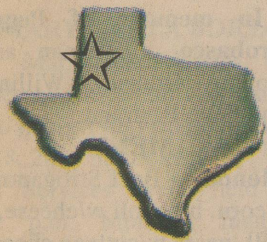


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Local artist returns from Hollywood

By Homer Marquez

Fresh off the set, local artist, and now local celebrity, Andy Stapp is finally back home after wrapping up filming for the Speed Channel's new television series "Wheel Wars". Back in mid-December, the Hesperian-Beacon reported on local airbrush artist Andy Stapp as he prepared to head off to Hollywood to take part in a new car building show for the Speed Channel. With its premiere show airing on Feb. 23, "Wheel Wars" rounds up a team of 8 car builders from all across the country and puts them against an All-Star team of builders. For the next 72 hours, the two teams compete in a grueling car build-off, modifying and customizing classic cars for a chance at victory. At the end of the competition, both cars are judged by an All-Star panel that ultimately picks a winner. In December, Andy Stapp was chosen by television producers to assemble a Texas team to compete in the television series' first show; a few weeks later the team headed to Burbank, California to begin

filming for the competition.

Now back, the Hesperian-Beacon was curious to find out how Andy dealt with the competition and the cameras. "It was a great experience; it really was," Stapp explained, "a very hard 72 hours. We rotated shifts between the eight of us, and we each got probably around eight hours of sleep during that 72 hour period, so it was frustrating, people were getting tired, egos were getting big, attitudes were getting horrible, but the build went extremely well."

Stapp also explained that as soon as he met the rival team, he knew the competition was going to be intense, "I will say that the team they have out there of All-Stars are professional California car builders, big names in the industry, and they're good... When we first got out there, they were trying to intimidate us. They kept making fun of us because we were from Texas, 'Yee Haw Yee Haw' and that kind of (stuff)...there was a lot of trash talking going on...it got heated." But as Stapp explained, all the drama

definitely made for great television.

Overall, Stapp explained that the competition went very well for his team and was impressed with the performance of each builder. Unfortunately, because he is still under contract, Andy was unable to announce the results of the competition or the type of car they built. Even though the results must remain under wraps until the show's premiere on Feb. 23, Stapp did explain that his overall performance did open some doors for some possible future television appearances. Stapp told the Hesperian Beacon that after shooting, producers began throwing around the idea of Andy possibly returning next season as the All-Stars team's painter, Stapp even got offered to appear on a new MTV show that will feature the car builders from the hit MTV show "Pimp My Ride"; but currently all talks are still under negotiations. But Andy will be flying back out Hollywood this week to paint a car for another upcoming Speed Channel show.



Photo by Homer Marquez

The first day of February arrived with a bang as snow storms blanketed Floyd County with over 2 inches of snow Tuesday morning. Schools and commuters were delayed as 2.2 inches of snow fell in Lockney, and 1.7 inches fell in Floydada.

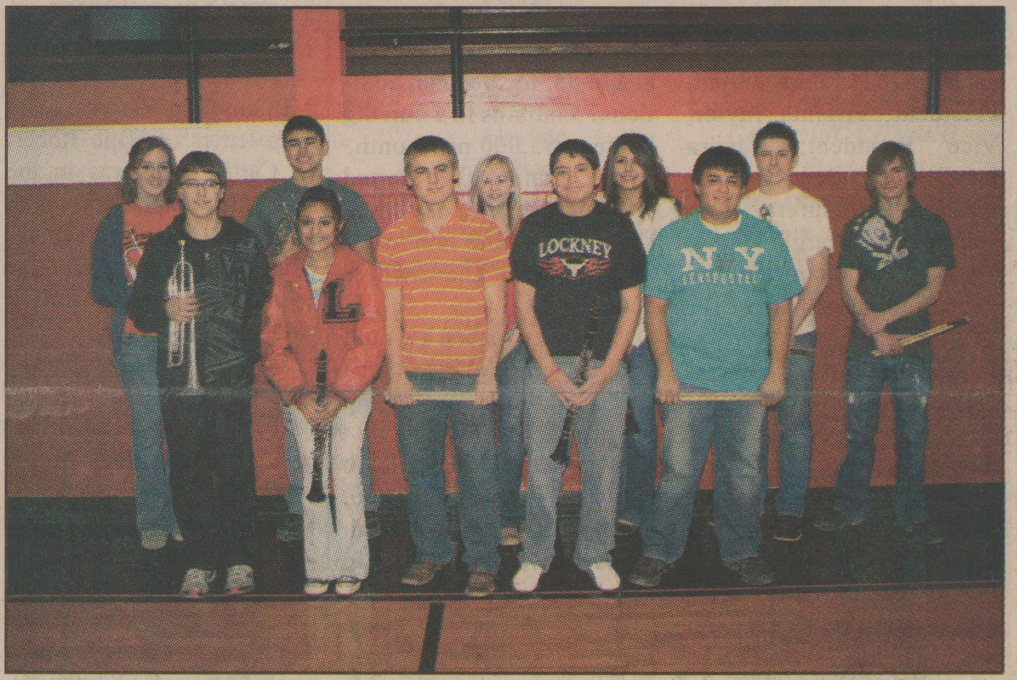


Photo by Homer Marquez

The Longhorn Band had twelve members selected for the 2011 All-Region Band. Tryouts were held Jan. 13th in Abernathy. Selected for the All-Region Band were: Catey Davis - flute, Amber Segovia - clarinet, Susie Salas - clarinet, Ricky Segovia - clarinet, Shanequa Wilson - bass clarinet (not in picture), Kameron Hunt - trumpet, Lindsay Stewart - trumpet, Erik Cortez - trumpet, Chase Thompson - snare drum, Landon Kidd - snare drum, Dillon DeLeon - snare drum and Jake Bramlet - snare drum. In all, Lockney had twenty-four students selected for the All-Region Bands this past weekend. Eleven Jr. High band members were selected, twelve High School band members were selected and Christopher Rodriguez was selected for the Region Honor Band.

Area entrepreneur expands ventures

By Homer Marquez

Wasting no time in taking advantage of another successful business venture, local businessman, Jeremy Rodriguez, announced the grand opening of Merm's Mini Mart on Jan. 21 in Floydada. Adopting its name from Jeremy's childhood nickname, Merm's is Floydada's first exclusive beer, liquor, and wine package store since the city voted to allow the sales of alcohol last November.

Born and raised in Lockney, Rodriguez expressed that the survival of smaller communities depended on the success of fresh and new business, "I'm all about the small town because I come from a small town," he explained, "a lot of people flock to the big city, and a lot of corporations flock to big cities, and I'm the opposite. I like to go into the smaller towns and open up businesses



Photo by Homer Marquez

Local businessman, Jeremy Rodriguez, has recently announced the grand opening of Merm's Mini Mart, located on I-70 in Floydada. Merm's is Floydada's first package store since the city voted to allow the sale of alcohol within the city limits. (Above) Mr. Rodriguez stands with Rene Ortiz in front of the newly renovated store front.

because it helps the local economy."

For the past 6 years, Mr. Rodriguez has also been the owner of three Verizon stores located in Plainview, Levelland, and Post. "I have been wanting to get into this

business for a while and I saw the opportunity because Floydada went wet; saw the opportunity with the building...so I thought I'd take it...it kind of fit all my MERM'S MINI MART
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Floydada ISD participates in educational technology classrooms in Capitol Rotunda in Austin

AUSTIN, TX. --On Monday, January 31, 2011, the Texas Capitol Schoolhouse Foundation will facilitate actual high tech school classrooms in the basement Capitol Rotunda using state-of-the-art educational technology.

"The participating schools clearly demonstrate their effective day-to-day use of educational technology. Visitors to the Capitol will see and experience technology currently in use by Texas classrooms," said Schoolhouse organizer and Executive Director Dr. Deborah Jolly.

Jolly is also the Deputy Director of Wexford Institute, a national research/evaluation and development non-profit agency.

"We bring the schools together to show our legislators the wonderful things their technology funding has done for Texas classrooms. Each time the event becomes more and more impressive as the technology use becomes more and more sophisticated," Jolly added.

At the beginning of each legislative session, invited schools set up their classrooms in the Capitol. Throughout the day, they conduct class just as they do every day in their home districts. This year students, utilizing both PCs and Macs, will be working with video &

sound editing, robotics, iPods, iPads, online virtual learning environments, 1-to-1 laptop computing, on-line interactive learning and other educational technologies.

Legislators and invited guests have the opportunity to venture through actual classrooms to observe and experience educational technology in use by teachers and students.

"The students are eager to show their Representatives and Senators how these tools are used in the education process and how much they benefit from their use," Jolly concluded.

Participating districts include: Amarillo ISD, CAPITAL ROTUNDA
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Floydada Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to a Membership Drive and Member Appreciation Open House. This event will be held on February 10, 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Community

Room of the First National Bank of Floydada. Come by and enjoy refreshments and visit with Chamber members and see what your Chamber is doing for you.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News**By Rene Armstrong**

The quilt that was made by the Silver Thimble Quilters is finished and on display at the Center. The tickets for the raffle will go on sale soon.

Margie Womack called me and asked for any donations for crochet thread, no matter the amount, the thread will be used for making a lap blanket for the residents in the nursing home. Please call me at the Center if you would like to donate or bring it to the Center, I will have a box to put it in.

Happy Birthday to all the February Seniors; Gladys Bobbitt on the 4th, Jerry Paul Copper on the 14th, Denny Quisenberry on the 24th, Almeda Phillips on the 28th,

and Virginia Sissney on the 28th.

Happy Anniversary to our February anniversaries: to Denny and Jonnie Quisenberry's on the 6th, Bobby and Ann McCormick's on the 20th, and Tommy and Ann Messer's on the 14th.

Thank you to Jerry Davis for delivering the meals to the shut-ins. Hope you all have a great week and please be careful with the bad weather...Stay Warm.

Menu**Feb. 7-11****Monday- Ham****Tuesday- Enchilada Casserole****Wednesday- Meat Loaf****Thursday- Baked Potatoes****Friday- Fish****Hobby Club**

SOUTH PLAINS HOBBY CLUB NEWS
By Sandra Lass

The Hobby Club met at the South Plains Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and plan activities for 2011. Members present included Candace Scott, Carol Hopkins, Mary Quattlebaum, Janis Julian, Joy Smitherman, Glenda Ford, Margie Young, Edith Muncy, Ann Hartman, Peggy Roberts, Betty Deavenport, Mary Lou Zinck, Carolyn Marble, Donnie Bowman and Sandra Lass. President Janis Julian read the correspondence and asked the members to sign the birthday cards before leaving. The group elected the following officers for 2011: Janis Julian, President; Virginia Taylor, Vice President; Sandra Lass, Recorder; Margie Young, Treasurer; Ann Hartman and Margie Young, Telephone Committee and Peggy Roberts, the 2011 Yearbook.

Janis said that several members had made suggestions for the 2011 activities.

For the first time there were more suggestions than there are meetings.

The Hobby Club meets nine times each year on the second Wednesdays of January through May and September through December. There was some discussion as to having a meeting during one of the summer months, but no decision was made about a summer activity. Several years ago the group went to Groom in July.

This year the group plans to have lunch at the Floyd County Country Club and a rendition of Molly Bailey by Lou Burleson, a jewelry presentation by "The 4 Gems," a health program by Helen Teeple, RN, lunch at Singin' R Ranch and a tour of Thacker's Jewelry at Roaring Springs, Hi Neighbor luncheon in Plainview and a visit to the Llano Estacado Museum, a trip to Post and a tour of the OS Museum.

Janis asked us to bring any pictures we might have

of Hobby Club events over the years. She plans to make a scrapbook. Sandra will get reprints of Hobby Club News from the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon or photo copy her own to accompany the pictures. Janis said that if there was no further business, Ann Hartman, Hostess, had prepared a delicious meal and it was time for us to eat. Peggy has inserted a collection of sayings, helpful hints, poems and "one-liners" in the 2011 Yearbook. Here are some to consider for New Year's resolutions: To Exercise or Not to Exercise (Author unknown)

It is well documented that for every mile that you jog, you add one minute to your life. This enables you, at age 85, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5,000 per month.

My grandmother started walking 5 miles a day when she was 60. She is now 97 and we don't know where she is.

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I don't exercise at all. If God meant for us to touch our toes, he would have put them further up our bodies.

I like long walks, especially when taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you're going to try cross country skiing, start with a small country.

And last, but not least, I don't jog - it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

The next meeting will be held February 9, 2011 at the South Plains Baptist Church. Mary Lou Zinck will give a presentation and a slide show of her trip to Israel.

By Margarette Word

A reminder to those who eat at the Center that dues of \$15 for 2011 are due now.

Our visitors this past week were Judy Lain, Wayne Queen, Carolyn Hardy, Don Hardy, Donald Hardy, and Jeff Highland.

The little snow we had several days ago was really nice. Maybe this next week we will get some more. We do need rain.

Ruby Gooch is home after spending a week or two in Amarillo with her daughter, Millie Burgett. While in Amarillo Ruby attended two baby showers for two of her great-granddaughters.

If any of you have yarn that you no longer can use, I would love to have it. I crochet all the time. I make lap robes for people who can't get out too much and need something to keep them warm. I've given several to care centers as well as individuals. Call me and I will come get the yarn. I never charge for any lap

robes I make. They are free to those who need them.

Our Center has been having some very good meals. If you are 60 years or older please come join us. The more people we have the better our Center becomes. It sure breaks my day up by going each day. Since we all go to different churches and have different friends, the Center is the only place we get to visit during the week. I need to get out of my house and visit others. I don't like to cook anymore so I enjoy the Center very much.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

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In memory of Marie Warren - John and Judy Dunlap, Don and Christy

Gibbons, Don and Carolyn Hardy, J. W. and Delores Cannon, Naomi Battey, William and Faye Bertrand.

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In memory of Harry Whitaker - Don and Carolyn Hardy, L. B. Stewart, Roger and Bo Poage.

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Faye Bertrand.

In memory of Jean Hale - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Roger Dorman - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Pollyanna Simpson - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Beth Eckert - Don and Carolyn Hardy.

In memory of Douglas Wadding - Jane Pruitt.

In memory of Peggy Probasco - Herman and Bonnie Graham, William and Faye Bertrand.

MENU

Monday - Beef Stroganoff, corn, broccoli w/cheese, roll, pears w/cottage cheese

Tuesday - Chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, salad, ambrosia salad

Wednesday - BBQ ribs, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, cookie

Thursday - Beef chili chicken, corn, navy beans, roll, jello

Friday - Chili, pinto beans, cornbread, blueberry cake

Museum Archives

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM From The Floyd County Hesperian— The History of the Caprock Country on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Floyd County 1890-1964 - July 15, 1965

THE MACKENZIE BATTLE

From interviews with Col. R. P. Smythe of Plainview and from letters of Capt. Robert G. Carter, who was in the Mackenzie Expedition of the 1870's, we can find a number of interesting items about this country when it was truly "wild and wooley".

Lawrie Tatum, a Quaker Indian agent, on Aug. 12, 1870, living at the Ft. Sill reservation which served in the country of the Comanches, Kiowas, and Apaches, addressed a letter to Col. Benjamin Henry Grierson, who was in charge of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, which was on duty in the Southwest. The letter requested the two colonels "out there", Grierson and Mackenzie, to "Induce Mow-way and his band to come in to the reservation and behave." The request was granted, and the start of the campaign was made at Camp Cooper, within five miles of Ft. Griffin, a few miles north of present-day Albany, Texas. Jacksboro was the place at which the message had arrived.

There seemed to be ample reason for concern. A little child had been captured from the whites by the Indians, who were led by Mow-way. Two men, named Stockton and James had suffered considerable livestock losses. They lived 28 miles from Camp Cooper, and joined in the expedition. On Oct. 3 the march to the Panhandle country began.

It is natural to tend to think that the western warfare was always "white against Indian." This was not true, even as we remember that the first provisional Lt. Gov of Texas was of Mexican birth,

Lorenzo de Zavala. Twenty Tonkawa Scouts accompanied the expedition.

In the March towards the Panhandle in October, 1878, Mackenzie had about six hundred men and nearly one hundred pack mules. On October 7 he reached Duck creek, where he established a supply camp. On the night of October 8 he parked the wagons, packed the mules and set out on a quick march under cover of darkness. On the following night the army reached a point near Mount Blanco, in Crosby County. The day just past had been attended with much excitement. The deep mire of White River, or Catfish Creek, had presented some difficulties. The Tonkawa scouts had run unexpectedly upon the Comanche braves, and a chase had ensued. Traveling had been most difficult and fatiguing to both men and horses. The soldiers realized that they were in the vicinity of the Indians, and that an attack might at any moment occur. All were in a state of suspense and expectancy.

At midnight the attack came. It was the plan of the Indians to stampede the horses by riding at full speed, shaking dried buffalo hides, ringing bells, and yelling and shrieking with satanic madness. The whites and their Tonkawa scouts had their hands full in bring their frenzied horses under control. To make a long story short, it was found, when the alarm was over, that about seventy out of six hundred horses were missed. Captain Heyl, Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Hemphill with a few privates, while hunting for stray horses before dawn, found themselves in a perilous situation at a distance of over two miles from the camp, as a horde of savages confronted the few soldiers. As no escape was possible, the only alternative was to fight or to die. The soldiers formed two groups for opposing the Indians, seven men under Captain Heyl on the right, and five under Lieutenant Carter on the left. Both divisions opened rapid fire with their carbines on the

Indians. But under the stress of circumstances, Heyl lost his self-composure and his seven men fell back precipitately. Carter and his five men alone had to resist the charge of a hundred or more Indians. How Lieutenant Carter, Sergeant Jenkins and Privates Melville, Downey, Foley and Gregg held their ground is an interesting story, and was a deed deserving to be graven on stone. They used their carbines so effectively that the Indians recoiled, with the loss of a few lives. At this juncture Carter ordered his men to make a dash for their lives. Gregg's horse being fagged, the unfortunate man fell behind, and the Indians, seeking their opportunity, closed in upon him. Quannah Parker led the attack in person, and he shot Gregg dead. As Gregg fell, the main army, having heard the firing, came up for battle in Blanco canyon; but at the approach of the soldiers the Indians hastily retreated. From the sides of Mount Blanco and its summit the Indians fired their old target rifle. Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Boehm, with a dozen men from the line, charged the Indians by ascending to the top of the mountain; but the Indians hastily withdrew and concealed themselves in the hills and ravines that lead to the plateau of the staked plains. Thus ended the battle of Mount Blanco on the morning of October 10, 1871.

Mackenzie's pursuing column spent the entire day marching up the canyon to find that the departing Indians were practicing various ruses to delay the soldiers. Finally it was concluded that the wily enemy had reversed his course, and the soldiers countermarched and moved back down the canyon to Mount Blanco. The following morning the Tonkawa scouts found the lost trail leading over an apparently impassable barrier in scaling the caprock of the staked plains. This point was about one mile west of Mount Blanco. After much effort the soldiers made the ascent, and before their eyes spread out a vast expanse of grassy plain. The air was cold and piercing to men clad for a summer campaign. The trail was followed until about noon, when it turned and again entered the canyon at what was

known as the ranch home of J. J. Day, now the Floydada Country club, about seven miles southwest of Floydada. At this crossing the Indians again attempted their ruses by forming various trails, but the Tonkawas soon found the true trail ascending the bluff on the opposite or North side. Scaling the precipitous sides of the canyon, Mackenzie's army was now on a distant horse trail leading toward the west and northwest, and the soldiers were not long in observing in the distance the moving body of Comanches, or Quahadas, together with their women, children, and two thousand or more head of stock. Mackenzie's column steadily gained on the Quahadas. The cold was increasing, but the soldiers were elated at the prospect at soon engaging the enemy. The Indians again resorted to wiles in an effort to divert the soldiers. Comanche braves sallied to the right and to the left circled here and there, and sought in every was possible to check Mackenzie's men; but Mackenzie heeded the advice of his Tonkawa chief and kept steadily in pursuit of the fleeing band. Having failed to decoy the soldiers into a side attack, the Indians began preparations for a real battle. Mackenzie knew that the Comanches would fight with fiendish fury in defense of their families. However, the evening was fast approaching and as the time was near at hand for Mackenzie to order a charge, the elements became dark, followed by rain, sleet and snow. Why Mackenzie did not engage the Quahadas at this juncture cannot be satisfactorily explained. Lieutenant Carter was of the opinion that he lost the opportunity for a great victory. The soldiers were keenly disappointed.

A BITTER FIGHT

The storm which had been gathering all day came on at nightfall. The men dismounted and formed a defensive circle. All efforts to shield themselves and the horses were unavailing. To keep warm was out of the question. In their haste to overtake the Quahadas the men had not taken the time for noon lunch, and now the preparations for supper were impossible.

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Obituaries



MARY GARZA BORJAS
Mary Garza Borjas, age 43, of Floydada, was called to heaven on Friday, January 28, 2011 in Lockney.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God with Armando Morales officiating.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

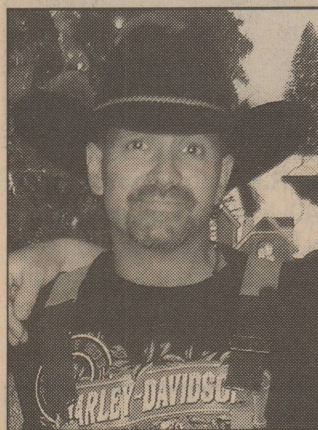
Mary was born on November 29, 1967 in Arcadee, Florida to Maria Hortencia (Santos) Garza and Israel Jose Garza, Jr. She was raised in Texas and graduated from Floydada High School in 1986. Mary worked at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital for the past 6 years.

She enjoyed raising her grandson, Omar Jordan Garza and watching him play anything and everything.

She was preceded in death by Israel Jose Garza, Sr., Teodoro N. Santos, Jesusa Mendoza and Juan Angel Martinez.

Mary is survived by her son, Omar Garza of Floydada; four grandchildren, Omar Jordan Garza, Alizee Nichole Garza, Angel Bebe Garza and Andrea Yasmine Garza, all of Floydada; her mother, Maria Hortencia Garza of Floydada; her father, Israel Jose Garza, Jr. of Abilene; three sisters, Marivel Esquivel and husband, Rudy of Floydada; Melisa Garza and Rick Martinez of Floydada; and Yolanda Dela Garza and Johnny of Canyon; four nieces and three nephews.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



CLINTON WADE JACKSON

Clinton Wade Jackson, 43, resident of Ocean Springs, Mississippi went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 24, 2011 in Gulfport.

Clint was born in Lockney, Texas, May 12, 1968. By trade Clint was an electrician his entire life. Clint loved the outdoors and in the past few years realized his true joys were fishing and alligator hunting on the bayous of Mississippi. He was enthusiastic about all interests in his life and pursued the things he loved with unbridled passion.

Clint treasured his relationship with his Savior, Jesus Christ. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Clint was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lavon and Hazel Johnson, and his grandmother, Addie Mae Edgmon.

He is survived by his parents, Donnie and Judy Jackson of Lockney, Texas; his daughter, Ashley Jackson of Keller, Texas; his siblings, Chad Jackson of Lubbock, Texas, Shea and husband Clay Adrian of Shallowater,

Texas, and Cody and wife, Carrie Jackson of New Deal, Texas; his grandchild, Avery Jackson of Keller, Texas; and his grandparents, David and Bettye Jackson of Lockney, Texas and Carlos Edgmon of Durant, Oklahoma.

A memorial service was held on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Lockney, Texas with Rev. Kyle Brock officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Riemann Family Funeral Home in Gulfport, Mississippi

Memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.riemannfamily.com.



PEGGY GARRISON PROBASCO

The service to celebrate Peggy's life was held on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Pastor Tim Franks officiated.

Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park, Floydada, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

On the 36th anniversary of her husband's death, Peggy Probasco's family came to love on her and tell her goodbye. In typical Peggy fashion, she waited until the party was over before she left. Peggy went to meet Jesus and dance on golden streets in heaven with her husband, Gene at 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Peggy Garrison Probasco was born October 3, 1927 to Verne & Dorothy (Logan) Garrison in Dallas Texas. She grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from Pascal High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1950. Tech is where she met her husband, Kenneth (Gene) Probasco. Peggy and Pro were married in 1951 and lived in Floyd County until Pro preceded her in death in 1975.

Peggy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. Peggy had five children, 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They are: Judy Probasco McDaniel of Midland, and her children, Kenneth and Cheryl Washburn and their son, Colter and Michael Washburn, all of Midland. Mitch Probasco & wife, Patty, of Floydada and their children, Lyndi and RN Hopper of Petersburg and their children, Tucker, Alice and Carson; Andi & Randy Moore of Post, Jordan Chaparro of Fredricksburg, Virginia and J D Chaparro of Dallas. Mark Probasco and wife, Laura, of Shallowater and their children, Katy Bewley and her son, Maddox of Shallowater and Rob Probasco, Andersen AFB, in Guam. Max Probasco and wife, Karen, of Plano, and their sons, Brady, Tyler and Austin. Jill Probasco Graham and husband, Ron, of Floydada and their children, Mallory, Jacob and Rachel.

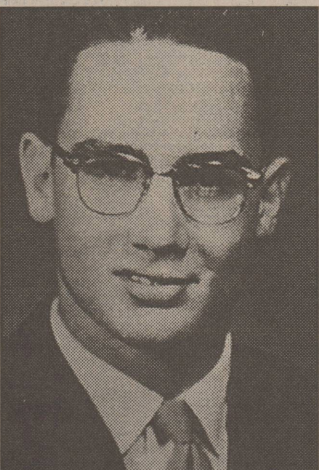
Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Probasco, her parents, Verne and Dorothy Garrison and her brother, Bill Garrison.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Hightower, and her brother, Howard Garrison. She also left behind many nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and "adopted kids".

She has been living for the last 7 1/2 years in the

Lockney Health and Rehab Center. All of the staff were loving and caring to our Mom. They grew to love her almost as much as we did. We can never repay their kindness and patience with her, and we thank them all.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Peggy's name to be made to the Lockney Care & Rehab Center in Lockney or a charity of your choice.



DOUG WALDING

Doug Walding, age 69, of Floydada, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 2011 at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Doug was born to Clarence Nugent and Hilary Lee Walding in Floydada, Texas on July 23, 1941. Doug was a 1959 graduate of Floydada High School. He attended Texas Tech University, where he studied architecture.

He was in several West Texas bands including the Moon Discs, the Velvetens, the Mad Hatters and -- briefly, the Crickets.

He was survived by his son, David Walding of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and two daughters, Heather Kozan of Mesa, Arizona and Kimberly Garcia of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He also leaves behind his sister, Dana Robertson, and brother, Brynn Walding; grandchildren; David, Cindy, Trinity, Tristan, Serenity Walding and one on the way.

Douglas was preceded by his parents and daughter, Danja "Chickee."

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTER MEETING

Lockney Band Booster parents will be holding an important meeting on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. Please make plans to attend. Meeting will be held at the band hall.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU
Feb. 7 - Feb. 11

- Monday**
Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Hot dog with chili, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast- Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, Rosie applesauce, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Taco salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, baked chips, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

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Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m

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Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Franks, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett -Minister of Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

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Chad Cook, Youth Min.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.



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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m

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Sunday School9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Foster Wins at Fort Worth Stock Show



FORTWORTH, TEXAS - SyAnn M'Kay Foster a 4-H member from Lockney exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer in the Junior Simmental Show at the 2011 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on January 24, 2011. The 2011 Show is proud to be hosting nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors from across Texas, competing for prizes and \$91,585 in

premiums. Since 1896, the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo has remained a prominent figure in the livestock industry. The nation's oldest livestock show will see over 22,000 of head of world-class livestock roll through "cowtown" between January 14 - February 5. While the show is continually looking ahead, the focus on the livestock industry and our

youth is unwavering. "One of the Show's main priorities is our commitment to the livestock industry and the agriculture leaders of tomorrow," said Brad Barnes, President and General Manager of the Fort Worth Stock Show. "Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives. Our Show ensures a progressive future for agriculture by assisting in the development and education of 4-H and FFA students."

The 115th edition of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo offers visitors a chance to experience the unique western lifestyle along with a one-of-a-kind combination of history, tradition and Western heritage. For more information and a detailed daily schedule, visit www.fwssl.com. The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is More than a Game - This thing is legendary.

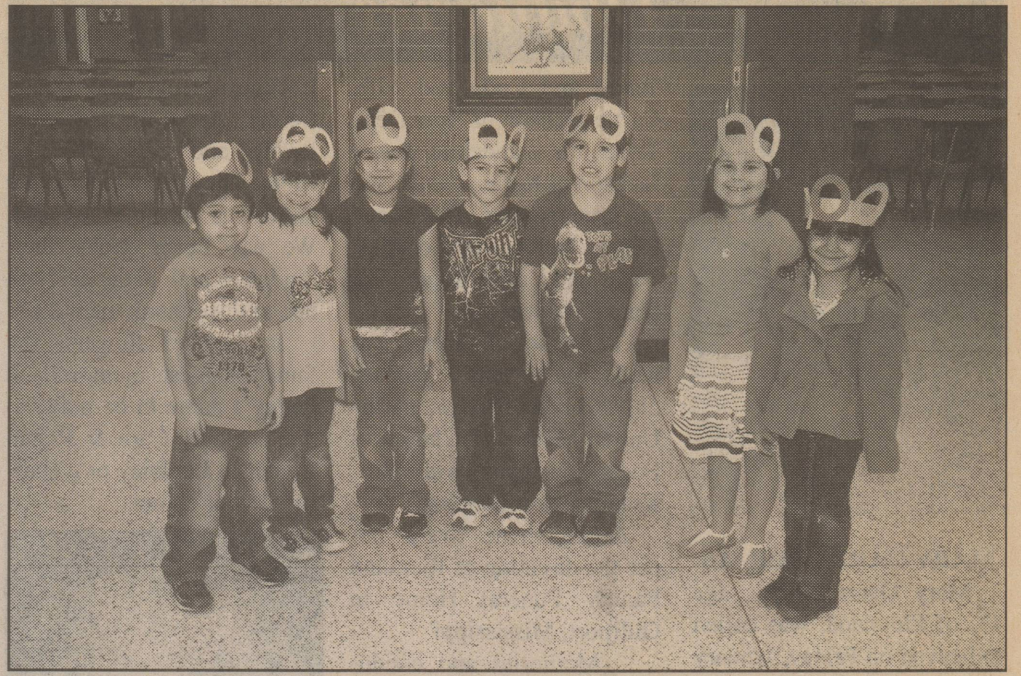


Photo by Homer Marquez

Celebrating a 100 days of school, students from Lockney's kindergarten class show off their hand made centennial hats.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Lockney's Elementary 4th and 5th graders show off their new greenhouse, which was donated agricultural company, Monsanto. Since being built, students have been busy planting in their new greenhouse; unique varieties of vegetables are being planted including purple and round carrots, black cherry tomatoes, and white cucumbers. The students are excited to get a taste when the vegetables are harvested in May. In the photo are members of Leigha Pate's homeroom including Jakevon Arjona, Nehemiah Ascencio, Nick Diaz, Luke Gonzales, Robert Idrogo, E'lora Luna, Anthony Martinez, Monte Mendoza, and Reagan Nuncio.



LITTLE LONGHORNS: Abby Rogers, Andrew Sanchez, Mariza Alonzo, Alyssa Gutierrez, Bethany Salazar, Kalebh Cook, Daniel Polamin, Mia Peralez, Elias Alvaez, Jashua Jimenez, D'Avion Varela, Tony Hernandez, Colton Moses, Luke Gonzalez, Taylor Egnew, Christian Gonzalez



Photo by Connie Barnett

Lady Horn, Anissa Reyna (23) searches for an open team mate during Lockney's game against Ralls. Reyna would put 6 points during the Lady Horns 51-33 victory over Ralls; SyAnn Foster would lead the night with 12 points. Last Tuesday, the Lady Horns would fall to Sudan 28-50.

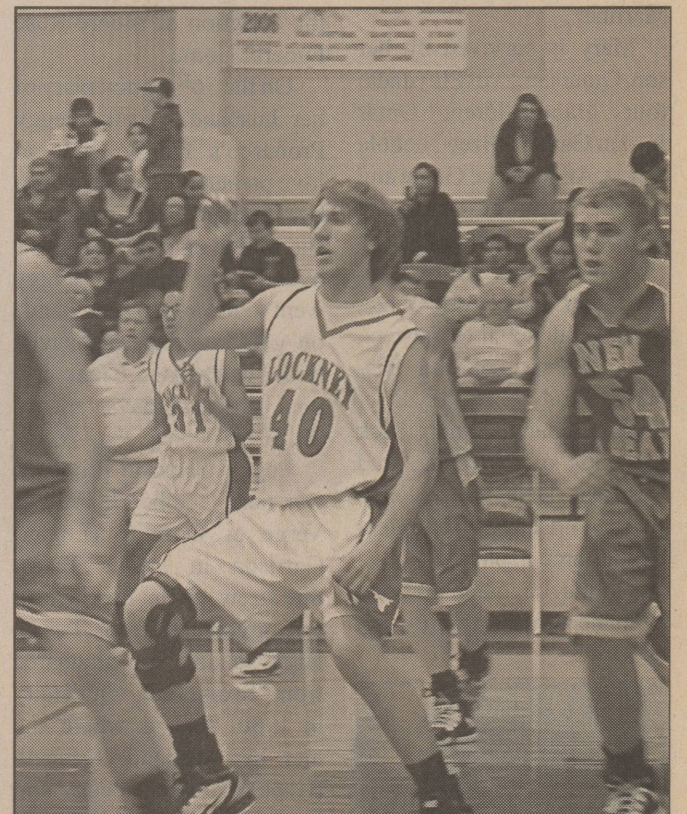


Photo by R.K Hunt Photography

Longhorn, Keenan Stennett (40) looks for a pass during last week's game against New Deal, the Horns would go on to fall to the Lions 43-53. During Friday's game, the Longhorns picked up a much needed win as Lockney passed Ralls 69-54.

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2. Experience working with children in a Head Start Program preferred or licensed childcare setting. (Experience is defined as completion of student teaching and experience as a preschool teacher in a licensed program or employment as a public school preschool teacher or a licensed program serving infants and toddlers).
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 Type: Full-Time
 Schedule: Monday-Friday
 Resume Deadline: FEBRUARY 10, 2011
 Close Date: Open Until Filled
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FHS National Honor Society Inducts New Members



Photo by FHS Yearbook Staff

The Floydada High School's National Honor Society, A.E. Baker Chapter, inducted ten new members into the organization on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

By Kathy Styles

Thursday, January 27, 2011, Floydada High School's National Honor Society, A.E. Baker Chapter presented ten new inductees into the organization. The purpose of the organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

NHS President, Whitley Beedy, gave the welcome and history. Hannah Griffin, Vice President, spoke on Scholarship. Mallory Graham, Secretary, presented the meaning of Service. Brityn Helms, Treasurer, delivered a speech on the importance of Leadership. A talk on Character was read by Lexi Covington, which summed up the purposes of the National Honor Society Organization.

The following students were recognized as new inductees: Junior: Avery Miller,

Sophomores: Malorie Alaniz, Christian Cabello, Jianna Davenport, Emily Hall, Merritt Johnson, Landry Morren, Taylor Orr, Shani Ross and Jordan Woody.

The induction ceremony was led by current NHS members. Tapping of the Sword was done by Haden Lipham. Lynn Smith was in charge of the Pinning of the NHS symbol pins. Sarah Sanders did Collar Placement. Sarah Jo Miller was in charge of the Book Registry.

Members Rylee Shurbet and Libby Hicks presented a biography about each new inductee.

NHS members Juan Carlos Olvera, Gracie Cervera and Kelsea Miller served as escorts for the new inductees. Gracie Cervera and Kelsea Miller also handed out programs to the guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception for members and their guests was held in the FHS Library.

Lady Winds take over first place with win over Littlefield

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds reclaimed the first place position in District 2-2A with a 50-44 win at Littlefield. With the win, Floydada is now one game ahead of Littlefield and Dimmitt. Abernathy with their 2 point win over Idalou kept their playoff dreams alive with 3 games to play, 2 games behind Littlefield and Dimmitt.

Littlefield hoping to claim the first place slot came out strong and took a 7-6 lead after the first quarter. They increased their lead to 11 at 20-9 halfway through the second quarter. The Lady Winds regrouped and scored 8 unanswered points to trail 20-17 at halftime.

The third quarter had been the Lady Winds Achilles heel the last two games. They had only scored 1 point in both games combined. The Lady Winds would not let that defeat (feet, ha) them. They outscored the Lady Wildcats 18-6 to lead 35-26 entering the fourth quarter. The Lady Winds would hold that advantage with about 3 minutes to go in the game. Littlefield had one last run left in them. Hitting two 3's and 6 of 6 from the free throw line they cut the lead to 46-44 with 18 seconds to play. The Lady Winds would hit 4 out of 4 free throws to close out the victory.

Whitley Beedy had 14 points and 6 rebounds. Sarah Jo Miller had 11 points and 7 of 8 free throws including the last 4 in a row. Brityn Helms had 10 points and 6 rebounds. Avery Miller had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Sarah Sanders had 7 points and 6 rebounds. Breann Gooch had 3 steals and 3 deflections. Liz Suarez had 1 rebound. Nikki Seymour had

1 rebound. Emily Hall had 1 rebound. The Lady Winds did a good job rebounding in this game. They got the most out of their shots from the field. They shot 32 times and scored 50 points. They also hit 22 out of 32 free throws.

The victory puts the Lady Winds at 9-2 in district and 21-4 for the year.

Good luck against Idalou and Muleshoe this week.



Photo by Jim Covington

Lady Wind, Sara Jo Miller (21), blows by a defender during last week's game against Abernathy. As the season comes to end, there is no denying that the Lady Winds are true contenders for the title.

Floydada Whirlwind JV loses to Friona and Dimmitt

By Coach Benson

The Floydada JV boys basketball team lost two hard fought games this past week!

Tuesday night they traveled to Friona to take on the Friona Chieftains. They ended the night losing the game with the final score being 65-46.

Scoring for the Whirlwinds were: Michael Cisneros leading all with 13 points. Anthony Ascencio scored 10, Laron Lamb with 9. Both BJ Perez and Landry Morren scored 5 and Xavier Cervera and Joseph Herrera chipped in 2.

Friday night the Whirlwinds stayed home to take on the Dimmitt Bobcats. The final score to the contest was the Bobcats 61 and the Whirlwinds 51.

Scoring for the Whirlwinds were: Michael Cisneros with 18, BJ Perez with 9, Xavier Cervera, Laron Lamb and Landry Morren all scored 8 a piece.

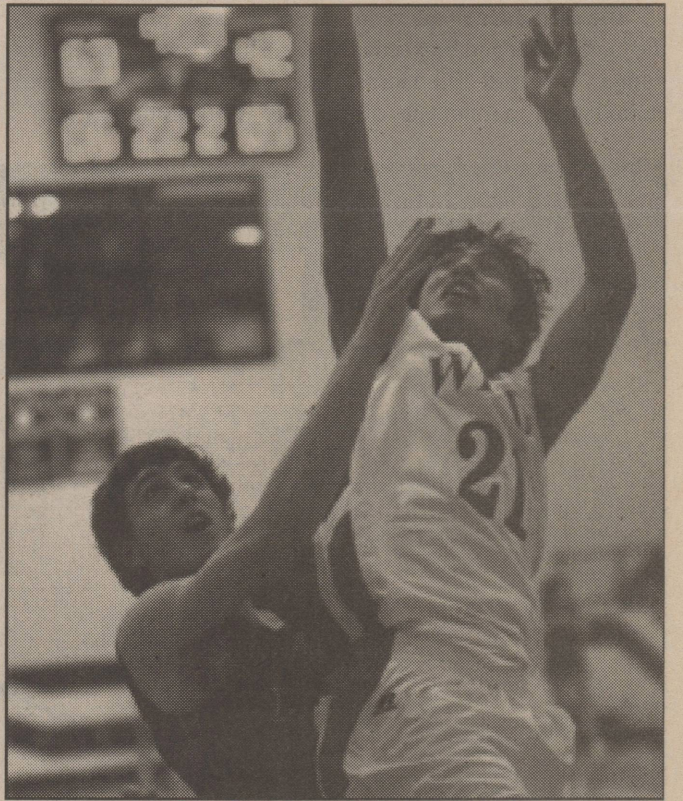


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Whirlwind, Ventura Gonzales (21), goes for the rebound during Floydada's 74-47 victory over Abernathy last week. Gonzales would go on to have 8 points and 5 rebounds in that game.



Courtesy Photo

DUNCAN STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for January 24, 2011 were (back row) LeeJay Castaneda, Dylan Zavala, Bruce Frias, Mary Strange, Alex Pancardo; (front row) Marquez Porter, Angel Jasso and Justine Delgado.



Courtesy Photo

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS of the Week for January 18, 2011 were (back row) James Gibbens, Alonzo Mendoza, San Juanita Arellano; (front row) Cameron Yannis, Serina Arellano and Litty Moreno.

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Angelo State University Dean's List released for 2010 Fall Semester

The Dean's List for the 2010 Fall semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain

a 3.25 grade point average.

The honorees included the following from Floydada and Lockney: Colton L. Covington, Emily R. Griffin, Dusty J. Hicks and Lezie K. Jackson.

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Lockney Lady Horns 7th & 8th Grade Basketball

By Coach Dunn

The Lockney 7th and 8th grade girls went to Crosbyton Monday Jan 24. We had two or three from each team out sick with the flu, and I am really proud of all the girls for stepping up and playing great despite some of their teammates out. Both teams hustled, and played some great defense at times. Both games the girls gave it their all!

The 7th grade girls lost 15-44. The Crosbyton girls have alot of depth and alot of height for a 7th grade team. But our girls out hustled them with a lot of turnovers,

especially in the second half. Cameron Diaz had all of the Lockney Lady Horns points with 15.

The 8th grade Lady Horns game was a true nail-bitter, with Crosbyton pulling out the win 20-18 in the last 2 seconds of the game from the line. It was a great game. The girls played hard and some who don't usually score had to step up and score and take over due to illnesses.

I am really proud of how the girls fought and gave it their all. Dixie Williams was leading scorer with 7 points and Haley Dunbar and Darby Long had 4 each.



Photo by R.K. Hunt Photography
Lockney High School recently voted Rene Cruz and Isabel Solis Mr. and Mrs. LHS for the 2010-2011 school year.

7th Grade Horns place 3rd in Tournament

By Coach Browne

The Lockney Longhorns 7th grade boy's basketball team competed in the Idalou Wildcat tournament this weekend.

The Horns received 3rd in the tournament and finished it with a 2-1 record. The Horns started the tournament off

with an amazing comeback win against Post. The Horns where down 24-10 at halftime and came back to narrow the lead to 31-23 at the end of the 3rd. With some outstanding defense and offensive play the Horns took over the game and never looked back

See HORNS on page 10

Lockney School Lunch Menu Feb 7-11

- Monday**
Breakfast-Donut or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak Fingers or Tuna Sandwich, potatoes, broccoli, Apricot fluff, roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Eggs and Bacon or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Nacho Grande or Burrito, salad, applesauce, cornbread, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast- Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pig in a blanket or Chicken Nuggets, pinto beans, baby carrots, orange, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Mini Corndog or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Cheese enchiladas, or Ham, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast- Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or Corndog, corn, pineapple, milk

Lockney Little Dribblers to host meeting

Lockney Little Dribblers will be hosting an opening meeting of Monday, Feb. 7.

Parents need to attend if you plan on your child playing. Some changes have been made; new officers will be in charge this year to make sure that this year will be a great year; this includes President Shawn and Melissa Kunselmon, Vice President Michelle Araujo, Secretary Jamie Butler, Treasurer Becky Fortenberry, and Commissioners Tony and Angelica Salazar.

Thanks for Reading!

Marmalejo earns Gold Key for Scholastic art exhibit at WBU

PLAINVIEW – This time of year, there's hardly a stitch of wall fabric to be seen in the Abraham Family Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University. Pieces ranging from large paintings to smaller mounted photographs create a massive mosaic along the tall walls of the gallery at every angle.

But Dr. Candace Keller wouldn't have it any other way. Though the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition is the largest show she hangs every year in terms of sheer volume, it is also one of the most exciting because it represents budding artists from various schools around the region. And for someone who makes their living as an artist and professor of art at Wayland, seeing the potential and creativity of young people is always exhilarating.

"Once again our area art students have made an excellent show of their talents and efforts. The creativity and originality of concepts and expression in the works of these high school and junior high school students is amazing to see," said Keller. "Thanks to all the art teachers who organized and delivered artwork, and to those who assisted with the judging process. Thanks to our judges – Robin Germany, John Hope and Brian Bussey – and to Mark Hilliard, Dorothy Hilliard, Bula McGowan and Marlene Reed."

Keller also noted a word of thanks to Wayland students who assisted with the process and installation of the exhibition, the Plainview Herald, The Plainview Cultural Arts Council, Inc., the City of Plainview and the university for their support.

Judges for the show shared their own thoughts about the caliber of work.

"I am impressed with



Courtesy Photo

Lockney High senior Erica Marmalejo earned a Gold Key for her painting titled "Purple."

the high quality of work in a wide variety of media," said Hope. "It is gratifying to see the imaginative approaches and willingness by young artists to explore divergent paths but also give new life to traditional materials. The decision by the judges was difficult because of the level of skill exhibited."

Germany added, "It was a humbling experience to co-judge the scholastic art competition this spring. The number of thoughtful, accomplished young artists in this region impressed and inspired me. Among the works submitted, I feel that the level of work was strong and the quality substantial. There is no question in my mind, thanks to dedicated students and teachers, that the arts are alive and thriving in West Texas."

"Ultimately, this body of student work made one thing clear: students successfully incorporated their world views into their respective pieces with sensitive and watchful eyes while exploring elements of wit, humor, and above all, clever resourcefulness," noted Bussey.

This year's show features

about 125 Gold Key winners, which advance to the national competition. Winners of that are included in the national exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. Another 150 earned Silver Keys and the remainder of the 470-piece show is comprised of pieces receiving Honorable Mentions.

All of those pieces now grace the walls of Wayland's Abraham Gallery and the exhibit is open to the public through Feb. 11. The gallery is free and open to the public during regular hours of the LRC: 10-5 Monday through Thursday, 10-4 Friday and 2-5 Saturday. School groups are encouraged to come visit the gallery and can call (806) 291-3710 to reserve times.

The following is a list of pieces included in the show from local winners:

Lockney High School: Gold Keys: Erica Marmolejo, 12, Painting, "Purple;" Jonathan Sustaita, 11, Sculpture, "Kinetic Sculpture;" **Silver Keys:** Taylor Rose, 10, Photography, "Grand Canyon;" Lindsay Stewart, 10, Drawing, "Broken and Alone;" Chris

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Common sense would say the consequence of "spoking" is lost crop production and that production losses can be even greater if the system is being used for chemigation. Your investment in irrigation is significant, and is intended to maximize your economic return from your crop. However, the intermittent motion of an electrically powered pivot system can detract from your return, sometimes significantly.

History has shown that the start-stop motion is also detrimental to component life, increases mechanical problems, creates more expense, causes downtime, and generally makes irrigating miserable. Many growers have experienced these problems.

Caprock Crop Production Conference



By Mark Carroll
CEA-AG
Floyd County

The 16th annual Caprock Crop Production Conference was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. There were 183 participants at this year's conference.

Speakers and topics were: Roger Haldenby, TX Cotton-The Future; Ray Akers, Drift Minimization & Equipment Calibration; Dr. Jason Woodward, Disease Issues in Cotton & Other Crops; Jim Conkwright, High Plains Underground Water District Legislative Update; Dr. David Kerns, Pest Management; Dr. Randy Boman, 2011 High Plains Cotton Update; Stephanie Bradley, CRP Update; Dr.

Ed Bynum, Control Options for Spider Mite Infestation; Dr. Dana Porter, Irrigation Management; Rick Kellison, Update for TX Alliance for Water Conservation; Joe Kueser, 2011 Product Updates; Jay Yates, Risk Management; Casey Summers, TDA Laws & Regulations. 7 CEU's and 7.5 CCA's were available for producers to receive.

Crosby and Floyd County Extension Services would like to thank the following exhibitor sponsors: Agri-Purplestuff, Inc., AgTexas Farm Credit Service, All-Tex Seed, Inc., Americot, BASF - The Chemical Company, Bayer Crop Science, Brown's Implement, Inc., Clint Williams Co-Western Division, Crosby County Fuel Association,

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Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

(Floydada, Texas) - January 27, 2011-- Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Bradley.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure

Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Bradley.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural

or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.5747 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Massingill, Book, Brightbill and Dixon accept invitations

Gary Massingill, Don Book, Sue Brightbill and Marcia Dixon of Edward Jones in Plainview have accepted invitations to increase their limited partnership in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial services firm.

Edward Jones currently employs more than 40,000 associates in all 50 states and through its affiliate in Canada. Under the current partnership offering, 16,000 associates received initial limited partnership offerings or were invited to increase their existing ownership in the firm.

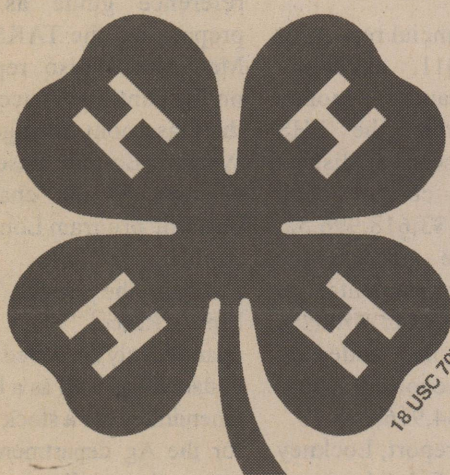
James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner, said, "Edward Jones is employee-owned. We believe one of the best ways to reward outstanding associates is to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the firm they help build. I'm pleased to say that these associates certainly deserve the limited partnership offering."

The Jones Financial Cos. was created in 1987 to enable the firm to expand into new business areas while allowing it to remain a partnership. The Jones Financial Cos. owns Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P, which operates

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Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's

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Floyd County Hesperian Beacon Classifieds

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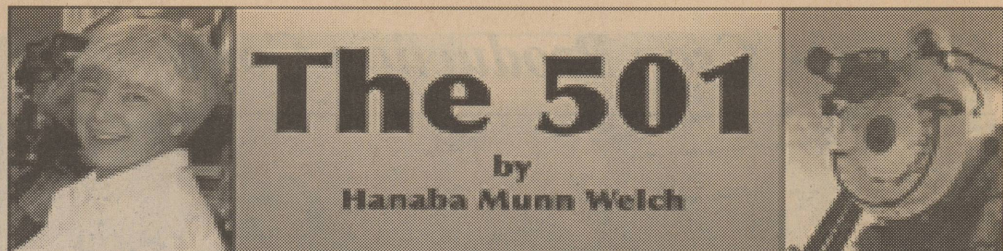
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Little rubber feet. They have a way of showing up, often in the kitchen. They're always alone.

Has anyone not been faced with one of those lost little rubberpads, typically circular, small and nondescript, never carrying identification? They epitomize detachment.

Last week a black one, flat on one side and slightly convex on the other, appeared on our main coffee table. I put it on the counter between kitchen and den. Neither my husband nor I recognized it. We just knew we had another lost foot on our hands - sort of like a body washed ashore from the Hudson River. You wonder if you'll ever determine the identity.

A few days later, I noticed the underside of my laptop computer had three black rubber feet and one spot for a missing one. Yes!

I called my husband. "Hey, you didn't throw away that little black rubber foot, did you?"

You probably think I'm going to say he'd tossed it and we had to process the

garbage in the alley to find it. But he knew right where it was. A good man.

He told me he'd put it on my Bible. That's a rather sacred place for a little rubber foot. But sometimes the smaller the lost object, the more of a treasure it becomes when it's found - or, as in the case of little rubber feet, when you figure out what they go to.

We have a regular depository for homeless little rubber feet plus other small stuff we know what is but don't know what else to do with. It's a little wooden box -- our version of the standard catchall kitchen drawer.

When I was a kid, our proverbial drawer for miscellanea was in an enamel-topped kitchen table. Among other things, it held a flimsy little frozen meat saw we rarely used -- a give-away from the bank or some other place besides the cotton gin. They gave potholders and rain gauges.

Back then, my parents subscribed to the "Saturday Evening Post," which came on Tuesday, which didn't

seem right. I'd look first at the cartoons. In one cartoon a man and his wife were awakened in their upstairs bedroom when they heard someone in the kitchen below. The woman wanted her husband to go downstairs to deal with the supposed burglar. He saw no need to take action. He told his wife he could tell from what he was hearing that the intruder had found the kitchen drawer.

Yes, pity the burglar who gets involved with a kitchen drawer.

Regarding little rubber feet, they hardly figured in the mix back then because plugging gadgets, particularly for the kitchen, were few and far between, and the technology of little rubber feet was still in developmental stages. We didn't know what we were missing.

Now we know what we're missing. We've got missing feet and things missing feet. What next?

A special version of match.com might be the answer. If not, maybe a lonely little rubber feet club.

Lady Winds Tied for First

By Coach Styles

The Lady Winds defeated Abernathy Tuesday, 25th. 37-24

The Lady Winds are now tied for first place because Dimmitt defeated Littlefield. The Lady Winds and Littlefield play Friday, 28th for first place. Dimmitt is one game back.

The Lady Winds and the Lady Lopes of Abernathy engaged in a defensive struggle. Points were hard to come by. The Lady Winds were not giving Abernathy and easy looks. The Lady Lopes were doing the same. The Lady Winds had quarter leads of 8-5, 17-

12, and 21-17. They finally pulled away in the 4th quarter to win 34-27.

Leading the Lady Winds was Whitley Beedy with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Avery Miller had 10 points and 7 rebounds, Brityn Helms 7 points and 7 rebounds, Sarah Sanders 4 points and 5 rebounds, Breann Gooch 2 points and 3 rebounds, Sarah Jo Miller had 3 assists and 2 deflections, Nikki Seymour had 1 rebound, and Emily Hall had 1 rebound.

The Lady Winds are 20-4 on the year and 8-2 in district. The remaining schedule is: 1/28 @ Littlefield, 2/1 Idalou, 2/4 @ Muleshoe, and 2/8 Tulia.

Whirlwinds dominate Antelopes

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds used a 26 point first quarter and a 48 point first half to cruise past the Abernathy Antelopes at the Whirlwind Gym on Tuesday night for a 74-47 victory.

The Whirlwinds had 3 players in double figures as Haden Lipham, Bryson Session, and Jordan Woody

had 18, 15 and 11. Session also had 8 rebounds and 3 steals. Ventura Gonzales and R.J. Deleon put in 8 each. Gonzales added 5 rebounds and Deleon contributed 4 assists. Cole Covington put in 6 for Floydada, while Greg Aleman and John Angel Yannis had 3 each; Tyler Renfro had 2 points and 4 assists.

Winds fall to Littlefield

By Coach Renfro

The second quarter proved to be the undoing for the Whirlwinds in Littlefield last Friday night, as the Whirlwinds fell 49 to 59 to the Wildcats. The Winds held a 16-14 lead after a solid first period, but were outscored 7-23 in the second to trail at the half 23-37. The Winds also outscored the Wildcats in the second half, 26-22, but were unable to overcome the double digit margin.

Bryson Session put in 22 for the Winds to go along with 14 rebounds. Cole Covington had 5 points and 5 rebounds. Greg Aleman also put in 5 points while Tyler Renfro added 4. Haden Lipham, R.J. Deleon, and Jordan Woody put in 3 each as Ventura Gonzales chipped in 2.

Whirlwind Powerlifting team competes in Plainview

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Whirlwind Powerlifter's competed at the Plainview Powerlifting meet on Jan. 15.

The team consisted of 2 lifters, Troy Morales and Homero Rameriz. Troy placed 2nd in the 123's with a Total

of 825 (Squat- 310, Bench-190, Deadlift-325). Homero placed 7th in the 275's with a total of 1060 (Squat- 380, Bench- 275, deadlift- 406).

The Whirlwind Powerlifting team will travel to Abernathy this Saturday Jan. 29.

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Bids must be sealed and marked "Vehicle Bid". The bids will be opened and tallied at 1:00 p.m., February 8, 2011.

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Whirlwind Powerlifters win the Abernathy Invitation

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Whirlwind Powerlifting team competed at the Abernathy Invitation on January 29, 2011. The Whirlwinds placed 1st at the meet with a point total of 31.

The Whirlwinds had three First Place finishers: Juan DeOchoa who lifted in the 220's and totaled 1325

lbs (Squat-425, Bench- 320, Deadlift- 530), Ben Alvarez who lifted in the 132's and totaled 945 lbs. (Squat- 335, Bench- 225, Deadlift- 385), Troy Morales lifted in the 114's with a winning total of 860 lbs. (Squat-320, Bench-200, Deadlift- 340).

The Whirlwinds also had two more competitors who brought home silver

medals. They were: Joseph DeOchoa who lifted in the 242's totaled 1250 lbs. (Squat- 500, Bench- 275, Deadlift- 475), Homero Rameriz who lifted in the 275's with a total of 1080 lbs. (Squat-415, Bench-260, Deadlift- 405).

The Whirlwinds will be up again at the Levelland High School Invitational on Feb. 12.

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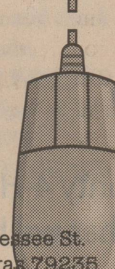
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Egyptian Big Brother

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I had a late night Monday night and it was interesting hearing and seeing the road crews out preparing for the storm. As I awoke, the crews were still at it.

Ever think of where we'd be without the men and women keeping our roads open? What about crews that keep the power on?

Last year around this time thousands suffered through an ice storm that left many without any power, some for days at a time. Sometimes Mother Nature is just too strong for us to keep up, but thankfully, we have a force out there working their tails off trying to keep society moving.

When winter storms hit, check on friends and acquaintances who might be struggling to keep warm. Sadly, some do suffer and can be in peril when freezing weather occurs. If you haven't seen signs your neighbor has been out and about, give them a call.

Want to hear something scary? The government can turn off the Internet if it wants to. It happened in Egypt last week.

When the protests began against the dictatorial government of Egypt, the Egyptian government, under the order of the President Mubarak, ordered the Internet be turned off and it was shut off immediately.

Last year, Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) sponsored legislation to give President Obama the authority to shutdown the Internet in the event of a "cyber security emergency." So far, this legislation has not been brought to the Senate floor, but is expected to be later this year.

However, I think we all know if the government thought it was in its best interest, off it would go.

This reaction to the Egyptian government turning off the internet has been consistent in the U.S. Conservatives, moderates, liberals and progressives are all in agreement that do-

ing so in the U.S. is not a good idea.

It makes one wonder, however, if progressives are up in arms over the decision in Egypt, why are they pressing for "Net Neutrality?"

Perhaps this has awakened them into staying away from the thought that the government should not be regulating Internet Service Providers (IPs's).

We all know about "Big Brother." I believe most of us would like the government to stay out of the private sector as much as possible and this includes the internet.

One more thought: Can you imagine the reaction in the U.S. if the internet were off, meaning cell phones would not work? It would not be good ...

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Will the U.S. Ever Pay the Debt?

By ROBERT ROMANO

Imagine a borrower looking to take out a home mortgage, and the lender does a credit check only to discover that the borrower never actually repays any of his debts. Instead, every year, he just takes out ever larger loans and uses credit cards to pay principal and interest owed on the previous debts.

When the lender asks the borrower if he ever intends to repay the debts, he smartly quips that he doesn't need to. He can just borrow from himself and his family, in addition to going to the banks, to constantly refinance his obligations. He also has worked out arrangements with his neighbors to borrow money. Those arrangements are contingent his lending them money for their own spending sprees.

As long as he can keep borrowing with an unlimited credit line, he tells the lender, it doesn't matter. In fact, so steeped in debt is he, that his creditors cannot afford for him to stop borrowing. There is simply no other way to honor the obligations. Therefore, if he stops borrowing new money, he warns the lender, he would default, leading to catastrophic losses for the creditors.

In short, he is too big to fail.

While any responsible lender would probably tell the borrower that he had very poor credit, and that he was not qualified for the mortgage, we're not just talking about any lender. We're talking about the bond market.

Similarly, we're not just talking about any borrower. In fact, the above circumstance describes the financial position of almost every advanced economy in the world, including the United States, Japan, and many European states as it relates to sovereign debt.

Every year on end, the national debts of these countries go up, because every year they fail to balance their budgets. They spend more than they take in, and thus they must borrow. Therefore, they never get around to paying down the accumulated debt. And increasingly, they cannot afford the interest owed on the debt.

This will become increasingly problematic over the next ten years because the national debt is due to almost double by 2020, from \$14 trillion today to over \$25 trillion, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

It's hard enough for the Treasury to refinance the \$14 trillion, as is evidenced by the Federal Reserve's purchases of more than \$1.1 trillion of U.S. debt. So difficult is the task now, the Fed has already resorted to simply printing money to refinance the debt.

By 2020, the Treasury will have to constantly be refinancing \$25 trillion worth of debt. By 2030, that number could easily top \$40 trillion. Does anyone see a problem here? At what level does the debt become unpayable? At 100 percent of GDP? 200 percent? How about 300 percent? Because that's where we're headed.

The larger the debt becomes, the harder

it will be to refinance it in its totality and to roll it over without printing money. The more money that is printed to pay the debt, the less confidence creditors and markets will have in the dollar. In short, the larger a can grows, the harder it becomes to simply kick along to future generations.

Eventually, it can no longer be kicked. There actually is an upper limit to how far this scam can be perpetuated. It's when somebody, whether China, Japan, or one of our other major creditors declares that repayment will no longer be accepted in dollars. At that point, printing dollars will not be sufficient to refinance the debt.

The alternative is for Congress to actually require a balanced budget and that the debt be repaid by a fixed amount, say 10 percent of revenue, every year, not unlike a fixed mortgage payment. Unfortunately, the current system of financing never contemplates debt repayment, which is the only way to prevent collapsing under an expanding debt that cannot be paid.

That is because several institutions depend on the debt never being repaid, namely, the banks that are profiting off of interest owed. We'll call them the drug dealers. The government, obviously, is the drug addict. The drug is unlimited spending powers. If governments kick the habit, and stop spending, the banks will lose their cash cow.

Therefore, treasuries sales every year, now well over \$2 trillion, are only marketable if we

never repay the debt. So rigged, corrupt, and perverse are the rules of this system, that if the U.S. does not raise the debt ceiling and agree to expand its debt into perpetuity, it would likely be downgraded by credit rating agencies. That's what Moody's threatened to do in 1996 when the same issue came up, as noted by former lead analyst at Moody's, Vincent Truglia.

That's what happened to Iceland recently, a nation that after its housing bubble popped, courageously refused to bail out its banks, many of which failed. They were greeted with a downgrade.

This leaves lawmakers with quite a conundrum. Either, we don't raise the debt ceiling, get downgraded and watch as the dollar collapses. Or, we raise it with only making token spending cuts, and eventually get downgraded anyway because the growth of the debt is actually unsustainable. And still the dollar collapses.

The only rational option is to voluntarily kick the spending habit and tell the drug dealers to pound sand. It must be required that the budget be balanced, spending be limited to a fixed percent of the economy, and that the debt be repaid at fixed intervals. It is the only way to avoid the collapse that now is all but certain.

Trade Agreements Are Good for America

By REBAKAH RAST

There's no question that we live in global environment.

We buy products from all nations, eat foods from all around the world and interact daily with people from all different countries.

It is important that America participates in this changing world, or it will be left behind. The more America opens up to the idea of trade agreements with other countries the more competitive and productive it will be.

"The world's changed. It's not enough to just buy American you need to sell American all throughout the world," says U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX) in an exclusively interview with Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "Unfortunately this past Congress and the White House have refused to help us level the playing field."

Rep. Brady is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade. He is a firm believer in trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.

"South Korea, Colombia and Panama are together worth almost \$13 billion of new sales for our U.S. goods and services," Rep. Brady went on to say. "So we are going to create a lot of jobs and find new customers that will help us get out of this economic recession, if we can open those markets. The President has indicated that he is willing to move South Korea, he needs to

move all three and go beyond that—open those new markets and let us compete."

According to the Wall Street Journal, Congressional debate on the proposed South Korea free trade deal could begin as soon as March. The article goes on to say, "Once the deal reaches Congress, it will be debated not only on its merit, but on its timing in relation to other pending trade agreements with Colombia and Panama."

In a hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means on Jan. 25, The Council of the Americas, which is a business organization representing some 190 member companies invested in and doing business throughout the Western Hemisphere, issued a statement of strong support to expand trade and investment throughout the Americas.

One of the arguments for such trade agreements is that it will retain America's competitiveness with South America and the rest of the world.

Having a trade deficit, like the U.S. has, is not necessarily bad, but it does impact the country's ability to compete with other world powers.

"Unfortunately we don't have agreements with China, Europe, and other parts of the world, but other countries are reaching those agreements, shutting us out and putting us at a disadvantage," Rep. Brady says. "The more agreements that give us two-way trade, a level playing field, the better it is for us."

Trade agreements that America are involved in, like NAFTA

(North American Free Trade Agreement), help to stimulate our economy by manufacturing goods and services here in the U.S. and by providing jobs.

"Most of our deficit in trade is with countries we don't have trade agreements with," Rep. Brady explains to ALG. "The ones we actually reach agreements with we sell more goods and services. In fact, we have a big surplus of sales."

Though America exposing itself to more trade agreements would not cure the nation's economy on its own, it would be a step in that direction.

"Freedom in every avenue in life is a good thing," says Don Todd, senior research director at ALG, "whether it is freedom in trade or in political action. Moves towards restricting free trade are moves toward restricting freedom. Freedom leads to a healthier and more productive economy."

As Congress and the President work together to negotiate trade agreements with other countries, other hindrances to U.S. competitiveness should come into the light as well. America's tax policies, labor laws and the current levels of goods and services produced in the United States also need to be altered to enhance the country's global image.

A willingness to begin trade agreements with other countries is a willingness to participate and compete in an ever-changing global environment that will boost U.S. jobs and tax revenues. A good first step for a country that's on an unsustainable fiscal path.

Fiscal Reckoning Draws Closer

By BILL WILSON

On January 26th, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced that the budget deficit would top \$1.5 trillion in 2011, the highest ever on record. That is mostly because of the unpaid-for \$56 billion extension of unemployment benefits and a \$120 billion cut in payroll taxes on employees from December's tax deal.

Because there were no offsetting spending cuts for these items, the deal as enacted will now dig the nation deeper into an already unsustainable pit of debt. For comparison, the deficit in 2010 was \$1.3 trillion.

At the time of the deal, Moody's had warned the U.S. that it would increase the likelihood of a negative outlook on the nation's Triple-A credit rating. Now, the sovereign credit rating agency is keeping to its word.

In a January 27th report, Moody's wrote, "Although no rating action is contemplated at this time, the time frame for possible future actions appears to be shortening, and the probability of assigning a negative outlook in the coming two years is rising." A negative rating would in turn increase the likelihood that the Triple-A rating would be downgraded.

To be fair, policymakers had a choice to make. Either allow taxes to rise across the board on all Americans, or keep rates where they were. That was the overarching issue. It so happened that the unemployment benefits extension and underfunding of Social Security were included in the latter option.

Because of the risks to the economy, Congress made a con-

scious policy decision not to raise taxes. That's the world we now live in. But it means that the only way to reduce the deficit will be through spending cuts.

And time is growing short to do so. Moody's has previously warned that when interest owed reaches 18 to 20 percent of revenue, the nation would be in line for a downgrade. By 2018, the CBO reports that the U.S. will reach that level if Obama's ten-year budget is enacted.

That would mean higher borrowing costs, making it far more expensive for the U.S. to refinance its massive \$14 trillion debt. Right now, those payments net \$197 billion every year, but just fast forward ten years and the situation looks far worse. In 2020, the CBO baseline estimates that net interest owed on the debt will total about \$751 billion yearly.

To put that into perspective, in 2020, every man, woman, and child in America would owe \$2442 — just for interest on the debt. By then, of course, the debt will total over \$25 trillion, according to the Office of Management and Budget. That's \$80,645 of debt for every American. How will that ever be paid back?

Unless something is done soon, it never will be.

It is now up to House Republicans to put serious spending cuts on the table. Barack Obama is merely proposing a discretionary spending freeze, which will institutionalize spending at its record-high levels and do nothing to decrease the deficit. This is a pathetic proposal that merits no serious consideration.

Meanwhile, Representatives Jim Jordan and Scott Garrett

and Senator Jim DeMint have proposed \$173 billion of discretionary spending cuts over the next two years, \$16.1 billion in cuts to Medicaid, end the 'stimulus' saving \$45 billion, and ending government ownership of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saving another \$30 billion. These cuts represent a good start, and could be attached to a continuing resolution due to expire on March 4th. But more must be done.

Congress also needs to put so-called "mandatory" spending on the table for immediate consideration. This spending is on autopilot, and if Congress does not act, will continue to increase year on end from \$2.1 trillion today to \$3.3 trillion in 2020, according to the CBO.

As much as \$460 billion of cuts could be attached to an upcoming vote to increase the national debt ceiling above \$14.294 trillion. Combined with the Garrett-Jordan-DeMint proposal, the savings would total \$725 billion, almost cutting the deficit in half.

If coupled with a flattening of the tax code with the elimination of double-taxation, tax credits and exemptions, along with significantly bringing down overall rates, a massive economic expansion would take place. The increased revenues would cover the rest of the \$775 billion deficit.

A fiscal reckoning is coming, and once again, policymakers have a choice to make: To take care of it now while it is still manageable or to wait hoping that it will magically go away. The choice seems obvious.

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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

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GUIDES BROUGHT MUNCY WAGON ACROSS DIM TRAILS TO PLAINS

A sense of depression gripped the people as the wagon train crawled its cumbersome way across trails so dim only experienced guides could keep it headed in the right direction.

The horse herd was gone—vanished into the night and scattered heaven knows where in this brutal, rolling country. With mesquites so dense as to be impenetrable at many points, spotting the herd was out of the question.

Without the herd and traveling through rough unsettled land, the people felt crippled—and the Rev. R. E. L. Muncy hid his apprehension behind a smile founded on faith along.

He knew they were a few miles west of the Guthrie settlement and perhaps they could find help there.

At the head of the train rode a guide leading them to

a campsite he had scouted and selected yesterday. The Rev. Muncy could sense the man's uneasiness. Out there somewhere in these untamed wilds was their other guide, scouting for tomorrow's camp site.

It was a preacher's place to reassure the people, but the Rev. Muncy found his words of encouragement a little forced when he looked at the strained face of his wife and at the trusting innocence in the eyes of his small son Arch. He blanked his mind to thoughts of the familiar security left behind at Slidell—and even at Seymour where they had joined the train.

ROARING SPRINGS

Days later, the wagon creaked to a halt at Roaring Springs and the people made camp—not an ordinary camp with a minimum of comforts, but a special one cause here they would rest a few days. And the people stretched their limbs and ambled. It was not good to feel pushed for time—almost as good as the cold sweet spring water they were drinking.

But the main contribution to their relaxation was the return of their horse herd. Near Guthrie, cowboys who had heard of their plight had searched the mesquite, found and rounded up their horses and brought them back to the train.

The Rev. Muncy digested

the beauty of a blue-and-peach sunset glowing through fluffy white clouds and offered a mental prayer of thanksgiving. On an evening like this, who could remember the hardships behind them—and how could one contemplate those that might lie ahead.

One note of sadness invaded his sense of well being. At the end of these days of rest, the train would split up, with families traveling their own ways. These people, on this train, who had become such close friends, might never meet again.

About a week later, the Rev. Muncy, driving his wagon due northwest, came upon the "Quitque Peaks." That day, Aug 14, 1895, he pulled his team to a halt in front of his brother's home east of Cedar Hill.

HORSEBACK PREACHER

A shudder passed through the Rev. Muncy as, with a forked stick, he lifted the dead rattlesnake and tossed it away from the dugout door. This was happening too often—deadly crawling creatures creeping into his home, threatening the lives of his family. The time had come to build a house. The dugout could be attached as a kitchen.

He thought of his many scattered obligations and of the preciousness of his time. But the fact that he was away from

home for days on end was extra reason to provide ample protection for his family.

His teaching at Fairview and other schools, plus long rides to preach at camps of ranch hands, taxed his time heavily.

The Rev. Muncy spent the next few weeks tending to the needs of his family; until one morning, the house completed, he put his Bible in his saddle bags and headed for the ranch camps.

As he rode, he contemplated the plight of the nesters. Most of them made their living by freighting buffalo bones to Childress. And life was hard here for the women who must cook with cow chips and must dry corn, pumpkins and whatever other vegetables and fruits were available for winter food.

DOLLAR AN ACRE

It was 1897, and the Rev. Muncy watched his family outgrowing his house. Two more sons had been born to them—Clay and Edd. Again they must have a bigger and better home.

He had selected land a mile south of May Shaw Community and there he would move his family. He could take along the lumber from his house here and add to it.

Two years later he filed on the land at \$1 an acre.

With his family at last permanently settled, he turned his

attention to preaching. This country needed developing and he wanted to contribute to it.

Nowadays, he traveled by horse-drawn two-wheel cart—a might more comfortable than hours spent in a saddle. One day he would buy himself a hack—the white mare and gray mule would be his team.

As time passed, his plan for the hack became reality and he was able to preach over most of the Plains and along the Caprock. As the country developed, he preached at 40 schools in the county plus several schools in adjoining areas. He helped organize many churches and, with the help of his wife, started the first Sunday School at Floydada and at May Shaw.

SEVENTY MILES, \$5

Jogging along in the hack, the Rev. Muncy felt his shoulders sag. He was tired. With churches being organized in all the communities, his trips were growing longer and more exacting. By the time he reached home today he would cover 70 miles. In his pocket was \$5—the congregation had been generous—he rarely received that much.

And he was needed at home. Wintering the cattle with little feed on hand added to the difficulties of his wife and sons while he was away. Two more sons, Roy and Bob, had been

born to them, bringing the total to five.

There were other chores. He had planted his first wheat in 1901 and later added cotton. Since he had broken out more land for feed and other crops, he had increased his cattle herd. He decided he had better hire that fellow who wanted to work for him—even though it would cost him \$12 a month.

MUNCY LEGACY

Today, the sons of the Rev. R. E. L. Muncy—and a wide swath of the Plains area—reap the benefit of a sturdy legacy left by the early-day preacher. His long trips and tireless efforts pioneered the way for much of today's spiritual and educational development on the Plains. He left a priceless heritage—a ministry to his fellowmen that extends to their descendants.

His son, Clay, a retired Baptist minister who resides at Lockney, related his father's as he heard and remembers it.

Arch, the son who came west with his parents, lives in the Muncy community.

Edd is a retired Floydada Farmer.

Bob recently build a new home in Floydada and moved from the Muncy community where he had owned and operated the Muncy Elevator many years. He has farming interests in Floyd County.

Roy resides at Waco.

4Given at Wellington Ritz

The men's gospel quartet, 4Given, will sing at the Wellington Ritz Theatre at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 6th. 4Given is gospel music's pride of the Texas Panhandle. With Mike Cummings singing lead, Randy Hunsacker, bass, Greg Wright, tenor, Brad Thiessen, baritone, this men's quartet will give an inspirational afternoon of Southern Gospel. Tickets for the 4Given performance on February 6th are priced at \$10 per seat. Tickets may be purchased at the Wellington Ritz Theatre on the day of the performance when the box office opens at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please visit web site www.wellingtonritztheatre.com



Gospel Quartet 4Given

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MERM'S MINI MART

criteria, small town, good location, good business to get into...I really like to boost the economies of local towns."

And depending on the success of his current project, Rodriguez has plans on maybe opening other new business in other markets in Floyd County, "I have some possible ideas, if

this goes well, of opening up in some other towns. I also have other ideas of some other businesses here in Floydada, if this one goes well, that I'll venture into...a totally different industry, just kind of thinking on what things that Floydada needs, things that Lockney needs...those are the kind of

things on the back burner and if this starts going ok then I'll start expanding of those ideas."

For now, Merm's will stay open until 9 p.m., unless demand allows the store to build on an additional beer section. Merm's will be building a drive-thru service in the next several weeks.

Sleep and repose were not possible. To wear out such a night on an immense tableland was a dismal experience for the hungry, exhausted and disappointed soldiers. However, the following morning a complete change in the weather had taken place. A clear, warm day greeted the men. But what was to be the days program for the army? It was soon ascertained that the Indians had kept moving all night. The nearest military post was Fort Sumner, in New Mexico. With horses jaded to the point of exhaustion and provisions running low, it was deemed prudent to abandon the pursuit and return over the trail of the previous day.

The return march was not wholly without event or interest. While crossing Blanco canyon two wandering Comanches were discovered and killed. Two Indians sought refuge in a ravine. While Mackenzie was in person directing a squad of men in the attack on the Indians, an arrow buried itself in the fleshy part of his leg. In the action a farrier was shot through the bowels, but he recovered.

After the Quahadas were dead the Tonkawas, in accordance with their custom, shot some bullets into the dead bodies, removed the scalps, ears and all, and cut a piece of skin from each dead savage's breast as a token of good luck.

This, when dried and worn next to the person, was considered a certain safeguard against misfortune. As there was not a vehicle of any sort with the army, poles were lashed on either side of the pack saddles of two mules traveling tandem.

On the afternoon of October 14, Mackenzie and his men again pitched camp at Mount Blanco. Here they remained ten days resting and recuperating. The horses were greatly reduced in flesh, and some of them died here.

MUSEUM

On October 24 Mackenzie moved his force in two sections. All disabled and dismounted men and broken down horses and mules he sent to Duck creek supply camp.

He surmised that Quanah Parker and his moving village would soon return from the west and move up on one of the well-known haunts on Pease river, and he determined to send the remainder of his army into the Pease river country in search of the Quahadas. In a few days however, his own wound became too painful for the expedition and on October 29, leaving his Pease river column under Major Mauck, he joined the Duck creek camp for medical treatment. The Duck creek camp was abandoned for another at Cottonwood Springs, on the double Mountain Fork, with Lieutenant Carter in command. Here Carter was to remain until Major Mauck's return, which was on November 6 in a cold and piercing snow storm. The cold was so fierce that many horses died at the picket line.

Thus ended the fruitless, but exciting, Mackenzie expedition against the Quahadas; albeit the campaign was not without historic significance. The trail thus marked out by Mackenzie was traveled by him in an expedition across the staked plains to New Mexico. He went over the same route in the expedition in which he effected a permanent peace with the Indians in September, 1874.

This trail served as a highway for travel from Fort Griffin to the Staked Plains. Therefore it can be seen that the soil which was afterwards within the limits of Crosby, Floyd and Hale Counties was hallowed with the blood of those who had begun the struggle which ultimately ended in exterminating the savage hordes and in thus making the country safe for prosperous settlements and a flourishing civilization.

MARMALEJO

Franco, 11, Drawing, "Rock On;" Hunter Thompson, 9, Painting, "Seasons;" Erica Marmalejo, Sculpture, "My Man;" Maria Castorena, 12, Sculpture, "Old Woody;" *Honorable Mention:* Taylor Rose, 10, Photography, "Forging the Future;" Taylor Rose, 10, Photography, "Abandoned Flower;" Taylor Rose, 10, Photography, "Arizona Ruins;" Logan Edwards, 11, Painting, "Safari;" Amber Segovia, 11, Painting, "Skater;" Lindsay Stewart, 10, Painting, "Keys;" Taylor Rose, 10, Drawing, "Featherly;" Nicole Thompson, 11, Sculpture, "Frosty;" Shialo Huerta, 12, Ceramics, "Coils."

HORNS

winning 39-33.

The Horns where lead in scoring by Derick Patel with 15 points, Mark Solis with 9 points, Daylen Gatica with 6 points, Levi Kasner with 5 points and Justin Suarez with 4 points.

The Horns where disappointed in the next game as they lost to the Wildcats of Idalou but rebound with a big win over the Roosevelt Eagles 43-19. "It was a tough loss to Idalou but we shook it off and came back to play a great game against a good opponent."

The leading scorers for the Horns where Derick Patel with 18 points, Daylen Gatica with 7 points, Justin Suarez with 6 points, mark Solis with 5 points, Ruben Ascencio with 4 points and Levi Kasner with 3 points.

The Horns next game will be in Crosbyton on Monday the 24th with tip coming at 5pm.

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