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Ten Republicans, Four Democrats file for March 7 Primary Election

by Sheri Lewis

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Information on Democratic Party candidates and comments on the party's upcoming primary were unavailable through party chairman Lewis Earl as of press time. The following information on Democratic Party candidate filings was made available by the Garza County clerk's office late Tuesday.)

The face of Garza County politics appears to be ready for a makeover. With Monday's 6 p.m. close of candidate filings for the upcoming March primaries came news that 10 Republicans and four Democrats will vie for open positions in the Garza County courthouse.

That's a major change for a county whose politics has long been dominated by Democrats.

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises in the list of candidate filings is that there is no Democratic Party candidate on the horizon for the office of Garza County judge. Two candidates, both Republicans, are vying for their party's nomination, but no Democratic candidate filed to seek the position.

Giles Dalby, a Democrat and longtime Garza County judge, announced last year he would not seek re-election to the office. In fact, only three incumbents - all Democrats - have chosen to seek re-election.

An overview of Democratic candidates for the March 7 Garza County primary, according to information provided by the clerk's office, is as follows:

- Commissioner, Precinct 2 - Jerry Windham
 - Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Mike Sanchez (incumbent)
 - County treasurer - Ruth Ann Young (incumbent)
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 2 - Dee Justice (incumbent)
- Republicans seeking their party's nomination on March 7, according to the Republican Party chairman, include:
- County judge - Lee Norman, Phil Mathews
 - County clerk - Jim Plummer (incumbent)
 - County treasurer - Fred Howell
 - Commissioner, Precinct 2 - Charles Morris
 - Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Cliff Kirkpatrick
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 2 - Gordon Terry, Suzi Clary
 - Justice of the peace, Precinct 2 - Les Rutherford, Juan Hernandez

Republican Party chairwoman Irene Howell said having 10 candidates on the primary ballot is "kind of a big thing" for the local party.

"Having conservative people in the courthouse has kind of let people know that this is a good direction to go in," she said. "This is really and truly a conservative area politically - very conservative. But a lot of people really didn't think they had a choice before. They thought they had to run in the Democratic Party. But we've called people and solicited people.... We've really talked to a number of people, trying to line up candidates for these offices."

Irene Howell said the goal was to expand the Republican Party in Garza County. And with 10 candidates on the primary ballot, she said she feels that initial goal has been met.

"We want more people involved as we grow," she said. "We feel like it's the party of opportunity - that we're positive, not negative."

Candidates listed on the Republican Party ballot represent ranchers, farmers, business owners and others who work and live in locations throughout the county, she said.

"We're not limiting ourselves to a certain kind of candidate," Irene Howell said. "People do want to see a change. I think they want to see some new things happen, so we have an obligation, if we get our candidates elected, to make a difference. And I know we will. I know we will."

To introduce the party's candidates to county voters, the Republican Party of Garza County will host a 'beans and cornbread' open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Post Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

Early voting in both party primaries is slated to begin Feb. 21.

Firemen respond quickly to East Main Street fire

by Sheri Lewis

When Donna Degan received word Dec. 29 that fire was ravaging her shop, Plum Crazy, she couldn't get to its downtown location fast enough.

"It was quite a long 15 minutes," she said.

When she arrived, Degan found firefighters and law enforcement officers swarming her store in the 200 block of East Main Street. The flames had been tamed, but smoke filled the now-windowless shop.

The fire was reported to the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 6:17 p.m. An alert employee of the Family Dollar store across the street noticed flames dancing

on the archway over the Plum Crazy entrance, pulled out a cell phone and dialed 9-1-1.

The flames moved quickly, damaging much of the canopy, the arbor and the decorative plantings at the front of the shop. Passersby at the intersection of U.S. 84 and Main Street could see the flames, Degan said. Some said they believed the nearby Garza Theatre was on fire.

Local firefighters responded quickly, arriving at the scene in fewer than five minutes.

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Post ISD staff earn state recognition

Post ISD staff earning the Gold Performance Acknowledgement are (back row left to right), Leslie Tatum, Pam Humble, Dena Potter, Dedra Adams and Johnny McGregor (front row), Sterline Marcum, Kim Mills and Gini Aldridge. Brian Brownlow was also recognized, but not available for photo.

(Photo by Shellee Odom, Courtesy of Post ISD)

Drought, wind and weather leave Garza County at risk

by Sheri Lewis

As wildfires raged through much of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico in recent days, Garza County has been spared - so far.

Firefighters enjoyed a relatively quiet New Year's weekend, Fire Chief Darrell Reece said, with no grass fires commanding the attention of the volunteer fire department members. But continued warm weather, low humidity and windy weather leave Garza County, like much of the South Plains, a vulnerable target to fire.

Luckily, local residents took the fire threat seriously and opted to ring in the new year without pyrotechnics, according to reports. It helped that Garza County was a step ahead of many counties, including Lubbock County, by having a burn ban and a fireworks ban in place. However, the fire threat still exists, largely because of drought conditions that continue to plague the South Plains.

So, just how dry is it?

According to the Web site for the National Weather Service in Lubbock, Post's total rainfall for 2005 was 17.86 inches, below the city's average rainfall. And the bulk of the year's rainfall - more than half of the total - fell in the warmest months of the year.

Post received 2.30 inches of precipitation in May, 2.35 inches in June, almost an inch in July and slightly more than five inches in August for a total of 10.57 inches during the four-month span. During the final four months of the year, from September through December, the city received only 1.77 inches in total rainfall.

Records for Lake Alan Henry illustrate the same trend. For the year, the lake's official NWS reporting station received 19.37 inches of precipitation, with 11.83 inches of that total falling during May, June, July and August. Rainfall reports for the final four months of the year total only 2.37 inches.

The following represents rainfall totals for Post and Lake Alan Henry as reported

by the National Weather Service office in Lubbock. The figures were obtained at the NWS Lubbock's Web site earlier this week:

- January - 1.40, Post; 1.53, LAH
- February - 2.18, Post; 1.23, LAH
- March - 1.70, Post; 2.07, LAH
- April - 0.24, Post; 0.24, LAH
- May - 2.30, Post; 2.56, LAH
- June - 2.35, Post; 1.51, LAH
- July - 0.90, Post; 2.10, LAH
- August - 5.02, Post; 5.26, LAH
- September - 0.10, Post; 0.24, LAH
- October - 1.47, Post; 2.07, LAH
- November - 0, Post; 0, LAH
- December - 0.20, Post; 0.06, LAH

Old Mill Trade Days offers Cash Giveaway

"Everyone could use a little cash after Christmas," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade days. "So, we decided to have a cash giveaway for our customers."

OMTD will be giving cash to shoppers all 3 days of the January event. Between Noon and 5 p.m. each day, shoppers can bring \$50.00 (or more) in OMTD vendor receipts (with that day's date) to the corner of the Weaving Room next to the Whistle Stop Café.

Shoppers can trade the receipts for one draw from the Old Mill Money bin. The money bin will be full of cash from \$1 up to \$100 along with free passes to OMTD and gift certificates redeemable for a meal at Trade Days.

The Old Mill Trade Days event is this weekend - January 6 - 8. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free.

Call 495-3529 for more information.

Post Notes

Christmas at OS Museum

Welcome to "Christmas" at the OS Museum where wonders abound. Viewing hours are 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street. The exhibit closes January 28th. There is an elevator for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.

Cotton Conference set Jan. 17

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Jan. 17 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. Cost for the conference is \$25, and pre-registrations will be accepted until Jan. 11. After this date a \$10 late fee will be assessed. For more information call the Crosby County Extension office at 675-2347 or the Floyd County office at 983-4912.

Antelope Booster Club meetings

Antelope Booster Club meets the 2nd Monday monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Post High School library. Please enter through the West side door. The next meeting is January 9, 2006. All parents or interested citizens are urged to attend. The organization supports all athletics.

Clerk's office offers info on election

The Garza County and District Clerk's office invites those interested in the latest information concerning the March 2006 Primary Election to visit the Garza County web site at www.GarzaCounty.net. Then click on the March 2006 Primary Election link. Also, to get information about the new voting system, click on Voting Machines. For any other questions please contact the clerk's office at 495-4430.

Free GED classes

There is open enrollment for GED classes which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the high school. These classes are free to the public. For more information call 495-2770.

Republican Party to host open house

A 'beans and cornbread' open house will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Post Community Center. The public is invited to come, meet the 10 Republican candidates vying for Garza County offices and ask questions about issues facing the county. Also on hand will be Jim Landtroop, Republican candidate for state representative, District 85. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.garzacountygop.org.



Garza County and Post emergency responders examine the wreckage from a tractor trailer roll over last Wednesday, about 17 miles east on Highway 380. The driver walked away with only minor injuries from the accident that spilled a load of cotton seed. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,
HAPPPPPPPPYYYYYY NEW
YEAR

Can ya'll believe its already 2006. I was remembering the other day how I thought when I was a young girl that in the year 2000 we would have flying cars, live in outer space and have robots as servants. Guess not huh? I just hope this year does not fly by as fast as the last one did.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Want to wish my grandson, Zachary Bush and my son-in-law, Robby Dean a very happy birthday. They both celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Zach turned 10 and not so sure bout the son-in-law. He probably would not want to see it in print anyway. Love both you guys.

PLUM CRAZY

For those of you who did not know, our friend Donna DeGan, owner of Plum Crazy on Main Street, had a close call the other night when her awning caught fire. The store suffered slight smoke damage and some cracked windows from the heat, but what a tragedy that could have been. Thankfully everything is ok now and we are happy for Donna.

In the same week, we had some kidos with sparklers that burned several yards in town. Folks; everyone please be careful. It is so terribly dry and so many of the small towns are being burned from grass fires.

Maybe it is not such a bad idea for everyone to water their yards for a while. It is so scary to see these homes and business places go up in flames so quickly. We need rain in the worst way. Maybe if we all wash our vehicles in the same week, we will get some rain. Lets keep all of the people that have lost their homes in our prayers.

MY SOAPBOX

I don't know how many of you have seen the new show coming on channel 11 advertised, but I'm going to tell you a little about it.

The name of the show is "The Book of Daniel". It is about a drug-addicted Episcopal priest, with a wife who drinks, a daughter who deals drugs and two other family members with habits that I refuse to print in my column. Now I don't know about you, but I believe that prime time TV is no place for this show and our children and grandchildren sure don't need to see it. Well, I have learned that you can call channel 11 (744-1414) and speak to the program director, Peggy Sullivan, and let her know that you don't want this aired to your family.

If you feel this way, please make the call or email at psullivan@kcbb.com

If we don't start standing up for ourselves who will? (I hope I have not offended anyone with my views)

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that is it for this week May God bless each of you. See you next week.



Janie and Bud Davis

Mr and Mrs Bud Davis celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. (Bud) Davis of Post celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 2005, with an open house in their home. Serving as hostesses for the event were the couple's daughters and their families.

Bud Davis and Jane Prichard married Dec. 29, 1955, in the First Christian Church in Pampa.

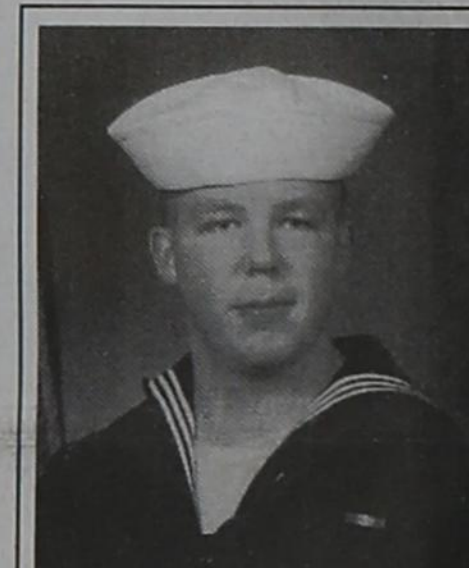
The couple's daughters are Carol Williams of Post, Christy and Randy Ratheal of Lubbock, Leanna Davis of San Antonio and Cathy and Tim Cook of Albuquerque, N.M. They have three grandchildren: Luke Williams of Lubbock and Laura and Michael Ratheal, also of Lubbock.

Mathews continues family's military ties

Travis Mathews, son of Phil and Windy Mathews, graduated from U.S. Navy basic training Dec. 30 in Great Lakes, Ill.

Mathews' family has a long tradition of military service. His father served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. His brother, Lance, served in the U.S. Army. An uncle served in the U.S. Marines. His paternal grandfather, Marion Mathews, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, while his maternal grandfather, George Harrison, served in the army during the Korean War. Mathews' great-grandfathers logged service in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army-Cavalry and the U.S. Army during World Wars I and II.

Mathews will receive training as an operations specialist in Virginia Beach, Va.



Travis Mathews

Extension Extras

Southern Mesa Ag Conference

The annual Southern Mesa Ag Conference, which will be held Thursday, January 26, in Lamesa, will offer approximately five (5) CEU's. For more information will be given later.

Caprock Cotton Conference

January 17, 2006, Plains Baptist Assembly Camp, Floydada. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 5 CEU's will be given.

County Stockshow Entries

Regular and Pee-Wee Goat show entries for the 2006 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show are due in the Extension office by January 12. Cards are available at the Extension office or from your FFA instructor.

Garza County Stock Show

Dates for the 2006 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show are January 18-weigh-in; January 19-Steer and Swine shows; January 20-Lamb, Goat and Pee-Wee Goat shows; and January 20-Awards, Sale and lunch.

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

Pardon us ...

Correction: In last week's Post Dispatch, Darrell Reece was incorrectly identified as the local fire marshal. Reece actually serves as fire chief of the Post Fire Department. The Dispatch regrets the error.

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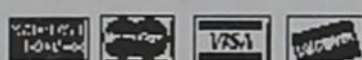
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Fire on Main Street

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"They came really fast," Degan said. "They said when the water hit the windows, the windows were so hot (the water) busted them."

Fire Chief Darrell Reece said firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in less than two minutes.

The building sustained no structural damage; however, much of the doorway area was damaged, including the light-weight awning that buckled because of the intense heat generated by the flames, Reece said.

Insurance should cover damage to the storefront and windows, which Degan estimates at more than \$5,000, Degan said. None of the inventory was affected by flames, smoke or water.

"It's just a miracle," she said. "I thought I had bad luck, but then I decided I have good luck. My whole store could have been gone."

Firefighters used exhaust fans to clear much of the smoke and spent almost two hours at the scene checking the building's roof and attic to ensure the flames would not reignite.

A cursory investigation into the possible cause of the fire indicated that the point of origin was likely in some flow-erpots on the west side of the doorway, Reece said. No evidence of arson was discovered.

"It was very likely that it was accidental," he said.

However, Degan said at least one witness reported seeing two young men walking away from the front area of her store just prior to the time the fire was first noticed.

"Somebody started it," she said. "I didn't."

Degan reported the incident, which she describes as an act of vandalism, to the sheriff's department on Dec. 30.

Degan said she will offer a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons she believes were involved in the fire.

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Lady Lopes win three of four at Slaton Tournament

The Post High School Lady 'Lopes captured three wins out of four at the recent Slaton Tournament.

The squad lost its first game 42-24 to Seminole. The team came out strong in the first quarter, but strong offensive showings by Seminole in the second and third periods put the Lady 'Lopes in a hole.

Leading scorer for Post in the game was Rachel Gray with 10 points. Tatum had eight points in the game, while Hays scored four and Easterling, two.

In game two, Post upended Hobbs by a score of 54-37. The Lady 'Lopes outscored their opponents 29-5 at the half, but allowed Hobbs to play catch up a bit in the third period.

Gray was again top scorer with 20 points. Others adding to the Post total included Tatum with eight points; Hays, seven; Lott and Hoover, six points each; Easterling, three; and Wilson and Vernon, two points apiece.

In game three, the Lady 'Lopes outplayed Roysse City by a score of 40-30. Post came out strong in the first quarter, scoring 21 points and allowing only six.

Gray scored 18 points in the game, followed by Tatum with seven, Wilson with six, Lott with three, and Hoover, Hays and Easterling with two apiece.

In the final game of the tournament, Post squeaked past Sundown by a score of 36-33. Sundown led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 15-5, but Post rallied in the second period, outscoring their opponents 10-3. The seesaw battle continued throughout the game, but the Lady 'Lopes earned the win.

Gray led scoring for Post with nine, followed closely by Easterling and Tatum with eight points apiece. Lott scored seven in the game, while Hays had four points. Gray was named to the All Tournament Team.

The Lady 'Lopes carry a season record of 14-5 and a district record of 3-1.



Jackie Hayes gracefully puts in two points as the Post Lady Lopes took on Idalou on Tuesday, December 20 in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Post ISD staff earn prestigious recognition

Several Post Independent School District educators were singled out for recognition in lieu of the district's recent commendations in the AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) Report.

The district received recognition for achieving improvement in five categories, including attendance; reading or English/language arts; writing; social studies; and TASS/TASPEquivalencies, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

Educators "primarily responsible" for the improvements that led to commendations for the district included:

- Attendance - Johnny McGregor and Brian Brownlow
- Commended Performance in Reading or E/LA - Jini Aldridge, Pam Humble and Dena Potter
- Commended Performance in Writing - Leslie Tatum
- Commended Performance in Social Studies - Dedra Adams
- TASS/TASPEquivalencies - Sterline Marcum and Kim Mills

Middle School U.I.L. Awards

Post Middle School posted an impressive win recently, capturing the top ranking in the UIL district-level South Zone meet.

The district win is the highest possible ranking for middle school students, as they are ineligible to advance to upper level UIL competitions as is possible for high school students, according to school officials.

One of the top wins at the meet was Post Middle School's first place in the One-Act Play competition. Not only did the school score a first place win for Best Play, but they also landed nods for Best Actor (Travis Bergin), Best Actress (Kelly Chapa), five All-Star Cast members (Michael Porter, Amber Wilson, Sydnee Jones, John Bocko and Skylar Jones), two All-Star Honorable Mention (Luke Cravy and Nicole Alvarez), Outstanding Light Technician (Danica Williams) and Outstanding Sound Technician (Branda Stevens).

An overview of the other wins raked in by Post Middle School students as reported by school officials follows:

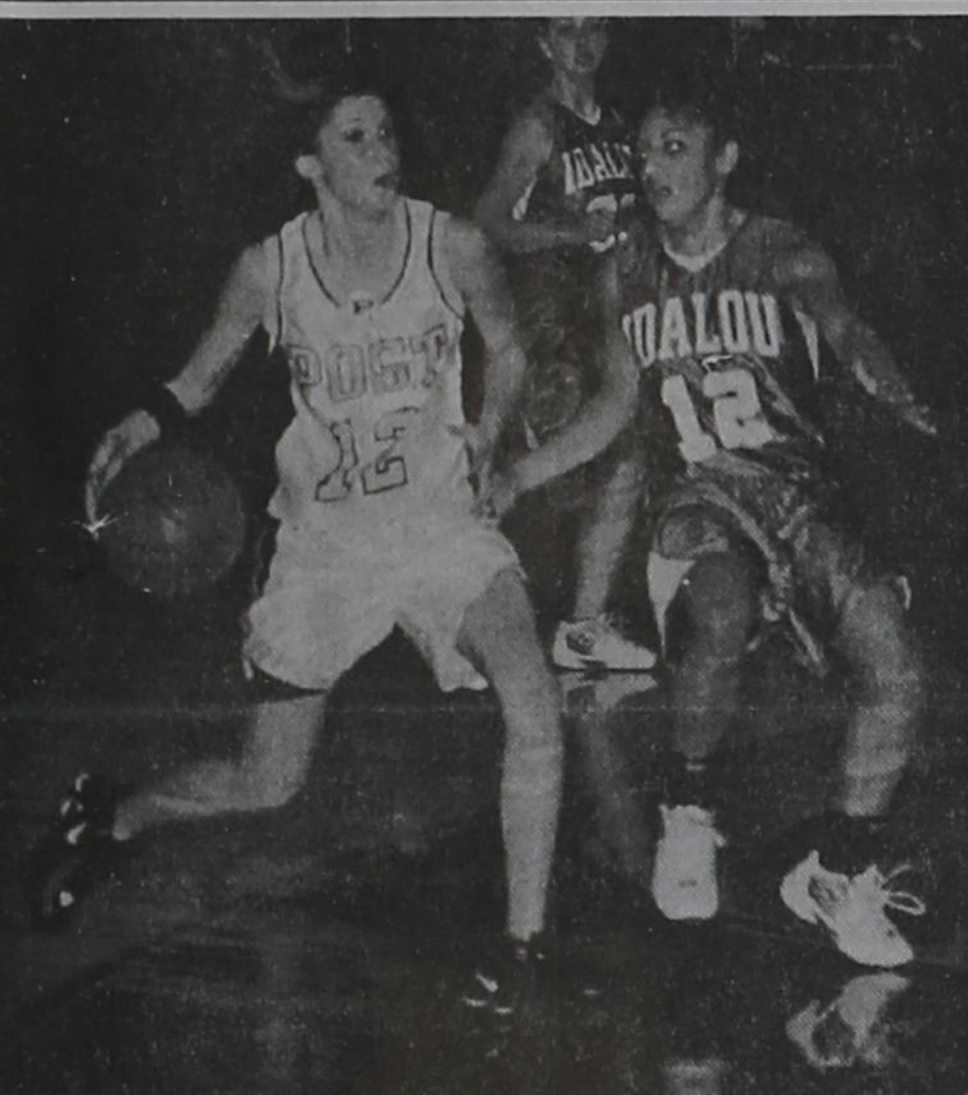
- Art (sixth grade) - Vanessa Rodriguez, second place; Shirley Araiza, third place/tie; Kari Dunn, third place/tie; Janelle Delgadillo, team; Samantha Ortiz, team; and team, first place
- Art (seventh grade) - Alexis Dunn, first place; Hannah Kirkpatrick, fourth place; Leah Perez, team; Franchesca Verala, team; Eboni Thompson, team; and team, second place
- Art (eighth grade) - Melinda Vega, first place/tie; Adrian Basquez, first place/tie; Trent Babb, fifth place; Travis Bergin, team; Cheyenne Bouldin, team; and team, second place
- Calculator (sixth grade) - Raegan Belongia, second place; Jessica Rodriguez, fourth place; Shirley Araiza, fifth place; Katelyn Elmore, team; and team, second place
- Calculator (seventh grade) - Amber Wilson, first place; Alex Tuttle, second place; Kelsey Overton, third place; Chess Postell, team; and team, first place
- Calculator (eighth grade) - Jana Miers, first place; Darlene Araiza, second place; Crystal Sanchez, fourth place; Latasha Soto, team; and team, first place
- Dictionary skills (sixth grade) - Amanda Duran, third place; Nicole Luera, fourth place; Deamor Garcia, sixth place; Nicole Rameriz, team; and team, second place
- Dictionary skills (seventh grade) - Evette Rodriguez, fifth place; Jill Thompson, sixth place; Cheyenne Morris, team; Jackie Milton, team; and team, third place

- Dictionary skills (eighth grade) - LaTasha Soto, fourth place; Melinda Vega, fifth place; Crystal Sanchez, team; Alexandra Rodriguez, team; and team, third place
- Impromptu speaking (seventh grade) - Amber Wilson, first place; Kaylyn Villalon, fourth place; Cassadie Pitts, sixth place
- Impromptu speaking (eighth grade) - Branda Stevens, first place; Kelly Chapa, third place; and Jana Miers, fifth place
- Listening (sixth grade) - Kati Dunn, third place; Teraka Cowley, team; Madison Cash, team; and team, third place

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Edgar Garay (14) drives in two points for the Antelopes during the basketball action on Tuesday, December 20 as the Lopes took on Idalou in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



The Post Lady Lopes puts on a strong offense as Rachel Gray (12) drives against Idalou on Tuesday, December 20 in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Kirkpatrick files for Pct. 4 commissioner

Local rancher and lifetime Garza County resident Cliff Kirkpatrick has filed for the office of Precinct 4 commissioner in the March 7 Republican Party primary election.

Kirkpatrick said he favors a conservative approach to county government and believes he can be of service to the community. Having lived in the county for his entire life, he has observed growth and changes in the area and, as commissioner, will be in a position to ensure new development will have a positive impact on Garza County.

Kirkpatrick, who serves as calf roping director of the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association, and his wife, Dena, have two daughters.

Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Nominations


ATHENS, Texas - Individuals or organizations that have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas may be nominated through Feb. 25 for induction into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

Nominees may be anglers, fisheries professionals or organizations. The nominee must be a Texan or Texas organization. Individuals may be either living or deceased. One nominee will be chosen by an independent selection committee and formally inducted during the annual Hall of Fame banquet on May 27 at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.

Prior inductees include Floyd Mabry, Jackie Hewlett, R.D. Hull, Bob Kemp, Nick Crème, Charlie Inman, Sugar Ferris, Leonard Ranne, Earl Golding, Kathy Magers, the Sabine River Authority, Skeeter Boats, Michael ("Shorty") Powers and Ray Murski.

Nomination forms and instructions are available on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/virtualtour/halloffame/nominate.phtml or by calling (903) 670-2228.

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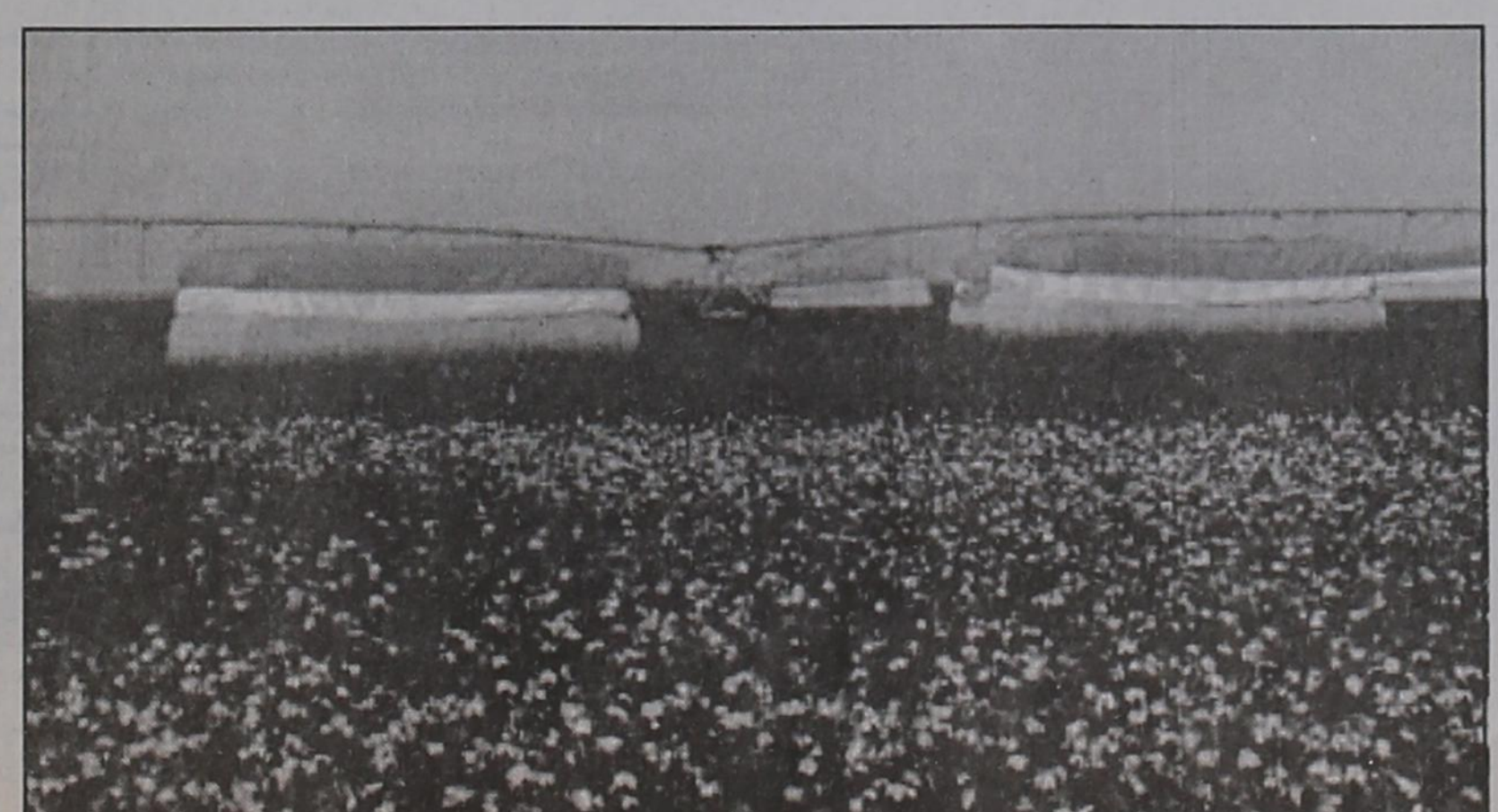
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Obituaries

Weldon Russell McGehee

Services for Weldon Russell McGehee, 92, of Slaton were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, in Englands Chapel with Dwayne Walters officiating. Burial followed in the Resthaven Cemetery in Southland under the direction of Englands Funeral Service.



He died Monday, Jan. 2.
Born March 9, 1913, at Childress to Benjamin F. and Stella Victoria Jewel McGehee, the family moved to West Texas when he was two years old. He was one of eight children. He married Lorene Emyln Dickson Jan. 23, 1937, in Post. A member of the Church of Christ, he served on numerous boards, including the Plains Oil Mill Board in Lubbock and the ACS Board in Post. He served as president of the Southland School Board and the Hackberry Gin Board of Directors. He lived in the Hackberry-Gordon community for 77 years before moving to Slaton in 1992.

After retiring from farming in 1974, he continued to drive to the farm daily, even after a stroke, to check on things and stay up-to-date. During harvest season, he could be found running the module builder.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene; three daughters, Karen Pruitt of Bowie, Sharon Sales of Brownfield and Patsy Barker of Slaton; one son, Dennis McGehee of Post; 10 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Forbis of Phoenix, Annabell Minton of Clovis, N.M., and Annetta Fay Sherrod of Wichita Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers - Raymond, Leroy and John - and one sister, Jewell McGehee.

Memorials may be directed to Slaton's Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels, 230 W. Lynn, Slaton, TX 79364.

Billy Wayne Blacklock Jr.
Memorial services for Billy Wayne Blacklock Jr. of Austin were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006, in the Justiceburg First Baptist Church.

An earlier memorial service was conducted Dec. 27, 2005, in Austin. He died Dec. 25.
Born in Garza County March 7, 1947, he was a Post High School graduate. A Baptist, he was active in his church in Austin. He worked for Metro Austin for 20 years.

Survivors include his mother, Wanda Blacklock; one brother and sister-in-law, Don and Vicki; one niece, Tina Pewitt, her husband, Jamie, and their sons Ty and Brandon; a nephew, Jason Blacklock, his wife, Heather, and their children, Carson, Cory and Brailey; another nephew, Jared Blacklock; one daughter, Shelly, her husband, Kiven, and their daughter, Emily, of San Antonio; and a special friend, Drew Baldrige, and his dog, Caesar.

He was preceded in death by his father.
The family requested no flowers and suggested memorials be made in the form of donations to cancer research.

Crow's Feet Chronicles

by Cindy Baker

It's beginning to look-a-les like Christmas

It's never too soon for me to decorate for Christmas (as early as the day I put away my white shoes and as late as Thanksgiving Day after I've wrestled with the arthritic turkey carcass), but I'm quick to undecorate... or at least, redecorate. While my family members are opening gifts, I ooh and aah at the "shouldn't uhs" while vacuuming ornaments off the tree and yanking stockings from the mantel.

As far as my house is concerned, one holiday bleeds into the next. (Speaking of bleeding—I used 6 band-aids on my hand and a gauze wrap on my arm when I tried to put a pilgrim's collar on my dog.) Candy eggs are now nestled in green Easter grass at the base of all my poinsettias, and my Easter bunny is hanging on the front with a fist full of leftover candy canes.

(I saved the cedar sprigs and pine needles that I picked out of my carpet. In a pinch, they could do double duty as fresh rosemary on a homemade pizza.)

The delicate eggshells that I crafted after hyperventilating from blowing the membranes, yolks and egg whites through tiny holes in the shells in 1976 are now dangling from the reindeer's antlers in the corner of the den.

My backyard thinks it's St. Patrick's Day. I removed the Santa hats from the pumpkins and replaced them with leprechaun derbies. (We need a hard freeze to stop these pumpkins from oozing.)

And, it's Valentine's Day in my front yard. Replacing the white bulbs with red ones wasn't as difficult as trying to bend the aluminum Star of Bethlehem into the shape of a heart. Now that I look at it, Cupid's arrow piercing the center of it somehow seems inappropriate. I'll have to rethink that project.

At least, the color red is suitable for more than one occasion during the year. My red wool skirt with the white fur trim always turns heads during December, and I giggle when people call me Mrs. Claus. It takes a little more explaining when I wear it during February in anticipation of Valentine's Day. But, by the time the July 4th heat rolls around, I ignore all the snide remarks and keep on scratching my itches.

The divinity that goes into the freezer on Christmas will emerge as Peeps on Easter. Don't ask me how I'll do it—I just will. I'm glad I saved the little crinkled candy holders in the heart-shaped box last February so I can drop the frozen Christmas fudge into each one for Valentine's Day. I'm not saving anything for the 4th of July, though.

I'll be too busy with my red-wool rash.

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Middle School U.I.L. Results

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- Impromptu speaking (seventh grade) - Amber Wilson, first place; Kaylyn Villalobos, fourth place; Cassadie Pitts, sixth place.
- Impromptu speaking (eighth grade) - Branda Stevens, first place; Kelly Chapa, third place; and Jana Miers, fifth place
- Listening (sixth grade) - Kati Dunn, third place; Teraka Cowley, team; Madison Cash, team; and team, third place
- Listening (seventh grade) - Tanner Hadderton, sixth place/tie; Crystal Hernandez, sixth place/tie; Cassadie Pitts, team; Andie Polanco, team; and team, third place
- Listening (eighth grade) - Michel Porter, first place; Kristen Leach, third place/tie; Courtney Basquez, third place/tie; Darlene Araiza, team; and team, first place
- Maps, charts & graphs (sixth grade) - Madison Cash, second place; Samantha Morley, third place; Skylar Jones, team; Dakota McDonald, team; and team, second place
- Maps, charts & graphs (seventh grade) - Sydnee Jones, first place; Chess Postell, fourth place; Tiny Williams, sixth place; Brittney Bouldin, team; and team, first place
- Maps, charts & graphs (eighth grade) - Clint Windham, first place; Jana Miers, second place; Chandni Bhakta, fourth place; John Bocko, fifth place; team, first place
- Mathematics (sixth grade) - Samantha Morley, first place; Nicole Luera, second place; Maricruz Razo, fourth place; Jordan Aguilar, team; and team, first place
- Mathematics (seventh grade) - Evette Rodriguez, second place; Alisha Jones, sixth place; Brittney Bouldin, team; Tiny Williams, team; and team, second place
- Mathematics (eighth grade) - Clint Windham, second place; Chandni Bhakta, third place; Jana Miers, fourth place; Crystal Sanchez, team; and team, first place
- Modern oratory (seventh grade) - Skylar Taylor, third place; Andie Polanco, fourth place
- Modern oratory (eighth grade) - Chelsey Sapp, third place; Tianna Reyna, fourth place; and Chandni Bhakta, fifth place
- Music memory (sixth grade) - Samantha Morley, fifth place; Deamor Garcia, sixth place; Alex Griffin, team; Maricruz Razo, team; and team, second place
- Number sense (sixth grade) - Samantha Morley, fifth place; Raegan Belongia, team; Luke Cravy, team; Katelyn Elmore, team; and team, third place
- Number sense (seventh grade) - Evette Rodriguez, fourth place; Alex Lang, team; Cheyenne Morris, team; Skylar Taylor, team; and team, third place
- Number sense (eighth grade) - Chandni Bhakta, second place; John Rodriguez, sixth place; John Bocko, team; Jana Miers, team; and team, second place
- Oral reading (sixth grade) - Kari Dunn, third place
- Oral reading (seventh grade) - Cassadie Pitts, second place; Amber Wilson, third place; Tanisha Paiz, fourth place
- Oral reading (eighth grade) - Kelly Chapa, first place; Michael Porter, second place
- Ready writing (sixth grade) - Skylar Jones, second place; Kari Dunn, sixth place
- Ready writing (seventh grade) - Alexis Dunn, fourth place; Katelyn Short, sixth place
- Ready writing (eighth grade) - Alex Miller, fourth place
- Science I (seventh grade) - Amber Wilson, team; Katelyn Short, team; Brian Osborn, team; and team, third place
- Science II (eighth grade) - Trey Barner, fifth place/tie; Jana Miers, fifth place/tie; John Bocko, team; Kaleb Tanner, team; and team, second place
- Spelling (sixth grade) - Kamary Mason, first place; Hannah Kirkpatrick, second place; Aubree Lester, fifth place; Kari Dunn, team; and team, first place
- Spelling (seventh grade) - Alisha Jones, first place; Tanisha Paiz, second place; Alissa Morrow, third place; and Caitlyn Cravy, team; team, first place
- Spelling (eighth grade) - Michael Porter, fourth place; Alexander Rodriguez, fifth place; Lindsey Morrow, team; and team, second place
- Social studies (sixth grade) - Brad Benham, first place; Samantha Morley, second place; Dakota McDonald, team; and team, first place
- Social studies (seventh grade) - Brittney Bouldin, fourth place; Tiny Williams, fifth place; and Brian Osborn, team; team, second place
- Social studies (eighth grade) - Alex Miller, sixth place; Chandni Bhakta, team; Quentin Valdez, team; and team, third place

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus meets his disciples by the Sea of Tiberius

After Jesus Christ built up the believing of his disciples, they were very glad in heart and no longer feared the Jewish leaders. We know this because according to John 21:1-3 many of them were out fishing. There is only one explanation for their boost of confidence and lack of fear. They no longer doubted that Jesus the Christ was alive. After the first two visits with our Lord Jesus, they could walk out of that room with the confidence to face any possible confrontation from the Jewish leadership.

Just imagine the happiness in their hearts when they saw and touched our Lord Jesus. They must have been in awe over the whole experience as Peter said, "Don't know about y'all, but I'm going fishing!" So he and other disciples got in some boats and hit the lake.

They were on the lake all night and didn't catch a thing. Next morning they saw a man standing on the shore who said, "Children, do you have any food?" And they answered, "No." The man then told them to cast the net on the right side of the ship and they would find fish. Having done as the man instructed, they caught so much fish the net was too heavy to draw up into the boat.

It was at that time that one of the disciples told Peter the man was Jesus our Lord. In hearing this, Peter threw on his clothes and jumped in the water. The other disciples used the different boats to simultaneously drag in the net, and upon landing ashore they found Jesus with fish on a fire along with bread. He told them to bring their fish. Peter and the others drew the net up with nearly 153 fish and the net did not break. Jesus then invited them to dine with him and nobody dared to ask who he was because they all knew. This was the third time Jesus showed himself to the disciples since his resurrection (John 21:4-14).

When they dined, Jesus asked Peter three very important questions that were designed to grab his attention. In each question he asked, "Do you love me more than the others?" Each time Peter emphatically answered "yes." On the first question Jesus followed up with, "Feed my lambs." On the second he said, "Feed my sheep." And on the third he said, "Feed my sheep." This can be found in John 21:15-17. A study of the earlier Greek words for feed, lambs and sheep helps to understand it better.

The first question uses the Greek word bosko for feed, which meant to feed and pasture. It was related to the word lambs, which came from the word amion meaning a young lamb. The second use of feed was from the word poimaino meaning to tend, shepherd and nourish, and was related to sheep (probaton in the Greek). The third time, the word feed comes from bosko again, and is related to sheep, which is also probaton. With the use of Young's Concordance to the King James Bible, a word study of these Greek words as used in other areas will help to understand what Jesus was saying to Peter. I have heard it taught that Jesus told Peter to provide good pasture for growth to the younger believers, and to feed and nourish the elders.

Please note also that Jesus did not say, "Feed your lambs..." Instead he said, "Feed my lambs..." So often we tend to think God gives his people to ministers and pastors. But in truth God gives them to our Lord Jesus. The pastors' responsibilities are to provide good ground so the younger ones can graze on the truth and grow, and to nourish the elder believers. This is done on behalf of our Lord Jesus, as servants of God.

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The hate Bush syndrome

by Bill O'Reilly

It's no question that the two big stories this year were Hurricane Katrina and the continuing chaos in Iraq. Both contain lessons. Katrina demonstrated just what can happen when the water hits the dam; no branch of government can save you from disaster. Those who didn't have the smarts or the wherewithal to flee the hurricane got blasted, especially in New Orleans. A metaphor for life: Get smart and depend on yourself. No bureaucracy can protect you from crisis or disaster.

Iraq taught us that well-intentioned theory can be trumped by unpredictable behavior. Before the invasion, the Bush administration was convinced the Iraq people would be so thrilled by the prospective of a life free from tyranny that they would embrace coalition forces and a chance for democracy. It turns out that some Iraqis are addicted to tyranny and enjoy inflicting terror on anyone who opposes it. Should the USA have known that before it began nation building in a chaotic land? Probably.

The Iraq effort might still be successful, and that would be a huge plus for the world, but believe me when I tell you that America will not be invading another Muslim country any time soon.

There was one important story this year that went largely unreported, and that is the full-blown emergence of the "hate Bush media." This phenomenon is unlike anything the country has seen since the final days of Richard Nixon. Liberals will tell you that Bill Clinton was vilified in the media, but compared to the loathing directed at President Bush, Clinton's press plight was a foot massage.

Led by the increasingly vitriolic New York Times, the mainstream media spins negative and attempts to undermine just about everything President Bush does. Almost every anti-terror strategy is opposed. The press, in general, doesn't like the Patriot Act, the CIA Rendition program, or phone monitoring by the NSA. The mainstream media is disgusted by coerced interrogation, appalled by military detention for terror suspects, and outraged by the denial of Geneva Convention rights for terrorists captured in civilian clothing. As for the fighting in Iraq, well, don't ask.

So how exactly would the press fight the war on terror? Perhaps by treating all captured foreign terrorists as criminals and providing them with constitutional protections, including civilian lawyers. This, of course, would make the terror fight impossible to win, but hey, that doesn't seem to concern the Bush haters.

The genesis of that hatred is the feeling that President Bush was illegally elected in 2000, and subsequently put forth calculated lies about WMDs in Iraq. Those beliefs are deeply ingrained in the media power centers, and so Mr. Bush has completely lost the benefit of the doubt. To many editors and their acolytes: he's bad, dumb, dishonest, a holy roller, a fascist, a human rights violator, a violator of the Constitution and, the final straw, he takes too much vacation.

This loathing of the president is, without a doubt, dangerous for the nation. Any kind of irrationality on the part of the American media impedes the honest flow of information and causes damage to our system of checks and balances. The press is supposed to be an honest watchdog, not a vicious pit bull bent on destruction.

Most importantly, if the mainstream media will not give Mr. Bush a fair shake the terrorists score a major victory. Chaos at the top aids the enemy. Right now America desperately needs an honest press. It does not need a vengeful press.

The media absolutely should verify and fully explain what Mr. Bush does wrong, but it also needs to stop vilifying him across the board. The media hatred of the president is the stealth story of 2005, and it shows no sign of improving as we enter 2006.

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And thereafter, the poverty hype

by Walter E. Williams

Despite claims that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, poverty is nowhere near the problem it was yesteryear -- at least for those who want to work. Talk about the poor getting poorer tugs at the hearts of decent people and squares nicely with the agenda of big government advocates, but it doesn't square with the facts.

Dr. Michael Cox, economic adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and Richard Alm, a business reporter for the Dallas Morning News, co-authored a

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Open Letter to Citizens of Post

To the residents of Post,
 Greetings and happy New Year! My name is Ric Walton, and I have been selected by your City Council to become your new city manager. I am excited to have been appointed to the position and look forward to working with the council, city employees and you, the residents of Post.
 The city manager's primary responsibility is to implement the policies of the City Council in addition to the administration of city operations. Our role in city government is to serve you, the tax and rate paying customers of the city. To that end, my goal is to maintain the things we are "doing right" and to improve on those that we aren't in order to provide you with a consistent, reasonable level of service.
 I have an "open door" policy and, as time permits, am willing and available to meet with any citizen who may want to discuss their concerns.
 The city has concerns, too. As Post approaches its 99th year of existence, the appearance of the city is a high priority of the mayor and City Council. Code enforcement will be increased in order to clean up the city.
 Code enforcement is normally not much more than "good housekeeping" citywide. Junk vehicles, trash and unkempt yards are, in addition to being unsightly, a health and safety issue. We ask for your cooperation in helping to present a more attractive centennial city in 2007.
 I am very pleased to be returning to West Texas and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.
 Ric Walton City Manager

Urge support for tax reform

I sent the message below to Secretary of the Treasury John Snow. He is preparing to make recommendations to President Bush on Tax Reform. Now is the time to make your voices heard. If we speak up, we have the opportunity to radically change the way this country will be for our children, grand children and great grand children. If we fail to raise our voices, the future of our beloved country may well not see the freedom and prosperity we have enjoyed.

What is the Fair Tax plan?

The FairTax plan is a comprehensive proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a rebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar revenue neutrality, and the repeal of the 16th Amendment.

This non-partisan legislation (HR 25/S 25) abolishes all federal personal, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment, and corporate taxes and replaces them all with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax - collected by existing state sales tax authorities.

The FairTax taxes us only on what we choose to spend, not on what we earn. It does not raise any more or less revenue; it is designed to be revenue neutral. So it is also cost neutral - the final cost for goods and services changes little under the FairTax. The FairTax is a fair, efficient, transparent, and intelligent solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system.

What is Americans For Fair Taxation (FairTax.org)? FairTax.org is a non-profit, non-partisan, grass roots organization dedicated to replacing the current tax system. The organization has hundreds of thousands of members and volunteers nationwide. Its plan supports sound economic research, education of citizens and community leaders, and grass roots mobilization efforts.

For more information visit the web page: www.fairtax.org or call 1-800-FAIRTAX.
Dear Secretary Snow,

As a small business man, I am writing to you pleading for relief. The Fair tax would bring much needed simplicity to the market and much needed relief to small and medium businesses throughout the country.

The amount of time I have to dedicate to compliance and bookkeeping efforts in our current system is staggering. Relieved of that burden, I could be much more productive and be able to better provide for my family and employees, at the same time making my fair contribution to the running of our government.

Many of the possible solutions that have been presented to the President's tax panel, only complicate a system that is already so complicated it is virtually impossible to comply with.

My plea is that the Fair Tax be implemented to give small and medium size business owners much needed relief from crushing compliance cost and peace of mind of freedom from an impossibly complex tax system.

Secretary Snow, I appreciate your efforts and pray for your success, for our country's future economic success is in your hands. God bless you and your family during this Christmas season. And, God Bless America!

Respectfully yours,
 Keith Potts, Lubbock

1999 book, "Myths of Rich and Poor: Why We're Better Off Than We Think," that demonstrates the pure nonsense about the claim that the poor get poorer.

The authors analyzed University of Michigan Panel Study of Income Dynamics data that tracked more than 50,000 individual families since 1968. Cox and Alm found: Only five percent of families in the bottom income quintile (lowest 20 percent) in 1975 were still there in 1991. Three-quarters of these families had moved into the three highest income quintiles. During the same period, 70 percent of those in the second lowest income quintile moved to a higher quintile, with 25 percent of them moving to the top income quintile. When the Bureau of Census reports, for example, that the poverty rate in 1980 was 15 percent and a decade later still 15 percent, for the most part they are referring to different people.

Cox and Alm's findings were supported by a U.S. Treasury Department study that used an entirely different data base, income tax returns. The U.S. Treasury found that 85.8 percent of tax filers in the bottom income quintile in 1979 had moved on to a higher quintile by 1988 -- 66 percent to second and third quintiles and 15 percent to the top quintile. Income mobility goes in the other direction as well. Of the people who were in the top one percent of income earners in 1979, over half, or 52.7 percent, were gone by 1988. Throughout history and probably in most places today, there are whole classes of people who remain permanently poor or permanently rich, but not in the United States. The percentages of Americans who are permanently poor or rich don't exceed single digits.

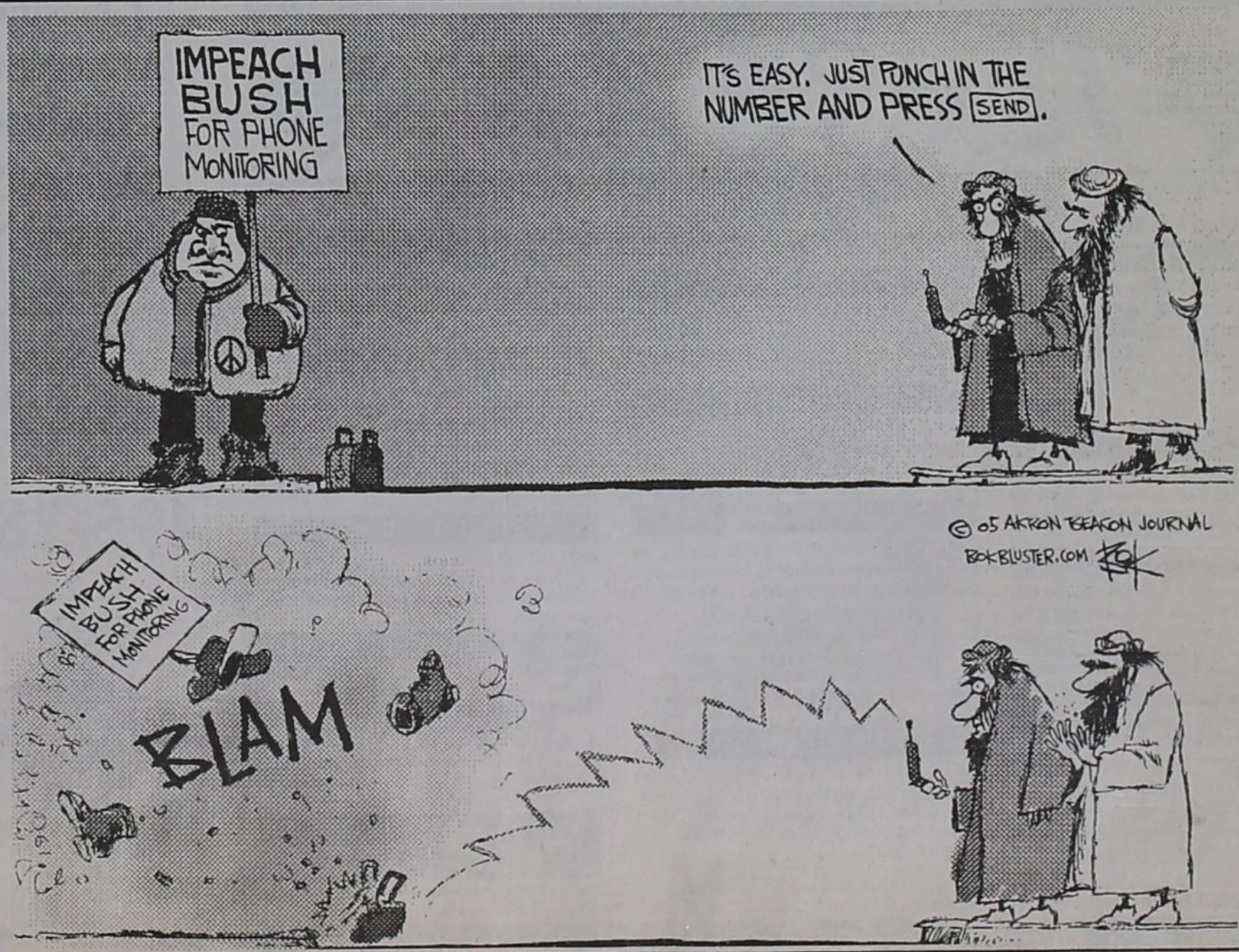
It doesn't take rocket science to figure out why people who are poor in one decade are not poor one or two decades later. First, they get older. Would anyone be surprised that 30, 40 or 50-year-olds earn a higher income than 20-year-olds? The 1995 Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas found that "Average income tends to rise quickly in life as workers gain work experience and knowledge. Households headed by someone under age 25 average \$15,197 a year in income. Average income more than doubles to \$33,124 for 25- to 34-year-olds. For those 35 to 44, the figure jumps to \$43,923. It takes time for learning, hard work and saving to bear fruit."

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas report listed a few no-brainer behaviors consistent with upward income mobility. Households in the top income bracket have 2.1 workers; those in the bottom have 0.6 workers. In the lowest income bracket, 84 percent worked part time; in the highest income bracket, 80 percent worked full time. That translates into: Get a full-time job. Only seven percent of top income earners live in a "nonfamily" household compared to 37 percent of the bottom income category. Translation: Get married. At the time of the study, the unemployment rate in McAllen, Texas, was 17.5 percent, while in Austin, Texas, it was 3.5 percent. Translation: If you can't find a job in one locality, move to where there are jobs.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas report concludes, "Little on this list should come as a surprise. Taken as a whole, it's what most Americans have been told since they were kids -- by society, by their parents, by their teachers."

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I just want to thank all of the "Post Volunteer Fire Department" crew for coming so fast to my store and putting out the fire!! Without your quick response, my store would no longer exist. I also want to thank the people at Family Dollar for "seeing the fire" and calling it in. No words can ever express how much I do appreciate everyone's effort in saving my store. May God Bless You!
Donna Degan, Plum Crazy

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To all our Friends and Family, We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Fish Fry out at Close City Gin a success. There are just too many to name but you all know who you are. There are not enough words to

express our gratitude for each and everyone who came out to eat lunch with us. Our community is a very generous one and we feel so blessed to be a part of it. Mike will have a long road ahead of him to recovery, and with prayers and support from our friends and family, that road will seem shorter to him and Eva.

Again thank you for your prayers and your generosity. Mike and Eva Gonzales
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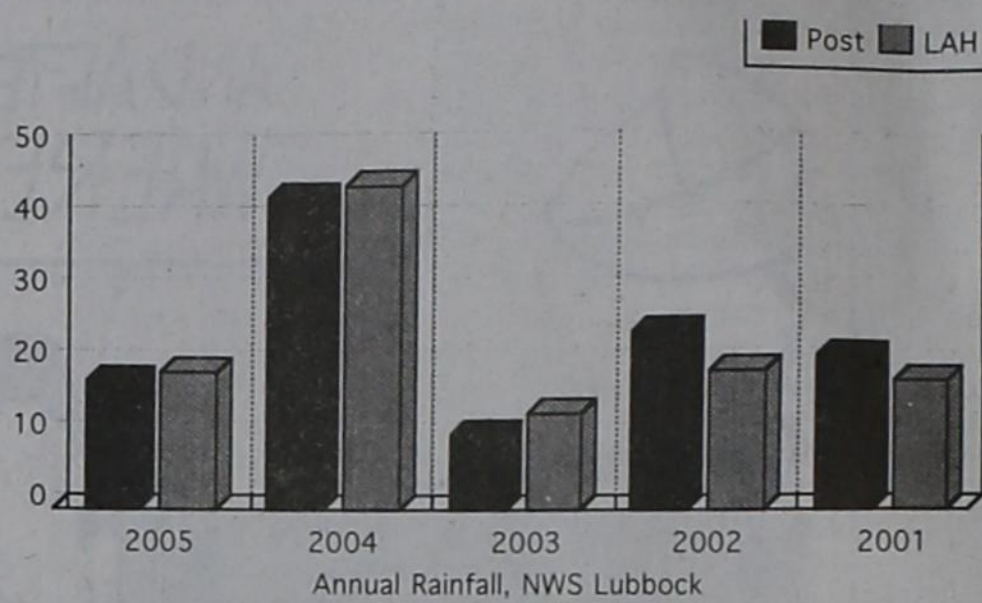
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Weather Summary

National Weather Service December Summary Dec. 31, 2005
Post: Average high - 57.6 Average low - 29.6 Monthly average temp - 43.6 Normal temp - 43.1 Monthly total precip - 0.20 Normal precip - 0.78 Year's total precip - 17.86

Lake Alan Henry: Average high - 59.1 Average low - 28.1 Monthly average temp - 43.6 Normal temp - 42.7 Monthly total precip - 0.06 Normal precip - 0.73 Year's total precip - 19.37

Source: Monthly Climate Summaries National Weather Service, Lubbock



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- January 9 - Breakfast - Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk.
 - Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, fresh fruit cup, milk.
 - January 10 - Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
 - Lunch - Nacho grande, lettuce & tomato, cornbread, picante sauce, apple, milk.
 - January 11 - Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk.
 - Lunch - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.
 - January 12 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk.
 - Lunch - Stuffed baked potato, broccoli w/ranch, texas toast, fruit cobbler, milk.
 - January 13 - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - Corndog, waffle fries, baked beans, orange quarters, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
- Southland ISD**
- January 9 - Breakfast - Yogurt, mini loaves, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic tosat, corn, tossed salad, pear cup, milk.
 - January 10 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, sausage pattie, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - BBQ chicken, ranch style beans, salad, bread, peach cup, milk.
 - January 11 - Breakfast - Sausage link, churros, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - Pizza, green salad, green beans, pinapples w/mandarin oranges, milk.
 - January 12 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cake, milk.
 - January 13 - Breakfast - Biscuit w/gravy, sausage pattie, juice, milk.
 - Lunch - Cheeseburgers, french fries, salad fixings, sherbet ice cream, milk.

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago January 4, 1996

I imagine everyone was surprised to wake up New Year's Day and find that we had approximately four to six inches of snow on the ground. And it was still snowing straight down which added more to the fun. Some of the giant snowman found around town were at Patty and K. W. Kirkpatrick's residence, West 10th street and W. O. and Bert Fluitt on West 7th street.

The Democratic Party primary in March will see contested races for Sheriff, Tax A/C and Constable Precinct 1 and 2. Incumbent Sheriff Kenny Ratke will face challengers Melvin Britton and Marcial Salinas.

Incumbent Tax Assessor Laura "Chita" Hataway is being challenged by Irene Fry and Constable Prec. 1 and 2 hopefuls are Bobby Dean, Freda Haaper and Daniel Yarbro.

Lex and Rachel Dunn of Oklahoma City are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Tristan Rebekah. Maternal grandparents are Butch and Freddy Wilson of Oklahoma City and Margie Casteel of San Antonio. Paternal grandparents are Ruthell and Joe Stanley of Post and Fran and Darrell Dunn of Lubbock.

Sara Ault was the lucky winner of the beautiful Butterfly quilt which was raffled off on Dec. 22 at the Trailblazers.

20 Years Ago January 9, 1986

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morris hosted a December 26th celebration for their parents and grandparents, commemorating the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Morris, the former Beatrice Jones, married Chester January 4, 1936 in Post.

Grand Opening of Twila's Hair Ways, located 225-7 W. Main is set for January 14. There will be a drawing for numerous prizes. Stopby! Twila Liles, owner; Susan Fumagalli, operator and Kathy Morris, receptionist.

A total of 33,946 bales of cotton was reported ginned by area cotton gins as of the end of 1985.

The Post varsity boys' basketball team opened the district basketball season with a 67-54 win over Cooper. Danny Foster led the Antelopes with 16 points. Others scoring in double digits were Marvin Lee with 14, Steve Hamilton hit for 13 and Greg Storie adding 11. Also, Jay McCook scored eight points and Joel Kirkpatrick collected another five.

30 Years Ago January 8, 1976

Two building permits for \$100,000 in new construction were approved by the city council. One permit calls for the construction of a Dairy Queen drive in and the other permit is for Allsup's No. 2 convenience store both located on north Broadway.

The Rev. Conrad Ryan will be the new pastor of the United First Methodist Church.

Little Miss '76 and winner of The Dispatch's "First Baby of 1976" is Miss Stephanie Castro, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alber Castro.

One of the first BiCentennial observances of the year was held by the Post Music Club when it hosted the Yankee Doodle Dancers, a Federated Junior Music Club of Lubbock.

Gene Moore, Pioneer Natural Gas Co. manager here, was elected president-elect of the Post Rotary Club.

40 Years Ago January 6, 1966

Tax Assessor-Collector T. H. Tipton and his office deputies, Mrs. Ruth Reno and Mrs. Gladys Pennell are preparing for the sale of the 1966 passenger car tags. This year's identifying auto tag letters for Garza County are BZD, BZF, BZG and BZH.

New owners of Garza Tire Co. are Oscar Gordon and his son, Harold. They purchased the business from Oscar's brother, Max Gordon. Postings: Best 'bowl game' story we heard was that of Alvin Young who was in Garza Memorial Hospital for tests when the games started. He 'checked out' of the hospital to watch them on color TV and checked back into the hospital to complete the tests after the games were over.

Lynn Edwards, Linda Stephens, Jan Herring, Curtis Hudman and John L. Sutter returned Sunday to Abilene to resume classes at McMurry College.

Next season's Post Antelope football team will play four games at home and six away, with four new opponents on the slate. Newcomers this season include Lockney, Stanton, Hale Center and Tahoka.

50 Years Ago January 5, 1956

A permanent site on the east half of the City Park has been acquired for the Garza County Fair. The grounds committee also reported that the site is ready for development.

The General Telephone Company office here was being picketed Wednesday afternoon, with six telephone operators and a combination man in the plant department on strike. An "area wage differential" which the union wants eliminated has been the basic point of disagreement, reports Paul Duren, Jr.

The stork missed Post on New Year's Day, but by only a little more than six hours. At 6:39 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, he left a five-pound, one-half ounce girl with Mr. and Mrs. Rober Miller. The new arrival, who has been

named Sue Ann, was born at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Miss Alta Jane Prichard, daughter of Sherman Prichard of Pampa, became the bride of Lee W. Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Davis, Dec. 29, in the First Christian Church in Pampa.

Up and Down Main Street: Whee!... MM is coming to town. We have been itching to see "The Seven Year Itch" starring Marilyn Monroe. Johnny has booked this MM show for Sunday and Monday. Bet we see all you guys and gals at the Tower.

60 Years Ago January 8, 1946

Bits of News: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kemp, Beth Ellen and Johnny spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, in Lubbock; Claude Miller, GM2-c of the Navy, stationed at New Orleans spent the Christmas holidays in Post visiting his mother, Mrs. J. O. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays and their family had a wonderful surprise Christmas present. Their son, Cpl. Gene Odell, who has been overseas in Germany, Belgium and France, arrived home on Christmas morning.

"Good Gracious, Grandma!", a farce in three acts will be presented at the Close City school. Cast of characters include: Racy Robinson, Douglas Livingston, Thelma Webb, Lola Peel, E. O. Young, Lonnie Peel, Hugh Webb, Mabel Caldwell and Helen Livingston. Miss Beatrice Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cummings, Sr. of this city, and Mr. Douglas Warren Gossett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gossett of Graham community, were married Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. John B. Slaughter was hostess on Christmas Day at the U Lazy S ranch with a traditional Christmas dinner. Guests who enjoyed the hospitality of the hostess were Mr. and Mrs. John Lott and children Linda, Patricia and Jack. Former Postites, Evelyn Babb Boyd and Lt. Ray Watts, met for a short reunion in Arox, Greece, recently. Watts wrote his wife, the former Miss Claudelea Ledger, who is also a former Post resident.

For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning. —T.S. Eliot

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 77625

APPLICATION A-Rock Materials, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 77625, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 930 County Road 217, Post, Garza County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 19, 2005. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Post Public Library, 105 East Main Street, Post, Garza County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from A-Rock Materials, P.O. Box 395, Slaton, Texas 79364 or by calling Mr. Jerry Graves, Secretary-Treasurer at (806) 794-9507.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "bought in a poke"
- 5 UT's Dobie was expert on TX folk
- 6 Metroplex museum: Ripley's Believe Not
- 7 western author Grey
- 8 TXism: "could walk under a turtle wearin' _____" (short)
- 18 TXism: "ram _____" (boss)
- 19 Cowboys never have gone _____ in a season
- 21 Coleman has Fiesta _____ la Paloma
- 22 TXism: "got the _____ of it" (learned how)
- 23 Tom Landry had _____ one in coaching
- 24 Galveston's historic Bishop's _____
- 29 TX film: "Bullet _____ Badman"
- 30 TXism: "let the cat out of the bag"
- 31 TXism: "nope"
- 32 TXism: "can't _____ dog new tricks"
- 34 former Galveston state rep. James _____
- 35 TXism: "beat the _____" (win in court)
- 36 head coach's plan
- 37 TXism: "_____ rode hard and put up wet"
- 38 features of Texas' Big Thicket _____
- 39 brand of famous TX Kokernot ranch _____
- 40 dials up _____
- 42 TX athlete Didrikson _____
- 43 TXism: "_____ up the river" (jailed)
- 44 TXism: "the jig _____"
- 45 former TX Ranger: Julio _____ Franco
- 46 to sink in the middle
- 47 TX J.P. Richardson was "_____ Big Bopper"
- 48 TX stuntman Danaher did 1st air-_____ transfer in film "Cliffhanger"
- 49 some TX kids go to _____ school
- 51 X-mas tune
- 52 Davy's "Betsy"
- 53 TXism: "I'm at the _____ of my rope!"
- 54 Dallas actress Darnell (init.) _____

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "poor as _____ cat"
- 2 how TX Bush's VP spelled a spud _____
- 3 TXism: "we _____ out our differences"
- 4 this TX Pete is former U.S. Rep. _____
- 9 Cowboy Larry Allen position _____
- 10 Houston beat Santa _____ at San Jacinto
- 11 this TX George was Casey on "Mission Impossible" (init.) _____
- 12 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille _____ Sueur
- 13 TXism: "a lot _____ to shuck" (big chore)
- 14 Ft. Bliss' Melissa _____ was hostage in Iraq
- 15 TXism: "_____ as nails"
- 16 TXism: "_____ some gravel" (fell)
- 17 Houston's 1st wife was a _____
- 20 TXism: "could count _____" (little rain)
- 26 dead lang. (abbr.) _____
- 27 "TX _____ the River"
- 28 TXism: "wouldn't _____ cat" (harmless dog)
- 29 morning mist _____
- 30 "tween Mon. & Wed. _____
- 33 TX Freddy Fender's "Before the _____ Teardrop Falls"
- 34 TXism: "lend a hand"
- 35 TX legend Howard _____ Hughes
- 37 TX Roy Orbison hit _____
- 38 the Permian _____
- 41 he won Davis Cup in Dallas ('65) _____
- 42 boyfriend _____
- 45 TXism: "_____ your heels" (calm down)
- 48 current style _____
- 50 TX Sam Bass was killed at _____ Rock _____

New hiking trail open at Lake Alan Henry

by Sheri Lewis

Interested in taking advantage of the unseasonably warm temperatures blanketing the South Plains? Take time to explore the newly constructed recreational trail in Lake Alan Henry's Samuel W. Wahl Recreational Area.

The 2.5-mile trail, located in the recreational area owned and maintained by the City of Lubbock on the north side of the lake, is about six feet wide. It includes a fully accessible, ADA-compliant loop approximately 3/4 of a mile in length, featuring a base of crushed granite, and a "moderate natural surface" pedestrian trail about 1 3/4 of a mile long, according to LAH officials. Connecting loops allow trail visitors to vary their routes.

The LAH Web site indicates the trailhead, a pavilion and "interpretive nature signs" are located near the facility's parking area. The trail, which features three scenic overlooks, is dotted with benches to allow visitors to stop and take in the beauty of the area.

The overlook closest to the main park road is the highest point in the park, according to the Web site, and offers "outstanding views of the lake and surrounding land."

Lake officials stress that safety should be a paramount concern when visiting the recreational area.

"It is highly recommended that you hike with a companion," the Web site reads. "Trails are in a primitive area. There is no water available, and wildlife is abundant. Be aware of wildlife, especially rattlesnakes and wild hogs."

The following guidelines are recommended:

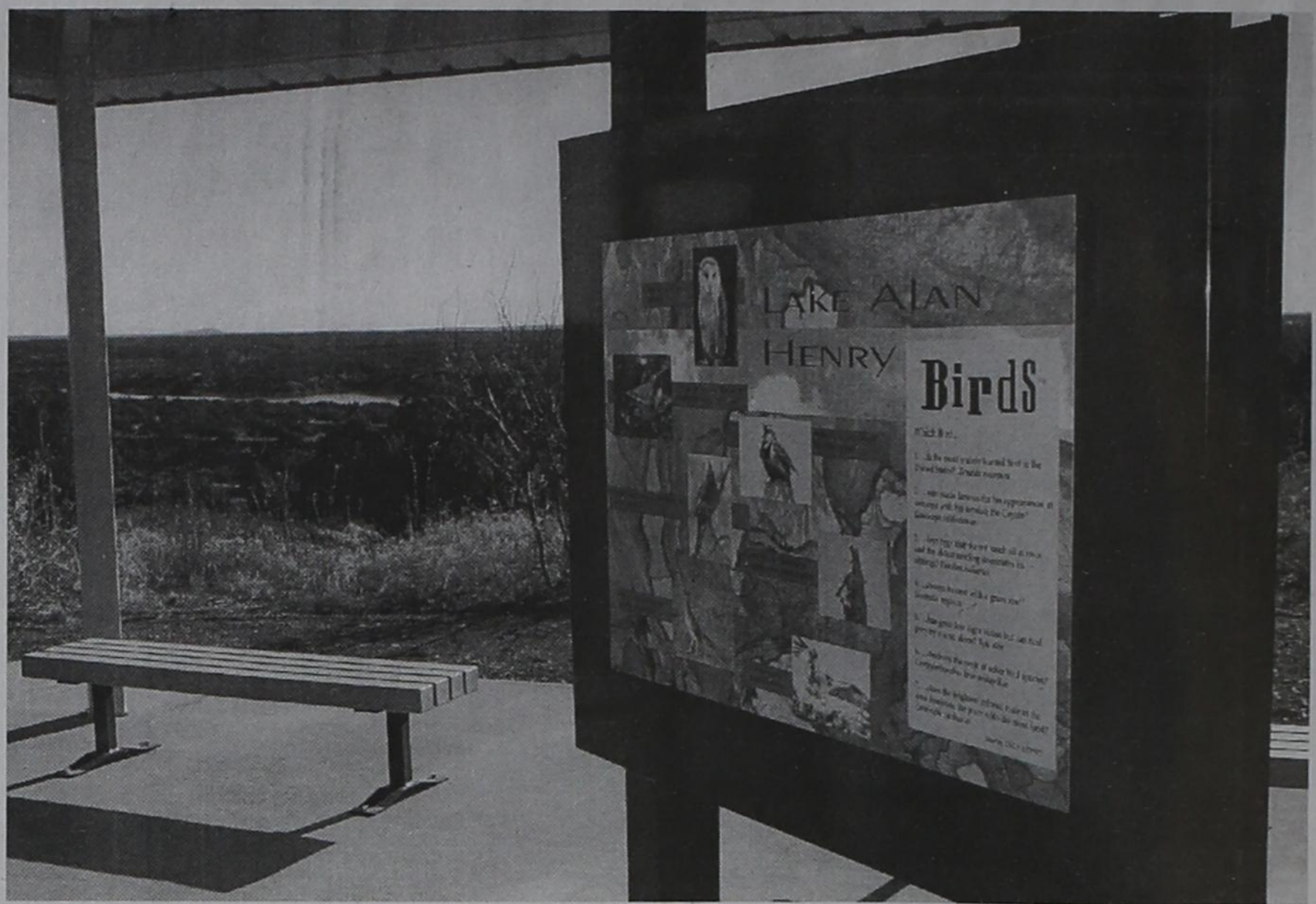
- Always carry enough water for all hikers in the group (no glass containers are allowed)
- Avoid leaving trash along the trail
- Avoid disturbing or removing rocks, plants or fossils
- Each pet should be on a leash
- Parking should be only in designated areas
- No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail

The trail was constructed with funds allocated by the City of Lubbock and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through National Recreational Trail Funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The City of Lubbock contributed 20 percent, of \$25,000, of the total \$125,000 budgeted for the project.

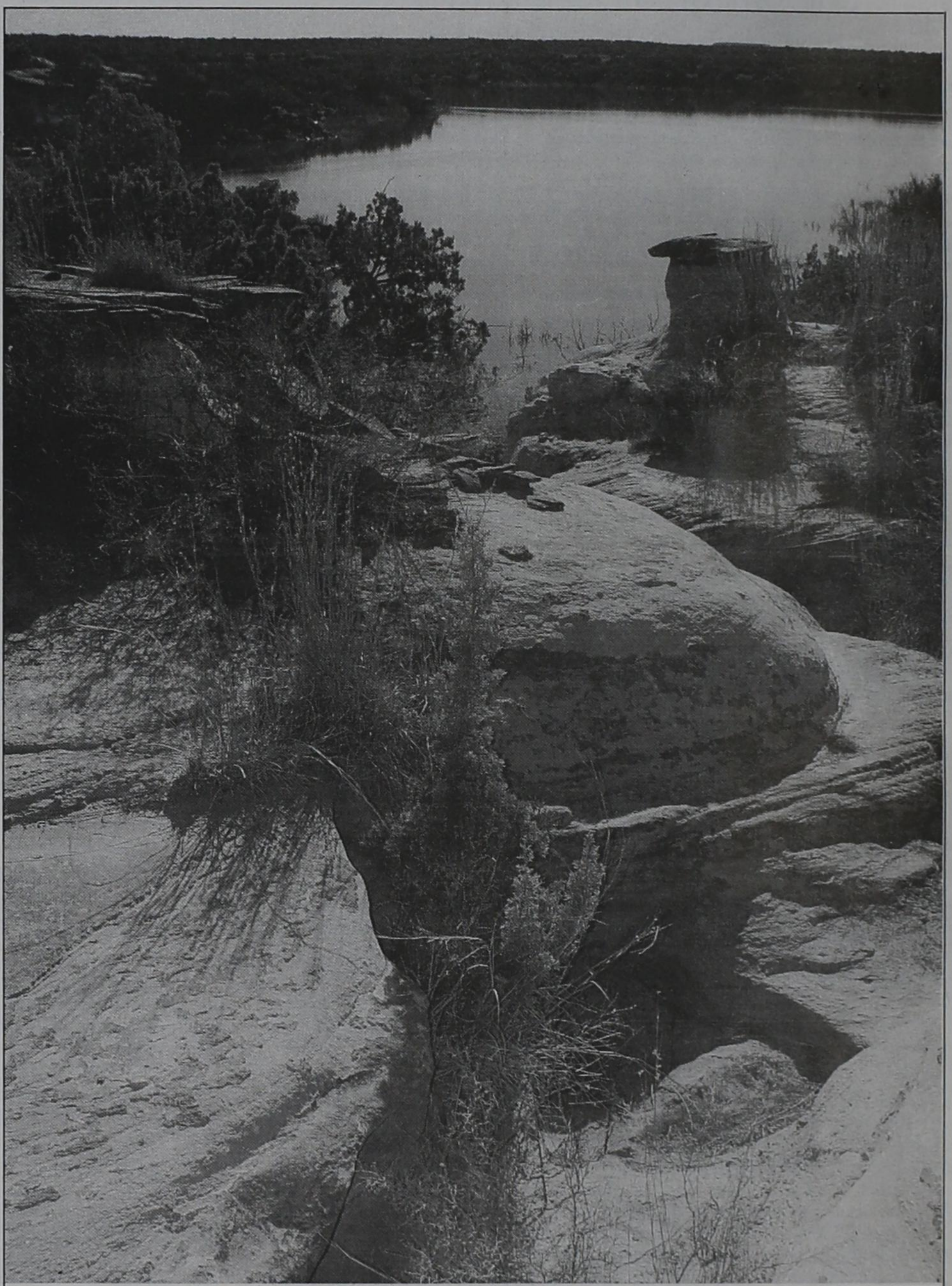
The installation of trail signs was handled, in part, by Lubbock Boy Scout Troop 544 and Health Spear, who planned, built and installed the signs as part of his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project.

Work on the trail took about a year, beginning in October 2004 and completed Oct. 30, 2005.

The recreational trail represents Phase I of a multi-phased Trails Master Plan approved for LAH by the Lubbock City Council in July 2004. Information regarding a timetable for other phases of the plan was not made available.



One of the new features at the new hiking trail is a detailed description of birds, mammals and reptiles known to habitate in the area. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



A wide variety of flora awaits hikers on the trail at Lake Alan Henry. This rock formation is approximately 30 yards from the natural path going towards the lake. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Lake Alan Henry visitors have a new feature available. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Another rock formation seen from the natural path at the new hiking trail located at Lake Alan Henry. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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