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Passenger train project forging ahead

by Sheri Lewis

A project designed to bring tourists and tourism dollars into Post has been crippled, but organizers are fighting to keep it alive. "It's not totally dead yet," said Warren Warner, managing director of the Lubbock Foreign Trade Zone. "We're still working it. There are so many good things involved. We can't let it die."

For the past six months, Warner and a handful of local residents have worked to establish an excursion train route linking Lubbock, Slaton and Post using a rail line owned by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

The train, leased from BNSF, would include a steam engine, at least two passenger cars and a caboose that would run between a Lubbock terminal to be constructed of railroad cars where the old Santa Fe depot stands and the old Post depot, which would undergo substantial renovations. Included on the scenic tour along the Caprock would be a stop at the historic Harvey House in Slaton that is undergoing restoration.

The project, which has involved members of the Post City Celebration Committee and Old Mill Trade Days representatives, would resemble similar excursion trains operating in East and Central Texas, Warner said.

In East Texas, a passenger train that travels between Palestine and Rusk carries between 55,000 and 65,000 passengers a year. Another train based in Austin involving a single steam engine carries about 17,000 passengers a year along a stretch between the state capital and the community of Burnet.

Warner estimates the Lubbock-Slaton-Post train could draw as many as 15,000 passengers per year. The project also could generate up to 30 new jobs, including 15 full-time positions.

But the BNSF is demanding \$200 million worth of liability insurance on the passenger train, plus a "franchise fee" of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per trip, in exchange for the use of its rail line, Warner said. It is these numbers that effectively put the brakes - at least temporarily - on the project.

"It's in limbo," Warner said of the project. "We're going to work on it real hard. It's not dead, but it isn't healthy right now."

A final decision on the project could be made available in about two weeks, Warner said, but no later than mid-March.



Payton Dickson (right) stands ready to cheer on the Post Lady Lopes and Antelopes during last Friday's basketball game at Slaton. Enjoying the moment with Payton is her mother Sarah Dickson. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Notes

Church selling gordita plates

Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling gordita plates Thursday, February 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$5 per plate. Call in orders to 495-3644.

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 be 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. Tickets will be on sale at 1 p.m. at the baseball field this Saturday. Call 495-3211 for information or see Freddy, Tina or Eric Reyna.

Post 6797 men to met Monday

VFW Post 6797 men will meet on Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at the post on the Clairmont Highway. All members are urged to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting set Feb. 13

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 6797 will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 13 at the post. All members are asked to attend as the upcoming district meeting will be discussed. Bring items for the food basket.

Fun evening set for Senior Citizens

A "Young at Heart Celebration" is scheduled at the Garza County Trailblazers Center on Tuesday, February 14, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Event organizer Grady Shytles reports that the event features entertainment, food, music door prizes and games. All proceeds go to our "Seasoned Citizens." Tickets for the event are \$10. Those interested in sponsoring or assisting with the event should call Shytles at 790-1701.

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.

1A Bi-District game at Antelope Arena

Basketball fans will be interested in attending Tuesday night's Class 1A Bi-District championship girls game. The match-up will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Antelope Arena between Klondike and Aspermont.

Important meeting for 8th grade parents

On Monday, February 20th, all 8th grade parents will meet at the Citizens Bank room at 5:30 p.m. to plan the 8th grade banquet. It is very important that everyone attends.

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.

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.

SPCAA energy assistance program

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). January 2006 through December 2006. The primary intent of this program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. For additional information concerning this program, contact Billie Williams at 495-2329.

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.

Candidate forum Saturday

Candidates for most of the races to be decided in the upcoming Democratic and Republican primaries will meet the public Saturday at a candidate forum organized by the Post Rotary Club's Community Service Committee.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Post Community Center.

There will be no charge for admission to the non-partisan event, and the public is urged to attend, said Les Acker, one of the moderators for the forum.

"We just felt like there needed to be some way for the public to hear and meet these candidates to help them make an informed vote," he said.

All candidates of local races were invited to participate. The following is a list of those who had RSVP'd to Acker by early Tuesday morning:

- District 85 state representative - Jim Lantroop of Plainview, Republican Party candidate; Drew Mouton of Big Spring, Republican Party candidate; Joe Heflin of Crosbyton, Democratic Party candidate
- 106th District judge - Carter Schildknecht of Lamesa, Republican Party candidate; James Napper of O'Donnell, Democratic Party candidate
- County judge - Lee Norman, Republican Party candidate; Phil Mathews, Republican Party candidate
- Treasurer - Fred Howell, Republican; Ruth Ann Young,

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PISD tapping into federal aid to update tech infrastructure

The Post Independent School District could realize \$500,000 worth of technological upgrades following action taken by board members Feb. 2. During a special called meeting, the board

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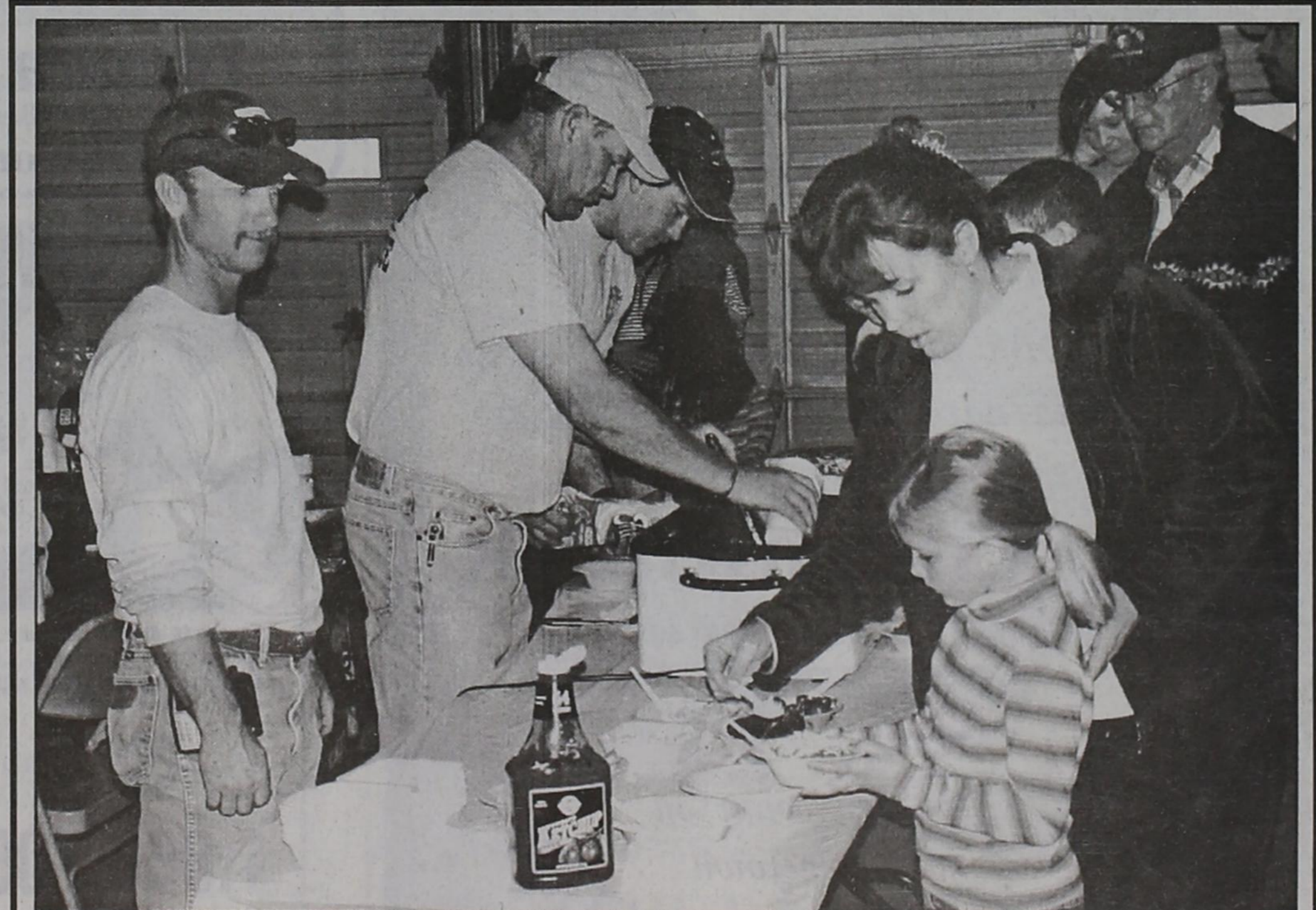
Accident injures one person

A one-vehicle rollover at about 11:30 a.m. Saturday sent one person to a Lubbock hospital.

The vehicle's driver sustained a head wound, but was treated and released after being airlifted to the hospital, according to reports.

Local EMTs, firefighters and sheriff's deputies responded to the call.

The accident occurred on FM 211 near the U.S. 84 intersection.



Post Volunteer Firemen (left to right) Barry Morris, Mark Short and Joey Stone serve up some delicious chili and fixins during last Saturday's big Post VFD Chili Supper annual fund raiser. Dressing up her tasty bowl of chili is (right) J'Lynn Stone, assisted by her mother

Dawn Stone. The two were also accompanied by J'Lynn's sister Jayci as their father helped serve. There were an estimated 200 to 250 people attending the event. The department cleared more than \$3,500 thanks to the chili supper and sponsor contributions.

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Judy's Jabberin'
by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,
You talk about phone calls!!!! I received I don't know how many wanting to know the rest of the joke. That really wasn't on purpose, we don't really know what happened, but apparently the rest of the joke is out there in cyber space somewhere.

Our preacher even applied the joke in his sermon Sunday so the punch line could come out, so for everyone else, I'm repeating it.

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 some of your load." The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street.

When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car, runs up and knocks on the door. Again, the trucker lowers the window. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly, "Hi my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street.

At the third red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the truck door. The trucker rolls down the window. Again she says "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde. He knocks on her window, and after she lowers it, he says....

"Hi, my name is Kevin, it's winter in Minnesota and I'm driving the SALT TRUCK!"

SYMPATHY
I wanted to send my love and prayers to one of my most favorite

ladies, Gwen Carlisle, on the loss of her husband, Bill. Bill also was my friend and I have spent many wonderful times around he and Gwen.

Their daughter Carolyn and I went to school together and I worked a short time with Gwen. They had been married 62 years and were a most wonderful couple.

I can only tell Gwen how much I love her and that she is in my heart and my prayers. God has one more special angel with him now.

SPECIAL PRAYERS
I also want to spend special prayers to Debbie Mason and let her know that she has many people praying for her. Debbie has strong family support and two parents that are wonderful folks that are there for her.

Debbie we all look forward to this all being over for you and seeing that smiling face out and about again.

REPORT FROM JC
I wanted to report that J.C. Steel is home and recovering after a hospital stay and I'm so happy to hear that. Their daughter Marilyn, of Stillwater, Oklahoma is also recovering after a serious illness and surgery. She has a while to go before being 100% but we hope her recovery moves ahead quickly.

TILL NEXT WEEK
Hope all of you have a great weekend. May God bless each and every one of you.
Judy

City sets "No Smoking" policy at Community Center

The Post Community Center will be a 'no smoking' facility after action taken at the Feb. 2 City Council meeting.

Council members decided to ban smoking in the building and plan to add the ban to the list of rules and regulations governing the facility.

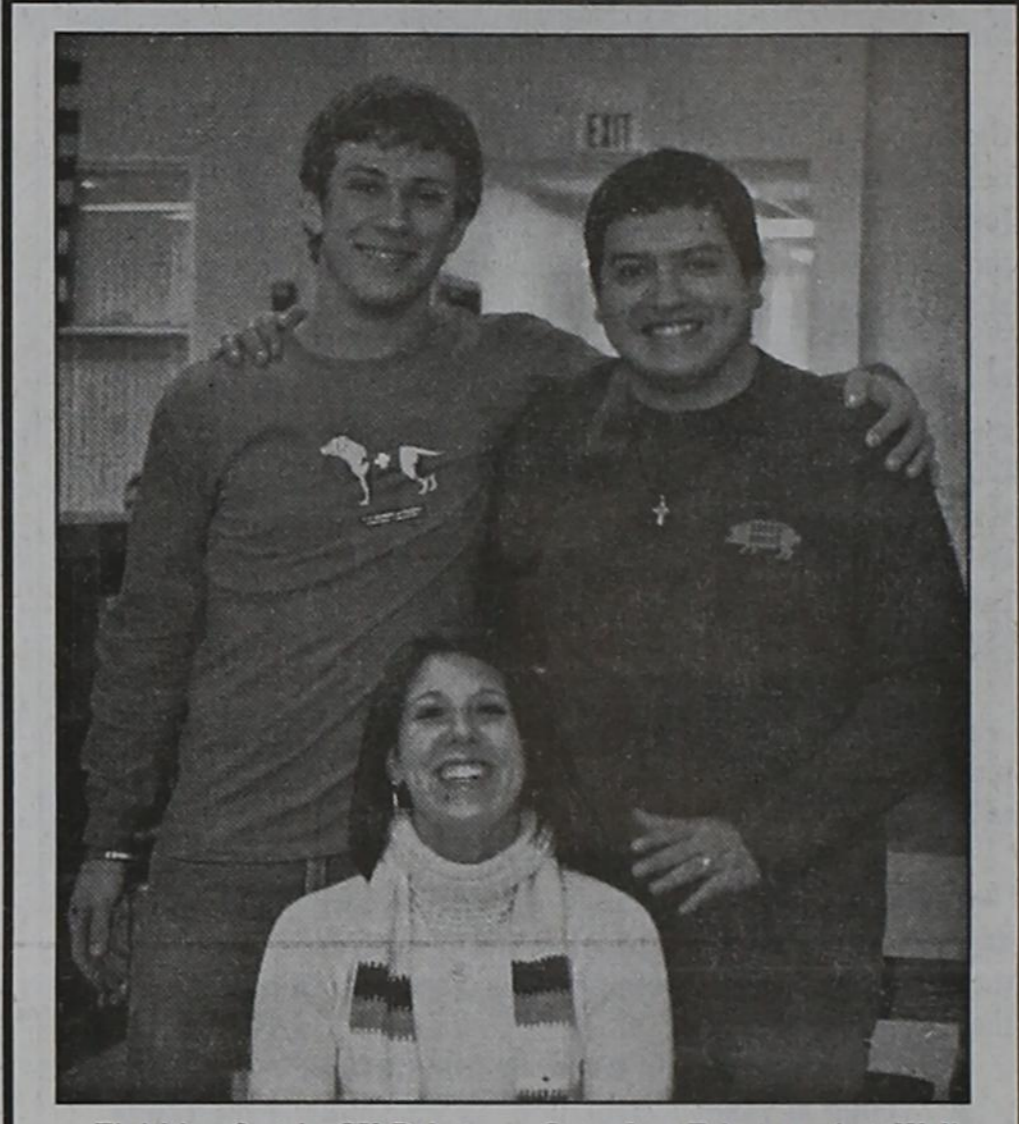
According to City Hall, the ban on smoking at the community center is effective immediately.

In other business, council members:

- Following discussion on whether or not the city needs a youth curfew, asked the city manager to bring samples of curfew ordinances utilized by other municipalities.
- Voted to set the municipal election for May 13.
- Approved a contract with the Garza County Clerk's Office to provide a certified voting system for the May 13 election.
- Approved a resolution enabling the city to join the West Texas Seal Coat program.



Second Lieutenant Clell Knight recently completed helicopter flight training at Fort Rucker, Alabama and earned his wings with a special ceremony. Lieutenant Knight is the son of Jenny and Brent Smith of Post and the grandson of Mary and Riley Miller of Justiceburg. Jenny, Mary and Riley attended the graduation. Lt. Knight has been assigned to the 40th Helicopter Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Montana where he will pilot the UH-1N "Iroquois". He earned his Bachelor of Science in Middle Eastern Studies with a minor in Arabic from the United States Air Force Academy. His primary flight training was accomplished at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, flying the T-37B "Tweet."



Finishing first in CX Debate on Saturday, February 4 at Wylie are (back row left to right), Jonathan McGregor and Vince Robles. Enjoying a first place finish in LD Debate at Wylie is Emily Marcum (front). (Photo by Melvena Moore, Courtesy of Post ISD)

PHS Students earn 1st place at Wylie debate meet

Post High School students walked away with a pair of first place finishes at the Feb. 4 debate meet at Wylie.

In CX Debate, the team of Jonathan McGregor and Vince Robles took first place out of 48 teams participating. The Post team won on a 3-0 decision in the semi-finals against a team from Early High School and won a 2-1 decision in the finals against Water Valley.

In the LD Debate competition, Emily Marcum captured first place out of 40 LD debaters competing. Marcum won a 3-0 decision in the semifinals against a representative of the host school and a 3-0 decision in the finals against another Wylie competitor.

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Dodson provides musical support for solo and ensemble contestants

by Sheri Lewis

Randy Dodson likes playing second fiddle.

Dodson serves as the piano accompanist to Post band members involved in UIL Solo and Ensemble competitions. This year's contests are just around the corner, and for the third straight year Dodson will perform alongside local students trying to earn berths to the state level.

Seven Post High School bandmen will travel to Lubbock Feb. 11 to perform solo or ensemble pieces before judges at Coronado High School. Those who earn top honors performing memorized Class I selections will be eligible to compete in the state-level contest in San Marcos on Memorial Day weekend.

"I think we'll be there," Dodson said, "but it's up to the judges."

The local students requiring Dodson's accompaniment are all soloists in this year's contest. Their instruments include a French horn, two trumpets, a pair of flutes and the tympani.

At least two of the Post students preparing for the upcoming solo contests will perform Class I-rated music, which Dodson said is "just about on a collegiate" level.

"They're pretty good players," he said. "Some of them are really good. It's a lot of fun."

For Dodson, providing accompaniment for high school musicians is like returning to his roots.



Randy Dodson (right) accompanies on the piano as Post High School senior horn player Joey Guerra (left back) prepares a Mozart Horn Sonata for UIL Class-1 solo and ensemble contest this weekend at Lubbock Coronado High School.

A native of Post, Dodson was the son of two piano-playing parents and started learning the instrument before the age of 5. He took lessons with a local piano teacher, Mrs. Dietrich, "for a long time," he said, and won a National Music Teachers Auditions competition with her before moving on to another teacher, Mr. Wilson, a choir director in Post. Under Wilson's tutelage, Dodson won with his own Class I piano solo in a high school contest in the 1950s.

"I've been playing all my life," he said. "I don't think I could do without it. I just enjoy it."

After service in the U.S. Navy, a 39-year career in the medical field and a 5-year stint as a data processor in a law enforcement office, Dodson said he retired twice, but found he wasn't too fond of the idle life. After returning to Post three years ago, he marched into the band hall to offer his services as a piano accompanist.

In his first year working with Post band students, he accompanied a trombone trio to San Marcos where they won at the state level. The group returned last year for another win.

"I want to go back to San Marcos," Dodson said, "so I kind of push them."

Students work for weeks on their solos and ensembles, and those who work with Dodson meet with him at the band hall almost every weekday to practice.

"I love to accompany," said Dodson, "and these students deserve a chance. I'll probably do it until they kick me out.... They're a great bunch of kids."

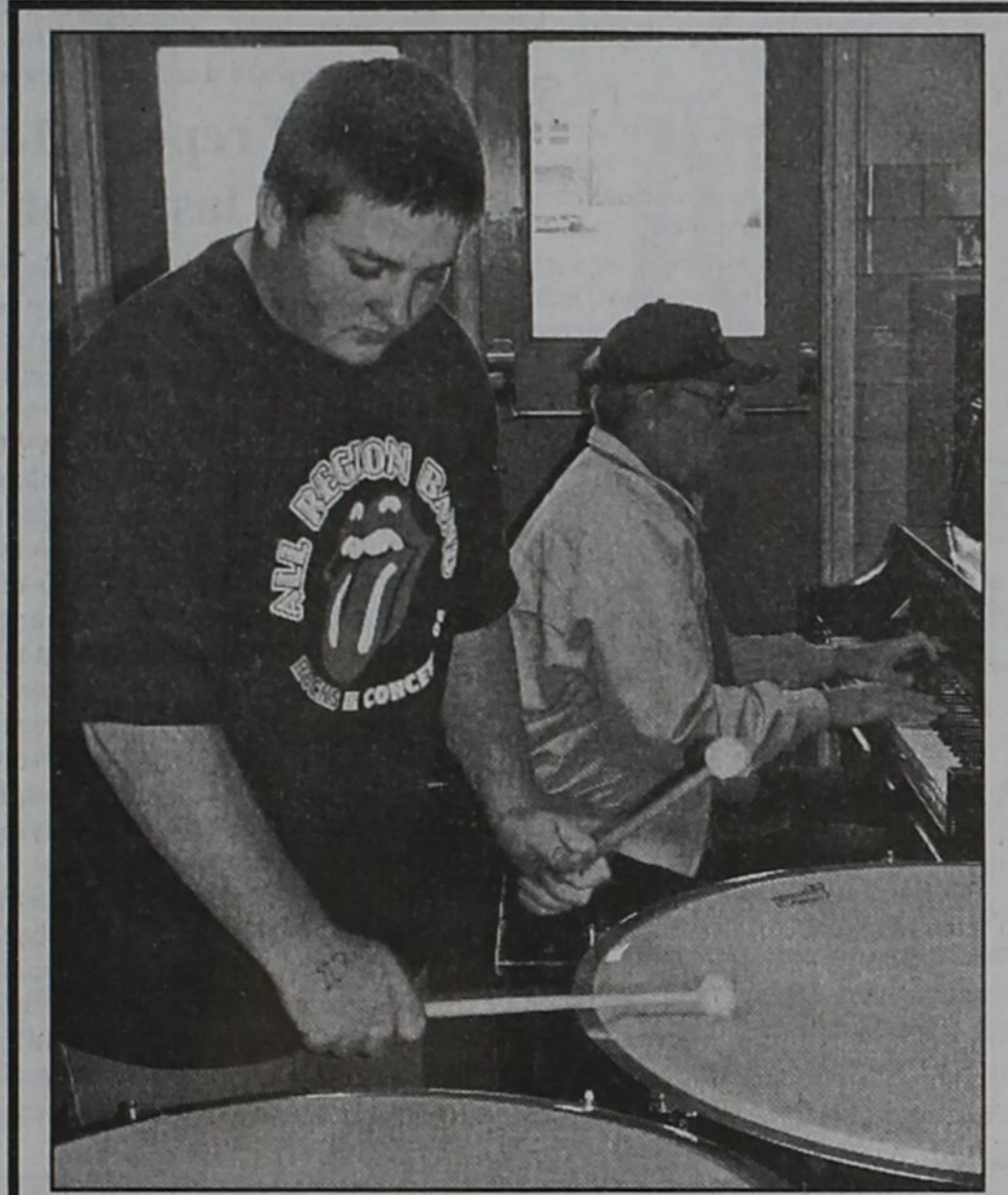
In addition to working with Post band students, Dodson recently agreed to accompany seven Tahoka High School bandmen who also plan to participate in the upcoming Lubbock competition.

In the past, Dodson has fielded requests to accompany students from as far away as the Abernathy and Frenship school districts.

Last year, Dodson worked to accompany a total of 23 students in one contest season.

"It drove me up a wall," he said.

In addition to working with the high school musicians, Dodson teaches piano and writes and arranges music.



Cody Mason (left) fine tunes his UIL Class-1 solo, "Timpero," while Randy Dodson (back right) lowers just the right musical back drop with complex South American rhythms for the robust sounding Tympani.

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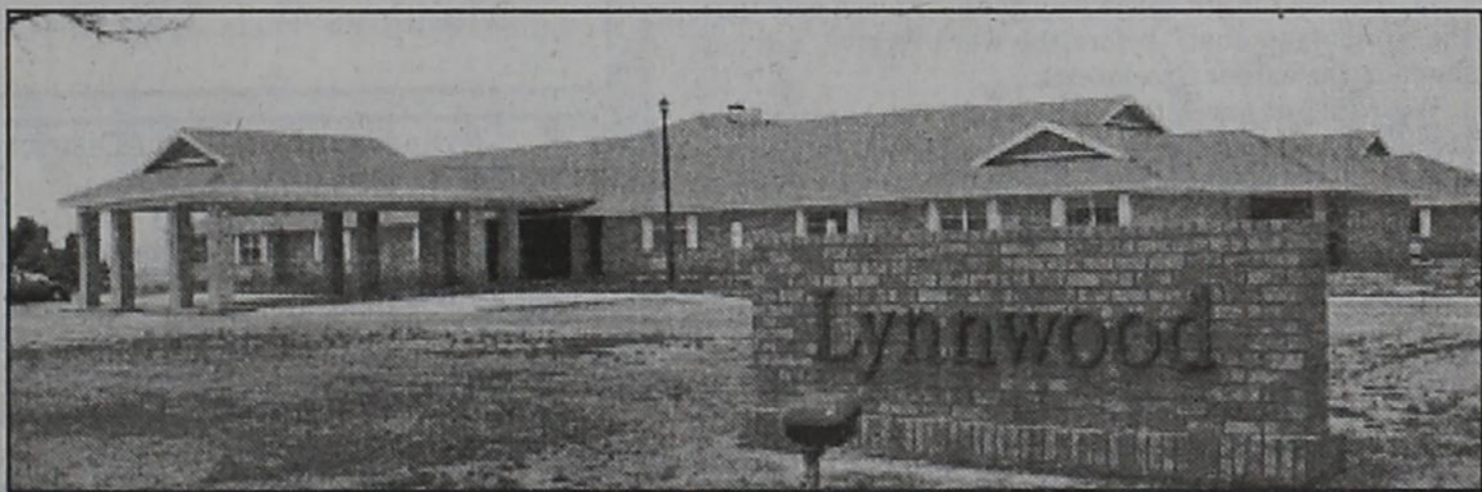
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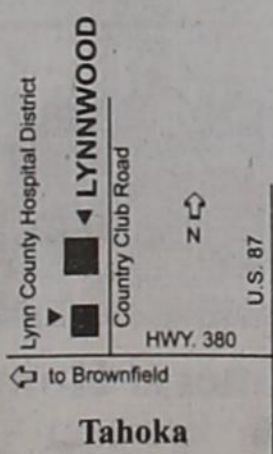
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Obituaries

Bill Carlisle

Bill Carlisle, 82, of Spur, formerly of Post died Friday, February 3, 2006 in Lubbock. Services will be 3:30PM, Sunday, February 5, 2006 at First United Methodist Church in Spur with Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial will be in Spur Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.



Mr. Carlisle was born December 29, 1923 in Spur to Brink and Allie Massey Carlisle. He graduated from Spur High School in 1940. Bill married Gwen Adams October 29, 1943. He served in the Army AirCorps during WWII and was part of the "Greatest Generation". He and Gwen moved to Garza County in 1955 where they lived and ranched until 2005 when they moved to Spur. Bill raised ranch and cutting horses, and was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Spur.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Carolyn Carlisle Stone; and one brother, A.B. Carlisle.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen of Spur; one granddaughter, Kristi Carruthers of Burnet; one grandson, Cody Carlisle Stone and wife Mary Margaret of Bozeman, Montana; two Great-grandchildren, Korlee and Carter Carruthers of Burnet; and one brother, Kent Carlisle of Post.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 415, Spur, TX 79370.

Lizzie Johnson

Services for Lizzie Johnson, 85, of Post were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 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.

She died Feb. 1 in Lubbock. Born Feb. 12, 1920, in Tulsa, Okla., she married Orange Johnson in 1940 in Littlefield. She was a member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Clara Mangram of Matador and Rosie Bell of Post; one son, Donnie Johnson of Pampa; one brother, A.C. Smallwood of Fresno, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1966 and one son, Henry Lawrence Johnson, in 1959.

Pallbearers were Ruben Soto, Greg Robinson, Wade Bell, Matt Mangram, Joe Mangram and Tim Mangram.

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County Judge candidates file supplemental reports

Two Republican Party candidates vying for the office of county judge in the March 7 primary filed supplemental campaign reports with the county clerk's office Monday.

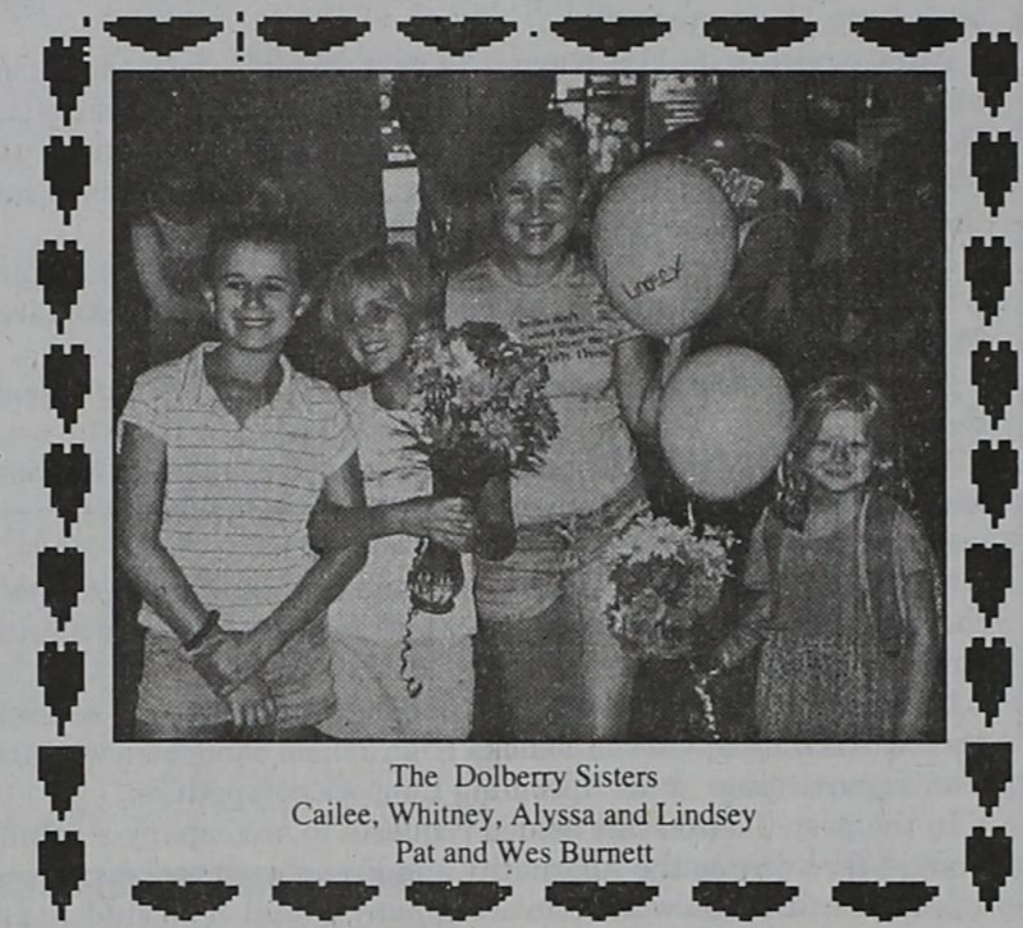
The following is an overview of those reports:
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 • Total political contributions (\$50 or less) -- \$100
 • Total political contributions -- \$3,300
 • Total political expenditures (\$50 or less) -- \$0
 • Total political expenditures -- \$2,606.97
 • Total contributions maintained as of last day of reporting period -- \$2,932.20

• Total principal amount of outstanding loans as of last day of reporting period -- \$1,150
 • Political contributions - Mark or Amy Brown, \$3,000; Sammy Sims, \$100; Robert Macy, \$100.
 • Political expenditures - Doug Flanagan, \$80, advertising; Lee Norman, \$73.07, advertising; Ammons Printing, \$2,453.90 (no purpose listed).

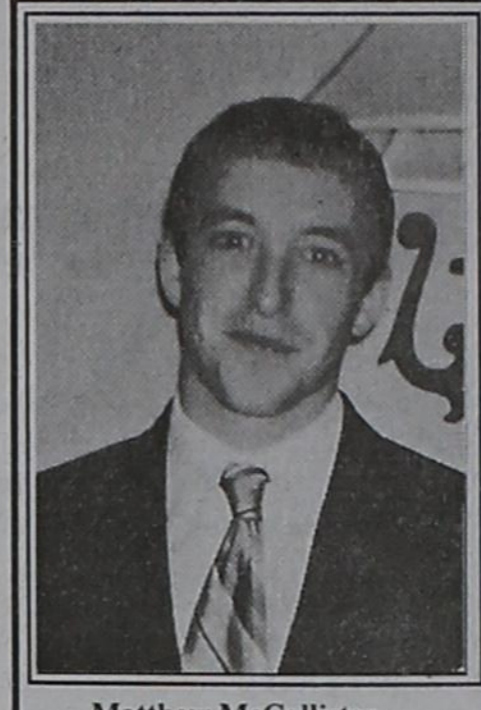
Phillip (Phil) Mathews Jan. 1 through Feb. 6
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 • Total political contributions -- \$0
 • Total political expenditures (\$50 or less) -- \$0
 • Total political expenditures -- \$1,588.40
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Matthew McCallister

McCallister earns CSCS certification

Matthew T. McCallister of Post has been recognized as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) by the NSCA Certification Commission.

The CSCS certification is for professionals who design and implement strength training and conditioning programs for athletes in a team setting.

To earn the CSCS credential, McCallister passed a written exam prepared by experts in the strength training and conditioning profession. The exam consisted of two sections - Scientific Foundations and Practical/Applied - and contained 190 questions.

Typically only about 65 percent of individuals who take the exam pass, according to a NSCA press release.

By passing the exam, McCallister has obtained the first nationally accredited strength training and conditioning credential.

McCallister, the son of Randy and Jana McCallister of Post, graduated from Texas Tech in December with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science. He is enrolled at Tech as a graduate student where he is working toward a master's degree

City, schools, hospital district set May elections

City, schools, hospital district detail candidate filing periods

The candidate filing periods for the May 13 city, school district and hospital district elections are either already under way or begin this week.

Candidate filings for the City of Post and the Post and Southland school districts will be accepted Feb. 11 through March 13.

Positions open on the Post City Council include the Ward 3 council seat currently held by Josh Whiteley; the Ward 4 seat held by James Easterling; and Harold Craig's Ward 5 seat. All council positions are two-year terms.

In the Post Independent School District, the board positions currently held by Scott Creech, Alexa Collier and Milton Williams will be filled.

There are three open positions on the Southland Schools Board of Trustees as well. The at-large positions currently held by J.W. Basinger, Joe Patterson and Tina Taylor are slated to be filled. All seats are three-year terms.

Three positions also are slated to be filled for the Garza County Hospital District. Open posts include Precinct 1, currently held by Edna Owen; Precinct 2, held by Ray Bagby; and the at-large seat held by Fred Howell.

Hospital district administrator Shirley Taylor said candidate filings for the hospital board can be accepted immediately.

"There is no starting date," she said.

The deadline for filing in the hospital district election is March 13.

Sheriff reports 11 arrests last week

Eleven arrests were made in Garza County during the past week, according to information provided Monday by the sheriff's department.

Arrests included that of a 36-year-old male picked up for felony driving while intoxicated; a 48-year-old male arrested for felony driving while intoxicated; a 19-year-old male arrested on a Garza County warrant (burglary of a habitation); a 23-year-old male arrested on a Garza County warrant (revoke probation); and a 24-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated, evading and driving while license invalid.

Other arrests included a 22-year-old male picked up on a Lubbock County warrant; a 43-year-old male arrested for DWI; three males, ages 22, 23 and 24, picked up and held for the INS; and a 34-year-old female arrested on a Garza County warrant (revoke probation).

On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

Receive the Holy Ghost...Acts 2:38

Earlier in this series on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we briefly addressed John 20:22 where Jesus commanded his disciples to receive the holy ghost. We was not commanding them to do something that very moment, but at a future time. That time came on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were filled with the holy ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave the words."

Although the word "receive" is not used in the above verse, Peter did use it later after he explained to the others in the temple what they had just seen and heard (Acts 2:14-41). Peter used the word "receive" in response to the people's question, "...what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

Let's read Peter's reply, "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the holy ghost.'" Here, the word "receive" is lambano in the earlier known Greek texts, and means to seize unto or lay hold of something.

Peter's explanation did not contradict what happened in Acts 2:4. Instead it perfectly described what happened. A comparative study of Acts 2:4 and 2:38 will show that both verses describe different ways, two different conditions being met. The first is to be filled with holy spirit. This parallels with being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

This condition cannot be met unless people repent. To repent means to change our mind about something. Romans 10:9-10 reveals that we must believe with our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead in order to obtain righteousness.

The word righteous is the descriptor for the state of being up to par with God. This state of being can only exist when somebody is filled with holy spirit. In this context, repentance

is to change from believing something else to believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. God made it so very simple to become truly righteous.

The disciples already believed with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead. On the day of Pentecost they were immediately filled with holy spirit after it was poured out into the world.

The second condition was met when they began to speak in tongues. This record parallels the second part of Acts 2:38, "receive the gift of the holy ghost." Please note that the words "you shall" before the word receive, are not found in the earlier Greek texts.

With this in mind, the verse reads, "be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and receive the gift of the holy ghost." Peter gave them a command to receive the holy ghost just as Jesus gave the command to him.

When they began to speak in tongues, they immediately seized unto the gift of the holy ghost. First they were filled with holy spirit, then they seized unto it.

What was met by these two conditions? They became God's children by true spiritual seed. They were born-again not with corruptible seed, but with incorruptible seed by the word of God which lives and abides forever (1Peter 1:23).

This is the ever living and abiding words from God that sprang out of them as rivers of living waters when they began to speak in tongues. The words given while speaking in tongues, were directly from the spirit of God. As they opened their mouths and began to speak, the words from God immediately energized the new birth in each of them individually through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Darfur vs Vermont

by Bill O'Reilly

Here's an update on that young Vermont girl whose life has been made living hell by a justice system that literally could not care less about her. You may remember that 34-year-old Mark Hulett pleaded guilty to raping the child over a four-year period beginning when she was just 6 years old. The judge in the case frowned when he heard the confession and promptly sentenced the vicious criminal to (SET ITAL) 60 days (END ITAL) in prison. A few journalists, including myself, picked up on the outrage and, under enormous pressure, Cashman was forced to change the sentence to three years.

The girl is now 10 years old and is being raised by foster parents. Vermont authorities believe her mother and stepfather are incapable of properly protecting the child. She is undergoing counseling and is in school, but, according to those who see her every day, she's confused and unhappy.

Surely this young girl's human rights have been violated; no person on this earth should have to suffer the way she has.

A few weeks ago in this space, I wrote about New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, who criticized me for reporting on the Christmas controversy. Kristof believes that I fabricated the Yule story. He also accused me of ignoring "real" stories like the suffering in the Sudan.

On Dec. 18, Kristof wrote: "So I have a challenge for Mr. O'Reilly: If you really want to defend traditional values, then come with me on a trip to Darfur. I'll introduce you to mothers who have had their babies clubbed to death in front of them, to teenage girls who have been gang-raped."

Now, I would love to report from Darfur and raise awareness of that terrible situation. But as Kristof must know, I do three hours of daily news analysis on TV and radio. There's no way I can go to Africa in light of that obligation. I'm glad Kristof can go, however, because somebody needs to spotlight the situation.

But an interesting thing happened shortly after that Kristof column: the 60-day sentence for a child rapist came to light. Because Kristof had referenced teenage rape in his criticism of me, I fully expected to see him and The New York Times all over the Vermont story. After all, this human rights violation happened just a few hundred miles north of New York City.

But The New York Times did not cover the Vermont story -- did not even mention it. And there was not a word from my pal Nicholas Kristof, the human rights guy.

So what's going on here?

The truth is, I don't know. I am stunned the Times, The Boston Globe and the other big liberal newspapers barely mentioned the story. Surely this little girl is one of the downtrodden in our society. Aren't liberal press advocates champions of the downtrodden?

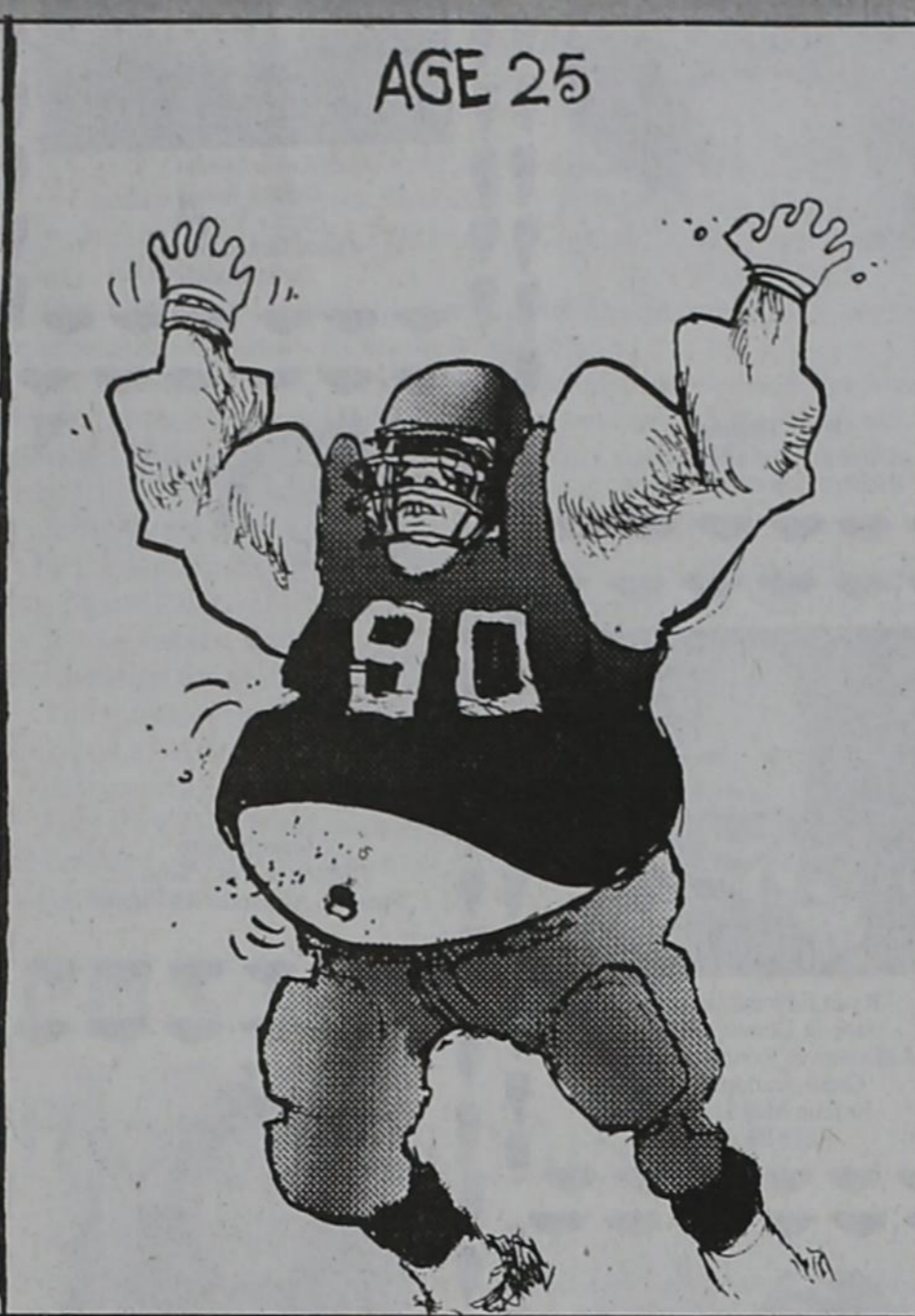
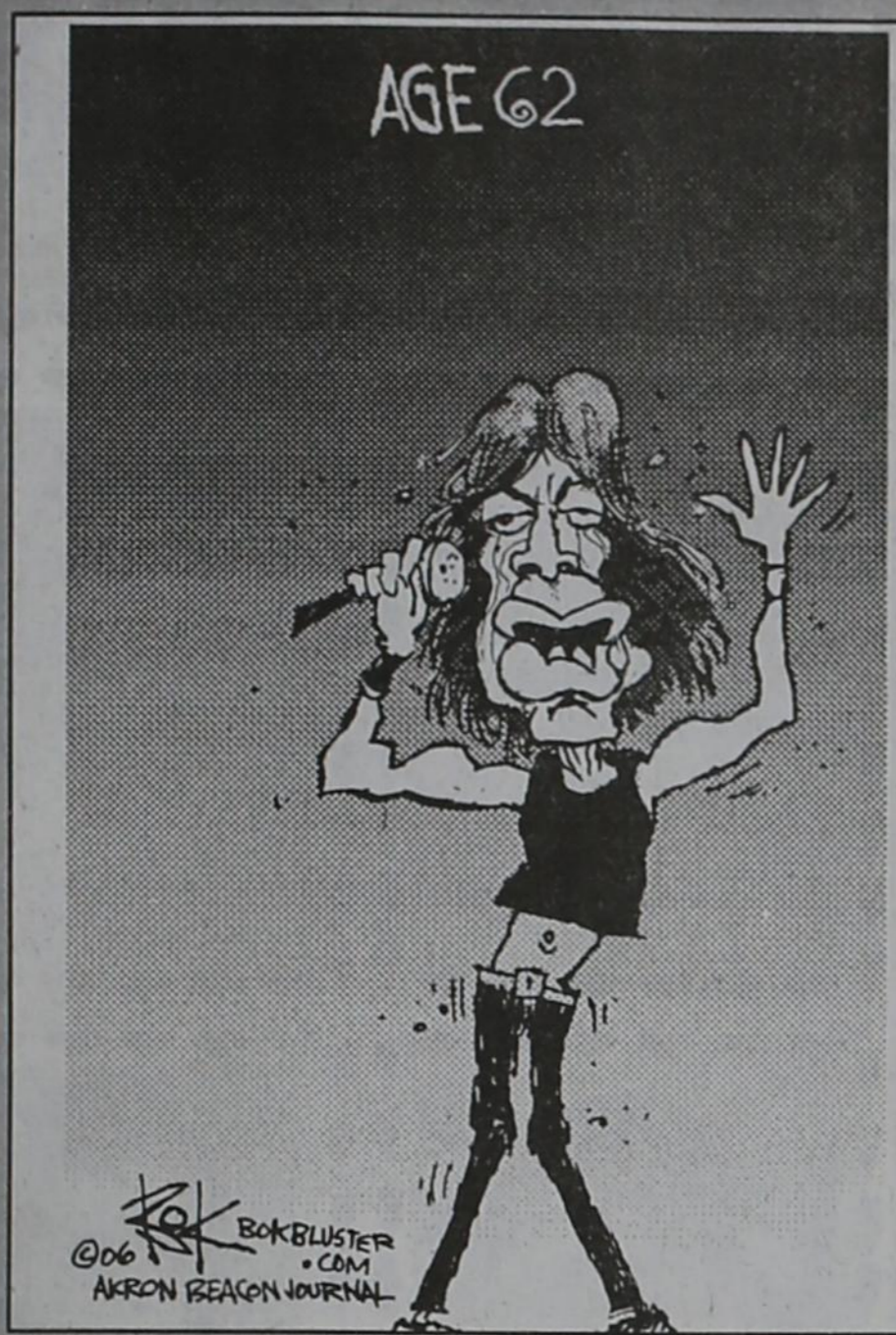
So maybe Nicholas Kristof can write another column explaining to me why the Vermont child does not matter to him or his newspaper.

I hope that doesn't sound bitter, because I don't mean it to be. I am genuinely perplexed by the sanctimonious left-wing press, who doesn't consider a 60-day jail term for a child rapist an outrage.

While The New York Times rails against alleged human rights violations in Guantanamo Bay and other far-off places, it apparently has no interest in protecting poor American children from predators and bad judges.

Something isn't right here. What say you on the left?

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And thereafter, bogus rights...

by Walter E. Williams

Do people have a right to medical treatment whether or not they can pay? What about a right to food or decent housing? Would a U.S. Supreme Court justice hold that these are rights just like those enumerated in our Bill of Rights? In order to have any hope of coherently answering these questions, we have to decide what is a right. The way our Constitution's framers used the term, a right is something that exists simultaneously among people and imposes no obligation on another. For example, the right to free speech, or freedom to travel, is something we all simultaneously possess. My right to free speech or freedom to travel imposes no obligation upon another except that of non-interference. In other words, my exercising my right to speech or travel requires absolutely nothing from you and in no way diminishes any of your rights.

Contrast that vision of a right to so-called rights to medical care, food or decent housing, independent of whether a person can pay. Those are not rights in the sense that free speech and freedom of travel are rights. If it is said that a person has rights to medical care, food and housing, and has no means of paying, how does he enjoy them? There's no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy who provides them. You say, "The Congress provides for those rights."

Not quite. Congress does not have any resources of its very own. The only way Congress can give one American something is to first, through the use of intimidation, threats and coercion, take it from another American. So-called rights to medical care, food and decent housing impose an obligation on some other American who, through the tax code, must be denied his right to his earnings. In other words, when Congress gives one American a right to something he didn't earn, it takes away the right of another American to something he did earn.

If this bogus concept of rights were applied to free speech rights and freedom to travel, my free speech rights would impose financial obligations on others to provide me with an auditorium and microphone. My right to travel freely would require that the government take the earnings of others to provide me with

airplane tickets and hotel accommodations.

Philosopher John Locke's vision of natural law guided the founders of our nation. Our Declaration of Independence expresses that vision, declaring, "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Government is necessary, but the only rights we can delegate to government are the ones we possess. For example, we all have a natural right to defend ourselves against predators. Since we possess that right, we can delegate authority to government to defend us. By contrast, we don't have a natural right to take the property of one person to give to another; therefore, we cannot legitimately delegate such authority to government.

Three-fifths to two-thirds of the federal budget consists of taking property from one American and giving it to another. Were a private person to do the same thing, we'd call it theft. When government does it, we euphemistically call it income redistribution, but that's exactly what thieves do -- redistribute income. Income redistribution not only betrays the founders' vision, it's a sin in the eyes of God. I'm guessing that when God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," I'm sure he didn't mean "thou shalt not steal unless there was a majority vote in Congress."

The real tragedy for our nation is that any politician who holds the values of liberty that our founders held would be soundly defeated in today's political arena.

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Where are the isolationists?

by Sheldon Richman

President Bush's State of the Union address was one odd speech indeed. Besides his silly statement about our being "addicted to oil" and his messianic declarations in response to the "call of history," he referred to isolationism four different times. Who favors isolationism?

That of course depends on what it means. The president gave one indication of what he means when he said, "In a complex and challenging time, the road of isolationism and protectionism may seem broad and inviting -- yet it ends in danger and decline." Here he equates isolationism and protectionism, but there's no necessary connection. Isolationism has historically denoted abhorrence of meddling in other nation's wars. By that definition, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were isolationists. So was John Quincy Adams, at least as secretary of state, when he said, "America goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own."

But notice that there is no logical connection between such isolationism and protectionism. Military isolation is not commercial isolation. It is possible to stay out of other people's quarrels and to trade with everyone peacefully. As William Graham Sumner, a free trader and opponent of the Spanish-American War, said, "Our ancestors all came here to isolate themselves from the social burdens and inherited errors of the old world. When the others are all over ears in trouble, who would not be isolated in freedom from care? When the others are crushed under the burden of militarism, who would not be isolated in peace and industry? When the others are all struggling under debt and taxes, who would not be isolated in the enjoyment of his own earnings for the benefit of his own family? When the rest are all in a quiver of anxiety, lest at a day's notice they may be involved in a social cataclysm, who would not be isolated out of reach of the disaster? What we are doing is that we are abandoning this blessed isolation to run after a share in the trouble." Bush's supporters will say that 9/11 should have disabused us of such thoughts. But only the ignorant or willfully blind think we were isolationist before 9/11.

Let's face it, President Bush was using that word to smear his critics. Look at what he said:

"America rejects the false comfort of isolationism.... Isolationism would not only tie our hands in fighting enemies, it would keep us from helping our friends in desperate need.... American leaders -- from Roosevelt to Truman to Kennedy to Reagan -- rejected isolation and retreat, because they knew that America is always more secure when freedom is on the march."

Observe how Bush links isolation and retreat -- as though minding one's own business constitutes surrender.

And that's quite a rogues' gallery he invoked. Franklin Roosevelt promised we would not fight in a foreign war -- all the time he was goading Germany and Japan into attacking. Germany avoided the trap, but years of strangling Japan economically finally were too much and, much as Roosevelt hoped, it attacked the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Harry Truman started the tradition of entering wars without a congressional declaration as called for in the U.S. Constitution. Back then you had to call a war a "police action" to get away with that. Today it's not necessary.

John F. Kennedy made war on Castro and Cuba. Like Truman, he saw no need to ask for a declaration of war. Neither did Ronald Reagan in Lebanon or Grenada or

Libya. It should be obvious why Bush did not put Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon on his list.

Bush wants you to believe that his Democratic critics are isolationists. If only it were so.

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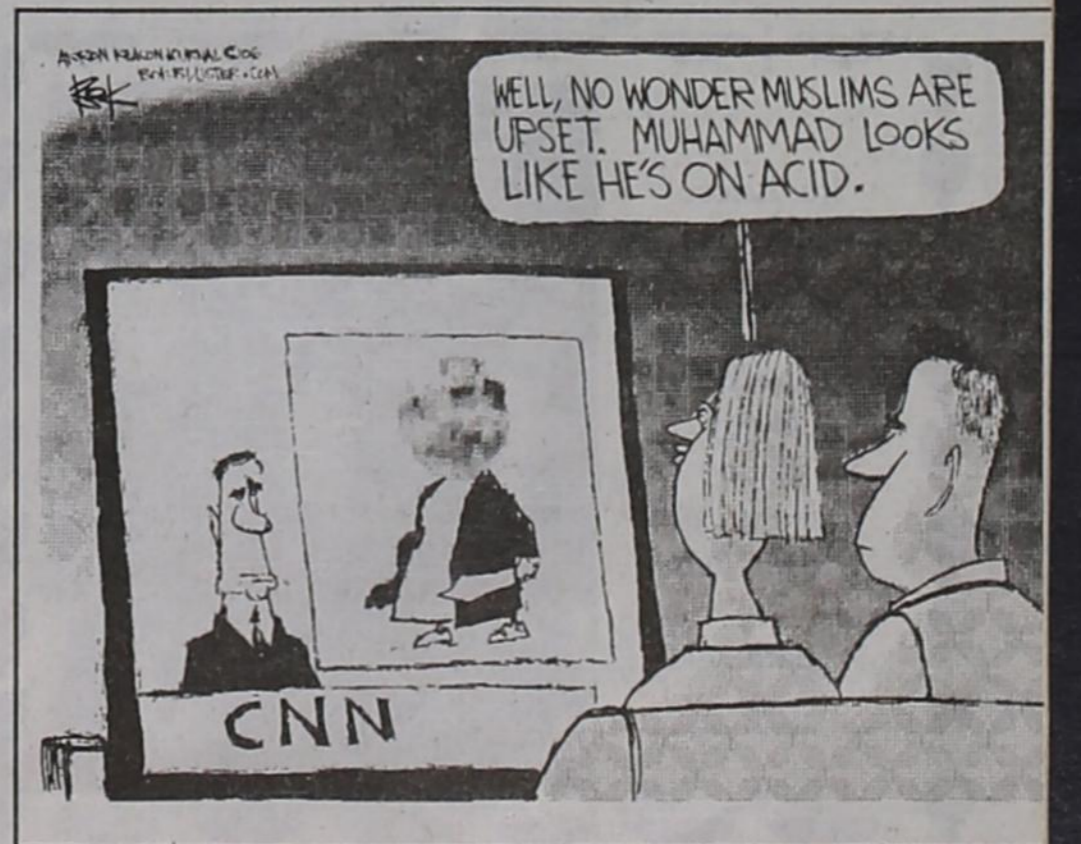
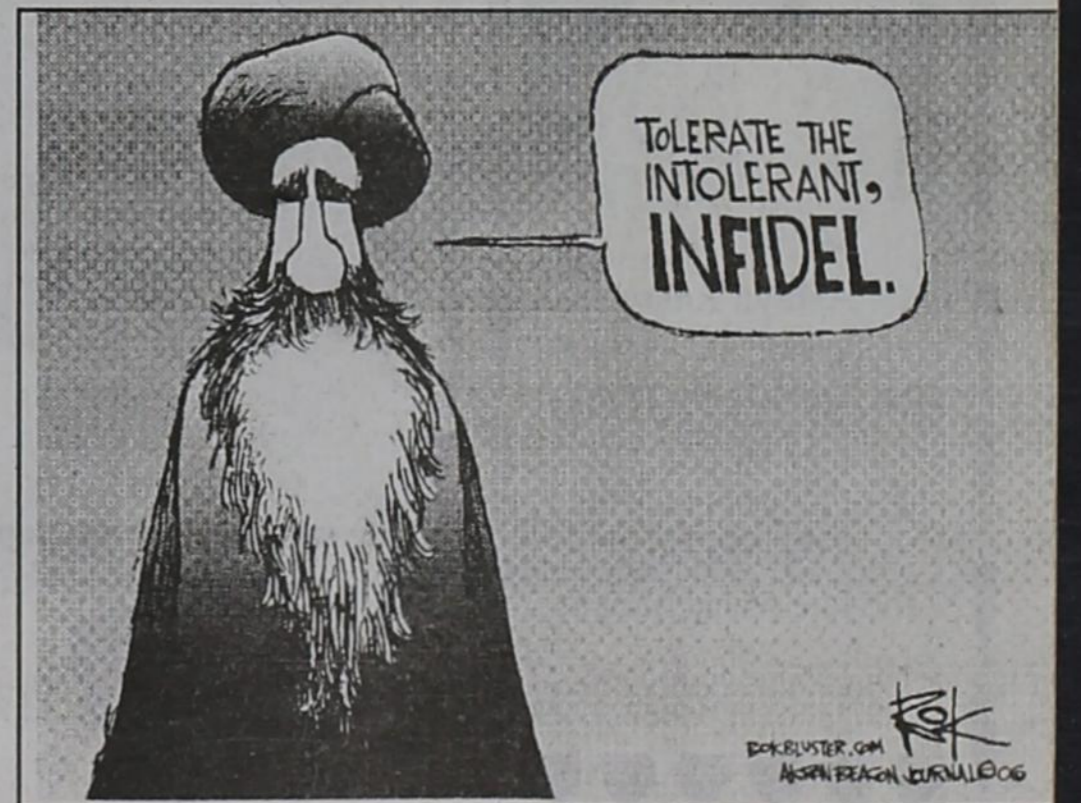
by Wes Burnett

We reported this week the second of candidate campaign filings required by the Texas Ethics Commission. Garza County candidates who intend to expend more than \$500 or accept more than \$500 in contributions must file complete, detailed reports to whom and for what campaign funds were paid, and from whom and how much were accepted from contributors.

The only two candidates declaring more than the \$500 limit are Republican Party County Judge candidates Phil Mathews and Lee Norman. Mathews is accepting no contributions, using his own funds for the campaign, so his report shows no contributors. Mathews did report in detail his campaign expenses.

Norman's latest report fails to show expenses incurred in December and January for advertising in another Garza County newspaper. If, as we have been told, the other newspaper donated the advertising to the candidate, then both the newspaper and candidate are obligated by the law to specify the value of the in-kind contribution.

Perhaps it was an oversight on the candidate's part, but failing to report those expenses or contributions raises serious questions about the candidate's respect for the law.



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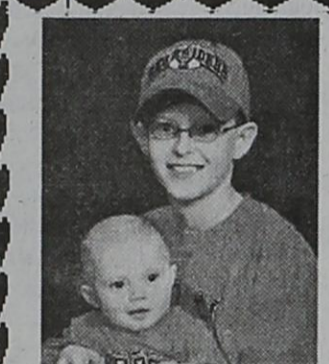
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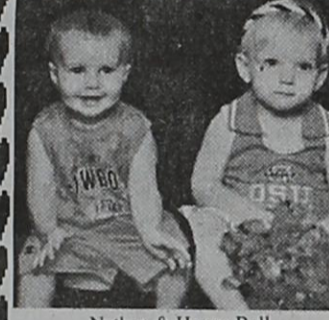
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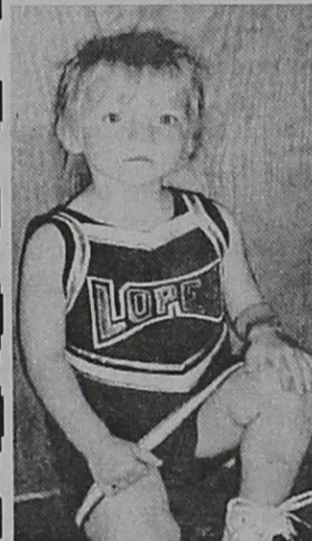
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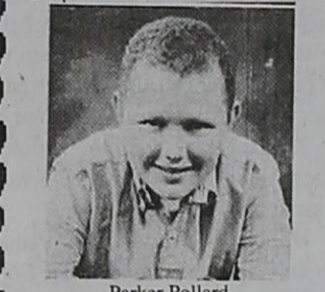
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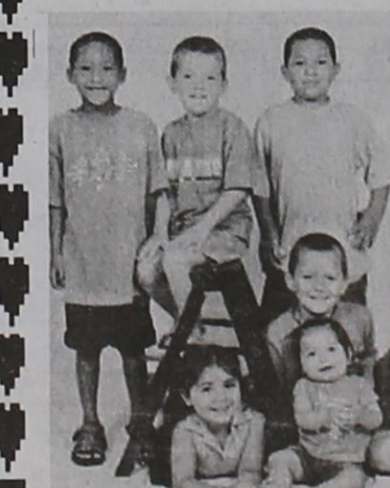


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agreed to commit \$125,000 toward a project designed to rebuild the district's technology infrastructure, according to Superintendent Marlin Marcum. Cabling, servers, switches and hubs all would be replaced as part of the project.

The upgrade could be made possible through the E-Rate federal reimbursement program, which is designed to "help schools and libraries obtain access to state-of-the-art services and technologies at discounted rates," according to the Federal Communications Commission Web site.

According to information presented by the district's technology coordinator, James Easterling, the Post ISD's qualifying characteristics qualify the school district to receive an 81 percent discount on the prescribed technology upgrades.

If financial restrictions force them to, board members can choose to "scale back" the project, Marcum said. District officials plan to make the district-wide upgrade during the 2006-2007 school year.

In other business, the board worked on developing questions to be utilized as part of the upcoming principal interview process. The dis-

trict currently is accepting applications for the position of high school principal. The superintendent is scheduled to screen applicants early next month, and the board will identify its finalists for the position by March 24.

Plans call for the new principal to begin working July 1. District officials are working to fill the high school principal's position after the current principal, Johnny McGregor, announced in December his plans to retire.

Candidate forum ...

(Continued from Page 1)

Democrat
 • County commissioner, Precinct 2 - Charles Morris, Republican
 • County commissioner, Precinct 4 - Mike Sanchez, Democrat
 • Justice of the peace, Precinct 1 - Gordon Terry, Republican; Suzi Clary, Republican

Candidates will have tables set up inside the community center where campaign materials can be picked up.

Candidates also will be provided a specific time period - probably five minutes, Acker said - that can be used to address the crowd during the forum. Candidates can use this time to discuss any topic or topics.

Individuals attending the forum will be offered note cards on which questions may be written. Questions may be directed at a single candidate or multiple candidates, Acker said. The note cards will be collected throughout the event, and the moderators will be responsible for posing the questions to the candidates.

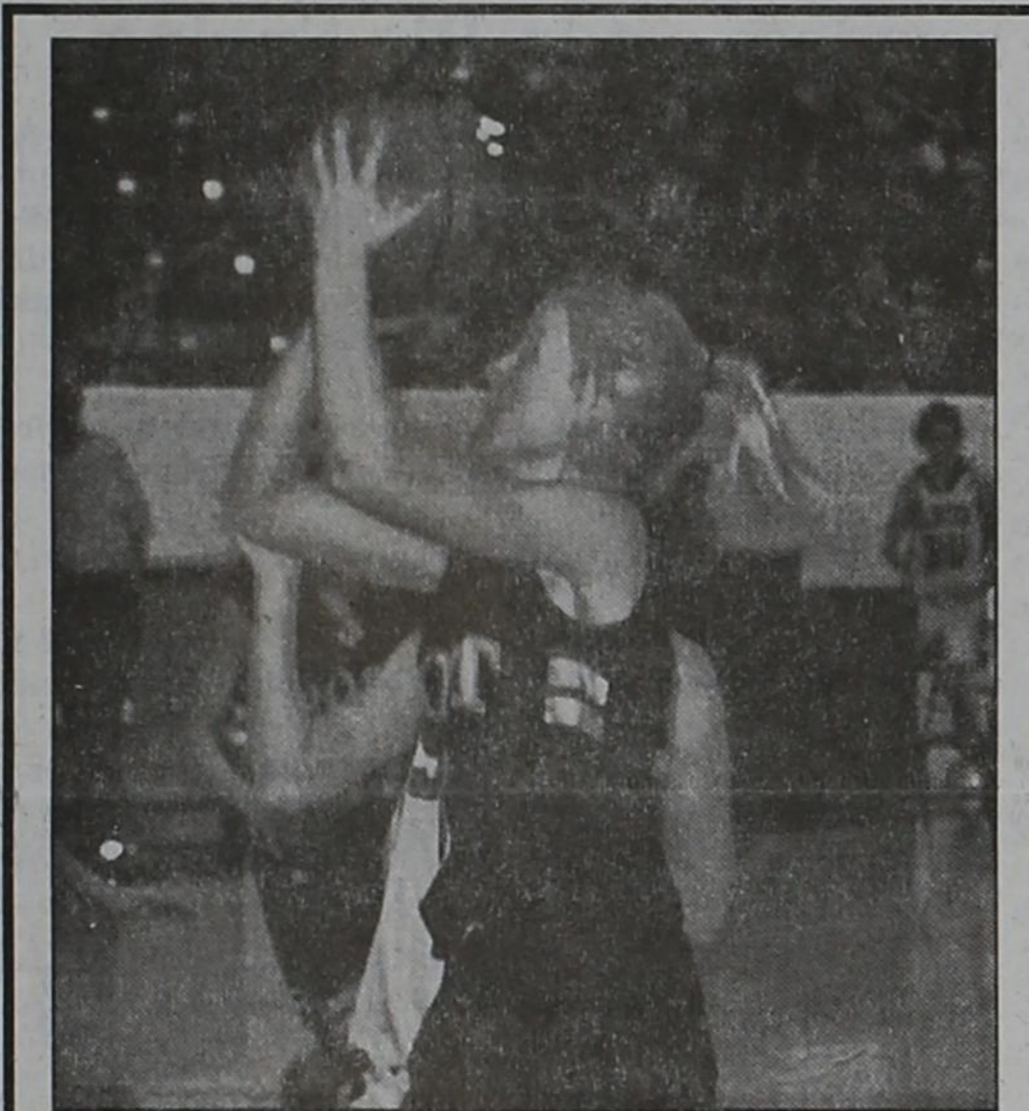
The questions may be culled to avoid repetition or "inappropriate questions," Acker said.

Also serving as moderator will be Wanda Mitchell.

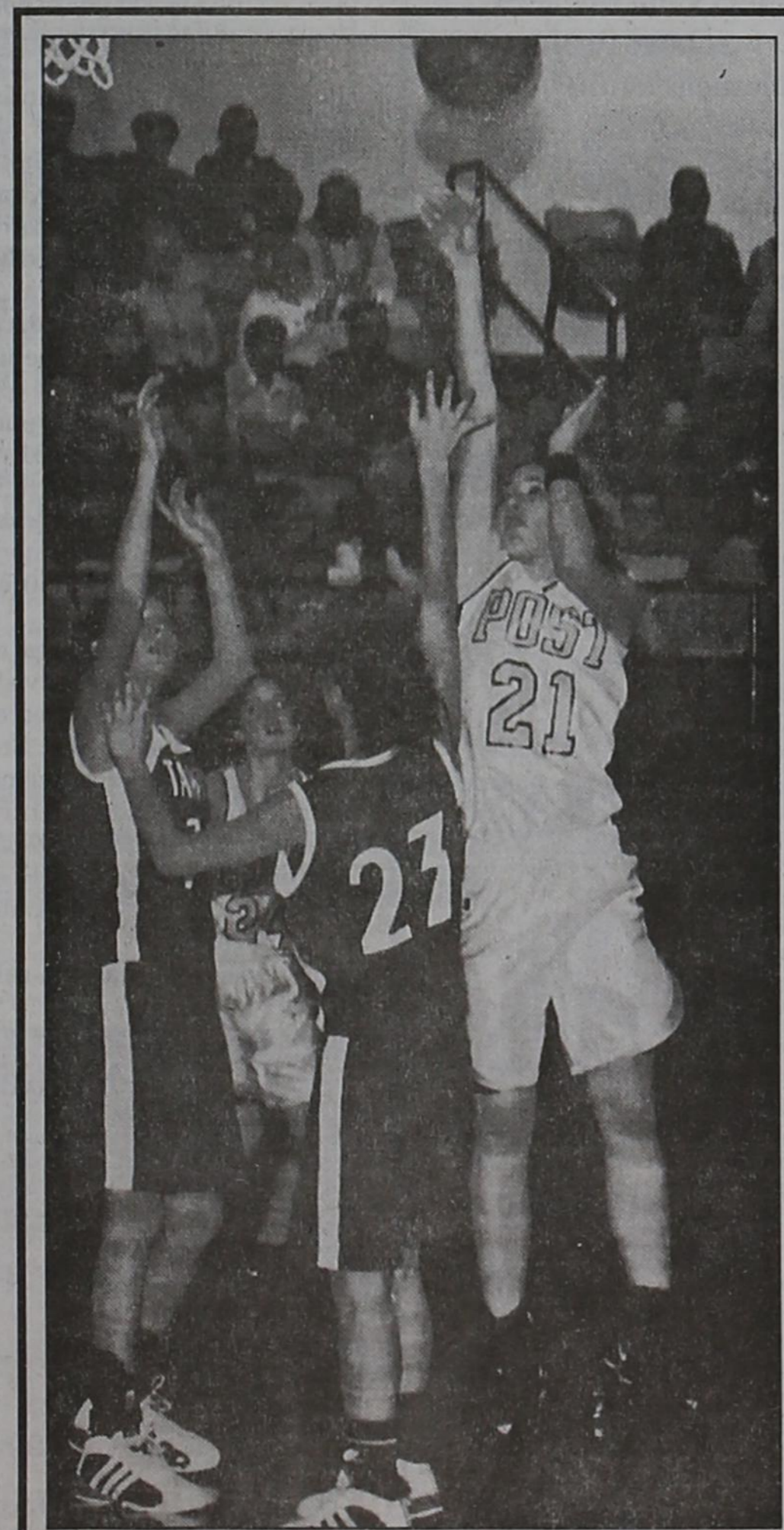
Post City Television plans to videotape the event for broadcast on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 (see program guide next week for days and times).



Branda Stevens (14) struggles against a tough Tahoka defense to pass the ball off to Toni Wait (32) on Monday in the Post High School gym. (Photo by Karianna Strivens)



Claire Kirkpatrick drives in for two points as the JV Lady Lopes took on Slaton last Friday in an out of town game. (Photo by Dusty Clary)



Post Lady Lope Samantha Hoover (21) stretches for a two point shot last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. Standing ready for a rebound is Ashley Wilson (24). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

PHS sets 2006 football schedule

Post ISD Athletic Director Tim James announced this week non-district and district schedules for the 2006 football season following last week's U.I.L. realignment.

"We're pleased to be in a six team district," coach James said, "it gives each team a better chance at advancing." Post had been in an eight team district the past two years. The new District 4AA includes Denver City, Idalou, Post, Roosevelt, Slaton and Tahoka.

"This will continue to be a tough district," James continued, "but we are excited about the opportunities." There will be three teams from each AA district advancing to the post-season play-offs.

James released the following schedule for the 2006 football season: Scrimmages August 19 with Muleshoe (now a AA classification) and Lamesa on August 24.

The season opens September 1 with Seminole, followed by Merkel on September 8, Abernathy on September 15, Floydada on September 22 and Littlefield on September 29. Sites for those games had not been announced at presstime Tuesday.

Post ISD football teams will be idle October 5 and 6 for their open date. Varsity district competition opens October 13 at Denver City. Slaton will be in Post October 20, then the Lopes travel to Tahoka October 27, followed by a trip to Roosevelt November 3 and close out district play at home against Idalou on November 10.

"We're looking forward to this new schedule," James concluded.

Old Mill Trade Days featured in TTU's Daily Toreador

Old Mill Trade Days was the subject of a feature story in the Monday edition of Texas Tech University student newspaper.

The Daily Toreador features reporter Lauren Scott profiled the monthly event at Post, interviewing Rosa Latimer, OMTD general manager, and a number of students who have attended recent Trade Days events.

"Everyone was so polite," one student told Scott. "It really has a small-town feel. Everyone was so friendly and helpful."

"I got a corn dog, and it was so good," another student said in the story. "The food alone is worth going back for."

In addition to profiling various shops and eateries, the story also detailed the recently introduced cash giveaways at OMTD, as well as a bit of the history behind its facilities.

The story was published with the headline: "Trading cities: Techsians, Lubbockites go to Post to shop." The story may be viewed at www.dailytoreador.com under the archives tab.

Weather News

Post: Average high - 68.1 Average low - 38.1 Monthly average temp - 53.1 Normal temp - 45.8 Monthly total precip - Trace Normal precip - 0.98" Year-to-date precip - 0"

Lake Alan Henry Average high - 69.1 Average low - 32.9 Monthly average temp - 51 Normal temp - 45.6 Monthly total precip - 0" Normal precip - 0.83" Year-to-date precip - 0"

Source: Monthly Climate Summaries for Area Cities, National Weather Service, Lubbock

White River Lake Weekly Report Feb. 6, 2006

Gauge reading: 2347.60 Feet below spillway: 24'10" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): .02" Rain to-date: 0"

Rainfall 2004: 43.58" Rainfall 2005: 15.57"

The line replacement project on the Post line is under way and should be completed in a couple of weeks. Replacement of the ground storage tank on the Post line should begin soon. A pre-construction meeting is planned for today, Feb. 9.

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRM-



DJ Baiza (21) hustles the ball up court during last Friday's basketball action at Slaton. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



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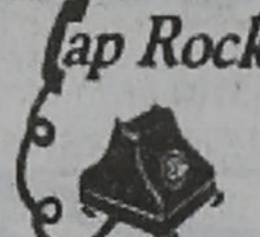
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Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

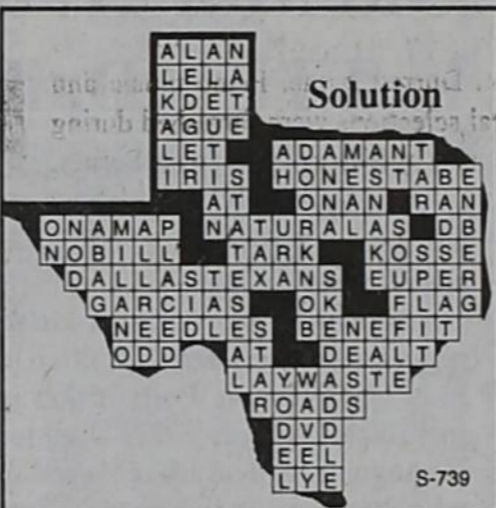
The George R. Brown Partnership, L.P. has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Post Estate "A" lease, Well Number 26 & 27. The proposed injection well is located 2 1/2 miles north of Post, TX in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2700 to 2950 feet.

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

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

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JOHANNIS ANNOUNCES CRP RE-ENROLLMENTS AND EXTENSIONS FOR ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS IN 2007

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 2006 - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johannis announced that starting today USDA will begin notifying certain agricultural producers with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring in 2007 that they may extend or re-enroll their contracts.

"Approximately 16 million acres subject to CRP contracts expire in 2007," said Johannis. "Fulfilling President Bush's directive to allow eligible farmers and ranchers to re-enroll or extend their CRP contracts helps ensure that the quality of soil, water, air and wildlife benefits of CRP continue across the nation for years to come."

Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices will begin notifying certain CRP participants by mail with expiring contracts in 2007 if they are eligible for re-enrollments or two- to five-year extensions. Participants eligible for re-enrollment will be offered a 10- or 15-year contract provided there are restored wetlands on the original land enrolled in the contract. Fifteen-year contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2007, are not eligible for extension.

FSA used the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) to determine eligibility for CRP re-enrollments or extensions. Additional credit was considered for contracts within national CRP conservation priority areas. The EBI addresses expected benefits to water quality, erosion, enduring benefits, air quality and wildlife habitat.

FSA ranked individual contracts into one of five tiers based on the environmental benefits of the original EBI score. Eligible participants ranking in the first tier (i.e. between 81-100 percent) of the EBI will be afforded the opportunity to re-enroll their land in new contracts. Farmers and ranchers with wetlands in this top tier ranking are eligible for a 15-year contract.

Eligible participants ranking in the second tier (i.e. between 61-80 percent) may extend their CRP contracts for five years. Eligible participants ranking within the third tier (i.e. between 41-60 percent) may extend their CRP contracts by four years. Eligible participants ranking in the fourth tier (i.e. between 21-40 percent) may receive three-year extensions. Eligible participants ranking in the bottom tier may extend their contracts by two years.

Before approving a re-enrollment contract or an extended contract, FSA will review the contract to ensure that the required cover is maintained and there is compliance with other contract provisions. In addition, to be eligible, participants must be able to show that they are

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Hearing on mental health services set in Big Spring

A public hearing will be conducted in Big Spring Feb. 23 as part of a series of hearings designed to gather input on how public mental health crisis services are provided throughout Texas.

The purpose of the meetings is to hear comments from medical experts, local officials, community leaders and the public about how services are provided now - and how they should be provided in the future.

The first part of each hearing is reserved for testimony from invited speakers, with evening sessions reserved from comments from others.

The Big Spring hearing will run from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy. 87.

Hearings are open to the public. Advance registration is not required, but individuals desiring to speak should sign in upon arrival.

Information gathered from the Big Spring hearing, as well as the others scheduled across the state, will be used to develop recommendations to best meet the needs of Texans experiencing mental health crises.

LAH Turkey hunting permits drawing set

A drawing for spring turkey hunt permits in the Lake Alan Henry Wildlife Mitigation Area will be conducted March 23. Hunt dates are April 7, 8 and 9 and 21, 22 and 23.

Two permits for Garza County and two permits for Kent County will be issued, according to information provided by the City of Lubbock. A total of only four permits per each three-day weekend will be issued.

Drawing winners must purchase permits by March 31 to guarantee their space.

Permit fees cost \$75 for Lubbock residents, \$100 for non-Lubbock residents and \$150 for out-of-state residents.

To enter the drawing, go to www.lakealanhenry.org or visit the Lubbock Parks & Recreation office at 1010 9th St., Lubbock, any weekday during regular business hours. Entry forms may be faxed to 806-775-2686 or mailed to Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457.

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Yesteryears

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From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago February 8, 1996

The Algieria Art center is re-opening its doors this February 14 with a Valentine's Open House. The Open House not only celebrates the re-opening of the Algieria but welcomes the many new people and businesses in the Post area. During the evening Jerica Tyler will entertain with her singing. The event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association. Members of the PHS choir competing in the U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest are Clay Ashley, Wade Bell, Robert Sanchez, and Priscilla Torres. The great is taught by Jan Buchanan. Visit your local businesses for Valentine specials. They include: Lasting Impression; Happiness Is...; Lily Dale's; Kidstuff; Danish Imports; LaPosta and Main Street Cafe. In August of last year, Diann Guthrie was notified by The National Library of Poetry, that a poem her daughter, Tracy Boland had submitted in a contest has been certified as a semi-finalist. Last week Tracy received the Editor's Choice Award for outstanding achievement in poetry.

20 Years Ago February 12, 1986

The 3AAA district alignment, announced last Thursday puts Idalou in the eight-team district, replacing Friendship. Other district members are Denver City, Seminole, Brownfield, Cooper, Roosevelt, Slaton and Post. "Bosses Character Wall Masks", written by Jan H. Crawford, was published in the January issue of "The Plate Collector", a national magazine directed specifically to collectors. Jan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Herring, is a native of Post. Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held recently during the Grand Opening of Twila's Hair Ways, owned and operated by Twila Liles. Mrs. Ruby Woodard was honored with

a birthday party at the Bank Room. She is 90 years old and lives at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. The party was given by her children Bill Cornett, Fredda Price and Jo Ann Reed all of Justiceburg.

30 Years Ago February 12, 1976

The largest Garza range fire in several years, fanned by strong west winds, blackened an estimated 3,200 acres east of Post and put Cross H. Ranch cowboy Gary Workman in intensive care at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Coach John Morrow and his Post Does closed out their season against Slaton Monday. Members are Genetta Kennedy, Karen Williams, Christi Conner, Hope Johnson, Joni Hays, Amy Cowdrey, Brenda Weaver, Linda Wynne, Jodine Tipton, Sharon Johnson, Kim Mitchell, Brenda Price and Debbie Wyatt. The First Baptist Church in Post was the scene of a double-ring wedding ceremony uniting Donna Carol Dye and Donald Lee Stelzer, Saturday, Feb. 7. The Rev. Glenn Reece performed the ceremony. The Green Thumb program of Garza County is an example of high standards of workmanship and pride in helping our community. At the present time the group is helping to winterize homes and improve safety condition in places where accidents might occur around the home. The group is led by Mr. Raymond Young.

40 Years Ago February 10, 1966

This year's annual Valentine contest consists of 18 contestants. They are: Theresa Sims, Micki Sterling, Marcia Newby, Arleta Robinson, Cathy Orf, Beverly Duncan, Cherri Cummings, Pamela Owen, Carol Camp, Ceretha Jones, Marilyn Jones, Edith Johnson, Sherry Burks, Linda Altman, Sherry Gist, Sherry Woods, Adrienne Cook and Donna Stewart.

Postings: Whether Post and Garza County together build a small modern airport as a progressive stride into the future is going to be determined at the polls March 1. A cross section of this community - 300 men, women, and students - started the airport project back in April, 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Wheatley and son and Mr. and Mrs. Jackey Fluitt moved to Lubbock and are residing at an apartment home on E. Second Street. Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Fluitt are new employees at Litton, Industries.

50 Years Ago
February 9, 1966
One of the biggest, if not the biggest, snows in the memory of most local residents fell here over the weekend, measuring nine inches and depositing moisture ranging from .43 of an inch to an inch on thirsty croplands. Vernon Ray this week submitted his resignation as basketball coach and assistant football coach at Post High School. Miss Ruby Montgomery was hostess for a Coke party. Those present were Miss Rheta Hays, George Graham, Johnny Montgomery, Miss Mildred Wells, Larry McCullough and J. W. Rogers. The group spent the evening playing Canasta and dancing. Post Parent-Teacher Association will observe Founder's Day with a silver tea in the school cafeteria. Miss Jane Stephenson, high school teacher, will give a book review and music will be present by Misses Frances Dietrich and Mary Louise McCrary, pianist. February 17 will mark the birthdate of the founding of P-TA and the national organization will observe the 59th anniversary this month.

60 Years Ago
February 13, 1946
V. F. "Bing" Bingham was elected athletic director of Post High School for the remainder of this school term and for the 1946-47 year. Bingham, whose home is in Lubbock, was discharged recently from the Army Air Force. Before entering the service he was a student at Texas Tech and participated for four years in college football. Mr. Bingham, who is married is looking for a place in Post to live.

A large stock-barn adjoining the office building of the Post Veterinary Hospital was destroyed by fire Sunday night. All of the equipment, instruments and papers belonging to Dr. L. W. Kitchen were saved. The building and corrals were the property of T. R. Greenfield. Dr. C. M. Neel of Lubbock will be at the Dodson Jewelry on Tuesday afternoon to examine eyes and prescribe glasses. A tea shower honoring Margaret Stone, bride-elect, was given Saturday in the J. R. Durrett home. Piano music and vocal selections were furnished during the party by Misses Jenna Joyce Barnes, Mary Sims, Maxine Durrett and Mrs. Weldon Jobe.

South Plains Electric Co-op Contributes \$6,600 To Volunteer Fire Departments

South Plains Electric Cooperative contributed \$6,600 to 33 volunteer fire departments during this statewide disaster of wildfire threats caused by extremely dry weather and conditions.

Post VFD was among the volunteer departments to receive a \$200 grant.

All together, the 33 departments serve and protect 14 counties. The grants also serve as a kick-off for the Operation Round Up membership drive to further benefit the volunteer fire departments (VFDs).

Operation Round Up is a community service program funded by the member-consumers of South Plains Electric Cooperative. As a participant, the electric bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar each month and the few extra cents go into the Operation Round Up fund. A volunteer, 10-member board, consisting of Cooperative member-consumers, reviews appli-

cations and fills grant requests. More than \$400,000 has been given back to our local communities and individuals since 1993.

During the membership drive, for every new account enrolled in Operation Round Up, a \$5 donation will be made to a VFD specified by the Cooperative member-consumer or will be put into a general fund and divided among all 33 VFDs. For member-consumers already participating in Operation Round Up, a one-time \$5 donation will be made in their honor.

"Rural fire volunteers should be commended for what they do so fearlessly and generously to keep our communities safe each day," said James Driver, general manager of South Plains Electric Cooperative. "If we can help make their jobs a little easier or safer, we are delighted to do so. After all, many of the volunteers are co-op employees and member-consumers."

Whether you're a country or city dweller, wildfires are a significant danger for you and your property. Fires have burned 455,127 acres across Texas, destroyed 343 homes and killed three people since late December. The VFDs are your last

defense against a wildfire reaching your home.

Cooperative member-consumers will see bill stuffers about the program each month starting in February and corresponding information in the Texas Co-op Power magazine through May when the membership drive ends.

The National Fire Information Center's 30-day outlook is for continued above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation for Texas. This trend is expected to continue at least through March.

Volunteer firefighters are unpaid and the operating expenses are covered mostly by fundraisers and donations. Now is your chance to help - and it's part of the Cooperative way to do business.

Look for a bill stuffer, information in the Texas Co-op Power magazine or online at www.SPEC.coop. Join Operation Round Up today, immediately help a VFD and continue to help local individuals and communities.

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Post ISD
February 13 - Breakfast - Hot pockets, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, california blend, pineapple slices, garlic bread, milk.
February 14 - Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Corn dogs, tater tots, pork&beans, pears, milk.
February 15 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk, toast, fruit, pudding, milk.
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, milk.
February 16 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Burrito, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk.
February 17 - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch - Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, carrotsticks, hushpuppies, apple, milk.

Menus
Southland ISD
February 13 - PBJ sandwich, banana, cereal, graham crackers, milk.
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn tossed salad, apple cobbler, milk.
February 14 - Breakfast - Sausage link, fruit churros, cereal, graham crackers, milk.
Lunch - Chicken strips, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, chocolate pudding, milk.
February 15 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.
Lunch - Baked potato, broccoli&cheese, soft pretzel, fruit cup, milk.
February 16 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.
Lunch - Corn dogs, baked french fries, vegetarian beans, orange quarters, cookie, milk.
February 17 - Breakfast - Biscuit w/ gravy, sausage, cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.
Lunch - Pizza, green beans, apples, chocolate cake, milk.

TRAILBLAZERS
February 13 - Roasted chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, salad, wheat rolls, cake.
February 14 - Beef roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, fried zucchini, salad, biscuits, fruit.
February 15 - Meat loaf, mixed veggies, hominy, wheat rolls, lemon pie.
February 16 - Baked ham, butter beans, mixed veggies, salad, cornbread, pineapple cake.
February 17 - Brisket, potato salad, greens, cornbread, cobbler.

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- this Alida starred with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"
- TX Ginger Rogers' mother
- Center AM station 7 chills & fever
- TXism: "the cat out of the bag"
- stubbornly unyielding
- eye light regulator
- this president was not on the ballot in TX in 1860 (2 wd. nickname)
- TX group "Asleep the Wheel"
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- TXism: "scorched the pavement"
- where you can find TX towns & highways (3 wds.)
- TXism: "___ a duck in water"
- TX "Hoss" (init.)
- when a TX grand jury refuses to indict (2 wds.)
- "___ the Shark" didn't last long as Spurs coach
- in Limestone Co. on hwy. 14
- Houston Oilers lost '62 AFL title to this TX team
- this TX Joseph invented the ice cream soda
- famous Fort Worth restaurant: "Joe T. ___"
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- TX's has a lone star
- "on ___ and pins"
- TX Willie's "Farm Aids" were ___ concerts
- not even
- TXism: "foaming ___ the mouth"
- TXism: "gotta play the hand you're ___"
- devastate or ravage (2 wds.)
- TX Tommy Lee Jones '81 film: "Back ___"
- newest movie medium (abbr.)
- skinny Gulf fish soap ingredient in early TX ___
- chicken fried steak, okra, TX toast
- TXism: "if it had been ___ it would have bit you"
- 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
- TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"
- this has a star and live oak branches
- location in the "nosebleed" section (2 wds.)
- this Dick announced Cowboy '93 Super Bowl victory
- property or sales TX lma Hogg
- fancy dessert
- TXism: "___ the blanket" (divorce)
- a Fort Worth Bass brother
- former popular Astro GM Smith
- TXism: "___ out of here"
- "Lone ___ State"
- "untouchable" Eliot
- TXism: "table graze"
- sing in Swiss?
- curly hair?

DOWN

- mineral salt found in west TX
- name of Ballinger newspaper
- Alaska's ___ islands
- ex-Cowboy pro lineman Newton
- "___ hal"
- TXism: "dumb as a ___"
- in Coleman Co. on hwy. 67
- chicken fried steak, okra, TX toast
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Enduring the January cold air at the Ragtown Theatre construction site are (left to right), Glenn Polk, Kent Forester, Chad Everett, Justin Bagwell and Chip Polk. Forester, Everett and Bagwell volunteer to help build the theatre as part of a ministry based out of Slaton, Texas. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Volunteers at Ragtown Project

By Tim Burnett
Three good and hard working men arrived to Post with a mission to help build the Ragtown Theatre with Glenn and Chip Polk, who have spear-headed the project from its inception.

Their names are Kent Forester, Justin Bagwell and Chad Everett, and are part of a ministry that is based out of Malta Farms which is located on an 80 acre plot of land outside of Slaton, Texas.

"We are committed to a Biblical based ministry that involves not only volunteer work, but also personal growth at a spiritual level," said Bagwell who has been with the ministry for nearly one and a half years.

Founded by the Director, Kent Forester and his wife Becky, the ministry allows people to live on the farm free of charge and by invitation only. "Coming from different backgrounds and beliefs, the residents of Malta Farms freely learn to develop and establish a personal relationship with the Lord," continued Bagwell.

It all started when Justin Bagwell saw Glenn Polk perform "The Gospel According to Scrooge" at Lubbock's Trinity Church. After the show he approached Polk and learned more about the Ragtown project. Later, Bagwell introduced Polk to Forester and offered their assistance and the partnership began from there.

"They work so hard. They've been a God-send to us," said Polk.

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