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Local Coalition looking to set up and provide energy for Floydada

By Homer Marquez

In the efforts of insuring that some local communities don't lose power in the year 2019, the High Plains Diversified Energy Corporation, or HPDEC, has recently announced that they have reached an agreement to purchase two natural gas plants in Odessa. On Dec. 30, HPDEC signed an agreement to purchase the Quail Run Energy Center, a 550 megawatt natural gas combined cycle generation facility, from a subsidiary of Constellation Energy for \$185.3 million; and on Jan. 13, HPDEC signed another agreement to purchase a 1,000 megawatt natural gas-powered generation facility, located near Odessa, from PSEG Power for \$335 million.

So who is the HPDEC? Formed in 2008, the High Plains Diversified Energy Corporation, or HPDEC, is a local governmental non-profit corporation and municipal utility that was started by the West Texas Municipal Power Agency, or WTMPA. WTMPA, which is a Texas municipal power agency, a municipal corporation and a municipal electric utility for the cities of Floydada, Brownfield, Tulia, and Lubbock, is in charge making sure that these cities have some source of electricity; they do this by engaging the

generation, transmission, sale, and exchange of electrical energy.

Currently, the WTMPA provides electrical energy for Floydada, Brownfield, Tulia and Lubbock by buying wholesale power from Xcel Energy. Xcel Energy then supplies the municipalities with electrical energy under the requirements set forth by the contracts between WTMPA and Xcel Energy. However, Xcel Energy has informed the WTMPA that once the current wholesale contracts expire in 2019, Xcel Energy will not be planning on renewing any of their contracts, leaving the WTMPA to find a new source of power. As of now, it is not known why Xcel Energy will not be renewing its contracts in 2019. Sources also say that there may be a possibility that Xcel Energy will also not renew other contracts made between them and other municipalities. Nevertheless, the WTMPA was left looking for a new power supplier. In order to solve this problem, in 2008, the WTMPA created a distinctive public-private partnership between the newly formed HPDEC and the Republic Power Partners LP, or RPP. The RPP is a Dallas based limited partnership that is committed to creating solutions in clean energy. The main focal points of the

new team would be to find a way to provide energy for the municipalities in the WTMPA; as well as developing a transmission system that would deliver the power to the WTMPA via the Southwest Power Pool grid. To finance their plans of electric development, the HPDEC will use municipal revenue bonds; these bonds will then be paid off by the revenues generated by the selling of electricity from their recently acquired natural gas plants. The HPDEC wanted to stress that no taxpayer dollars were involved in the attainment of these municipal revenue bonds, and there will be no public liability.

With the purchase of the two natural gas plants in Odessa, the RPP and the HPDEC have moved even closer to achieving their goal of creating a portfolio that will include 4,000-6,000 megawatts of diversified electric energy, all deriving from natural gas, wind energy, solar power, biomass, and clean coal. "These plants will help HPDEC provide the generating capacity necessary to deliver reliable, low-cost electricity to our customers and the surrounding area," said HPDEC Chairman Scoot Collier, "when these acquisitions are complete, we will have purchased a

combined 1,550 megawatts of natural gas-fired electric generation at a significantly lower price than if we were to build the equivalent capacity."

From now until 2019, when the Xcel Energy contracts are up, the HPDEC will be selling the electric power that the plants are currently producing to other buyers. When the time comes to move the electricity to Floydada, the group will be planning on using the power lines that were set up decades back when the people of Floydada chose to have an independent power system.

As of right now, if excess funds exist from the sale of their electricity, the HPDEC is planning on distributing some of the surplus funds to the city members of the WTMPA; but excess funds will not be expected in the near future, because of all the debt connected with the purchase of the two electric plants, along with the costs of construction, maintenance, and operation.

Made up of a board, the HPDEC has chosen members of each community in the WTMPA to represent their municipality; in Floydada, the HPDEC has chosen Hulon Carthel to represent his community.

Floyd County Friends Gala will be held Saturday



By Elaine LaBaume

There are only a few days left to get your tickets for Floyd County Friends 16th annual gala. I have visited with Spanky and Amy Assiter and they are excited to be coming to Floyd County.

When you walk in the door of the Unity Center you will see "Barrett-Jackson Floyd County Style." Spanky has quite a story to tell about his life and success as an auctioneer. Amy will be singing the National Anthem. She also works for Barrett-Jackson as a bidder assistant.

Tickets available at D & J Gin in Lockney and Nick Long's State Farm and manager, Jon LaBaume in Floydada.

Spanky's brother, Tim Assiter, will be the MC for the evening. Tim has donated his time and

talents for the gala since it's inception in 1996. Their parents, Tommy and Joy Assiter, will be special guests.

Remember that \$1000 will be given away and has been donated by Happy State Bank. You must be present to be eligible for this. Come and enjoy a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. The steak for the gala will be provided by Cargill and Monsanto and the rest of the food is provided by Lowe's of Floydada and Lockney. Floyd County Friends is grateful for these businesses for their donations.

As always there is a live and silent auction and raffle tickets are on sale now and will be sold throughout the gala.

Don't miss the "biggest social of the year in Floyd County."

Fair Board elects officers; sets building rental rules

By Carol Huggins

The Floyd County Fair Association met recently and elected officers for the coming year. President will be Kay Martin, Vice President is Darlene Broseh, Secretary is Carol Huggins, and Treasurer is Jim Martin. Work has begun for the next Fair, which will be September 15-17.

As always, anyone who would like to work on the Fair Board is encouraged to do so and will be welcomed.

The Board has several ideas for maintenance and also for events. If you have an idea of something you would like to see happen, please let one of the officers know and we will see if we can do it. We would like to resolve several issues with the building, but we need more help to accomplish this.

The Fair Association is also in dire need of some funding to make needed repairs and purchase other items. We would be glad to

take memorial donations or a donation to honor someone special to you. Please send these to Floyd County Fair, P.O. Box 694 in Lockney. We will be sure to notify those whom the donations are made for.

The Fair Board has also now set the rules and prices for renting the Entertainment Barn. This is a good facility for weddings, family reunions, quinceniras, and other activities. If you are interested in renting the Entertainment Barn, please call Kay Martin or go by J & K Insurance in Lockney or Floydada to fill out a rental agreement. There are already several events scheduled.

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By Homer Marquez

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

We were happy to have Guy Guinn's granddaughter, Susan McMahan and her children, Zachery and Kade of Lubbock to eat with us at the Center Friday, March 18.

We were happy to have Virginia Stringer eat lunch last Wednesday. We hope she will continue to come to the Center and enjoy the fellowship and food.

If you are 60 years or older come join us. Visit your friends and meet some new ones.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume's granddaughter, Kate Childre of Lubbock, came and spent most of her Spring Break with them. She and her brother, Harrison, attends Lubbock Christian School. On Thursday they all went to Lubbock to spend the night so Jon could go with grandson, Harrison,

to the Science Spectrum. Son-in-law, Charles Childre and Kate went with them. Elaine and Kelli went to the mall shopping.

Edwin Nutt that now resides in Prairie House in Plainview in the TLC Unit has improved a little. He still sleeps most of the time but is eating and drinking better.

Our sympathy to the family of Barbara Hatley.

Our sympathy to the family of Mita Coronado.

Our sympathy to the family of Jim Simpson.

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

In memory of Barbara Hatley - Shorty Turner, Craig and Mary Schneider, Pat Wess, Steve and Tori Smith, Jo Payne, Robert and Scarlet Whitaker.

In memory of Louis Lloyd - Jo Payne.

In memory of Jimmy Crader - Jo Payne.

In memory of Verna Lynne Stewart - Jo Payne.

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In memory of Marie Warren - Jo Payne.

In memory of Imogene Fortenberry - Jo Payne.

In memory of Peggy Probasco - Jo Payne.

In memory of Jean Hale - Jo Payne.

In memory of Joyce McGuire - Jo Payne.

In memory of Louise Turner - Jo Payne.

In memory of Jim Simpson - Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of Wayne Rainwater - Gene and Nancy Lawson.

Thought for the Week - Those who expect to reap the blessing of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

Thomas Paine

MENU

March 28 - April 1

Monday - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian blend, salad, garlic bread, pumpkin bread

Tuesday - Chicken and dumplings, mixed veggies, roll, banana pudding

Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad

Thursday - Lemon pepper chicken, macaroni and tomatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, jello w/fruit

Friday - No Menu



EMILY ELIZABETH EVANS AND JEFFERY STUART POSEY

Evans and Posey to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Evans of Floydada, Texas and DeAnn Collins of Plainview, Texas wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Elizabeth Evans to Jeffery Stuart Posey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Posey of Roby, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Floydada High School in 2002. She attended South Eastern Oklahoma State and South Plains School of Nursing. She is employed by Dr. K. Narendran, Gastroenterologist as a Physician's Assistant.

She is the granddaughter of Ronald and Alyne

Evans of Floydada, Texas and Jimmie and Dolores Collins of Dennison, Texas.

The prospective groom graduated from Roby High School in 2004 and attended WTC and Lubbock Christian University and graduated in 2009. Stuart is a farmer.

He is the grandson of Juanita Underhill of Rotan and Joseph Chavez of California and Ted and Gloria Posey of Rotan.

An April 22, 2011 wedding is planned at the Legacy in Lubbock. The couple will reside in Roby, Texas.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

The fund raiser lunch was a great success; we served 226 meals. Thank you all who came and ate; thank you to Cecil and Betty Jones for helping and playing

music. A big thank you to Betty Jones for making her famous chocolate pies, and those who made donations to help by the food; we appreciate you all.

Our sympathy to the

families of: Roy E. Lyles who passed away Feb. 26, in Canyon. He lived in the South Plains community and graduated from Lockney in 1939. To the family of Donald Hatch, former Lockney resident who passed away Feb. 26; Donald worked with his father-in-law at the Baxter Smith Elevator. To the family of Glen Whitfill, his services were held in Sweetwater on March 9; he was a Lockney native and a graduate of Lockney High. He married the late Ruby Jewel Nichols. To the family of J.R. Belt who passed away Sunday,

March 13; he will be truly missed here at the Center. To the family of Kathleen Thornton who passed away on March 18; her funeral was Monday the 21st. To the family of Delbert Rose who passed away over the weekend, and at this time I am unsure of service times. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of these families. Have a great week

Menu

March 28-31

Monday - Baked Potatoes

Tuesday - Mexican Stack

Wednesday - Fried Chicken

Thursday - Salmon

Friday - Meat Loaf

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First National Bank of Floydada Vice President Andrew D. Carthel (left) presents the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department represented by Corey Johnston (right) and Jason Pyle (center) with a check in the amount of \$5,000 to help with expenses incurred from recent range fires.

Heart's Desire
Bridal shower selections for
Kayla Graves & Gaylon Rylnt
Marissa Sparkman & Taylor Brock

Baby Selections for
Lee and Karlon Brandon - March 26
Reen McCrae Yeary
Baby boy of Cliff and Tashelle Yeary

Twin baby girls
Glynn & Amy Sutterfield

Unity Center to host county gospel meeting

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy a country gospel meeting with the Bill and Rodger Ministries team. On April 2 at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, the traveling ministry group will host a fun and an entertaining message from the gospel as they load up the night with singing, worship, food and an inspiring message. A free fajita dinner with all the trimmings will be provided, and door prizes will be given out throughout the evening. For any questions please contact Zeldia Ellison at 806-652-3161, Kay Martin at 806-652-3316, or 652-3594, or call Peggy Lambert at 806-652-2708 or visit www.billandroger.com

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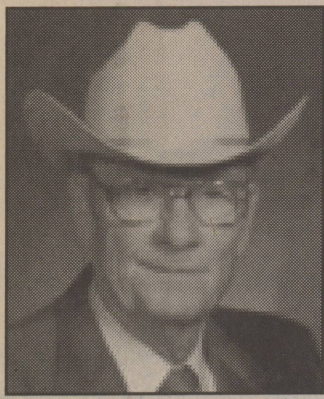
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Obituaries



J. R. BELT

J.R. Belt, age 94, was born on June 5, 1916 in Lockney. He went to see the Lord on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Services were held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 2 p.m., at the West College and 3rd St. Church of Christ. Interment followed at the Lockney Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

J.R. married Ona Maye Golden, the love of his life on July 8, 1934. They were married 76 years. To this union were born three children, Elizabeth Ann Belt Foster of Plainview, Carolyn Dean Belt Duvall of Dallas, and Dr. Steven D. Belt of West Orange, New Jersey.

J.R. loved to farm. He was a hard worker and strived to do the best job he could in any Endeavor he tried. He was community minded and helped wherever he could. J.R. was on the boards of many different organizations including the High Plains Underground Water District; Lockney Independent School District Board of Trustees; Director of 1st National Bank in Lockney and was one of the founding directors of the Lockney Cooperative Gin. He was also a member of the American Angus Association, and had one of the first Registered Angus Cattle farms in Floyd County. J.R. and Maye Belt were honored by being selected as Pioneer Couple of the Year for 1995 at the Floyd County Old Settlers Day.

J.R. loved his church and was a devout Christian man. He was a member of the West College and 3rd St. Church of Christ, where he attended until he was unable to do so. He also privately helped many young people go to college without any public knowledge or recognition. He contributed both labor and equipment to many civic causes both in Lockney and Floyd County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose Belt and one brother, Gene Belt.

Survivors include his wife, Maye Belt of Lockney; two daughters, Ann Foster and husband, Eddie of Plainview, and Carolyn Duvall of Dallas; one son, Dr. Steve Belt of West Orange, New Jersey; two sisters, Retha Wofford and Dorothy Jarrett both of Lubbock; six grandchildren, David Foster and wife, DarLee, Jody Foster and wife, Shawnda, Melanie Foster, Karyn Murray, Lauri Hebner and husband, Mark, and Dodd Duvall and wife, Susan; ten great-grandchildren, Addie and Will Foster, Senee Segayle, and SyAnn Foster, Leisha and Taylor Griffin, Madeline, Natalie and Reagan (J.R.) Duvall; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.



FRANCISCA CORONADO

Frances "Mita" Coronado, age 60, of Floydada, passed

away Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in Lubbock. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the Primera Iglesia Bautista with Pastor Elias Garcia officiating. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Francisca (Marmolejo) Coronado was born October 6, 1950 to Dimas, Sr. and Paubla (Rodriguez) Marmolejo in Staples, Texas. She married Ricardo Coronado, Sr. in 1974 in Plainview. She was a strong Christian woman who loved and enjoyed her grandkids. Frances enjoyed going to Allsup's for a cup of coffee and going to Dollar General. She enjoyed helping others, cooking and cleaning and she didn't know the meaning of the word "hate". She loved doves and sunflowers. Frances was a member of the Church of the Living God.

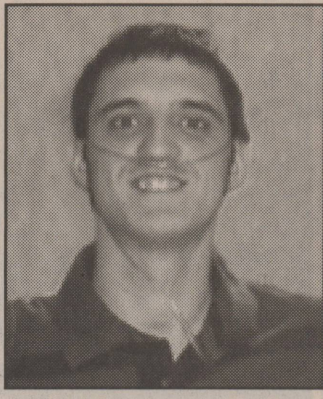
She is preceded in death by her parents, a son, Freddy Coronado, a daughter, Hope Coronado and a grandson, Jacob Ryan Coronado.

Frances is survived by her husband of over 36 years, Ricky Coronado, Sr.; two sons, Ricky Coronado, Jr. and wife, Julie of Floydada, Rene Coronado and wife, Marcy of Floydada; a daughter, Rita Rios and husband, Martin of Floydada; nine grandchildren, Ricky Lynn Coronado III, C.J. Coronado, Jazmine Coronado, Audrey Almaguer, Alexis Coronado, R.J. Coronado, Kimi Rios, Mikey Rios, and M.J. Rios; eight brothers, Juan Marmolejo, Rey Marmolejo, Dimas Marmolejo, Jr., Alberto Marmolejo, Felix Marmolejo, Felipe Marmolejo and Nicholas Marmolejo; three sisters, Benita Irlas, Dominga Irlas, Jackie Montoya and numerous loved nieces and nephews.

PRISCILLA DESTINY DE LA FUENTE

Priscilla Destiny De La Fuente, was to be born May 5, 2011 and was taken in a tragic accident on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in Lubbock. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the Floydada Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Priscilla is survived by her parents, Manuel De La Fuente and Gloria Rangel; one brother, Manuel De La Fuente, Jr.; two sisters, Kayla De La Fuente and Dalia Jade Reynoso; paternal grandparents, Jose and Rosalinda De La Fuente; maternal grandparents, Martin and Martha Garcia; paternal great-grandmother, Delores De La Fuente; maternal great-grandparents, Juan and Gloria V. Rangel; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



DUSTY RAY KEITH

Dusty Ray Keith, age 22, of Idalou, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Carillon House in Lubbock, Texas. Celebration of life services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Idalou, Texas with Steve Bigham officiating. Interment was held at 5 p.m., Thursday, at Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dusty Ray Keith was born on October 12, 1988 in Lubbock to David Keith and Tonya (West) Bentley. He was a lifelong resident of Idalou and was a student at Idalou High School attending in Lorenzo-EPEC.

To know Dusty was to love him. He was a hugger who would give everyone a hug and tell them he loved them. He truly was a gifted, talented man. He had a knack for finding change wherever he went, and for stealing girlfriends from his friends. He loved Frosted Flakes, McDonald's, Coke and Sweet Tea. Dusty had great enthusiasm for Lego's and specialized in building apartments and towers. He was very meticulous when he built an apartment or a tower for someone to live in. Dusty would even communicate with friends and family by using sign language. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and loved him.

Dusty was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Billy and Jimmie West; his maternal great-grandmother, Irene King and his paternal great-grandparents, Charlie and Viola Keith of Matador.

Dusty is survived by his mother, Tonya Bentley, and step-father, Doran Lindsey Sr., both of Idalou; his father, David Bryan Keith; his paternal grandparents, Dave and Tommye Keith, all of Dickens, Texas; two sisters, Jessi Lettunich of Goldsmith and Jonni Keith; a brother, Tanner Keith; two step-brothers, Doran Lindsey, Jr. and Toby Lindsey, all of Idalou; aunts and uncles, Ricky and Vivian West, and Tye Keith, all of Dickens; Bobby and Stella West, and Mike and Jamie Keith, all of Lubbock; six cousins, Laura West, of Dickens, and Alexa West, Torrie West, Beaux West, Taylor Keith, and Grayson Keith, all of Lubbock; his two nephews, Nicholas Lettunich and Levi Lettunich of Goldsmith.

Dusty's family would

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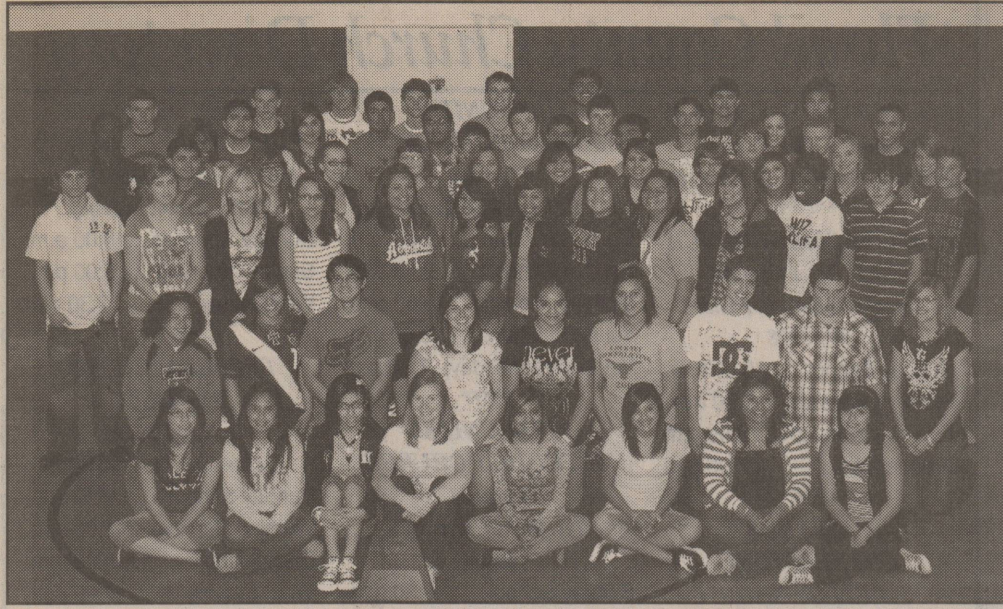


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Lockney's Longhorn Band wins another UIL Grand Sweepstakes Trophy: The Longhorn Band went to the UIL band contest on Thursday, March 10, at the Lubbock-Cooper High School Auditorium. The Band was awarded first division ratings from all six judges. The Longhorn Band performed Winchester March by John Edmonson, Two British Folk Songs by Eliot Del Borgo and Cascadia Celebration by Steve Hodges. Judges for the concert contest were Shannon Dow from Mansfield, Barry Hurt from Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Dwight Hardin from Bridgeport, Jimmie Exline from Seminole, Ed Troyer from Monte Vista, Colorado, and Jim Rhodes from Forsan. "A very well rehearsed band with all contributing towards group success; I enjoyed your concert band, you were superior!" commented Judge Shannon Dow. Judge Barry Hurt commented, "Very nice ensemble sounds today, good style and interpretation; this was a well prepared performance." Combining the First Division ratings from the concert and sight-reading contest with the First Division rating in marching, earned the Longhorn Band the UIL Grand Sweepstakes Trophy.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Congratulations are in order for the Lockney Longhorn baseball team for their second place finish at the Field of Dreams tournament that was held this weekend in Lockney. At the start of the tournament the 'Horns would start strong with a 21-10 victory over Olton, after that Lockney would overcome Childress 9-5, unfortunately the 'Horns would lose the Championship game to New Deal. On March 22, the Lockney Longhorns will start district play against Kress, and then the Horns will travel to Nazareth for a rematch on March 25.

Boys Track Write up

The Lockney Longhorns 7th and 8th grade boys track team competed in the Floydada Whirlwinds track meet on Tuesday March 8th. The horns did very well and worked very hard for the awards they received. "I was very proud of the way we went over there and competed, the kids all worked very hard and did there best" commented Coach Kyle Browne.

Moore 4th Place; 300 Hurdles- Derick Patel 3rd Place; Shot Put-Ruben Ascencio 1st place; Discus- Ruben Ascencio 5th place; Triple Jump- Justin Suarez 6th place
8th Grade

Sprint Relay 4th place- Marcos Bueno, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Ignacio Tapia

Mile Relay 4th place- Marcos Bueno, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Darin Deleon
800 Relay 4th place- Marcos Bueno, Nic Sherman, Michael Guerrero, Darn Deleon; 110; Hurdles- Eli Guerra 4th place; 300 Hurdles- Eli Guerra 6th place; Shot Put- Micahel Guerrero 1st place, Javier Guerrero 3rd place; Discus- Javier Guerrero 4th Place; Triple Jump- Ignacio Tapia 1st place

7th Grade

Sprint Relay 6th place- Derick Patel, Levi Kasner, Daylen Gatica, Justin Suarez; Mile Relay 4th Place- Derick Patel, Levi Kasner, Daylen Gatica, Justin Suarez; 100m Dash- Justin Suarez 6th place; 200m Dash- Levi Kasner 1st place; 2400- Daylen Gatica 2nd place and Jake Motre 3rd Place; 1600- Jake

Lockney School Lunch Menu

March 28-1 Monday

Breakfast-Blueberry Muffin or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken Nuggets or Steak Fingers, potatoes, mixed vegetables, oranges smiles, roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast-Rice or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Carne Quisada or Grilled Cheese, corn, salad, pineapple, tortilla, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancakes or Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pig in the Blanket or Grilled Cheese, corn, salad, pineapple, tortilla, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Eggs and Ham or Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch- Lasagna or Ham, salad, pears, bread, milk
Friday
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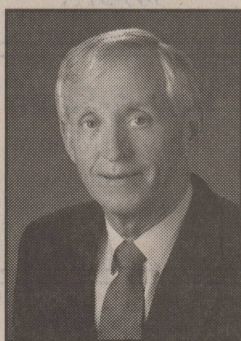
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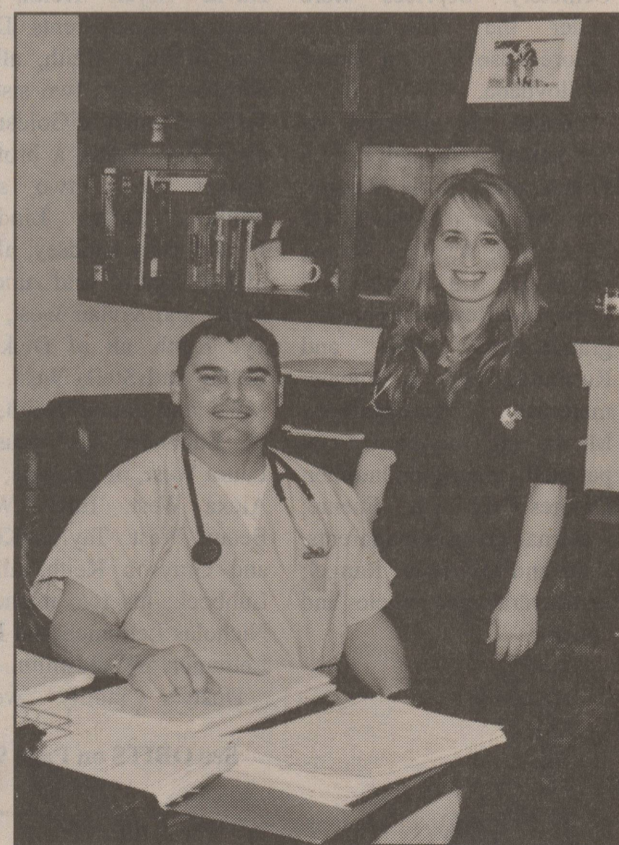
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Whirlwinds capture Region 1 Division 3 Powerlifting Championship

By Coach L. Bandy

The Floydada Whirlwind Powerlifting team competed in Sundown on March 12 at the Region 1 Division 3 powerlifting meet. The lifters competing were Troy Morales, Ben Alvarez, Juan DeOchoa, Joseph DeOchoa and Homero Ramirez.

Troy Morales competed in and won the 123 lbs class with a total of 870 lbs. Ben Alvarez placed 3rd in the 132

lbs. class with a total of 935 lbs. Juan DeOchoa placed 2nd in the 220 lbs. class with a total of 1330 lbs. Joseph DeOchoa placed 4th in the 242 lbs. class with a total of 1290 lbs. Homero Ramirez competed as an alternate in the 275 lbs. class.

The State Powerlifting Meet will be held this weekend, March 26, 2010 in Abilene at the Expo Center. The Whirlwinds

as a team scored 18 points, and won the Region 1 Division 3 title out right this year. Congratulations Whirlwinds!

The top two in each weight class earned a trip to Abilene to compete against all Regions in our region. Congratulations to Troy Morales, Juan DeOchoa and Ben Alvarez for qualifying for the 2011 State Powerlifting Meet!



Courtesy Photo
The top two in each class earned a trip to Abilene to compete at 2011 State Powerlifting Meet. Representing the Whirlwinds will be Juan DeOchoa (left) and Troy Morales (right). The meet will be held March 26th at the Expo Center.



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Whirlwind Powerlifters captured the Region 1 Division 3 Powerlifting Championship on March 12 in Sundown. Pictured are (back row, l-r) Coach Todd Bandy, Juan DeOchoa, Rex Mathis, Coach Levi Bandy; (front row, l-r) Ben Alvarez, Joseph DeOchoa, Homero Garcia and Troy Morales.



Photo by Jim Covington

During the Floydada track meet, Whirlwind pole vaulter, Cole Covington makes sure he clears the bar as he takes one of his vaults. So far this year, Floydada's track team has had a solid run, winning metals in various events; on March 25, the 'Winds will compete in the Tulia track meet, on April 6, Floydada will head to the District Track meet in Abernathy.

Cotton Market Weekly

In a week of unpredictable world events, the futures markets were very much the captive of overnight events and the screaming headlines that appeared when traders turned on their computer the next morning. Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) moved to sharp gains on Thursday, reversing course after three days of selling pressure took the front months to the lowest levels in three weeks.

Wild daily price swings resulted in unprecedented moves as rumors in the market included news that large investment index funds were back in the market buying commodities and mill fixations were scaling down. Even some long term bullish advisory firms were warning customers to resist the urge to chase the rally until the Japanese nuclear crisis has, been resolved.

On March 11, a massive earthquake occurred near the northeastern coast of Japan, creating extremely destructive tsunami waves that hit Japan just minutes after the earthquake and triggering evacuations and warnings across the Pacific Ocean. In addition to a heartrending loss of lives and property, the earthquake and tsunami caused extensive and severe damage to a nuclear plant. This week, Japanese officials raced the clock to contain radiation.

With the nuclear problem still in flux, all markets remained susceptible to every comment put out by any "official source" whether it came out of Japan, Europe, or the United States.

"If it has not been made clear enough by now, allow me to plainly state that we are not trading cotton right now, we are trading the success and failure of the Japanese to get the melting down of their nuclear reactors under control," a trader explained.

While there was very little cotton news for analysts to ponder, USDA's export sales report turned a few heads this week. The most significant feature of the 2010-11 upland cotton figures for the week ended March 10 was the large cancellations by China and Turkey of 59,300 and 23,200 bales, respectively,

amidst sketchy evidence of mills selling cotton back to merchants. The total decrease in 2010-11 commitments was 90,400 bales, more than offsetting new sales of 35,300 bales. Additionally, at 311,800 bales, export shipments were much lower than in recent reports. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Indonesia.

As for 2011-12, the pace of new sales remained robust at 231,600 bales. Turkey, Vietnam, China, and Brazil were the top buyers.

Spot cotton sales were considerably lower in the week ended March 17 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold only 87 bales online at an average of \$1.90 cents per pound. The previous week, producers sold 1,596 bales at prices ranging from \$2.01 to \$2.15 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the 2011-12 cotton season now is underway as producers in South Texas and the Coastal Bend have begun planting cotton under clear skies. Windy conditions slowed field work for a few days this week, but no rain was in the forecast, and planting progressed under near ideal conditions.

On the Texas High and Rolling Plains, clouds have not carried any significant rainfall to dry fields. Record high temperatures were recorded in West Texas this week as producers there look forward to the chance of rain that is forecast over the weekend. Moisture is desperately needed to assure optimum planting conditions.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU March 28 - April 1

- 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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Grain Indemnity Fund needed for financial protection

LUBBOCK, Texas (March 18, 2011)—Every year Texas grain producers entrust their livelihoods with the grain buyers and warehouses they do business with. When grain producers deliver the bounty of their crops to grain elevators, they expect those companies to fulfill their contractual obligation to remit timely payments or adequately maintain the grain in storage.

In light of a number of grain facility closures in recent years, plus the news today that the Bardwell Grain Company in Bardwell, Texas, was closed, this is a significant issue for Texas grain producers.

That is why Texas Representative Larry Phillips filed House Bill 1840 to give producers the opportunity for financial protection in these

situations. H.B. 1840 will establish legislation that will let producers vote to enact a grain indemnity fund to protect the financial interests in the event an elevator or other grain buyer is not able to meet its financial obligation to the producer.

"This bill essentially establishes the opportunity for Texas grain producers to create a producer-funded insurance program," David Gibson, executive vice president for the Corn Producers Association of Texas, said. "Texas is far behind many grain-producing states in creating such a fund, and it's important that our state's producers have this protection."

Upon passage of the Bill, a grain producer referendum will be held to enact the beginning of the collection of assessments.

Producers will have to vote by a simple majority to pass the referendum and enact the Fund.

The Texas House Committee on Agriculture will hold a hearing on H.B. 1840 on March 29 at 8 a.m. in the Capitol Annex, room E1.014.

"We encourage producers to attend this hearing to express their support of House Bill 1840 and give them an opportunity to enact the Fund to protect producers across the state from purchaser failures," Gibson said. "Additionally, they should visit with their grain elevator or grain buyer about their current practices, so producers may be fully informed before entering into a contract or delivering grain for storage."

Currently, grain producers only have the

Texas Grain Warehouse Act or the Federal Grain Warehouse Act to protect them, which only protects stored grain producers have in a facility. Texas Senate Bill 248 and House Bills 1324 and 1361 were recently filed to further strengthen the Texas Grain Warehouse Act based on recommendations of the recent TDA Grain Warehouse Task Force. These Bills will require the bond of 6 cents per bushel to be increased to 10 cents per bushel and the maximum bond requirement for a warehouse will be \$500,000.

While these enhancements to the Texas Grain Warehouse Act are a step in the right direction, producers have found these stipulations often-times do not cover the financial catastrophe caused by a grain facility

closure. For instance, many producers are only receiving 50 cents for every dollar worth of grain they had in the Dorchester grain facility that was closed recently. These losses impact not only the producer, but also lenders and businesses. The economic impact of a failed elevator or other grain purchaser ripples across communities, and even across the state.

With a grain indemnity fund

The Fund would be regulated by a seven person producer board, appointed by state commodity groups, in conjunction with the TDA. While it may require TDA to assign personnel to handle the assessments, the costs to TDA will be fully paid for from the proceeds of the Fund. Thus, no tax dollars will

be used for administration, enforcement or for indemnities to producers.

"House Bill 1840 would give grain producers the opportunity to decide if they want a statewide grain indemnity fund

For more information about H.B. 1840 and the grain indemnity fund, visit the *Legislature* page on the CPAT website.

CPAT is the legislative arm of Texas corn producer representation. CPAT's mission is to build a strong organizational support system for corn that will represent the interests and concerns of producers from all regions of Texas. For more information, visit www.TexasCorn.org or contact CPAT Communications Director Stephanie Pruitt at stephanie@texascorn.org.

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FLOYD COUNTY IN 1942—WORLD WAR II ON THE HOME FRONT
By Bill Gray

In the 1930s, the ominous threats of war stretched to the

far corners of the world. It was the dawning of the age of dictatorships in Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan. The Japanese occupation of Manchuria in 1931 was the first inkling of what was on the horizon. Italian Fascists, under the leadership of Benito Mussolini, conquered Ethiopia in just a matter of days in 1936, kindling the smoldering fires that were soon to erupt throughout Europe.

Adolph Hitler's Nazi Party gained control of Germany in 1933 and occupied Austria in 1938. In 1939, the crazed fanatical dictator unleashed his *blitzkrieg* (lightning war) upon

Poland and Czechoslovakia. With worldwide peace threatened, American remained steadfast in its policy of noninvolvement in the global conflicts.

The United States' neutral position in the European war was defined by the 1939 Panama Declaration, which prohibited the encroachment by warring countries within a three hundred mile safety zone around the Western Hemisphere. The Roosevelt administration passed a number of neutrality laws, and American abandoned its long-established doctrine of freedom of the seas. The government

also withdrew the traditional rights of free travel.

A growing number of citizens resented the neutrality laws which prevented the United States from assisting victims of aggression. Fear mounted that the country itself was vulnerable to attack if the aggressions remained unchecked. Nevertheless, America entered into a nonintervention pact with Great Britain and France. President Roosevelt devised a number of methods to keep the country out of war, but the Japanese settled the question with the unprovoked attack upon the American naval fleet at Pearl Harbor in December 7,

1941.

War was declared by a joint session of Congress against Japan on December 8. Great Britain follow suit, and joined the United States in forming the nucleus of the Allied Alliance. Following German and Italian declarations of war against the United States, the U.S. Congress countered with like proclamations against those Axis powers.

Prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, the United States had already shifted its neutrality policies to those of preparedness. The country's mobilization in the early months was unprecedented.

The United States had about 370,000 men and women in the military in 1939.

The selective Training and Service Act became law in September, 1940. It provided for conscription to bolster the manpower requirements for the war effort. By 1945, 12,500,000 Americans were in uniform. From the outset of the war, Floyd County contributed heavily to its share of men and women in the service of their country.

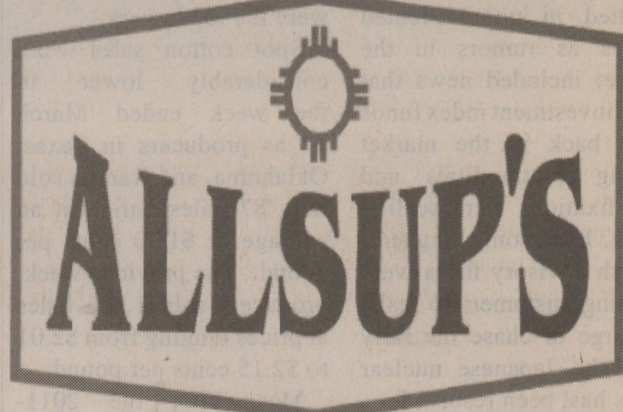
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Sen. Vitter Highlights Duplicity Toward Oil Drilling

By KEVIN MOONEY

Take a good look at the recent filing from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that seeks to stay a court order directing the feds to issue new oil drilling permits. It tells a much different story than what top Obama Administration officials claim in their statements to members of Congress.

In a letter addressed to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Director Michael Bromwich, Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) details these discrepancies.

"Over the last several weeks and months, you have indicated publicly, before Congress, and privately to members, including myself, that there are only a handful of permits awaiting agency action," Vitter wrote in the letter. "It is a mathematical impossibility for your representations to be accurate, as well as the filings of the Department of Justice to be accurate. It is not possible for there to be 'too few permits' awaiting review, and simultaneously 'too many' permits being reviewed to make issuing a particular handful problematic."

The numbers reported on page 11 of a motion the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed last week tell a much dif-

ferent story than what has recently reported in congressional testimony and transmitted privately to elected officials, Vitter notes in his letter. The DOJ motion seeks to stay federal judge Martin Feldman's two recent orders directing BOEMRE to issue at least seven permits. Since there are 270 shallow water permit applications pending and 52 deepwater permit applications pending, the court's orders could force a potentially harmful "re-prioritization," DOJ warns in its filing.

However, in his recent testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Salazar said the Interior Department has received only 47 shallow water permit applications over the past nine months and only seven deepwater permit applications are pending. For his part, Bromwich told Vitter personally that only six deepwater permits are pending and publicly stated that deepwater permits would be limited because "only a handful of completed applications have been received."

The timing of Vitter's letter coincided appropriately enough with Sunshine Week, which ran through Saturday, Mar. 19. It is a national effort organized through the American Society of News Editors that highlights the public's right to know about government activities.

Salazar and Bromwich both have a legal obligation to

maintain the integrity of the information they convey in their official capacities, Vitter points out in his letter.

"I would like to remind you of your responsibility as agency officials under the Information Quality Act (IQA). Section 515 of the IQA directs federal agencies to maximize "the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity" of information they prepare and disseminate and it requires agencies to adopt and follow implementing guidelines. The OMB guidelines note the IQA applies to the "creation, collection, maintenance, and dissemination of information." The basic standard of care is that information must be "accurate, clear, complete, and unbiased." Stricter and even more rigorous quality standards apply when the information is "influential," meaning it will "have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies...."

British Petroleum's Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded one year ago this past April 20 killing 11 workers and causing an estimated 5 million barrels of crude oil to spill into the Gulf of Mexico. The Obama Administration responded with a series of proviso and restrictions on future drilling that besets the industry to this day.

Pressure

By BILL WILSON

Right now, the world is lost in a sea of black swans — any of which, if they unfurl their wings and fly, could potentially derail the global economic recovery and lead to massive government defaults on sovereign debt.

Bloomberg News' William Pesek points to one of these black swans, that being the prospect that Japan, overwhelmed by the earthquake-tsunami-nuclear disaster response, will dump a large portion of its \$886 billion of U.S. treasuries to help pay for the recovery.

The problem is pretty clear: Insurance companies in Japan have massive payouts to make for the earthquake to their policy holders. If they cannot raise more capital, the recovery efforts could put considerable strain on those companies. Moreover, the Japanese government provides most of the earthquake insurance in the nation, but it caps total payouts at \$60 billion, as reported by MSNBC's John Schoen.

That may be help the insurance companies and the government's insurance funds stay solvent, but it poses a bigger difficulty. Estimates put the cost of recovery at about \$180 billion or more. That means that insurance alone is not going to cover the costs. So, Japan needs to get the money from somewhere, leading writers like Pesek to speculate that perhaps Japan will need to dump its U.S. treasuries holdings.

There are some other options. They could also use the threat of dumping the treasuries as a way of coercing the U.S. into paying for rebuilding Japan. Or, they could default on portions of their own domestically-held debt. Or go even deeper into debt — although Japan has already accumulated public debt equivalent to over 200 percent of the nation's economy.

Of those, getting the U.S. to help pay for the effort—since the Japanese do hold such a significant portion of U.S. debt—seems the most likely. Unless, of course, another U.S. creditor like China begins dumping their bonds first in anticipation of Japan dumping theirs, thus forcing Japan (and others) to dump theirs.

But, stepping back, even this is but one of many potential black swans that could lead to very bad outcomes.

For example, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has indicated that QE2, wherein the Fed is purchasing U.S. treasuries, will be winding down in June. The question is, when the Fed pulls back, who will buy all of the new debt the federal government is creating every year? Japan?

Consider the quantitative easing programs of the past couple of years. Pimco reports that in 2009, 80 percent of treasuries were purchased by the Federal Reserve, and in 2010, it had to buy 70 percent. Will there suddenly be a tremendous appetite for treasuries when the Fed withdraws when the U.S. debt is already pushing 100 percent of the Gross Domestic Product?

Another black swan, as always, are Mideast tensions. What will come of the Tunisian and Egyptian revolutions spreading throughout the region? What if hostilities break out between Saudi Arabia and Iran? Who would China back? The current unrest in that region obviously has tremendous implications for global energy supplies, which affects both China and Europe tremendously, which are both net energy importers. Further supply disruptions, coupled with easy monetary policies in the U.S., could send oil prices to the moon again.

And then there's the European sovereign debt

crisis itself. There, German and French financial institutions own most of the foreign-held debt of Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain. And they are unwilling to take any haircut via debt restructuring for these troubled sovereigns. But why?

Probably because they cannot afford to. Obviously, when the financial crisis struck in 2008, financial institutions could not afford the restructuring necessary with the losses posed by the mortgage-backed securities and derivatives — not without major government assistance. Those assets had been leveraged for borrowing and for investments.

It stands to reason they have done the same thing with government debt securities. Which is most likely why states like Ireland, Iceland, Greece, or others defaulting on portions of their debt poses such a threat to them. It could force them into bankruptcy.

Thus far, Ireland, since electing Prime Minister Enda Kenny recently, has attempted to negotiate a lower interest rate with the European Union for the €67.5 billion bailout loan it received. But Germany and France demanded that Ireland raise its lowest-in-Europe corporate tax rate of 12.5 percent.

Kenny refused, a move that has elevated him to the position of a national hero. The truth is, he holds some cards that could be played — namely, the threat of a sovereign default. He can rightly argue that his party never supported the bank bailout in Ireland to begin with, and that the 6 percent rate on the EU loan is confiscatory. So, what if Ireland uses that leverage to attempt to get a lower rate?

Moreover, what if Germany and France refused and Ireland defaulted? That would likely send ripples throughout government debt mar-

kets and threaten the ability of governments to borrow money.

It would also hurt the U.S. in that regard. Any one of these pressure points appears increasingly likely to blow up, and they could make it much harder for the U.S. to borrow over \$2 trillion every year to deficit-spend and refinance the existing \$14.1 trillion debt.

Scratch the surface and even the most-avowed, dedicated Washington, D.C. establishmentarians do not think the U.S. — and other troubled sovereigns throughout the world — are on any sort of tenable trajectory.

Meanwhile, in the U.S., Barack Obama is busy taking his kids to Brazil for vacation and obsessed with March Madness brackets.

At one of the nation's most critical moments, we need a strong leader. But instead we have a figure who appears increasingly unsuited to the task at hand, which is reining in an unsustainable government spending binge.

Whoever runs against Obama in 2012, he or she needs to articulate a very clear message of how to deal with the world as it is, not as central planners in Washington wish it were. We need to stop applying pressure to these pressure points and reduce the pressure. That means the U.S. needs to lead the way with some form of debt restructuring, fiscal austerity, and a return to hard money.

The alternative to debt repayment — even partial repayment via debt restructuring — appears to be to do nothing. And risk a catastrophic default later that includes the collapse of whole currencies and governments, the destabilization of entire regions, and the likely tyrannies that will rise to fill the power void. Then, no amount of bread and circuses will help.

Debt a Vexing Can of Worms

By ROBERT ROMANO

House Republicans have unveiled a very strong presentation they are making to constituents while Congress is on recess this week. It could indicate that a strong push is coming to rein in mandatory spending, meaning the \$61 billion the House has proposed cutting from non-defense discretionary is only the beginning of the work to be done in bringing the nation's fiscal House into order.

That's good, because the proposal to cut spending in the continuing resolution does nothing to address the problems House Republicans outline in their presentation to constituents. Of course, they may have inadvertently opened up a can of worms of problems that need to be explained to the American people.

According to a fact sheet being distributed by the House Republican Conference, "our nation's retirement and health security programs, coupled with our debt payments, are the real drivers of our debt crisis."

The presentation cites a Tarrance Group poll demonstrating public misconceptions about the nature of the nation's sovereign debt crisis, which says, "A majority of voters incorrectly believe the federal government spends more on defense/foreign aid than it does on Medicare and Social Security (63 percent)." In fact, security spending accounted for \$815 billion in 2010 compared to \$1.147 trillion for Medicare and Social Security.

Overall, so-called mandatory, autopilot spending, which includes Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs, will account for \$27.3 trillion from 2012-2021, compared to just \$8.5 trillion for security spending, according to the Office of Management and Budget. Mandatory spending comes about because of congressionally enacted laws based on eligibility determinations rather than line-item appropriations, thus requiring the money to be spent whether Congress votes up or down on new monies to be dispensed.

Currently, such spending accounts for \$1.95 trillion a year, but that number will rise to \$3.47 trillion by 2021, a 91 percent increase. Security spending, on the other hand will only rise from its current \$815 billion level to \$914 billion in 2021, a mere 12 percent increase.

The Tarrance Group poll outlines the uphill battle Republicans will have with bringing these facts to the attention of the American people. "Less than half (44 percent) believe Medicare and Social Security costs are a major source of problems for the federal budget (49 percent disagree)," says the poll. That's bad, because mandatory entitlement spending by every measure is threatening to consume the entire budget.

As a result, the presentation urges Americans to "share the facts with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers"

and to "let them know ignoring the problem will only make the problem worse". That's putting it mildly.

While there is a general sense among Americans that spending has increased dramatically since 2007, when the financial crisis began, most are probably not aware of by just how much Congress has increased taxpayer liabilities. In 2007, the budget was \$2.728 trillion with a budget deficit of just \$160.7 billion, but will rise in 2011 to \$3.818 trillion with an eye-popping \$1.645 trillion deficit. That's a \$1.09 trillion or 39 percent increase in spending in just four years, and a 923 percent increase in the budget deficit.

How could the deficit go from \$160.7 billion to \$1.645 trillion in just four years? A small part of it was the recession, which found revenues plummeting from \$2.567 trillion in 2007 to a projected \$2.173 trillion for 2011. But that only accounts for \$394 billion of the increased shortfall.

Mandatory spending increases account for \$745 billion of it, which has risen from \$1.449 trillion to \$2.194 trillion in 2011. Discretionary spending, which includes defense spending, has increased by \$374 billion since 2007. In that subcategory, defense spending increased by \$213 billion.

In other words, if the economy and thus revenues completely recovered to their 2007 levels, and discretionary spending was cut by a gargantuan \$374 billion, the budget deficit this year would still be well over \$700 billion.

But that's only the beginning of the problems House Republicans have with explaining the extent of the fiscal catastrophe facing the American people.

One thing the House Republican presentation fails to outline is why the large debt is in fact unsustainable. Nations all over the world have large debts, but when anyone proposes paying it down, folks may not fully understand why it is necessary to reduce its size. "Why can't we just keep borrowing?" is the question that is asked, and it is the one that the political Right must answer in order to make the strongest case possible for reining in spending.

Because if the nation could just keep borrowing ad infinitum without any harm, there really would be no reason to ever cut spending.

Of course, the reason that the debt must in reality be reduced is because the entirety of the debt, now \$14.1 trillion, has to constantly be refinanced. When refinancing is added to the deficit spending, this year \$1.645 trillion, the government now has to issue over \$2 trillion in treasuries every single year. By 2021, it will about \$4 trillion a year in treasuries sold to refinance and create new debt as the total debt climbs to over \$25 trillion. By then, total interest payments (net interest plus interest owed on Social Security and Medicare trust funds) will be over \$1 tril-

lion, and well over \$2 trillion by 2030.

The raiding of the trust funds alone is an issue that needs to be unpacked. Congress thought it was wise to grow the trust funds by allowing them to earn interest by converting the funds into treasuries. That's fine if one assumes an infinite supply of money and an unlimited capacity to borrow. As outlined above, the size of the debt to refinance plus spiraling interest payments prove the fallacy of that assumption. People are going to wish they had stuffed that money into mattresses and told FDR and LBJ to take a hike.

Because the government never contemplates debt repayment, every year, the amount of borrowing necessary to refinance and engage in deficit-spending grows, until soon there will be a day the markets will simply not have enough loot to lend to us. That day of reckoning could happen this decade, but if it doesn't, it will most certainly happen next decade.

An immediate solution to preventing that sort of catastrophe is to prohibit the Fed from purchasing treasuries directly and from funneling easy money into the primary dealers to buy them. Once the Fed's direct purchases stop in June, at which time the Fed's treasuries holdings will be about \$1.5 trillion, the central bank's discount lending at less than the rate of interest on treasuries appears to be the only way we will even be able to meet our current financing obligations. So, an easy way to deal with the problem is to add a constraint on borrowing, forcing Congress to make massive cuts. Bernanke could do this unilaterally if he chose to.

So, if we had a responsible steward of the currency, it would be cost prohibitive to print money for the purpose of buying debt. This would in turn impose borrowing constraints on the government. If those constraints were put into place before the tidal wave of refinancing hits the Treasury, the fiscal catastrophe we face could be averted.

Overall, House Republicans have a considerable challenge explaining the enormity of problems the nation faces. Because Washington, D.C. has lacked leadership, most Americans are not aware that mandatory entitlement spending by far is what is driving the sovereign debt crisis, and is largely the reason the deficit has gotten so out of control. Finally, Americans do not understand the mechanisms by which the government borrows, including the enabling role played by the Federal Reserve.

All of this needs to be explained to the American people so that, politically, they have the tools they need to make decisions about which public officials are playing straight with them on the \$14.1 trillion national debt. This may be a vexing can of worms, but this is one can of worms that everyone really needs to see — before it is too late.

FLDS petition raises even more questions

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The Eldorado Success received on Friday, March 11, 2011, a copy of a petition sent to hundreds of U.S. officials by FLDS members. The document came in response to a public information request filed by the newspaper with Texas Governor Rick Perry's office.

The first ten pages of the petition, titled "A Warning to the Nation," contained a rambling dissertation from Warren Jeffs in which he claimed to be speaking for God and ordered President Barack Obama and other state and national leaders to "let my people go."

The document also called for Jeffs to be released from his jail cell in Big Lake.

The newspaper received a copy of the first 10 pages from an anonymous source but did not receive a copy of all the signatures until the governor's office responded to the public information request.

Contrary to previous reports, the document was only 478 pages long and contained 6,376 names, far fewer than originally believed.

Leading to the earlier confusion was the fact that the document's page numbers were incorrect, with large blocks of page numbers missing. Also, many pages contained few signatures, some of them only one. Still other pages included duplicate signatures.

For example, both Lindsay Barlow and John Wayman signed the document twice. They are believed to be among the few of Warren Jeffs top lieutenants who avoided excommunication recently.

Among the men who have reportedly been excommunicated is Frederick Merrill Jessop, the former overseer of the YFZ Ranch. His name does appear on the document.

One name is missing, however. That of Wendell Nielsen. He stands accused on three counts of Bigamy and is due to come to trial soon in Judge Barbara Walther's 51st District Court.

Most of the signatures were dated November 1, 2010 but some were signed as late as November 8th and almost all of them included the signer's age. Many were scribbled signatures of children as young as eight. Still others were clearly signed by an adult but purported to be for children as young as a year old.

The petition also listed town names, presumably where the signer lived at the time the petition was circulated in eight states and one Canadian province. They included Colorado City and Flagstaff, Arizona as well as Hildale, Beryl, Panguitch and Glendale, Utah.

Las Vegas, Henderson, Pioche and Mesquite, Nevada were also on the list. So were Eldorado, Christoval, San Angelo, Lubbock, Kerrville,

and Boerne, Texas.

Custer, South Dakota made the list. So did Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mancos, Colorado and Edgerton, Minnesota.

Four towns in British Columbia appeared, including Creston, Yahk, Canyon and Lister.

In all, 529 people listed Eldorado as their home with 315 of them being over the age of 18. That is the first indication as to exactly how many FLDS members are living in Eldorado, either at the YFZ Ranch, the old Griffin farm west of town or the former Griffin Fuel depot property in the Orient Heights addition.

Interestingly, all of the young victims of the seven YFZ Ranch defendants convicted thus far of sexual assault of a child, appear to still be living at the ranch.

One name was glaringly absent from the petition, that of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs, who now calls Big Lake home. He is due to stand trial in July on two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child. He allegedly married two underage girls, one of them only 12, at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

He has long taught that no girl is too young for a "priesthood" marriage inside the FLDS church.

So far, neither President Obama, nor any federal or state official has responded publicly to the FLDS petition. It is known that several U.S. Senators and Representatives have received the petition.

Jeffs delivers prophecy of death, destruction

By Eldorado Success Newspaper

Warren Jeffs has been a busy man. In the past two months, the self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) has managed to excommunicate dozens of his followers, issue a proclamation threatening the destruction of American civilization, and reclaim the presidency of the church. And he's done it all from within the confines of the Reagan County Jail.

Like many inmates across the state, Jeffs has a phone in his cell and is allowed to make calls using phone cards he purchases through the jail commissary. Sources with ties to the FLDS community tell THE SUCCESS that Jeffs spends many hours each day preaching and prophesying to his faithful followers at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado as well as others in Utah, Arizona, Colorado and South Dakota.

Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner confirms that Jeffs, like other prisoners, may purchase phone cards through the jail commissary. A \$9 phone card allows prisoners to make two 15-minute local calls and one 15-minute long distance call. An \$18 card allows four 15-minute local calls and two 15-minute long distance calls.

The sheriff said that phone service is disabled at 10 p.m. each night and turned back on at 5 a.m. each morning.

Inmates may also make unlimited collect calls during the hours the phones are operational, Sheriff Garner said.

A proclamation issued by Jeffs to the people of the United States of America demands his release from jail and promises the swift retribution of god if the nation's leaders fail to comply.

The 966 page document, weighing more than three pounds, was sent to national and state leaders, including President Barack Obama, whose home state of Illinois was specifically targeted in the third paragraph of the revelation:

"1. Thus saith the Lord unto the nation of The United States of America; I the Lord am soon to send the shaking of the earth in a place in thy land not known as a usual place of violent shaking, unto the loss of many lives. "2. Let it be known, I, the Lord, have sent my message to government officials to free my servant Warren

Jeffs, to cause my people to receive back their lands and houses, and you heed me not.

"3. Thus I shall cause a great destruction in the land of Illinois, to the loss of life and your awakening, that when I, the Lord, speak, let my word be fulfilled, lest you become as a people only worthy to be swept off my land of Zion. "4. For verily I say unto you, this earth is mine, and I have caused my people to receive a preparation work for my glorious coming on earth to establish my Zion, and they are my people. Let them go! For you shall now feel the wrath of an Almighty God in the place of my naming in a soon to happen event."

The ten page document was followed by more than 14,000 signatures on 956 pages. Many of the signers were children, some as young as eight.

The document was sent by U.S. Priority Mail and was delivered to congressional offices on Friday, February 25, 2011, including that of Congressman Mike Conaway who represents the 11th District of Texas.

The proclamation was prefaced by a 13-paragraph proclamation Jeffs dictated to President Obama from his Utah jail cell on October 7, 2010.

The latest, longer document, was titled, "A Warning to the Nation." It was dated February 5, 2011 and was dictated by Jeffs from his jail cell in Big Lake.

Utah private investigator Sam Brower said on Monday that Jeffs is taking advantage of his unlimited access to phone communication, to threaten the nation's political leaders in hopes of bullying them to release him from jail.

Jeffs is being held in the Reagan County Jail as he awaits trial in San Angelo on two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy. If convicted he could spend the rest of his life in a Texas prison.

Jeffs tightens control over his church

Warren Jeffs appointed himself as head of the FLDS Church on February 15, 2011, according to a certificate filed with the Utah Department of Commerce. In it, Jeffs names himself as the "corporation sole" of the Corporation of the President of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter -Day Saints. It is a position he previously held after the 2002 death of his

father, former FLDS prophet Rulon Jeffs.

Jeffs gave up the position in January of 2010 and placed Wendell Nielsen, one of his top lieutenants, in charge.

But, Jeffs recently excommunicated Nielsen, according to sources with knowledge of the church's inner workings, but not before Nielsen resigned his post as church president on January 28, 2011.

Merril Jessop, the longtime overseer of the YFZ Ranch was reportedly also kicked out of the church as was his nephew, FLDS spokesman Willie Jessop. At least three dozen other men, some of them highly placed inside the FLDS community, have also been forced out of the church. Included among them is Richard Jessop, the man who was in charge of Texan Supply and Service Inc., a concrete company, as well as other construction businesses in San Angelo and Eldorado.

Federal judge sides with FLDS

United States District Court Judge, Dee V. Benson ruled on Thursday, February 24, 2011 that the State of Utah's takeover of the United Effort Plan Trust (UEP) violated the church's constitutional rights and blocked the planned sale of UEP that would have helped pay some of the trust's bills.

Benson, a former partner of FLDS attorney Rodney Parker in the Salt Lake City law firm of Snow Christensen & Martineu, is expected to release a more complete ruling, but the timing of that ruling is unknown.

Parker has hailed Benson's ruling as a great day for religious freedom.

For his part, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff disagrees. "It wasn't unconstitutional," he said "The federal court did not have the authority to do what it did."

Utah District Judge Deno Himonas in 2005 removed Warren Jeffs and his lieutenants from their positions as trustees over the UEP, the FLDS church's financial arm, after it was determined that Jeffs was mismanaging trust funds and property.

Salt Lake City accountant Bruce Wisan was appointed as Special Fiduciary to manage the trust. His position is now in question after Judge Benson's ruling, which is due to be appealed to the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

THIS WEEK'S


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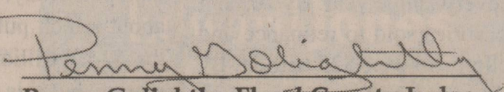
Notice is hereby given that the commissioner's court of Floyd County, Texas at its May Regular term on May 9th, 2011, at 10:00 a. m. intends to contract a four-year term with one or more banks in Floyd County for the deposit of the County's Public Funds, in compliance with V.T.C.A., Local Government Code §116.021 ET SEQ.

A bank in the County of Floyd that wants to be a County Depository must deliver its application to the County Judge of Floyd County on or before 10:00 a.m. on the 9th day of May, 2011, in compliance with V.T.C.A., Local Government Code§ 116.023. The application must state the amount of the Bank's Paid-Up Capital Stock and Permanent Surplus, and the application must be accompanied by:

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Dated this 10th day of March, 2011.


Penny Gofightly, Floyd County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administration of the estate of ILA MARIE WARREN, DECEASED, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on February 28, 2011 by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5872 styled IN RE ESTATE OF ILA MARIE WARREN, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.

All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

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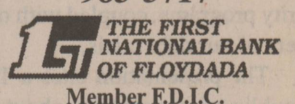
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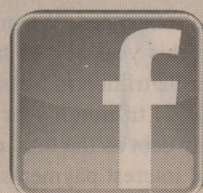

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DALE SCOTT KING

Dale Scott King, age 84, formally of Floydada, passed away Friday, March 11, 2011. Services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church with Les Hall officiating. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dale Scott King was born February 2, 1927 in Floydada, Texas. He joined his Lord and Savior March 11, 2011. He graduated from Floydada High School, attended Texas Tech for 1 year, served in the Marine Corps 2 years then returned to school to graduate with a degree in finance from West Texas State. In 1950, he married the love of his life, Reta Childers in Tulia, Texas. They had 2 sons. He taught at Highland Elementary School for 2

years then moved to Houston in 1966 and went to work for Ford Aerospace, where he became a supervisor of finance in 6 short months. He retired from this company after 25 years in 1991. Dale was highly respected and loved by all he worked with.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Scott King; mother, Ethel Grace Haines King; two sisters, Edelle King Smith and Joyce King Russell and a brother, Hunter King.

He leaves behind a wife of 60 years, Reta Joyce King of Houston; two sons, Roy Scott King of Houston and Gary Keith King of Austin; one grandchild, two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Methodist Children's Home, 4601 50th Street, #109, Lubbock, Texas 79414-3514



BOB MILLER, JR.

Bob Miller, Jr., age 64, of Colorado City died Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Mitchell County Hospital after a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the Main St. Church of Christ. Interment followed at Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mr. Miller was born October 6, 1946 in Lubbock to Maurice Robert and Veda

Mae (Jones) Miller. Raised in Lockney, he graduated from Lockney High School and attended Lubbock Christian College.

He is survived by a sister, Debra Karis and husband, Peter of Scottsdale, Arizona; two daughters, Georgiana Porter and husband, Anthony of Colorado City, Texas, and Stephanie Miller of Lubbock and a grandson, Samuel of Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to The Children's Home of Lubbock or High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo.

ELIZABETH NEWTON

Funeral services for Elizabeth Newton, 96, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011 in the W. W. Rix Chapel. Rev. Aaron Denson of Bethany Baptist Church officiated.

Burial was held in the Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Plainview. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Newson died Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Vista Care.

She was born August 23, 1914 in Anton, Texas to A. L. and Amanda Ashmore Hollums. She married Ernest W. Newton on August 23, 1933 in Lockney. He died on August 6, 1979.

Mrs. Newton was a homemaker and nurses aid. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church and has been a strong and faithful lady to her family and friends.

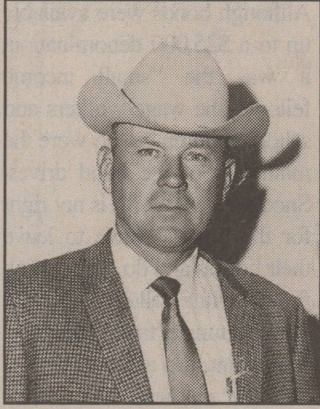
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lajuana Byrd, five brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Cummings of Monett, Missouri and Jo Ann Linch

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and husband, Floyd of Lubbock; a son-in-law, Eugene Bryd and wife Glenda of Stanton, Texas; a brother, John Hollums of Richland Hills, Texas; ten grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

The family requests memorials in her honor to Vista Care, in lieu of flowers.



JIM SIMPSON

Jim Simpson, age 84, of Floydada passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in Lubbock. Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church with Les Hall officiating. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Jim Simpson was born February 16, 1927 to Walter Horace and Gladys Pearl (Geer) Simpson in Floyd County. Jim honorably served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during WWII. After his discharge, Jim returned to Floydada and married Betty Tye on February 14, 1948 in Crosbyton. Jim loved to farm. He was the first to bring onions to Floydada and he grew pumpkins and shipped them all across the United States. Jim liked to collect cigar boxes and

enjoyed watching sports on television. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his siblings and his daughter, Krista Simpson.

Jim is survived by his wife of over 63 years, Betty Simpson; two sons, Scott Simpson and wife, Trena and Clay Simpson and wife, Susan, all of Floydada; two daughters, Sherri and husband, Danny Rumph of Hempstead and Rusty Simpson of Irving; four grandchildren, Neisha, Na'Lyn, Joey and J.C.; two great-grandchildren, Cali and Carson; and his beloved dog, Tripper.



KATHLEEN THORNTON

Services for Mary Kathleen Thornton, 91, of Lockney were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Lockney First United Methodist Church with Rev. Tommie Beck, Rev. Kyle Brock and Rev. Ricky Carstensen officiating. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Falls.

Kathleen passed away on Friday, March 18, 2011 at Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Center in Floydada. She was born October 29,

1919 in Happy, Texas to the late M. B. and Margarite (Leucks) McManigal. She married Owen Thornton December 24, 1938 in Amarillo. He preceded her in death March 7, 1998.

She is also preceded in death by one son, Donald Scott Thornton in 1956 and by four brothers, six sisters, one grandchild, Roxanne Thornton and two great grandchildren, Matthew and Mark Patton.

A homemaker, Kathleen lived most of her life in Lockney and was a member of the Lockney First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Ronnie and Pat Thornton of Plainview, three daughters, Patricia Killingsworth of Bryant, Arkansas, Kathy and Ricky Kellison of Lockney and Noriko Ono of Ofuna, Japan. Also surviving her are ten grandchildren and their spouses, Ronee and Bill Patton of Lubbock, Ritchie and Shannon Thornton of Plainview, Kellye and Jim Sutton, Kayci Killingsworth and Kody Killingsworth, all of Bryant, Arkansas, Kori and Pat Green of Fort Worth, Corbin and Amy Kellison of Lockney, Kristen and Jason Surlis of Dilley, Shinichi Ono of Yakahama, Japan and Yutu Ono of Tokyo, Japan and great grandchildren, Lara and Brandi Patton of Austin, Brittany Hurd of Bryant, Arkansas, Payton and Landry Thornton of Plainview, Kellis and Rainey Green of Fort Worth, Lynnlee Surlis of Dilley and three great grandsons in Japan.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Lockney First United Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to Interim Hospice of Plainview or American Red Cross, specify the Japanese Disaster Relief.

Lockney School Board holds March meeting

By Homer Marquez

Members of Lockney's School Board recently convened to address and discuss several key items on March's agenda. As usual, members of the board kicked off the meeting by reviewing the bills for the months of February and March. After a careful evaluation the Board unanimously approved the payment of the bills. For the month of February, the biggest bill for the school district was a \$266,463.99 invoice from the BGR Architects firm, but insurance money obtained from the high school's fire would once again cover the cost. So far in the month of March, the biggest bill for the school district, without counting the bill from the BGR Architects which will come at the end of the month, went to the cost of fuel; So far in the month of March, the school district has spent about \$4770 in fuel during the school's busiest time for extracurricular activities. After the payment of the bills, Superintendent Phil Cotham gave his monthly financial report. The Superintendent was happy to report that all financial affairs were stable and sound, but did comment that he had put in a requisition for more insurance money so that the district would not have to put in any of their own money for the rebuilding of the school; Superintendent Cotham told board members that the extra money would be arriving soon. Also in the financial report, Cotham reported that the district had collected 102 percent of this month's budget.

After the board moved to pass this month's financial report, Danny Lambert and Randy Henderson took the floor to suggest to the board that they consider naming the new softball field Kenny Hooten Field. Kenny Hooten

is the current grounds keeper for Lockney's ISD and is in charge of maintaining the fields of Lockney's athletic fields. Throughout the years, Mr. Hooten has earned a pristine reputation for the landscaping of fields. After the ISD announced that they were going to build a new softball field, Kenny Hooten took charge and helped build a massive part of the field. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Lambert wanted to honor all the hard work that Mr. Hooten had done by naming the field after him; also during his presentation to the board, Mr. Henderson mentioned that Mr. Hooten had no idea that the two were lobbying for the name. After the two left, the board discussed the naming of the school. At that time, board member Jimmy Kemp made a motion to name the field Kenny Hooten field; interjecting was board member Aaron Wilson who requested to the board that agenda item be postponed for further consideration. Mr. Wilson mentioned that Mr. Hooten was a good personal friend of his and praised his hard work but suggested that another good candidate for the name of the field could be Jesse Garza field because of dedication and hard work that Jesse Garza had towards Lockney's baseball program. At that time Superintendent Cotham suggested that field could be named something

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and functions as sort of a classroom, scout masters are given the valuable opportunity to teach scouts how to become responsible, respectful, and self-reliant. It's these lessons that are undoubtedly referred back to as each scout grows and matures into an adult; and as a result of this, it is no surprise that many young scouts hold their scout masters with such a high regard. A great example of these special types of bonds can be seen in relationships created by late Scout Master Jesse Garza and the scouts of Troop 206.

Raised in Pearsall, Texas, Mr. Garza spent his youth as a scout in Pearsall's local Boy Scout troop. Under the direction of Scout Master, Polo Patenio, a young Jesse Garza learned the essentials of being a boy scout; from learning the basic values of courtesy and respect towards people and nature to the knowledge of learning how to become self-sufficient. When Jesse got older, Mr. Garza got an opportunity to apply what he had learned as a boy scout when he joined the United States Air Force. After serving four years in Japan during the Korean War, Mr. Garza soon returned to his wife Irene in Pearsall. A short time later, in the effort of trying to find work, Mr. Garza would move his family to Lockney in the early 60's. After finding a job, Mr. Garza would quickly become a community leader in Lockney. In 1962, Mr. Garza would become one of

the original founders of the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney; and from 1965-1969 and again from 1971-1975, Mr. Garza would serve as President of the Parish Council. In 1965, after coming up with the idea with then San Jose Preacher, Paul Link, Mr. Garza and the San Jose Catholic Church created Boy Scout Troop 206 with Jesse serving as their first Scout Master. Implicating what he had learned from his former Scout Master, Mr. Patenio, Mr. Garza and the San Jose Church wanted to give Lockney's youth a chance at a positive and full-filling life, "He wanted to help the young kids," commented his wife Irene Garza, "to keep them busy."

For the next 30 years, the San Jose Catholic Church would donate supplies such as tents and equipment to Troop 206 while Scout Master Garza taught the local youth how to live off the land and survive in the wilderness. Mr. Garza taught scouts how

to camp, cook, and how to administer first aid; on some occasions, Mr. Garza would teach search and rescue techniques by hiding a 3-foot rag doll named Cynthia in the canyons. Support from the community was great as citizens such as the late Henio Garza, the late Pete Gonzales, Tony Garza, Joe Rodriguez, Junior Arellano, Domingo Hernandez Sr., the late Henry Segovia, and many others would help with camping trips; even his wife, Irene would help out by washing sleeping bags.

From 1965 to 1982, Mr. Garza served as the Scout Master for Troop 206 and in that time Garza became a distinguished and recognized member of the Boy Scouts; he brought home many awards including the Scout

Master Training Award in 1972, the Scout Key and Square Knot Award in 1972 and the Presidential Roundup Award in 1975. Unfortunately, in 1982, Mr. Garza was diagnosed with a severe illness and was forced to step down as Scout Master for Troop 206; but he would continue to help the Boy Scouts whenever the opportunity arose. Garza would live out the rest of his days in Lockney; always thinking of others, Mr. Garza would always implore Lisa Rendon to take care of Irene whenever he passed. In 2009, Mr. Garza would pass away, but the impact of his dedication to the Boy Scouts would live on in the hearts of the scouts of Troop 206.

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Registration Day," in the February 12, 1942, edition of the FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN. The article explained that registration with the Selective Service was required by "all male persons between the ages of 20 and 44 inclusive." The article further stated:

"... All registrants should make an effort to register with their own local boards, but where it is necessary that they register while away from home, they should be careful that they specify a home address so that a registration card will be forwarded to his local board."

For the convenience of farmers who might be busy with farm work on Monday the 16th, the local board will have registrars on hand at the American Legion Hall on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, to register those who cannot come in conveniently on Monday. However, registration must be accomplished not later than Monday the 16th. In case of some registrants who might be too ill to appear, special provisions will be made for their registration.

Every man subject to registration who is an inmate of an asylum, jail, penitentiary, reformatory, or similar institution on February 16th, is required to register on the day he leaves the institution.

Some of the articles appearing in that same issue reflected the overall involvement of the citizens of Floyd County in the war effort. It was announced that Lieutenant W. M. (Billie) Stanforth had been commissioned in the U.S. Air Corps, and was stationed at Long Beach, California. Virtually every edition of the FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN during the war years carried photographs, articles and stories of local participants in the military forces.

On the homefront, various programs on rationing and conservation—along with bond and victory drives—grabbed a

lot of local attention. A picture and the following article occupied the front page of the February 12 edition:

"Buddy Cook the other day bought himself a Defense Savings bond, a \$25 one, and here's the picture of the proud owner and his bond.

Proud in particular is Buddy because the bond was bought with pennies that he had saved, 1825 of them. He is five years old and is ready to start saving for his next bond.

Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook of Hillcrest. He is strong for anything that will help wallop the (enemy) and believes that buying all the Defense bonds and stamps you can is one of the best ways that any citizen can help to get the job done."

The following excerpt from a February 12 editorial helped encourage conservation during the trying times:

"Following sugar rationing, due soon in a possible rigid form with sugar cards and all the trimmings, already here in a mild sort of way in the hope that the folks will go along with the idea—following this it is said will come the possibility of rationing shortening and then coffee. Millions of men under arms calls for millions of pounds of fats for use as shortening. Furthermore grease is needed in soap making and soap may not be as plentiful when the squeeze comes as it is now. The only reason for rationing coffee would result from a lack of boats to haul the coffee beans from Brazil to the processors. The allies need boats mighty bad for a hundred jobs. If U-boat sinkings can be held to a minimum as our big ship building programs get them into high (gear), coffee may not have to be rationed."

The sale of all butane plants, containers and appliances were banned by the government order in February, 1942. Controls were imposed over almost all products necessary to national

defense—from gasoline and petroleum to tires, sugar, coffee, and even shoes. It was a most difficult time at home, but most Americans knew the sacrifices were necessary to sustain the fighting men. Scrap metal was very valuable, and more than 500 tons were collected in Floyd County during the first two months of 1942.

The Defense Bond and Stamps sales committee was chaired by Glad Snodgrass. Although bonds were available up to a \$25,000 denomination, it was the "small income fellow—the wage workers and school children—who were the mainstays of the bond drives. Snodgrass stated, "It is not right for the boys to have to leave their homes and do our fighting for us while fellows who are more fortunate, from a financial standpoint, are allowed to stay at home and keep their money in their pockets."

Paul Snodgrass, chairman of the county U.S.D.A. Defense Board, pointed out that Floyd County's food contribution would be important. The county farmers joined others throughout the nation in feeding the country at war. As the spring planting season approached, the farmers pledged a record food production for 1942. "Plant For Victory" was their slogan as 1760 Floyd County farmers made the patriotic pledge to "produce milk, meat, eggs and vegetables to the best of their ability during the year."

According to O. P. Rutledge, clerk of the draft board, Floyd County had almost 400 men in the armed forces by late 1942. Approximately 150 county men were working in defense plants. The FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN commenced running a weekly column entitled "Floyd County People in the Armed Services."

On such column in early September gave an account of the enlistment in the Marine Corps of Fred Cardinal. Cardinal is the current Floyd County

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Sheriff. Longtime Floydada civic leader and businessman Lon Davis, Jr., was featured in the same article, which related that following his discharge from the Army, Davis entered the Navy as an ensign. He left the same night for training at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Every resident of the county played some type of role during the war—whether it was in active military combat and support assignments, defense plant work, or taking care of the tasks at home.

Some served with distinction in highly classified and important positions. David L. Kirk was assigned to intelligence service with the Army's O.S.S. (forerunner of today's Central Intelligence Agency). Garland Foster was involved in the Manhattan Project. The "super secret" operation produced the world's first atomic bomb at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Following the war, Foster taught sciences and chemistry at Floydada High School, and perished in an accident at the school in 1957.

By proclamation of Texas' Governor Coke Stevenson, and under the sponsorship of the state department of Education, a Series of Victory Concerts were held throughout the state. The first of such local concerts was performed by the Floydada High School Band on October 15, 1942. Admission to the concerts was gained by the purchase of War Bonds or Stamps.

The Floydada Band was directed by Erman Gray, a musician and actor whose business had been curtailed in Los Angeles at the outbreak of the war. Gray remained in Floydada until the fall of 1943, when he took a similar position at Denver City.

Every household in Floyd County was affected by the war. There were sacrifices too numerous to mention; many lives were changed or

disrupted. Travel was restricted, posing great hardships and inconveniences. However, some events helped stabilize the morale and spirit in the local communities.

Colorful pep rallies were held downtown Floydada, with the band and student body—and, generally, a good number of townspeople—"snake dancing" from Arwine's Drug Store or Martin's Corner back to the high school. Victory Concerts were often held following the pep rallies. On one such occasion in late 1942 "Billy" Gray (son of the band director) sang "Home on the Range" and "You Are My Sunshine," accompanied by his father on the piano.

Although there were radical changes in everyone's lifestyles, the full impact of World War II had not really reached Floyd County in 1942. School, social, and church activities helped relieve the tensions and anxieties of the times, even travel restrictions failed to dampen the spirit and participation at athletic and school functions.

Whatever the event—pep rallies, football games, or the "Old Settler's Parade"—however, there was the ever present bond drive, scrap drive, or other cause necessary for the war effort.

According to the FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN in late November, "Home Front morale was being severely tested. Discomforts, restrictions, and even severe dislocation of business are necessary to the realization of our war aim—the destruction of those forces that threaten the very foundations of civilization, our homes and schools."

Floydada's McDermott Post of the American Legion joined the nationwide observance of the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor with a two-day bond drive, and noted, "It was a time for us to lay our money on the line for our country." A Victory Concert, held by the band on December 14, netted \$1,455 in

War Bonds and War Stamps.

In spite of rationing, restrictions, and the general upheaval in 1942, Christmas in Floyd County changed little from previous years. The newspaper commented, "Everywhere the spirit of Christmas is prevalent. Beautifully decorated trees shine out from merchants' windows. Gay, festive gift suggestions for the last minute shoppers, bright colored packages and the one common bond that prompts the cheery good morning from all alike is in the air."

The following advertisement, which appeared in the Christmas Eve edition, reflected the optimism and faith of the county:

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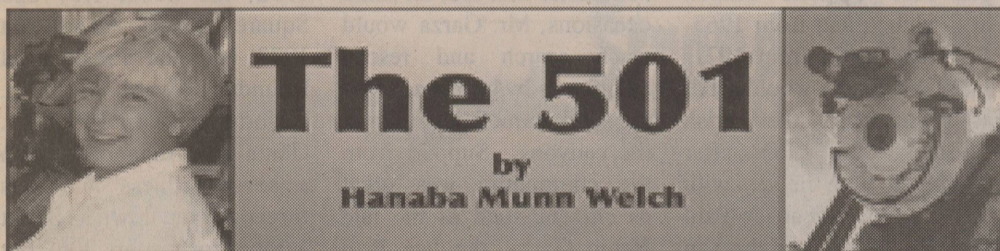
This Christmas may everybody enjoy the faith and trust of little children...the faith that wins wars, moves mountains, and fills stockings! Today, as never before... Christmas is symbolic of the faith, we who live and work and pray in Floydada, must have in our Commander-in-Chief and all who are working with us toward a common cause.

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It would be two and one-half more arduous years before the end of the war. There yet remained many sorrows and even more sacrifices. But, the faith, spirit and determination of the people of Floyd County helped them through the tumultuous times.



Some people are natural leaders. Some are followers. Some are loose cannons. A few are hermits.

Actually, I've never met a hermit. I'm guessing they are people who don't like giving orders, don't like taking orders and don't want to be caught in the crossfire.

If I were a hermit, I'd want to campaign for a better-sounding name. It's probably the hermit crab connotation that makes the word sound pretty creepy to me.

The name campaign would be tough. All the hermits would have to unite and march striker-style with

placards. Picture guys with scraggly beards in tattered robes tied at the waist with ropes, all looking sort of like derelict monks, all going around in a circle on a New York City street corner. I don't think you could get hermits to do that.

A second choice would be for hermits to launch their campaign on, shall we say, a Facebook page for hermits. You probably couldn't get them to do that either.

That's why they call it social networking. No hermits allowed.

If you think I have a flawed concept of hermits, you're probably right. A hermit in my own mind's eye is some sort of mix between an official religious hermit (hence the monk-style attire) and the kind of hermit who lives alone simply because he doesn't want to be bothered.

Notice my use of the word "he." Not only do I consider that pronoun grammatically correct to represent single people of both genders, but I also suspect all hermits are guys anyway. Can you imagine a woman wanting to be a hermit? We're too social. We turn into cat ladies instead. Or maybe nuns in

strict orders where talking isn't allowed but you still get to be with people. A friend of mine tried that. Back to cat ladies. Is there an official definition? For me the term connotes an older woman who lives alone, so to speak, with 300 cats.

INTERNET PAUSE. Indeed, if you Google "cat lady" you will find a couple of definitions, ranging from a spinster type who has one cat (no doubt a pampered cat named in her will) to a crazier sort of person, called an "animal hoarder," who maintains a huge feline collection. I have a friend who falls somewhere in between with five. She's not the one who tried the monastic

existence. I have lots of friends. I've had cats too. Now I have a husband.

Meanwhile, is it not a bit curious that "animal hoarder" is a mot du jour? In our politically correct age, would a euphemism not serve better? "Hoarder" has negative connotations. Ask any hoarder. Ask me.

Besides, if I'm allowed to state the obvious—which is all I do anyway—"hoard" means to collect and store. You need not collect cats to have cats. Cats happen.

In closing, a word to my hermit readers:

If you don't mind the word "hermit," then it works for me too. Those crabs really are sort of cute.

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then. The board deliberated a while longer, throwing around the possibility of naming it Kenny Hooten Field and calling it the Jesse Garza Sports Complex. Jimmy Kemp then made another motion to name the field Kenny Hooten Field; Board member, Robbie Long made the second. The board then voted to name the field Kenny Hooten Field with Aaron Wilson opposed. Superintendent Cotham then asked if the board wanted to add the consideration of naming the sports complex a different name on next month's agenda and the board approved.

Following that discussion, the board was treated to show from Lockney's award winning Longhorn Band. Following the show, the board returned to business by discussing new policies concerning the accumulation of vacation and sick days for new teachers. Superintendent Cotham had recently been informed that the wording of their policy was allowing teachers, who had accumulated a

number of vacation and sick days while working in other school districts, to cash them in at Lockney once they had completed a year in Lockney's school district. Superintendent Cotham suggested that the wording be changed so that you could only cash in the days that were obtained while working in Lockney's school district; the policy was unanimously passed by the board. Afterwards the board reviewed furniture bids for the new high school; the order for the schools new desks, and other essential school equipment would come close to \$64,000; the board would unanimously pass a motion to accept the bids for the furniture.

During administrator reports, it was announced that elementary teachers Nikki Shafer and Glenda Jones would be taking advantage of the Voluntary Exit Incentive Plan that was implicated by School board two weeks ago. Also announcing their resignation was junior high coach Laura Dunn.