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County officials give nod to bonds for prison expansion

Garza County officials, along with representatives of the Garza County Public Facility Corporation, took action June 29 to issue project revenue bonds to support the expansion of the Giles W. Dalby Detention Center.

Commissioners approved resolutions supporting the issuance of about \$14 million in revenue bonds by the GCPFC and authorizing Corplan Corrections to serve as consulting architect and "criminal justice specialist"

for the expansion project. Under the plan, the facility, which can accommodate 1,094 low-risk adult male inmates, would be expanded to add another 576 beds.

Currently the smallest unit

operated by Management & Training Corporation, local officials hope the expansion would make the facility more valuable to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which currently contracts with Garza County to house inmates. More beds should translate into a more attractive per-inmate cost to the BOP.

Plans call for an enlarged commissary and laundry space within the facility, as well as a new hobby and crafts building required by the BOP. New BOP office space also would be created, along with an expansion of the inmate living area.

Additionally, the anticipated 53,000-square-foot expansion would create 40 to 50 new jobs.

Corplan will oversee all three phases of the expansion project: pre-construction, construction and post-construction.

Pre-construction duties will include preparation of a Request for Proposal document, as well as its publication and distribution; handle incoming RFPs and assist in the evaluation of responses; and officiate the award of the project to the "most qualified respondent."

Construction phase duties will include the review and coordination with respondent of all required regulatory commission submissions; management of construction to minimize cost and assure compliance; and oversee submission of monthly construction requisitions to the GCPFC for review and approval.

Post-construction phase jobs will include assisting the GCPFC and the respondent with the facility's initial start-up and occupancy.

Corplan, as consultant, also will be responsible for submitting periodic "updated status reports" to the GCPFC to provide an overview of work progress.

Consulting fee will be 3 percent of the project cost, including construction, equipment, fixtures, start-up costs, legal and financing costs, according to county documents.

Attending the meeting were County Judge Giles Dalby and Commissioners Mike Sanchez, Gary McDaniel and John

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A spectacular fireworks show dazzled Post residents and travelers Tuesday, July 4 at the Post-Garza County Park. The show was courtesy of MAD DADS, Inc. with support from Post Volunteer Fire Department.

Smith lawsuit against Dalby, county employees, MTC dismissed June 27

In a decision handed down June 27, 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht granted a motion to dismiss a case filed more than a year ago by local resident Jon Smith.

According to the paperwork filed in the district clerk's office, the judge's decision was the result of several shortcomings in the plaintiff's case as described by the court. Those included:

- On March 21, the court granted a defense motion ordering the plaintiff's attorney, Bill Ballard, to pay \$5236 for violation of Rule 13 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. That order also indicated that the plaintiff violated Rule 13 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, declaring that the "factual allegations as stated in plaintiff's first amended petition are groundless," the "motive of plaintiff and plaintiff's counsel was an attempt at coercive tactics" and the conduct of plaintiff and plaintiff's counsel can only be found to have been for purposes of harassment.

According to the document, testimony failed to uphold the allegations outlined in Smith's first amended petition against one defendant, Nelda Dalby; Smith is not entitled to recover lost profits or claim a reduction in sales relating to a business in which he holds no ownership interest; and Smith and his attorney, in an "attempt at coercive tactics as to defendant Giles W. Dalby," listed Nelda Dalby as a defendant on matters "found to be groundless."

"This court's determination is further based upon an evaluation of the intent of plaintiff as demonstrated through his intention to file multiple lawsuits and to inflict injury, intimidation and harassment upon Giles W. Dalby and his wife, Nelda Dalby, and other defendants in this litigation..." Schildknecht wrote.

Plaintiffs Jon Smith, Sharon Smith and Jason Smith fired their attorney in March and failed to identify a new attorney by April 28 as ordered by the court.

The plaintiff's motive "continues to consist of improper coer-

cive tactics and harassment..." Schildknecht wrote.

- In the year since the original lawsuit was filed, the plaintiff failed to depose any of the dozen remaining defendants named in the lawsuit and "resisted defendants' requests for production of documents, which resulted in the necessity of a hearing before this court."

- The conduct of the plaintiffs through the duration of the lawsuit violated Rule 13 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

"This sanction is no more severe than necessary to promote full compliance," Schildknecht wrote in the order. "Plaintiffs have repeatedly failed to comply with prior orders issued by this court, including failing to identify new counsel by April 28, 2006, as they were required to do pursuant to this court's order dated April 7, 2006. Plaintiffs were warned in that order that failure to comply in the absence of good cause shall be the basis for sanctions. That action was not sufficient to deter similar conduct. Plaintiffs' conduct justifies the presumption that their claims lack merit."

Jon Smith's lawsuit, which alleged defamation of character through slander, was filed in district court May 13, 2005. 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 to "destroy" Jon Smith's credibility following his allegations of "illegal and/or improper contract bidding" by Management Training Corp., the firm contracted by Garza County to operate the Dalby Unit.

Defendants in the lawsuit were 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 dis-

patcher; and Angela Massey, an employee in the county judge's office.

As a result of the alleged defamation, Jon Smith maintained he suffered a "loss of credibility," as well as "humiliation and emotional distress," according to the petition.

Additionally, the document states that Nothin' Butt Smokes, which is managed by Jon Smith, sustained a drop in sales totaling \$1,500 to \$2,000 per business day since the alleged defamation began.

In his lawsuit, Jon Smith asked the court to award him "actual damages" plus interest, punitive damages "in an amount sufficient to deter future acts of this kind" plus interest, and court costs.



Celebrating a joint birthday party on June 17, 2006 in Richland Hills, Texas are the children of Jim and Nettie Polk (back row left to right) Ida Jones, Sue McDaniel, Mini Jones, Lilly Bruedigam, Rosalie Herring and Mary Haes. Not pictured is Ada Phillips and Ginger Cheek. (Photo courtesy of Ida Jones) (See story on Page 3)

Post Notes

Holy Cross Fund Raiser Set for Saturday
Holy Cross Catholic Church is set to have a fund raising event Saturday starting with a garage sale and burrito sale at 8 a.m. They will also have a fish fry at Parrish Hall from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Post Book Club to Meet
The Post Book Club will meet at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 pm Roberta Webb, author of "The Dark and Bloody Ground", will speak to the group and her book will be a future reading selection. The only cost to group members is the purchase of the book selection. Anyone who enjoys reading is encouraged to join. For more information call 495-0140.

No meetings planned for PCM
Post City Merchants will be taking a summer break. There will be no meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be held September 12th at CoCaRa's beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Donna Degan - 495-0888.

Summer reading program at library
The 2006 Texas Reading Club begins Friday, July 7, at Post Public Library. The program is designed to encourage 2nd-5th grade children to maintain reading skills during the summer months. Throughout the month of July, we will also offer a "Read to Me" club for 4-6 year olds. Both age groups meet Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Call 990-2149 for more information.

Family History from Graham Community needed
Family histories from the Graham Chapel Community, copies of pictures, and school memories are being collected by Jane Mason to be compiled into a book with copies to be sold. Please send your history to Jane Mason, Rt. 3, Box 14, Post, Texas 79356, by July 25th. Also would like to have items from the school for a collection to be presented to the Garza County Museum.

Trailblazers Offers Hearing Testing
Garza County Trailblazers will have Hearing Technologies of Lubbock here for another round to make sure we reached all seniors in the community that might benefit from a free amplified telephone. If you are a senior citizen and would be interested, we encourage you to come to the center on Friday, July 21st from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For any questions you may contact Mandi Criswell at 495-2998 or Donna Trammel at 795-0188.

Trailblazer Bake Sale
Garza County Trailblazers will offer a fundraising Bake Sale July 22 starting at 9 a.m. at United Supermarket. The event is to assist the center.

Fresh Produce Needed
Garza County Trailblazers is accepting any donations from persons with gardens needing to make room for more. Any and all extra fruits and veggies would be greatly appreciated at our center. For questions you may contact Mandi Criswell, Monday - Friday from 8 am - 2pm.

Registration at Christian School
Contact Nancy Gordon at 495-2603 or 495-3554 (First Baptist Church) for information to enroll your child in Pre-K3, Pre-K4, or Kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year. Registration fee, social security no., birth certificate, and current immunization record are required at time of registration. Kindergarten begins Aug. 14. Pre-K begins Sept. 5th/6th. Class size is limited.

Church Softball League Planned
A pair of "community practices" will kick off the Church Co-Rec Softball League. Everyone interested in participating should plan to attend the practices-7p.m. on Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 at the girls' softball field. Names will be dropped in a hat and teams drawn (couples will stay together). Games start Aug. 20 (Sunday and Wednesday night only), and the number of teams organized will determine the length of the season. Volunteer umpires and announcers also are needed. For more information, contact Kim Lott at 629-4340.

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Take it in your

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello, Hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July holiday although I know there were some of you who had to work. Was glad to see the sign folks working that got our new Alltel sign up on the building. Anyway, hope everyone had a great day.

GET WELL SOON
I want to send special get-well

wishes to Katrina Perez. She had a really tough time this week and was in UMC at the time of this writing. Hope she is up and about real soon.

FROM JERRY TAYLOR
Subject: Those blondes!

Two blonde girls were working for the city public works department in Alabama.

One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind her

and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one girl digging a hole, the other girl filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand.

What they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped her brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the girl who plants the trees called in sick."

(NOTE: NOT SURE I LIKE THEM BEING FROM ALABAMA, BUT MY HUSBY WILL GET A KICK OUT OF IT)

AND FROM DIANE GRAVES
Subject: Women's Rights

Barbara Walters of 20/20 did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that the women customarily walked 5 paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms. Walters vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further back behind their husbands and are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, "Why do you now seem happy with the old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The women looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes and without hesitation, said "Land mines."

TILL NEXT WEEK

Hope you all have a great weekend. May God bless each of you Remember to pray for rain. Please call in your news, just can't do this column without it.

Judy

Prison expansion planned...

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Valdez. All supported the resolutions. (Precinct 2 Commissioner Glenda McClellan, an employee of the correctional facility, did not attend the meeting to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.)

Also at the meeting were GCPFC members Bob Macy, Janie Lopez and Drew Kirkpatrick; James Parkey of Corplan; and Michael Harling of Municipal Capital.

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Old Mill Trade Days features three days of entertainment

Post City Idol Contest Friday & Saturday

In addition to over 125 vendors with products such as antiques, furniture, collectibles, art, jewelry and clothing and a variety of food vendors, the July 7-9 event at Old Mill Trade Days in Post will feature a 3-day line up of musical entertainment.

Over 60 performers will take the stage at Trade Days beginning at 10 am Friday and continuing Saturday. These contestants are vying for the title of Post City Idol, a regional competition for vocalists of all ages.

Sunday afternoon a full line up of Christian Country entertainers including Ricky Russ, Dave Pendergraft, Becky Braun and Clay Jacobs will perform on the Rainmaker Stage.

"We're looking at our event as a continuation of the Independence Day holiday fun," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "There are lots of activities to choose from around July 4, but our event on July 7-9 provides a

Beasley honored with baby shower

A baby shower honoring mother-to-be Arimy Beasley was held at 10 a.m. May 13 in the home of Tonya Kirkpatrick.

In anticipation of the arrival of a baby boy, the serving table featured miniature power tools and a toy dump truck filled with Gerber daisies.

Guests were served breakfast snacks, fruit, punch and coffee. Special guests included the grandmother-to-be, Voda Beth Gradine.

The hostesses presented the soon-to-be-parents with an Eddie Bauer travel system.

Serving as hostesses for the event were Kirkpatrick, Donna Stelzer, Jane Odom, Jana McCallister, Eddie Jo Miller, Pixie Grisham, Delores Redman, Earline Bagby, Mary Edwards, Kim Mills, Pam Humble, Devin Halford, Sue Williams, Barbara Babb, Shanda Kelso, Diane Graves and Alexa Collier.

Owen hosts meeting of Green Thumb club

The Green Thumb Garden Club met in the home of Edna Owen in May for the final meeting of the year.

Spring programs included a program by Edna Owen on the poinsettia; a valentine party in February, which included husbands and friends; a trip to a nursery in March to view plants; a plant exchange in April; and a brunch meeting in May where members exchanged gifts.

Members attending included Jan Acker, Pat Bilbo, Betty Curry, Kay Hensley, Betty Hill, Glenda Howard, Inez Seabourn, Naomi Matsler, Edna Owen and Doris Pullen.

great opportunity extend the fun another weekend."

Performers in the Post City Idol competition aged 15 and younger will begin the first round of competition on Friday morning and the semi-finals will begin at 2:00 pm that afternoon. Performers aged 16 and older compete in the first round Saturday at 10 am and the semi-finals at 2 pm. Finalists will be chosen from each category to compete August 5 at Old Mill Trade Days.

The winner in each category will receive cash awards. "The winners will be determined by the judges; however, audience support could potentially sway a judge's decision," Latimer

continued. "We're encouraging energetic audience participation." The Post City Idol event is co-sponsored by FOX 34 News, the Post Dispatch, Post City Television and Coca Cola.

Old Mill Trade Days at the historic Postex Mills in Post is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults.

Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.

Dr Angela Tobias completes residency

Angela Tobias, MD recently completed her residency training in Family Medicine at the University of Rochester/Highland Hospital in Rochester, NY. Graduation ceremonies were conducted June 24th at the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester. Attending the ceremonies were her parents, her brother Mario and sister Laura, and her friend John Fitzpatrick.

Angela Tobias MD was born and raised in Post. Her parents are Frank and Carol Tobias.

She attended Post schools through the 10th grade and then advanced on recommendation of several faculty members to the Texas Academy of Mathematics & Science at North Texas University where she graduated in 1991.

She graduated from Rice University in 1995 and received her MD from Baylor College of

Medicine in 2003 before going to Rochester, NY for her residency in Family Medicine. She will now be taking a position with the West Salem Clinic of Northwest Human Services in Salem, Oregon.



Dr Angela Tobias, M.D.

Megan Mills feted with bridal shower

Megan Mills, bride-elect of Michael Sackenheim, was honored with a 1:30 p.m. bridal shower in the home of Tonya Kirkpatrick on May 21.

Guests were served cookies, nuts and punch from a table decorated in the bride's selected colors of sea foam green and white. Yellow roses in crystal appointments accented the décor.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Kim Mills, and the groom's mother, Marsha Sackenheim.

The hostesses presented the couple with Ralph Lauren bedding.

Hostesses included Kirkpatrick, Mary Miller, Alexa Collier, Shanda Kelso, Sheila Gregory, Carol Williams, Sheila Murphree, Nancy McDonald, Doris Giddens, Terri Cash, Voda Beth Gradine, Gena Lott, Pam Humble, Jan Bartlett, Channa Jones, Linda Waldrip, Donna Stelzer and Jenny Smith.

Bridal shower honors Laura Waite

Laura Waite, bride-elect of Luke Williams, was honored with a bridal shower at 3 p.m. May 21 in the home of Kellie Macy.

Guests were served cookies, nuts and punch from a table decorated in the bride's colors of pink and white.

Special guests included the groom's mother, Carol Williams, and the bride's mother, Melanie Waite.

The hostesses presented the couple with cookware.

Hostesses for the event included Macy, Pam Killough, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Melanie Morris, Pam Humble, Sonja Fields, Marianne Hart, Carol Payne, Jason Mason, Hayley Mason, Peggy Graves, Edna Owen, Sandra Alexander, Jana McCallister, Alexa Collier, Shanda Kelso and Sheila Gregory.

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2006 Post Little League 9-10 All Star team are (back row left to right) Manager Greg Jones and Coach Lanny Fluitt, (middle row) Phillip Gonzales, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Pake Jones, Blace Stevens and Paden Babb, (front row) Carson Kirkpatrick, Dylan Pearson, Joel Andrade, Zach Bush, Nolan Prather and Ethan Self. Not pictured is Blaine Osborn.



2006 Post Little League 11-12 All Star team are (back row left to right) Manager Tony Soto and Coach Mike Macy, (middle row) Aaron Macy, T.J. Basquez, Shawn Perez, Dale Diaz, Chess Postell and Jacob Perez, (front row) Nathaniel Gill, Vance Blair, Dalton Holly, Austin Fields, Anthony Soto and Austin Tyler.

**Post Little League team photos
courtesy of Kelly Macy**



2006 Post Junior League team are (back row left to right) Kevin Stube, Clint Windham, Flynn Chapman, Aaron James, Nick Rodriguez, (front row) Chase Greathouse, Allen Duran, Blake Davis, Reece Belongia, Michael Cooley and Garrett McCarty. Not pictured are Mitchell James, Karl Lamming, Reed Williams, Shiloh Short, Jonathon Perez, John Rodriguez and Travis Bergin, Coaches Kevin James, Kurt Chapman and Manager Joey Stone.
(Photo courtesy of Diane Windham)

Birthday celebration honors 8 sisters

A June 17 birthday celebration conducted in Richland Hills, Fort Worth, honored eight sisters ranging in age from 76 to 90.

Six of the eight Polk sisters attended the event, along with about 65 family members.

Tables were decorated with floral arrangements created by sister Mini Jones.

The refreshment table was filled with a wide assortment of hors d'oeuvres and sandwiches. Four large cakes bearing the names of each of the sisters—Lilly Mae Brudigam of Keller, Rosalie Herring of Rosebud, Ada Phillips of Sedgwick, Kan., Ida Jones of Post, Mary Haes of Hurst, Mini Jones of Granbury, Ginger Cheek of Mesquite and Sue McDaniel of

Conroe—also were served.

Photos, both old and new, as well as photo albums were presented to each of the sisters.

The son of the women's late brother, James, represented his father at the celebration.

The children of the oldest sister, Lilly Mae, hosted the event. They included Junior, Nettie, Janie, JoAnne, Jimmie and H.B.

The sisters are the daughters of Jim and Nettie Polk.

**Nichols earns honors as
AJ's Player of the Year**

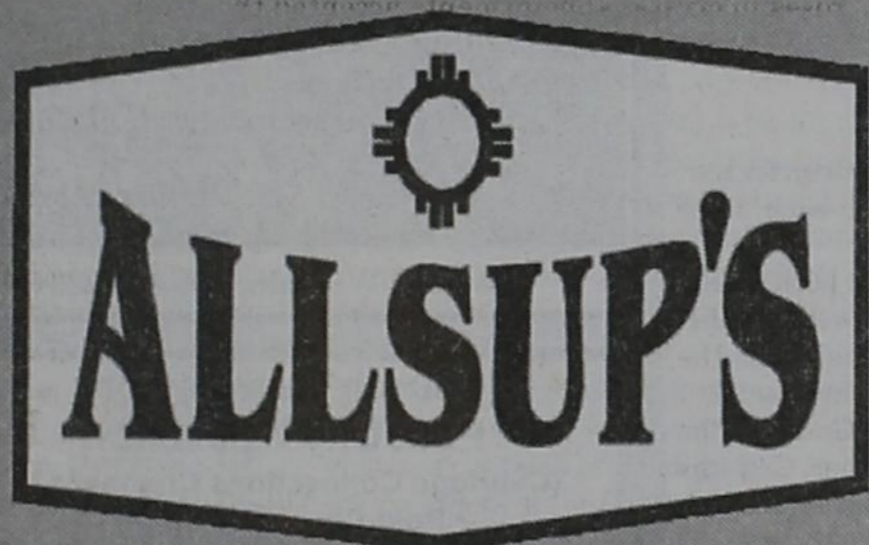
Blake Nichols, a catcher and a pitcher for the Post Antelopes, was singled out as the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class 2A All-South Plains Player of the Year.

Nichols batted .380 on the season and had 12 home runs and 27 RBIs. He went 8-3 with a 2.04 ERA and 77 strikeouts on the mound.

The article outlining Nichols' achievement was published on the front page of the Avalanche-Journal's June 21 sports section.

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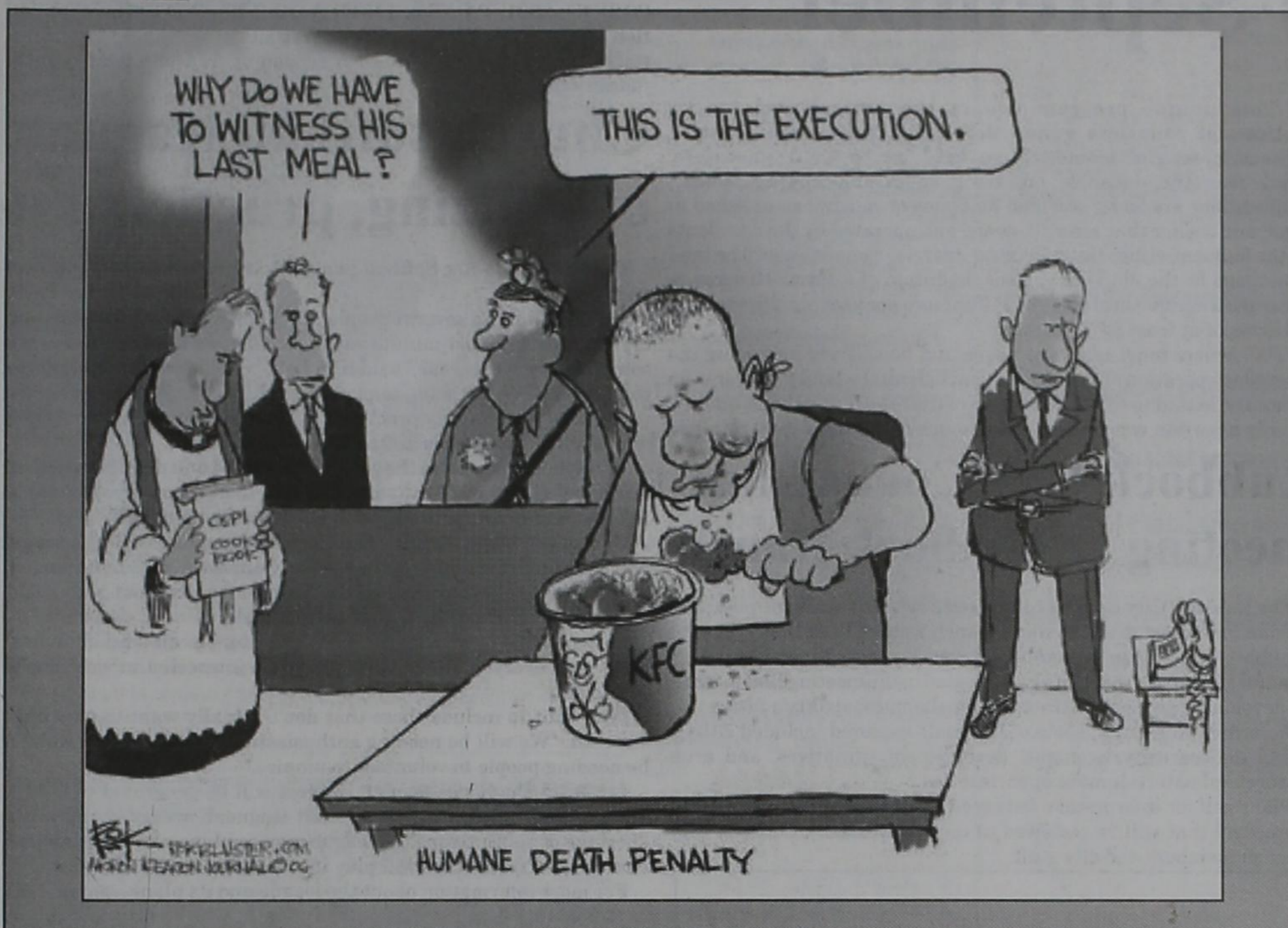
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Do you want to know a secret?

by Bill O'Reilly

Just one day after outing yet another secret intelligence program designed to catch terrorists, the New York Times editorialized: "When government agencies are involved in continuing investigations that might infringe on Americans' privacy, it is important that some outside entity is keeping track of what is going on."

And that "outside entity," of course, is the New York Times.

But the paper's belief that any investigation that might infringe on privacy is fair game for exposure is dangerous. By that measure, there are no government probes the Times would not consider publishing because all investigations might lead to privacy violations. Investigations, by their very nature, are trying to find out something that is not public. Therefore the Times' rationalization is not only harmful to America fighting a terror war, it is also incredibly dopey.

By all accounts the Bush administration obeyed the rules in tracking the transfer of money to suspected terrorists overseas. Even the New York Times admits that. So why blow the covert program when the president specifically asked the Times not to?

The answer to that question is the key to unlocking the war currently going on within the USA.

The New York Times and other committed liberal entities believe the Bush administration is damaging the country and is using the war on terror to do it. Therefore, the Times uses its power and constitutional protections to actively work against the administration's anti-terror strategies. Just look at the record. The committed left believes the Bush administration encourages torture, illegally intrudes on the private phone conversations, routinely violates the Geneva Convention and commits a host of other mortal sins.

So the battle lines have been drawn. Just about anything the Bush administration does to combat terror will be opposed and sometimes actively undermined by the Times and other liberal media. Also, the ACLU has allied itself with this left-wing media jihad to challenge the Bush administration's anti-terror measures in court.

Does all that make you feel safer?

This strategy has deeply angered some right-leaning Americans who believe national security should trump ideological struggles. Former Under-Secretary of Defense Jeb Babbins said on my TV program that the publisher and editor of the New York Times should be charged with crimes. The debate is obviously intense.

But the truth is that the Bush administration has brought some of this on itself. The president knows the left despises him, yet he does not cover his rear flank. For example, the NSA has 72 hours after it listens to suspicious phone calls to secure a legal warrant -- surely that could and should be done. The administration claims its NSA program is legal, but why bother with the debate when you can have your tap and hear it with a little effort? There is no question that some media and politicians are playing politics with the security of the American people. There's no reason on earth that folks need to know how the CIA is legally tracking the money flow to suspected terrorists. And nobody is being tortured at Guantanamo Bay, either. The International Red Cross has an office located a few yards from the prisoners' cells. Most of the hysteria generated by the "civil rights" crowd is nonsense, designed to marginalize an administration it can't stand.

Well, I think that's garbage and I resent it. Almost five years after 9/11, the United States has escaped another murderous attack on its soil. That's a good thing even if you're on the left, right? But what this really comes down to is simple: Who do you trust to keep you safe -- The New York Times or the Bush administration? You make the call.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?"

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Who's to blame?

A Minority View

by Walter E. Williams

Let's look at the recent "Nation's Report Card," published annually by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. Nationally, in reading, only 13 percent of black fourth graders, and 11 percent of black eighth graders score as proficient. Twenty-nine percent achieve a score of "basic," which is defined as having a partial knowledge and skills necessary to be proficient in the grade. Fifty-nine percent score below basic, not having any of the necessary knowledge and skills. It's the same story for black eighth graders, with 40 percent scoring basic and 49 percent below basic.

In math, it's roughly the same story. For black fourth graders, 12 percent score proficient, 47 percent score basic and 40 percent below basic. For black eighth graders, 8 percent score proficient, while 33 percent score basic and 59 percent score below basic; however, one percent of black fourth graders and eighth graders achieved an advanced score in math.

Teachers and politicians respond to this tragic state of affairs by saying that more money is needed. The Washington, D.C. school budget is about the nation's highest with about \$15,000 per pupil. Its student/teacher ratio, at 15.2 to 1, is lower than the nation's average.

Despite this, black academic achievement in Washington, D.C. is the lowest in the nation. Reading scores for Washington, D.C.'s fourth-grade black students are: 7 percent proficient, 21 percent basic and 71 percent below basic. For eighth-graders, it's 6 percent proficient, 33 percent basic and 58 percent below basic. It's the same sad tale in math. For fourth-graders, it's 5 percent proficient, 35 percent basic and 59 percent below basic. For eighth-graders, it's three percent proficient, 23 percent basic and 73 percent below basic.

With these achievement levels, one shouldn't be surprised that the average black high school graduate, depending upon the subject, has the academic achievement level of the average white sixth, seventh or eighth grader.

Racial discrimination has nothing to do with what's no less than an education meltdown within the black community. Where black education is the very worst,

often the city mayor is black, city council dominated by blacks, and often the school superintendent is black, as well as most of the principals and teachers, and Democrats have run the cities for decades. I'm not saying there's a causal connection, just that one would be hard put to chalk up the rotten education to racial discrimination.

There's enough blame for this sorry state of affairs for all participants to have their share: students who are hostile and alien to the education process, parents who don't care, teachers who are incompetent or have been beaten down by the system, and administrators who sanction unwarranted promotions and issuance of fraudulent diplomas that attest that a student has mastered 12th-grade material when in fact he hasn't mastered sixth- or seventh-grade material.

No one can solve the educational problems that black people confront except black people themselves. First, it's foolhardy, and black people cannot afford to buy into the idea that no black child should be saved from the education morass until all black children can be saved. That means we must find a way to permit the escape from rotten schools for as many black children who want to be educated and have supportive parents as we can. Educational vouchers or tuition tax credits would provide such a mechanism.

At one time in black history, there was a high value placed on education, so much so that blacks risked punishment to acquire education in areas of our country where black education was prohibited. Being 70 years old, I know there was a time when schools and black parents cooperated with one another to see to it that children behaved in school and did their work. In principle, the solution to black education problems is not rocket science. The problem is summoning the will.

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Ron Paul's

Texas Straight Talk

www.house.gov/paul A Weekly Column

A New Declaration

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

On the fourth day of July, in 1776, a small group of men, representing 13 colonies in the far-off Americas, boldly told the most powerful nation on earth that they were free.

They declared, in terms that still are radical today, that all men are created equal, and endowed with certain inalienable rights that government neither grants nor can take away.

In the Declaration of Independence, the founding fathers sought to demonstrate to the world that they were rejecting a tyrannical king. They listed the "injuries and usurpations" that contain the philosophical basis for our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

One point of consternation to our founding fathers was that the king had been "imposing Taxes on us without our Consent." But 230 years later, taxation with representation has not worked out much better.

Indeed, one has to wonder how Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin would react to the current state of affairs. After all, they were outraged by mere import tariffs of a few pennies on the dollar. Today, the average American pays roughly 50 percent of their income in direct and indirect taxes.

In fact, most Texans will not start working for themselves for another week. Texans, like most Americans, work from January until early July just to pay their federal income taxes, state and local taxes, and the enormous costs of regulation. Only about half the year is spent working to pay for food, clothing, shelter, or education.

It is easy to simply blame faceless bureaucrats and politicians for our current state of affairs, and they do bear much of the blame. But blame also rests with those who expect Washington DC to solve every problem under the sun. If the public demanded that Congress abide by the Constitution and pass only constitutional spending bills, politicians would have no choice but to resign.

Everybody seems to agree that government waste is rampant and spending should be cut—but not when it comes to their communities or pet projects. So members of Congress have every incentive to support spending bills and adopt a go-along, get-along attitude. This

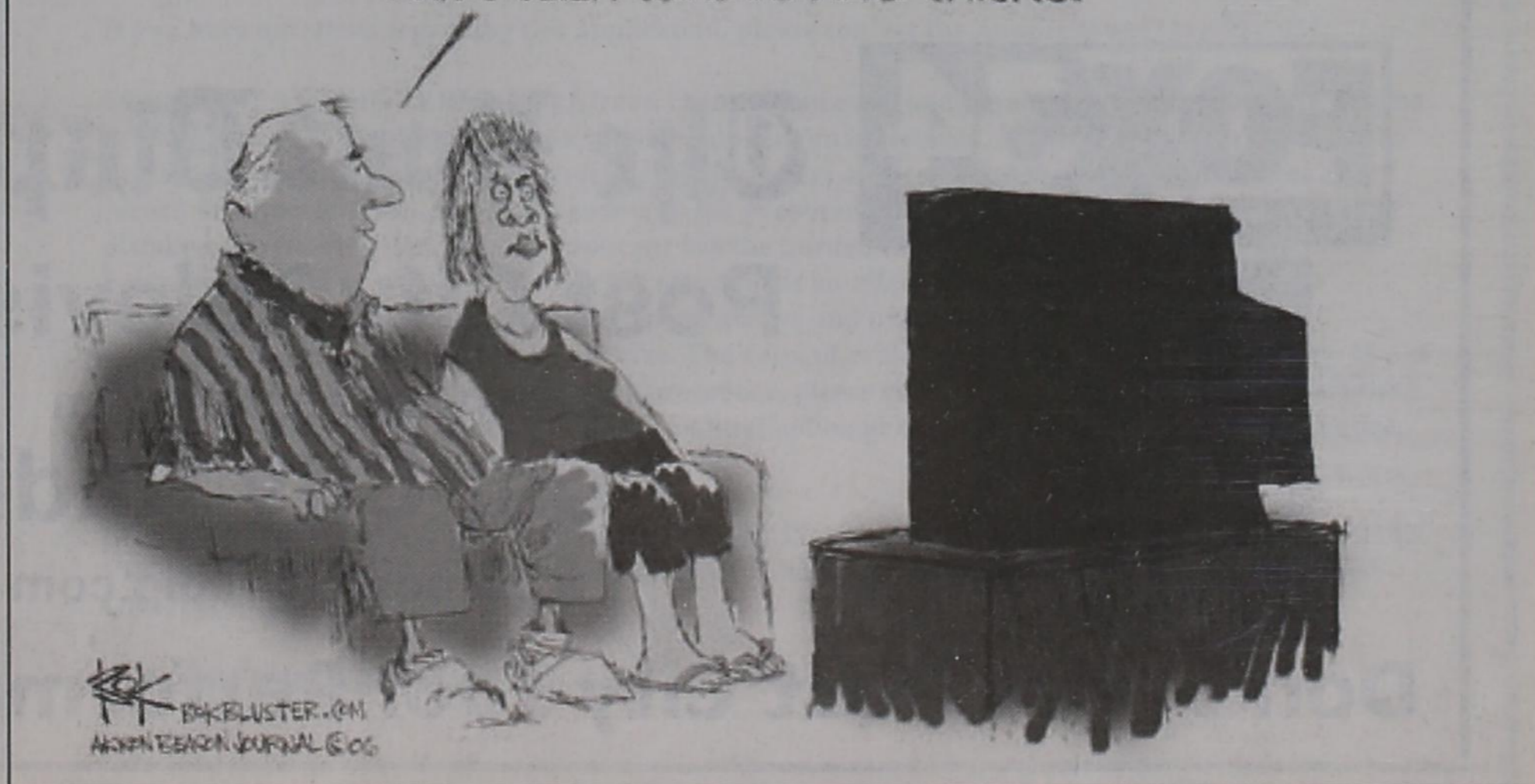
leads to the famous compromises, but the bill eventually comes due on April 15th.

Our basic problem is that we have lost sight of the simple premise that guided the actions of our founding fathers. That premise? The government that governs least is the government that governs best.

When we cut the size of government, our taxes will fall. When we reduce the power of the federal bureaucracy, the cost of government will plummet. And when we firmly fix our eyes, undistracted, on the principles of liberty, Americans truly will be free.

That should be our new declaration.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE ON A ROLL. NOW THEY'VE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT SAYS WE STAY IN IRAQ UNTIL ANN COULTER JOINS THE DIXIE CHICKS.



As the power of government expands with each generation, will this generation be the last to enjoy any measurable freedom?

Applications for farm, ranch program due in September

Families interested in applying for the Family Land Heritage Program should have their applications in to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Sept. 15, according to a recent press release from Susan Combs, commissioner for the Texas Department of Agriculture. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program began in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been recognized.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held on to their ancestors' land over the decades, enduring some challenging times." Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more per year, or if fewer than 10 acres of at least \$250 per year. The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased and as much as 10 acres were retained

in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property still will qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition. Fayette County has the largest number of Family Land Heritage honorees with 124 properties. Houston County is next with 85 properties, followed by Austin and Gillespie counties with 82 properties each, Medina County with 81 and DeWitt County with 80. For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair at (512) 463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. The application also is available at the TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the Producer Information section or from the local county judge's office.

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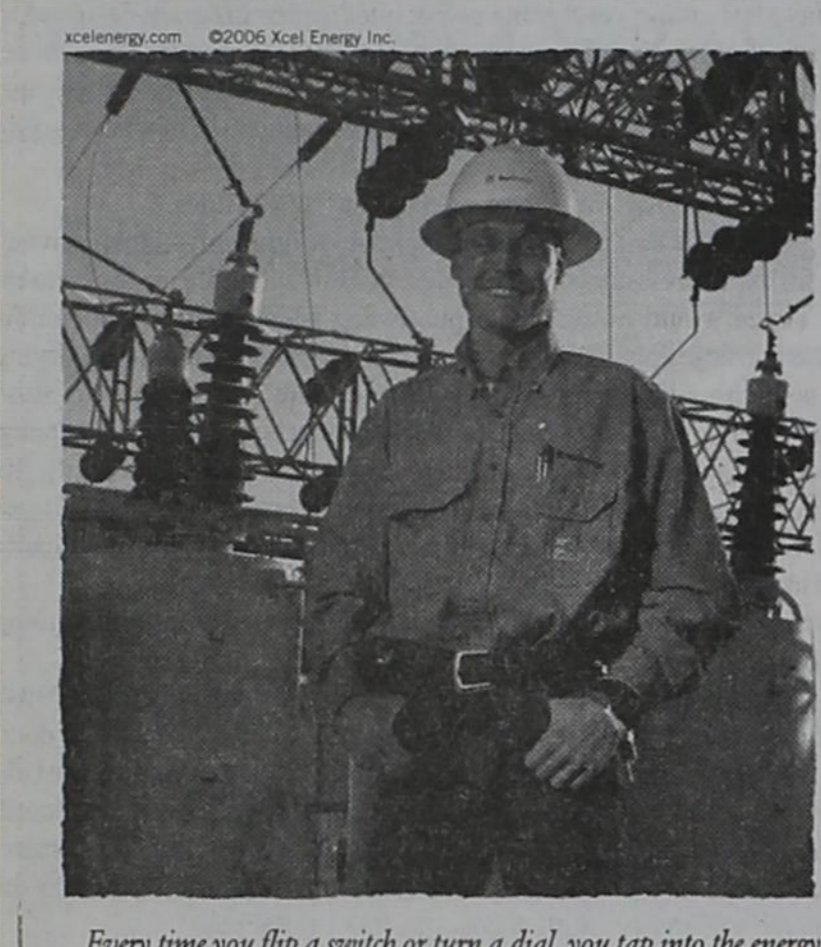
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Lubbock City Council has meeting at Medlock Ranch

The Lubbock City Council conducted a two-day strategic planning session last week at the Medlock Ranch west of Post. Lubbock City Council members, several city staff members and a handful of Lubbock residents participated in the meeting that focused on developing goals and strategies for the municipality's future. According to reports, some of the goals explored included citizen safety and security, economic development initiatives, and arts, culture and entertainment opportunities. Plans call for information discussed at the session to be compiled in a proposal that will be reviewed in coming weeks by Lubbock City Council members and city staff.

Church softball league organizing, practices set

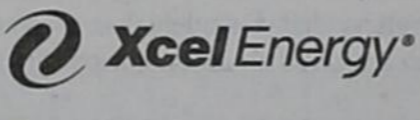
The Church Co-Rec Softball League is trying something new this year. "After talking to several people and knowing how busy everyone is right now with last-minute vacations, etc., we have decided to try something new this year," said Kim Lott, who is working to organize the league. "We are going to play fall ball." A pair of "community practices" is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 at the girls' softball field. "Everyone come out to the girls' softball field and practice together - from all churches," Lott said. "We will then put everyone's name in a hat and draw for teams; couples will stay together." Games will begin Aug. 20, and the number of participating teams will determine the length of the season. Games will be Sunday and/or Wednesday nights only and will be 55 minutes (start out with 2 and 1 count). Play will be on a girls' softball field. Lott said she is working to send out letters to all local churches, but wants everyone to know that anyone interested in welcome to participate. "We want to include those that don't actually want to play too," she said. "We will be needing enthusiastic announcers and we will be needing people to volunteer to umpire." Lott said she hopes enough interest will be generated to form a youth league in addition to an adult league; however, if there is a shortage of youth teams the league may combine all youth from all churches on teams that will play in the adult league. For more information about the league and its plans, contact Lott at 629-4340.



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Crow's-Foot Chronicles

by Cindy Baker

I studied my photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long that I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The woman behind me peered over my shoulder and reassured me, "It's okay. That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway." Yep, that's how I looked in Reno that day.

"Do you know why you pulled me over?" I asked.

"Okay, just so one of us does. Sir, I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are."

Several minutes later he returned with a written warning for driving 70 in a 55 zone. I said, "Not to be disrespectful, Officer, but how do you decide when to give a ticket and when to give a written warning?"

The highway patrolman stated, "It depends on the nature of the offense, the condition of the road, the attitude of the motorist... or in this case--- I'm out of tickets." Whew!

I've decided that speed limits are arbitrary figures to make Texas look as if it conforms to other state policies; these are given only as suggestions and are readily enforceable.

Nobody gets stopped for swerving, though. It's Texas, after all. Texas is the home of the high-speed slalom driving thanks to TXDOT, who put potholes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them on their toes.

For six months, I swerved to dodge the trees on farm-to-market roads until I discovered it was my air freshener dangling from my rear view mirror.

It is traditional in Texas to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes. The state is founded upon such traditions.

I recently switched cars with my daughter-in-law so I could take my grandbaby home and give Mommy a chance to shop. I noticed she had a bumper sticker that read, "Honk if you love Jesus."

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, cooing and exchanging baby talk, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

When I heard the guy behind me honk, it dawned on me that he must love Jesus. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. While I was sitting there, the guy started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of GOD! GO! GO! Jesus Christ, GO!"

Wow, he was a real cheerleader for Jesus, huh!

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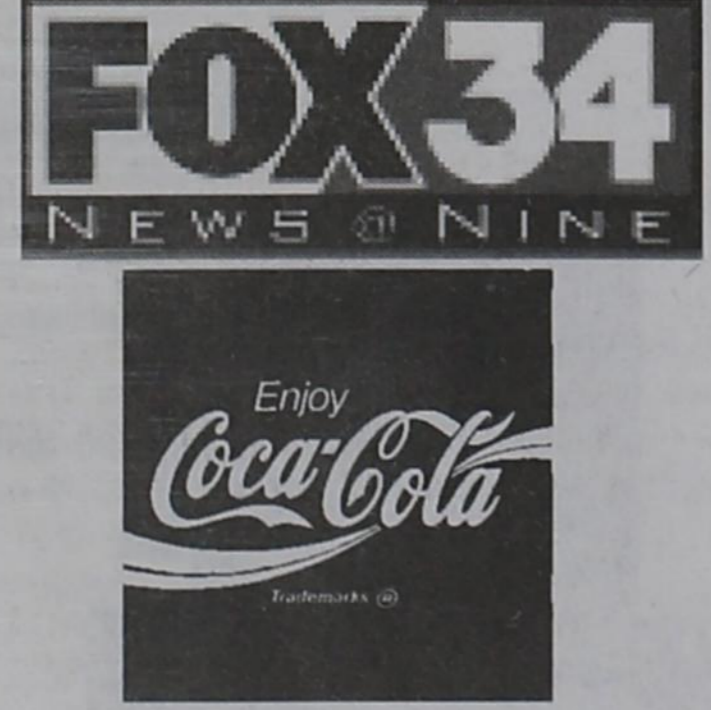


At
Old Mill Trade Days
July 7 & 8
10 am & 2 pm each day

Friday, July 7 - Rainmaker Stage
10:00 am - First Round, 15 yrs & younger
2:00 pm - Semi-finals, 15 yrs & younger

Saturday, July 7 - Rainmaker Stage
10:00 am - First Round, 16 yrs & older
2:00 pm - Semi-finals, 16 yrs & older

These performances are part of the Old Mill Trade Days event, July 7-9. Admission on Friday is \$1/Senior Adults over 65 free. Admission on Saturday is \$2. No charge for children under 10 and parking is free.



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John Strubhar service with the Friday, June 30. Joyce (right).

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John Strubhart was honored for more than 20 years of service with the Garza County Hospital District at a reception Friday, June 30. Joining him in the celebration was his wife Joyce (right).

Three Garza County students receive TTU degrees

Three local residents - including two from Post and one from Southland - earned degrees from Texas Tech University at the close of the spring semester, according to information released by the university.

Post residents Candus Renee Dawson and Brett Welden Wiggins each earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Dawson's degree was in early childhood studies, while Wiggins received his degree in exercise and sport sciences.

Michael T. McFadden of Southland received a Bachelor of Arts in history/political science.

10 area students earned honors at Texas Tech

Ten local students were named to honor lists at Texas Tech University following the spring semester, according to reports from the university.

Honorees from Post included:

- Rodrigo Ceja, a petroleum engineering major, Dean's List

- Christin Nicole Collier, a freshman biology major, Dean's List

- Kayla Ann Dunn, a freshman pre-med student, President's List

- Beverly Gayle Francis, a senior management major, Dean's List

- Brant Austin Guthrie, a freshman pre-pharmacy student, Dean's List

- Russ Bradley Moore, a senior marketing major, Dean's List

- Brandi Nicole Powell, a junior student in multidisciplinary studies, President's List

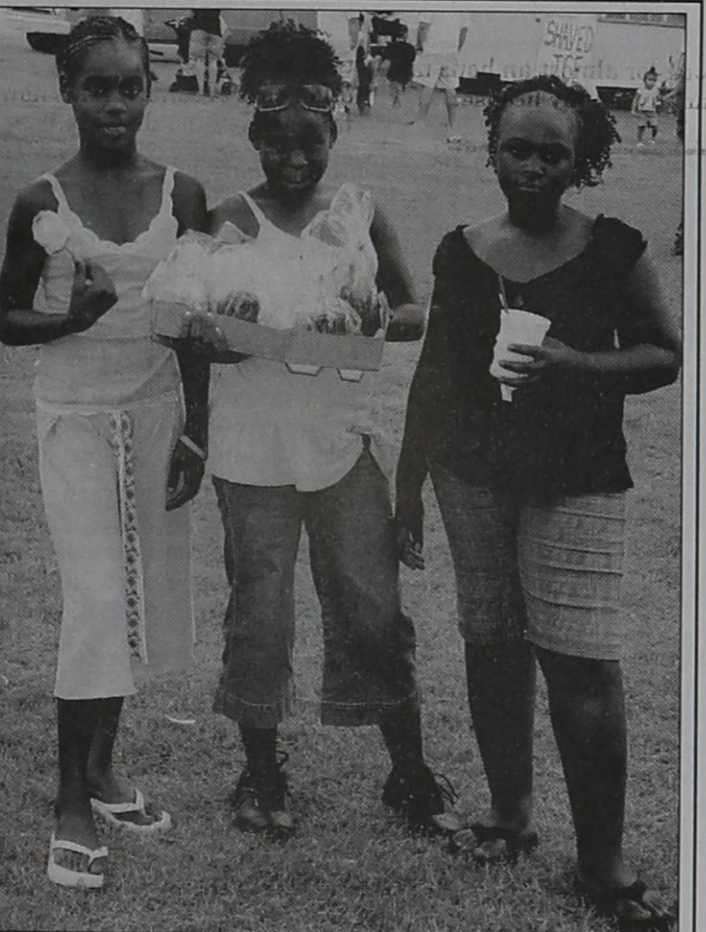
- Jimmy C. Valdez, a freshman studying business administration, Dean's List

- Shanna Sue Wiggins, a senior general business major, Dean's List

Also named to the Dean's List was Michael T. McFadden, a senior history major from Southland.



Local youth enjoy a ride on the "train" during Tuesday's July 4th Celebration at the City-County Park. (Photo by Jackie Miner)



Selling special apples at the Post - Garza County Park during Tuesday's 4th of July festivities are (left to right) Damertia Curtis, Shamauda Taylor and Shaye Reed. (Staff photo by Jackie Minner)



Marlee Plummer recently celebrated her Sweet 16th Birthday with friends and family at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. One of the many highlights of the evening included the above delicious and creative cake by Jackie Cruse. Marlee is the daughter of Jim and Janice Plummer.

Notice of Public Hearing on Garza Central Appraisal District Budget

The Garza Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 12, 2006 9:00 am at 124 East Main

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 274,519.78
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 13,057.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Garza Central Appraisal District
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 26, 2006

Rule 38 Case No. 8A-0247958
Status/Permit No. 610022

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:	:	RICHARDSON UNIT NCT
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	21
Lease/Unit Acres	:	64.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	479.2
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	660.0

Lease Lines	:	656.6 F S L,	479.2 F S L
Survey Lines	:	656.6 F S L,	479.0 F S L

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

P.H.D. : 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)692-7052.

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 Protestant 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 WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY..

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRED PUBLICATION

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago
July 3, 1996

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Yvonne Lopez has been named an All-American Scholar. Yvonne is the daughter of Robert and Lanie Lopez.

Miss Amanda Bush and Stephen Quisenberry exchanged wedding vows June 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Post.

Robert Lee Farris, the month-old Post infant who was mauled by a family pet, remains in stable condition in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

Meeting for their 20th class reunion, members of the Class of '76 took advantage of Old Mill Trade Days. The group also met for dinner at the Main Street Cafe and took in the "Sensational 70s" show at the Tower Theater.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. "Buddy" Sharp of Gail will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 6th. Buddy and the former Margaret Hallmark were married July 2, 1936.

20 Years Ago
July 2, 1986
June 18

Through the generosity of Mayor Giles McCrary and the overwhelming support of the people of Garza County, work is beginning on repairs to the old Garza Theater building. A check was presented to Caprock Community Theater Director Will McCrary for \$10,000 and Mayor McCrary matched the telethon and auction \$10,000 fund, providing \$20,000 to begin the restoration.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Sansing of Coleman announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Linn, to Rex Allen Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Cash of Post.

Kicking off this year's July 4th celebration will be an Airshow at the Post-Garza County Airport.

The workings of nature are sometimes surprising...as Fernie Reed discovered recently when one of his mother hens took up the care of a baby skunk.

30 Years Ago
July 8, 1976

Post's Bicentennial Fourth of July Celebration was by far quite a bit better than usual. There was lots of extras this year, including the selecting of Mrs. Doll Haire as "Mrs. Bicentennial" and Dan Lamb winning the beard growing contest with Jim Jackson the runnerup. Some of the musical talent for the afternoon included the Graham 4-H clubs' "The Country Five". Members are Bruce Sanderson, Steve White, Mark Short, Lisa Cowdrey and Amy Cowdrey.

Marinette Hays, Post's queen candidate at the district Babe Ruth tourney in Brownfield was escorted by Leslie Looney.

Bill Hughes was honored for 25 years of service as a loom fixer at Postex Plant.

Kurt Chapman and Raymie Holly won runnerup honors over the holiday weekend in Snyder's Players Tennis Tournament.

40 Years Ago
July 7, 1966

Preston Poole was installed as president of the Post Lions Club, succeeding Jim Jackson. Donna Mathis was also installed as club

sweetheart, succeeding Beverly Duncan.

Dick Tanner, a superintendent at Postex Mills, was installed as president of the Post Rotary Club.

Ken's Mobil Service at the corner of Broadway and 11th street held its grand opening at the new modern station. Ken Callaway, formerly of Southland, is proprietor of the new business.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Surman observed their golden wedding anniversary, July 4, with their daughter and her family in Lubbock.

Seaman Recruit Delbert J. Wartes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wartes of Southland, has completed seven weeks of Navy basic training.

50 Years Ago
July 5, 1956

Butch Wilson, 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson, left Dallas with his uncle, C. E. Hipp and their three-year-old lioness "Blondie," for a 10 day exhibition tour of the United States.

David King was awarded a certificate for winning first place in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce' essay contest on "What Can My Town Do to Have More Industry?" Along with the prize goes \$250 to be deposited with the registrar of any college David chooses.

Jack Lancaster, a member of the Post school faculty for the last four years, was elected elementary school principal.

Ira (Dad) Greenfield was elected commander of James C. Cole Post of the American Legion. He succeeds Wagoner Johnson.

Miss Thelma Hodges, 16-year-old Post girl, who was injured in an automobile-truck collision, has returned home. Thelma, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hodges, is reported to be steadily improving.

60 Years Ago
July 4, 1946

Up and Down Maintreet: Signs of the Times - "No Meat" was spelled out with weiners in the huge meat counter at the Piggly Wiggly store. Cubbards were certainly bare in Post's markets. Other signs posted were "No Butter-No Shortening."

J. B. Matsler, prominent Garza county farmer, will become worshipful master of the local Masonic Lodge. Mr. Matsler succeeds J. A. Stallings.

Mrs. Mamie Lott left this week for St. Louis where she joined her daughter and husband and will go on to North Port Point, Michigan for the summer.

Piggly Wiggly Ad: Deviled Ham...15c-can; Coffee...34c-1lb.; Raising Bran...11c-11oz. box; Bologna...40c-1lb.; Carrots bunch...9c.

Dean Robinson took over duties as president of the Rotary club.

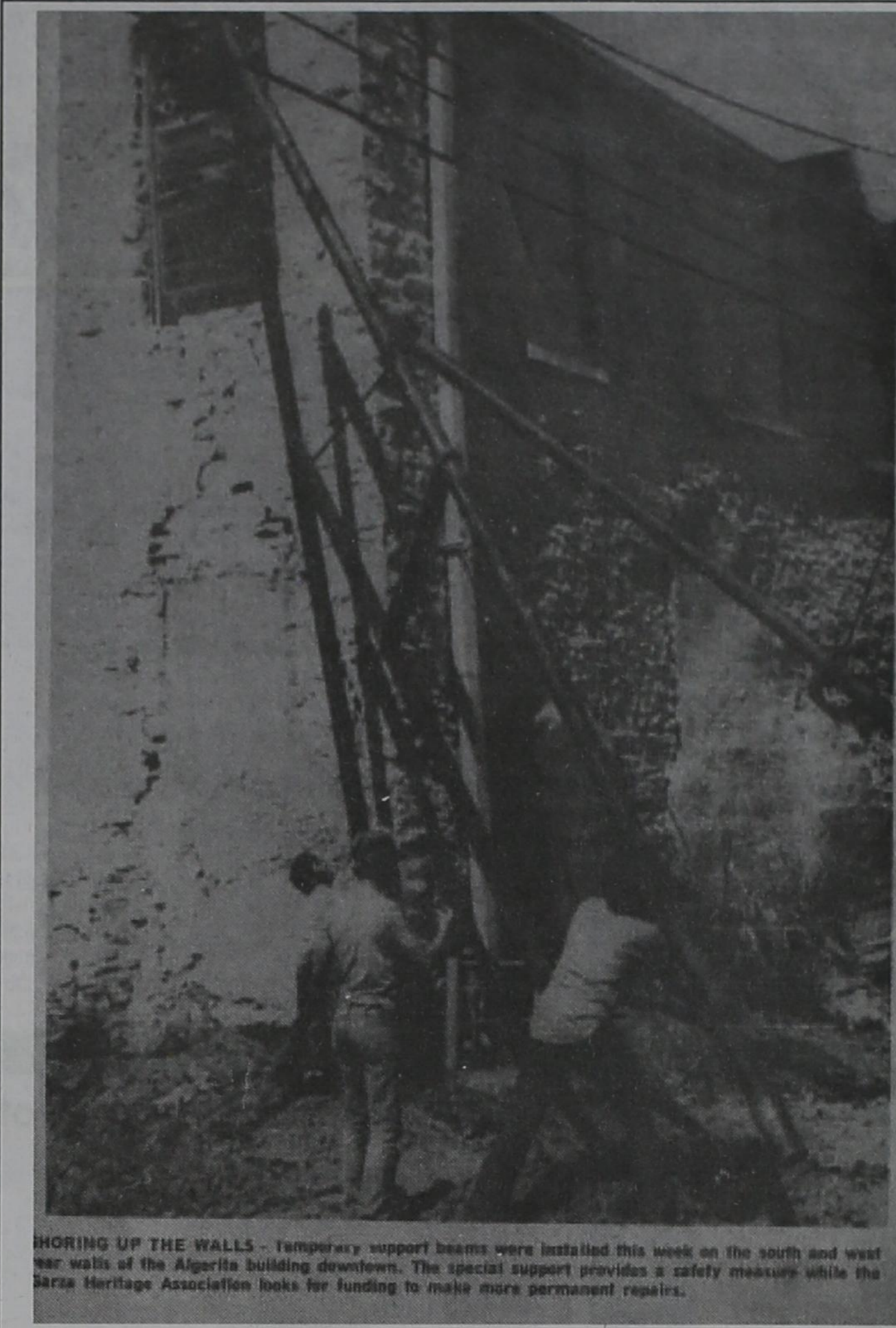
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SHORING UP THE WALLS - Temporary support beams were installed this week on the south and west walls of the Algerita building downtown. The special support provides a safety measure while the Garza Heritage Association looks for funding to make more permanent repairs.

Exclusively from the archives of The Post Dispatch, Thursday, July 2, 1986

Lower cotton trading reported at NY

Cotton Market Weekly
In contrast to a general surge in key commodity prices, cotton futures at the New York Board of Trade closed lower Thursday as market participants positioned themselves ahead of USDA's planted acreage report. The report, released before the trading began on June 30, was considered modestly bearish by most in the industry.

In its June acreage report, USDA raised its cotton acreage estimate for the 2006-07 U.S. crop to 15.27 million acres, up from its March estimate of 14.63 million. Roughly two-thirds of the projected 642,000-acre increase was in the state of Texas, the nation's largest cotton producing state. The department projects, as of June 1, producers had planted or intended to plant roughly 6.42 million acres in Texas, up from its March estimate of 6.02 million.

"Planted acres could be high, but the market needs to think about abandonment and end acres harvested," one analyst commented. "We can have a lot of acres planted, but if yields are down the extra acres won't translate into increased production."

Insurance adjusts this week began zeroing out acres in Texas

counties that had cotton planting deadlines of June 10. Heavy abandonment is expected, possibly ultimately reaching as much as 50 percent or more of the dryland acreage. A veteran cotton farmer from the area commented that crop conditions on the Texas High and Rolling Plains are the most variable he has ever seen.

According to some producers, cotton still has not emerged in many dry-planted fields. Others received just enough moisture for seeds to sprout, then turn brown and die under hot, windy conditions that quickly dried out seedbeds. Still other areas have acceptable stands in only parts of fields. A sizeable amount of irrigated fields have weak, "skippy" stands, though some of this cotton has perked up with cooler temperatures and scattered precipitation this week. A USDA survey based on abandonment and acres for harvest, along with possible revisions in planted acres after the June report, will not be available until August.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of 248,800 bales for the week ended June 22 were 35

percent more than the previous week and 17 percent more than the four-week average. The major buyers were China, Turkey, and Indonesia. Net sales of 13,300 bales for delivery in 2006-07 were mainly for Mexico and China. Export shipments of 364,700 bales were seven percent less than the previous week and two percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, and Turkey.

"Export sales were a bright spot, while shipments slipped a bit from their pace," said one market analyst. "We now need to ship an average of 358,000 bales per week to reach USDA's estimate for the year."

On the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended June 29 totaled 26,391 bales compared to the previous week when 13,155 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 49.82 to 50.29 cents per pound compared to 46.25 to 52.42 cents per pound the previous week.

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Friday, July 7	
7 a.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
3 p.m.	Family Harvest Church
7 p.m.	This Week In Post City
Saturday, July 8	
7 a.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
9 a.m.	This Week In Post City
3 p.m.	Family Harvest Church
5 p.m.	This Week In Post City
7 p.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
Sunday, July 9	
1 p.m.	This Week In Post City
3 p.m.	Family Harvest Church
5 p.m.	This Week In Post City
8 p.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
Monday, July 10	
7 a.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
9 a.m.	This Week In Post City
1, 5 & 10 p.m.	Post Church of Christ Sunday Services
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, July 11, 12 & 13	
7 a.m.	Garza County Prison Expansion Plans
9 a.m.	Garza County Commissioners' Court
11 a.m.	Post ISD Board of Trustees
1 p.m.	Garza County Hospital District
3 p.m.	Post City Council

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- TXism: "the you work the luckier you get"
- TXism: "mad as an -eyed cow"
- In TX this is a sexual assault
- TXism: "put the back burner"
- "neither's" pardner
- put in a bank
- Houston's Museum of Fine
- TX Freeman soap: "Live"
- he was Mingo on "Daniel Boone" (init.)
- property document
- this TX ranch was the world's largest
- margarita features salt- glass
- TXism: "useless as a pig"
- TX Linda Darnell '50 film: "Way Out"
- Armstrong Co. seat
- TX Don Henley co-wrote "Eyes"
- TXism: "we're seein' eye"
- Larry McMurtry is from here (2 wds.)
- TXism for "hillbilly"
- 6-across is in 22 of TX penal code
- laugh word
- TX Lois Chiles film: "The Way We
- TXism: "It'll wash out in the envelops"
- TX singer Stone
- TX Jim Reeves' "I Losing You"
- archaic plural of cow
- one who counts?
- to make food into a paste
- TXism: "tear jerker"
- TXism: "he says giddyup, you better go"
- Ritter
- TX Nimitz or Popeye? (2 wds.)
- some hair dyers
- this Peter was in "Lord Jim" with UT-grad Wallach
- Cola
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- TX "Camp John Meyers" is for special kids
- TXism: "gracias" (thanks)
- TX Al Freeman's Lt. character in 18-across
- TX Vassar Miller's "If I Could Sleep Enough..."
- alma mater of ex-Cowboy Golden Richards
- storage crib
- one who walls? (2 wds.)
- out a living"
- transp. planner for north TX (abbr.)
- TXism: "ramrod"
- TXism for "north"
- TXism: "size" (evaluate)
- TX McConaughy's "Reign of "
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LAH tops state lakes in 2006 Sharelunker count

The 2005-2006 Budweiser ShareLunker season ended April 30 with 32 entries, and more than a quarter of the total number were pulled from Lake Alan Henry.

The City of Lubbock-owned lake, which is located largely in Garza County, produced nine fish weighing a total of 124.23 pounds—or an average of 13.80 pounds, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Web site.

One of the LAH fish also set a new lake record—an even 15 pounds and the third-largest sharelunker entry of the year.

Greg Hollers of Lubbock caught the lake's first sharelunker of the season on March 10. The 14.78-pound bass was caught using a minnow for bait. The fish was 26 inches long and 21.5 inches in girth.

LAH's second sharelunker catch came less than 24 hours later when Dustin Gilliam of Ropesville caught at 13.04-pound bass on a Hawg Hanger. The fish was 25.25 inches long and 21 inches around.

On March 31, the lake produced another big one—Billy Greeson of

Amarillo's 15-pound lake record, which was 25.25 inches long and 22 inches in girth. The fish was caught using a black-and-blue jig.

Less than two weeks later, the lake produced four sharelunkers in a row: A 13.05-pounder for Francisco Vallejos of Albuquerque, N.M., caught with a waterdog on April 13; a 14.24-pounder caught by Mike Trulove of Carbondale, Colo., with a Tiki-Stick and a 14.26-pounder caught by his brother, Tim Trulove of Silt, Colo., using a rubber bluegill bait, both snagged on April 14; and a 13.43-pound fish caught April 18 by Jamie Bonner of Amarillo using a 4-inch white Mad Man Craw Worm.

On April 22, Rodney Hill of Floydada pulled a 13.22-pound largemouth out of the lake with a blue flake Power Worm.

Curtis Norrod of Lubbock grabbed the last sharelunker of the season on April 22—a 13.21-pound fish caught on a Junebug jig.

Fish that are entered in the sharelunker program are used for spawning purposes. In the production hatchery, the big females are paired with pure Florida strain males. The goal: to improve the quality of largemouth bass

stocked in Texas waters.

The spawning season at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens went well, according to reports, with 11 sharelunkers producing almost 160,000 fry to date. One fish, the 400th one caught in the sharelunker program produced a record 46,678 eggs.

Most of the fry will be raised to fingerling size—about 1.5 inches—and stocked into public waters.

The Budweiser ShareLunker program is made possible through support from Anheuser-Busch Inc. The corporation has partnered with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation since 1991 to contribute funds to support conservation causes and fishing, hunting and outdoor recreational programs in the state.

Open tourneys slated at Lake Alan Henry

As summer unfolds and the number of activities explodes at Lake Alan Henry, the number of open tournaments tapers off some; however, a few events are planned for coming weeks, according to the LAH Web site.

Upcoming tournaments, as pulled from the list at www.lakealanhenry.org include the following:

- Green Pastures Bass Club Night Tournament, July 8. For more information contact Maurice (Mo) Herridge at 495-0720.
- Moonlight Madness Bass Tournament, Aug. 26. For more information contact Mel Phillips, 806-353-3654.
- Green Pastures Bass Club Night Tournament, Aug. 5. For more information contact Maurice (Mo) Herridge at 495-0720.
- Green Pastures Bass Club Tournament, Sept. 2. For more information contact Maurice (Mo) Herridge at 495-0720.
- Fun Fishing Bass Tournament, Sept. 9. For more information contact Mel Phillips at 806-353-3654.

Parks & Rec photo contest exhibit, awards set Friday

The opening reception and awards ceremony for the Third Annual Parks & Recreation Giant Side Photography Competition and Exhibit will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Garden & Arts Center in Lubbock.

Lubbock Mayor David A. Miller will announce the winners in an awards ceremony set for 7 p.m.

The exhibit, part of the First Friday Art Trail, will consist of photographs taken in City of Lubbock parks or park facilities, including Lake Alan Henry in Garza County.

Prizes will be awarded in each category. Winning entries will be featured on the Parks & Recreation, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Lubbock Convention & Visitors Bureau Web sites.

Judge for this year's competition is Lubbock photographer Tricia Earl.

For more information on the event, contact the Garden & Arts Center at 767-3724 or visit the Parks & Recreation Department Web site at 222.playlubbock.com.

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Normal temp - 78.1

Monthly total precip - 0.50"

Normal precip - 2.83"

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Year-to-date precip - 8.41"

Lake Alan Henry:

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Normal temp - 78.4

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