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## DANIEL KEEPING WINS THE MBR WORLD FINALS IN LAS VEGAS

On Tuesday, October 23, 2012 Daniel Keeping age 13 of Gorman, Texas flew to Las Vegas, NV to compete in the Miniature Bull Rider's World Finals. The MBR was held during the Professional Bull Riders World Finals in the PBR Fan Zone at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, October 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th.

Ten riders in each of the two age groups were invited based on their year-end standings in the association. Dan had only competed in two of the four events and still placed fourth in the year end standings which qualified him to compete.

The competition started on Wednesday with Dan drawing the bull Gambler. Gambler would not stand in the chute and reared and jumped banging Dan around and giving the judges cause to call for another bull. Dan rode that bull for a 74 point ride placing him in third place for the opening round. Only four boys rode that day. On the second round Dan drew the bull he had as a re-ride from the day before and scored a 72 placing him in second place for the day and moving him to first in the average and only three boys had gone two for two.

On the third day Dan again drew a bull that was keyed up for the event and was jumpy in the chute. Dan worked with bull and was able to get out on him, however when the chute opened the bull stumbled down to his chest throwing Dan forward into his horns which struck Dan in the throat and caused him to buck off. The judges granted Dan a re-ride and Dan pulled himself together and made that ride. He again placed third in the round and remained in first in the average. There were now only two riders that had gone three for three.

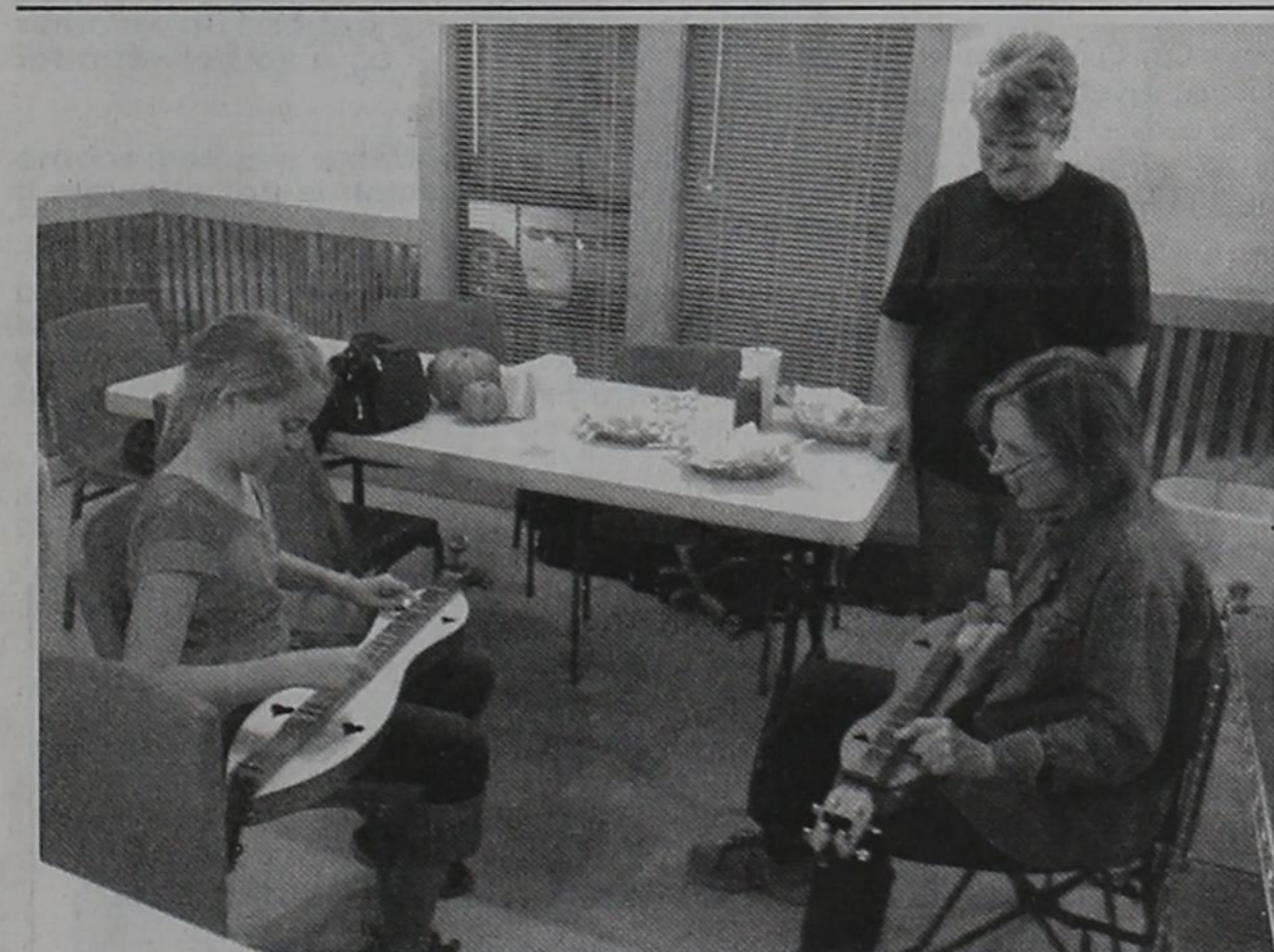
On the final day the boys were able to select the bull they wanted to ride based on their overall standings. Dan had the first choice and drew Black Duck a bull he had previously gotten an 86 point score on. Dan was the last rider to go in the round and was the only one who had a chance at going four for four. While Black Duck did not have the out he did previously Dan still placed third in the round and won the finals. He finished third overall for the season.

Dan is grateful to Cirildo and Lillie Leal of Lockney, Texas who manage and run the MBR and took him in while in Las Vegas as his family could not attend. Dan is also grateful to his sponsors GLOCK, Inc. of Smyrna, GA and Yankee Gunsmith / Just Glock's Inc. of Copperas Cove, Texas. Also to the business he is part owners in, Lazy K Mini Bull's of Gorman, Texas. He would also like to recognize Mr. Mike Young and Mr. Rookie Brooks of Stephenville who have been instrumental in developing his bull riding.

In the end 2012 as very productive for Dan as he also won the Texas Junior High School Rodeo Region III year end Junior Bull Riding Title and Round 2 at the TJHSRA State Finals in Gonzales, Texas. He also won the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association Year End Championship in Senior Steer Riding and Senior Miniature Bull Riding for the North Region and the Year End State Championship in Senior Miniature Bulls. In the MBR he won the Chris Shivers MBR Invitational event held in Jonesboro, LA.

## Gorman Middle School - 2nd Six Weeks - Honor Roll

**6th Grade - A Honor Roll** - Rees Byrd, Cade Simmons and Lauren Underwood; **A-B Honor Roll** - Brandon Hogan and Jennifer Montelongo. **7th Grade - A-B Honor Roll** - Carlos Cruz, Jacob Ervin, Neyda Herrera, Danette Lara, Trent Padron, Jessica Ramirez, Kade Sparger, Stratton Thompson and Sara Woodall. **8th Grade - A Honor Roll** - Izael Herrera, Talee Jones and Mayra Ramirez; **A-B Honor Roll** - Jessica Burney, Austin Byrd, Bradi Campbell, Sydney Casey, Kayce Dodd, Shawn Estrada, Mayra Gutierrez, Katalina Landa, Karina Lira-Moreno, Ricardo Olvera, Dayanna Palacios, Sam Rainey and Dylan Walton.



Brenda Hammtree looks on as Margaret Wright, nationally known Mountain Dulcimer Performer teaches Macy McGaha to play a fiddle tune. Macy and her mother Mitzi came to the Peanut Hut the evening of Nov 18 and Wright, who was having dinner there with friends offered the impromptu session. Macy plays guitar, as does Wright, so the two quickly presented a worthy jam session for customers. Wright, an Elementary Music teacher from Houston County, performs statewide with her family in Texas and the northeastern states. She conducts workshops annually at the Blue Ridge Mountain Old Time Music Week at Mars Hill College in Asheville, North Carolina. Macy, daughter of Jim and Mitzi McGaha of Carbon, attends school in Eastland.

**Christmas Store**  
Desdemona Activity Center  
November 29-December 1 & December 6-December 8  
8:00-5:00 each day  
Christmas items, small gifts & baked goods

**FUND SET UP FOR SEAY FAMILY**  
There is an account set up at Prosperity Bank (American State Bank) for donations to the Seay family for medical and travel expenses. If you would like to donate to them, you can make your check payable to City of Gorman, Vicki Seay Benefit Fund and drop it off at the City Office or the Bank, or mail it to Prosperity Bank, 115 S Fisher, Gorman, TX 76454. Thanks goes to everyone for your prayers, phone calls and concern. Vicki is expected to make a full recovery; she just has a long road ahead of her.

## Lady Panthers Win Over Ranger On Nov. 20th - 45-42

The Lady Panthers traveled to Ranger on Tuesday November the 20th and defeated the Lady Bulldogs by a score of 45-42. For the 3rd consecutive game Kinsey Johnston lead the Lady Panthers in scoring with 16 points and Melissa Ramirez lead the team with 13 rebounds. Ramirez also chipped in 12 points. Megan Gray had 5 steals and scored 8 points. Vanessa Longoria added 5 points and both Rachel Tucker and Jacqueline Rainey each scored 2 points. The Lady Panthers trailed after the first quarter 11-7, but rallied and scored a season high 24 points in the second quarter. The Panthers and Lady Panthers host Perrin -Whitt on Tuesday night and travel to Priddy on Friday.

## The Gorman Student Council Presents - Cinderfella

The Pageant will be held on Thursday, November the 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. All fund raised will be used for the Student Council Community Service Project. The "girls" will be judged on talent, formal wear, casual wear, and interview. Everyone come out and support our brave young "ladies!"

**DOWNTOWN GORMAN**  
*Christmas*  
*In The Park*

On Dec 1 the Gorman Festival Committee and Chamber of Commerce will host an evening of fun and festivities for the whole family!  
Jolly Old Saint Nick will begin taking pictures at 5:00 in the Community center. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own camera this year as the Chamber will not be taking or selling pictures. At 5:30 Santa will take a short break to join the "Light Parade" from the Football stadium parking lot down Fisher St. (Hwy 8) then turn down Kent St. until we end up at the City Park where the main activities will take place. Parade floats will be judged on their display of Christmas lights.  
After the parade, Santa will be lighting the city's Christmas Tree and join the community to sing Christmas carols.  
At 5:00 the Parent / Teacher Organization (PTO) will have a pancake supper at the Community Center until 7:00. The price is \$3 for a plate of pancakes with all the fixins'  
There will also be a horse drawn carriage that will take a tour of the Christmas lights around downtown after the parade. The cost is \$5 for adults and children are free. Tips for the horses are appreciated.  
All businesses and churches are encouraged to participate with floats as well as providing warm drinks and goodies. Contact Jason Wilder at (254) 243-0338 for more information.

## Gorman High School - Second Sixth Weeks - Honor Roll

**Freshman Class - A** - Jose Maldonado and Tanner Phillips; **A-B** - Arlette Giles, Flavio Herrera, Rylan Laminack, Haley Majors, Christina Shawver and Kodie Spager.

**Sophomore Class - A** - Yovani Palacios; **A-B** - Adriana Brown, Cindy Gonzales, Ryleigh Hallmark, Cosette Keeping, Jacquelynn Rainey, Lauren Spivey and Madison Warren.

**Junior Class - A** - Zach Carlton and Connie Gonzales; **A-B** - Kinsey Johnston, Rasha Rainey and Melissa Ramirez.

**Senior Class - A** - Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson and Luis Limon; **A-B** - Elena Christian, Jasmeen DeLaTorre, Stephanie Grissom, Bradley Lipson, Viridiana Maldonado, Juan Oliveres, Margarita Oronia, Brandon Roby, Robert Shawver and Rachel Tucker.

## Items of interest

**Men's Community Prayer Breakfast** meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

**SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.**

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

**Food Bank**  
**New Hours - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Fourth Thursday**  
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stan Harper, Master - Jerry Napoli, Secretary.  
Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to Prosperity Bank, 115 S. Fisher - Gorman, Texas 76454



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**Pig Tales From Hogtown**

We here at the Desdemona Activity Center are deeply saddened by the unexpected death of Danis Lozano of Dublin. Danis was a friend and supporter of the DAC. He rarely missed a first Saturday breakfast. He made beautiful wooden items and often donated something to an event we were having at the DAC. Danis was a man very generous with his time - he took his craft of making pens from beautiful woods to many nursing homes and schools, teaching the folks and students how to make pens of their own. He was honored at the state level and the national level for his volunteerism. He was active in the VFW and was very proud of his career in the Navy. He dearly loved his wife, daughters and grandchildren - please keep them in your prayers.

There will not be a dance at the DAC this month - please come back the second Saturday in January.

We are very excited about the Christmas Store this year. There are some very beautiful items for sale. Of course, there will be baked goods also. The store will be open November 29 through December 1 from 8:00 until 5:00 each day. The following week, the store will be open December 6, 7 and 8.

The December 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on December 1 also. Come and eat breakfast with us and do your Christmas shopping, too!

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

**Obituaries**

**Rudolph Winford (R.W.) Duke**

Rudolph Winford (R. W.) Duke, of Desdemona, passed away on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. He was born on March 16, 1927 to Rufus William Duke and Nell Marie Taylor Duke in De Leon.



He grew up in the Jake Hammond community before joining the Army in 1945. He moved back to Desdemona in 1960 where he raised peanuts and his kids. His greatest pride was his family and especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Hamilton Duke; children, Ronda Marie James of Whitney, Risa Renee Ashley of Waxahachie, and Russell Byron Duke of Houston; grandchildren, Rusty Wade Duke of Desdemona, Brandon Lee Ashley of Waxahachie, Lauren Deshae Ashley of Midland, Elise Nicole Duke and Katelyn Elizabeth Duke of Early, and Emily Opal James of Whitney; great-grandchildren, Cadence Lynn Duke of Desdemona, Dylan Lee Ashley and Kaylee Grace Ashley of Waxahachie; and brother, Bobby Duke of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by sons, Randall Wilson Duke and Rodney Kelvin Duke.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home in De Leon. Chaplain Stan Wilson officiated the services! Pallbearers were Russell Duke, Scott Ashley, Brandon Ashley, Rusty Duke, Donnie Gray and Hadley Scott. Grave-side services followed in Desdemona Cemetery. Online condolences may be posted to www.nowlinandersfh.com.

**Arlton Eugene Smith**

Arlton Eugene Smith, age 87, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2012 at his home in Gorman.

Services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Victor Pena officiating. Burial will follow at the De Leon Cemetery.

Arlton was born August 22, 1925 in Gorman, Texas to James Dolph Smith and Stella Irene (Brownlee) Smith. He graduated from Gorman High School and Hardin Simmons University. He served in the United States Army during World War II in the Southwest Pacific. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Arlton served on the Gorman City Commission for 24 years. He was a Civil Defense Director, served on the Gorman Fire Department and was a director on the Gorman Housing Authority Board for many years. He also served on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank in Gorman. He worked for Southwest Peanut Growers Association and Lone Star Gas Company as a scout. He taught school at Lingleville Rural High School and also served as Principal. He owned and operated A. E. Smith Peanut Warehouse and Dryers.

Survivors include one sister, Billie Tidmore of Bridgeport, Texas; two nephews, Kenneth Thompson of Gorman and Dr. Glynn Thompson of Sacramento, CA; one niece, Brenda Terry of Paris, Texas; great nephew, Dr. Chad Trammell and wife, Christi of Paris, Texas; three great great nieces, Madison Trammell and Mary Trammell both of Bridgeport, Texas and Katy Trammell of Paris, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC ASR File number provided above. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file requests online, instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; however, paper filings can be mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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**A Letter To The Editor**

About Virgin Birth  
By Henry A. Buchanan

After Thanksgiving comes Christmas, and with Christmas comes the beautiful myth of the Virgin Birth of Jesus. The Roman Pontiff, Benedict XVI, has published a book saying it's an "unequivocal" truth of faith which is what myths are anyway since they are not concerned with facts.

But since facts are what most people want in their Christmas stockings we have to look at this Christmas myth and see what it does to our faith. First, it denigrates marriage and what marriage is about. What with men marrying men and women marrying women today we need to believe that what happens when we "make babies" is not a sinful act but a natural, God approved way of doing it.

And speaking of God, we need a clear distinction between Zeus whose excursions from Mount Olympus usually resulted in some Greek maiden found pregnant without an acceptable explanation - yes a clear distinction between philandering Zeus and the true God and Father of Jesus Christ. That relationship is made known in thunder and lightning at Jesus' baptism and reaffirmed on the Mount of Transfiguration. So we don't need the angel Gabriel as a go between for Joseph and Mary.

What we do need is a way to become Christ-like in our life which is not possible if He is not of the same flesh as we are.

So despite the Pope's third book on Jesus I'm sticking with a good sound marriage between Joseph and Mary and an example that people getting married this Christmas can follow.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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SPORTS

# Keeping Athletes Safe on and off the Field

NewsUSA

(NU) - Basketball and bicycling rank highest for injuries among recreational sports, causing 1.5 million accidents per year. Baseball, soccer and softball follow, each with almost half a million injuries yearly, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



Tips for avoiding sports injuries include treating pain at first sign.

Whether you're upping your own practice schedule or you're a parent of a student athlete headed back to school, heeding a few precautions goes a long way.

Here are some tips from osteopathic physician Marcel Fraix, member of the Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (FAAPMR) and assistant professor at Western University of Health Sciences. Fraix is also a staff physician at Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation in California, where he specializes in sports-related disorders.

- Start with a check-up when possible. Physical stress on a young body can be harmful when coupled with an underlying medical condition or heart problem. Likewise, get an exam before stressing the heart if you're middle-aged and mostly sedentary.

Pre-conditioning programs for specific sports help. Injuries usually occur at the beginning of the season, when you are most likely to be out of shape. Building hamstrings and inner quadriceps muscles helps prevent knee injuries.

- Diligently use the proper safety equipment, e.g., mouth guards, safety goggles, helmets and elbow and knee pads. Don't forget to apply sunscreen SPF 15 or higher.
- Stay adequately hydrated with

water or a water-electrolyte drink. Replacing fluid lost from sweating is essential to maximize athletic performance and prevent heat exhaustion, especially during warm weather.

- Treat injuries on the spot. Keep a first aid kit ready for cuts and scrapes, allergic reactions, insect bites and eye irritations. Most importantly, be prepared to treat muscle pain at the first sign before it sidelines you. There are safe, natural and unscented pain relievers available.

Look for a homeopathic medicine like Amicare Gel (www.Arnicare.com), which works with the body instead of just masking pain. Try it on legs stiff from running or cycling, or on shoulders aching from too many tennis racket swings. It also helps with pain from strained ligaments or bumps and bruises from hard-fought basketball games.

- Limit practice and playing time. Nearly half of all injuries suffered by children are results of overdoing it. Consider allowing a child to take three months off per year and limiting practice to 12 hours per week for one sport, and 20 hours for multiple sports.

## PARENTING

### Have a Preteen or Teen? Protect Them Against Serious Diseases

NewsUSA

(NU) - Leaving their phone at a friend's house, suddenly needing a ride somewhere ... you know there would be days like this. But did you know that you'd also need to take your preteens and teens to get shots?

As they get older, kids are at increased risk for some infections. Plus, the protection provided by some of the childhood vaccines begins to wear off, so kids need a booster dose. You may have heard about pertussis (whooping cough) outbreaks recently. Vaccine-preventable diseases are still real. The vaccines for preteens and teens can help protect your kids, as well as their friends, community and other family members.

There are four recommended vaccines that preteens should get when they are 11 or 12 years old. If you have an older kid like a teen, they'll need a booster dose of one of the shots. It's also not too late to get any shots they may have missed. You can use any healthcare visit, including sports physicals or some sick visits, to get the shots your kids need. The vaccines for preteens and teens are:

- **HPV vaccine for both boys and girls**, which protects against the types of HPV that most commonly cause cancer. HPV can cause cancers of the cervix, vulva and vagina in women and cancers of the penis in men. In both women and men, HPV also causes mouth/throat cancer, anal cancer and genital warts.
- **Tdap vaccine**, which is a booster against tetanus, diphtheria



If you have a preteen or teen, make sure they receive proper vaccinations.

ria and pertussis. Pertussis, or whooping cough, can keep kids out of school and activities for weeks. It can also be spread to babies, which can be very dangerous and sometimes deadly.

- **Meningococcal vaccine**, which protects against meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria and is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis - a serious infection around the brain and spinal cord.
- **Influenza (flu) vaccine**, because even healthy kids can get the flu, and it can be serious. All kids, including your preteens and teens, should get the flu vaccine every year.

Talk with a doctor, nurse or clinic about the vaccines for preteens and teens. Even though they may not realize it, your kids still need you for more than a ride somewhere. They need you to continue protecting their health by getting them these important and life-saving vaccines.

Want to learn more about the vaccines for preteens and teens? Check out [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

## HUMAN INTEREST

### One Family, One Veteran, Two Heroes

NewsUSA

(NU) - From the perspective of many veterans, their military service is merely a duty. They were doing their job. They don't look in the mirror and see a hero. When wounded Air Force sergeant Tom Marcum returned home from Iraq, he was his family's hero every day. But his wife April would soon step up to become the second hero in the Marcum family.

Tom's injuries were extensive, and the impact on April and their two sons was enormous. In two years, Tom endured four separate mortar explosions. He faced a traumatic brain injury (TBI), hearing loss, vision problems and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

April faced a whole new reality. Her days were a flurry of doctor appointments, therapy and home healthcare, not to mention raising two boys. For 18 months straight, she was the sole nurse, driver, maid and mother to three. She had to meet her husband - a friend since grade school - all over again.

"I missed the help my husband gave me with the kids and errands," says April. "And some time to myself. I don't like to admit this, but I think I was close to a breaking point in my own emotional health."

Due to Tom's brain injury, he wasn't the same man whom April married. He experienced behavioral changes, mood swings and memory loss that he could not control. Despite the tenacity of her love for him, April was nearing her breaking point - until she got a call from Wounded Warrior Project.

April went to a Spouse Retreat hosted by WWP, where she was able to meet other people in situations like hers.



The Marcum family coped with impossible change, becoming a family of heroes.

"I made some deep, emotional connections with several women," April says. "It was just the right thing at just the right time. I came home ready to get back into the fight again. I was re-energized and happy when I came home."

Both Tom and his sons, Gabe and Jared, saw a positive change in their mom after the retreat. Slowly but surely, the family knit itself back together through love, humor and fierce dedication.

As Tom says, "Family is our lifeline."

Wounded Warrior Project has 19 programs and services to nurture the mind and body, and encourage economic empowerment for injured service members from post-9/11 conflicts. Believe in Heroes is a fundraising campaign that raises awareness and funds for WWP. Consumers can make direct donations, buy Believe in Heroes items and save via high-value coupons at grocery retailers throughout the country. So far, 56 national brands and 75 retailers are participating. Learn more at [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

## Chamber Cookbook Holiday Offer

The Chamber of Commerce is offering the new cookbook on a Holiday special of One for \$15 or Two for \$25. These will make great Christmas gifts. They are available at Panda's Flowers, City of Gorman, Prosperity Bank, Housing Authority, and at the Gorman ISD Administration Office.

## Sign Up Early For Soccer & Save Money

Eastland County Soccer Association will provide an opportunity for the community to sign up for soccer from 8:00 to 10:00 on December 1 at Siebert Elementary during the Jingle Bell Run. The registration fee is usually \$45 dollars, but if you register on Dec. 1 it is only \$40 dollars for the Spring Season (April 6 to May 18). Each additional child is only \$35, so this is a great time to sign up all the children in your family.

We will be picking teams using a "blind draw" method, so players from any city in the county could end up on the same team. Along those same lines, the coach of each team could be from any city as well. We always need coaches, and we'd love to have several coaches from each city in the county, from Ranger to Gorman, from Eastland to Cisco and all places in between. E.C.S.A. is a countywide (and even outside the county) soccer league.

So, there will no longer be teams that consist of players mostly from one city or another unless this happens by pure accident. If you were an assistant coach last season, consider being a head coach. If you were able to attend most of your child's practices, consider being an assistant coach. If you have any questions about this, please call Eric Stinnette at 254-631-9715 (se habla espanol) or Jeanna at 254-488-1898.

## Kyl, Hutchison Propose Achieve Act Addresses LEGAL STATUS OF UNDOCUMENTED YOUNG PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) have introduced legislation they believe will provide a basis for compromise on the status of children brought to this country illegally.

The ACHIEVE Act, under development for more than a year, would provide legal status for eligible young people. The bill addresses the special circumstances of children who were brought into this country without following proper immigration procedures and who, for the most part, know only the United States as their home.

Specifically, the proposal would put in place a special visa system for young people who intend to pursue a technical or college degree, or serve in the U.S. military.

"Many young people in this country are here illegally through no fault of their own. Relegating a potentially productive portion of the population to the shadows is neither humane nor good economic or social policy.

Only individuals who have abided by our nation's laws, while residing within its borders, would be eligible for continued legal status, and there is no automatic path to citizenship.

We have attempted to accommodate those with the ambition to pursue a useful educational degree, or serve in the U.S. military. Moreover, our proposal prohibits the awarding of additional federal benefits," Kyl and Hutchison said.

"While this legislation addresses a single facet of our nation's complex immigration problem, it is nonetheless a step forward in addressing a time-sensitive issue."

### Achieve Act in Detail

W-1 Status: Those with a W-1 nonimmigrant visa would attend school to earn a bachelor's, associate's, vocational/technical, or advanced degree, or serve in the U.S. military. A W-1 visa holder would have 6 years to get a degree or enlist to serve four years in the military.

#### To be eligible:

- Applicant must have lived in the United States for five years prior to enactment;
- Applicant must have entered the country before the age of 14;
- Applicant must have good moral character;
- Applicant must not have committed a felony, must not have committed more than one misdemeanor, must not have committed a crime of moral turpitude, and must not have a final order of removal pending;
- Applicant must have knowledge of the English language, of American history, and of principles of U.S. government;
- Applicant must be 28 or younger at the time of application (unless applicant is under 32 and possesses a bachelor's degree from a U.S. college at the time of application);
- Applicants pay an application fee;
- Applicants complete a medical exam and submit biometric and biographic data as part of a background check.

#### To maintain W-1 visa status, visa holders:

- Must check in every six months with the DHS, and be compliant with program requirements;
- Must not access public welfare benefits;
- Must not access federal student loans, or other federal benefits, but may work while in school
- Do not have access to a green card while here on the W-1 visa.

W-2 Status: After completing all W-1 education/military service requirements, a recipient can obtain a W-2 visa, which is a four-year nonimmigrant work visa (also allowed, study toward a master's degree or higher).

#### Criteria for obtaining W-2 status:

- Recipient must have earned a bachelor's, associate's, or vocational/technical degree in the U.S. while here on the W-1 visa or have served four years in the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Pay an application fee;
- Continue to meet W-1 criteria (no criminal record, check in with DHS, etc.).

W-3 Status: After completing four years of work while holding a W-2 visa, a recipient can then apply for a (permanent) nonimmigrant (no special pathway to citizenship) visa.

#### Criteria/conditions:

- Must have complied with all requirements/eligibility standards for W-1 and W-2 status;
- No eligibility for public welfare benefits;
- W-3 status renewable every four years;
- No new green cards are added in the Act, but a W-3 visa recipient could apply under current law to obtain one and get in line.

## -- Randy's Roundup --

### A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer Over 47 Million Americans Now Participate in the Food Stamp Program

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that over 47 million Americans take part in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the food stamp program. A recent study found that the number of individuals on food stamps exceeds the populations of 24 states and the District of Columbia. As more people are added to the program every day, this system is becoming increasingly expensive to taxpayers, costing \$72 billion in fiscal year 2011.

SNAP is a valuable program for people who have fallen on hard times and need help feeding their families while they get back on their feet. However, government benefits must be reserved specifically for our most vulnerable citizens. We must ensure that taxpayer dollars are only going to those truly in need of assistance. Congress is expected to pass a new Farm Bill before the end of the year, about 80 percent of which is now focused on food stamp policy. I am working to ensure this bill will reform this program to close loopholes and stop abuse and inefficiencies.

### Supreme Court Will Consider DOMA This Week

On Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court will review five cases that seek to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman and became law in 1996. These meetings will be held to determine whether or not to put these cases on the court's schedule in 2013. I believe in the traditional definition of marriage, which consists of a union between a man and a woman. The institution of marriage has proven vital to the existence of society and to raising and protecting children. I hope the Supreme Court upholds the Defense of Marriage Act, which I will continue to fervently support if this issue should come to the House Floor.

### STEM Jobs Bill

This week, Congress will consider the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Jobs Act. These fields are the driving force behind America's global competitiveness and we must maintain our edge if we want our economy to grow and prosper in the future. Unfortunately, outdated immigration policies are hindering our ability to attract the most talented workforce.

We can't afford to lose our edge by letting our competitors hire away the most educated workers. American companies need to be leaders in technology and science to compete in the economy of the future. Otherwise, our nation will be left behind. The STEM Jobs Act would enable us to be more selective about matching our policies to our workforce needs. The STEM Act not only keeps America competitive, but it helps grow our economy so there are more jobs for everyone.

### Action Item of the Week

This week, the House will consider H.R. 6328, the Clothe a Homeless Hero Act, which I will support. This bill would give unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veteran organizations and other local charitable organizations for needy veterans and their families. This is a small thing that we can do to continue to take care of our veterans, who have bravely served and protected our country.



# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Robert and Ima Brown spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Grove, Oklahoma visiting their daughter, David and Fran Senger. Other visitors in the home were Daniel and Lindsay Dain and daughter, Allie of New York.

Karen Fair and Lorin hosted family Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and Jade, Roy and Angela Powledge, Colin, Kaley and Lane all of Desdemona.

**"Happy Birthday"** to our nephew, Randall Wilcoxson from Guthery Family.

Our great grandson, Justin Horback had an accident while playing with his dog. Justin was taken by ambulance to Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth where Doctors did emergency surgery to repair his broke leg. Justin will be in a wheel chair for awhile. He is 7 years old and in 1st grade at De Leon School. Parents are Lee and Sonja Hornback. Grandparents are Belinda Guthery and Eddie Martin. Great grandparents are Pug and Vonnie Guthery. Get Well wishes to Justin.

Friends of Desdemona send sympathy to the family of Rudolph "Humpy" Duke. Burial was on Saturday in Desdemona Cemetery. "Humpy" was raised in the Jakehamon Community where he started to school and later transferred to Desdemona School where he graduated with the Class of 1945. Complete Obit in this paper.

Friends of Desdemona send sympathy to the family of Dicy Scitern. Burial was on Wednesday in Desdemona Cemetery.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Holiday Season is a lonely time for the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community. Please take time out to remember them with your card and prayers.

Have a good day, Coon.

## SPORTS

### USC's Golden QBs Are Losing Their Shine

By DJ. Dunson  
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For NewsUSA

(NU) - If Matt Barkley is fortunate enough to squash Notre Dame's national championship aspirations in his home finale next Saturday, the senior quarterback should diverge slightly from the routine formula of snatching up Tommy Trojan's sword and leading the marching band in their traditional victory song "Conquest." Instead, the Trojans golden boy should pull a Devon Miles and ask them if they can play some Asher Roth, because in no other locale can Roth's summer anthem 'I Love College', have more profound meaning than on the USC campus.

That's where USC's (cardinal and) golden boy has called home for the past four years. It's also where Barkley decided to return for his senior season rather than brave the harsh world outside the confines of the McKay Center, Heritage Hall and the L.A. Coliseum.

During the Pete Carroll years, being the Trojan's starting quarterback was considered a mark of future greatness. At least that was the perception. Three years ago, the USC Trojans were college football's preeminent destination for high school quarterbacks seeking to prep for the pros at a QB Ivy League.

In 124 years of college football, 15 Trojan quarterbacks have started at least one NFL contest. That's more than any other program in the nation. Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart and Mark Sanchez parlayed their years choreographing the Trojan prolific offense into guaranteed early first round guap.

Back in 2009, Sanchez was in the midst of leading the New York Jets on their first improbable run to the AFC Championship Game as a rookie. Matt Cassel, who graduated from USC as the Tito Leinart and Palmer's Michael and Jermaine, was in the first year of his six-year, \$62.7 million contract. Meanwhile, Matt Leinart was still considered the successor to Kurt Warner's throne and Carson Palmer still had Ocho Cinco on the other end of his passes in Cincy.

Flash-forward three years later and the script has been flipped. Of the four active starting NFL signal callers, none are expected to make the postseason and by the time Barkley takes his first pro snap, Palmer may be the only one still left standing as a starter. Meanwhile, Sanchez is the most inaccurate passer in the league and Cassel is barely surviving a quarterback controversy with Brady Quinn for the league's worst team. Palmer is the lone, somewhat success story and even he has vastly underperformed. He is just 53-64 as a NFL starter.

Barkley, once believed to be the No. 1 prospect in the Class of 2012, isn't even considered the best prospect on his offense anymore. That honor belongs to sophomore receiver Marquise Lee. Barkley remains a first-round prospect, but the shine that accompanied him when many believed he could win the Heisman as a freshman has dimmed a few shades.

In truth, reality is finally catching up to the USC quarterback illusion. In 2014, phenom David Sills, who committed to USC at 13, will attempt to become the Trojan's latest can't-miss NFL quarterback prospect.

The last time USC had a string of quarterbacks swing through was in the early '90s when the quartet of Rob "Robo-sack" Johnson, Todd "Robo-QB" Marinovich, Sean Salisbury and Rodney Pete strode through campus. None of them became the franchise quarterbacks they were groomed to be.

Most disappointing out of the trio was Marinovich, football's Diggy Simmons, who was given the pedigree and training from birth to be a Hall of Fame gunslinger but was hindered by his relentless drug habit. Barkley is a clean-cut kid by all accounts but in a few months he'll have to leave the sunny state he's called home for 22 years.

Numbers-wise Barkley can boast that he belongs in the same class as RG3 and Andrew Luck. However, NFL scouts who have Geno Smith rated ahead of him have qualms with his inability to make plays once the pocket collapses. Not to mention his lack of athleticism and average arm strength.

USC annually recruits the top teenage quarterbacks in the nation, but the NFL is full of late bloomers who weren't as close to reaching their peak at 17.

Like most college grads, life is about to get real for Barkley.

And if Barkley looks around and takes a look at how his predecessor's careers have fallen short at the next level, he'll take his time and ask himself the same question as a hungover Roth did:

"Do I really have to graduate? Or can I just stay here for the rest of my life?"

This story is courtesy of "The Shadow League." For more sports stories, go to [www.theshadowleague.com](http://www.theshadowleague.com).

## EPA denies request to waive RFS standard; Continues to artificially inflate corn prices despite nationwide shortage

Fort Worth, Texas - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today denied the request by U.S. ranchers, including the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), to waive the current Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS). The request for a waiver was made in light of corn shortages and soaring feed costs across the country.



"It's truly unbelievable that a government agency would ignore the fact that we are facing a dire corn shortage in this country," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "By continuing to mandate that 40 percent of the very small U.S. corn crop go directly toward ethanol production, the government is escalating an already dire situation by bolstering an artificial market that will further push some ranching families out of business."

Parker says that as long as corn supplies continue to tighten across the U.S., the current RFS standard will only compound the situation by reducing the already extremely limited amount of corn available for feed. This situation is particularly severe in Texas, the leading cattle producing state in the nation.

"The EPA had an opportunity to show their support, in some regard, of the U.S. cattle industry," continued Parker. "Instead, they continue to put our food and fuel in competition with one another by giving one commodity a leg-up at the expense of another. Chalk this up to another instance in a long line of examples that demonstrates that the government, particularly the EPA, does not support the cattle industry or the free market."

## DOWNTOWN GORMAN Christmas In The Park

On Dec 1 the Gorman Festival Committee and Chamber of Commerce will host an evening of fun and festivities for the whole family!

Jolly Old Saint Nick will begin taking pictures at 5:00 in the Community center. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own camera this year as the Chamber will not be taking or selling pictures. At 5:30 Santa will take a short break to join the "Light Parade" from the Football stadium parking lot down Fisher St. (Hwy 8) then turn down Kent St. until we end up at the City Park where the main activities will take place. Parade floats will be judged on their display of Christmas lights.

After the parade, Santa will be lighting the city's Christmas Tree and join the community to sing Christmas carols.

At 5:00 the Parent / Teacher Organization (PTO) will have a pancake supper at the Community Center until 7:00. The price is \$3 for a plate of pancakes with all the fixins'.

There will also be a horse drawn carriage that will take a tour of the Christmas lights around downtown after the parade. The cost is \$5 for adults and children are free. Tips for the horses are appreciated.

All businesses and churches are encouraged to participate with floats as well as providing warm drinks and goodies. Contact Jason Wilder at (254) 243-0338 for more information.

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## WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO OVER THE FISCAL CLIFF

You can't turn on the news these days without hearing about the looming "fiscal cliff." The stock market goes up and down daily as some small bit of good or bad news is reported about avoiding the economically catastrophic tax increases and automatic spending reductions that are set to occur at year's end.

I believe Congress and the White House can come together and reach the necessary bipartisan agreements that are needed to avoid the fiscal cliff and put America's economic house in order again. The stakes for our economy and our future are enormous. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the impending tax hikes and across-the-board spending reductions in most programs (known as sequestration) would drag America back into recession and push unemployment back above 9%.

Going over the fiscal cliff would also mean higher interest rates on credit cards, personal debts, and new mortgages. Fewer of our children would be able to find work, and hopes for rejuvenating our economy would be dashed.

The underlying problem is out-of-control deficits. For the fourth consecutive year, our budget deficit is over \$1 trillion. Total debt now exceeds \$16 trillion, and our country will be financially crippled if we don't deal with deficits.

Several bipartisan solutions have been put forward, including a plan from the President's Simpson-Bowles Commission. The President has said repeatedly that taxes must be raised on those who make more than \$200,000. But if every millionaire in America were taxed at 100%, it would put only a small dent in our enormous budget deficits.

Although going over the fiscal cliff would raise taxes on everyone, the big threat is to middle class families. If action isn't taken by year's end, middle class families, small business owners, and retirees are going to take it on the chin in their 2013 taxes.

More than 31 million middle class taxpayers will face something called the "alternative minimum tax" for the first time. The AMT was enacted years ago to assure that the wealthiest people paid a certain amount of tax. Thanks to inflation and bracket creep, the AMT is about to affect married couples whose joint taxable income is \$45,000.

Uncertainty about taxes has small businesses stuck in neutral. Three-quarters of small businesses pay taxes at individual rates. Until they know what their tax rates for 2013 will be, the businesses that account for almost two-thirds of new job creation are standing still - and more than 20 million Americans who are looking for work will be on hold, too.

Senior citizens who saved for retirement are at financial risk, too. Taxes on dividends are set for huge increases on January 1 - to as much as 40%. Retirement planning and financial security will go out the window for millions who did all the right things throughout their working lives.

Also at risk if we don't avoid the fiscal cliff are my two top tax priorities. First, in states like Texas, which don't have an income tax, the deductibility of sales taxes for federal income taxes assures fairness with other states. If state sales tax deductibility isn't renewed by year's end, millions of Texas taxpayers will see their federal income tax bills swell by an average of \$500 next year.

My second priority is renewing tax relief for middle class married couples. Before my amendment was made law in 2001, 25 million married couples were forced into higher income brackets and paid an average of \$1,400 more than they would have as single people. This marriage penalty is, well, un-American, and my fix must be renewed.

There is still time for Congress and the White House to come together on a comprehensive long-range fiscal plan - to avoid punishing tax increases that will kill our weak economy, assure long-term Social Security and Medicare solvency (without cutting current benefits), and lock in prudent spending limits that will pare back deficits. The first step is for Congress and the White House to agree before year's end on a tax and spending framework that will avoid the fiscal cliff and put our country back on the right track.

## GORMAN PANTHERS / LADY PANTHERS BASKETBALL 2012-2013

Nov 10	Blanket	VG	HOME	10:00 AM
Nov 20	Ranger	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Ranger	4:00 PM
Nov 27	Perrin-Whitt	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Nov 30	Priddy	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Priddy	4:00 PM
Dec 4	Blanket	jvb/VG/VB	at Blanket	5:00 PM
Dec 6,7,8	Zephyr Tournament	VG/VB		
Dec 11	De Leon	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Dec 13,14,15	Gorman Hot Hoops Tournament	VG/VB		
Girls Field: Blanket, May, Newcastle, Olney, Perrin, Priddy, Throckmorton, Gorman				
Boys Field: Blanket, May, Newcastle, Perrin, Priddy, Ranger, Throckmorton, Gorman				
Dec 18	Santo	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Santo	4:00 PM
Dec 21	Ranger	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	2:00 PM
Dec 27,28,29	May Holiday Tournament	VG/VB		
Jan 4	*Huckabay	jvg/VG	HOME	5:00 PM
Jan 4	Albany	VB	HOME	7:30 PM
Jan 8	*Gordon	jvg/VG	at Gordon	5:00 PM
Jan 8	Newcastle	VB	at Newcastle	7:30 PM
Jan 11	*Lipan	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Jan 15	*Lingleville	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Lingleville	4:00 PM
Jan 18	*Strawn	VG/VB	HOME	6:30 PM
Jan 22	*Huckabay	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Huckabay	4:00 PM
Jan 25	*Gordon	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Jan 29	*Lipan	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	at Lipan	4:00 PM
Feb 1	*Lingleville	jvg/jvb/VG/VB	HOME	4:00 PM
Feb 5	*Strawn	VG/VB	at Strawn	6:30 PM
Feb 8	*Huckabay	jvb/VB	HOME	5:00 PM
Feb 12	*Gordon	jvb/VB	at Gordon	5:00 PM

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