

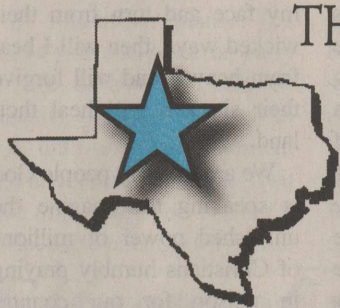
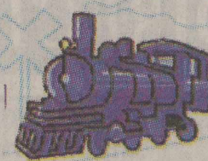


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After a while with little to no rain, against all weather forecasts for Knox County, the rains came last Friday, flooding most of Knox County and leaving many fields in Munday looking like man-made ponds rather than agricultural delights.

Photo by Tamara Smart

KCHS Graduate now the Proud Dad of Quads



KCHS grad Chris Hacker, and his two year old son, Jackson, sits with his wife, Jackie and their newest additions; Brooklyn, Gage, Westin, and Kynlee.

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Tamara Smart

What a thrilling moment in a young parent's life to find out they are expecting. And for those expecting twins, it must be double the pleasure. But for Clint and Jackie Hacker, on the day they found out they were having four babies, they must have been ecstatic... and perhaps a little overwhelmed; especially because Jackie, 28, was a victim of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, which was supposed to make the getting pregnant process virtually impossible.

Although the risks associated with multiple births are dramatically higher than single baby births (and the higher number of babies increases the risks), all of the babies (two boys two girls), born on September 1, were

healthy. There were no low birth weights, sicknesses, or complications.

The proud father, Clint Hacker, is a known man around Knox County, as he grew up here and was the Valedictorian from KCHS in 1996. His mother and dad, the proud grandparents, have been traveling every other day from Knox City to Lubbock to bask in their new grandchildren.

The two boys and two girls were named Brooklyn Elaine, Gage Daniel, Westin Wayne and Kynlee Savannah, all with at least one family name.

The couple started a blog at hackerfive.blogspot.com. One can read about the wonders and trials of raising quads there.

The Hackers also have a 2 year old son.

LOOKING AHEAD

O'Brien Rule and Rochester's Homecoming will be held on Oct 8- 10. All exes and current residents are invited. Bring a friend!

HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY 2010; Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010, Time: 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Place: Knox County Hospital, 701 South 5th Street, Knox City, TX 79529

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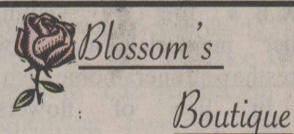
Health Walk-Come walk with us! 5 miles, 3 miles, 1 mile. Whatever you are comfortable with. Or don't walk at all--run, crawl, jog, bike, skip,

hop it's up to you. Oct. 9, 2010 at the Knox County Hospital. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 8 a.m. To pre-register or for more information please call the Knox City Clinic at 940-657-3906. \$5.00 Donation Requested for Breast Cancer Awareness To Be Donated to The American Cancer Society. All participants will receive a free T-Shirt.

The Knox Family Wellness Clinic will host a Flu Clinic on October 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They will be giving the flu vaccine for \$25 and can file on insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.

The Wichita Brazos museum will host Al Redder, Archeologist from Waco, Texas on October 10th. He will give a slide show presentation over an archeological dig, the Home Shelter project and the history of Knox County. Mark your calendars to attend.

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Back, years and years ago, the endowment fund was set up to take care of the cemetery. Everyone paid for perpetual care one time on their lots. That money was set up for the interest on the account to pay a caretaker salary and maintenance expenses. With interest what it is today, and has been for the past, that little bit of interest one just does not cover expenses for a full time care tak-

er to own and the chemicals to spray weeds. Therefore the city now has that expense and is trying to do its best with what time they put into the cemetery and still do all the many things that there is to do in the City on a daily basis.

The Knox City cemetery is old and old and over half the people buried there no longer have family or friend in the area to help take care of the spaces. Lots of rock, wood shavings, decorations, flowers, tree, raised curbs, and etc are not the City's responsibility to clean. The city is only respon-

sible for spraying and mowing. They also remove flowers from a funeral service grave after two weeks and fill the sunken graves in as needed.

The City cannot do everything alone, funds and man power are way too limited for all the projects. The City employees are great and work hard everyday, but we cannot expect them to do it all.

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God's Grace in a Field of Sunflowers

Several years ago, Carolyn and I happened to pass by a huge field of sunflowers. These were not the common, everyday sunflowers that we can enjoy almost everywhere around us. These were absolutely huge with stems five or six feet tall and blooms 8 inches wide. From our vantage point, it seemed as if the rows of flowers went on from horizon to horizon. Millions of sun-worshippers all in unity of purpose. That purpose was to be everything that God had created them to be. No strife. No hidden agendas. No disbelief. Just being beautiful in God's eyes. Though simply a spectacular vision by themselves, it gave us pause as we looked more deeply at the

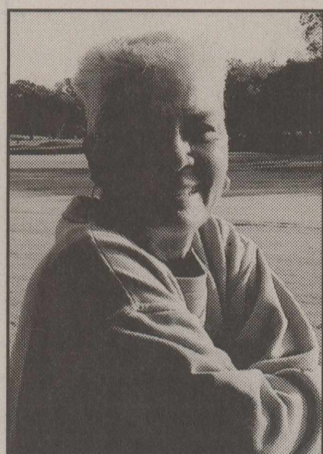
sight. All of these mammoth flowers were facing a gorgeous morning sun... their shining "faces" looking directly at their source of life. The golden petals seemed to glisten and smile at the start of a new day. We laughed at how these blooms reminded us of our friends and family at church. The rows upon rows emulated the pews and the wind's song swayed the congregation. The taller plants stood fully enthralled in the moment. Some of the smaller plants faced all different directions...as children often do. We found ourselves realizing that we should be more like these flowers as Christians...always seeking the face of the Son. Always being enthralled with God... the source of our lives. Later in the day, as we

returned home, we once again passed by the field. By now the sun had set and dusk was closing in. Each of those beautiful plants seemed to have a different posture. Instead of upturned full faces of gold, their heads were downcast. Almost as if in prayer. Yes, some of the little ones were still looking up, but something struck a chord in our hearts. It was as if these little ones, while looking upward, were watching these mature plants praying. It is the same with our children. We need to make sure that they can see us in prayer as well as worship. You may well say that it was just a field of sunflowers, but God often uses the simple things around us to remind us who we are. If our posture is always soaking up the SON... when do we pray? As

we looked across this field of bowed heads and humble postures it reminded us of a particular scripture. It is found in 2 Chronicles 7: 14: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. We are the very people God is speaking to. Imagine the unleashed power of millions of Christians humbly praying in unison for our country and our world. No strife. No hidden agendas. No disbelief. Just being beautiful in God's eyes. Let me try again.

Correction: last weeks God's Promises was written by Rev. Ricki Russell of the Faith Chapel Church in Rochester

Obituaries



Karen Beth Guerry

Karen Beth (K.B.) Guerry, 67, of Plano, TX received her "Tee Time" with the Lord on September 27, 2010. Karen Beth, or as she was more affectionately known, K.B., was born on May 19, 1943 in Sundown, Texas to the parents of C.O. and Mary Ellen Guerry. She was one of three children of that union; the other two being brothers, C.M. Guerry and Phil Guerry. She recognized Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in April 1955 at the age of 12 in the First Methodist Church of Denver City, Texas. She began her education in the first grade at Levelland, Texas, and fondly regarded that year as her "first year of teaching" due to the fact that her teacher put her in charge of the "Blackbird Reading Group." She completed her early years of schooling in Denver City, Texas, finishing high school as a junior, and at age 17, entered West Texas

State University from which she earned a B.S. degree in 1964. K.B. married Jerry Cox on July 4, 1964. She began her formal teaching career in 1965 as a second grade teacher for Archer City Independent School District. In 1967, Jerry was transferred to Great Bend, Kansas and K.B. too a third grade teaching position with that school district. In October of that year, to their great joy, Jerry and K.B. learned that she was expecting a baby. That baby was a boy and because K.B. was such a staunch, died-in-the-wool Texan, she insisted on naming him Tex since he was born in Kansas instead of Texas. Tex Cox was born on May 3, 1968 and from that moment on, a loving bond was created between Mother and son that could not be broken. In March 3, 1972, Kasey Beth Cox was born much to the delight of K.B.'s entire family. This little curly-haired girl completed the Cox Family and was a true gift to K.B. who had been told she could not have a second child.

Again, a loving bond was created...this time between Mother and daughter that could not be broken. Kasey Beth was to have the initials of her mother's name and, within family, became Lil' K.B. at an early age and later K.B. II. K.B. resumed her teaching career with Seminole Independent School District and taught for this district for 17 years. In 1985, K.B. and Jerry were divorced, she lost her parents in 1989 within 75 days of one another and upon Kasey Beth's graduation from high school, K.B. and Kasey Beth moved to Odessa, Texas. K.B. was employed by Ector County Independent School District in 1990 and taught for ECISD for 8 years, became a Curriculum Enrichment Specialist for the district for 2 years, and then moved to Plano, Texas. She taught for Allen ISD for four years and retired in 2004 with a total of 35 years of teaching. In 1995, Tex married Melesha Eldridge or Boo, as K.B. called her and 2 years later, in 1997, Kinslee

Beth, K.B. III was born. In 1999, Hailee Morgan was born to the little family. In 2003, GranGoobies (as she was known to her grandchildren) received a surprise with her first grandson Corban Jerry; and in 2008, the Tex Cox family was completed with the arrival of her second grandson, Coltan Guerry. In those 35 years of teaching, K.B. was honored in many ways: she was named: Teacher of the Year for Blackshear Elementary, Teacher of the Year for Alamo Elementary, Teacher of the Year for Ector County Independent School District, and Teacher of the Year for Bolin Elementary. She continued to be nominated for Teacher of the Year right up to retirement. K.B. was also named to Who's Who of America's Teachers twice and nominated for Disney's Teacher of the Year four times, as well as nominated for HEB Teacher of the Year. K.B. always wanted this to be written on her tombstone: "Those Who Knew Her Best, Loved Her Most". Surviving family include son Tex Cox and his wife Melesha of Knox City, Texas; daughter Kasey Beth Cox of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, two brothers, Phil Steven Guerry of Dallas, Texas and Connie Max Guerry of Midland, Texas, and Staci Clemmer of Plano, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 1pm on Friday, October 1, 2010, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock with Tex Cox and Kasey Beth Cox officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6pm to 8pm at Resthaven Funeral Home. Please join us in celebrating K.B.'s life by visiting her memorial at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to: Tex Cox Ministries, P.O. Box 339, Knox City, Texas 79529.

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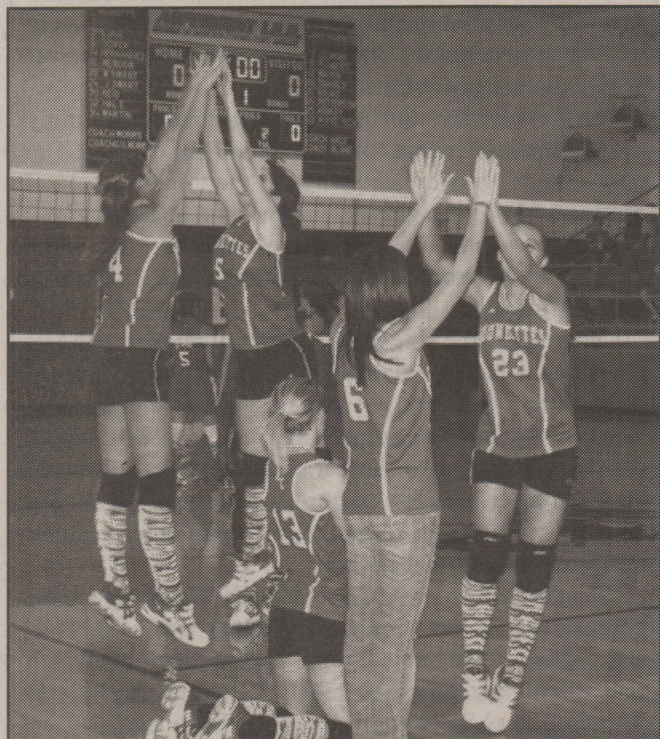
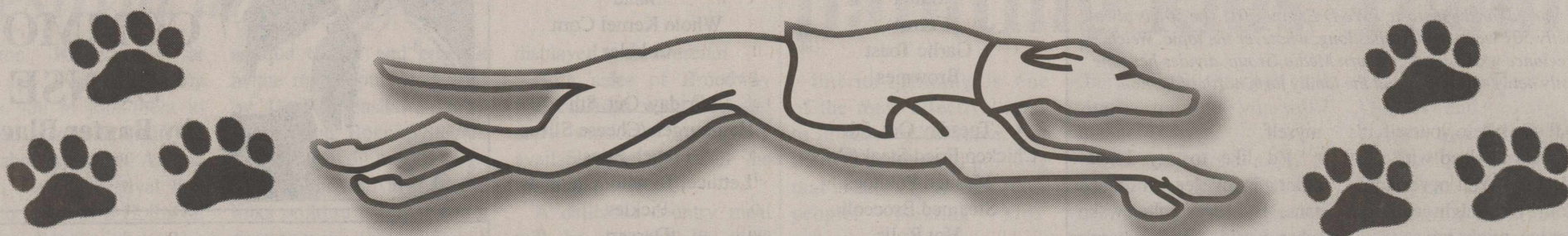
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KNOX CITY SPORTS



Overcoming their defeat last Saturday, the Houndettes beat Aspermont on Tuesday leaving them 1-1 in District play.

Photo by Daviene Clark



At the District opener, although the Houndettes won the first two out of the series of five, they lost the last three.

Photo by Daviene Clark

Jv Football

It was another huge game for the JV Hounds; this time it was the Tylenne Eaton show, as he had 2 td catches in the 2nd quarter and a huge interception return for a td as time expired to end the 1st half.

The Hounds were led by another great game by Josh Schnable on offense. Kyle Harrington anchored a great defense and Eaton and

Ham made some big hits. cTy Baker had his usual good game.

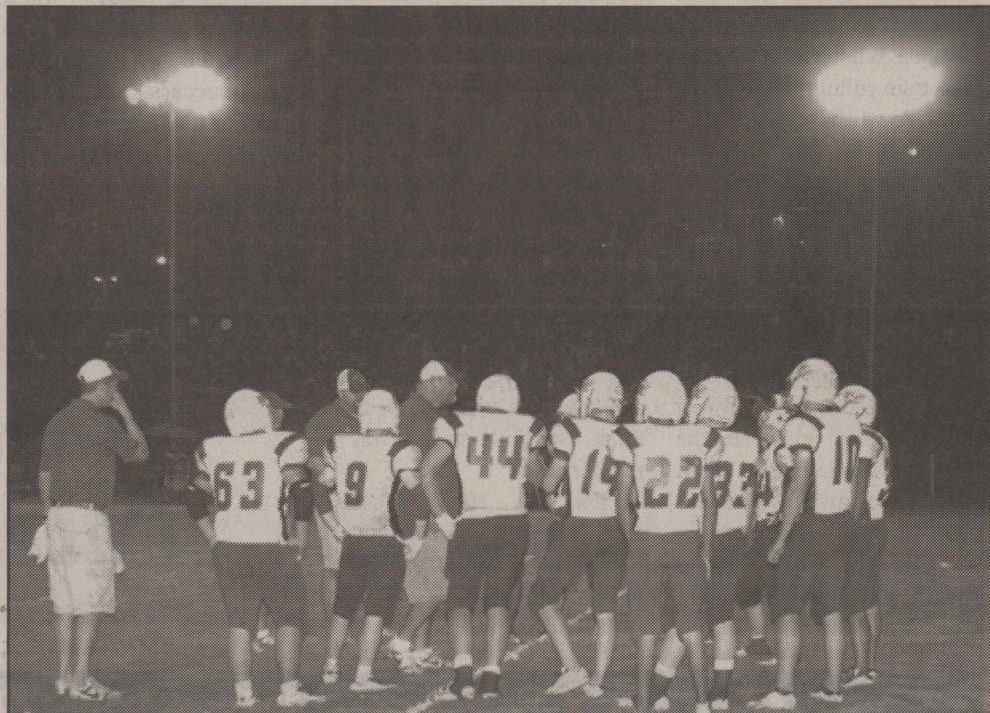
This JV team is really good and showed that in the 38-8 win over Spur. They play as a team and seem each week to get a new weapon. They throw, run, block and play salty defense. Next week they look to move to 6-0 with a game against Bryson JV in Woodson.

Jr High Football

This was a game of missed opportunities for the Bulldogs, the Spur BullPups beat the visiting Dogs 14-0.

The Dogs made some big plays but seem to stall out on 4th down in Pup territory. Israel Rodriguez led the team in rushing, Anthony Estrada had a good game passing and Freddie Martinez had a couple of big catches.

The biggest hit of the Spur games has to go to AJ Rodriquez with a huge hit that left a PUP on the sideline for most of the 2nd half. Payne Stanfield recovered a onside kick and Nick Short led the team in tackles. Next week the Dogs will be in Woodson for a 5pm game.



The Knox City Greyhounds under the Friday night lights in Spur last weekend.

Photo by Daviene Clark

Hounds suffer first loss to Spur

Jeff Stanfield

The Hounds traveled to Spur to take on the Bulldogs in a great game last Friday night. The game turned out to be a Homecoming victory for the Bulldogs. It was a game that had big offense, big defense, rain, fog, and 4

blind mice.

The game started out with a big stand on defense, then the hounds got the ball and traveled into Bulldog territory where we fumbled the ball. This was pretty much the way the night went. Hounds held Spur out of the endzone the 1st 2 series. Spur finally put some points up on the board right before the end of the 1st quarter to take a 6-0 lead.

The 2nd quarter was more of the same, the Hounds would march into the redzone and then stall out. The first big swing in momentum was a 4th and goal from the 18. Ryan Ledesma gets stopped short and knocked out of bounds. A flag is thrown where a horse collar is called. 1st and goal

for the hounds on the 5. But wait- after a discussion for 10 minutes with Spurs coach the flag is picked up. 1st and ten for the Bulldogs, after some timely stops by the Hounds. The bulldogs are facing a 4th and forever and they make the TD. 12-0 Bulldogs.

In the 2nd quarter the Hounds stalled out twice inside the 10 yard line. This seemed top be a trend on this wet Friday night.

Start of the 3rd quarter the Hounds stop the Bulldogs on 3 plays and face a 4th and goal from the 35, on 4th down the Bulldogs pick up 33 after an exchange of possession. The Hounds have 1st and 10 on their own 2 yd line, 1st down the Hounds throw the ball on the turf in the end zone recovered by Bulldogs 18-0. Finally in the 4th quarter we hit pay dirt on a Blake Jones TD reception, followed by a TJ Moore extra point to make it 18-8. Then after holding the Bulldogs to negative yards

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By Gladene Green

What a wonderful weekend we had in Munday-Homecoming 2010 was a success indeed. Lots and lots of things were going on and so many hugs and greeting were exchanged. After a rainy Friday, we all wondered what Saturday would be, but it turned out to be a great day, altogether. The clouds early sort of made us wonder if more rain was in store but only a few sprinkles early was all we saw. Those in charge of getting everything ready for the "much looked forward to" weekend deserve many thanks. It could not have been any better or anymore organized. My class, that being 1954, met in the Church of Christ fellowship hall for our class meeting. Very special thanks to the pastor, Adrian Fletcher and all those who were gracious to us. Special thanks to Glenna Shahan and Lynn Finley who "showed me around" where anything we might need was and just going "over and above" to things were just right for us. Class members present were: Joan Sokora Blake (and Tommy) of Houston, Jimmy Morgan (and Wanda) of Waco, Lois Michels Smith (and Wayne) of California, Parker New (and Janice) of Pipe Creek, Bera Spam Johnson of Abilene, Barbara Phillips Cagle of Wichita Falls, Billy Ray Henson of Weatherford, Gladene Yeagan Green of Benjamin.

It was a really fun time and we look forward to another meeting before too many months pass with maybe more able to see us.

Sympathy Extended
My sincere sympathy to the family of y friend, Jonnie Williams who passed away last Wednesday morning after several moths illness. Her funeral was Saturday here in Benjamin. She sill be missed by so many.

Also a belated expression of sympathy to families of Joe Clonts, Jerry Johnson and Charlene Oudems, These were all Knox City residents who passed away two weeks ago- They too will be missed by family and friends.

Also my dear fear friend Wynters Matthews passed

away on Wednesday after several months of failing health. Her funeral was Friday in Munday where she had lived for as long as I can remember. Sympathy to her family also.

Here 'N There
James Henry Ballard and his wife, who live in Oklahoma was in the area for Homecoming and visited his aunt, Earlene Meinzer on Thursday night.

Reports from Houston are that things are going about as planned for Jackie Young. He had had some physical therapy and will continue it from tie to time as well as his radiation therapy. Hopefully, if he can tolerate extra doses of radiation he may be through with the treatment sooner than first expected therefore he would come home sooner. We hope that is the case but don't want his to come home until he's absolutely ready. I'm sure they will do exactly what the Doctors advise.

Lorene Powers is still in HMC in Abilene but doing much, much better. That pace maker and deliberator seems to be just what she needed and we are so thankful. She should be home very soon now.

Cody Propps was injured in the football game Friday night against Lubbock High School. According to his mom, Stasia, he's better but still on crutches and will see a specialist on Thursday to make sure there's no more problems. I asked her just exactly what happened and the way she put it: "His body went one way and his knee went the other." Sounds pretty painful to me, but could have been much worse.

Barry Melton of Cincinnati, Ohio was here during the weekend for the funeral of Jonnie Williams. Her son, who lives in Atlanta, accompanied her on the trip.

Finally, Special thanks to everyone I saw on Saturday who had kind words about this column each week. Like I've said, some weeks are "newsier" than others and sometime I think I'll just quit writing it, but when good folk say nice things, that encourages me... Thanks again.

Just Jeff

Every once in a while we get exposed to things that make us appreciate what we have here in Knox City. Rick Moeller, I am talking about you, not for being principal, Ag teacher or Kristi's better half. I am talking about Moeller the announcer, at last weeks Spur football game, the announcer had Zero class or tact. It reminded me of the Throckmorton announcer about 3 years ago. Hey, home field advantage is home field advantage. But when you go above and beyond to make a high school player look bad or teams look bad, that is not the job of the announcer. Rick- you are always very professional and I appreciate that.

Speaking of football, I have never had my team get the calls, breaks or lucky bounces. I think we all forget when our team does. But, I have never in my life and I have witnessed many games up close and from the stands. Been through so many coaches changing the referee's minds. Last week at Spur, the officials picked up 3 flags against Spur. Each time they had a lengthy meeting with their coach and decided to pick up the hanky. One time, it negated a touchdown that would have made it a 3-point game in the 4th; another time, we would have had 1st and goal at the 5, and on the 3rd flag we would have had 1st and goal on the 10.

These same officials blew a fumble recovery that resulted in a TD for Spur. I'm not trying to sound like a whiny parent, but I am. If each of you had a child on the field you would agree with me. It seems like the officials from the Lubbock chapter really have it out for KC. We had them when we played Ira,

we had some bad breaks but I believe the outcome would have been the same. That night, Ira was the better team, against Spur the better team left on the bus as losers.

Around KC pumpkins have popped up in yards and Halloween decorations will follow, the haunted house will be getting ready for some spooks and our first freeze will be here in the next 6 weeks. It seems we where just shooting fireworks. I heard a story this week that really made me laugh. Mario "Seizure Swing" Abila told me his brother Alfredo "Mack Brown" Abila went to school to learn how to read Braille. See Alfredo was in a horrible accident some years back and has lost most of his eyesight. He is legally blind, so he goes to school to read Braille, or become a referee for the Lubbock chapter.

Alfredo being the nice guy, he is decides to play poker with the other blind guys, the cards are regular cards with Braille. So here is Alfredo sitting around playing poker with 5 other blind guys who cannot see anything. For some reason the man who can see well enough to drive won all the money. Alfredo is

known at Blind School as the card shark from KC.

One Sunday morning an old cowboy entered a church just before services where to begin. Although the mans clothes where spotless and clean, he wore jeans and a denim shirt. He had on old boots that were very worn and ragged. In his hand he carried a worn out old hat and an equally well read Bible. The church he entered was in a very upscale part of town and was the largest and most beautiful church the old cowboy had ever seen. The people of the congregation where all dressed with the most expensive clothes and jewelry.

As the cowboy took a seat, the others moved away from him. No one greeted, spoke to, or welcomed him. They where all appalled by his appearance and did not attempt to hide it. As the old cowboy was leaving the church, the preacher approached him and asked the cowboy to do him a favor." Before you come back here again, have a talk with God and ask him what would be appropriate attire for worship in church". The old cowboy assured the

preacher he would.

The next Sunday. He showed back up for services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirts and old worn out boots. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored. The preacher approached the cowboy and said; "I thought I asked you to speak with God before you came back to our church".

"I did," replied the old cowboy. "If you spoke to God, what did he tell you the proper attire should be for worship here" asked the preacher?

"Well, sir God told me that He didn't have a clue what is should wear". He said He has never been in this church.

God bless you all, check on our older neighbors and see if we can help or if they need a ear to bend.

My citizen of the week is to all the volunteers who have started up a youth football league. My hats off to you for taking your time to coach and spend time with the kiddo's. It is a very rewarding job dealing with them, the parents not so much. The games will be played on Saturday at Greyhound Stadium.

Jeff Stanfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 17, 2010, Atmos Pipeline - Texas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("APT" or the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to change its natural gas transportation rates for firm and interruptible customers and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all transportation customers receiving service under existing Rate Schedules CGS and Rate Schedule PT. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 22, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 4 firm transportation customers and 63 interruptible transportation customers. APT's Other Revenue customer class is not affected by this filing.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$38.9 million. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the meter charge will be eliminated, and the capacity charge and usage rate applicable for each of the customer classes affected by this filing will increase by the amount shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Meter Charge	Proposed Meter Charge	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS-CoServ	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS - Other	\$2,425.17	\$0.00	(\$2,425.17)
PT	\$6,124.34	\$0.00	(\$6,124.34)

Customer Class	Current Capacity Charge	Proposed Capacity Charge**	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$0.9988	\$4.8444	\$3.8456
CGS-CoServ	\$0.8507	\$3.9815	\$3.1308
CGS - Other	\$0.9988	\$3.9815	\$2.9827
PT	\$0.0000	\$2.6276	\$2.6276

**The customer charge reflected on the bill for each customer class is calculated as follows: customer charge = MDQ (Maximum Daily Quantity) * capacity charge (customer charge will vary by customer based on the customer's MDQ).

Customer Class	Current Usage Charge	Proposed Usage Charge	Difference
CGS-Mid-Tex	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
CGS-CoServ	\$0.1778	\$0.0276	(\$0.1502)
CGS-Other	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
PT-1st Tier	\$0.1739	\$0.0163	(\$0.1576)
PT-2nd Tier	\$0.1579	\$0.0163	(\$0.1416)

In addition to rate revisions, APT seeks to adopt a Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex to be applicable solely to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. This Rate Schedule will, consistent with the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869, include recovery of ad valorem taxes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, as well as the return and related taxes on Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax for UNICAP Section 263A and the WACOG to FIFO change related to the Mid-Tex working gas in storage. A second Rate Schedule CGS - Other is proposed for all other city gate customers that is identical to the proposed Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex with the exception of the requested changes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage. Other proposed tariff changes include a new Rider REV, a new Rider WGIS, and minor wording changes in the other existing Riders applicable to service provided by APT. Specifically, APT seeks to adopt a new, revenue tracking mechanism (Rider REV) that will adjust Rate CGS and Rate PT annually for changes in the level of revenue received from APT's "Other Revenue" customer class in the prior year. APT also proposes to adopt a new Rider WGIS to establish a twelve (12) month surcharge to be applicable to Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division to recover the regulatory asset balance in Account 182.3 - Other Regulatory Assets that has accumulated since the entry of the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869. APT proposes to adopt minor wording changes to all of its existing Riders, including a change in the title of Rider FF to Rider MF. Additional minor changes to APT's other Riders are proposed that will, for example, delete unnecessary definitions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-214-206-2809. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, any affected person may file in writing comments, a request for intervention or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. Please reference GUD Docket No. 10000.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de APT División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en la tarifa de transportación de gas natural para clientes firmes y interruptibles. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este cambio, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-214-206-2809.

Rolling Plains Assn. of SWCDS to meet

TEMPLE, TX (September 27, 2010)-- The Rolling Plains Association of Soil and water Conservation Districts (RPASWCDS), whose membership is made up of soil and water conservation districts from a 16-county area will meet October 7, at Fort Richardson State Park located near Jacksboro. "Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Jack County Fair Barn", said Anna Fitzgerald, president of RPASWCDS. SWCD directors attending the meeting are expected to receive updates on national and state soil and water conservation issues from Barry Mahler, Vice Chairman of the Texas State

Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), and Joe Ward, member, TSSWCB. Jule Richmond, Area V Director of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Al Leal, Area V Assistant State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will also brief the SWCD directors on state and federal conservation program concerns. Prior to the business meeting, the SWCD directors will tour historic Fort Richardson as well as have an opportunity to see recently cleared flood prevention structures at the park. Fort Richardson was

established in November 1867 and was named in honor of General Israel B. Richardson, who died in the Battle of Antietam during the Civil War. The Fort was abandoned in May 1878. Fort site structures include seven of the original buildings which have been restored. Sixteen soil and water conservation districts in the Rolling Plains region of the state are members of the RPASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties.

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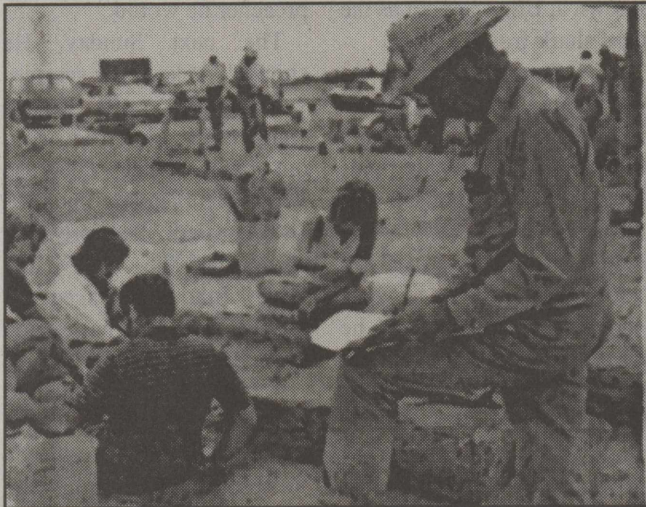
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Museum News



On Oct. 10 at 3:00 p.m., the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center will host ex-resident Albert J. Redder, Archeologist from Waco TX. Mr. Redder will give a presentation on his work at the Horn Shelter #2 project. Mr. Redder's lifetime archeological

project started in the early 1960's, when he and Frank H. Watt, (the grand old man of Waco area archeology), with the assistance and encouragement from George Agogine started excavating the Horn Shelter Complex. Since the death of Frank Watt in 1981, together with Robert Forrester and "Uncle To" Francis, have been the principal investigators on Horn #2, where on Aug 15, 1970, a double burial from the Paleo-Indian period was discovered and subsequently dated at near 10,000 years BP. This presentation is a must see for young and old.

ROCHESTER HOMECOMING 2010

October 8 & 9, 2010

Friday, October 8

6:00pm Meal Downtown

7:30 pm Activity (TBA) at Football Field

Musical/Visiting Downtown immediately following

Saturday, October 9

8:00 am Registration—Rochester School Cafeteria

Complimentary Coffee and Donuts

10:00 am Ex-Cheerleader, Twirler, and Drum Major Coffee

Homemaking Room

11:30 Meal in Cafeteria

1:00 Business Meeting/Class Recognitions/Memorial Simmons Auditorium

Parade immediately following

5:30 Meal Downtown

Class Reunions

8:30pm Street Dance Downtown

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Haskell, TX 79521
940-864-2251

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Rule, Texas 79547
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Knox City, TX 79529
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311 N Ave. F
Haskell, TX 79521
940-864-3284

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S 3rd & Ave. D
Knox City, TX 79529
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Stamford, TX 79553
325-773-2731

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108 Hwy 380
Haskell, TX 79521
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Rochester Welcomes You!

The Rochester Cemetery has been designated a Texas Historical Cemetery. There will be an opportunity at Homecoming for those who wish to make a contribution towards securing a marker commemorating this historical designation.



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HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY 2010

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Texas leading the way on tackling game day drinking and driving

Campaign launching this football season to raise awareness about football game day drinking and driving

[Austin, Sept. 16 2010]

– Football game days are among the heaviest days for alcohol consumption. (University of Texas Study, Alcohol Use and Collegiate Sports, November, 2007)

Starting this football season, TxDOT is taking the lead in tackling this issue by raising awareness of the dangers of game day drinking across the state amongst fans and their loved ones.

When alcohol's in the lineup, the odds are stacked against you. In 2008, nearly 12,000 people were killed in U.S. highway crashes involving alcohol, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) officials. In Texas, 30.9 percent of the total traffic fatalities were caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol in 2009, according to TxDOT. These figures increase over the weekend and on football game days.

In fact, college home football games are associated with a 13 percent increase in arrests for drunk driving, according to a 2009 University of Colorado Study, College Football Games and Crime.

In 2009, there were 27,237 DUI crashes in Texas and 1,547 (6 percent) occurred on football game days when a Texas team was playing.

Game day drinking and driving, whether at a professional or college game, is a very serious problem in Texas and across the nation. A recent New England Journal of Medicine study found that driving fatalities increased 41 percent after the Super Bowl telecast and in Texas, 45 percent of those who drink at a football watching party report driving home.

“The correlation between game days and increased crashes and fatalities on the road is too great to ignore,” said Carol T. Rawson P.E., TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. “We hope that through this campaign we will not only raise awareness of the dangers associated with drinking and driving on game days but also encourage people to know when to pass their keys and get a safe ride home.”

Texas is leading the charge among states by tackling this problem through a statewide awareness initiative aimed at reducing the incidences of game day drinking and driving. TxDOT wants to encourage fans to enjoy the big games, but to be responsible when it comes to game day drinking and know when to pass. Always designate a sober driver if you plan on drinking and if you are impaired, do not drive – call a taxi, use mass transit, contact the community safe ride program, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely or simply stay where you are.

TxDOT will house important information, including videos, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/KnowWhenToPass) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/TxDOTpio) and TxDOT officials will be Tweeting on the issue.

This campaign tackles a very serious problem here in Texas. TxDOT hopes this new approach will raise public awareness on drinking and driving on football game days and motivate people to pass their keys to a designated receiver. For every set of keys passed there's another potential accident intercepted.

The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its approximately 12,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov. Fan us on Facebook www.facebook.com/txdot. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/txdot.

for the traveling public. Local traffic only will be allowed to use the contractor work road. However, the work road may be closed periodically for work related purposes.

For more information: Call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7288 or Gary Mizer, TxDOT Munday Area Engineer, 940-422-4350.

TxDOT to replace two bridges in King County

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation is currently working on a project to replace two bridges in King County; North Croton Creek on US 83 and Little Croton Creek on SH 222.

The contract calls for the replacement of the existing bridge facilities. The contractor for both bridges is R. K. Hall Construction of

Paris, TX.

The North Croton Creek Bridge on US 83 in King County will cost \$704,772.00, with 100 working days. The Little Croton Creek Bridge on SH 222 in King County will cost \$814,830.00 with 76 working days.

Both Bridges will be built on their current location. There will be a signed detour

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Notice of Application to Extend Facilities Rental Tariffs

On August 31, 2010, AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) and AEP Texas North Company (TNC) (jointly, the Companies) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to extend their Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Tariffs an additional three years, to January 1, 2014. The Companies do not propose to change the terms of the tariffs or the current pricing in this docket. Sections 14.001, 39.001 and 39.051 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Sections 25.341 through 25.343 of the Commission's Substantive Rules provide for the Commission to authorize a utility to petition to provide Facilities Rental Services if such services are not widely available to customers in an area. TCC and TNC received Commission approval to provide such services until January 1, 2011 in their most recent rate cases, Docket Nos. 33309 and 33310, respectively. The Distribution Voltage Facilities Rental Services are contained in Section 6.1.2.3.6 of the Companies' Tariffs for Retail Delivery Service.

The Companies have proposed an effective date of January 1, 2011, at which time the proposed tariffs will be deemed approved if no objection is filed with the Commission. Only customers currently taking service under the existing tariffs, as well as the Retail Electric Providers servicing those customers, are affected by this application. Those customers take delivery service under Distribution Service Schedules 6.1.1.1.2 Secondary Voltage Service Equal to or Less than 10kW; 6.1.1.1.3 Secondary Voltage Service Greater than 10kW; and 6.1.1.1.4 Primary Voltage Service, and are located throughout the service areas of TCC and TNC.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, PUC Docket No. 38618, Application of AEP Texas North Company and AEP Texas Central Company to Extend Facilities Rental Tariffs, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of November 10, 2010 has been established. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

OPINION



The Paperboy

Cashing in on media bias

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The national media has a liberal bias. That fact is beyond argument.

According to polls, research, etc ... conservatives are outnumbered by a ratio of 4-to-1.

This bias comes from universities. Liberal arts at its finest. A couple of decades ago, I had a few liberal professors, even at Texas A&M, which is considered conservative amongst major universities.

So if you will indulge me that there is indeed a media bias in the U.S., what has Rupert Murdoch's impact been on the country?

If the mass media is controlled by liberals, then Murdoch's Fox News is not only genius, it's smart business. Fox News has been on top of all cable news for 105 straight months.

Fox News is also dominating CBS, NBC and ABC in the news department.

The basic reason is Fox News is not liberal. In my opinion, it is also not "Fair and Balanced" as it claims to be. Then again, what national news source can make you believe any major news source is fair and balanced? I'd say none of them.

Fox News has been able to dominate because it offers an alternative to the mainstream media. I wonder why others

haven't started similar networks? Perhaps politics trumps money.

In journalism classes, you're supposed to be taught objectivity. It should be your priority. Journalists are supposed to be able to leave all of their feelings and emotions out of the story they are covering. Sadly, objectivity has become a lost art in the mainstream media.

As to the question of why liberal professors dominate U.S. campuses? I believe it's living life in the utopian mindset of academia rather than practical real world experience.

Maybe one day we will have colleges and universities that are interested in educating our youth instead of forcing personal agendas on them.

I've been married eight years this week. I managed to stay single for 34 years, and if I'm blessed with longevity, I might live long enough to celebrate 50 years of marriage one day.

Just a little more than a year ago, I was fearful I would spend the rest of my life as a widower. That alone is a testament of the resolve of the woman I married.

There is not a doubt in my mind that asking Sharon to marry me was best decision I've ever made. It's not even close.

You never know what life will throw at you and how you will react to adversity as a couple, but I can say in full confidence that we are up for the challenges.

I wasn't looking to settle down and was content as a bachelor before we started dating. Talk about doing a 180. I wouldn't trade the life we've built for anything!

Some of you men need this addressed. Your friends might not tell you and you may not care, but it's imperative for society that you do your duty!

Men, you must keep the hair on your eyebrows, in your nose and in your ears TRIMMED!

It's hard enough to have a conversation with your ugly mug, don't make it harder.

It's time to step up to the plate and take some pride in your appearance! Some of you fellas have so much eyebrow, you could donate the hair to Locks for Love!

So, take a look in the mirror and see if you pass this test: If you can grab the hair on your eyebrows with your thumb and finger, trim it. If you can see hair in your ears or nose when you look in the mirror, trim it.

Do this, and society will welcome you back with open arms.

End of rant.

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A Pledge to Cut Spending

By ROBERT ROMANO

They had better mean it. The House Republican Conference has unveiled its "Pledge to America," a broad set of principles by which a new Republican majority would govern by. Included are promises to "roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels," and to "establish strict budget caps to limit federal spending from this point forward."

Republicans appear to have responded to and now are appealing to the tea party movement, which was founded in the wake of the unprecedented bailout regime of 2008 and 2009. Republicans propose "ending bailouts permanently, canceling the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)" and to "reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by ending their government takeover, shrinking their portfolios, and establishing minimum capital standards."

That's all very good for the American people to hear. These are some of their foremost concerns.

Some have criticized that the Pledge is not specific enough. However, in several areas it is quite specific, for example in proposing a hiring freeze for non-security federal employees, requiring sunsets for federal programs, requiring a full and honest accounting of government entitlement programs Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. It promises to repeal ObamaCare — in full. In its stead, it proposes allowing the purchase of health care across state lines without any government middleman exchange, tort reform, and to expand health savings accounts.

There are more specifics. On taxes, the GOP proposes making the Bush tax cuts permanent, allowing small businesses a tax deduction equal to 20 percent of their income, and the elimination of the costly ObamaCare 1099 requirement on businesses for any purchases \$600 or greater.

On transparency, Republicans pledge to

post legislation for 72 hours prior to being voted on. On limited government, every proposed law must cite its authorizing clause in the Federal Constitution. On fiscal responsibility, amendments will be allowed on appropriations bills, breaking the power of the appropriations committees or leadership to distribute pork.

On funding troops, Republicans will end the practice of attaching unrelated legislation and spending to troops spending bills, ending a common practice under the current House leadership. Nancy Pelosi has repeatedly attached for example states bailouts and other public sector union giveaways to war funding measures.

Other parts demand more specificity. If Republicans are truly sincere about "ending bailouts permanently," they must specifically repeal significant portions of the recently enacted Dodd-Frank financial takeover. That bill promised to "end bailouts," too, but everyone knows it does not.

Included in that bill is an unlimited "orderly liquidation fund" whereby the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation can levy new assessments, or taxes, on bank holding and insurance companies to pay for the liquidation or bailout of failing financial firms.

The costs of these bailouts and government takeovers will be passed on to anybody that uses the financial system, unless Congress does something to repeal this new, dangerous authority. If Congress does not act, it will have no say in the next round of bailouts and takeovers, which will be implemented by executive fiat.

That is all law now.

Republicans must specifically act against the Dodd-Frank bill when it comes to their no more bailouts pledge, because the American people are going to hold them accountable — especially if the executive branch begins more bailouts and Republicans have done nothing to roll back the limitless authorities included in Dodd-Frank.

The end of the government ownership of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac does help, however. The Pledge falls short of calling for the outright liquidation of the insolvent firms, and hints that they will be allowed to exist in some form. If they were solvent and privately-owned and explicitly prohibited from receiving any taxpayer subsidy ever again, there could be some assurance that the "implicit guarantee" never again is used to reflate a new housing bubble.

But again, that demands specificity.

Most of all, on spending, Republicans need to be preparing a long-term budget that proposes spending at least ten years out. The Pledge calls for the discretionary spending to be cut to 2008 levels, citing at least \$100 billion in savings annually, "putting us on a path to begin paying down the debt [and] balancing the budget".

That sounds nice, but only cutting \$1 trillion over ten years will not allow the U.S. to begin paying off the debt, and will not prevent worse things from happening. Taking the \$100 billion a year number for granted, \$800 billion in savings by 2018 may not prevent the U.S. credit rating from being downgraded in the near future. Why?

Because the nation's Triple-A credit rating is not a function of spending alone. It is a function of revenue-to-interest owed on the national debt.

Moody's has warned that when interest owed reaches 18 to 20 percent of revenue, the nation would be in line for a downgrade. By 2018, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports that the U.S. will reach that level. So, cutting \$100 billion annually will not prevent interest owed on the debt from skyrocketing over the next ten years, as it is set to do.

Therefore, the only way to prevent the downgrade from happening is to reduce the interest owed either by paying off a significant percentage of the principal owed on the debt, or rapidly growing the economy

such that revenues rebound and outpace the growth of the interest owed.

Unfortunately, according to the CBO, interest owed on the debt will rise from \$244 billion in 2011 to \$755 billion in 2018, a 209 percent increase. That averages a 26.1 percent increase every year. Neither the economy nor revenues can grow fast enough to prevent a downgrade under those criteria.

The only way will be to pay off a lot of the principal owed — now — and to balance the budget immediately such that new debt is not contracted. According to Strategas Research Partners' Jason Desena Trennert: "\$5.2 trillion of U.S debt comes due in the next three years..." That \$5.2 trillion coming due represents a tremendous opportunity, maybe the only opportunity, to prevent the downgrade. If that debt were not rolled over, but were paid off, interest owed on the debt would be significantly less, and may prevent it from rising over 18 to 20 percent of revenue.

The imminent credit downgrade is an emergency. A crisis. One that will signal the decline of America from being the world's economic superpower. But the Pledge does not address it — at all. That is a startling omission for a document that promises to "pay down the debt."

Ultimately, it will not matter if Republicans address the issue on the campaign trail, it will only matter Congress resolves to deal with it in 2011. If, in fact, the credit downgrade is unavoidable in the near term, it is high time elected officials said so, and then present a plan that allows the nation to get back to Triple-A status at a determined point in the future.

Ignoring the problem will not make it go away. It will only earn the wrath of the American people in the future. They desperately yearn not just for change, but for courage. And it will take courage on an order not seen in Washington for many years to solve the sovereign debt crisis.

Koch Brothers, private industry vilified in California

By KEVIN MOONEY

A California ballot initiative that could potentially unravel the anti energy policies Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law four years ago is the subject of a New York Times report aimed against free market groups. Charles and David Koch, described here as the "billionaires from Kansas who have played a prominent role in financing the Tea Party movement", are the primary targets. But out of state business interests also come in for criticism.

Both sides acknowledge that initiative could have national ramifications for the environmental movement and its pursuit of "cap and trade" policies. State-level regulatory efforts that mimic the Kyoto Protocol rippled out of California's Global Warming Solutions Act and could recede if pro-energy activists prevail in November. The initiative, known formally as Proposition 23, calls for a suspension of anti-emissions restrictions until after unemployment falls to 5.5 percent or lower for at least four consecutive quarters.

Over the past year, the environmental movement has been beset with setbacks that undermine long-standing scientific and economic arguments activists and government officials have invoked to advance regulatory directives. It is evident from this report that the Times and other left leaning media outlets are panicked by recent developments. The idea here is to discredit the opposition and explain away public opposition as an understandable, albeit a misguided byproduct of the recession.

"Traditionally, public support for environmental measures suffers during tough economic times," the report says. "Here in California, backers of the initiative have seized on that anxiety — which is particularly acute in this state, with its

12.3 percent unemployment rate — in search of a victory."

The stipulations included in Proposition 23 "could have the practical effect of killing the law," the NYT correctly notes. Over the past several decades, the unemployment rate as rarely fallen to such relatively low rate for an extended period of time. AB 32, the Global Warming statute, calls for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse emissions to be reduced back to 1990 levels by 2020. Private industry officials say they that the high cost of compliance would result in job losses and rising gas prices.

There are a number of detailed, scholarly studies that bolster and substantiate the concerns of private industry. The Institute for Energy Research (IER), for instance, has published a report that goes into great detail about the higher costs attached to renewable standards and emissions restrictions. But these hard facts have no place in an agenda-laced report that works over time to sully the reputation of business groups, tea party activists and individual donors who are committed to private enterprise.

"The campaign against California's greenhouse gas law comes as business groups have invested heavily across the country in trying to defeat members of Congress who voted for a cap-and-trade bill that also mandated emission reductions; the bill passed the House but failed in the Senate in the face of strong opposition from lawmakers in industrial states," the report says.

Looking ahead to November, current polls show that the competing sides are evenly matched.

"Yet supporters said they were concerned that the proposition could slip through at a time when Democratic spirits are low," the NYT points out. "More significant is the question of how much more supporters of Prop 23 can raise to finance

their campaign. Of the \$8.2 million raised so far, \$1 million came from the Koch firm, \$4 million from the Valero Energy Corporation and \$1.5 million from the Tesoro Corporation; both corporations are based in San Antonio."

The article concludes with a spokesman from the NRDC quoted at length expressing concern over the influence and financial backing of anti-regulatory organizations. That's the pot calling the kettle black.

"We have every reason to believe that they are going to put the money in to run a big television campaign in the most expensive media market in the country," said Annie Notthoff, the California advocacy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. "We certainly are expecting to have a fight on our hands."

As of 2006, the NRDC has net assets in excess of \$125 million and enjoys consistent, steady substantial support from well-endowed left-leaning foundations, according to The Capital Research Center.

NRDC is part of large, expansive network of left-wing organizations operating under the guise of environmentalism that have worked on national and international level to restrict and restrain America's economic development.

These outside groups that operate in concert with the European Union and the United Nations at the expense of U.S. taxpayers and consumers deserve greater exposure and attention.

Former Secretary of State George Schultz, who supports California's global warming law, should be asked about the international backing of environmental groups like the NRDC receive since he's so concerned about the activities of American citizens who favor affordable energy.

Spousal benefits offer increased retirement options

By Bernadine Smith
Social Security District Manager in Amarillo, TX

You may have more options than you know when it comes to Social Security benefits. Like many, you probably have given some thought to your own retirement plans. You know you can retire as early as age 62 and get reduced benefits. You know you can wait until your full retirement age and get full benefits. You also may know you can defer collecting benefits and accrue

delayed retirement credits up to age 70, which will boost your payment.

But did you know that being a spouse or a widower gives you even more choices?

For example, if you have reached your full retirement age when you elect to receive benefits and are eligible for a spouse's or ex-spouse's benefit and your own retirement benefit, you may choose to receive only spouse's benefits. In this way, you can continue to earn delayed retirement

credits on your own Social Security record. You then may file for benefits on your own record later and receive a higher monthly benefit based on the effect of delayed retirement credits.

Widows and widowers have similar options. Widows and widowers can begin receiving Social Security benefits at age 60, at age 50 if they are disabled, or at any age if they are caring for the deceased worker's child who is younger than 16 or disabled and also

entitled to Social Security benefits on the deceased worker's record.

Widows and widowers can take a reduced benefit on one record and later switch to a full benefit on the other record. For example, a woman could take a reduced widow's benefit at age 60 or 62 and then switch to her full (100 percent) retirement benefit when she reaches full retirement age.

If you already are receiving reduced benefits and you then are widowed, you may want to

wait until full retirement age to claim survivor's benefits. Then your benefits as a survivor will not be reduced for your age. They may be reduced, however, if your deceased spouse took benefits early and was receiving reduced benefits.

The rules vary depending on the situation, so you should talk to a Social Security representative about the options available to you. To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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the 1st 2 plays, Hounds give up a 50 yd td pass, the Bulldogs run in the extra point 25-8 Bulldogs.

After a short kick off and a big run by Ledesma, Zach Shaver punches it in from 5 yds to make it 25-14. This is where the game gets exciting. With under 5 minutes left the Hounds onside kick and recover the ball on a big hit by Blake Jones. Hounds move to the 25 yd and then get a off sides call to move the ball to the 30. On 3rd and 20, Zack York goes deep to Shaver who gets violated by a Bulldog defender, flags are thrown, interference on Spur 1st and goal on the 15. Wrong! Another meeting with the Spur coach and BAM we pick up the flag. 4th and forever, snap goes back to York, we have a fumble on the exchange. York then scoops up the ball and hits Jarek Wilde in stride for a Td. Wrong again. The referee without throwing a flag decides the Hounds had passed the line of scrimmage. After watching on film, it should have been a TD. This would have made it a 3-point game with 4 minutes to go. Who knows what would have happened but the end result is a Greyhound loss. Spur adds a late score final 31-14 Spur. This game was a heck of a defensive display by both teams.

The players of the game Ryan Ledesma on Defense, Marcell Lewis on Offense and Blake Jones on special teams. Next week Hounds take on Woodson.

My fan of the week is Dusty Bradley, This man has been the driving force on the field being painted. This next week at the game take notice of the football field and think about Dusty and the rest of the parents who take extra time for the boys. He will do anything to help the Hounds. If you have any extra time for a prayer throw it up for Julie it must be heck on the way home from a loss, or just a close game. Dusty is a great guy but please Dusty enjoy it while it last once it is over, then it's over forever.

Effects of microRNAs extend beyond single genes

HOUSTON — When Dr. David Corry and his colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu) and the University of Houston (www.uh.edu) inhibited the activity of some microRNAs that prevent production of a cytokine associated with asthmatic lung disease in mice, they thought the animals' disease would get worse.

Instead, the disease diminished — a result diametrically opposed to what they expected and an example of the complexity of working with these tiny slivers of genetic material that serve as on and off switches for genes, said Corry, professor of medicine-pulmonary at BCM. A report on his research appears in the current issue of the Journal of Biological Chemistry (<http://www.jbc.org/>).

MicroRNAs are short

sequences (about 22 or 23 nucleotides long) of RNA that act as switches.

"If they recognize a particular gene, they will prevent the protein (associated with it) from being made," said Corry (<http://www.bcm.edu/medicine/pulmonary/index.cfm?pmid=4828>). "The problem with microRNAs is that you cannot think of them in a linear fashion. You have to think of them as acting massively parallel. It's like going from an Apple computer to one of those huge supercomputers. MicroRNAs don't affect just one gene. They affect hundreds, even a thousand different genes simultaneously. Their sphere of influence is immense."

A gene provides a genetic code that is eventually translated into a protein that carries out a function within a cell. MicroRNAs, however,

in turning off production of a protein can set into motion a cascade of events that can turn biology upside down.

"MicroRNAs can turn off (or silence) genes, but that's just the first order of their biology," said Corry. "Once the process starts, then it affects the activity of other genes, which in turn affects other genes. We have no idea what these third or fourth generation effects are and there's no mathematical algorithm to predict them."

He and his colleagues studied the let-7 microRNAs because they make up about 70 percent of all microRNAs in lung tissue. Corry and his team focused on four let-7 microRNAs found in lung tissue. These microRNAs switched off a gene that caused production of a cellular chemical or cytokine called interleukin-13, a crucial element of asthmatic

disease.

They thought that if they inhibited activity of these let-7 microRNAs, more interleukin-13 would be produced, making the disease worse.

"In fact, we got diminished disease," Corry said. Other members of the let-7 family actually increased their expression, compensating for the loss of their family members. In fact, their activity increased so much that they suppressed the gene for interleukin-13 even more.

"It was completely unexpected," he said. "How that compensation happens is a mystery and we will explore it in the future."

In other words, increasing expression of a gene in one place could actually repress another gene, which could affect another gene and another.

"You get this up and down, rollercoaster effect," said Corry.

"The future of genomics is not in the DNA but in the transcriptome (all the RNA molecules transcribed from the DNA of the genome)," he said.

Others who took part in this research include Sumanth Polikepahad, Farrah Kheradmand, John M. Knight, Lakeisha M. Batts, Preethi H. Gunaratne, Chad J. Creighton, R. Alan Harris, Azam Zariff, Chad Shaw, Cristian Coarfa and Aleksandar Milosavljevic, all of BCM, and Arash O. Naghavi, Toni Opl, Ashley L. Benham, Jong Kim, Preethi H. Gunaratne, Benjamin Soibam and R. Alan Harris, all of UH.

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Federally funded massive RAM computer speeds genome assembly

HOUSTON — A new massive RAM computing resource for genomic assembly with two nodes (or computers) that each have 1 terabyte of RAM (random access memory) will enable genomic scientists to assemble complicated genomes faster and with fewer errors, said scientists at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/).

A federal grant of \$262,000 from stimulus funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was awarded to BCM (www.bcm.edu) by the National Center for Research Resources and will pay for the Massive RAM Genomic Analysis Cluster, said Dr. Jeffrey Reid, assistant professor in the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center, who led the effort to obtain the computers. This new resource will take the sequencing center into the next generation of genome assembly computation, a necessary step to handle recent advances in DNA sequencing technology.

"This funding enables a higher level of computing," said Reid. That advance is critical to "next generation" sequencing methods that now speed the work with genomes. These recently improvements to DNA sequencing technology generate inexpensive "short reads" -- DNA sequences of

small pieces of the genome. Assembling these short reads into long sequences and sorting the correct reads from those that contain sequencing errors is significantly easier when there is a reference genome available. For example, the first complete human genome sequence is used as a reference for other human genome sequencing.

But analyzing a new genome (such as that of the baboon monkey) that does not have a reference genome available requires doing the assembly without a guide. Rather than simply comparing each new read to the reference, you must use various computational strategies to determine which short fragments should be joined end-to-end to produce the long stretches of genetic material that define that genome.

"What if you took the complete works of Shakespeare and cut them into sentences and then put it back together? That's difficult," said Reid. "Now imagine if you cut them into words and had to reassemble them. That's orders of magnitude more difficult." The techniques that are most effective at assembling such new genomes using short reads are those that require a large amount of RAM, said Reid. Such techniques hold great promise in diseases that can significantly change the structure of a genome, such as cancer.

Dr. Richard Gibbs, director of the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center, plans to capitalize on the expanded computing capacity in his search for disease genes — in particular those related to cancer. "Analyzing genomic information from tumors as well as from normal tissues requires formidable computing power, such as that represented in this computing cluster," said Gibbs. "This should be possible to do across millions of bases in hundreds of genomes in a reasonable amount of time. Taken together, the Massive RAM Genomic Analysis Cluster would enable existing analysis to proceed faster, improve the quality of analysis currently undertaken and allow us to embark on novel, transformational

analysis development and discovery."

Reid is leading the effort to develop these novel methods of sequence analysis, in collaboration with other BCM researchers: Dr. Rui Chen, assistant professor in the sequencing center, will use the massive computing power in his work on the genetics of early onset retinal diseases. Dr. Joseph Petrosino, assistant professor of molecular virology and microbiology at BCM, will also use the computing power as part of the BCM effort to sequence the Human Microbiome, an international effort to determine the genetic code of the bacteria that colonize the bodies of healthy humans.

Dr. Jeffrey Rogers, an associate professor of molecular and human genetics at BCM and a

member of the Baylor Human Genome Sequencing Center, is a leader in primate genomics and will work with researchers across the country to sequence various primate genomes. This knowledge will improve understanding of primate biology and human disease.

"This is a transformative time for genomics and primate biology, which is only enabled by the combination of next-generation DNA sequencing and high performance computing resources such as the Massive RAM Genomic Analysis Cluster," said Rogers. "This is a very exciting time for genomics."

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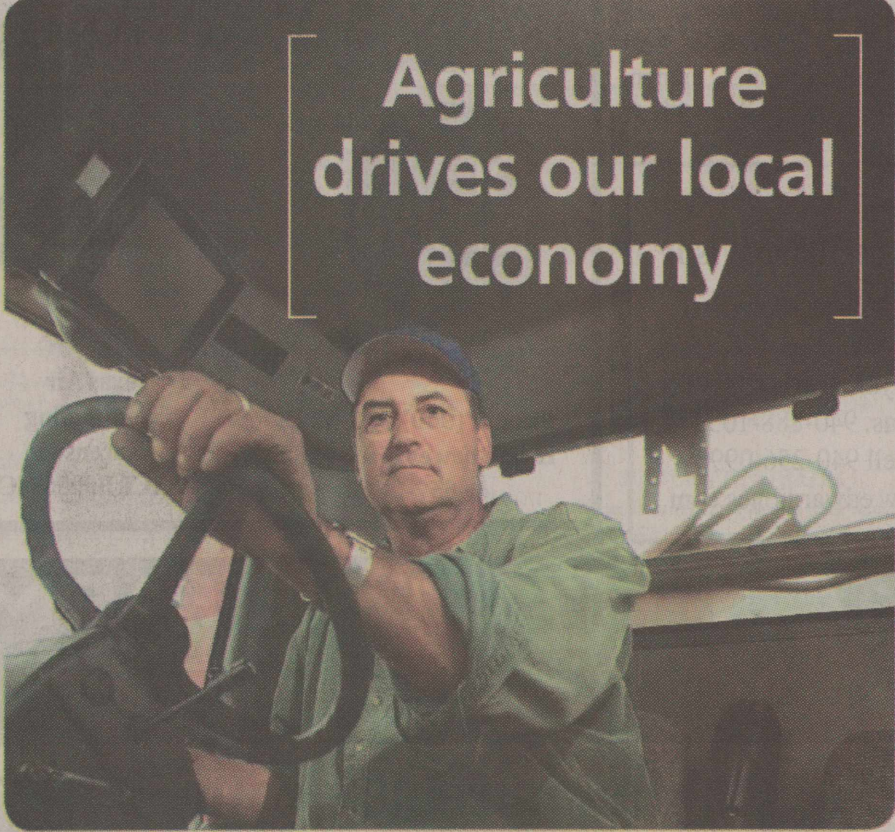
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