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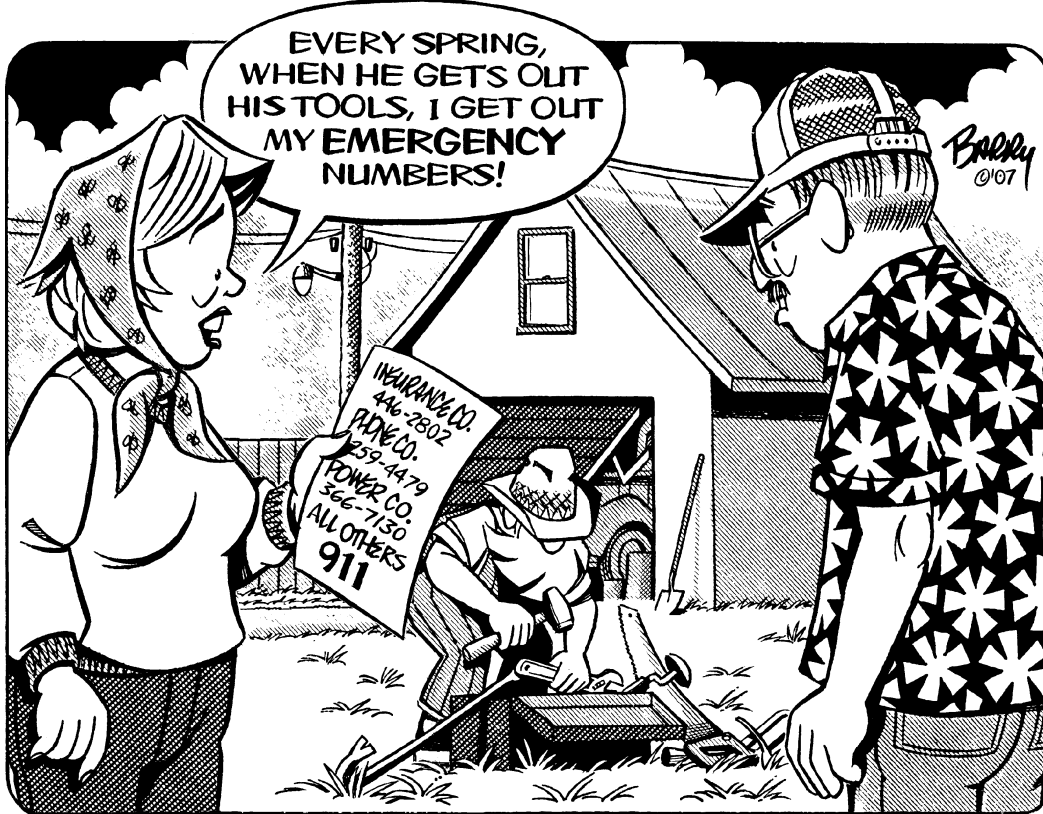


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SoundOffs

Since we only have one paper a week now, could you please consider running two pages of SoundOffs? That is a very informative part of the paper. It's exactly how the people feel about certain issues. Also it gives the people a place to "vent" over some important issues that really need an ear to listen.

I see that another paper obviously believes the propaganda that proceedeth from the lips of State Department of Transportation political "yes men". U.S. 84 is getting four-laned, all-right, on THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STATE, which obviously has state representatives and senators over there fighting for it. Choctaw County is so far off Montgomery's list of what's important that it don't matter to them what we need or what we think.

I am proud to live in the City Limits of Gilberttown and yes, having more residents and territory in the City Limits would definitely open up the town's being able to apply for more grants and other programs that are currently unavailable to us because of our extremely small numbers. I could not vote in a referendum because I don't live in that area, but I encourage my friends and neighbors who do to please give this a lot of thought and consideration. It would benefit all of us more than you realize.

In regard to the annexation of property into Gilberttown along Hwy. 17 and Barrytown Road, I have to agree with the comments made in last week's SoundOff. I lived in the Gilberttown area for years, and the one complaint I heard the most was how Butler was able to get all the growth, but not Gilberttown. Well, here is a golden opportunity. Annexation would allow more businesses to be built in these areas with a good sewer system, and increase the tax base of the city. You would be adding in the property values of the schools, the medical clinic, and other industrial businesses. There could also be the possibility of opening an industrial park in this area. One of the myths about annexation is increase in property taxes. Well, the increases, if there are any, are usually minimal, compared to the increased police and fire security as well as providing adequate city services like sewer and better water service. I urge the citizens of this area to vote to annex into the "City" of Gilberttown, and let it grow to what it was intended to be.

I want to know how other parents feel about the concession stand at the ball park in Gilberttown? We were told things would be different this year but so far nothing has changed. The last couple of times we have been there for practice it has not been open but they don't want you to bring your own coolers this year. They claim it is taking away from the concession stand but when they run out of food and drink before the second game what do they expect us to do? You never know when someone will be there and since we are not supposed to bring PowerAde® for our boys anymore, they just go thirsty!

I am against annexation. I was before and I still am. NO, NO, NO!!!!!!

Great job of research on the school uniform issue, Dee Ann. You sure don't see articles like that in other weekly papers. In fact, the Sun is the only real source we have for in-depth coverage of education issues in our county. I have grandchildren in both the public and private schools and I want you to know how much I appreciate your diligence in digging into things that we, as parents and grandparents, need to know about.

I wanted to SoundOff about something but I forgot what it was. Hold this space. I will get back to you.

Since when did the State DOT give a rat's toenail what is best for Choctaw County? If we expect to see U.S. 84 four-laned here in our county we'd better start praying. We stand a far better chance of getting an answer from above than we do from those suits in Montgomery.

I agree with the person about annexing property to the south of Gilberttown. The best way to handle this is for the town to set a day for an election and let us vote on it. I would support it and I think some of my neighbors would, too. I know some who wouldn't but that is their privilege

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ONE square? I don't think so!

O.K., change my fuel and dim my lights. But don't mess with my toilet paper.

For several years we've heard it. From those who urge research into cleaner fuel and environmental protection to those who lobby for multi-trillion dollar changes that would alter life as we know it, those who are beat the drum of global warming are growing more radical by the day.

Now recording artist Sheryl Crowe, working alongside self-appointed global-warming guru Al Gore, is barking up another tree – or rather the paper that comes from that tree.

In an unbelievably ignorant and ultra-liberal lobbying effort, Crowe is proposing that Congress enact laws regulating the use of, you guessed it, toilet paper.

Under the 'single-square solution' theory, Crowe is proposing that Americans limit their use of tissue to only one square per trip. To do so, she says, would help reduce global warming by reducing the cutting of trees and the manufacturing of tissue in paper mills.

Rumor has it that Crowe may soon launch a coast-to-coast tour, traveling throughout the



Looking Up

By Dee Ann Campbell
Editor

country in her bus to promote her toilet paper reduction theory to the public.

Those who are playing the global warming mantra are proposing other, perhaps less comical but just as drastic measures to combat it. From deep regulations on vehicle and manufacturing emissions to million-dollar projects to reduce human usage of resources, some of their proposed measures could cost our economy, and the American taxpayer, billions – and now they are demanding that we reduce our use of toilet paper to just one square.

While this proposal is laughable to say the least, the huge lobbying machine behind it is not joking at all. And they are pouring all they have into a theory that is still just that.

Though it may be true that there has been some small traceable rise

in temperature over the past few decades – and by the same token there may be evidence that that rise in temperature is augmented by human actions – there is ample scientific research to the contrary. There are scientists who argue that global warming is a myth and the threat is minimal. Those same scientists have provided what they consider proof that Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth' documentary is filled with flawed theories and even outright fabrications.

But whether or not the globe is warming, whether it will cause us problems in 10 years or 10,000, the truth is that we should do some of those things anyway. We should do whatever we can to care for our environment, to reduce human damage to the atmosphere, and to change what we can in order to protect the earth that God has given us.

BUT WE SHOULD DO ALL OF THESE THINGS WITH SOME SEMBLANCE OF REASON.

Yes, we should find alternate fuels for our cars – not just because of carbon emission that cause global warming, but because of the rising cost of oil and the terrorism-laden world that we live in. Yes, we should reduce damage to our atmosphere – not just because of global warming but because God has charged us to care for the world that he gave us.

And, yes, we should cut back on our individual use of electricity and other resources – not just because of global warming, but because to do so will help our own pocketbooks in the long run.

Perhaps Al Gore should consider cutting back on his own \$2,500 per month electricity consumption for his mansion. Perhaps John Kerry should consider giving up his private jet that uses large volumes of fuel.

And perhaps if Sheryl Crowe would refrain from driving that large gas-guzzling tour bus across the country we could all feel a little less guilty about using more than just one square of toilet paper.

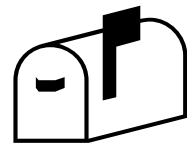
Families appreciate the outpouring of love

We would like to sincerely thank our family and friends for all the kindness showed to us during the loss of our daughter and sister.

We could never express our deep gratitude for all the prayers, visits, calls, food and money.

We would like to thank the ladies of the First United Methodist Church of Butler for the delicious lunch, also Miss Ruth Evans' Sunday

Letters



School Class.

A special thanks to Bro. Dan Nixon for all the many trips to the hospital and at home. We also thank Bro. Jon Brown of the Storehouse Worship Center for his

beautiful voice and all of his kindness.

You will never know everyone of you. May God bless all of you!

The family of
**Gladys Shannon
Ora Bourgeois, Dot**

Martin and
Becky Shepherd

We, the family of the late Fannie Mae Brown-Smith, wish to express our heart-felt appreciation for the many expression of love, sympathy, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our mother. May God richly bless each of you.
The Smith family

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