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## Election winners sworn into office



Photo by Jodi Lincoln

From left to right: Judge Lee Norman, Garza County Judge, Charles Morris, Precinct 2 Commissioner and Jerry Benham, Precinct 4 Commissioner being sworn into office by Ret. Judge Giles Dalby



Photo by Jodi Lincoln

From left to right: Jim Plummer, District Clerk, Dee C. Justice, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Gordon Terry, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, and Ruth Ann Young, County Treasurer being sworn in by Ret. Judge Giles Dalby

By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Winners of the November election were sworn into office by Retired Judge Giles Dalby January 1st in the Garza County Courtroom. Those being sworn in were incumbent Judge Lee Norman who will serve a

second term as Garza County Judge, Charles Morris who is beginning his second term as county commissioner of Precinct 2, and Jerry Benham who will begin his first term as county commissioner for Precinct 4. Also sworn in the same day were Jim Plummer who will begin his 3rd term

as District - County Clerk, Ruth Ann Young who will begin her 6th term as County Treasurer, Gordon Terry, who begins his 2nd term as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 and Dee C. Justice who will begin serving his 8th term as Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2.

## Tower Theater re-opens after being closed 37 years



By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

On July 4th, 1974 the Garza Theater closed its doors for the last time as a movie theater. It has been used throughout the interim

years for different events, but has not operated as a movie theater in 37 years. New Year's eve that all changed when the theater was re-opened by Unchained Ministries, Inc after they

acquired it from a bankruptcy. The theater is being managed by Mike Holly and will again operate as the Tower Theater.

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## Madison Davis vies for Rotary Club scholarship

By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Madison Davis is the daughter of Ruth Davis of Post and Jerry Davis of Dallas and is currently a senior in the Post ISD. Madison is a guest at the Post Rotary Club in November and attended the required luncheon meetings held by the Rotary Club at the Community Center as part the qualifications for receiving a grant from the local Rotary Club to further her education. Madison is among several students being considered for one of several grants given to students deemed worthy of receiving a grant. Besides attending the luncheon meetings, each student is required to give one public speech to the Rotary audience, which Madison successfully completed.

Madison describes herself as being a hard working, well rounded and highly motivated student, saying of herself, "I will be graduating 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in my class. I have been at the top of my class every year of high school." She stated that she

will be needing additional financing for school since the program she has chosen will be rigorous and time consuming, to the point that part time work would be a challenge. Madison plans to get her BS in Biomedical Engineering and continuing on to get her MS in a five year honors college program. Madison also sees herself as being ambitious and willing to work hard to attain her dreams and goals. She hopes to attend either Texas Tech or ASU after graduation.

While in school, Madison has participated in sports playing tennis, basketball, cross country, track and power lifting. Academically, she has participated in and enjoyed UIL academics including mathematics, numbers sense, accounting, science, informative speaking and debates. She has also been on the student council, a class officer and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Madison has received numerous awards including student of the year 2010 for



Courtesy Photo

Senior Madison Davis

accounting, pre-calculus, physics, anatomy and physiology, history, academic All District Track and Power Lifting. In 2010 she was Post Lion's Club Queen.

Madison is an extremely intelligent, athletic and accomplished young lady who has already accomplished a lot and has plans achieve even more and to do great things in her life. She is a daughter any parent could be proud of and her parents are indeed very proud of her.

## KateLynn Short vies for Rotary Club scholarship

By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

KateLynn Short, daughter of Bill and Mary Short is a senior at Post ISD and one of many students who have been chosen to attend the weekly luncheons at the Post Rotary Club where she will be vying for one of the annual scholarships awarded by the Rotary Club. Students must attend at least two of the four monthly luncheons held by the Rotary and each student must meet certain criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship. Each student is required to give a speech while attending the luncheons, which

KateLynn did successfully.

While attending Post ISD KateLynn has participated in UIL literary criticism, the One Act Play, varsity basketball, cross country and track. She also enjoys hunting, spending time with her family and friends and playing basketball.

KateLynn has won several awards and honors during her high school years. She is in the top ten of her class and has participated in the UIL All District Cross Country and Track and All District Basketball.

After graduation, KateLynn plans to attend Lubbock



Courtesy Photo

Senior KateLynn Short

Christian University where she will major in Secondary and Physical Education.

### Post Notes

**Benefit account set up for Mike Huff**

An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank for Michael Huffman, son of Summer Darling Reed. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Short at 495-2804.

VFW POST 6797

VFW Post 6797 Men and

Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, January 10th at the Post on the Clairmont highway. Meal will be served at 6:00 pm with the regular meetings to start at 7:00pm. All members are urged to attend, as plans will be made for midwinter and the district meeting in February. Ladies are reminded to bring a covered dish.

**GRAHAM CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET**

For those who are needing assistance, Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet available. To obtain either

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# Chamber News

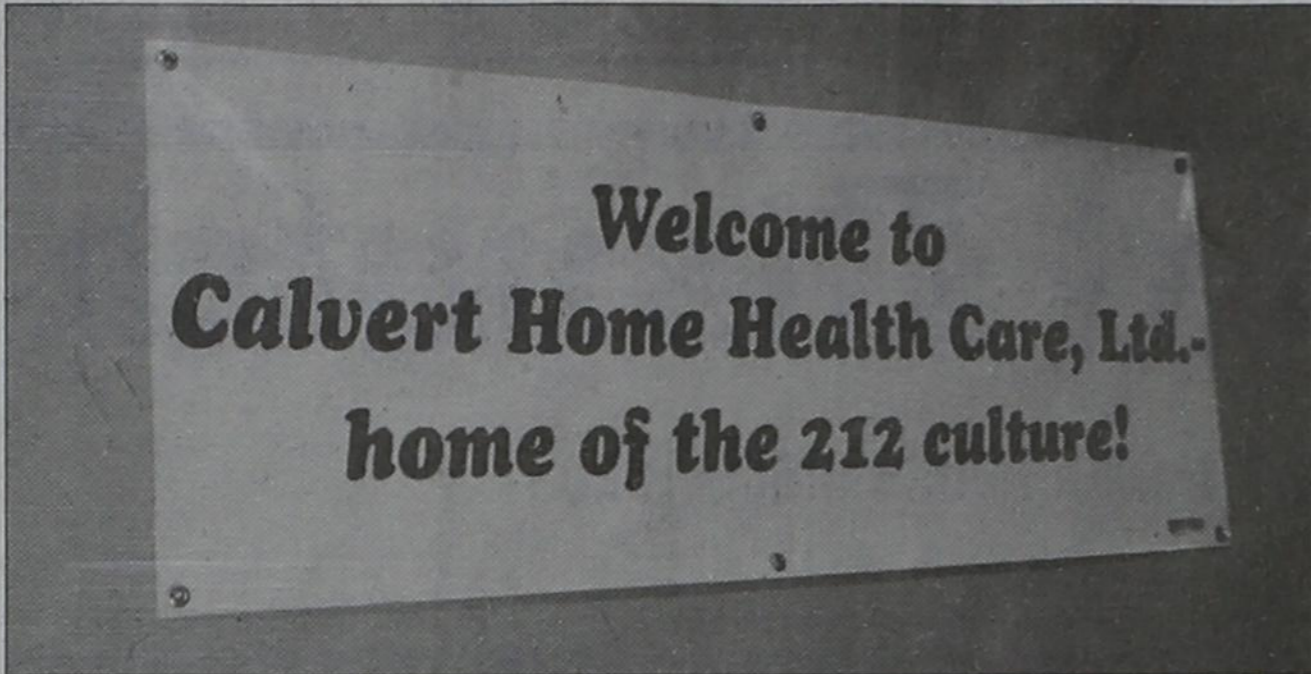
Our first Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event for 2011 will be on February 5 with the Chamber Cash Giveaway and Super Bowl Party. In addition to cash and prizes, we will have a special drawing for a 32" flat-screen television.

We will also have our annual Chamber banquet on February 5 and award Business and Citizen of the Year for 2010. Please make plans to attend.

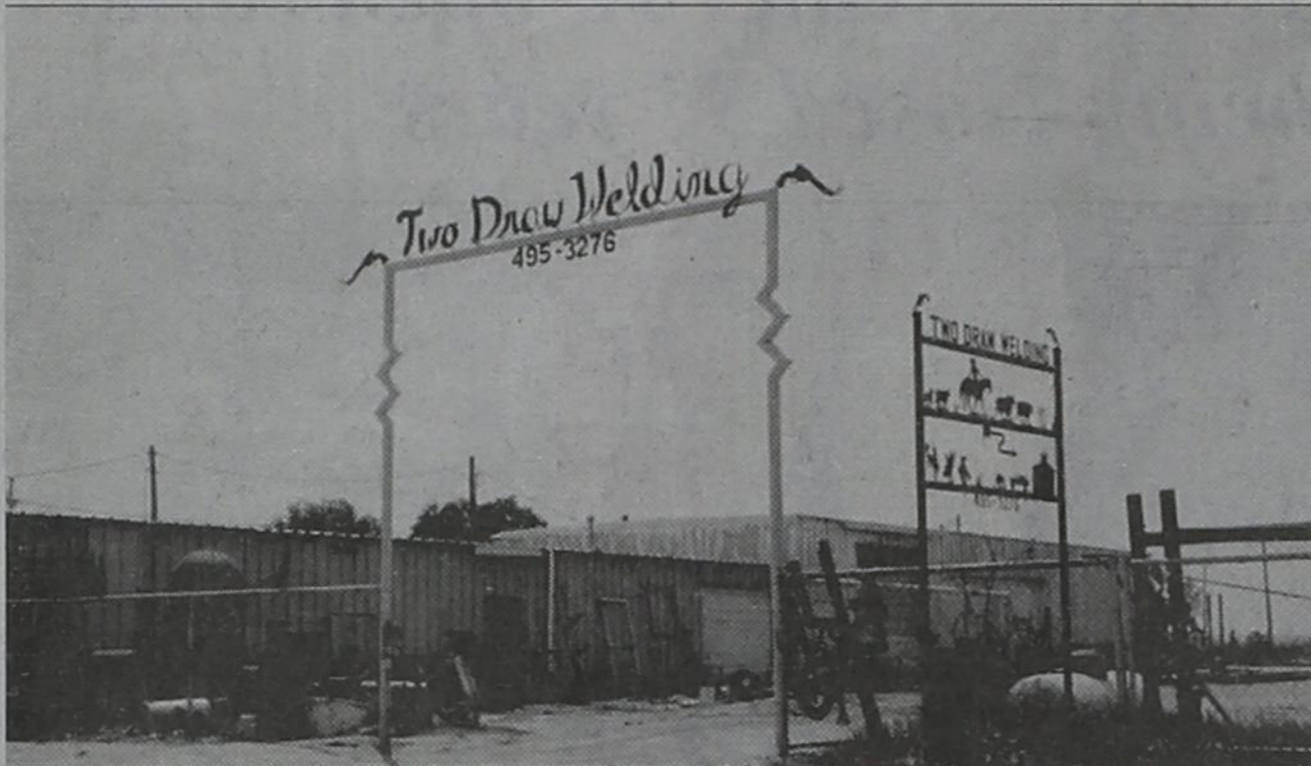
The Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be back on February 27, 2011. We have

tickets available at the Chamber office and we do still have some sponsorships available - call 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytxas.com for more information.

Congratulations to our members of the week:



Silver Member - Calvert Home Health



Silver Member - Two Draw Welding

## Easterling earns degree



Kylie Blaine Easterling, one of over 3,500 December graduates at Texas A&M University in College Station, received her diploma in a morning ceremony

held on December 18, 2010. She graduated magna cum laude with her Telecommunication Media Studies degree. On December 16, she was one of eighty-three students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, a prestigious honor organization founded in 1776 during the American Revolution celebrating and advocating excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its campus chapters invite for induction the most outstanding arts and sciences students at America's leading colleges

and universities. At Texas A&M, only the top one percent of graduates are invited to join the organization. She is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Sigma Alpha Lambda honor society, Lambda Pi Eta honor society, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Kylie plans to attend graduate school in the fall. She is the daughter of James and Amy Easterling, and granddaughter of Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey and Doris Hamilton.

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

ANSWER:

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Supermarkets

# Abnormally dry areas expand northward

**COLLEGE STATION** -- Most of Texas continued to experience a drier-than-normal winter.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's (<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>) report of Nov. 30, those parts of the state that were either experiencing abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions expanded both northward and southward in the last week.

On Nov. 23, the abnormally dry areas were confined to counties south of U.S. Interstate 20, and much of extreme South Texas was considered normal. A week later, the abnormally dry areas spread as far north as Wichita Falls and Lubbock, and as far south as McAllen and Harlingen. Also, the number of counties in Southwest and Southeast Texas considered to be in a moderate drought expanded.

The dry conditions were hardest on livestock grazing, but small grains were also suffering, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. Cotton producers in the South Plains and Rolling Plains took advantage of the dry weather to finish up harvesting.

"Extremely dry conditions continued to take their toll on dryland small grains such as wheat and oats," said Marcel Valdez, AgriLife Extension agent in Zavala County, southwest of San Antonio. "Some livestock producers reported that some supplemental feeding of livestock began this week. Some producers are also contemplating some light selling-off decisions to reduce grazing pressure on native range and pastures and reduce supplemental feed costs."

"Conditions continue to be dry," said Dale Rankin, AgriLife Extension agent in Live Oak County, north of Corpus Christi. "Producers have started feeding hay and most of the forage is brown from frost and cold weather. Only a small amount of winter pastures have been planted due to the lack of moisture."

"Conditions are still extremely dry, and oats need rain in the worst way," said Joe Taylor, AgriLife Extension agent in Atascosa County, about 20 miles south of San Antonio. "Some producers are saying they are losing their stands to the dry weather. Pasture conditions are also very dry and vulnerable as a fire hazard."

"It's dry with no prospects of rain," said Neal Alexander, AgriLife Extension agent for San Saba County, south of Brownwood. "What few calves have been turned out on the early small grains are now being shipped to grazing out of the county."

"We continue to need rain for ryegrass and clovers, as well as to improve livestock water levels in stock tanks," said Mark Currie, AgriLife Extension agent for Polk County, south of Lufkin. "Typically we receive rainfall with cool fronts that benefit our cool-season grasses, but this year the fronts have had little or no rainfall with them."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**CENTRAL:** The region remained dry. Winter wheat and other small gains made little progress, and pastures were stressed. However, the dry conditions allowed farmers to finish field preparations for spring planting. Producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.

**EAST:** Most of the region continued to struggle from lack of rain. Ponds, creeks and other groundwater sources were extremely low. Soil-moisture levels remained critical in most areas. Winter pastures were stressed. Some areas, such as Henderson County, were in much better shape as far as moisture was concerned, and winter forages made good progress. Elsewhere, producers increased rations of hay and protein supplements for cattle. However, livestock were in fair to good condition. Feral hog damage reports continued to come in.

**NORTH:** Soil-moisture levels ranged from short to adequate. Some counties had freezing temperatures. Ponds levels were low. Wheat and oats were in fair condition. There has been just enough rain for small grains to emerge, and some fields, including wheat, look good. However, rain has been slight and too late for some. Most livestock appeared to be in good body condition going into the winter. As Bermuda grass pastures went dormant, some producers started to feed hay. Most winter annual pastures were not quite ready for grazing. Rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good.

**PANHANDLE:** Producers had favorable weather to finish harvests and prepare fields for 2011. Most cotton harvest has been stripped, and producers were waiting for modules to be picked up. Cotton yields were reported to be good or above average across much of the region. However, winter wheat continued to struggle due to lack of moisture in some areas. Counties reported the crop in poor to excellent condition, depending on moisture levels. Cattle were doing well on wheat pastures. Rangeland and pastures were holding up, but the combination of dry conditions and winter dormancy caused grass to decline and

the risk of wildfires to increase.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** The cotton harvest was nearly complete. If weather conditions remain favorable, producers were expected to finish the harvest within the next few weeks. Although the dry weather was a blessing to cotton farmers, ranchers needed moisture. Pastures and winter wheat were looking poor. Wheat pastures in particular were really showing signs of stress from lack of moisture. Stock-water tank levels dropped to very low levels. The risk of wildfire remained high. Producers expected to spend more money this year on supplemental feed because of poor wheat pasture growth. Cattle remained in good condition thanks to supplemental feeding. The pecan harvest was under way. There were many reports of feral hog and deer activity.

**SOUTH:** In the northern and eastern counties, wildfire potential increased in rangeland and pastures as a result of freezing temperatures and absolutely no rainfall. Brooks County reported their first wildfire, which burned close to 6,000 acres and took 24 fire crews to bring under control. Producers in those counties had to increase supplemental feeding as the quality of forage continued to decline. Livestock producers had to use well water for livestock and wildlife as stock-tank water levels continued to decline. However, cattle body condition scores were fair. In the northern counties, the peanut harvest and some winter-pasture planting continued. In the western counties, wheat and oats continued to struggle from the dry conditions, and the spinach and cabbage harvests were ongoing. In the southern counties, fall vegetables progressed well, the harvesting of sugarcane, citrus and some vegetable crops continued, and growers prepared to harvest tomatoes.

**WEST CENTRAL:** The region continued to have windy, dry weather. Days were cool and nights cold. Red-flag warnings and burn bans were in effect in most areas due to extremely dry conditions. The cotton harvest continued with good yields reported. The grain sorghum harvest was complete. The planting of wheat and oats was mostly completed. Winter wheat was off to a slow start due to very dry conditions. Rangeland and pastures continued to show signs of stress from lack of moisture. Stock-tank water levels continued to drop. There was limited forage available for grazing. Producers increased supplemental feeding of livestock. The pecan harvest was well under way.

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Predicting 2011

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

More than a decade ago I wrote a column on wild predictions for the coming decade. I recall one of the predictions centered on terrorist attacks in New York City. Specifically, the Statue of Liberty being destroyed.

I remember thinking how preposterous the notion was. Nine months later and that prediction was eerily close. Had the Statue of Liberty been on the terrorists' list that day instead of the World Trade Center, then we'd probably be without that national treasure.

Here's hoping this decade is quieter than the last for the home front.

Speaking of predictions, I have a few of my own for the next decade and an opinion which follows:

\* I predict Sarah Palin will announce a run for resident. At that point, regardless if it's for 2012, 2016 or 2020, Democrats from coast-to-coast will let out their roaring approval. In other words, Palin would not be a good choice and would likely get stomped in the primary or, should she win that, should get throttled in the general election.

• I predict Miley Cyrus will fall off the deep end and be

the butt of many a joke. I like Miley, but let's face it, she's a childhood star whose coming into her own and needs to establish .... blah, blah, blah. Miley will suffer the same fate as Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and a boatload of others. However, America loves a comeback story so she'll shine again one day.

• I predict Americans will see inflation and skyrocketing interest rates. I'm not really going out on a limb here, am I? You have to pay the fiddler sometime. That, or learn to speak Chinese.

• I predict the end of the movie theater as we know it. I think we are closing in on a day when new releases will be available at home. Technology has already dictated how we watch movies and there will be money to be made by such a venture. I just wonder if the government will want to bail out movie theaters?

• I predict scientists will find life on planets outside of our solar system. Or perhaps life will find us. Anyhow, I hope they're friendly!

• I predict some good old rock songs will be made into hip-hop songs and make more money than they did originally. I know it's obvious, but I need to be correct on some of these.

• I predict more people will move to rural America leaving some cities to wilt. With technology, there has never been a better time to move back "home" or get away from it all. Professionals can live and work in rural America and take advantage of a lower cost of living and less traffic.

• I predict that the number of Independents and Libertarians will grow in the U.S. as a result of the influence of the Tea Party. Most Americans are pretty put out with both political parties, and I honestly think that's a good thing. Respect and loyalty must be earned and neither party has done that over the past four years.

So there they are, my predictions for the next decade. They are based on very little fact and should be considered silly. Unless of course they all come true and if that's the case, remind me and I'll do this professionally (which might not be a bad thing).

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## Other Opinions

### The Real Death Panel

By ROBERT ROMANO

"Death panels" received renewed interest over the Christmas season in a New York Times piece by Robert Pear, "Obama Returns to End-of-Life Plan That Caused Stir." The story outlines a new 691-page regulation that puts into place end-of-life counseling, called "advanced care planning," via the Medicare program.

The regulation is provided for "in the case where an injury or illness causes the individual to be unable to make health care decisions". This is essentially a living will where the patient and the doctor would come to a determination about what to do if a patient became incapacitated. This provision was originally removed in the Senate version of the bill after public outcry emerged, spearheaded by former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin.

That it has reappeared in regulation after being rejected by Congress is troubling, and has renewed worries that such "counseling" could be utilized to coerce seniors into foregoing life-sustaining treatments. That is certainly cause for concern, but may only be the tip of the iceberg for "death panels".

Enacted into Section 3403 of ObamaCare was the Independent Payments Advisory Board, an entity whose express responsibility is to "reduce the per capita rate of growth in Medicare spending".

The whole purpose of this panel is to di-

minish the amount of money spent on a per beneficiary basis. To hide that, the bill states that "The proposal shall not include any recommendation to ration health care...or otherwise restricts benefits" or restrict eligibility of citizens to access Medicare. This is slightly misleading. The panel is authorized to make near-binding recommendations on Congress to restrict the growth of Medicare spending per individual.

So, as long as spending is increased incrementally per individual, albeit at a slower rate, within the target goals, it is not technically restricting benefits by the letter of the statute. What it can do is "target reductions in Medicare program spending to sources of excess cost growth". So, if the costs of covering certain treatments grow faster than the target goal percent increases, or if they are deemed medically unnecessary, the panel can recommend access to those treatments simply not be covered, a view of the law shared even by left-wing Paul Krugman who supports the provision.

Technically, not all treatments are covered currently under existing benefits, but all eligible recipients are entitled to benefits. So, they're not the same things under the law. All benefits will be thought of by the panel is the average cost per individual in the program. Which only means that the panel cannot propose that the average amount of benefits per individual be decreased.

Even if the panel only initially goes after

administrative costs and profits to pharmaceutical and other health industry companies, it may still find that the growth in Medicare spending is increasing faster than the target growth caps outlined by the legislation. In that case, the next thing to be cut are costly treatments.

It's simply rationing by another name. And for individuals with certain conditions, denial of certain life-saving, costly treatments will in fact mean an untimely death.

That's pretty bad, and will eventually take away decisions from doctors and patients. What makes this particular provision insidious is that Congress saw fit to lock it in. According to a suit filed in federal court by the Goldwater Institute, "the statute limits Congressional review over IPAB proposals by severely restricting the manner in which Congress can debate, amend and vote on IPAB proposals."

The bill also unconstitutionally binds future acts of Congress. It states that a joint resolution repealing the panel can only be proposed in 2017, that it must be enacted within 7 months, takes three-fifths of both houses of Congress to pass, and even then the repeal would not have effect until 2020. That gives the panel at least ten years to implement almost any changes that it sees fit to the program, and if it is not repealed by August 15th, 2017, it cannot be repealed. That makes it next to unrepeatable.

All of which is unconstitutional. Congress

has the lawmaking power by virtue of Article I to repeal any duly enacted federal law.

Also, the bill restricts judicial review of the panel. This makes the panel a de facto legislative branch shielded from any constitutional scrutiny. And, here's the kicker, even if Congress does not approve the panel's recommendations with affirmative votes, they become law anyway by the decree of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Recommendations can only be rejected with votes in both houses of Congress and the signature of the president. This gives the agency a lot of autonomy to do as it pleases, and nearly guarantees that its recommendations will become law. It also makes the outcome of the 2016 elections critical to how these provisions will be implemented.

For a board that supposedly is not a death panel, and promises not to do anything controversial, that is an awful lot of protection provided to ensure that its "recommendations" are indeed implemented.

While finding cost-savings for programs like Medicare is a laudable goal, the mechanism for doing so under ObamaCare involves an agency that can do so by fiat. It is independent of the other branches of government, and will be so for the next decade. Finally, its cost-cutting measures can indeed include the denial of life-saving treatments. Which is why folks think it's a death panel.

## Other Views

### The Fed's 2011 State Bailout?

By BILL WILSON

In 2011, several federal programs providing bailouts to state and local governments are coming to an end. What remains of the \$814 billion "stimulus," which included \$145 billion of funding to state and local governments (\$56 billion for public sector jobs, \$87 billion for Medicaid) will have been spent.

Another \$26.1 billion package that passed over the summer of 2010 included \$10 billion for public sector teachers unions and \$16.1 billion for Medicaid. That money will be spent this year, too. Of federal assistance to states, just \$6 billion will remain for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which for most states begins on July 1st. Meanwhile, states will likely face \$140 billion in shortfalls for that year.

Coupled with the end of the \$173.6 billion Build America Bonds program, a Treasury program subsidizing 35 percent of interest payments on state and local government debt, it appears that the day of reckoning has finally arrived for bankrupt states like Illinois, California, and New York.

That means the major cuts in the public sector at the state and local level must begin this summer, and will continue throughout 2012. Barring a miraculous recovery in housing and thus a substantial increase in property tax revenue which funds state and local governments, unemployment will be spiking right during the middle of Barack Obama's reelection bid.

Or will it? If states are unable to continue to borrow massively from the municipal bond market, the danger now exists that some other entity, like the Federal Reserve, will intervene to bail out state budgets — with printed money — in spite of efforts by legislators now to scale back spending.

The Fed is already papering over the national debt, holding

more than \$1 trillion of U.S. treasuries, making it the largest lender to the federal government in the world — more than China or Japan. It would just be a small step to go further and bail out the states, too, with municipal bond purchases. The central bank would say that propping up state and local public employees is consistent with its statutory mandate to maintain full employment.

It would be the U.S. equivalent of the European sovereign debt crisis, with the Fed playing the role of the European Central Bank to simply print money to stabilize bankrupt nation-states like Ireland and Greece. Certainly, there are likely candidates for a Fed bailout that will likely have trouble borrowing from the bond market just like the Greeks and Irish.

At least one state, Illinois, wants to forestall the inevitable by borrowing another \$15 billion to balance its budget this year. It, like most states, can do so despite having constitutional balanced budget provisions, because of the lack of any restrictions against borrowing. Illinois can go a step even further because of a loophole that allows it to carry deficits over from one year to the next. Only 12 states can do that, including Illinois, New York, and Michigan, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers.

Combined, state and local governments have some \$2.8 trillion of outstanding bond debt, as noted by Veronique de Rugy. On top of that, they have about \$3 trillion of unfunded public pension and health care liabilities, according to Northwestern University Professor Joshua Rauh and Pacific Research Institute's Steven Greenhunt. That means these governments have ever-increasing needs to borrow, both to roll over outstanding debt, and to incur new debt to pay out pension and health care benefits to public employees.

Add to that the \$21 billion in additional unfunded mandates imposed on states by ObamaCare to add 15.9 million people to Medicaid rolls from 2014-2019 alone, according to

the Kaiser Family Foundation. Kaiser's estimate assumes that the federal government will pay for about 95 percent of the \$464.6 billion Medicaid expansion through 2019, as opposed to the current 57 percent.

But if the federal government cannot make good on that promise because of its own fiscal troubles, the states' tab would increase by about \$200 billion (about \$33 billion annually) through 2019 instead of the \$21 billion. That comes atop another \$224 billion approximate annual spending by states on the program. Either way, the fiscal crisis that states face is set to move beyond being unsustainable to becoming simply insurmountable.

The political class, represented by public sector unions like AFSCME, believes that the money's got to come from somewhere. Dues paid by public employees are the union's lifeblood, which in turn is the campaign slush fund that Democrats depend on in election years. If public employees are laid off, dues payments to the unions will dry up.

AFSCME donated \$87.5 million attempting to elect Democrats in 2010. If the union cannot get another bailout for state and local public employees, what was its investment for?

House Republicans will need to hold the line to make sure that Congress offers no more state and local government bailouts. But even then, they must be prepared to enact legislation that will make it illegal for entities like the Fed to intervene to purchase municipal bonds.

If Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke ignores the clear will of the people, who are demanding spending cuts by governments at all levels, and prints hundreds of billions of dollars to prop up state and local governments, it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back. It will be time for Congress to consider repealing the Federal Reserve Act — in full.



# Lake Level—Rain report

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2356.00	16' 6"	0"	.0"	0.0"
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"
				32.16"

### DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,975,056,349 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,199 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in January that leaves 3,963,283,668 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. Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

*Mickey Rogers General Manager*

### Post Notes...

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 food or clothing, contact Noel or Orabeth White at 495-3261, Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

### Garza County Jr. Livestock Association

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association has set the stock show schedule for 2011. The activities will begin on Thursday, January 13th.  
 Thursday 13th: 3-5 pm weigh in  
 6 pm - Rabbit show (peewee following)  
 Friday January 14th will be "prep day"  
 Saturday's show is as follows:  
 9 am - Swine  
 11 - 12 - Steers  
 2 - 3 pm - Lambs  
 3 - 4:30 - Goats (pee wee


following)  
 Entry cards for the 2011 stock show can be picked up in the Extension Office. The deadline for entry is Monday, January 10th, 2011. Peewees are encouraged to participate in the goat and rabbit show, but entries must be turned in by January 10th.  
 The sale and meal is set for Thursday, January 20th, 2011 at 6 pm in the Post Cafeteria.

### Harlem Ambassador Basketball

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

postcitytexas.com  
**Post High School Calendar**  
 Friday, Jan. 07  
 4:30/6:00 PM - Girls JV/V Basketball at Stanton  
 4:30/7:30 PM - Boys JV/V Basketball at Stanton

**Looking Ahead:**  
 Jan. 7 - G&B/BB at Stanton, 4:30/6:00/7:30  
 Jan. 8 - ATSSB Band State Auditions, Lbk. Cooper  
 Jan. 10 & 13 - OAP Play Practice  
 Jan. 11-12 FINAL EXAMS  
 Jan. 11 - G&B/BB vs. Slaton, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30  
 Jan. 13 - Early Release at Noon and End of 3-6 Wks  
 Jan. 14 - Staff Dev. & Teacher In-Service  
 Jan. 14 - G&B/BB at Roosevelt, 4:30/6:00/7:30



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### Tower...

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 The theater will show what is known in the movie industry as "after the break" showings, which are new releases that have premiered for two weeks. Mr. Holly told the Dispatch that the ministry will show on G and PG rated movies that are family movies. Of course, no movie theater would be complete

without concession stands so moviegoers can watch their movie while enjoying movie popcorn, candy and soft drinks.  
 The first movie to be shown was the Chronicles of Narnia, which opened on Christmas Eve and will have its final showing on January 6th. The weekend of January 7th, the Tower will begin showing Yogi Bear with show times being

Friday, January 7th, with one showing at 7:00; Saturday the 8th will have two showings with show times at 3:00 and 7 pm. Sunday will have one showing at 7:00pm. Admission for children 12 and under is \$4.00 and 13 and up tickets is \$6.00. Matinee time is 3:00 pm and admission is \$3.00 for children twelve and under and \$5.00 for those thirteen and up.

## Texas Challenges EPA's Unlawful Attempt To Take Over State Air Permitting Program

AUSTIN - The State of Texas today filed a legal action challenging the federal government's attempt to take over Texas' air permitting program. Court documents filed by the State explain that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's improper overreach violates the Clean Air Act, which mandates a cooperative relationship between the federal government and the states.

By unilaterally asserting federal control over Texas' air permitting program, the Obama Administration violated the Clean Air Act, the EPA's own regulations, and important legal protections that foster transparency and openness in government - such as the requirement that new federal rules be subject to a public notice and comment period.  
 "Once again the federal government is overreaching and improperly intruding upon the State of Texas and its legal rights," Attorney General Abbott said. "With today's new regulations, the EPA is both unlawfully commandeering Texas' environmental enforcement program and violating federal laws that give the State and its residents the opportunity to fully participate in the regulatory process. Transparency and openness in government - which is the very purpose of the public notice and comment period ignored by the EPA - are vital to our democratic system of government and, like the legal rights guaranteed to the State of Texas, cannot be simply overlooked because the Administration wants to impose unilaterally its agenda on the American people."

Under the federal Clean Air Act, preventing air pollution is "the primary responsibility of States and local governments," not the federal government. Since the Act's passage in 1972, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - not the EPA - has been the primary authority for issuing Clean Air Act permits in the State of Texas. TCEQ issues permits under air permitting procedures prescribed by state law. Under TCEQ's watch, Texas' air permitting program has successfully reduced harmful emissions in the State of Texas at a higher rate than most other states. Emissions data cited by the Governor's Office indicates that the Texas clean air program achieved a 22 percent reduction in ozone and a 46 percent reduction in nitrous oxide, which outpaces the eight percent and 27 percent reductions that were recorded nationally.

The State's legal action involves the EPA's unprecedented effort to regulate so-called greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. Like many other states, Texas law does not currently deem greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide to be pollutants. However, unlike every other similarly situated state, Texas - and only Texas - was singled out by the EPA, which is attempting to take over the State's air permitting program effective Jan. 2, 2011. The State's petition for review and request for emergency stay were filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and ask the federal court to immediately halt the EPA's improper attempt to commandeer Texas' air permitting program.

Since the Clean Air Act's inception, Texas' air permitting laws have never required TCEQ to regulate so-called greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide. And under previous administrations, including the Clinton Administration, the EPA has affirmed that Texas' air permitting laws are consistent with the Clean Air Act. The Obama Administration's EPA, however, reversed nearly 40 years of precedent - and cooperative enforcement - by attempting to unilaterally impose its policy prerogatives on the State of Texas.

The EPA's legally flawed and economically harmful plan to regulate carbon dioxide under the Clean Air Act is the subject of other legal challenges currently being pursued by the Texas Attorney General's Office. Earlier this year, the EPA indicated that Texas and 12 other states could have until December 11, 2011 - approximately one year - to implement new air permitting procedures regulating greenhouse gases.



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