



Pipeline would bring new oil supply to U.S.

Environmental protesters today are trying to block construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, designed to carry oil imported from vast Canadian tar-sands fields to the central U.S.

And while the protesters claim a leak could foul the great Ogallala aquifer as it crosses Nebraska's Sand Hills, that is no more likely than any other of the dozens of pipelines crisscrossing the nation.

This battle is not about leaks — that talk basically is just fear mongering — but about making oil more expensive, harder to get and less useful — and oddly enough, keeping the U.S. dependent on Arab suppliers.

The decision will be made, by the U.S. Department of State, not the Interior Department or the Environmental Protection Agency, which deal routinely with such issues.

The State Department held a hearing in Lincoln, Neb., last month where supporters and opponents jeered each other. Environmentalists claimed a leak could devastate the Ogallala, ignoring the fact that pipelines are a reasonably safe means of transporting oil. They shut down automatically when a leak crops up, for one thing.

Supporters said the line would bring jobs and

badly needed, dependable supplies of oil.

Perhaps the real agenda slipped from one environmentalist: opponents don't like the open-pit mining process used to recover the sands, or the cooking it takes to extract the oil.

"We cannot afford to spill this toxic tar sands oil into our soil or groundwater," one declared.

But the Canadians have already developed the fields, and someone will burn this oil. Why shouldn't the U.S. have a steady, dependable supply that doesn't have to move in supertankers? And come to think of it, which is worse: an unseen pipeline across the midlands, safe from most hazards, from terrorism to storms, or a tanker floating on the seas and passing through jihadist-infested waters off war-torn nations?

Indications are the \$7 billion project will be approved, though that's far from certain. The builders claim it'll meet and exceed environmental and safety standards. The environmentalists are just against it.

Anyone interested in keeping the economy afloat on the High Plains, or in having a steady, dependable and reasonably priced supply of oil, might want to come down on the side of the builders. We need the oil, and we sure need the jobs. — Steve Haynes



SOME JOBLESS DON'T FIGURE INTO GOVT. UNEMPLOYMENT STATS...

Writer responds to earlier editorial

This letter is in response to the editorial on the Postal Service (Sept. 29). First of all it is the Republicans that want to end the Postal Service as we know it. Their main goal is to break the postal unions and the only way to do that is to destroy the Postal Service. So thank your Republican representative and senators when your local post office closes or you get mail delivery every other day.

The financial problems for the United States Post Office started back in 2006 when Congress passed the Postal Accountability Enhancement Act. This mandated that the postal service fully fund retiree, health benefits for future

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retirees. The United States Post Office had to prefund these benefits for the next 75 years and do it within a 10-year window. No other government agency or corporation is required to do this.

Also the United States Post Office has overpaid \$50 billion to \$75 billion into their workers pension fund. H.R. 1351 the United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011, calls for the Office of Personal Management to do a definitive audit, come up with the actual figure of overpayment

and then apply this to the system of prepayment for retiree health care fund.

If Congress would pass this legislation, this would eliminate the need to end Saturday delivery, close down mail processing centers and close small post offices. Please call or write your Congressmen to pass HR 1351. 1-866-922-4970 is a toll free number for the Capitol Operator to reach your congressmen.

Thank you.
Diana Brunswig-Bosso
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Administration bypasses congress

Letter to the Editor:

Most Americans are unaware that the Obama administration is bypassing congress and our legislative progress providing "amnesty" by presidential executive power.

They have already ordered immigration and customs enforcement to simply stop deporting millions of illegal aliens. They are only deporting illegal aliens with criminal records and granting amnesty for the rest of them, which includes citizenship and health care.

This outrageous and unpresidential move is aimed at helping President Obama get re-elected in 2012, and regain majority control of the congress - by creating a large voting block for them. Despite the fact that the American majority are opposed to amnesty.

Illegal aliens should have to abide by our country's immigration laws to become a citizen not rewarded for breaking the law.

We vote on members of congress and they should represent the voice-

es of the people within their states. No way should a president have the power to make important decisions without the approval of congress, or change laws or ignore laws that are in place. Its these checks and balances that make a democracy.

We need to stop Obama's administration's blatant abuse of executive power for personal political gain.

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GOD SAYS
For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
Psalms 37:10, 11

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High school sports can sure be a big deal. For the athletes, years of practice and moving up the progression from little league, junior high, junior varsity to varsity squads, much goes into being on a team.

For parents they provide an opportunity to cheer for your child and show community pride.

The unfortunate aspect of school sports is that half the participants will not taste victory in each game. I know in these times of political correctness, there are probably some who feel like

each event should end in a draw. But that would be a disservice to our children.

We've had several kids compete through high school in this area and we are watching the last two in their final years. It has been fun seeing all of them succeed at times, but often they have not.

So what do you tell a kid who is stomaching a loss? Well, there are life lessons to be learned from sports. It is a great way to find how to get along with others in a common goal. You get better

the more you work at something. There is power in numbers.

And as for dealing with defeat, that is just a part of life. Experience will show that tough times are a portion of being human. But you don't quit and you strive to do the best you can.

Also, we need to enjoy the victories with humility when they do come along.

The Gardener

them out by the back fence.

Then go to the phone and call the guy who takes care of lawns for some of the town's residents and ask him if he would mind hauling his next load of leaves over to your house and dump them on your garden plot. Tell him if he'll do that, it might be worth a cantaloupe to him next summer.

First chance you get, scatter that load of leaves evenly over the garden and plow them under, as deeply as you can. Or call the kid down the street who owns a rototiller and have him do the job for you.

Wow! You have your garden put to bed for the winter, plus you have 10 or 12 bags of nice clean leaves stored away to use for mulching next spring's crop of potatoes, cucumbers and tomatoes! Actually, you're way ahead of most of us who may still be waiting for the leaves to fall. The timing of the above procedure can vary from 10 to 20 days and still achieve the same result.

But do it! If not next week, then anytime before the ground freezes, which is generally sometime between Dec. 10 and 20 in our area.

Plowing under leaves in your garden in the fall does so much to add to the texture of the soil in which you will entrust your seeds next spring.

You'll be amazed at the new workability. It doesn't have to be leaves... any kind of material such as straw, old hay or dry manure plowed into your garden this fall will biodegrade during the winter months due to the freezing and thawing process.

The job needs to be done just as soon as you can clear your plot of the old tomato vines, the corn stalks and the expired squash vines. Burn the old tomato vines or haul them to the landfill. But run the mower over the rest of the material including the cornstalks and then plow it under when you can.

Everyone's garden soil must be regenerated annually in order for us to realize a bumper crop next season. Look ahead a little. Locate some leaves now or when they magically appear in yards everywhere. They're free. They're plentiful. But they need your help to put them in their proper place!

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