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Allen Heckaman (back right), plays the tamborines as the Class A-AA Region Band performs "Mazama" by Jay Chattaway, during last Saturday's concert at the Lubbock Civic Center. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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City supports application for beautification

In a called meeting conducted Jan. 26, Post City Council members agreed to commit \$5,000 in either in-kind or cash contributions to serve as matching funds for a grant application that could help dress up the downtown area.

With the city's commitment of \$5,000, an application will be made for a \$5,000 grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! Rural Beautification Program.

The city could see the addition of as many as 40 "stone-like" planters in the area along Main Street stretching from the railroad tracks to the courthouse, according to Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau president Thressa Harp, who pitched the proposal to the council. Tentative plans call for each of the containers, which will feature a logo touting the merits of Post, to be planted with either an evergreen tree or tall evergreen shrub - "something drought resistant," she said.

Maintenance of the planters and plants will be the responsibility of downtown merchants, according to the plan.

Some in-kind assistance on the proposed project already is in place, Harp said. The Green Thumb Garden Club has committed to \$250 worth of in-kind services, the Post Merchants Association is interested in contributing \$600 toward the purchase of plants and the Commerce & Tourism Bureau has agreed to provide the equipment and labor to haul from Lubbock items needed for the project, a contribution estimated at about \$400.

In addition to the planters, the program funding also could be spent on decorative flags to be affixed to downtown light poles; benches; or a welcome sign located along one of the city's major thoroughfares. Harp discussed the possibility of creating a large mural in the downtown area and said she is seeking input from the Texas Department of Transportation prior to moving ahead with plans for the decorative flags. Harp said the project is being undertaken with next year's citywide celebration in mind. "We're getting ready for the centennial," she said. The grant application is due Feb. 15.

In other business conducted during the called meeting, council members:

 Appointed/reappointed directors for the Caprock Economic Development Corp. in accordance with the corporation's bylaws. The council also voted to amend the bylaws to boost the corporation's board membership from five directors to seven. CEDC directors include Elaine Ammons Barbara Hardin, Juanita Pantoja, Archie Gill, Dick Odom, Ric Waltor and Deanna Watson.

· Received a favorable report on the recent audit of the municipality's 2004-2005 financial records. J.W. Anderson & Associates P.C conducted the audit.



New Voting Machine Demonstrations Garza County and District Clerk Jim Plummer will be conducting

demonstrations of the new voting machines in the month of February.

The machines were purchased by Garza County to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. HAVA is designed to enhance the voting experience for those with disabilities such as blindness, vision and physical impairments.

According to federal and state laws, each polling place in all elections must have at least one accessible voting machine. Garza County officials have met the minimum requirements by procuring ES&S AutoMARK voter assist terminals.

With the AutoMARK system, voters can choose to mark the ballot with (Continued on Page 2)



Post Middle School musicians posing with instruments played in the Class A-AA Junior High Region Band last Saturday in the Lubbock Civic Center are (back row left to right), Matthew Tanner, John Rodriguez and John Bocko (middle row), Kathryn Villalon, Amber Wilson, Caitlin Cravy and Tianna Reyna (front row), Katelynn Short.

Post ISD seeks funding to aid disadvantaged youths

The Post Independent School District plans to submit a grant application to a program designed to "establish or expand community learning center activities."

The Post ISD is eligible to participate in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 4 grant program because more than 40 percent of the district's students are identified as "economically disadvantaged," according to information provided by the school district.

The program is designed to:

 Provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help children meet state and local student academic achievement standards in core academic subjects.

· Offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music and physical education and fitness programs, and technology education programs designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students.

 Offer families of students served to community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

According to a press release issued by the school district, program services must be offered only when schools are not in session - that is, before or after school, during holidays or summer recess.

Applications must provide for partnerships between a local education agency, a community-based organization and other public or private organizations.

The starting date for the program would be no earlier than July 1. If the district is selected to participate, operation should begin in the fall semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

The grant request may not be less than \$50,000, nor greater than \$150,000 per center and cannot exceed \$750,000 for a total of five centers.

The proposed five centers would include the Post ISD, as well as school districts in Crosbyton, Floydada, Lorenzo and Ralls.

The application will be available for public review at the Post ISD central office following its Feb. 9 submission.



Naomi Matsler (center) is congratulated by Mitchell Britton (left) and Christy Morris (right) at last Saturday evening's 19th Annual Garza Theatre Willy Awards. Matsler, box office and office manager, was recognized with the prestigious "Will McCrary Spirit Award" for her dedication to the theatre. (See related story on Page 3)

Post Notes

Jr. basketball meeting set Sun.

There will be an organizational meeting for the Post Jr. Basketball League for grades 1st-6th Sunday, Feb. 5th at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main Street. If you would like to coach or volunteer, please come to the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Terry Pettijohn at 549-8423.

Voter registration deadline Monday

Monday, Feb: 6, is the last day to submit an application to register to vote in the March 7 primary election. That date also is the last day a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county may submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of new residence during the general primary election. Voter registration information is available at the Garza County courthouse.

Booster Club to meet Feb. 6

The next meeting of the Post Antelope Booster Club will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in the high school library, enter through the west side door.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Chili Supper

The 11th annual Post Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper is set for Saturday, February 4 starting at 6 p.m. at the fire station. Donations for the supper assist the fire department with scholarships for Garza County youth and equipment for fire fighters. This is the only fund raising event for the volunteer firemen.

'Grandma Brag Pages' deadline Feb. 3

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Thursday, February 9 with a Friday, February 3 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

Revival at Post Church of the Nazarene

The Post Church of the Nazarene will host Burkhalter Ministries as part of its winter revival this month. Revival services will be conducted in the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St. (corner of 10th and Ave. K.) Feb. 8 through Feb. 12. Wednesday through Saturday services will be at 7 p.m.; Sunday services will at 10:45 and 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

A night on the town

Raffle tickets are being sold to benefit Eric Reyna's baseball tournament in Australia. The drawing will be Feb. 14, 2006. The winner will receive one dinner for two at Chapa's, two tickets to Garza Theare and one night for two at Garza Hotel. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Call 495-3211 for information or see Freddy, Tina or Eric Reyna.

Bold Gold Classic set Feb. 18

On Feb. 18th, Post High School will hold a UIL invitational academic meet called the Bold Gold Classic. 80 invitations have been sent out to 1A. 2A, and 3A schools. The meet will feature twenty-one contests, which include accounting, calculator app., computer app., number sense, ready writing, science, spelling, editorials, features, headlines, news writing, social studies, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, poetry, prose, and LD debate. Teachers and parents will help with judging, monitoring and the concession stand. Any adult interested in helping should call Sterline Marcum at 495-2770.

Post High School band members relaxing after a dynamic performance with the Class A-AA Region Band last Saturday in the Lubbock Civic Center are (back row left to right), Allen Heckaman, Vince Robles, Colt Mason, Steven Short, Tim Wilson and Joey Guerra (middle row), Preston Ortiz, Ashley Crane, Bailey Odom, Becca Striblin and Eric Reyna (front row), Drew Fumagalli. Not pictured is Jonathan McGregor. (Photo by Shellee Odom, Courtesy of Post ISD)

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.

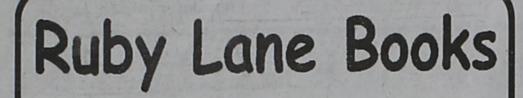
School board candidate workshop offered

Area school board candidates and citizens interested in learning more about school board service are invited to attend a candidate workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 23 at the Region 17 Education Service Center, 1111 Loop 289, Lecture Hall, Lubbock. The workshop will provide information pertaining to what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. The workshop is open to the public; admission is free. For more information, contact Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6248.

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Judy's Jabberin by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,

Well, are you afraid to go outside or what?? I don't think I ever recall so much sickness at one time in Post. The bad thing is, it is not just one "bug", it seems to be three different kinds.

Most everyone I have talked to says they don't want to get out resident Monday. Mattie Belle because they are afraid of "catching the bug".

I tell ya folks, what we need is a hard freeze and about six inches of snow on the ground. That way we get our moisture and just maybe kill all the "bugs" out there. **GET WELL**

I heard today that Troy Nelson is about to have surgery again and wanted to let him know that he is in our prayers and hope that he is back home soon. **"BIG BOY"**

I don't know how many of you know who "Big Boy" is but couldn't do this column without mentioning him this week. His real name is Artemus Hymes and I know you have seen him many times on his scooter, up and down the street and some of your load." at Allsups on 8th street.

I have known Artemus for ceeds down the street. many years now. I met him when I worked for American National Insurance and collected his insurance. He was a most wonderful gentleman and even after years of not being in the insurance business, every time I saw him he let me know how much he appreciated me back then.

Artemus worked for the Mathis family some 35 years I was told before he retired and moved to town.

Let's Give County Citizens Back Their Government!

He passed away this past Friday and I for one know that I will miss seeing that little scooter with the tall flag pole on the back but mostly I will miss his smile and friendly greeting each time I saw him.

MATTIE BELLE

We lost another long time Post Fluitt, age 95 passed away Monday evening.

Mattie Belle was the widow of Hinton Fluitt. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Hudman Funeral Home.

HAPPY LATE BIRTHDAY

Janet and Chuck Ratliff wanted to wish their great-granddaughter, Taylor Graves, a belated happy 10th birthday. She celebrated on January 25th. Happy birthday from me too Taylor.

WINTER BLONDE

As a trucker stops for a red light. a blonde catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on the door. The trucker lowers the window, and she says "Hi, my name is Heather and you are losing

The trucker ignores her and pro-

New voting machines... (Continued from Page 1)

a pen or use the voting machine. If the voter chooses to use the machine, the ballot is inserted into the AutoMARK. the voter is then prompted to vote via the touch screen display. After casting the ballot, it is discharged from the machine. The voter will then place it in the ballot box.

An audio function, which allows blind voters or those with severely impaired vision to listen to the choices through headphones then cast votes by use of a touch pad. A sip/puff tube is available for voters who are not able to use the touch screen or touch pad. A zoom feature enable the voters to increase the font size of each race listed on the optical scan ballot. This may be especially helpful for voters who are sighted but have limited vision. The demonstrations are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, February 8, Courthouse, 1st Floor, 9 AM to 4 PM, (Come-N-Go). Friday, February 10-13, This Week in Post City (TV show) , (Cable Channel 12), (Check Listings for times). Saturday, February 11, Community Center, 9 AM to Noon, (During Candidates Forum).



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Morris, Heckaman recognized by Rotarians

Two Post High School seniors - Kayla Morris and Dionn Heckaman were recognized at the Jan. 6 meeting of the Post Rotary Club.

Morris, daughter of Barry and Amy Morris, is involved in basketball, softball, tennis and cheerleading at PHS. Her interests include attending church and working at United Supermarket.

"I also enjoy playing softball, riding my dirt bike and spending time with my family and friends," Morris said.

Morris has been accepted as a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo. There she plans to study nursing. She wants to "work with kids."

Morris serves as president of the First United Methodist Youth Group. In softball, she was tapped as the Academic All-District Second Team Middle Infielder. She is captain of the 2006 softball team. While a student at PHS, Morris has completed six college hours and maintained an A average while working a job and being involved in numerous extracurricular activities.

Heckaman, daughter of Robert and Nita Jo Heckaman, is a member of the National Honor Society, the FCS and the varsity tennis team. She is involved in 4-H goat, archery and photography projects and is active in the First Baptist Church youth group. She also serves as a counselor at youth leadership camps.

Heckaman plans to attend Angelo State University where she will major in speech therapy and minor in education.

"I am excited about being a first-generation college student," she said.

Heckaman has received the 4-H Gold Star and I Dare You award, as well as the Garza County SWCD Outstanding 4-H Student recognition. She has earned first place finishes at state in 4-H photography competitions and first place in all-around district archery.



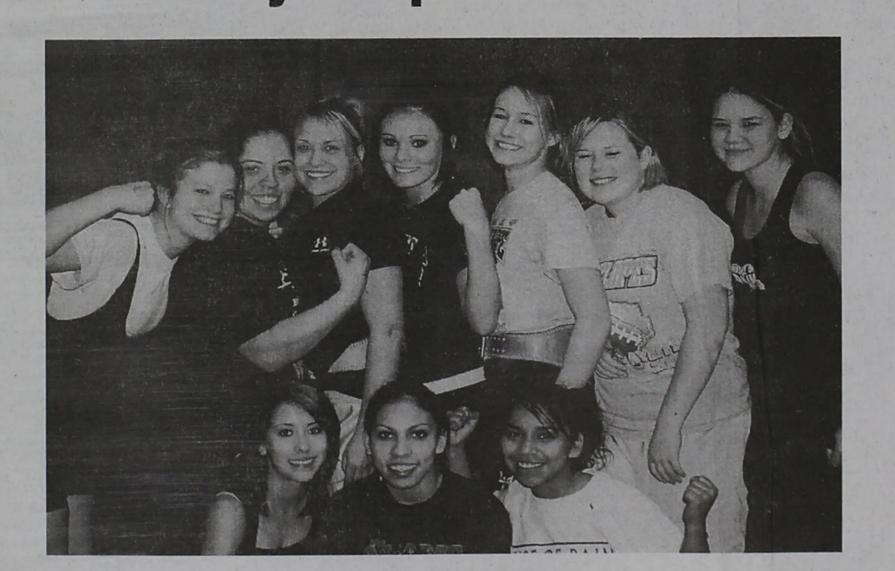
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Congratulations **Post Lady Lope Powerlifters!**



Wednesday, February 15, Courthouse, 1st Floor, 9 AM to 4 PM, (Come-N-Go).

(To be announced), Trailblazers, 12 to 1:30 PM.

Tuesday, February 21 , Rotary Club, 12:30 to 1:30 PM, (Community Center).

Contact the clerk's office for details at 495-4430.



Rusti Wisian wins \$100 in Old Mill Trade Days Cash Giveaway during January event. Watch for another opportunity to win cash this weekend at Old Mill Trade Days, February 3 - 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone presenting receipts from OMTD vendors equal to or more than \$50 have a chance to win up to \$100 in cash.

Cotton & Weed Management Meeting Scheduled for **February** 7

Area ag producers are invited to a Pre-Plant Cotton Management and Weed Update to be held on Tuesday, February 7. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Graham Community Center (Located 5 miles West of Post on Hwy. 380 & 2 miles South on FM 399).

Topics to be addressed by Extension Agents and specialists include weed resistance to herbicides, Roundup Ready Flex System, Blight/Wilt Tolerance and quality cotton seed.

Three (3) CEU's will be offered to pesticide license holders. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6 to the County Extension Office at 806/495-4400.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in this activity, please let me know by calling the number above by 12:00 Noon on February 6.

Jay Waylon Strawn completes Marine training

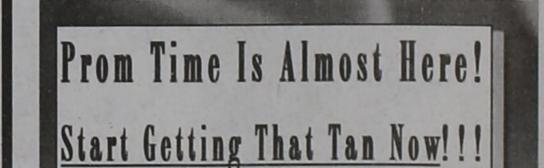
PFC Jay Waylon Strawn completed Basic Marine Graduation at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California January 20, 2006. Joining in the celebration were his parents, Jay and Susan Strawn along with Lyndee, Strawn, Jennifer Peacher, Jake Lott and his grandparents Bo and Marita Jackson. Private First Class Strawn was a member of 2nd Battalion, Golf Company, Platoon 2152. His platoon was recognized as the "Honor Platoon" with the highest over-all score. Strawn will be in Post visiting for 17 days, then returns to Camp Pendleton, California.

Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

National Weather Service Monthly Summary Jan. 30, 2006

Post: High temp - 84 degrees (Jan. 4) Low temp - 27 degrees (Jan. 10, 21) Average high/low - 66.1 degrees; 35.3 degrees Total precip - 0" Year-to-date - 0"

Lake Alan Henry: High temp - 87 degrees (Jan. 4) Low temp - 22 degrees (Jan. 21) Average high/low - 67.9 degrees; 32.6 degrees Total precip - 0" Year-to-date - 0" Source NWS Cooperative Stations We



Congratulations for your First Place trophy at the recent Abernathy Powerlifting meet! Lady Lope powerlifters: (back row, left to right) Steffi Norman, Alana Zubia, K'Nell Dalby, Kelci Sanderson, Allison Blevins, Jose Whisenhunt, Ashley Stencil, (front) Alex Hart, Kim Barbosa and Erica Ortiz. (Photo courtesy Rhonda Norman)

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Garza Theatre's 2005 Willy Award Best Show category went to the cast and crew of "FruitCakes" ... (back row, left to right) Laura Bryan, Stan Tucker, Holly Baker, Virginia Solomon, Mitchell Britton, Bethany Ratliff, Nolan Bryan, Connor Elston, Taylor Blevins, (front

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row) Maidson Bryan, Ryan Opton, Josh Quinton, Hannah Solomon, Savannah Baker, Rebekah Ratliff, Clarissa Baker and Elizabeth Elston. (Photo courtesy Cindy Elston)

'FrUiTCaKeS' gets top play at Willy Awards

Those charged with selecting this year's Willy Award winners must have had a sweet tooth as "FrUiTCaKeS," both the play and many of its cast members, took top honors in Saturday night's annual ceremony conducted in the Garza Theatre.

"FrUiTCaKeS," directed by Laura Bryan and Mitchell Britton, received the Willy Award for Best show. At least six of its cast members also were singled out for recognition.

Included in that number was Stan Tucker, who was awarded one of two Willys distributed this year for Best Actor. Tucker, for his role as Mack Morgan in "FrUiTCaKeS," and David Johnson as Al Lewis in "The Sunshine Boys," received the same number of votes in a tie for the Best Actor nod.

The Best Actress Willy went to Laura Bryan as Ruth in "Blithe Spirit."

"Blithe Spirit" also landed recognition in the Best Supporting Actor and Actress categories. Named Best Supporting Actor for this year was Mark Martin as the play's Dr. Brudman. Christy Morris as Madame Arcati took the Best Supporting Actress honor.

Connor Elston as Little Skeeter/innkeeper in "FrUiTCaKeS" received the award for Best Youth Cameo Actor. Bethany Ratliff as Meredith/Mary in "FrUiTCaKeS" was awarded the Willy for Best Youth Cameo Actress.

Receiving the Youth Achievement Award was Nolan Bryan.

The award for Best Program Cover went to Debra Avery for the "Blithe Spirit" program

A pair of The Show Must Go On Awards were given. Recipients included Stan Tucker, a last-minute substitute in the play "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress (... or Let's Give the Villain the Slip)," and Bethany Ratliff, who went through with her "FrUiTCaKeS" role despite illness.

Recognized as Outstanding Crew Member for the year was Abbi May. Chelsey Reed received the award for Best Serendipity Employee of the Year.

The theatre's box office manager, Naomi Matsler, was singled out to receive the Will McCrary Spirit Award. Matsler has been a member of the Garza Theatre team for 10 years.

Board members for the Garza Theatre were recognized, including the board's three newest members - Rosa Latimer-Bell of Post and Jacqui Neal and Michael Vorauer, both of Lubbock.

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Hannah Jackson at Old Mill Trade Days

Young vendor offers special treats at Old Mill Trade Days

One of the vendors offering products for sale at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend is Post's own Hannah Jackson. After assisting with her parent's booth during several events last year, Hannah decided to tap in to the hot new trend of special items for pets.

Hannah bakes a variety of gourmet treats for dogs including Spot's Golden Cheese Dreams, Sniff 'n Bite Biscuits and a dog biscuit made with whole wheat flour. Hannah will introduce a new dog biscuit at this OMTD event made of ingredients that help repel fleas.

Hand crafted dog coats and party collars along with doggie bandanas round out the pet inventory in Hannah's booth.

Her grandmother, Dortha Jackson, also of Post has partnered with Hannah offering a fun, sweet/sour treat for humans called Pucker Powder. This powdery candy comes in more than a dozen flavors and is dispensed into a plastic tube for a novel treat. "Two Paws Up" also stocks a variety of toys for children.

The oldest daughter of Benny & Paula Jackson, 12-year old Hannah has grown up in Post. She attends home school, enjoys reading and will begin acting classes soon.

"It seems that the word "wholesome" has, in recent years, had a negative connotation; however, that is an accurate description of Old Mill Trade Days," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager.

Recognized as Best Cameo Actor was Richard Whiting as Mr. Massoula in "Father of the Bride." Zoe Kirkpatrick's Rhoda Steed portrayal in "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress (... or Let's Give the Villain the Slip)" earned her the award for Best Cameo Actress.

Mitchell Britton's work on the "FrUiTCaKeS" set took the award for Best Set Design, while the Best Costumes award went to Lori Holt for "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress (...or Let's Give the Villain the Slip)."

Named Best Youth Actor for the youth (ages 15 and under) categories was Nolan Bryan as Jamie in "FrUiTCaKeS." Clarissa Baker was tapped as Best Youth Actress for her portrayal of the town's gal in "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood."

Best Youth Supporting Actor was Tanner Britton, who played Tommy Banks in "Father of the Bride." Chasiti Rutherford as the lady in waiting in "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood" and Savannah Baker as Sally in "FrUiTCaKeS" each took home awards for Best Youth Supporting Actress.

The awards ceremony opened with an invocation by Shug Thomas. Ashley Stephens provided the evening's first musical number - a rendition of "There's No Business Like Show Business." Other musical numbers were provided by Chris Davis and Mickie Klafka; Madison Bryan; and Lori Holt and a group of youths who performed a selection from "The King and I." Margie Maestas provided a piano accompaniment on stage during the awards ceremony and during the gala.

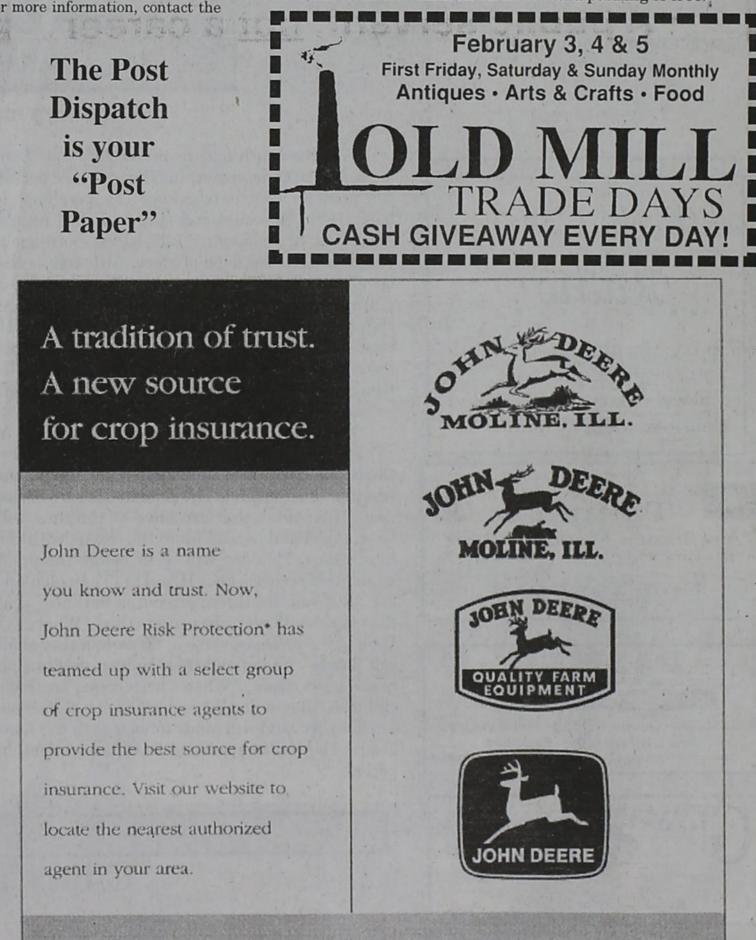
A crowd of about 135 attended the awards ceremony, which followed the gala event at the Post Community Center. The gala drew about 125 attendees.

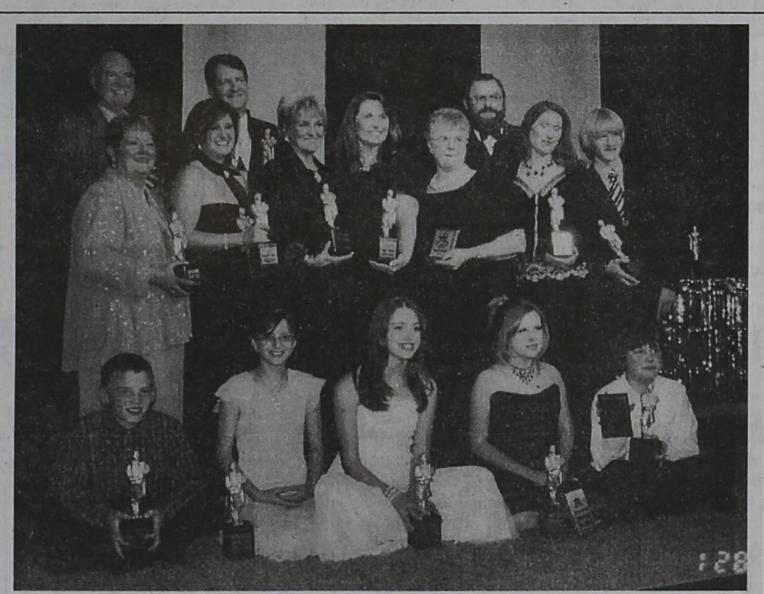
The Garza Theatre's next production, the adult comedy "Funny Money," is already under way. The first showing of the play, which is being directed by Christy Morris, is set for Feb. 17. For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

"This is a great place to bring your family - children, aunts & uncles, grandparents - to enjoy good food and fun shopping in a wholesome atmosphere. Hannah's presence among more seasoned vendors is like a breath of fresh air.

We are extremely pleased that we can share in her experience." Latimer concluded.

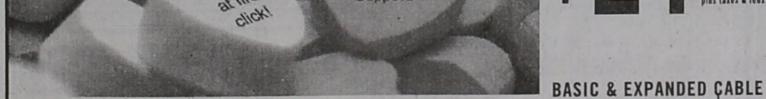
Old Mill Trade Days is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Friday admission is \$1.00 and Senior Adults are admitted free. Saturday and Sunday admission is \$2.00. There is no admission for children under 10 and parking is free.





Garza Theatre's 2005 Willy Award winners recognized at the annual event last Saturday evening are (back row, left to right) David Johnson, Mitchell Britton, Stan Tucker, (middle row) Christy Morris, Laura Bryan, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Naomi Matsler, Lori Holt, Tanner Britton, Debra Avery, (front) Connor Elston, Savannah Baker, Clarissa Baker, Bethany Ratliff and Nolan Bryan. Chasiti Rutherford was not available for photo. (Photo courtesy Cindy Elston)





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Obituaries

Mattie Belle Fluitt

Services for Mattie Belle Fluitt, 95, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Vernon of Beeville and the Rev. Syl Moore of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Monday, Jan. 30, at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born to William I. and Lula Smith on May 27, 1910, in Goree, she married Arthur Hinton Fluitt on June 16, 1936, in Post. He died Dec. 20, 1964. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include five nieces, Dixie Morgan of Seymour, Annie Violet Graves of Post, Dixie Nell

Holster of Lufkin, Opal Williams of Marbleton, Wyoming, and Sybil White of Hale Center; two nephews, Arlin Smith of Smithville and Bobby Smith of Midland; and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews.

Her nephews and great-nephews served as pallbearers.

Artimus Hymes

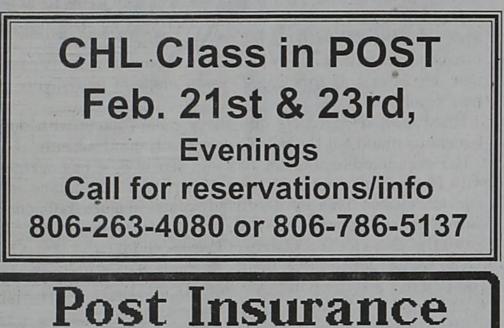
Services for Artimus Hymes, 80, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Jan. 27, in Lubbock.

Born to Samie and Alberta Hymes on Jan. 24, 1926, in Robinson County, he worked on farms in Garza County for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Pringler of Lubbock, and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers included Melvin Lee, Earl Lawson, Brad Lawson, Ramon Guerrero, Jimmy Curtis and Billy Crawford.





Apology for filing misunderstanding

Please accept my sincere apology in failing you in my responsibility as Chairman of the Garza County Republican Party. It is with deep regret that we must remove Juan Hernandez and Les Rutherford as Candidates for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. This is due to an error in obtaining signatures for their petitions for a place on the Republican Party Primary Ballot. It is my error totally for failing to clarify the requirements for signees. More than enough signatures were obtained, however, the residency requirement within the precinct was not met on a number of signees. Removal of these individuals from the petitions will result in an insufficient number of signatures for candidacy.

Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Hernandez are to be commended in the efforts they have expended to seek public office and any criticism should be directed toward me, and me alone.

My sincere apologies to Les and Juan and their families for any embarrassment or difficulty my actions may have caused.

Irene Howell, Chairman Garza Co. Republican Party

Extension Extras

Cotton & Weed Management Meeting

A Pre-Plant Cotton Management and Weed Update will be Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Graham Community Center (located 5 miles West of Post on Hwy. 380 and 2 miles South on FM 399). Three (3) CEU's will be offered to pesticide license holders. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6 to the Extension Office-Garza County at 806/495-4400.

4-H Photography Project

The next meeting for "shutter bugs" will be at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, at the Extension office.

4-H Club Meeting.....

.....will be Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Program for the evening will be cake and cookie decorating. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Norman files supplemental report listing campaign expenses, contributions

John Lee Norman, Republican Party candidate for Garza County Judge filed supplemental campaign reports with the County Clerk's office, listing the following expenditures and contributions:

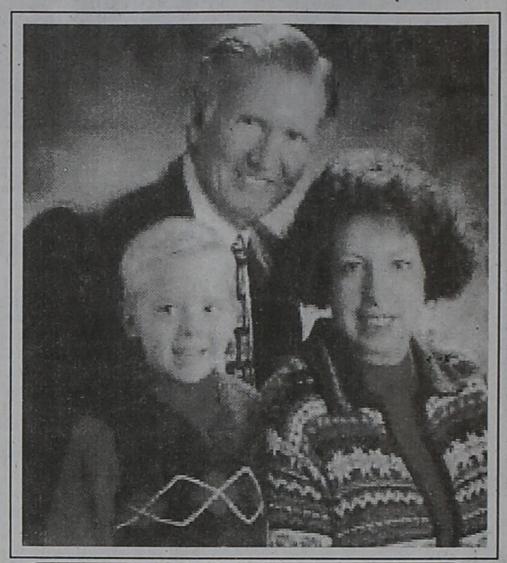
• Political expenditures - Ammons Printing, \$72.47, political advertising

Post Church of the Nazarene hosts winter revival February 8-12

The Post Church of the Nazarene will host Burkhalter Ministries as part of its winter revival February 8-12.

The Rev. Pat Burkhalter, a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Trinity Theological Seminary, his wife, Donna, and son, Jonathan, travel the U.S. conducting "Holiness Revivals" on a full-time basis. Revival services will be conducted in the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St. (corner of 10th Street and Avenue K)

Wednesday through Saturday services will be at 7 p.m.; Sunday services will be at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.





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material; U.S. Postal Service, \$650, postage; Ammons Printing, \$276.11, political advertising material; Harland Checks/Wells Fargo Bank, \$17.25, account checks/bank; Republican Party, \$750, filing fee.

Loans -- \$1,150 from candidate to the campaign.

 Political contributions - Juan Montanez, \$250; Pat Stephens, \$100; Ryla Boucher, \$150; Ronald Boucher, \$1,000; Leon Miller, \$100; Frances Camp, \$500; Don Tatum, \$100; Glenn Norman, \$250; Grady Shytles, \$300; Robert Mitchell, \$100; and Kleber Denny, \$100.

On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

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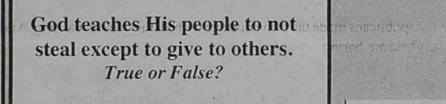
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With the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ came something that no other person can provide. That is true hope. To have hope is basically to be secure and sure of a good future. According to Colossians 1:27, God's born-again children have the hope of glory. Although it has been made known to the world, this great hope is still a mystery among most people. All of Colossians chapter 1 shines light on this hope. Verses 12-13 reveals that God the Father rescued us from within the power of darkness and transferred us into His Kingdom by His dear son. To be rescued is the same as being saved.

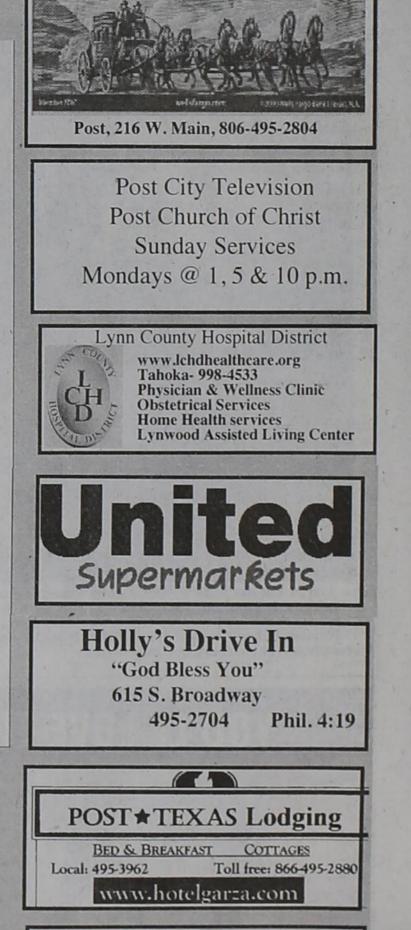
More can be learned about this hope in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18. When the rapture comes, Christ Jesus will draw up all born-again Christians whether dead or alive. The dead in Christ will rise first. Then those that are alive at the time will be changed and ascend up to the clouds with the Lord Jesus. This day will occur before the great tribulation period begins. It says in 1 Thessalonians 5:4, "But you, Brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief." What day? Look to the previous verse 3, "For when they shall say 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction comes upon them..." When Christ comes for God's children, they will all be glorified for the whole world to see, and will abide forever with the Lord Jesus. They will be rescued from the tribulation period.

People naturally want hope for better days in the future. Through special alliances and projects, communities provide a sense of hope through the promotion of tourism and economic development. One example can be seen in the alliance between the Llano Estacado Tourism Society, Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau and certain Lubbock area cities (for more details see www. llanoestacado.com and www.visitlubbock.org).

Yet, the hope that is fed by these kinds of alliances falls short of the true hope that is from God in heaven through our Lord Jesus. We want to do all that we can to provide for a hopeful future in our communities. But let's not be distracted from the hope that God made available through Jesus Christ. This is the hope of everlasting life with our Lord, for all saints who get born-again. The rest of God's saints will have the hope of everlasting life in paradise as recorded in Revelation 2:7. Both cases have one thing in common...everlasting life.

The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus did not give a sense of hope. It gave true hope. When God gives His word, it is guaranteed. And with this assurance, we can live our lives and make decisions based not on fear of the unknown future, or on the hope offered by people, but on God's promise. Just like Abraham and our Lord Jesus, we can be "fully persuaded that what God had promised, He is able also to perform" (Romans 4:21-22).

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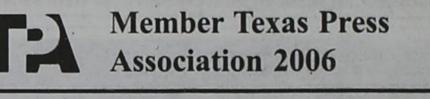
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The left-wing blues

by Bill OfReilly

With all the problems the Bush administration is having in Iraq with surging oil prices and the media hammering the president 24/7 on just about everything, you would think liberalism would be getting some traction in North America. But apparently it's not.

Polls show that Americans support conservative judge Samuel Alito for the Supreme Court by a wide margin, Canada just elected a conservative prime minister after 13 years of liberal rule, and the president's terror warrior poll numbers dwarf those of any Democrat, despite all the controversies over eavesdropping and interrogation.

So what's going on?

The answer to that question can be best summed up by a new Gallup poll that says that 51 percent of Americans will not vote for Sen. Hillary Clinton under any circumstances should she secure the Democrat nomination for president.

So, evidently, it doesn't matter what Mr. Bush is doing, most Americans don't want the most well-known liberal Democrat in the country sitting in the White House.

That's a tough situation for the left. All the Bush-bashing in the world does not seem to be making liberal candidates more attractive. And the bashing might just be

by Walter E. Williams

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We all remember last year's despicable U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 Kelo v. City of New London, Conn., decision that held as constitutional that the rightful property of one American can be taken and transferred to another American so long as some public purpose is served. The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." The key term is "public use," not "public purpose." That means that the powers of eminent domain can be used only to take property, with just compensation, to build public projects such as roads, forts or schools.

City of New London officials used the law of eminent domain to condemn the property of 15 homeowners and transfer it to private developers to build a luxury hotel, high-rent condominiums and office buildings. The city justified its actions by saying that taking the property away from the homeowners, and replacing it with a hotel, condos and office buildings, would generate jobs and more tax revenue. In a scathing dissent, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "The specter of condemnation hangs over all property. Nothing is to prevent the state from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory." In other words, government officials can take your private property and transfer it to another private person, based on any flimsy claim that it will serve a better public purpose such as job creation and greater tax revenues.

This kind of government tyranny should be disavowed by every decent American. Stepping up to the plate is Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T), headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C. BB&T is a full-service bank with 1,100. offices throughout the Southeast. On Jan. 25, BB&T announced that it will not lend to commercial developers that plan to build condominiums, shopping malls and other private projects on land taken from private citizens by government entities using eminent domain. On behalf of its board of directors, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John Allison explained, "The idea that a citizen's property can be taken by the government solely for private use is extremely misguided, in fact, it's just plain wrong." Mr. Allison added, "One of the most basic rights of every citizen is to keep what they own. As an institution dedicated to helping our clients achieve

economic success and financial security, we won't help any entity or company that would undermine that mission and threaten the hard-earned American dream of property ownership."

We all should applaud the directors and officers of Branch Banking and Trust Company for their courage. While boards of directors have a duty to maximize shareholder value, BB&T has shown that maximizing shareholder value is not solely a monetary phenomenon but has a moral component as well. As such they have chosen not to be accessories to last year's despicable U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Branch Banking and Trust Company directors have set the example for other financial institutions. It would make my day if the boards of directors of other financial institutions followed suit. If they don't, shareholders could supply them with a bit of backbone at annual meetings with a shareholder initiative that not lending to developers who have acquired private property through eminent domain * law become corporate policy.

Congress has responded to the Kelo decision with the bipartisan Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005 that "prohibits any state or political subdivision from exercising its power of eminent domain for economic development if that state or political subdivision receives federal economic development funds during the fiscal year." This measure demonstrates Congress' lack of courage. Why not start impeachment proceedings against justices who flagrantly violate their oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution?

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Hurting Wal-Martís employees

by Sheldon Richman

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Government is little more than a coercive transfer machine. If you canit acquire something through consent and exchange, you ask politicians to compel others to provide it. This goes on every day. Never was it more blatant than when the Maryland legislature passed a law to compel Wal-Mart to spend at least 8 percent of its payroll on health benefits or pay tribute to the state is welfare system.

The Maryland legislature did not name Wal-Mart in the bill. It imposed its requirement on all companies with more than 10,000 employees. But everyone knew that only Wal-Mart was affected. Of companies in the state with more than 10,000 employees, only Wal-Mart (with 17,000 at 40 stores) spends less than 8 percent on health insurance. (It reportedly spends close to that percentage.)

Moreover, the most active backers of the bill were organized labor, which would like to unionize Wal-Mart employees, and the retaileris biggest rival in the grocery business, Giant Foods, which is already unionized.

Whatever one thinks of Wal-Mart (it really should disavow eminent domain), when government tampers with prices and wages, bad things happen to the supposed beneficiaries. If the law compels a company to provide health insurance, it will most likely do one or more of the following: hire fewer employees, lay off employees, reduce future cash wages, open fewer stores, or close stores. If someone works at Wal-Mart we can assume that, in his or her judgment, the job is the best available option. Anything else will be no better than second best.

Wal-Mart has to pay what it takes to attract and keep good employees, consistent with keeping prices low. So, generally speaking, under current conditions the retailer pays its employees market-determined wages, which ultimately are set by consumer demand.

This is not to say that the market is free, that employees have the full range of opportunities they would have if it were, or that Wal-Mart does not benefit from government favors. Far from it. Taxes and regulation take a greater toll on small competitors, potential competitors, and would-be self-employers than on big companies. This reduces workersí options.

Once again politicians have tried to fix a problem that they helped cause. The same people who made health insurance artificially expensive by mandating coverage for services most people donit want now are trying to force Wal-Mart to clean up their mess. When will they learn that, as Henry David Thoreau put it, ithis government never furthered any enterprise but by the alacrity with which it got out of the way. î Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine.



the problem.

For example, the four Bush-hating columnists at The New York Times, Maureen Dowd, Paul Krugman, Bob Herbert and Frank Rich, have written an astounding 148 anti-Bush op-ed pieces in the past 13 months. That represents 47 percent of their total work output. I mean, how much loathing do you need? Why doesn't the Times just put a "We Hate Bush!" banner on its op-ed page and have everybody take a long lunch?

This kind of overreaction to a sitting president actually creates some sympathy for him among fair-minded Americans. After a while, the cacophony of hatred from the left is just numbing.

And it's also mean. American women, particularly, do not respond well to nastiness. Do you think Ted Kennedy's attacks on Samuel Alito and the subsequent tears from his wife helped the Democrats? Do you?

To be fair, Republicans made the same mistake with all the Clinton bashing. After a while, it just became boring.

But that was then, and this is now. We are living in a much more dangerous time. All the polls show that Americans remain uneasy about terrorism and their own personal security. And in this area, the Democrats poll far below the Republicans.

That's because the Dems do not put forth concrete solutions to vexing problems. What's the liberal solution to the chaotic illegal immigration situation and the porous southern border? How would the left handle Iran if it continues to develop nukes? And on Iraq, the Democrat message is mixed. Hillary wants to win it; Howard Dean says we can't achieve victory. When it comes to cohesion, the Democrat Party rivals the Balkans.

Finally, the left-wing media unknowingly hurts the Democrats, the very party it wants to promote. By making celebrities of loons like Cindy Sheehan and Harry Belafonte, the press spotlights the radicalism on display on the fringes of the Democrat Party.

Republicans and conservatives hoot down Ms. Sheehan and Mr. Belafonte all day long, but liberals are largely silent. Believe me, that silence does not go unnoticed by independent-minded Americans.

And the Democrats have little chance to regain power in America without a substantial number of independents shifting to their cause. But right now, that is not happening, and I see no liberal strategy on the horizon to change the situation.

At this point, the champions of the blue states are, indeed, singing the blues.

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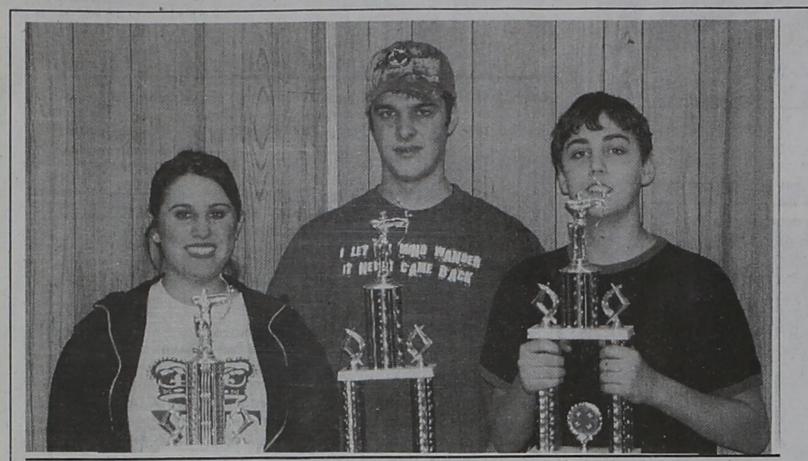
It's not impossible for a small company to grow big (Wal-Mart did it); but it is harder than it would be in an unfettered marketplace. Still, market forces operate to some extent.

Companies donit scrimp on medical benefits because they are stingy. They do so in part because medical care is increasingly expensive and workers may prefer cash to insurance. Government intervention is the reason. The best way to make health coverage cheaper is for government to quit inflating the price of medicine through burdensome regulation and competition-throttling licensing. As medical costs came down, so would the price of health insurance.

But we should go further. Were it not for the income tax there would be no good reason for employees to tether themselves to their bosses with health insurance. Better to take your compensation in cash and buy the health coverage best for you, than to let your employer make the decisions.

But the tax laws push many people into often-lavish employer-provided insurance. This raises the price of medical care, pricing other people out of the market and leading to problems like ijob lock,î in which workers are afraid to change jobs because it might mean adverse changes in coverage. Working for someone else can be unpleasant enough. Why mix health insurance into the relationship?

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Winners at the South Plains 4-H Regional Archery competition Saturday were (left to right), Dionn Heckaman (2nd in Recurve), Clint McDaniel (2nd in Compound) and Travis Rasbeary (3rd in Recurve).



Shallowater upends Lady Lopes 46-33

The Post Lady 'Lopes lost to Shallowater last week by a score of 46-33.

Post stayed close in the first two quarters of playing, outscoring Shallowater 13-11 in the first period and staying within a point of their opponents at the half, but the third and fourth quarters saw Shallowater pull away for the win.

The team shot at 26 percent, with Rachel Gray leading scoring with 16 points, followed by Laurel Tatum and Ashley Wilson with five points each. Kylie Easterling had three points in the game, each scored two.

The team successfully hit 55 percent of their free throws.

Gray and Wilson led in assists with three apiece. Gray led in rebounds and steals.

Chapman earns All-State

family ties to Post was recently tapped for but also the whole Coyote football team." all-state honors by members of the Texas . Six-Man Coaches Association. Clint Chapman, a junior at Borden County, received second-team allstate recognition as cornerback for the Coyotes. Chapman also earned first-team alldistrict and first-team all-region honors after racking up 92 tackles (including 38 solos), four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and three deflected passes on the season. Bobby Avery, Borden County's coach, told the Press-Reporter newspaper that this recognition not only reflects well on Chapman, but on the Coyote team as well.

A Borden County cornerback with list is a real good honor for not only Clint,

PHS men take second at **Snyder powerlifting meet**

The men's powerlifting team from Post High School finished in second place at the Snyder meet conducted over the weekend.

Seminole took first place in the competition, followed by Post, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Snyder, Rotan, Midland Greenwood and Early.

Earning first-place finishes and "impressive lifts" were Israel Beggs in the 275 weight class with a 415 bench press; Blake Nichols in the 242 weight class with a 450 squad and 300 bench press; and Kenny Garay in the 165 weight class with a dead lift of 425.

Tyler Odom finished in third place in the 148 weight class. Zack Witcher and Klent Baker each had fourth place finishes - Witcher in the 198 weight class and Baker in the 242 weight class.

"All lifters had a great meet this weekend," Coach John Wright said. "Most athletes improved their totals by upwards of 35 to 65 pounds. In this sport, week-to-week improvement is the key to success. Each athlete involved is to be commended for their hard work and enthusiasm in the weight room.'

The team's next meet will be Feb. 11 at Lubbock Roosevelt.

Lady Lope powerlifters place third at Snyder

The girls Post High School powerlifting team captured a third place finish at this weekend's Snyder competition.

The team scored 32 points behind returning regional champions Plainview (38 points) and Sweetwater (42 points). Rounding out the competition were Seminole, fourth place, followed by Snyder and Greenwood.

Logging first-place finishes for Post were Erica Ortiz, with a 205 deadlift at 102 body weight and Alana Zubia with a 305 dead lift.

Finishing in second place were Alex Hart with a 190 dead lift at 91 pounds while Katie Vernon and Samantha Hoover body weight and K'Nell Dalby with a 300 pound squat.

Taking a third place finish was Allison Blevins with a 250 dead lift.

Fourth place finishes went to Ashley Stenzel, Josie Whisenhunt and Valerie Moreno. Kelsey Sanderson finished in fifth, while Steffi Norman earned a sixth place finish.

"Coach Motheral and I are extremely optimistic about the future of our teams and are very proud of them for their accomplishments this weekend," Coach John Wright said. "Keep it movin' up."



Southland senior Stace Norman received All District Honors for six man football.

Norman was honored as All District safety and wide reciever.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal picked Norman to be player of the week and Southland students nominated him for outstanding newcomer of the year.

Stace is the son of Rhonda and Kim Norman.

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Post Lady Lope Tamara Raymundo (23) works the ball into Lope territory last Friday night in Idalou. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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"...Seeing him make that second team

he told the newspaper. "This definitely gives Clint something to build to going into next year. This should give him a little more confidence going into next year."

Avery said much of Chapman's success can be attributed to his will to succeed.

"He's not a very big kid, but he's got a lot of heart," the coach said in the Press-Reporter article. "He plays the cornerback position very well, too. He does a good job on containment. He just doesn't let people get outside on him very much. Plus, he always seems to know where to be out there on the football field. He's also very coachable, which also helps him do a lot of things well in this game."

Borden County finished its 2005 season with an 8-3 season record, which landed the Coyotes in the state playoffs.

Ernest Salvador (25) drives up court for a lavup shot during Monday nights 7th grade boys basketball action against Idalou in the old high' school gym.

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Post Antelope James Griffin (22) pushes the ball up for a layup against a pesky Wildcat defense last Friday night in Idalou.

Judging Results GARZA COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW Monday, January 23, 2006

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Cotton News

Monthly mill consumption data was not supportive to the market this week as the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 5.42 million bales in December 2005. Although many mills were closed during the Christmas holidays in December, the figure still was down substantially from the year-ago adjusted figure of 6.23 million bales. NCC also revised its November 2005 figure to 5.72 million bales.

"The annualized cotton consumption of 5.4 million bales takes us back to the 1974 season, the last time we used less than six million bales," explained one analyst.

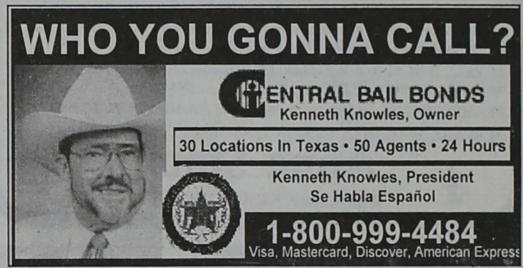
Meanwhile, USDA's export sales figures held few surprises for market observers. At 282,200 bales, net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Jan. 19 were 14 percent less than the previous week but five percent more than the four-week average. Major buyers were China, Indonesia, Turkey, and Taiwan. Sales of 38,900 for delivery in 2006/2007 were for Canada.

Export shipments of 239,000 bales were 24 percent more than the previous week and 20 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Jan. 26 totaled 73,488 bales compared to the previous week when 54,749 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 47.94 to 50.35 cents per pound compared to 47.91 to 49.68 cents per pound the previous week

Meanwhile, rain fell across the Mid-South this week in amounts that were described as "drought ending", but the parched conditions in the cotton growing areas of West Texas still persist. According to USDA's Drought Monitor data for the week ended Jan. 24, soil moisture levels in key cotton growing areas of the state ranged from moderate to extreme drought. It has been 90 days since any measurable precipitation has been recorded in the Lubbock, Texas, area, and no substantial rain is in the near-term forecast.

Further south, planting can legally commence around the first part of February in the Texas Rio Grande Valley, and a slow, soaking rain certainly would be welcome to help reduce the need to preirrigate.



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RRC reports endof-year oil, gas statistics for state

December Permits to Drill

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued 1,413 original drilling permits in December 2005 compared to 1,308 in December 2004. The December total included 1,217 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 42 to re-enter existing well boxes and 154 for re-completions. Permits issued in December included 272 oil, 357 gas, 728 oil and gas, 41 injections, no service and 15 other permits.

November Crude Oil Production

Texas preliminary November crude oil production averaged 903,044 barrels daily, down from the 910,641 barrels daily average of November 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for November is-27,105,942 barrels, a decrease from 27,319,228 barrels reported a year earlier.

December Oil & Gas Completions

In December, operators reported 371 oil, 531 gas, 45 injections and two other completions compared to 280 oil, 875 gas, 12 injections and three other completions a year earlier.

Total well completions for 2005 year-to-date are 11,007, up from 10,966 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 460 holes plugged and no dry holes in December, compared to 430 holes plugged and 25 dry holes in December 2004.

November Natural Gas Production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 418,968,841 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for November, down from the November 2004 preliminary gas production total of 432,954,281 Mcf.

Texas production in November came from 135,497 oil and 66,966 gas wells.

Source: Railroad Commission of Texas, Monthly Oil & Gas Statistics, Jan. 30.

TTU HSC opens Rural Health Education Scholarship Program

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Rural and Community Health has opened the cation Center Program and its re-

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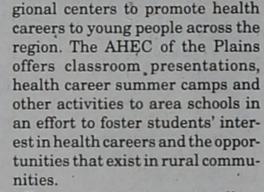
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Entering freshmen, junior college transfers and current students at Texas Tech University, as well as incoming and current students at TTUHSC, who are eligible for instate tuition are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must show a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas.

Priority is given to students from rural Texas.

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago February 1, 1996 Richard Gorman arrives in Post Feb. 16 to assume duties as athletic director at Post ISD.

Live musical entertainment at the renovated Tower Theater downtown will be held Saturday night. "Cowboy Night" at the Tower is hosted by Blue Prairie and features music by The New Pioneers, entertaining with the famous music of Bob Wills. The evening will also include trick roper Brice Chapman and cowboy poet Howlin Harry Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cruse of Post celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary January 28 with a surprise party hosted by their children.

Christie Oden of Post, a student attending Frank Phillips College in Borger, is listed on the Dean's List. Christie's major is Coaching and History & Science. She is on the Lady Plainsman's Basketball team. She is the daughter of Alfred and Linda Oden.

Alyssa Denise Bowden and Matt Collin teachers. McCook exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at Abilene Christian University's Chapel on the Hill.

20 Years Ago February 5, 1986

World famous comedian Jerry Clower is coming to Post as the featured speaker for the Feb. 28 annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

County-District Clerk in the May 3 Democratic primary. Joy Orr, Sonny Gossett, Leon Davis, Anne Leake and Orabeth White have filed for the retiring Carl Cedarholm's job at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary January 18, with a dinner held at Jackson's Cafeteria hosted by the couple's daughters, Carolyn Williams, Cheryl Vardiman and Vicki Bilbo. Gene Martin and the former Elberta James were married January 16, 1936 in Post.

starting in Post. It now has expanded to years. Lubbock, Levelland, Big Spring, Snyder and Denver City. Locally, Bergstein Oilfied Services is managed by Jake Baldree with An initiation ceremony was held Tuesday Vicki Ammons as dispatcher.

and Hawaii. Mrs. Clary attended a Mid-Winter Dental Clinic. 40 Years Ago

February 3, 1966 Wesley "Waco" Reynolds, who was graduated last summer from McMury College has been added to the Post schools' coaching staff.

If ginners' estimates are approximately correct, Garza County will harvest some 26,000 bales of cotton from its 1965 crop several thousand more than the most rosy of early estimates.

New pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church here is the Rev. Jimmy McGuire, who recently moved here from Abernathy. He replaces the Rev. Clayton Pennington, who resigned.

The hilarious Harlem Stars will play a team of City Basketball League all-stars on Friday night, Feb. 4, in the high school gym. Fans will get more than their money's worth, for the main event is to be preceded by a basketball game between men's teams made up of high school and junior high school

John Redman was ordained a minister of the Gospel last Sunday afternoon at the Watson Baptist Church at Kalgary.

50 Years Ago February 2, 1956

Post Freshman basketball team are small in number with six members, but have gone undefeated. Squad members are John T. Brown, Charles Morris, Clarky Cowdrey, Five people have filed for the position of Jimmy Short, Earl Mitchell and Sidney Hart.

> Ted Tatum and Frances Craig, seniors, have been selected as "Mr. and Miss Post High School" of the 1955-56 school year.

Noel White and Sara Ray have been named as 1955-56 basketball sweethearts at Post High School. Noel was chosen by members of the girls' squad and Sara by members of the boys' squads.

Robert Cato, a member of the Post Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years, was elected fire chief at a recent meeting. Cato, who is manager of the parts department at Bergstein Oilfield Services, Inc. was Tom Power, Inc. succeeds Homer McCrary founded in 1980 by Peiter A. Bergstein who had served as fire chief for the past 12

> 60 Years Ago February 7, 1946

night at the Post Lions Club for eight mem-

bers. L. J. Richardson, Jr., and Clovis

Tucker, were re-instated. Both are ex-

servicmen. Others who were initiated were

Jack Burress, R. B. Dodson, M. H. Hutto,

Jr., Howard McCampbell, Chester

After operating the American Cafe for sev-

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Two Post boys, Travis Rex Everett, son of

Storie, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Storie

featured.

week announced purchase of the cafe.

McCampbell and Steven Strasner.

EQIP Application **Deadline Feb. 17**

The deadline for the USDA-Natural **Resources Conservation Service** (NRCS) to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Garza County.

Last year all EQIP applications were funded in Garza County. Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group (LWG).

Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eli-

gible conservation practices. EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Garza County, the LWG set the following priorities; although, producers may apply for any practice listed in the Field Office Technical Guide:

County Base Fund Terraces and Waterways -

High Priority Chemigation Valves and Flowmeters -

High Priority Mechanical and Chemical Brush Control -

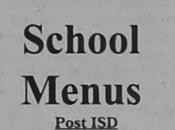
Medium Priority All other Conservation Practices

Low Priority Ogallala Ground and Surface Water Fund Conversion to Drip Irrigation 25 acres -

High Priority Irrigation Pipelines -Medium Priority Conversion to Drip Irrigation from 25.1 - 80 acres -Medium Priority All other conserva-

tion practices -

Low Priority Also, producers are eligible to apply for the state concern of Invasive species-Salt cedar, which consists of chemical or mechanical control of salt cedar.



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From the Archives of The Post Dispatch, February 3, 1966 .

Cost share rates are 50% for all practices under County Based and Ground and Surface Water funds, and the cost share rate for Salt Cedar control is 75%.

For Limited resource Farmers and Ranchers, the cost share rate is 90%. NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge. Those interested in signing an EQIP

application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Post at 210 West Main or 'call 806-495-2056 ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at

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30 Years Ago February 5, 1976

George (Scotty) Samson, Post's best known pioneer, was honored by the Garza County Historical Survey Committee in the community room Tuesday morning on his 92nd birthday.

The Post Lope basketball squad, now tied for the lead in district play are coached by John Alexander. Players are Edward Price, Mike Shepherd, Jimmy Dorland, Bryan Davis, Mike Waldrip, Rodney Teaff, Randell Wyatt, Kyle Duren, Shorty Hester and Dan Sawyers.

The Rev. Tom Pass will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Post Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Duckworth are now during Sunday service.

Joni Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hays was crowned Basketball Sweetheart and Mike Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shepherd was crowned Basketball Beau during the halftime of the boys game Mr. and Mrs. Rex Everet, and Harold Tuesday night.

Mrs Vada Clary, returned home from a com- enlisted in the Navy. bined busines and pleasure trip to Dallas



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milk. February 8 - Breakfast - Oatmeal,

bacon, toast, fruit, milk. Lunch - Ham, macaroni & cheese,

green beans, hot roll, pineapple slices, milk. February 9 - Breakfast - Cowboy

bread, sausage link, fruit, milk. Lunch - Antelope wrap, salad, fruit cocktail, reece cup, milk. February 10 - Cereal, toast, fruit,

juice, milk. Lunch - Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, orange, milk.

Southland ISD February 6- Cinnamon roll, juice,

milk. Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, fruit salad, milk.

February 7 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, sausage pattie, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken w/rice, pinto beans, green salad, tortilla, fruit cup, milk. February 8 - Breakfast - Yogurt, mini loaf, milk.

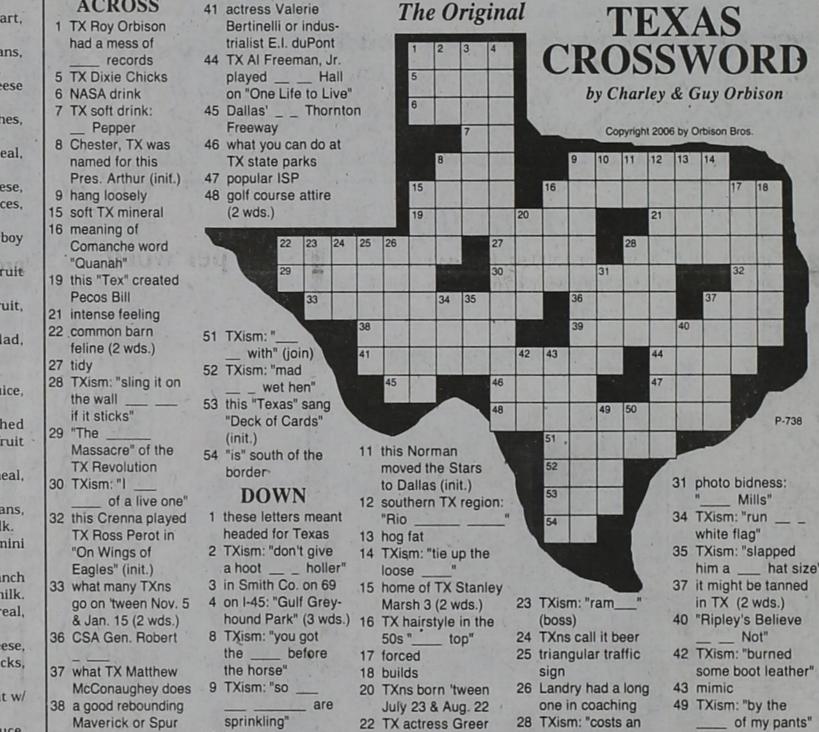
Lunch - Burrito, tossed salad, ranch dressing, orange quarters, cookie, milk. February 9 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.

Lunch - Hot dog w/chili & cheese, french fries, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

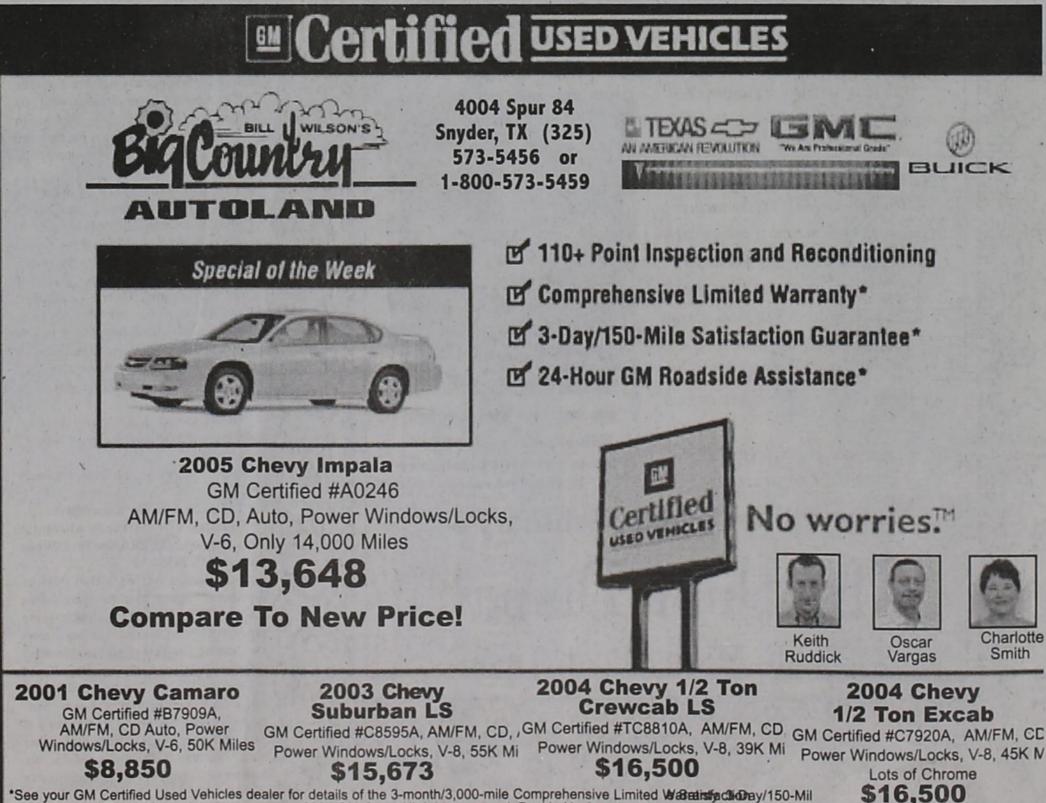
February 10 - Breakfast - Biscuit w/ gravy, sausage, juice, milk.

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Lunch - Cheese burgers, letuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, jello, milk.



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10	a.m.	This Week In Post City
	p.m.	Family Harvest Church
7	p.m.	This Week In Post City
9	p.m.	Garza Theatre's Willy Awards
		Saturday, February 4
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9	a.m.	This Week In Post City
1	p.m.	Post Lady Lope Basketball
3	p.m.	Family Harvest Church
7	p.m.	This Week In Post City
8	p.m.	Garza Theatre's Willy Awards
10	p.m.	Post Antelope Basketball
1000		Sunday, February 5
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3	p.m.	Family Harvest Church
5	p.m.	This Week In Post City
8	p.m.	Post Antelope Basketball
10	p.m.	Garza Theatre's Willy Awards
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7	p.m.	Antelope Weekly
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	Tuesday,	Wednesday & Thursday, February 7&89
7	a.m.	Antelope Weekly
9	a.m.	Garza County Commissioners' Court
11	a.m.	Post ISD Board of Trustees
1	p.m.	Garza County Hospital District
3	p.m.	Post City Council
7	p.m.	Antelope Weekly
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Gulf Coast recovery painful and difficult

by Dr Angela Tobias

For those of you who may not know, I am in Ocean Springs. Mississippi working for a couple of weeks in a free clinic run by a federation of mainly Lutheran and Episcopal churches. I have only started working here and I am awed by the scale of both the need and the willingness of people to help address it. Since I learned very quickly that the experience here is that publicity is the only reason this effort is able to support itself, I need to tell everyone I can about what I am seeing here!

You can see it on the news if you look for it, but the truth that many people in the north are not really conscious of is that the Gulf Coast is still in shambles, probably more so than it needs to be. The rebuilding will be a years-long process, but as many times as it has already been said, the federal response is a joke. Average people with absolutely no training and definitely no resources (except the will to help) who formerly worked in casinos and at desk jobs have gathered together ra andomly and put the federal goverment AND the Red Cross to SHAME with their efforts.

Christus Victor, the Lutheran church where this relief organization is based, is a church of about 600 members in Ocean Springs (just east of Biloxi on the coast) who up until a month or two ago still had a big hole in the roof of its sanctuary.

None the less, Christus Victor together with its partner churches has HOUSED and FED three hot meals a day to *100-200* volunteers DAILY for almost FIVE MONTHS. They also run a distribution center where *150-250* cars a DAY drive through to receive food and household items. They ALSO provide case management services, though these are often staffed with untrained lay person volunteers, with the very occasional social worker coming through. They ALSO help staff and administer THREE FREE CLIN-ICS spread out along the Mississippi gulf 'coast - one in Ocean Springs, one in Biloxi, and one in Long Beach, which is west of Gulfport. They ALSO send out multiple work crews DAILY to move furniture, muck out houses, do roofing, and many other assorted manual labor/construction obs for people in need all over the Mis-

Still, there is so much more to do. Whole towns are still flattened, with barely any signs of life, and so many who live here are still nursing wounds. I spoke to a woman who, almost five months out, is so personally wounded by the destruction that she has not yet been back to Biloxi. In fact, she almost broke down at the thought of going to Biloxi and QUIT HER JOB rather than be forced to go there and catalog items that were destroyed as part of her job working for the state. Debris clearance and reconstruction

are going on everywhere you look, but it hardly seems to be making a dent in the task. People who were here in October and come back say there is no real visible difference in much of anything.

Laborers have flooded the coastal region, occupying all of the hotel rooms not already taken by displaced locals. Many of them are undocumented Latinos, so in many places on the gulf coast for the first time there is a large Latino/Spanish speaking population. Unfortunately, just like there are sham contractors out cheating people and people trying to sell flooddamaged cars without declaring the water damage, there are also employers taking advantage of the undocumented status of many of the laborers.

Whether by refusing to pay them at all or for several weeks, or by maintaining unsafe working conditions that the workers have no recourse to complain about, or by paying them much less than they would have to pay a union worker, there is a lot of shady dealing going on that no one has the ability to track, much less regulate. Particularly the latter situation has predictably started to cause friction with local union laborers.

The clinics in Ocean Springs and Biloxi each generally see between 20-40 patients a day. Many people are having trouble affording their medications, many have lost their doctors to the storm, and many have lost or never had insurance in the first place. The clinic in Long Beach is a "MASH unit", a tent in a field, where patients are examined about five feet from each other at work stations.

There are usually multiple doctors

cold medicines, particularly sudafed and the daughter of Carol and Frank Tobias. phenylepherine

And of course the money to buy these things locally always helps.

Thank you, at least for reading this omnibus, and for anything you do to help!!

(Editor's Note:) Dr Angela Tobias, M.D., was born and raised in Post. She is

She graduated from Rice University in 1995 and earned her M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in 2003. She is presnetly completing her residency training in Family Medicine at the University of Rochester/Highland Hospital in Rochester. N.Y.

Post schools send 17 musicians to All **Region Band Concert**

Sixteen musicians representing Post schools performed in the Region XVI All-Region Band Concert Saturday afternoon at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Eight high school students and eight middle school students participated in the event, which was sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association and the Association of Texas Small School Bands.

Post High School representatives performing in the ATSSB Class A-AA High School All-Region Band included Bailey Odom on bass clarinet; Drew Fumagalli on alto saxophone; Preston Ortiz on tenor sax; Eric Reyna on trumpet; Vince Robles and Jonathan McGregor, both on tenor trombone; and Colt Mason and Allen Heckaman, percussion.

Representing Post Middle School in the AA Middle School All-Region Band were Katelynn Short and Tianna Reyna, flute; Amber Wilson, bass clarinet; John Rodriquez, tenor sax; Caitlin Cravy, trumpet; John Bocko, horn; Matthew Tanner, tuba; and Kathryn Villalon, percussion.

Ray Lashaway of the Frenship Independent School District band staff served as clinician for the high school band.

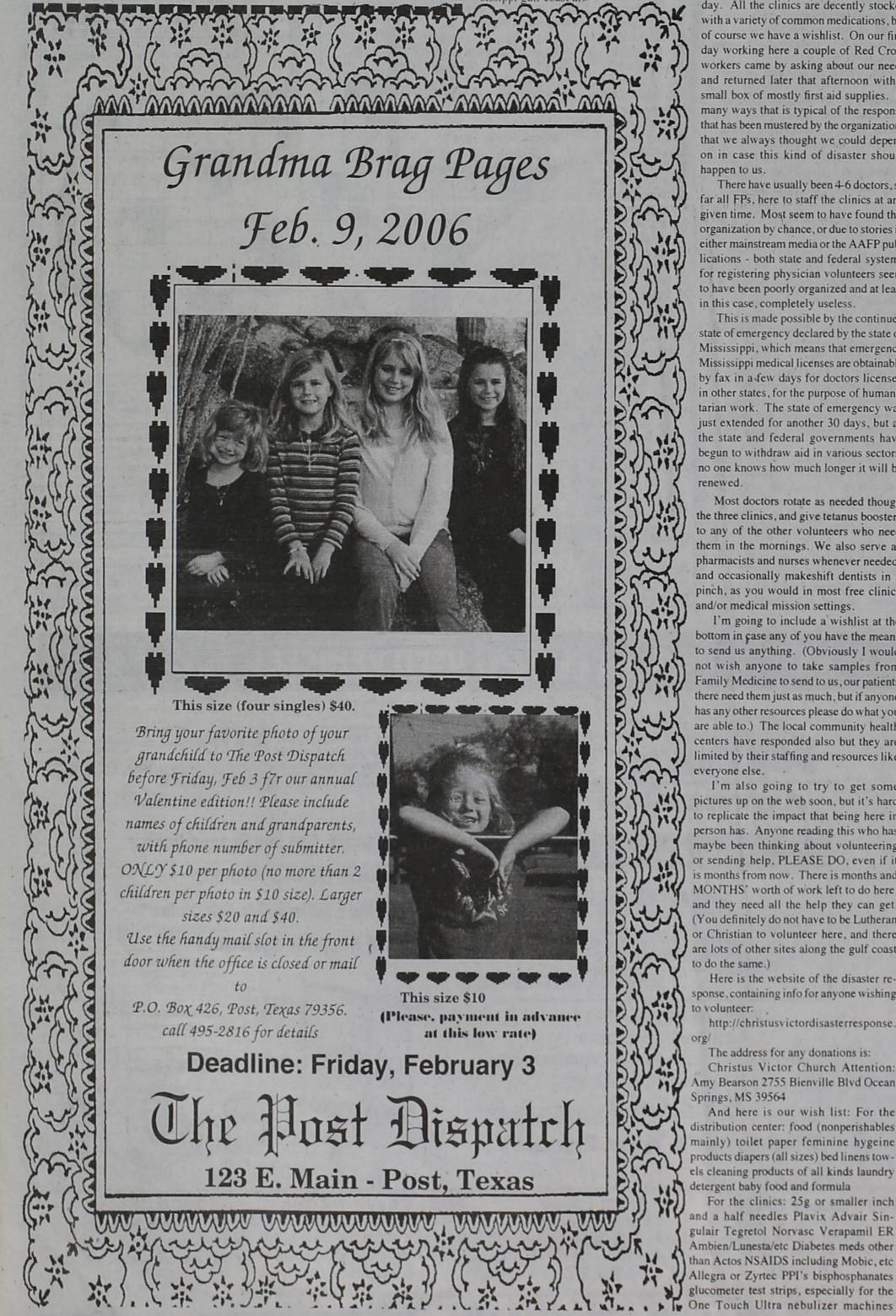
Clinician for the middle school band was Pano Mata of Odessa. Tryouts for the honors band were held Jan. 19.

Qualifying as alternates were Steven Short, trumpet; Joey Guerra, French horn; and Tim Wilson, baritone.

CDs of each band's performance are available for purchase at a cost of \$15 apiece. ATSSB A-AA High School Band or ATSSB Junior High 2A-MS Band should be denoted and sent along with a check made payable to Will Strieder. Orders should be mailed to Will Strieder, 5419 80th St., Lubbock, TX 79424.



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working to see between 40-160 patients a day. All the clinics are decently stocked with a variety of common medications, but of course we have a wishlist. On our first day working here a couple of Red Cross workers came by asking about our needs and returned later that afternoon with a small box of mostly first aid supplies. In many ways that is typical of the response that has been mustered by the organizations that we always thought we could depend on in case this kind of disaster should happen to us.

There have usually been 4-6 doctors, so far all FPs, here to staff the clinics at any given time. Most seem to have found this organization by chance, or due to stories in either mainstream media or the AAFP publications - both state and federal systems for registering physician volunteers seem to have been poorly organized and at least in this case, completely useless.

This is made possible by the continued state of emergency declared by the state of Mississippi, which means that emergency Mississippi medical licenses are obtainable by fax in a few days for doctors licensed in other states, for the purpose of humanitarian work. The state of emergency was just extended for another 30 days, but as the state and federal governments have begun to withdraw aid in various sectors, no one knows how much longer it will be

Most doctors rotate as needed though the three clinics, and give tetanus boosters to any of the other volunteers who need them in the mornings. We also serve as pharmacists and nurses whenever needed, and occasionally makeshift dentists in a pinch, as you would in most free clinics and/or medical mission settings.

I'm going to include a wishlist at the bottom in case any of you have the means to send us anything. (Obviously I would not wish anyone to take samples from Family Medicine to send to us, our patients there need them just as much, but if anyone has any other resources please do what you are able to.) The local community health centers have responded also but they are limited by their staffing and resources like everyone else.

I'm also going to try to get some pictures up on the web soon, but it's hard to replicate the impact that being here in person has. Anyone reading this who has maybe been thinking about volunteering or sending help, PLEASE DO, even if it s months from now. There is months and MONTHS' worth of work left to do here, and they need all the help they can get. (You definitely do not have to be Lutheran or Christian to volunteer here, and there are lots of other sites along the gulf coast to do the same.) Here is the website of the disaster reponse, containing info for anyone wishing to volunteer: http://christusvictordisasterresponse. The address for any donations is: Christus Victor Church Attention: Amy Bearson 2755 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs, MS 39564 And here is our wish list: For the distribution center: food (nonperishables mainly) toilet paper feminine hygeine products diapers (all sizes) bed linens towels cleaning products of all kinds laundry detergent baby food and formula For the clinics: 25g or smaller inch and a half needles Plavix Advair Singulair Tegretol Norvasc Verapamil ER Ambien/Lunesta/etc Diabetes meds other

Kathryn Villalon (top, right) performs percussion at Saturday's Class A-2A Junior High School Region Band concert at the Lubbock Civic Center.



Pride of Post Bass Clarinetist Bailey Odom (back middle),can be seen performing with the Class A-2A High School Region Band last Saturday aat the Lubbock Civic Center.



Drew Fumagalli (right) represents Post in the Class A-2A High School Region Band concert last Saturday in the Lubbock Civic Center. Fumagalli is shown playing his Alto Saxaphone.