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"The Best Kept Secret in Texas"

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Picture of Phillips 66 gas station on Main Street in Burton

This picture was taken in the mid-60's It is now the resident of Larry and Sally Dunford. A few other pictures are featured on page 2.

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Picture taken in mid-60's. Now the Brazos Belle.



Picture taken in Mid-60's on Texas Street across the street from Pigs Fly. The Metal building was a feed store. There is now a residential home in its location.



Picture taken in Mid-60's. on Main Street. First building on left is now the Nesting Company.



Picture taken in Mid-60's on the corner of Main Street and Washington Street. Presently, the corner lot is where Citizen State Bank is.



Picture taken in Mid-60's on Texas Street. H&H Groceries and later Henry's Groceries is now Pigs Fly, a guest's rental property.



Picture taken in Mid-60's on Texas Street. The building on the right was Holt's Meat Market. It now houses the Neon Moon Coffee Shop.

Burton City Hall Meeting

The City of Burton held its regular meeting on July 14, 2026, at Burton City Hall. Absent were council members Paul McLaughlin and Charly Ruemke.

Earlier that morning, there was a celebration of the completion of the new water well #5. During the meeting it was mentioned that the water well #5 should be in operation by July 24th. At that time, water well #4 can be shut down for maintenance.

The council approved an ordinance to remove cash as an accepted method of payment for city water and sewer. Check, money order, debit card or credit card will be accepted.

Without much discussion, the council approved the adoption of the 2021 edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1) Fire Code, which contains 75 chapters and 6 annexes, and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, which contains 10 chapters, that was recommended by AOKA Engineering.

The next item on the agenda was designating the authority having jurisdiction for the administration and enforcement of the city's adopted fire code. This item was postponed. The city plans on using the fire marshal that Washington County plans to hire. At the time, the city would have to enter into an Interlocal agreement with Washington County.

The city approved accepting a \$500 donation from Woodmen for Life designated for landscaping improvements at Burton City Hall.

The council amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures, and to appropriate funds necessary, and authorize the mayor and city secretary to implement the budget amendments.

Announcements made were a council workshop to be held on July 21, 2026, Long Life Brotherhood will hold a celebration on August 1st, and the next regular council meeting will be held on August 11th.

City of Burton Special Called Workshop

The city council met on July 21st for a special called workshop. According to Municipal Law and Procedures Manual Article 1, Subsection 8.07, Workshop is for discussion and informational purposes only. No decisions are to be made, whether it is a "regular workshop" or a "special called workshop". The same rules apply.

The council then proceeded to approve a resolution that would limit the number of people speaking on the same subject. Instead of several speaking, they want a representative of one, two or three people speaking. The motion passed.

Then council approved having the first reading of the subdivision ordinance discussed, which has been voted down twice in the past, and public hearing at the August 11th meeting. When one of the citizens tried to question these procedures in a special called workshop, he was reprimanded and was told that this was his first warning.

The council then proceed to discuss the details of the subdivision ordinance in the workshop.

If you see a crime at the Apple store, does that make you an iWitness?

Walter the Debonair Donkey



As renovations on their new home were taking place, concern for a particular donkey in their care was becoming obvious. Lucky was not acting like his field mate, Smokey. He was laying down alot, wouldn't walk very much and his hooves curved upward. When Lucky did walk, it was on the back of his feet. In addition, he was limping. Something was wrong, very wrong!

Article by Lynda Zajicek

Burton ISD

Burton ISD will have "Meet the Teachers on August 10th from 4pm to 6pm. Meet the Panthers will follow in the Burton High School Gym. The first day of school will be on August 12th.

Burton Panther JV/Junior High Football Schedule 2026

8/13	Hempstead (S)	Away	JV	6:00
8/20	Centerville (S)	Home	JV	6:00
8/27	Thorndale	Away	JV	6:00
9/03	Hearne	Home	JV	6:00
9/10	Iola	Away	JH/JV	5/6
9/17	Fair week			
9/24	Milano	Home	JH/JV	5/6
10/1	Bartlett	Away	JH/JV	5/6
10/8	Snook	Home	JH/JV	5/6
10/15	Holland	Home	JH/JV	5/6
10/22	Bremond	Away	JH/JV	5/6
10/29	Chilton	Home	JH/JV	5/6
11/5	Somerville	Away	JH/JV	5/6

When we got to the restaurant, I was asked if I had reservations. I said some, but we'll eat here anyway.



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8/28	Thorndale	Home	7pm
9/4	Hearne	Away	7pm
9/11	Iola	Home	7pm
9/25	Milano*	Away	7pm
10/2	Bartlett*	Home	7pm
10/9	Snook*	Away	7pm
10/16	Holland*	Away	7pm
10/23	Bremond*	Home	7pm
10/30	Chilton*	Away	7pm
11/6	Somerville*	Home	7pm

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Burton Short Stop

This past Wednesday, Lynda and I gathered with some of our friends to have lunch at the Burton Short Stop. It was a bittersweet meal. On August 1st the Short Stop will be closing its doors. We will miss Cathy and Jessica smiling faces. On Friday night, July 31st, Cody Taylor will be performing at the ice house next door for the final show of the Burton Short Stop from 8pm to 11pm. Drop by for a cold beer!

Why do shops have signs, "Guide Dogs Only"? Their dogs can't read and their owners are blind.

Rooster Talk

Sometimes you have to slow down to find clarity. Lately, I've been fortunate enough to have the luxury of slowing down. I'm slowly reading a book called *"Beyond the Fall" [Human & AI on a Better Now (Jones Bright Molem & Grok by xAI), a conversation between a human and Grok]*. I mention slow reading because there is so much in this book to absorb. It presents, in a logical way, a philosophy for using AI as the foundation of an entirely new education model.

A cleaner, more focused, and personalized model where everyone learns in their own way and speed. It envisions a future that arises from a critical turning point ("the fall") in how humans connect with technology, power, and each other. Instead of descending into dystopia, humanity leverages that crisis as a catalyst to rebuild society on healthier foundations, with AI as a *partner* rather than a master or just a tool.

So, what follows is like a book report on a book that brings structure to the topic. And I used AI to create it. What AI could do in half a minute would take me days at human speed. Truly remarkable. Since I started reading this book, thanks to an enforced "slowing down", my perspective has shifted. I downloaded an AI App to my phone and started using it, and asking the same question from other sources. There is even something named "Claude" which will tap multiple AI systems. Convergence at its finest... or most terrifying.

The core idea: the future isn't something that happens to us; it's something we co-create with AI, starting now.

1. Human-AI Partnership

In this future:

- AI is embedded everywhere, but much more transparent and accountable than in early 21st-century systems.
- People treat AI not as an oracle but as a collaborative mind: something you question, debate, and co-design with.
- Personal AIs evolve into trusted companions that help individuals:
 - reflect on their values
 - navigate information overload
 - make better decisions without surrendering agency

Rather than "AI replacing humans," the book frames AI as an amplifier of human potential and wisdom, if—and only if—humans remain intentional and ethically grounded.

2. A Shift From Extraction to Stewardship

The "fall" refers in part to the breakdown of extractive systems: economic, environmental, informational, and emotional.

Afterward, the future is marked by a move from:

- Extraction → Stewardship – of data, attention, resources, and ecosystems.
- Short-term profit → Long-term flourishing – for communities and the planet.

AI tools make it easier to:

- see hidden costs (environmental, social, psychological) of our choices
- simulate outcomes over decades instead of quarters

- design policies and systems that pursue regenerative, not just sustainable, goals

3. A More Humane Digital Space

The book's future recognizes how harmful early digital platforms were to mental health, discourse, and democracy—and treats that era as part of the "fall."

In the reimagined future:

- Digital spaces are built around well-being, constructive dialogue, and learning, not engagement-at-any-cost.
- AI helps:
 - reduce polarization by surfacing nuance and common ground
 - detect manipulative or deceptive patterns in media
 - create personalized information diets that support growth instead of outrage

The result is a future where online life feels less addictive and more nourishing, with AI actively countering the worst incentives of earlier platforms.

4. Work, Creativity, and Meaning

Rather than focusing on mass unemployment from automation, the book leans toward a future where work is reorganized:

- Many repetitive, cognitively heavy tasks are handled by AI.
- Humans focus more on:
 - creativity and storytelling
 - care work (for people, communities, and nature)
 - problem framing and value-setting (deciding *what* to aim for, not just *how* to get there)

The key shift is from survival work to meaning work:

- People use AI to augment their skills, start projects, and learn faster.

- Education becomes lifelong and personalized, with AI tutors adapting to each person's pace, style, and goals.

5. Governance, Power, and AI

The book recognizes that AI concentrated in a few hands can be deeply dangerous. Its future scenario pushes toward:

- Distributed AI infrastructures instead of one or two corporate/State monopolies.
- Civic oversight of AI systems: citizens, not just engineers, help decide how powerful models are used.
- Open dialogue between technologists, policymakers, and the public about tradeoffs, risks, and benefits.

The future is not presented as perfectly solved, but as a continuous practice: society learns to:

- audit AI systems
- update norms and laws as capabilities evolve
- embed human rights, dignity, and pluralism into AI design

6. Emotional and Spiritual Maturity

An important theme is that technical progress alone is not enough. The future only improves "beyond the fall" if humans:

- grow in emotional intelligence (empathy, self-awareness, conflict resolution)
- cultivate inner resilience in an era of rapid change
- treat meaning, belonging, and purpose as first-class concerns

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AI in this vision can:

- support mental health
- help people reflect on patterns in their lives
- act as a mirror for values and choices—though it can't replace human relationships or spiritual depth

The future becomes better not just because machines are smarter, but because humans become wiser.

Article by Pete Horn

Letter to the Editor

I am just writing to applaud the excellent article on the constitution written by Peter Horn

My wife and I are British by birth and became US citizens in 2019 after over 15 years here. We worked in Houston and retired to Bastrop. On our pilgrimages back to Houston, we seek out coffee shops. It was in the great little Burton coffee shop that I picked up your July Bulletin.

The article sets out to deal succinctly with the key areas of the constitution and with relevance to present day life. It is also very well written. Very useful to relative Newbies like my wife and me. I would also suggest some of our leaders could do with reading this as a "refresher" and a reminder of their actual powers under the constitution.

Please pass on to Peter.

Congratulations!

Mark Ezekiel – Bastrop

Mark,

Thank you for your email about Pete's article on the constitution. He is one of my monthly contributors on the Burton Bulletin and always has great articles. I will definitely pass this onto him. Our monthly newsletter is online and we do have archives for the past months. Pete is a very interesting guy. He has traveled the world in his lifetime and is full of knowledge. A group of us old guys meet at the coffee shop on Thursday morning to solve the world problems. If y'all are in the area during this time, don't hesitate to stop in and say hello.

David Zajicek – Editor

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One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers

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Explain it: **Why do Mosquitos Bite Some People More Than Others?**

Mosquitoes do not bite everyone equally because, to a mosquito, people are not equally easy to find or equally tempting once found. The mosquitoes that bite are female mosquitoes, and they take blood because they need nutrients, especially proteins and iron, to help produce eggs. They are not hunting humans out of malice; they are following signals.

The strongest signal is carbon dioxide, which we breathe out. A person who exhales more carbon dioxide, such as someone larger, exercising, or breathing heavily, can be easier for mosquitoes to detect. Once a mosquito gets closer, it pays attention to body heat, moisture, and smells coming from the skin.

Those smells matter a lot. Human skin is covered with natural oils, sweat chemicals, and microbes that produce scent. Some people naturally give off more of the chemical cues mosquitoes use, such as lactic acid and other skin odors. Blood type has been studied too, and some research suggests mosquitoes may prefer certain blood types in some situations, but smell and carbon dioxide are usually more important.

Clothing can also make a difference. Dark colors are easier for mosquitoes to see, especially after they have followed a scent trail toward a person. Alcohol, pregnancy, and recent exercise may also increase attractiveness, partly because they can change breathing, heat, or body chemistry.

So, when one person at a picnic is covered in bites and another is untouched, it is not imagination. Their bodies may simply be sending different signals.

Explain It: **How Do Noise-Canceling Headphones Work?**

You settle into an airplane seat, put on your headphones, and switch on noise cancellation. The engine's steady roar suddenly fades. The aircraft has not become quieter; instead, the headphones are reducing the sound that reaches your ears.

Sound travels as changing pressure through air. Inside noise-canceling headphones, tiny microphones listen to those pressure changes. Electronics rapidly analyze the unwanted noise, and the headphone speakers create a matching sound wave with its pressure pattern reversed. When the original noise and this "anti-noise" meet near your ears, their opposing pressure changes partially cancel through **destructive interference**.

The headphones also provide passive noise isolation. Their ear cups, cushions, or silicone tips form a physical barrier, much like ordinary earmuffs. This barrier is particularly useful against higher-pitched sounds, while active noise cancellation, or ANC, is generally most effective against low, steady noises such as engines, fans, road rumble, and air-conditioning systems. Bose's explanation of noise-canceling technology describes how these passive and active methods work together.

ANC cannot erase everything. A nearby conversation, clattering dishes, or a barking dog changes, too quickly and unpredictably

to be canceled perfectly. What you hear is therefore not absolute silence but a substantial reduction in certain background sounds.

Explain It: **Why Can't We Remember Being Babies?**

Most adults cannot remember specific events from their first two or three years. This is called childhood or infantile amnesia. It does not mean a baby's mind is blank. Babies recognize familiar faces, learn routines, respond to voices, and gradually understand the world. What is missing later is the ability to replay those experiences as personal stories.

Picture a baby waking in a crib. Light enters the room, a parent appears, and breakfast follows. The baby can learn this pattern and feel reassured by it. Years later, however, the adult cannot mentally return to that particular morning and describe what happened.

That is partly because the systems needed for autobiographical memory are still developing. The brain must connect sights, sounds, emotions, places, and time into one lasting event. A young child is also developing language and a sense of being a continuous person with a past. These abilities eventually help turn an experience into "something that happened to me."

Early experiences can still matter even when we cannot consciously recall them. They contribute to learning, emotional expectations, attachments, and familiar habits. Babies therefore remember enough to develop, but most of those memories do not survive in the form adults can deliberately retrieve.

One day the first-grade teacher was reading the story of "Chicken Little" to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read "...and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

The teacher paused, then asked the class, "And what do you think the farmer said?"

One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said, Holy crap! A talking chicken!"

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Sincerely, David Zajicek - Editor

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