 and 12 year old team traveled to Roosevelt and won their first game 7-2 over Slaton on July 5. They took on Idalou Wednesday. The score was also not available by press time.

The Junior League Antelopes, 13 and 14 year olds, are playing in the Texas Little League Baseball District 38 All-Star Tournament at Hale Center. The first game was July 6 against Idalou. Post won 10-5. They will play the winner of the Abernathy-Floydada game Friday at 6:00.

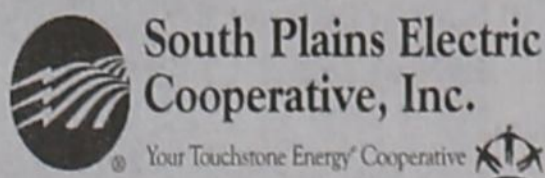


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Post Al-Anon

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

Many thanks to you, our friends, for all of your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our sincere appreciation for the flowers, phone calls, visits and memorials, and the wonderful people who provided and served lunch at Calvary Baptist church. We would like to thank Rev. Darren Weaver, Dee and Janet Justice for all their help.

Help Wanted

Burnham Country Store & Grill under new ownership at LAH is hiring part-time/full-time help. Call 629-4061 or come by and ask for Jaymie.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 8A

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0266209 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 14, 2010 Status/Permit No. 697353 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEAD-

LINE: 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@RRC.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 NEWDRILL 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 Protestant 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:

FIELD: WILDCAT
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Lease/Unit Acres: 40.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 235.0
Lease Lines: 665.0 F E L, 235.0 F S L
Survey Lines: 1975.0 F W L, 235.0 F S L
FIELD: TOBE (ELLENBURGER)

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
Survey Lines: 1975.0 F W L, 235.0 F S L
FIELD: TOBE (STRAWN)

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.
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Karl Rice, Keith Casstevens, Michael Bartlett, and Paul Harkey make up The Anchoresmen quartet that will perform a free concert at Ragtown Gospel Theatre on July 11.

Courtesy Photo

Rainwater seminar July 19

A rainwater harvesting seminar will be held at the Community Center in Post Monday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. At the seminar you will gain information about water conservation and have the opportunity to make your own rain barrel. In order to attend you must pre-register to the Extension office. Rain barrels will be pre-ordered with cost to be determined. The deadline to pre-register is noon Thursday, July 15. Please contact the Extension office at 495-4400 if you would like to attend or need additional information.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A Rule 37 Case No. 0266072
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 30, 2010 Status/Permit No. 696801
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 10, 2010
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-7324
 Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 561136] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the RECOMPLETION permit in Sec. 1303, Bk. 1, EL&RR RR CO Survey, A-295, STORIE (SAN ANDRES) Field, GARZA County, being 8 miles NW direction from POST, 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 protestant 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 have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: STORIE (SAN ANDRES)

Lease/Unit Name : STORIE, S. C.
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 5
 Lease/Unit Acres : 167.5
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1140.0
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 425.0

Lease Lines : 1140.0 F SOUTH L, 1140.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines : 1500.0 F NORTH L, 1500.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

STORIE (SAN ANDRES) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Anneliese Biasetti, at (972)628-1603.

Free Ragtown concert this weekend

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

Ragtown Gospel Theatre is presenting another free Southern Gospel music concert Sunday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m. The Anchoresmen, one of Southern Gospel's great quartets, was formed in 1979 and recently performed in the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY. The group, consisting of Keith Casstevens, Michael Bartlett, Karl Rice, and Paul Harkey, currently holds the #4 spot on the Southern Gospel Music charts with the single "Everything But Time." Ragtown is proud to be able to offer the community a free celebrity concert but will appreciate any donation to help cover the cost.

Performances of the Biblical drama, "The Antioch Challenge" continue every Friday

night at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 3:00 through August 28. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at www.ragtown.com or by phone at 1-877-RAGTOWN (724-8696) for \$17.50 per person and for groups of 12 or more at \$15 per person. The price for tickets purchased at the door stands at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and children.

The drama of "The Antioch Challenge" is presented in the intrigue and confrontation described by Paul in his letter to the Galatians. Written by Chip Polk and directed by Glenn Polk, this story revolves around only the second chapter of that letter.

Come out and enjoy a moving performance of "The Antioch Challenge" on either Friday night or Saturday afternoon this weekend and then return Sunday afternoon for the free concert.

Harley Sadler tribute set at Garza

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

The Garza Theatre is ready to entertain us once again! Beginning tonight (Friday) Garza patrons will be entertained by the production, "The Would-Be Gentleman," directed by Zack Kocurek.

Harley Sadler was born in 1892 and was a showman in the early 1900s continuing through the Great Depression. In the 1940s, air-conditioned movie houses and drive-in theatres brought about the end of Sadler's tent show. He branched out to become an independent oil operator in Texas and was elected to the Texas House from the Sweetwater District in 1942. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1950 and served until his death in 1954.

In tribute to Harley Sadler, the Garza Theatre produces a comedy every year. Although

this is not an original or traditional Harley Sadler show, this play is a comedy and does follow the Sadler tradition in that aspect.

"The Would-Be Gentleman" takes place entirely in Jourdain's home in Paris. Jourdain is a middle-class bourgeois who aims to be accepted as an aristocratic gentleman. He wants his daughter, who is in love with a middle-class man, to marry a nobleman. In order to marry for love, Jourdain's daughter's lover disguises himself as a son of the Sultan of Turkey. Jourdain, of course, is delighted for his daughter to marry into the Turkish royalty, especially after his is told that he, too, will be ennobled at a special ceremony.

The Garza Theatre will present this play July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24 with a matinee on July 25. Friday

and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday afternoon matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are: \$12 for adults; \$8 for children; \$10 for students, seniors, members of the military, and group tickets. Season tickets are also available. For more information, call 495-4005 or visit the box office at 226 E. Main St. Box office hours are Monday-Friday 12:30-5:00 except on days of the show when it opens from 12:00 until curtain time. You may purchase your tickets at the door or online at www.garzatheatre.com.

Come out to the theatre with kids, family, and friends to support the arts in Post, enjoy a comedy, and get some taffy at intermission. As with all summer Harley Sadler productions, you are sure to have a good time.

Wildlife Damage Management Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting to look into the possibility of developing a cost-share cooperative agreement for a Wildlife Damage Control Technician to assist Garza County landowners/operators Tuesday, July 13, at Wells Fargo Bank starting at 6 p.m.

All interested farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to attend this informational meeting. Details of how a program could be developed will be explained by Rickey Gilliland, District Supervisor for Texas Animal Damage Control Service.

This meeting is jointly sponsored by the Garza County Commissioners Court, NRCS and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 495-4400.



Courtesy photo

(from left) Post Mayor Thressa Harp; Linda Brakebill, Area Director with USDA Rural Development; Garza County Judge Lee Norman, and Cookie Smith, Area Technician with USDA Rural Development presented a congratulatory certificate to Amanda Soto and her children Gabrielle and Isaiah in celebration of the purchase of her new home. The presentation was made during a USDA Rural Development Touring Program informational meeting at Garza County Trailblazers on June 28.

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The Paperboy

Land of the free? For now...

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Like most Americans across the United States, we celebrated Independence Day Sunday. This one was different from past years.

My niece married a man from England a few months ago and he was in town over the weekend. Oliver Whitham witnessed us celebrate our independence from his home country.

The event really got me to thinking about how I would feel if the shoe was on the other foot. What would be my reaction to being in a foreign land where the masses were celebrating an event which changed the course of history, the reflection of which was detrimental to my homeland?

Oliver, a native of York, England, who is now living in Austin, is an interesting man. He told me he likes Texas very much and he enjoyed his visit to Childress. The shock of visiting rural Texas was not prevalent as his parents had visited the area last summer and he received an account of their visit.

Still, there in my backyard sat an Englishman watching new friends rejoice in day which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring said independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

I doubt most Americans actually celebrate that fact. I think most of us view it as a day to celebrate the fact we are fortunate to live in a country where we are free of tyranny. We live in a country where we are free to pursue dreams.

Through my conversations with Oliver, I made my feelings for his homeland clear. I told him that although I have never sat foot on English soil, I viewed the UK as our greatest ally. After 234 years, as far as I was concerned, relations between the two countries were very good and have been so for well over a century.

During the past year, I've enjoyed getting to meet Oliver's family. Their opinions are very similar to the majority here in how they view the world both politically and economically.

They realize the errors in their own government's socialistic tendencies and how some of the decisions have led to a lack of economic growth in not only England, but Europe as a whole.

Oliver's father, Ray, made the comment to me that the U.S. government would be better served to avoid the same pitfalls Europe has endured over the past 20 years. He is not a fan of the European Union and he claims that the country is stagnant and the youth of England now head to other countries for higher-paying jobs and less governmental control.

In other words, there are better opportunities for the English outside of their own borders.

Will we follow in the footsteps of England? I'd say we are doing a good job of it.

Look at current job creation in this country and who is creating them. Is it the private sector? Unfortunately not. The only job growth we're seeing is in the government itself. And since it is the private sector's taxes which foot

the bill for this expansion, it's a bad situation to be in.

History should be teaching us which economic models work and which ones fail. It should also be teaching us that a larger government does not make us more prosperous. A larger government leads to more taxation and forces the private sector - the largest economic engine we have - to tighten purse strings and hang on to what they have out of fear. That is not a recipe for growth.

I find it almost unbelievable that I can celebrate Independence Day with someone from England who has more in common with normal citizens than our elected officials in Washington.

We have an incredible history in this country. I think it's time we learn the lessons history has taught us and put that knowledge to work and rebuild this country into what it was designed to be: a place where every American has the opportunity and the freedom to become what they want and not a country where individuals are encumbered by government.

If we continue on this current course, I fear future conversations with my English friends will be stories of how great America used to be ... before the American dream was killed by its own government.

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Obama's CEO problem - and ours

By FAREED ZAKARIA

The American economy is sputtering and we are running out of options. Interest rates can't go any lower. Another burst of government spending -- whether a good or bad idea -- looks politically impossible. Can anything protect us from the dangers of stagnation or a double dip? Actually, there is a second stimulus that could have a dramatic effect on the economy -- even more so than government spending. And it won't add to the deficit.

The Federal Reserve recently reported that America's 500 largest nonfinancial companies have accumulated an astonishing \$1.8 trillion of cash on their balance sheets. By any calculation (for example, as a percentage of assets), this is higher than it has been in almost half a century. Yet most corporations are not spending this money on new plants, equipment or workers. Were they to loosen their purse strings, hundreds of billions of dollars would start pouring through the economy. These investments would probably have greater effect and staying power than a government stimulus.

To be clear: There is a strong case for a temporary and targeted government stimulus. Consumers and companies are being very cautious about spending. Right now, government spending is keeping the economy afloat. Without a second stimulus, state and local governments will have to slash spending and raise taxes, which will produce a downward spiral of higher unemployment, slower growth, lower tax revenue and a larger deficit. Joel Klein, the New York City schools chan-

cellor, told me that when the stimulus money runs out at the end of this year, he will be forced to lay off 5,000 teachers. Multiply that example a thousand times to get a sense of what 2011 could look like.

But government spending can only be a bridge to private-sector investment. The key to a sustainable recovery and robust economic growth is to get companies investing in America. So why are they reluctant, despite having mounds of cash? I put this question to a series of business leaders, all of whom were expansive on the topic yet did not want to be quoted by name, for fear of offending people in Washington.

Economic uncertainty was the primary cause of their caution. "We've just been through a tsunami and that produces caution," one told me. But in addition to economics, they kept talking about politics, about the uncertainty surrounding regulations and taxes. Some have even begun to speak out publicly.

Jeffrey Immelt, chief executive of General Electric, complained Friday that government was not in sync with entrepreneurs. The Business Roundtable, which had supported the Obama administration, has begun to complain about the myriad laws and regulations being cooked up in Washington.

One CEO told me, "Almost every agency we deal with has announced some expansion of its authority, which naturally makes me concerned about what's in store for us for the future." Another pointed out that between the health-care bill, financial reform and possibly cap-and-trade, his company had lawyers working day and night to figure out the implications

of all these new regulations. Lobbyists have been delighted by all this activity. "[Obama] exaggerates our power, but he increases demand for our services," superlobbyist Tony Podesta told the New York Times.

Most of the business leaders I spoke to had voted for Barack Obama. They still admire him. Those who had met him thought he was unusually smart. But all think he is, at his core, anti-business. When I asked for specifics, they pointed to the fact that Obama has no business executives in his Cabinet, that he rarely consults with CEOs (except for photo ops), that he has almost no private-sector experience, that he's made clear he thinks government and nonprofit work are superior to the private sector. It all added up to a profound sense of distrust.

Some of this is a product of chance. The economic crisis forced the government to expand its authority in dozens of areas, from finance to automobiles. But precisely because of these circumstances, Obama needs to outline a growth and competitiveness agenda that is compelling to the business community.

This might sound like psychology more than economics, and the populist left will surely scream that the last thing we need to do is pander to business. But the first thing we need is for these people to start spending their money -- soon. As a leading New York businessman who publicly supported Obama during the campaign told me, "their perception is our reality."

Oil in the operating room

By ALEX EPSTEIN

At a time when hostility against the oil industry is at a high, while politicians and editorial-office heroes call for "ending our addiction to oil," it's important to reflect on why oil is so valuable--so "addictive," in the terminology of our time.

A couple months ago, I wrote that "Most of us think of oil simply as the stuff that puts gasoline in our car. But oil, thanks to the ingenuity of the oil industry, does so much more. For one, it's the building block for thousands of petroleum products--everything from Blu-Ray discs to asphalt to stitches to lipstick. And it provides the safest, most powerful, most convenient fuel, not only for automobiles but for the freighters, jets, trucks, and industrial

machinery that power our global economy. Oil makes every aspect of our lives better."

In that post, I illustrated how oil was vital in making possible something as basic as an affordable, healthy breakfast. The other day, I witnessed firsthand how vital oil is in making possible a safe, effective hospital. Sitting in on a highly advanced surgical procedure, I was struck by the skill of the surgeons, the stunning advances in medical technology (almost all of which involve petroleum components), and--what I want to talk about today--everyone's commitment to maximize safety by keeping the environment as hygienic as possible by using oil-based products at every turn.

One of the virtues of petroleum products, including plastics, is that they are incredibly resistant to bacteria, moisture, germs. Another

is that they can very easily be made impermeable, protecting whatever you want from whatever you don't want to contaminate it. They can also be made incredibly cheaply, which allows for disposable products that are never used by more than one patient.

All of this was at work in the operating room. Just about all the furniture--the chairs, the cabinets, the drawers, were made of or coated by petroleum to keep them sanitary. The patient was lying on the bed, connected to durable, flexible plastic (oil) tubes that safely delivered food, coming from a sealed plastic (oil) bag that securely stored it. Another oil tube was designed to vacuum excess fluids. There were disposable foam (oil) cradles to prop up the patient's arms or legs if necessary--made of oil to be disposable. The

disposable, sterile gloves were either latex or synthetic--i.e., made of oil.

Ditto for the disposable surgical masks and head-coverings. The doctors frequently needed to throw biological material away--which, thankfully they could do sanitarly with plastic (oil) trash-bags that could be taken away leaving no trace of their hazardous contents. Imagine if these products would have been made of wood, cloth, or metal. Can you imagine the corrosion, the bacteria-traps, the health risks? Infection used to be a highly common and deadly product of surgery--and lack of petroleum products was a big reason why.

Thanks both to the medical profession and petroleum products, you can have every expectation of your next trip to the hospital being a safe one.

Lights! Camera! No state action!

By TOM BOWDEN

Most states have tax-funded film commissions that subsidize or grant tax credits to movie production companies, provided they agree to film scenes within the state's borders. According to this article in The New York Times, some of these state agencies are getting nervous about the kind of films they are being asked to fund.

The Michigan film commissioner recently rejected a funding request from producers of a horror movie replete with "realistic cannibalism." In Texas, a film company was told it need not apply for financing of a picture about the FBI's Waco raid because of inaccuracies in the script. And in Florida, the legislature recently flirted with a proposal to deny tax credits to films that exhibit "nontraditional family values."

There's much to challenge in the notion of allowing states to lure in film production; for a start, look at how such programs violate the rights of taxpayers. These programs take

money from ordinary taxpayers (a violation of their property rights) and use it to fund movies those taxpayers may well find abhorrent (a violation of their free speech rights).

The solution is not to dictate content according to some pseudo-standard such as "family values." Rather, the solution is to end all government funding of film production. A state government's job is to protect its citizens against criminals, not to attract moviemakers. Private individuals and companies wishing to attract film projects to their localities are free to offer whatever incentives (such as discounts on lodging, or attractive settings for filming) that they deem likely to benefit themselves.

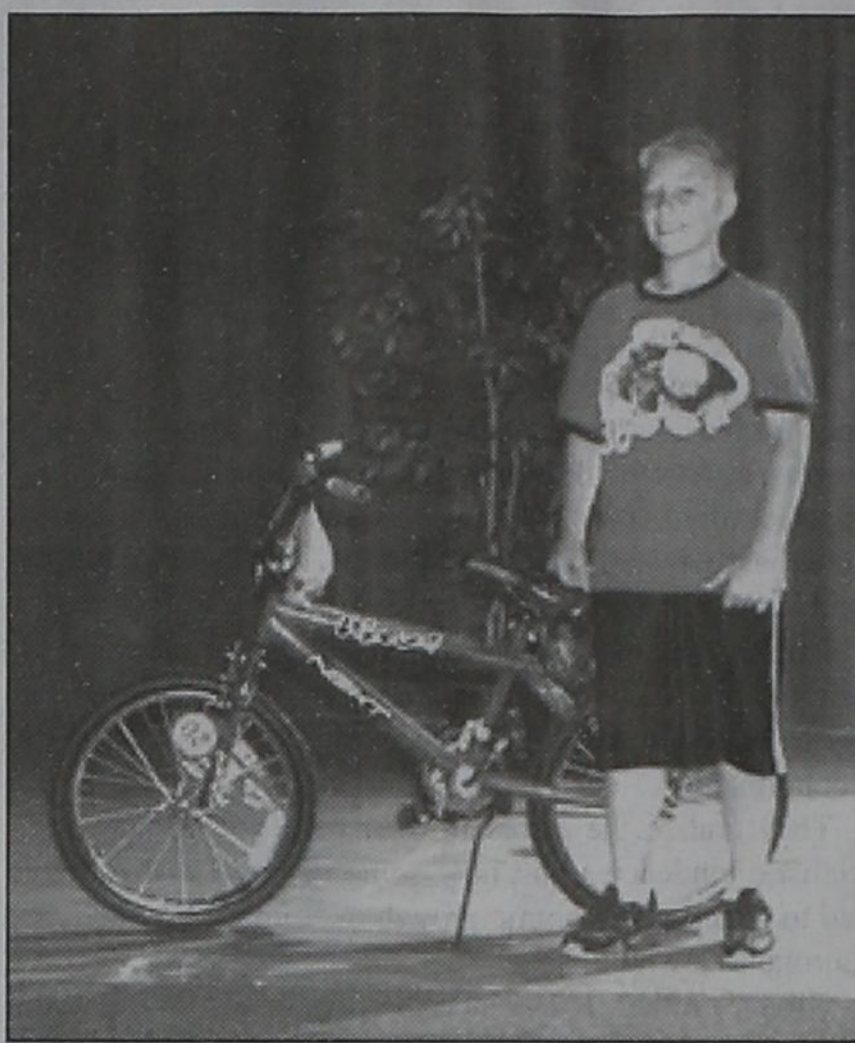
Hollywood is quite capable of finding investors to fully finance its ventures. Producers who cannot attract private financing have no right to draw from the public treasury--whether their films depict cannibals eating human flesh, or Bible-toting families gathered for a Sunday picnic.



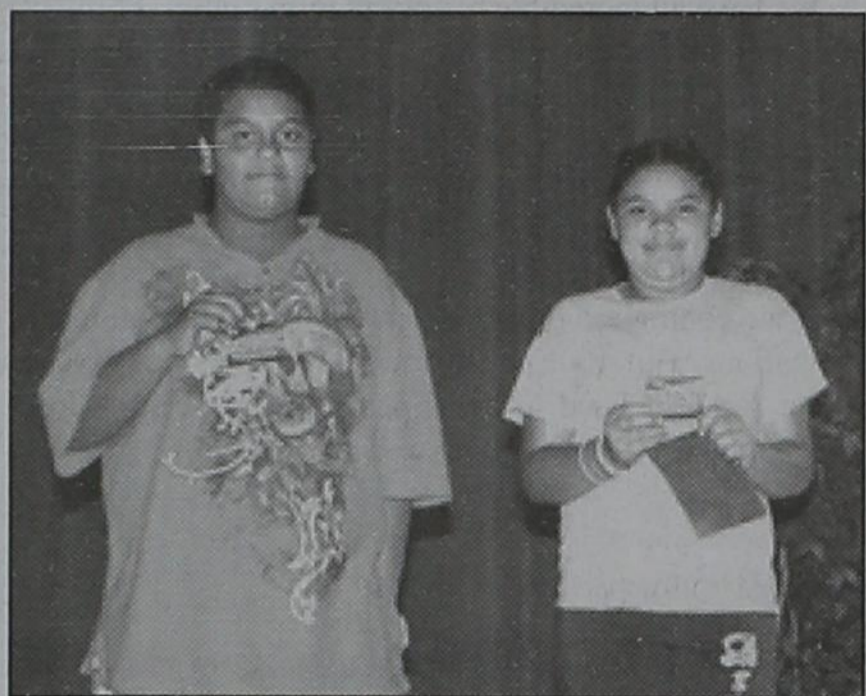
Post Elementary Students Receive Awards



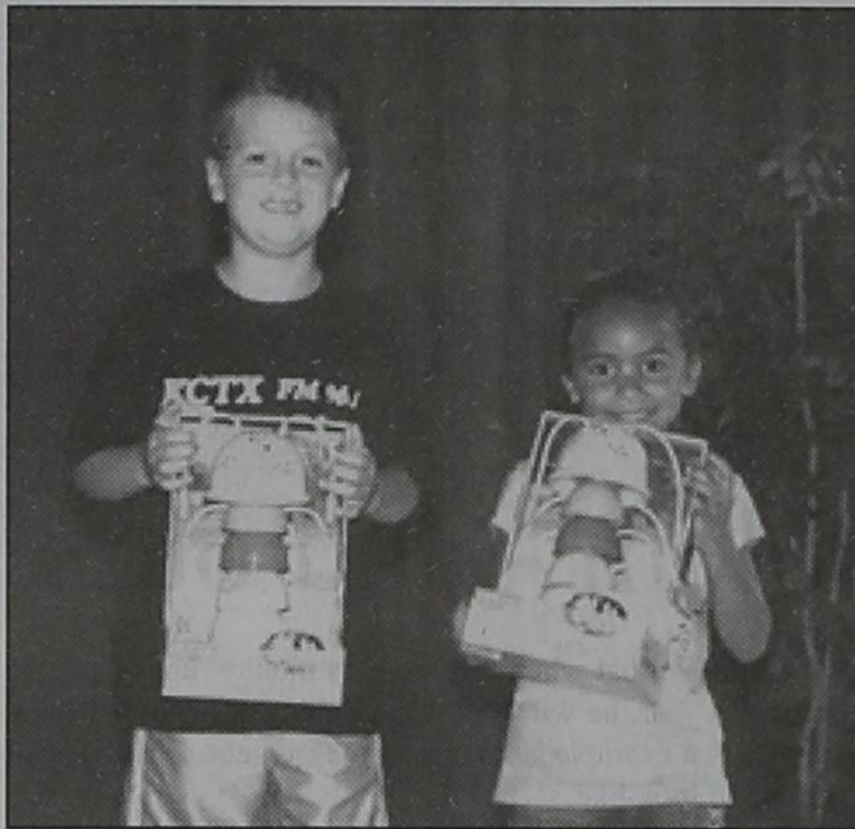
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PEP Card Award winners from Third Grade are (from left) Preslea Cowly and Emily Rankin.



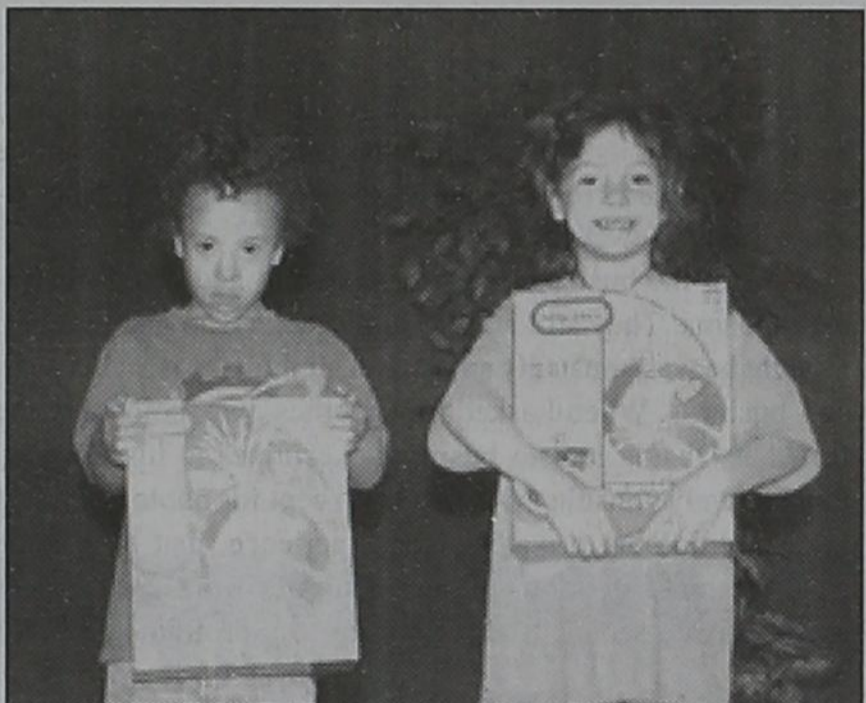
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PEP Card Award winner for third - fifth grades is Fourth Grader Pacey Blevins.



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PEP Card Award winners from Fifth Grade are (from left) Jena Soto and Oscar Lopez.



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PEP Card Award winners from Kindergarten are (from left) Drew Porter and Mykaela Turner.



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PEP Card Award winners for the Life Skills class are (from left) Javen Curtis and Ashlee York.

(Editor's Note: At the end of the 2009/2010 school year, Post Elementary School presented numerous awards at the end-of-school Awards Assembly. School personnel were very helpful and provided photos of the recipients; however, it took some time for us to put all of the information together. We're following the philosophy of "better late than never" with this special news because we feel it is very important for these students to receive recognition for their achievements.)

Students shown as receiving PEP Card Awards were eligible for these special prizes because they did something good they are not required to do nor asked to do. The student's names are placed in a box throughout the school year and two winners from each grade level are chosen at the end of the year. Winners are chosen from each grade level; however, they

are divided into two groups according to grade level. In addition to PEP Card Award winners chosen; one winner from each group is chosen to receive a bicycle.

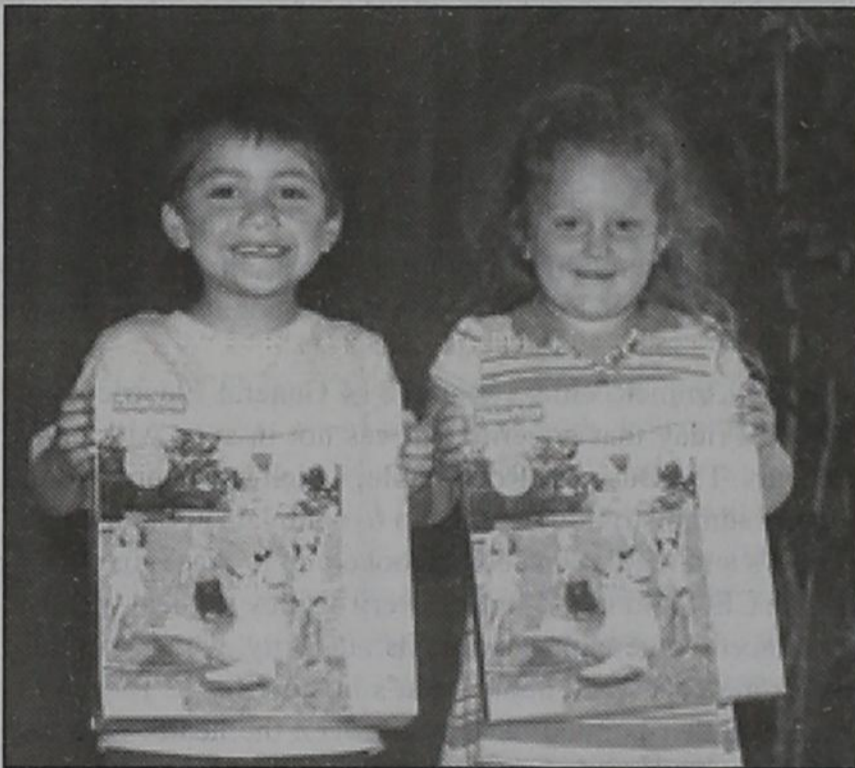
C. E. I. awards relate to accomplishments in the elementary reading programs.

Students and teacher nominate individuals for the "Character Counts" awards who have gone "above and beyond" what is expected or have exhibited behavior that shows outstanding character. Every Friday the elementary principal acknowledges those who were nominated during the current week and their picture is added to the "Character Wall" in the school. Those who were nominated during the school year receive a special certificate during the Awards Assembly.

Congratulations to these special students for their highly regarded behavior at Post Elementary!



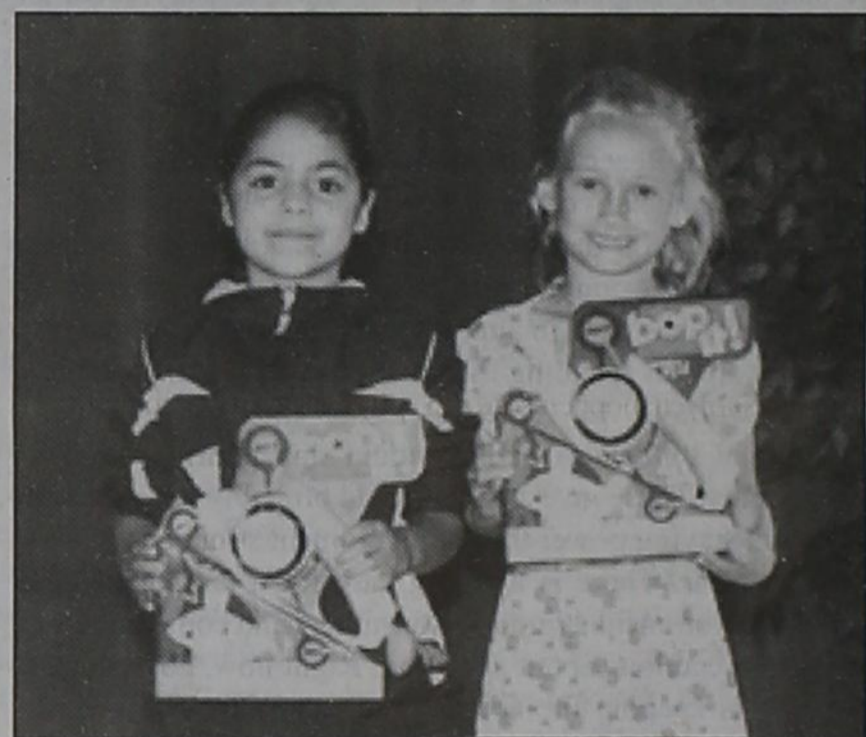
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PEP Card Award winners from Fourth Grade are (from left) Aisha Walls and Elizabeth Tanner.



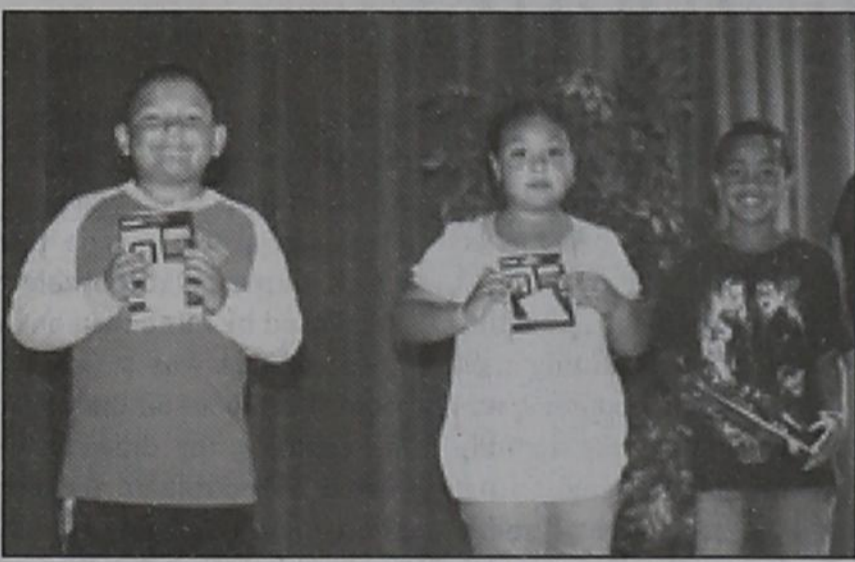
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PEP Card Award winners from Pre-K are (from left) Lucas Walls and Sadie Schoonover.



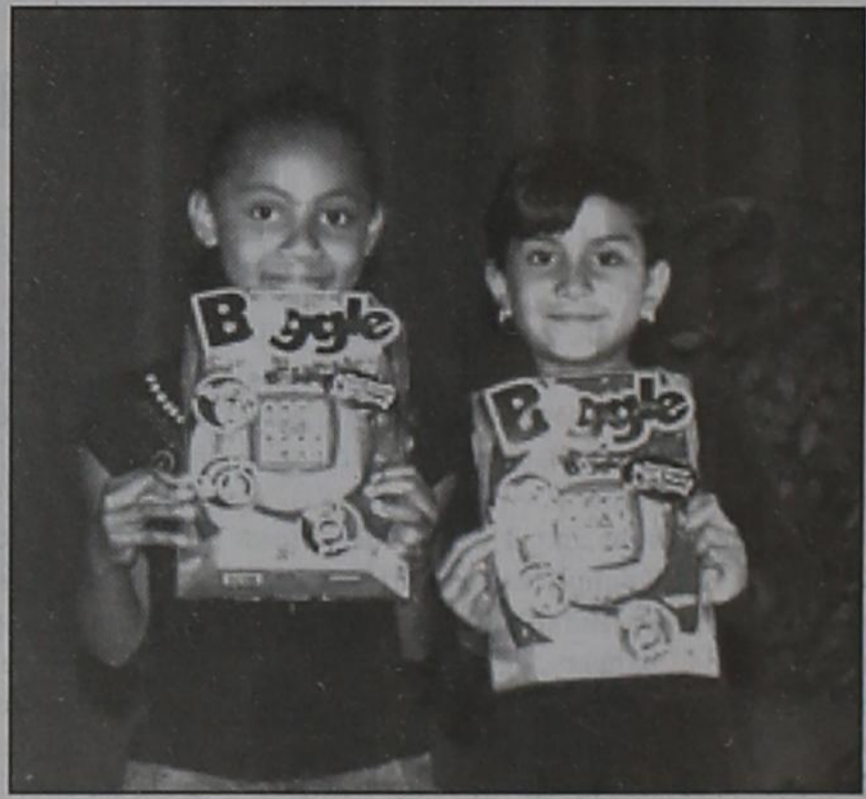
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The winner for Life Skills for Second Grade is Mario Luna.



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PEP Card Award winners from First Grade are (from left) Jenifer Trinidad and Emma Thompson.



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The C.E.I. Award is given to students who won a contest in a reading program at Post Elementary. This year's award winners were (from left) Anselmo (Chimo) Rodela, Yadira Garcia, and R.C. Curtis.



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PEP Card Award winners from Second Grade are (from left) Lexi Turner and Paulina Ceja.



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Top Row) Mr. Price, Mrs. Travis, Curz Alaniz, Ms. Turk, Mrs. Powell, Ms. Manuel, (2nd Row) Mrs. Hardin, Mrs. Curl, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hudson, (Front Row) Mrs. King, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Chapa, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Dalby are teacher who were nominated for the Character Counts Award for things such as sharing their supplies or giving to a student in need.



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These Post Elementary Character Counts Award nominees are students who have shown outstanding character by doing things like cleaning up a mess they did not make or helping another student who has dropped things.

Survey Shows Food Prices Going Up

Health Care District...

Texas Farm Bureau Second Quarter Report

Grocery Price Watch

Product	Quantity	Q1	Q2	Percent Change Q1 to 2010 Q2
Total (Average of 16 items)		51.14	51.64	1%
Milk	1 gallon	4.17	4.17	0%
Bread	24 oz loaf	2.05	2.07	1%
Corn flakes	18 oz box	3.11	2.95	-5%
Rice	per pound	1.05	1.04	-1%
Lean ground beef	per pound	2.63	2.92	10%
Chicken breasts	per pound	3.02	2.86	-5%
Porterhouse steak	per pound	8.16	9.06	10%
Boneless pork chops	per pound	4.00	3.77	-6%
Turkey sandwich meat	per pound	4.81	4.65	-3%
Ice cream	half gallon	4.81	5.33	10%
Cheddar cheese	per pound	4.87	4.46	-8%
Lettuce	per head	1.24	1.05	-15%
Grapefruit	per pound	0.75	0.77	3%
Cake mix	one box	1.27	1.22	-4%
Dried pinto beans	64 oz	3.29	3.61	9%
Fresh tomatoes	per pound	1.90	1.40	-26%

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office equipment. The money collected from taxes goes to the Garza County Health Care District, which runs the clinic. That money is used, as explained by GCHCD Administrator Brandy Fannon, "for operating expenses such as the expense of building the new facility, utilities, repairs to the facilities, maintenance, and my payroll. A large portion is also used for our County Indigent Program." On average, approximately 12-20 indigent patients come through the clinic every month.

of Directors are: President, Wayne Edwards; Vice President, Brant Taylor; Secretary, Edna Owen; Ray Bagby; and Wyvonne Kennedy. The Garza County Health Care District and Clinic together have nine employees: eight clinic employees and Fannon as the Administrator.

The Health Care District Board of Directors is always looking to the future and is hoping to be able to add on to the current facility and employ an additional physician when the time comes. The goal is "to continue to provide excellent medical care to all of Garza County with concern as to the future of continued decreases in our government payments, such as Medicare, and still be able to provide care to all ages," Fannon continued. With the population of Post and Garza County always growing, that time could be coming sooner rather than later. It is nice to know there is a group of people looking to that time before it gets here and preparing in advance.

Through the hard work of the Board of Directors and clinic employees, the Health Care District was able to pay off the loan used to build the new facility one year and one month earlier than planned. This was done without raising taxes. "The reason for that is Dr. Edwards, Angie [Hannaway], and their staff's hard work and dedication to the residents of Garza County," says Fannon. The members of the Health Care District Board

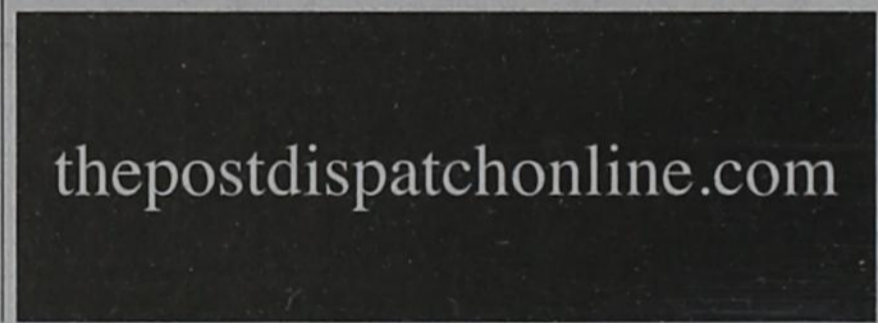
Speak Up...

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Animal Shelter

I enjoyed the article last week about the new animal refuge center that is being built here. Didn't know about this, but it shows some progressive, proactive thinking on the part of a group of citizens. Now, the rest of us need to help keep the shelter operating. Let's say that half of the citizens of Post - approx. 1750 people - gave \$5 each to help the shelter. That would be \$8750 and not a one of us would miss the money we gave. What a great way to help make our hometown a better place to live!

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic you want. Published "Speak Up" comments can not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit for length or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.



The price of groceries inched up for Texas consumers during the second quarter of 2010 compared to a year ago, according to the latest Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Grocery Price Watch.

This informal survey of grocery prices across the Lone Star States showed shoppers paid a total of \$51.64 for a shopping cart of staple food items in June of this year compared to \$51.23 for identical items a year ago. The informal survey evaluated 16 food items from supermarkets across Texas. Some 21 shoppers conducted their price checks the week of June 10-18.

"This is just a 1 percent increase in food prices in an entire year," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "Texas families continue to benefit from an abundant and affordable food supply."

Despite the overall increase, prices for several staples actually declined in June from the first quarter of 2010. Tomatoes led the way at 50 cents a pound less, with supplies up as growers recovered from the devastating winter earlier this year. The price of corn flakes was down 16 cents at \$2.95 for an 18-ounce box. Poultry prices saw a decline with the

price of both sliced turkey and skinless chicken breasts down 16 cents per pound. Boneless pork chops dropped 23 cents at \$3.77 per pound, while the cost of a head of lettuce dropped 19 cents to \$1.05. Other items showing slight price decreases included rice, cheddar cheese, and cake mix.

An improving economy resulted in higher demand for the pricier cuts of meat as the average cost of a pound of Porterhouse steak rose 80 cents during the first quarter to \$9.06 per pound. Lean ground beef rose from \$2.63 a pound to \$2.92 in the second quarter.

While the price of a gallon of milk held steady at \$4.17 per gallon, summer heat and kids screaming for ice cream drove the price of a half gallon up 52 cents in the second quarter to \$5.33 per half gallon. Dried pinto beans rose a whopping 32 cents (for a 64-ounce package) to \$3.90.

Showing the smallest increase was the price of bread, up only 2 cents per loaf to \$2.07.

"Despite the small increase in the cost of food over the past year, Americans still spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food," Dierschke said.

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for Bristol Bennett, 10 month old son of Randall & Jamie Feagin Bennett. Bristol is the grandson of Will & LaGayluah McReynolds. He is experiencing intestinal disease.

The benefit is Thursday, July 22 at the Garza County Trailblazers Center, 5 to 8 p.m. The BBQ plate tickets are \$5 (\$6 at the door). The raffle tickets are \$10 for a chance to win a 243 Salvage rifle OR a 32" color TV - you need not be present to win. Raffle drawing will be

at 6 p.m. The silent auction will be finalized at 7 p.m. Contact Stephanie Hataway at 495-4747, Jodi Whisenhunt at 495-3856 or Jaynie Dickson at 495-2750 for more information.

Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame

We are still 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. Because of the help of our readers, we now have identified the following: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluitt, 2004; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick & K. W. Kirkpatrick, 2006, and Bill Long, 2008. We have the names of the recipients prior to 2001. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

July 4th Flooding...

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July 4. Other reports from the area were in a range of 9 inches to 15 inches in Garza County.

One family who was traveling through the area took advantage of an emergency shelter organized by Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator with the help of many volunteers. Foresight and planning by all emergency and law enforcement personnel prevented the high water from causing anything more than inconvenience to most area residents and travelers.

Lake Alan Henry was closed Sunday and Monday with water covering a large portion of FM 2458.

According to Mark Record, City of Lubbock, water was 9 feet over the spillway at LAH.

While the flooding pretty much killed any lake business during the holiday weekend, there was good news at White River Lake. A welcome rise of 6 ft. 2 in. at that lake will have a positive long-term effect.

In spite of light rain and the threat of heavier rain, several of the downtown merchants that we spoke with reported a very good Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event on Saturday, July 3. Only five outdoor vendors braved the weather, however there were plenty of shoppers who enjoyed our local

shops.

We couldn't track down details of the few reports of flooding in residences; however, we did determine that some of these problems were actually not caused by the rainfall, but instead were problems with the city sewer system in the flood conditions.

There were many comments about the unusually large amount of rainfall in July; however, in 2008, all July 4th activities were also cancelled when Garza County received close to 9 inches of rain. If this trend continues, celebrating Independence Day outdoors may only be only a possibility in "odd" years.

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ANSWER:

United
Supermarkets



Flooding in Post

Angeline Collier took this picture at 15th Street & Ave. S in Post at 7:42 a.m., Sunday, July 4. The photo also gives you a good idea of how heavy the rainfall was at that time.



Mark Short took this picture 4 miles West on US 380 in the morning on July 4. As of Tuesday, July 6 TxDot was reporting portions of this highway still under water.

Photo by Eleya Richards
Later in the day on July 4 the basketball courts at the City Park were still completely underwater. The trash on the grass indicates how high the water got in this area of the park.



Photo by Mark Short.
South Lake, City Park around 8:00 a.m., July 4.



Photo by Rosa Latimer
The City Park was the hardest hit by the rain last weekend. This picture shows the depth of the water at the pavilion at the park at 8 a.m. the morning of July 4. On a holiday weekend with "normal" weather, within a couple of hours families would be gathering at the pavilion for a day of barbecue and hot dogs.



In this picture of Two Draw Lake taken after the big rain, the top of the BBQ pit is barely visible near the center of the picture. In dryer times, you would also see a picnic table nearby. Frank and Carol Tobias sent us this picture and commented, "Lots of water came through here!"



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Joe Stanley (center) received this week's "Yard of the Week" honors from Serena Alford (left) and Linda Puckett, members of the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

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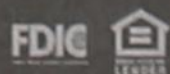
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