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Firefighters risked their lives in a vicious house fire during high winds. The house, located at the corner of Avenue N and 12th Street, was unoccupied at the time of the fire (Staff photo by Wes Burnett)

Spring break busy for Post firefighters

Spring break was no break for members of the Post Fire Department.

Firefighters were called out on several runs last week, including at least five runs between Wednesday and Saturday.

Fire chief Darrell Reece described the department's members as being "very busy."

On Wednesday of last week, which was spring break for Post Independent School District students and many of their families, firefighters were called out to work a late afternoon house fire at the corner of 12th Street and Avenue N.

Other calls late last week included working a Scurry County accident that involved a jackknifed truck (Post firefighters were called out after learning that Scurry County firemen were busy handling two vehicle accidents and a house fire); a vehicle fire in which a truck's rear axle caught fire; and an accident involving a vehicle striking a cow.

No write-in candidates named in May elections

Monday was the final day for write-in candidates to declare their intent to run in the upcoming May elections, but no write-ins filed with any of the three local entities, according to reports.

Voters will be asked to settle contested races in the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Hospital District.

Three candidates - 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 reports.

In the Garza County Hospital District, a race has developed between the incumbent, Edna Owen, and Johnny Warren for the Precinct 1

Robles, McGregor earn second place in Austin

Two Post High School seniors took second place in the state University Interscholastic League CX Debate Class 2A competition conducted on the University of Texas campus in Austin during spring break.

Vince Robles and Jonathan McGregor earned the second-place win, according to a report from the school.

McGregor received the Golden Gavel Award, which is presented to the best speaker from the pool of 128 Class 2A debaters. McGregor placed first with 119 speaker points, while Robles finished sixth with 113 speaker points.

The duos coach is PHS teacher Sterline Marcum.

A pair of students representing Holliday High School captured top honors in the Class 2A contest.

Neighboring competitors Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson of Borden High School also earned a second-place finish in their Class 1A division.

Venue change denied in Smith slander suit

There will be no change of venue.

In a hearing conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Garza County courthouse, 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht denied a motion to transfer venue in the case involving Jon Smith, a dozen local residents and Management Training Corp., the firm charged with operating the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

In his motion, Smith, the plaintiff in the case, sought to change the location of the court proceedings.

In other action during the proceeding, attorney William "Pete" Baker, representing Giles Dalby, made motion for cost. The motion was granted.

The proceeding lasted more than two hours.

Smith's lawsuit, which alleges defamation of character through slander, was filed in district court May 13. According to the lawsuit, the defendants "conspired, on numerous occasions, to defame" his character by alleging he was involved in the local distribution of illegal drugs. The defendants' motives, the lawsuit states, were designed

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On Sunday morning, the department received a call at about 9:30 a.m. to respond to a two-vehicle accident on top of the caprock. A truck coming out of the scenic overlook on U.S. 84 reportedly pulled out in front of a car. Because of heavy fog conditions, the car broadsided the larger vehicle.

While firefighters were working the accident on north U.S. 84, moving traffic into one lane traveling southward, two more rear-end accidents occurred - primarily because of a combination of speed and fog, Reece said.

Health care clinic realizes modest profit in February

For the second time in three months, the Garza County Health Clinic was back in the black.

According to a report delivered to the Garza County Hospital District board of directors on March 16, the clinic recorded revenues of \$46,076 in February, with expenses totaling \$43,347. The clinic realized a profit of more than \$2,700.

The clinic earned almost \$3,000 in profit in the month of December, marking the first time since its October 1996 opening that the hospital district-owned facility proved profitable.

During February, the clinic recorded 781 visits and 1,330 procedures performed, according to reports delivered to the board.

In other business, board members:

- Received and approved the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2005, from Scott Northam of J.W. Anderson & Associates of Lubbock.
 - Approved a contract with Garza County allowing the district to use electronic voting machine equipment for the May 13 board election.
 - Agreed to offer a contract to Garza County for the storage of its voting machines and supplies.
 - Appointed election judges, alternates and members of the Early Voting Ballot Board. Cindy Johnson will serve as election judge for Precinct 1, with Kay Hays acting as alternate. Louise Greene will be election judge for early voting, with Billie Windham serving as alternate. Members of the Early Voting Ballot Board are Greene, Windham and Linda Green.
 - Appointed election representatives. Appointed were Shirley Taylor and Brandy Fannon, alternate.
 - Approved the purchase of foreclosed property located at 410 W. 12th St.
 - Approved the payment of monthly bills.
 - Received the Indigent Care Report for February. Thirteen clients were served, with expenses of \$3,944. Year-to-date expenses stand at \$14,218, leaving a balance of \$85,781 in the budget.
- The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 20 in the Citizens Bank Community Room.



PHS Debaters Vince Robles (left) and Jonathan McGregor

March Madness

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Intro

Community Blood Drive Saturday

Post residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the United Supermarkets blood drive from 10:00am to 1:15pm, Saturday, March 25th in the mobile coach which will be parked in United's parking lot. "It is important to come together as a community to help one another," says Connie Hollinshead, Donor Recruitment Representative with United Blood Services. All donors will receive a coupon for one half gallon of Scoops Ice Cream and the opportunity to win one of 2 \$25 gift cards that will be given away as door prizes.

It takes 180 blood donations every day to meet the needs of area patients and to be ready for emergencies. "We all expect blood to be there for us if we ever need it," said Hollinshead. "But only about 8 percent of area residents donate blood."

Each blood donation can help several patients. Every unit of donated blood is sent to the United Blood Services laboratory for testing and processing. Laboratory technicians separate the whole blood into components (including red blood cells, plasma and cryoprecipitate).

Red blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body and are used for surgery patients. Plasma contains vital blood clotting factors. Cryoprecipitate is a special blood clotting factor concentrate that helps control massive bleeding in surgical and trauma cases. Another blood component, platelets, is vital for cancer and leukemia patients undergoing chemotherapy. While individual components are transfused for specific medical needs, a patient with a serious injury may require several different components.

Blood donated here helps save the lives of patients in the South Plains area hospitals.

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. All donors must have a picture ID and a list of any medications that they are taking. All donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt, mug, canvas bag, or cap. For an appointment, please contact UBS at 741-1600, ext. 1010. AT THE PRESENT TIME, UBS HAS ORDERS FOR O+ THAT ARE NOT BEING FILLED. ALL BLOOD LEVELS ARE AT A DANGEROUS LEVEL. ALL DONORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES TO "SAVE A LIFE" AND DONATE BLOOD.

Post Notes

Garza Theatre auditions Saturday

Auditions for the June production at the historic Garza Theatre in Post are Saturday, March 25 from 2-4 p.m. at Monterey Church of Christ, 6111 82nd Street (east entrance) in Lubbock. Parts are available for girls and boys ages 7 yrs to 15 yrs. "Poultry in Motion" and "Tinderella" will be directed by Laura Bryan. The two one-act plays will feature a cast of 25-35 children. Performance dates are June 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10, and 16 & 17, 2006. For more information call 495-4005.

Gordita plate benefit set for Collazo

A benefit will be held for Johnny Collazo, Jr. at the Holy Cross Catholic Hall on Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The gordita plates will include two gorditas, rice, beans, hot sauce and tea. Plates are \$6. The event is provided by grandpa Mike Sanchez, family and friends. Proceeds will go to medical bills.

One Act Play competition 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. They will perform "The Crucible" at the Post Elementary Auditorium beginning at 3 p.m.

Baseball and softball sign ups

Post Little League will continue registration for 2006 baseball season on March 23 & 24 at the Elementary school gym from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 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.

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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.

Wolf Man Kruse to visit Post

The Wolf Man Kruse, set to begin March 30 in Snyder, will be in Post Saturday, March 31. The antique and classic cars will arrive around 10:30 a.m. Give them a big wave as they travel through our friendly town.

Prom organizers seek assistance

Organizers of the 2006 Post High School prom, which is set for April 8 at the community center, and the junior class-sponsored after-party, are seeking assistance from local businesses, organizations and interested individuals for donations. The after-party hosted by the junior class is designed to provide "a safe and fun atmosphere for PHS students and their dates in a drug-free environment." If you would like to help call 495-2770 or write the PHS Junior Class, attn: Meg Kattwinkel, 200 W. 6th St. Post, Tx. Arrangements can be made to have donations picked up.

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.

Blue Ribbon Rally/Harley party set

The Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock, in recognition of the April Child Abuse Prevention Month observance, will sponsor its eighth Blue Ribbon Rally/Harley Party on April 29 in Lubbock's Depot District. Tickets will cost \$30 or four for \$100. For information, contact Lynnette Wilson at 806-747-5577.

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.

Understanding TAKS

Parents and guardians of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to attend a presentation on Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Post ISD Elementary school auditorium. Included in the presentation will be information about the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test and the state and local criteria for grade level promotion. Most importantly, we want to provide parents an opportunity to ask questions about state-mandated testing and how they can assist their child to be successful with testing.

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
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by Judy Ballentine Bush

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
To two of my favorite people, Ronnie and Diane Graves, happy, happy anniversary. They celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 21st. Now Diane also celebrated her birthday on March 2nd, don't know how many, but hope she had a very happy one.

GET WELL MESSAGES
To Damon Ethridge, know he had a scare and was in the hospital a couple of days, but understand that he is home now. You get better quick Damon and know that you are in my prayers.

INTERESTING
Received this via e-mail, thought I would share with everyone.

Butter
Pass the butter ... this is interesting.
Margarine was originally manufactured to fatten turkeys. When it killed the turkeys, the people who had put all the money into the research wanted a payback so they put their heads together to figure out what to do with this product to get their money back.

It was a white substance with no food appeal so they added the yellow coloring and sold it to people to use in place of butter. How do you like it? They have come out with some clever new

flavorings.
DO YOU KNOW the difference between margarine and butter? Read on to the end ... gets very interesting! Both have the same amount of calories.

Butter is slightly higher in saturated fats at 8 grams compared to 5 grams.

Eating margarine can increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter, according to a recent Harvard Medical Study.

Eating butter increases the absorption of many other nutrients in other foods. Butter has many nutritional benefits where margarine has a few only because they are added!

Butter tastes much better than margarine and it can enhance the flavors of other foods.

Butter has been around for centuries where margarine has been around for less than 100 years.

And now, for Margarine. Very high in trans fatty acids. Triple risk of coronary heart disease. Increases total cholesterol and LDL (bad cholesterol) and lowers HDL cholesterol (good cholesterol). Increases the risk of cancers up to five fold. Lowers quality of breast milk. Decreases immune response. Decreases insulin response. And here's the most disturbing fact ...

HERE IS THE PART THAT IS VERY INTERESTING!

Margarine is but ONE MOLECULE away from being PLASTIC. This fact alone was enough to have me avoiding margarine for life and anything else that is hydrogenated (this means hydrogen is added, changing the molecular structure of the substance).

You can try this yourself: Purchase a tub of margarine and leave it in your garage or shaded area. Within a couple of days you will note a couple of things:

* No flies, not even those pesky fruit flies will go near it (that should tell you something).

* It does not rot or smell differently because it has no nutritional value; nothing will grow on it. Even those teeny weeny micro-organisms will not find a home to grow.

Why? because it is nearly plastic. Would you melt your Tupperware and spread that on your toast?

Share This With Your Friends ... (If you want to "butter them up")!

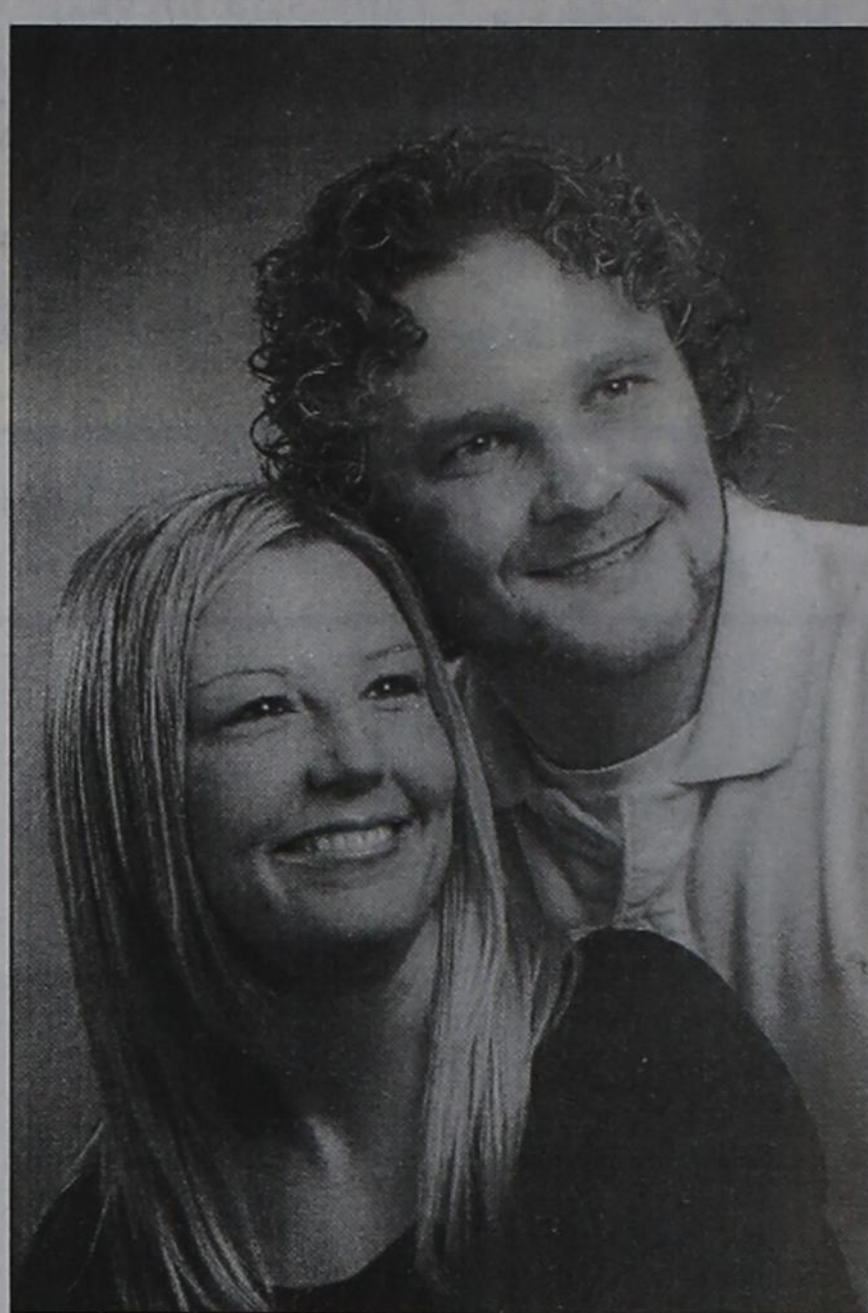
UNTIL NEXT WEEK
Guess that is it for this week. Remember God loves you. Keep rain in all of your prayers.
See you next week. Judy

No change of venue...
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to "destroy" Smith's credibility following his allegations of "illegal and/or improper contract bidding" by MTC.

Defendants in the lawsuit are MTC; Joe Rasberry, Dalby unit warden; Dalby unit employees Charla Miller, Jeffrey Steward, Jeff Smith, Susan Payne, Eric Mathis and Kathy Wright; Dalby, who is Garza County judge; Dana Tanner, a dispatcher in the constable's office; Sheriff Cliff Laws; Marinett Tyler, sheriff's department dispatcher; and Angela Massey, an employee in the county judge's office.

The case will be heard sometime in October.



Erin Gregory and Matthew Cotton

Erin Gregory, Matthew Cotton plan April 22 wedding

Joe and Sheila Gregory of Post are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erin Gregory, to Matthew Cotton, son of Katie Goodfellow of Shamrock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Herschel Williams of Post and the late David Williams, and Rance and LouAnn Gregory of Clarendon.

A 2000 graduate of Post High School, she graduated from Covenant School of Nursing in 2003.

The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are Tommy and Wanda Todd of Shamrock.

He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1999 and Covenant School of Nursing in 2003.

Both are employed as registered nurses in the Heart Center for Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

An April 22, 2006, wedding is planned in Post, followed by a honeymoon in Jamaica.

The couple plans to make their home in Lubbock.

Stephanie Gearhart earns honors at SPC

South Plains College inducted Stephanie Gearhart of Post into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on March 7 at 7:00 pm in the SPC Sundown Room.

"It is exciting to see so many young people excelling in the classroom," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "These students are improving our lives by serving as leaders in the classroom and their own lives. They push SPC to continuously improve as an institution."

Requirements for induction include attendance at an institution offering an associate degree program, complete at least 12 hours of coursework and maintain a grade point average of 3.5. Members experience several benefits including enrollment in a senior college database, scholarship opportunities, access to letters of recommendation and a membership pin.

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Stephanie Gearhart

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Last week's story about the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet inadvertently omitted Main Street Mercantile as one of the businesses which donated items for the silent auction.

**National Weather Service Monthly Summary
March 21, 2006**

Post: Average high - 71.2 Average low - 45.4 Monthly average temp - 58.3 Normal temp - 53.3 Monthly total precip - .90" Normal precip - 0.76" Year-to-date precip - .90"
Lake Alan Henry Average high - 71 Average low - 44.9 Monthly average temp - 57.9 Normal temp - 53.4 Monthly total precip - 1.38" Normal precip - 1.00" Year-to-date precip - 1.47"
Source: Monthly Climate Summaries for Area Cities, National Weather Service, Lubbock



Enjoying last Saturday's Harlem Globetrotters' show at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock are (left to right) Lindsey (left) and Cailee Dolberry (right) with their mother Kim Dolberry (center). The three are visiting Post from Mesa, Arizona while also assisting their Mother and Nana, Pat Burnett as she recovers from a recent hip replacement surgery. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Just a big kid at heart! That's the way Bobby's (right) friends describe her and celebrate her birthday with a smile. (Courtesy "The Bunch")

Garza County Hospital District sees light at end of tunnel

by Sheri Lewis

Expenses are down and revenues are up for the Garza County Hospital District.

In reports delivered to the district's Board of Directors last week, board members learned the district has realized significant savings in recent months while experiencing some profits from the health care clinic.

According to an audit report, the health care district saved almost \$42,000 in administrative and general expenses, for example. The following is a breakdown of several of those areas that compares fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2004:

- Salaries -- \$72,523 (2005); \$97,277 (2004)
- Benefits -- \$36,058 (2005); \$43,623 (2004)
- Office supplies -- \$1,514 (2005); \$4,471 (2004)
- Telephone -- \$3,084 (2005); \$5,067 (2004)
- Legal/accounting -- \$7,136 (2005); \$11,730 (2004)

"Historically the health care district had been tax and spend," said Fred Howell, the board's vice president. "In 2005 we eliminated the (then-current) administrator and her benefits and an attorney who was on retainer. Really, just by going in and making a few changes were able to see some real benefits."

Board President Wayne Edwards agreed, noting that the administrative personnel change enabled the district to handle its finances with more efficiency. "We've still got a way to go," Edwards said. "Hopefully we'll get it in a lot better shape than that's our goal anyway."

As board members have pared back expenses, the district's clinic operation has shifted from the negative to, at least for two of the past three months, the positive. In December, the district's Garza County Health Care Clinic showed its first profit in \$2,975 since opening almost 10 years ago, and board members learned last week that in February the clinic again finished the month with a profit, this time with \$2,728.

Although profits have been modest to date, the fact that the clinic has managed to record a profit in recent months is good news, not only for hospital district board members, but for district taxpayers as well.

In fiscal year 2004-2005, the clinic lost more than \$132,000, or an average of about \$11,000 each month, according to district reports. In the previous year, the total was just shy of \$160,000 for an average monthly loss of about \$13,300.

At its lowest point in recent years,

the clinic lost in excess of \$20,100 in April 2004.

Board members attribute the recent introduction of Dr. Ben Edwards, the clinic's physician as of August, as the primary catalyst behind the change.

"It's mostly the local community coming in to Dr. Edwards' practice," the board president said. "He's had tremendous success with his new practice. It far exceeds our expectations. We thought we'd have

some growth, but didn't think it would be that quick. And with the number of patients he's seeing, it's going to continue to grow faster than we anticipated."

Howell echoed Wayne Edwards' thoughts.

"The key to all of this is we have a doctor here now. We have a doctor people can establish a relationship with," Howell said. "When the new doctor came in, it got a lot better. I have every expectation that

probably from now on we'll be showing a profit from the new business he's attracted here. It's going in the right direction."

The board president also credited the management of PNS, or Physicians Network Services, with a healthy portion of the positive changes being realized at the clinic. PNS serves as operator of the district's clinic, having taken over from Covenant in May 2003.

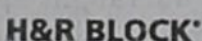


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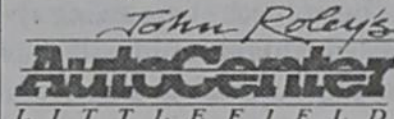
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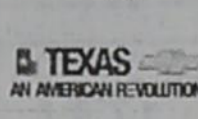
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Obituaries

Jerry Dempsey

Graveside services for Jerry Lynn Dempsey, 54, of Midland were held at 2 p.m. March 15, 2006, in the Snyder Cemetery with Bob Porterfield, pastor of the West Kentucky Baptist Church of Midland, officiating. The Wright Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died March 12 at his home following a lengthy illness. Born July 9, 1951, in Post, he graduated with honors from Seagraves High School in 1969 and married Lila Palmer July 7, 1979, in Kermit. A member of the Pecos Jaycees, he worked in sales for Frito-Lay and Schwanis and attended West Kentucky Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lila Dempsey of Midland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Delores and Don Sydow of Odessa and Sharon and Mark Nash of Midland; one son, Robert Parks of Midland; his parents, Dolen and Billie Dempsey of San Angelo; one brother, Dwain Dempsey of Utah; two sisters, Glenda Lemons and husband, Darrell, and Lana Hensley, all of San Angelo; two grandsons, Curt Sydow and wife, Soni, of Odessa and Eric Nash of Midland; two great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, M.I. and Maurine Chandler of Snyder.

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Special credit goes to the outstanding effort made by the 18 election judges and clerks, plus members of the Early Voting Ballot Board and Signature Verification Committee, as well as our interpreter who was on call all day election day, in making this election a huge success.

It was so remarkable that these people willingly gave of their time to train in the voting process and to learn about the new voting equipment. Everyone I asked to help quickly said yes, and they worked long hours on Election Day to make sure the job was complete. This was the first time many of them had experienced an election day in their capacity, and they were just wonderful. Kudos to a job well done!

A big thank-you also goes out to our county and district clerk, Jim Plummer, and his staff who spent endless hours working to make sure the election process went smoothly and was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulation that protect the integrity of the voting process. This election was a first for them as well, and they did an excellent job and their cooperation with the Republican Party was greatly appreciated.

Irene Howell Republican Party Chair Garza County

CMI letter a grim reminder about tyranny

Democracy, capitalism, the constitution and the bill of rights...these are the principles and documents on which this country was founded. I believe that everyone in Post supports these things.

I awoke from that dream this week when I read a letter that was being circulated by a group calling themselves the "Citizens for Media Integrity". However, after reading the letter, I would have entitled the group "Employees of the Information Purification Directive" straight out George Orwell's book, 1984.

Let me begin my response of this letter by saying up front that the Post Dispatch, nor any of its owners or employees, asked me to write this letter. This is not a defense of the Post Dispatch. This is a defense of freedom of the press. It is a defense of the Post Dispatch AND the Garza Co. Gazette.

We, as Americans, must be in favor of all media outlets existing so long as they operate in this capitalistic society under the rules of free speech that the founding fathers created and so long as these outlets do not break the law. Whether we agree with everything that is printed is irrelevant.

If we only allow those media outlets to exist that agree with our point of view, our country would be no better than the former Soviet Union, all public information controlled either by a government entity or a group of powerful people. Is this what we want in Post, TX? Is this what we want in America?

I am aware that often we do not like what is put into print. But there are recourses for this problem.

- 1.) Do not purchase the paper and do not advertise in that paper.
- 2.) If what is printed is a lie, sue for libel.
- 3.) If what is printed is a half-truth, talk to the paper and ask that your side of the story be presented. This could be in an article or a letter to the editor. I do not know about the Garza Co. Gazette, but I have never known Mr. Burnett to refuse to publish a letter. However, he does demand that it is signed with your name not a group affiliation.

I would hope the Citizens for Media Integrity would have utilized these options before resorting to an unsigned, threatening letter to the businesses of Post. My problem with the letter was fourfold.

1.) They say that they are for the 1st amendment but "refute its misuse". The only way that you can misuse the 1st amendment is to incite violence or harm or to lie about someone or something. No one has incited violence and neither paper has been filed on for libel as far as I know. The only misuse that I see is that the Citizens for Media Integrity do not agree with what the Dispatch reported.

2.) This notion that this group is trying to "secure right thinking for Post and Garza Co." I've got to say, that scares me to death. What is this right

thinking? Do I have it? Do you? It sounds like "right thinking" is believing everything this group thinks. Does this resemble Nazi Germany?

3.) They are concerned that someone's moniker be attached to all opinions. I see no one's name attached to this opinion. Is that hypocritical? 4.) And lastly, if you do not like the Dispatch, it is fine for you to boycott the paper and to tell your friends and family to boycott the paper. However, I have a huge problem with the following statement. "We Therefore intend to withhold our patronage and family expenditures from any business interest that does not seek associations with the proper minded media interests." That is even more disturbing than the "right thinking". Now we are being blackmailed into agreeing with this group that the Post Dispatch needs to be driven out of business or we will be driven out of business with them.

Wow!! I guess I am blessed that none of our customers live in this community. But, it would not make any difference if they did. Donny and I will not be blackmailed.

While we do not agree with Mr. Burnett on all he says or prints, we will definitely defend his right to hold those ideas and run his business as he chooses and let a FREE MARKET decide whether to advertise in or even purchase his paper.

In fact, I am going to take out larger ads than I would have in order to show our support for the rights of the Dispatch. I am not interested in cuddling up to the "proper minded media", whoever they are.

We will defend the right of the Post Dispatch AND the Garza Co. Gazette to be businesses in this community and compete in this country of free enterprise. I hope that the competition will drive both businesses to be better papers and that all citizens benefit from that competition.

I do want this community to be built on "morals, ethics and decency". But when you are trying to drive someone out of business in an underhanded way, the foundation of that building will crumble. The CMI has divided this community in a very destructive way demanding that the businesses and individuals choose sides. Division never builds anything but hard feelings and resentment.

If you support the CMI letter, please reissue it and SIGN YOUR NAME or let this community go back to being one where people and their variety of ideas are welcomed and accepted. Let's bring this community back to respecting each other.

Diann Windham

Compromising our right of expression

It is ironic that the very week (3/16/06) American newspapers were celebrating our most basic right - freedom of speech and of the press - our own community newspapers were under attack by unnamed persons using the vague mantle Citizens for Media Integrity.

"Sunshine Week," March 12-18, celebrates the Freedom of Information Act, enacted 40 years ago by Americans concerned that their government be accountable to its citizens, taxpayers and voters, discouraging secrecy and encouraging open government.

Circulating in our community last week, under the guise of patriotic red, white and blue printed colors and using words like "ethics," "morals" and "decency," this person or group, Citizens for Media Integrity, were compromising our very fundamental right to express our opinion contrary to what "they" deem appropriate. "They" neglected to sign this document, but insisted that our community not be allowed to read any information that may be unpleasant to others; indeed, anything deemed contrary to "right thinking" and any beliefs that are not "proper minded." These vague terms are frightening in the very basic sense of definition alone. Who or what defines "right thinking" and "proper minded"?

This shameful attempt to manipulate the business owners in Post with threats of a boycott if those individuals choose to support any local media deemed inappropriate by Citizens for Media Integrity is appalling. Has Post and Garza County seceded from the United States of America? Are private citizens not allowed to decide for themselves what they think and believe and whom they support?

"Thinking" citizens of Post and Garza County, those who "properly mind" the basic rights established by our constitution, let's support the First Amendment right of free speech or of the press here in our hometown. It's a great way to acknowledge "Sunshine Week" and celebrate our basic

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 True or False?

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

Receiving the Holy Ghost...Acts 19:1-6

Continuing with the subject of receiving the holy ghost we come to Acts 19:1-6. This account will show once again that receiving the holy ghost is directly related to speaking in tongues.

To set the scene, a Jewish man named Apollos came to Ephesus to instruct others out of the scripture according to the way of the Lord. There was one problem. Although he was strong and diligent in teaching, Apollos understood only the baptism of John (Acts 18:24-25).

This means Apollos understood only the baptism of water that was established during John's ministry. During the same time, a married couple named Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos teach, invited him over for some fried chicken and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Ok, maybe it didn't involve fried chicken. It's important to understand that Apollos first knew only the baptism of John, and afterward understood things more perfectly.

Later, Apollos went to Corinth while Paul stopped in Ephesus. Paul said to some of the disciples, "have you received the holy ghost since you believed?" And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is any holy ghost." Then Paul said, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him who should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 19:2-4). The above verses show that the people misunderstood the true baptism as Apollos did. When Paul came to Ephesus he asked them if they received the holy ghost since they believed, and they had no idea what he was talking about. He had to teach them the truth just as Aquila and Priscilla did for Apollos.

Let's closely examine Paul's initial question, "Have you received the holy ghost, since you believed?" The words "since you believed" is more accurately read "having believed." The act of believing came before receiving the holy ghost. It could accurately read, "having believed, have you received the holy ghost?"

This order fits perfectly with Romans 10:9-10 where we learn to first believe with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, which is unto righteousness. To be righteous meant to be filled with holy spirit (Acts 2:4). Logically speaking,

Paul was asking them if they had received the holy ghost since they believed unto being filled with holy spirit.

They were clueless, and he had to ask them what kind of baptism they experienced. Of course they honestly replied that they were baptized according to John's baptism, with water.

Paul taught them the truth about the baptism of holy spirit. It says when they heard him, they were baptized with holy spirit. Next Paul helped them to receive the holy ghost. It says when he laid his hands upon them, the holy ghost came on them (Acts 19:6).

Please understand that the use of hands over others was not meant to be a religious act to be applied all the time by everybody, but instead it was specific to that particular situation according to the will of God.

The holy ghost came on them when they started speaking in tongues. Following basic logic, this is also when they received the holy ghost.

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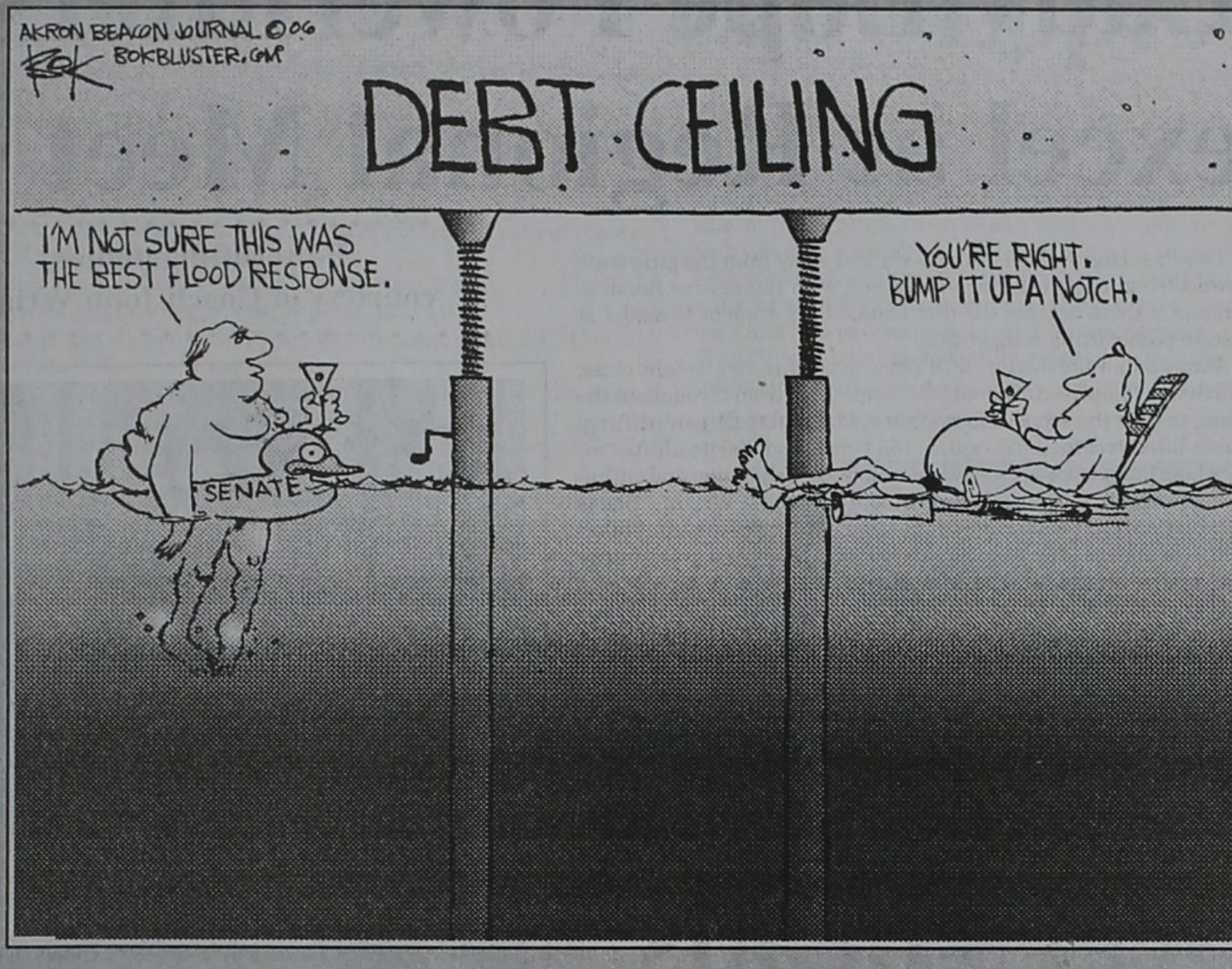
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Opinions



Busy bodies or tyrants?

by Walter E. Williams

Some call the people behind the Washington-D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) busybodies, but I call them wannabe tyrants. Let's look at their agenda, which seeks greater control over our lives.

Last year, CSPI filed a lawsuit against the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to reduce the amount of salt in packaged foods. They also called for the FDA to mandate warning labels on non-diet soft drinks that consumption increases the risk of obesity, tooth decay and osteoporosis. Earlier this year, CSPI announced its intent to sue Viacom Inc. and Kellogg Company for marketing junk food to children.

CSPI has long called for excise taxes on fatty foods, cars and TV sets. Their justification is that obesity adds to Medicare and Medicaid health costs. They want some of the tax revenue used to fund exercise facilities and government fitness campaigns. There's no end to CSPI's consumer control agenda. They say, "Caffeine is the only drug that is widely added to the food supply." Therefore, they've called for caffeine warning labels. To deal with teenage and adult overconsumption of alcohol, they've called for doubling the tax on beer. According to them, "The last thing the world needs is more drinkers, even moderate ones."

To fight obesity among young people, CSPI calls for a fast-food advertising ban on TV programs seen by children. CSPI's director, Michael Jacobson, said, "We could envision taxes on butter, potato chips, whole milk, cheeses, [and] meat," adding that "CSPI is proud about finding something wrong with practically everything."

I'm guessing that most Americans, except politicians, find this control agenda offensive. Politicians might not find it offensive because controlling lives is their stock in trade, plus there's the promise of the higher revenues from food taxes. Most Americans who might find the CSPI agenda offensive are not motivated by principle. It's a matter of whose ox is being gored.

You say, "What do you mean, Williams?" CSPI tyrants are following almost to the letter the template created by the nation's anti-smoking zealots. Their fellow traveler, New York University professor Marion Nestle, says that the food industry "can't behave like cigarette companies."

The new mercantilism

by Sheldon Richman

When the old-fashioned colonial powers like Great Britain ruled the waves, and mercantilism was the world's organizing principle, the developed nations got cheap raw materials from the undeveloped nations and in turn sold them expensive finished goods.

We may think that mercantilism and colonialism have been left behind, but as the French say, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

This we are taught by two economists, Michele Boldrin and David K. Levine, in their work-in-progress, "Against Intellectual Monopoly." For while old-style mercantilism has indeed largely passed away, at least in the international arena, it has been reborn in the guise of protecting so-called intellectual property (IP).

As Boldrin and Levine argue, new-fashioned mercantilism also entails a lopsided trade imposed by the industrial nations on the developing world. In this case, the industrial nations get low-priced finished goods and the societies of the developing world get "our" ideas, for a price -- a high price. In other words, if they want access to "our" markets, they must adopt a tough minimum patent and copyright regime; that is, they have to pay a hefty tribute to American and other western companies.

This is a lovely arrangement for those companies and an injustice for those who are forced to pay, but it is what the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international agreements demand. As the WTO's website explains, "The extent of protection and enforcement of these [intellectual property] rights varied widely around the world; and as intellectual property became more important in trade, these differences became a source of tension in international economic relations. New internationally-agreed trade rules for intellectual property rights were seen as a way to introduce more order and predictability, and for disputes to be settled more systematically."

While these rules have some exceptions, the WTO's TRIPS agreement (trading rules for intellectual property) "establishes minimum levels of protection that each government has to give to the intellectual property of fellow WTO members." Translation: Poor countries, play by the rich countries' patent and copyright rules ... or else face sanctions and closed markets.

Are those rules consistent with justice? The answer is no. Claims to intellectual property come down to claims to the ownership of ideas. But how does one own an idea once it leaves the confines of one's mind? At that point, other people have copies in their minds. To interfere with their use of their copies is to violate their freedom. If you've invented and patented the wheelbarrow and I see you using it as I pass your property, no theory of natural justice can insist that I have no right to use my own materials to make a copy of the wheelbarrow. Not only that: no theory of natural justice can insist that I have no right to sell to willing buyers the wheelbarrows I make. But patent law would stop me. Similarly, copyright law prevents me, even in the absence of contract, from nonfraudulently using as I see fit the books and recording media that I purchase.

But how will we have innovation without protection? History provides many examples of entire industries that launched without IP protection -- see the early software industry, for example. In fact, patents consistently have stifled

Yet there's a lot of people who benefit from people being fat and sick, and the whole setup is designed to make people eat more. So the response to the food industry should be very similar to what happened with the tobacco companies." The anti-smoking zealots started out with "reasonable" demands, such as warning labels on cigarette packs and no smoking sections on airplanes.

They made exaggerated claims about the cost that smokers were imposing on the health care system. Then cigarette manufacturers faced multimillion-dollar lawsuits and multibillion-dollar local, state and federal extortion, not to mention confiscatory taxes, all of which are passed on to smokers in the form of higher prices.

Just recently, the City of Calabasas, Calif., adopted an ordinance that bans smoking in virtually all outdoor areas. Partial justification is to protect children from bad influences -- seeing adults smoking. Had the anti-smoking zealots revealed their entire agenda back in the '60s and '70s, they wouldn't have gotten much. By using the piecemeal approach, they've been successful beyond their dreams, and the food zealots are following their example.

I'd be interested to know just how many Americans would like to see done to our food industry what was done to the tobacco industry: massive multibillion-dollar lawsuits against food companies; massive suits against restaurants that serve too large a serving, and confiscatory taxes levied on foods and snacks deemed non-nutritious.

Consumers will pay for all of this in the form of higher food prices and fewer choices. There's also the possibility that food zealots in some cities, emboldened by the success of the anti-smoking zealots in Calabasas, who are concerned about smokers passing on bad habits to our youth, might call for an ordinance banning public appearance of obese people so as not to pass bad eating habits on to our children.

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innovation by letting inventors stop others from building on existing ideas. Boldrin and Levine illustrate this dramatically with the case of James Watt's steam engine.

Defenders of IP law vastly underestimate the value of being first in the market with an idea and vastly overestimate the ease of copying and producing successful inventions, including pharmaceuticals. The incentive to invent and invest would be strong without patents and copyrights, as it was in the past.

The new mercantilism is no better than the old. Once and for all, let's loosen our grip on the developing world and set an example for individual freedom and real free trade.

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Curfew: Where's the evidence of a threat to our public safety?

by Wes Burnett

The push to impose a curfew on Post youth was approved by a majority vote of the Post City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday, March 7. City council member Harold Craig cast the lone dissenting vote for an ordinance to restrict the liberty of certain people based on their age.

In this case, the council acted through statutory authority to impose such restrictions based on the needs of "public safety."

We join council member Craig in opposing the curfew ordinance. We find absolutely no evidence to support the claim that youth under the age of 17 are creating a threat to our public safety.

If such evidence exists, it was not presented to the council at the March 7 meeting.

Crime by youth in this community has always been very low. Perhaps our sheriff can supply details of youth crime to support the claim that there currently exists an "extreme" situation. For almost 100 years the people of Post City have endured, survived and thrived without such a draconian measure to restrict the liberty of its citizens. We plead with the council members who support a curfew to look carefully at the facts, and demand documented evidence that our youth are a menace to our public safety.

We have several other objections to the curfew ordinance, which we will address in future articles.

For now, we urge freedom loving citizens and parents of children under the age of 17, to express opposition to the ordinance to their elected city council members. When this ordinance goes on the books, parents and their children

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The most dangerous states for American kids

by Bill O'Reilly

For those of you who still believe the justice system in America is working, consider the following. For three years 46-year-old Andrew Selva sexually brutalized two boys, ages 5 and 12, in a small town outside of Columbus, Ohio. In a plea bargain, Selva admitted to the court that he raped the boys in a variety of ways. By all accounts, it was savage criminal activity.

But when Selva appeared for sentencing before Ohio Judge John Connor, he received no prison time at all. Instead, Connor placed him on probation saying: "He's got a disease like I've got a disease. I don't know that prison would have helped, except for revenge, and revenge is not in the sentencing guidelines."

What the sentencing guidelines did call for was a 10-year stretch in a state prison. But Connor believes he knows better, so it is probation for a child rapist. By the way, the "disease" Connor referenced in his own case is apparently alcohol-related, the judge has at least two DUI convictions on his sheet.

This kind of sentencing insanity is increasing across the country because many states, like Ohio, have no mandatory minimum prison terms for child predators and, as we all know, there is no shortage of loony judges like Connor. While some states have passed Jessica's Law, which harshly punishes child molesters, other states simply will not do anything.

The following are the most dangerous to a child's welfare -- Vermont: Even after the national scandal of Judge Edward Cashman sentencing the rapist of an 8-year-old girl to just 60 days in prison (under pressure; Cashman later revised the sentence to a paltry three years), the Vermont legislature failed to pass mandatory minimums for child sexual predators.

The effort was blocked by Democrats, and Republican Governor Jim Douglas refused to get involved.

-- New York: Despite overwhelming bipartisan support for Jessica's Law, Democrat New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver continues to single-handedly block any vote. Governor George Pataki vows to go around Silver.

-- Maryland: No mandatory minimums for sexual crimes against children. The Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Democrat Joseph Vallario, has consistently blocked efforts to pass Jessica's Law.

-- Massachusetts: Absolutely no mandated protection for kids who are brutalized sexually. The judge is free to bestow any sentence. Speaker of the House Sal Dimasi, a Democrat, has killed every piece of tough sex offender legislation that has been introduced.

-- Wyoming: No minimum prison sentences and no GPS tracking for convicted sex offenders. Governor Dave Freudenthal, a Democrat, doesn't seem to care.

-- Arkansas: No minimum prison sentences. Governor Mike Huckabee, a Republican, doesn't seem to care.

-- Tennessee: No minimum prison terms for child sex crimes. Democrat Governor Phil Bredesen doesn't seem to care.

-- Idaho: No minimum prison terms for child sex crimes. Republican Governor Dirk Kempthorne doesn't seem to care.

-- North Dakota: No minimum prison sentences for any sexual acts with minors. Governor John Hoeven, a Republican, says he is "studying" ways to change that.

Also, the states of Colorado, Wisconsin, Maine, Kansas, and Montana have weak laws protecting kids -- but at least there are politicians in those states trying to change things.

In the Ohio case where the child rapist received parole, and in the Vermont case where the man who raped the little girl initially got 60 days, the three victims were poor kids. Their parents had no money, no influence, and no hope of challenging the wicked judges. I submit those awful sentences would not have been handed down if the rapists had abused wealthy children.

But be that as it may. Any state that will not severely punish an adult who rapes a child is a disgraceful state. And everybody living there should know it.

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Houston's Lament

"If the principals are disregarded upon which the annexation of Texas was consummated - Louisiana was a purchase; California, New Mexico, and Utah, a conquest; but Texas was a voluntary annexation - sorrowing for the mistake she made in sacrificing her independence on the altar of her patriotism, she would unfurl again the banner of the Lone Star to the breeze and reenter upon a national career."

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Spring Sports

Lady Lope Powerlifters excel at Regional Meet

Two Post High School athletes walked away from the girls state powerlifting meet in Killeen last week with impressive finishes, but one of them became the first female PHS student to medal at a state powerlifting competition.

Alana Zubia finished in fifth place overall in her weight class, which was comprised of about 200 competitors from throughout the state, to take the school's first state medal in female powerlifting. Zubia lifted recorded 325 squat, 165 bench and 290 deadlift.

"Alana has shown a tremendous amount of dedication and enthusiasm leading up to this award," said Coach John Wright. "She is a three-time regional meet qualifier and a two-time state qualifier. This was a great way to go out as a senior. She has a great future with her work ethic and an overall great attitude."

Also making her mark at the Killeen contest was K'Nell Dalby, who finished in sixth place overall in her weight class. Dalby's lifting included 290 squat, 125 bench, 325 deadlift for a 750 total.

"K'Nell is a similar story," Wright said. "Such a great athlete and overall person. She finished sixth overall in a field of probably upwards of 200 competitors. Sixth out of 200 is elite in my opinion. Next year she should win it all."

Wright said both girls should be proud of their accomplishments.

"I know I will always be proud of them," he said.

Powerlifting photos
 courtesy of Coach John Wright



Lady Lope senior K'Nell Dalby places 6th overall in her class, during the March 16-19, 2006 State Powerlifting meet in Killeen, Texas.

Beggs heads to state meet

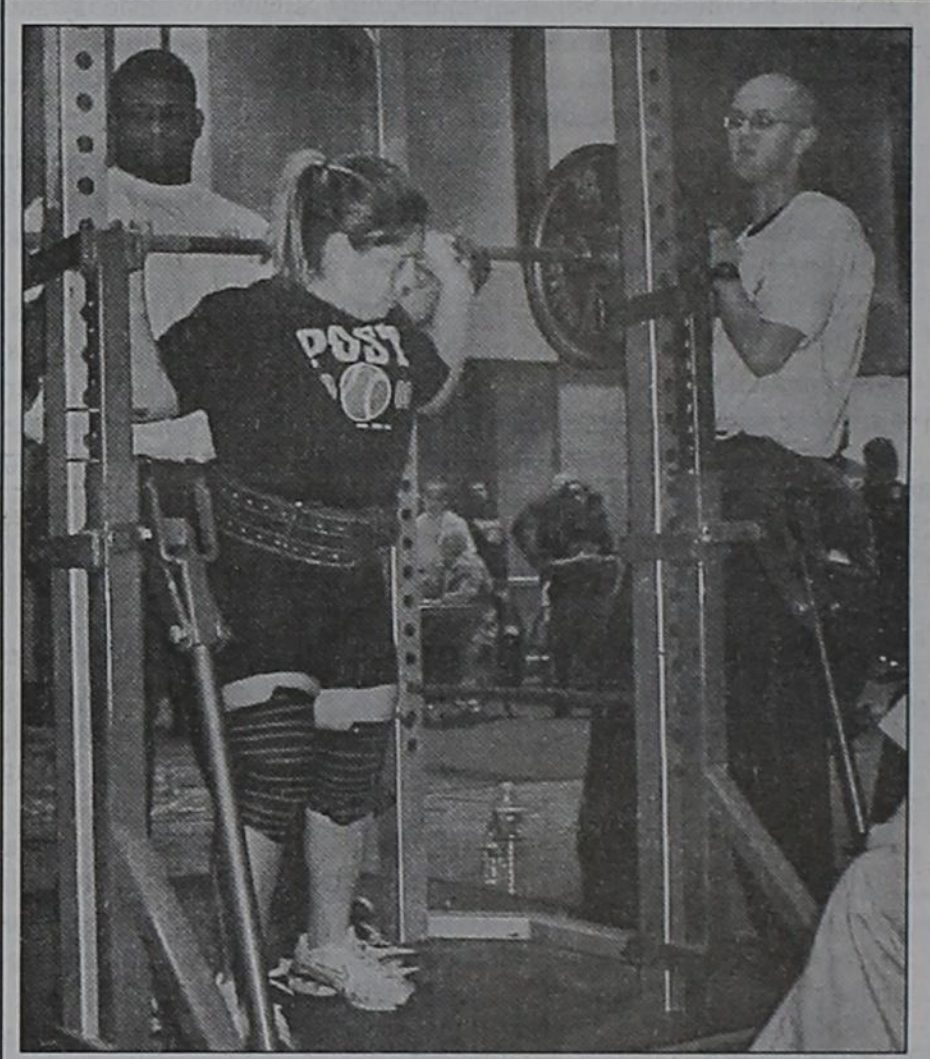
Post High School senior Israel Beggs will travel to Houston this weekend to participate in the boys state powerlifting meet at the Aldine Athletic Complex.

Beggs, who is tied for first in the state with 1585, will compete on Saturday. The young man with whom Beggs is tied is Dacory Lister of San Augustine, according to a report from Coach John Wright.

Beggs won the region with his 1585 total on three lifts: a 630 squat, a 430 bench and a 525 dead lift in the 275 weight class.

In other regional results, Blake Nichols finished in sixth place overall with a 450 squat, a 300 bench and a 450 dead lift for a total of 1200 in the 242 weight class.

The eLopes finished in 10th place in the region as a team. Fifty teams represented the division.



Lady Lope senior Alana Zubia places 5th overall in her class, during the March 16-19, 2006 State Powerlifting meet in Killeen, Texas.

PHS Spring Sports Schedule

March 24
 Tennis Teams @ Levelland
 Track Teams @ Tahoka

March 25
 Softball vs Tahoka @ Post, 4:30 p.m.
 Baseball @ Roosevelt, Varsity Noon, JV 2:30 p.m.

March 27
 Lady Lope Golf @ Sundown

March 28
 Softball @ Denver City, 5 p.m.
 Baseball vs Denver City @ Post, JV 4:30, Varsity 7 p.m.

April 1
 Caprock Relays @ Post

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.
 Little League Try-Outs
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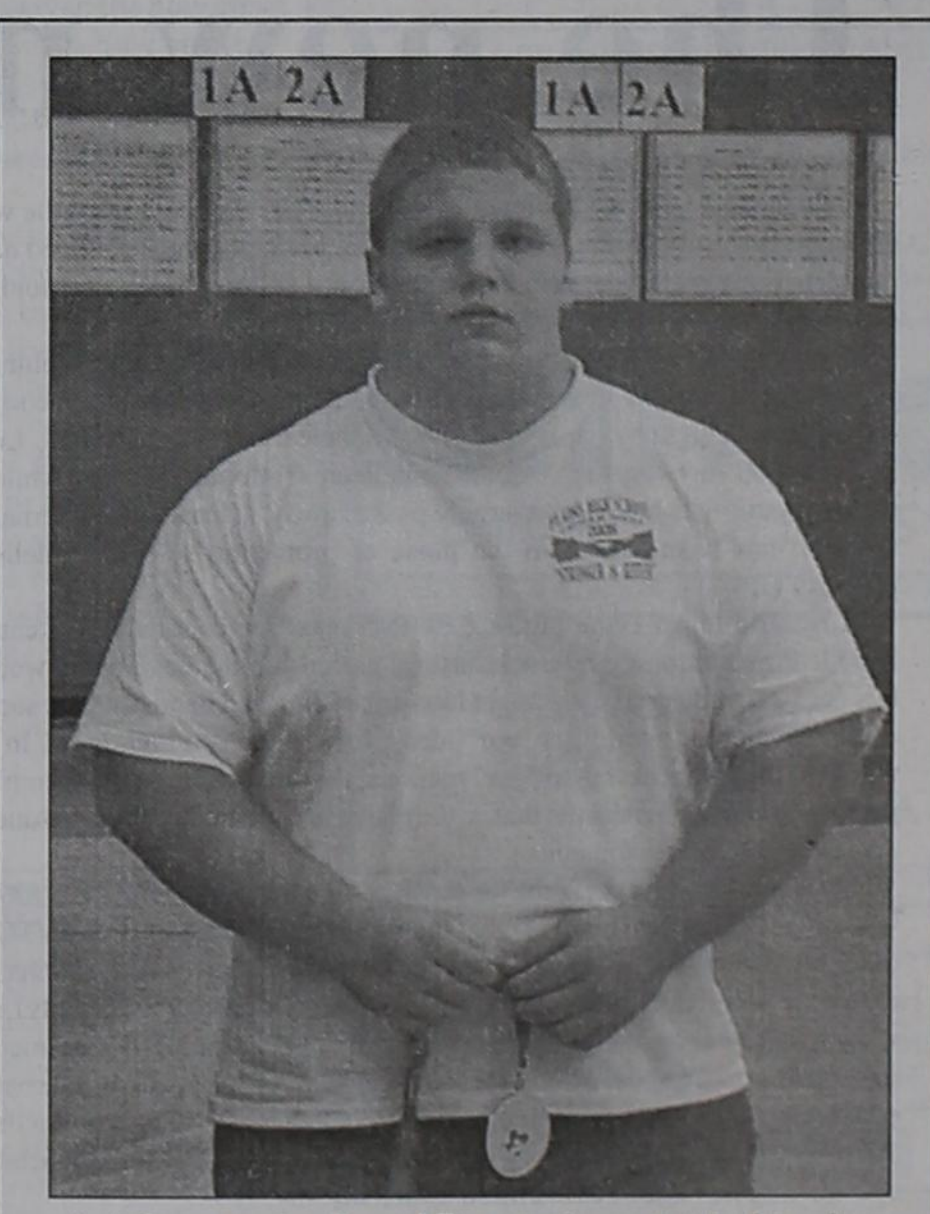
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Antelope senior Israel Beggs places 1st in his class during the March 11 Regional Powerlifting meet in Brownfield. Beggs will advance to the State meet on Saturday, March 25 in Houston.

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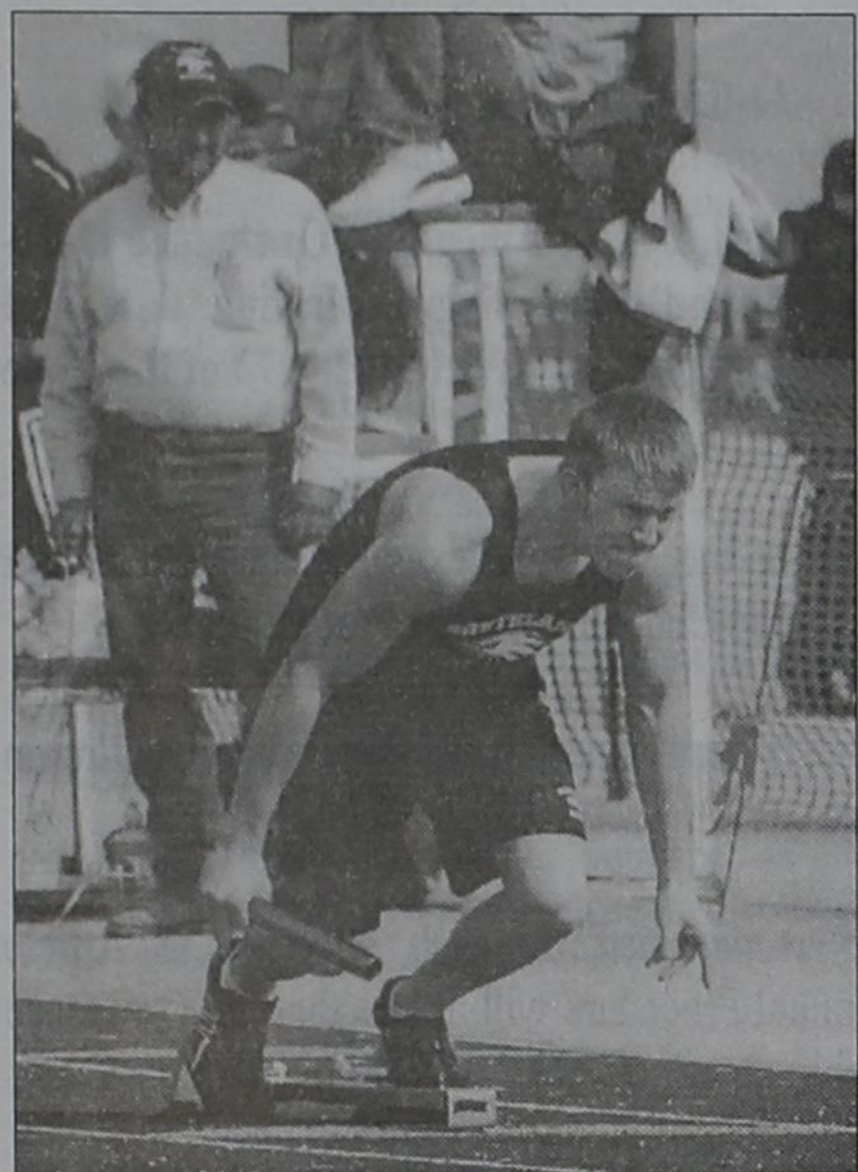
'Lopes take fourth at New Deal meet

The Post High School boys track team posted a fourth place finish in the March 10 meet in New Deal.

Post raked in 67 points. New Deal topped the list with 178, followed by Plains with 129; Abernathy, 80; Post; Sudan, 50; Crosbyton, 27; New Home, 24; Anton, 20; and Bovina, 7.

Individual performances were as follows, according to a report from the coach:

- 400m relay n Wilson Cash, D.J. Rivera, James Griffin and Kenneth Garay, third place, 46.31
- 800m run n D.J. Rivera, sixth place, 2:27.28
- 110m high hurdles n Colter Creech, fifth place, 17.07; Heath Fellhauer, 19.24
- 100m dash n Wilson Cash, sixth place, 11.79
- 300m intermediate hurdles n Heath Fellhauer, second place, 44.16; Colter Creech, sixth place, 45.84
- 200m dash n James Griffin, second place, 23.10
- Discus n Israel Beggs, fourth place, 122i 11i
- Long jump n Kenneth Garay, fourth place, 18i 6 3/4i; Heath Fellhauer, 15i5i
- High jump n Colter Creech, fourth place, 5i6i; Heath Fellhauer, fifth place, 5i6i
- Triple jump n Kenneth Garay, second place, 40i3i; James Griffin, fifth place, 37i8i
- 800m relay n Colter Creech, Kenneth Garay, Heath Fellhauer and James Griffin, fourth place, 1:40.54



Stace Norman sprints out of the blocks for the Southland Eagles during the recent Sands track meet. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



Kristen Leach pushes through the hurdles on Thursday, March 9 during the New Deal Junior High track meet. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Travis Bergin clears the hurdles as he races to the finish on Thursday, March 9, during Junior High track meet in New Deal. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Spring Sports

Lady Lopes edge Tahoka 3-1

The Post High School softball squad downed Tahoka 8-5 in a game played last Friday, boosting the team's district record to 3-1.

Sabrina Sanchez popped a homerun in the sixth inning to give Post the lead, and Cora Crane delivered a triple.

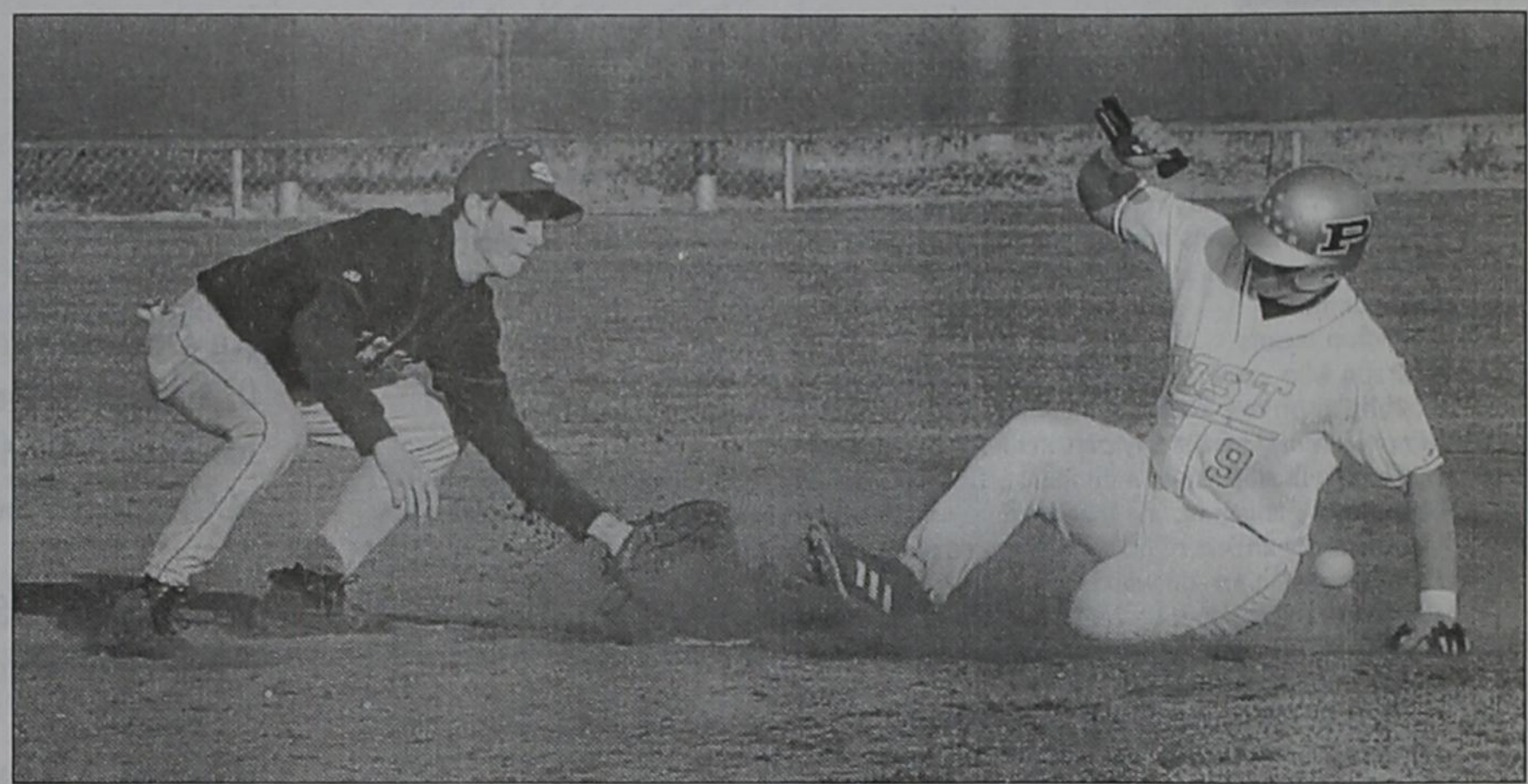
The outfield provided a strong defensive effort, according to Coach Charles Whitfill.

"We all hit the ball well," the coach said, "and the pitching is getting better every game. We had three players gone for other events and had players step up and fill their spots."

Whitfill said team members' parents and the community have provided the team with a tremendous amount of support.

"It's a great boost to see so many people at the games and lining the fence with cars," he said. "The coaches thank you and the girls thank you."

Post Lady Lope Softball
Saturdays & Sundays on
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Blake Nichols (9) beats the ball to second base during last Tuesday's baseball action against Slaton at Norm Cash Field. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Adrian Nava and Steffi Norman place second in mixed doubles on Tuesday, March 7 during the Leveland tennis tournament. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

Thank You

For your support in the March Primary. In the coming months before the General Election in November I will be contacting you and requesting your support for Re-Election as Garza County Treasurer.

Keep in mind that in the General Election you can cast your vote for the person not the Party.

RE-ELECT
Ruth Ann Young
Garza County Treasurer

Pol Adv Paid for by Ruth Ann Young

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 9, 2006

Rule 38 Case No. 8A-0246534
 Status/Permit No. 613399

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHOLLA PETROLEUM, INC., [RRC Operator No. 150683] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1282, Bk. <N/A>, BS&F/GALBRAITH, B J Survey, A-652, P. H. D. Field, GARZA County, being 7 miles NW direction from POST, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: P. H. D.

Lease/Unit Name : SPECK
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 6
 Lease/Unit Acres : 80.0
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 330.0
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 686.0

Lease Lines : 330.0 F N L, 380.0 F E L
 Survey Lines : 2461.9 F S L, 380.0 F E L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) P. H. D. (GLORIETA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

P. H. D. : OIL Special Rules 330/660, 20.0 acres.
 P. H. D. (GLORIETA) : OIL Special Rules 330/660, 20.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (214) 6927052.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Apr 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

Rule 38 Case No. 8A-0246534 (Dist. 8A)

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Legal Notices

CITY OF POST
ORDINANCE NUMBER
O-03-06

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS; DEFINING TERMS; CREATING OFFENSES FOR MINOR, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF MINORS, AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS VIOLATING CURFEW REGULATIONS; PROVIDING DEFENSES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF JURISDICTION OVER A MINOR WHEN REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE; PROVIDING FOR A REVIEW OF THIS ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That under provisions of the Texas Local Government Code § 341.905, and in compliance with Article 45.059 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the following is hereby enacted:

Section 1-1 Definitions:

- A) *Curfew Hours* means 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. daily
- B) *Emergency* means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.
- C) *Establishment* means 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.
- D) *Guardian* means:
 - 1. a person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor/juvenile, or
 - 2. a public or private agency with whom a minor/juvenile has been placed by a court.
- E) *Minor/Juvenile* means any person under 17 years of age.
- F) *Operator* means any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation operating, managing, or conducting any establishment. This term includes the members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.
- G) *Parent* means a person who is:
 - 1. a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent of another person, or
 - 2. at least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a minor/juvenile.
- H) *Public Place* means 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.
- I) *Remains* means to:
 - 1. linger or stay; or
 - 2. fails to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.
- J) *Serious Bodily Injury* means bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

Section 1-2 Offenses:

- A) A minor/juvenile commits an offense if he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the City during curfew hours.
- B) A parent or guardian of a minor/juvenile commits an offense 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.
- C) The owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment commits an offense if he knowingly allows a minor/juvenile to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

Section 1-3 Defenses

- A) It is a defense to prosecution under Section 1-2 that the minor/juvenile was:
 - 1. accompanied by the minor/juvenile's parent or guardian,
 - 2. on an errand at the direction of the minor/juvenile's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop,
 - 3. in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel,
 - 4. engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop,
 - 5. involved in an emergency,
 - 6. on the sidewalk abutting the minor/juvenile's residence or abutting the residence of a next door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the Police Department about the minor/juvenile's presence,
 - 7. attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City, a civic organization, or another similar entity that has undertaken responsibility for the minor/juvenile, or going to or returning home from such an activity, without any detour or stop,
 - 8. exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or
 - 9. married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Texas family Code.
- B) It is a defense to prosecution under Section 1-2 that the owner, operator, or employee of an establishment promptly notified the Police Department that a minor/juvenile was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

Section 1-4 Enforcement

Before taking any enforcement action under this Section, a Police Officer shall ask the apparent offender's age and reason for being in the public place. The officer shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this Section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in Section 1-3 is present.

Section 1-5 Penalties

- A) A person who violates a provision of this Section is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.
- B) When required by Section 51.08 of the Texas family Code, as amended, the Municipal Court shall waive original jurisdiction over a minor/juvenile who violates and shall refer the minor/juvenile to juvenile court.

SECTION 2. The provision of this Section are to be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein; provided, however that all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent to any such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of POST hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentences, clauses, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of publication as required by law.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be reviewed by the Council at a public meeting, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code § 370.002, before the third anniversary of the date of its adoption, and every third year thereafter. Failure to review the ordinance every three (3) years shall cause the ordinance to expire.

Upon review by the Council, this ordinance may be continued, modified, or abolished. A continuance of the ordinance prior to its expiration shall not require publication.

APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS ON THIS, THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2006.

APPROVED ON THE SECOND READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS ON THIS, THE ___DAY OF APRIL, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE THIRD READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS ON THIS, THE ___DAY OF MAY, 2006.

Signed

W. G. Pool, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Watson, City Secretary

CITY OF POST

ORDINANCE

O-03-06A

An Ordinance of the City of Post, Texas, Amending Ordinance O-01-02A (Courtroom Technology Fund), repealing expiration date and inserting "as amended" to each reference to Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Whereas, the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas repealed the Sunset Provision of Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and;

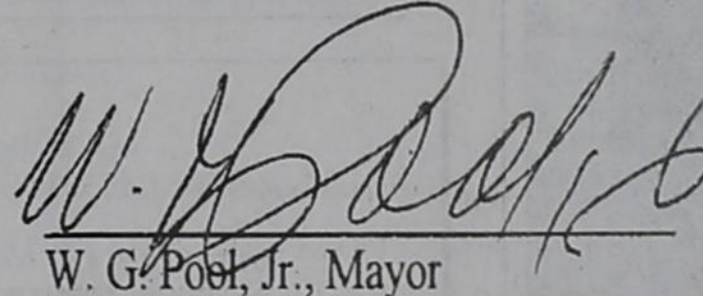
Whereas, it is the City Council's desire and intent to retain the Courtroom Technology Fund and Fee, and;

Whereas, the insertion of "as amended" to each reference to Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure will assure that the Ordinance will correspond to the applicable statute;

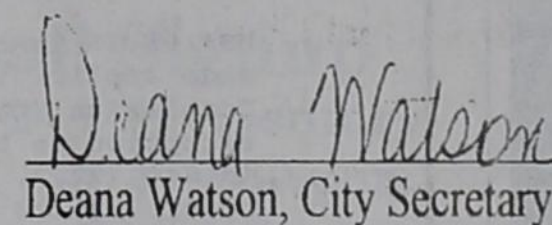
Now, therefore, be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Post, Texas, that:

Section 7 of Ordinance O-10-02A is hereby repealed, eliminating the expiration date; and the term "as amended" shall be inserted to each reference to Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure within said Ordinance.

Passed, approved and adopted on this the 7th day of March, 2006.


W. G. Pool, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Deana Watson, City Secretary

CITY OF POST
ORDINANCE

O-01-02A, as amended by Ordinance O-03-06A(3/07/06)

An Ordinance of the City of Post, Texas, establishing a Municipal Court Technology Fund; providing for the assessment and collection of a municipal court technology fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date.

Whereas, Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended, provides for the establishment of a Municipal Court Technology Fund, therefore:

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Post, Texas:

Section 1. Establishment of Municipal Court Technology Fund

- A. There is hereby created and established Municipal Court Technology Fund, here-in-now known as the Fund, pursuant to Article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended.
- B. The Fund may be maintained in an interest bearing account and may be maintained in the general revenue account.

Section 2. Establishment of Amount of Fee; Assessment and Collection

- A. The fee shall be in the amount of \$ 4.00.
- B. The fee shall be assessed and collected from the defendant upon conviction of a misdemeanor offense in the Municipal Court as a cost of court. A defendant is considered convicted if:

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Legal Notices

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Speck lease, Well Number 6. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles NW of Post in the P. H. D. Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3400 to 3700 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 Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Garza County Underground And Fresh Water Conservation District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 13th, 2006 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Metro de Condado de Garza y Distrito de Concepcion de Agua Dulce por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 13 de Mayo de 2006, de conformidad con la Seccion 2.053(a) del Codice de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos

unicos y por la presente quendan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuacion:
Candidate and Office Sought:
Dicky Wallace Precinct 2
John Boren Precinct 4
Ronald Thuett At large
Candidato Cargo al que presenta candidatura:
Dicky Wallace La zona 2
John Boren Lazona 4
Ronald Thuett En grande
A copy of this order will be posted on election day at each polling place

that would have been used in the election.
El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.
Ferrel Wheeler
President (Presidente)
Ronald Thuett
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March 21, 2006 Marzo 21, 2006
Date of adoption (Fecha de adopcion)

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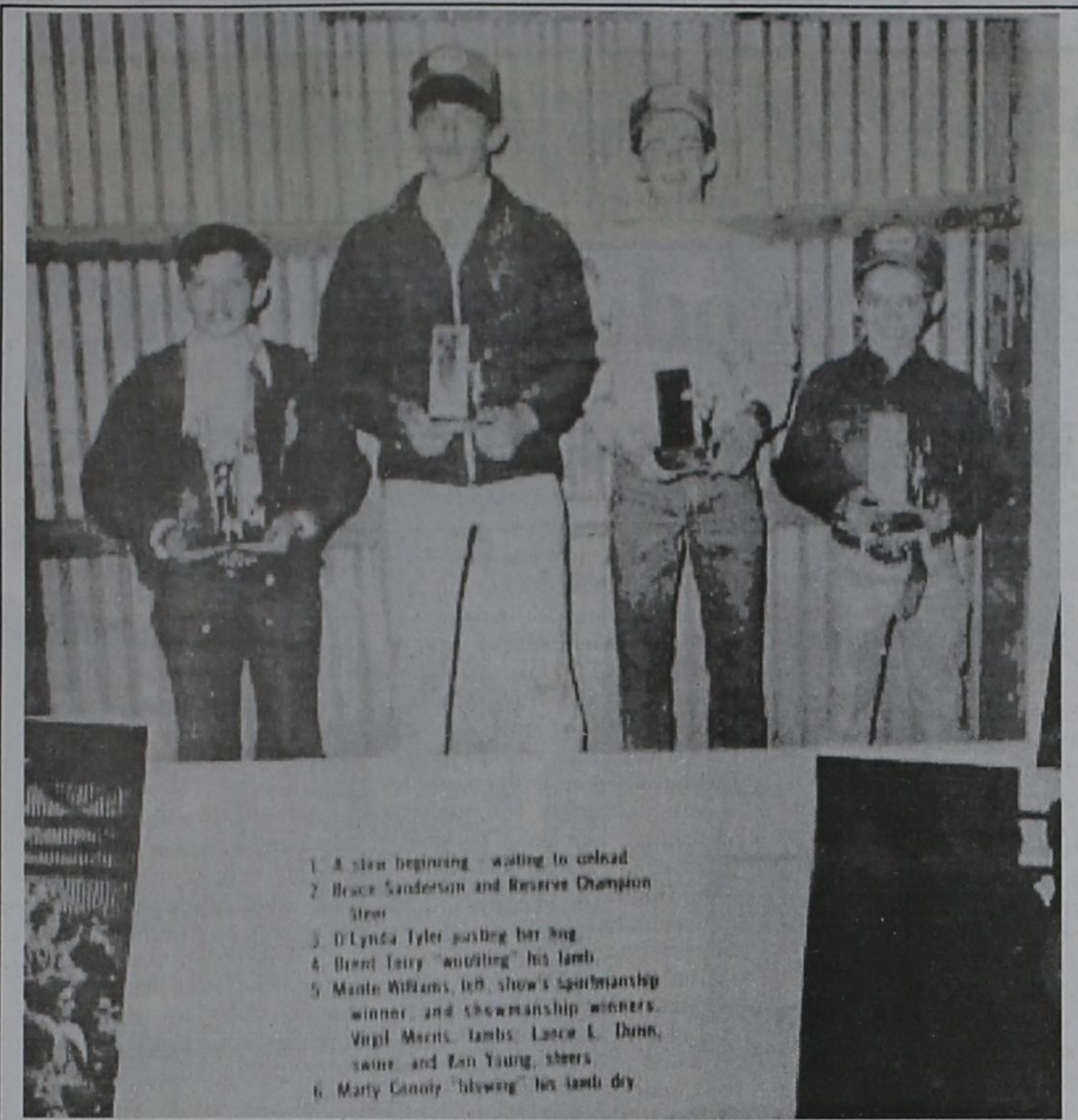
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 6. Marty Gandy "blowing" his lamb dry.

Exclusively from the archives of The Post Dispatch, Thursday, March 18, 1976

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
 From The Post Dispatch archives

**10 Years Ago
 March 21, 1996**

Voters in the Democratic Party primary overwhelmingly named Sheriff Kenny Ratke as their candidate, along with Daniel Yarbro for constable, Precinct 1 and incumbent Laura "Chita" Hataway as tax assessor/collector.

Mrs. Jeanette Bell is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Marilyn Lynett to Jeffrey Lashaway.

Elton and Mary Lee celebrated fifty years of marriage March 8th. They were honored with a supper given by their daughters Belinda Byrd of Crosbyton and Brenda Prather of Post.

Lady Lopes finishing in first place at the Antelope Relays were: Tasha Gilbert, 300 M Hurdles, 51:09; Hanna Jefferson, 200 M Dash, 27.81; Torrie Foster, Tasha Gildbert, Hanna Jefferson and Angela Jefferson, 1600 M. Relay, 4:23.16.

Adrian Castillo of Post just completed the four week course for correctional officer training at Western Texas College.

**20 Years Ago
 March 19, 1986**

Bruce Crenshaw signs a letter of intent to Sul Ross University, where the Post High School senior will play football.

The rural home of Patsy Craig was the setting for a "Country Spice and Rice" shower honoring Donna George, bride-elect of Kevin Craig. Guests were greeted by Donna, her mother, Jane George, her grandmother, Annie Laura Francis, and by Kevin's mother, Francis Craig. Each honored guest was presented a cotton ball corsage.

Darren Wood collected the most dollars in the recent Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. He was awarded a new bicycle, courtesy of the First National Bank. Others participating were Kent Gatski, Kyle Glidewell, Craig Taylor, Carly Rudd, Kembra Kemp and Radley Nichols.

The "Festival of the Winds" parade will be held on March 22 in downtown Post. Post is starting something that we believe will become a tradition. "Festival of the Winds", in conjunction with Tabana Yuana, is stressing community wide participation.

**30 Years Ago
 March 18, 1976**

Bobby Davis, Post High School's popular athletic director and head football coach, has resigned here to accept a similar dual athletic assignment at Class AAA Calallen Independent School District on the north edge of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Loucille Morris from the Graham Home Demonstration Club walked away from the 1976 Garza County Fair held over the weekend with high point honors. Miss Christine Morris was high point non-club woman, following her mother.

A new gift shop and two new restaurants are opening in Post. The

gift shop is Happiness Is, and the restaurants are the San-Da Cafe on US-84 north and Bill's Steak House on the Clairemont Highway.

Seven third graders were awarded top honors as they were judged in competition with their classmates to have made the best musical instruments. Winners were: Kathy Davis, washtub bass; Keith Osborn, banjo; Lisa Kocureck, washtub bass; Jerry Morris, panpipe; Vickie Green, maracas; Robert Coonnel, African thumb instrument and Judy Bowman, drum.

**40 Years Ago
 March 22, 1966**

O. L. (Ollie) Weakley and Ira Lee Duckworth were honored with a testimonial dinner at Lubbock Country Club on their retirement from the First National Bank's board of directors. Both men were presented a silver coffee and tea service.

Malachi Mitchell Jr., whose parents and wife, Rubye, live in Post, was promoted to staff sergeant recently at Babenhausen, Germany. Sgt. Mitchell, who entered the Army in February 1960 is a 1958 high school graduate.

Three new directors and two new advisory directors were elected to the board of the First National Bank. New directors are Louie Bukes, Shelley Camp, and Bob Collier. Advisory directors named were K. W. Kirkpatrick and Vernon Scott.

Letter awards were earned by 11 members of this season's Post Antelope basketball squad, Coach Bigott announced. Five of the 11 lettermen - Ruben Solis, Birch Lobban, Sammy Sims, Luis Ayala and Rickey Welch are seniors. The other lettermen are Ronnie Pierce, Davis Heaton, Filemon Vargas, Jimmy Bartlett, Donnie Windham and J. O. Smith.

**50 Years Ago
 March 22, 1956**

Miss Ann Porterfield, sweetheart of the Post Future Farmers of America chapter, has been entered as candidate for FFA princess at the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show in Lubbock. The Garza County 4-H Club Council has entered Miss Ruth Ann Long as candidate for 4-H princess. Miss Porterfield is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Porterfield. Miss Long's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long.

Eris Miller, who farms in the Grassland community, southwest of Post, and Powell Shytles, owner of Shytles Implement Co. here, have been chosen outstanding conservation farmer and businessman of the year in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District.

Seven students competed in the recent Garza County Spelling Bee held in the district courtroom. They were: Jerry Thuett of Close City, Jerry Stone and Harold Wayne Mason, both of Graham, Patricia Wheatley of Post, Virgie Bailey of Post, Kathleen Smith of Close City and Sharon Blackwell of Justiceburg.

People of the Post area are invited to attend the grand opening of Gandy's Texaco Service Station, 515 N. Broadway. All Texaco products and Firestone tires and tubes will be carried by the station, of which S. E. Camp is owner and E. E. (Gene) Gandy is manager.

**60 Years Ago
 March 21, 1946**

Post High School's girl cagers were nosed out by one point in the quarter-final games at the state basketball tournament at Hillsboro last week. The local team was defeated, 15-14, by Friona.

A business transaction has been completed whereby Lowell Short of Littlefield became owner of the George D. Doughty hardware store and business building, and the W. S. Duckworth residence in northwest Post.

Tom Power, who will go on inactive duty status with rank of Major in the Army Reserve, arrived in Post Wednesday to become actively associated with his brother, J. N. Power, in operation of the White Auto Store.

Two Post boys, Bill J. Davis and Marshall Tipton, met recently in Tokyo where both are now stationed. They wrote their families here on the meeting and said they planned to get together again soon.

Menus

Post ISD

March 27 - Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage, butter& syrup, fruit, milk.
 Lunch - Hot turkey sandwich, gravy, broccoli&ranch, fruit cocktail, yogurt, milk.

March 28 - Breakfast - Pop tart, sausage link, fruit, milk.
 Lunch - Burrito, salad, pears, rice krispies bar, milk.

March 29 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.
 Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, milk.

March 30 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
 Lunch - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk.

March 31 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch - Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, orange, milk.

Southland ISD

March 27 - Breakfast - Lunch - Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, corn, rolls, apple crisp, milk.

March 28 - Breakfast - Lunch - Beef stew, celery&peanut butter, corn bread, cookie&orange quarter, milk.

March 29 - Breakfast - Lunch - Sliced ham, greens, cowboy potato, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk.

March 30 - Breakfast - Lunch - BBQ rib,potato salad, corn on cob, bread, cake, milk.

March 31 - Breakfast - Lunch - Cheese burger, HB fixings, french fries, ice cream, milk.

TRAILBLAZERS

March 27- BBQ beef, baked potatoes, broccoli & cheese, rolls, pears, cookies.

March 28- Baked ham, rice, mixed veggies, wheatrolls, gingerbread cake.

March 29 - Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, oven potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit.

March 30 - Turkey pot pie, salad, cornbread, chocolate cake.

March 31 - Hamburger on a bun, trimmings, tater tots, three bean salad, fruit, cookies.

ACROSS

- 1 Linden newspaper
- 5 a statue sits
- 6 what horses do at Lone Star Park
- 7 TXism: "mortgage
- 8 circle segment
- 9 TXism: "wet hen"
- 15 horse's father
- 16 Lone Star representative to national pageant (2 wds.)
- 19 St. Mary's in Galveston has one with 3,000 pipes (2 wds.)
- 21 this TX Rudolph won gold in '60
- 22 elderly seaman? (2 wds.)
- 27 TXism: "til Gabriel blows his
- 28 TXism: "move it or
- 29 the Alamo battle (2 wds.)
- 30 TX Willie Nelson's "The Last Thing This Morning"
- 32 Dublin h.s. class
- 33 TXism: "sticks like stamp"
- 36 TX Stephen Stills now performs
- 37 TX-based religious broadcaster (abbr.)
- 38 type of flu
- 39 High Plains aquifer
- 41 this flag has flown over TX since 1865

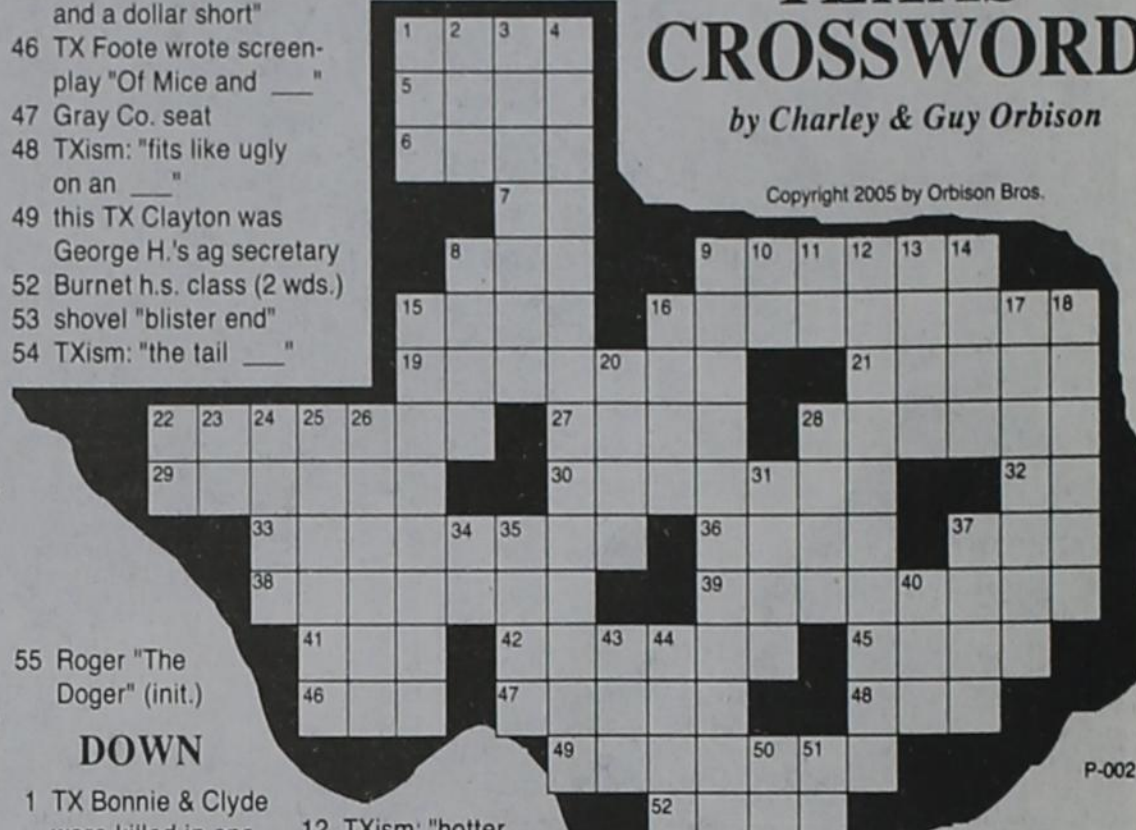
DOWN

- 1 TX Bonnie & Clyde were killed in one
- 2 TXism: "hard as dodging rice
- 3 town SE of El Paso on hwy. 20
- 4 TX Gilley's is on this road (2 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "when he hemming, he's hawing"
- 9 Rangers Central Div. foe (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "bland beans without salt pork"
- 11 ex-Cowboy "Neon Deion" (init.)
- 12 TXism: "hotter than
- 13 "six" south of the border
- 14 pickup wheel shaft
- 15 TXism: "snake oil (con man)"
- 16 female horse
- 17 friendly
- 18 this Kiowa chief jumped to his death in a TX prison
- 20 TXism: "to the dogs!"
- 22 "Bum" Phillips
- 23 blue jean man (init.)
- 24 "Buenas (good day)"
- 25 thin membrane
- 26 TXism: "loose as
- 28 TX Ginger Rogers' mother
- 31 TXism: "running with the big
- 34 tantalum symbol
- 35 Astro & Ranger headwear (2 wds.)
- 37 this TX Sharon was killed by Manson family
- 40 TXism: "in the of luxury"
- 43 this church founded Paul Quinn College (abbr.)
- 44 TX Charley Pride's "Where Do Memory"
- 50 informed
- 51 TXism: "put on the feed bag"

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Dustin Gilliam of Ropesville landed this 13.04 lunker on March 11 at Lake Alan Henry.

Lake produces pair of lunker bass in 24 hours

Nine Budweiser ShareLunkers were pulled from the waters of Lake Alan Henry in 2005, but in a period of less than 24 hours earlier this month, two lunker bass were caught.

The first was netted March 10 when Greg Hollers of Lubbock caught a 14.78-pound fish while crappie fishing in seven to eight feet of water using live minnows as bait. The fish, which was 26 inches long and 21.5 inches in girth, was just 0.16 of a pound under the lake record, according to a news release from the City of Lubbock.

The heaviest fish entered from the lake last season weighed 13.82 pounds.

On March 11, Dustin Gilliam of Ropesville was fishing in 30

feet of water with a Hawg Hanger white spinnerbait when a 13.04-pound fish took it, according to the press release. The fish was 25.25 inches long and 21 inches in girth.

The Budweiser ShareLunker program uses the large females for spawning; the resulting fingerlings are stocked into public waters to improve the quality of fishing. The fish are then returned to the lake where they were caught.

The number of statewide wish entered into the program this season stood at 18 as of March 14, just two shy of the 20-year average. According to the press release March is historically the peak month for ShareLunker entries.

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Fishin' at Lake Alan Henry

by Capt'n Mike

The weather had everyone stumped this weekend. Lots of trying to catch the big one but no cigar. I should say it slowed the bass fishing down. Which everyone thought the full moon would help.

The rain was much needed; it will put oxygen in the water, which will make the fish more active. This past week the crappie fishing has sure picked up. Several reports of good catch of crappie came in. Some thing most people in the area do not realize is that this lake is so clear you can sight fish it in the spring for black bass on the beds.

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a thrill. See the bass before you catch it and watch it all the way into the boat. It takes a little skill, but you will get the hang of it. Remember the wind has to be still, maybe that is how the lake protects its fish.

How many days in March and April does the wind stop? Not many. Water temp is com-

ing up but needs to reach 60° before the fish really turn on. It can change any day but still a white spinner will big blades of silver or gold seems to be a stand by at this time.

Remember, Catch and Release is the way to insure the future of good fishing especially when catching bedded bass.

See ya fishin



Greg Hollers of Lubbock hauled in a 14.78 pounder on March 10 at Lake Alan Henry.

Post City Merchants plan June street party

by Donna Degan

The Post City Merchants group met March 7 at Cocara's to discuss a street party in the works for the big celebration on June 2, 3 and 4. Other "fresh ideas" for the downtown/Broadway areas also were discussed.

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Degan. Curtis Hudman, vice president, gave a report on new memberships.

Members present represented the Garza Theater, Hudman's, Higginbotham's, Plum Crazy, La Posta, Mercantile, Texas Treasures, Cocara's and Cellular One.

Judy Bush was elected to serve as new vice president in charge of advertisements and promotions.

A report on obtaining the historical downtown signs was given by Degan, who contacted the Texas Historical Commission on details on how to secure the signs.

Tour groups - from near and far - were given by Naomi Matsler to be contacted at a later time during a non-Old Mill Trade Days event.

All businesses, new and old, are encouraged to come and participate in the meetings. For more information, contact Degan at 495-0888.

Sheriff reports 15 arrests

Fifteen arrests were made in the past week, according to records from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Those arrested included a 39-year-old female, driving while license invalid; a 42-year-old female, driving while intoxicated/second; a 32-year-old female, arrested on a Dickens County warrant/theft by check; a 24-year-old male, arrested on a Taylor County warrant/theft by check; and four males, ages 18, 24 and two 43-year-olds, picked up and held for INS.

Others arrests included that of a 16-year-old male, indictment; a 43-year-old male, failure to ID fugitive from justice; a 19-year-old female, public intoxication; a 27-year-old male, Garza County warrant/possession of marijuana; two men, ages 21 and 18, both charged with possession of marijuana; and a 64-year-old male, driving while intoxicated.

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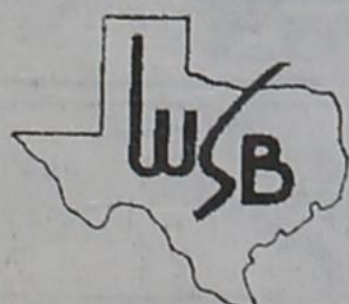
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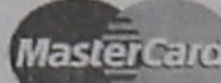
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