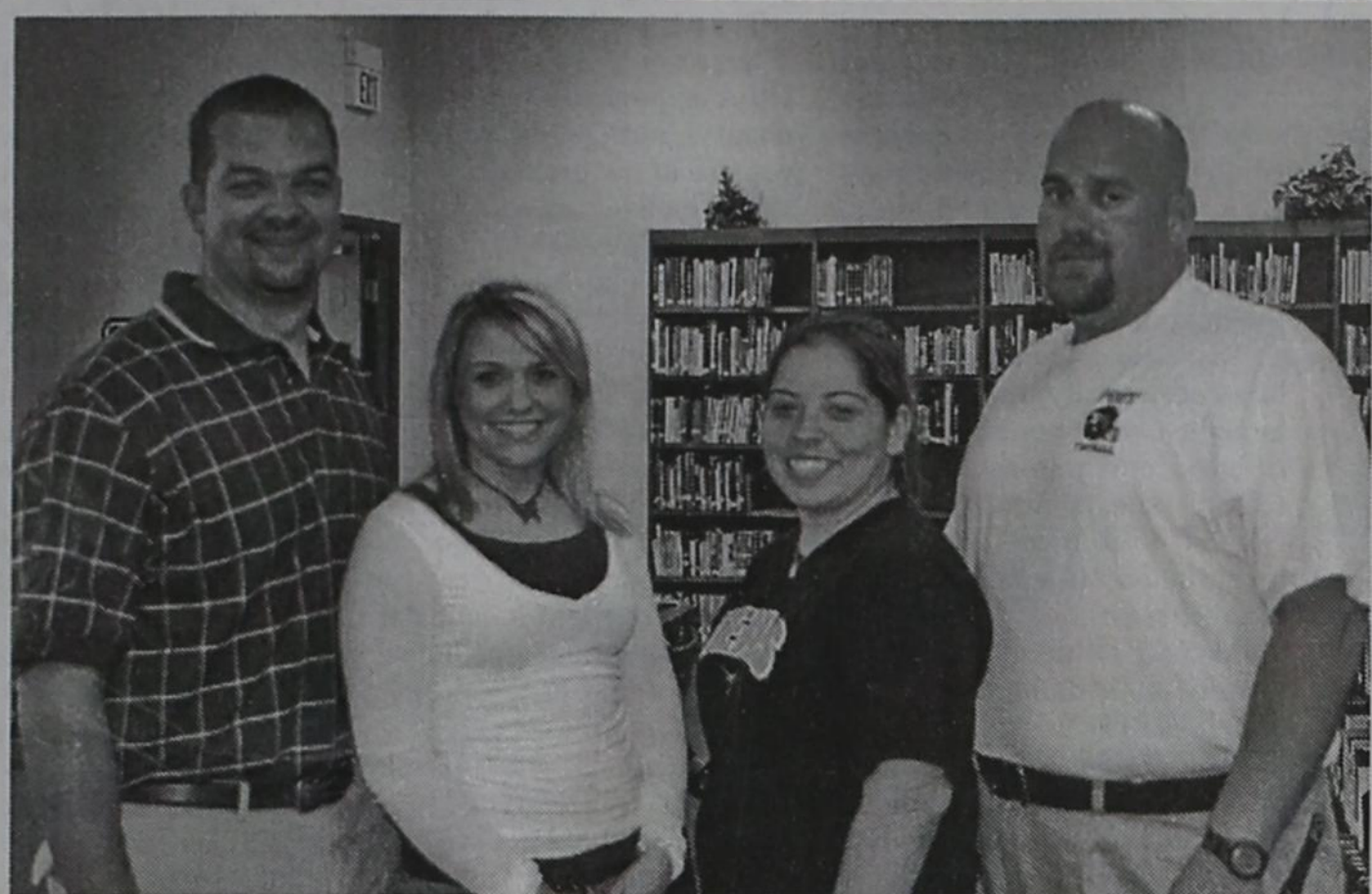


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Post Lady Lopes powerlifting team UIL state qualifiers with their coaches are (left to right), Coach Kyle Motheral, K'Nell Dalby, A' Lana Zubia and Coach John Wright. The ladies are set to compete on Thursday, March 16 - 19 at Killeen, Texas.
(Photo by Melvena Moore, Courtesy of Post High School)

Competing candidates seek election for school, hospital and city spots

Contested races have developed in the local city, school district and hospital district May 13 elections.

Three candidates in Mo Herridge, Tommy Basquez and incumbent Josh Whiteley filed for the Ward 3 seat on the Post City Council, according to reports from City Hall. Rodney Tidwell and incumbent Harold Craig are candidates for the Ward 5 position, while James Easterling will run unopposed to maintain his Ward 4 council post.

Six candidates are vying for three open spots on the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees. Mark Odom, Jay Lott and Mike Holly, along with incumbents Scott Creech, Alexa Collier and Milton Williams, will be candidates for the school board positions, according to a report this week.

In the Garza County Hospital District, a race has developed between the incumbent, Edna Owen, and Johnny Warren for the Precinct 1 director's seat, according to a report from the

district administrator. Incumbent Ray Bagby will run unopposed to return to his Precinct 2 position, while Brandt Taylor will run unopposed for the at-large seat.

An updated list of candidates for the Southland school districts board of trustees was unavailable Tuesday morning. As of last week, all three incumbents in J.W. Basinger, Joe Patterson and Tina Taylor had filed for re-election to their posts.

Candidate filings ended Monday.

Bridge repairs near completion on CR 378

by Wes Burnett

Engineer Rich Oller reported Monday morning to the Garza County Commissioners' Court that bridge work on County Road 378 should be completed within a few weeks. Oller said that the second concrete slab is being laid this week.

In a related matter, Lake Alan Henry developer LaWayne Feagin informed the court that an additional \$400,000 in lot sales had been completed since word has spread about the opening of the county road and repairs to the bridge. Feagin also said that additional sales are expected this summer, perhaps as high as \$500,000.

Feagin also said that plans are proceeding for private docks following negotiated settlement with the City of Lubbock. The developments are on the south shore of Lake Alan Henry.

In other matters, the court

accepted a bid of \$4,000 from James and Joy Dawson for purchase of a house and lot at 410 W. 12th Street. The property had been foreclosed and put up for sale earlier, with no bidders. The sale will require approval of other taxing authorities.

County clerk Jim Plummer's request to enter into an agreement with the Garza County Hospital District for storage of voting machine equipment was approved. The equipment is now being stored in Plummer's office, leaving scant space for routine work.

The court agreed to revoke the \$30 per case Family Protection fee following recommendation by Plummer and county attorney Les Acker.

Justice of the Peace Dee C. Justice informed the court on technology matters, explaining that the sheriff's department may be required to install three separate

secure internet connections to satisfy state law. He is to report back to the court later on exact costs and details.

After agenda items had been completed, County Judge Giles W. Dalby introduced an unsigned letter which had been distributed to local businesses. Dalby's secretary Meg Nelson distributed copies of the letter to commissioners and other county officials at the meeting.

Dalby read the letter, saying that he had no idea where it came from, but that it was left in his downtown office Friday. He also said he had no knowledge about the matter, but thought the letter would be of interest to the court.

Editor's Note: The complete DVD recording of the meeting may be viewed at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on Post City Television, Cebridge Connections Channel 12.

Curfew earns initial City Council approval

by Sheri Lewis

A juvenile curfew could be introduced in the City of Post later this year following action taken by City Council members last week.

In its regular monthly meeting March 7, the Council approved on first reading an ordinance implementing a juvenile curfew within the Post city limits. The ordinance, which is subject to two additional readings, earned a no vote from Councilman Harold Craig; Councilwoman Kenda Bartlett was not present for the meeting.

According to the ordinance, anyone under the age of 17 is in violation of the curfew if "he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours." A 'public place' is defined in the ordinance as "any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities and shops."

The parent or guardian of any individual under the age of 17 is in violation of the curfew if "he knowingly permits or by insufficient control allows a minor/juvenile to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours."

Additionally, owners, operators or employees of local establishments are in violation of the curfew if they knowingly allow "a minor/juvenile to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours." An 'establishment' is defined in the ordinance as "any privately-owned place of business operated for a profit to which the public is invited, including, but not limited to, any place of amusement or entertainment."

The ordinance outlines several exemptions or "defenses," including situations where the minor/juvenile is accompanied by a parent or guardian; on an "errand at the direction" of a parent or guardian; involved in interstate travel; working or traveling to or from work; involved in an emergency situation; attending or traveling to or from a school or religious function or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city, a civic organization or another entity responsible for the youth; is married; or is exercising First

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Post High School One Act Play to perform "The Crucible"

Post high school UIL One Act Play cast members performing in "The Crucible" are (left to right), Allen Heckaman and Claire Kirkpatrick. The team will debut their UIL show on Thursday, March 23 in the Elementary Auditorium during the Zone contest. Listen to Post City Radio and Post City Television for the start time.
(Photo by Shellee Odom, Courtesy of Post ISD)

Post Notes

Baptist youth selling tamales

First Baptist Church Youth Department are taking orders for tamales. All money raised will be applied to the youth mission trip in June to New York City. \$6 per dozen pre-paid orders or \$7 per dozen on day of pick up. All orders ready for pick up March 18. Place orders at 495-1222, ask for Rebecca.

Sale to benefit drug-free party

A bake sale will be held on Tuesday, March 21 during the Post JV and Varsity baseball games from 5-8 p.m. Monday raised will go towards Post High School 2006 Drug-Free After Prom Party. SAM's Club will match the money raised! This is an important event for our high school kids. Please come and donate what you can and get something yummy in return. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Kattwinkel or Dianne James at 495-2770.

Youth camp rummage sale

The 5th Annual White River Youth Camp Rummage Sale will be March 17-18 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mad Dads building. Proceeds will benefit White River Youth Camp and provide scholarship for those who could not otherwise afford to attend. Thousands of items will be available for sale including furniture, clothing, toys, household items, and much more. For further information you may contact Salli Bush at 495-2132 or 773-4503.

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.

One Act Play competition set March 23

The public is invited to come watch and support the Post High School students participating in One Act Play Zone competition on Thursday, March 23 at the Elementary Auditorium here in Post. Watch for details on Cebridge Connections Channel 12, Post City Television.

Baseball and softball sign ups

Post Little League will be registering for 2006 baseball season March 20-24 at the Elementary school gym from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 22 at Citizens Bank from 5-8 p.m. This registration will be for Jr/Sr League, Little League, Softball Girls 8-9-10 year olds, Minor League, and T-Ball Little League tryouts will be Saturday, April 1 beginning at 10 a.m. Also, coaches sign up and meeting will be held Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m. Please call Drew 787-1617 or Terri 549-0420 with any questions.

Little League taking bids for concession

Post Little League are accepting bids for the concession stand for the 2006 baseball season starting the end of April. Anyone interested should call Drew at 787-1617 or Terri at 549-0420.

Memorial fund set up Gonzales brothers

A memorial fund for funeral expenses has been set up for Mikey and Patrick Gonzales at Citizens Bank in memory of Jackie Gonzales. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Medical fund established

An account has been established at Citizens Bank to help assist with medical bills for Johnny Collazo, Jr. Contributions may be made to the Johnny Collazo Medical Fund, c/o Bethel Assembly of God or you may contact Diana Looney at 495-0454.

Fish fry set for Friday, March 24

Holy Cross Church will hold a fish fry on Friday, March 24 from 5-7 p.m. Plates will include fish, potato salad, beans, hush puppies, trimmings & tea. \$6.50 each.

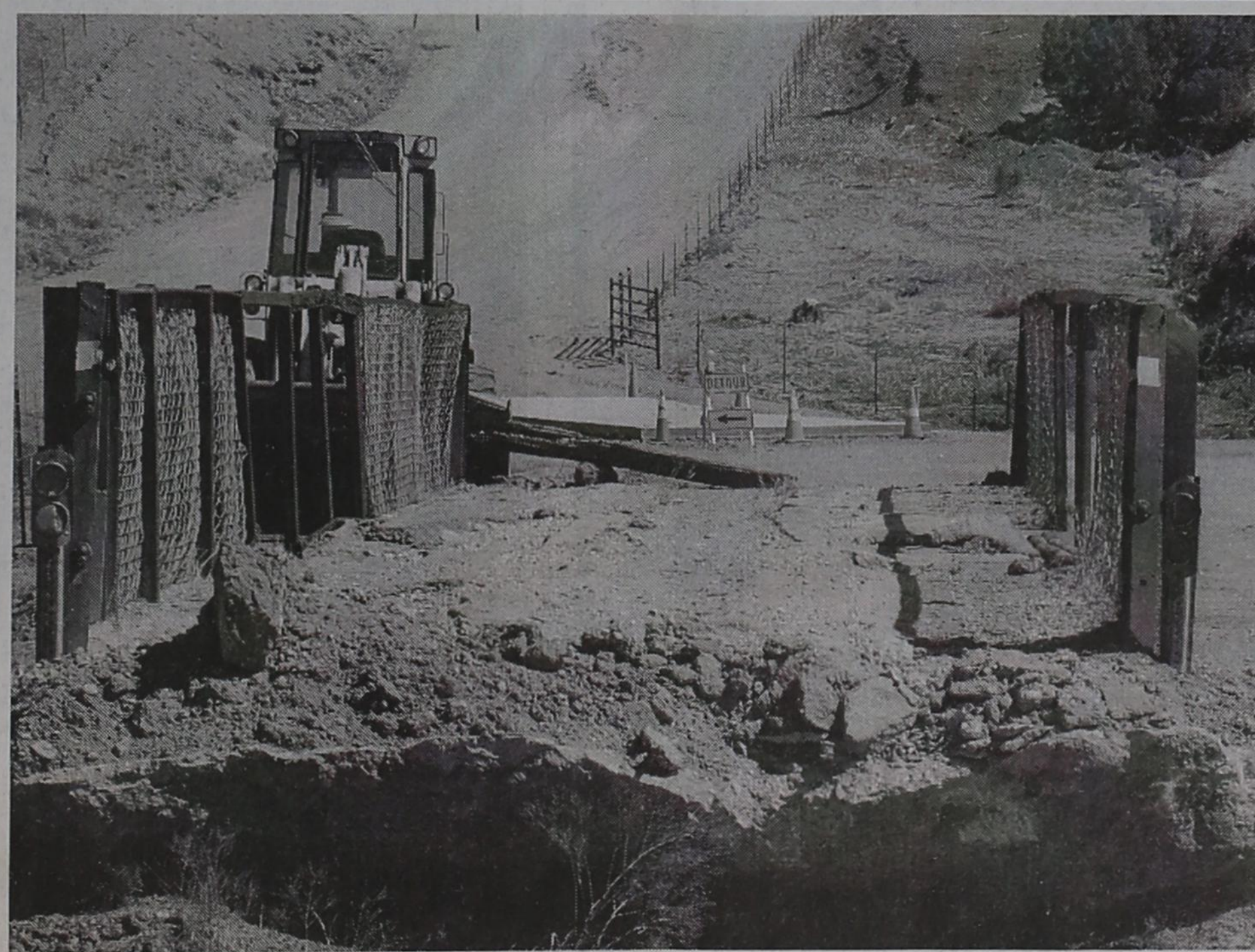
Spring and Easter exhibits at museum

OS Museum, 201 E. Main invites you to view the Spring and Easter exhibit, "Signs & Symbols of Spring". The exhibit will continue thru May 30, 2006. Viewing hours are 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. There is an elevator for your convenience.

Graham Ole Opry March 18

The second quarterly Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Graham Community Center. A wide variety of talent will perform until 10 p.m. A chili supper will be served for donations. All proceeds go to the Graham Community Center repair fund. Plan now to attend for an evening of old fashioned fun.

Post Notes: A community service provided by your hometown newspaper!



Bridge work continues on County Road 378 south of Lake Alan Henry. Garza County engineer Rich Oller informed Commissioners' Court Monday that the bridge repair is expected to be completed in a few weeks. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,
What a wonderful weekend of dirt!!!!!! Was that wind not terrible? Rick and I hid out in the house all day Sunday after church, just was not too interested in getting out to do anything.

Anyway, hope you all had a nice weekend and I know the kids are mighty proud to have a whole week of no school. I bet that goes for our wonderful teachers too. This break is great for everyone.

GET WELL MESSAGES

I know we have several folks under the weather. Just want all of the following to know they are in my thoughts and prayers.

I understand Mike Mitchell was taken to the hospital this

weekend. I don't know what the problem was but Mike I hope you are feeling better soon and are out and about again.

Bill Criswell is in the hospital after a car wreck. From what I hear he is a very lucky man and is on the road to recovery. I believe he is to be out of ICU today (Monday) and may get to come home later in the week.

Glad to hear that Pat Burnett is home now and recovering nicely from hip replacement surgery. This past week she was happy to have daughter Kimberly and granddaughters Cailee and Lindsey from Mesa, Arizona there with her. They made great nurses and sped up the healing.

My friend Glenda Stevens has had a really tough time of late. Just want her to know she is loved and missed and that I think she is pretty special. Glenda is at home and doing much better after a bout with blood pressure.

Also for an update on Doris Lester, she is doing better now and hopefully will be up and about real soon.

Also, Debbie Mason received great news this week. NO CHEMO!!!! I just want Debbie to know God answers prayers. I am so happy for her.

And last, but certainly not least, Sharron Morris, Sharron is at home with the crud today and she is missed. Hopefully she will get well really quick and be back down here with Jane and I.

CHEYENNE WHITE

Noel and Orabeth White recently attended the induction ceremony of their granddaughter, Cheyenne White, into Phi Theta Kappa at South Plains College in Levelland.

The ceremony was held in the Sundown Room of the SPC Student Union Building.

Guest speaker for the event was Wayne Wharton, minister at the Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland. He encouraged the inductees to use their God given talents to serve and lead their homes, college, community and country.

An inductee is required to maintain a 3.5 or above grade average to belong to the nationwide college honor society.

White, a 2005 graduate of Throckmorton High School, is the daughter of Steve and Jackie White. As a freshman, she had a 4.0 grade average for the fall semester. Cheyenne is attending South Plains on a full rodeo scholarship and competes for SPC in barrel racing, goat tying and break-away roping.

Mouse Story..a message

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - he was

devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning.

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's

wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral; the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I didn't get this in last week's paper before her birthday, but want to send a belated birthday wish to my friend Sue Williams. She celebrated her birthday on Sunday, but she didn't tell me how many!!!!

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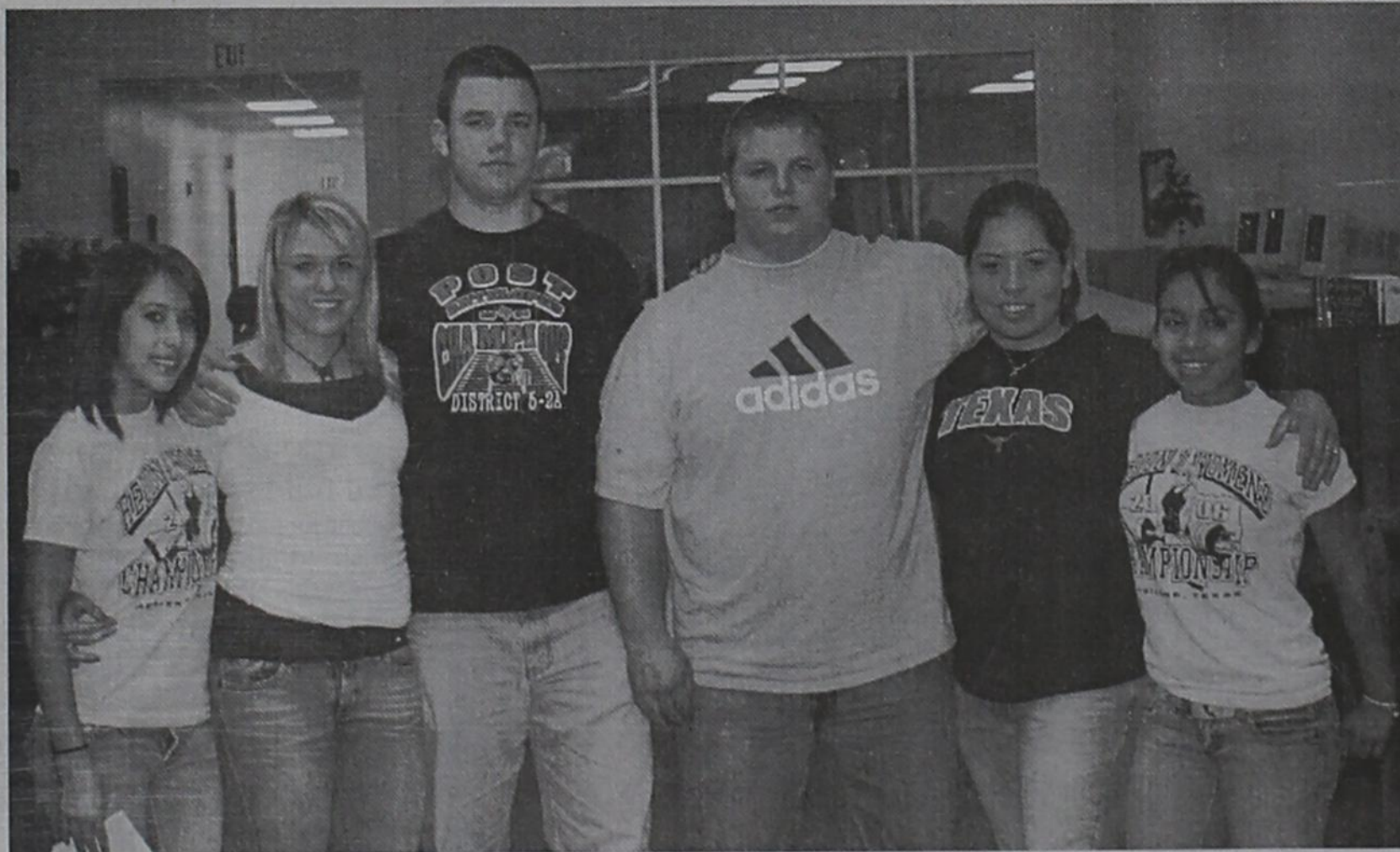
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City to impose curfew...

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Amendment rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the right of assembly.

The ordinance also allows a defense for any owner, operator or employee of an establishment who notifies local authorities that a minor is present at his or her establishment during curfew hours and the minor has refused to leave.

The curfew will run from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m., seven days a week. A violation of the ordinance will be classified as a Class C misdemeanor, according to Council members. A fine of up to \$500 can be assessed for each conviction.

Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws, who was on hand for the council's discussion of the ordinance, said there is an "extreme number of young people out at night," particularly during the summer months and during spring break. It is not unusual for deputies to spot juveniles on the street as late as 4 a.m.

"Until you get the parents involved, you're gonna continue to have children out walking the streets until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning," the sheriff said. "They should be at home, not out on the streets. Not only is it for their safety, but to keep them out of trouble, too."

With the ordinance in place, law enforcement officers will issue each offender a ticket and notify parents to come and pick up their child, Laws said. The ordinance will, in effect, help hold parents responsible for keeping their children off the streets late at night.

"If the parents are not aware that their children are out that time of night, they should be," he said.

"I believe that it's the parents' responsibility," said Councilman Dick Odom. "It shouldn't be the police or sheriff's department or whatever, or the city, to have to enforce a curfew. But if that's what it takes, I think that it might be the time to do it."

Parents who receive citations might be compelled to be "a little stricter" in keeping their children home late at night, Odom said.

Many on the council agreed that a curfew will prove to be a safety measure for some young people.

"It's really the parents' responsibility; however, if the parents don't exercise their responsibility, who's left to do it?" said Ric Walton, city manager. "Public safety and welfare are one of the responsibilities of government."

"I hope this isn't a violation of their rights, but... I think it's probably a pretty good idea that we do it," Odom said.

It was noted that several neighboring cities have introduced curfews in recent years. The City of Lubbock has long observed a juvenile curfew that applies to individuals ages 16 or younger.

Walton recommended the text of the local curfew ordinance be published for review prior to the council's consideration of the ordinance on second and third readings.

The issue of a juvenile curfew in Post was raised several months ago by the sheriff, who suggested that such action would help curtail gang activity, eliminate graffiti and keep youths off the streets during late night hours. The council discussed the possibility of a curfew at length during its September meeting, but opted to postpone any action on the matter until extensive research could be conducted.



Post high school UIL One Act Play cast members performing in "The Crucible" are (left to right) Emily Marcum and Joey Guerra. The team will debut their UIL show on Thursday, March 23 in the Elementary Auditorium during the Zone contest. For more details watch Cebridge Connections Post City Television. (Photo by Shellee Odom, Courtesy of Post ISD)

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City may be overpaying its share of landfill costs

by Sheri Lewis

The City of Post may be overpaying its portion of the landfill contract shared by the municipality and Garza County.

In his report to the City Council March 7, City Manager Ric Walton said that in a recent review of the contractual agreement between the city and the county, he determined the city is paying 100 percent of the salaries and benefits of landfill employees. This appears to be contrary to the arrangement between the two entities, which holds the city responsible for 75 percent of landfill expenses while the county pays the remaining 25 percent.

About half of what the city has paid toward landfill expenses this fiscal year, or \$41,000, has been to cover salaries and benefits, Walton said. If a review of the contractual agreement indicates the county should be sharing these costs, the impact to the county could be significant.

In other reports to the council, Walton said he has some concerns about the amount the city has spent to date on water purchased from Slaton. For the current fiscal year, the city budgeted \$95,000 for water Slaton purchases; however, in the first four months of the year, in what is traditionally thought of as a "low water use period," the city's actual expenditures were \$49,000 - or more than half of the total budgeted for the entire year.

"It may come out in the wash the way we're buying the water," Walton said, referring to the arrangements the city has for purchasing water from both Slaton and the White River Municipal Water District.

Walton and city employees are working on reports to be presented to the council next month. These reports should provide the council an overview of water billing, water purchased and the amount of water handled at the wastewater treatment plant in 2005. Walton said the reports may provide some insight into what, if any, problems exist.

Other reports delivered by the city manager included:

- Information about plans the City of Slaton has to temporarily shut down its large groundwater storage tank sometime late this year, probably in the late fall or winter months. Slaton is preparing to take bids on the tanks cleaning and refinishing, Walton said, and while the tank is down the City of Post will have no access to Slaton water. Slaton officials estimate their tank, which must be full to allow the Post tank to fill, will be offline about three to four weeks.

- An update on the need for new trucks in the city's water/sewer department. Walton said he plans to advertise for bids on two vehicles and split the costs

between the current and upcoming fiscal years.

- An overview of plans for seal coating within the city. A total of \$35,000 is budgeted for seal coating, with 49,465 yards of street space - or about \$50,000 worth - earmarked for attention this year. Walton asked city officials to decide whether they want to pare down the number of streets to be seal coated in fiscal year 2006 or dip into city revenues to cover the cost for all proposed seal coating.

- Information about lighting at the baseball field. Walton said the city has about half the cost of the lighting in its budget. The Post Independent School District has offered to assist with poles for the lighting project.

- Information about the planned extension of water lines eastward within the cemetery. Extension of the lines is necessary because of the sale of new lots, the city manager said. The project will be handled entirely in-house at a cost of less than \$2,000.

No action was taken on any of Walton's reports.

Weather Summary

National Weather Service Monthly Summary March 14, 2006

Post: Average high n 77.2 Average low n 47.8 Monthly average temp - 62.5 Normal temp - 53.3 Monthly total precip - 0" Normal precip - 0.76" Year-to-date precip - 0"

Lake Alan Henry Average high - 77 Average low n 47.1 Monthly average temp - 62 Normal temp - 53.4 Monthly total precip n 0.36" Normal precip - 1.00" Year-to-date precip - 0.45"

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2006

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Community Room, Citizens Bank, 210 N. Broadway



Andrew Quintana sits high on a tractor as his father pours cement for their carport. Andrew is the son of Melinda and David Quintana and the brother of Quincy Quintana. (Photo by Jackie Miner)



Monday's cotton fire continued to smolder as of Tuesday afternoon, south of Post on highway 84 across from the CR 378 cutoff. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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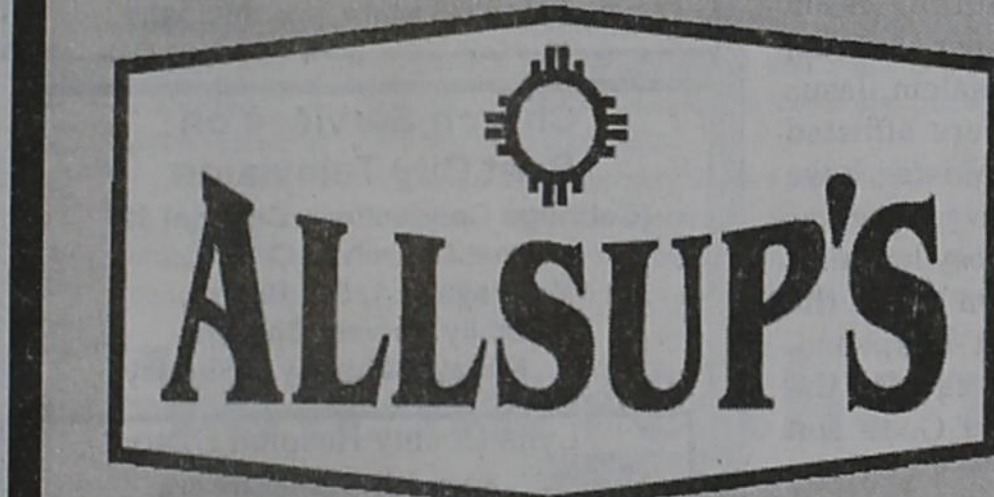


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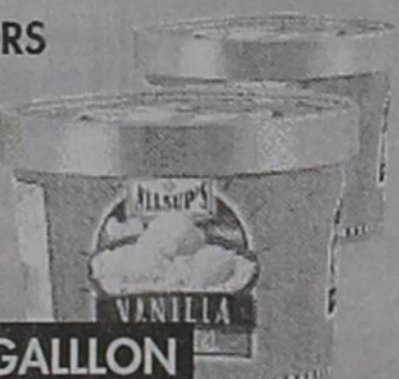
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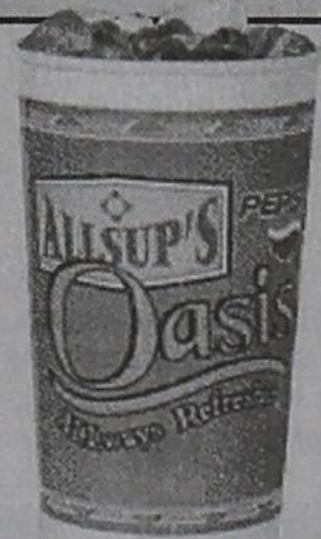
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Opinions



Youth indoctrination update

by Walter E. Williams

Several weeks ago, I wrote about Overland High School teacher Jay Bennish's indoctrination of his geography class. In commenting on President Bush's State of the Union address, he told his 10th-graders: "Sounds a lot like the things Adolf Hitler used to say." "Bush is threatening the whole planet." "[The] U.S. wants to keep the world divided." Then he asks his class, "Who is probably the most violent nation on the planet?" and then shouts "The United States!"

After that tirade, which included many other anti-American remarks, he gave the students the "definition" of capitalism -- telling them that "capitalism is at odds with humanity, at odds with caring and compassion and at odds with human rights."

After public exposure by my column and Denver talk-show host Mike Rosen's radio interview with 16-year-old Sean Allen, who recorded Bennish's comments, and his dad, Jeff Allen, the Cherry Creek School District placed Mr. Bennish on administrative leave. The indoctrination story became nationwide news after being picked up by major media and talk radio. The overwhelming response, including that of Colorado's governor, Bill Owens, to Bennish's classroom tirade has been disgust.

Last Friday, Dr. Monte Moses, Cherry Creek School District superintendent, announced that their investigation of Jay Bennish's remarks and complaints against him were complete and he'll be allowed to return to teaching at Overland High School. Dr. Moses did make a mealy-mouthed statement that the teacher's "practice and deportment need growth and refinement."

Like a few others who have defended Jay Bennish, Dr. Moses talked about academic freedom and First Amendment guarantees. Others have criticized and even threatened Sean Allen for recording and making the teacher's comments public. The issue is neither academic freedom and free speech nor public exposure of the teacher's comments.

It's academic and intellectual dishonesty when a teacher, who is supposed to be teaching geography, uses his classroom to indoctrinate relatively uninformed teenagers. Recording the teacher's comments broke neither school policy nor Colorado law. But more importantly, I believe that what teachers say

in class should be subject to parental and public scrutiny.

I've taught economics for 37 years. I encourage students to record my lectures. Moreover, I tell them that the class deals with positive economics and if they hear me make a statement appearing to be an opinion, without saying so, they are to raise their hands and say, "Professor Williams, we didn't take this class to be indoctrinated with your personal opinions passed off as economic theory; that's academic dishonesty." I also tell them that if I ever preface a comment with, "In my opinion," they can stop taking notes because my opinion is irrelevant to economic theory.

I've received numerous letters from all over our country saying that indoctrination at Overland High School is by no means unique. It's widespread, and much of it is anti-American. Where the indoctrination is not anti-American, it's an attack on family values and traditional standards of decency. The unique aspect of the Overland High School affair is the hard, undeniable recorded evidence. Without it, teachers and administrators might have lied, denied or misrepresented what was said. After all, it would be the word of a teenager against an adult professional. Today's microtechnology, might be just what the doctor ordered to put a stop to teachers using their position to indoctrinate our youth.

Preaching instead of teaching might go a long way toward explaining why in civics, math, reading, writing and geography, nearly a quarter of all students leave high school with academic skills that are "Below Basic," the category the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) uses for students unable to display even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at their grade level. In science, 47 percent leave high school with skills Below Basic, and in American history, it's 57 percent. I'd like for Jay Bennish's supporters to explain how his indoctrination will help that.

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You have the right to know what they don't want you to know

by Sheri Lewis

Citizens have the right to know what is going on at the local, state and national level of government.

Or do they?

It is a debate as old as the country itself, one our forefathers recognized when penning the First Amendment:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

But what exactly is freedom of speech and freedom of the press? Does the First Amendment give news outlets the right to publish or broadcast anything they see fit?

Hardly. There are laws specifically addressing the media and their responsibilities with regard to libel, invasion of privacy and obscenity, for example. Responsible, ethical journalists are cognizant of the legal ramifications of each and every word they write. But sometimes it's not legal concerns that are most troublesome to the media. Sometimes the problem is a result of the media's natural role in society: the bearer of bad news.

Some folks don't want to read unflattering information about their hometown, the guy that lives next door, Uncle Joe, the business on the corner or that woman with the big pink hat who walks to church every Sunday morning. How dare the newspaper print that, it is often said. It's just not fair.

But it is fair. If it is a matter of public record, then the information is open and available to the public and the public has the right to know. How that information is perceived is, of course, a matter of perspective.

The old adage "One man's trash is another man's treasure" is a simple illustration. I may read something in a newspaper and believe it to be the most useless waste of ink and news space I've ever seen. You, on the other hand, may think it a tremendously well-written article full of good information that you need or want to know.

Let's say your house is broken into and the sheriff's department catches the man responsible. You'd likely have no problem with the newspaper publishing a story about his alleged illegal activities. But if you're related to the accused and you're a mother, a brother or his spouse and the headline and accompanying article about your loved one would not be a welcomed sight.

One of the basic tenets of journalism is that reporters serve as watchdogs for the communities they serve. As a reporter, it is my responsibility to gather information and write objectively and accurately about events unfolding in the community. But in the 20-plus years I've worked for Texas newspapers, I've often been berated for articles I've written: "Don't write stories like the one you did today about the big drug bust. That just makes our city look bad."

Why did you cover that Ku Klux Klan rally? You just gave them the publicity they wanted. Was it really necessary for you to include that part of our meeting in your story? We really didn't want that part to get into the paper.

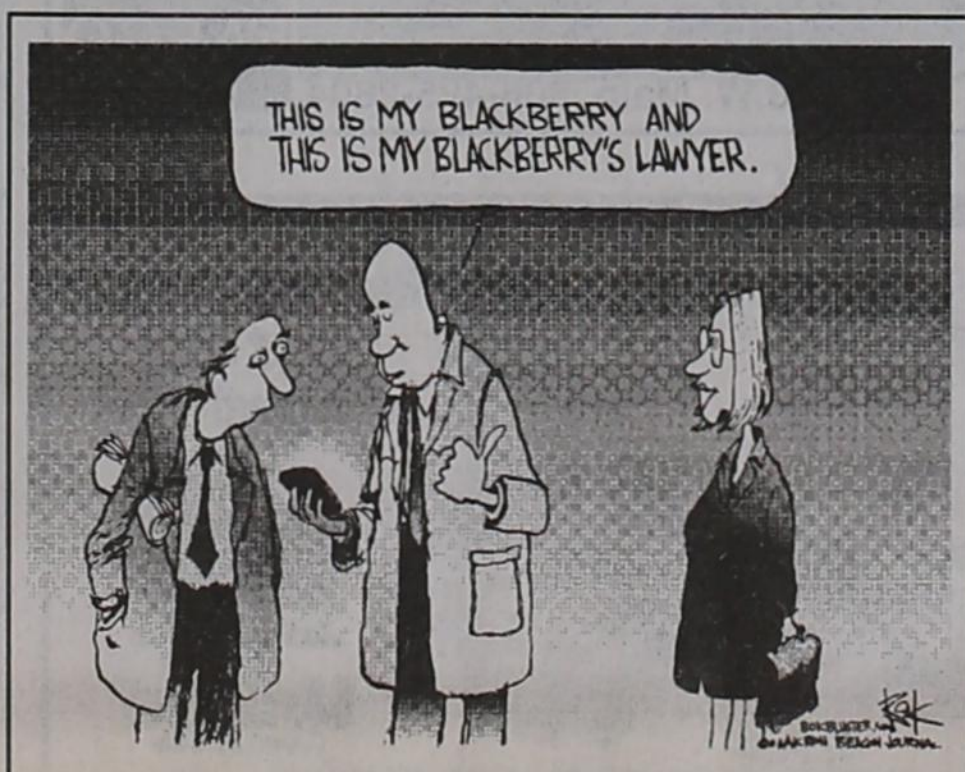
Will you always like what you read? Probably not. But do you, your neighbors and the rest of the community have the right to be informed, to know what is going on behind closed doors or in open session? The First Amendment says you do.

I'm certainly not calling for a Love The Dispatch Week proclamation by local governmental entities, but please note that this is Sunshine Week 2006. First observed in 2005, Sunshine Week is an effort of the American Society of Newspaper Editors designed to call attention to the public's right to know and the importance of protecting and embracing government regulations relating to open meetings and open records.

Sunshine Week is not about protecting journalists' rights, the [sunshineweek.org](http://www.sunshineweek.org) Web site states. It's about the right of all citizens to know what their government is doing and why.

And that's why we're here to provide our readers with the news, both the good and the bad, and to shine the light on what some in government don't want you to know about.

After all, a strong community newspaper is not a mouthpiece for the status quo.



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It's Hard Out here

by Bill O'Reilly

And the winner is ... "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp!" The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences would like to inform the world that this is the best movie song of the year, and you best believe it.

Taking its place besides other best movie songs like "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," "Moon River," "A Whole New World," and "Fame," the pimp song, performed in the film "Hustle and Flow," is now enshrined forever in movie history.

You ain't knowin'?

Actually, that's the refrain from the song chanted about 7,000 times within the body (no pun intended) of the work.

The basic theme of "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp" seems to be that selling women for sex is a competitive industry with no health benefits or paid vacations. That is hard, indeed. Pimping isn't all it's cracked (no pun intended) up to be. The long hours and demanding clientele do take a toll.

As the show business community looked up to the Oscar stage last Sunday they could not help but be impressed with the lyrics of the best song selection "Wait I got a snow bunny, and a black girl too

You pay the right price and they'll both do you,

That's the way the game goes, gotta keep it strictly pimpin'

Gotta have my hustle tight makin' change off these women, yeah!"

Where have you gone, Henry Mancini?

Now, what are we unenlightened, non-show-biz people to think about the best movie song of the year? If you saw the rap group "Three 6 Mafia" perform their classic, you can decide for yourself. But, no question, the Academy voters were sticking it "to the man."

And who's the man? That's us, folks. The people who pay to watch movies. They are sticking it to us.

But why? All we do is enable many foolish people to become wealthy and famous. We buy magazines to read about them, we watch TV programs that kiss their posteriors, and some of us pay \$10 to see their movies, which are often incomprehensible.

No serious person could think that awarding a song that describes the "pimp life" would play well in Tulsa, Okla. So what's up with that, as they say in the 'hood.

The pinhead apologists for a decaying music industry will trot out the same canard: the "Pimp" song simply reflects street life as it exists today. OK, fine. If you find that reflection worthwhile, well, that's why you live in America.

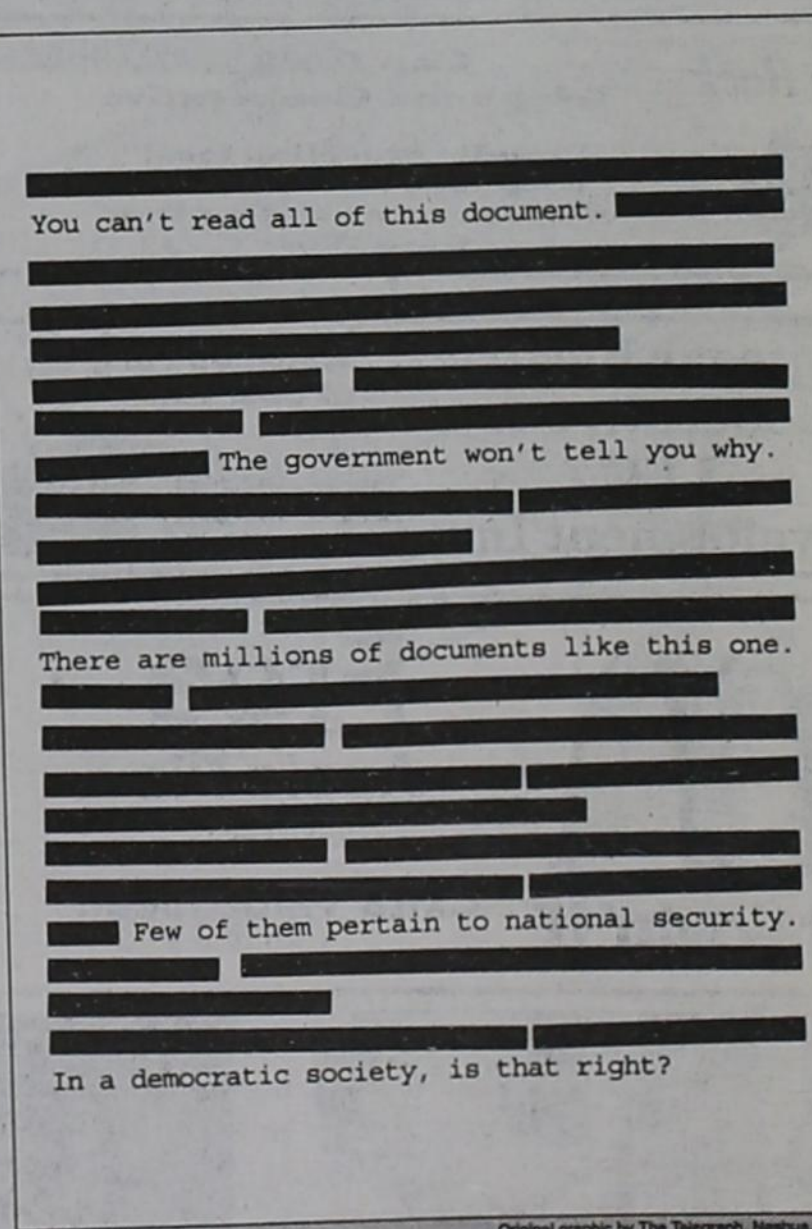
In Al Qaeda-dominated Northern Pakistan, "Three 6 Mafia" would find themselves beheaded. By the way, it's not easy being a terrorist, either.

The truth is that Hollywood doesn't really like the folks very much. They see us as marginal intellectuals who couldn't possibly understand the art on display in the pimp song. So they voted for an effort they knew would displease many Americans. This is called "arrogance."

It is hard to believe that any sane person could think "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp," is worthy of an artistic award. I know I "ain't knowin'," but I'll submit this thing probably was written in five minutes on bar napkin someplace.

However, I will concede that being a pimp is probably more difficult than it appears. But it isn't nearly as difficult as sitting through that best movie song of the year.

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Spring Sports

Lady Lopes capture 2nd place at New Deal track meet

The varsity girls Lady Lopes captured a second-place finish at the New Deal Mean Green Relays conducted Friday, March 10.

The team scored 101 total points.

Individual results, as provided by the girls' coach, included:

- Discus - Paige Bullard, 45'; Shelley Gearheart, 55'; Kenzie Mason, 60'
- High jump - Claire Kirkpatrick, 4'4"; Samantha Hoover, 4'6"; fifth place; Shawnda Wiley, 4'4"
- Long jump - Jenee Lott, 15' 8 1/2", second place; Gaby Gomez, 15'2 1/2", fifth place; Marlee Plummer, 13'11"
- Triple jump - Jenee Lott, 32' 8 3/4", third place; Gaby Gomez, 31' 11 3/4", sixth place; Sabrina Sanchez, 29' 7 3/4"
- Shot - Madison Mason, 20'
- 3200 run - Haley Lester, 15:46.65; Maria Mendoza, 16:19.53; Claudia Hernandez, 16:21.71
- 400 relay - 55.98 (Sabrina Sanchez, Whitney Williams, Claire Kirkpatrick, Marlee Plummer), third place
- 800 run - Shawnda Wiley, 2:47, fourth place; Maria Mendoza, 3:11; Haley Lester, 3:04
- 100 hurdles - Laurel Tatum, 18.09, fourth place; Tamara Raymundo, 18.40, fifth place; Samantha Hoover, 18.87
- 100 dash - Rachel Gray, 12.63, first place; Patricia Wright, 14.66; Shyra Perez, 14.13
- 800 relay - 2:00.45 (Marlee Plummer, Jenee Lott, Whitney Williams, Gaby Gomez), second place

- 400 dash - Rachel Gray, 62.03, first place; Brenda Menjares, 68.55, sixth place; Shyra Perez, 70.27; Amber Spargo, 85.39
- 300 hurdles - Samantha Hoover, 54.40, fourth place; Valerie Moreno, 60.57; Tamara Raymundo, 57.75
- 200 dash - Shyra Perez, 29.92; Patricia Wright, 32.47; Brenda Menjares, 29.56; Amber Spargo, 33.95
- 1600 run - Shelley Gearheart, 7:47.05; Claudia Hernandez, 7:14.96
- 1600 relay - 4:32.40 (Shawnda Wiley, Sabrina Sanchez, Marlee Plummer, Rachel Gray), second place

Track photos by Donna Jones



Lady Lope Samantha Hoover clears the pole in the high jump during last Saturday's track meet at New Deal.



Lady Lope Jenee Lott lunges forward in the long jump during last weekend's track meet at New Deal. Watching in the background at the right are coach Kyle Motheral and coach Tim James.



Antelope pitcher Blake Nichols (9) winds up for the strike during Tuesday's 6-3 win over Idalou. Along with his 5th inning solo home run, Nichols maintained good composure while pitching to only 4 hits, no earned runs and 8 strike outs, according to reports from Coach Max Kattwinkle.

PHS Spring Sports Schedule

- March 9, 10 & 11
Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Seminole
JV Baseball Tournament @ Post
- March 10
Track @ New Deal
- March 11
Powerlifting @ Brownfield
Boys' Regional
Softball Tournament @ Slaton
- March 13, 14
State CX Debate @ Austin
- March 14
Softball @ Idalou, 5 p.m.
Baseball vs Idalou @ Post, JV Noon, Varsity 2:30 p.m.
- March 16, 17
Powerlifting Girls' State Meet @ Killeen
- March 17
Softball vs Tahoka @ Post, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball @ Tahoka, JV noon, Varsity 3 p.m.
- March 18
Tennis @ Plainview
- March 20
Lady Lope Golf @ Tahoka
- March 21
Softball @ Slaton, 5 p.m.
Baseball vs. Slaton @ Post, JV 4:30, Varsity, 7 p.m.
- March 22
Lope Golf @ Tahoka
- March 24
Tennis Teams @ Levelland
Track Teams @ Tahoka

Little League Baseball & Softball Signup

• March 20-24 @ Elementary School Gym, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

* Wed., March 22 @ CitizensBank, 5 to 8 p.m.

Coaches & Signup Meeting, Sat., March 25 @ CitizensBank, 1 p.m.
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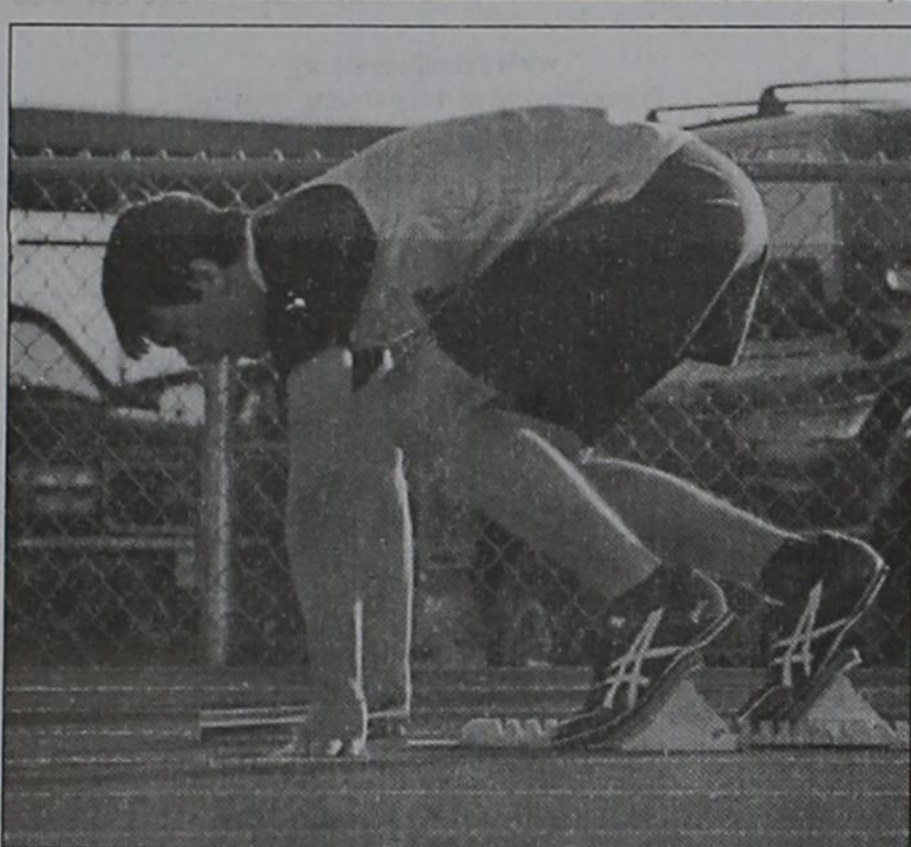
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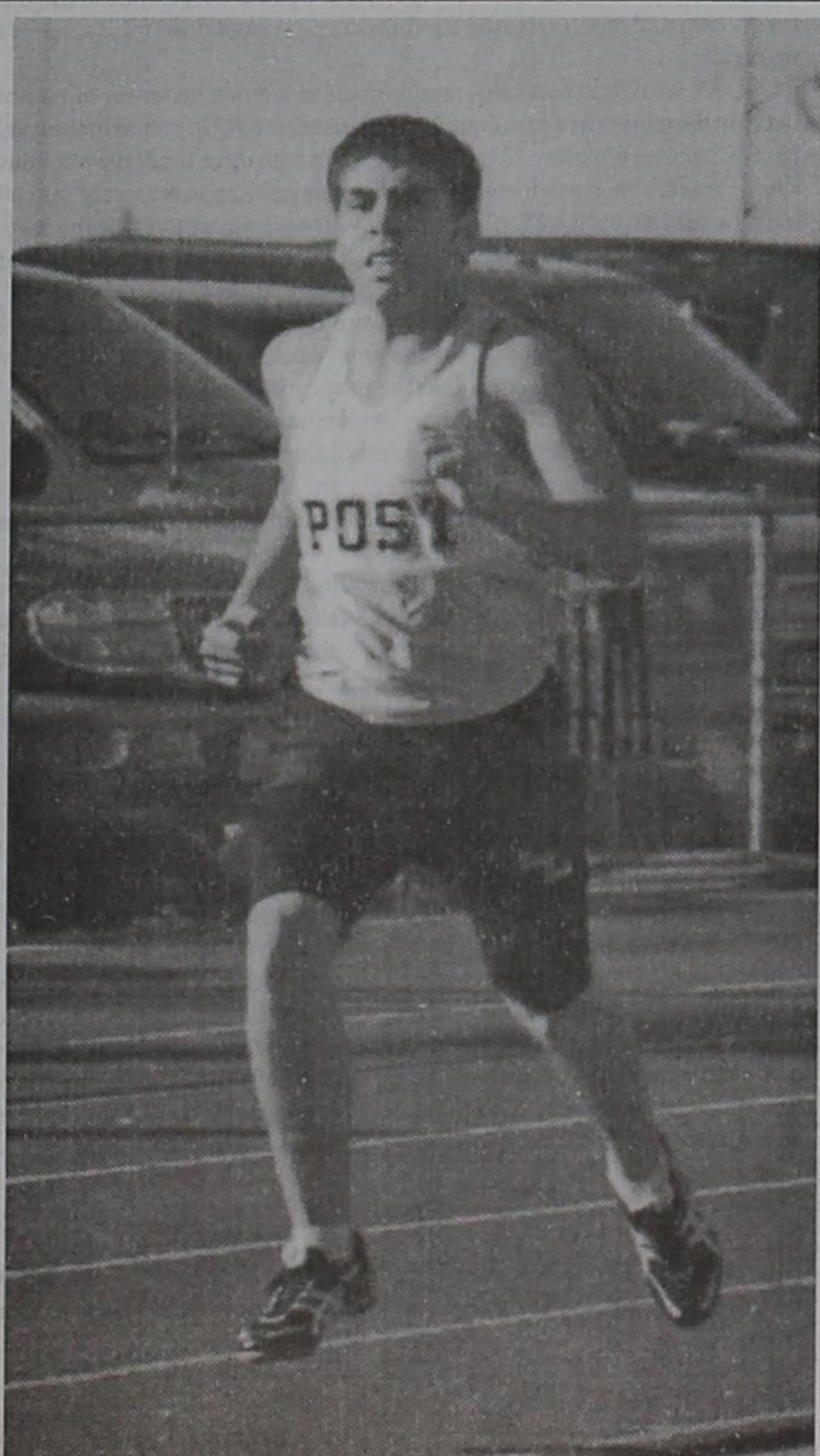
Tamara Raymundo shoots through the 300M Hurdles during Saturday's track meet at New Deal.



Colter Creech gets set for the 800M Relay during last Saturday's meet at New Deal.



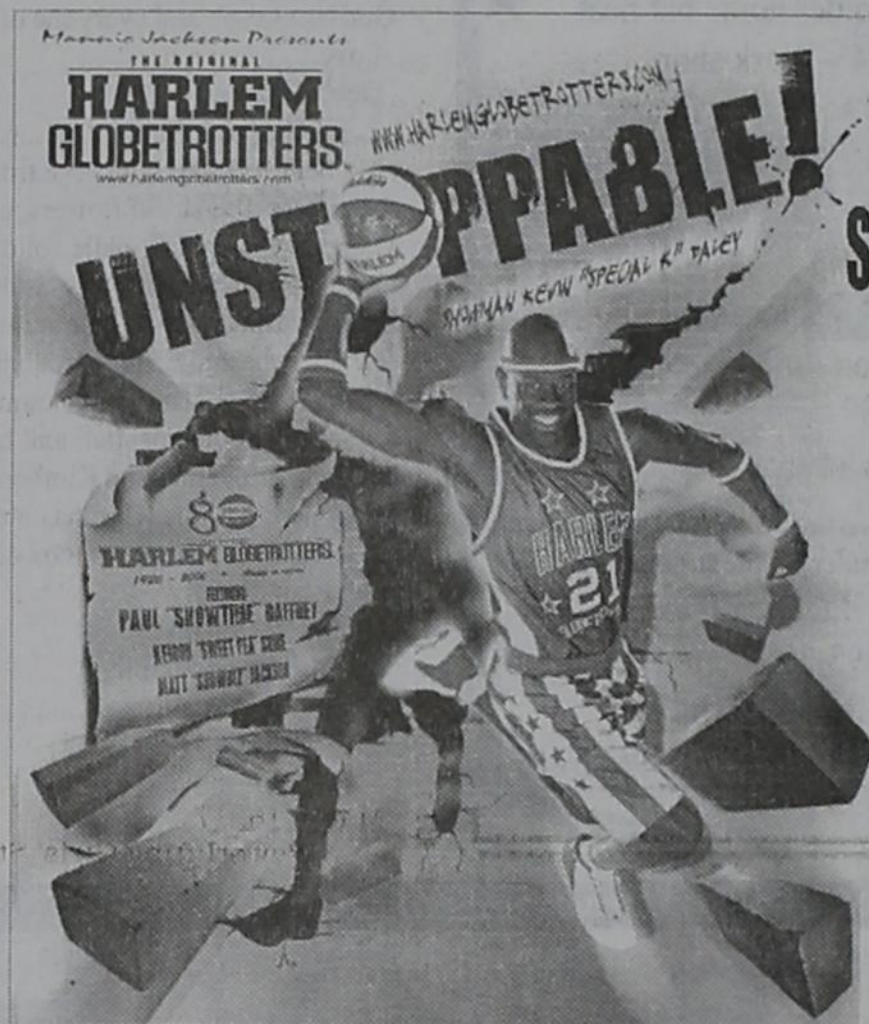
Heath Fellhauer leaps the hurdles to a strong finish during last weekend's track meet at New Deal.



DJ Rivera endures strong winds last weekend during the New Deal track meet.



Lady Lope 400M Relay team members (left to right), Marlee Plummer and Claire Kirkpatrick exchange the baton during last Saturday's track meet at New Deal.



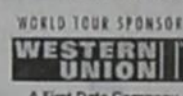
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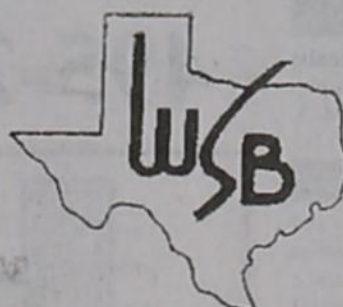
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ALL IN THE FAMILY — These two women won top overall honors in the annual Garza County Fair held last weekend in the 4-H building. Right is Mrs. Loucille Morris, high club woman, and her daughter, Christine Morris, who was high non-club woman in the many exhibits. — (Staff Photo)

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago
February 8, 1996

The Algerita 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 Algerita 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 Frenship. Other district members are Denver City, Seminole, Brownfield, Cooper, Roosevelt, Slaton and Post.

"Bossions 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 consist 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 three 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, 1956

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 Rheba 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 corals 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.

Gilbert Lamb, who represents Mason & Company in sales of Windcharger equipment, this week informed the Dispatch that he had installed two of the new Winco power plants in Verbena community. The plants were installed by Mrs. Edna McClendon and Pete Kennedy.

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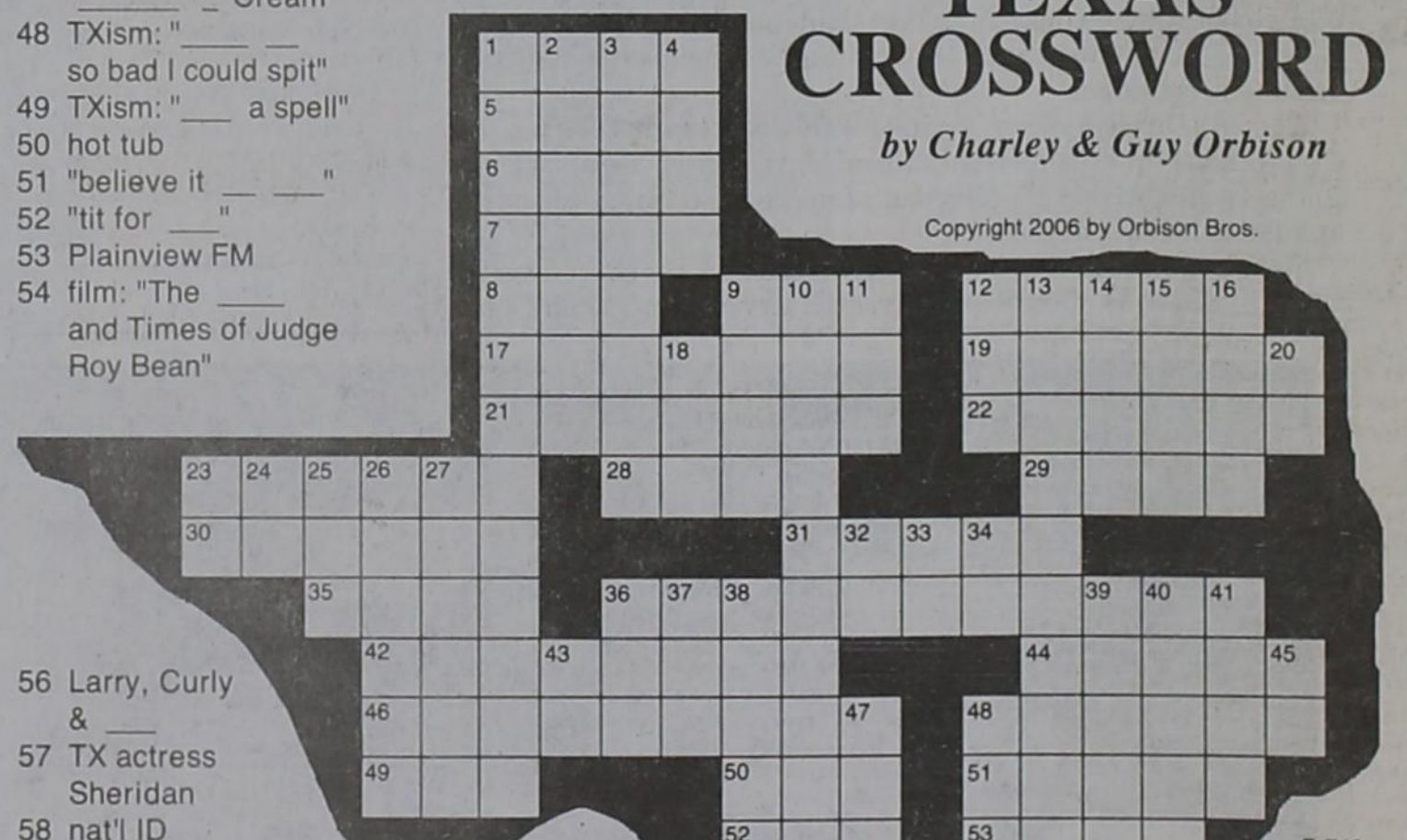
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March 21 - Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Soup of the day, cheese sandwich, fried okra, peaches, milk.
March 22 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Ham, whipped potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.
March 23 - Breakfast - cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Popcorn chicken, french fries, salad, brownies, milk.
March 24 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch - Chili dog, fritos, mixed greens, pears, milk.

Southland ISD
March 20 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.
Lunch - Hard shell tacos, refried beans, salad, peanut butter cups, milk.

March 21 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, syrup, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Lasagna, bread sticks, cream potatoes, green beans, frozen chocolate banana, milk.
March 22 - Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, fruit cup, milk.
Lunch - Beef stroganoff, au gratin potatoes, salad, rolls, peach cobbler, milk.
March 23 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk.
Lunch - Chili cheese dogs, french fries, pork-n-beans, lemon surprise, milk.
March 24 - Breakfast - Biscuits&gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch - Cheese burgers, tator tots, HB fixings, frozen yogurt, milk.

TRAILBLAZERS
March 20-Chicken pattie on bun, french fries, peas&carrots, fruit salad.
March 21- Beef enchiladas, red beans, stewed tomatoes, salad, chips&sauce, peaches.
March 22- Roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, pea salad, biscuits, brownies.
March 23- BBQ chicken, butter beans, fried squash, coleslaw, rolls, pudding.
March 24 - Turkey&dressing w/gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, fruit.

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Lake Alan Henry Special

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Young, up & coming fishermen get ready for lots of fishing with friends and family at Lake Alan Henry.
(Photo by Cailee Dolberry)

Dalby receives Legacy Award at Saturday's PC&TB banquet

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a partial overview of recognitions made at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet. No press release or advance information regarding the banquet was provided to The Dispatch, and a full listing of awards presented at the event was unavailable as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.)

Longtime Garza County Judge Giles Dalby was recognized for his decades of service to the county and community at the annual Post Commerce & Tourism Banquet conducted Saturday at the community center.

Dalby, who will step down as county judge at the end of this year, was the recipient of the Legacy Award.

Recognized as the organization's Citizen of the Year was Wanda Mitchell, bureau director. Mitchell was unable to be present at the banquet because of an illness in her family; however, her daughter, Kim Mills, received the award on her mother's behalf. The Citizen of the Year award is determined by bureau members.

United Supermarket received the Business of the Year award, which is voted on by members of the community.

Brothers Ralph Miller and Riley Miller, longtime ranchers in the Fluvanna area, received the Cowboy Hall of Fame awards.

Bryan Looney received the Rookie of the Year award, one of several recognitions made by members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department.

Theresa Harp, outgoing president of the bureau, was awarded a service plaque in recognition of her two years of service as the organization's top officer.

Speaker for the evening was Nelda Laney, wife of District 85 Rep. Pete Laney. Nelda Laney recently designed an ornament commemorating the upcoming Post Centennial - she has designed a total of 21 to date - and talked to bureau members about the ornament's creation.

Women's Division officers for 2005-2006 were recognized. They include Linda Puckett, president; Naomi Matsler, first vice president; Donna Degan, second vice president; Jan Acker, secretary/reporter; and Betty Posey, treasurer.

Also recognized during the evening were members of the bureau's board of directors. Don Bond currently serves as president, and

Wyvonne Kennedy is president pro-tem. Directors include Suzi Clary, Donna Degan, Thressa Harp, Rosa Bell, Jim Plummer, Greg Tidmore, Jay Young and Linda Puckett.

The event drew about 180 attendants, according to the bureau president, which marked the bureau's "biggest ever" banquet. The silent auction also proved successful.

Silent auction donors included Aunt B's, Ammons Printing, The Post Dispatch, Garza Theatre, OS Ranch Shop, Tamara Mason, Just Computers, Texas Treasures, Porter Hardware, Brady's Package Store, Hudman's Furniture, Twins Fashions, George's, Women's Division PCTB, Frame Shop/Bee Hive, Garza County Historical Museum and Best Western Post Inn.

Also, Radio Shack, Saddle Traders, Holly's, Citizens Bank, Hudman Greenhouse, Higginbotham, Wells Fargo, Jerry's Bar-B-Que, The Alamo, Post Beverage Barn, Chapa's, J.D.'s, La Posta, Mason Farm & Ranch, Plum Crazy, Redman Redi-Lube, Hotel Garza, Pizza Hut, Hometown Pharmacy and Suzi Clary, Mary Kay sales director.

Primary election summaries

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an overview of Garza County election results made available after The Dispatch's copy deadline. Names are listed in order provided by election officials.)

DEMOCRATIC PARTY VOTE TOTALS

U.S. Senator Radnofsky - 18 Kelly - 10 Hunter - 15
U.S. State Rep., Dist. 19 Ricketts - 37
Governor Jaffer - 1 Gammage - 15 Bell - 27
Lt. Governor Grant - 30 Leon - 2 Alvarado - 7
Attorney General Van Os - 39
Comptroller Head - 37

Commissioner/Gen. Land Hathcox - 37
Commissioner/Agriculture Gilbert - 30 Melton - 10
Railroad Commissioner Henry - 39
Supreme Court, Place 2 Moody - 36
Judge, Court/Crim. Appeals Molina - 33
State Rep., District 85 Heflin - 38
Judge, 106th District Napper - 36
County Treasurer Young - 48
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 Justice - 22
County Commissioner, Pct. 2 Windham - 12
County Commissioner, Pct. 4 Sanchez - 9
Democratic County Chairman Earl

Fishin' at Lake Alan Henry ...

by Capt'n Mike and Friends

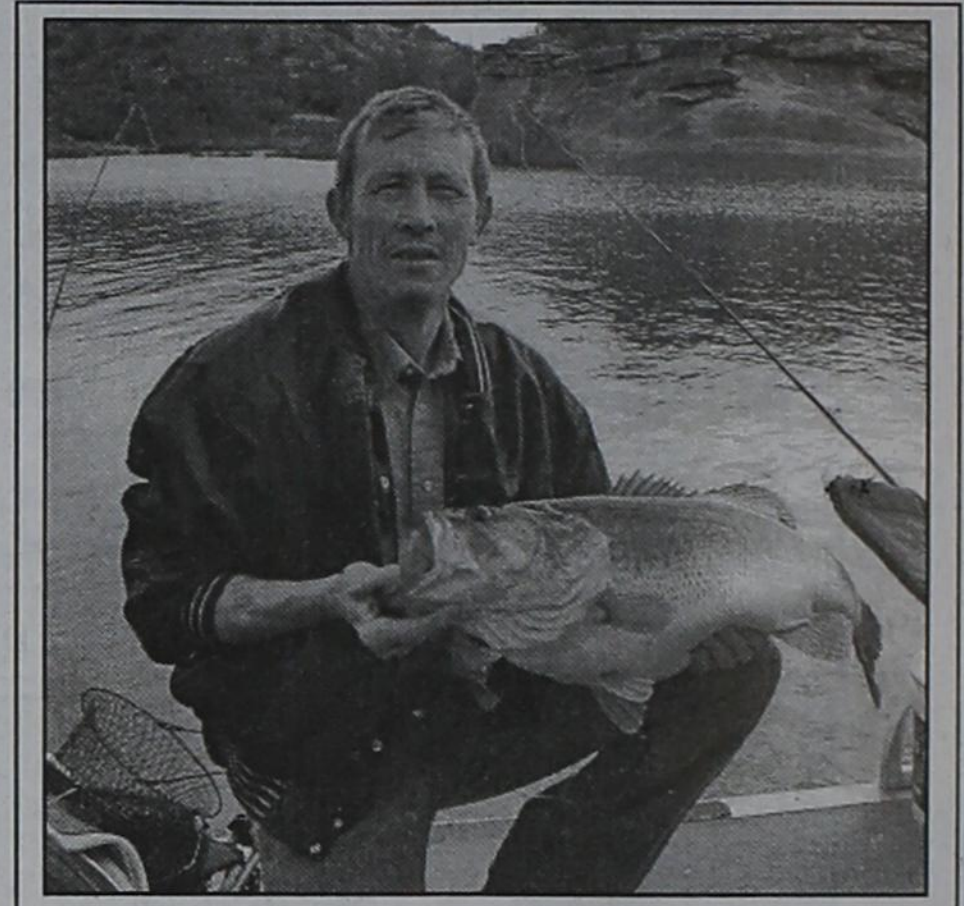
Temp cold 57° up gobbler creek

03/12/06 Wind blew like the dickens today. Best thing about it is there have been some real big fish caught the past few days, a 11# a 13# and a 14#. Nothing on the beds yet, still too cold. The lake is showing some crappie action.

There has been and 2 - 13# and one 14# black bass caught the last weekend since then there has been a 12# and another 13#. Fish is getting good.

Capt'n Mike

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Pat Riedel caught 3-7-06 while crappie fishing, also she was full of eggs and her tail was bloody. we took our pictures then let her go.



Colby Demming of Hobbs caught this 10 pounder on a white spinner with a Zebco33. His "Paw Paw" didn't do any good. Fish was weighed at Grubs and returned back to the lake. "We're looking for a fiberglass taxidermist," Randall Welty said.

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Initiatives Poverty line - 40 for: 7
against Jury trial - 44 for: 7 against
REPUBLICAN PARTY VOTE TOTALS
U.S. Senator Hutchison - 698
U.S. Rep., District 19 Neugebauer - 650
Governor Perry - 564 R. Smith - 83
Locke - 35 Kilgore - 76
Lt. Governor Kelly - 212 Dewhurst - 482
Attorney General Abbott - 624
Comptroller Combs - 606
Commissioner/Gen. Land Patterson - 575
Commissioner/Agriculture Staples - 537
Railroad Commissioner Werner - 281
Jones - 354
Chief Justice, Supreme Ct. Jefferson - 535
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 2 Willett - 231 Smith - 353
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 4 Medina - 560
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 6 Hecht - 532
Justice, Supreme Ct., Pl. 8 Johnson - 524
Pr. Judge, Criminal Appeals Keller

- 316 Price - 284
Judge, Criminal Appeals, 7 Hervey - 526
Judge, Criminal Appeals, 8 Holcomb - 351 Francis - 149 Keel - 82
State Bd. of Edu., Dist. 15 Craig - 536
State Rep., District 85 Landroop - 395 Middleton - 123 Mouton - 190
7th Court of Appeals Quinn - 530
7th Court of Appeals, 2 Hancock - 541
7th Court of Appeals, 3 Weaver - 310
Pirtle - 246
Judge, 106th District Schildnecht - 651
County Judge Mathews - 270 Norman - 632
District/County Clerk Plummer - 702
County Treasurer F. Howell - 466
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 Terry - 449
Clary - 119
County Commissioner, Pct. 2 Morris - 255
County Commissioner, Pct. 4 Kirkpatrick - 102
Republican County Chairman Howell - 515
Initiatives Photo ID - 584 for: 137
against Private property - 678 for: 43
against Spending cap - 600 for: 81
against Appraisal cap - 648 for: 60
against



Competing in District UIL powerlifting for Post High School are (back row left to right), Blake Nichols, Jeremy Short, Kristopher Crenshaw and Kenny Garay (middle row), John Vasquez, Tyler Odom, Preston Ortiz, Klent Baker and Israel Beggs (front row), Keisha Odom, Madison Mason, Steffi Norman, Josie Whisenhunt, K'Nell Dalby, A' Lana Zubia, Alex Hart, Valerie Moreno and Erika Ortiz.

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