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Post ISD Principals Prepare for New School Year Stampede Rodeo Celebrates 70th Event

Stacy Marts, Post Elementary

Stacy Marts has been at Post Elementary School for 17 years and will start her third year as principal on August 23. The mother of two has dedicated her life to the education of others and has held other positions in the school system such as District GT Coordinator, 4th and 5th grade teacher, and Assistant Principal.

Last year, the elementary school received an exemplary rating on the TAKS test and Mrs. Marts believes that is due, in part, to the highly qualified staff. She hopes to maintain the teamwork, attitude, and support that each grade level has. The teachers at each grade level work together and with teachers across grade levels to maintain consistent education and expectations. Principal Marts believes that the ability of all the teachers to work together as they do "contributes a whole lot to the success." She hopes to be able to maintain the highly qualified staff and high standards this year and for many years to come.

Marts believes she is very fortunate to have all of the teachers and staff that she has. Everyone "works together and is good to each other." As a principal, she knows "there is always room to grow" as a school and an educator, but, at the time she was asked, she could not think of any specific examples for the elementary school.

Her most pressing goal for the school both this year and long term is to "grow the kids" and help them to prepare for the next grade level. All of school is a growing up process and the educators at the school play a large role in that for the students. Fifth graders, especially, have a hard transition to make moving to junior high and the teachers and staff at the elementary school work hard to prepare them for that.



Courtesy photo
Stacy Marts, Principal, Post Elementary

Mrs. Marts has two sons, Cody and Zane, who have graduated from college and live in the area. Cody lives in Post and Zane currently lives in Lubbock but his mother is looking forward to the day he moves back to Post to live closer to her and her husband, Joe. Mr. Marts works in cattle and dirt construction.

Marvin Self, Post Middle School

Marvin Self has been an educator for 35 years, 14 of which have been spent in administration. On August 23, he will begin his third year as principal of Post Junior High School. He has also held several other positions in the school system such as English teacher, Athletic Director, Dean of Students, and many more. In his words, "I've done a lot of things in my 35 years."

Last year, his goal for the junior high teachers and students was to do well with the curriculum and prepare students for success. Those goals remain the same for this year as there are new changes to the curriculum that the teachers must prepare for. He has found in the past that there is a time to go home but that the students who enjoy being at school will enjoy learning and be more willing to keep it up. His goal is to keep the junior high as a place where kids like to come and where "they will be challenged and really



Photo by Eleya Richards
Marvin Self, Principal of Post Middle School

strive for success."

Mr. Self's hope for the future is to expand the programs that are offered to the students so as to expand their experiences. The building the school occupies does not have the space to expand such programs because every room is currently being used. Principal Self believes that "the building does not make the school. The teachers and students make the school." Expanding the program also requires expanding the capabilities of the staff. Self believes that he has a very capable staff that would easily learn new programs to help the students broaden their horizons.

Mr. Self is a proud father of five. Scott Lightfoot is an electrician in Dallas, Christy Lightfoot is a beautician in Plano; Angie Lightfoot is an Audiologist in Kitchener, Ontario Canada; Colby Self is an Assistant Principal in Pflugerville; and Kaylee Sicotte is a mother in Magnolia. Currently, Mr. Self and his wife Linda have 10 grandchildren. Mrs. Self is the secretary at Post High School and she and her husband attend First Baptist Church where Mr. Self teaches a Sunday School Class.

John Berry, Post High School

John Berry has been an educator for 22 years and



Photo by Eleya Richards
John Berry, Principal, Post High School

an administrator for 15. He will begin his fifth year as principal at Post High School on August 23. Before becoming an administrator, he was a teacher and coach for seven years.

Last year, the high school received a recognized status on the TAKS test by the state. His goal for the coming year is to better that status and become an exemplary campus. The state will not take a rating of the schools for the 2011-2012 school year and Mr. Berry hopes to have an exemplary campus for that time.

Principal Berry also wants to prepare students for their futures. He understands that not everyone will go to college but he hopes that the students who choose to pass up college make that decision because it is their choice and not because they are not prepared. The students that choose to go straight into a job, he hopes, will be well prepared for that job as well. The "big push" is to get kids ready to go on to higher education of some sort and Mr. Berry believes that "any high school would be remiss in not preparing their students for that." He hopes that someday every student at Post High School will choose to attend either junior college or a university.

Berry enjoys the flexibility of his staff's abilities. He **continued on page 8**

Books for the award-winning 70th annual Post Stampede Rodeo opened Aug 8 at 12 p.m. The "best rodeo in the west" will begin Aug 12 with Grand Entry at 7:45 p.m. and will continue through Aug 14. Tickets for adults will be \$5 per person, children six and under are free. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the arena at 495-2501.

Children 12 and under can enter the flag race each night for just \$10. Entries each night are limited to the first 10 people and the top five from each night will advance to the finals on the last night. The winner of the finals will receive a buckle. Children eight and under can also enter the Mutton Bustin' contest for \$10. Each night, the winner will receive a buckle. These events are always a crowd favorite and guarantee even the kids have a good time.

Many Old Mill Trade Day Downtown vendors will return Saturday, Aug. 14 to provide extra shopping opportunities before and

after the Rodeo Parade.

The parade will start down Main Street Saturday at 3 p.m. with riding clubs, floats and special entries. Raider Red and Texas Tech Pom Squad members are scheduled to join the festivities.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will play for the Rodeo Dance Friday night immediately following the rodeo performance. Saturday night's band is the Wes Nixon Band. The dances are under the pavilion on the rodeo grounds and admission is \$10 per person.

The second annual "Howdy Y'all Day" hosted by Garza County Trailblazers. Doors open at 11 a.m. Saturday at 205 E. 10th Street. Come enjoy hamburgers, chips, drinks, desserts, and all the trimmings for just \$5 per plate. There will also be games, a pool tournament, and door prizes. A barbecue grill donated by Willborn's Welding will be raffled off as well. Tickets for the grill are \$5 or five tickets for \$20.



Tall Weeds

The city is so concerned about weeds and grass in yards that have not been cut. What about the tall weeds across the railroad on North G Place? Whether its Santa Fe property or private junk yard, it looks terrible.

"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.

Post Notes

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. This is our main fundraiser for the year so come on out, enjoy a good meal and support Trailblazers!

2011 Marching Band Starts
Meet Thursday Aug. 12, Monday Aug. 16, Tuesday Aug. 17 & Thursday Aug. 19; 7 - 9 p.m. at the Band Hall. Let's do it again!

Pee Wee Football Registration

It is that time of year again! Post Pee Wee Football Registration will be Aug. 19 & 20, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Citizens Bank Room. Any players

interested need to be in the 4th, 5th or 6th grades. If you have any questions, please contact Dusti Osborn at 806-629-4088 or 806-535-5826.

Summer Reading Logs

It is time to return your summer reading logs to the library. Just slip them in the book drop or bring them into the library by Tuesday, Aug. 17. Stop by the library Thursday, Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. to receive your reading certificate and have a picture taken for the newspaper. If you have misplaced your reading log and have been reading books from the Post library this summer, call the library at 990-2149.

Post Elementary Open House

Post Elementary will host

its annual open house on Thursday, August 19, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students will be able to meet their teacher, see their classroom and drop off any supplies they may already have. Parents will be attend a brief Title I meeting, meet the teacher, see the classroom and receive beginning of the year paperwork. We look forward to seeing you then!

Post Middle School Orientation

PostMiddleSchoolOrientation and schedule handout will be in the elementary auditorium, Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m. All grades are invited. For more information call 495-2874.

VFW Fish Fry

VFW Post 6797 is hosting

a fish fry, Friday August 20, 2010 starting at 6:00 pm until we run out! At Miller-Luman Post 6797 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1006 E. Main Street in Post. Eat in or plates to go, \$7.00 per plate. Proceeds benefit Veterans programs.

Back to School Coffee

All former Post ISD employees are invited to bring their coffee cup plus a quarter and share school memories Monday, Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Garza County Trailblazers.

Antelope Football Tickets on Sale

Reserved Football Tickets on Sale at POST ISD Central Office. Please see Kay Postell Ticket Price \$25. Last day to buy reserved

tickets is August 23rd

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. 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

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Chamber News

Congratulations to Dana Holly for winning the Promote Post award last week. Dana always provides "service with a smile" at Holly's Drive-In.

Last Saturday was another good Trade Day in Post. We had a great crowd and Mysty Ayala walked away with the \$250 grand prize from the Chamber Cash Giveaway. Thanks to the following businesses and merchants who donated to this event: Garza County Healthcare District, Congressman Randy Neugebauer, JoAnn Stelzer, Mc-

Crary, Ltd., Sonic Drive-In, McDonald's, La Posta, Holly's Drive-In, Pizza Hut, Fish & D's, Brady's, Wells Fargo Poka Lambro Saddle Traders & Tack Main Street Mercantile.

This weekend Ragtown Gospel Theatre will have "The Antioch Challenge" Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

The annual Post Stampede Rodeo will start on Thursday, August 12 and run through Saturday August 14. Grand Entry is nightly at 7:45 and there will be a dance on Fri-

day and Saturday. The parade will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and there will be outside vendors set up on Main Street Saturday.

Also on Saturday come by Trailblazers for "Howdy Ya'll Day" from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A hamburger plate will be served for \$5 and there will be music, door prizes and a raffled for a BBQ Pit.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members - ALGERITA ACCENTS & DAIRY QUEEN.



Photo by Harry Record
 Member of the Week: Silver Member DQ Grill & Chill

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to Editor

The staff at the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center, would like to express our gratitude for the thirteen years of service that the Post Independent School District has provided to the numerous youth who have passed through the doors of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center.

Your faithful and dedicated service to the at-risk youth in our community and the communities across the State of Texas, the State of Nebraska and those youth committed

by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, has been pivotal and is appreciated more than we can express.

Providing educational services to at-risk youth can be challenging at times and taxing to resources; however, PISD was always up to the task. Over the years, our partner agencies' needs have changed significantly and it is through the District's diligence and dedication that our education program has been able to adjust.

The District staff assigned to GCRJC have been true

professionals, who can always be approached by staff, youth and parents and who have been tireless in their efforts to meet the needs of everyone involved in the education process.

It is with great regret that our partnership has come to an end, as PISD has been an original member of GCRJC, since the program opened its doors. We wish you the best of luck in all that you do. The community of Post is fortunate to have such a dedicated school district to provide quality educational services to its youth. As a valued member of our community, the staff of Post ISD are always welcome in our program and as always, we invite you to visit us!

Sincerely,
 Tyrene Green, GCRJC
 Superintendent

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Obituaries

Bobby Wayne Cowley

Bobby Wayne Cowley 32 of Post died August 5, 2010. Bobby was born June 16, 1978 at Bentonville, AR to Donnie and Debbie (Martin) Cowley. In December of 1978 they moved to Post. Bobby attended Post schools and was active in football during his middle school years. Bobby made one of the highest scores on the TAAS test, in his class. After school he went to work for Palmer's in the oilfield construction business. He is preceded in death by his father: Donnie Cowley, who died November 2, 2000.

Survivors include two daughters, Chole Nicole Cowley and Meagan Brooke Cowley, both of Post; his mother, Debbie Cowley of Slaton; three brothers: Joey and his wife Tabatha Cowley of Conway, AR; Derrek Cowley also of Conway, AR and Joshua Cowley of Joshua, TX; a sister, Tisha and her husband Bennis Ray Olive of Slaton; maternal grandfather, Leroy Martin of Garfield, AR; maternal grandmother, Polly McCarley of Rogers, AR; paternal grandfather, Bobby Wayne and his wife Laura Cowley of Nocona, TX; paternal grandmother, Sonja Sue Smithey of Slaton. Bobby is also survived by seven Nieces and Nephews and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were held 2:00 P.M. Monday, August 9, 2010 at the Terrace Cemetery. The Rev. Grady Shytle officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Pallbearers were: Ronnie Eaton, Jr., Russell Eaton, Shannon Cowley, Daniel Cantrell, Cory McAllister and Marc McClain.



Maurine Hudman

Graveside services for Maurine Hudman, 90, of Post

were at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 8, 2010 with Rev. Grady Shytle officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, August 6, 2010 at Golden Plains Care Center. She was born April 30, 1920 in Pilot Grove, TX to Robert and Lena (McSpadden) Russell. She was a graduate of Southland High School. She married Hansford Hudman June 3, 1941 in Garza County. She owned and operated Maurine's Flowers until her retirement.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Hansford Hudman of Post; three sons: Bob and wife, Suzanne Hudman of Post, Randy and wife DiAnne Hudman of Lubbock and Bill and wife, Carolyn Hudman of Plano; four grandchildren: Jennifer Hudman, Sara Hudman, Brooke Thomas and Kenny Hudman; four great-grandchildren: Rachael Roberts, Reese Roberts, Garth Thom-



Delores Ann Odom Martinez

Delores Ann Odom Martinez 57, of Post died Saturday August 7, 2010 at her home after a lengthy illness. She was born March 20, 1953 to Albert Daniel "Son" and Ethel Mae (Anthony) Odom in Post. She attended Post schools and married Frank Martinez January 20, 1977. In 1987 they moved to Denison to work. After twenty years they returned to Post. She loved her family and enjoyed food network, cooking, collecting dolls, American Indian paintings and figurines. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Jim Jackson and Rev. Darren Weaver of-

fiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Delores is survived by her husband, Frank Martinez of Post; a son, Nicholas Franklin Martinez, age 12; a daughter, Monica Lynn Odom Lewis; three brothers: Danny and his wife Barbara Odom of Snyder; Dennis and his wife Jane Odom of Post and Darrell and his wife Judy Odom of Shallowater; three grandchildren: Taylor-Jordan-Nicole, Travis Michael and Brittany Michelle.

Pallbearers were: Todd Odom, Tracy Odom, Cecil Martinez, Jr., Steven Martinez, Corky Abraham, Jimmy Valdez, Robbie Palmer and Danny Martinez. Honorary Pallbearers are: Darrell Odom, Dennis Odom, Danny Odom, Jr. Martinez, Billy Martinez, Joe Martinez and Cecil Martinez.

Obituaries may now be viewed online.

MENU

Monday, August 16
 BBQ Chicken
 Ranch Style Beans
 Broccoli Salad
 Biscuit
 Cake

Tuesday, August 17
 Ham
 Pineapple & Rice
 Broccoli
 Biscuit

Pumpkin Crunch

Wednesday, August 18
 Roast Beef
 Carrots
 Potatoes
 Roll
 Cobbler

Thursday, August 19
 Chicken Pot Pie
 Salad

Biscuit
 Cookie Bar

Friday, August 20
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Rob and I traveled to Ruidoso this past week to attend my annual gin school. It was so nice and cool there. I attended school on Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday, we came in Tuesday night to a swarm of bees at our house. Not really what we wanted to come home to. Y'all be careful if you encounter any!

Alli, TJ, Emily and Raul have all been here visiting with grandparents, Lois Childs and Jim and Nedra Ellis.

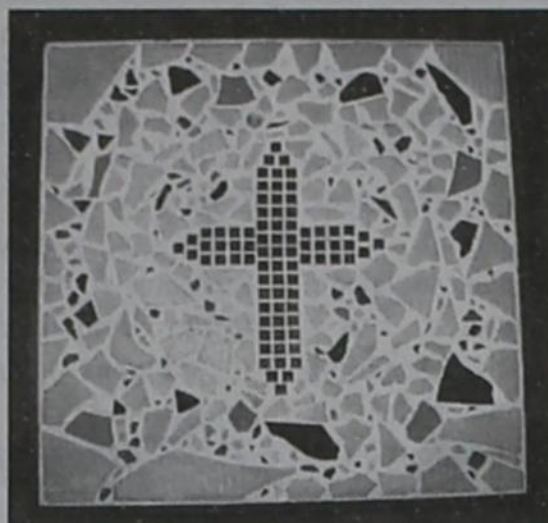
Just a reminder about the table we are selling raffle tickets for. It was made from some glass out of the old school. Tickets are a dollar each or six tickets for five dollars.

You can contact me or Nancy to purchase them.

Visitors

David Holt, Bobby Terry, Ricky and Judy Bush were our visitors this past week. Y'all 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

Aug. 14 - Devon McClain
Aug. 15 - Maria Contreras
Aug. 17 - Fabian Marquez

Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com> and you can find us on Face Book now. Just look us up under **Close City Community** and click "like" We will be posting all kinds of info on there, if you have anything you want posted on there or the blog page let us know.

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Weekly Inspirations

DESCENDED AS A DOVE

By: Michael F. Taylor

I once heard an illustration about a preacher of an old dilapidated country church, who wanted to impress his congregation on a particular Sunday morning. His message was concerning how the Holy Spirit lit upon Jesus at the time of Christ's Baptism. So he located a young schoolboy to climb into the rafters of the church and at the opportune time, release a pure white dove down into the sanctuary. The Pastor and the boy practiced the release a few times and it went without a glitch. Just as the Preacher raised his hands heavenward; he was to say, "And the Holy Spirit descended as a Dove" as the young man gently let the bird fly on wings into the midst of the congregants. On the appointed day, the young man climbed up into his spot and was eagerly holding the dove for the dramatic moment. The Pastor began his sermon and was steadily building to the crescendo of the bird's flight. As he arrived at the appointed time, the Preacher loudly proclaimed, "AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED AS A DOVE", to which absolutely nothing happened. Fearing that the boy had missed his cue, the Pastor once again proclaimed, "AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED AS A DOVE". And once again, the dove failed to be released by the young man. Looking up into the rafters to see what could have went wrong, the Preacher for the last time loudly declared, "AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED AS A DOVE!". The entire congregation then heard several loud scuffling sounds from the roof area and then a small boy's voice rang out, "Sorry Parson, but a big yeller cat just ate our Holy Spirit! DO YOU WANT ME TO THROW DOWN THE CAT?"

I am reminded of another story about a dove. In Genesis Chapter 8, we are told in verse 1-11, "1 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. 2 Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. 3 The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, 4 and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible. 6 After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark 7 and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. 9 But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. 10 He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. 11 When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth." NIV Isn't it wonderful to know that even though that Preacher may have failed in his attempt to illustrate a point in his sermon because of a big old yeller cat, God made use of a dove. He used that dove to show Noah that the waters of destruction were receding and that deliverance was at hand. Maybe you have faced some flood waters this week. I encourage you to look for God's Dove. God bless and have a great week.

"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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Land planning workshop field day scheduled

Come experience the magic of Marfa with us as we explore the concepts and tools of Holistic Land Planning. We will have a ball learning in the ballroom of the historic Hotel Paisano and enjoy some "land-on learning" at the nearby Dixon Water Foundation Mimms Ranch in an exciting field day to which the public is invited. Class dates are September 27-29. Cost for this education is \$200. Register online at www.holisticmanagement.org or call the Texas programs office at 512-847-3822.

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Benefits of this course include:

- Learn to create and implement the ideal plan (your long term vision) for your land, infrastructure, and whole under management.
- Learn to prioritize phases of implementation for optimal returns
- What not to forget when creating an ideal Land Plan
- Fully connect and integrate all components of your operation while creating new efficiencies and more diverse yields
- Increase the overall resilience of your land and whole

- Leverage planning tools from Keyline® and Permaculture Design to help you create the optimal Land Plan

- Learn new tools to greatly improve the ecological cycles on your land

- Whole-landscape water harvesting and rapid topsoil creation

- Integrate your infrastructure, animals, land and livelihood to support your Holistic Goal and an improved Quality of Life

- Unleash your creativity to turn problems to solutions in your Land Plan

What is Holistic Management® Land Planning?

Holistic Management® Land Planning is a process used in Holistic Management to help guide managers towards their Holistic Goal, and towards their future landscape vision, as quickly, creatively, and cost-effectively as possible, while supporting their entire triple-bottom-line.

Land Planning is a process that enables managers to create and implement the ideal plan for their land, infrastructure, and whole under management.

What is Permaculture?

Permaculture has been described in a diverse number of ways, appropriate given its broad and holistic scope, but at the core is an applied science of agricultural-ecological design, rooted in the observation of nature. Permaculture is practiced on many thousands of properties in 120 countries globally.

Permaculture philosophy is established on an earth-care ethic. As a whole-systems approach to planning and design, Permaculture has a positive and creative solution-based

focus, and uses a practical set of design principles and methods to harmoniously integrate landscapes with people, food production, structures, technologies, energy, natural resources, animal systems, plant systems, as well as social and economic structures. This is accomplished by assembling conceptual, material, and strategic components in a pattern that specifically works with nature, rather than against it, and functions to benefit all components in the process.

What is Keyline® Design philosophy and practice?

Keyline Design emerged from Australia in the 1940's and is one of the first, farm planning frameworks to take a whole-focused approach. Originator, P.A. Yeomans, developed planning tools and innovations using his knowledge of geology, hydrology, and soils, able to drought-proof and diversify the farm while building topsoil at astounding rates, in a cost-effective fashion.

What is the Yeomans Plow?

As part of his water harvesting and soil building innovations, Yeomans developed a unique sub-soiling chisel plow known as the Yeomans Plow. This implement is designed to break compaction and aerate soil profiles with minimal undesirable disturbance to soil life by not inverting the existing soil layers. When this plow is used in the proper geomorphic pattern of ripping, known as Keyline Pattern Cultivation, maximum soil moisture, explosive pulses of soil life, and rapid building of topsoil can result.

Who is Owen Hablutzel?

A naturalist from a young age, and a childhood witness to rapid desertification in one of the world's agricultural and biodiversity hotspots (California Floristic Province), Owen has since taken a whole-systems approach to the ecological design and management of ranches, farms, and landscapes.

Having worked and lived in Africa, Australia, and much of the western United States, he received world-class training in Permaculture systems-design science through Bill Mollison and Geoff Lawton, and Keyline Design® under mentor Darren Doherty. He presently participates in the Holistic Management® Certified Educator training program, under the mentorship of Kirk Gadzia.

His ecological work includes Keyline soil building and water harvesting; installing swale systems, farm dams, riparian and wildlife buffer strips; integrated whole farm planning; watershed restoration, dryland afforestation, gully rehabilitation; greening desertified rangelands, and more. He has taught Permaculture Design, Holistic Management®, and Keyline® Design in Canada, Mexico, and throughout the western US. With a focus on integrating a broad spectrum of practical, leading-edge approaches for lasting land health, Owen serves as director for the Permaculture Research Institute USA, while growing his ecological consulting and education businesses. He holds a masters in Eastern Philosophy (the original systems theory / science of the whole) from St. John's College in New

Mexico.

About the Dixon Water Foundation Mimms Ranch Field Day

The Dixon Water Foundation Mimms Ranch in Marfa is interested in discovering all the best ways people can maximize the quantity and quality of water through the nurturance of healthy watersheds. The foundation owns four working ranches designated as learning and demonstration sites for education, outreach and research on water issues. By implementing a sustainable planned grazing approach, they are exploring and demonstrating how to manage rangeland in an environmentally and economically sound way.

We will gather at headquarters at 9am, September 28, 2010 for a brief orientation to this 11,000-acre ranch and to Holistic Management. Land Planners for Mimms ranch, Walt Davis and Robby Tuggle, will show you the hows and whys of their plan. Dr. Bonnie Warnock, department chair of Natural Resource Management at Sul Ross State University in Alpine shows us the grazing lands research projects her department is conducting on the ranch. Christopher Gill joins us to discuss and demonstrate some of the many uses of the Yeomans Plow, with which he has been experimenting on his Circle Ranch in Van Horn, Texas. The Dixon Water Foundation is making it possible to offer this field day free of charge. They are even providing a free lunch for all.

RSVP online at holisticmanagement.org or call the Texas programs office at 512-847-3822.

Information Available for Veterans

Many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know... and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans (D-A-V) and the Harley-Davidson Foundation have teamed up to offer help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Wild West Harley-Davidson, 5702 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available. This event is part of the nationwide Harley's Heroes tour and is free to all veterans and members of their families.

For further information, please contact NSO Kent A. Hoffman at (254) 299-9932.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Post I.S.D. _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ August 28, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) _____ in _____ Post I.S.D. Administrative Offices, 501 South Ave K _____ Post, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.01860 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	0 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 727,922,890.	\$ 799,409,880.
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,788,930.	\$ 1,963,940.
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 709,125,339.	\$ 769,764,109.
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,213,430.	\$ 1,913,620.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.00120	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.00120	\$ 7,710	\$ 3,825
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.97862	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 0.97862	\$ 8,897	\$ 1,954
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.01860	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.01860	\$ 9,284	\$ 2,024

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 38,884.00	\$ 41,770.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 26,386.00	\$ 28,120.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.00120	\$ 1.01860
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 264.17	\$ 286.43
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 22.26

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 1.01860 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _____ 1.01860 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,109,904
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odum From
The Post Dispatch archives

10 years ago- August 10, 2000

Post Stamped Rodeo directors were busy getting things in order for the 60th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo. They included Bruce Sanderson, Robbie Williams, Ray Mason, Curt Champman,

Rodney Oden, Lane Jones, Ken Young, Mike Babb, Phil Mathews, Brady Sanders, Barry Morris, Scooter Lynch, Rooster Swartz and Larry McDougle.

Billy Crawford, PHS 2000 graduate, was named Most Valuable Defensive Player

at the August 1 Texas High School Coaches' Association All-Star football game.

Post Middle School cheerleaders attended the Extreme Cheer Cheerleading Camp in Lubbock. The squad included Donae Dalby, Courtney Short, Kaycee

Gorman, Jenee Lott, Xane Mason, Lyndee Strawn, Ashley Wilson, Courtney Copeland, Jodie Rutherford and Sunnie Barbosa.

Miquel and Lucinda Arredondo announced the birth of their newest grandson, Jacob Ryan Arredondo, born

on July 11.

20 years ago- August 15, 1990

Talina Bird and Cassie Short came home winners from Lovington, N.M. Talina won a trailer and Cassie won a saddle.

Garza County Roping Winners at the Post Stampede Rodeo were Eddie Clark, Fred, Richard Hart and Todd Hamonds.

A reception at the Cross H Ranch introduced State

Representative Dan Morales, Democratic Party candidate for Texas Attorney General.

Yard of the Week honors went to Penny and Brad Mason.

Anissa Delaine Wyatt and Mark Simpson Deal were married on June 30, 1990 at the First Christian Church in Midland.

Stacie Stringer and Rick Varner were wed on May 5, 1990, at North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford.

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Post Classifieds

Personal

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket Tuesday night, 8 p.m. Book Study Thursday night, 8 p.m. Closed Meetings For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371 Monday, 8 p.m., Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday meeting, call 495-3173.

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

Thank you to all the people that put together the benefit dinner for us, and thank you to all the people that came and got that great food and to those who gave special donations. Also, thanks for keeping us in your prayers. We are blessed to be part of this great town.

Thanks again,
Jimmy & Hildegard Marlin

In Memory

It has been nine years since you went to be with Jesus. Not a day has gone by that we have not thought about you and shared tears, joy and laughter, remembering all the things you did. We have told the three great grandchildren all about you. To them you are known as Papa Post. They love hearing stories about all the things we did when you were here. We have overcome many hurdles and obstacles since you went to heaven, yet we always come out okay. You taught each of us strength and faith. You left us well equipped. "Always trust in the Lord," you would say, "the man upstairs will take care of you." We all

try to do things like you always did. You were a true friend to all. You were a positive man with the most giving, generous heart. You loved to bake and share those goodies among the people of Post. We have almost gotten the pecan pie to where it looks like yours, but not the sourdough bread! That was truly your own. We will all keep living each day, sharing the memories, and thanking God. You were a loving husband, Daddy, Papa and Papa Post, to us. One day we will all meet again, and what a day of rejoicing that will be!

Love always,
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Help Wanted

The Post Dispatch is accepting applications for the position of manager. Duties will include ad sales and reporting. For more information contact Jeff at (940) 937-2525 or email a resume to publisher2010@rocketmail.com.

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White River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for the position of Lake Patrol. Applicants must be a Certified Peace Officer in the State of Texas. Applications and more information may be picked up at the District's Office at White River Lake. Contact Mickey Rogers at 2880 FM 2794 Spur Texas, 806-263-4240

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Public Notice

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

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 6211-26-001 for CRACK SEAL in GAINES County, etc will be opened on September 15, 2010 at 10:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$264,191.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days

prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 33746

State Office

Constr/Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District

District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Extension Extras

Garza County 4-H Shoot

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

Sheep & Goat Validation

Please contact the office and let me know how many tags you will need for validation, please. The deadline to order is Monday August, 30, 2010.

Club Meeting

Our first club meeting will be September 14, 2010

at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office and a meal will be provided.

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

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VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 14	Ralls (Scrimmage)	Away	10:00
Aug. 19	Abernathy (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00
Aug. 27	Sundown	Home	7:30
Sept. 3	Lamesa	Home	7:30
Sept. 10	Slaton	Away	7:30
Sept. 17	Floydada	Away	7:30
Sept. 24	Forsan*#	Home	7:30
Oct. 1	Anson*	Away	7:30
Oct. 8	Coahoma*	Home	7:30
Oct. 15	Idalou*	Away	7:30
Oct. 22	Stanton*	Home	7:30
Oct. 29	Hawley*	Away	7:30
Nov. 5	OPEN		

FRESHMEN

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 26	Sundown	Away	6:00
Sept. 2	Lamesa	Away	6:00
Sept. 9	Slaton	Home	6:00
Sept. 16	Floydada	Home	6:00
Sept. 23	Forsan*	Away	6:00
Sept. 30	Anson*	Home	6:00
Oct. 7	Coahoma*	Away	6:00
Oct. 14	Idalou*	Home	6:00
Oct. 21	Stanton*	Away	6:00
Oct. 28	Hawley*	Home	6:00
Nov. 4	OPEN		

7th & 8th GRADES

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 9	Slaton	Away	5:00, 6:30
Sept. 16	Floydada	Away	5:00, 6:30
Sept. 23	Forsan*	Home	5:00, 6:30
Sept. 30	Anson*	Away	5:00, 6:30
Oct. 7	Coahoma*	Home	5:00, 6:30
Oct. 14	Idalou*	Away	5:00, 6:30
Oct. 21	Stanton*	Home	5:00, 6:30
Oct. 28	Hawley	Away	5:00, 6:30
Nov. 4	OPEN		

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

The trouble with perfecting an art is that once you've done it, there's no place to go. To wit, Julius Caesar — or was it Alexander the Great? — wept because he had no more worlds to conquer.

RESEARCH PAUSE.

It was Alexander the Great. Not that Julius Caesar wasn't ambitious and successful too. But neither of those guys can outdo me in my realm of expertise: the art of taking a cheap vacation, wherein I've just outdone myself and taken things to a cheaper level than I previously imagined possible.

Consider Julius Caesar's most famous vacation — a trip on the Nile with Cleopatra. I haven't seen the movie, but I'm guessing they had a first-class cabin and attentive slaves who fanned them with palm leaves. Only the best for those two.

If Alexander the Great took any famous vacations, the bio I scanned didn't list them per se. But he did get drunk a lot.

As for me, I'm the queen of cheap. My new approach to escaping the tedium of things like everyday living and conquering neighboring countries is cheaper and nobler than getting drunk and cheaper than all my previous cheap vacation ideas. You need not cross the North Atlantic in winter or go someplace hot in the summer or visit the beach after an oil spill. You just have to get up early.

If you already get up and out early, it won't work. Sorry.

But for the rest of us, it can be quite a getaway. It was

for me today.

My husband woke well before sunup. He brewed coffee and fetched the morning paper — all he needs to start his day. Not me. I require half-and-half. I'd put the last of ours in the macaroni and cheese.

So off I went to the supermarket at dawn, mentally prepared to walk to the farthest corner for my dairy fix, my mind otherwise blank. Suddenly I found myself transported in time and space to Avignon, France, Aug. 3, 1991.

My friend Lupy and I had just stepped off the early morning train. The famous Festival d'Avignon had ended just the day before. The town was waking up and workmen were sweeping up. There's nothing like arriving somewhere when all that's left of a big bash is the litter. It sort of makes you glad you missed it. Eventually we found a café. We ate croissants and drank big cups of café au lait with the other first customers of the day. Nice.

This morning, as I shopped to the loud drone of a floor polisher and saw bananas coming out of boxes and price-changers changing prices, it was Avignon all over again — the dawn of a clean new day, and I was there for it.

If I'd settled for black coffee, I'd have missed it all.

Anyway, the next time you want to go somewhere different, try the grocery store at dawn. Half-and-half gave me my cheap drunk. Who knows where a Caesar salad might take you?

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OPINION



The Paperboy

A big decision...

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

There are moments in all of our lives where it all comes down to a decision. Sometimes the decision is one of trust.

With Sharon's health problems and being behind at work, we didn't have the opportunity to get away for a vacation this summer. We did, however, take a couple of days off and took the boys to the Alamo and SeaWorld in San Antonio.

While walking around SeaWorld, Jackson, 7, had already established which rides he was tall enough to ride and he was ready ... or so he thought.

The two of us left Mom and Sutton Hawk at the penguin place and headed to the 150 foot tall Steel Eel - where Jackson was just tall enough to ride.

We made a pit stop on the way, and I was becoming impressed with Jack's attitude because the roller coaster is rather imposing. It's over 3,000 feet long, so you walk underneath it some several hundred feet. Let's just say the screams from the riders can be heard clearly.

"Daddy, I think I need to go to the restroom," Jack said as we got closer to the ride.

"We just went," I said. "Do you have a problem?"

"Well ... my stomach is feeling a little funny," he said as he swallowed hard.

"Boo, do you think it's because you're a little nervous?"

"Maybe," he said. "That sure is a big ride, and it looks pretty scary. Do you think we should wait awhile until my stomach feels better?"

I got down on one knee and looked my son directly into his

big blue eyes. "Jackson, do you trust me?"

"Yes sir!"

"You know Daddy would never put you in a situation where you are not safe, right?"

"Yes sir..."

"Make a decision son, either we ride or we don't ... no big deal, it's your call."

Jack looked down and paused for a second (I think he said a quick prayer) then looked back up and said, "I guess we better go ahead and ride."

There was no line and within a couple of minutes we were seated and strapped in. At this point, the boy was north of nervous, but south of terrified.

The ride started, and he grabbed my hand.

We climbed the 150 foot first hill and in his mind, I bet it seemed like it took a day. As we neared the top I said, "Relax son, this is going to be great!"

We came to the apex of the climb, and the cars seemed to stall for just a couple of seconds then ... we plunged into free fall!

Jacks grip tightened and his head buried into my shoulder. Then all of the sudden he lifted his head and started to giggle uncontrollably at first.

We were really moving and climbing the second hill quickly and he yelled, "THIS IS GREAT!"

Up and down and side to side ... the Steel Eel was giving Jackson a dose of big-time thrills! It was an absolute blast!

He was fired up when the cars came to a stop, and his little heart was pounding.

"That was awesome Dad, best ride of my life! I can't believe I just did that! I asked God for courage and now it's over and I'm fine! I just can't believe it!"

I hugged him and said, "There's still no line, do you want to go again?"

"Uhhhhhh, we better go check on Mom and Sutton, we don't want to leave them for very long."

"You're right," I said. "We better go tell them how you did too."

We quickly made our way back to them and as soon as Jackson saw them, he went into every detail about the ride. He displayed that feather in his cap like he had just journeyed to the moon and back.

I'm proud of Jack for facing his demons and taking the ride. He knows me well enough to know the decision was on him as I was fine with whatever he wanted to do. There was absolutely no pressure with the exception of what he placed on himself.

Throughout our lives we make decisions. Some seem monumental at the time they are made. For a young man, this was one of those times. I thank God I was apart of it because the thrill of experiencing it with him was much more thrilling than the ride could have ever been.

That evening, the boys made the comment that it was the best day of their lives. That made Mom and Dad very happy!

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Were Labor Unions Ever Necessary?

By ADAM BITELY

A common argument made by some Republicans and conservatives is that labor unions were necessary in society a hundred years ago, but they are no longer needed in today's workplace. This argument, however, has many flaws. When looking deep into the history of the labor movement, unless you support a society modeled closely around that of the U.S.S.R., labor unions were not just unnecessary a hundred years ago, but have created lasting damage and are still continuing to wreak havoc across the nation.

Many fail to see the downside of the American labor movement at the time of its inception. Few remember that it was a product of the progressive movement, which created many of the problems in society that we deal with today.

Just take a look at the progress that the labor unions have made in their short history. From just 90 years ago, labor unions have gone from trying to "protect" the workers that they represented to taking complete control of the companies that they were "protect-

ing" them from. In essence, they have a track record of completely dismantling the companies that they have set up shop in.

If you need an example of this, just look to Detroit. Of the Big 3 automakers, two have ceased to exist in the form that they did for most of the 20th century. One of them, Chrysler, has been completely taken over by the United Auto Workers, a union that sought to protect the employees of the car manufacturers from the supposed "greedy" leadership that was going to sell the workers short.

The UAW can even claim General Motors as a victim of their ruthlessness. GM has completely disappeared from being a publicly traded, privately owned mega company into a publicly owned, taxpayer funded zombie corporation all due to labor union malfeasance.

The goal of the unions has not been to protect the workers, but to stop private companies from turning profits that they claim do not enrich the employees that made them possible. Instead, the unions have taken far greater roles in dismantling the companies that pay the workers handsomely and in turn, destroy the companies while enriching only

the union leadership.

In short, labor unions have turned into a total scam. They hustle money from the paychecks of those they represent and pad the pockets of those in leadership - selling short the employees that could live better lives without the so-called protection offered by Big Labor.

While the auto unions provide a good look at what Big Labor has done to private industry, the same type of damage has been done in the public sector.

Teachers unions have made it nearly impossible for poorly performing teachers to be removed from the classroom. The harm done hurts the students and the taxpayers that pay for these services. Teachers unions care nothing about the level of education offered, but look more to what they will earn on the taxpayer dime.

Just look at what is happening in New Jersey. When Governor Chris Christie attempted to clean up the New Jersey education system, he was met with stiff resistance from the teachers unions, even though the taxpayers wanted a change. The unions are not in the

business of providing better services; they are simply in it for the interests of the union leadership.

The federal government should not go without blame either. It is the fault of Congress that has led to such powerful labor unions across the country. With legislation such as the Wagner Act, which created the National Labor Relations Board, unions have become institutionalized in America.

There is much more wrong with Big Labor in America and this is simply the tip of the iceberg. But at no point in American history has there ever been a need for such organizations such as the SEIU, AFL, NEA, UAW, and so on to "protect" workers in the workplace.

Americans have always had the ability to vote with their feet. If a job is bad, they can move on. But at no point has a hustler of one's paychecks been necessary for the greater good. And to believe so is to lose trust in the free market system that made America great.

The Coming Catastrophe: State Governments

By DICK MORRIS & EILEEN MCGANN

As Congress reconvenes next week to pass a \$26 billion bailout of state and local governments entombed in their own deficits, we witness a foretaste of the crisis that will be the central event of the first half of next year: the collapse of state governments.

As long as the Democrats control Congress, they will continue to rubber-stamp Obama's requests for bailouts of profligate states. But when the Republicans take control, they will be less than forthcoming. Republicans will ask the central question: Why should taxpayers from states that have cut their budgets and observed spending restraint, pay for the extravagances of the other states? Why should forty-seven states have to pay for California, New York, and Michigan?

State government employment has risen by 16 percent since 1995 and overly generous Medicaid and other spending has climbed alongside it. Pension obligations, initially incurred as a cheap alternative to pay raises for public workers,

are increasingly driving state budgets over the brink.

State and local governments and school boards are hostages to the public employee labor unions that control their finances through their contracts and their politics with their donations and votes. These nominally democratic government bodies are as much under the sway of their union captors as the auto companies are of the UAW.

When a Republican Congress turns off the spigot of federal bailouts, the municipal and state bond markets are going to take the hint and stop buying state paper at any interest rate. California will find its debt has become unmarketable and will come begging Congress for relief. First it will seek federal money and then its demands will escalate into a federal guarantee of its state debt.

The Greek financial crisis will come to our shores in the form of state bankruptcies.

Hopefully, Republicans will not be so weak-kneed as they are in the face of the current shortfall and next week's demand for aid. With two Senators caving in, the Democrats were able to

pass their aid bill and send it to the House next week.

The Republican solution to state financial distress should be simple: The Party should insist on a change in the federal bankruptcy law providing for a procedure for state bankruptcy (none now exists). This process must call for abrogation of all state and local public employee union contracts as is usually done in private sector bankruptcies. By freeing states and local governments (including school boards) of their union obligations on wages, work rules, staffing, and pensions, they have a chance to survive and, indeed, to prosper. But merely subsidizing these massive expenditures just prolongs the misery of the states in question.

The collapse of overspending state governments must trigger the diminution of the power unions hold over their budgets and their politics. Their coming bankruptcies offer an opportunity for reform and the Republican Congress - backed by newly elected Republican state governments - give us precisely the opportunity we need to effectuate it.

Unemployment at 9.5 Percent With 131,000 in Job Losses

By ADAM BITELY

The Obama administration is in more trouble with news that the unemployment situation in the United States has not improved. On Friday morning, the Department of Labor announced that the unemployment rate had remained unchanged in July at 9.5 percent. On top of that, another 131,000 jobs were lost.

These jobs and unemployment numbers are not only troubling, they are devastating. The economy has been in a downward spiral since 2008 and is showing no signs of recovery. Just consider the following things.

First, the unemployment rate according to the Department of Labor accounts for the number of people that are unemployed - not the number that have given up on looking for jobs. Currently the underemployment rate is at 16.5 percent but if you factor in the number of people that have walked away from

the civilian labor force altogether the number would be much higher. Now those are not numbers you often hear reported in the news.

Second, unemployment among America's youth is skyrocketing. This is the group of Americans that are going to be depended on to pay in to Social Security in the coming years to help offset the major losses expected as the Baby Boomers retire. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, from February of 2009 to July of 2010, the unemployment rate amongst 16-19 year olds has risen from 21.8 percent to 26.1 percent. This is startling to say the least, as it indicates that job growth is not even keeping up with new entrants into the workforce.

Third, there is now enough evidence to support charges that Obama's "stimulus" spending has done nothing to help the economy recover. Even further, the \$26.1 billion "stimulus" package being passed through

Congress right now to provide a bailout to bankrupt states is just a further extension of the failed 2009 "stimulus." This increased spending has not spurred private sector job creation, and even more "stimulus" spending can further harm the situation.

Also in last week's unemployment report was the announcement that the private sector only created 71,000 new jobs. While there was a total net loss of jobs in the month of July, this is an important number to watch. If we assume that all other factors hold steady, and that private sector job creation remains around 71,000 per month, in 9 years or so, we could arrive back to pre-recession employment levels. Besides the Great Depression, that would be the slowest recovery in modern US. history.

The private sector is still nervous about where the economy is headed and continues on holding out on investing in job creation at the rates that Obama and his economic team

predicted they would. Perhaps such lackluster performance in the economy based on predictions and policy prescriptions prescribed by his chief economic adviser, Christina Romer, can provide some insight into her recent resignation from the administration.

Clearly the "stimulus" infusions into the economy have done nothing to turn America around. While some critics might suggest that the initial "stimulus" package in 2009 was not enough, the simple question then is what is the correct amount?

The fact of the matter is that government spending cannot create jobs. If those critics were correct, we would have seen some job creation and the economy heading in the correct direction. But we have not seen anything that indicates that spending over \$1 trillion dollars has done anything positive. Instead we have seen prosperity destroyed and America plunged deeper into debt.

Yesteryears...

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Ray and Nita McClellan, formerly of Post, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home on Lake LBJ.

30 years ago- August 14, 1980

The Post Dispatch's three-person staff won its first two awards in the 1980 West Texas Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. Beth Short held the General Excellence Award, publisher Jim Cornish the Editorial Award and Norma Baumann is the third staff member.

Yard of the Week honors went to Mrs. Lois Kennedy.

Richard Fuentes, assistant Allsup's manager, completed the Allsup's assistant store manager training course at the firm's home office in Clovis, N.M.

Wedding vows were pledged between Paulette Martin and Sgt. Stephen Hutchinson Friday, July 25

in Dillon, South Carolina.

40 years ago- August 13, 1970

The Church of the Nazarene of Post was the scene of the double ring wedding of Miss Sherita Ann Harper and Jerry Dale Hair, both of Post.

Two golf foursomes, one of which included Jim Hundley Jr. of Post, recored 13-under-par 59's to split the championship at the Floydada Country Club Pro-Am.

Mayor Giles C. McCrary and Mrs. Inez Hartel, president of the Post Arts and Crafts Guild, were among those greeting Ronald Thomason, noted Weatherford artist, at a guild-sponsored demonstration and lecture in the First National Bank community room.

50 years ago- August 11, 1960

Nita Wilson, Junior Ro-

deo Queen, posed with film and TV star George Montgomery during a lull in activities at the special rodeo performance. Montgomery held the movie camera with which he shot considerable rodeo footage for a Chevy Show Spectacular.

West Texas Pioneers and former Garza County residents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Butler of Slaton observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Personnel at Maxine's which held its formal re-opening after an extensive remodeling program included Maxine Durret, owner, Mrs. Charles Morris, Mrs. Charles Benson, Mrs. Helen Livingston, Mrs. J.R. Durrett and Mrs. Harley Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams announced the birth of a son, Jimmy Ray, born Aug 3.



Photo by Janice Plummer
The winner of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce Cash Giveaway grand prize of \$250 on Saturday was Mysty Ayala. Mysty is a Post resident who has recently graduated and is headed to the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

New School Years...

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believes that his faculty handles the changes in rules and curriculum with ease and is "the best faculty in the state of Texas." He is very proud of the teachers and staff that work with him.

Mr. Berry is a father of four girls. His oldest daughter was married this summer and lives in Lubbock; one graduated from Angelo State University; a third graduated from Texas Tech University;

and his youngest is getting ready to attend Howard Payne University as a freshman. He is the President of the Lion's Club and an active member of First Baptist Church with his wife Kellie.

Election corner 2010

General Election November 2, 2010

Garza County

Candidate and office holder information

Write-in Candidacy: August 24th, 2010 by 5:00 PM is the deadline for prospective candidates to file declaration of write-in candidacy (Election Code, Sec. 146.023) with the County Judge (Sec. 146.024(2)).

Candidate Omission from ballot: Friday, August 20, 2010 is the last day on which death, declaration of ineligibility, or withdrawal of a party nominee for the November General Election for state and county

officers causes an omission of the party nominee's name from the ballot. (Sec. 145.035). Monday, August 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. is the last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate (Sec. 146.0301).

Voter information

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. Applications and changes can be submitted to the Voter Registrar at the Tax Collector/Assessor's office.

Mail Ballot Applications: Friday, September 3, 2010 is the first day the Early Voting Clerk can accept regular applications for early voting ballots by mail for the November 2, 2010 election (Sec. 84.007). The application for mail ballot must be sent by mail or courier.

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



Courtesy Photo
Baby Contest Winner Mallory Jenee Caballero recently placed in three categories in a Baby Contest held in Lubbock. Mallory was chosen first in "Curly Top/Pretty Hair," first in "Beauty" and sixth in overall votes received. Mallory's parents are Ernie and Deidra (Jarrett) Caballero of Lubbock; grandparents are: Vicki Caballero of Lubbock, Terri Jarrett-Brewer of Post and Mark Brewer of Snyder.

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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!

Level: Intermediate

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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2	8	7	3	2	7	9	5	6
4	8	6	7	2	1	8	5	9
5	2	6	5	4	8	1	7	3
3	7	9	1	6	5	4	2	8
2	1	5	8	5	6	9	1	7
6	1	1	8	9	2	4	7	5
4	8	9	3	1	7	2	5	6

ANSWER:

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Supermarkets



Photo by Eleya Richards
Assistant Football Coach Kevin James (right) gives instruction to a group of football players during afternoon practice. The teams started two-a-day practices this week. Two Varsity scrimmages are scheduled before regular season play begins Aug. 27: Aug. 14 at Ralls and Aug. 19 at home against Abernathy.

White River Municipal Lake Alan Henry Report August 9, 2010

Gauge Reading:	2356.55
Feet below spillway:	15' 10"
Rise:	0
Rainfall past week:	0
Rain 2010 to date:	27.01"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
Rainfall 2009:	12.70"

White River Lake has 3,857,424,138 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 40% capacity or 11,838 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in August that leaves 3,810,333,413 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

Conservation pool elevation:	2220.00 feet above mean sea level
Elevation:	2220.16 ft, 0.16 ft above conservation pool elevation
Water Temperature:	84 degrees F
2010 cumulative precipitation:	19.30 inches

Fishing picked up some last week.

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Lake Alan Henry