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Dogs best friends travel to Post



A group of students from Snyder's Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) was in Post last Saturday helping at the Post Animal Refuge Center. The students worked with the dogs and helped clean up around the shelter that currently houses 7 dogs. PARC has a total of 13 dogs available for adoption. Find our more information at www.postanimalrefuge.com and facebook - Post arc.

Post Notes

Memorial to be unveiled

There will be an unveiling ceremony of the memorial to Sgt. Jonathan McDonald Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Garza County Sheriff's Department. The public is invited to attend.

Benefit account set up for Mike Huffman

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.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399.

There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center.

Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261

Harlem Ambassadors

Just a reminder about

the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show at Antelope Arena on Feb. 27. We still have the following sponsorships available:

Game Sponsors - 5 @ \$500

Event Staff Sponsors - 4 @ \$500

Concession Sponsors - 3 @ \$250

Quarter & Intermission Sponsors - 5 @ \$150

Assembly Sponsor - 1 @ \$500

We also have tickets available at the PACC office. The game will be Sunday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$9 (adults) \$7

(students) and \$5 (children 6 & under).

Graham Chapel Food Pantry And Clothes Closet

For those who need assistance, Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet available.

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

Harlem Ambassador Basketball

The PACC will be hosting the Harlem Ambassador

Basketball Show on Feb. 27 at the Antelope Arena. Sponsorships are now available.

Contact the Chamber office - 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com

GED Classes

GED classes are continuing through May and are free to the public. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in room 18 at Post High School.

For further information including GED testing,

call (806) 495-2770.

OMTDD

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown Feb. 5.

The Chamber of Commerce will be having it's cash giveaway at the Historic Depot from 9-5.

Spend \$25 at any Garza County Business or OMTDD vendor and come by the Depot to draw for cash and prizes. Everyone who draws will be entered into a separate drawing for a 42" flat-screen television.

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Chamber News

This Saturday the Lions Club will be having its District Meeting in Post. We expect about 100 people in town for this event. The Chamber will be providing welcome bags for everyone attending.

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 42" flat-screen television.

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@postcitytexas.com for more information.

The Annual Chamber Banquet has been rescheduled for April 9. Mark your calendar!

Congratulations to our members of the week:



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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu January 24 th - January 28 th	Friday Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Milk	Milk
Monday Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Milk	Lunch Menu January 24 th - January 28 th	Wednesday Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
Tuesday Cheese Omelets, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Monday Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Pudding, Milk	Thursday Meat & Bean Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Rosie Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Tuesday Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Cake,	Friday Sub Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles, Tater Tots, Carrots/Ranch, Brownie, Milk
Thursday Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk		

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for January 24- January 28	gurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Pudding, Milk
Monday Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Friday Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Thursday Spaghetti, Corn on the Cob, Carrots w/Ranch, Bread Stick, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Lunch Menu for January 24- January 28	Friday BBQ on a Bun, Oven Fried Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
Wednesday Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Monday Frito Pie, Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Brownie, Milk	
Thursday Breakfast Bar, Cereal, Yo-	Tuesday Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk	

Trailblazers Menu

January 24 - 28	Roll, Millionaire Pie	Salad, Garlic Toast, Pine-apple Cake
Monday Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeye Peas, Roll, Strawberry Cake	Wednesday Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Fruit	Friday Hamburger Steak, Ranch Potatoes, English Peas, Chocolate Cake
Tuesday Brisket, Beans, Potato Salad,	Thursday Lasagna, Fried Zucchini,	

Obituaries

FRANK HADDERTON SR.

Frank Hadderton, Sr. passed from this Earth's toil on January 16, 2011, at his son's residence. He was born January 19, 1917 near Roby, TX in Fisher County to Henry Roy and Blanche Brown Hadderton.

He married Marilyn Warshaw, December 24, 1938, in Roby, Tx. She preceded him in death on January 15, 2003. They moved to the area between Post and Crosbyton in

1941 where he farmed and ranched.

Frank was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, a son, Larry on October 15, 1990; and a Grandson, Nick on June 29, 2005.

He is survived by three sons. Frank Jr. of White River Lake, Randy of Crosbyton, and Michael of Post. Two sisters: Jerlene Palmer of Roby and Daphene Hurst

of New Braunfels and a number Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday, January 18th at 2 p.m. at Hudmans Funeral Chapel in Post, with Masonic graveside rites to follow at Terrace Cemetery. The family will receive visitors, Monday, January 17th, from 5:30 to 7 at Hudman Funeral Home in Post.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to your favorite charity.

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Legends...Garza County Historial Museum

By Linda Puckett

The story of the Mitchell John (M.J.) Malouf family is real success story. This family history was written in 1986 by his wife Mrs. M.J. (Linda) Malouf.

Mr. Malouf came to the United States in 1912 for "adventure seeking" opportunities, landing in Twin Falls, Idaho. He worked as a farm hand for four years, and later bought the same land he worked on. The children still own that same farm. In 1916 after the First World War, Mr. Malouf decided to return to his home land, Lebanon, to visit his parents. Lebanon was Syria at that time. In 1923, Linda Aramouny and Mitchell Malouf met and were engaged for two years. They married February 26, 1925. For a honeymoon they decided to come back to the United States to Twin Falls to settle his business affairs and return to Lebanon. We left Lebanon August 5, 1925 on a French Freighter. We were 32 days on the water to New York. So the honeymoon lasted six months in Lebanon, and our time was spent joyfully. We arrived in New York on September 8. We were received by the A.B. Maloufs, the owner of Modaday Clothing and the cousin of Mr. Malouf from Mount Lebanon. We spent two weeks with the Malouf family.

From New York we decided to visit my sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Assad in Cleveland, Ohio. After 10 days we felt the need to visit in Texas to see Mitchell's brothers John and Alfred in Rotan, Texas. Both of these brothers were engaged in the dry goods business. (Alfred lives in Lubbock and is 92 years of age as written in 1986.)

We also wanted to visit Mrs. George Coury in Post, Texas and after our visit to be on our way back to Twin Falls, Idaho to settle the farm business. When we were in Rotan, Mitchell's brothers John and Alfred (as the old saying goes) twisted Mitchell's arm and they insisted on him staying in Texas, for the cotton fall market was good business that year.

At that time our first child

was due to be born at the end of November or first of December, so we decided to remain in Texas. "The Good Lord" opened a door of opportunity for us. We hear Mrs. Pertle in Justiceburg wanted to sell her dry goods business, half price wholesale, so we stayed in Justiceburg for two weeks to take invoice to purchase the goods. We found a small store in Southland, Texas and the merchandise new and old. We started the business in Southland, Texas.

On November 27 "The Good Lord" blessed us with a bundle of love, a little girl. We named her Matilda after my sister and Mary after Mitchell's mother. After six months in Southland we were blessed with health and wonderful business. Then we felt the need to move to a larger place to expand our business, so we found a nice place in O'Donnell, Texas. It was a larger store and a larger town, and more modern than what we had.

In 1927 "The Good Lord" blessed us with a son. We named him John Bedder, after Mitchell's father and grandfather. We stayed one year and a half in O'Donnell, then we heard about the George Coury family; they were selling their store and moving to Crane, Texas. Mrs. Coury is Mitchell's sister. So we bought the Coury's Dry Goods Store out and their 32 acres of land, and the house and moved to Post, Texas. The Malouf children own that land now.

We opened our store on Main Street (where the Winn's Variety Store was). Mr. and Mrs. George Coury came to Garza County in 1904. Their first store was on Avenue I, Southside. Their second store was in the Garza Hotel.

So we bought the Coury store on Main Street and moved in June, 1929. During the time of the depression, we bought a little building on Avenue I, next door to the gas company. We remained there until the depression was over and business picked up. We moved back to the store on Main Street in September of 1929.

The Good Lord not

only blessed us with great prosperity, but he blessed us with another son who we named Bedder John. Everyone now calls him Buddy.

We loved Post and in 1930 we bought a home AT 302 West 1th and lived there until 1984. The next year another son was born, we named him Mitchell, Jr., and in 1936 Tommy George Monsour was born. All five of our children attended Post Schools; they all graduated from Post High School, John, Bedder and Matilda graduated from Texas Tech University. Mitchell Jr. attended Hardin Simmons University of Abilene on a football scholarship. Tommy Monsour graduated from Post High at age 17 and 8 months old. He passed away on September 27, 1954.

The Maloufs celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1975. Mr. Malouf passed away on February 15, 1981 at his home. In 1984 Mr. (Linda) Malouf decided to move to Plainview to be closer to her son Mitchell, Jr., so she sold her home in Post to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hair. In her 57 years living in Post, she participated in Girls Scouts, PIA, Pink Lady, Home Demonstration Club, Needlecraft Club, Women's Federation Cultural Club, Federation Music Club, and taught Sunday School for 22 years in the Nazarene and First Presbyterian Churches. She was a member of the Missionary Society. She received the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award in 1956.

Mrs. Malouf wrote the following. I, Linda, have had a wonderful life, and a happy and very blessed one. The twenty-third chapter of Psalms was the pathway to my whole life. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever." She passed from this life December 22, 1997 at 92 years of age.

Check out the 2010 Fall Edition of Forum Magazine, "Malouf's" at Maloufs.com/Forum. Included is a very impressive letter from John B. Malouf.

Extension Extras

Did you know that 4-H is free to join and open to all kids in 3rd grade or 9 years old to 19 years old in Garza County?

Cookbooks

Hometown Holiday Cookbooks are available at the Extension Office for \$8.00

Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

This conference will be held on Monday, January 24, at the Forrest Park Community Center, located at 814 South Houston in Lamesa. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. Early registration fee is \$30. Registration fee at the door will be \$35. The registration fee included a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Producers who wish to register early may do so by coming by the Garza County Extension Office at 215 W. Main, Post, TX 79356, or call 495-4400.

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producer requested educational programming. The 2011 conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. The program will also feature information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops. Top quality speakers from across

the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trails. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists, and other growers. Six continuing Education Units will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators to fulfill continuing education requirements.

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It's official. Recess is a good thing. No, I'm not talking about the courtroom kind, although anybody who's ever been on a jury knows that the greatest words spoken during long and tedious trials come from the bench:

"We're going to recess now for ... minutes."

When it comes to judges' decisions, that one's always my favorite. It's not just because I'm always ready for a break but also because the word "recess," whatever the setting, always makes me think of my favorite kind of recess - the grade school kind.

Until recently, the jury apparently was still out on the benefits of recess for school kids. But newly reported research confirms that children suffer from being cooped up in the classroom all day. I could have told them that when I was 6. Indeed, a child interviewed in the study said that without recess he would be spending all his classroom time fidgeting and planning what to do upon release. Honest kid.

One research finding said children who enjoy recess are less likely to bully others. Hmmm. Maybe that's true. I don't remember any bullies at our school. There were some enjoyable fights. They happened during recess. Generally it was the same two guys. We'd make a circle around them. They'd grapple in the dirt. Then a teacher would break it up. But they weren't bullies. I think they just liked to fight.

Punishment in grade school was missing recess -- a sobering experience. It

happened to me once. There I sat at my desk, gazing fixedly at the erasers resting on the blackboard tray, which wasn't as bad as it sounds. The backs of the erasers sported construction paper designs. But it was still pretty bad.

When I grew up and got a job, I discovered the adult equivalent of recess was the coffee break. We took two - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We solved world problems on break, if only verbally, and otherwise talked mostly about restaurants. The place was New Orleans. That's what everybody talks about in New Orleans. Restaurants.

Coffee breaks of that caliber exist no more inasmuch as we were integrated. We had smokers and non-smokers.

A friend of mine believes the world's most interesting people are smokers. She's herself crosses the line, switching back and forth between smoking and not, so that makes her an expert. I rather suspect she's got it all figured out.

Or maybe not. But it did seem to me back then that the smokers made the keenest observations and enjoyed breaks the most, puffing on their brands of choice as the delicate blue smoke rose above their heads. Secondhand smoke didn't bother me so much then. I just stayed below the cloud.

Now we are a nation riven, and even though I wouldn't have it any other way, it still strikes me as sad that we can't all take our coffee breaks together.

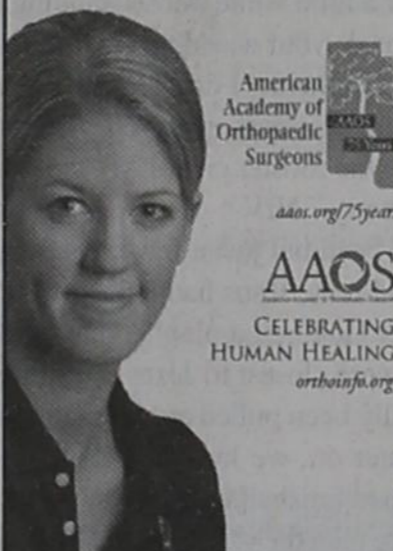
Kids, enjoy your friends at recess while you can. Someday you'll be divided.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
West Texas ... never know what the weather will hold. Cold one day warm the next, the temps have been up and down this week. The guys are in the fields cutting stalks and getting ready for the upcoming planting season. We surely could use some moisture; please keep rain in your daily prayers.

News
Congratulations to our youth for their accomplishments

at the Garza County Junior Livestock Show and sale this year. Those kids having ties to Ragtown that participated were; Kari Dunn, Rhaeden Bland, Russ Morris, Katie Dunn, Nick Bryant, Jessica Payton, Ben Mason, Dylan Morris, Jessica Payton and Jake Morris.

Megan (Bush) and her daughter Xan traveled home to China last week after spending time home for the holidays. Megan, her husband

Stan and their daughter Xan live in Suzhou, Jiangsu.

Received a nice email from Marilyn Steel the other day inquiring about a cookbook, it's always nice to here from former "Ragtownites"

FYI
Our BINGO night is coming up in a month or so ... we'll let you know the exact day and time as it gets closer. Anyone wishing to help in anyway give Nancy or I a call.

We'd like to add some pics

to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at Cocara's downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Close City Birthdays
January 22nd - Mark Norman
January 23rd - Addi Gradine
January 26th - Bobby Terry, Daniel Yarbro, Xan Everitt
January 27th - Nelson

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January 27th - Jerry and Judy Bush ... Happy 44th Momma and Daddy!

Visitors
Our visitors this week were ... Ronnie and Addi; Keneth Bullard.

We love visitors so come out have a snack and visit sometime and have a drink and a snack ... they're the cheapest in the county! =>

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are ... W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock;

Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Nelson in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Joyce Overton in Post; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock.

Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers!

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Weekly Inspirations

'Old McDonald Had a Farm, Eee, Eye, Eee, Eye, Ooh'

By: Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago, my youngest Daughter Brittany (who is now seventeen years old and enlisted in the United States Army) was turning that all important one year of age. Now my wife Joyce decided that she was going to have a large birthday party, resplendent with my mother and father, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and an assortment of friends. Joyce dressed Brittany in her Sunday Best dress and her bright and shiny black patent leather shoes. Finally, the appointed day and hour arrived with the assortment of guests and everything was going just as planned. Right up until it came time for little one year old Brittany to open her presents. Joyce placed Brittany in the middle of the carpeted living room floor with her little legs sticking out in front of her. Now it seems that my mom and dad had bought Brittany one of those wonderful Play-school Old McDonald music toys which played the appropriate sound to the corresponding animal and the song "Old McDonald. Brittany began laughing and cooing and bobbing her head in time to the music. Every time she pushed another animal, she would let a squeal of delight. It was going wonderfully, right up until her Papa took the toy away to hand her another one to open. At which time, this happy go lucky little bundle of joy, let out a scream and began pounding her head down on the floor between her outstretched little feet. My father decided very rapidly to return the toy to her. And low and behold, instantly, her attitude changed. She immediately began laughing and bobbing back and forth to the rhythm of the music. Now, my father was always interested in human behavior and decided to conduct an experiment. He once again took the toy away from Brittany and she instantaneously let out a howl like a banshee and once again pounded her head into the carpet (which is no easy task- any adult attempting such a feat would have wound up in traction!). I'll have to say that we did this a few more times just so we could video tape he instant change from a happy little girl, to a red faced, tears streaming down the cheeks, Possessed individual. There are still times today, that we as a family take out the old video and watch it just see our beautiful little one year old metamorphosis into a very unhappy person. I still threaten to send it in to America's Funniest Home Video's! I think it might win the Grand Prize. I wonder just how many times, you and I might have felt the same way? How many times in our lives that everything seems to be going our way and the all of a sudden, our happiness seems to yanked away in an instant?

I think that Peter must have understood this concept. We see in verse 69 of Matthew Chapter 26, "Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. 70 But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. 71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." 74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly." NIV

It hadn't been but just a few days earlier when everything seemed to be going just perfectly, and now, Jesus had been arrested and Peter was denying that he even knew him. And yet God had a plan! A plan of Salvation for the world! Not just for the disciples who were closest to Jesus, but for even you and I so many years later! The rug hadn't actually been pulled out from under Peter. God was at work even in the worst of times. Later on, we learn that Peter in John Chapter 21 is restored by Jesus, "15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." NIV And even more so, Jesus instructs Peter to FEED His Sheep! To preach the word! To tell others about His Plan. A Good and eternal Plan! So when you feel like everything has been pulled out from underneath you, don't forget the lesson Peter learned that day. God bless and have a great week.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Giles C. McCrary congratulates Post Girl Scouts D'Nae Johnson and Renee Dobitas for their selling abilities by presenting the top cookie selling award to the girls.

Jacob Reid Bagby arrived January 10, to Lance and Gina Bagby. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Earline Bagby of Post.

Pat Bilbo presents program at Garden Club.

20 Years Ago

Eddie Warren, long-time civic leader and founder of The Post Dispatch, was recognized as Citizen of the Year at the Post Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Business of The Year honor went to Wells Pharmacy at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Kennedy family members present at the induction of B.W. (Doc) Kennedy to the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame.

30 Years Ago

Marinette Hays was awarded Most Valuable Player at the Colorado City Basketball tournament. Doris Pringler was chosen for the all-tournament team.

Fern Jones who was employed by Burlington January 1961 received her 20-year certificate for her role as a personal secretary.

Alvin Davis has been named executive of the Ranching Heritage Association and of the Preservation of the Ranching Heritage of America.

40 Years Ago

Bruce Blanton receives Boy Scout Troop 316's "Scout of the Year" award presented by Scoutmaster Silas Short.

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50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pollard announce the birth of their son Gregory Milton, born January 12, at Garza Memorial Hospital.

James W. Mitchell of Garza Auto Parts and Walter Johnson manager of Forest Lumber Yard, were inducted into the Post Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edmunds were honored with an open house on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

60 Years Ago

Sonny Gossett, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. (Buck) Gossett, is recovering from an attack of polio. He was treated at the Scottish Rite hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. W. F. Pierce was hostess for a meeting of the Needle Craft Club in her home.

Miss Viola Velma Wilson became the bride of G.W. Martin.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

A little civility?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Members of Congress are doing the right thing in their recent gestures of civility.

As a resident of this great land and a voting taxpayer, I sincerely hope these gestures lead to a new culture in Washington. One which has the people's business at heart.

During the State of the Union speech next week, a leader of the Senate Democrats and one of the Senate's most conservative Republicans will sit together.

Furthermore, a House Republican from Pennsylvania and a House Democrat from California said Sunday that they would work together to revisit federal and state laws on mental illness.

Recently House Speaker John Boehner used the phrase "job-destroying" instead of "job-killing" in reference to the Democrats' health care overhaul in a speech to colleagues.

It seems the shooting in Arizona that killed six in a failed assassination attempt on Representative Gabrielle Giffords has shifted the political dynamic in Washington and across the nation. It is a welcomed change.

The venom has spewed in Washington for over a decade. I think back to President Clinton's impeachment as one event in a series which has led to the current climate in U.S. politics. The Clinton impeachment angered many Democrats.

More feelings were hurt following the 2000 election (debacle). Democrats across the country were angry with the outcome.

Likewise, Republicans became angry at what they saw as a

mainstream media attack on all things President Bush during his final term.

The GOP remained angry, with the culmination of that anger evident after Obamacare was passed and the manner in which it was passed.

Years of anger and hurt feelings have led to discourse and division.

And who suffered because of all the ill feelings? You and I.

A dose of civility and leadership would go a long way in changing Washington for the better for all of us. I firmly believe there are far more issues most Americans agree on than not.

Am I wrong to make that assumption? The vast majority of us want a safe and prosperous country where we can live free and rear our children in a healthy environment. Within that model lies a lot of common ground.

Democrats and Republicans are never going to agree on all of the issues. That's okay. However, with the right attitude and having the common decency and respect to listen and acknowledge the other side, the people's business can be done.

It would be wonderful if the tragedy in Arizona led to a new era of politics with both sides coming together as one of the most important issues.

Michigan is in a financial mess, and Detroit is at the epicenter of that mess.

There is currently a plan on the table to close nearly half of the schools in the city in the next two years. A move that

would increase high school class sizes to 62 students per teacher by the following year, under a deficit-reduction plan filed with the state.

The plan, part of a monthly update Emergency Financial Manager Robert Bobb gives the Department of Education, was filed last week to provide insight into Bobb's progress in his attempt to slash a \$327 million deficit in the district to zero over the next several years. The district would slim down from 142 schools now to 72 during 2012-13 as part of the plan.

Can you imagine facing six or seven periods of 62 teenagers each five days a week? Brutal!

Here's the breakdown on the increases in class size as part of the plan:

Grades 4-5 from 30 students to 37 in 2012-13 and 39 in 2013-14.

Grades 6-8 from 35 students to 45 in 2012-13 and 47 in 2013-14.

Grades 9-12 from 35 students to 60 in 2012-13 and 62 in 2013-14.

No child left behind huh?

We may not have the perfect school system here, but when compared to school districts across the U.S., I'd say we have it far better than most.

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The UAW Deputizes Itself to become "Human Rights" Police

By ADAM BITELY

Somehow, somewhere in its nearly 76 year history, the United Auto Workers (UAW) became a "human rights" policeman. With their newly declared calling to find violators of human rights, the UAW is setting its gaze upon car manufacturers that primarily operate in America's South.

Of course, to the UAW, a human rights violation would be to not allow the union to shanghai the paychecks of the employees they claim to defend. We're not exactly sure if this would be a violation that the United Nations Human Rights Council would recognize, but we would not be surprised if it were.

Speaking on Wednesday, Bob King the President of the UAW, announced that it would be aggressively moving forward on organizing workers at Honda, BMW, Toyota, and Hyundai, among others. Seeking to come off as a benevolent representative of the typical "disenfranchised employee", he informed

the automakers that he seeks to be a friend and not a foe.

But all hope of King and the UAW being a friend to the auto companies was lost when he described at the Automotive News World Congress what he would do to those that did not allow the UAW to hold a secret ballot election at their factories.

Threatening the auto manufacturers, King said that companies that don't sign on in support of the UAW's preferences for holding elections in regards to whether or not employees should be represented by the UAW, he announced that the UAW would brand those companies as human rights violators. And that's the least of what he will do.

According to the Labor Union Report, King vowed to commit the entire array of resources at the UAW's command in order to sniff out these "human rights violators." The amount of those resources? Possibly \$800 million or more.

On top of being branded a violator of hu-

man rights, the UAW will hold protests and demonstrations while informing the local community of all the evils that purportedly go on at the companies. All the while, the UAW suggests to the companies that they should do nothing to interfere in the mischaracterization and falsehoods they will undoubtedly spread.

When an AP reporter asked the executive vice president of sales for American Honda why the employees of Honda were not actively seeking the UAW to represent them, he replied that "[t]hey've never seen the need, so far, to have anybody intervene on their behalf, work in partner with them, and I think that continues to be their decision, not ours."

More intriguing on this matter is the fact that the employees in the non-union companies are making the same amount of money as those that work at companies with the UAW's presence. The UAW argues that the companies that currently have no union representation are exploiting their workers, but

how? The UAW isn't really sure yet, but their confident that there must be something wrong.

Oh, and never mind the fact that the UAW owns 67 percent of Chrysler, a competitor to all of the companies that they seek to wet their beak at. Why any company would even allow the UAW to encroach on their employees is beyond logic.

While the UAW may believe that it is empowered to sniff out and destroy those that would violate human rights in the auto manufacturing industry, it is important to remember that these same, greedy, self-righteous human rights policeman brought Detroit to its knees and destroyed what little was left of the American auto industry, including a vast amount of jobs. The UAW is no more qualified to declare one in violation of Human Rights than the nation of Sudan is.

Another Day Older and Deeper in Debt...

By VERONICA de RUGBY

If lawmakers are going to vote in favor of raising the debt ceiling, they should do it only in exchange for a change in the country's direction.

Last year, Congress approved a \$1.9 trillion increase of the debt limit to support the government's borrowing. This lifted the total amount the federal government could borrow to \$14.3 trillion.

Now Congress needs more money, so the debate about the debt ceiling is making the front pages, again. This time around, the federal government proposes that it be allowed to borrow an additional \$700 billion to pay its bills, which would raise the national debt to \$15 trillion (more than the size of our gross domestic product). This would support the federal government's borrowing through 2011.

Democrats spent a lot of money over the last two years, hence the two consecutive increases of the debt limit in just three months in 2009, and the biggest one-time increase of all time in 2010. But Democrats are not the only debt-friendly party. According to the Office of Management and Budget, the federal debt limit has been raised 98 times since 1940—more than once a year, on average. Under President Bush alone, Republicans voted to raise the debt limit by about \$5.4 trillion.

When the statutory debt limit was instituted in 1939, its explicit goal was to limit congressional spending. Its purpose is

supposedly still the same today. Technically, if the debt nears its statutory limit, the Treasury Department cannot issue new debt to manage short-term cash flows or manage the annual deficit. The government may be unable to pay its bills.

This limit actually worked well for a while. The chart below shows increases in the federal debt and the statutory debt limit since 1940. From 1940 to the beginning of the 1980s, the debt and its limit grew slowly.

In the 1980s, however, both the debt and the limit started increasing at a faster rate. Since 2000, the debt limit has been increased ten times; in 2008 and 2009 it was increased twice in the same year. It was increased yet again last year. Now, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner warns that the debt limit may be met again as early as March 31 this year.

As is frequently the case, lawmakers and pundits are arguing that they have to raise the limit because otherwise the country would default. Consider this recent quote by Austan Goolsbee, the chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

This is not a game. The debt ceiling is not something to toy with... If we hit the debt ceiling, that's... essentially defaulting on our obligations, which is totally unprecedented in American history. The impact on the economy would be catastrophic... I don't see why anybody's talking about playing chicken with the debt ceiling. If we get to the point where you've damaged the full faith and credit of the United States,

that would be the first default in history caused purely by insanity.

I agree that this is not a game. This way of reasoning, however, obscures the fact that the need to raise the debt ceiling is merely a symptom of a much bigger problem: Congress has been spending too much money for too long.

The consequences will be dramatic if the government fails to make some serious changes to the way it spends money and borrows money to pay for its daily consumption, if it does not change its practice of paying the interest on its debt by borrowing more and more, and if it continues its practice of making benefit promises it will never be able to deliver. Having to raise the debt ceiling is only a sign that Congress keeps failing to do what is necessary to get the nation's finances in order.

If lawmakers are going to vote in favor of raising the debt ceiling out of fear of the immediate consequences, they should do it only in exchange for a change in the direction this country is going. For instance, they could vote yes in exchange for a credible commitment to reform Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, or in exchange for a solid cap on spending across the board (with no exceptions for pet projects, and applicable to all spending, not just new spending increases). They could also vote yes in exchange for a balanced-budget amendment. Whether it is politically difficult or not, it is a good time for action and change.

Obama's Rubber Stamp

By BILL WILSON

Should the Senate just be a rubber stamp?

On January 25th, the Senate will be voting on a proposal to severely weaken the filibuster — the process whereby 41 Senators can block dangerous pieces of legislation and radical appointments from being voted on or even debated on the floor of the "most deliberative body".

Now that Senate Republicans have 47 members in their conference, the ability for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to wield the filibuster as leverage has significantly increased. The effectiveness of the filibuster was on display when the then-41 member Senate Republican Conference blocked the \$1 trillion omnibus spending bill in December.

Because Minority Leader McConnell kept the entire Senate Republican conference in line, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid had to abandon his plans to have one last spending spree in 2010.

But now, Senate Democrats are intent on making sure that never happens again. New Mexico Senator Tom Udall is proposing a rules change that would eliminate holds on presidential appointments, including lifetime judicial nominations, and cloture votes on motions to proceed to debate on important pieces of legislation. Cloture votes require 3/5 majorities, or 60 votes to proceed.

Making matters worse, Senate Democrats want to weaken the filibuster with a simple majority vote, instead of the traditional two-thirds required to amend Senate rules. This is a transparent move to squash any dissent or opposition in the Senate.

This will allow the Senate majority under Reid to all but rubber stamp all of Barack Obama's radical nominations to the federal bench and bureaucracy, and to bring any piece of legislation he wants to floor without having to consult with Senate Republicans.

Right now, the very threat of the filibuster can be utilized by Republicans to achieve con-

cessions in exchange for allowing certain items to come to the floor. These will prove critically important as votes on a budget continuing resolution prior to March 4th, and on raising the national debt ceiling prior to March 31st come up this year.

Republicans have said they want such proposals to be accompanied by significant spending cuts, but that will be harder to achieve if Reid can bring them to the floor and use his majority to defeat any Republican amendments. Whereas now Republicans have a seat at the table in terms of what even comes to the floor. This is a critical distinction.

Even more dangerous is Udall's proposal to make it impossible to block federal nominees to the judiciary and executive branch. Senate Republicans successfully blocked several radical appointments in the last session: Robert Chatigny and Goodwin Liu to the judiciary, Errol Southers to the Transportation Security Administration, and Dawn Johnson to the Office of Legal Counsel. Since Senate Republi-

cans placed holds on these nominations, Senate Democrats needed a full 60 votes to proceed, a hurdle they could not achieve even with their then-59 seat majority.

It is imperative that the Senate not become a rubber stamp for the Obama Administration's radicalism. The rights of the legislative minority need to be protected.

In 2011, to live up to their campaign promises, Senate Republicans will need to use the leverage they have. But that will only work if they have any leverage left to wield. Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail, and the Senate will keep its status as legislation's cooling saucer.

As the Left cries crocodile tears over alleged hyperpartisanship, Senate Republicans need to make a very big deal about this very partisan power grab taking place under the guise of making the Senate more "efficient". That is, if they want to have any influence at all in the 112th Congress.

Farm Service Agency Disaster Program sign up began Jan. 10

(POST, Texas), Jan. 10, 2011 — Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Victor Ashley, announced that the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program sign-up begins on Jan. 10, 2011.

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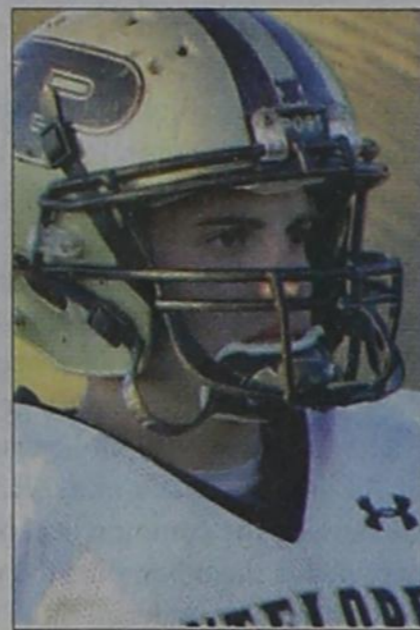
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Student of the Week



Cassadie Pitts is the daughter of Eddie and Sheila Pitts. She's attended Post school for seven years. She is active in FFA (Future Farmers of America), UIL, 4-H, and athletics. Her favorite hobby is Rodeo. After graduation she plans to attend college at WTAMU for pre-vet.



Chess is the son of Fred and Kay Postell. He has attended Post Schools for 13 years. He has participated in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Golf, and Student Council. He enjoys hunting, watching television, and playing Call Of Duty. He has not decided his plans after graduation.

Texas Astronomers "Weigh" Heaviest Known Black Hole in our Cosmic Neighborhood

SEATTLE — Astronomers led by Karl Gebhardt of The University of Texas at Austin have measured the most massive known black hole in our cosmic neighborhood by combining data from a giant telescope in Hawai'i and a smaller telescope in Texas.

The result is an ironclad mass of 6.6 billion suns for the black hole in the giant elliptical galaxy M87. This enormous mass is the largest ever measured for a black hole using a direct technique. Given its massive size, M87 is the best candidate for future studies to "see" a black hole for the first time, rather than relying on indirect evidence of their existence as astronomers have for decades.

The results will be presented in a news conference today at the 217th meeting of the American Astronomical

Society in Seattle. Two papers detailing the results will be published soon in The Astrophysical Journal.

Gebhardt, the Herman and Joan Suit Professor of Astrophysics, led a team of researchers using the 8-meter Gemini North telescope in Hawai'i to probe the motions of stars around the black hole in the center of the massive galaxy M87.

University of Texas at Austin graduate student Jeremy Murphy has used the Harlan J. Smith Telescope at the university's McDonald Observatory in West Texas to probe the outer reaches of the galaxy — the so-called "dark halo." The dark halo is a region surrounding the galaxy filled with "dark matter," an unknown type of mass that gives off no light but is detectable by its gravitational

effect on other objects.

In order to pin down the black hole's mass conclusively, Gebhardt says, one must account for all the components in the galaxy. Studies of the central and outermost regions of a galaxy are necessary to "see" the influence of the dark halo, the black hole and the stars. But when all of these components are considered together, Gebhardt says, the results on the black hole are definitive, meeting what he calls the "gold standard" for accurately sizing up a black hole.

Gebhardt used the Near-Infrared Field Spectrograph on Gemini to measure the speed of the stars as they orbit the black hole. The study was improved by Gemini's use of "adaptive optics," a system that compensates, in real time, for shifts in the atmosphere

that can blur details seen by telescopes on the ground.

Together with the telescope's large collecting area, the adaptive optics system allowed Gebhardt and graduate student Joshua Adams to track the stars at M87's heart with 10 times greater resolution than previous studies.

"The result was only possible by combining the advantages of telescope size and spatial resolution at levels usually restricted to ground and space facilities, respectively," Adams says.

Astronomer Tod Lauer of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which was also involved in the Gemini observations, says "our ability to obtain such a robust black hole mass for M87 bodes well for our ongoing efforts to hunt for even larger black holes in galaxies more distant than

M87."

Graduate student Jeremy Murphy used a different instrument to track the motions of stars at the outskirts of the galaxy. Studying the stars' movements in these distant regions gives astronomers insight into what the unseen dark matter in the halo is doing. Murphy employed an innovative instrument called VIRUS-P on McDonald Observatory's Harlan J. Smith Telescope.

Studying the distant edges of a galaxy, far from the bright center, is a tricky business, Gebhardt says.

"That has been an enormous struggle for a long time, trying to get what the dark halo is doing at the edge of the galaxy, simply because, when you look there, the stellar light is faint," he says. "This is where the VIRUS-P data comes in, because it can observe such a huge chunk of sky at once."

This means the instrument can add together the faint light from many dim stars and add them together to create one detailed observation. This kind of instrument is called an "integral field unit spectrograph," and VIRUS-P is the world's largest.

"The ability of VIRUS-P to dig deep into the outer halo of M87 and tell us how the stars are moving is impressive," Murphy says. "It has quickly become the leading instrument for this type of work."

The combined Gemini and McDonald data have allowed the team to pinpoint the mass of M87's black hole at 6.6 billion suns. But measuring such a massive black hole is only one step toward a greater goal.

"My ultimate goal is to understand how the stars

assembled themselves in a galaxy over time," Gebhardt says.

"How do you make a galaxy? These two datasets probe such an enormous range, in terms of what the mass is in the galaxy. That's the first step to answering this question. It's very hard to understand how the mass accumulates unless you know exactly what's the distribution of mass: how much is in the black hole, how much is in the stars, how much is in the dark halo."

Today's conclusions also hint at another tantalizing possibility for the future: the chance to actually "see" a black hole.

"There's no direct evidence yet that black holes exist," Gebhardt says, "zero, absolutely zero observational evidence. To infer a black hole currently, we choose the 'none of above' option. This is basically because alternative explanations are increasingly being ruled out."

He says the black hole in M87 is so massive that astronomers someday may be able to detect its "event horizon" — the edge of a black hole, beyond which nothing can escape. The event horizon of M87's black hole is about three times larger than the orbit of Pluto — large enough to swallow our solar system whole.

Though the technology does not yet exist, M87's event horizon covers a patch of sky large enough to be imaged by future telescopes. Gebhardt says future astronomers could use a world-wide network of submillimeter telescopes to look for the shadow of the event horizon on a disc of gas that surrounds M87's black hole.

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