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Nov. 22 – 7 PM – OAP Practice

Nov. $23 - \frac{5}{6}:\frac{30}{8}:00$, G/B-BB at Ralls

Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 29 – 7 PM – OAP Practice

Nov. 30 - 5/6:30/8, G/B-BB vs.

Crosbyton

Dec. 1 – College Spirit Day!

Dec. 2-4 – Roby Varsity Tourn. (Girls)

Dec. 2-4 - Sands JV Tourn. (Boys)

Dec 3 – End of the Third 3 Weeks

Dec. 7 – 4:30/5/6/8, G/B-BB vs. Roby &

Colorado City

Dec. 8 - NHS Mtg. 9:40 in Library

Dec. 9 - NHS Bake Sale, 9:40 in Library

Dec. 9 - JV/V Plains BB Tournament,

9-11

Post High School Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, November 23rd- Thanksgiving

in the Hall- 12:00 to 12:30- Look for more

details to come home from your child's

November 24th-26th- Thanksgiving

Holiday- No school. Be safe, enjoy and we

will see the student's back at 7:50 a.m. on

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

vs Stanton, Boys at Stanton 4:30/6:00

Tuesday, November 23rd- Lunch in the

Thanksgiving Holiday. Have fun, be safe

Provides

Post ISD is working to maintain its com-

pliance with the federal AHERA regula-

tions regarding asbestos management. The

district currently re-inspecting and updat-

ing the management plan for each of the

A copy of the plan is available in each school principal's office for those who are interested. Any questions about the plan

Post Notes...

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Important

and we will see students back at school at

Hall. 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Information will

11/22/10-Girls Basketball Here

11/23/10-MS Pictures Retakes

be coming home with your student.

7:50 on Monday, November 29th.

11/24-26/10-School

November 24th-26

ISD

Information on Asbestos

school campuses as required.

Post

Holiday-Thanksgiving

Post Elementary School

teacher. All parents are welcome.

Monday the 29th.

Post experiences two tragedies

By Jodi Lincoln News Editor

Post residents have been hit hard this week with tragedies involving two local residents. While the families and friends mourn the losses, the community as a whole has been reaching out to support both families who have lost loved ones.

Sunday afternoon, local rancher Paul Beach was attempting takeoff in a helicopter with a passenger on board from his airport located on the Beach ranch about 13 miles east of Post. The chopper is reported to have become unstable during takeoff and crashed shortly afterward at about 3:30 p.m.

The Department of Public Safety identified the pilot as Paul Allen Beach, 66, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and his passenger as Michael Chenoweth, 53. Chenoweth was taken to University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock for treatment, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The accident is under investigation.

A memorial for Beach is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Post.

A second tragedy followed at about 10:30 p.m.

Monday night, Trooper Jonathan McDonald was driving south on U.S. 84 toward the scene of a crash when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a concrete culvert. He died instantly and his car was engulfed in flames.

McDonald joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in January 2008 and had worked in Post since graduating from recruit school in September of 2008. He was known by those who knew him as "willing to do anything asked of him" says Garza County Sheriff's Department Deputy Lt. Mike Taylor. McDonald is survived by his wife and a six month-old daughter.

The Texas Highway Patrol Crash Investigation Team is conducting an investigation of the wreck.

Services for McDonald will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway, in Lubbock. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery immediately following the service.

Post Notes

\$10.00 - \$12.00.

Election Returns

Official November 2, 2010 election returns (results) are available on the county web site, GarzaCounty.net.

Toys for Tots

This year the Post Lions Club will be collecting / disbursing toys for children in the Post area. Can you run the following - and feel free to reword it! Thanks for doing the Queens Contest postings.

Post-Garza County Endowment

This is the season of charitable giving. Please remember the Post-Garza County Endowment when deciding on your charitable contributions this holiday season. Look for details at www.postgarzacountyendowment.org or call (806)762-8061.

Donations to help former Post resident

A fund to help with funeral expenses has been set up at Citizen's Bank to help the family of Wayne Ryan of Slaton, and formerly from Post, TX. Donations can be made at Citizen's Bank in Post or Slaton.

Post Lions Clubs accepting Toys for

Post Lions Club/Toys for Tots is now accepting applications for needy familes with children. Applications can be picked up at any Post ISD Campus office, with any Lions Club member and at some of the drop off locations or by emailing postlionsclub@ gmail.com.

For those willing to donate, drop off locations around town are: Wells Fargo Bank, Citizens Bank, United Supermarket, Hometown Pharmacy, Post Elementary and Middle School.

The last day to turn in application for toys is December 10th.

Boy Scout Items Needed:

Old Boy Scout pictures and memorabilia needed to be loaned or donated to the Post Historical Museum for a display to be made. Please bring items to the museum Tues.-Sat. 10-12 & 1-5.

Harlem Ambassador Basketball

The PACC will be hosting the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show February 27, 2011, at the Antelope Arena. Sponsorships are now available. Contact the Chamber office - 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com

Bake Sale Bake Sale for the Garza Co. Trailblazers

beginning Oct. 25th to Nov. 22nd.

damages caused by the flooding in July, 2010. The county is expecting about \$115,000 in emergency FEMA funds. Also, Isbell reported that the regional emergency management organization has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from Homeland Security to fund a new communications platform and mobile

The commissioners reviewed bids for a vehicle for county extension agent

Chevrolet \$8,000 Chevrolet for \$37,228.00

(not including trade-in). The the cost of repairing lower bid was accepted by the commissioners.

The court met in an executive session according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act as it relates to the court's deliberations "concerning the purchase, lease or value of real property, where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the court's negotiating position with a third party." When the open meeting resumed, the commissioners voted to table the issue until McDaniel Commissioner could be present.

The next Garza County Commissioners meeting is November 22, 9 a.m. at the AgriLife Extension

Funeral service for DPS Trooper McDonald

Funeral arrangements for Trooper Jonathan McDonald, 28, have been announced.

held Thursday, November 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Resthaven Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 5740 19th Street (5740 West 19th & West Loop 289), in Lubbock. The funeral home can be reached at 806-791-6200.

Funeral services for Trooper McDonald will be joined the DPS in January daughter.

held 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway, in Lubbock. The The visitation will be burial will be in the Resthaven Cemetery immediately following the service.

> Trooper McDonald was killed in a one-vehicle traffic crash Monday night south of Post as he was responding



Trooper Jonathan McDonald

to an accident scene on U.S. 2008 and was stationed in Post. He is survived by his Trooper McDonald, 28, wife and a six-month-old



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Commissioners complete tax abatement agreement; canvass votes

By Rosa Latimer

Correspondent During a regular Garza Commissioners Court meeting on November Commissioners the approved a tax abatement agreement between the county and Freemantle Energy for the wind energy project in northwest Garza County. This agreement is an essential part of the overall project and is the result of months of negotiations. Along with approval of the agreement, the court confirmed the establishment of the reinvestment zone previously approved by the court.

The Commissioners discussed the monthly computer service contract for the county with Eddie Pitts of

court voted to pursue an updated contract with Pitts for continuation of monthly

computer services. The fiscal year 2011 Implementation of the County Assistance Program from the Texas Department of Transportation was approved as presented. An application for public assistance was presented and County Attorney Mike Munk noted that this application did not qualify according to the county's guidelines. After reviewing and discussing the circumstances of the application, the commissioners voted to approve it in the amount of \$350.

Minutes from the October 25, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented

Just Computers. The contract and the following items of were approved as presented Garza County to pay for was initiated in 2006. The information were brought and one line item transfer before the Court as a written report or for discussion: District and County Clerk; Collector/Assessor; Senior Transportation; Justice of the Peace, No. 1; Justice of the Peace, No. 2; AgriLife Extension/Greg AgriLife Extension/Nancy McDonald; Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008; Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005. Judge Norman shared a notice from the City of Post to the TCEQ about the sanitary landfill and a letter from Advocacy, Inc. concerning the elevator project. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for October 26, 2010 through November 8, 2010

was approved.

Judge Norman, Commissioners Morris and Brannon, Commissioner- elect Jerry Benham and Clerk Plummer toured the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center facility. Called Commissioners Meeting

In a called meeting on November 15, Garza County Commissioners and Judge Norman canvassed the votes from the November 2 General Election and approved the election results as presented.

Michael Isbell, Garza County Emergency Coordinator Management updated the court on the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds intended for

command unit.

Greg Jones.

The court received two Lawrence Hall bids: 1) for \$32,422.00 (includes tradein credit) and 2) Covert Entered at U.S. Post Office, Post, Texas for transmission through the mails as Second Class matter, according to an Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. Periodical Rate Postage Paid at Post, Texas 79356. Postmaster: send address changes to: The Post Dispatch, P.O. Box 426., Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-2816 - Fax 495-2059

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Spade ranches honored by American Quarter Horse

The Spade Ranches were honored by the American Quarter Horse Association as recipients of the 2010 Best Remuda Award at the World Ranch Rodeo Finals in Amarillo over the weekend.

The award is given to a ranch with an outstanding working cow horse program. The Spades have six ranches with the 24 brood mares and two stallions at the original headquarters, the Renderbrook Spade, between Colorado City and Sterling City. The stallions are Whos Foolin by Peptoboosmal by Little Peppy and Range Delivery by High Brow Cat out of a daughter of Doc O'Lena.

The other five ranches are near Throckmorton, Borden County, Turkey, Canadian and Alpine. Office headquarters are in Lubbock with John Welch as CEO.

The Spades were honored with a reception at the AQHA Hall of Fame Museum Saturday afternoon attended by employees, their families, friends and former winners

of the prestigious award. Presentation of the bronze remuda sculpture was made to Welch, and two of the great grandchildren of the original owner, Isaac Ellwood, Jennie Wray of Lubbock and Frank Chappell of Colorado City. A brief history of the ranch founded in 1892, with a slide show of a spring working was given.

The Spades were also contestants in the WRRCA Finals having won the Wichita Falls Ranch Rodeo in August. There were 20 other teams competing The Best Remuda Award was again presented at the Saturday evening rodeo performance.

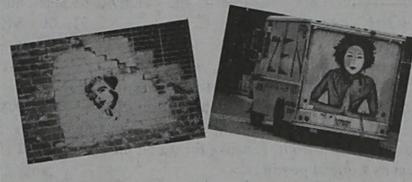
Steve White, a Post native, Post High School graduate and a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M University, is manager of the Renderbrook-Spade and was a member of the Spade team.

Hadley White, Steve and Jackie White's five year old son, was featured on the cover of the AQHA Magazine "America's Horse" with an article regarding the ranch being chosen for the award.

Attending the rodeo finals and reception were parents of White, Noel and Orabeth

White of Post. Several other Post residents attended the weekend events.

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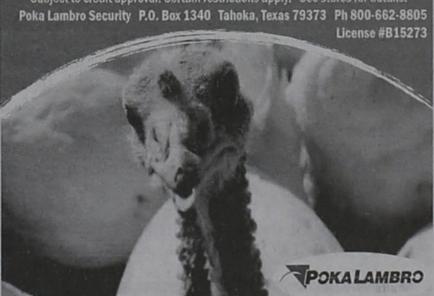
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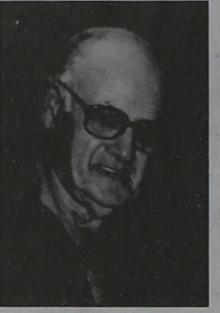
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Obituaries



CEPHAS I.

BILBERRY Cephas I. Bilberry, 84, of Post, died on Sunday November 14, 2010 at the Golden Plains Care Center. He was born on July 24, 1926 to John Henry and Lucendia Elizabeth (Conner) Bilberry in Stonewall County. At the age of three, he and the Bilberry family moved to Garza County to farm for R.B. Taylor. Cephas Chapel. July 4, 1946 he married Juanita Marie McDougle in death Feb. 2, 2003. Cephas worked as a cowboy, farmed Postex Cotton Mill. In 1981 he started B&H Texaco and then B&H Gulf, which became Chevron. Also, during this time he and his grandson Mike Harper ventured into the promotional advertising business. He is also preceded in death by a Daughter: Joyce Marie Harper, July 31, 1997 and also by a grandson: Mike Harper, Dec. 9, 2001. He was a member of the Calvary Bap-

tist Church Services were 2:00 PM 2010 at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Darren Weaver, pastor officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral

A son-in-law, Bobby Harper of Post, survives him. One Grandson, John Harper of Post and one Brother, Hamlin Bilberry also of Post. Four Great-grandchildren, Gwen Fogg of Seguin, Kenneth Shronk of Lubbock, Kyzander Ashley of Lubbock and Lizzie Harper of Post. He is also survived by seven Great great grandchildren.

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EZEQUIEL **SALDIVAR**

Mass for Ezequiel Saldivar Sr., 88, of Post were held at 2 PM Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at Holy Cross Catholic Church Fr. Malcolm Neyland officiating.BurialinTerraceCemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, November 12,2010 at his home in Post. He wasbornApril10,1922inCameron to Francisco and Teresa (Rocha) Saldivar. He married DelfinaMarcosonFebruary 11, in Raton, NM. He served in the US Army during WW II. He worked for Postex Cotton Mills in Post.

Survivors include his Wife: Delfina of Post; 3 Daughters: Teresa Ayala of Post, Josie Aguilar of Post and Christina Norman of Post; 5 Sons: Ezequiel Saldivar Jr. of Lubbock, Ernie Saldivar Sr. of Post, Frankie Saldivar of Lubbock JavierSaldivarofLubbock and Christopher Saldivar of Post, 3 Brothers: Gabriel Saldivar of Mexia, Solomon Saldivar of Amarillo and Julian Saldivar of Illinois, 5 Sisters: Rosie Perez of Post, gelina Rodriquez Post, Janie Morales of Milliken, Co., LaLa Pantoja of Granbury and Angie Bustoz of Amarillo, 15 Grandchildren, 26 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.



PAUL BEACH

Garza County died Sun- at 4 PM Saturday, November day November 14, 2010 at 13, 2010 at Calvary Baptist his private airport. Paul Churchin Post with Rev. Harpwas born Feb. 18, 1944 to er Newman of Wylie and Rev. Paul A. and Mary Kay Bird Darren Weaver of Post of-Beach at Long Beach, Cali-ficiating. Burial in Terrace fornia. He was raised at Las Cemetery was under the direc-Vegas, Nevada and on the tionofHudmanFuneralHome. family ranch here in Garza She died Wednesday, Novem-County. He graduated from ber 10, 2010 at her home in the Bishop Gorman High Wylie. She was born School and later received his May 10, 1961 in Floy-Associate Degree. In 1961 dada to Richard attended school at Graham he joined the Army and was JoAnne (Wilkins) in the Special Forces. Af- Daniel. ter serving three years, he Charles in Post. Juanita preceded him began flying and completed November 25, 1978 in Post. his pilot training school in TheyresidedinPostfor10years Arizona. He became one before moving to Wylie where and later went to work at the of the youngest pilots to she was a hospice nurse. ever fly for a commercial Survivors include her husairline. Paul A. Beach and band, Charles of Wylie, 2 Sons: Kathy Eggers were married Ryan and wife Kim-October 9, 1965 at Las Ve- berly Kirkland of Wylie gas, Nevada. He went to and work for North Central Air- of Wylie, 2 Brothers: Richard lines in 1966 and continued McDaniel of Killeen and Paul with them through changes McDaniel of Levelland, 6 and mergers to finally retire Sisters: Joanie Johnson of from Northwest Airlines. Crosbyton, Kay Clevenger During those years he lived of Hewitt, Shelia Hancock of in Michigan and the Atlan- Midland, ta, Georgia area. In 2003 he ey of Lubbock, Becky moved to the Beach Family Oberhoff Ranch and has continued to and Wednesday November 17, operate the ranch. Still hav- rian of Nampa, Idaho ing his love for airplanes he and by 1 Granddaughter: obtained his A&P and IA Ryley DeAnn Kirkland of certifications. He opened Wylie. Beach Aviation, Inc. at the Slaton Airport and later moved it to the Beach Family Ranch. Paul was a member of the Air Line Pilots of Post died on Wednesday Association for many years November 10, 2010. Mr. and had been very active in Hernandez was born on July the workings of the asso- 26, 1926 to Presiliano and ciation. He is preceded in Fransisca (Hernandez) Herdeath by his Mother: Mary nandez in Mexico. He was Kay Bird Beach, April 17, a member of the Holy Cross 2001 and his sister: Diane Catholic Church. Mr. Her-

> len Alexander Beach and net Justice, Justice-Mason Leighton Allen Beach, both Funeral Home. of Durango, Colorado. One

> 2:00 pm Saturday, Novem- Hernandez, Irma and her husber 20, 2010 at the First band Alberto Andrade all of United Methodist Church Gail and Maria De Refugio of in Post. Bo Jackson and Dr. Mexico. One Brother: Julio James Bell will officiate. Hernandez of Mexico. Two Arrangements are under the Daughter-in-Laws: Esther personal care of Dee and Ja- Hernandez and Paula Hernet Justice, Justice-Mason nandez both of Post. Numer-Funeral Home.

friends after the memorial service.



PEGGY KIRKLAND

ServicesforPeggySueKirk-Paul A. Beach, 66, of land, 49, of Wylie were held She married Kirkland

Kyle Kirkland Mary of Crosbyton Alice McMur-

SANTIAGO

HERNANDEZ Santiago Hernandez, 84, Kay Beach, December 26, nandez is preceded in death by his parents, two sons: He is survived by his Santiago Hernandez, Jr., Dec. wife: Kathy Beach of the 13, 2000 and Jamie Hernanranch, two sons: Paul Allen dez, May 20, 2004. Also, Beach II of Treasure Island, by a Granddaughter: Selicia Florida and Patrick Andrew Hernandez, Aug. 19, 1998. Beach and his wife: Rachel Rosary was held 7:00 p.m. Bowes Beach of Durango, Friday, November 12, 2010 Colorado. One Daughter: at the Holy Cross Catholic Pamela Anne Beach Kramer Church with Santiago Gonand her husband William zalez, Deacon, officiating. Gilbert Kramer of Dal- Mass of the Resurrection was las, Georgia. His Father: 1:00 p.m. Saturday Novem-Paul A. Beach and his wife ber 13, 2010 at Holy Cross Janice Beach of Phoenix, Catholic Church with Rev. Arizona. Six grandchil- Hugh Thekkel, Rev. Paul dren: Esme Bird Beach and Karieakatt and Rev. Joe Au-Myles Harrison Beach, both gustine Chovikavunkal ofof Rumney, NH; Lindsey ficiating. Burial followed at Catherine Kramer and Hen- the Terrace Cemetery. Arry Grayson Kramer, both of rangements were under the Dallas, Georgia; and Cul- personal care of Dee and Ja-

He is survived by his half-sister: Karen Larson wife: Cornelia Hernandez of and her husband Steve Lar- Post. Four Sons: David and son of Mesa, Arizona and his wife Gloria Hernandez, his brother in law: Don Eg- Jose and his wife Amber Hergers and his wife Mary Eg- nandez, Gabrielle and his wife gers of Carson, California. Becky Hernandez, all of Post One uncle, Jimmy Bird and and Juan and his wife Emma his wife Ada Lou Bird and Hernandez of Lubbock. Four several cousins, nieces and Daughters: Evangelina and her husband Rogelio Her-Memorial service will be nandez of Mexico, Gloria ous Grandchildren and nu-The family will greet merous Great-grandchildren.

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here I haven't had much time to gather news this week!

Our bale count as of Wednesday afternoon was 3,606 hopefully we have about 7,000 to go. The wind has slowed us down a time or to but other than that we are going strong.

Quincey granddaughter of Tino and Linda Alaniz was a ball girl for the Lady Raiders of these would be a great

on Novermber 7 during the gift! It has been so busy out game against Angelo State University. Also attending the game were her parents and brother, David, Melinda and Andrew Alaniz and her cousin, Jessica Collozo.

> Cookbooks_ and T-Shirts_

Don't forget to stop by CoCara's or the gin to get Quintana, a T-Shirt order form or a cookbook. Christmas is just around the corner and either

Visitors

We've had a few visitors out this week; Lexi

Gonzalez, Bobby and Nita Terry Terry, Bruce Bassinger, Eric Gonzales, Mario Ayala ... We love visitors so come out have a snack and visit sometime.

Close City Birthdays this week

November 20th - Julie

Lopez

Peel, Bomba Esparza

Ragtown folks in the and Carmen Abraham me at the gin 495-2753 in Post, Odie Kemp in

Mack Ledbetter in Slaton, Joyce Overton in Post, Doris

Wilson in Castorville, John and Mary Gist in Lubbock November 22nd - Keith and Lula Jo Stewart, also in Lubbock. Please let me November 25th - Nita know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Don't forget to check us nursing homes we need to out on Facebook, and feel remember are ... W.C. and free to post pic's if you want. Marj Caffey in Marble Falls, Also send in your news; you George Miller in Lubbock, can email it to me at close. Doug and Claudine Tipton city.coop@pcca.com or call

Everyone have a great Tahoka, Jean Tipton in San weekend and keep our troops November 21st - Cuco Angelo and Jewel White and the harvest season in

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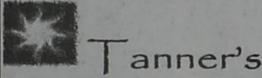
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Deuteronomy 6:5

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#12 Matti Smith scores for the Lady Lope JV team as #24 Jacee Johnson trails the play.



#10 Shirley Ariza, #12 Skylar Jones and #21 Katelynn Short play defense against Seminole.



#11 Maci Merritt shoots a jumper as #12 Matti Smith looks on.



Courtesy photos Post Lady Lopes #14 Morgan Williams, #4 Haily Berry, #25 Amber Wilson and #21 Katelynn Short run the floor against Seminole.

Football Playoff Picture

Post "Bold Gold" Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	JV/V Girls	JV/V Boys
11/9	Shallowater (Girls only)	Away	5:00/6:30	XX/XX
11/12	Seminole(Girls only)	Away	TBA	XX/XX
11/16	Lubbock Christian	Home	5:00/6:30	5:00/8:00
11/19	Anton	Away	4:30/7:00	5:30/8:30
11/23	Ralls	Away	5:00/6:30	5:00/8:00
11/30	Crosbyton	Home	5:00/6:30	5:00/8:00
Dec. 2,3,4	Roby Var.Tourn.	Roby	XX/TBD	XX /TBD
Dec. 2,3,4	Sands JV Tourn.	Ackerly	TBD/XX	TBD/XX
12/7	Roby (Boys only)	Home	XX/XX	5:00/8:00
12/7 * Colorado City(Girls only)		Home	4:30/6:00	XX/XX
Dec. 9,10,11	Plains Tourn.	Plains	TBD/TBD	TBD/TBD
12/14	Ralls	Home	XX/XX	5:00/6:30
12/14 * Coahoma(Girls only)		Away	4:30/6:00	XX/XX
12/17	*Denver City	Home	4:30/6:00	4:30/7:30
Dec. 27,28,29	Wildcat Classic	Littlefield	XX/XX	XX/TBD
Dec. 28,29,30	Caprock Classic	Lubbock	XX/TBD	XX/XX
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1/7	*Stanton	Away	4:30/6:00	4:30/7:30
1/11	* Slaton	Home	4:30/6:00	4:30/7:30
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Bi-District Results (as of 11/13/10) District 2-2A, Div. II Teams

Idalou (Bye) Stanton 30, Abernathy 6 Spearman 27, Coahoma 7 Area Games of Interest Littlefield 41, DC 0 Borger 35, Shallowater 21, Stamford 33, Tahoka 12 Borden County 46, Aspermont 22 **Playoff Schedule** District 2-2A, Div. II Teams

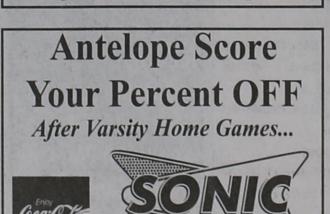
Idalou vs. Alford (7:30, Friday @ Clyde) Stanton vs. Holiday (7:30, Friday @ Sweetwater) Area Games of Interest Littlefield vs. Godley (7:30, Thursday @

Sweetwater) Borden County vs. Garden City (7:30 Friday @ Forsan)

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Hanaba Munn Welch

If somebody steals your

driver's license, credit cards,

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other shoe to drop. You hope

they'll try to use of on the

credit cards and get caught

on the spot. You picture the

cops slapping the handcuffs

your checks or credit cards,

you realize they've decided

simply to steal your identity.

Unless they get a job and

start paying into your Social

Security account, you're in

stolen. I'm more of a

loser. Once I lost all my

credit cards on a city bus

in Washington, D.C. I was

going to church. When I

arrived home in Texas a

few weeks later, someone

had mailed the cards back

to me anonymously. They

included a passage from

the Bible. If you're going

to lose your credit cards on

public transportation in the

Nation's capitol, the best

time to do it is probably on

all the cards as lost, JC

Penney to Visa. But they

didn't all get cancelled.

For some of the cards a

that my signature would

have to be checked. That's

how I remember it. Anyway,

I unexpectedly got all the

original cards back, I didn't

cull any. I just put them with

the new ones I'd gotten to

replace some of them. What

I bought a CD player and

inadvertently handed the

clerk my cancelled Visa

Not too long after that,

a mess of cards I had.

careless soul that I am, when

Sunday morning.

I've never had anything

trouble.

If they don't make use of

on with a nice loud click.

card. "I have to confiscate this card," he said. "It's been

stolen." "No problem," I said. "That's one I lost and got back."

I then handed him my new Visa card. The transaction went through

The name on both cards was "Hanaba Munn Noack." So, if the clerk thought the first card was stolen, who'd he think I stole it from? The other Hanaba Munn Noack? If he believed my lost and found story, he didn't show it. He just took the card. Company policy, I guess. Finders keepers.

Either way, I didn't protest. It was one way to rid myself of a card I shouldn't have kept in the first place.

Next, I got a letter from my bank scolding me for using the supposedly "stolen" card and asking me to pay \$50 toward the reward the bank had to pay for the recovery of the "stolen" card. No kidding.

Meanwhile, I'd reported When I asked the bank the total amount they had to pay, they told me \$55. I paid it all. That's what my stipulation went into effect father would have done.

> That's my story. My cousin Lawrence's

In the days before automated gas pumps at service stations, the guy in line to pay in front of Lawrence handed the clerk a credit card. After a moment the clerk handed the card back saying, "I can't take this card. It's stolen."

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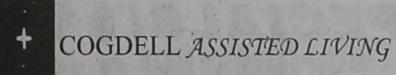
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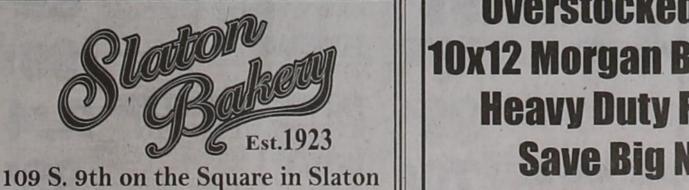
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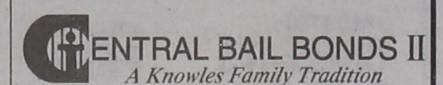


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From the Saga Legends the journey continues

By: Linda Puckett Garza County Museum Director

A CARAVAN OF HIGH HOPES

Accordingly, we left Bullock, Alabama on November 11, 1865. There were nine in our crowd, and the Negro Alec made ten, whom we brought along to do the heavier chores and to tend the stock. Four of the men folk were of fighting age. Other than Pa those who would wield a gun were uncle Doss who despite his age, was but 22; Billy, then 18, who until his death a short time ago lived in Colorado, Texas; and Neal, 15 (whose sons are the prominent lawyers in Athens, Texas) ;Frank, the boy of 12, would have made a fifth with a gun in an emergency, (Frank is now in business in Chickasha, Okla.); Jefferson Davis, then a baby of 4, later founded the small town of Justiceburg, Garza County, Texas, and now (1932) lives in Fort Worth. My mother was large and fleshy and could do but little of the camp work. There was but one other sister, Georgia, 8, and all the women's work about the camp fell to me, then 17.

In our caravan there were

three wagons and a hack. The hack, drawn by two horses (Stonewall Jackson and the less patriotic Henry) led the way, driven by my father. This was to have been my job, driving the horses, but I much preferred to walk, lagging behind or going on ahead. Next was Uncle Doss' wagon, pulled by six mules. Uncle Doss furnished the humor throughout the trip; his was that type of dry humor that was well needed to keep our spirits up. Day after day, for seven weeks, the monotony of travel grew tiresome. There was no news; nothing but the trivial happenings of the day. So it was that what Uncle Doss had said came to be almost an institution-A

The third in line was Neal's wagon, pulled by two yoke of oxen. They were, of course, no lines to the oxen; the animals were commanded by the driver, walking on their left side. When one desired the oxen to turn to the left, one merely commanded, "Shoa come!" The signal to the right was, I believe, was "Shoa back!" Well trained oxen, naturally docile, obeyed at the slightest word. But the poor beasts were usually so hampered by the deep ruts and the heavy wagons that they could not have re-

Delphian oracle.

belled had they had the initiative. Even so, they worked better with Neal than with anyone else; he had raised the lead pair from calves and there was between them that vague understanding that often exists between man and a beast he loves. Like a boy loves a dog, Neal loved those big ugly oxen.

ALEC'S GREAT LOVE

The Negro Alec drove the last wagon, and he too had oxen. Alex's great love however was for horses. Stonewall Jackson, a big handsome dark bay was Alex's principal love. At night we would hear Alex prowling around over by the horses; he would talk to them by the hour. It was rather comical at times, for perhaps half an hour at a time he would stand, holding Stonewall Jackson's baldfaced head between his big black hands, telling the horse over and over, "your name is Stonewall Jackson, your name is Stonewall Jackson...." Whether the animal ever learned the significance attached to the name is doubtful, but at least Alec did his best to impress the proud horse with its importance.

We had crossed the Conech, the Alabama, and the Tombigbee Rivers and were well into Mississippi, when Pa decided that our caravan had

one wagon too many. The expenses were running too high. Sometimes we have to pay as high as \$3.50 a bushel for corn. So driving into a little town in Middle Mississippi, Pa hitched his teams on the square and let it be known that Alec's wagon and all its content were for sale to the highest bidders. This was a part of the country that for nearly five years had been cut off from the world, and the people were anxious enough to pay high prices for our second-hand dishes and utensils and bedclothes.

HE NEEDED A BUTTERMILK PITCHER

There was one old pitcher with the handle broken off, I remember, and the bidding ran fairly high for it. Ma laughed telling the man who finally obtained it; "why that is exactly what I gave for that pitcher when I married twenty-five years ago."

"I don't care, he said, for now I will have something to drink buttermilk out of."

Now with Alec's wagon sold, there was little for him to do, and he began to linger along the way in towns, talking with rough looking whites. Gradually we became to distrust him. One night Pa awaken to find someone rummaging about his head. It was Alec.

He pretended that he was merely hunting a bridle, but the excuse was too flimsy. The next morning when we pulled out we left him by the side of the road. We couldn't afford to take chances; we even locked the horses with chains to the wagon wheels at night.

It was long leaf pine country before we reached Jackson. The streams that until now had been clear water creeks fed by springs the year round now began to get sluggish and muddy. Occasionally we would come to bridges not burned, but they were often too shaky that the oxen refused to cross them. Sometimes the beasts were so stubborn that we had to hitch horses or mule to their teams and pull them on by force-or else they swam across.

Eighteen to twenty miles were considered a fair day's travel. Some days though, especially while going through river bottoms, the going would be so difficult that we would have to double team often. Then we would make no more than seven to eight miles from dawn to dark. Ordinarily Pa would rest the horses and teams at least one day a week. It was not always Sunday; for many times, being scarce of food or corn, or perhaps because we were in dangerous or undesirable territory, we would drive all day Sunday and rest some other

CAVES WITH HISTORY

Just before we reached Vicksburg, while we were still in that torn up region, we began to notice other signs of the war, that had been - old abandoned cannons and graves. The road coming into Vicksburg led down into a huge ditch and followed between its narrow and house high banks for more than a mile. This had once been covered on top but was now caved in; it must have been the tunnels the Yankees had used in trying to undermine the city. Late in the afternoon we reached the banks of the Mississippi, the last ferry for the day having run just a few minutes before we pulled up to the landing. That night we camped on the banks of the river, just a hundred yards from the Yankee barracks. Persons prowled about our camp all night long, and there was little sleep to be had, for the soldiers kept firing guns at irregular intervals until day-light. They were not intentionally firing at us, but never-the-less through there carelessness bullets whizzed through our camp several times.

The saga continues....

Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th

Monday Waffles, Sausage, Butter &

Tuesday Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit,

Milk

Syrup, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday Student Holiday

Thursday Student Holiday

Friday Student Holiday

Lunch Menu Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th

Monday

Hot Dog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apple & Orange Smiles, Sherbet Cup, Milk Tuesday

Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches, Milk

> Wednesday Student Holiday

Thursday Student Holiday

Friday Student Holiday

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th

Monday

Biscuits, Jelly, Yogurt, Juice, Milk

Tuesday French Toast, Sausage, Fruit,

Juice, Milk

Wednesday Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday Thanksgiving Holiday

Lunch Menu Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th

Monday Spaghetti w/Sauce, Corn, Salad, French Bread, Fruit, Milk

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Looking for Wireless? Try a Local Farm

BEAUMONT - Wireless. For most, the word conjures images quaint coffee shops or busy airport lobbies - places where people drop in to check on business or check in with other people.

But increasingly "wireless" is showing up on the farm to help produce better crops, net more money for growers and land a superior product in stores for consumers, according to experts.

Wireless agriculture is yielding benefits in rice and cotton studies by Texas AgriLife Research scientists, for example.

system that uses wireless sensing in rice production," said Dr. Lee Tarpley, AgriLife Research plant physiologist in Beaumont. "We'd like to be able to continuously monitor field conditions such as temperature and soil moisture, and using sensors allows us to do that. We can put them in the field and collect the data from them inside on our computer.

more typical wired sensing network because the cost of running the cables out to the field would be too expensive," he added.

Because wireless sensing networks are becoming commercially available, Tarpley said, his studies that monitor conditions such as soil moisture will eventually help farmers know how to use such a network to make crop management decisions.

While Tarpley's research focuses on wireless monitoring during the growing season, another system has been developed "We're working on a for use during cotton harvest time, according to Dr. Alex Thomasson, AgriLife Research agricultural engineer.

Thomasson, U.S. Department of Agriculture engineer Ruixiu Sui and two graduate students devised a wireless system that can pinpoint the location on the farm where each module of cotton grew. That's important, he said, because a farmer can use "We can't do that using the the information to figure out

various acres.

"Cotton is taken to a gin to be baled. A sample from each bale is sent to a classing office to be measured for fiber quality," Thomasson explained. "The fiber quality results for each bale - along with the module number from which the bale came -- are sent back to the gin and to the farmer for use in marketing the cotton and determining its price.

"We wanted to take that data and map it back to the field the cotton was grown in," Thomasson said. "That enabled us to look at areas of a given field where cotton of different quality comes from. The ultimate goal was to produce profit maps that show how much money is being made or lost on each portion of a field."

His team's research, published in the journal Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, used wireless devices on the harvester, boll buggy and module builder to achieve 100 percent accuracy

why fiber quality differed on in tracking cotton to the place a producer to backtrack to in a field where it grew. They call it the Wireless Module Tracking System.

> "When a farmer knows the input costs across the field, from things such as fertilizer, then the data from the Wireless Module Tracking System can help determine the profitability of each portion of the field," he said. "It can also be used to determine the reason that a part of the field had poorer fiber quality, which caused them to lose money. Then they may decide to manage that part of the field differently to make more money next year."

The system uses a global positioning system on the harvester to keep track of where the cotton in every module was harvested. As the cotton is transferred from harvester to boll buggy to module building, an identification number is sent wirelessly. That information is eventually compiled with the bale sample data from the classing office which enables

where in the field each bale was grown.

"The system can track harvester A and its harvested basket No. 276, for example, all the way to the module and the subsystem on the module building will then send a wireless message with that basket number and the module number back to the harvester's subsystem," Thomasson said. "The overall system also can handle multiple harvesters in a field, even when they dump into a common module builder."

He said the automated system also uses radio frequency identification similar to the plastic tags on retail items that cause an alarm if not removed before exiting a store. This device automatically identifies which vehicle is dumping cotton so the busy farmer does not have to stop to input data about the harvester.

"Whereas most U.S. cotton used to be sold to domestic textile mills, most of it now is exported to Asian markets

where fiber quality presents a bigger issue than ever before and where cotton competes with polyester," Thomasson said. "Polyester fibers are exactly the same because they are factory made. In cotton, there is a lot of variability. So for cotton to compete well with polyester, the fiber has to be good quality. Asian buyers want it all to be uniform."

For consumers, good quality fibers ultimately lead to a better product, he said.

Thomasson Wireless Module the Tracking System is not yet commercially available but could be adapted by cotton harvest equipment manufacturers either as a built-in option on new models or as an add-on for existing models.

Tarpley and Thomasson wireless agreed that technology could be tapped for these and additional farming activities to help make management decisions that lead to better prices to the grower and better products for consumers.

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8th Grade Dakota Greer Kelsey Griffin Carson Kirkpatrick

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Jayson Walden

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The Paperboy

Continued challenges of parenthood

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My son Jackson is a bright boy. Since I know that, I demand he make grades which reflect his intelligence. I think all parents should do the same.

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The other day Jack, a first grader, made a silly mistake on a paper and made a 93. We've talked with him on several occasions about the importance of checking over his work, and when he does, the silly mistakes are caught. This was a case where he did not check his work.

I don't want you to think we are harsh on him when he gets sloppy. We are very positive and remind him that he is hurting himself by not checking work over before handing it in. We know if he gets into the routine now, it will become second nature for him.

Friday evening, Jackson started showing me his work when we came across the paper with the 93. He said, "Dad, I'm sorry and I wrote you a note on the back of the pa-

"Dear Daddy - I'm sorry I made a grade in the 90s and I hope you can forgive me. Love, Jackson."

I was taken aback by the note. My initial reaction was, "Oh Lord, I'm putting too much pressure on the boy, and he's cracking at age 7."

My second thought was, "This is a preemptive strike, and he's attempting to deflect the fact he made a silly mistake by making me feel sorry for him."

I asked him, "Jack, did you check over the paper?"

He looked down and answered, "No sir."

So it turns out it was a preemptive strike to disguise his sloppiness, which reenforces the notion that he is bright. It also makes me question how ethical it is to put a guilt trip on old Daddy when the only thing old Daddy would have done is tell him to check his work closely, because when he doesn't, he hurts himself.

I told him I appreciated his thoughtfulness concerning my feelings on his grades and the next time he needs to write a note to himself reading:

"Dear Jackson - I'm sorry I made a grade in the 90s because if I would have looked over my work, I would have noticed that the word 'Are' does not work in place of the

word 'Our' and kept me from making a 100. Love, Jack-

I guess my worry here is this: He was very close to calling my bluff. When I first read his note, I felt sorry for him, which was his intention. If you look at your relationship with your children as a chess match, I countered a pretty good move. I wonder what I'm in for down the road?

We know our children, and we pay attention and point out the various gifts or talents we notice. We then work to provide them an opportunity to develop those gifts. I figure that's part of our job as parents.

Parenting will always be a challenge, and I'm far from a perfect father. Sometimes I get sloppy and make mistakes. However, I've noticed I'm a better father when I go back and check myself on the decisions I make and the impact those decisions have. Sound familiar?

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Ireland Shows No Time for Half Measures

By BILL WILSON

cause she refused to be his consort, the god punished her by making it so that nobody would believe her predictions.

Today, it appears that credit rating agencies have contracted a Cassandra syndrome. They have warned profligate nations, like Greece, Ireland, and the U.S., until they are blue in the face that they are spending too much. That their national debts are unsustainable. That unless drastic actions are taken to rein in unsustainable spending, dire consequences will follow.

Alas, the governments are not listening. They do not believe the Cassandra agencies.

Ireland is a perfect example where half measures have made little difference in the nation's fiscal outlook. Despite receiving praise when budget cuts were proposed over a year ago, the Irish government has largely not followed through with them. Its recent credit rating downgrade by S&P directly reflects the less-than-adequate cuts that have

At the time, Ireland complained that S&P's downgrade had used an "extreme estimate" to calculate the size of its bank bailout. But, since then, Ireland has had to revise upward its estimate for recapitalizing Anglo-Irish Bank, now at €50 billion, as reported by the

Wall Street Journal.

This open-ended commitment amounts to In Greek mythology, Cassandra was grant- bank losses being poured atop public debt. ed the gift of prophecy by Apollo, but be- Fine Gael estimates that the bank bailouts in Ireland will eventually double the national debt. It is likely that the nation's debt will continue to grow to over 100 percent of GDP before the decade ends.

> The budget situation overall has not improved much. After its budget peaked at €56.082 billion gross expenditures in 2008, Ireland has only cut down to a proposed €54.940 billion in 2010. It foresees keeping that level of spending indefinitely.

> The nation's public pension system is largely considered to be one of its greatest accrued liabilities, at over €129 billion. But the only reforms to the public pension system thus far put forth in the 2010 budget are token ones: raising the retirement age to 66 from 65; and imposing a maximum retirement age of 70; pensions will be derived from a career average instead of final salary; and they're considering using their Consumer Price Index to calculate post-retirement increases.

> The effect has been negligible. Ireland, despite all of its rhetoric of reforming the broken pension system, remains committed to a defined benefit scheme - even for new entrants. Overall, it has only cut about €1.2 billion from the budget, but its deficit is €13.718 billion. It foresees higher deficits until 2012.

the deficit to drop because it thinks the econ- payments by 2018, which would still rise to omy will recover and revenues will rise, not \$696 billion that year. That's still above 18 because spending would be cut. In fact, over- percent of the revenue the CBO projects that all spending won't be cut significantly in any upcoming budgets.

Overall, Ireland's debt has risen from a 25 percent share of GDP at the end of 2007 to 64.5 percent of its GDP at the end of 2009 at €75.2 billion.

All told, because it has done little more than freeze spending, and on top of that committed to a tremendous bank bailout, Ireland is still facing a worsening Greece-like crisis. Unfortunately, Ireland has not managed to substantially reduce its debt-and-deficit-to-GDP ratios.

This should be instructive across the pond here in Washington.

As the U.S. considers the preliminary findings of Barack Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, it would do well to consider the Irish example, and consider listening to the Cassandra credit agencies. Moody's has warned the U.S. that if interest owed on the national debt rises to 18 to 20 percent of revenue, that our credit rating would be downgraded. As noted by Investor's Business Daily, that will be reached 2018 based on Congressional Budget Office

The deficit commission will do little to prevent that from happening, only propos-

Even then, the government only expects ing cutting about \$15 billion a year in interest year, \$3.83 trillion. This means that either the commission did not consider Moody's warning, which would be alarming, or they did consider it, but are okay with the credit rating being downgraded.

> It gets worse. The commission will do nothing to balance the budget any time soon. In fact, it does not foresee a balanced budget until 2040. Frankly, we don't have thirty years to balance the budget.

Year-on-end, the \$13.7 trillion debt would continue to grow under the commission's proposal, surpassing 100 percent of GDP in just a few short years. To finance the debt, the Federal Reserve will print hundreds of billions of dollars, making it the top lender to the U.S. sometime in the not-so-distant future in 2011.

First and foremost, newly elected congressional Republicans must be committed to avoiding an Irish-like crisis. In order to do so, they must heed the warnings of the Cassandra credit rating agencies, before it is too late. That means when they present their budget proposal, it must take into account what Moody's has warned, and then tailor their proposal to avoiding the calamity prophesized.

Freshmen Republicans Should Maintain Independence

By KEVIN MOONEY

Attention incoming House and Senate Republicans.

You are well positioned deep inside enemy territory to operate as constitutional insurgents. This means you are not part of the club and must remain separate and distinct from your party's leadership in order to remain effective. Incoming House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell deserve the loyalty and respect of their newly elected members. Both leaders operated effectively and shrewdly against a far-left administration that has significant majorities in both houses of congress. Irresponsible, intrusive, costly legislative items were fought, and a few defeated, thanks to their principled stand.

But it is important to remember that a fair amount of daylight exists between the Republican leadership and tea party activists who are committed to the ideals of the founding period. The November 2nd vote was more of a rebuke to the Democrats and Team Obama than it was an endorsement of Republican majorities. In many respects, the tea party movement began as a rejoinder to big government Republicans who walked away from the 1994 revolution. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) has the right perspective

Although the media portrayed the government shutdowns in the 1990s as a victory of President Clinton, Republican majorities were re-elected in consecutive elections for the first time since the 1920s, Gingrich has observed. The party's conservative base was energized back then because it saw the shutdown as evidence Republicans were serious about controlling spending, he has explained to listeners at various speaking engagements.

Unlike their 1994 predecessors, the 2011 class of freshmen benefit can benefit the fresh experience of previous Republican majorities. Their initial curbs on spending that helped balance the budget and the successful push for welfare reform stand out as historical achievements. But after this initial success, too many GOP lawmakers became smitten with Washington, D.C. There is no sure way to resist the onset

of Potomac fever, but freshman Republicans should reach out to party members who have offered up serious, detailed anti-spending plans. The Republican Study Committee in the House is a good place to start. It has been a reliable incubator for small government initiatives that operates beyond the orbit of the party leadership.

Going forward, is also important to note that Rep. Boehner is opposed to term limits, which has become an article of faith for many constitutionalists. The presumptive House Speaker is certainly entitled to his view but there is no denying the strong correlation that exists between the time elected officials have in office and their unwillingness to control spending. Richard LaRossa, president and CEO, of the National Term Limits Coalition has put together a brilliant database on his site that tracks "Poster Children for Term Limits."

In the upper chamber, outgoing Sen. Jim Bunning (R-K.Y.) received a paucity of support from his own party members when he called for spending cuts to offset the costs of expanding unemployment insurance. This was an ever so modest proposal that was resisted by leaders in both parties.

But there some cause for encouragement looking ahead to

On November 3rd, Sen. McConnell in an interview with FOX News' Brett Baier spoke on increasing the national debt limit, "I think it will not be without some strings attached, if it happens, because they're going to have to seriously address

spending and debt." The idea here is to use the statutory limit on the national debt as leverage against additional spending. It would not be so easy for the U.S. Treasury to roll over debt as it comes due under this scenario.

The political establishment has already voiced its opposi-

"The government cannot function unless the debt ceiling is lifted," former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, moaned. "Ordinarily, it's automatic," he said, adding, "The public is in no mood for a government shutdown."

Here are a few more suggestions.

House Republicans should use their new majorities to

launch investigations into taxpayer funded groups that advance partisan political causes; yes that would be ACORN, known in full as the Association of Community Activists for Reform Now. Contrary to what has been widely reported the organization remains up and running under renamed affiliates. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), the ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee has already produced some highly detailed reports.

The extra-constitutional power grabs of administrative agencies have gone unchecked and unchallenged for far too long; it's high time Congress asserted itself. The transgressions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are well documented and serve as a good starting point. But the problem is much more widespread. The Obama Administration's use of so-called policy Czars should come in for scrutiny.

Matthew Spalding, a constitutional scholar with the Heritage Foundation, suggests that the problem here is not so much with czars per se but with the expansion of administrative capacities that raises larger questions about the separation of powers. The testimony he delivered before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2009 is worth reviewing.

However offensive or alarming the activities of a particular czar may appear in the eyes of administration critics, Congress is ultimately responsible for vague and open-ended laws that allowed the federal bureaucracy to grow, he explained in an interview.

"There is a larger and broader constitutional question concerning this massive delegation of authority from Congress to the executive branch," Spalding said. "In many respects, the czars represent an attempt by recent administrations to control this bureaucracy. The question I would raise touches on whether or not Congress is massively delegating authority unconstitutionally in the first place."

Republicans ought to be realistic about what can actually be achieved between now and 2012. That doesn't mean they should accommodate bipartisan exercises that work against taxpayer interests. There is a real opportunity to ignite a constitutional revival.

Post Notes...

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or this federally mandated program may contact Ollie Abraham at 806-548-4307.

Ag Producer/Rancher Acreage Sign-

There will be an Ag Producer/Rancher sign-up for those interested in having Wildlife Services personnel trap/ help control predators on their land; Monday; November 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Wells Fargo Meeting room in Post. There will be a short presentation given by Mr. Rickey Gilliland, District Supervisor, Canyon, Texas with Wildlife Services, then producers will complete their agreement forms. There is no cost for land owners associated with this service. Organizing members of the Garza Wildlife Damage Control Association; Tom Middleton, Drew Kirkpatrick and Jimmy Bird as well as Garza County Commissioners Court representatives will be on hand. For questions or more information, please contact Greg Jones at the Garza County Extension Office.

Benefit to be held for Beth Ann Grisby

There will be a benefit for Beth Ann Grisby Todd on November 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Trailblazers at 205 E. 10th. Sausage, red beans, cornbread, potato salad and desert will be \$5.00 a plate. There will also be

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a bake sale, an auction at 6:00 p.m. and a laptop giveaway. For tickets for the laptop giveaway or donations please contact Diana Poe at 806-495-1207 or Reshea Tidwell at 806-549-6313.

Santa's Land Drive thru

Santa's Land Drive thru Christmas Park We would love to invite your community to stop by and see the lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park is located in Tahoka, Tx. The park includes four acres of land, 1/2 mile of driving paths, more than 100,000 lights, 100 plus wooden cut outs, 15 blowups, tons of Christmas trees, and 3 decorated antique cars. Visitors are able to stay inside their cars or get out and mingle while enjoying a warm fire and some hot choco-

Will be Open November 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th (Opening weekend). Santa & Mrs Claus will be present November 25th, 27th & 28th until 9:00 PM. Open in December 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, & 26th. Gate opens at 6:30 PM and light will go out no earlier than 10pm. Santa's Land Drive thru Christmas Park is located in Tahoka TX. If you will use Google maps and look up South 11th and Ave. O Tahoka TX you will be able to find us. Admission is free, donations will be accepted to help keep the lights on. If you have any questions please call 806-891-1291 or go to Facebook.com/ SANTASLAND79373

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* Consider how you'll pay: Credit cards generally are a safe option because they allow buyers to receive credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered. Don't ever send cash or use a moneywiring service because you'll have no recourse if something goes wrong.

* Use caution with social media: Retailers increasingly use social media to promote deals and disseminate coupons. But scammers also use these sites, often masquerading as a friend to deliver malicious links that allow hackers to steal personal information. Be suspicious of any message or promotion you did not sign up to receive, and instead of following links, go directly

* Keep your password private: When selecting a password for an e-commerce site, do not use commonly

to a store's Web site.

known information, such as family names, birthdates, or numbers from your driver's license or Social Security number.

If you are a victim of identity theft, make sure to report it immediately to one of the three credit reporting agencies -- TransUnion, Experian or Equifax -- and file a police report.

For more tips and advice on preventing and reporting identity theft, visit money-

Retailers expect more family spending

Family matters. So say retail experts as holiday shoppers begin to create their gift lists.

Indeed, retailer polls show shoppers are expected to curb spending on friends this season and spend more on family. And regardless if they will be giving techfocused gifts or more traditional presents, shoppers are making sure their gifts are personal so they connect with loved ones.

"No matter who's on your list, going the extra mile to personalize gifts or selecting ones that speak to your special bond with shopping. You'll feel joy the recipient, will make sure they're cherished for years to come," says Amy Myers, vice president of creative services for national gift retailer, Things Remembered.

Here are several popular gift trends that offer great options for personalization: Family Focused

With so many shoppers focusing on family, many stores are offering gifts that emphasize and celebrate special family bonds. For example, Things Remembered is anticipating its best-sellers will include such gifts as its new birthstone jewelry, which allows mom or grandma to

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showcase all the kids' birthstones, and its new digital photo key chain, which displays 100 digital pictures of the family. Engraved gifts continue to be popular and personal, as the recipient always remembers who gave it to them.

Charitable Spirits

Gifts that donate a portion of their proceeds to charities are always appreciated. While many charitable programs exist, experts recommend researching retailer programs that support a cause that's important to you or the recipient, before knowing your gift is helping a cause that's important to you or your loved one.

Not Just Kids Stuff

Children often don't remember who gave them each toy, but they'll remember sentimental gifts for a lifetime. Many givers are choosing non-toy gifts children can use or display for years, or those offering teachable lessons in fun

Gifts like engraved water globes or personalized, embroidered blankets can be enjoyed this season and passed to future generations. Piggy banks in fun styles are finding newfound popularity while offering

lessons about saving and good ways to store holiday money from Granny.

Meaningful Tech

Tech tools are always at the top of lists, but haven't historically been very meaningful. That's changing this year with the introduction of personalized techie gifts. Retailers like Things Remembered are offering gifts such as LED Flashlights and USB Pens that allow givers to add names, holiday wishes and personal messages right on the products.

On-the-Go

Is your recipient a busy parent with barely enough hands to get dressed each morning? A business traveler? Show them you admire their abilities with gifts that make things easier.

Consider a pretty mirrored compact for a busy mom to carry in the diaper bag or a custom flash drive for that business traveler to store files from the road.

For more personalized gift ideas, visit www. ThingsRemembered.com.

"Though we all have the year's 'it' gifts on our wish lists, we ultimately want gifts we can use and remember long after the season has passed," says



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