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Traditional sunrise wind ceremony set March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e (Sunrise Wind) ceremony, unique to Garza County, will take place in the city park March 22.

The event continues the tradition that has been a part of Garza County history since the early settlers came to the area. This historical version of an extended weather forecast will begin approximately thirty minutes before sunrise.

Sunrise is predicted for 7:46 a.m. the morning of the event.

In addition to the traditional wind ceremony, this year's event will include participation by the local Boy Scout Troup. Post City Celebrations will serve a free breakfast at the park to all visitors and participants.

"We're very excited to share this experience with Boy Scout Troup 316," said Zoe Kirkpatrick, a member of the Taba'na Yuan'e tribe that conducts the ceremony each year. "Learning the forecast for success of crops for the farmer; grass prospects for the rancher; and the economic outlook for the merchant is the core of

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County OKs fire truck for J'burg firefighters

Garza County Commissioners approved the acquisition of another fire truck and related equipment for the Justiceburg Community Fire Department at their Monday meeting.

A quote provided by Constable Daniel Yarbro showed the total cost of the requested items was \$13,450, including shipping.

Commissioner Gary McDaniel offered to provide the shipping service.

Commissioners voted unanimously to spend up to \$12,200 for the purchase of a fire truck, with funds to come from the county's contingency fund.

In other business, commissioners:

- Heard a request from Chip Polk to pave 8/10 of a mile of Ragtown Ranch Road, a county road, up to the Ragtown Ranch turnoff. Polk said the dirt road creates problems, particularly for large vehicles such as buses that frequent the Ragtown Gospel Theater. County Judge Lee Norman recommended that the cost of the paving project be determined and considered for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. No action was taken.

- Approved the preliminary plat for the Lady D RV Park pending permitting and completion of construction. On March 3, the Lake Alan Henry Zoning Board created a special district for the RV park, and David Welch, the park's honor, presented the preliminary plat to the court. Norman asked Welch to ensure that the proposed names for his park's roads do not conflict with the 9-1-1 addressing system and existing county roads.

- Approved an order authorizing the issuance of Garza County combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, Series 2008; levying an ad valorem tax and pledging a lien on certain revenues in support of the certificates; approving a paying agent/registrar agreement; and authorizing other matters related to the certificates. Norman explained that the business item was the same as was approved in January, but because of a law change in the advertising of public notice requirements the county was forced to republish the public notice for an additional two weeks.

- Handled and approved three applications for public assistance.

- Reviewed and approved precinct and countywide accounts payable for the period from Feb. 26 through March 10.

- Approved a line-item transfer for \$1,000 as presented by the Emergency Management Office.

- Approved written reports as presented.

- Approved minutes from the Feb. 25 meeting as presented.

May election includes contests for city, ISD seats

Contested races have taken shape in the May 10 city council and school board elections.

Post City Council

Three Post City Council seats – Wards 3, 4 and 5 – are scheduled to be filled in the election, according to information provided by City Hall.

A trio of candidates has filed as candidates for the Ward 3 position, including Janet Dean, Josh Whiteley, a former council member, and Tommy Basquez, the incumbent.

Three candidates also have stepped forward to seek the Ward 4 post. Incumbent James Easterling will be challenged on the ballot by Delbert Rudd and O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson.

Incumbent Rodney Tidwell will run unopposed for the Ward 5 spot.

Post ISD

Four individuals have declared candidacy for two open positions on the Post Independent School District's Board of Trustees, according to school district officials.

Delton Osborn, Randy Conner and incumbents Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick will be vying to fill two open at-large school board positions.

Garza County Hospital District

The incumbents for the three open seats on the Garza County Hospital District's Board of Directors have filed as candidates.

Edna Owen is the lone candidate for the Precinct 1 spot, Ray Bagby for Precinct 2 and Brandt Taylor, the at-large seat.

District Administrator Shirley Taylor said unless someone steps forward to declare themselves a write-in candidate prior to the write-in deadline on Monday, March 17, the district could be in position to cancel the upcoming election because no contested races exist.

Monday was the deadline for filings for candidates to have their names appear on the ballot.

Early voting in the election will begin April 28 and will run through May 6.



In response to a call for assistance from Post ISD police officer Bobby Dean (back, right) on Tuesday, Sheriff Deputy Marc Owen (front, right) talks with travelers in the parking lot of McDonald's Restaurant after completing a search of their vehicle which was reportedly suspected of carrying marijuana and driving recklessly in the Post ISD school zone.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Sheriff deputy responds to request for assistance from Post ISD police

Garza County Sheriff's Department deputy, Sergeant Marc Owen, acting on a request for assistance from Post ISD's police officer Bobby Dean, searched a red Isuzu vehicle bearing Nebraska license plates, on the McDonald's parking lot at 11:48 a.m. Tuesday.

According to Owen's "Record of Calls," Dean told the deputy the vehicle was "suspicious," had been driving recklessly in a school zone and had an odor of marijuana.

Owen reported that he "made contact" with the driver of the vehicle and thought he smelled marijuana from the car, prompting a request for the search. The driver of the vehicle verbally consented to the search, which produced no narcotics or contraband materials.

After Owen confirmed that all the occupants had a clear record, Officer Dean issued a verbal warning to the driver and the occupants, according to reports, and released them.

Sergeant Owen indicated in the document that "no report" was filed.

The Dispatch requested a copy of officer Dean's Incident Report from the Sheriff's department; however, no reply to that request was received prior to press time.

Complaints against district, county judges filed with Commission on Judicial Conduct

Complaints against 106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht and Garza County Judge Lee Norman were filed last week by the publisher of The Post Dispatch.

Wesley W. Burnett filed two separate complaints against the judges, charging that both were involved in acts of "official oppression" on Nov. 8 when their orders prevented at least three media representatives from entering the Garza County Courthouse with their cameras.

According to the complaint against the district judge, uniformed officers at the courthouse were "enforcing a verbal order issued by Judge Carter T. Schildknecht to deny entry into the courthouse building to news media with cameras."

The complaint against Norman states that the law enforcement officers "were acting under the supervision of Garza County Judge John Lee Norman in the enforcement of an order by" the district judge.

Burnett's complaints state that no record of a court order limiting access to the courthouse exists, and the judges' actions "violated the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Texas Constitution, denying news media the right of free press...."

Burnett said he was forced to reroute his complaints about the Nov. 8 incident to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct after local and area law enforcement agencies failed to take action.

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Post Notes

Post Book Club to meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Vienna Prelude" by Bodie Thoene. The historic novel is set in Europe during World War II. The book is the first in the series "Zion Covenant." Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

Taba'na Yuan'e March 22

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Catholic Church Schedule

Holy Cross Catholic Church's schedule during holy week: Saturday, March 15 - No evening service; Sunday March 16 - 9 a.m. Palm Sunday service; Holy Thursday, March 20 - 6 p.m. service; Good Friday, March 21 - 7 p.m. service; Saturday March 22, 7 p.m. service and Easter Sunday March 23 - 10 a.m. service.

Book sale at public library

Post Public Library is having a book sale. All discarded books are only .25 cents. Everyone is welcome!

Post Dance Club

If you are interested in joining a dance club in Post, please contact one of the following people: Jimmy Bird (806) 781-0186; Jimmy Jones (806) 495-3628; Richard Hart (806) 759-4446; Jeremy King (806) 777-5041; Kim Mills (806) 543-1055. With enough interest, the club will host four dances this year with membership fees of \$120.00 couple/\$60.00 single. Pay at the door prices will be \$20.00 per person.

Special Church Services

Calvary Baptist Church will be having an Easter egg hunt on March 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the church. On March 30th they will be observing Fifth Sunday with Lord's Supper during morning worship.

SPCAA energy assistance program

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through December 31, 2008. Funds are available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six. For additional information concerning this program, please contact Billie Williams at (806) 495-2329 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Southland Independent School District's Students and Staff Members of the Month recently were recognized for March. Shown at back are Kari Lewis, sophomore Reagan Cantrell, seventh grade student Jaden Binford and Mary Ellen Garza. At front are Stacie Gonzales and Zachary Vizcaino. Photo courtesy of Southland ISD

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Neugebauer plans coffee event in Post

Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) will host an open forum in Post Thursday, March 20, to update constituents on legislation in Washington, D.C., as well as answer any questions they may have.

The event, billed as "Coffee with Congressman Neugebauer," will begin at 9 a.m. in the Post Community Center.

"As your representative in Congress, one of my priorities is to update you on events in Washington and ensure you have the opportunity to share your concerns so your voice is heard," Neugebauer said in a press release issued this week. "That is why I would like to invite you to sit down over coffee and discuss any issues on your mind. I am holding an open forum to update you on critical issues and answer questions you have."

Neugebauer said there are many issues facing local constituents, but he is committed to listening to the concerns of those in his district to find solutions that will best work for them.

"A top priority of mine is to ensure that a sound farm policy is put in place to support the agriculture in West Texas and the Big Country," he said. "I am dedicated to ending our dependence on foreign oil and promoting alternative energy sources. I am committed to supporting our troops and the intelligence community to make sure they have all the tools they need to succeed in the Global War on Terror and the fight against militant extremists."

"As I continue my service in representing the 19th District, I will work to ensure that taxes are kept low and incentives are provided for small businesses to flourish. I will fight to permanently repeal the death tax and keep the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent, because working Americans should bring more money home to their families and owe less to the government."

Neugebauer said he remains committed to securing America's borders, rejecting amnesty and protecting the interests of veterans and senior citizens.

Aaron Cooper receives master's degree

Aaron Cooper, a 2001 graduate of Post High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University, completed his master's degree at the University of Lincoln Nebraska in December.

The degree is in animal breeding and genetics and his thesis was on the genetics of feed efficiency in beef cattle.

While attending ULN, Cooper coached the university's livestock judging team and taught animal science classes. The team surpassed all previous records for the school and was one of only six teams finishing in the top 10 at every national contest this year. He recently was awarded a "Certificate of Recognition for Contribution to Students" from the ULN Parents Association and University of Nebraska Teaching Council.

Cooper and his wife, Ashlei, are living in College Station where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in animal breeding and genetics at Texas A&M. He will continue working on how economically important traits are affected by quantitative genetics and begin work on genetic selection strategies in deer. He also is teaching two animal science classes.

Cooper is the son of Steve and Jamie Cooper of Kingsland and the grandson of Jim and Johnnie Norman of Brownwood.

Births

Harlee Grace Lingo
 Shane and Beth (Murray) Lingo are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harlee Grace Lingo, at 9:26 a.m. March 4, 2008, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

The infant weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Obie and Freda Kelley and LaVez and Diane Lingo, all of Amarillo.

Post Notes

PHS Dinner Theatre
 The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for Monday, March 31 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$15 each.

Golden Plains seeking help for "Sr. Prom"
 Golden Plains Care Center is planning a Senior Prom - "A Night to Remember". Complete with prom dresses, suits and the crowing of a Prom King and Queen and their court is scheduled. We are looking for help with decorating, doing hair, makeup and nails. We need plants, in-door trees, water features. We are also going to need servers and entertainment. If you would like to help in any way call Christy or Bunny at 495-2848. Please help us make this "A Night to Remember".

OS Museum spring exhibit
 OS Museum invites you to view "The Glory of Spring". Wonderful art and artifacts gathered around the world. Viewing hours: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. The museum is located upstairs at 201 E. Main Street and Avenue I. An elevator is available for your convenience.

Trailblazers' bake sale Saturday
 A bake sale will be held Saturday, March 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at United Super Market. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Congratulations MVP's



Congratulations to Ralls Tourney Most Valuable Players PHS softball team members (left to right) Miranda Hair, pitcher; Ashley Stenzel, first base and Kelsey Overton, catcher.

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Last performances of 'Lazarus' set, 'Mary' opens April 4 at Ragtown Gospel Theater

Final performances of the musical "Lazarus" will be Friday and Saturday evenings at the Ragtown Gospel Theater.

Performances are set at 7:30 p.m. The theater's spring production will be "Mary, Mother of the Lord." The play has been cast, and shows will begin April 4.

The story takes place during the week after Christ's ascension. Laura Bryan has been cast as Mary and David Armendariz will portray James. Glenn Polk, director, will portray Clopas.

"Throughout the writing of this play, I pictured Laura Bryan in the role, and it delights me that she will be the first woman to portray Mary in this very personal portrait of the most blessed of all women," wrote Chip Polk in the theater's recent newsletter. "I believe the

Lord blessed us with another very special play in 'Mary, Mother of the Lord.'"

Also scheduled for April is the return of Branson-based Christian entertainer Donnie Sneed at 3 p.m. on April 13.

"It will be two hours of music and laughter featuring Donnie Sneed, along with a full line-up of the finest gospel music performers from our region," the newsletter states.

Admission to the performance will be free of charge; donations to benefit the ministries of Ragtown Gospel

Theater will be accepted. Individuals planning to attend should contact the theater at 1-877-RAGTOWN for reservations.

Sneed performed on the Ragtown stage in July.

The theater also is working to ensure the return of southern gospel music's Ivan Parker in 2009. Parker was a recent performer at Ragtown.

"Ragtown Gospel Theater is an oasis on the plains of Texas," Parker is quoted in the theater's newsletter. "A beautiful facility with the most gorgeous and comfortable theater and

wonderful people just waiting for you to come. I enjoyed an afternoon of ministry and entertainment packaged in a classy and profound manner. Do not let the small-town atmosphere deter you from a Broadway experience just for Christians."

Election Corner 2008 Garza County Democratic Run-off Primary Election April 8

See how Garza County voted in the March 4 Primaries. Returns are online at www.GarzaCounty.net.

The Democratic Party will conduct a primary run-off election for the office of railroad commissioner. The candidates are Dale Henry and Mark Thompson.

If you voted in the March 4th Republican Primary, you may not vote in the Democratic Party run-off.

Early voting (in person): March 31 through April 4 on the first floor of the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St., Post.

Election day: April 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St., Post.

Extension Extras

Clothing Project

Watch for confirmed date for the Fashion Show.

Entomology Project

Meetings will be on Thursdays, March 20 and 27, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

4-Hers Participating at Houston

We would like to wish our exhibitors the best of luck at the Houston Livestock Show this week. Those attending are Kris Crenshaw, Pat Reiter, Lacy Williams, D'Nae Johnson, Rhaeden Bland, Skylar Jones, Pake Jones, Brenna Postell, Heath Palmer and Jarrett Blevins.

Photography Project

Entries for photography contest are due to Jaquita or in the Extension office by Friday, March 21.

Shotgun Sports Meeting

Anyone interested in participating in the Shotgun Project are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting Monday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Practice sessions start Monday, March 31. For more information call Ray Mason at 781-8022 or 495-2776 or call Mark Kirkpatrick at 495-2235.

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Why Hillary has come back

by Bill O'Reilly

Hillary Clinton should send the Saturday Night Live writers fruit baskets and expensive bottles of wine. Without them, she might be out of the running for the presidency right now.

Allow me to explain. According to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, a nonpartisan press watchdog group, Barack Obama has been getting unprecedented favorable coverage from the American media. From the middle of December to the middle of February, 83 percent of the reports dealing with Obama on the network news telecasts were positive. That is truly astounding, as the media's traditional role is to be skeptical of those seeking power.

Now, Hillary Clinton didn't do half bad, either; 53 percent of the stories about her were nice and easy. A good number, but nothing like the Obama love-fest.

In the debate last week this bias was clear. You may remember NBC News interviewer Tim Russert hammering Sen. Clinton with a barrage of tough questions. That was legitimate, as Mrs. Clinton should be facing difficult fire. But Russert and his mate Brian Williams did not put Barack Obama to the same test when they easily could have.

Millions of Americans, including the Saturday Night Live gang, witnessed that. And so, last Saturday, SNL skewered Russert and Williams, mocking their bias toward Obama. The devastating satire got major play on the Internet and cable news programs.

I believe that exposition helped Hillary Clinton in both Ohio and Texas. Americans of all political stripes do not appreciate the media trying to manipulate an election. We saw that after The New York Times hatchet piece on John McCain, when liberals and conservatives alike condemned it.

Exit polls from Ohio and Texas show that Sen. Clinton routed Sen. Obama among Democrats who made their choice within three days of the vote — exactly the time frame of the SNL skit. In Ohio, Hillary won those voters, 58 percent to 40 percent. Could be a coincidence, but I don't think so.

It is true that Louis Farrakhan's endorsement did not help Sen. Obama, and neither did his economic adviser telling some Canadians that Obama isn't really an anti-NAFTA guy, after all — that his rhetoric is a campaign ruse. That was not good.

But, among everyday voters, those are small deals. The mocking of the press, however, was huge; everybody was talking about it.

So the liberal media has now hurt their own guy because it got greedy. Instead of doing the usual stealth bias number, the committed left press sensed blood in the water and openly tried to knock Hillary Clinton out of the race.

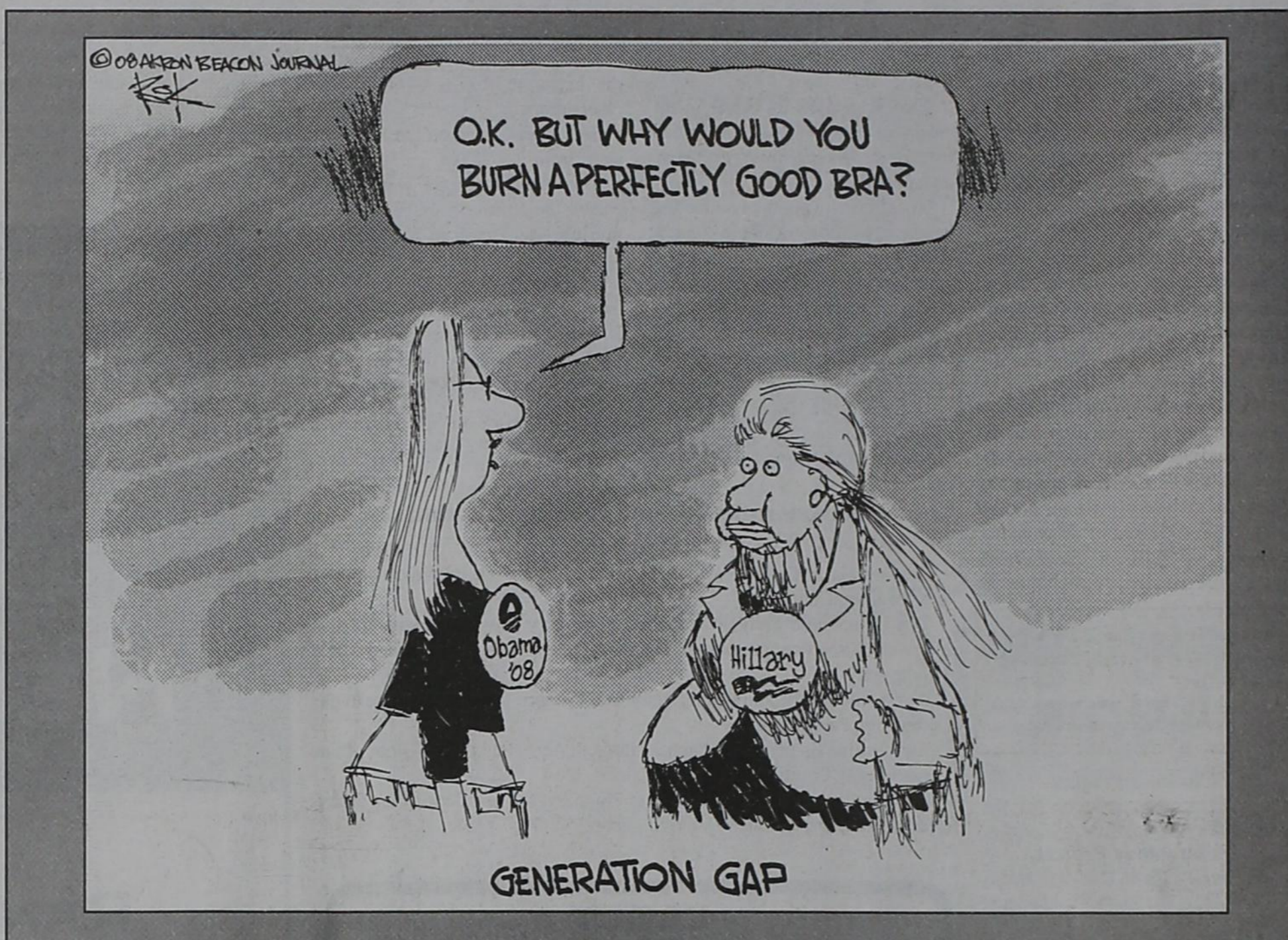
Didn't work, and with that attempt now in tatters, some in the liberal media realize they must repair the damage and actually report the race fairly or face the rising anger of the electorate.

Not good news for Barack Obama.

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Opinions



Liberty versus Socialism

by Walter E. Williams

A fortnight ago, I wrote about Mississippi Legislature House Bill 282 that would have imposed fines or revoked licenses of food establishments that served obese people. Fortunately, the measure died in committee. State Rep. Ted Mayhall, one of the bill's sponsors, justified it by saying that he wanted to bring attention to the fact that "Obesity makes people more susceptible to diabetes, which puts a further strain on the state's financially-challenged Medicaid program."

His sentiments were expressed by quite a few readers who didn't necessarily support such a measure but opined that if a particular behavior or lifestyle imposed costs on others through tax-supported health care, the government had a right to intercede.

Similar justification was used for laws requiring helmets for motorcyclists and bicyclists. After all, if one exercises his liberty to ride without a helmet, and has an accident and becomes a vegetable, society has to bear the expense of taking care of him. The fact that an obese person becomes ill, or a cyclist has an accident, and becomes a burden on taxpayers who must bear the expense of taking care of him, is not a problem of liberty. It's a problem of socialism where one person is forced to take care of another. There is no moral argument that justifies using the coercive powers of government to force one person to bear the expense of taking care of another. If that person is too resolute in his refusal to do so, what is the case for imposing fines, imprisonment or death?

You say, "Death! Aren't you exaggerating, Williams?" Say he tells the agents of Congress that he'll pay his share of the constitutionally mandated functions of government but refuse to pay the health costs of a sick obese person or a cyclist who becomes a vegetable, what do you think the likely course of events will be? First, he'd be threatened with fines, imprisonment or property confiscation. Refusal to give in to these government sanctions would ultimately lead to his being shot by the agents of Congress.

Forcing one person to bear the burden of health care costs for another is not only a moral question but a major threat to personal liberty. Think about all the behaviors and lifestyles that can lead to illness and increase the burden on taxpayers. A daily salt intake exceeding 6 grams can lead to hypertension. A high-fat diet and high alcohol intake can also lead to diabetes. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to several costly diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and heart failure.

There are many other behaviors that lead to a greater health care burden, but my question is how much control over your life you are willing to give government in the name of reducing these costs? Would you want government to regulate how much salt you use? What about government deciding how much fat and alcohol you consume? There are immense beneficial health effects of a daily 30-minute aerobic exercise. Would you support government-mandated exercise?

You might argue that it's none of government's business how much fat, salt or alcohol a person consumes, even if it has adverse health care cost implications. I'd ask: Wouldn't the same reasoning apply to helmet laws and proposed obesity laws? Last year, The Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act was introduced in Congress. It's a measure to prevent schools from serving "junk foods" such as pizza, burgers and French fries. If the government protects children from "unhealthy" meals at school, would you want government to also protect them from unhealthy meals at home?

When I was 14 or 15 years old, smelling myself, I thought I could take over

the house. My mother told me that as long as she was paying the bills, I was going to do what she said. That's great for a parent/child relationship, but do we want the same relationship between government and its citizens?

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Why Not Abolish the Fed?

by Jacob G. Hornberger

One of the positions of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul that mainstream pundits find "wacky" is his call to abolish the Federal Reserve System. Never mind that two Nobel Prize-winning economists — both libertarians — called for the same thing. And never mind that the Fed is the entity directly responsible for the debasement of the dollar over the many decades since the Fed was established.

Both Milton Friedman and Friedrich Hayek called for the abolition of the Fed during their careers. While Friedman spent much of his life advocating externally imposed constraints on the Fed's power to expand the money supply, his first wish was to have the Fed abolished, as he pointed out in a 1995 Reason magazine interview. In his book Denationalisation of Money: An Analysis of the Theory and Practice of Concurrent Currencies, Hayek advocated a free-market monetary system of competing currencies.

Most Americans probably still believe that the Great Depression was caused by "the failure of the free-enterprise system." It is a false belief. The truth is that the worst economic disaster in American history was caused by the Federal Reserve. Give current Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke credit for publicly acknowledging that fact in a speech delivered in 2002 commemorating Friedman's 90th birthday.

Throughout the ages, the favorite political trick for public officials has been to dole out "free benefits" to the citizenry and engage in expensive foreign military adventures without raising taxes. To accomplish this feat, they have simply resorted to the printing press to get the money to pay for the "free benefits" and the military adventures.

As more money was printed, its value would drop, which would be reflected in rising prices for the things that money buys. As prices rose, people would blame speculators, capitalists, price-gougers, and profiteers, never suspecting that their public officials were behind the scam.

That's what the Fed has been doing for decades — accommodating ever-increasing government expenditures by printing the money to pay for them. That's why the value of the dollar has been plummeting ever since the 1930s. It's also why U.S. coins are now made of cheap alloys rather than of gold and silver.

As the value of precious metals rose in response to an ever-depreciating currency, the value of the precious metals in coins became greater than the face value of the coins, encouraging people to hoard the coins or even melt them down for the metal. That's what Gresham's Law in economics is all about — that bad money (i.e., depreciating money) inevitably drives good money out of circulation.

For decades, U.S. officials made it a felony offense for Americans to own gold. Why did they do that? To prevent Americans from protecting themselves from a constantly depreciating currency. Equally important, the price of gold has always been an easy way to gauge what politicians are doing to the money. They have never liked that.

What the Fed has done to our money over the decades should not surprise anyone. After all, the Federal Reserve is nothing more than a central-planning agency in the classic socialist mold. Just like the central-planning boards in the Soviet Union and communist China, the Fed is composed of a central board of bureaucratic appointees planning, in a top-down fashion, complex monetary matters affecting millions of economic participants under constantly changing conditions.

Given the inherent defects of socialist central planning, why would anyone expect anything but bad and perverse results from monetary central planning? As Friedman and Hayek and other free-market economists (most notably Ludwig von Mises) pointed out, the Federal Reserve is the prime destroyer of currency and, therefore, one of the greatest threats to the freedom and well-being of a citizenry.

As the monetary crisis facing our country continues to worsen, it's important that we keep in mind that there is only one long-term solution — the one advocated by people such as Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul and Nobel Laureates Milton Friedman and Friedrich Hayek: Abolish the Fed.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA

Ag conference slated March 26 in Snyder

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will sponsor a multi-county "Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 26 at the Scurry Coliseum in Snyder.

The program is to be a clearing house of information sought by area producers, said Dr. Ed

Bynum, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent at

MDA shamrock campaign slated

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching, which means the Muscular Dystrophy Association will once again launch its Shamrocks Against Dystrophy program in Post.

Fast Stop and Wes-T-Go customers can support the fight against neuromuscular diseases by buying and signing shamrocks, valued at \$1 and \$5, in green and gold. The shamrocks will be used to decorate the businesses.

"St. Patrick's Day spirit always brings out the best in the caring people of West Texas," said West Texas MDA Director Holly Skipworth. "Our local businesses that participate in the program show they care about children and adults in our community who live with neuromuscular diseases."

Funds raised through the program are earmarked for support of the West Texas area MDA Children's and Adult Clinics, summer camp for "Jerry's Kids" and research to find the causes and cures of 43 neuromuscular diseases, including ALS. MDA receives no government funding and charges no fees to those served by the association.

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"The program will touch on everything from the Farm Bill to herbicide-resistant weed control," Bynum said. "Our aim is to provide information on matters affecting crop and livestock producers in this region, though much of the information will also be applicable to almost anywhere in Texas."

Morning topics will include: "Farm Bill Update," "Laws and Regulations" and "Weed Resistance to Herbicides Why and How."

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent sessions.

Session A presentations will be: "Cotton Weed Management Goals for Economical Yields," "Grain Sorghum Production and Insect Control" and "Drift Management."

Session B presentations will be: "Wildlife Management for Fun and/or Profit," "How to Find Good Herbicide Recommendations for Range Systems," "Summer Annual Forage Sorghum Management" and "Herd Health Issues."

The Texas Department of Agriculture will offer seven continuing education units. Also, persons needing a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 9 a.m. to noon with the testing to follow at 1 p.m.

For this training RSVP by March 21 by calling 806-405-4400. Individual registration for the Ag

Conference is \$10 by March 21 and \$15 thereafter.

For more information and to register, call Greg Jones at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Garza County at 806-405-4400.

AgriLife Extension offices involved with conducting the program are Borden, Fisher, Garza,

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Election volunteers

This recent primary election saw a first in Garza County: combined polling places of the Democrats and Republicans. This joint effort promoted a spirit of cooperation between the parties while saving taxpayers' money with a more efficient process. Last week's primary election went off near flawlessly.

GENERAL ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GARZA
POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 11, 2008

Be it Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School District, Garza County, Texas, that a general election be held on the 10th day of May, 2008 at the hereinafter designated polling places, for the purposes of electing two at-large trustee members. All elected trustees shall serve a term of three years commencing on May 10, 2008. Furthermore, qualified voters may opt to vote cumulatively for the candidate of choice by marking an "X" in one or two boxes. The voter may vote up to two times for one candidate.

Said election shall be held at the places in the Post Independent School District hereinafter designated as voting precincts and voting places. Polling places shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and all electors shall vote in the precinct of their residence unless otherwise provided herein.

For the District, Kay Postell is appointed the early voting clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District and will appoint deputy clerks. Shellee Odom is the Alternate Temporary Deputy Early Voting Clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District.

The Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge are named in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the following branch early voting locations:

Early Voting Dates:
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May 5, 2008 through May 6, 2008

Post ISD Administrative Offices: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./April 28 - May 2, 2008 (M-F)
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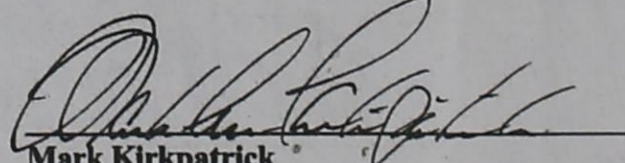
Candidates may file for a place on the ballot at the Administrative Offices, Post Independent School District, on regular business days, as follows:

February 9, 2008 - March 10, 2008 Monday through Friday
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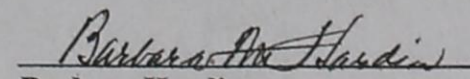
All registration and voting notices will be in both the English and Spanish languages. All newspaper publications will be in both English and Spanish. Two English/Spanish speaking translators will be provided at each polling place. All information and other materials relating to the voting process, including ballots, will be in both English and Spanish

A copy of this order signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of this Board shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the President shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law by posting notices at the Post Independent School District Administrative Office, Garza County Courthouse, United States Post Office of Post, Texas, local newspaper, and other locations or any other method as required by law for at least twenty (20) days before the date of the election.

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of said Post Independent School District Board of Trustees and the seal thereof hereunto affixed this the 11th day of February, 2008.


Mark Kirkpatrick
President, Board of Trustees
Post Independent School District

ATTEST:


Barbara Hardin
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Post Independent School District

This would not have happened without District Clerk Jim Plummer's and Deputy Clerk Terri Laurence's timeless planning, organization and training. Most importantly, we would also like to thank all of those who worked to enable the greatest process in the world - democratic free elections - to take place in Garza County.

In this primary election season, all of our judges and poll workers proved their willingness to serve to logging long (very long) hours in a confining and sometimes stressful environment. Their contribution is what continues to make this, by far, the greatest country that has ever existed.

Citizens of Garza County, please take the time and effort to thank these individuals for their service to our county:

Janet Ratliff, Shanette Hinkle, Sherri Overstreet, Betty Hill, Crossvette Gonzales, Inez Seabourn, Melissa Hudson, Rebecca Striblin, Billie Cross, Sue Weaver, Bebee Boren, Jessie Raben, Pat Cruse and Terri Laurence, Travis Sweet, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Trevor Thuett, Charles Black, Paul Beach, John Bill Hedrick, Marilyn Mason, Rosa Latimer-Bell, Jeane Sweet, Joe Smith, Maritta Reed, Kathy Beach, Movelda Harp and Kary Callen.

Lewis Earl
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Scott Creech
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Ministerial Alliance has March meeting

The Post Ministerial Alliance met March 5 at the Church of the Nazarene. Present were Jack Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church; Kent Campbell, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene; and Reyes Pequeño, Catholic Family Service Inc. rural community organizer.

The primary topic of discussion was the importance of community organization in rural areas. The Rural Community Organization Project, which is in its fourth year of organizing for positive social change in Garza, Crosby and Hockley counties, was discussed.

Other topics on the agenda were after-school programs, elderly assistance, teenaged drug abuse, teen pregnancy and shortages of jobs, educational and life skills programs for youth.

Alexander shared his vision for a program that would assist the elderly in various areas of their lives, and Campbell voiced his support for organizing for a better community for families.

Rural Community Organizing leaders, along with the Ministerial Alliance of Post, are working to establish a larger food pantry for families in need. The next meeting is set for April 2 at the Church of the Nazarene. For more information, contact Pequeño at 778-2628.

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2:30 p.m.	Main Street Web Cam
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8:30 p.m.	Main Street Web Cam
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Obituaries

Reynaldo Guitron

Mass for Reynaldo Guitron, 55, of Lubbock was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2008, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Hugh Thekkal officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, March 8, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Born April 5, 1952, in South Bend, Ind., to Manuel and Reina Guitron, he was a farm laborer and a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include six brothers, Lupe Guitron, Oscar Guitron, Rafeal Guitron, Elazar Guitron, Johnny Guitron and Jesse Guitron, all of Lubbock, and three sisters, Lydia Guitron of Dallas, Mary Rivera of Post and Rose Mata of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Johnny Guitron Jr., Jesse Ray Guitron Jr., Christopher Guitron, Josh Guitron, Elazar Guitron Jr. and David Obregon Jr.

Tatum Rae Moore

Graveside services for Tatum Rae Moore, infant daughter of Wacey and Chasity Moore, were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 2008, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Billy Farmer officiating. The Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her parents, Wacey and Chasity Moore of Post; one sister, Ashlynn Powers of Post; her grandparents, Delton and Melvena Moore of Post and Glen and Martha Lightfoot of Lubbock; and great-grandparents, Robert and Bobbi Bowen of Lubbock, Lula Jo Stewart of Lubbock and Naomi Moore of Wilson.

Ollie Mae Wilson

Services for Ollie Mae Wilson, 95, of Slaton were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008, in Englands Chapel with Kenneth Winchester officiating. Burial followed in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

She died March 11 in Slaton. Born April 23, 1912, in Bell County, she graduated from Killeen High School in 1930. On March 5, 1932, she married Barney Dural Wilson. They

founded the Slaton Bakery in 1943 and operated the business until retiring in 1973. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her children, Deljuan Wilson and Jimella Simpson, both of Post, and Sherrell Wilson and Mary Welch, both of Slaton; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Callie Powell, of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996 and two sons, Dural in 1996 and Max in 2007.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Slaton's Meals on Wheels, 230 W. Lynn St., Slaton, TX 79364 or the Lubbock Children's Home, 4404 Idalou Rd., Lubbock, TX 79403.



In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• I normally start with the weather... well, there is not much to say this week. It's windy and dry. The guys are putting down chemical and listing up the fields, but we desperately need some rain, so keep a praying for it.

• The gin held our end of season fish fry last Friday in Robbie Wilke's Barn he recently built. We fed around 55 people. We want to thank Robert Craig for furnishing the fish and all the Close City ladies for furnishing the desserts. I have to personally thank Christie Curb, Voda Beth Gradine and Janet Hines for helping me to get set up. And Al Craig, Christie and Mack Terry for helping me load everything after it was over. We had a great time and can't wait till the next one.

• I got a phone call from Linda (Justice) Davis on Tuesday. She was letting me know that her mom, Juanita Justice, wanted to thank the fire department for putting out the fire on her land last week. Y'all did a great job, and she is very grateful. Linda says she and Leslie are doing

great, enjoying all the grandchildren, including two new ones.

• Rylan Morris celebrated his first birthday in style with his family and a "jungle" theme. Those helping him celebrate were his parents and brother; Chuck, Kristi and Dylan Morris; his grandparents, Charles and Sharron Morris and Barbra and Donny Shobert and Barry, Amy and Brooke Morris; Tim and Diane Morris. All enjoyed visiting, eating cake and watching Rylan open his many presents.

• Ronald and Nancy Thuett just returned from a seven-day cruise to the Hawaiian islands. While there they got to visit Oahu, Maui, Kona, Kauai, Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbor. They enjoyed a downhill cycle adventure, a laui, a tree-top zipline adventure and snorkeling. Nancy says they had a great time and can't wait to go again.

• Allen and Lea Johnson and Jerry and Judy Bush had supper at George's Monday night. Speaking of Jerry and Judy, they traveled to Abilene over the weekend and spent Saturday night, then Sunday morning it was on to Brownwood to visit with Aunt Neicie and Uncle Harold, aka, Harold and Jeniece Reno. They returned home Sunday night and said they had a great time.

• Next week is spring break for the kiddos, so everyone be on the lookout. They will be out and about. Please watch your speed coming through our community. We want to be sure and keep them safe.

• Visitors this past week: We haven't had many visitors this week other than the regulars. We did have Royking Potter in on Monday; if you don't know Royking, you need to meet him sometime. He is a character!

Get Wells

Fannie Ballentine, aka Nana, has been moved to Lynn County Hospital and is doing much better.

Birthdays

- March 14 -- Rhonda Norman
- March 14 -- Dillard Morris
- March 19 -- Laura Norman May

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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History of the earth...Genesis 1:1-2

An essential part of growing in our spiritual walk as God's saints is meekness toward God and His word. This is true whether it involves God's instructions for living, or His word that teaches us basic truths about life in general.

As we continue to search and study the scriptures we add more knowledge to our minds. Some of this knowledge will force us to reconsider what has been believed for many years. There isn't a single Christian who hasn't faced those meekness tests where they were challenged to realign their beliefs with God's word on different subjects.

One very popular subject that is debated among scientists and even Christians is the history of the earth. In the arena of science, there is no pure scientifically established knowledge of the beginning of the earth. Instead, most of the scientific dating of the earth involves the use of carbon dating techniques. There may be other methods of dating that I'm not aware of.

The Bible contains some information about the earth's history, most of which cannot be measured by scientific method, and therefore rejected by most scientists who do not see the Bible as a source of truth.

According to Genesis 1:1, the history of the earth started with God as its creator. It says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." It's pretty simple and does not require lots of energy devoted to scientific study.

The next verse provides more details, "And the earth was without form and void. And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2). This verse appears to teach us that what God created was "without form and void." Let's look at this more closely.

According to an English-Hebrew Lexicon and Young's Concordance to the KJV Bible, the words "without form and void" were translated from the earlier known Hebrew phrase "tohuw bohuv." It referred to a state of being uninhabitable, such as an empty wasteland or place of chaos. Our readers are encouraged to look it up for themselves. Most church libraries should include the necessary materials for this kind of study.

At first glance most of us would not know to question the integrity of Genesis 1:1-2 as it is read in the Bible. But an in-depth word study will reveal that the earth was not "without form and void" when God created it.

The word "was" in verse two was translated from the earlier Hebrew word "hayah" which meant to become, come to pass or happen. There is an apparent conflict between the earlier meaning of hayah and the word used in the Bible. The word "was" suggests that the final product of what God created was without form and void. To test this discovery, let's look at another related use of "tohuw bohuv" in the Bible.

We turn to Isaiah 45:18, "For thus says the Lord that created the heavens. God himself that formed the earth and made it. He has established it. He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited." The word "vain" is from the earlier Hebrew word "tohuw." Sound familiar? It's the same word used in Genesis 1:2. Here we learn that God did not create the earth as an uninhabitable wasteland. Instead it says the opposite, that He formed it to be inhabited.

Now that we've tested the mistranslation of "hayah" to "was" with Isaiah 45:18, we can now return to Genesis 1:2 and change the word "was" to "became," allowing it to read as follows, "And the earth [became] without form and void."

That which God created in the beginning to be inhabited somehow became without form and void at a later time. Please note that after the earth became without form and void, the record switches to God rebuilding process.

Next week we will dive into God's word and look at some information about what might have caused the earth to become uninhabitable.



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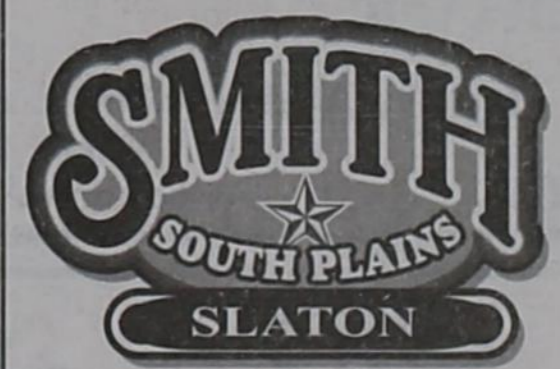
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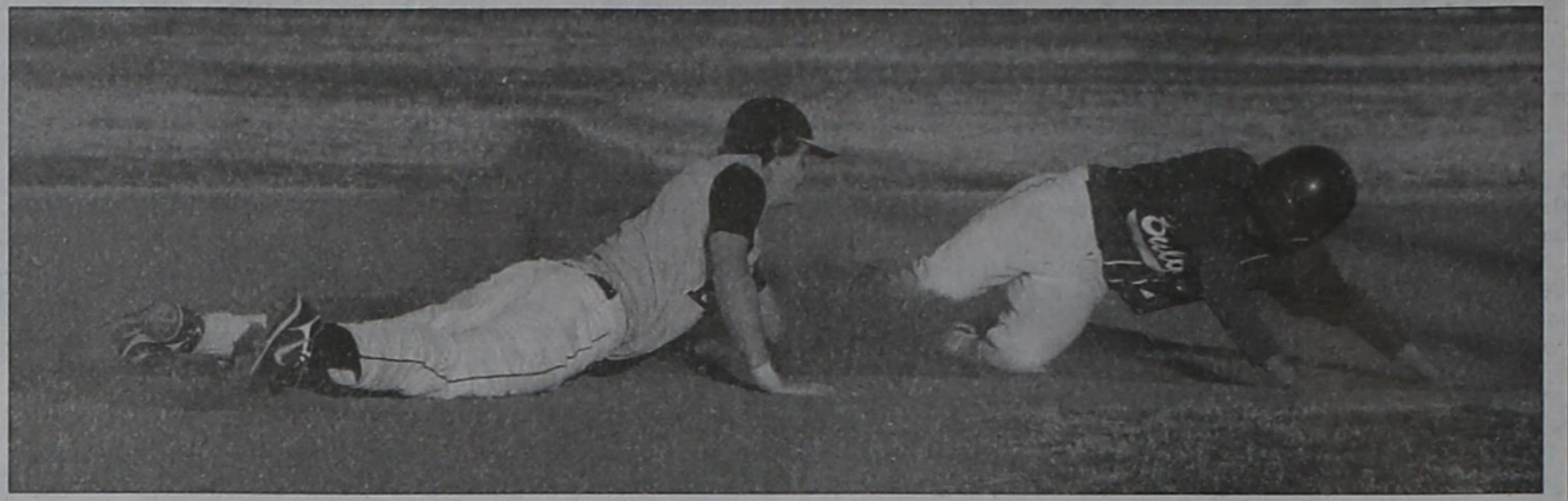
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Post Antelope second baseman Blaise Lester (19) attempts to stop a Tahoka steal following a throw from catcher Tyler Odom (10) during Tuesday's game at Norm Cash Field. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Out fielder Jarrett Blevins (20) makes contact with the ball for the Lopes, during last Friday's game in New Deal. Photo by Dianne James

Antelopes drop 5-4 nailbiter to N-Deal

The Post Antelopes lost a 5-4 heartbreaker on Friday against the New Deal Lions at New Deal's baseball diamond. On a cold, blustery day with the wind blowing in hard and chilly from right field, the Antelopes scrapped their way to a 4-0 lead through 5 1/2 innings over last year's third place team in the Class A State tournament. Freshman shortstop Ernest Saldivar was wielding a hot bat, going three for four and scoring two of the Lope's runs. Leading off the fourth inning in a scoreless game, Saldivar singled to right then moved to third on senior Tyler Odom's smash down the third base line that the Lions' third baseman could not handle. Senior Blaise Lester followed with a walk to load the bases and then Post scored their first run when sophomore Clint Windham was hit by the Lions' pitcher. The Lions' ace then struck out the next two batters to end the threat, but Post had drawn first blood. Post followed with three runs in the fifth inning, with Junior Jesse Vera drawing a walk with

one out. Then sophomore M.J. Wynn singled, bringing Saldivar back to the plate with two on, and he delivered another single to right, scoring both runners and going to second on the throw to the plate. Following a pop fly out, Blaise Lester singled to right also, scoring Saldivar from second. Lester was thrown out at second on a close play to end the inning. Vera pitched five innings of two hit ball, backed up by stellar plays in the field, one by Wynn in left field, but the hard-hitting Lions figured Vera out in the sixth. After striking out the lead off man, Vera allowed two doubles in succession to yield the Lions first run. Three consecutive singles and an error tied the score at 4-4 and brought Coach Morrison out for a pitching change. Windham took over mound duties with men on first and third and the score tied. The first batter Windham faced hit a dribbler in front of the plate, and the New Deal coach sent his runner home. An errant throw from Windham to Odom allowed

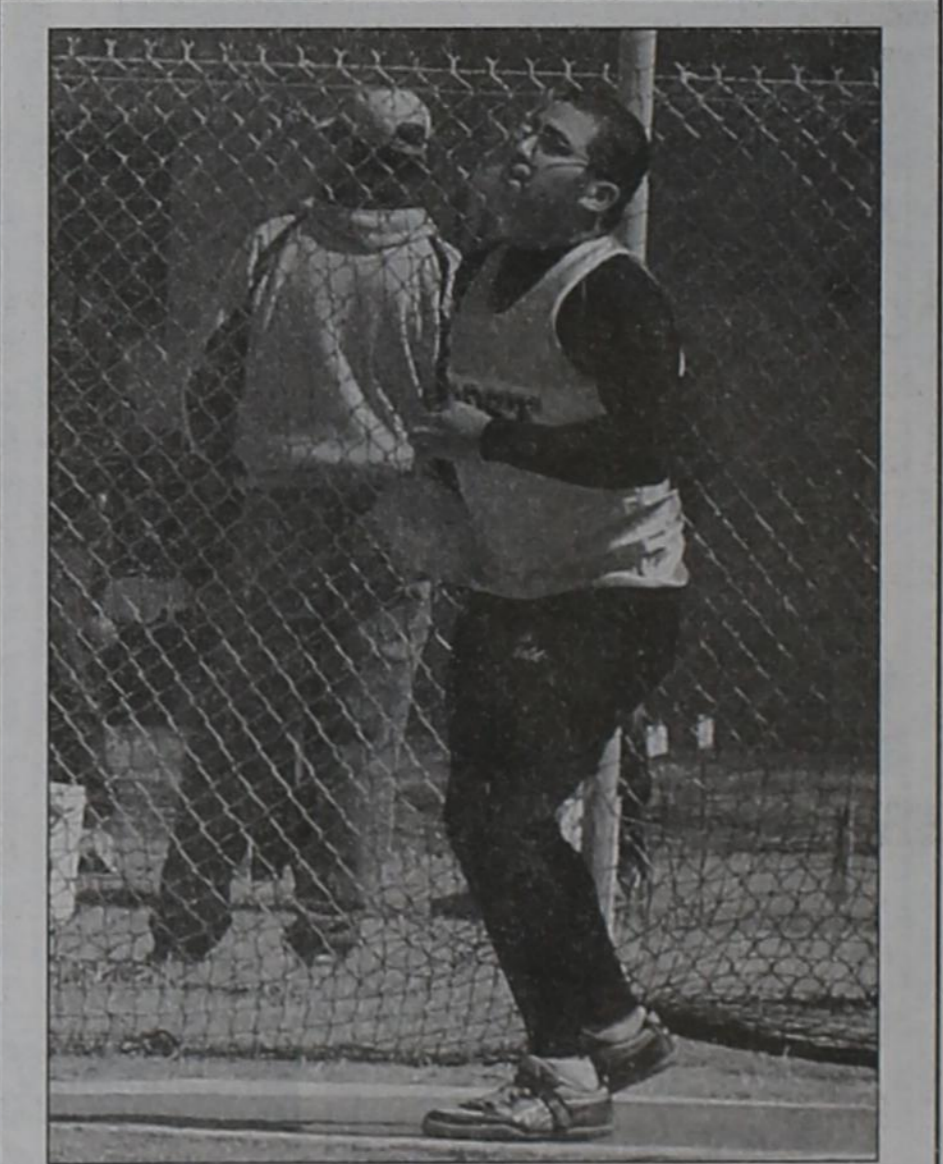
the fifth New Deal run to cross the plate, and although the Lions followed with a walk, Windham coerced the next to hitters into pop-ups to Lester on second, ending the inning after 11 Lions had come to the plate. Given new life, the Lions ace struck out two of the three batters he faced in the top of the seventh, with Wynn grounding to third in between the Ks. Post gave a good team all they wanted and should be proud of their performance in less than ideal conditions. Post had six hits and reached three times on walks, once on a hit by pitch while the New Deal squad committed only one error, a key stat that ultimately was the difference in the ballgame.

'Lopes tame Tahoka 10-0 in five innings

The Post Antelopes blanked Tahoka 10-0 in an abbreviated five-inning game played Tuesday night on Norm Cash Field. Post won the game on the 10-run rule. In the bottom of the first inning, Blaise Lester hit a RBI on a Tahoka error, allowing Aaron James to score the first point, making it a 1-0 game. Highlighting the game was Post's second-inning rally, which saw Call Windham get a hit to first base before stealing second; James getting a base hit to push Windham to third, followed by James' steal of second; and a wild exchange in which Ernie Saldivar landed a base-hit RBI to send Windham home for the score, James making a successful steal of home plate to bump the score to 3-0 and Saldivar pushing on to second base. On a Tahoka error, Saldivar stole third base before Clint Windham hit a RBI to knock Saldivar in. Next, Lester nailed a three-base hit RBI, bringing in the base runner and pushing the scoreboard to 5-0. Lester then stole home plate on an error by the Tahoka catcher to allow the 'Lopes to finish the inning 6-0. Jesse Vera pitched the first four innings, throwing no-hitters in the first and third. In the second inning, Vera allowed a single hit, but catcher Tyler Odom threw out the Tahoka runner at second base. Vera allowed one hit in the fourth, but held that runner on second until finishing the inning. In the fifth inning, James replaced Vera as pitcher, holding runners on second and third bases while finishing the top of the fifth with no runs scored by Tahoka. In the bottom of the fifth, Vera and James got base hits. Clint Windham ended the game on the 10-run rule with a two-run RBI.

Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

Post Lady Lope Softball			
March 15	Slaton (here)	JV-V	11 a.m.
March 21	JV vs. Borden County (here)		4:30 p.m.
March 22	Varsity @ Tahoka		11 a.m.
Post Antelope Baseball			
March 24	Roosevelt (here) (JV-V)		4:30 p.m.
Tennis			
March 28	SPCHCA Levelland		
Powerlifting			
March 29	Boys State		
Golf			
March 27	Girls @ Denver City		9 a.m.
March 28	Boys @ Denver City		9 a.m.
Track			
March 28	@ New Deal	JVB, VB, VG	



Antelopes Josh Rodriguez reels to throw the discus during last week's Denver City track meet. Photo by Dianne James

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Lady 'Lopes track team enjoying strong season

The Lady Lopes track team has been rolling through its season, enjoying a lot of success.

The team competed in and won the Hamlin Leap Year Relays on Feb. 29, their first meet, and followed up with a fourth place finish March 7 at Sundown.

"The girls really performed well for their first meet of the year," Coach Chris Edwards said. "They work very hard and compete even harder, and they are a great group to be around. The Lady Lopes then traveled to Sundown on a very cold and windy March 7. There were 16

teams there, making for a very competitive track meet. The girls ran well again and finished fourth overall. This was an outstanding effort, considering several of the girls were shuttled between softball in Brownfield and Ralls to track in Sundown.

"We ask a lot of our girls, and they come through for us every time," Edwards said.

Results for the Hamlin meet, which Post won with a team total of 133 points, were as follows:

- 800m -- Alex Miller, second place, 2:42:12
- 100m Hurdles -- Sydnee

Jones, third, 20:22; Macy Blair, fourth, 20:35

- 400m relay -- Gaby Gomez, Cheyenne Miller, Shawnda Wiley and Kaitlyn Short, fourth place, 54:03

- 100m dash -- Gaby Gomez, first place, 12:76; Miller, fourth, 13:78

- 800m relay -- Bethany Berry, Danica Williams, Samantha Hoover and Yesenia Gomez, second place, 1:55:9

- 400m dash -- Kaitlyn Short, second, 64:89; Alex Miller, fourth, 66:94; and Shawnda Wiley, fifth, 68:11

- 200m dash -- Gaby Gomez, first, 26:86; Bethany Berry, second, 28:15

- 1600m relay -- Sabrina Sanchez, Alex Miller, Shawnda Wiley and Kaitlyn Short, third place, 4:27:84

- 300m hurdles -- Samantha Hoover, third, 53:11
- 1600m -- Brittney Miller, fourth, 6:19:81

- Shot put -- Kaylyn Villalon, sixth place, 29'10"
- Long jump -- Cheyenne Miller, second place, 14' 3 3/4"

- High jump -- Samantha Hoover, fourth place, 4' 8"; Shawnda Wiley, fifth, 4' 8"

- Discus -- Kaylynn Villalon, fifth place, 99' 8"
- Triple jump -- Cheyenne Miller, third, 30' 4"

Results from the Sundown meet, as reported by the coach, follow:

- Shot put -- Elaena Morrison, 31' 3 1/4", third place

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- Long jump -- Cheyenne Miller, 14' 11", third place

- High jump -- Samantha Hoover, 4' 6", fifth place (tie)

- 400m relay -- Post team, 54.53, fourth place

- 800m run -- Alex Miller, 2.44.92, fourth place

- 100m dash -- G. Gomez, 13.08, first place; C. Miller, 13.83, seventh place

- 300m hurdles -- Hoover, 54.17, fourth place

- 200m dash -- G. Gomez, 27.54, first place; B. Berry, 28.49, sixth place

- 1600m relay -- Post team, 4.27.67, fourth place

Today (March 14) the team will compete at Tahoka.

'Lopes fare well at DC track meet

The varsity and junior varsity boys track teams posted strong finishes at the Denver City track meet March 7.

Varsity competitors included Kevin Griffin, third place in long jump, 19' 2"; Mitchell James, fifth place in discus, 110' 9 1/4"; Josh Rodriguez, sixth place in discus, 106' 3 1/4"; and Griffin, fifth place, 100m dash, 11:52.

In the JV competition, Chase Greathouse took first place with his 37' 9" effort in triple jump. Kaleb Tanner also earned a first-place finish with his 34' 10" shot put throw. Tanner turned in a sixth-place finish in the discus with a toss of 84' 3".

Greathouse, Ben Mason, Blake Davis and Henry Apolinar finished in fifth place in the 800m relay with a time of 1:48.3.

"We had a small group because of several being at the (New Deal) baseball game," the coach said. "The young men did a great job of competing."

Lady 'Lopes dominate Ralls softball tourney

The Lady Lopes won the Ralls Softball Tournament conducted over the weekend, grabbing a 4-3 win over the host team.

Miranda Hair pitched the championship game, posting 12 strikeouts, seven walks and two hit batters. The game went two extra innings, and Hair pitched both with an injured hand following a collision at first base. She also logged three assists.

Ashley Stenzel had eight putouts and an assist at first base, while Kelsey Overton had two putouts at catcher. Bethany Berry had one catch for a putout in left field, Alex Miller caught a line drive to second for a putout and one assist. Brooke Morris had one putout and an assist at shortstop, Sabrina Sanchez had a catch for a putout in right field and Sydnee Jones had two putouts at third base.

Offensively, Jones had one single; Miller, one single with one RBI; Overton, one single, a double and a triple with two RBIs; Morris, one single; Sanchez, one single; Danica Williams, one single; and Gaby Vergara, one single and a double.

On Friday, the local girls downed Littlefield by a score of 14-1.

Stenzel had a single in the game, while Jones logged a single and an RBI. Hair had one single and an inside-the-park homerun with three RBIs. Miller posted a single, Overton had two singles and a double and Morris had a single and a triple with two RBIs. Sanchez had three singles and two RBIs in the game, while Williams scored a single and one RBI.

Hair pitched seven strikeouts and three walks.

Stenzel had two putouts at first base.

In the team's first game in the tournament, Post tamed Muleshoe by a score of 25-0.

Stenzel had one single and an RBI, while Hair had a single, a double and a triple along with three RBIs. Miller had a double and two RBIs, while Overton had one single and one RBI. Morris had one triple, Vergara had a single and one RBI and Berry had a single and two RBIs.

Hair served as pitcher.

Stenzel had three putouts and Miller scored two assists.

The Lady Lopes will begin district play this week against Denver City, followed by a home game against Slaton on Saturday.

Griffin is fifth in powerlifting

Kevin Griffin was the fifth-place medalist at the regional powerlifting meet in Levelland Saturday.

Griffin competed in the 148-pound class. He posted a total lift of 975 pounds.

"Kevin did an excellent job," his coach said. "He moved up two places from eighth to fifth."

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Mark Kirkpatrick
Presidente, Consejo de administración
Distrito escolar independiente de Post

DOY FE:

Barbara Hardin
Secretaria, Consejo de administración
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Dear friends in Post and Garza County,

Thank you for your support, love, cards, and memorials in honor of my father Donald G. Plummer, Sr. Eventhough dad did not live here, he loved this town and its people where Janice and I have chosen to settle. He will be missed, but we know he is being loved even more by his heavenly father. God Bless, Jim, Janice and Marlee Plummer

Thank you for all the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and prayers during the time that our mother, Betty Striblin fought her illness. We also offer a extra special thank you for all the flowers, food donations, words of encouragement and prayers following her death. She fell asleep happy because of everyone's love for her, and her love for them.

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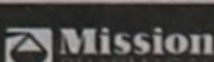
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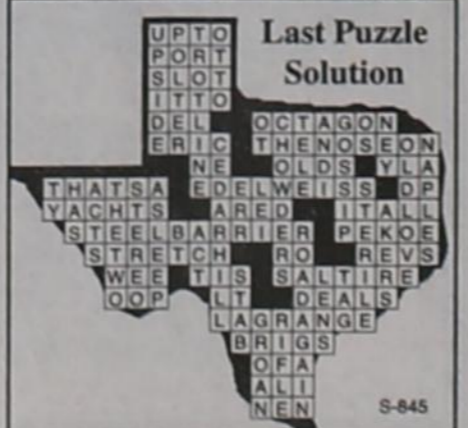
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago March 12, 1998

Members of the Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary shared the annual trip to assist patients at the Big Spring hospital. Taking books and personal articles to patients were Ruth Walls, Melvis Taylor, JoAnn Stelzer, Chuck Ratliff, Carl Jean Light and Carol Light.

Diana Poe and her daughter Dana opened Double D Bookkeeping Service. The knowledgeable pair offered free estimates and competitive prices.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua (Ty) Hill, son of Cathy Hill of Post and Bruce R. Hill of Post, arrived at his new home port of Norfolk, Va., after a six-month around the world deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

The OS Museum's Spring and Easter Exhibit opened this month featuring an extravaganza of beautiful eggs and sculptures from around the world. A unique Spanish chapel art piece from the Earl Chapman collection also was on display at the museum.

20 Years Ago March 16, 1988

Bill Rankin and Rance Sappington were named to the boy's all-district 3AAA basketball team. Rankin was named to the first team while Sappington made honorable mention.

County Judge Giles Dalby received a special award on behalf of the PEDC from City-County Drug and Alcohol Abuse program at a special meeting. Also receiving recognition from the board of directors was Mayor Giles McCrary for his contributions to the program.

Jim Bevers and Ms Tommy Bevers announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Jon to Ronnie Bilbo, son of Virgil and Patsy Bilbo.

The community was urged to attend Garza Theatre's production "The Glass Menagerie" featuring Rodney Marshall, Christy Morris, Anne Leake and Lonnie Welborn.

30 Years Ago March 16, 1978

Butch Booth and Cindy Kirkpatrick were selected for the honor of Mr. and Miss PHS for 1977-78. Named as Senior class favorites were Bruce Waldrip and Donna Josey. Junior class favorites elected were brother and sister, Danny and Nita Jo Gunn. Meg Reed and David Poole were Sophomore favorites and Barry Morris and Tricia Craig were named Freshmen class favorites.

Jana Middleton showed the grand champion heavy weight steer, which brought her a \$900 premium from the First National Bank and Post-Montgomery for the 150 pound animal at the 13th annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show.

Receiving all-district honors was Post Does' Debbie Wyatt and Nancy Clary, forwards; and Lisa Cowdrey, a guard. Karla Kennedy received

honorable mention.

Damon and Markey Stotts shut down their Drover House Restaurant to prepare for the move into their new Damon's Restaurant.

40 Years Ago March 14, 1968

Senior Norman Tanner scored 514 points for a 19.1 average to lead Post Antelope scorers during the 1967-68 basketball season. Tanner's 514 points came on 210 field goals and 94 free throws in the Antelopes' 27 games.

There was probably more activity per square foot in the three caged layer houses operated by Mrs. Vera Gossett and her son, Sonny, than anywhere else in Garza County. Out at the Gossetts' caged layer "farm", three and one-half miles southwest of town, 15,000 hens lay between 11,000 and 12,000 eggs daily.

Dennis Altman and Micki Sterling were elected "Mr. and Miss PHS" for the 1967-68 school year by the student body.

Judy Gandy was elected president of Girl Scout Troop 84 when it met at the Girl Scout Little House. Other officers named were Pauline Gilmore, vice president; Esther Kay Guajardo, treasurer and Edna Jean Huffman, reporter.

50 Years Ago March 13, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fluit of the Graham community, observed

their 25th wedding anniversary on March 11, 1958. They were married March 11, 1933, in the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Reed. Mrs. Fluit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gandy of Tahoka, moved to Garza County in 1926. Fluit's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fluit Sr. He moved to Post in 1923 from Gonzales. The Fluits have two sons, Delwin, 16, and Jacky, 11.

W. O. Thaxton retired from the service station business. He sold his interest in the Thaxton Gulf Service station to Lester Nichols, Gulf wholesaler here.

"The Serenaders," old friends to hundred of radio and television fans in this area, was presented in the grade school auditorium.

All the principals and all the teachers except coaches, the band director and the choral director, received salary boosts amounting to \$500 above what the state paid in 1958 after a across-the-board vote made by the board of trustees of Post Consolidated Independent School District.

60 Years Ago March 11, 1948

Post merchants began receiving the permanent banners for use during the Post Stampede and Rodeo and other special occasions. They were red, white and blue, bound with gold fringe and centered with a patriotic design beneath a large "Welcome" sign.

This week in 1948 George Samson and his workers were laying sidewalks on the site of the new Post Cotton Mill houses.

A bronze trophy was presented to Coach Bing Bingham by his Post High School basketball boys

in appreciation of his patience and understanding. Team members included Junior Malouf, Carter White, Ronnie Bouchier, Shorty Hester, Curtis Butler, Kay Kirkpatrick, Gaylon Young, R. E. Josey, Charles McGuire, Charles King, Billy Ramage, Ronald Joe Babb, J. G. Cash, Bob Johnson, Buddy Hays, Maurice Fluit and Stanley Bengue.

Miss Doris Jean Cross, bride-elect of Marshall Tipton, was named honoree at a miscellaneous shower given in the home of Mrs. J. G. Siewert in the Grassburg Community.

Menus

Post ISD
March 17-21
Spring Break

Southland ISD
March 17-21
Spring Break

TRAILBLAZERS
March 17 King Ranch Chicken,
Mexican lentils, salad, chips &
salsa, dry lime jello salad
March 18 Chicken salad,

scalloped potatoes, broccoli
salad, roll, Mexican wedding
cake

March 19 Beef tostado, refried
beans, spanish rice, salsa, jello
salad

March 20 Chicken fried steak,
mashed potatoes, green beans,
tossed salad, roll, banana split
cake

March 21 Spanish beef & rice,
seasoned beans, tossed salad,
chips & salsa, fruit salad



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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "belly the bar"
- 5 cruise ships use _____ of Galveston
- 6 "one-armed bandits" (_____ machines)
- 7 TX Don Henley co-wrote "Take the Limit"
- 8 TX Strait's "Marina Rey"
- 9 with "The," '80 film by TX rancher Norris Roberts of "Raggedy Man" with TX Sissy
- 18 TXism: "plain as _____ your face"
- 21 dir. to Houston from Corpus
- 22 Oldsmobile named after this Ransom
- 23 TX Tejano group: "Little Joe _____ Familia"
- 24 TXism: "_____ horse of a different color"
- 30 European mountain flower
- 34 TX soda in slang
- 35 luxury sailing crafts
- 36 TXism: "mad as _____-eyed cow"
- 37 TX Hagman ABC film: "Getting Away From _____"
- 39 really strong protective structure (2 wds.)
- 43 orange _____ tea
- 44 TXism: "_____ your lips" (smile)
- 45 TX Orbison (init.)
- 46 guns an engine
- 47 TX pee-_____ football
- 48 "_____ the season to be jolly"
- 50 used on CSA flag, aka "St. Andrew's Cross"
- 53 TX artist V.T. Hamlin creation: "Alley _____"
- 54 _____ Gov. Dewhurst
- 55 distributes the cards
- 56 former infamous "_____ Chicken Ranch"
- 59 ship jails
- 60 TXism: "at the drop _____ hat"
- 61 he took title from TX George Foreman in '74
- 62 Rangers drafted this Robb in '87

DOWN

- 1 if white is below red on TX flag, it's _____ down
- 2 TX-born Hooper directed '82 film "_____geist"
- 3 fishin' method (2 wds.)
- 4 this John is Dist. 18 Rep. in TX House
- 9 5th quarter in a Mav. game? (abbr.)
- 10 seafood stews
- 11 "marketing" or "phone" beginning
- 12 TX-born JoBeth's "Me, Myself _____"
- 13 TXism: "fast as small town _____"
- 14 this Oliver directed "JFK" (init.)
- 15 TX sculptor Elisabet
- 17 so. Dallas suburb on hwy. 67
- 19 TX Pride's "She's Just An _____ Turned Memory"
- 20 in Morris Co. on 67
- 24 TX Detmer who won '90 Heisman
- 25 TXism: "he _____ a grip like a snappin' turtle"
- 26 what TX Longoria does for a living
- 27 TXns dance _____-step
- 28 TXism: "cowboy _____" (jukebox)
- 29 TX band _____ at the Wheel"
- 31 "_____ on the side of caution"
- 32 Hawaiian "howdy"
- 33 incapable of having children
- 38 this Fred was UT coach (77-'86)
- 40 gunfighter Ben who died in Austin (init.)
- 41 TX-born Bussey film: "_____ of Piracy"
- 42 TX Willie tune: "On the _____"
- 49 to assault with a knife
- 51 camera optics
- 52 childhood game
- 57 "Enchanted Rock" sound
- 58 "R" of NRA

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TREE-MENDOUS

VOL 70

From the tree house we build in the back yard, the newspaper we hold in our hand as we read this page or by the shade that cools us on a hot day, we are sheltered and enriched by trees. Each American requires a 100 foot tall, 16 inch thick tree to cover the wood and paper we use in a single year. It takes over 100 years to grow a mature oak tree. So, long before we were born a tiny seedling took root and began to prepare for our needs.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR

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TREE TIPS

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TREE TYPES

I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.

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Joyce Kilmer

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Taba'na Yuan'e ...

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of this event. However, it is also a great time for the community to come together, welcome spring and share a meal."

A larger attendance is expected this year because the sunrise ceremony will begin later than in the past because of an earlier onset for Daylight Savings Time.

Eleven men and women clad in traditional Native American dress perform the ceremony surrounded by authentic "teepee" structures. The clan includes members from Garza County, McLennan County, Tarrant County and Lubbock County.

Legend holds that if the wind is out of the east or northeast, a good year is ahead; north or northwest translates into a fair year; wind from the west or southwest indicates a poor year; and south or southeast predicts a bad year.

During the past 30 years, the prediction of the Sunrise Wind ceremony has been 92% correct.

At the time that Post City was taking shape more than 100 years ago, early settlers who moved here found a wild and desolate area. These newcomers were unfamiliar with weather conditions and didn't know which crops would survive. The barren land had never been cultivated, and the seeds that were to be planted were the life-blood of the pioneers.

Early settlers in Garza County had heard of an Indian legend about a ceremony that could tell of the conditions to be expected in the forthcoming year. Indians used this ceremony to forecast food supply for the coming year.

Farmers and ranchers gathered and, using information furnished by the Indians, performed the Sunrise Wind or Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony.

The ceremony is performed each year on March 22, at the exact moment of sunrise. According to legend the wind must be checked at sunrise on the day

after the sun reaches the halfway point in its journey from south to north. This is the day after spring begins. The wind direction predicts the success of the coming year.

The ceremony calls for the building of a fire, made only of natural materials arranged in the form of a teepee and filled with dry prairie grass. The sticks and grass are set fire only by rubbing two sticks together. A tribunal prayer of thanks is sung and a Four Winds dance is performed during which a pipe of peace is presented to Mother Earth and to Wakantanka, the Great Spirit Above, to seek their blessing.

The direction of the wind indicated by the movement of the smoke from the fire, predicts the economic outlook for the year.

The Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony is unique to Post. It provides a time for the community to come together on this day each year to welcome the spring season and to observe a piece of history that has been carefully preserved for more than a century.

For more information, call the chamber office at 495-3461.

Complaint...

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"This appears to be a political hot potato that no one wants to handle," Burnett said. "Someone needs to step forward and call it what it is - a clear violation of the First Amendment."

Burnett filed a complaint in January with the Garza County Sheriff's Department, contending that several media representatives, including a Dispatch photographer, were denied "their Texas Constitutional and U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights of free speech and press" when they were prevented by law enforcement officials from

entering the courthouse with cameras during the final hours of the Nov. 8 Pablo Soto murder trial in 106th District Court.

When the original complaint was filed, documentation also was provided to the Texas Rangers; however, the Texas Rangers declined to open an investigation unless and until they were asked to do so by the district attorney's office.

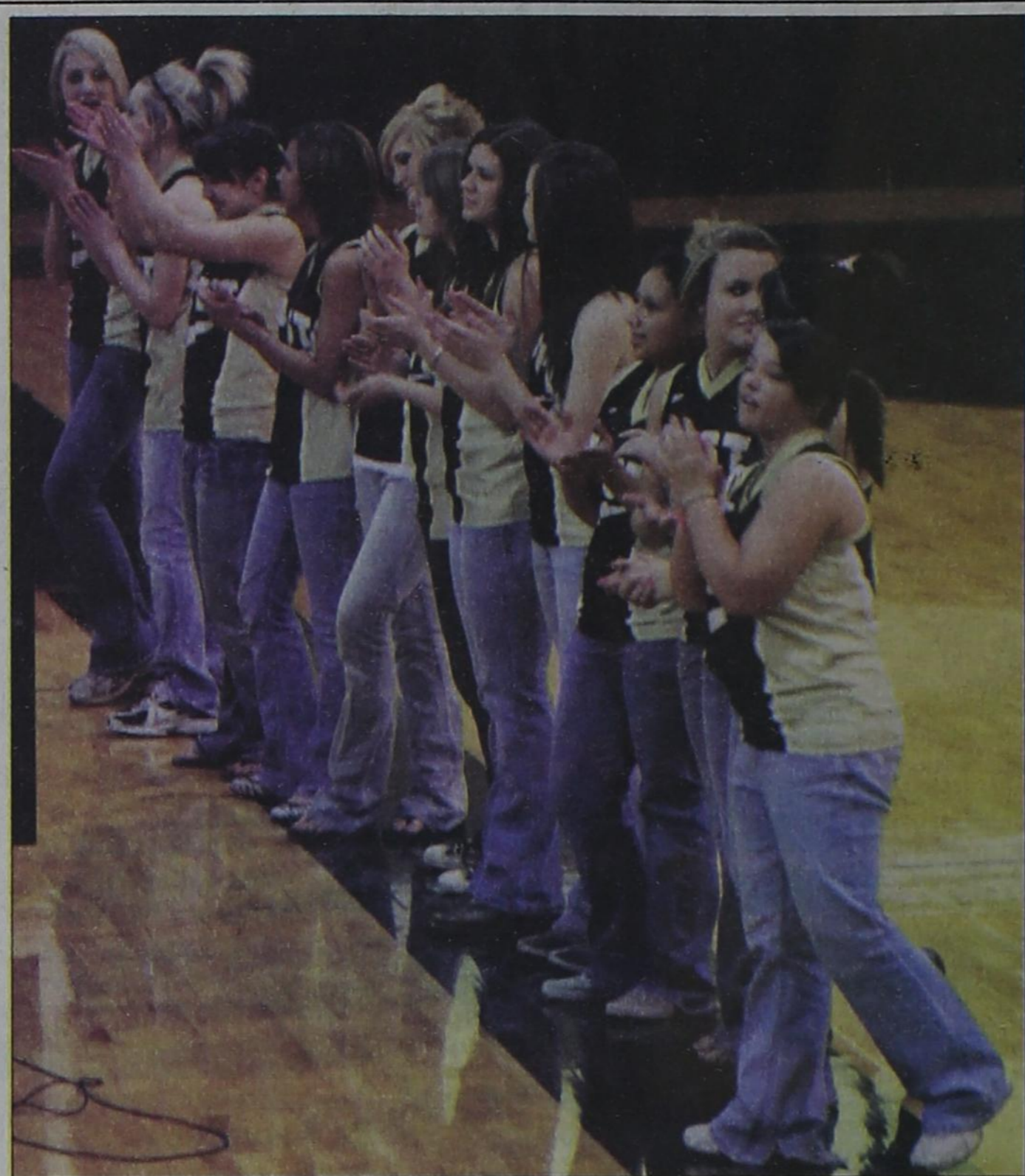
Last month, Burnett forwarded his complaint to 106th District Attorney Ricky Smith's office. Smith responded with a letter to Burnett suggesting that "everyone connected with the Pablo Soto case... would be potential witnesses on one issue or another regarding this case. I have, therefore, recom-

mended that Sheriff Laws refer your complaint to the Attorney General's Office."

Last week, Sheriff Cliff Laws told The Dispatch he was trying to reach the state attorney general's office by telephone, but had been unable to get through to AG personnel.

The Dispatch's Timothy W. Burnett contacted the AG's office several times this week through e-mails. Through his correspondence, he determined that as of mid-day Tuesday no formal request for an investigation had been made by the sheriff's department.

The Dispatch attempted to contact the sheriff for comment Wednesday, but was unable to reach Laws prior to press time.



Post Lady Lope softball team members recognized for their on-going winning season during Monday's Meet the PHS Spring Sports Athletes are (left to right) Branda Stevens, Alex Miller, Sydnee Jones, Danica Williams, Bethany Berry, Kelsey Overton, Ashley Stenzel, Haley Lester, Gabi Bergara, Miranda Hair, Sabrina Sanchez and Brooke Morris. Hosted by the Antelope Booster Club, the event recognized all the athletes competing in different spring sports events this year. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

We are happy to announce that effective April 1, 2008 Covenant Family Healthcare Center will become the Cogdell Family Clinic. We feel this change will unite the medical community of Scurry County to better serve our patients. The Cogdell Family Clinic will operate as a Rural Health Clinic under the guidelines established by the State of Texas. Dr. Burleson, Dr. Cooper, Dr. David Kerr, Dr. Tom Kerr, Dr. Rakov and Dr. Thompson will all remain at their current location, and will continue to provide the services currently available at the College Avenue location, including lab and X-ray. However, the lab and X-ray departments will be established as outpatient departments of Cogdell Hospital as required by law. This change may require you to pay a separate co-pay or deductible for this convenience.

There may be relocations of some of the physicians/practitioners at the Rural Health Clinic located in the old Brice building at a later date however, it will remain open and the same quality services will continue to be provided.

We are very proud of the outstanding medical services available in our community and feel this change will help secure this level of service for our future.

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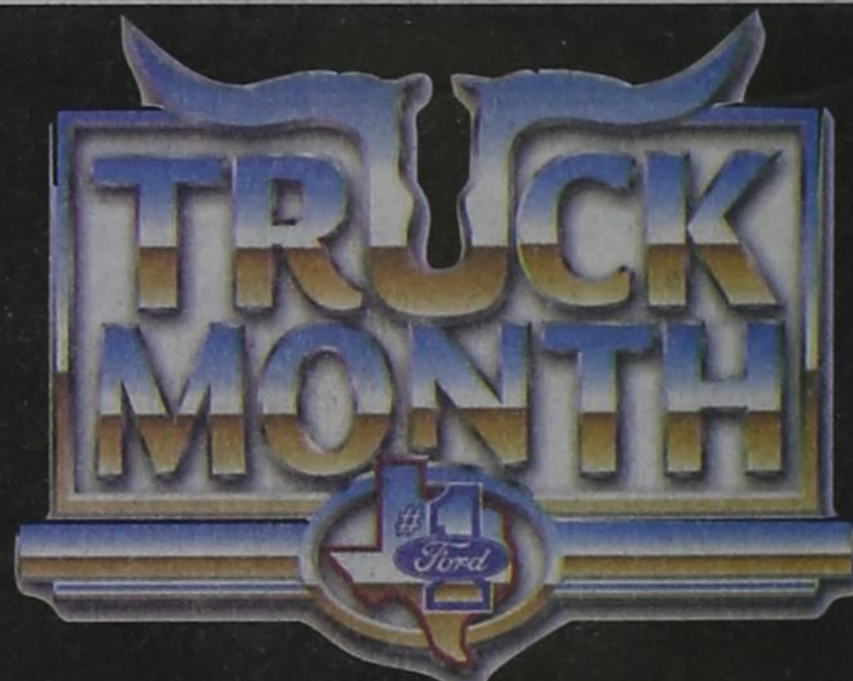
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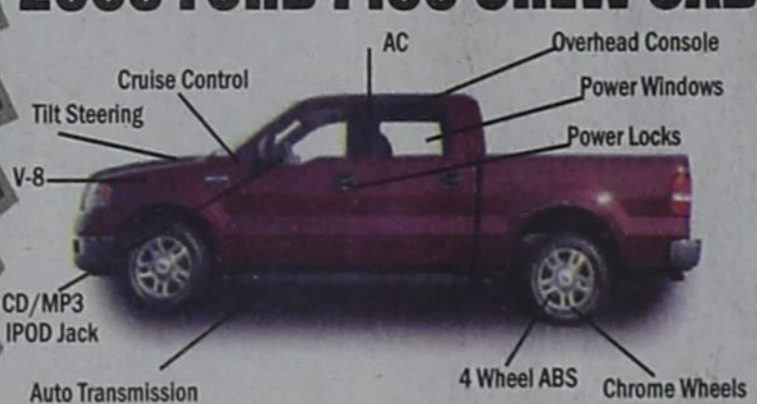


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