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Oil Spill on the Brazos

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

When you hear the phrase "oil spill," you might first think of the Gulf of Mexico and BP. However, if you live in Garza County, you might also think of Plains All-American Pipeline and the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River. A burst in a Plains pipeline approximately three miles west of FM 669 on the Double Mountain Fork shut down Lake Alan Henry around noon Monday, July 5. This oil spill was certainly not as large as the spill in the Gulf and the cause of the local spill has already been repaired. According to Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell, the entities involved in the clean up included the Garza County Sheriff's Department, the Constable's Office,

Emergency Management, the County Judge's Office, and all four County Precincts.

This was not a burst that just "happened" or that could have been foreseen. The unexpected amount of rain the area received from Hurricane Alex the first weekend of July caused the Brazos River to crest resulting in a rush of water. The rough water caused the pipeline to break and 165 to 168 barrels of crude oil flowed into the river. One barrel holds 42 gallons of crude oil so approximately 7,000 gallons of oil spread across the river. With the amount of water involved, this oil was very diluted in the river and was promptly cleaned up. Isbell related the amount of oil in the river to a couple of drops of oil from an eyedropper in a

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Courtesy Photo

This aerial photo of the Brazos River shows the booms that were placed on the water to help soak up the oil from a spill caused from the heavy rains early this month. The water to the left of the boom is clean while the water to the right has oil sitting on the top of it.



Courtesy Photo

This aerial shot of the Brazos River shows the cotton pads that were placed on the water to soak up the oil.

City Council Continues with Budget Requests and Discussion

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

During a regular City Council meeting on July 13, Chris Atkinson, Director of the Community Recovery Center, met with the Council to request funds for the organization in the 2010/2011 budget. Atkinson outlined the work the CRC has accomplished during the past year including the expansion of services. The Community Recovery Center services now include parent education classes approved by Children's Protective Services and the Texas Tobacco Youth Awareness Program, as previously suggested by the City Council. The organization is also working on providing certification of staff as Anger Resolution Therapists to add that component to their services. Atkinson requested \$10,500 in funding for the upcoming budget year. This is the same amount requested and received last year.

The Council approved the funding as requested.

The Garza Theatre sent a written request for hotel/motel tax funds in the amount of \$6,642.00 for the production of Ruthless! The Musical. The musical show dates are September 24 and 25; October 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. City Manager Arbie Taylor presented the request to the Council on behalf of the theater and it was approved.

Harry Record, PR/Member Director of the

Post Area Chamber of Commerce came before the council to request hotel/motel tax funds to help with the expense of operating the Visitors Center, web site maintenance and other costs related to providing information targeted to visitors to Post who have the potential of spending at least one night here. The amount of \$19,540 for the budget year 2010/2011 was approved.

Record also presented a proposal for City of Post advertising for the new budget year. The cost of this regional advertising comes from hotel/motel tax funds and was based on the amount of these taxes actually collected in 2008/2009. Record explained this is for the promotion of the community as a whole and is not for marketing Chamber events. At the request of the city the Chamber handles planning and administration of advertising placement and reconciliation of related billing. The proposal for \$49,450 was approved by the council with the understanding that there is some flexibility in the proposal to allow for the possible funding of additional requests during the year.

City Manager Taylor discussed the need for funding attorney's fees for revisions to the White River Municipal Water District contract. He explained that the cities involved in

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Photo by Eleysa Richards

Swim students of Susan Strawn make it very clear that learning can be fun! (from left) Gray Beasley makes his way onto the diving board while Mason Reed, Emmett Collier, Ellie Edwards and Hayden Powell wait their turn. Strawn teaches youngsters how to swim in the backyard pool of Bo and Marita Jackson in Post.

Post Notes

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.

Rodeo Parade

The Post Area chamber of Commerce is accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 14, at 3 p.m. Groups, families and individuals can enter floats, 4-wheelers, golf carts, bicycles, any vehicle, or your unique entry. Parade

line up will be west of the Courthouse at 2:15. There is no charge to enter the parade and cash prizes will be given to the best entries. Go by the Chamber office, 131 E. Main, or call 495-3461 so they can put you in the line up.

Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers

Enjoy a great hamburger lunch before or after the Rodeo Parade! Second annual "Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center, 205 E. 10th St., Saturday, August 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings \$5/plate. Raffle for BBQ grill \$5/ticket. Proceeds go to the Garza County Trailblazers.

Southland Reunion

The annual Southland Reunion will be Saturday, August 7 at the Southland School Gym. Registration begins at 3 p.m. and a meal catered by River Smith's will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$9.50 per person. Send a check with RSVP by August 1 to: Southland Reunion, P. O. Box 455, Slaton, TX 79364. For more information, call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. This event is for everyone who has lived in Southland, has gone to school in Southland or taken part in the community.

School Supply Drive

A local car club along with area car clubs is sponsoring a school supply drive for local school

children. Place your donations in the drop box at United Supermarket in Post. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

A World of Art

New exhibits at the OS Museum exemplify the unique art and culture of other countries. Located upstairs at 201 E. Main Street & Ave. I, the museum is open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator for your convenience. This exhibit will be displayed through September 28, 2010.

Conferencia de Damas

Conferencia de Damas el 28 de agosto 2010. continued on page 9

Love the Bells

I love, love, love the church bells that now ring in our community! Brings a peaceful feeling to our town three times a day. Thanks to all who helped fund this.

Stop Reliving the Past

Wish some people could stop reliving the past, but since someone brought it up, let me provide a few facts: the Chamber we have now is a different organization with different leadership than the Chamber during Old Mill Trade Days. OMTD was a privately owned business - non-profits (such as the Chamber) and municipalities (City and County) cannot spend money to promote someone's business. The owners of OMTD spent

thousands of dollars on newspaper, radio and television advertising. Can't speak to the manager issues you referred to except to say they were employees of the OMTD board and took their orders from that board. Can we move on?

Likes Church Bells

We are enjoying the First Methodist bells. This is a wonderful reminder of our Maker and how we should treat one another. I feel a calmness come over me every time I hear them.

Good things happening

I am really tired of references to Old Mill Trade Days. It was a great thing while it was here but it's gone so get over it. There are lots of good things happening. continued on page 9



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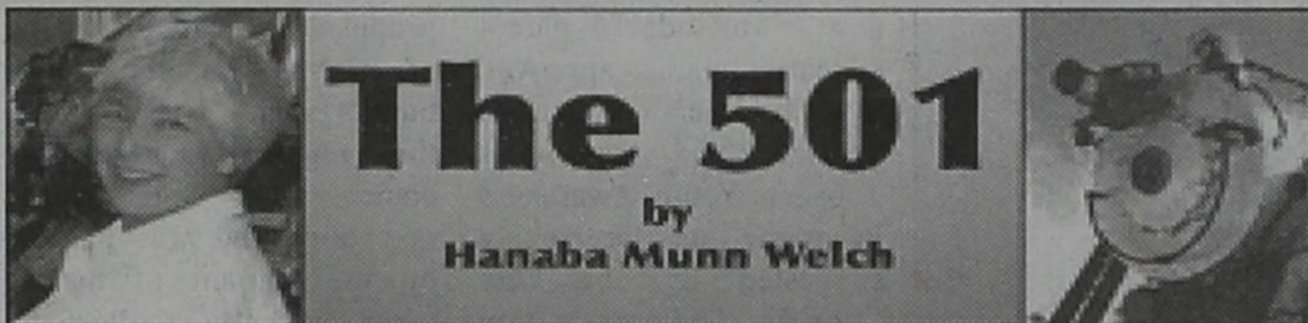
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Courtesy photo
 Zoe Bennett reads to cousin, Norma Hodgson while she is relaxing in her stroller. The Post Public Library has books for all ages. Get caught reading before summer is over!



Diesel. All I know about the stuff is that it's not as volatile as gasoline, it's named for a German named Rudolph, and it's really just glorified kerosene.

That's what I think I know. Maybe I'm wrong, especially about the kerosene part.

Years ago, people used kerosene as an all-purpose preventative and cure for everything imaginable. I'm guessing that, as a substitute for garlic, kerosene would even ward off vampires.

But at our house, kerosene was just the stuff that went in the tractor and in our emergency coal oil lamps, which makes me think kerosene is just glorified coal oil, whatever coal oil is. I still don't know. Anyway, just about every kerosene story I ever heard came from outside our little family circle and made me think we were a cut above the kerosene set because we used Mentholatum and Campho-Phenique and other store-bought pharmaceuticals instead of plain old kerosene for what ailed us. We were almost chic.

But kerosene lore intrigued me anyway - espe-

cially the story about using kerosene to keep chiggers from biting.

At this point, here's the standard warning: DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.

If I ever compile my columns into a book, that could be the title.

We digress. That might also make a good title.

Moving right along, you really can use kerosene against chiggers, the troublesome little mites that live in the grass and love to get on humans and leave itchy welts, mostly where clothing binds.

You soak two strings in kerosene and tie them snugly around your ankles. When the chiggers get on your feet and start looking for a tight spot to bite, they come to the strings. The kerosene either kills them or makes them too dopey to bite. That's my take. Either way, it's a human victory and a clever one at that. When you outsmart a chigger, it's a fine day.

It's also nice to outsmart the companies that sell insect repellents. Why pay

their price for a can of spray that runs out when you need it?

So when ants, chiggers and mosquitoes attacked me last weekend, I decided to get back to the basics - the new chic -- and try kerosene.

I had the string. I just needed the active ingredient.

Have you tried to buy any kerosene lately? Illegal drugs would be easier to find. I bought 43 cents' worth of diesel instead.

Speaking of illegal, I caught the diesel in a lidless coffee container. Most of it didn't spill.

Just blocks away at the weed patch, I gave the strings a diesel dip and tied them on. For the ants and mosquitoes, I slathered my feet, face, neck and arms in diesel. It seemed like a good idea at the time. It worked. No bites. But I must be allergic to diesel. A week later my whole neck is still itching.

No more diesel for me. I want kerosene - the real stuff, uncut, no additives.

There's gotta be a dealer out there somewhere.

Letter to the Editor

In the last issue of our paper "Set Good Example" wrote unsigned concerns about our impressionable youth. Let's look at the facts.

An estimated 6.6 million children under the age of 18 live in households with at least one alcoholic parent.

By the time they are high school seniors 80% have used alcohol and 62% have been drunk.

It is estimated that over 3 million teens between the ages of 14 and 17 in the United

States today are alcoholics.

Alcoholism and alcohol abuse is the third leading cause of death.

In the U.S. almost three times as many men (9.8 million) as women (3.9 million) abuse alcohol.

Now I ask you this: what do you think a teen is going to pay attention to? The deputies and constables doing their job or their home environment.

Thank you,
 Sherry Cavitt



Photo by Eleysa Richards
 Lisa Kirkpatrick (left), Post Area Chamber of Commerce president is shown presenting Alisa Peters, owner of Hometown Pharmacy with a cash award for her participation in the Chamber's "Promote Post" project. Peters and the staff at Hometown Pharmacy are well known and respected for their high level of service to customers.

Allen the 'reality' of Three Rivers Foundation

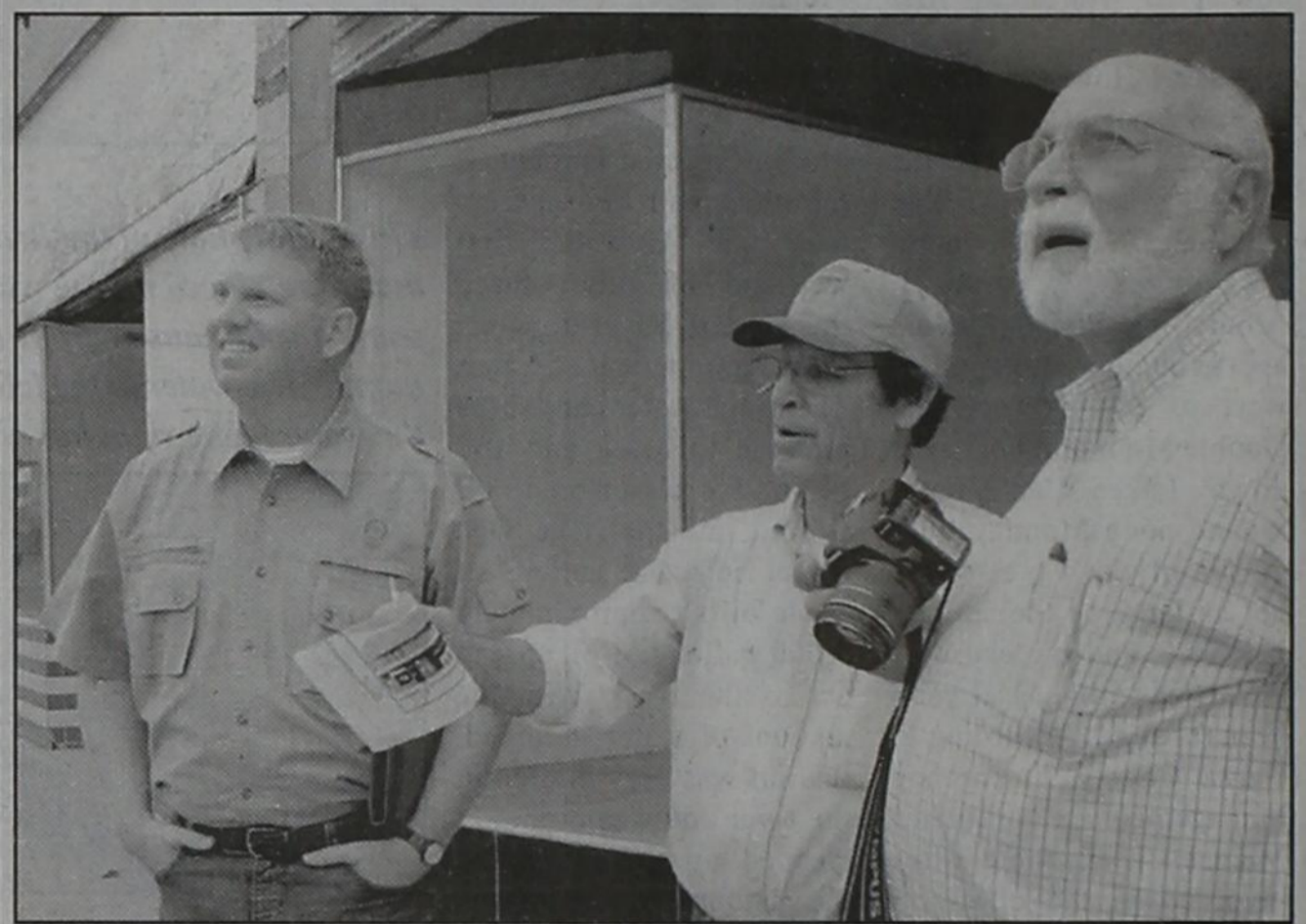


Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
 Brian Allen looks across Main Street in Quanah toward the old Texan Theater, a building slated for restoration and rehabilitation, while contractor Stephen Barker looks at an old picture of the same building and Wayne Bell, Main Street architect, prepares to take a picture for his records. Allen is the chief operating officer of Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, owner of several buildings in the historic commercial district in Quanah. Bell's visit was in 2008. During the past two years, 3RF has completed some downtown Quabah projects and kept other buildings stabilized for future renovation. 3RF also operates a dark-sky astronomy campus southwest of Crowell.

Editor's note: Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF) is a private foundation that's making a difference in two small West Texas towns -- Crowell and Quanah.

In this issue of The Post Dispatch, an interview with Brian Allen, 3RF chief operating officer, is the second of a Blackburn Media Group series of installments about the foundation and the difference it's making in the two communities and across the area.

Quanah is home to 3RF Arts and also home to Allen's uncle, Fred Koch, M. D., 3RF founder and chief executive officer. (Last week's The Post Dispatch featured an introductory interview with Koch, who divides his time between his hometown and a secondary residence in Australia.) Several buildings in downtown Quanah's historic district are owned by the foundation.

In Crowell, offices for 3RF Science are on Main Street, and Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus lies west of town amid dark-sky ranching country perfect for viewing the stars far from interfering city lights.

The aim of 3RF is to enhance life in small town America, particularly in the realms of science and the arts and especially through education.

Brian K. Allen is the nephew of Dr. Fred Koch and President and COO of the Three Rivers Foundation. Allen is the "reality" behind Dr. Koch's dreams of what 3RF could become. As President and Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation, Brian is responsible for the daily operations.

"I'm sort of a catch-all," says Allen. "I take care of everything from accounting, HR, to employees. Basically anything that isn't programming."

Allen has been the driving force behind 3RF since taking his position. He was recently tasked with completing the new bunkhouse at the Comanche Springs astronomy campus, including designing the building and the delegation of the construction. All of this work is a part of the 3RF goal to maximize the potential of small towns.

"It's everybody else's responsibility to make Fred's dreams a reality," says Allen. "We identify areas where 3RF can make an impact, and decide how to go about implementing those ideas. In the 60s the majority of the electronics that Americans used were

made in the USA, now very few of the electronics that we use are manufactured here. Our hope is that promoting math and the sciences and the arts can lead to the intellectual capital to make that happen again."

Allen explains that 3RF's goal is to make their students marketable on a world-wide stage. 3RF has been buying buildings in Quanah, and turning those buildings into venues to promote the arts and sciences. The main question that they ask when taking on these projects is: "how can we blend this all together?"

"Whether you're a school kid or 90 years old," says Allen, "you can still learn."

Allen and the rest of 3RF know that small towns have a lot to offer, and they want to communicate that as best they can.

"I think these small towns, they have to embrace who they are and turn it into a positive," says Allen. "We need more people embracing what our natural resources have to offer. When people come to downtown Quanah they see crumbling buildings, 3RF sees performance arts venues and art galleries."

"Creating experiences is what 3RF is all about," says Allen. "We want to create that unique opportunity that no one has. We're certainly not the first ones to try it, but we can be a part of the revitalization."

Small towns using their resources to their advantage has worked out well for many small towns in Texas and Oklahoma. Look no further than Marfa, Texas, which was once on the brink of extinction and is now a thriving artist's colony.

"We're working hard to try to make Quanah and Crowell destinations," says Allen. "Whether it's astronomy or an event at one of the 3RF venues. We had our first wedding (at the church that 3RF renovated in Quanah) a few weeks ago. Why couldn't Quanah become a destination for weddings or other events?"

For now 3RF surges forward against the tide that is sweeping more and more people to urban population centers.

"Most people drive through Quanah on 287 and never even turn down Main Street," says Allen. "Which is typical of many West Texas towns. We're gonna keep all of doors open, you never know when opportunity may come knocking."

Death Notice

Ernesto Moulic Capulong

Memorial services for Ernesto Moulic Capulong of Lubbock were held Monday, July 19, 2010 at 4:00 in the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Wendell Horn officiating. Cremation was under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Capulong died Sunday July 11, 2010 in Lubbock. He was born at Dagupan City, Pangasinan Philippines.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock, two sons, two daughters and two grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother and three sisters of the Philippines and by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Pat and Lena Walker of Lubbock, formerly of Post.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

We've had some good weather this week; little hot but we need it for the cotton and also to dry us out a bit more.

The guys are in the fields where they can be, most of them spraying.

News

The Wilke's traveled to Possum Kingdom Lake for their annual family vacation. Jerry, Lilly, G.B., Robbie, Efrien, Jenny, Lexi and Jake all enjoyed lots of fun and family time.

I got a phone call the other day asking if I had any pictures of the Martinez family that once lived out here. I went thru all of my pics Nancy and I used to do the cookbook

and came across only one of Frances. If any of you out there have any old school pictures with the Martinez family in them please give me a call so that I might scan and copy them. The one that called me said that Frank would really like to have copies of them. We also want Frank's wife Delores to know that she is in our thoughts and prayers as she is not well.

The Lee and Marsha Norman household is full of fun this week. Laura, Tipton and Ivy May are here from Atlanta, Georgia; Janie, Simon and Elliot Stach are here from Trophy Club, Texas. They are spending the week visiting and catching up. Marsha tells

me that Emily, Paylan and Marley come over daily to play; they are the daughters of David and Brenda who live here. All, as well as Steve and Mary who also live here celebrated Lee's birthday a bit early but this was the time when they could all get together.

Everyone mark your calendars for July 31st from 5-8 when the 2nd annual Close City Community 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. Bring your family and your lawn chairs and enjoy some good old fashion fellowship. If you need more info

call me at the gin.

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Visitors

David Nichols did his regular daily drive by; Todd Lockaby; Grant Bright and Robert Davis were our visitors this past week. Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

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Weekly Inspirations

Jungle Days

By: Michael F. Taylor

When I was a very young man, I recall many times when I was discouraged and down in the mouth over something or another which really amounted to nothing. My father, who was the quintessential storyteller would always in his own special way, relay to me a cute little tale which would invariably lift my spirits and make me forget about whatever was troubling me. I have absolutely no idea of what was bothering me on that particular day, but I fondly recall the story that Dad spun. As he walked into the living room and saw my downcast stare, Dad must have sensed my gloom and said, "Son, it looks like you are having a bad day?" I do remember saying something about feeling as if I had been run over by a truck, and Dad began: It seems that one day a strong, handsome young lion was walking through the Serengeti Jungle and happened upon a herd of Gazelles. Not being hungry, he simply roared, "Who is the King of the Jungle?" to which they all yelled back, "Why of course you are the King of the Jungle!" A few minutes later, as the lion continued on, he came across several young Cheetahs who were lazily lying around. "Who is the King of the Jungle?", he once again bellowed. "You are the King of the Jungle", the frightened young Cheetahs all called back. A little while later, the stately lion passed a herd of Giraffes and for the third time on that day, he challenged, "Who is the King of the Jungle?" and each Giraffe bleated back, "Why of course you are the King, Sir!" Feeling quite good about himself, the lion continued on his journey only to cross the path of several Elephants. Seeing a youthful Elephant directly ahead of him, the lion roared his challenge, "Who is the King of the Jungle?" Unfortunately, the lion failed to see a grizzled old spear-scarred Bull Elephant walking up behind him. With a word, the Elephant grabbed him with his trunk, throwing the lion high into the air. Landing with a tremendous thud on the hard earth, the Elephant once again grabbed the lion, and began to swing him from side to side, striking one tree with the now bloodied lion and then another. After several minutes of this, the Elephant decided he had made his point and discarded the beaten lion as if he were the day's trash being thrown out. The dazed and broken lion dragged himself to his feet and assuming the most Kingly stance he could muster declared, "Well now, you don't have to get so mad simply BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT ANSWER!"

In our lives I think that many times we feel just as that lion did. Everything seems to be going our way and we are on top of the world. We feel like the King of the Jungle. And then just as quickly, some crazed Elephant of a problem grabs us and begins to bruise and bloody our spirit. We are shown in Isaiah Chapter 51, "I Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;" And just a few verses later, "5 My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail." NIV And we are taught in Psalms Chapter 46, "1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea..." NIV So if you feel a little down in the mouth this week, remember that old lion, and remember that you know the right answer. THAT GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH. God bless and have a wonderful week.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17



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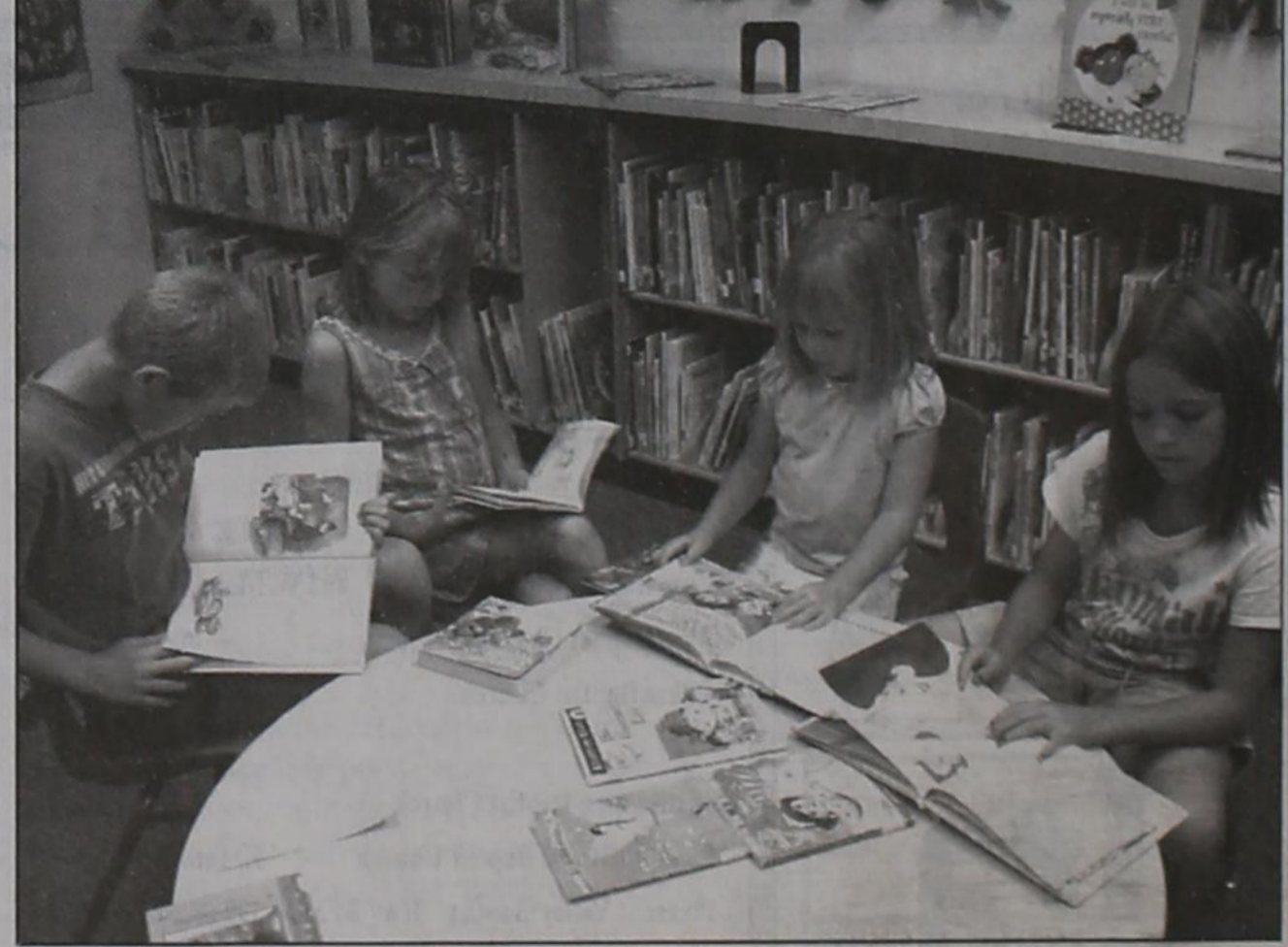
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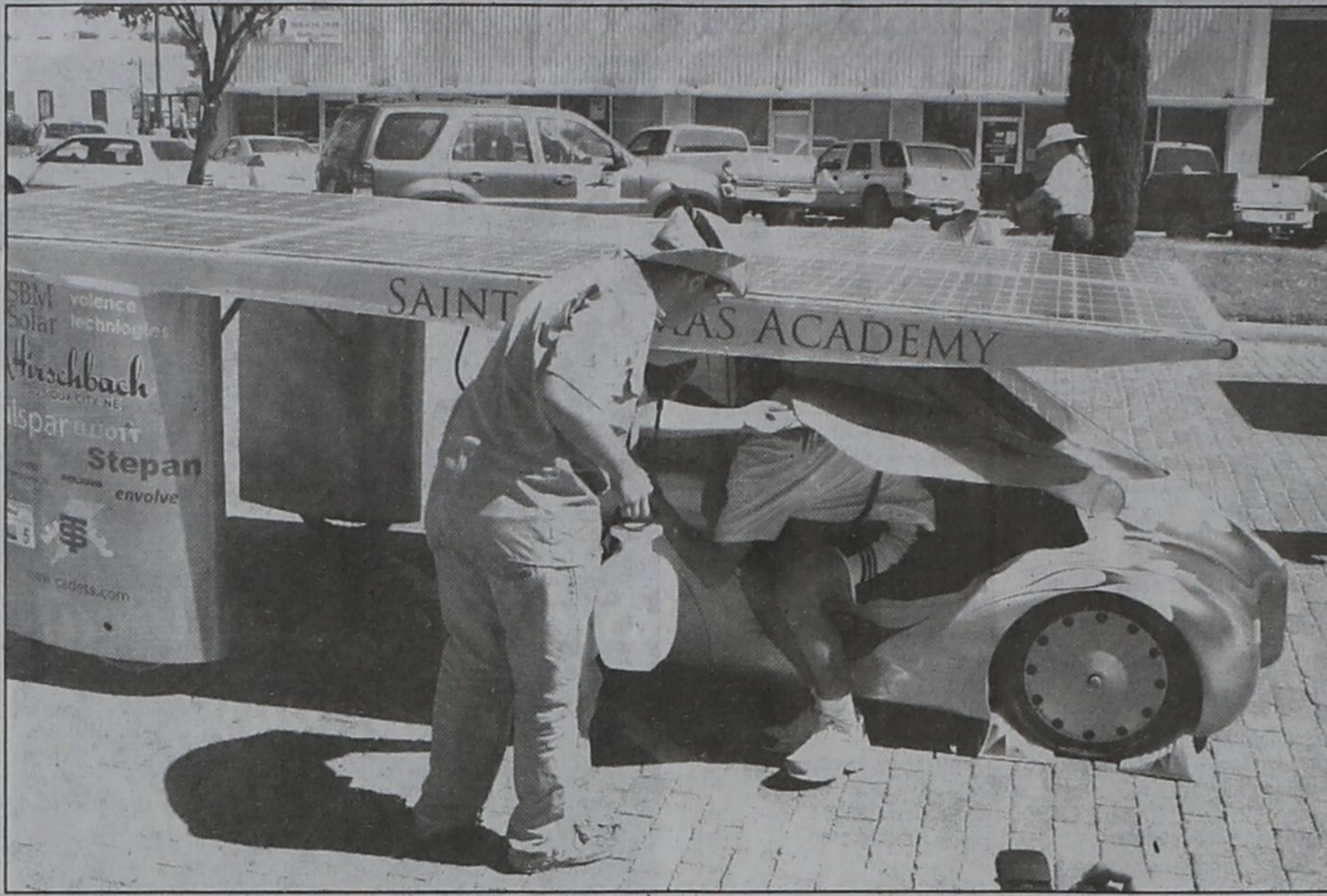


Photo by Eleysa Richards

The solar car team from Saint Thomas Academy was driving in fifth place by only one minute when they drove into town. The team from Mendota Heights, MN, drove one of the few cars with four wheels; most cars ran on either two or three wheels.

Solar Car Teams make pit-stop

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

The first solar car in the Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge rolled to a stop in downtown Post Monday around 10:15 a.m. Immediately it became obvious to the many observers gathered on Main Street that this solar car race was serious business. The lead team from Choctaw Central High School in Choctaw, MS, drove up in the Tushka Hashi III (Sun Warrior III) about 15 minutes before the second place team. Immediately the driver was joined by team members and others in the Tushka maintenance and support group.

Following the Tushka Hashi III was the Sundancer from Houston High School in Houston, MS. The Sundancer was quickly followed by its teammate, the Sundancer II. The cars are from the same school, where the teams have been split into a boy's team

and a girl's team. The boy's car, the original Sundancer, competes in the open division while the girl's car, the Sundancer II, competes in the classic division.

Fourth and fifth places came in almost simultaneously, though from opposite directions. The Solar Knights Racing Team from South Plantation High School in Plantation, FL, came from the east on Highway 380 while the Saint Thomas Academy Experimental Vehicle Team from Saint Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights, MN, came from the south on Highway 84. Of the two, the Solar Knights arrived first with Saint Thomas Academy following by only one minute.

The remainder of the cars in the event arrived at intervals during the morning with the last car leaving **SOLAR CAR...**

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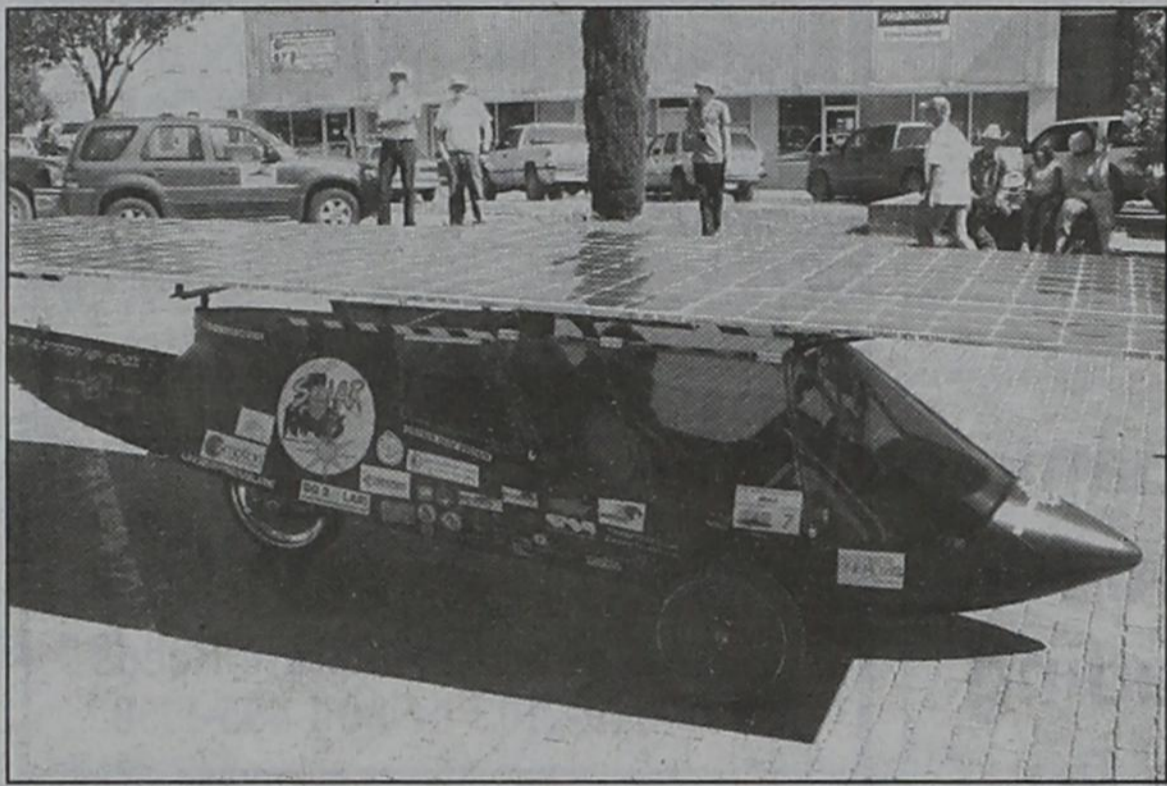


Photo by Eleysa Richards

The Solar Knights Racing Team from Plantain, FL, was driving in fourth place Monday morning. The team came in from the east on Highway 380 and had to do a U-turn to park in front of the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.



Photo by Eleysa Richards

Team members are working on the Sundancer from the Houston, MS Vocational Center Solar Racing Team during the rest stop on Main Street in Post. The all-male team was driving in second place as they left town for Lubbock Monday morning.

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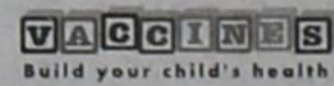
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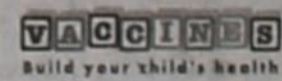


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OPINION



The Paperboy

How about a challenge?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

President Obama's approval ratings continue to drop because the majority of Americans don't like his policies. Many ardent Obama supporters could care less. They love the man and think he can do no wrong. That's fine, but those poor approval ratings reflect the country's mood and will lead to his defeat in November 2012.

Part of Obama's problem are the clowns he's surrounded himself with from his advisors to his Cabinet. In other words, he could have placed some real experienced talent at those positions, but seemingly went a different direction.

Another Obama problem is lack of a popular vision. Obama's current agenda is not popular. If he stays the course, it will cost him.

So, what would you advise the president to do to get some momentum? If you were one of his advisors (and I know most of you are brighter than that so hear me out), what would you suggest the president do to boost moral and get the economy started.

If I were Obama's Chief Advisor, the first thing I would do is to tell the man to hideout in the White House for a couple of weeks, maybe even a month.

I'd tell him to send Press Secretary Robert Gibbs out to give his daily briefing, but inform the press that the president is working on something bold and big which will have a major impact on humanity.

After "teasing" the public and getting everyone curious

about this bold plan, I'd advise President Obama to take the stage during prime time to address the country.

Obama would then take center stage and challenge these United States. He would tell us that within the next decade, we are going to find a cure for cancer. We are going to find a cure and that cure is going to save millions of lives and billions of dollars.

Obama would continue: "Any country which can put a man on the moon can advance humanity past this horrible, expensive disease which effects everyone in the country in some way."

Of course the president would then disclose an outline and appoint the top minds on the planet to see such an endeavor accomplished.

Over 1.2 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. within the next year. Over 600,000 will die.

The impact of such a cure would be staggering and reaffirm that the American spirit is alive and well.

Of course, this is just a pipe dream. Even though I'll email and mail this column to the president with a note, I doubt it will ever get his attention.

It's too bad. I honestly believe that with the proper resources and brain power, a modern-day version of the Manhattan project or moon shot could be accomplished. I know it could.

A couple of weeks ago a woman in the former Soviet republic of Georgia turned 130, making her the oldest person on

Earth.

Antisa Khvichava, from western Georgia, was born on July 8, 1880, said Georgiy Meurmishvili, spokesman for the civil registry at the Justice Ministry.

The changes which have occurred during her lifetime are staggering, even though life in her tiny mountain village is very simple.

Her birth certificate has been lost during the turbulent years which those in the region have experienced during her lifetime. There is documentation supporting the claim, like her work information. She was a tea and corn picker and retired in 1965, when she was 85, the records say.

If in fact she is 130, I sincerely hope she donates her body to science. In fact, someone should convince her to do just that and everything about her body and brain should be studied. I'm very curious to know how on earth someone can live so many years?

Can you imagine 75 being middle aged?

"I've always been healthy, and I've worked all my life - at home and at the farm," said Khvichava on her birthday. The number "130" was largely displayed on her cake.

Amazing, if true.

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Toyota rapid acceleration case raises questions of government motives

By RICK MANNING

Did the United States government deliberately use its regulatory enforcement power to damage Toyota, and benefit government owned General Motors?

Reasonable people are asking this question around the world, as the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's early tests of Toyota's supposedly sticky accelerators have found that driver error was the cause of the problem, not faulty parts.

Just six months ago, the Obama Administration's public relations machine was in full gear deriding Toyota for putting consumers at risk, fining them more than \$16 million, and declaring Toyota guilty for everyone in the world to hear. Lawsuits were filed, Congressional hearings were held, and most importantly Toyotas went unsold, while GM sales increased.

Now, it looks like this sudden acceleration problem was caused by, get this, drivers hitting the accelerator pedal rather than the brake, and Toyota owners not being smart enough to keep their floor mats from underneath the accelerator, causing it to stick in the fully-engaged position.

I guess that the government's next step will be to require a safety yellow sticker on every dashboard that says, "Warning: Pressing down on the accelerator will result on sudden acceleration."

The real issue here is that the very motives of the government are in question in publicly convicting Toyota before any real evidence had been collected.

Was the rush to judgment based upon the Obama Administration's general dislike for every business, or was it based upon the need to jumpstart the sales of General Motors vehicles?

We will never actually know the truth.

Government control over functions that are rightly in the private sector like auto manufacturing leads everyone to wonder whether regulatory justice is truly blind, or are the regulators blinded from justice by the inherent conflict of interest of being competitors in the marketplace?

Imagine if a prosecutor and judge stood to benefit financially from the outcome of a case. That great oxymoron, legal ethics, requires that they not participate in the case in order to allow an indisputably, honest outcome to be achieved.

The foundation of our legal system is found in the Biblical Book of Deuteronomy which states, "Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike."

Beyond the moral implications of ensuring that everyone gets a fair, impartial judgment, the assumption that the U.S. government does not play favorites is foundational to our successful free enterprise system.

In many third world countries it is the norm for "favored" companies to receive government grants and other favored treatment over their private sector competitors. This expectation of an uneven playing field serves as a great disincentive to developing new business ventures that are separate from the government-controlled enterprises with the economy and people suffering as a result.

The very fact that the question could be reasonably asked about the U.S. government's motives in the Toyota sudden acceleration case further undercuts the belief that winners and losers are created in our economy based upon innovation, guts, business acumen, hard work and a willingness to risk everything to achieve success. Instead, it reinforces the notion that who you know in DC, is more important than what you know in your business.

So long as the U.S. government has a car czar who oversees the activities at General Motors and Chrysler Corporations, every other auto manufacturer will always wonder whether these competitors are being tipped off to new regulations, and if they have any chance of getting a fair shake through the regulatory process.

Selling the federal government stake in GM and Chrysler is the only way to restore a belief that the many regulatory arms of the government are acting in good faith, rather than capriciously. This should be job one of the new Congress in 2011.

Extortion or Justice?

By ADAM BITELY

Late Thursday, in the aftermath of final passage of the Financial Takeover bill, it was announced that Goldman Sachs would pay a \$550 million settlement fee to the Securities and Exchange Commission in the civil suit where the SEC charged Goldman Sachs with fraud. Oddly, this settlement seems to be accepted widely instead of drawing criticism that this may have been simple extortion.

This is not to say that Goldman Sachs did not defraud its customers into selling mortgage securities in order to strike it rich on the housing market collapse. Rather, we will never know if that is what happened or not.

Considering that the SEC levied these charges, which are very serious, in an effort to stop and expose bad practices, one would assume that the SEC would carry these charges through the Court system until a verdict was reached. Alleging that a party had committed acts of fraud is serious. And these types of actions should be

investigated. But to walk away from charges, albeit \$550 million ahead, is cause enough for suspicion to rise.

One must wonder if the SEC was serious about its allegations. While \$550 million is no small sum, excluding the fact that the amount of the settlement was the equivalent of two weeks' profit for Goldman in the first quarter of 2010, one must wonder if this was a shakedown committed by the SEC.

Of the few powers granted to Government in the Constitution, one is to provide a justice system which protects the rights of the people and the rights of the accused. If the government can levy charges against a corporation, then reach a settlement in which the government is awarded money without determining if there was any wrongdoing, then justice has not been reached.

If the government does not proceed with the case, dropping the charges in exchange for money, then why were charges brought forth in the first place. One would usually assume that charges were brought forth in order to stop

wrongdoing.

However, the governments dropping of the case raises one to question if the case was brought forth in good faith? Many Washington insiders question if the case was brought forth to coincide with Obama's financial reform agenda. By dropping the case, the government does not engage in the discovery process thus leaving the questions of government timing and motives unanswered. Was this civil case simply a way for the government to hustle money from an organization they claim misled their customers without providing proper information on investments?

Clearly it was in Goldman Sachs's best interest for the case to go away. Having such high-level law suits on their hands is troublesome enough. But what does America learn from this charade?

It is clear that the government did not want to proceed with their charges. It is also clear that they prospered significantly from their accusations. But where is the justice? This smells

like crony capitalism.

In an age where distrust of government is at an all-time high, one would assume that the government bureaucracies that are charged with providing regulation to the financial markets would act responsibly now more than ever. Clearly, in the case of the \$550 million settlement with Goldman Sachs, someone at the SEC was very afraid that their actions would be subjected to scrutiny in a court of law.

This just goes to show that handing more power to the government to investigate the actions of Wall Street power brokers only results in shakedowns, a lack of justice, and a lack of transparency.

If the government wants to bring a case against a corporation or labor union, they should be required to see it through the court system in order to provide certainty to the American public that they are not engaging in legal extortion. This is the least that we should expect from them.

The Eco-Jihad

By TREVOR SIDES

The greenest kids on the block aren't your Whole-Foods-buying, Prius-driving neighbors with the wind turbines in the backyard. No, the real champions of earth-friendliness are the faithful followers of Islam.

Or so says the Prince of Wales, the royal highness of eco-absurdism.

Speaking at the Sheldonian Theatre on June 9th, in a lecture to mark the 25th anniversary of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Prince Charles urged mankind to save the natural world through the means of "sacred traditions." In the Prince's ecumenically patchwork doctrine, our ruthless destruction of the environment stems from an ignorance of these sacred religious and spiritual traditions — most notably Islam.

The Fresh Prince of Fresh Air then went on to bemoan the fact that Islam's "treasuries of accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge" — these "priceless" gifts to the world — are being overshadowed by the "dominant drives towards Western materialism." You know, the barbaric notion that "to be truly modern you have to ape the West." If only we could only follow Islam's

"spiritual principles," said Charles, then our environmental worries will be over!

It's all very clear now. For the last decade, we right-wing Islamophobes have had it all wrong. We've thought that bin Laden and the like were waging their jihad in the name of Allah. But in reality, their global struggles have been about the restoration of a clean, un-Westernized eco-Eden.

Ergo, if you're of the Islamic tradition and you want to save "the environment" and still get a guaranteed spot with the 72 virgins, fly planes into buildings. Blow up the London Tube. Smuggle C4 on a plane via your underwear. Park a car bomb in Times Square. Stage a "massacre" on a flotilla in Israeli waters. Because the worst polluters and CO2-contributors to Allah's delicate creation are those damned Westerners with their affluent lifestyles. Felling the Great Satan — surprise-surprise — has nothing to do with a world-wide caliphate after all. Just greener lives for those of us still alive.

This Islamic eco-platitude works just fine if you view the world through multicultural-colored windows. But reality has a way of smashing thinly-paneled glass.

Not more than a week after Prince Charles's

hour-long tribute to Islam's greener side, members of the Muslims Against the Crusades (MAC) group berated British soldiers during their unit's homecoming parade in a neighborhood of Barkingside, Essex. Prince Charles was undoubtedly surprised that the MAC's protest had nothing to do with the soldiers' Westernized affluence and carbon footprints.

"This is a protest against parading in a Muslim area. We love death the way you love life," shouted one MAC member. "Butchers return" and "Murderers" were also common refrains from the MAC contingent.

Muslims cut from this kind of cloth care nothing at all about the state of the "environment." And about their "sacred traditions" — do those include female genital mutilation? Honor killings? What about their contributions to architecture and math? Nope. As scholar and author Rodney Stark points out, Muslims never "had" it. "The civilization we typically associate with Islam was in fact the civilization of the Christians and Jews they were ruling," said Stark in a recent interview. "When those Christians and Jews finally disappeared, so too did that advanced 'Muslim' civilization." Oh, well. At least NASA is here to make them feel good about

their cultural legacies.

One of the more dangerous revelations from this episode is that environmental doomsayers like Prince Charles, will bark up any tree that they think will "save" the "planet." Climategate brought the pure, wind-driven science of climate change urgency to a screeching halt, and now it's time for religion — Islam to save the day. It's absurd simply writing that. How absurd must it feel to actually believe this nonsense?

I'm not normally a fan of Christopher Hitchens, but he made some pertinent observations about Charles' speech. In an article in Slate, Hitchens assures us that the Prince's remarks drew some "wolfish smiles among his Muslim audience." Hitchens then went on to quote a document published by the Islamic Forum of Europe — "a group dedicated to the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate" and not the saving of the environment — stating that the "primary work" in establishing a global Islamic state "is in Europe, because it is this continent, despite all the furor about its achievements, which has a moral and spiritual vacuum."

And the Prince of Wales is first among the vacuum.



Lions Club members and Garza County 4-H members shared a pizza lunch recently. Shown from left: Ruth Davis, John Berry, Dakota McDonald, Shad Sturgeon, Audree Williams, Alisha Peters, JoAnn Stelzer, Reed Williams and Ryan Belongia. Following lunch, Garza County 4-H coordinator Nancy McDonald, along with 4-H members presented a program highlighting recent 4-H state level accomplishments. Not present were Ja D Young and Jackie Milton. Topics included were: Quilt Challenge, State Winning record books, State Photography, State Consumer Decision Making, 4-H Scholarships, and Texas 4-H Congress.



Participants in a recent adult welding class at Post High School are shown from left: (back) Phil Mathews, Aaron Cowley, Jason Porter, Scott Richards, Marvin Self, Colby Self, JoAnn Rathbun, Mike Travis. (front) PHS students Justin Boren and Kaleb Tanner who provided instruction and demonstrations for those attending. Post ISD Ag Department sponsored the workshop and Lance Dunn and Perry Smith were the instructors.

Extension Extras

Back to School Party

Come join us on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at the City Pool for our 4-H Back to School Swim Party.

Playday Party

We have scheduled the end of season swim party for Friday, July 23, 2010 beginning at 6:00 at the City Park and from 6:30-8:30 we will have our swim party. Call Wacey or Chasity if you have any questions. Just a reminder to all that purchased raffle tickets for the spurs, we will draw for them on that day.

Garza County 4-H Shoot

The shoot is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2010. Watch the Extension Extras for more information.

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

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Menus

Monday, July 26 -

Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes, fried okra, roll, millionaire pie

Tuesday, July 27 -

Swiss Steak, scalloped potatoes, beet salad, biscuit, peaches and cottage cheese

Wednesday, July 28 -

Brisket, baked beans, potatoes, roll, pineapple cake

Thursday, July 29 -

Chicken Enchiladas, salad, rice, salsa, grasshopper salad

Friday, July 30 -

Salisbury Steak, au gratin potatoes, spinach, biscuit, chocolate cake

Don't wait. Vaccinate your child now for the 2010-2011 school year. There are requirements that will affect students entering kindergarten and seventh grade.



Courtesy Photo
Olivia Simpson, nine-year old daughter of Jim Riley and Jill Simpson, competed in the 2010 Trampoline and Tumbling Junior Olympics National Championships in Virginia Beach, VA. Simpson won the gold medal and national championship in both the trampoline and tumbling events and the silver medal in the double mini trampoline event. She is a member of the Air Extreme gymnastics team in Lubbock.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 30, 2010
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

Rule 37 Case No. 0266072
Status/Permit No. 696801

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.

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 Aug 10, 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: STORIE (SAN ANDRES)

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| 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.

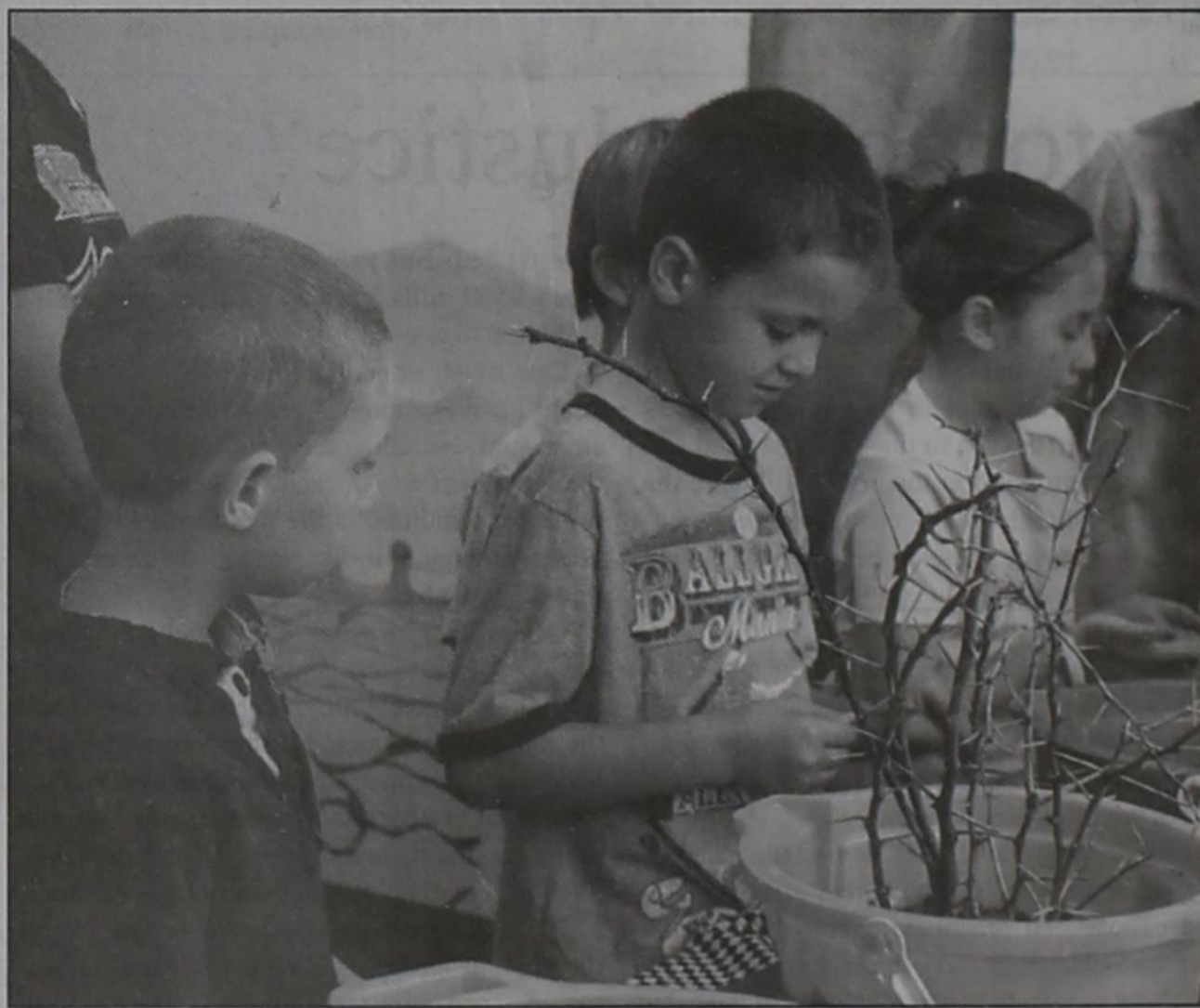


Photo by Eleya Richards
Hagen Hodges, Drew Porter, and Casey Britten compare different types of soil at the First United Methodist Church's SonQuest Rainforest-themed Vacation Bible School last Saturday.



Photo by Eleya Richards
Children gathered around a "campfire" at First Baptist Church western-themed Vacation Bible School earlier this month.

Close City...

From Page 3

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 26th - Lexi Gonzales
July 27th - Megan Bush
Everitt, Matt Norman, Cindy Terry Herridge

July 28th - Jacob Gonzales, Will Yarbro

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.

Everyone have a great weekend!

Solar Car...

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around 1:00 p.m.. The racers continued through Lubbock and to Littlefield Monday before stopping for the night. There was a scheduled rest day in Amarillo Wednesday before the race picked back up for the last stretch. The cars are scheduled to all reach Boulder, CO, by the end of the day Saturday, July 24.

Post Notes...

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Invitada de honor Felicia Payano De Huston Texas. Ven llenate de la precencia. De Dios y sera Bendecida almuerzo y comida precio \$25.00. Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia, Post, Texas

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.

Speak Up...

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things happening in Post and it seems like things are looking up for just about everyone. Why don't you quit complaining and get involved with one of the organizations trying to help. As the old saying goes, "put up or shut up!"

Enjoyed Solar Car Event

Whoever was responsible for routing the Solar Car race through Post, Thank you! This was a fun morning and a great opportunity to meet nice young people. I was proud that we had a good crowd downtown to greet the cars and cheer them on.

Positive Thinking

Have you ever heard of the "Power of Positive Thinking" or the "Law of Attraction?" To the person bringing up the past and what could/should have been: Try focusing on all the good in Post and get out of the past. If you're not part of the solution, you must be part of the problem so maybe you should think about taking your negative attitude

City Council...

From Page 1

this process are handling the matter in a way that will expedite the process. The council approved the agenda item.

Taylor also asked for approval of a 90-day extension of the current White River Municipal Water District contract with the option to extend one additional 90-day period. This will allow time to complete the new contract. Council approved the extension under these terms.

Dora Perez requested that the demolition order of property at 510 N. Avenue M be rescinded. Perez cited medical problems as preventing progress on bringing the property up to code. The council approved a 90-day extension of the demolition order.

Janie Morales appeared before the council

requesting time to demolish the structure at 208 N. Avenue I rather than the city tearing the house down. The Morales' would like to save as much of the wood from the house as possible. The city code enforcer explained that asbestos inspections and other requirements would make this process very difficult. The building was first condemned by the City Council in May, 2005. The council gave the property owner 30 days to accomplish the required inspections.

The City Council approved the sale of property located at 401 N. Avenue F. Two sealed bids were received for the lease of 15 acres of city-owned farmland. Rusty Morris was awarded the lease based on his bid of \$4625/year. The council also

voted to nominate Mayor Thressa Harp to serve on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 3.

After an Executive Session to discuss the performance evaluation of the City Manager, the council reconvened and began a Budget Workshop. Among the items discussed was a report from the City Council representatives to the Law Enforcement Committee regarding a meeting with county and sheriff department representatives. Another meeting is scheduled and the entities will continue to work together to resolve budgeting matters for 2010/2011. The final budget will be presented for approval at the September City Council meeting.



Photo by Rosa Latimer
Garza County Judge Lee Norman (left) is shown with his wife, Marsha and Post Rotary Club President Dave Tyler. Judge Norman received a Paul Harris Fellow Award for his support and contribution to Rotary's national humanitarian funds.

Oil Spill...

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32-ounce cup of water. Though the cause of the break can be traced to Hurricane Alex, no taxpayer money was used to clean up the spill. The company who owns the pipeline, Plains All-American Pipeline, was put in charge of the clean up and has capped the pipe that will not be used anymore. Boons were placed in Lake Alan Henry as a precautionary measure to keep the oil out and stem the spread of the crude. Along the river, absorbent pads were placed on the water to soak up the fluid and the tainted

sand at the bottom of the riverbed was scooped out. There have been no reports of animals either harmed or dead in connection to the oil. Because crude oil is a natural product, the vegetation in the area has also not been harmed.

Due to the fast response and precautionary measures taken, none of the oil reached Lake Alan Henry. Officials did a final walk-through on July 19 for a final check before the lake was scheduled to reopen to full access at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21.

Breast cancer researcher receives grant to combat major clinical problem

HOUSTON - Dr. Suzanne Fuqua, professor of medicine in the Lester and Smith Breast Center (www.bcm.edu/breastcenter/) at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu), has received a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure® to further study a protein that may cause breast cancer tumors to become resistant to hormone therapy - an important part of breast cancer treatment.

"About 75 percent of breast cancer patients need hormone therapy, but the majority of those patients will eventually become resistant to this therapy," said Fuqua (www.bcm.edu/breastcenter/index.cfm?pmid=10729). "This is a major clinical problem."

Hormones are chemical substances produced by the body to regulate functions including immunity, metabolism, growth and reproduction. Certain hormones latch on to breast cancer cells, causing them to proliferate. Hormone therapy works by blocking or removing these hormones.

Tumors that become resistant to hormone therapy will become metastatic, which means they spread to other parts of the body.

In Fuqua's lab, her research team has previously shown that these tumors overexpress a protein called Dicer. "This overexpression causes the tumors to become

resistant to hormone therapy."

Fuqua and team hypothesize that if Dicer is blocked, the tumor may no longer be sensitive to this treatment.

"The good news is that there are already inhibitors that have the potential to block this pathway," said Fuqua. "We could potentially restore the effectiveness of this important treatment and prevent the cancer from spreading."

The grant is for \$600,000 over three years.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® (www.komen.org), a philanthropic breast cancer organization, has invested \$68 million in Texas medical institutions for breast cancer research since 1982. The organization has 13 Texas affiliates, each of which received more than \$15.2 million last year for early detection and treatment of breast cancer, breast health education and outreach programs.

Other Texas institutions receiving grants from Susan G. Komen for the Cure® are the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (www.utsouthwestern.edu), University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas (www.mdanderson.org) and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (www.uthouston.edu).

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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Story of Garza County Feud Retold in New Book

The Johnson and Sims families were pioneer ranching families united by the marriage of fourteen-year-old Gladys Johnson and twenty-one-year old Ed Sims. Their lives would eventually make history in Garza and Scurry County. The story, told by Texas author Bill O'Neal in his latest book, is rich with the history of this area and includes a nasty divorce, shootouts in Snyder and Sweetwater, and interesting events at the Algerita Hotel in Post.

Bill O'Neal will be at Ruby Lane Books, 129 E. Main Street in Post Saturday, July 24, 11 a.m. to 2p.m., to sign copies of "The John-Sims Feud" as well as the book leading to this latest true west story, "The Bloody Legacy of Pink Higgins."

O'Neal first wrote about the Johnson-Sims Feud in the closing chapters of his biography of Pink Higgins published a couple of years ago. O'Neal's research revealed that there was a deeper story about this family feud. In the acknowledgements of his latest book, "The Johnson-Sims Feud: Romeo and Juliet, West Texas Style," he credits Post residents Gene and Wyvonne Ken-



edy and Ed Sims and his late wife, Anne for their extensive contribution to his research.

This latest O'Neal book, published by the University of North Texas Press, contains 60 historic photographs that help frame the environment of this area in the mid-1800s, providing a great read that combines history, drama, romance and an intriguing "true west" story.

Bill O'Neal is a prolific author of western history and was selected the "Best Living Nonfiction Writer" by True West magazine in 2007. He has appeared in documentaries on TBS, the History Channel, Discovery Channel, TNN and A&E. O'Neal is the author of more than twenty-five books.



Photo by Kristi Wink

Hey, Mom! I caught one!
Kason Wink was one of the lucky kids who "hauled in a big one" at the 5th annual Post Kid Fish held at South Lake last week.

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ELECTION CORNER

CANDIDATE & OFFICE HOLDER INFORMATION

If you want to be a write-in candidate, you must file a "declaration of write-in candidacy" (Election Code, Sec. 146.023) with the County Judge (Sec. 146.024(2)) between July 25 and August 24 by 5:00 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

October 4, 2010 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 2, 2010 General Election. Also, October 4, 2010 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

For more election information, go to www.GarzaCounty.net and click on "Elections".



Courtesy photo

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce honored Janice Mason for having the "Yard of the Week." Mason (left) and Donna Degan, member of the Women's Division are shown in the yard at 915 W. 7th.

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Fishin' Friends

Texas Game Warden, Benjie Smith heads for the lake with his fishin' friends, Baily Smith and Datch Flanigan at the Kid Fish sponsored by the Post Masonic Lodge and the Texas Game Warden Association.

Fifth Annual Fishing Derby in Post

The fifth annual "Kid Fish" fishing derby, sponsored by Post Masonic Lodge and the Texas Game Warden Association drew 69 kids to South Lake in the Post city Park last weekend.

The participants caught a total of 112 fish. The largest fish caught was a 19 1/2

inches long carp caught by Haddie Flanigan. The smallest fish was a perch 4 inches long caught by Garrett McCormick. Jeremiah Martin caught the most fish with a total catch of 87 inches. The three winners all received a fishing pole set. Every participant in the event received

a \$5.00 gift card from Sonic. After the fishing was over, everyone enjoyed hot dogs and drinks.

The Texas Game Warden Association provided all the fishing poles, hooks and worms for the event and seven game wardens were on hand to assist with

bait and tangled lines. Individuals and businesses who helped sponsor the event include: Ken Easley, the City of Post, Brown Brothers, Sonic, United Supermarket, Burnham's Country Store, Fish and D's, Jerry's Gas & More, and the parents of the participants.

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