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A builder in Garza County



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Free color and other major discounts for December!

Effective immediately, we are offering free color to our advertisers. This December special is just part of the largest sale we've ever had.

In addition, black and white ads are 20 percent off.

Space is limited on our color ads, so we will more than likely have to stack them, which means little or perhaps no editorial copy on

those pages.

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Weekly customers who run in color will automatically have space reserved for them.

Their rates will be modified to reflect the change. The remaining color space is up for grabs so if you want it more than once, let us know when you reserve your space.

Likewise, if you need a special photograph or artwork, we'll need to know that too.



To assist our current and potential customers, advertising rates will be reduced for the month of December for The Post Dispatch. The per column inch rate will be \$5 (down from \$6). Combination rates have changed to \$4.75. Insert rates have been

dropped to \$200 for a 1-6 page preprint and \$300 for a 6+ page preprint, saving our clients \$100 per insertion.

Also effective immediately, we're doing a Christmas special on subscription rates. For December, a yearly subscription is just \$20 for both in county and out-of-county! That is a considerable reduction from the cover price and

current subscription rates.

We are also dropping the subscription rate to our online editions (the pdf version of the newspaper). The new rate will be \$2 a month.

We appreciate our advertisers and readers and are looking forward to displaying products as services at the most affordable prices we've ever had!

Garza County has a new representative ... for now

By Homer Marquez

As the battle over our state's redistricting continues, in Austin, the dust has settled just long enough for the courts to place Garza County in their new Texas House of Representative home, Dis-

trict 83.

However, the decision may not be final. The U.S. Supreme Court late Monday decided to hear more on the case after being asked to do so by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. The court is

asking for briefs from lawyers by Thursday.

The once in a decade process of redistricting came under fire after civil rights groups and Democrats contested that the new district lines that were drawn from 2010 census data violated

federal Voting Right by ignoring massive growths in the minority population.

Despite the fact that most of the battles over redistricting were being waged over districts near San Antonio, the original redistricting map, which was drawn up by a

mostly Republican council, moved Garza County out of District 88 who was represented by Jim Landtroop and into the District 68 which was represented by 11 year incumbent, Rick Harcastle. The reason for the initial move was caused by the declining population numbers in West Texas in the last decade.

With the announcement of the Garza County move, candidates who looking fill Representative Harcastle seat, starting making their campaigns in Garza County after Harcastle announced that he would retire at the end of this term.

One of the candidates who made his rounds in Garza County was Trent McKnight, who stopped by Post to meet people and granted an interview that was published several weeks ago.

However the campaign trail would be put on hold after the issue of redistricting would be brought in front of a panel of three federal judges. Last week, the Judges and the U.S. Department of Justice agreed that the new maps drawn up by Texas Legislators during their last session did not up hold anti-discrimination laws and the panel instilled a new



Rep. Charles Perry

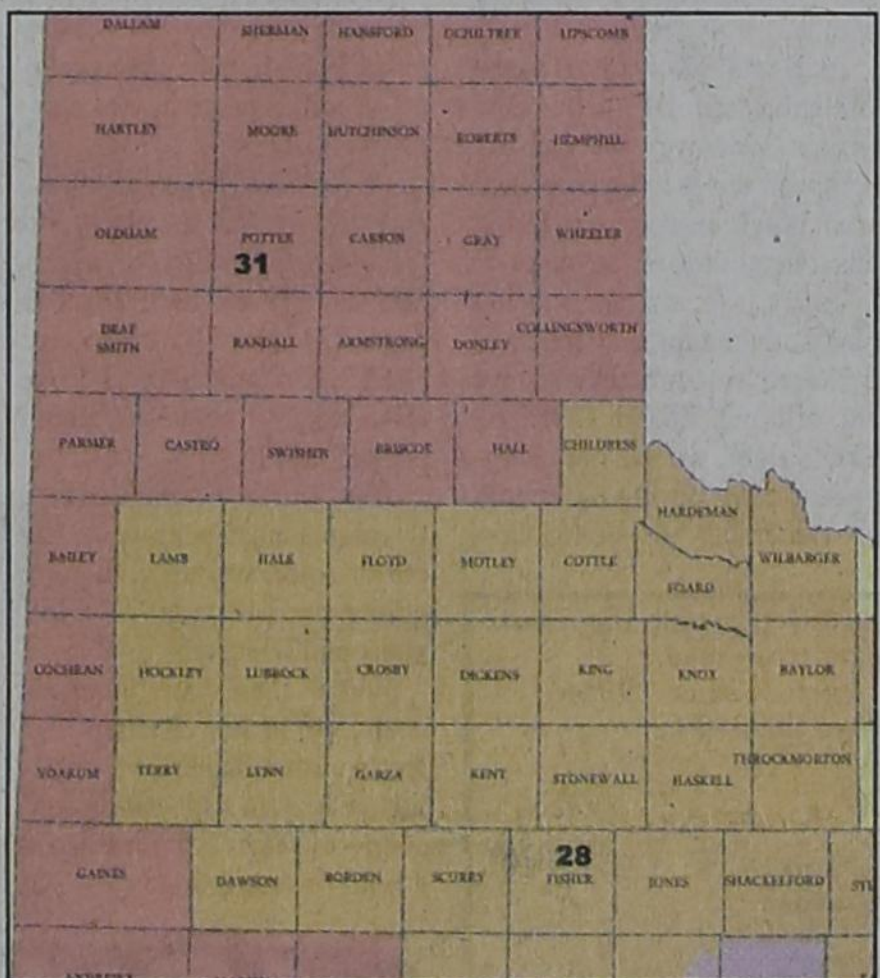
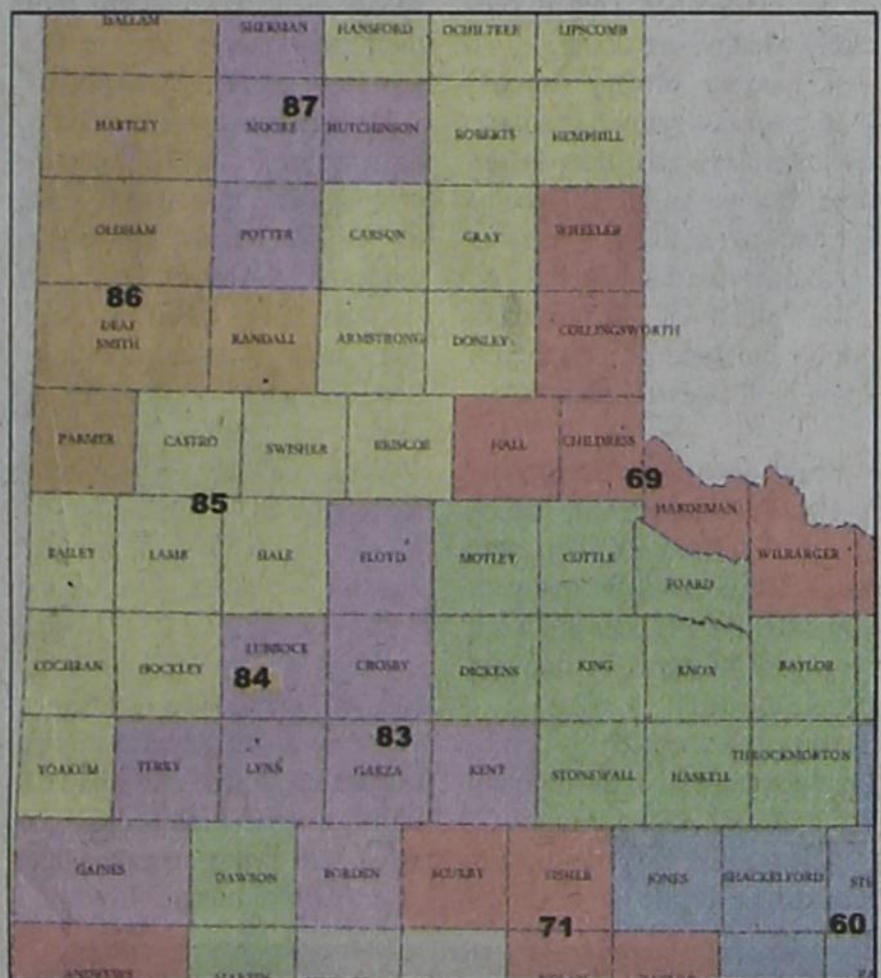
district map.

The new district map moved Garza County out of District 68, and into District 83 which is represented by Republican Charles Perry. "Well I'm glad to know where I'm going to serve, it needed to be put to bed and I'm glad it did, and I'm excited about meeting some new folks" commented Representative Perry.

District 83 will now consist of Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Kent, Borden, Lynn, Terry, Gainès, and Lubbock Counties; however in Lubbock County, Perry only represents the areas outside the loop, the area inside the loop is represented

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A San Antonio Federal Court has issued new Texas political maps for 2012. In the above left map, Garza County lies in District 83 in the new house map, not District 68 as previously drawn. The representative for Garza County would be Charles Perry, Republican of Lubbock. However, the decision may not be final. The U.S. Supreme Court late Monday decided to hear more on the case after being asked to do so by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. The court is asking for briefs from lawyers by Thursday. In the above map, Garza County lies in District 28 in the new Senate map. The senator for Garza County would remain Robert Duncan, Republican of Lubbock.

Bold Gold Baiza Hits On All Cylinders For Warhawks

By Steffi Scott

It's always nice to hear about a former classmate's success. Whether it be successful in an occupation, sport or life in general.

D.J. Baiza was a Post High School graduate from the class of 2007. Baiza went on to play football for McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, as a starting right corner and punt returner for the Warhawks.

This is his third year playing football. He also tried his hand at baseball his freshman year and helped lead his team to a Conference Championship. Scoring two runs, one hit and an RBI in his career.

Baiza helped break the schools 29 year curse when he returned the third kickoff for a touchdown on Oct 9th. He took back a kick 94 yards for a score against Sul Ross State in Alpine.

Baiza's 2011 stats are as follows:

Punt Returns: Total of 14 Returns for a total of 208 yds. Averaged 14.9 a carry, 3 touchdowns, longest return was 85 yards for a touchdown.

5 interceptions for total yards of 141, averaged 28.2 per interception and returned an 81 yard touchdown and one fumble recovery.

Ninth on the team for all-purpose yards with a total of 386. Averaged 35.1 yards a game.

On defense, Baiza had a total of 28 solid tackles with 14 assisted for a total of 44 tackles, 7 pass break ups, 5 interceptions, 3 field goal blocks with 12 pass defended.

D.J. was named player of the week during week three against Mary Hardin Baylor and was given the title All Conference Player during the year of 2011.

Baiza also helped lead his team to their first game in the playoffs, ever. Quite a success story!

Baiza will return in 2012 for his last year with the Warhawks.

In High School D.J. Baiza was named All-State Football and All-State Baseball. He was also named Male Athlete of the Year his Senior year. Baiza was also named First Team All District in basketball for the Bold Gold Antelopes and Utility player of the year for Baseball.



Courtesy Photo

D.J. was named player of the week during week three against Mary Hardin Baylor and was given the title All Conference Player during the year of 2011.

'Tis the season... to be jolly! Christmas Parade Saturday

By Steffi Scott

It's finally arrived, it's that time of year again! Christmas has finally made an appearance in Post City, Texas. Things are going full force around here. Our beautiful Christmas lights are set up downtown and are businesses are decked with lights and trees as well.

It's tradition around here to jump full force into "Christmas mode." We even have Christmas-like songs playing on a speaker downtown. You can't get much more jollier than that.

Post's annual lighted Christmas parade is going to be held this weekend, Saturday, December 3 downtown. The floats start lining up around 5 p.m. and the parade will shortly follow.

This event is always one of the most fun events to attend. Although it is only supposed to reach a high of 40 degrees on Saturday,

you will still find me and my family in the audience.

This is a great event to take your children to. Dress them up warmly and bring them on down. They will have an absolute blast I can guarantee it. Even the grown ups will enjoy it! Who wouldn't? It's like the North Pole in Post! With fun, festive floats and people with Santa hats throwing candy to everyone, you and your family are sure to have a great time!

Remember, this is the season to be jolly. So, if you find yourself being a bah-humbug and saying a silent curse word everytime you hear "Jingle Bell Rock," relax. Sip on some hot cocoa and remember it only comes around once a year and it's such a fun and neat time in this small but brilliant town!

Hope to see you and yours at this year's Christmas Parade... with bells on!



The Garza Hotel is one of many downtown businesses ready for Christmas!

OBITUARY

ISABELLE STELZER

Mass for Isabelle Stelzer, 81, of Post will be at 1 PM Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Malcolm Neyland officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in Lubbock. She was born in Muenster, Tx to Edward and Minnie (Temple) Eberhart on September 11, 1930. She married Julius C. Stelzer on September 28, 1948 in Muenster. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband Julius Stelzer of Post,

one daughter: Brenda and husband Harol Barner of Post, three sons: Chris and wife JoAnn Stelzer of Post, Junior and wife Diane Stelzer of Post and Donny and wife Donna Stelzer of Lubbock, three sisters: Elvira Flusche of Lindsey, Tx., Dorothy Smith of Gainesville, Tx and Margie Krahl of Muenster, Tx., one brother: Walter Eberhart of Leon, Ok., five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be at 7 PM Wednesday at the Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial to the charity of your choice.

Trailblazers Menu

Dec. 5-Dec. 9

- Monday**
BBQ Chicken,
Bake Potato,
Carrot/Raisin Salad,
Wheat Bread,
- Tuesday**
Meatloaf,
Potatoes, Mix Veggies,
Roll, Apple Crisp
- Wednesday**
Vegetable Beef Stew,
Cornbread, Salad,
Strawberry/Banana
- Thursday**
Mushroom Steak, Mash
Potatoes,
Spinach, Roll,
Chocolate Cake
- Friday**
Turkey Pot Pie,
Corn, Salad, Roll, Orange
Jello



Editor,
Just a note to let you all know how much I have enjoyed watching the new direction the Post Dispatch has taken.
The reporting and features have all taken a new direction. The layout has also changed, all for the better. Some things are omitted that I'm sure some people really enjoy. I realize that you cannot make everyone happy. But this is not to complain about anything, I don't want to waste my time or yours trying to tell you how to do your job. This is just to let you know it has been a refreshing change. Keep up the good work.
Respectfully,
MW Huff

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Level: Beginner

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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1	2	9	4	5	6	8	7	3

ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

Post Notes

Post Stampede Rodeo Association-Annual Stockholder's Meeting will be held on Wednesday December 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the election of new committee members and officers.

Post Supported Education Class will be selling snowmen in front of United as part of their fundraiser for their end of the year trip. Help them out on December 3rd and 10th.

The 38th African Children's Choir will be in Tahoka Texas on December 4th, 2011. They will be performing at Grasslands Nazarene Church on that Sunday at 11 a.m. 2885 County Rd. 25, Tahoka. For more info call (806) 327-5656

Post's Annual Christmas Lighted Parade will be held Saturday December 3rd downtown. Bring your families and

enjoy a great time!
Trade Day will be free to ALL vendors in December. It is our way of saying "thanks" for a great year!
PACC Open House Thursday, December 8th, 5-7 p.m. - Historic Santa Fe Depot
Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Snacks will be served at 5:00pm. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre k-5th. Youth classes will also be held on Wednesday's following C.C.E. at 6:45-7:45pm. All Jr. High-High School Students are encouraged to attend.
Post Community Youth
We are ready to start another thrilling year with the Post Community Youth. All youth are invited. As a community youth group many different

churches are involved and you do not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community would be in constant prayer for the Youth group.
The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.
The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by

7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm.
This is going to be a great year!
Post Elementary Notes:
Monday, December 5th-Progress Reports go home
Wednesday, December 7th-College Spirit day- wear a college shirt
Thursday, December 8th-Academic UIL at Post, Elementary. All students not participating in UIL will release at Noon. Buses will run.
We still have 2010-2011 Post Elementary yearbook's for sale. The cost is \$25.00 per book and can be picked up in the Nurse's Office in the Elementary building. For questions you may contact Mandi Criswell at 495-3414.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When you have children, it sure makes the holidays special. Conversely, some of my fondest memories are the magical times spent during Christmas with my family. My Mom worked very hard to make Christmas special for my sister and me and my wife and I have taken that torch and are running with it.
At BMG, we want to make Christmas special for our customers. One way we can accomplish this is to help you sell your goods in services during this crucial time of the year.
Today, we are announcing major advertising discounts. Effective immediately we are offering FREE COLOR! That's right, we are not charging for color during the month of December. In doing this,

you must realize that weekly customers who run in color will automatically have space reserved for them and will have their ad costs reduced. The remaining color space is up for grabs, so if you want it more than once, you must let us know ASAP!
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I made you a promise last month that we were working out a plan which extends a hand to help our businesses increase their sales and entice readership of the newspaper. That is precisely what we are doing.
If you've always wanted your business featured in a large beautiful color ad, now is the time. You need a strong December and we are the business that can help make that happen!
Be proud of the business you've built and let us help you show it off like never before!

around awhile and an average of 2.5 people read each one. On Facebook, many people fail to look at it daily and unless they have the time to scroll back to review every post they have missed, there is no guarantee they even know you posted something.
Of course, it's the responsibility of the newspaper to draw in readers so that the advertising has an impact.
There is a large sector of our population which does not spend their waking hours on their smartphone, iPad, or laptop. How is FB reaching them?
Weekly newspapers need to have terrific issues. They need to create a buzz around their small towns. That helps the paper, the reader and the advertiser.
Newspapers need to lead. They need to foster growth by being progressive in their nature.
Facebook is a wonderful tool, but has proven ineffective as a conduit for sales according to the retailers I've visited with.
When it comes to your business, you should use all the tools you can afford. A good mix of marketing tools, newspapers, radio, internet, mail, etc., is what will bring shoppers into your place of business.

10TH Anniversary Sale!

Every Item On Sale!

Anniversary Sale

This sale is our way of thanking you for your business and friendship these past 10 years! We look forward to many more!

All Girls Holiday Dresses
1/2 OFF
Regular price

All Jeans
(Women's & Men's)
20% OFF
Regular price

Win a Fantastic Prize!
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* No Luck Involved
* Limited to Registrants at the sponsoring store.

- 37" Vizio LCD HDTV \$398
- Tom Tom GPS \$109
- Kodak EasyShare \$89
- Sony 7" Portable DVD Player \$89
- Philips 8" Digital Photo Frame \$69
- Philips Clock Dock \$60
- AT&T Dect 6.0 Cordless Phone \$59
- iPod shuffle \$46
- Cobra 2-Way Radios \$40
- Magnovox DVD Player \$38

All Jackets
(Women's, Men's & Children's)
1/2 OFF
Regular price

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LIFESTYLES

Morgans celebrate 60 year Anniversary



Laurence and Betty Morgan, who celebrate 60 years of marriage this week, were honored in a family reunion/reception Saturday at the Post Church of Christ building. In attendance were the couple's son, Stan Morgan, daughters, Debby Elwood and Lisa Stevens, the spouses of their children, all nine grandchildren, spouses and a girlfriend of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family members traveled from Kansas, New York,

Colorado, Florida and California, as well as several locations in Texas. Laurence and Betty live on the Morgan homestead near Lake Allen Henry, which was established in 1907. They met at the Slaton Church of Christ and were married there November 22, 1951. The couple also lived in Lubbock, Texas, Pecos, Texas and Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Morgans have attended the Post Church of Christ since 1913.

POST News

This Saturday we will kick off the Christmas Season with the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and make its way by the nursing home and then down Main Street. For additional information call 495-3461.

This Saturday will also be Post City Trade Day from 9-5 and the OS Museum will have its open house from 10-6.

Also coming up during the Christmas season is the

Community Christmas Sing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 7 and the PACC Christmas Open House is scheduled for Thursday December 8 from 5-7. Wells Fargo Bank will have an open house on December 9 from 9-4 and Citizen's Bank open house will be December 16 from 9-3.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:
Premier Member – GARZA COUNTY
Silver Member – McCRARY, LTD.

Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 in Lubbock Friday

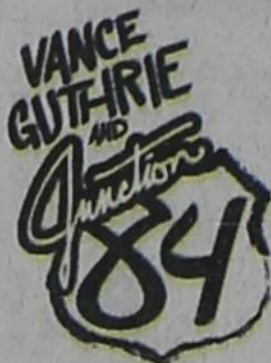


By Steffi Scott

If you are interested in hearing a great local band do what they do best, play music, then you need to head to Bash's 2 in Lubbock on Friday night and support our local musicians.

Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 will be putting on their first show since the band has reunited. Members include Vance Guthrie, Derek Guthrie, Brant Guthrie and Byron Mason.

The guys hope to see you there from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. at 620 19th St. in Lubbock.



Christmas Photos of Pets



Post Animal Refuge Center will be taking Christmas photos of your pet this Saturday, December 3 from 2-5 at the Post Community Center - Main Street Door. For a donation of \$7 you will receive a framed 4" x 6" photo of your favorite dog or cat.

Find the Post Dispatch on Facebook!

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FREE Groceries For a Year

\$4,000 Value*
Just Complete the Local Shopping Survey at:
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*Based on 2011 Consumer Expenditure Survey
U.S. Department of Commerce

Pet of the week



This is Razor - the latest addition to the Post Animal Refuge Center. He is a 10 week old German Shepherd Mix. He's a fun, playful little guy and needs a home for Christmas.

Razor is just one of many homeless pets that have one thing on their Christmas list

- a loving family. If you are looking for a great addition to your family, please contact PARC at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.

Post Animal Refuge Center is a 501 (c) 3 organization and survives on tax deductible donations.

Holiday Subscription Special \$20 FULL YEAR!

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Making sweet holiday wishes come true

'Tis the season- wrapping, baking, shopping. It's a joyous time to spend with loved ones planning holiday surprises. While you're out, we invite you to stop in at our Holiday Open House for a little warmth and holiday cheer. Holiday refreshments will be served.

**Join us for our Holiday Open House
December 9, 2011, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Santa will be in from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
216 West Main
806-495-2804

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WELLS FARGO

Together we'll go far

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

News

The weather ... my, my ... it seems like it has just been crazy lately. I hope all of ya'll have your long jons handy, by the time this edition comes out I hear its gonna be a bit chilly! We are also just about finished ginning, right now we are sitting at nearly 800 bales, its been a very short season this year. Prayers for rain and a good start to the next crop!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, there were many that had family in town celebrating and giving thanks. Here's a rundown of the ones I know of that were here..... Rob and I had his parents here from Wills Point; Jon and Salli Bess were here from Bowie; Lois, Jim and Nedra enjoyed Mandy, Joe, Raul, Abby and Ally here from Amarillo and Tad, Rhianna, Emilee and Kyona from Lubbock and Skipper and Connie Prather also from Lubbock.

Tino and Linda Alaniz had a big group at their house; David, Melinda, Quincey and Andrew Quintana; Amanda

Alaniz; Danny and Susan Gonzales; Mikey, Zach and Hailey Gonzales; Benito, Guille, Alan and Neely Alaniz all of Post; Eric, DeeDee, Hailey and Jace Alaniz from Bossier City, La.; Steve, Flora and Stevie Gonzales from Dallas.

Jace Alaniz also got to celebrate his 6th birthday while at the farm with Grandpa Tino and Grandma Linda.

Congratulations to Clay Johnson who made it to the semi finals at the NCHA Open Futurity Semi-Finals on Dec. 9 with the finals being held on December 10th. Parents, Mike and Clarice are very proud of Clay, he made it this far on a horse he trained himself. Way to go Clay!

Don't forget our Calender project Nancy and I have going on. If you have a picture or idea you would like included let us know, we will have them ready to order the first part of December.

Did you know ...

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.

Quote of the week ...

I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life ... George Burns

Get Wells

Arlie Nelson, Troy Nelson, and whoever else feeling under the weather that I may not know about ... get well soon!

Close City Birthdays

- Dec. 3 - Javier Esparza, Veronica Contreras
- Dec. 4 - Barry Morris, Troy Nelson, Kristen Massey
- Dec. 5 - Steve Gonzales
- Dec. 6 - Grady Shytles
- Dec. 7 - Colby Pennell
- Dec. 8 - Lane Norman, Amanda Bush Quisenberry

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are ... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. **Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.**

Everyone have a very Happy Thanksgiving! See ya'll next week

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New & Used Pumps • Backhoes
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Vibes
Tanning & Zumba Fitness
806-544-4364
Come join the party!

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INSURANCE
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God Bless the USA!

Weekly Inspirations

Finding Rest for your Souls

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

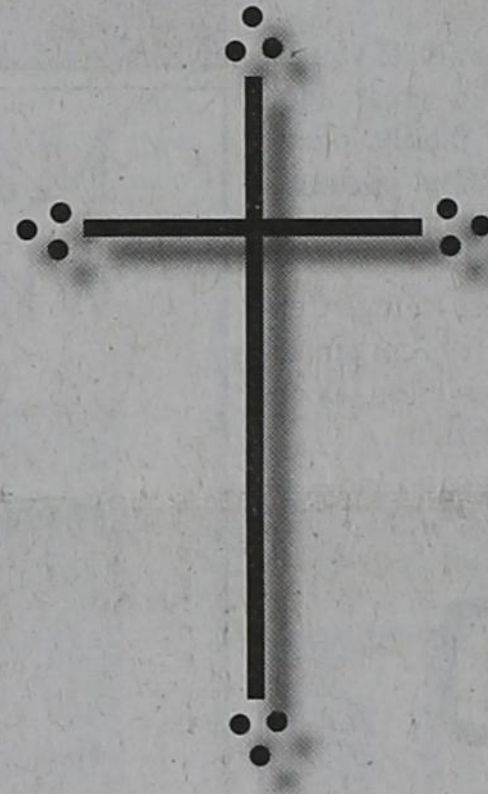
While reading this verse, the phrase "satisfied from himself" caught my attention. The world is desperate for achieving satisfaction and rest in life. You hear all the time of those who are on journeys of "self-discovery", seeking greater self-esteem or self-value. They feel that if they could only find themselves they would be satisfied, so they begin to fill themselves with their own ways, their own thoughts and their own plans. But the bible says that a good man will be satisfied only when he is free from his own ways.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: passed away; things are be- And in Mat- Jesus said, yoke upon you, me; for I am lowly in heart: find rest unto

I like the translation be- verse 28 which you tired? Worn out on religion? me. Get away you'll recover show you how rest. Walk with me-- watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill- fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Jesus did not come to give us religion, but a relationship with Himself. He promises to show us how to "take a real rest". Will you entrust yourself to His special care today? God will take care of you, in grand-style if you will let Him. When we acknowledge Him in all our ways and lean not on our own understanding, He will direct our paths and we will find rest for our souls.

Joey Hamlin is the senior pastor of Family Harvest Church in Post. Services are held on Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm. Join us Wednesday night as we study 'Bible Books & Characters'. This week we are beginning our study of the Gospel of John.



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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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English Please ...



DR. WINK

"I'm afraid your dog has bilateral medial luxating patellas which are affecting the dog's gait due to the osteoarthritis developing in the joint." As my client looked at

me with a blank expression, I instantly knew they did not understand a word I just said. I quickly rephrased "In other words, your dog suffers from arthritis which developed due to his knee caps moving in and out of place." In which my client replies, "Well, why didn't you tell us that in the first place?" Talk about a communication barrier! Medical terminology is often considered a type of foreign language to many.

When we first opened Garza County Animal Hos-

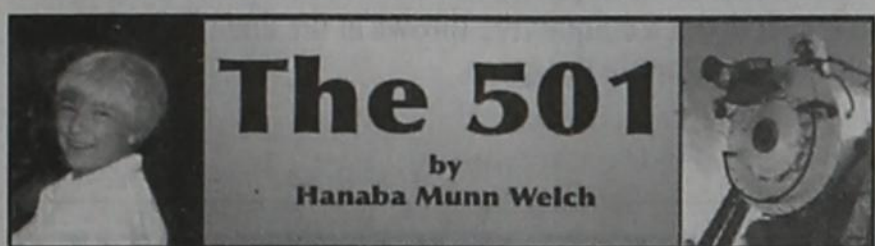
pital almost 2 years ago, my wife had never worked full time in the veterinary industry. She was anxious to learn as much as possible and always asked questions. I'll never forget the first time she asked me a question then slapped me after I answered. Now, let's stop a minute before you go reporting her to the authorities...she slapped me on the arm. No, it didn't hurt. But what she said after the 'love tap' changed the way I communicated with my clients even after 8 years

of practicing. "You better explain that in English or I'm going somewhere else to find the answer!" What? My own wife threatening to go somewhere else? Houston, we have a problem!

Why is it people in the medical field talk using those big 'ol fancy shmancy words? Words like Ablation (removal of), Thrombocytopenia (low platelets), or Splenomegaly (enlarged spleen). You can barley read this words much less say them! Did you ever want to

interrupt and say "Can you tell me in English please?" However, I must defend myself and my colleges! This terminology is embedded into our brains. We don't know any other way. We've spent hours, months, and years studying and memorizing in order to have a career such as this. It's hard to break that habit. But I'm trying. If I happen to talk over your head, just interrupt me and ask for the English version. My wife does it all the time.

This same concept applies to the way I write these articles. I know most of you don't want to feel like you're reading something from a medical terminology book. How boring would that be? So I type like I talk. It may not be proper vocabulary or correct grammar, but it's how I would be talking to you as if we were face to face. If that gives me the image of a good 'ol country boy, then I must be doing something right because that is exactly who I am.



A trip to a foreign country isn't much of a trip unless you collect something.

I collect haircuts. Sometimes I collect pounds too.

After all, who needs a wooden shoe that hangs on the wall and holds a shoe brush? I have one of those too. Somewhere.

When you get a foreign haircut, the fun part is communicating with the person wielding the scissors. I've got a degree in French. I'm still unsure about the French word for hair. It's similar to

horses.

Doesn't matter. If you go into a beauty salon in Paris and tell them you want your horses cut, they'll understand. Just be sure to point to your hair.

The horse-hair mistake is a common verbal gaffe non-French-speakers make in France. Another one is telling the waiter you're dead. Moi, I did it in the plural, indicating all my friends were dead too. The waiter took our money anyway.

When you're multilin-

gual, it means making mistakes in multiple languages. When I was learning German, I ordered "ein Coca-Cola" in a Frankfurt hotel. I waited several minutes and decided I'd better repeat my order, thinking they hadn't understood me.

The next thing I knew, I had two Cokes. When I got ready to pay, I told the waiter I'd had two Coca-Colas - "zwei Coca-Cola." He brought me two more.

That's what's good about haircuts. There's not much room for confusion about how many you want.

I can't say the same for Italian ice cream cones. If you hold up your index finger to order one, you get two. That's because Italians hold up just the thumb to mean "one" and thumb and index finger to mean "two." When the ice cream vendor sees the index finger, he imagines he sees the thumb too and thereby sells two cones instead of one. But who cares? He makes twice the money, and you get to make someone happy with an ice cream cone they weren't expecting.

Or you make yourself happy by eating it yourself.

Like I said, pounds are souvenirs too. You don't even have to declare them at customs. You just smuggle them home under your clothes, around your waist or elsewhere - reminders of all the memorable meals and the extra Cokes and ice cream.

Back to haircuts.

I'd like to go back to Europe and get another one in a foreign language. But my calendar has no trips penciled in. What to do?

I just did it. I got my hair cut in Spanish in Fort Worth for less than I would have paid in Barcelona or Madrid.

I told them to leave a little over the "orellas." Wrong word for ears. I should have said "orejas." Who knew?

But in Aragon, Catalonia or Galicia, "orellas" would have been the right word. Thank you Wiktionary. I'd say there's a haircut waiting for me in all those places - me and my orellas.

Come to think of it, I've already got a fancy red and black fan from Catalonia. Somewhere.

I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum

Getting to spend time with family this holiday season has brought some interesting thoughts to mind. First of all, I love the South. I think southern people are the friendliest and the most colorful people on the planet. When I was a kid, I lived in the western and north western parts of the country, and no offense to them, but they didn't seem nearly as interesting as the folks I've come to know here in the great state of Texas.

One of the most interesting things is the language. Now, I know we speak mostly English and Spanish here, but what I'm getting at is the *flair* with which we speak. In most parts of the country people freely use expletives if what we see in movies and television is correct. In the South we have different ways of saying virtually the same thing.

I had a neighbor that used to frequently exclaim, "Good gravy!" for any and every

reason. Tim's grandmother used to say, "My country tis of thee!" and another older lady I knew would proclaim, "My stars and garters, too!" along with "Land o' Goshen!" With all this vibrant language around, those other words seem ridiculous and boring, and not to mention bad enough to make me get up and walk out of more than one movie!

My dad used to say, "Well I'll be kiss a pig!" and it made absolutely no sense but it sure was funny to think about. I love all these things that come to mind, especially when you've got a good crowd of family of all ages around you. It helps you remember the fun and the spirit of the people and makes for really good storytelling.

I'm sure you have a dozen or more in your familiarity. I'd love to hear them, and if you haven't been exposed to the likes of which I speak, "Well, Bless your heart!"

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SPORTS

7th Grade Boys Basketball Game Boxscore

(Colorado City) 16, (Post 7A) 20 (Nov,28)

Scoring by quarter					
Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
(Post)	4	2	7	7	20
(Home)	2	2	2	10	16

Individual scoring: Post -AJ Escabedo 10, Bull Smith 3, Russ Morris 2
(Opponent, varsity only) -

Coach's comments - They are showing improvement every week.

Record: season 1-1, district- 1-1

Next game: who: Forsan, when: Dec.5
location: Post, time: 5:30

7th Grade Girls Basketball Game Boxscore

Basketball Game Boxscore
Date: 11/28
Team: Post Lady lopes , Colorado City

Scoring by quarter					
Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Colorado City	2	4	4	8	18
Post	8	4	4	4	20

Individual scoring: Post -Victoria Gutierrez-8, Sagrario Al-aniz 6, Christy Arelleno 4, D'Kota Walls-2

Record: season 2-4 - district- 2-1

Next game: who: Forsan, location: Forsan, time: 5:00
Coach's comments: Girls played a tough match! Being smart helped us hold on the win at the end when Colorado City pressured us.

Basketball Game Boxscore
Date: 11/28
Team: Post Ladylopes , Colorado City

Scoring by quarter					
Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Colorado City	4	2	6	5	17
Post	4	4	4	6	18

Individual scoring: Post - Brooklyn Courtney 11, Lauren Lynch 3, Kally Comeaux 2, Lexi Antillon 2

Record: season 3-3 - district- 2-1

Next game: who: Forsan, location: Forsan, time: 6:00
Coach's comments: Girls played a very competitive game. When we worked the ball around with our passes we were successful. Being able to knock down a couple free throws at the end of the game was key in winning the game.

8th Grade Girls A & B Teams Basketball Scores

Post 8th A 27, Colorado City 8th A 21 (11/28/11)

Scoring by quarter					
Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
C City	7	8	5	1	21
Post	8	11	5	3	27

Individual scoring: Post - Lauren Record 11, Ali Whitfill 10, Brogan Macy 3, Taylor Roberts 2, Tori Collins 1
(Opponent, varsity only) -

Coach's comments - Girls played very good all around. They keep getting better and better.

Record: season 4-2, district 1-1

C City 8th B 19, Post 8th B 10 (11/28/11)

Scoring by quarter					
Team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
C City	4	8	4	3	19
Post	4	2	2	2	10

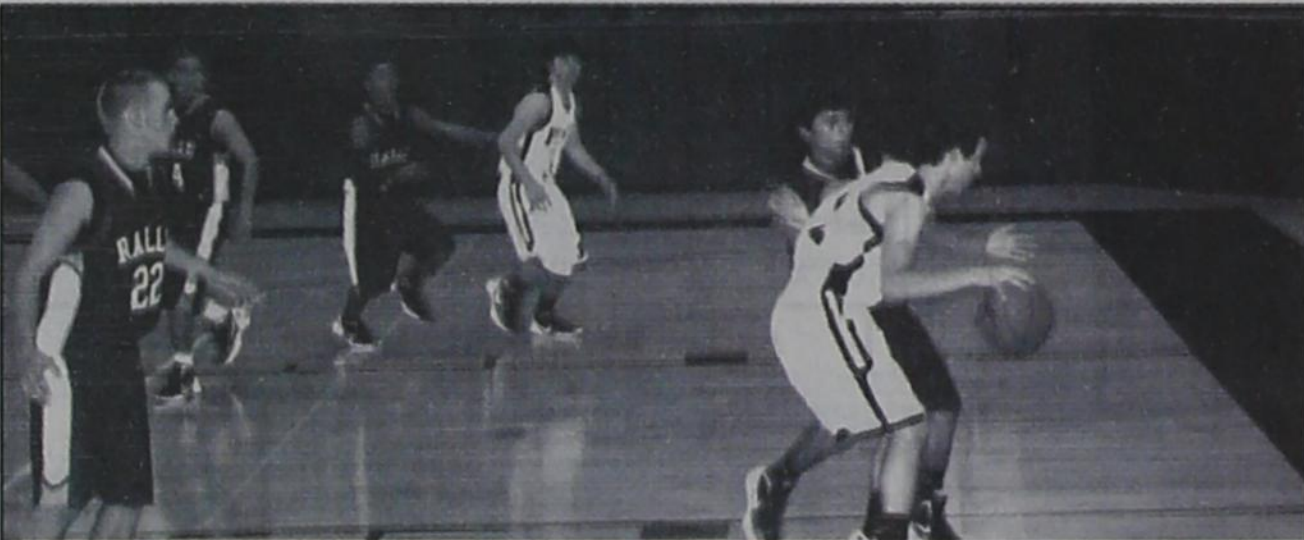
Individual scoring: Post - Ragin Kimmons 6, Alex Perez 4
(Opponent, varsity only) -

Coach's comments - The girls played good, just could not get shots to fall. Ragin had a good game. I'm very proud of Alex; she played great considering she was very sick.

Record: season 1-5, district 0-2



Corbin McDonald # 25 with Dalton Holly Jake Perez and Dakota McDonald



Taylor Soto drives in for a basket also shown is Vance Blair



Taylor Osborn takes the shot with help from Skylar Jones and Shirley Araiza



Photos by Nancy McDonald
Haily Berry #4 Matti Smith #11 Taylor Osborn #25 Shirley Araiza #10



Coaches Corner by Steve Smith

Choices and Consequences

Each and every one of us is a product of the choices that we make every minute of every day. If you choose to eat too much and not exercise the equivalent amount of calories off, you will gain weight. If you do this day in and day out you will be overweight. It is a conscious decision to put food into your mouth and it is a conscious decision to get up and walk it off or not. You cannot accidentally eat anything.

If you choose to smoke or use tobacco, you have chosen, by some statistics to lessen your live by 12 minutes. Each time you use tobacco products you are constricting your arteries and damaging living cells in your body and on average, you will die 12 minutes sooner every time you choose to use.

If you choose not to workout outside of school or in the summer, you have chosen to put yourself behind you opponents, at risk of injury in practice, and you will not be competitive in games. If you are injured you cannot workout and then you get further behind. It is not bad luck; it is a result of a choice

you made when you decided to not work out.

When you choose to drink or put other chemicals in your body, you have chosen to kill cells in your body. Your body is the only one you have and doing damage to it intentionally makes no sense. When you choose to mistreat it, you have chosen to give yourself a poor chance for success.

Living in America, you have the greatest freedom of anyone else in the world to make choices on your own. You are the one and only person who can decide what you want in life and make the choices to those ends....BUT, you are also the only person in the world responsible for those choices, not McDonalds, not Marlboro, not Coors, only you are responsible for your choices.

If you are going to dance, you must pay the fiddler. In other words, for every choice you make, there is a consequence. Imagine a young man, fresh out of school and on the hunt for a job. He goes to his first interview with spiked hair, earrings and a tattoo or two

showing. He isn't shaved and he does use good manners and etiquette when speaking. Does this young man have the right to dress, appear, and talk like he does? Of course he does. He has the right, but through his choices, he has eliminated a large percentage of people who will want him representing their business.

In all my years of coaching and teaching, I have never heard a person tell me how proud he was that he had chosen to quit athletics. You lose out on one of the few institutions in a young person's life that teaches teamwork, the benefits of physical fitness and how to be competitive in life's many situations. Athletics teaches discipline and commitment. Most importantly, athletics teaches a lesson about thinking about the consequences before making a choice.

All of us would be better served if we stopped and thought about the consequences of our choices each day. Chose to be better, choose to be an example and choose to be Bold Gold.

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Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Oatmeal, Bacon,
Toast, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Cowboy Bread,
Sausage Link,
Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

Cereal,
Graham Cracker,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch:

MONDAY

Country Style Steak,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Green Beans, Hot Roll,
Strawberry Shortcake, Milk

TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad,
Corn, Peaches, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Spaghetti,
Garden salad,
Fresh Apples, Texas Toast
Brownie, Milk

THURSDAY

Pig in a Blanket,
Western Beans,
Baked Chips,
Snowball Salad, Milk

FRIDAY

Pizza Burger, Lettuce,
Tomato, Pickles,
Tater Tots, Fresh Grapes,
Milk

By Kim Reiter

Being a Pilgrim is a lot of hard work, but it is also a lot of fun! We learned how much fun and work go into being a Pilgrim on Friday, November 11. The Pilgrims didn't have stores to get their food from so they had to grow, make, or hunt all their food. They didn't have cars either and had to use horses or their feet to get around. We learned this first hand on Kindergarten Pilgrim day.

In Mrs. Smith's class we made homemade butter like the Pilgrims did. We put cream and a marble into little cups that George's Restaurant donated for us to use and then we went to shak-

ing. We shook it and shook it and shook it and finally it made butter! Oh, it was the BEST butter that we ever made. We ate some on a cracker and took the rest of it home with us at the end of the day.

Ms. Tatum helped us make homemade ice cream. Oh what a mess we made, but it sure was good. We put milk, sugar, and a little vanilla in a ziplock bag and then put it into an empty coffee container that had ice and salt in it. Then we went to shaking again. Boy did we do a lot of shaking that day! Then we got to eat our ice cream. Next time we are going to make different flavors such as strawberry and chocolate.

The last thing we did was go outside with Ms. Reiter. When we got outside we saw Mr. Giles Dalby Jr. and his two GIANT horses. They are the biggest horses you have ever seen! They were pulling a wagon. His horses' names are Roy and Jim and they are a light grey color, almost white. Mr. Dalby took us for a ride in his wagon. We went all the way to the high school gym and back to the school. His horses sure don't go as fast as a car, but it was a lot of fun. After the ride we got to pet his horses and he answered any questions we had.

We had so much fun and learned a lot about how the Pilgrims lived.



Giles Dalby and some Kindergarteners pet his horses



Kindergarteners in front of the horses

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AGRICULTURE

The grass isn't greener on the other side

Drought's effects on waterbodies, crops, livestock, energy, consumers and pocketbooks

By Danielle Kalisek
Drought—a word that's receiving a lot of attention throughout Texas—seems to be on everyone's mind. From agriculture to urban life, from farmers and ranchers to energy producers, water suppliers and consumers—everyone and everything are being affected by drought.
“No one has escaped the far-reaching impact of this historical disaster,” said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. “By the numbers, beef cattle have the greatest cash loss, followed by cotton, a loss of hay, corn and sorghum. Dairy producers are suffering because of high feed costs they've been associated with. The pain has been broadspread, and no one has escaped, unfortunately.”
The drought's effects on the agricultural industry are also passed on to consumers, who depend on these products for their daily necessities,

he said. “Consumers are being impacted because they rely on fuel and food and fiber,” Staples said.
Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist and professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, said, “It's the worst one-year drought in the sense that we had so little rain during the winter time (of late 2010 to early 2011) and then the spring and summer. It's had maximum impact on agriculture—crops are having serious problems throughout the state. Ranchers are cutting back on herds, or some of them are selling off completely. So the timing of this (drought) has made it particularly bad.”
In addition to the lack of rainfall, heat-related records were broken in Texas. The hottest statewide average temperatures for June, July and August were all in 2011. The combined June through August temperature was

one of the hottest ever for any state, breaking a record set by Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl.
“That's caused primarily by the drought, because if you have less rain, then when the sun hits the ground there's no water to evaporate; it all goes into heating it, and that then leads to warm temperatures and more evaporation, and the drought becomes that much more severe,” Nielsen-Gammon said.
The excess heat means air conditioners are being set to cooler temperatures, which in turn causes electricity demands to rise. This further stresses water supplies for the power plant cooling towers or even causes power output to shut down.
The current drought is being compared to the drought of record in the 1950s, and thus far each industry, along with the weather, is breaking its own records. The effects are widespread.
Drought 2011: Setting the tone
“We first started getting concerned about the possi-

bility of a drought back in the summer of 2010 when all signs pointed to a La Niña developing in the Pacific Ocean,” Nielsen-Gammon said. “That's when water temperatures in the tropical East Pacific are unusually cold, which affects the jet stream pattern and tends to give us a warm and dry winter. So we were alert to that possibility. Starting about October the rain really shut off, and we did have a dry winter and a dry spring—but drier than anyone was expecting.”
While some parts of the state, such as East Texas, were dry during summer 2010, he said, most of the state didn't have problems until the beginning of 2011.
“For the twelve months ending September 30, Texas received a little more than 10 inches of rain on average for the state. This is the driest 12 consecutive months on record; normal would be about 26 inches, so we're well below 50 percent,” Nielsen-Gammon said.
Other records set so far include the driest year to

date, with January through September precipitation being 2.5 inches below the previous record for the state as a whole. Records were also set for the driest seven, eight, nine, 10 and 11 consecutive months.
“The previous record for driest 12 months was set in 1956,” he said. “We haven't had the really major impacts on water supplies like we saw during the 1950s, but with La Niña conditions back in place, this is looking more and more like a multi-year drought.”
He said this fall brought some hope of rain from tropical storms, depressions or hurricanes, but La Niña conditions have returned and are forecasted to remain for at least several months, which will tilt the odds toward another dry winter.
“Even if we do have another La Niña, I wouldn't expect precipitation running as far below normal as it has been, because this was a record-setting drought,” Nielsen-Gammon said. “But

the difference from this year and last year is last year we were starting off with mostly full reservoirs and plenty of stream flow and plenty of water in aquifers, and this year we're not. So even a mild precipitation deficit will make next year, especially for water supplies, worse than this year.”
“No two years are alike and no two droughts are alike, but I suspect that if the drought continues like it has, sometime next year some places in the state will exceed their drought of record, and with the increase of population and the increased water use, we'll start seeing some serious water supply problems.”
Agricultural crops
When asked what his overall impression of the drought is, Agriculture Commissioner Staples summed it up in one word: “Devastating.”
“Texans are suffering through the worst one-year drought on record, and the calamity is just getting worse by the day,” he said.

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Extension Extras

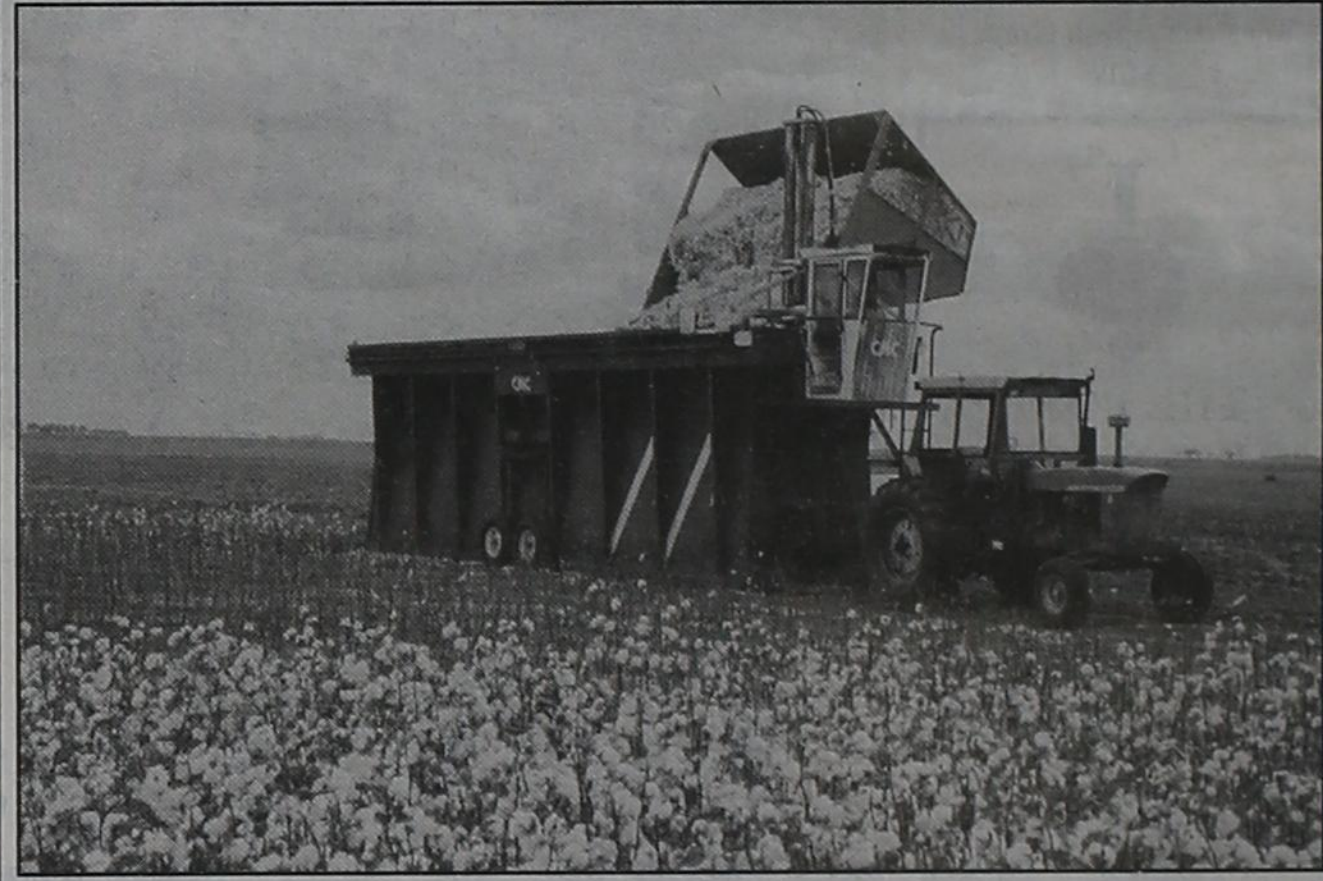
November 28, 2011

- 4-H Christmas Party**—Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, we will be having a Scavenger Hunt, bring an ornament and canned goods.
- 4-H Quilt Raffle**—“Texas Pride” Benefitting the Syd Conner Memorial 4-H Scholarship. Tickets are \$1.00 each or

6 for \$5.00 available at the Garza County Extension Office, Family Cleaners, or from Audree Williams or Kelbie Oden.
4-H Scholarship Information—If you are a graduating senior and interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship. Please contact the Extension Office. Extension Office: 215 W

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Rains help, but most of state still under severe to exceptional



Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo
In the Panhandle, producers were working around rain to get cotton stripped and into modules.

Cold fronts brought rain, from a trace to 2 inches or more, to much of the state during the last week, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.
As usual, when it comes to weather, there were winners and losers. East Texas, North Texas, Central Texas and the Rolling Plains were the main beneficiaries, with the Coastal Bend, South Texas and Far West Texas regions being largely passed over, while the Panhandle and South Plains regions fell in between these extremes, according to weekly reports by AgriLife Extension county agents.
Where rain fell, cool-season grasses and winter wheat benefited, though the consensus, even where 2 inches or more fell, was that much more rain was needed to keep winter forages going.
In the western part of the Panhandle, the situation was pretty much representative for the region, according to Rick Aukerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo.
Deaf Smith got about a half inch of rain in many areas, with more rain and snow forecast for Dec. 1-2, but it's a mixed blessing, Aukerman said.
“Typically, what's been happening here lately is that we haven't got very much moisture, and it just puts a halt to what's left to harvest,” he said. “We still have a lot of people who are baling corn stalks and grain sorghum stalks, and anything else they can bale up

for feed for the dairies and area feed yards, and they're wanting to get it out of the way. The cotton — what's left out there — they at least want to get it off the stalk and into the modules.”
Baled corn stalks were selling for \$80 to \$100 per ton in the field, according to Aukerman.
Aukerman said Deaf Smith producers are about 80 percent finished with the cotton harvest, and yields were down. The dryland cotton was non-existent, and most irrigated cotton yielded 650 to 750 pounds per acre, with isolated instances of 2.5 to three bales per acre where more water was available to pump.
The rain helped wheat in Deaf Smith County, as it did in many areas, he said. But the crop was still struggling as of Nov. 29, and some producers were running center-pivot irrigation early in hopes of producing forage for the stocker cattle.
Aukerman also noted that Deaf Smith County had only received 6.5 inches to date this year. The record for the least amount of rain for a year is 7.5 inches.
“At this rate, unfortunately, we will probably set a new record for the least amount of rain for the year,” he said.
More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.
AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the

following summaries:
South Plains: The region had widely scattered rains with the most significant accumulations in Floyd County, which reported from 0.8 inch to 1.5 inches. Other counties did not fare as well with accumulations of about 0.5 inch. A cold front on the weekend of Nov. 26-27 brought gusty winds. The cotton harvest wound down, and most gins were predicted to be finished with this year's crop by the first week of December. Yields were well below average, lower than expected. Winter wheat needed rain. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle. Rangeland greened up in low-lying areas where there was rain, but more moisture was needed.
Panhandle: Rain fell over parts of the region, with accumulations ranging from a trace to as much as 1.5 inches in isolated areas. Temperatures were near normal most of the week, but by the end of the week, days were cold and very windy. Soil-moisture levels continued to be mostly very short. The cotton harvest was ongoing, and wheat growers continued planting. What winter wheat was already planted was struggling, and producers were irrigating in hopes of producing forage. Some irrigated wheat looked good. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. "Not to mention ..."
5. Quark flavor
10. "O, gie me the ___ that has acres o' charms": Burns
14. Favor one side?
15. Decrease
16. Eye layer
17. NE coastal oysters
19. Lagerlof's "The Wonderful Adventures of ___"
20. Drawn close
21. Iranian money
22. Synthetic resin
23. Fine, dry particles
24. Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)
27. Be in session
28. Hanukkah item
31. Bust maker
33. State of eminence
35. Elite military unit (2 wds)
37. Anger
38. Bead material
39. Stencil hole-maker
42. Curb, with "in"
43. Streetcar
44. Bottom line
46. Marienbad, for one
47. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
48. Courtyards
50. Pakistani river
52. Organizers
56. Honoree's spot
57. Substance synthesized by yeast from sugars
58. And others, for short
59. Algonquian tribe member
60. Not yet final, at law
61. "Holy ___!"
62. Chip dip
63. Abound

CLUES DOWN
1. Goya's "Duchess of ___"
2. Bounce
3. Blue books?
4. "Lohengrin," e.g.
5. Register work arrival (2 wd)
6. Pretentious (2 wds)
7. Having bristlelike fibers
8. Abbr. after many a general's name
9. "___ Doubtfire"
10. Caused by sun and moon
11. Female pilots
12. Unload, as stock
13. Back talk
18. Buddies
21. Altercation (2 wds)
23. Center of a ball?
24. Legislate

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Varsity and JV Girls Basketball Scores

Varsity:

Post	11	8	16	16	47
Crosbyton	11	12	9	17	50

Scorers: Shirley Araiza - 13; Taylor Osborn - 12; Matti Smith - 9; Skylar Jones - 9

Record: 1-5 Next Game in Roby Tournament on Thursday vs. Roby @ 2:00

JV:

Post	10	9	8	6	33
Crosbyton	3	6	6	6	21

Scorers: Callie - 10; Alexis - 10; Kelbie - 5

Record: 3-2 Next Game in Ackerly in the Sands Tournament @ 9:30 AM.

Jr. High Boys Basketball Scores

Monday: 11/21/11	Monday: 11/28/11
Post 7th/8th "B" - 15 Stanton - 8	Post 8th "B" - 13 Colorado City - 10
Scoring for Post: Rafael Rodriguez - 8, Jared Araiza - 3, Wyatt Gray - 2, Blaze Smith - 2.	Scoring for Post: Rafael Rodriguez - 6, Alex Ramirez - 5, Christian Pearson - 2.
Record: 1-0	Record: 2-0
Post 8th "A" - 21 Stanton - 32	Post 8th "A" - 34 Colorado City - 33
Scoring for Post: Jaybren Rodriguez - 7, Jarred Curtis - 7, Cambry Gilbert - 3, Jordan Solorzano - 2, Shandon Wiley - 2.	Scoring for Post: Cambry Gilbert - 24, Shandon Wiley - 4, Jaybren Rodriguez - 4, Jordan Solorzano - 2.
Record: 0-1	Next Games for Post JH boys will be Monday, December 5th in Post against Forsan.

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"The unprecedented lack of rainfall, combined with extremely intense heat and high winds during the year, just crippled agricultural operations across the state."

Dr. Travis Miller, professor and Texas AgriLife Extension Service program leader for soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M, said as of August, losses were estimated at \$5.2 billion. "That's a direct loss to ag producers from this drought, and that's continuing. In other words, as we go weeks and months further into this thing, the loss numbers get higher and higher."

The biggest crop losses have been in cotton. "We estimated a little over a \$1.8 billion loss in cotton; about 52 percent of the total crop was zeroed out with no yield at all," he said. "So we planted 7.1 million acres, and we'll harvest about 3.4 (million acres), maybe. The jury's still out on some of that."

Cotton harvest time depends on the location in the state—the Rio Grande Valley begins harvesting in late July to early August, and cotton harvesting wraps up in the High Plains around the first of November through December. However, due to the drought and extreme temperatures, even harvesting times are being affected, which in turn affects yield.

Wheat crops, which are usually harvested in May and June in Texas, were also greatly impacted.

Miller said only about 35 percent of the wheat crop was harvested, and harvest totals this year were estimated at 54 million bushels compared to 124 million bushels last year. While not all wheat is normally harvested—a lot of it is grazed by livestock—on average about 55 percent to 60 percent is harvested. Less than half of the normal

acres were harvested, and the yields were very low, at about a 26-bushel average compared to about 34 bushels last year, he said.

As the next wheat crop is already being planted, farmers are finding soils that are absolutely dry.

He said much of the Texas wheat crop is typically grazed, providing wheat growers with two sources of income and cattlemen with nutritious winter grazing for their herds.

"So it's potentially a double-whammy loss with loss of the wheat crop and nothing for cattle to graze," Miller said. "We use that wheat pasture a lot for grazing livestock, and the wheat crop is seriously threatened at this point. The soils are dry. Our chances on our wheat crop are pretty limited."

He said corn and sorghum and all the other crops, except rice, are affected in the same way with these drought conditions. The corn crop was very short, but the sorghum crop did pretty well, with the Gulf Coast having good numbers with sorghum and cotton, although it was short through the Blacklands.

Rice, on the other hand, had a pretty good crop; however, water suppliers may curtail the ratoon crop water, so chances are the ratoon rice won't produce, Miller added.

Overall for crops, Miller said, "It's a pretty gloomy situation."

Rangeland and ranching

Rangeland is also being seriously affected by the drought. Dr. Ron Sosebee, professor emeritus with Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management and a 40-year expert on battling the brutal effects of Texas' droughts, said the entire state has been severely affected.

"The pastures and the rangeland look... I want to say like the dead of winter, but it really looks worse than that," he said. Sosebee's area of Lubbock in particular has received about 10 percent of the annual average rainfall to date, or about 1.3 inches since November 2010. And the heat only exacerbated the problem. Then add livestock and the hay situation into the mix and it gets worse."

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Cause No: 11102011- Estray

To Wit: On 11/11/2011, 83 head of unbranded, unmarked cattle consisting of 23 aged bulls, 20 cows, 39 yearlings/calves and 1 baby calf were gathered from the Chimney Creek Ranch and transported to the Lubbock Stockyards in Lubbock, Texas. The cattle were of a Hereford mixture ranged in colors consisting of black, red, red/bald-faced, and red motley with many of the cattle bearing horns. None of the cattle bore any brands nor were they ear-marked or tagged. These cattle are extremely wild and appear to have never been handled.

Notice is hereby given that if ownership of these said estrays is not determined but the 1st day of December, 2011; said estrays will be sold at public auction at the Lubbock Stockyards in Lubbock, Texas.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Three Span Oil & Gas, Inc., P.O. Box 50716, Midland, Texas 79710 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Glorieta and San Andres Formations, Kline Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles Northeast of Justiceburg, Texas in the Dorward Field, in Garza County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1655 to 7665 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

By now, I'm sure you have seen the giant arrows located near the entrance of the Terrace Cemetery or the one on the north lawn of the museum. This project is part of the Texas Plains Trail and Quanah Parker Trail placing Garza County on the official trail.

Many of us have Native American heritage, some very minuscule. My daughter use to say, "Right Mom, I have a piece of Indian, don't I." Regardless, we are all children of God, and a product of primitive times. I'll say again, depending on which side of the fence that you stand on, dictates the right and wrong of the Indian's demise. Because I am a historian, both sides must be told. The following story comes from The Borden Citizen in September 1971.

W.S. Williams...Indian Fighter and Trapper

Williams was in the association of such noted Indian fighters as Captain John Elkins, Kin Elkins and Sam Gholson in their forays to drive the Indians from the frontier of Texas and to protect the settlers from the almost constant raids. Other men who were their neighbors in Coleman County, and later became well known in this area were Clay Mann, whose "80" brand covered much of Kent and Borden Counties in the early 1880's; W.B. (Smokey) Brown and Boley Brown with his famous "24" brand and his fine horses, Willis Brown and Norman Rogers. George and Kin Elkins became well known Kent County ranchers and Uncle Kin is well remembered for the Elkins camp meetings. Sam Gholson was one of the most noted Indian fighters and later held an interest in the Curry Comb ranch with headquarters near Post.

Captain John M. Elkins in his book "Indian Fighting on the Texas Frontier" (written for him by Frank McCarty) tells the story as follows. Parts contain very graphic descriptions.

"The State Legislature passed a bill authorizing several frontier counties to raise companies of minute men. Each county was allowed 20 men, who were required to scout at least 20 days

each month at a salary of two dollars for each day of service. Coleman County organized its company and I was selected its commander. The Indians were depreddating and kept our company busy all the time that we were allowed to scout. Then after we had served for twelve months, the Governor sent Captain Ware, a mustering officer, to reorganize the company and muster it in. I was again elected its commander.

In 1873 William Williams and his family settled on a piece of land on Sand Creek in Brown County. His family consisted of a wife, one son almost grown, a little girl seven years old and an infant of a few months. They were camping and at this time Mr. Williams and his son had gone into the woods to get logs in which to build a cabin and set up their permanent home. That evening the boy returned to camp before his father had finished his day's work. There he found his mother lying on the bed in a dying condition. She told him the Indians had raided; that they had shot her and then she died. The son found the little baby lying on the ground near the campfire. The evidence showed that the cruel Indians had shoveled coals of fire on its tender body which burned it to death. The ground around the baby was wet with water that the mother had poured on the parched body in an attempt to lessen its suffering. The little girl was missing. They had kidnaped her. The news spread until it reached the town of Brownwood. The Brown County Minute Men, joined by a number of citizens went into pursuit. I, being absent at that time, they were joined in the west part of Coleman County by a part of my Company under the command of Sam Gholson. For miles they followed the trail but were never able to overtake the cruel band.

Sometime later, we saw in a Houston paper a letter written by Mr. Convers, a surveyor of Houston, in which he stated that he had found the body of a child hanging by the split girth of a saddle to a tree. It was the Mother's saddle which they had taken the girth to hang the little

girl. The evidence showed that they had scalped the child alive and had left her suspended. Mr. Convers took the body down and buried her near a chinaberry tree.

Mr. Williams, who was anxious to locate his child's grave, joined my company within a short time after the murder of his family. I decided to make a 20-days scout in search of the child's grave. After setting the day for starting, I wrote the Brown and Comanche companies to join me, but when time arrived to begin our search the two companies failed to be among the few who went. But Captain Coney, who was commanding United States troops and camped on Hords Creek, and Lieutenant Cusick and Lieutenant Stedman from Fort Concho, commanding about twenty men each, joined me in making the search. We reached the described place in about six days and found the chinaberry tree. Though we made a diligent search, we could not find the grave."

War Department records indicate the raid occurred on July 6, 1873 with the survey party discovering the child's body on July 31 on the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and the location being the Mackenzie Mountain, 20 miles north of present day Snyder. They reported they found the scalp attached to an Indians shield, abandoned nearby. On their return trip they encountered a band of Indians several of whom were riding fine horses stolen from Kin Elkins and his son-in-law Jim Jackson. Several of the Indians were killed and after a fierce chase, one of the men captured an Indian that turned out to be a squaw. She was riding Jim Jackson's race horse with a fine Mexican saddle and bridle ornamented with silver. She told one of the men that she was the daughter of a prominent Chief.

It was Captain Elkin's policy not to kill a squaw, but he offered to let Williams shoot her, but Williams could not bring himself to do it. She was killed by another member of the company in disobedience of Captain Elkin's orders.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GARZA §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County, on the 7th day of November, 2011, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
90-12-4579-CV	Garza County v. Perez, John Jessie	1. Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Block Fifty-two (52), Original Town of City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
96-03-05200-CV	Garza County v. Gomez, Emetris, et al	2. Lots Fifty-Two (52) and Fifty-Three (53), Block Two (2), Hart Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas
97-12-05,364-CV	Post Independent School District v. Basquez, Antonio c/o Paula B Flores	3. Lots Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), Block One Hundred Forty-Five (145) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. 4. Lots Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block One Hundred Forty-five (145), Original Town of City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
02-06-05,786-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District v. Cole, Tommy, et ux Ind/DBA Rosie's	5. Abstract One Thousand One Hundred Sixteen (1116) Section Two (2), Block Fifty-five (55), S. E. Harper 781/2"x152'.272 acres, Garza County, Texas.
03-11-05898-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District v. Gonzalez, Rafael et ux Gonzales, Martha	6. Lot Four (4), Block Thirty-One (31), Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. 7. Lot Six (6), Block Forty (40) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. 8. Lot One (1), Block One Hundred Eighteen (118) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
03-11-05900-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District v. Manuel, Nathan	9. All of Lots Sixty-Three (63) and 140'x45' joining Lot Sixty-four (64) on East Half (E 1/2), Block Two (2) of the Clarence Hart Addition to the Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of December, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Garza County, in the City of Post, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of November, 2011, as the property of

said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE."

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 7th DAY OF November, 2011.

Chf. Dave
SHERIFF, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

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- John & Kellie Berry
- Juanita Bocko
- Kari & Noel Myrlandus
- Karla Josey
- Kel & Robert's Kindergarten Class
- Kristen & David Josey
- Kyle & Patty Kirppater
- Kyle & Dawn Fessenden
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- Larry Waldrip
- LeeAnn & Garry Ray
- Linda & Marvin Self
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- Royce & Marianne Hart
- Ruth Davis
- Sue Ann Davis
- The Post Dispatch
- Theona Josey
- Theresa Harp
- Tim & Leslie Tatum
- Twin's Fashions
- Velta King
- Victor & Peggy Ashley
- Virginia Babb
- Wade & Carey Bridgeman



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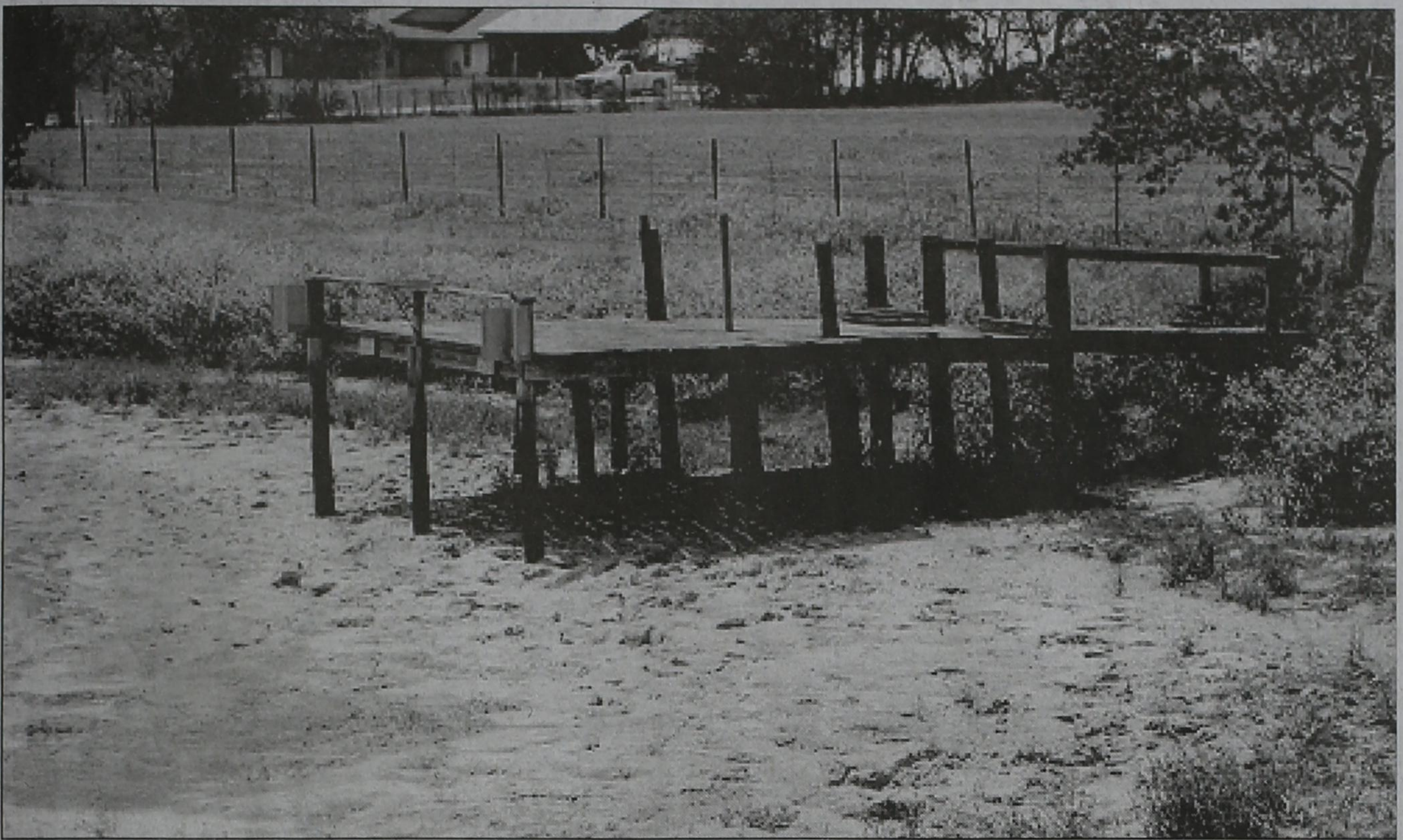


Photo by Danielle Supercinski Kalisek, TWRI/IRNR.

By August 2011 the pier is no longer in the water. This side of the tank is now completely dry.

"About half of our total agricultural income comes from crops, and about half comes from livestock," Miller said. "One of the crops we harvest is hay. It's usually \$750 million, maybe as much as \$1 billion worth of hay; we harvested essentially none, probably less than 5 percent of a normal hay crop. (Hay) feeds our livestock, which means ranchers don't have any hay to buy, and if they do it's double or triple the price because it's being brought in from Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas and other places to the north that got rainfall."

Miller said hay that normally would have been cut has already all been fed to livestock, and that hay is what ranchers usually use to feed cattle, from October through spring when the grass greens up. "So the beef situation is in a very serious mess right now."

Sosebee added, "The options aren't very many. If we don't move our livestock, they're going to continue eating and damaging the rangeland until there won't be anything left. This year is actually the worst drought year that we have ever had."

"I know the drought of the 1950s is still considered to be the worst drought on record; at least during the 1950s we did get some rain annually, and we could actually get something to grow for grazing, like haygrazer and sometimes wheat. This year we didn't get anything."

The lack of water only adds to the problems.

"The water situation for

livestock is very perilous as well," Miller said. "Many traditional sources of water are stock tanks where water collects in our pastures, and (now) there's no water. So we're selling our herds off as fast as we can sell them—more than 600,000 cows, not calves; in other words, our brood stock that would make next year's calf crop is going."

Due to these conditions, many ranchers started moving cattle this year as early as June and July, and the movement continues to leased pastures in Oklahoma, Montana, the Great Lakes states such as Wisconsin—anywhere they can find grass to lease, or to the auction barn, Sosebee said.

"In fact, one rancher that I know of moved a bunch of cattle to northern Montana, and those cattle will never come back to Texas because he secured a long-term lease, and those cattle will just stay there," Sosebee said. "So whenever this drought breaks, they will just start all over again here with the herd in Texas."

In other cases, the only option ranchers have is taking their cattle to auction.

"Auction barns in Abilene, Coleman and that central part of West Texas have been running 48 hours straight selling cattle—people are bringing them in to just get rid of them," Sosebee said. The same can be said for most auction barns throughout the Lone Star State.

"If we don't protect our rangeland by moving our livestock, I'm going to suggest that keeping them and feeding them hay is not a very good op-

tion," he said. "They'll still be trampling the rangelands, and they're still going to be eating whatever grass that's out there because when we come out of the drought, if we maintained our herds by feeding them hay, our pastures and rangelands are going to absolutely suffer immensely."

"Plus the economic side of that is it's not a very viable option. It doesn't take that much hay to buy that cow over again."

Commissioner Staples added, "How much longer these drought conditions continue will be a big factor on how soon we'll be able to recover. But it will take a while to overcome the reduced beef cattle numbers that are at their lowest point since 1958, nationwide."

Wildfire and wildlife

While mid-July 2010 brought significant rainfall, since then, it has been extremely dry.

"It wound up that we had a lot of moisture (in 2010) on the Gulf Coast, Central Texas, out to West

Texas and the High Plains," Miller said. "The fact is about the end of August (2010) we'd had double the normal amount of rainfall in the High Plains, but with this came a lot of summer growth on grasses, much more than normal. Particularly when La Niña moved in during the fall, it just quit raining."

Nielsen-Gammon recalled, "Last year when the drought started, the biggest initial problem was wildfire, especially out in West Texas. The fire danger has moved into central and eastern Texas,

where forests have become very dry and tree mortality is increasing.

"Major forest fires such as the early September fires near Bastrop, Linden and Magnolia will continue to be a danger as long as undergrowth remains dry," he said. "Wind speeds normally increase this time of year, and each strong cold front will bring the threat of major fires unless the fronts also bring rain." He added that the longer the drought goes on, the drier the junipers, oaks and pines become, making conditions ripe for crown fires—fire jumping from tree to tree.

"There is more housing encroaching into the Hill Country and the East Texas forests than ever before," Nielsen-Gammon said. "If we don't get rain this fall, the biggest concern will be a major fire in a major populated area in Central Texas. The Bastrop fire destroyed more homes than any fire in Texas records, but the potential is there for something even worse."

"We have had more than 3.8 million acres burn in Texas, which is phenomenal," said Tom Boggus, Texas Forest Service director. "It is more burned than of any season since we have been keeping records—significant, large amounts of acreage."

"When we get to 2 million acres a year, that is a significant fire season," he continued. "At one time in April we had a million acres on fire in the same week. That shows you how radical and how unusual this fire season is. We are having 35 to 50 fires a day, 150 to 200 fires a week. It just keeps going on. It's all drought-driven."

Urban consumers

The drought's effects on agriculture, rangeland and livestock and the wildfires seriously impact consumers. Limited crop yields mean less availability and higher prices at the grocery store. The livestock situation means higher prices for beef products.

Dry stock tanks also mean water losses in rivers, lakes, reservoirs and other bodies of water that are sources of drinking water for urban areas. This decrease in water supplies leads to less availability for a growing population and demand.

"What is this going to do to reservoirs where people get drinking water?" Sosebee asked. "Lubbock has just been informed that they will not get any more water from Lake Meredith; we knew that was coming. I understand that Robert Lee is out of water, and Spence is just about dried up, and Midland gets their water from Lake Spence. So what are these people going to do? Now that is a serious situation."

Water supplies also affect power generation. Declining reservoir levels can mean not enough water for power plant cooling. In these situations power plants might have to shut down completely.

Dr. Michael Webber, associate director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental

Policy in the Jackson School of Geosciences and assistant professor of mechanical engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, said the drought and heat wave conditions could cause power plants to cut back power output. If that happens, consumers will experience rolling blackouts, power

price spikes or curtailment.

The drought comes around full circle.

"I think consumers need to understand that this type of dire circumstances that our farmers and ranchers are facing affects all Texans and all Americans who rely on what is produced," Staples said.

He stressed that Texans must understand how important thoughtful water planning is, not only for agriculture but also for Texas' economy and future jobs.

What lies ahead

"There's a lot of speculation about what lies ahead of us," Miller said. "We know that most of the major drought events we experience are a part of La Niña. With the second La Niña moving in in September 2011, there will likely be another dry winter; we don't know how dry. It doesn't look favorable with the dry conditions we're going into the fall with and the La Niña; it doesn't look favorable for fall crops or for next spring."

Staples said, "Droughts of this nature are unplanned, unexpected and unwelcome natural disasters. When a hurricane is bearing down on the Texas coastline, you can take some precautions and mitigate the damage and chaos and start the rebuilding process. With this ongoing drought, it's something we're just having to manage our way through."

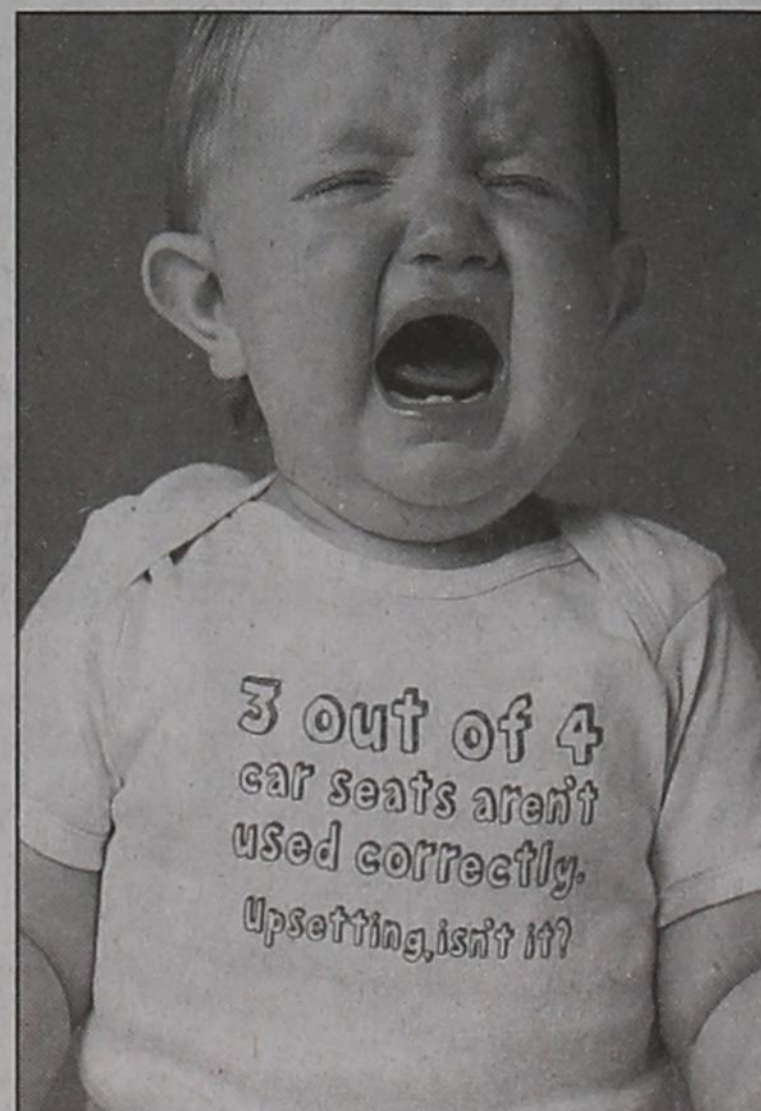
"These circumstances certainly paint a gloomy picture, but I must point out that Texans are survivors; our farmers and ranchers have the ability to overcome and adapt," he said. "And don't forget to pray for rain daily, and thank the good Lord when we get some."

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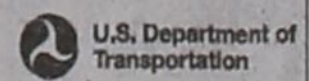
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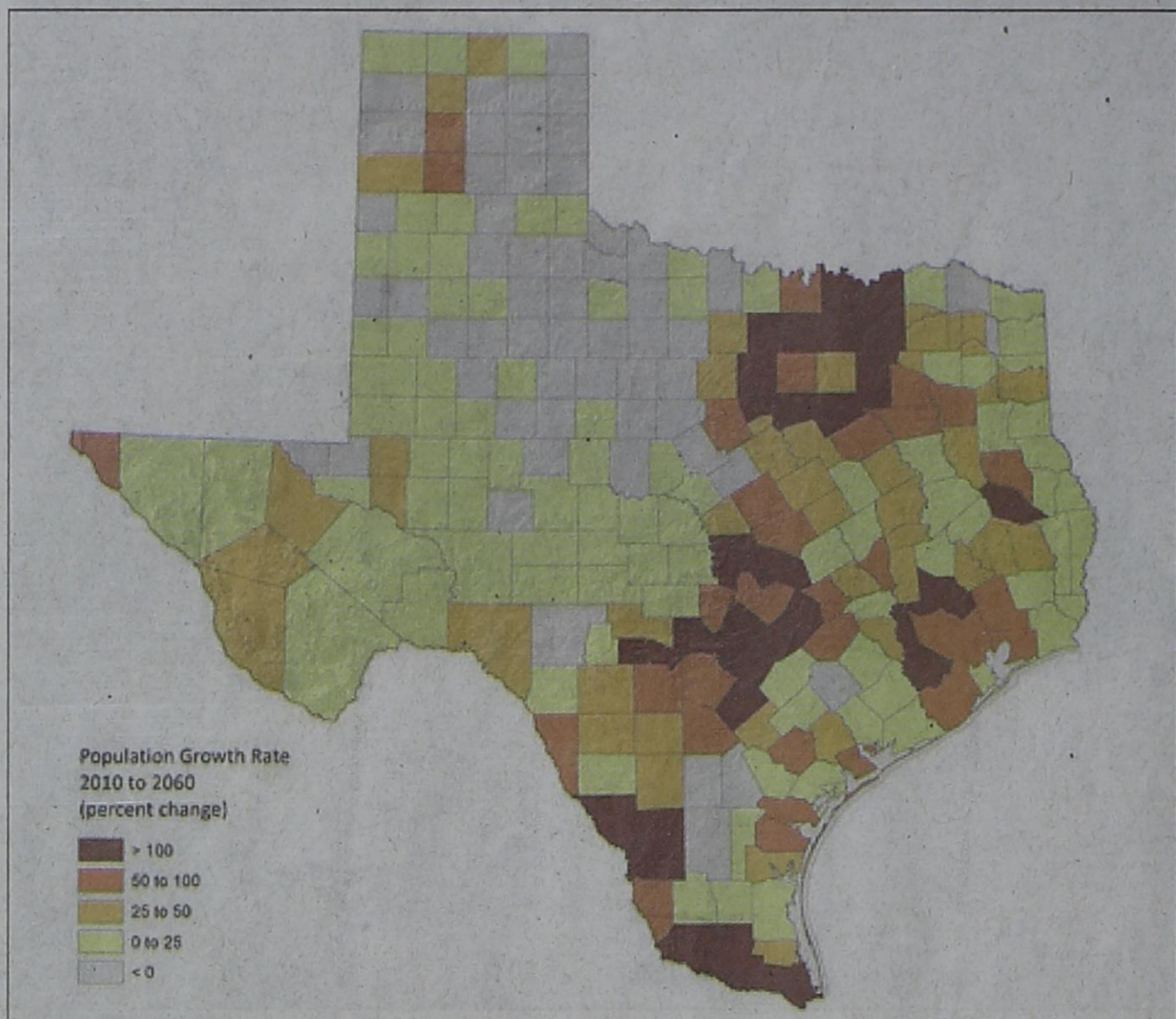
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Texas A&M professor works to develop drought prediction system



Dr. Steven Quiring will work with graduate and undergraduate students to develop a drought prediction system over the next five years. Photo by Karen Riedel, College of Geosciences, Texas A&M University.

The grass isn't greener on the other side



Grass that once provided a lush, green pasture for cattle is now brown and crisp.

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Texas drought: Now and then

The energy-water tug of war



As the drought continues, Texas' energy production will be affected by water availability.

Home on the range, no longer



Texas rangelands have suffered during the current drought.

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