

Post Notes

Soccer in Post

If you are interested in having a soccer league in Post please call Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

School dismisses early Friday

Post ISD schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 11 for Spring Break.

Seeking input from parents

The Post Elementary School will hold Parent Involvement Night on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the school auditorium. All parents are urged to attend.

Youth Rally

The Bethel Assembly of God Church, 407 May Street will hold a Youth Rally on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Special guest for the evening will be Lil' John. Music will be played and refreshments served. Everyone is urged to attend.

Post 6797 meeting set

Post 6797 men will meet Monday, March 14 at the VFW Post on the Clairmont Highway at 7 p.m. This is a very important meeting to attend, call the commander at 495-2026.

Everyone is welcome!

Please come and enjoy "Hallelujah Chorus" directed by Dr. Wayne Hinds, former director of Lubbock Christian University's Acapella Chorus on Sunday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Post Church of Christ, 10th and Avenue M.

Blood drive set March 11

United Blood Services has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations. The use by local hospitals has outpaced donations leading to an exhausted supply of O- and A- blood. All types are currently on short supply. Donation requirements are simple. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and have valid identification. All donors will receive a choice of a hat or T-shirt. Post donors can donate at Dalby Prison, Friday, March 11 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the blood mobile. Please give Ruby Williams a call to make an appointment at 495-2175.

Raffle to win a 4 wheeler

First United Methodist Youth are selling chances to win a 2005 4 wheel drive, 400CC Honda 4 wheeler, with electric shift. Chances are \$25.00 per ticket or \$100.00 for 5 tickets. Contact any Methodist youth, or the church office to purchase your ticket. Drawing will be March 12.

Flags, magnets available

Individuals needing flags to fly at their home and/or business can call the VFW Post 6797 commander, Chuck Ratliff, for assistance. Magnets also are available. Contact Ratliff at 495-2026.

SHAPES Recruiting

Shaping Success Headstart is recruiting for the 2004-2005 school year. We serve children ages 3 and 4. Please call 495-2554 for more information.

Old eye glasses needed

Your help is needed to collect old eye glasses for Missionary, Chris Hena, M.D. of Kazakhstan. There is a great need for eye glasses of all sizes. We will be collecting thru March 1st. Please bring eye wear to the First United Methodist Church, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until noon. You may also bring them to Redman Redi Lube, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Banquet tickets now available

The annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet is set for March 12 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person. Theme for the banquet will be "Sunrise Wind," a tribute to Tabana Yuane. Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Cowboy Hall of Fame and other awards will be made. A special award, the Legacy Award, will be presented to the family of Frank "Chief" Runkles. Tickets are available at the bureau office or from any director.

Trailblazers need copy machine

Garza County Trailblazers is seeking a copying machine, new or used, to be donated to the center. Anyone interested in donating for this purpose may call us at 495-2998, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. We have a tremendous amount of paperwork that needs to be copied on a daily basis for business purpose and we just don't have the funds to accommodate this need. Any offers will be appreciated.

Fund raiser planned March 19th

A benefit has been set for Saturday, March 19 at J.D.'s Bar & Grill with proceeds going to the family of the late Janice Daugherty to help with funeral expenses. A BBQ brisket plate with all the trimmings will be sold for \$5 each. A drive thru window will be available. Also, a pool tournament will be had, along with a cake walk and dance. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$5 each for your chance to win a Husqvarna Chain Saw.

Meet the 'Lopes, Lady 'Lopes

A Meet the 'Lopes and Lady 'Lopes at the Ballpark event will be held Saturday, March 19, following the 11 a.m. softball game between the Lady 'Lopes and Idalou. Hot dogs and drinks will be sold for \$1 each. The Antelope Booster Club invites the community to come and meet the players and coaches and see the ballpark improvements.

Sign-ups set for baseball and softball

Sign-ups for T-Ball, Minor League, Little League, Jr/Sr League and Girls Softball will be held at the Elementary Gym on March 7 through March 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be an additional child discount this year. Deadline for sign-ups will be March 20. For questions contact Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

Fish fry every Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will start selling fish fry and trimmings every Friday during lent. Beginning February 11th, from 5-7 p.m. Plates are \$6.00 each.

EMS sponsors ECA certification

Post/Garza County EMS in conjunction with the Texas State Department of Health Services, will sponsor a certification class for Emergency Care Attendants (ECA) beginning March 22 in Post. Classes will run through May 19 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-10 p.m. in the EMS training room at City Hall.

Post Little League

Bids for the concession stand will be accepted until March 31. Please contact Terri Morris at 495-1935.

"Might As Well Be Spring"

The OS Museum is presenting "Might As Well Be Spring" with a special exhibit. Wonderful art and artifacts from over the world. See sculptures, visual art, ivory, porcelain, crystal and the magnificent art of Faberge The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street. An elevator is available for your convenience.

Baseball legend to be honored

Everyone from all over will come together on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the life and athletic career of Justiceburg native Norman Dalton Cash. With the completion of the remodeled high school baseball field at David Nichols Park, a movement started to name the field after Post, Texas' most famous athlete. Help make Norm Cash Day a memorable event. Donations are being accepted to off set expenses for the dedication event. Any amount is welcome. Please make your checks or money orders out to The Norm Cash Memorial Fund, c/o Post Independent School District, P.O. Box 70, Post, TX 79356

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Federal grand jury opens investigation on county prison bid procedures

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County's handling of bids for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility management contract may have been scrutinized by a federal grand jury Wednesday in Lubbock.

On Friday, county officials were served with a federal subpoena requesting copies of all documents pertaining to the

bidding process on the management contract dating back to Jan. 1, 1999.

The documents were required for consideration by a federal grand jury, according to reports.

A copy of the federal subpoena was not made available for review, despite a request by The Post Dispatch.

In a telephone call to The Dispatch Monday, County Judge

Giles Dalby indicated he and County Clerk Jim Plummer would hand-deliver the requested documents on Tuesday.

The judge said he would have no further comment on the situation.

Records gathered for submission to federal authorities included minutes of Garza County commissioners' meetings, documents pertaining to the bidding process and audio and video recordings, according to reports.

Repeated calls to the U.S. Attorney's office in Lubbock were not returned, and no further verification of pending action could be obtained; however, a representative in the U.S. District Court Clerk's office did confirm the grand jury would convene Wednesday.

Candidates file for local offices

The lists of candidates for upcoming city, school district and hospital district elections are taking shape following Monday's filing deadline.

City of Post

For the City of Post, a total of seven candidates have stepped forward to vie for three open positions on the city council.

Three individuals - longtime councilman Bill Pool, Richard Collins and Randy Nielsen - have filed to run for the mayoral seat, according to a report from City Hall.

David Perez will challenge incumbent Dick Odom for the Ward 2 council spot, while newcomers Kenda Bartlett and Danny Guajardo will seek the Ward 1 post.

Post ISD

In the Post Independent School District, the only candidates to file for two open trustee positions were the incumbents, Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin, according to district officials.

Southland ISD

Two candidates - Tommy Binford, an incumbent, and Cody Alford - filed for the two open positions on the Southland Independent School District board of trustees, but no one filed for candidacy for the one-year unexpired term, according to a report from the superintendent's office.

Garza County Hospital District

In the Garza County Hospital District, Wayne Edwards filed as a candidate for the Precinct 4 seat, but no one filed for the open Precinct 3 position on the district's board of directors, according to the district administrator.

Monday was the deadline for candidates to file to have their names included on the ballots for the upcoming elections. The deadline for registration of write-in candidates is March 14.

Early voting in the May 7 elections is set to begin April 20 and will continue through May 3.



Traffic along U.S. Hwy 380 east is being disrupted while reconstructive work is completed on the roadway from the railroad tracks east to the county line. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post High School One Act Play cast members performing "A Midsummer's Night Dream" during the One Act Festival in the Elementary Auditorium are (left to right), Austin Ham, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Vince Robles holding Retha (the dog), Jordan Tatum, Jace Pollard and Brandon Hernandez. In the play, this is an acting group known as The Rustics or The Mechanicals. The One Act cast will perform in their first contest Tuesday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Post Elementary Auditorium. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).

PHS stages "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for One-Act Play

Post High School will stage a scene from William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for this year's one-act play entry.

The zone competition is set for 4:30 p.m. March 22 in the Post Auditorium. If the local ensemble earns the right to advance in the UIL competition, the district contest will be at Shallowater on April 1.

Under the direction of Sterline Marcum, Nikki Pollard, Leslie Tatum and Tim Tatum, the scene is set in Theseus' palace and the forest at a "distant time and place and world of dreams."

The cast, in order of appearance, includes Colter Creech, Laurel Tatum, Jace Pollard, Jonathan McGregor, Jared Smith, Gentry Creech, Claire Kirkpatrick, Jordan Tatum, Brandon Hernandez, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Vince Robles, Austin Ham, Jenee Lott, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Emily Marcum.

Crew members are Keeley Bramblett, stage manager; Brant Guthrie, light technician; Bailey Odom, sound tech; and Shannon Rasbeary, stage assistant. Alternates include Courtney Copeland, Steven Short, Jerin Tyler and Ashley Wilson.



Hallelujah Chorus performs in Post March 13

The famed "Hallelujah Chorus" will offer a special free concert Sunday, March 13 at the Post Church of Christ beginning at 6 p.m. The chorus is directed by Dr. Wayne Hinds, former Lubbock Christian University's Acapella Chorus. The event is open to the public.

Jennifer Strawn, Trey Peacher exchange wedding vows Feb. 19

Jennifer Strawn of Post and Trey Peacher of Lubbock were wed in a double-ring ceremony performed at 7 p.m. Feb. 19, 2005, in the Methodist Church in Post with the bride's grandfather, Bo Jackson, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Susan Strawn of Post. The groom's parents are Ed and Sherry Peacher of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of scarlet matte satin from Maggie Sottero designers. The strapless gown featured a fitted bodice with an asymmetrical waist and corset lace-up back embellished with Swarovski crystals and sequins. The full, A-line skirt fell gracefully to the floor and swept into a semi-cathedral train. The gown was finished at the hem to echo the look of the bodice.

To complete her ensemble, the bride selected an elbow-length veil of white illusion finished with a rhinestone edge.

The bridal bouquet was a clutch of white roses collared by red roses. The arrangement was banded with pearl-studded ivory bridal ribbon.

Maid of honor was Lyndee Strawn of Post, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Becca Stelzer of Midland, Amanda Moreno of Lubbock, Lolly Piccola of Dallas, Jessica Farmer of Vernon and Paige Lott of Lubbock, the bride's cousin.

The bridal attendants wore tea-length dresses of matte satin and tulle from the designers of Jessica McClintock. Each dress was strapless and finished at the neckline with a delicate band and bow. Each A-line skirt fell just below the knee and was edged with a peek-a-boo hem of tulle. The look was completed with lace-up ribbon pumps.

Each bridesmaid carried a single red rose surrounded by white roses. Each arrangement was gathered and banded together with ivory double-faced satin ribbon.

Brooke Blair, the bride's cousin, served as flower girl. She wore a tea-length dress of white and black dot organza from Jessica McClintock designers. The dress featured an empire waistline and was accented with a banded bow and finished at the hem to match.

The mothers of the bride and groom carried mini nosegay bouquets comprised of white roses.

Best man was Shawn Peacher, brother of the groom. He wore a black tuxedo and white shirt accented by a black vest and tie. Groomsmen were Chris Ashley and Lance Ashley, both of Lubbock, Mitch Weston of Snyder, Waylon Strawn of Post, the bride's brother, and Jake Lott of Post, the bride's cousin.

Ring bearer was Kace Lott. He, like the groom, wore a black tuxedo, white shirt and red vest and tie.

Ushers were Jason Hair of Post, Codie Hair of Lubbock and Zachary Witcher of Post, all cousins of the bride, and Jonathon Farmer of Vernon.

Lanny Copeland and Amanda Moreno provided music for the ceremony, which centered on the Biblical scriptures found in Rev. 2:4-5 and the theme, "Do the Things You Did at First."

Ivory chiffon draped to the floor served as aisle markers in the church. Three sets of iron candelabra, draped with floor-length chiffon and accented by mixed greenery, decorated the interior of the church. A large ornament comprised of white roses, stargazer lilies and gladiolas and red dogwood arranged in a large iron-finished garden urn was placed on an open-weave iron pedestal.

The round registration table was covered in a floor-length white cloth accented by a square overlay of white shimmer-sheer. The table

held three branch iron candle stands and three pomander arrangements comprised of white carnations and roses and red roses. The arrangements were staggered in size.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the Post Community Center.

Guest tables featured white, floor-length cloths with red metallic overlays accented by red Gerbera daisies and bear grass arranged in red- and clear-stemmed vases of varying heights. Votive candles stood at the base of each, and rose petals were scattered across each table.

The bride's table was covered in a red, floor-length cloth overlaid with a cloth of fire bichon. A four-tiered wedding cake accented with red and white roses highlighted the table, which was strewn with red rose petals. A white columned arch draped in gossamer, twinkle lights and greenery created a dramatic backdrop behind the table.

The groom's table featured a floor-length black cloth overlaid with black-and-white chiffon. A three-tiered chocolate cake with chocolate icing and chocolate-covered strawberries were served from the table, which was decorated with an arrangement of mixed greenery, bear grass, red dogwood and white French tulips and stargazer lilies in a vase filled with red water.

The buffet table was covered in white and offered multiple levels of cubed fruits, sliced cheeses, shaved meats, potato rolls, chicken salad croissants, artichoke dip, Italian crackers and Little Smokies in a strawberry glaze. A large floral arrangement in an iron-finished garden urn accented the table. It featured red dogwood shooting to the ceiling, with reed grass and bear grass and tightly-collared red carnations at the base. Tall glass candle vases filled with red water and floating candles dotted the table, and a pair of seven-branch iron candelabra stood behind the table as a backdrop.

All appointments were silver. Members of the house party included Carolyn Hair, Mary Ann Gordon, Mickie McGregor, Benny Jackson, Samantha Hoover and Brenna Postell. "Honored attendants and servers" included Amanda Hair of Post, the bride's cousin; Suzanne Scott of Dallas, the bride's cousin; Jenny Beth Gordon of Slaton, the bride's cousin; Larissa Manweiler of Lubbock, the bride's cousin; and Heather Peacher of Lubbock, sister of the groom.

Music to the Maxx served as emcee and DJ for the reception. Benny Jackson served as florist and caterer and handled the décor in the church and reception areas. Photographers were Gena Lott, Terri Cash and Kim Lott. Mark Umstot of Lubbock was responsible for the bridal portrait. Ann Graves of Lubbock provided the cakes.

Following a wedding trip to Nassau, Bahamas, the couple is at home in Vernon.

The bride, a 1999 graduate of Post



Mrs. Trey Peacher

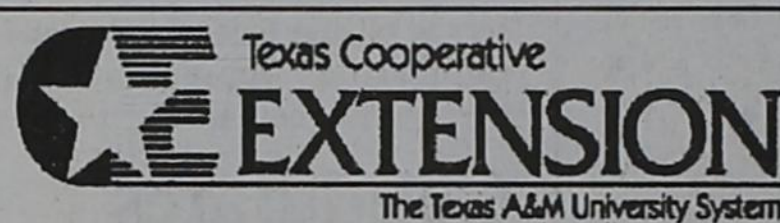
High School and a graduate of the Lubbock Institute of Therapeutic Massage, is employed by United Supermarkets in Vernon.

A graduate of THS Christian

Schools, the groom also is employed by United Supermarkets in Vernon. He is a service manager.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Gary and Peggy Graves and Jackie

and Cindee Reiter at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Dirks

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Alzheimer's Disease

Throughout recorded human history, many names have been given to what we now know as dementia, the most common form of which is Alzheimer's Disease. Though many know the name, few people can tell you much about this devastating illness.

Alzheimer's Disease is a chronic, degenerative disease which means that it progresses slowly and gets worse as it progresses. More than four million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease, a number that is expected to reach 14 million by the year 2050. Americans incorrectly assume that Alzheimer's patients reside in nursing homes not true! Close to half of the Alzheimer's patients in the United States reside at home.

It seems that the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease has increased in recent years to near epidemic proportions. While improvement in diagnosis has contributed to the rise, the real answer lies in the average length of life for human beings.

At the end of the 18th Century, the average lifespan of individuals was 35 to 40 years. Currently, average lifespan for someone living in the United States is about 77 years. Studies show that about 10% of those over age 65 have Alzheimer's Disease, 20% of those over 77 and half of those over 85.

Alzheimer's is more prevalent now because more and more people are living long enough to develop the disease.

We normally associate the word

plaque with an award or something that our dentist warns us about when we go in for a check-up. Plaque is a major part of the Alzheimer's Disease process. This particular type of plaque forms in the brain between nerve cells causing nerve signals in the brain to be interrupted.

Imagine that your nerve cells are like electric lines that transmit signals back and forth. Now imagine that a piece of insulation blocking the electricity is put in that line. All of a sudden, the signal cannot get through anymore. That is how plaque affects your brain it prevents brain signals from getting from one place to another.

Plaque is made up of a protein that your body produces normally. In a normal brain, that protein would be eliminated. In the Alzheimer's brain, that protein clumps together with other pieces and forms a plaque.

Another hallmark of Alzheimer's Disease is the formation of tangles. Imagine that the nerve cells in your brain are like railroad tracks. You have two side pieces and a ladder-like structure in the middle holding everything in place.

These ladder-like structures are made up of a protein that becomes abnormal in the Alzheimer's brain and causes the ladder to weaken and collapse. If enough of these proteins become abnormal, the whole nerve cell may collapse on itself and prevent nerve signals from being transmitted.

Alzheimer's Disease begins its destruction in an area of the brain called the hippocampus. The hip-

pocampus is responsible for taking in new information and processing it through your memory.

As the disease spreads, it works its way up through the outer layers of your brain affecting judgment, emotions and language. Eventually enough of the brain is overrun by plaques and tangles that even the most basic functions are impaired, such as the ability to toilet, communicate and walk.

Alzheimer's Disease completely destroys the ability of an individual to be independent. His or her state of dependency may last for years. The average length of time from diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease to death is three to ten years, though disease progression may take as long as 20 years.

To-date, the only way to make a 100% certain diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease is autopsy of the brain upon death. However, medical science has progressed such that through various mental tests, physical exam and ruling out other illnesses, a 90% certain diagnosis may be made.

Early diagnosis is important so that prescription drug therapy may be started. Though there is no cure for Alzheimer's Disease, many prescription medications may help control the symptoms and slow the disease progression.

Testing and diagnosis by a trained health professional is very important since other conditions may resemble Alzheimer's Disease. These other conditions may be treatable or completely reversible.

For more information, contact Julie Dirks, Garza County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, at (806) 495-4400, or go to the Alzheimer's Association website at <http://www.alz.org>. You may also reach the Alzheimer's Association by phone at 1.800.272.3900.

Source: Andrew B. Crocker Gerontology Health Specialist

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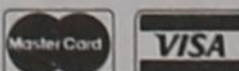
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Crow's Feet Chronicles

by Cindy Baker
Happy Prosciutto to You

Mama's 84th birthday was like an orchestrated Gesundheit—I provided modest, but comfortable lodging; Lanny Joe added the giddy-up transportation to and from the airport; my sister Kathy and brother Tim (not to be confused with Sister Kathy and Brother Tim) prepared the Yan-Can Currin gourmet meals; and my grandkids brought it all to a crescendo with a goo-goo gah-gah oops-grab-a-tissue entertainment.

"Nothing's too good for Mama," Tim declared when he told me to watch for the FedEx truck that would be delivering 10 pounds of shrimp from Florida. The truck delivered a box of beautiful Jumbo Key West Pinks from Islamorada Fish Company in the Florida Keys, and I thought they

resembled throw pillows with handles. I stood back in proper amazement as Tim ceremoniously lowered each shrimp into the boiling Crab Boil water, as he watched in eager anticipation for the rising pink finger of dawn, and as he whisked the prime delicacy up and over into the vat of ice.

(The "up and over" left faint but amber connect-a-dots on my kitchen ceiling.)

Kathy took Mama to the roller rink (yeah, right) while I did Kathy's grocery shopping for the side dishes to the birthday shrimp dinner. Her fresh asparagus dish called for prosciutto. (Do a spell check for "prosciutto" and you'll find "prostitute" and "prosecution." □Go figure.)

"Where's the prosciutto?" I asked the first supermarket employee. He

took me directly to the menu on the Mexican food aisle.

"Where's the prosciutto?" I asked a second employee. I followed her all the way to the produce section and the portabellas.

Finally, I asked a fellow shopper. "Do you know where they keep the prosciutto?"

"No, but I sure do like reading your column." Purrrrrrrr.

Well, I figured it started with a "P" and ended with an "O", so I decided the logical substitution would be poblano. (Later, we managed to control Mama's smoking ears, but her runny nose kept us busy!)

I regretted offering to make Kathy's secret tartar sauce recipe. She does not allow chopping—Everything must be grated in that recipe. It seemed like I grated through two more of Mama's birthdays.

"Cindy, I didn't tell you to put pimientos in the tartar sauce," Kathy stated.

"Those aren't pimientos, Kathy. They're my knuckles."

My only REAL contribution to the meal was my coleslaw. □I found a recipe that sounded unique. After all, I had to compete with Kathy Childs and Emeril Currin.

The only problem was that it called for sliced olives. I remembered that the biggest fight Lanny Joe and I ever had was when I put olives in a recipe, knowing he doesn't like olives. I decided to take my chances this time, though.

"This coleslaw is good... in spite of the olives, Cindy," Lanny smiled weakly, while he and I were eating at the patio table.

"Oh, I forgot to tell Kathy that you don't like olives, Lanny. I'm sorry." (blink-blink)

Later, when Lanny Joe and I came back inside the house with our dishes, Kathy said, "Cindy, that was delicious coleslaw."

Busted.

AgTexas distributes \$4.9 million in loans

AgTexas Farm Credit Services (FCS) will distribute \$4.9 million of its earnings to borrowers this month, according to a recent press release.

The amount more than doubles the \$2.265 million paid to stockholders last year.

The \$4.9 million patronage payment includes \$3.5 million from 2004 earnings and an additional \$1.4 million of prior years' allocations. The cooperative association's board of directors approved the patronage based on the co-op's financial strength.

Board chairman Gary Matthews of Seminole said the cash distribution from 2004 operations represents more than a 1.25 percent reduction in borrowing cost for the association's stockholders.

"We're proud to be the lender who gives back to our customers," said Mitchell Harris, AgTexas' chief executive officer. "Banks share their profits with a few, select stockholders. AgTexas shares profits too, but because we are a cooperative, every stockholder-customer shares in the profits."

Over the past six years, the cooperative lending association has distributed more than \$20 million in patronage dividends and revolving allocated equities to its customers.



Post High School One Act cast members in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" are Colter Creech (as Oberon) and Emily Marcum (as Puck or Robin Good Fellow). The team performed during the One Act Play Festival last Tuesday in the Post Elementary Auditorium. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Sheriff reports four arrests

Four individuals were arrested in the week ending Monday, March 7, according to a report provided by the sheriff's department.

Two men were arrested for driving with invalid driver's licenses, while on man was picked up on warrants out of Garza County and Scurry County.

A female also was arrested for possession of marijuana, according to the report.

White River Lake Weekly Report March 7, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.75 Feet below spillway: 18'8" Rise - 1" Rainfall (past week): 1.07" Rain to-date: 3.59"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

Post ISD trustees meet tonight

Planning for the upcoming school year will continue at today's 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Post Independent School District board of trustees at the administration building.

Action items on the agenda include establishing a budget, setting priority goals, approval of the 2005 curriculum, textbook adoptions and consideration of professional staff contract renewals. Also slated for consideration is the architect's report.

The board also will hear reports on technology, enrollment and the appraisal district and from each of the principals, the athletic director, the curriculum director and the superintendent.

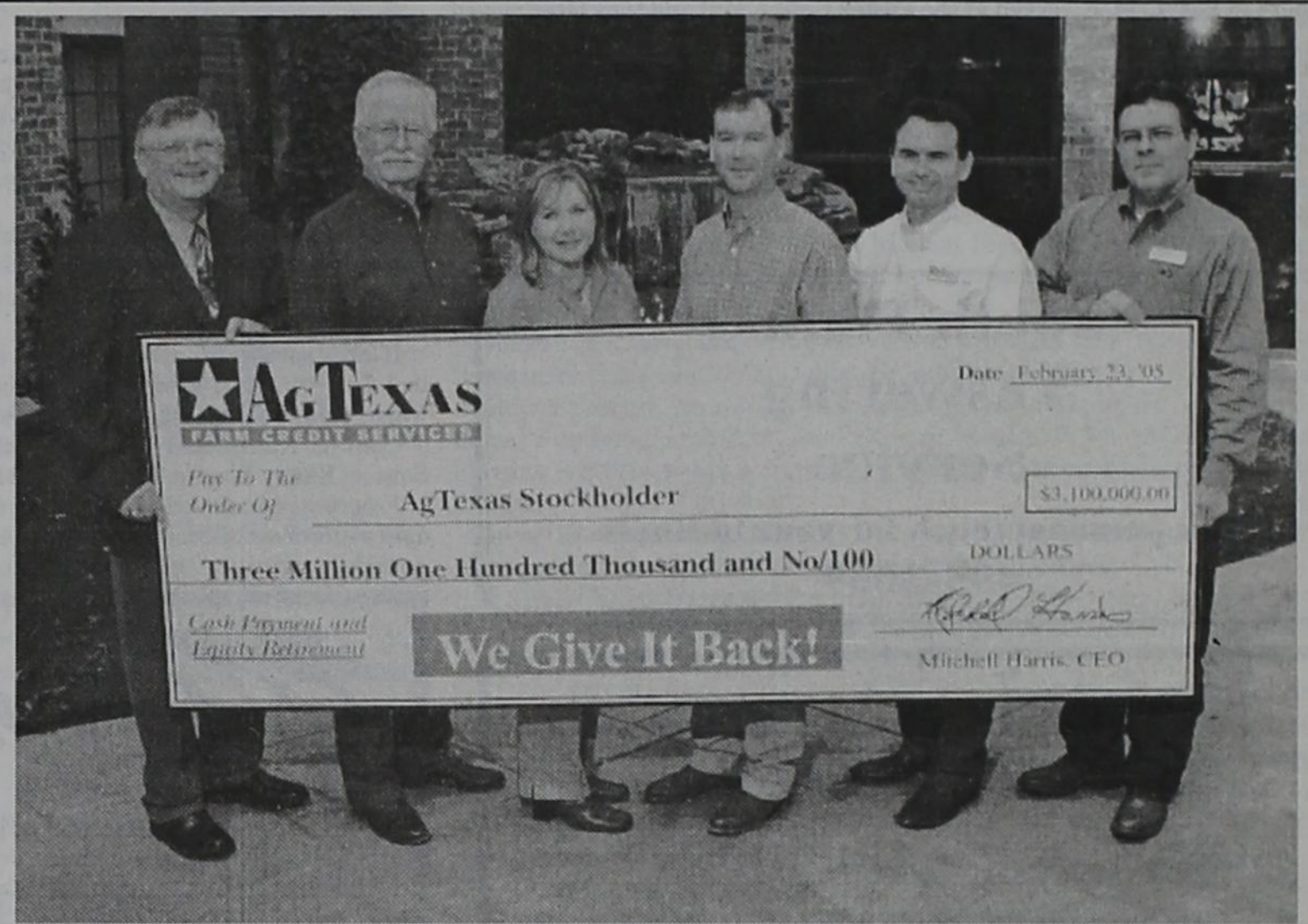
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Obituaries

Mike Cisneros

Mass for Mike Cisneros, 83, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Jim O'Conner and Fr. Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery with military honors are under direction of Hudman Funeral Home. He died Sunday at Covenant Medical Center.



He was born September 29, 1921 in Kingsbury, Tx. He married Dolores Mena on June 28, 1952 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death on Feb. 12, 2004.

He was a veteran of W W II. He farmed for many years as well as serving as a Garza County Commissioner.

Survivors include 2 Daughters: Irene Arredondo of Post and Sandra Cisneros of Lubbock, 3 Sons: Victor Cisneros of Niceville, Fla., David Cisneros of Colorado Springs, Co. and Richard Cisneros of Santa Fe, NM, 3 Sisters: Juanita Rivera of Post, Angie Morales of Post and Mercy Sanchez of Wink, 1 Brother: Reyes Cisneros of San Antonio, 9 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren. Rosary was held Wednesday at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Willie Mae Howell

Services for Willie Mae Howell, 69, of Sweetwater were held Monday, March 7, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., at the First Baptist Church in Post. Pastor Randy Bannery of the Sweetwater Community Church of Sweetwater officiated. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Howell died on Friday March 4, 2005 at Sweetwater.

She was born on April 12, 1935 to John and Christina (Bekklelund) Nelson. She attended school at Gordon and Southland. Married Earl Howell March 27, 1954 here in Post. Mae worked at the Postex Cotton Mill and they later moved to El Paso. She has lived in Dickens, Dermont and prior to moving to Sweetwater she had lived at Gordon. She was a lifelong Lutheran.

She is survived by one Son: Ervin and his wife Johnnie Howell of Sweetwater. One Daughter: Penny and her husband George Chisum of Jayton. A Brother: Arlie and his wife Quova Nelson of Gordon Community and a Sister: Ruby Bostick of Post. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed by the writer. Editor reserves right to edit for brevity, grammar, libel and accuracy. Letters are published at the sole discretion of the editor.

Announcing candidacy for mayor

Richard Collins, one of three candidates to toss his hat into the ring in the upcoming mayoral election, has several agendas he would like to see addressed by city officials.

"I want to help the seniors and the poor get the help they need," he said. Collins, a resident of Post for the past 22 years, also indicated he wants to help improve the city streets and tackle the issue of stray animals. "We have a dog problem that needs to be solved now - not next year," he said.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Protect Your Home from Termites

Warmer weather makes termites more active. However, there are ways to guard your home before the heat turns on and the termites come out. Keep a six inch gap between the house and plants and use wood mulch carefully when landscaping. Specialists encourage having a pest control operator make yearly inspections. Don't panic if you do have an infestation. Termites will do little damage in the time it takes to research a pest control company. Check with the Better Business Bureau for recommendations.

Source: Roger E. Gold, (979)845-5855

Don't Starve the Profit out of Your Cows

An unusually mild and wet winter is affecting beef cattle. Since the winter was mild, ranchers provided less supplemental feed. That is making thin cows a common sight. Cows that are thin produce lower quality milk and less of it for their calves. They also experience more birthing problems, take longer to rebreed, and bear weaker calves.

A cow's body condition can be rated from one to nine, with one being very thin. For each reduction in body condition scores, the pregnancy rate is reduced 15 to 20 percent. Cows in poor body condition also have a reduced immune response to disease and parasites.

To keep cattle healthy, make sure they are getting adequate nutrition. Source: Dr. Joe Paschal, (361)265-9203

Check Cotton Seed Quality

This year's cold wet weather caused some cotton to be harvested before it was ready. That means producers who reuse cotton seed need to pay special attention to seed quality.

High quality seed is crucial for establishing a good stand. Extension specialists recommend having fuzzy seeds tested for free-fatty acids. A fuzzy seed has short fibers on its kernel. To get a good sample, take seeds from different locations in a seed lot.

If lab reports say that the seeds have a high free-fatty acid content of 1 percent to 1.5 percent, the seeds shouldn't be planted. Other tests available are the warm germination test, cool germination test, and a cool-warm vigor index.

Contact your local Extension office to find a testing lab near you. Source: Randy Boman, (806)746-6101

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Lamb Camp

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Goat Camp

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4-H Prime Time Camp Sessions

Two Prime Time sessions are scheduled this summer at the State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The Prime Time I, for youth ages 12-13, is set for July 17-20. Prime Time II, for youth ages 9-11, is set for July 20-23. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

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This special camp, for youth ages 14-18, is scheduled for July 25-30, at the State 4-H Camp at Lake Brownwood. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Love of God in His son Jesus Christ

As Easter approaches, most Christians will begin to focus their thoughtful attention on the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. What is it about the death of Jesus Christ that motivates people? Isn't it just another historical event? There are volumes of recorded persecutions and human sacrifice throughout the history of mankind. Yet none attract more attention and are as motivating as the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Why is this? First of all, Jesus Christ was the only man on earth to be the son of God. Secondly, Jesus did not stay in the grave, but was instead made alive again by his Daddy. Moreover, Jesus is still alive with his Daddy in heaven. This is what makes the death of Jesus Christ such a highly charged subject. People are either motivated to believe, or to not believe that God raised him from the dead.

Why is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so significant? It became available for people to truly enjoy and give the love of God. People can now get dynamically desirable results in their lives. They can live the more than abundant life that Jesus prophesied of in John 10:10b. They can do the works that Jesus did and greater, because he is with his Daddy (John 10:25).

During his ministry in this world Jesus Christ shined this light, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). Jesus Christ voluntarily allowed himself to be beaten and scourged beyond any form

of recognition, and to be crucified with evildoers and robbers. He did so because as God's son, he loved with his Daddy's love. He did it out of love.

When a husband loves his wife, he lovingly pays close attention to her, and will even give his life for her. Because of God's love, Jesus Christ truly gave his life for his bride. The biggest marriage ever is still pending for a future time as recorded in Revelations (Revelations 21:2). In the mean time it is still available during the administration of the grace of God, for anybody to become a saint and to even become a beloved child of God.

Christians can show God's true love by His holy spirit that is in them. They are not called to die for the lives of others. Jesus Christ already did it for them. All the members in the body of Christ can and must walk with God's tender-loving care toward each other. According to Ephesians 4:16, the body of Christ strengthens and edifies itself in the love of God. What a great responsibility and privilege for all Christians. We can show God's grace and mercy and love in our lives. And our authority to do this is in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive and in heaven. This is the same man who freely gave his life because of his Daddy's love.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only [first born] begotten son, that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Now that is true love!

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Terror tactics of the ACLU

by Bill O'Reilly

It would be hard to imagine a better friend to Al Qaeda and other terrorist outfits than the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). If that statement shocks you, please allow me to back it up with facts.

A few days ago, the ACLU announced it will sue Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on behalf of eight foreign nationals who say they were abused by American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. The ACLU contends that the ultimate responsibility for the physical and psychological injuries sustained by the men lies at the highest levels of the U.S. government. Thus, Rumsfeld is their poster boy. By the way, the word "alleged" is not mentioned by the ACLU in their brief.

The suit is a farce and will go nowhere, I predict. The terror war is now three and a half years old, there are more than 300,000 American forces deployed around the world, and the allegations of torture against those forces number about 300. That is very, very low. The ACLU is simply blowing far left smoke, doing what it usually does: undermining policies it dislikes.

There is no question the ACLU opposes just about every pro-active measure taken to fight terror. Consider the following:

— The ACLU opposes the Patriot Act. But, in 2003, when asked by liberal Senator Dianne Feinstein to produce examples of government abuse under the act, the ACLU did not produce one.

— The ACLU opposes the "No Fly List" compiled by the Transportation Security Administration to keep known bad guys off American airliners.

— The ACLU has sued to stop federal authorities from giving information about illegal aliens to state and local police agencies. You read that right. The ACLU does not want local authorities to know who is illegally living in their neighborhoods.

— And the ACLU believes that terrorists captured wearing civilian clothing are entitled to the rights legitimate soldiers receive under the Geneva Convention. Thus, no coercive interrogation.

Now I ask you, who is Al Qaeda's best friend in the USA? Am I wrong here? I tried to find out just what anti-measures the ACLU did support but was told that was not the organization's mandate. They are committed to the protection of rights. Well, what about the right to live, ACLU, a right Al Qaeda denied 3,000 Americans on 9/11?

I am angry about this. The ACLU is making the war on terror much more difficult to wage. Under the guise of protecting the liberties of Americans, the ACLU combs the world to find foreign guys who say they were treated badly. Maybe they were and it shouldn't happen. But I believe exploiting the situation to embarrass the Bush administration is the ACLU's goal, not protecting the little guy rounded up in Kabul.

One final example. Mohammed Atta most likely loved the ACLU. The dead 9/11 hijacker was in the USA illegally and roamed around planning the deadly attack. If the feds had information on Atta in a database and a local Florida cop had managed to pick him up, the ACLU says the cop had no right to know any federal information about the illegal alien Atta. That extreme position sums up just how much the ACLU is looking out for all of us.

And that is not at all. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. COPYRIGHT 2005 BillO'Reilly.com.

Do they think we are stupid?

by Wes Burnett

Do they think we are stupid? Do they think we are ignorant? That's the first question that came to mind when I read last week about the latest socialist scheme in Austin ... a "business tax" to be imposed on the wages of employees.

Huh? A business tax on wages? What a bunch of baloney! What they really mean is an income tax on wages.

Oh, but if they called a spade a spade, they'd be in trouble with their little socialist plan ... imposing an income tax would require a constitutional amendment ... and those slick socialists controlling the state legislature know that Texans will never approve of a state income tax.

So they call it a "business tax," requiring businesses to pay 1.1 percent of wages paid to employees ... does anyone really think that is a business tax? Who do you think is going to end up paying the tax?

What's worse, the 1.1 percent is just a beginning ... does anyone actually believe that such a tax would remain at 1.1 percent very long? That's what socialists said about the U.S. income tax in 1913 ... "Oh, it's only one percent, and only on big corporations." We all know what happened to that neat little trick.

This proposal from Austin is a stark reminder of what we've been saying for a number of years: Every time those birds get together in Austin, you know something bad is going to come out of it.

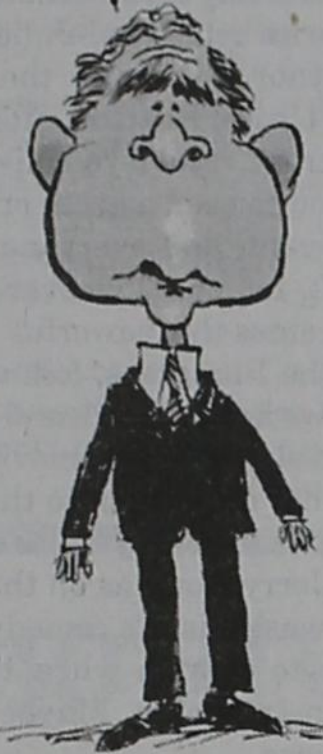
I vote for them to all go home and leave the rest of us alone.

What we need in these trying times are elected officials who can think outside of the old, worn out socialist ways ... for instance, if school funding is a problem, how about getting the state completely out of the school business? That way, we could really have "Independent School Districts" again, funded at home, through our own resources.

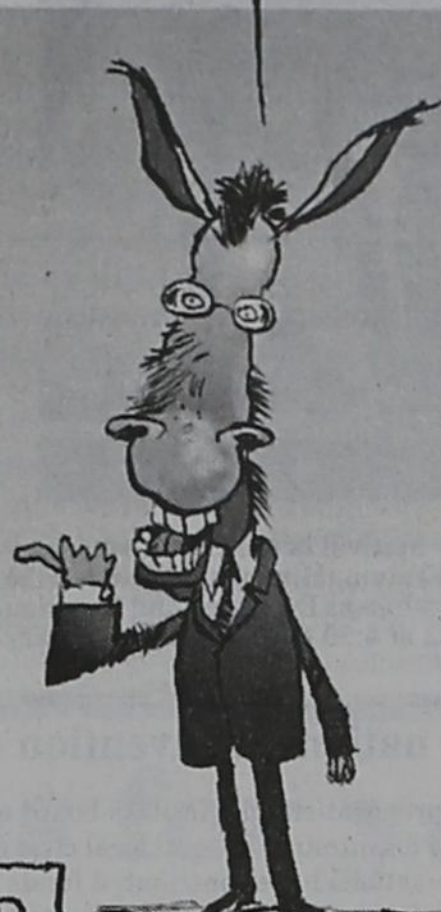
Oh, but that would upset the "one-world, one-government" plan wouldn't it? In the meantime, get ready to lose some more of your hard earned wages, our state leaders know what is best for you, don't you see?

Stupid or ignorant, I know one thing, taxing wages is not a business tax ... it's a tax on wages ... and that's just down right unAmerican!

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Are CEOs overpaid?

by Walter E. Williams

In the wake of the Enron and WorldCom corporate scandals, the purveyors of envy have found another opportunity to preach about what they consider the evils of high CEO salaries, retirements and bonuses. After all, according to them, evil must be afoot when a corporate executive earns more in a week that the average worker earns in an entire year. Let's look at it.

Dishonest Enron and WorldCom CEOs are rare among corporate executives. As such, all CEOs shouldn't be tarnished for the misdeeds of a few any more than we'd tarnish all newspaper reporters because a few among their ranks were liars like the Boston Globe's Patricia Smith and Mike Barnicle, Jayson Blair of The New York Times, and The Washington Post's Janet Cooke.

Is a CEO worth millions of dollars to a corporation? When Jack Welch became General Electric's CEO in 1981, the stock market judged the company to be worth about \$14 billion. Through hiring and firing, buying and selling, Welch turned the company around before he retired in 2001. Today, GE is worth nearly \$500 billion, making it one of the most valuable companies in the world. What's a CEO worth for providing the brains and leadership to turn a \$14 billion corporation into one worth \$500 billion? How about paying just a measly one-half of a percent of the increase in value? If that were the case, Welch's total compensation would have come to nearly \$2.5 billion, instead of the few hundred million that he actually received.

The Gillette Co. was in the early stages of corporate death in 2001 when Jim Kilts took over as CEO. The company's stock had lost almost half of its value in two years, and sales volume and market shares of its major brands had plummeted. Between the time Kilts took over at Gillette and this year's Jan. 28 announcement of Procter & Gamble's purchase of Gillette, Gillette's market value increased by \$11.3 billion, a 34 percent improvement, and since the

announcement, Gillette's value has risen by another \$5.7 billion. Kilts' salary and bonuses over the past four years, totaling about \$17.5 million, haven't been especially large by CEO standards. Predictably, however, Kilts' pay and particularly the size of his compensation package from the merger — \$153 million — have been the subject of media carping, particularly in Boston, where Gillette is headquartered. This figure is indeed large, but it, added to what Gillette has paid him since 2001, makes Kilts' total compensation a mere 1.5 percent of his contribution to Gillette's value.

Here are a couple of questions to you: If you were the owner of GE, and a CEO could turn your \$14 billion corporation into a \$500 billion one, how much would you be willing to pay that man in salary and bonuses? Or, in the case of Jim Kilts, turning Gillette from a corporation in steep decline into one Procter & Gamble was willing to buy for \$57 billion, how much would you be willing to pay?

Then, you might ask yourself: If a corporate board of directors could buy a \$300 computer that could do what a CEO could do, would it pay CEOs millions of dollars? By the same token, if an NFL owner could hire a computer to make the decisions that star quarterbacks make, why would he pay some of these guys yearly compensation packages worth more than \$10 million?

There's another important issue. If one company has an effective CEO, it is not the only company that would like to have him on the payroll. In order to keep him, the company must pay him enough so that he can't be lured elsewhere.

If you ask me, I know of only one class of workers who are overpaid and underworked — college professors.

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An elective despotism

by Sheldon Richman

Before American politicians lecture others on the virtues of representative government, perhaps some self-examination would be in order.

The United States unquestionably has the trappings of representative government. Americans vote for officeholders on a regular basis, and these officeholders, in theory, vote on issues with their constituents' interests in mind. From the outside it sure looks like representative democracy.

But looks can be deceiving, and in this case they are. Big government cannot be truly representative because it is beyond the ability of the people to monitor it.

It is well documented, for example, that the powers of congressional incumbency have produced a turnover rate that the members of the old Soviet Politburo would have envied. This is a serious indictment. Representation without an effective method of recall is an empty idea. One vote, in all but the smallest jurisdiction, is impotent, and the cost of mounting a campaign against an incumbent is beyond the means of the average person, who is additionally hampered by campaign-finance restrictions.

But that may not be the most serious blemish on the theory of representation. The concept of representation implies that people know what to expect from the person they are voting for. Yet this is usually not the case. A congressman will vote on a vast variety of issues. How can a voter know what a candidate thinks? Broken campaign promises are so commonplace they no longer attract attention.

Even when a member of Congress breaks his promise to serve only a few terms, it's considered no big deal. Sometimes violation of a campaign pledge, say to cut taxes or spending, is taken as a sign of growth, at least according to some editorial writers. Moreover, in today's political system, there is no way for someone to truly represent hundreds of thousands or millions of people with widely diverse and even conflicting interests.

Words have lost their meaning. In what sense is "my" congressman my representative?

This brings up another problem: members of Congress often don't know what they are voting on. They admit they don't read the bills. And government has taken into its grip so many areas of life that no congressman could possibly understand even a small fraction of the subjects dealt with in legislation. Since they can't make up their own

minds on these matters, members of Congress rely on information from vested interests. It is unsurprising that even congressmen who begin their careers promising to shrink government turn into big spenders. The unelected quasi-legislative regulatory agencies Congress has created also make a mockery of representation.

President Bush's budget proposal illustrates the problem. No representative will read the entire 2,000-page budget. Each may be familiar with a few parts that are of specific interest to him and a well-organized constituency, but he will have no detailed knowledge of most of the particulars or the overall picture. Yet he will vote up or down on it. In what sense does he represent the voters?

What makes this worse is that no concerned individual can check up on his representative, for that would require time and expertise few people could possess. Have you ever tried to read the federal budget? If you rely on newspaper accounts, you're apt to be confused by the contradictory reports describing it as both austere and extravagant. Which is true? How would you find out? If the government is beyond the control of the legislators as well as the people they theoretically work for, in what sense is the system representative? In truth, we have ended up with what Jefferson feared, an elective despotism. Let's not be too quick to export it.

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The Post High School One Act Play team performing "A Midsummer's Night Dream" during last Tuesday's One Act Play Festival in the Post Elementary Auditorium are (left to right), Jared Smith (as Lysander), Gentry Creech (Hermia), Colter Creech (Theseus standing), Laurel Tatum (Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons), Claire Kirkpatrick (Helena), Jonathan McGregor (Demetrius), Jordan Tatum (Peter Quince), Jace Pollard (Nick Bottom as Pyramus) and Brandon Hernandez (Francis Flute as Thisby). The team is scheduled to perform in their first contest of the year on Tuesday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium.

Movies

by Wes Burnett

The Aviator - Deservedly so, this movie was one of the best of 2004. Leonardo DiCaprio gave one of his best, if not the best, performances of his young career. And he was supported brilliantly by cast, crew and special effects. The movie centers around the early life of the legendary Howard Hughes. It's still showing in Lubbock.

Hotel Rwanda - Also one of the best of 2004 ... and it's a close toss-up ... featuring superb acting by Don Cheadle, and a powerful story of a twisted genocide between two modern day warring African tribes. It was a compelling movie and story. Not showing in Lubbock, but should be out for rental soon.

Finding Neverland - You gotta see this one. A beautiful love story (without the often obscenities Hollywood produces), and packed with terrific performances for some of our favorite actors: Johnny Depp ("Saving Gilbert Grape," "Benny & Joon," "Pirates of the Caribbean") and the lovely Kate Winslet ("Titanic"), along with one of my all-time favorite actresses, Julie Christie ("Dr Zhivago"). It's the story of the author who wrote the original "Peter Pan."

Allison Kraus and Union Station - You won't be able to see this one at the movie theatres ... and if you missed Saturday night's live concert in Lubbock, you missed a great one! We saw several of our Post friends at the event, and everyone was oohing and ahhhing about the show. I don't believe I've ever seen that much musical talent on one stage. Besides the powerful popularity of "I'm a Man of Constant Sorrow," the Bluegrass, folk and country music band belted out more than two hours of rich and full entertainment. Dan Tyminsky, who was the singer for the movie "Oh Brother Where Art Thou?," provided another dimension to the show.

The talented band includes Barry Bales on the bass, Don Block on banjo and guitar and Jerry Douglas on the dobro.

One surprise for us was Allison's comedy style ... especially the bit about taking time to scratch when the lights went down as musicians changed instruments. Maybe the tour will include a video for future purchase.

That's it for now ... God willing, we'll be back later with other favorite movies.

SPC students raise funds for national convention

The South Plains College chapter of the Texas Nursing Students Association is conducting fund-raisers to send its nine delegates to the National Nursing Student Association Convention April 6-10 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This will be the first time the college chapter will be represented at the national convention.

Delegates are Danielle Strandlien from Idalou, newly-elected president of the TNSA; Levelland residents, Rebecca Self, state editor; Royce Nava and John Frescaz, vice-president; Lubbock residents Brent Bolen, chapter president; Eric Benson, projects chair; Andre' McZeak, projects co-chair, and Heather Rothwell, and Kara Heinrich from Maple. All are associate degree nursing majors at SPC.

"We will be allowed to sit as delegates and have a vote in the national NSA elections," said Self, who has served as editor of the TNSA journal. Resolutions from different states on topics facing nurses today will be discussed. Break-out sessions will focus

on preparation for the state board exams for nursing. Several local civic organizations have contributed funds to the delegates' travel expenses to the national convention. "We are looking for additional sponsors," said Self.

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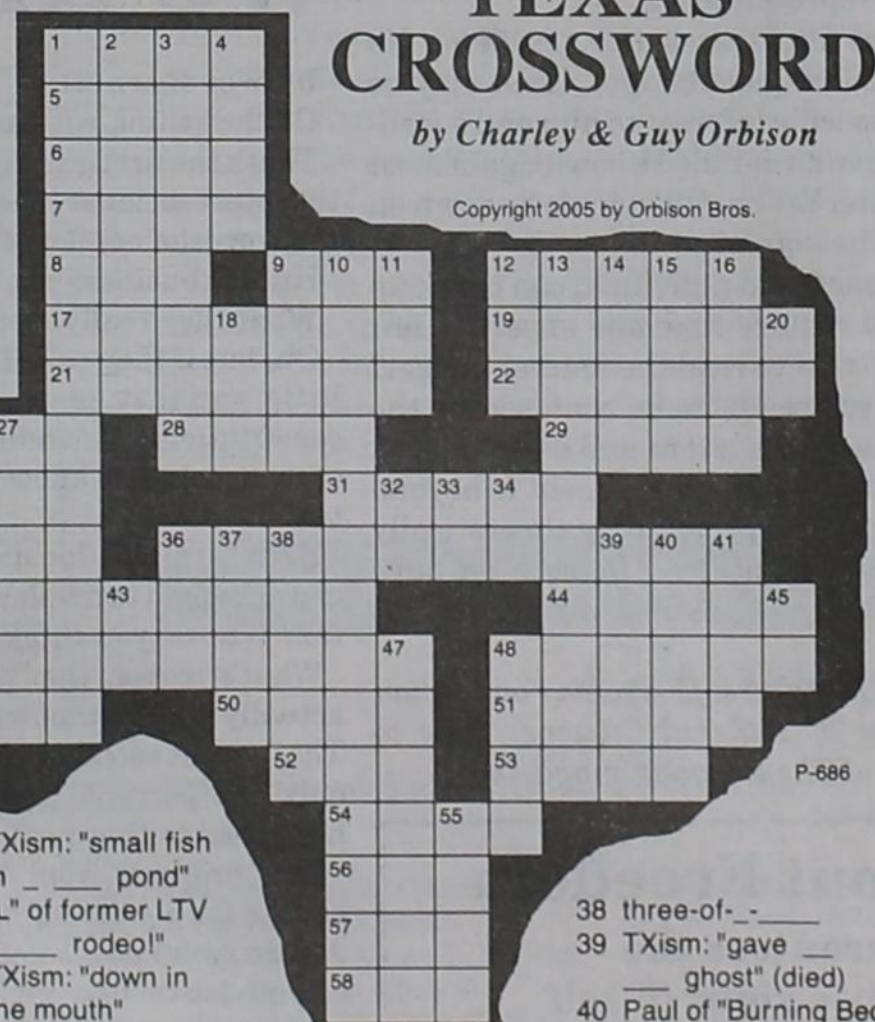
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Young dairy heifers and bull calves hauled to Texas will have to be officially identified with an ear tag and will be restricted at a designated facility until they test negative for TB at six months of age.

With 807 registered dairies, Texas ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for dairy cattle and milk production. Nearly 62,000 dairy replacement animals entered the state in 2004.

The new regulation provides testing exemptions for dairy cattle that originate from herds tested yearly under a TB-accreditation program, neutered dairy cattle being fed for slaughter, and dairy cattle delivered directly to slaughter.

These animals, however, must have a certificate of veterinary inspection, issued within 30 days prior to movement.

"During the past 18 months, the 335,000 cattle in Texas, dairies have been tested for cattle TB, and it is only prudent to ensure that incoming replacement dairy cattle also are free of the disease," commented Dr. Dee Ellis, who heads up the Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Beef cattle will continue to enter Texas under existing regulations. Dr. Ellis pointed out that concerns about cattle TB in dairy operations have increased, particularly after four dairies and two related operations were found to be infected detected during the 2004 federal fiscal year, from October 2003 through September 2004.

Two infected herds and a dairy heifer-raising facility were found in New Mexico, a dairy heifer-raising facility in Arizona, states which had the U.S. Department of Agriculture's TB-free designation.

An infected dairy was found in Michigan. During Texas, statewide

dairy testing, an infected herd was found in Hamilton County, and subsequently depopulated.

Dr. Ellis explained that infected cattle can expose herd mates to the TB bacteria by coughing or contaminating feed with drool or nasal discharge.

In confined operations, like dairies, TB can spread more readily. Because dairy animals often are kept for several years, infected animals can develop the characteristic internal lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes and other organs, and begin the cycle of disease exposure again.

Infected cattle may pose a risk to handlers who work with the animals daily. Milk from commercial dairies, is heat-treated, or pasteurized, to kill bacteria. At slaughter, state or federal meat inspectors examine carcasses, collect tissue samples for testing, and condemn meat unsafe or unfit for human consumption.

"Because there is no effective treatment for cattle TB in livestock, infected herds must either be destroyed under a government indemnity, or

payment, or the herd is placed under quarantine and tested repeatedly over a period of months, until all animals that respond to a test are depopulated.

After being released from quarantine, the herd still is subjected to a yearly test for five years, to ensure the animals remain free of the disease.

Often, the best option is depopulation, as this eliminates the potential for the disease to reoccur or spread," said Dr. Ellis.

After two TB-infected cattle herds were detected in 2001, Texas lost its USDA TB-free designation just a few months shy of its two-year anniversary for achieving the coveted status.

New Mexico and California also have lost TB-free status, and Michigan last summer gained split-state status, while it continues to deal with TB in cattle and free-ranging deer in the state's Upper Peninsula. Dr. Ellis said the plan to regain Texas, TB-free status was developed with the dairy and beef cattle industry, and one aspect involves testing all

dairies—a chore already accomplished—and at least 2,400 purebred or seed stock beef cattle herds.

More than 500 beef cattle herds have been tested in Texas, with no TB infection detected, but more herd tests are needed to provide adequate disease surveillance.

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to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 18, Richardson Unit, 297 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F./ B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction from Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

285' from the east line and 282' from the northerly south line of the lease. 2360' from the west line and 1676' from the south line of the survey. Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

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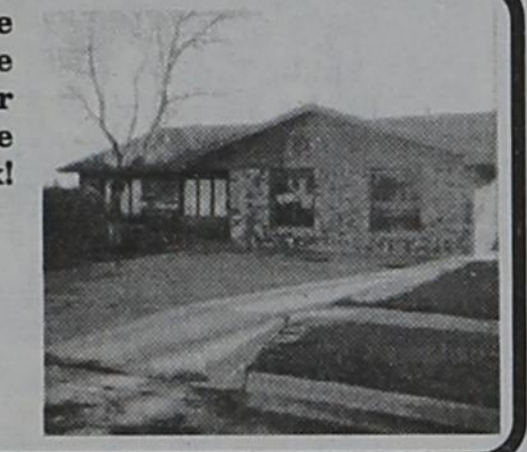
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241850
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the CHOLLA PETROLEUM INC, 5949 SHERRY LN STE 850, DALLAS TX 75225 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 16, Richardson Unit, 297 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F/B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction from Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

223.1' from the westerly east line and 443.9' from the south line of the lease, 1100.6' from the west line and 443.9' from the south line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241854
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the CHOLLA PETROLEUM INC, 5949 SHERRY LN STE 850, DALLAS TX 75225 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 19, Richardson Unit, 297 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F/B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles from the northwest of Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

SL: 505.4' from the west line and 488.7' from the north line of the lease.

505.4' from the west line and 488.7' from the north line of the survey.

BHL: 674.9' from the north line and 330' from the west line of the lease.

674.9' from the north line and 330' from the west line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 38 (h) (3), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241838
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the CHOLLA PETROLEUM INC, 5949 SHERRY LN STE 850, DALLAS TX 75225 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 4, Richardson Unit -A-, 63 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F/B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction from Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

330' from the west line and 404' from the north line of the lease, 990' from the south line and 1653' from the west line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241837
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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944' from the east line and 882' from the northerly south line of the lease, 1700' from the west line and 2276' from the south line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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50 Years Ago
March 10, 1955

Forest Lumber Co., which has built more than forty houses here within the past five years, is under way with another building program which will add substantially to the city's growth. Walter Lee Johnson, Forrest manager here, said the company has recently acquired 10 residential lots west of Garza Memorial Hospital and expects to have dwelling units on every lot.

D. C. Arthur, superintendent of the Post Public Schools for the past four and a half years, announced that he is resigning to accept a position as vice president of Southwestern Christian College at Terrell. Five Post girls will appear on "Hospitality Time" over TV Channell 11. They will present vocal and dance numbers. Scheduled to appear are Sherry Custer, Marca Dean Holland, Allane Norris, Kay Hedrick and Jan Haynie.

Jimmie Wayne Wells was feted on his 10th birthday, March 2 with a party given by his mother, Mrs. Johnny Wells. Attending were David Lee, Sonny Gossett, Sammy Jones, Tamma Copple, Billye Ruth Hill, Margaret Mull, Franklin and Homer Carter, Jackie Gage, David McCampbell, Melvin Britton, Billy Hamilton, Joe Smith, Billy Shumard and Billy Don DeArmon.

60 Years Ago
March 8, 1945

Announcement is being made this week that the Stevens Style Shop has moved into their new building located just north of the Court House. The building which is modern in every respect affords attractive quarters for the Style Shop as well as the Beauty Nook, operated by Miss Nora Stevens, and offices for the Pickett Abstract Co. which is managed by W. W. Hyde.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Bowen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 4, when they were at home to sixty-four guests.

Soldier of the Week: Capt. W. L. Wood, Jr. has been in the army four years. Before going into the army he was employed in the First National Bank. He and Capt. Harvy Herd visit together often. W. L. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wood.

J. A. Ferguson and his daughter have bought the North Side Grocery which has been operated by Mrs. Evelyn Roach. Prince Zogi, proclaimed by many as one of the greatest magicians, will appear at the High School Auditorium tonight. Admission prices will be 30 and 60 cents.

Yesteryears

Compiled & Edited by Donna Jones
from the archives of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago
March 8, 1995

Cody Bain and Alvin Reed were named to the District 4AA Boys' Basketball Team. Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District named the L. G. Thuet family as Conservation Farm Family of the Year at Saturday's Post Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Josefa Cisneros celebrated her 90th birthday last Sunday at her home in Post. Recognized as teachers of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce banquet were Joy Pool, Connie Flores, and Dedra Adams.

City employees are thrilled following the arrival last week of their new computer equipment. Wyvonne Kennedy has been training on the new system. The computer will operate on a network and are replacing obsolete equipment.

Diana and Leslie Looney accepted the autographed Dallas Cowboy football that was raffled by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Looney pulled the winning ticket out of the hopper at the banquet.

20 Years Ago
March 13, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tatum announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mendy Dale, to Giles Wilson Dalby, son of Judge and Mrs. Giles Dalby. Nine Post High School students earned first place spots in last week's U.I.L. competition here. First place winners included: Jim Rainbolt, Jayta Ticer, Bobby Redman, Brad Sharp, Kerry Thuet, Keith Craig, Tommy Payton, D'Lynn Young and Stacy Burns. Andra Cox was crowned FHA Sweetheart during the annual event. Alicia Pettyjohn was named first runnerup, while Darby Gordon, was selected as second runnerup. Brent and Michelle Mason announce the birth of a son, Tyler Jennings, born Feb. 28 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Post Mayor Giles McCrary will be challenged in the April 6 city election by former mayor Harold Lucas, who filed as a candidate last Wednesday.

30 Years Ago
March 13, 1975

Mrs. Joe Callis was honored on her 80th birthday with an open house held in her home March 1 and 2. Mrs. Callis is an early day school teacher and taught in Garza County schools for many years.

Tom Bouchier and his wife Buena, were honored with a reception in the community room of the bank for their many years of service to the community. During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bouchier were presented a life membership in the Texas

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Why we need open government

by Joel White

When a television producer asked local police stations for public information, such as the number of homes that had been broken into in a neighborhood, he found he was routinely given the third degree.

"What do you need this for?"
"Why are you asking?"
Some police officials would not release public information until he provided a written explanation of who he was and why he needed the information. Of course, such inquiries are not permitted under the Public Information Act, but the producer found that almost without exception, the police violated the law.

The producer also found that law enforcement officials were unfamiliar with other basic provisions of the act, including provisions that require the prominent posting of a sign containing the rights of requestors and responsibilities of government agencies to provide information. Some officials openly questioned whether

the producer was engaged in some illicit activity merely because he was requesting public documents. (The producer found no such problems at school boards or city halls).

The problem, on one level, is ignorance of the open records laws.

But there is another issue that goes deeper than simple ignorance about a body of law that every public official should be familiar with. That issue is a failure of government officials to recognize that the public, and not the officials, own the public's records.

The same failure occurs every time a Texas judge excludes the public from a courtroom during a criminal trial, or refuses access to documents filed in open court. Such acts are plain violations of law, but they also demonstrate that the judge has forgotten or perhaps never understood whose courtroom he or she sits in.

It is of course the public's courtroom, not the judge's, and it is the public's trial.

Police officers, judges and other public officials will sometimes respond that they are acting in good faith to protect a higher value than the public's right of access to the public's own documents, information and institutions.

Such assertions rarely withstand scrutiny. I recall one judge who excluded the public from jury selection in a highly publicized trial in Galveston and claimed she had done so to ensure that potential jurors would be more truthful. (She later abandoned that argument and claimed it was necessary to exclude the public because the air conditioners weren't working properly).

Trials have been conducted in public since before the Norman Conquest. Public attendance has always been encouraged because it makes all of the participants more truthful.

But even if public scrutiny did not enhance truthfulness, it is still the public's trial, being conducted in the public's court-

room, and the public has a right to attend.

It is ultimately the public who will decide whether trials are conducted properly and whether justice is done. Without openness, there can be no confidence in the fairness or result of the trial.

Without public confidence, the justice system cannot function, as people who do not believe in the system will not abide by it either. The same is true of all government agencies in a democracy.

Without openness, the public will ultimately lose confidence in any government institution, from schools to police forces, from city hall to the White House. As the United States Supreme Court has put it, "People in an open society do not demand infallibility from their institutions, but it is difficult for them to accept what they are prohibited from observing."

Sunshine Week is the perfect opportunity to remind those serving the public that the Texas Public Information Act specifically states, "The people, in delegating

authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."

Police officials misunderstood their job when they refused to release public records to that television producer until he provided what they believed was a good ex-

planation of why he wanted them. The right to inspect public documents is a good explanation in itself.

No one should have to explain that. Joel White is president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and a partner in the law firm of Ogden, Gibson, White, Brooks & Longoria, L.L.P.



Post Lady Lopes Tennis team members placing third in the Colorado City Tournament are (left to right), Traci Nelson and Steffi Norman. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



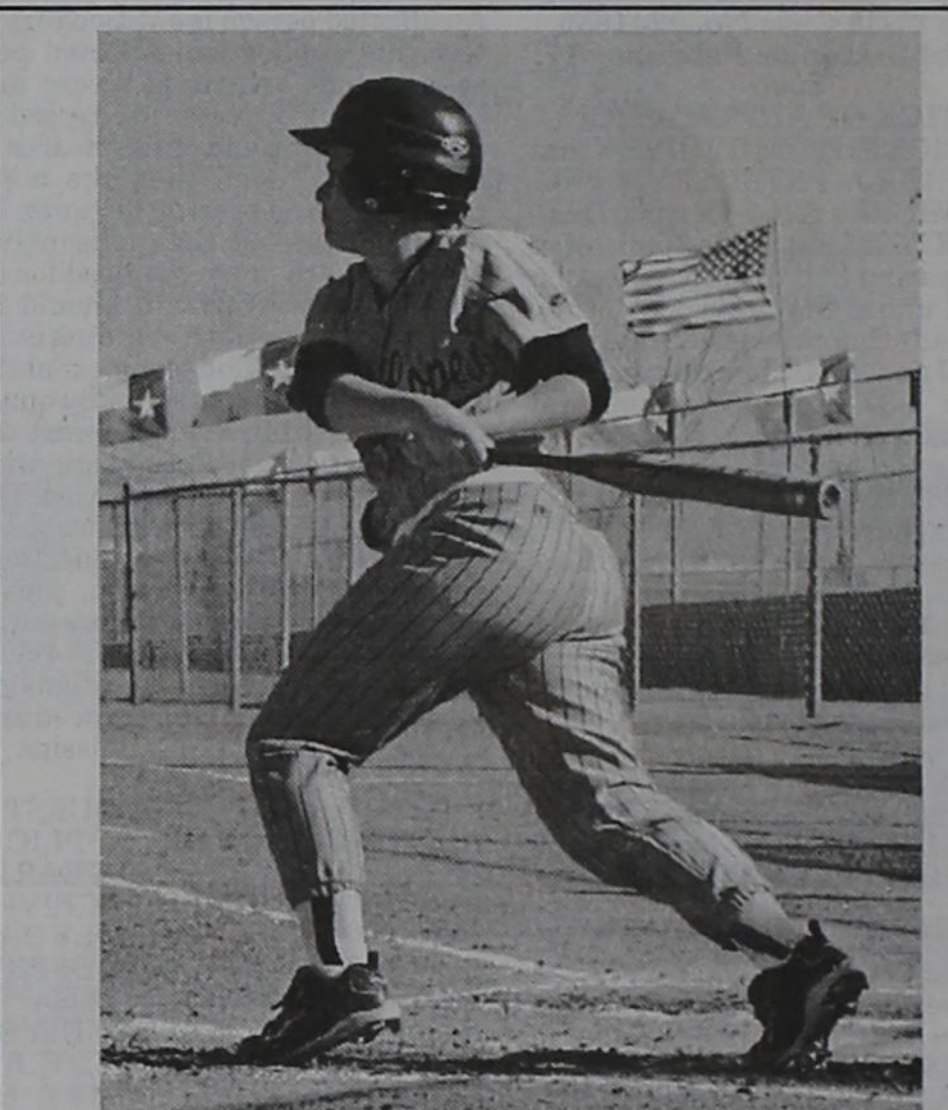
PHS Spring Sports



Lady Lopes' Larissa Halford helps to complete a double play as Steffi Norman assists on second base during the Lubbock tournament last weekend at the Lubbock City Park. (Photo by Tabatha Cowley)

PHS Spring Sports Schedules

March		
10	Middle School Track @ New Deal	
10-12	Varsity Baseball @ Snyder Tourney	
11	Softball @ Hawley	
	PHS Track @ New Deal	
11-12	JV Baseball @ Shallowater Tourney	
12	Boys' Powerlifting Regional @ Roosevelt	
15	Varsity, JV Baseball @ Idalou	12 & 4 p.m.
18	Varsity, JV Baseball vs. Tahoka (here)	12 & 3 p.m.
	PHS Tennis v. Westbrook @ Colorado City	
19	Softball vs. Idalou here	11 a.m.
	Girls State Powerlifting @ Killeen	
21	JV, Varsity Baseball @ Slaton	4:30 & 7 p.m.
	Softball vs. Tahoka (here)	4:30 p.m.
	Boys Golf @ Sundown	9 a.m.
22	Middle School Track @ Tahoka	
23	Girls Golf @ Sundown	9 a.m.
24	JV, Var. Baseball vs Roosevelt (here)	4:30 & 7 p.m.
	PHS Track @ Tahoka	
	Tennis @ Levelland	
25	Softball vs. Seagraves (here)	10 a.m.
26	Powerlifting Men's State Meet @ Houston	
28	Girls Golf @ Tahoka	8:30 a.m.
	JV, Var. Baseball @ Denver City	4 & 6:30 p.m.
	Softball @ Denver City	4:30 p.m.
31 & Apr. 1	Middle School Track @ Slaton	
1-2	Tennis @ Abilene	
2	PHS Track @ Post	
	Softball @ Roosevelt	11 a.m.
4	Var, JV Baseball vs. Abernathy (here)	12 & 3 p.m.
	Boys Golf @ Slaton	
	Girls Golf @ Idalou	
	Softball @ Idalou	4:30 p.m.
	JV Baseball vs. Shallowater (here)	5 p.m.
5	Varsity Baseball vs Shallowater (here)	5 p.m.
6-7	Tennis District Meet @ Slaton	
7	Middle School District Track @ Denver City	
8	Softball @ Tahoka	5 p.m.
9	Var., JV Baseball vs Idalou (here)	12 & 3 p.m.
	PHS Track @ Floydada	



Post Lady Lopes' Kiesha Odom makes a hit during last weekends Fast Pitch Softball tournament at Lubbock City Park. (Staff photo by Tabatha Cowley)

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