

Sheriff contacts AG's office about First Amendment issue

Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws has been in contact with the state attorney general's office regarding a request filed several weeks ago by Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett.

After more than a week of trying to contact the state office, Laws said Wednesday he reached a representative of the office's Investigation Division on March 11. The AG representative advised that in order for her office to move forward with the complaint, a letter from the district attorney is required.

106th District Attorney Ricky Smith has been out of the office for

the past two weeks, Laws said, and it will be Monday before the sheriff will be able to talk to the DA.

Burnett filed his 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

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La Marque AD, head coach to fill vacancy in Post ISD

by Sheri Lewis

Chris Jones, athletic director and head football coach for Class 4A La Marque High School, was selected to fill the vacant AD position at the March 13 meeting of Post Independent School District trustees.

Jones was selected from more than 120 applicants for the position, which has been open since Feb. 7.

"I'm real impressed with him," Superintendent Marlin Marcum said the day after the school board voted to hire Jones. "He's a fine Christian man. His organizational skills are exceptional, and he has a record of building a successful program."

Jones, now in his 19th year as a coach, comes to Post after spending the past five years as an athletic director and head football coach. He is in his first year at La Marque, where his Cougars football team was district runner-up and an area finalist with a 9-3 record.

This past season marked 10 consecutive years that Jones has been part of Texas high school football playoffs as either a head coach or coordinator.

Prior to La Marque, Jones spent four years at Class 2A Refugio High, where he guided his Bobcats football squad to a 34-14 record and four consecutive Class 2A playoff appearances and three district championships, according to his résumé. In 2006, Refugio finished the season 11-2 and reached the regional finals of the playoffs.

From 1998 to 2003, Jones was an assistant head coach and offensive coordinator in Class

3A Sinton High School. While at Sinton, the team Jones was involved in coaching finished two years as a regional semifinalist, twice ended the season as a state quarter-finalist and in 2001 was a state finalist, losing 25-14 to Everman and finishing the year 14-1. During Jones' five years with the program, the Pirates posted a

Jones also has logged time at Class 5A Bryan High School, where he was worked with freshmen offensive backs and defensive backs and was varsity girls track coach; Class 2A Honey Grove High, where he served as offensive coordinator/ quarterbacks coach and was head boys track coach; and Class 4A Frenship High School in Wolfforth where he was junior high/freshman football and varsity boys track coach.

55-10 record.

Since 1989, Jones has been responsible for teaching numerous classes, including Anatomy & Physiology, Aquatic Science, Biology I, Earth Science, Integrated Physics & Chemistry and Life Science.

"I intend to run a program that focuses more on turning student-athletes accountable and responsible young men and women than it being a 'win-at-all-costs' program," Jones wrote in his application to the district. "I feel that Post is already a great place with great people, and I would hope to continue to make it that kind of place in the future."

Jones holds a bachelor's degree in education from Texas Tech University, which he attended on a track and field

scholarship following his 1984 graduation from Sealy High School. He played football and basketball and ran track while in high school.

He and his wife, Sandra, met while attending college at Tech and have been married for 15 years. They are the parents of two sons.

Sandra Jones teaches deaf to pay out the remainder of

education at Hall Elementary in the Clear Creek Independent School District. She holds a degree in deaf education, but also can teach American Sign Language as a foreign language and special education.

ISD became available after district trustees voted 5-1

Tim James' contract, which was to run through the 2009 school year. According to information released following a Texas Public Information Act request by The Post Dispatch, the district's settlement with The AD position in the Post James allows for the payment of \$5,858 per month for the remainder of the current contract year, and \$70,297.50 for the 2009 school year.

Chris Jones and his sons plan to arrive in Post this weekend to allow the new coach to move into his office on Monday. The boys, Tyler, 12, a sixth-grade student, and 10-year-old Kyle, a fourth grader, will finish out the school year in Post.

Sandra Jones will move to Post as soon as she fulfills her contract with the Clear Creek ISD where she teaches fourthand fifth-grade students.

"Both boys are real excited about starting school in Post after spring break," she wrote in an e-mail to The Dispatch. "Tyler and Kyle are both very active boys who look forward to making new friends at Post They are also excited about moving closer to their cousins and grandparents in Lubbock and Idalou. The whole family is excited about moving back to West Texas. There's just something special about the people and students in West Texas."

The entire Jones family "will proudly wear the colors of the Bold Gold Antelopes of Post,' she said, especially since both her husband's and her high schools - the Tigers from Sealy and the Petersburg Buffaloes share the Antelopes' affinity for black and gold.

"The Jones are excited about being in Post and are looking forward to being a part of the great Bold Gold tradition," Chris Jones said.

Firefighters battle LAH weekend fire

Firefighters from the Post Fire Department and the Lake Alan Henry Fire Department were dispatched to a large grass fire shortly before 8:30 p.m. Friday about a quarter mile west of Reed's RV Park.

Shifting gusty winds fanned the blaze, which quickly got out of control. Firefighters summoned assistance from other fire departments, and personnel from the Snyder and Ralls organizations responded. Garza County also responded with its maintainers on scene to assist in controlling the

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Chris Jones, athletic director and head football coach for Class 4A La Marque High School, was hired last week by the Post ISD to take over as the district's new AD and head football coach. Jones is pictured here with his wife, Sandra, a teacher who specializes in deaf education, and sons Tyler, a sixth-grade student, and Kyle, a fourth-grade student. The new AD will assume his duties in Post on Monday.

Photo courtesy of Chris Jones

Post Notes

"Dearly Beloved" opens at Garza Theatre March 28 The Garza Theatre production of "Dearly Beloved" opens March 28 and continues March 29, April 4, 5, 11, 12 and April 13. The play is directed by Stan Tucker and features Beth Bass, Christie Baradshaw, Karen Dolter, Whitney Garrity, Christy Morris, Mitzi Ravenscraft, Derek Thomas, Stan Tucker, Ric Walton and Blair Wilson. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes

A diabetes education program developed by Texas AgriLife Extension Service diabetes specialists, will be offered in Post beginning April 8 with sessions on Tuesday nights through May 6. The program will be held at the Garza County Trailblazers facility from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration fee is \$5 for the entire program with scholarships available. Call the extension office at 495-4400 for more details and to register.

Catholic Church Schedule

Holy Cross Catholic Church's will hold servies on Good Friday, and Saturday beginning both nights at 7 p.m. March 23, Easter Sunday morning service will start at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Parent Teacher Organization meeting set

Be a part of the newly formed Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for Post Elementary, Post Junior High and Post High School. Parents, friends and teachers are welcome as election of officers will take place at the first meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Elementary auditorium. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school. This organization will create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work and so can our children. Help build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun!

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A large stretch of land near Lake Alan Henry shows signs of last Friday's grass fire that resulted in the destruction of homes and threatened area oil storage tanks. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Attending the first coalition meeting were Pat Cruse, Wes Burnett, Alisha Peters, Wanda Osborn, John Hedrick and Dr. Ben Edwards. The coalition is seeking sponsors to assist with expenses related to providing the diabetes education program.

ìDo Well, Be Well with Diabetesî is an educational program for people with Type 2 diabetes. The primary goal of the program is

- Mother Theresa

to help participants learn how to ĭ Lesson 2 ñ Nutrition: First Step manage their diets and self-care to Diabetes Management to maintain blood glucose ranges recommended by the American No Longer the Sole Option

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Lessons, written for clarity and impact, will include graphics, handson activities and food preparation demonstrations. Participants will receive handouts from agencies such as the Centers for Disease Controls and the National Institute of Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Sessions will be supplemented with videos from the American Association of Diabetes Educators. The campaign is designed not only for individuals living with diabetes, but also their family members and caregivers. Questions, the sharing of information and peer support will be encouraged during each session.

Post ISD eyes energy costs, authorizes contracts for 2008-09

Post Independent School District trustees are hoping to curb energy use district-wide following action taken during their March 13 regular meeting.

District unanimously to contract with Control Tech Corp. to manage energy demand in the district. By controlling the demand for energy, the district should be able to reduce energy costs, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

The cost for the system to be implemented by Control Tech Corp. will be \$37,300, but the district is scheduled to realize a three-year payout of savings. The savings will be used to cover the costs of the system, which has a minimum life expectancy of 10 years, Marcum

Trustees also approved the return of all members of the teaching staff. There were no non-renewals, Marcum said.

Also hired at the meeting was Chris Jones of La Marque, the new boys athletic director/football coach (see related story in this issue of The Post Dispatch).

In the public comments portion of the meeting, trustees heard from local resident Vicki Gray about the expenditure of taxpayers' dollars. Gray presented to school district officials a letter containing several

A copy of Gray's letter, which she provided to The Dispatch, follows: Dear Mr. Marcum and Board of

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Records Act and through authority of the Texas Public Information Act, I formally request the following information regarding the list of questions as outlined below, if they may qualify under either of these acts.

Is there any extra cost to the Post ISD when the superintendent was allowed to retire and be rehired each year? If so, how much is the added expense? Is this an additional cost each year?

. How often is the superintendent's contract renewed?

What budget items will be cut in order to pay out Tim James'

Is the district liable for any worker's compensation-type injury while he is still considered on the payroll? If so, this puts the district in the opportunity to lose even more

What was the amount previously paid by the district for the contract with the athletic director prior to Tim James?

Why was Tim James' contract extended in February 2007 if there were already problems within the athletic department?

Do the personnel contracts provide a provision on behalf of the district in order to terminate or "get out" of a contract under substantial measures? If so, obviously this provision was not taken advantage of in the situation with Tim James, why? Is there a system of checks and balances for investigating errors or problems leading on the side of the superintendent? If so, what actions will be taken in this matter?

How many students has the district lost per campus for the 2007-2008 school year? What is the total number of students lost to surrounding districts other than those lost to relocation? This would assist the district in assessing where problems may lie.

What funding is lost per student when a student leaves the district?

Is there some type of exit questionnaire or poll used when a student transfers out of the district in order to determine strengths and weaknesses of the district? This would assist the district in detecting problems that require immediate attention.

What is the staffing turnover rate per campus?

Why doesn't the district promote from within when there is a vacant position, if an employee is qualified?

Is there a formal or informal process/pathway/liaison/ anonymous suggestion box that allows the trustees to be able to

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Post Notes Easter Egg hunt Saturday at park

Family Harvest Church will host their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 22 at 3 p.m. at the city park. There will be over 5,000 egss, lots of prizes and fun. Hunters ages 3 years-old through the fifth grade. Everyone is welcome!

Book sale at public library

Post Public Library is having a book sale. All discarded books are only .25 cents. Come in for great finds.

Special church service at Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church will be observing Fifth Sunday with Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 30 during morning worship. **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 fetures. 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". Post Rotary Broom Sale

The annual broom sale sponsored by the Post Rotary Club is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 110 W. Main Street.

Youth baseball signups

Signups for Little League T-Ball, Minor, Major, and Jr. League (13 & 14 year olds) continue at the Probation Office. Major league tryouts for kids 9-12 are Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the David Nichols Park. Anyone interest in coaching please come to the Methodist Church Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m for a coaches meeting. Also, we are inviting everyone to bring a hoe and rake and come help prepare our field for the upcoming season on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. Call Drew Kirkpatrick at 629-4054 or contact Brandt or Liza Taylor at 495-0146 or 778-5449 for any questions.

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 SPCCA 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. concerning this program, Call Billie Williams at (806) 495-2329, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for more information.

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.

Taba'na Yuan'e March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e or Sunrise Wind ceremony will take place in the Post city park Saturday, March 22. The ceremony will begin approximatley thirty minutes before sunrise. Sunrise is predicted for 7:46 a.m. the morning of the event. Along with the Taba'na Yuan'e clan, Boy Scout Troup 316 will participate in the event and a free breakfast will be served to all visitors and participants. For more information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 495-3461.

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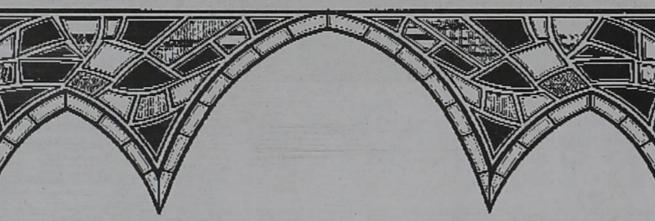
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The first meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the elementary school auditorium.

Parents, teachers and friends are invited to participate. Officers will be elected at the first meeting.

Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their children's education get better grades, do better on tests and have fewer disciplinary problems in schools.

The organization's organizers want to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work, which, in turn, will enable

teachers, inside and outside of the opportunities.

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Stand Up for Kids event needs volunteers

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from across the South Plains to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. stand shoulder to shoulder wearing Stand Up for Kids T-shirts. As a part organizations

The Children's Advocacy Center of national Child Abuse Awareness of the South Plains needs volunteers Prevention Month, this event is willing to Stand Up for Kids as part designed focus attention on the of a unique child abuse awareness increasing number of children who event set for April 12 at Kastman are abused each day in Lubbock and

The event, which will features live A total of 949 adults are needed entertainment and refreshments, will

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to be a part of this important event can contact Judy Powell at the Children's Advocacy Center 740-0251.

Individuals can sign up for the event by calling the Children's Advocacy Center at 740-0251.

The Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains opened its doors in April of 1998 to provide services to more than 7,300 children, including children in Garza County. The center provides forensic interviews for investigating partner agencies and coordinates the multidisciplinary team meetings to coordinate those cases. In addition, the center provides free therapy to all children who come through the center as well as the non-offending caregiver. The mission of the center is to bring together community resources to speed the healing of child victims of abuse and trauma.

For more information, contact Carmen Aguirre, executive director, or Judy Powell, program director, at 740-0251.

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

Anyone who voted in the March 4 Republican Primary 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 Street, 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 Street, Post.

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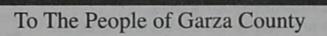


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On the election night, when I saw I lost, I took my hat off and shook Cliff's hand and congratulated him, and asked him what I could do to help. I hope you will take the time to shake Sheriff Laws' hand and ask him what you can do to help him with his job. Sometimes change starts with us, maybe in our head, maybe in our heart, but just think of what we can do if we support each other and look out for each other.

Thanks, Maurice "Mo" Herridge



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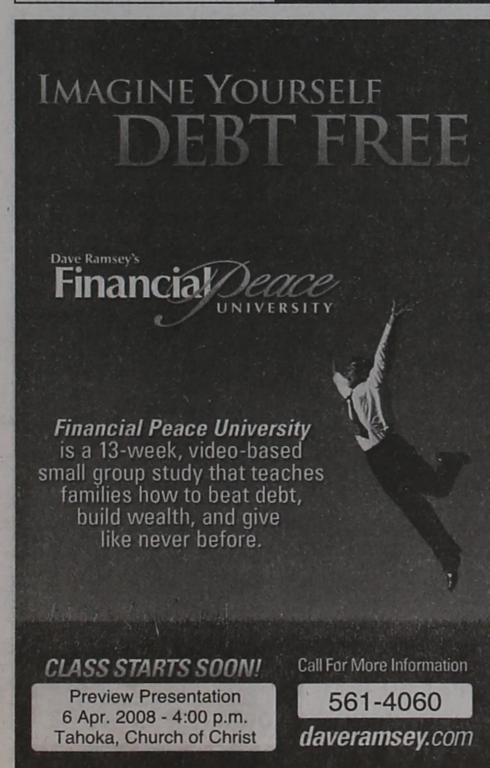
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Turning coins into worthless junk

Editor's Note: The following is a speech delivered by Congressman Ron Paul regarding HR 5512, an attempt to circumvent constitutional obligations of

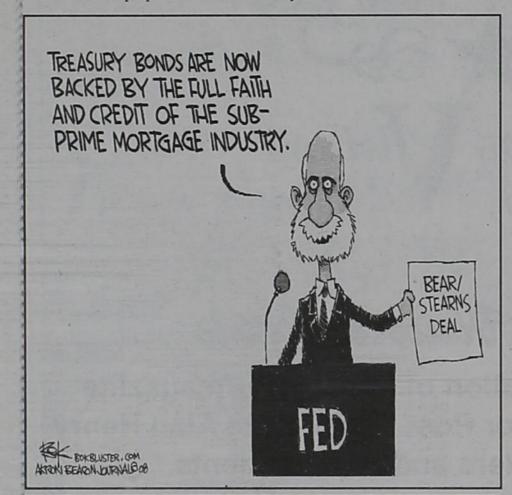
Mr.Chairman, I oppose HR 5512 because it is unconstitutional to delegate the determination of the metal content of our coinage to the Secretary of the Treasury. Under Article I Section 8 of the Constitution, the Congress is given the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof. It is a shame that Congress has already unconstitutionally delegated its coinage authority to the Treasury Department, but that is no reason to further delegate our power and essentially abdicate Congressional oversight as the passing of HR 5512 would

Oversight by members of Congress, who have an incentive to listen to their constituents, ensures openness and transparency. This bill would eliminate that process and delegate it to unelected bureaucrats. The Secretary of the Treasury would be given sole discretion to alter the metal content of coins, or even to create non-metal coins. Given the history of Congressional delegation and subsequent lax oversight on issues as important as the conflict in Iraq, it would be naive to believe that Congress would exercise any more oversight over an issue as unimportant to most members as the composition of coins.

While I sympathize with the aim of Section 4 of this bill to save taxpayer dollars by minting steel pennies, it is disappointing that our currency has been so greatly devalued as to make this step necessary. At the time of the penny's introduction, it actually had some purchasing power. Based on the price of gold, what one penny would have purchased in 1909 requires 47 cents today. It is no wonder then that few people nowadays would stoop to pick up any coin smaller

Congress' unconstitutional delegation of monetary policy to the Federal Reserve and its reluctance to exercise oversight in that arena have led to a massive devaluation of the dollar. If we fail to end this devaluation, we will undoubtedly hold future hearings as the metal value of our coins continues to outstrip the

HR5512 is a sad commentary on how far we have fallen, not just since the days of the Founders, but only in the last 75 to 100 years. We could not maintain the gold standard nor the silver standard. We could not maintain the copper standard, and now we cannot even maintain the zinc standard. Paper money inevitably breeds inflation and destroys the value of the currency. That is the reason that this proposal is before us today.



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Opinions



Government's chickens come home to roost

by Sheldon Richman

When a private company screws up, there is no shortage of people demanding more government intrusion in the marketplace. But when the government screws up, they don't call for less government. They call for more.

The economy is slowing down, and the government is at fault. But, if anything, the policymakers and pundits want the government to do more of what got us into trouble in the first place. If a lot of poison is bad, a lot more is somehow good. That's the logic of statism.

Make no mistake: the government is the cause of the slowdown. The trigger was the housing problem - the surge in mortgage defaults and foreclosures, and the fall in home values. The government has been all over the housing industry for decades. Through various devices the politicians have made it easy for people to buy homes, even those who had poor credit and zero savings.

There was a time when a young couple just starting out would work hard for several years to save up a down payment for a house. But thanks to the policies of Congress and agencies such as FHA, people could realize the "American dream" with almost no effort. One could buy a house with virtually nothing down. Government guarantees kept mortgage rates lower than they would have

This was considered good social policy, but we should be suspicious when government claims to be helping people. It has no resources that it hasn't first taken from someone else. Any pledge it makes is a pledge of the taxpayers'

Next, in the name of social justice, the government pressured lenders through the Community Reinvestment Act to write mortgages for low-income people with bad credit. This is a source of the subprime mess.

The loosening of lending standards was also encouraged by the governmentcreated agencies Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, which buy mortgages from the original lenders, bundle them, and sell securities based on the resulting income stream. The Federal Reserve's long-standing readiness to bail out banks and other lenders that get into trouble was another step toward the government-

The result of this intervention is known as moral hazard. If government places a safety net under lenders and borrowers, it encourages bad loans. Imagine that the losses of a gambler in Las Vegas were underwritten by the government. Would he be as careful as he is when he has to cover his losses himself?

If any of this is reminiscent of the savings-and-loan fiasco of the 1980s, it should be. The government's guarantee of deposits freed the S&Ls to make imprudent investments. The consequence of that policy cost the taxpayers a

The current rash of defaults and foreclosures is a case of chickens coming home to roost. No one should be surprised that a system designed to lower lending standards did just that and has now come to grief. When the government, regardless of intentions, deliberately weakens the need for responsibility, the result will be irresponsibility, and the consequences will inevitably fall on others. That is how government works.

Nor should we be surprised that presidential candidates are making lenders, rather than the politicians, the scapegoats. When banks shied away from lending to people with bad credit and low incomes, they were accused of discriminatory

Now, after making such loans under threat of legal penalty, they are accused of predatory lending. I'm no fan of the government-sponsored banking cartel. but why would a bank intentionally write a mortgage for someone it knew couldn't make the payments? Foreclosing on the house is rarely a preferred

The mortgage mess has now shaken lots of lending institutions to their foundations. They are reluctant to lend to anyone for any reason. So the

economic slowdown has spread. But rather than reversing its policies and letting a free market emerge to fix things up, the government is doing more of the same. This week the Fed announced it will lend billions of dollars to banks and accept their shaky mortgages as collateral.

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Another bailout. Another round of moral hazard. More chickens will be on their way home.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

The Belushi Syndrome

by Bill O'Reilly

Let's analyze this Eliot Spitzer situation without emotion because there are lessons to be learned here. First of all, Spitzer is obviously a smart guy, having graduated from Princeton and Harvard Law School, so his conduct is perplexing in its stupidity.

Spitzer made his reputation as a tough prosecutor. He understood money transfer traces, wiretaps, informants and the rest of the law enforcement landscape. He also knew how to build cases against powerful people who were doing shady things.

So Gov. Spitzer was no huckster preacher trying to make bucks off God while privately playing games with the devil. And he was no Wilbur Mills, the Arkansas congressman who got drunk out of his mind with a stripper in the back seat of his limo.

No, Spitzer is a completely different animal.

If you watch cable TV news, you will hear the braying pack talk about Spitzer's arrogance, his "I'm above it all" mentality. But if you examine the facts, this shallow analysis doesn't wash.

Spitzer had to know that repeated visits with people breaking the law prostitutes - put him at enormous risk. At any time, any one of those ladies might have been arrested and, facing prosecution, could have easily offered authorities Spitzer's name in return for all charges being dropped.

The ladies also could have blackmailed Spitzer, could have sold their stories about him to the tabloid media, could have done many things to destroy his life. And then there's the money. Spitzer knew that wire transfers to offshore

facilities are closely monitored as a part of terrorist surveillance. One of the ways the Bush administration has damaged al-Qaida has been to choke off its funding. Banks and the IRS closely watch money moved to and from the United

Spitzer also knew that talking on the telephone to pimps, people setting up liaisons with prostitutes, left him open to being tapped — especially because the ladies for hire were being moved across state lines, which makes it a federal offense. Spitzer knew all of the above.

So you're telling me that Eliot Spitzer thought he wouldn't get caught? Sure,

No, what's in play here is what I call the "Belushi Syndrome." That's when a famous person who has money and success subconsciously tries to destroy himself. You see it all the time - movie stars, athletes, politicians doing incredibly stupid stuff.

By all accounts, comedian John Belushi was repeatedly warned by his wife and closest friends that his rampant drug use could kill him. Nevertheless, he continued to take deadly combinations of heroin and cocaine, knowing the dangerinvolved.

Death found him at age 33.

Eliot Spitzer also knew the danger he was facing. But some kind of deep selfloathing propelled him to dismiss the inevitable. I mean, think about it: You are a sitting governor, spending tens of thousands of dollars on hookers? Come on. Maybe Caligula could get away with that, but not an American politician in a

This is not some dime-store psychoanalysis. There are many people walking around who are deeply self-destructive, and who will hurt themselves and others around them. That's a fact.

A self-destructive, self-loathing personality will find a way to blow everything up, and it doesn't matter what kind of career the person has. We all know people like this. Stay away from them.

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Can Foreign Aid Save Africa?

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

Congress is poised to pass the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) authorizing up to \$50 million in unconstitutional foreign aid. The bill passed out of the Foreign Affairs Committee with a bipartisan agreement to nearly double the President's requested amount. It is always distressing to unfortunate that some activists prefer funding taken by force, to donations see officials in our government reach across the aisle to disregard Constitutional limitations.

Much of this aid will run through government-to-government channels and will be vulnerable to corruption. Some of the aid will be sent to faith-based organizations who, along with accepting government largess, will now be subject to governmental controls and will soon become more dependent on taxpayer funding than private funds. If they accept the aid, they must be careful of the vague language regarding what types of programs they can run. For example, the requirement that 33% of any funding received must go toward abstinence-only programs has been dropped and replaced with a 50% requirement toward behavior change. Many humanitarian organizations are incensed by the politicized requirements placed on their work, and feel they are being forced to continue failed programs at the expense of more effective ones.

The obvious question remains: Why are politicians in the United States deciding what is best for people in Africa? And why are taxpayers in the United States being forced to fund-for example-family planning facilities that perform abortions?

In fact, Afrobarometer, a leading source of data on public attitudes in Africa asked Africans what their main developmental concerns were. They found that Africans are much more concerned about jobs, agriculture and basic infrastructure than they are about health issues like AIDS.

Africans should decide what is best for Africa. American taxpayers should decide what charities deserve their money. Forcibly taking money from the United States and sending it overseas is unconstitutional and immoral.

The energy that lobbying groups and celebrities expend for charitable causes here on the Hill could be better put to use actually addressing problems. It is sadly symptomatic of the trend toward bigger government that instead of private fundraising efforts, people put their hand out to Congress. It is

These efforts, though well-meaning, are misguided. The truth is all the foreign aid in the world will not transform Africa into a thriving, healthy continent. The economic growth of Africa depends on African entrepreneurs, liberalized trade policies, and political and economic freedom. The best thing we could possibly do for Africa and for our own country, is to stop sending misguided aid, and stop protectionist trade practices that prevent African farmers and producers from competing in our markets. Perhaps then Africa's leaders would focus less on how to get aid out of the United States, and more on the economic vitality of their own countries.

About the First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. - The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

The First Amendment was written because at America's inception, citizens demanded a guarantee of their basic freedoms.

Our blueprint for personal freedom and the hallmark of an open society, the First Amendment protects freedom of speech, press, religion, assembly and petition. Without the First Amendment, religious minorities could be persecuted, the government might well establish a national religion, protesters could be silenced, the press could not criticize government, and citizens could not mobilize for social change. It's well worth defending and we intend to do so.

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

· We got a tad bit of rain on Tuesday. As of 2 p.m. we just had nearly 2/10 in the gauge. They say it is possible for some more this afternoon. We'll think

· I saw Brad Mason in the lumber yard the other day and he told me how much he enjoyed reading my column. Brad was raised in the Graham community. It is always nice to hear how much you all enjoy it. So to Brad I say, thank you.

· Kayla Morris has been in town visiting with her family. She is the daughter of Barry and Amy Morris and sister to Brooke. Kayla works and attends school in San Angelo.

· My mom told me Betsy Shytles Wheatley was in her office last week with her mom, Sue. Betsy is a relative to a couple of Ragtown folks. She's Grady's sister and Daymon and Barbra Ethridge's sister-in-law.

· Ronnie and Andra Dunn have had a full house of grandchildren this past week. Last Friday they enjoyed the newest edition, Maddox. He got to stay until Sunday night before going home to Midland. Kari and Katie from Post stayed the day on Sunday, and Sunday night Taryn, Brayden and Gage came from Lubbock to spend spring break.

· Visitors this week: Joyce Nelson came by to pick up some things for Troy; Cecil Stolle dropped in Tuesday morning; Melanie Morris came in Friday afternoon. That's about it, except for our regular coffee drinkers each morning.

· We want to send out our sympathies to Alicia Lopez on the death of her father in Mexico. Our prayers are with her and her family.

• Get wells -- Mary Margaret Norman was under the weather for about a week but is at home and feeling much better.

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Paul Wheatley has been moved to Houston to be closer to his son. Paul was in a car wreck last year and is having a tough time recovering. Lois Childs is in UMC; as of Tuesday her granddaughter tells me hopefully she will get to move to a room soon.

· Don't forget our folks in the nursing homes: Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep those prayers going for our troops and for rain.

Birthdays March 21 – Dylan Morris · March 21 - Andrew Quintana

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personnel on each campus and therefore detect problems early before a situation or atmosphere gets too chaotic or out of

March 23 – Jerry Don McCampbell

· March 25 - Vondi Gradine

I appreciate your prompt attention and cooperation in answering these questions concerning the welfare of our ISD as well as taxpayer dollars. Thank you for your time.

Vicki Gray PHS band members compete at regional solo & ensemble event in Lubbock

Four Post High School Band members competed in the Region 16 UIL Solo & Ensemble contest on Feb. 23 at Lubbock Coronado High School, and one group qualified to compete at the state-level contest in May.

The brass quartet earned a superior rating on a Class I piece, qualifying its members to compete in the State Solo & Ensemble Contest May 23-24 in San Marcos.

Brass quartet members Kalyn Villalon, Matt Tanner, Meagen Howard-Griffis and Kaleb Tanner will perform the "Whitney Brass Quartet, Movement No. 3."

Other band members competing in the regional contest on Class II pieces were soloists Crystal Sanchez, who earned an excellent rating; Courtney Basquez, who received a superior rating; Tianna Reyna, who scored a threatened by the flames. A number of superior rating; and Jackie Milton, who earned a superior rating.

The percussion ensemble of Kathryn Villalon, Allen Heckaman and Jordan Aguilar earned an excellent rating on the Class I piece, "Ghanaian Theme."

"The cool thing about these contests are you get out of it what you put in," said Band Director Aaron Rathbun. "I appreciate the effort they put forward to be the best they can be. All the solo and ensemble contestants represented our school so well."

Following the state contest in May, the brass quartet plans to tour the Texas State History Museum and travel to Schlitterbahn Waterpark.

submitted to the school district's attorney Be sure to call and let me know about to determine what questions can and cannot be answered. any happenings going on, birthdays, In other business, school board anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at

· Adopted a new policy for criminal

Marcum said the letter will be

background checks and fingerprinting required by the state.

· Approved the technology plan for E-Rate, a government program that pays 80 percent of costs for technology infrastructure. The district has applied for E-Rate funding. If approved for the coming school year, the technology plan will be implemented.

· Retained auditors for the coming school year.

· Approved the purchase of an 18-passenger, handicapped-capable school bus.

three additional staff development days in lieu of instruction. · Adopted board priority goals for the

· Applied for a state waiver to add

Approved the sale of property taken

for back taxes.

· Approved the consent agenda LAH grass fire...

(Continued from Page 1) flames.

The large fire consumed several thousand acres of land. A pair of travel trailers in the RV park was destroyed, and several additional trailers were electrical poles also were destroyed, according to a report from the Post Fire Department's public information officer, Bryan Looney, and at least two horses fell victim to the fire.

'Dearly Beloved' debuts next week at **Garza Theatre**

The Garza Theatre is gearing up for the opening performances of "Dearly Beloved," which will open next week.

Under the direction of Stan Tucker, "Dearly Beloved" is set in the small Texas town of Fayro. There, the Futrelle sisters, once known as an almost-famous gospel singing trio dubbed The Sermonettes, are preparing for an overblown antebellum wedding at the Tabernacle of the Lamb Church. But with the bride and groom missing, the small town rumor mill is working overtime, and the bestlaid wedding plans begin to unravel as hot flashes, hot temperatures and longtime grudges between the sisters begin to erupt.

The bride's mother and feuding aunts must pull together to find ways to keep unsuspecting guests in their pews while a highway patrolman attempts to track down the missing couple. As a last resort and to the delight of all in Fayro, The Sermonettes are reunited and take the stage again.

Cast members include Beth Bass, Christie Bradshaw, Karen Dolter, Whitney Garrity, Christy Morris, Mitzi Ravenscraft, Derek Thomas, Stan Tucker, Ric Walton and Blair Wilson.

Show dates are March 28 and 29 and April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and the April 13 matinee at 2:30

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Post High School Brass Quartet members qualifying for State UIL Solo & Ensemble contest in San

Marcus are (left to right) Kalyn Villalon, Matt Tanner, Meagen Howard and Kaleb Tanner.

Post High School band members competing in the Region 16 UIL Solo & Ensemble contest on Saturday, February 23 at Lubbock Coronado High School are (left to right) Courtney Basquez, Tianna Reyna, Crystal Sanchez and Jackie Milton. Photo courtesy of Post ISD





Post High School percussion ensemble competing in the Region 16 UIL Solo & Ensemble contest on Saturday, March 23 at Lubbock Coronado High School are (left to right) Kathryn Villalon, Allen Heckaman and Jordan Aguilar. Photo courtesy of Post ISD

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 xray 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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LaVerne McCleskey

Services for LaVerne McCleskey, 87, lifelong resident of Grassland, were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2008, in the Grassland Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. James Miller officiating. Interment followed in the Grassland Cemetery under the direction of the White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She died Saturday, March 15. Born July 19, 1920, to John Clifton and Mary Ola Allen in Gouldsbusk, she graduated from Tahoka High School in 1938. She married Curtis Osborne (Hoolie)

McCleskey on June 29, 1939. He died Dec. 29, 1996. She was a homemaker, a member of the Grassland Hobby Club and the Grassland Community Center Board and a longtime member of the Grassland Church of the Nazarene, where she served on various church committees.

Survivors include one son, Delbert Wayne McCleskey of Grassland; one brother, James Harold Allen of Kansas City, Mo.; six grandchildren, Kurt McCleskey, Carla Sires, Kevin McCleskey,

Kent McCleskey, Corey McCleskey and Aaron McCleskey; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Carlos Leon McCleskey, on May 22, 2007.

The family has suggested donations be made to the Grassland Cemetery Fund or the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome. com.

may be edited for brevity, grammar or spelling. Letters considered libelous or defaming individual character will be rejected.

Appreciation for fire fighting assistance

The Post Fire Department and Lake Alan Henry Fire Department recently battled a very large blaze this weekend (see related story in this issue). The Post Fire Department would like to thank the surrounding counties for the much appreciated assistance.

We would also like to thank the Garza County Commissioners and employees for donating their time running the maintainers and assisting during the wee hours of the morning.

Please forgive me if I left anyone out, but thank you. Fighting a fire for 11 hours straight can really put a strain on someone.

I do believe that the time put in by these "volunteers" is somewhat nerve-racking, but at the same time it is something that we as a department are dedicated in doing. Protecting this county, the city and the people in it is something we have a passion in doing. That's why on behalf of the department, I urge you to please be very cautious and take into consideration the dry weather and the very thick vegetation from last year's rains.

So much as a cigarette getting flicked out of the window on the highway can lead to a nightmare. So please, help prevent these kinds of things from happening. It wouldn't hurt for us all to pray for a little rain!

Bryan Looney

Public Information Officer Post Fire Department

Praising joint primary election staff and participants

First, I thank County Chairmen Lewis Earl and Scott Creech for their cooperation in conducting a joint primary election and for praising many of the participants that made the process a success via a letter to the editor in last week's paper.

Also, I want to show my appreciation of all of the staff members of the County and District Clerk's Office for all their professional support in the election activities while keeping the office running with all of the other responsibilities of the clerk's office. The election would not have run so smoothly without the dedicated service of Lina Rodriguez, Rebecca Quintana, Terri Laurence.

You are all greatly appreciated.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett www.geocities.com/christinyous7/love.html

History of the earth...Isaiah 45:12-18

Last week we examined God's word concerning the origin of the earth and learned that God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). A study of Isaiah 45:18 helped us to understand that God did not create the earth to be in an uninhabitable state of wasteland. It says He, "created it not in vain." We noted that the word "was" in Genesis 1:2 would be better translated as "became."

Based on what we've learned it stands to reason that something cataclysmic must have occurred to cause God's perfect creation to become without form and void. There are other areas of scripture, which might help to identify what happened.

Isaiah prophesied of an event that could be the most likely candidate for what caused such a drastic change in the earth's state. It is recorded in Isaiah 14:12, "How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!"

Utilizing the website Crosswalk.com Bible study section, the name Lucifer meant shining one or morning star and basically referred to a light-bearer. A closer study will reveal that Lucifer is the same spiritual entity as the Devil. According to Isaiah 14:12 Lucifer fell from heaven.

Revelations chapter 12 refers to an event that matches the information from Isaiah's prophecy, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven. And did cast them to the earth." According to verse four, it is talking about the "great red dragon," which another name for the Devil.

Continuing at verse seven of Revelations chapter 12, "And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. And the dragon fought and his angels. And did not prevail. Neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out. That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world. He

was cast out into the earth. And his angels were cast out with him." It says that the angel Michael and his angels battled with the Devil and his angels. The war took place in heaven and the Devil lost. The Devil and his angels were cast out of heaven into the earth. More accurately put, the

Devil was cast out, and his angels were drawn with him. Combining the record in Isaiah chapter 14 with that of Revelations 12, we learn how Lucifer fell from heaven. Isaiah 14:14 sums up why Lucifer fell, "For you have said in your heart...'I will be like the most High." Lucifer did not learn his lesson, for we find in Genesis 3:5 he told the woman, "you

shall be as God." It's interesting to note that only five verses after Isaiah 14:14 it says, "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms. That made the world as a wilderness" (Isaiah 14: 16-17). In the earlier known texts, the word "wilderness" included different meanings, one of which referred to a wasteland. This fits with the phrase "without form and

Two important research principles were applied in this study. One was to rightly divide the integrity of God's word, and the other was to verify that a key word in the King James Bible was accurate with the earlier known

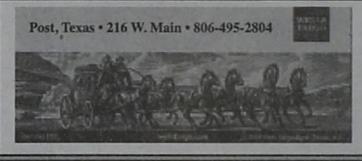
By rightly dividing God's word, we could see a major conflict between Genesis 1:2 and Isaiah 45:18. Either God created the earth to be in a perfect and inhabitable condition, or He created it without form and void as an uninhabitable wasteland. God's word does not contradict itself. This is simply part of respecting the integrity of God's word.

Having seen the contradiction, we could then see that it centers on the word "was" in Genesis 1:2. One possible reason for an apparent contradiction in God's word is an error in translation. Thanks to the excellent work done by many scholars of ancient Greek and Hebrew, we can use certain study materials to compare the words used in the current Bible with the earliest

Maybe our readers can understand how refreshed my heart was upon learning that God did not create the earth to be an uninhabitable wasteland of nothingness, but instead He created and formed the earth to be inhabited. It was a perfect creation because that's just God's style.



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Lady Lopes hold a 13-2 season with win against Denver City

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The Lady 'Lopes hold a 13-2 season record, 1-1 in district play, following last week's games against Denver City and Slaton.

On Friday, the team was obliged to replay a game against Denver City that started three days earlier. On March 11, the teams were in the fifth inning of play when winds blew out the lights on the field, preventing completion of the game because of darkness. Because the fifth inning had not been completed, the entire game had to be replayed.

The UIL dictated that the make-up game be played on March 14, when weather conditions included strong, gusty winds and blowing dirt, but the Lady 'Lopes came up with a 13-7 win.

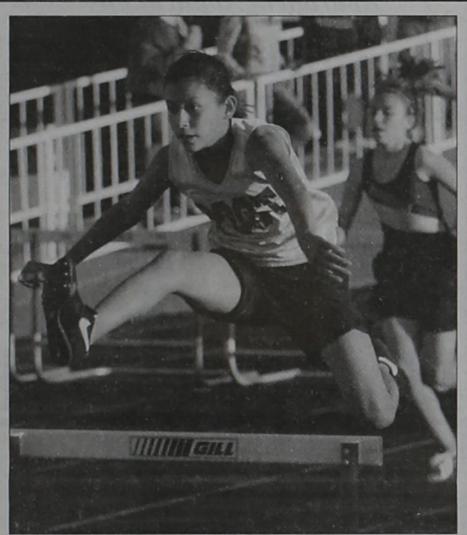
Offensively, Brooke Morris had two singles for two runs and an RBI; Sydnee Jones scored one run after being hit by a pitch; Miranda Hair had one single and a double for one run and a pair of RBIs; Branda Stevens scored two runs off a single and an RBI; Kelsey Overton scored a run off a single; Sabrina Sanchez scored two off a single and a three-RBI double; Alex Miller scored three off a trio of singles that netted two RBIs; Danica Williams scored once off a triple with one RBI; and Ashley Stenzel scored a run after being hit by a pitch, according to reports.

Defensively, Morris had one putout with three assists at shortstop; Jones had two assist at third; Hair pitched seven innings with one assist, eight strikeouts and three walks; Overton had one assist at catcher; Miller logged two putouts with one assist at second; and Stenzel had nine putouts at first.

On the following day, the team dropped an 8-3 game to Slaton. Post's offense included Morris scoring one off a double; Sanchez, Stevens, Stenzel and Gaby Vergara each getting a single; Hair scoring one run off a single and a double; and Bethany Berry scoring one off a walk.

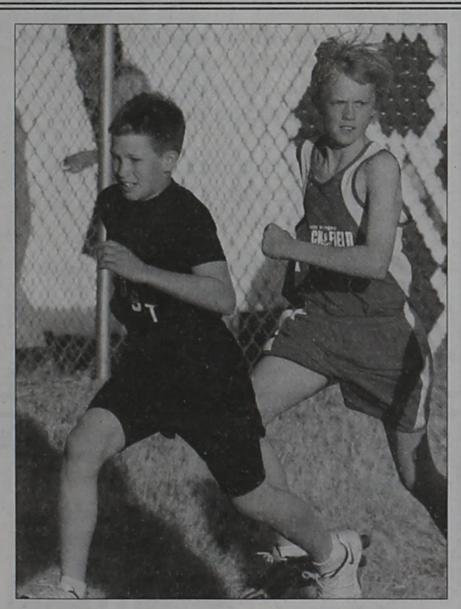
Defensively, Hair pitched eight strikeouts and two walks; Stenzel had six first-base putouts; Morris had a pair of putouts and three assists at shortstop; Overton had a putout at home plate while playing catcher; Jones had an assist at third; Hair had a putout and two assists at pitcher; and Berry scored two putouts at left field.

The team will travel to Tahoka Saturday for its next district match-up.



Mercedes Solarzano faces the hurdles with flying colors during last Thursday's Junior High District Track meet in

Tahoka. Photo by Jerry Taylor

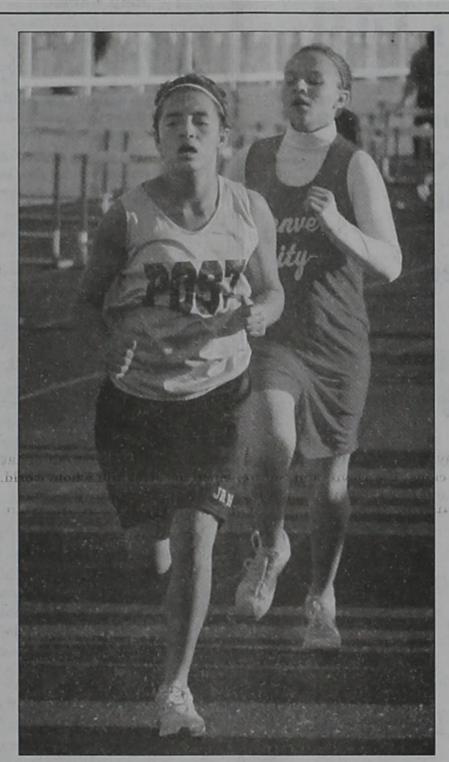


Caden Dean (left) keeps a good pace in the 800M run during last Thursday's Junior High District Track meet in Tahoka. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Hailey Berry (front) helps the Lady Lopes win the 400M relay during last Thursday's Junior High District Track Meet in Tahoka.

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Leading the pack in the 800M run during last Thursday's Junior High District Track Meet is Fernanda Contreras (front). Photo by Jerry Taylor

Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

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

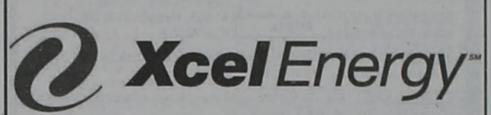
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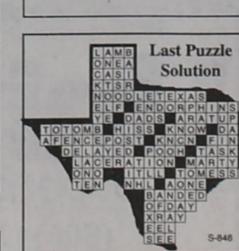
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Golden Plains Care Center reported a lot of contestants and spectators at the exciting and fun Largest, CeCe (Great Dane), owners Linda and Mary Ann Stelzer; nursing home here in Post. Smallest, Lucy (Poodle) owner Jody Whisenhunt; Cutest, Yorkie (Your Terrier), owner LaVena Palmer; Best Trick, Holly (Poodle), owner Madge Webb; Laziest, Shelby (Blue Heeler), owner Valerie Mize; Sweetest, Fancy So Ugly I'm Cute, Doby (Chinese process and effective conservation. Pug), owner Misty Fellhauer, Best Behaved, Precious (Poodle), owner Nell Mathews; Best Dressed, Tippy (Poodle), owner LaVena Palmer.

honored her mother, Mrs. Paul by Giles Dalby at the third annual Hedrick with a "75" Birthday party Garza County Junior Livestock in her home.

teams captured first and second barrow and grand champion lamb place wins in the Post Invitational was shown by Eddy Gannon. Golf Tournament. The Post A team Lopez, Jay Gorman, Justin Gorman and Justin Norman. Post B team members were Slad Bevers, Michael and Eric Lopez.

20 Years Ago March 23, 1988

"Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the feather toward the southwest, indicating a "poor" year at the conclusion of the Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony at South Lake at sunrise. The Post Chamber of Commerce presented a special award to Amarillo's Kwahadi Indian Dancers in recognition of the group's participation and support of the annual ceremony.

Post's Main Street continued to take on a bright look as work began on Jan's and the building immediately west of Jan's, the former White's Auto building. Also, renovation work continued at Hudman Furniture.

Nelda Dalby was honored by the American Cancer Society as the recipient of that group's prestigious Sword of Hope Award for her many years of distinguished service to the

Ms. Janice Moreman announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Jana LeRee, to Howard Keith Bullard. Bullard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bullard of Post.

30 Years Ago March 23, 1978

Thirteen past masters were honored at the Past masters and Roll Call night in the local Masonic Lodge. Honored were Jimmy Redman; Bob Dickson, Lewis Ammons, Joe Williams, Paul Jones, Donald Windham, Bill Case, Harold Voss, Phil Bouchier, Joe Pearson, Murrey Crowley, Lester Nichols, and

John Cearley. Residents of Post and Garza County had an official U.S. Air Force invitation to attend open house at Post's new mobile bomb scoring site just east of town on US-380. Already

on simulated bombing runs. Hank Huntley reported approval Dog Show. The winners included: by the Texas Health Facilities Commission to build a new 75-bed

The Garza County Soil and Water out the second "a". Conservation Youth Board placed first in the annual Post High School Science Fair. The group, consisting of Mike Dye, Jay Young, Randy Conner, Ken Young and Sheryl (Poodle), owner LaVena Palmer; Anderson, exhibited the erosion speech instructor was composed of

40 Years Ago March 21, 1968

Cindy Bird, 12-year-old 4H Club member, showed the grand Mrs. Kay Bowman of Lubbock champion calf which was purchased Show. Jimmy Kemp of the Post FFA Post High School boys' golf chapter, showed the grand champion

Six-year-old Susan Jackson included Jerry Graham, Marcus and three-year-old Craig Peel were winners of the "Little Mr. and Miss Post" contest sponsored by Mu Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Ulm, John Radle, Matt McCallister, Second place winners were D'Lynn merchandise into the new Collier Tyler and Benny Jackson.

Norman, Nick Pantoja and Ronnie completed this week. The public Petty were seniors in the spotlight was invited to visit the new store this week in 1968.

Man catches monster fish after

the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Janice Lynn Gordon of Post was Collier announced. named FFA princess of the South Plains Junior Livestock Show.

50 Years Ago March 20, 1958

Marianne Jones, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul 200 of the big planes had been scored Jones, won the sixth annual Garza County Spelling Bee and the right to represent the county in the regional bee at Lubbock. Marianne correctly spelled "peaceable" after Linda Ward, second place winner had left

> The Post High School speech class selected the one-act play, "Sparkin", to present at the district U.I.L. contest. The play's cast, which was directed by Mrs. Bettye Scott, Barbara Blacklock, Frances Barron, Glenda Whittenberg and Noel Norman.

> "The Serenaders" returned to the south Plains to present a program in the Post Elementary School auditorium. The quartet for several months were seen and heard on station KCBD-TV in this area and heard on KCBD radio.

Gwen Copple and Janet Stephens, PHS students, were among the finalists in the contest to select a 4H Club princess and FFA princess.

60 Years Ago March 18, 1948

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Look Who's News: A daughter weighing 7 1/2 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pinkerton at their

Mr. V. L. Peel started to work as secretary for Robert H. Gibson, Garza County agricultural agent, and Mrs. Jewell H. Strasner, home yogurt, milk demonstration agent.

Post ISD

March 24

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, butter & syrup, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot roll, milk March 25

Breakfast: Pop tart, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Tacos/grated cheese, spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, fancy gelatin, milk March 26

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, broccoli w/ ranch, strawberry/bananas, saltine crackers, milk

March 27 Breakfast: Churros, sausage link,

Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, tossed salad, seasoned corn, garlic bread, sliced peaches, milk

March 28 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

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47 TXism: he's

50 "light

46 Dallas Stars league

DOWN

Forest"

"The Flying

100 times every

gallon hat

loop man" (good roper)

Lunch: Pizza, salad, banana, chocolate cake, milk

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March 24 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon,

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, cake,

March 25 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit,

Lunch: Corn dogs, beans, chips, cookie, milk

March 26 Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

March 27

Lunch: Hot pockets, ravioli,

Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, toast, milk

Lunch: Frito pie, beans, salad, jello, milk

March 28 Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, juice, milk

Lunch: Sack lunch, milk

March 24 Baked chicken breast, green beans, stewed potatoes, tossed salad, roll, fruit w/topping

March 25 Chicken fatijas, pepper/ onions, spanish rice, seasoned pinto

beans, salsa, strawberry cake March 26 Meat loaf, black eyed peas, carrots, cornbread, mixed fruit

March 27 Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, roll,

pears with cottage cheese March 28 Brisket sandwich, pinto beans, potato salad, pickles & onions, cherry cobbler

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ACROSS Littlefield is seat of this county

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- state radio station? 8 in "A Perfect World," Martindale was
- 51 Superman's vision called this (2 wds.) 52 Gulf moray 6 Bentsen State Park 53 "long time, no
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- how to mount a stick horse" (dude) 31 county prosecutor
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- 35 fish propeller 36 Ranger game could
- be rain-
- 38 chore
- 39 a cut in the skin
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- 42 Yoko
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- Hilton 14 cook's protection 15 actor Robert of 3 TXism for "a lot"
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- 13 1st live entertain-26 this Dallas Cassidy ment on TX TV: was "Addams

Family's" "Lurch"

27 land for a house in town (2 wds.) 28 this Drayton owns the Houston Astros

33 this Kenneth was

SMU pres. ('87-'94)

Safety Tips

Lightning can be dangerous

but with a few rules you will be safe.

- spit and vinegar" weed killer"
 - 29 one who uses a 30 Dallas FM station
- -thee-well? 37 medicine holders (2 wds.) Colt .45: a gun that the west" 40 abbr. for a Tuesday
 - & Thursday class 41 TXism: "wampum" 44 the present time 49 TXism: "attacked

TXism: "Cowboy

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un-n-Facts for Brain-iacs

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On a stormy night we have all been awakened by a clap of thunder and a burst of *lightning* filling a dark room.

Angels bowling? Not

quite. During a thunderstorm, the air inside a cloud becomes charged \ \ with electricity. The rapid buildup of electrical charges eventually jumps from the cloud causing an electrical discharge called lightning. The heat surrounding the lightning causes Can Lightning Strike Twice? the air to rapidly expand and contract. This

explosion of air creates the sound waves we hear as thunder. Lightning's Path

Lightning will travel the quickest path or the shortest route to the ground. Translation: it will strike the tallest object, closest to the clouds.

Approximately 80 people a year die from lightning in the USA. Florida and Texas have the most deaths.

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strikes.

Lightning is the

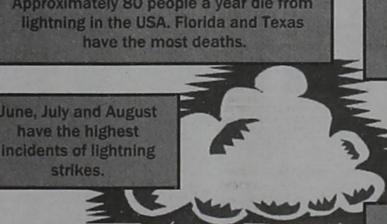
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weather related

people then nurricanes or floods,

or tornados.

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second, lightning strikes somewhere in the world. A single bolt of lightning may be one mile long.

The temperature of a bolt of lightning is 50,000°F, five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

Mythology Connection he word thunder comes from the Norse god, Thor. In Norse mythology, Thor, the god of thunder, protected good guys and punished bad guys by hurling an enormous hammer.

wielded his mighty weapon, lightning flashed.

Yes, just ask Park Ranger Roy Sullivan. Between 1960 and 1977, Roy was struck by lightning 7 times! He was one electrifying guy! Lightning will often travel down the same path and strike repeatedly. Lightning can strike twice!

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BOOM! 040400 ...23, 24, 25 seconds. The storm is still 5 miles away.

When the hammer struck,

During a storm: Stay out of water Stay inside an enclosed building or a car. If the storm is nearby: ✓ Use the phone only in an emergency Stay away from electrical appliances and large metal objects. If you are caught outside and the hair on your neck or arms begins to stand up: Cover your head with your hands, crouch down According to the ancient myth, as Thor

> thunder roared. Thunder and lightning happen at almost the same time, but sound & light travel to earth at much different speeds. Light travels at incredible speeds (299,792,458 meters per second). Sound travels much slower. This is why we see lightning before we hear thunder. We can use this information to determine how near or far is the storm. Once you see lightning, count off the seconds until you hear thunder. For every 5 second count the storm is one mile away.

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Violation awaits District Attorney

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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 directly 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, recommended that Sheriff Laws refer your complaint to the Attorney General's Office."

Additionally, complaints against 106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht and Garza County Judge Lee Norman were filed two weeks ago with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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 media representatives from entering the local courthouse with their cameras.

"We are encouraged that Sheriff Laws has proceeded with notification to the District Attorney about this important constitutional violation," Burnett said. "It is a bit puzzling to discover. however, that our District Attorney didn't know that he was the official required to get the Attorney General involved. This issue has been stalled and delayed for more than two months because local officials don't seem to know what the law requires."



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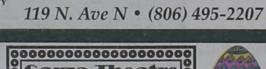
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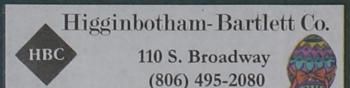
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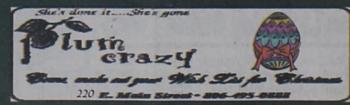






















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