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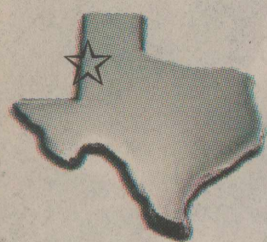
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City of Floydada sales tax to be on May 8 ballot

In May of 2006 the citizens of Floydada voted in favor of a ¼% sales tax dedicated to street maintenance. This tax must be voted on every 4 years as required by state law.

Since the creation of the tax the City of Floydada has received the following amount of money to help with paying for street maintenance:

Fiscal year 2006/2007 \$ 25,820.77

Fiscal year 2007/2008 \$ 39,638.85

Fiscal year 2008/2009 \$ 33,307.00

On Saturday May 8th, the citizens of Floydada again have the opportunity to VOTE to continue this tax. This tax is collected from every person, whether from Floydada or not, who buys a taxable item within the city limits of Floydada.

Money collected from this tax is used to

buy material for street repairs, seal coating or other maintenance as needed.

All eligible voters for this election are encouraged to vote for the continuance of this tax.

Early voting starts April 26 and continues through May 4. The early voting will be conducted each weekday at the Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street. Hours for early

voting are as follows: April 26 - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; April 27 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; April 28 - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; April 29 - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; April 30 - 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; May 3 - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and May 4 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 8 at the Massie Activity Center, 513 W. Georgia Street during the hours of 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TEXAS HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM

Pictorial Postal Cancellation to be held in Floydada

The Texas Plains Trail Region and the Postal Service are partnering together to do a pictorial postmark in the county seat of 52 counties in the Texas Plains Trail Region in 2010. The Texas Plains Trail is one of 10 such trails in the state, part of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, implemented by the Texas Historical Commission. This is an effort to promote travel and heritage tourism by connecting points of pride and hopefully generate a little revenue for the Postal Service.

An special pictorial postal cancellation is set for Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Post Office in Floydada. Floyd County will be our 20th county to visit. Representatives of the Plains Trail will be there at 11 a.m. The Floyd County Special Postal stamp will be available

Friends of Library to meet

By Carolyn Cheek

Do you enjoy reading a good book? Are you interested in helping our local library? If so, perhaps you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Library.

This group promotes reading for all ages. The also hold book sales on Old Settlers and Punkin Days. We appreciate all books that are donated to the Friends for these sales. Books may be taken to the library at any time. The Friends of the Library will be having

to be purchased on this day for \$3.00, or if you bring your own envelope, it is free. Floyd County will also be spotlighted on the TPTR website.

Residents from each county and visitors from throughout the Plains Trail Region are invited to attend. While in Floydada, Deborah Sue McDonald and Photographer Rick Vanderpool will be on hand to speak to any organizations.

They especially like to do a short presentation for the 4th and 7th grade Texas History students. For more information contact Deborah Sue McDonald, Executive Director at explaintrail@yahoo.com or visit: <http://www.texasplainstrail.com/index.aspx?page=1440> to find out more about this project.

a meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at the library in the conference room. Meeting time is 4:30 p.m. We would like to invite all the old members to attend and are looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member please try to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to become a member, you can call Shawnda Greer at 806-983-3140, Judy Schacht at 806-983-2906 or Carolyn Cheek at 806-983-3154.

Kendrick celebrates 100 years

By Tammy Cochran Kastner
Great-Niece

Lila (Finley) Kendrick was born April 17, 1910 in Gibtown, TX. She and her siblings came to West Texas in 1919 by train and her parents, Jess and Cora Finley, later came by covered wagon. She attended Floydada schools.

In 1933 she married R.L. "Pete" Kendrick and they had one son, Roy Dale in 1949.

Lila and Pete owned R.L. Kendrick Trucking until his death in 1963. She later worked with family in the upholstery business for many years until she retired. Lila felt like retirement was not meant for her so she went to work at the Floyd County Museum until 2004 at the age of 94.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. In her younger years she enjoyed yard work, sewing, and crocheting. To this day, her greatest joy has always been the company of family and friends.

Her son, Roy Dale and his wife, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces, great-great nephews and nieces and friends want to wish her a very "HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY".

Words cannot express what a wonderful and important influence Lila has been to the lives of her family. She has blessed everyone that she has ever known through her

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LILA KENDRICK



LILA KENDRICK (RIGHT) AND HER BROTHER WAYNE FINLEY

FISD trustees approve 2010-2011 calendar

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

During the March 9 Floydada Independent School District Board meeting, the school board unanimously approved the proposed 2010-2011 school calendar. Superintendent Jerry Vaughn told the board the proposed calendar had been out to the teachers for their vote, all their questions had been addressed, and their site base had approved this calendar. The first day of school is set for Aug. 23, 2010, with two weeks off at Christmas (Dec. 17 through Jan. 4), with spring break set for March 14-18, and Good Friday, April 22, scheduled as a bad weather day. This schedule has 180 days for teachers and 176 days of instruction for students.

Vaughn explained to the board the summer school and summer food program plans and dates. "We're looking at doing summer school slightly different," Vaughn said. The summer food

program begins June 1. The new program plan is to have an intense week of study for the TAKS test for entry level elementary students, so when the students come back early in August they'll have a jumpstart at the grade level into which they're going. Greer asked about the jumpstart program: the students who didn't make the grades to go on to the next grade must pass this program first, but instead of focusing on the old grade level, it focuses on the new grade level.

This year for the state adoption of textbooks it is now a "pick and choose situation" according to Vaughn. "We have to do the minimum of a classroom set," he explained, but the district doesn't have to buy every student a textbook. He said the cost savings will be seen in the higher grade levels because the funds that would have been used on textbooks can now be used to purchase online and computer materials. The subject in adoption for this period is

English/Language Arts. The board approved the new textbook certification.

In regard to changing credit cards and limits for the district, Vaughn said, "We are looking at...changing from the American State Bank cards we have right now to a Texas Procurement card backed by Chase Bank in Amarillo." According to Vaughn the Texas Procurement card will allow the district to pay many of the large bills because it is a state backed card. The upside to this card, according to Vaughn, is when the threshold is reached, the district will start getting money back - it becomes a fund generator. The ASB maximum was set at \$50,000; Vaughn asked the board to consider raising the limit to \$100,000 in order for this new credit card to work. Business Manager Sharon Rainwater explained to the board once the \$100,000 a year threshold is reached the district will get approximately one

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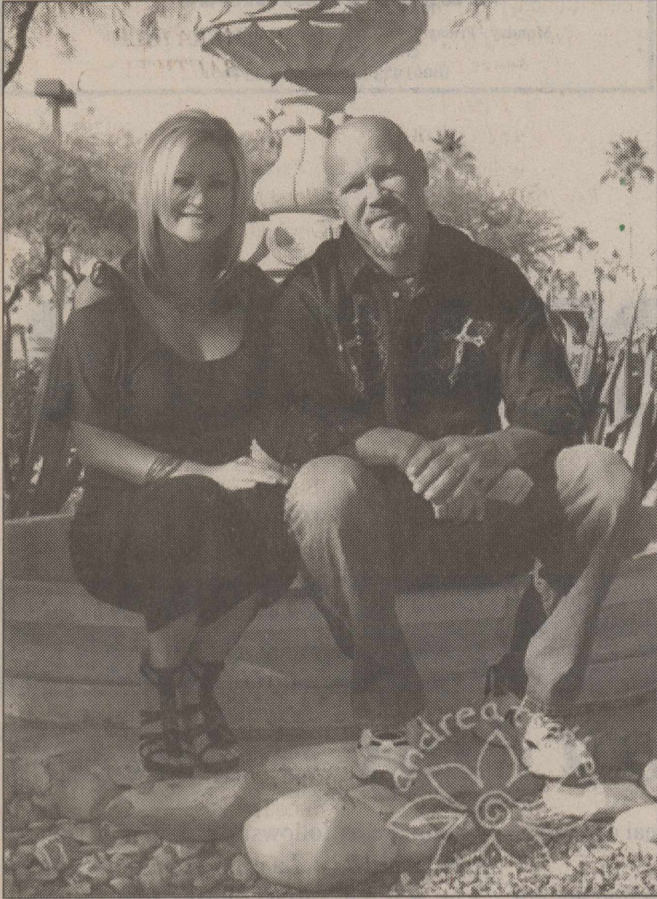
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Winn's: A Longtime Family Dream



Spring and Shannon Winn of Winn's Orthotics and Prosthetics

A family-owned business located at 1075 S. Idaho Road, Suite 101, Apache Junction, Arizona, Winn's Orthotics and Prosthetics, specifically owner Shannon C. Winn, CPO, boasts more than 21 years experience in fabricating custom artificial limbs and braces.

He is certified by the American Board of Certification and is a certified prosthetist orthotist. Winn graduated from Lorenzo High School in Texas and attended college at South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas. He entered the field in 1988 after being inspired by his oldest brother who lost a leg in a cotton gin

accident in Lubbock, Texas, the previous year.

Prior to his brother's accident, Winn was attending college where he studied drafting and commercial arts. However, his interest was piqued when he began going to his brother's appointments to be fitted for a new prosthesis.

Shortly thereafter, Lubbock Orthotics and Prosthetics hired him after seeing his art work. They were very impressed with Winn and his ability to combine art with his work while fabricating artificial limbs and braces. He obtained all the certifications necessary to work his way up the ladder, and stayed very

focused on his goal to provide the best quality patient care.

In 1996, Winn married his wife, Spring Lipham Winn, from Floydada, Texas, and they moved to Corsicana, Texas, where Shannon began working with a close friend who owns Myers and Associates Orthotics and Prosthetics. He worked with Nathan Myers for more than six years and continued to obtain many certificates of achievements. She began working in and out of hospitals.

The couple had their first son, Bodhi, in 1999 and decided to move to Arizona when he was nine months old. For six years, Shannon worked with an orthotics and prosthetic facility in Mesa. In 2002, the couple had their second son, Cypress.

Shannon always dreamed of opening his own orthotics and prosthetic facility and in 2006 he realized this dream. Winn's Orthotics and Prosthetics has been open for almost four years, and they look forward to many more years of providing their services to all of the East Valley.

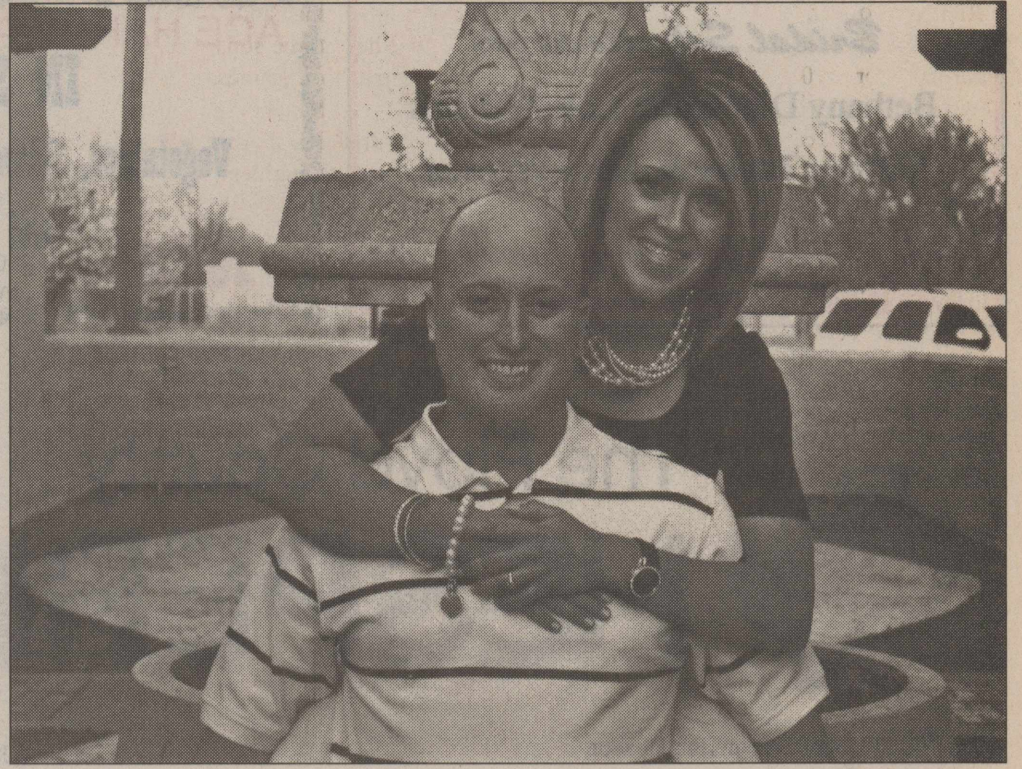
A partial list of services provided at Winn's include: custom above the knee and below the knee prosthetics, ankle foot orthosis, foot orthotics, knee bracing, neck and back bracing, and much more.

All custom orthotics and prosthetics are fabricated at their location by Shannon Winn.

Walk-ins are welcome or you can call to set up an

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Taylor and Webster to Marry



TIFFANY ANN TAYLOR AND TERRY DON WEBSTER

Gregg and Cris Taylor of Big Lake, Texas would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Ann Taylor to Terry Don Webster of Borger, Texas, son of Bob and Shevon Watson of Borger and Terry and Shelly Webster of Houston, Texas.

The bride's grandparents are Joe and Virginia Taylor of Lockney, Texas and Jimmie Karner of Groesbeck, Texas. The groom's grandparents are Sue and Charles Webster and Gerald and Joy Jueschke, all of Borger.

The bride-elect will be graduating in May with her Bachelors in Education and the groom is a Police Officer with the City of Borger.

The wedding is planned for 8 p.m. July 10, 2010 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon, Texas. The couple plan to reside in Borger.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

This is Sunday night and today was so pretty. In fact all last week was real pretty and "summery." I am ready for summer but I just saw the weather forecast for this coming week and they said we are going to have rain every day. By the time you get this paper Thursday you will know if the weatherman was right.

Saturday night Plainview Daily Herald sponsored

"Sensations on Stage" at the Fair Theater in Plainview. All the proceeds will go the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. They had a talent contest with contestants from Plainview and surrounding counties performing. They were all so good. Evan Johnson of Floydada was guest artist who performed several musicals, ending the show by singing the beautiful song "How Great Thou Art". Roijon Johnson and other

Herald employees who put this program together were called to the stage and given a big round of applause for a job well done.

I heard recently that the class of 1955 met last weekend at the Radisson Hotel in Lubbock but I haven't heard from Jimmy Scott how many were there etc. Maybe he will write me this week and give me some information so I will

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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Jean Appling called a meeting for anyone interested in the Lakeview Cemetery to meet recently to decide to take down the old fence on the east side and put up a sign over a new entrance. The men are going to do this on Saturday, April 17th. Lunch will be served. They welcome any help. Beverly said they soon would need a new mower. Anyone wanting to make a donation can send it to the First National Bank of Floydada.

Easter Sunday visitors in Marie Warren's home were granddaughters, Natalie Duran and children from Lubbock, Barbie and Brad Grimes and children of Shallowater. Marie's daughter, Joyce Owens of Floydada and her son, James Owens of Amarillo also were there.

Bob and Charlene Alldredge spent Easter

Sunday in Hobbs, New Mexico visiting Bob's sister who is very ill.

Bill and Ardis Daniel drove to Kress to spend Easter with their daughter, Lori and her husband, Johnny Reed. There were eleven family members present.

Thursday, April 16th you are invited to come to the center to play Bingo between 3 and 4 p.m. We are located at 301 E. Georgia.

Our sympathy to Melissa Long on the loss of her mother, Billyjo Roberson.

Our sympathy to the family of Edna Gilliland.

Glenna Watson fell recently and has had hip surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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

In memory of Johnnie Cates - Eilene and Bruce Francis, Ruth Hammonds, Wayland Faulkenberry.

In memory of Thelma

Fawver - Eilene and Bruce Francis.

In memory of Edna Gilliland - Shorty Turner.

In memory of Dale Griffin - Wayland Faulkenberry.

Thought for the Week - "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have."

Thomas Jefferson

MENU

APRIL 19 - APRIL 23

Monday - Sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, banana bread

Tuesday - Cornflake chicken, buttered potatoes, corn, rolls, fruit

Wednesday - Enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, cobbler

Thursday - Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, jello

Friday - Chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, ambrosia salad

1950 Study Club News

By Margaret Jones

The 1950 Study Club met in Plainview at the country club for the April 6, 2010 meeting. The topic for the afternoon was "Knowledge—Read A Good Book." Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Quattlebaum and Billie Jordan.

In the absence of the club president, Lovene Moore, Geneile Evan, first vice president, called the meeting to order. Roll Call was answered by "The latest book you have read." As members shared a variety of interest in types and authors, it was noted that the club

membership is made up of a group of avid readers. Many keep several books going at the same time. The program's guest speaker, Bill Ferguson, was introduced by Geneile Evans.

Bill shared with members her love for reading and presented a delightful book review entitled "First We Have Coffee." Listening intently as the story was brought to life about a Norwegian family, their blessings and struggles, as their God-fearing, circuit-riding preacher-father led them, members could relate to earlier time as told by their parents and/or grandparents.

Peals of laughter, followed by tears of remembrances, filled the room as the characters came to life and situations became realities. We were reminded to let us not forget our heritage.

Members present enjoyed refreshments of coffee and cake served by hostesses Mary Quattlebaum and Billie Jordan. Special bookmarks by The Mouth and Foot Painting Artist were presented each one present, and door prizes of beautiful bright colored fresh-container kalanchoes went home with seven lucky winners.

The club's next meeting, entitled "Who Needs Paula Deen," will be a salad supper on May 4, 2010 in the beautiful country home of Sue Moore. Hostesses for the meeting will be Sue Moore and Sandy Forehand. Installation of new officers for the next two years will be the program for the evening

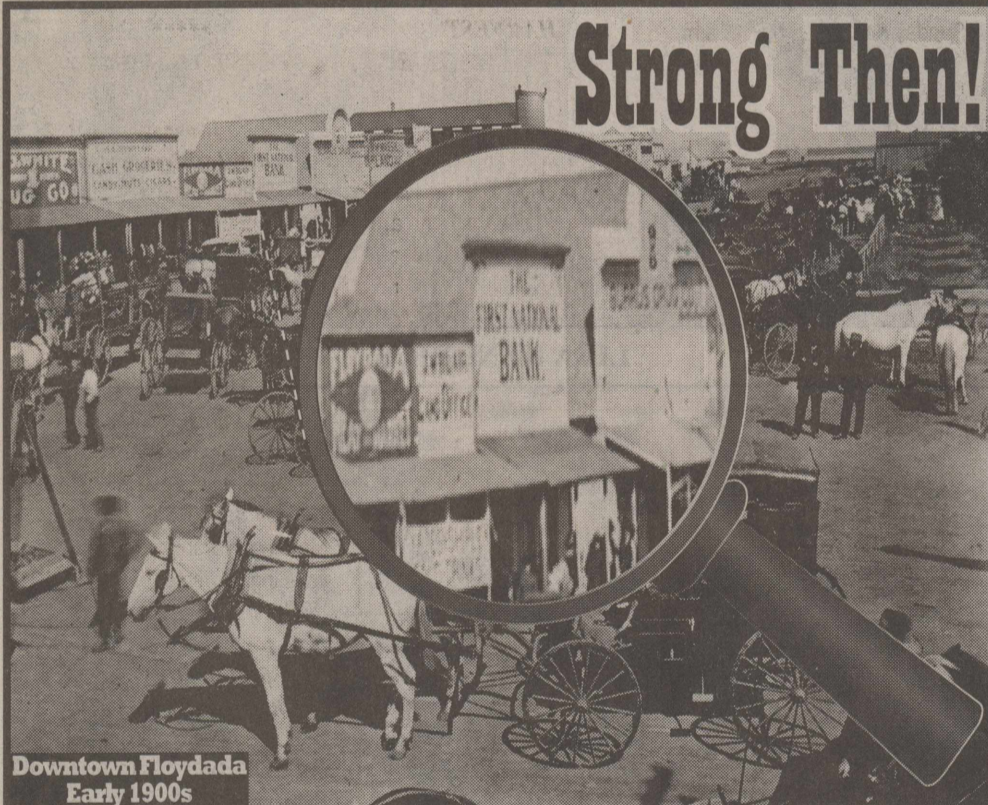
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Obituaries

RANDY FOWLER

Randy Fowler, 64, of Floydada passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Floydada.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Interment followed at the Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

TOMMY HERNANDEZ

Tommy Hernandez, 78, of Floydada passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in Lubbock.

Services are pending with Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.



Billyjo moved to Floydada in 2006 and made many wonderful new friends. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Billyjo was preceded in death by her parents, Clint and Ruth Stewart; her husband Bev; and sons, Edwin and Stewart.

She is survived by daughter Melissa and son-in-law, Nick Long of Floydada, Texas; granddaughters, Laura Roberson and Jessica Roberson, both of Temple, Texas; and Molly Long of Big Lake, Texas; as well as many, many dear friends. Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, 2010 at Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel in Abilene. Burial was held at the Rochester, Texas Cemetery.

She was a devoted wife, wonderful mother and grandmother, and cherished friend. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. The family requests any memorials to the charity, church or organization of your choice.



BILLYJO ROBERSON

Billyjo Roberson, 84, of Floydada passed away Thursday, April 1, 2010 in Lubbock. She was born February 25, 1926 to Clint and Ruth Stewart in Capps, Texas.

She graduated from Abilene High School in 1942 and entered college for a short time. She married Bev Roberson on December 20, 1947. They were married for 57 years.

Education was very important to Billyjo. She returned to college and graduated from McMurry College in 1964 and taught for twenty years at Rochester, Old Glory, Weinert and Aspermont. Billyjo was an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles, word games, playing Freecell, and E-mail. At an early age, she took piano and voice lessons. While in school she participated in choir, sang in a sextet at Camp Barkley and in a quartet on the radio.

Later in life, she taught music lessons and played the piano and organ at her church. She also helped at the churches where she attended with GA's, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. She was a Band Booster president and a 4-H Leader in Haskell County. She loved history and worked hard to keep the family history alive with pictures, facts and stories.

She was a knowledgeable sports fan and enjoyed all sports. She told many times of being able to see "Say Hey" Willie Mays play in person for the San Francisco Giants at Candlestick Park. She was fortunate to witness the infamous National Championship Game between Texas and Notre Dame at the Cotton Bowl. She saw the historic tackle of Dickie Moegle of Rice when an Alabama player came off of the bench to illegally tackle Moegle on his way for a touchdown in one of the all-time classic plays of the Cotton Bowl. She could tell the story like you were there.

She is survived by her husband, Gilberto Ortiz; three sons, David B Sanchez of Lamesa, Anthony James Sanchez and Jorge Sanchez, III, both of Floydada; two daughters, Sandra Wilson and her husband, Scooter of Lubbock and Mary Ann Sanchez of Floydada. Other survivors include her nine grandchildren; mother, Dominga Baltierra; brother, Casimiro Baltierra, Jr. and wife, Susie of San Marcus; sisters, Blanca B Resendez and husband, Benny of Dalhart, Carmen Baltierra, Dora B. Gloria Martinez and husband, Jose, and Juanita Calderon, all of San Marcus.

She is preceded in death by her father, Casimiro Baltierra; brother, Joe Baltierra and sister, Ophelia Baltierra.

Pall Bearers were Anthony James Sanchez, Jorge Sanchez, III, Alfredo Rodriguez, Jr., Casimiro Baltierra, III, Benito Baltierra and Juan Carlos Ascencio. Honorary Pall Bearers were Joel Timothy Hernandez, Jason Lee Sanchez, George Sanchez, Jr. and Erick Resendez.

BETTY LEE SMITH

Betty Lee Smith, 70, of Floydada passed away Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

OLLIE ELAINE WILSON

Ollie Elaine Wilson, 88, of Floydada died on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Elaine was born April 22, 1921 in Red River Parish, Louisiana. She was the youngest child of Frank and Nettie Culpepper. She attended Wayland Baptist College and West Texas State College and got her Masters degree from Texas Tech.

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

MARIA GUADALUPE SANCHEZ

Services for Maria Guadalupe Sanchez, 44, of Floydada were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada with Pastor Dimas R. Marmolejo, Jr. officiating. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Maria was born in San Marcos, Texas on March 9, 1966 to Casimiro and Dominga Natal Baltierra. She passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was a homemaker and a great loving mother of five children. She loved and devoted her life to her children, husband and family. She loved cooking, playing bingo, making everyone laugh and going to church.

The words "Thank You" seem so small, but I do thank each and everyone who has sent a beautiful card, brought food, for the phone calls, words of encouragement, and especially for all of the prayers.

Also "Thank You" to the staff of Floydada EMS that worked so fast and efficiently that got me to Lubbock, you were all "angels" that morning.

*Thank you again,
Gary and Sue Fuller
& Family*

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the calls, visits, cards, food, memorials and flowers in remembrance of Billyjo Roberson.

So many people helped get her moved to Floydada and were instrumental in making her feel so welcomed. Numerous people helped make her time here comfortable and happy. We are truly touched by your many kindnesses.

Special thanks to Dr. Ahmad, Norma McGowen and all the staff at Cogdell Clinic, many friends from First United Methodist Church and special friends Berta Benitez and Judy Lain. We will be forever grateful.

Nick, Melissa and Molly Long

Floyd County Church Directory

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Dennis Butler, Pastor
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

John Franklin, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor

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

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor

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

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

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

Trinity Assembly

500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
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Early Worship8:30 a.m.
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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
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Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister

Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
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Ester Ramos, Praise Leader

Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
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Sunday Services.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

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Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

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Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W. Missouri
Andy Rodriguez
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)

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

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Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemio
Phone: 983-5878

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

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez

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

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

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

Trinity Assembly

500 W. Houston, Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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Aufill garners 2nd place at TMSCA Championship Meet



On March 20, 2010, the University of Texas at San Antonio hosted the TMSCA, (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association), high school championship meet for math and science.

Dylan Aufill, a student at Lockney High School, participated in the meet and garnered a 2nd place trophy among the sophomore group in the Number Sense phase of competition. His score was high enough to position him for 6th place among all 1A high school students that participated.

Number Sense teams are usually comprised

of 4 students and their combined test scores give them points as a team. They also receive an individual score for their test. Dylan's points awarded him 9th place team.

91 students from 1A competed this year in the Number Sense portion of the meet. Of those, 31 were sophomores. 20 high schools from across the state were represented in San Antonio.

Dylan is coached by Lockney High School teacher Pam Fulton and his grandmother, LaDora Aufill.

LHS girls track results

By Coach Jeff Dunn

Munday Track Meet 4-2-10

800 m relay 6th
Shanequa Wilson
Susie Salas
Anissa Reyna
Malory Johnson

100 m 3rd
Isabel Solis

300 m hurdles 4th
Syann Foster

1600 m relay 5th
Susie Salas
Malory Johnson
Anissa Reyna
Isabel Solis

Borden Co. Track Meet 4-3-10

Discus 4th
Meagan Dunn

400 m relay 5th
Tanya Hernandez
Susie Salas
Anissa Reyna
Isabel Solis

800 m 3rd
Devin Caballero

800 m relay 2nd
Tanya Hernandez
Susie Salas
Anissa Reyna
Isabel Solis

200 m 4th
Tanya Hernandez

SPCAA Head Start now accepting applications

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start center in Floydada is currently enrolling children. The Head Start program serves children ages three to four year-olds. Children must turn three but not yet five-years old by September 1, 2010 to enroll in the Head Start program for the 2010-2011 school year.

In addition to preschool children, children enrolled in Head Start will receive complete health, dental, mental health, disabilities and family support services to all to help prepare the entire child for success in kindergarten.

Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, employment and disabilities. Ten percent of funded enrollment is reserved specifically for children with disabilities.

Families can call 806-983-4975 for Floydada ISD to enroll a child or to learn more about this program.

SPCAA Head Start partners with area public schools to provide preschool services to 3 and 4-year olds in a 12 county area. SPCAA Head Start classrooms are in Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield, Denver City, Morton, Muleshoe, Sudan, Smyer, Ropesville, Brownfield, Plainview, O'Donnell, Lorenzo, Floydada, Crosbyton, Slaton, Post, Tahoka and Olton.

Head Start is a nation-wide program that began in 1965 under the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. The program is considered by many to be one of the most successful federal programs in history and Head Start preschools can now be found in nearly every county of the country.

Lockney Class of 1960 holding reunion

The Lockney Class of 1960 is having their 50th Reunion on June 11th and June 12th.

We will meet at the Embassy Suites in Lubbock on Friday, June 11th to visit and go to supper at 7:00 p.m.

There will other activities on Saturday including the business meeting at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in getting together with this class is invited to attend.

For more information, please call Dwayne Wilson at 806-983-3338. Reservations for the hotel may be made at 806-771-7000.

Lockney School Menu

April 19-23

MONDAY

Breakfast: muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: steak fingers or chicken patty, potatoes, green peas, apricots, roll, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: sausage/biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: beef tacos or grilled cheese, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk

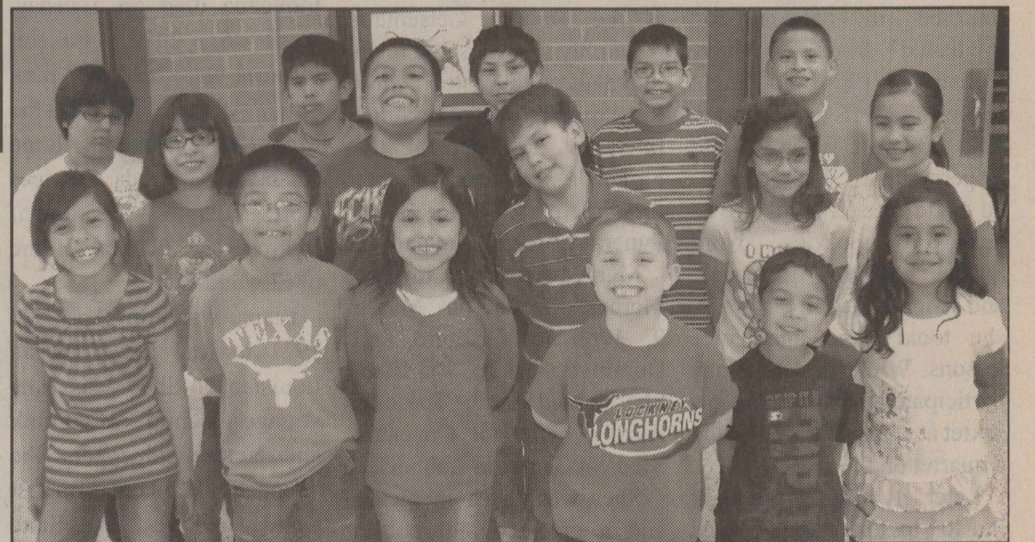
Lunch: baked chicken or steak fingers, potatoes, broccoli, apple cobbler, roll, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: eggs/ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: baked potato or corn dog, salad, peaches, bread, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: hamburger or chicken patty on bun, baked fries, salad, fruit juice bar, milk



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

LITTLE LONGHORNS -- Lockney Elementary School students of the week. Left to right, front row: Tabitha Hernandez, David Amaya, Mary Jane Sanchez, Quinten Johnson, Andrew Bustillos, Anna Lisa Hernandez. Middle row: Angelica Alvarado, Andrew Sanchez, Nehemiah Montoya. Alexa Brianne Poole, Adrianna Palomin. Back row: Kayla Archer, Esteban Pena, Jacob Ochoa, Alec Tambunga, Efen Nunez

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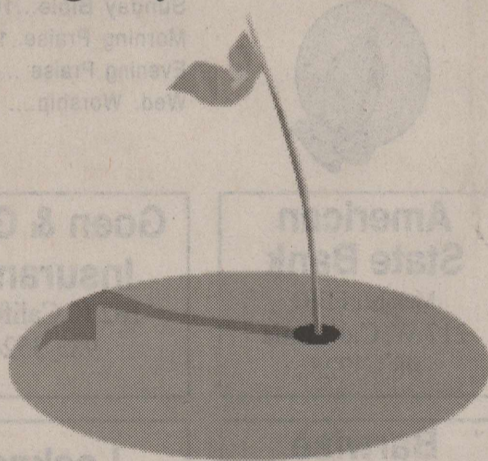
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OPINION



The Paperboy

A trip to see Dad

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

It had been months since I'd seen my father. Far too long. Sunday, we were sitting at the park wondering what to do with the rest of the day when my 6-year-old son said, "Why don't we go see Poppy today?"

Poppy, aka Bill Blackburn, 67, is my dad. He lives 30 minutes away in Memphis Convalescence Center. He was diagnosed with an early rapid onset of Alzheimer's in fall of 2006.

I was awfully proud of Jack to suggest a short trip to see Dad. At the same time, I was ashamed I hadn't thought of it. Anyhow, we got in the car and headed to Memphis.

It's pretty hard seeing my father. Dad has no idea who I am. He has no idea he was ever married or has two children. He does not remember his mother or father and can't recall his brothers and sisters.

Dad has no idea what he did for a living. Strangely, when you ask him what he's been doing, he replies, "I'm working my ass off." However, he can't tell you what he's working on.

Dad is skinny and feeble. His weight loss is dramatic from

just a couple of years ago. His vision is limited and he's not stable, unless he's listening to music. When a country and western tune is playing, he's much more nimble.

My boys understand that Poppy's brain has a disease. They have been visiting him with us for two years, since he was placed in assisted living, and they are wonderful when we visit.

In fact, as much as it hurts my heart to see Dad in this condition, it warms my heart to see my boys interact with him as well as the other residents. The residents and patients seem to gravitate to them. Perhaps they remind them of their own children or a playmate from their youth.

My wife is amazing with my Dad. She always has been. They were close well before he became ill and she's always had a soft-spot for him. Even though she's a stranger now, it doesn't take long for him to warm up to her.

In a study of Dad's life in an effort to determine just how worried my sister and I should be about our chances of contracting the disease, it occurred to me that Dad rode bulls for years back in the late 1950's and 60's.

It sounds morbid, but hopefully the trauma he suffered as a result of getting thrown from bulls is the catalyst for how

young he was when the disease took hold of him. Meanwhile, I'm taking steps to help prevent the same thing from happening to me. The thought of not knowing my wife and children is troubling to say the least.

We've learned so much about the brain over the past few decades. I'm confident that in my lifetime, scientists will have that much more figured out. Perhaps they will even have a cure for the diseases effecting such an important organ.

Our visit to see Dad went fine Sunday. I'm very glad we went. I always feel better after a visit, even if it is futile in terms of interaction. It's good to hear his voice and hold his hand. It's even better to hear him comment on how handsome his grandsons are.

Dad is still friendly and gentle. In fact, his demeanor is pretty good most of the time, just like it always was.

I have to remind myself that one day he will know me again. Until then, the least I can do his see him more often.

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Other Opinions

What Is Andy Stern?

By ADAM BITELY

On March 31, 2010, the SEIU filed their LM-2 forms required by Federal law. In the quest to provide transparency of what the SEIU is doing, some startling revelations have been made since the documents have come to light.

Specifically, recent information disclosed in the LM-2 forms filed begs to question about the President of that organization's status as a lobbyist. Is Andy Stern a lobbyist, and if not, what is he then?

According to the dictionary of Merriam-Webster, a lobbyist is a person that conducts "activities aimed at influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body on legislation." One would argue that Andy Stern, who has been the most frequent visitor of the White House, is indeed acting as a lobbyist does.

Of course, more important is how lobbying is defined by the Lobbying Disclosure Act:

"The term 'lobbyist' means any individual who is em-

ployed or retained by a client for financial or other compensation for services that include more than one lobbying contact, other than an individual whose lobbying activities constitute less than 20 percent of the time engaged in the services provided by such individual to that client over a six month period."

In its 2009 LM-2 filing, the SEIU claims outright that Andy Stern has spent 32 percent of his time performing political and lobbying activities. As cited above by the Lobbying Disclosure Act, a lobbyist must file if they spend 20 percent of their time lobbying. Clearly Andy Stern does. But, he has failed to file.

Which gave Americans for Worker Freedom and Americans for Tax Reform reason to call Stern out last week. They have formally requested that U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips investigate Stern for "potentially illegal lobbying activities" last November.

Cleta Mitchell, a leading election and financial disclosure requirement law expert and author of the Lobbying Compli-

ance Handbook, had this to say about Andy Stern's lack of filing as a lobbyist, "On face value, it appears that Andy Stern is in violation of the Federal Lobbying, Registration and Disclosure requirements."

It's possible that whomever prepared the LM-2 made an error. But, it is far more likely that Stern failed to file the proper paperwork to lobby in Washington, D.C. The truth must be known.

As Barack Obama promised in 2008: "I don't take a dime of their [lobbyist] money, and when I am president, they won't find a job in my White House." But in 2010, Stern finds himself the recipient of an appointment to serve on Obama's Debt commission.

Hopefully, when we get to the bottom of this matter, justice will be provided. Either way, someone is in trouble. It will either come down that the LM-2 was improperly filed or that Stern failed to file his lobbyist registration paperwork. If the latter is the case, we can only hope that justice will be provided as effectively as it was against Jack Abramoff.

Obama can now pick a judge with a heart

By EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON

In 2005, then Illinois Senator Barack Obama was unequivocal. He said he wanted a Supreme Court justice with a heart. By that he meant someone who was not just a top legal scholar and rendered flawless legal opinions rulings, but who had real compassion for the needs and suffering of people. In a fiery senate floor speech on September 22 that year Obama hammered Bush's high court pick John G. Roberts as being dismissive and insensitive to race and gender discrimination.

Four months later Obama went on the attack again. He lambasted Bush's next high court pick Samuel A. Alito as a shill for the powerful and uncaring about the rights and protections of the powerless, poor and minorities. He slammed Alito for backing prosecutors over the rights of defendants. He felt so strongly that Alito was not the right sort for the court that he joined in a futile and short lived filibuster against him.

He didn't stop there. At a presidential campaign appearance in 2007 he said: "We need somebody who's got the heart to recognize, the empathy to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom; the empathy to un-

derstand what it's like to be poor or African-American or gay or disabled or old." There was that reference to heart again.

Obama wanted and expected a Supreme Court justice to be a guardian of the people's interests, to be cut squarely in the proud tradition of Hugo Black, Thurgood Marshall, Earl Warren, and yes, on his best days John Paul Stevens. Obama saw absolutely nothing wrong with a justice being a legal scholar, judicial expert and an activist. He firmly rejected the GOP's and conservative judicial watchdog group's phony, politically self-serving strict constitutional constructionist litmus test for judges. Court ultra conservatives Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, and William Rehnquist were unabashed judicial activists and ideologues, and conservatives heap praise on them, and abuse on any jurist that doesn't agree with them.

Four years later and a second Supreme Court judge pick in the waiting, nothing has changed. And since it hasn't, Obama has the enviable chance of a president's lifetime to do what he proclaimed in his attacks on and senate votes against confirming Alito and Roberts. That's the chance to follow his heart and pick the kind of judge he made clear that both Bush picks weren't and pick a judge who

will protect the rights of the powerless, minorities, and women. He has absolutely nothing to lose. GOP senators, Tea Party leaders, Rush Limbaugh, the pack of shrill right-wing radio talk jocks, Fox News Network, and the hodgepodge of conservative judicial watchdog groups will stick to their hip plan on him no matter who he picks to replace Stevens.

His pick will be too liberal, too activist, too pro victim's rights, affirmative action, civil liberties, and for the more rabid, a closet identity politics baiter. The GOP tactics in pounding Obama's pick is unchanged. They will scream, shout, bully, cow, and badger the court pick on the same tired hit points. The goal is unchanged and that's to insure that she or he toes the conservative legal constructionist line not solely before the Senate Judiciary panel, but more importantly on the bench.

A slip or a too confrontational pose by the pick during the hearings will instantly be pounced on and held up by conservative attackers as proof that he or she doesn't have the right stuff to be a fair and impartial judge.

He or she will be under tremendous pressure to assure senators that they'll play it strictly by the moderate and conservative playbook on any and all decisions that even

remotely touch on race and class issues on the bench, as well as abortion and other issues that are traditional conservative causes.

None of the attack points about Obama's pick as too liberal, activist, and therefore judicially suspect will be true. He or she will have played it close to the vest in their decisions, rulings and opinions in their stints on the various appellate courts; so close that not one of the picks will likely raise a whimper of criticism or protest from any impartial legal or judicial organization.

Obama's pick won't alter the still suffocating conservative tilt on the court. But a stand tough progressive can go toe to toe with the very judges who Obama felt did not embody the true spirit of what the Supreme Court should be about. That's empathy and sympathy for the downtrodden, poor and minorities. A solid progressive pick would be a model for the type of law and justice the court in time can and should represent. Best of all, it would show that when he had the chance Obama dared put a judge on the high court with the heart that he wants.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is an author and political analyst. He is the author of *How Obama Governed*.

What About Private Health Emergencies?

By THOMAS A. BOWDEN

Just when swine flu was expected to peak, it has mysteriously faded from view. Now that Americans are no longer queuing up for vaccine, some 71 million doses (part of a \$1.6 billion tax-funded program) are likely to be trashed upon expiration. While baffled health experts investigate causes, it's worth looking back at some important but little-known decisions that the Food and Drug Administration took amidst last fall's crisis atmosphere.

Afraid of being held accountable for widespread sickness and death due to swine flu or H1N1 virus, the FDA elected to bypass its labyrinthine, virtually interminable approval process so that doctors could immediately employ promising remedies (other than vaccines) to combat the disease. In sweeping aside regulatory obstacles, the FDA was using authority granted by Congress back in 2004—to be used only in the event of a "public health emergency."

Of course, Congress was implicitly conceding what the FDA's critics have known for decades—that people die unnecessarily (millions, by some reckonings) when denied access to drugs the agency has not yet condescended to approve. Once H1N1 was deemed a "public health emergency," the FDA issued a series of so-called Emergency Use Authorizations (EUs) providing exemptions for three antiviral drugs (Peramivir, Tamiflu, and Relenza), two "flu panels" (diagnostic tests), and a respirator.

Congress's rationale for permitting such EUs was to remove the FDA roadblock when unapproved drugs (or approved drugs used in unapproved ways) might enhance national security in the face of a chemical or biological threat to "public health." But wait a minute: Why does preserving "public health" justify bypassing the FDA approval process, while private health doesn't? Why should drug companies be able to offer life-saving drugs to large numbers of sick people—but not to small numbers, or even to single individuals?

There is no rational answer to such questions, because there is no rational distinction between public and private health in this context. Every life-threatening disease presents a health emergency to the individual patient. Morally, you have the right to seek the best treatment you can find. Yet our legal system denies you that right when it comes to private health emergencies.

In 2008 the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal in Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs v. von Eschenbach, leaving in place a lower court decision that a lone individual has no constitutional right to escape the government approval process, even if his life is at stake. The plaintiff in that case was a nonprofit named for Abigail Burroughs, a 21-year-old woman who died of cancer in 2001 after a desperate, but futile, quest for federal permission to take an experimental cancer-fighting drug her doctor recommended.

The answer to such injustices is not for Congress to tinker

with the standards by which EUs can be issued. Instead, we need to challenge the idea that private parties striving to preserve human life against dread diseases should ever have to ask government permission before acting.

Pharmaceutical products such as antivirals are the private property of their manufacturers. Drug companies should be free to offer those products for sale on an open market, on terms they deem proper. If a doctor views a particular drug as his patient's best option, then he should be free to prescribe it. And if a patient decides it's his best chance for health, he has a right to authorize the treatment—indeed, his unalienable right to life is meaningless in that situation without such freedom.

Of course, government must always stand at the ready, with power to redress such objective legal wrongs as fraud, negligence, and breach of contract. But otherwise the government should remain entirely out of the loop when drug companies, doctors, and patients are making the all-important decision to treat a life-threatening disease with a promising drug.

Whether the recent EUs freed up remedies that actually saved people from succumbing to swine flu is an open question. But there is no doubt that individuals afflicted by other diseases continue to die because their rights are trampled by FDA control over pharmaceuticals.

Drug companies should never have to look toward Washington, D.C., bowing and begging for bureaucratic permission to save lives—a million lives, or just one.

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Spring is the daughter of Joyce Lipham and late Julian Lipham of Texarkana, Texas,

and the sister of Julianne Cornelius and Tim Lipham of Floydada.

VJ NEWS

know more to write about next week

Marjorie Holcomb called me and said she and Mel had guests Easter Sunday. They were Marjorie's daughter Charlotte Rhoderick of Canyon and Charlotte's daughters Kendra, Kimmie and Charla and son Cody, Charlotte's grandchildren Katy, Cynch, and Spur Lynn, all of Canyon.

I called Gene and asked about the Center. Gene said guests this week for lunch were Betty and Jerry Mickey. Everyone enjoyed visiting with them. Also Larry and Sunny Hammit are home here in Lockney for a while. It is

always wonderful to have them home.

Gene also said Delynda Glasson was bringing her mother Almeda Phillips and several other residents of the nursing home for lunch at the Center on Thursdays, and they were staying and playing games in the afternoon. Everyone seemed to be really having a good time.

Gene and Geneva's brother Sonny Sutton of Plainview is not doing well at all. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Please keep all of the other sick ones you know about on your prayer list.

Thought for the day is that senior citizens choose their cereal for "fiber" instead of the toy.

MENU

- April 19-23**
- Monday:** hamburgers
- Tuesday:** spaghetti
- Wednesday:** chicken and dumplings
- Thursday:** barbecue on bun
- Friday:** fish

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Lockney ISD School Board Election
Saturday, May 8, 2010
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Lockney ISD Early Voting:
Lockney ISD Administration Office
Monday, April 26 through
Tuesday, May 4
Weekdays 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

4-15c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Floydada

Proposed readoption of Article 8.900 of City of Floydada Code of Ordinances

Curfew hours for minors

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF FLOYDADA CITY HALL, 114 W. VIRGINIA ST., FLOYDADA, TEXAS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED READOPTION OF ARTICLE 8.900 - CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS WITHIN THE CITY OF FLOYDADA.

PERSONS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY HALL AT 983-2834 AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

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To the Registered Voters of the City of Floydada, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Floydada, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 8, 2010, for voting in a Special Election to elect:

- 1 Councilmember, District 2 to fill an unexpired 1-year term

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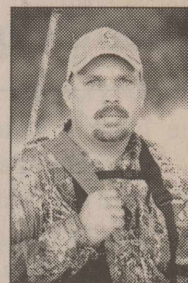
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Russell Graves Outdoors
BOIS D'ARC GOODBYE



Part 1

If I close my eyes, I can almost hear the old country songs drifting through the dilapidated farmhouse near the tiny Texas community of Edhube.

Thirty years ago my family lived in this old dwelling. It came complete with well water, a barn with a loft, and a screened back porch, where I would sleep when the weather was mild. Out in the country, there wasn't much to do except roam the pastures and creek bottoms at the northern edge of the Blackland Prairie. That brings us to this story.

This is a story about how a creek, muddy and I suppose insignificant to most, transforms. The transformation affects not only the landscape, but people as well. This is a story about a creek's cultural, natural and historic importance to a rural part of Texas. This is a story about an attempt by me and my brother Bubba to record the creek in film, still images, writing and any other way we can before a lake project floods 16,000 acres of old-growth bottomland hardwoods and permanently alters the flow of the creek that helped shape who I am today.

This is my story of Bois d'Arc Creek.

Early Days

As creeks go, Bois d'Arc is a big one. With headwaters around the soft, white-rock washes east of Whitewright, Bois d'Arc meanders quietly through deep, black dirt and cuts an impressively wide valley northeast through Fannin County before it empties into the Red River just northwest of Paris. The upper and lower parts of the creek have places where the water runs relatively clear because of its rocky bottom and steeper flow. Along the creek's long midsection, the topography flattens, the current slows, the bottom muddies, and so does the water.

Virtually no one lives along the creek's edge because of its propensity for occasional flooding. Therefore, most people identify the creek only where the highways intersect it. While I can't say I know the creek better than anyone else, I can say that I know it well. For the past 30-some-odd years, my brother and I have floated, fished, hunted and explored most of Bois d'Arc.

"Supper's ready!" Mama's voice resonated through the old-growth oaks and the giant ragweed, signaling it was time for Bubba and me to climb the hill and head back home. We were never too far away, but that didn't matter. As long as we couldn't see the house, we may as well have been out in the wilderness. Boys like us could imagine high adventure even though we remained within earshot of our mother.

We were and still are bona fide country kids. While I haven't thought about it much, I suppose a great deal of my wanderlust formed as a boy in that old farmhouse near Edhube.

On one occasion, I can remember walking to the creek with Bubba. While he was checking some steel traps he'd laid to catch raccoons so he could sell their pelts, I stayed on the bank and looked for cool stuff. What I found was a big bur oak tree. Scattered underneath were huge, golf-ball-sized acorns. I can't remember what fascinated me most — the sheer size of the acorns or their perfectly formed caps, which looked to me like ornate, basket-weaved cups. Whatever attracted me to those acorns didn't really matter as I filled every pocket with them and took them home to smash them with a hammer to see what was inside.

Those acorns, small and insignificant to most, I suppose, are one of the things that attracted me to the outdoors. Things like that still do.

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Floydada General Election held for early voting April 26-May 4, 2010 will be tested on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Floyd County Courthouse, Room 113, Floydada, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
 City Secretary, City of Floydada

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo automático de tabular que será utilizado en la Elección General de la Ciudad de Floydada que se llevará a cabo para votar temprano el 26 de Abril - 4 de Mayo de 2010 será probado el martes, 20 de Abril de 2010 a las 8:30 de la mañana en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Floyd, el Cuarto 113, Floydada, Tejas para acertar que el equipo contará exactamente los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Brisco Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited College or University.

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Burch-Settoon Student Loan Trust
 Wells Fargo Bank Trust Department
 P.O. Box 10517
 Lubbock, Texas 79408

Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust
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 1001 West 7th Street
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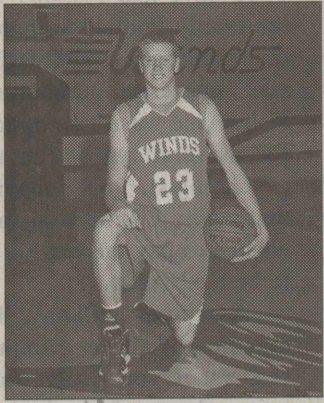
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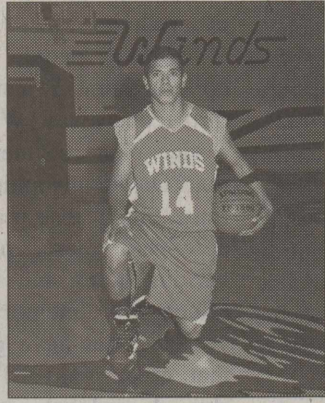
WHIRLWINDS NAMED TO 2-2A ALL-DISTRICT

Cornelius named Defensive Player of the Year

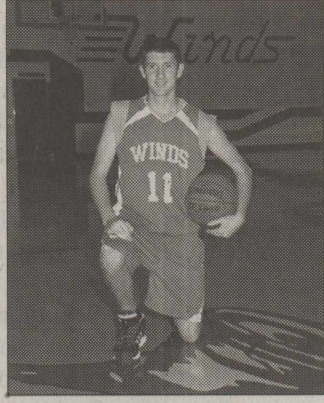
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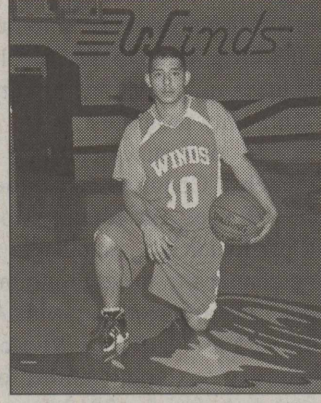
JORDAN CORNELIUS
Floydada – Senior
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Defensive Player
of the Year
Basketball



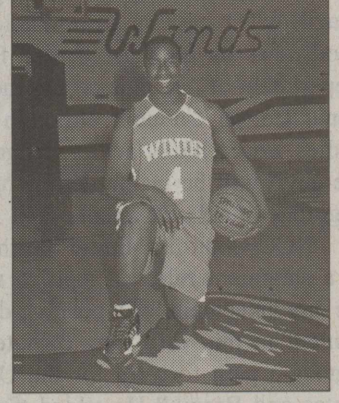
DAVID DIAZ
Floydada – Senior
2-2A Honorable Mention
Basketball



MASON LIPHAM
Floydada – Senior
2-2A All-District
Basketball



JOSEPH SEGURA
Floydada – Senior
2-2A All-District
Basketball



BRYSON SESSION
Floydada – Junior
2-2A All-District
Basketball



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AB DUNCAN STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 12, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Damon Monroe, Madison Barrientos, Sierra Perez, Marcos Cervera; (front row, l-r) Angel Alaniz, Derrik Suarez and Mercedes Alaniz.



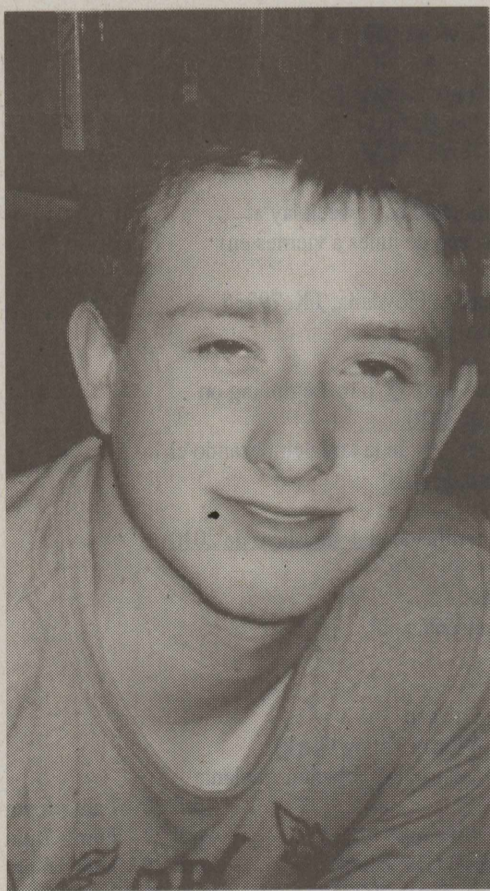
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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 5, 2010 were Myra Garcia, Ali Gonzales, Andres Mendoza, Izel Martinez, Desera Irlas, Yamellie Rodriguez, and Tyler Smith.

Floydada School Menu

April 19 – April 23
Monday
Breakfast-French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn coblette, pineapple tidbits, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast- Sausage, toast/jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Carne Guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk
Thursday
Breakfast- Breakfast sausage roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots/ranch, chocolate pudding cups, milk

Dylan Sloan Thomas October 13, 1992 ~ April 20, 2008



Dylan,
If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
We would walk right up to Heaven
And bring you down again.

No farewell words were spoken,
no time to say, "Goodbye,"
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
And secret tears still flow,
What it means to love you~
No one can ever know.
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more:
To remember all the happy times
For life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
We pledge to you today~
A hallowed place within our hearts
is where you'll always stay.

Maecee McClenney
April 20, 2008
Abernathy, TX

Dylan it's still hard to believe two years have passed since you've gone Home to be with your Heavenly Father. For those of us left behind, "miss you" doesn't even begin to cover our feelings of loss. All of us will forever carry a special part of you with us for you touched many lives in your fifteen short years here on earth. You should now be 17 years old and a Junior at Floydada High School. This year, Montana did really well at the Floyd County Stock Show with a Reserve Breed, two 1st places, one 2nd place, and one 3rd place. Cassie did terrific as well and won Senior Showmanship. Your Floydada Whirlwind Football Team was awesome and went to the playoffs just as you predicted your freshman year. They even took your jersey with them. The Juniors all stood together with Greg and Bryson holding your jersey right on the field during the coin flip. You got to be on the field one more time!! Your weight lifting team went to State with your boys Troy and Juan placing 5th and 8th respectively! Now your FHS Whirlwind Baseball Team is undefeated in district and headed to the playoffs for a second year in a row! Greg, Troy, Brandon, Carson, and Juan have all stepped up and become real leaders for the team. We all know you're our Angel now and continue to watch over us. You will never be forgotten, and your memory will always be honored!

*Love You Dylan Forever and Always,
Mom, Chad, Montana and Dad; Nana and Paw-Paw;
Ta-Ta and Malcolm; Granny and Paw-Paw; Aunts,
Uncles, and Cousins; And All of Your Friends*



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H junior members competed in the District 4-H Archery contest on March 27th at the Terry County Livestock Barn in Brownfield. Participants were (left to right) Tristan Schlueter, Caitlin Bishop, Kaleb Whittle, Rachel Graham, Alex Glass, Kortney Campbell and Brayden Campbell.

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Relay for Life 2010 Luminaria Ceremony

The Luminaria Ceremony is one of the most moving moments of Relay. Many use this time to commemorate the loved ones who were lost by this disease. Others use Luminaria's to celebrate the survivorship of the people who have won the battle. Would you like to honor someone with a luminaria at our relay for life? You too can help spread the light of hope and honor or remember those in your life who have been touched by cancer.

Floyd County Relay for Life
April 30, 2010
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Name to be listed on bag(s)	In Memory	In Honor	Donation Amount (\$5 suggested)

Please make Checks Payable to: American Cancer Society
Give form to Team Captains or cut out and mail to 3612 Side St.
Plainview, TX 79072

For more information Call; Janee Harrison, Luminaria Chair
(806) 296-5267

Luminarias will also be on sale the night of relay.
We hope to see you there!

PGC Cotton News ...

By Shawn Wade

The April 6 announcement of what amounts to an interim agreement on the process of settling the ongoing Brazil WTO case is being hailed as good news by both the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Cotton Council, although both bodies would likely acknowledge that the devil will be in the details of any negotiated final settlement.

NCC Chairman Eddie Smith said in a statement released April 6 noted the announcement "is a positive development in this very long dispute and signals a path forward for the United States and Brazil." He added that the agreement provides a roadmap for the two countries to come to a long-term solution regarding this trade dispute without resorting to harmful retaliation.

In Washington a joint announcement from USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk also concentrated on the positive elements of being able to forestall harmful retaliatory countermeasures by Brazil.

Vilsack noted in the statement that he was pleased that the agreement reached with Brazil will also "respect the U.S. Farm Bill process and the role of Congress in shaping our commodity programs."

Comments from Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Blanche Lincoln and Ranking Member Saxby Chambliss reinforce the role that they intend Congress to play in developing a final resolution to the Brazil case that includes modifications to current U.S. commodity programs.

In their statement they say, "Ultimately, Congress and the Senate and House Agriculture Committees in particular are responsible for crafting changes to these programs and we look forward working with Ambassador Kirk and Secretary Vilsack as both sides explore modifications for consideration during the 2012 farm bill process."

The point that the devil will ultimately be in the details of any final agreement, especially in regard to cotton, was driven home in a statement from Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim who reiterated that Brazil would continue to insist on a complete elimination of American cotton subsidies.

"Any understanding outside of a full implementation of the rulings of the WTO will by definition be temporary," Amorim said. "This full implementation will involve complex actions by both the American executive and legislative branches. Still, a group of procedural measures that offer ad-

equate conditions, even if temporary, would be welcomed."

Among the "procedural measures" that will be introduced or adopted by the U.S. in exchange for Brazil delaying implementation of countermeasures is establishment of a temporary assistance fund of \$147.3 million a year targeted to the Brazilian cotton industry.

This amount equals the value of retaliation attributable to U.S. cotton programs by the WTO and would be provided yearly until passage of the next Farm Bill or a final agreement is reached, whichever is sooner.

The cotton fund is to be used exclusively for technical assistance and capacity building benefiting the Brazilian cotton industry.

In addition to establishing the cotton technical assistance fund, the U.S. also agreed to interim procedural changes resolving sanitary and phytosanitary issues that currently impede the import of Brazilian meat products to the U.S.

According to NCC Chairman Smith the two critical aspects of this interim agreement are that it avoids immediate harmful economic effects of trade retaliation and "puts the serious discussion concerning changes in the U.S. cotton program before Congress in the 2012 farm bill, which is where that discussion belongs."



License plates. They're everywhere.

Some people even collect them. I just never throw one away. Why toss a nice piece of metal like that? On our unsophisticated farm, old license plates are here and there, patching various holes and thereby effectively memorializing vehicles that have gone to that great junkyard in the sky. A redneck concept? Not really. Rednecks keep the whole car.

OK, so we've got a couple of junkers on the place. OK, so we've got four. But only two are permanent. My 1946 Chrysler Windsor Club Coupe awaits restoration, and the venerable '48 Windsor four-door is its parts counterpart.

The license plate on the '46, my first car, is an early day personalized one: namely, HANABA. As a freshman at an Arkansas college, the unusual plate on the green repainted vintage Texas car gave me a higher profile than I deserved. Of course, some people just knew my car. Not that I was trying to make a big splash on campus. Just a little one. The car and plate were my speed.

Speaking of speed, some advice:

If your line of work involves fleeing crime scenes, a personalized plate isn't recommended. Pick something less memorable.

I'm showing my age. It's true that plate buyers now are stuck with whatever comes up next. But in the old days, you could ask the clerk to dig deep in the stack of plates to get you something you liked. Otherwise, how could the family of that town boy I liked back in

1961 have had FN2009 on the family Pontiac to match their 2009 street address? I was impressed. Matching Route One wasn't an option for us rural types. I'm no psychologist, but maybe that's why I jumped at that chance to pay the extra \$10 to be HANABA.

Assuming I still have the attention of all my criminal readers, if you really want to speed away from the law or onlookers, splatter your license plates with mud. That's how crooks typically eluded capture in Nancy Drew mysteries.

Back when I was reading Drew, it always struck me that the splattering technique wouldn't work well in West Texas, where droughts prevailed, and the only common kind of mud was for drilling. Mud-splattered plates would have aroused the suspicions of any alert cop - especially if he'd ever read Nancy Drew.

Call that tip No. 2 for criminals. It negates tip No. 1. Sorry.

A word for aspiring collectors:

If you don't have room for real license plates, you can just keep a record of when and where you see unusual ones. It's like bird watching.

My parents and I got spotted and duly recorded once in Canada when we were waiting to board a ferry. A boy about 11 acted excited to meet us as he jotted down our information in his little bird watcher-size notebook. It was as if he'd seen yellow-bellied sapsuckers away from their natural habitat.

That does sound exciting, doesn't it?

A message for FN2009. I'm over it.

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Floydada Fifties Ladies met March 29

By Mary Eastham

Floydada Fifties Ladies met for lunch at Red Lobster in Lubbock on March 29th.

Present were Margie Young, Margaret Soudelier, Genelle Blanton,

Margaret Balias, Lee Battey, Carolyn Marble, Becky Hamilton, Fern Hartsell, Jerri Taylor, Ginger Harber, Audeen Irwin, Beth Pratt, Bonnie Craig, Mary Eastham and Edith Muncy.

Ladies graduating from Floydada High School in the 50's are invited to attend. The next meeting will be June 29, 2010 at the Olive Garden in Lubbock at 1 p.m.

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- 2 Councilmembers At-Large

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- 2 Miembro de Concilio, En General

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Bobby Gilliland,
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

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Floyd County History from the Archives ...

... OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

From the Lockney Beacon March 25, 1976
THE CAPROCK--GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH PLAINS

The pinnacle of achievement was reached by early settlers when they succeed in gaining the top of the Caprock and set foot at last on the Plains

"The first roads up the Cap followed mainly the Indian trails. By the time the later people came, a more defined course had been established. This does not mean it was easier."

We stopped at times coming up the Cap to rest teams and to rest ourselves since we walked up to lighten the load. In the steeper climbs, we "scotched" the wheels not to roll backward. When it was necessary to go back down the Cap, there were places we had to tie a back wheel of wagons without brakes to prevent the wagon from running over the team in front of it."

The Caprock was described as an "east-facing wall gradually decreasing in elevation toward the south."

"The driver with a steady grip on his reins walked close to his team and shouted or talked encouragement as the team 'leaned into the collar' coming up the steeper slopes."

The Lockney-Quitaque Cap east of Lockney is steep in places, but is not as long as the Schacht Cap farther to the north. It is the only Caprock road that is still unpaved. The ruts of the earlier road are still visible where the present road cuts through it.

"Just when you come off the Cap where you see what remains of the old rock kitchen covered in weeds, you'll find the old road bed--you'll find the old road ruts. There are two peaks--(not Quitaque Peaks) on my place where the mail hack went by in later times. They stopped near here to get fresh teams and when they came back by they stopped to change teams again. These are old ruts about five miles southwest of Quitaque. They cut

all across the pasture," explains Jane Blair of Quitaque.

"A homesteader by the name of Potter helped to make those ruts when he was making the name of 'the man who eliminated lobos here,'" Mrs. Blair adds.

The Schacht Cap northeast of Silverton, with Rattle Snake Mountain at its base, is the rockiest face of the cap. Steep drops and a hair-pin curve help to make it rougher.

Another cap was east of Lockney. The freighters dreaded this cap in later times. It was first known as the old Tibbitt Hill, but is now Flomot Cap.

The long, sloping climb of the Flomot road contrasts sharply with the rugged climb of the Schacht Cap.

Named in the order of their accessibility Schacht Cap, Silverton-Quitaque Cap, Lockney-Quitaque Cap, Flomot and Matador Caps offered routes once to the South Panhandle of Texas as they do now.

"It took four horses to pull any kind of a load up Schacht. If four horses were hitched to a wagon, two spans were hitched in tandem.

As late as January 1925 in a bad snow storm, A. O. Foster of the Lone Star Community brought two wagons up the Matador Cap.

"We had four horses to one wagon, and a team of two to the other. 'I'll never forget that trip. A mule I had was hard to harness. The ground was so slick with ice at Paducah where we stopped at a wagon yard that when I tried to harness him, my feet would slip giving the mule slack to get farther away. Thought I'd never get him harnessed. My mother had baked me a cocoanut cake before I left. I never tasted anything better than the last of the frozen cake when I camped on top of the cap after that climb up Matador Cap," Mr. Foster laughingly relates.

Then there is the story of an old-timer who came out on top of the Schacht Cap. He was greeted with a high wind and sand storm. The wind lifted a good Stetson hat off his head. The last he saw of the hat was as it faded into the dust out over a steep canyon.

Texas Plains Trail Region and Postal Service partner up

The Texas Plains Trail Region and the Postal Service are partnering together to do a pictorial Special Stamp Cancellation postmark in the county seat of the 52 counties in the Plains Region beginning in January 2010.

Each Wednesday of 2010 a different post office in a different county will do a pictorial postmark. This is an effort to promote travel and heritage tourism by connecting

points of pride, and hopefully generate a little revenue for the Postal Service. An identical postage cancel for every county has been produced for each county seat Post Office. You are invited to join the fun at the Floydada Post Office at 11:00 on April 28, 2010. For more information, visit our website at: www.TexasPlainsTrail.com or e-mail Deborah Sue McDonald, Regional Executive Director at: txplainstrail@yahoo.com.

By Elaine LaBaume

As of this writing on Monday morning, April 12, 2010, I am two weeks past my neck surgery in Amarillo. Once the doctor saw the condition of my neck, he found another area that needed repair. I go to Amarillo for my first check-up tomorrow, April 12th. I am in a neck brace that will not allow my neck to move. We are very thankful for friends and family that have been so good to bring in food for us. It has really helped Jon out.

The Floyd County Friends gala was on March 27 and we went to Amarillo on the 28th for my surgery on the 29th. I could not miss the gala!! Wow!! What a gala we had this year, the largest ever in our 15 years.

I hope everyone has read the article by Shawnda Foster in the Hesperian-Beacon the week after the gala to know how wonderful it was. We are so thankful and grateful to each and every person that had a part in the gala. There were several there that had never missed a gala and some had only missed one. One man who had never been to a gala told Jon LaBaume "if he had known how much fun it was he would have been coming to all the galas."

My husband and manager of the Unity Center, Jon LaBaume, gave the following report at the gala. From 2000 through 2009, there have been 1151 event days when the building was in use and 95,418 people have been through the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. I think this proves that

Floyd County needed a "multipurpose building." Not only is it used by Floyd County, there have been people from all over the area and state that have used the building.

Be sure to visit our website @ www.floydcounty-friend.org. Vance Lemons, Floydada ISD Ag Instructor is our Webmaster. He is doing a great job and you'll want to look at the beautiful photos he is posting from around Floyd County.

There is a list of all me-

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memorials since the inception of Floyd County Friends. Should you find one that is missing, it is an over site and you can let me know. If you would like to make a memorial to the Unity Center, please send it to me @ 901 W. Lee Street, Floydada, Texas 79235

Unemployment rate holding steady statewide

AUSTIN - Texas' unemployment rate held steady, at 8.2 percent, for the third consecutive month, despite the loss of 13,000 jobs in February, but Childress remained below the state rate, at 7.1 percent, state officials said.

The Texas Workforce Commission said the job losses offset a revised January gain of 12,600 jobs.

The civilian work force in Texas grew by 40,200 and stands at 12.1 million workers, according to commission figures. Amarillo's jobless rate was 6 percent in January.

The state's jobless rate

remained below the national figure of 9.7 percent.

"Although this serious national recession continues to have a negative impact here in Texas, the unemployment rates appears to have stabilized," commission chairman Tom Pauken said.

The professional and business services sector gained 9,000 jobs for its largest monthly increase in more than two years. Most other sectors lost jobs, led by trade, transportation and utilities, with 7,700 losses.

"While it is encouraging to see job gains in February across several major employment sectors, our job

market remains tight for those seeking new opportunities in the Lone Star State," said Ronny Congleton, the commissioner representing labor.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits dropped 21 percent, from 108,752 in January to 86,282 in February, according to commission figures.

Unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market.

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FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Floydada Independent School District, Floydada, Texas:

Notice is hereby give that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2010, for voting in a trustee election to elect trustees to Single-member District Four and Single-member District Five, and At-large.

Location of Polling Places:

Massie Activity Center
 512 West Georgia
 Floydada, Texas 79235

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day at Floydada ISD Central Office, 226 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 26, 2010 and ending on May 4, 2010.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Laveta Morren, 226 West California
 Name of Early Voting Clerk Floydada, Texas 79235

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010.

Issued this the 8th day of February, 2010.

Lyle Miller
 Signature of Presiding Officer

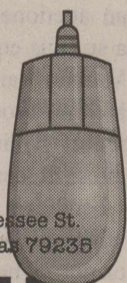
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Floydada ISD School Trustee Election held on May 8, 2010 will be tested on April 20, 2010 at 8:00 am (date) (time)

at Floyd County Court House to ascertain that it will accurately (location)

count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Laveta Morren
 Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion Floydada ISD School Trustee que se llevara a cabo el mayo 8, 2010 se probara el

abril 20, 2010 a las 8:00 am en Floyd County Court House (fecha) (hora) (sitio)

para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Laveta Morren
 Firma del/dela Oficial

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the NEW HIGH SCHOOL - LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - LOCKNEY, TEXAS. Proposals are due by 2:00pm, Thursday, April 29, 2010. No proposals will be accepted after this time. We specifically invite Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns, and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals.

Plans are available from:
 Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
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 Lubbock, Texas 79423
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Plans are available for viewing in the following locations:
AGC Plan Room - Lubbock
Dodge Plan Room - Lubbock
Dodge - Scan
LLCI Virtual Plan Room contact - PDM@leelewis.com

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2010 at 2:00PM at the site - 416 Willow, Lockney, TX 79241.

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AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados del Floydada Independent School District, Floydada, Texas:

Por este medio aviso es dado que los lugares para ir a votar nombrados aqui en esta lista van estar abiertos de las 7:00 de la manana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde el dia ocho de Mayo 2010, para elegir Fideicomisarios para el solo miembro del Distrito cuarto, del Distrito cinco, At-large.

DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES:

Massie Activity Center
 512 West Georgia
 Floydada, Texas 79235

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en

Floydada Independent School District Central Office, 226 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235.

entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde emperzando el 26 de abril 2010 y terminando el 4 de mayo 2010.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Laveta Morren
 Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada

226 West California, Floydada, Texas 79235
 Direccion Ciudad Zona Postal

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de abril 2010.

Emitada este dia 8th febrero 2010.

Lyle Miller
 Oficial que Preside

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Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP has plugged and abandoned the W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 and the Ceretha Watson Lease (223132) Well #1.

The W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 was located in Section 24, Block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moulton Survey, four miles northeast of Floydada. The W.D. Miller Well #1 was drilled and completed in September 2005 and

produced 3,223 barrels of oil from January 2006 through February 2010.

The Ceretha Watson Lease (223132) Well #1 was located in Section 4, Block 1, Brooks and Burleson Survey, three miles northeast of Dougherty. The Ceretha Watson Well #1 was drilled October through December 2005. Completion work was done in January 2006, October 2006, January 2007, and in April 2007. The Ceretha Watson Well #1 has been shut-in since May 2007.

USDA giving loans for efficiency

TEMPLE, TEXAS, April 9, 2010—Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced today that Section 504 loan funds are available to qualified applicants to make their homes more energy efficient. Loan funds may also be used to make general repairs to improve or modernize the property, as long as the dwelling remains modest.

"The Section 504 Loan Program not only helps homeowners repair their homes and make their homes more energy efficient, but is an important component of USDA's economic development efforts," said Paco Valentin.

Having an energy efficient home can be accomplished very easily. Examples of making a home more energy efficient include installing double pane windows, more

insulation in the attic, weather stripping the doors, caulking existing windows, and the installation or upgrade of a heating or cooling unit with higher seasonal energy efficiency rating for the purpose of removing health hazards. Doing such would reduce the costs of heating and cooling a home.

Section 504 loans have an interest rate of 1 percent and a maximum term of 20 years. Maximum loan amount is \$20,000. To qualify for a Section 504 loan, the applicant must have a reliable income source sufficient to allow repayment of the loan. Applicants must also have a credit history that indicates a reasonable ability and willingness to meet debt obligations. The adjusted household income at the time of loan approval and at loan

closing must not exceed the USDA Rural Development applicable very low-income limit.

In order to be eligible for a Section 504 loan, the applicant must own and occupy the property. The property must be considered modest for the area, must not have an in-ground pool, and must not have a value in excess of the area loan limit. For the purpose of USDA Rural Development housing assistance the property must be located in an eligible rural area. To determine if your property is located in an eligible rural area, please contact the USDA Rural Development area office that serves your area, which can be located at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app> or call (254) 742-9770 for assistance.

Cotton Market Weekly



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Speculative selling on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) knocked cotton futures prices to six-week lows on Thursday as outside weakness pushed prices through key levels on the technical charts.

Cotton traded higher most of the week as equities rose Monday due to news of an unexpected rise in pending U.S. home sales during March. On the same note, crude-oil price gains led other commodities following stronger-than-expected U.S. jobs data released last week. The bullish news for the U.S. economy sent investors out of the dollar and into riskier bets.

"The weak dollar made prices of commodities contracts relatively less expensive in other currencies causing metals and most agricultural commodities prices to rise Monday," an analyst explained.

Traders also spent the week looking ahead to the Friday release of USDA's supply/demand report. Analysts surveyed early in the week expected the department to trim its outlook for 2009-10 U.S. cotton production and raise its outlook for U.S. exports.

"This bullish fundamental outlook has supported prices for more than a year as world supply/demand data have the same characteristics of tight supply and strong demand," a market observer said. "I believe the overall bullishness in the market will continue despite the fact that USDA left U.S. exports unchanged in its April figures."

This month's U.S. cotton forecasts for 2009-10 show lower production and ending stocks. USDA's production estimate was reduced 251,000 bales from last month based on the department's final Cotton Ginnings report released March 25, 2010. With domestic mill use and exports unchanged, the lower production was reflected in ending stocks of 3.0 million bales, 200,000 below last month. The stocks-to-use ratio of 19.4 percent would be the smallest since 2003-04.

The department's world cotton forecasts for 2009-10 included small revisions that resulted in slightly lower ending stocks compared with last month. Beginning stocks were raised marginally, due mainly to prior year adjustments for India and Pakistan. World pro-

duction was reduced approximately 500,000 bales based on reductions for the United States and Australia. World consumption was raised, reflecting increases for Brazil, India, Turkey, and Uzbekistan,

partially offset by a reduction for Pakistan. Forecast ending stocks of 50.9 million bales were 44 percent of world consumption which is the smallest world stocks-to-use since 1994-95.

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April 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

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percent cash back. Vaughn said with this new card the district is guaranteed the lowest state rate on pre-bid hotel stays. Also, he said, the card gives the district some flexibility, because a card can be given to a department where any person in the department can use it instead of just one specific person.

Board trustee Amado Morales made the motion to approve the change to the State of Texas Procurement cards backed by Chase Bank with a limit of \$100,000. Both board trustees Bart Greer and Rachael Castillo voiced their concerns about taking the business away from ASB. Vaughn said that the administration is trying to do is to explore every avenue to generate money for the district, even when the decisions aren't always popular. The motion passed, with Freddie Morren, Lyle Miller, Castillo and Morales voting for the motion, and Greer voting in opposition.

Vaughn informed the board the district's student athletic insurance is up and the current interlocal agreement is with Texas Kids First. According to Vaughn there are only two options for the insurance: Texas Kids First and Monarch. Vaughn said there is no increase in the premium cost and no decrease in the coverage. According to Vaughn, Coach Todd Bandy has said this has been a good insurance plan. To stay with Texas Kids First will cost the district approximately \$48,000 a year. The board unanimously approved renewing the interlocal agreement with Texas Kids First.

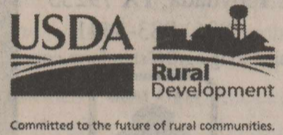
Regarding proposals for an auctioneering service for a surplus equipment auction, Vaughn said, "We've been kicking around the possibility of having an auction. I guess it comes to the point where we have to decide whether we want to do this or not." There were only two who presented proposals to

the district. "Both felt like with the amount of merchandise...they would need some help getting set up and would have to utilize some of our people in order to be able to handle it," Vaughn said. "Both indicated that it would need to be on two separate Saturdays..." Vaughn said the auction could be held in either late spring or summer - whenever the board wanted it. Vaughn's recommendation to the board was if they wanted to proceed with the auction that they choose an auctioneering service. Larry Ogden was approved by the motion of the board to be the auctioneer if the district has an auction.

Students of the month for March were Tatum Glasscock at A.B. Duncan Elementary (pre-K), DeAndre McCann at the junior high (7th grade), and Lizbeth Orozco at the high school (9th grade). Jenna Heflin, a science teacher and coach at Floydada Jr. High, was honored as educator of the month, and Ann Evans, who works in the Special Education Office and has been with the district for 17 years, was honored as support staff of the month.

The February minutes were approved and the bills were paid. Rainwater told the board, "We had kind of a low month of expenditures for February." Rainwater gave the tax report, showing the percent of roll collected as of Feb. 28, 2010, to be 95.96 percent, compared to last year's 96.51 percent. Current tax roll for M&O is \$2,484,739.62, with net collections of \$2,384,350.57. Tax roll for I&S is \$283,081.06, with net collections of \$266,530.54. The cash flow statement showed a current cash balance, as of the meeting, of \$5,788,194.29.

The board then went into a closed meeting per Texas Government Code, Ch 551-074, to discuss the performance of professional personnel and teachers.



RD NEWS FLASH

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- The adjusted household income must not exceed the USDA Rural Development applicable very low income limit.

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