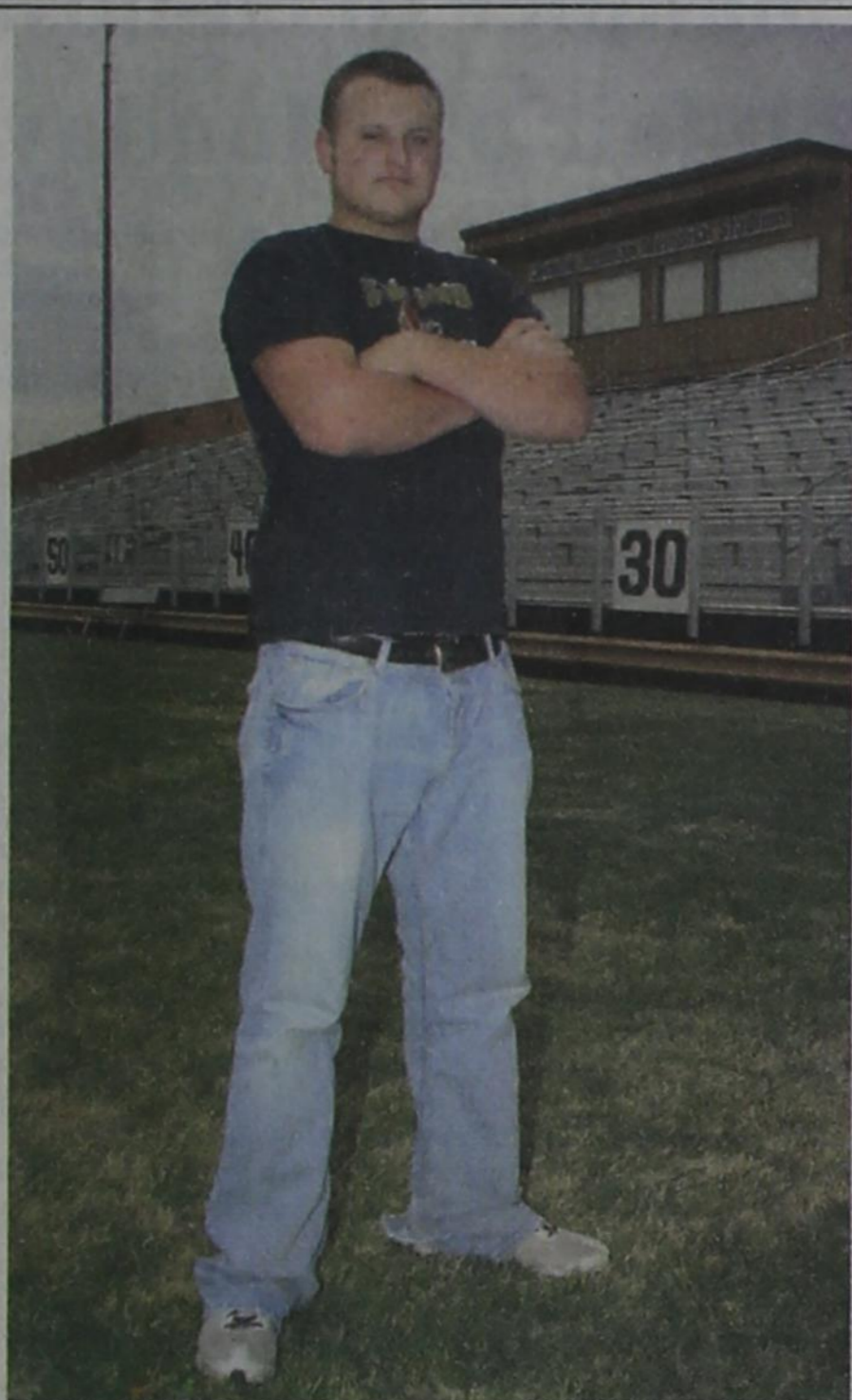


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Post Antelope Senior Jeremy Short is set to play in the ASCO West Texas Football Classic on June 7 at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. To be aired on UPN, money raised for the event will benefit the recovery of injured former football players. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

LAH water deal opens door for big development

Lubbock inks agreements authorizing sale of water, relaxation of Lake Alan Henry easement restrictions

by Sheri Lewis

The value of properties surrounding Lake Alan Henry could jump following last week's decisions by the City of Lubbock to relax the easement restrictions along the shoreline and allow the sale of raw water from the lake.

In what one LAH property owner described as a "miracle agreement," members of the Lubbock City Council voted unanimously in favor of a contract that modified the terms of the city's restrictive agreement that prevented property owners from erecting structures or facilities within the 300-foot shoreline easement.

The council's vote on the compromise settlement agreement took place during a May 8 council meeting and was approved Tuesday by 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht.

Eased Restrictions

Under the new agreement, property owners can add certain structures and upgrades to their shoreline properties; however, the additions must adhere to the specifications set forth by the city, according to Nevill Manning, a Lubbock attorney and LAH property owner who worked to help secure the agreement. Swim platforms, boat docks, cedar post arbors of specified sizes, stone and/or concrete patios of specified sizes, electric and water lines and certain pathways will be allowed, as will a community dock in

each of the four lake developments. Boats also will be allowed to remain overnight on the lake.

Prior to the agreement, such actions and improvements were restricted. As a result, the City of Lubbock had filed numerous lawsuits against individual LAH property owners who, having made such improvements to their properties, were said to be in violation of the city's easement restrictions.

With the implementation of the agreement, however, owners who have made previously-restricted improvements to their properties have 90 days to report the nonconforming facilities to the city-appointed Lake Alan Henry Variance Board, whose members include Odie Hood, Jim Boren Jr., Patsy Day, Robert Taylor Jr., Mercedes Young, Tom Windich and Roger Weaver. If such facilities are reported within the prescribed time period, they will be grandfathered in, according to reports.

Clyde Kitten, owner of North Ridge Development at the lake, said the agreement should put a stop to much of the litigation filed by the municipality, resulting in significant savings to the City of

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Incumbents win in city election, lose seats on Post school board

Local voters returned the incumbents to the Post City Council Saturday, but opted to usher in a pair of fresh faces to round out the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

In the municipal election, Tommy Basquez earned 46 votes to retain his Ward 3 council post, defeating Janet Dean, who had 35 votes, and former council member Josh Whiteley, who received 16 votes, according to reports from City Hall.

Incumbent James Easterling was the top vote-getter in a close Ward 4 race. Easterling had 71 votes, followed by Delbert Rudd's 67 and O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson's 56.

This week, Ferguson contacted City Hall to request a recount, which was conducted at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The results from the recount, which was witnessed by representatives for all three Ward 4 candidates, were identical to the vote counts recorded late Saturday, according to reports.

By law, a candidate who requests a recount must cover the costs of the effort if the recount shows no change from the original vote totals. Ferguson paid for the time judges spent in the Tuesday afternoon recount.

In the Post ISD election, challengers Randy Conner and Delton Osborn easily topped incumbents and longtime board members Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin in balloting to fill two open at-large school board seats.

Conner received 566 votes, according to reports from the district's administrative offices, while Osborn had 554. Kirkpatrick received 340 votes in the election, while Hardin earned 141.

'Crucible' run to end with Sunday matinee

"The Crucible," a historical drama penned by Arthur Miller, will conclude this weekend with performances set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Set in Salem, Mass., in the spring of 1692, the production demands the audience's undivided attention from beginning to end.

Topher Payne, a teacher at Frenship High School's theater department, is making his directorial debut at the Garza. Mitchell Britton, president of the Garza Theatre's board and a well-known actor on the local stage, is co-stage director for the production.

Cast members from Post include Zoe Kirkpatrick, Ric Walton, Zack Kocurek, Jay Young and Ira Lynne Kelley. Other cast members are Bethany Ratliff, Mitchell Britton, Christie Bradshaw, Becky Novak, Nancy Meyers, Dwayne Watson, Ashley Sexton, Courtney Bobo, Rick Powers, Matthew Shipley, Casey Lampe, Jen Watson and Jim Meyers.

Post Notes

Post Book Club to meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m., Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Papa Hemingway" a personal memoir by A. E. Hotchner. Anyone interested in expanding their reading experiences can attend. 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 or email Rosa@rubylanebooks.com.

Church of God selling enchilada plates

The Ladies of Church of God of Prophecy will be having a bake sale and enchilada plate sale on Friday, May 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 602 W. 14th street. Plates include 3 enchiladas, rice, beans and salad. \$6 each. Call in orders to 495-3644.

Homemade fried chicken dinner

Bethel Assembly will be selling homemade fried chicken dinners with mashed potatoes, green beans and bread on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Post school cafeteria. \$6 per plate.

Texas author to make local presentation

Texas author, Bill O'Neal, will make a presentation May 21 at 1 p.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main, outlining his next book which is set in the Post area. O'Neal, who is in Post conducting research will be at the bookstore until 3 p.m. Call 495-2665 for more information.

Reception honoring Toni Ammons

Please join us for retirement reception honoring Toni Ammons for her 21 years of dedicated service to Post ISD on Thursday, May 22 beginning at 3:45 p.m. The reception will be held in the Middle school library.

Academic Banquet moved to May 22

Post High School students who performed well in academics, band, and FFA will be honored at the Academic Banquet on Thursday, May 22 at the cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Following the meal the award ceremony will be presented in the Elementary auditorium. Parents of students involved will receive an invitation in the mail. Brisket will be provided but each student's family will be asked to bring a dish for eight: Freshman - salads; Sophomores - vegetables; Junior and Seniors - dessert.

End of the year band concert

The Pride of Post Band will perform in concert for the schools and community. The event will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 22 in the Elementary auditorium.

Chamber to host Job Fair

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce Solutions of the South Plains, will host the area's first job fair from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 19. Businesses can recruit new employees and showcase themselves to the community. The chamber will provide a booth (6-foot table and two chairs) free of charge to all chamber members interested in participating; a \$25 fee will be charged to all non-chamber members. Space is limited. Call Shawnette at 806-495-3461 to sign up or for more information.

Salute to 2008 Graduates

The Post Dispatch is now accepting sponsorships for graduates in its "Salute to the Class of 2008" special edition. Deadline for reserving sponsorships is at 5 p.m., Friday, May 16. The special edition will be published in the Friday, May 23 edition. The Salute includes graduating seniors from Borden County, Post and Southland high schools. To reserve a senior sponsorship (\$30) call 495-2816. More Post Notes on Page 5



2008 Post High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) members completing a successful year are (back row, left to right) Justin Tanner, Chase Greathouse, Ernest Saldivar, (front row) Brian Osborn, Brooke Morris, Tobe Palmer, Russ Morris, Nick Rodriguez, Kadie Dunn, Taylor Osborn, Mattie Smith, Sara Greer, Kari Dunn, Seth Babb, Mitchell James, Paden Babb, Blake Davis and Chase Odom. (Staff Photo by Merika Strivens)



Ground breaking for the new county jail brought out the symbolic shovels last week at the site north of Post near the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. At the event were (left to right) Sheriff Cliff Laws, County Attorney Les Acker, contractor Kendall Phinney, Judge Lee Norman, Commissioner Charles Morris, consultant James Parkey, Constable Daniel Yarbro, Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Isbell (back), Commissioner Mike Sanchez, Commissioner John Valdez, Commissioner Gary McDaniel and Post Area Chamber of Commerce president Thressa Harp. (Staff Photo by Merika Strivens)

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Tiffany Roxanne Hair and Robert Cole Golden

Tiffany Hair, Robert Golden set wedding date

Roger and Kathy Hair proudly announce the up-coming marriage of their daughter Tiffany Roxane Hair to Robert Cole Golden, the son of Robert and Judi Golden of Artesia, N.M. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Fulford Barn in Brownfield with a reception to follow.

Chamber to co-host job fair on Monday

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce Solutions South Plains, will host the area's first job fair on Monday.

The event was designed by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce as a response to the demand of area businesses needing full-time, part-time and seasonal employees.

The job fair will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 131 E. Main St. The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, United Supermarket, Golden Plains Care Center, Wells Fargo Bank, Brady's Package Store, FPL Energy-Post Wind Farm and McDonalds are a few businesses that will be available to discuss possible employment. Recruiters from the Army, Marines, Navy and National Guard also will be available.

Businesses that have shown interest in participating include Texas State Technical College/West Texas, South Plains Community Action and Mary Kay Consultant Elaine Hedges.

The chamber is accepting registrations from area employers wishing to highlight their employment opportunities. Employers from Post and surrounding communities are encouraged to participate. Registration for Post Area COC members is free. Non-members will be charged a \$25 registration fee.

The job fair is free to all job seekers.

Each registered employer will receive booth space and an exhibit table; refreshments will be served. Internet access and electrical outlets also will be available to those employers indicating the need for electricity and Internet capability.

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., employers seeking summer help will be given the opportunity to meet with local high school juniors and seniors seeking summer jobs.

Blood drive Monday at Elementary School

A community blood drive will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the elementary school.

"It is important to come together as a community to help one another," said Ciminie Palacios of United Blood Services.

Palacios is urging Post area residents to donate blood.

"We're hoping to see many familiar faces, as well as people who have donated in the past and were tuned away last time for one reason or another," she said.

Typical reasons for temporary deferrals from blood donations include traveling to malarial areas or temporarily taking certain medications such as antibiotics.

"We'll do a health history and mini physical to make sure it's OK for you to give," she said.

Blood donated through the drive will be utilized in hospitals throughout the area.

To donate, a donor must be at least 17 years of age and in good health. People who have given at least three times - with one of those donations in the past six months - are eligible for a streamlined health interview with fewer questions.

Each donor should bring a photo ID and UBS Donor Card; first-time donors will receive a card in the mail shortly after their first donation.

UBS provides free cholesterol testing on each donation. Potential donors may schedule appointments by logging onto www.UnitedBloodServices.org.

Coby Jones earns TTU bachelor's degree

Coby Jones received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, during the university's May 10 commencement exercises at the United Spirit Arena.

Jones earned his degree through the College of Agriculture of National Resources, Department of Animal and Food Sciences, while majoring in food science (science option) with a minor in chemistry.

Attending the ceremony were Greg, Channa, Skylar and Pake Jones; Hal and Brenda Baker; Charles and Ruby Williams; Wayland and Margaret Jones; Wynelle Croft; Guin, Charla and Chase Miller; and other family members and friends.

Jones and his wife, Mandy, will reside in Kansas City where he will be employed with EcoLab.

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Shotgun Project

Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club.

District Horse Show

The District 2 Horse Show is scheduled for June 16-17.

2008 4-H Electric Camp

The location for Electric Camp is going to change. Scott Able Camp in New Mexico is closed and district is working on finding another place to hold the camp. It is still scheduled for June 23-27 and registered 4-Hers will continue to be certified until the very last moment. Online registration on 4-H Connect must be completed by May 31.

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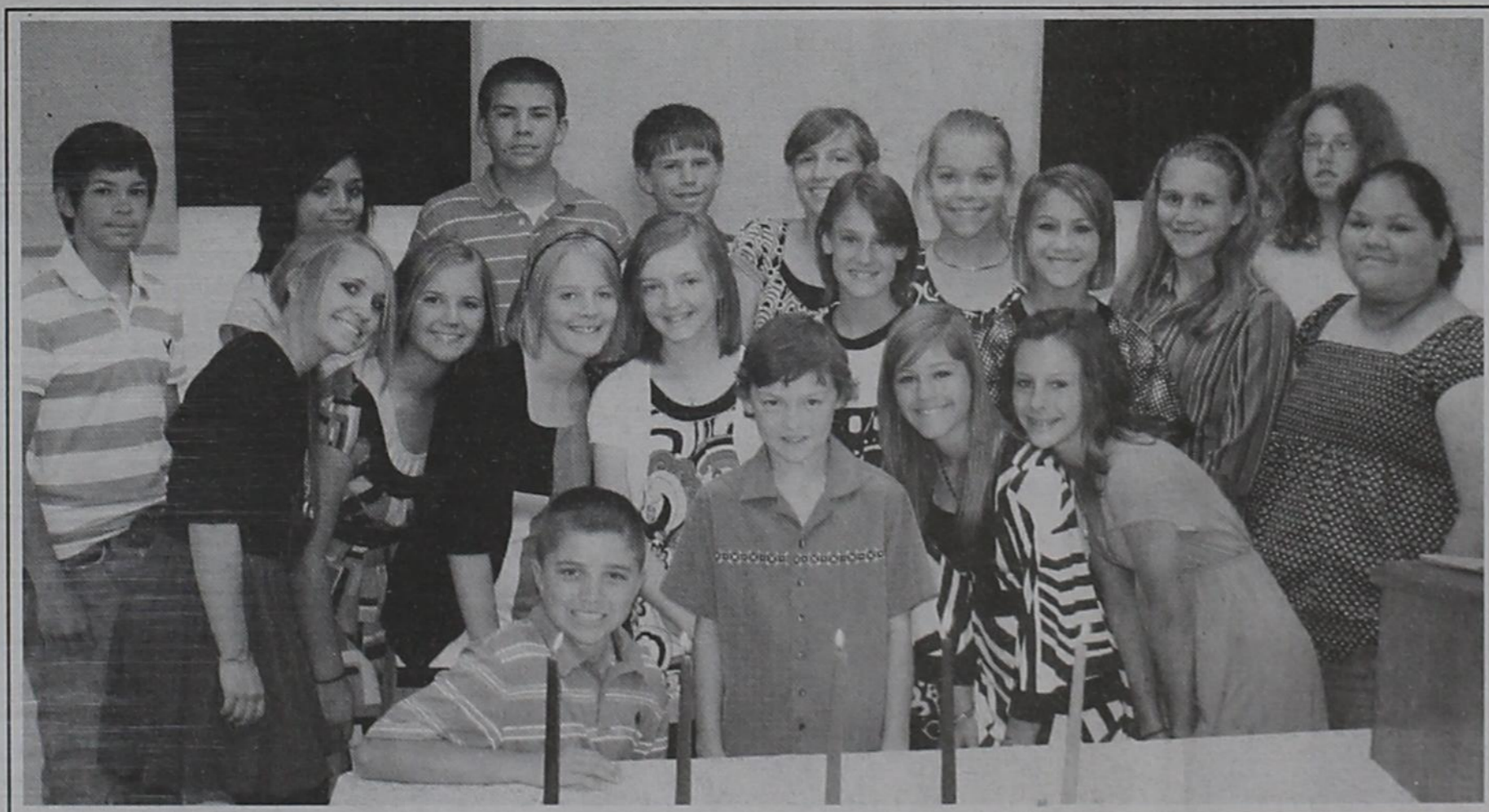
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Congratulations Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society



We salute these Post Middle School students recently inducted to the National Junior Honor Society: (back row, left to right) Dakota McDonald, Denisse Rodriguez, Aaron Macy, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Taylor Osborn, Sara Greer, Andree Williams, (middle row) Maidson Cash, Kambry Mason, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, Matti Smith, Haily Berry, Miley McGee, Amanda Duran, (front row) Dalton Holly, Nolan Prather, Macie Meritt and Morgan Deen.



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Ragtown Gospel Theater stages special presentation honoring Mary Raphael

May 31 will be an exciting evening at Ragtown Gospel Theater. Former Post Elementary teacher Mary Raphael will be honored with a special presentation -- a wing of the building will be named in her honor.

An informal reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the theater, located just west of Post. Additionally, there will be a free performance of the current production of "Mary, Mother of the Lord."

"It is going to be a fun evening, with the reception, gospel music, the play and a few other surprises," said Glenn Polk, artistic director for the theater. "Mary Raphael has been an extremely influential person in my life. She was my fourth grade teacher and gave me my first role in a play. When we began building Ragtown Gospel Theater, Mary was on our team from the very beginning. She was the first member of our board of directors and was our very first investor. Mary was also our first benefactor and has been such a wonderful supporter throughout the whole process of building this beautiful place."

A specific portion of the building has been named the Mary Raphael Hall of Honor. The names of every person or business that has contributed to the project are listed.

Unlike other institutions, where graduated amounts are given a more prestigious place or plaque, all names will be listed side by side at Ragtown Gospel Theater.

"We have school children who have donated \$5. Their names will be right beside someone who has donated \$25,000," Polk said. "The most important thing is that each one of us can feel that we are a part of something so much larger than ourselves... and know that we helped make this wonderful place happen."

"As others contribute, their names will be added to the Mary Raphael Hall of Honor. I would love to have the entire population of Garza County on that wall. What a wonderful testimony. The amount does not matter. We would love for everyone to be a part. Mainly, we want to show this woman and everyone who comes through our doors what Mary began in us when we were 9 years old."

Raphael and her husband, Herman Raphael, were teachers in the Post Independent School District for many years. She taught elementary school, while he was a junior high school coach. Always a coach at heart, Herman Raphael taught many future Antelopes, including those beginning fundamentals of football and basketball. He also served in the capacity of principal at Post Middle School for several years. After teaching in elementary school for several years, she became a special education teacher.

"Mary has always been excited about life," said Chip Polk. "She has never been content with the status quo... and is always eager to learn about something new. I think that is an extremely unique quality. Although I was not privileged to have her as a teacher, she has always been a part of my life. The thing that is intriguing about Mary Raphael is that she is and always has been such a dynamic lady. Obviously she has been as excited about this project as we are. She gets a gleam in her eye when she talks about Ragtown Gospel Theater

and has brought many groups with her to experience this place. That fire and excitement has never dimmed. If you don't believe it, just ask her a question about Ragtown Gospel

Theater. Then... get ready!" The public is invited to attend this event, which coordinators hope will fill the facility to capacity. Although there is no admission charge, the

house manager would like some idea as to how many to expect so that preparations can be made. Those planning to attend are encouraged to call the theater at 495-0088.

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Kathryn Villalon

Kathryn Villalon advances to national contest

Kathryn Villalon received a Merit Award for her keyboard solo and qualified for a national competition after competing in the Fine Arts Festival conducted April 25 at Southwestern University in Waxedachie.

In the competition, which was hosted by the Gulf Latin American District, Villalon qualified to compete in the Aug. 8 national contest at Charlotte, N.C.

She is the daughter of Vicente and Ruth Villalon of Post.

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Diane Graves Honored at Retirement Reception

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The "New Politics": Squaring the Circle

by Sheldon Richman

How many times will people be fooled by a presidential contender's claim that he is a "new kind of politician"?

Sen. Barack Obama has made this the centerpiece of his campaign. He strives to hold himself above the partisan fray and talks about "changing Washington." As a result, some people look on Obama as a savior who needs to be given a chance to deliver us from the muck of gutter partisanship. His promise is nothing if not extravagant.

"We want a politics that reflects our core decency," Obama says. A politics that reflects decency would seem as likely as a square circle, but let's give the man his say. In the speech that launched his campaign last year, he staked out his niche, acknowledging that we have heard all this before:

I know there are those who don't believe we can do all these things. I understand the skepticism. After all, every four years, candidates from both parties make similar promises, and I expect this year will be no different.

All of us running for president will travel around the country offering ten-point plans and making grand speeches; all of us will trumpet those qualities we believe make us uniquely qualified to lead the country. But too many times, after the election is over, and the confetti is swept away, all those promises fade from memory, and the lobbyists and the special interests move in, and people turn away, disappointed as before, left to struggle on their own.

That is why this campaign can't only be about me. It must be about us — it must be about what we can do together. This campaign must be the occasion, the vehicle, of your hopes, and your dreams.

Nice words, but they have trouble withstanding scrutiny. Obama is right. There's nothing new about the "new politics." Someone is always running for president by campaigning against Washington. Mitt Romney did it. John McCain says he's doing it. Many did it before them. So why does Obama get treated as though he's the first?

More important, why does anyone believe he will deliver where others have failed?

There's little reason to expect this because, in substance, Obama's program is about as new as sliced bread. Does his platform break new ground in any way? No, it doesn't. He offers the same stale political answers to the perennial questions about poverty, medical care, energy, Social Security, education, and national security. In every case, his answer is: the government will fix it.

But what is government? It's compulsion. Underlying Obama's siren song of unity, bipartisanship, and cooperation is the reality of physical force. When government acts, someone gets coerced. How does Obama propose to give medical coverage to the uninsured? By forcing the taxpayers to subsidize it.

How does he propose to replace fossil fuels? By forcing the taxpayers to pay companies to develop alternatives. How does he propose to fix Social Security? By forcing some people to pay more. How does he propose to improve education? By forcing the taxpayers to finance more programs. How does he propose to protect America? By forcing Americans to maintain a global empire, which is the source of so much hostility.

There's a term for Obama's program, which was coined by the French liberal Frédéric Bastiat: legal plunder.

Meanwhile, Obama shows no appreciation for what the free market — that is, free individuals cooperating to achieve diverse ends — can accomplish. Has he once blamed government interference with economic freedom for creating or aggravating a problem? If so, it's not made the news.

"I got into this race to change how business is done in Washington," he says. He is being either naive or disingenuous. If government is going to tax, borrow, and hand out \$3 trillion a year, there is no way to stop well-connected interests from gaming the system to get its hands on the money. There's a reason why other attempts at the "new politics" have failed. Obama is promising to square the circle.

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.

Opinions



Congressional problem creation

by Walter E. Williams

Most of the great problems we face are caused by politicians creating solutions to problems they created in the first place. Politicians and a large percentage of the public lose sight of the unavoidable fact that for every created benefit, there's also a created cost or, as Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman put it, "There's no free lunch." While the person who receives the benefit might not pay or even be aware of the cost, but as sure as night follows day, there is a cost borne by someone. Let's look at a couple of congressionally created problems.

The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, whose provisions were strengthened during the Clinton and Bush administrations, is a federal law that mandates or intimidates lenders to offer credit throughout their entire market and discourages them from restricting their credit services to high-income markets, a practice known as redlining. The Community Reinvestment Act encouraged banks and thrifts to make so-called "no doc" and "liar" loans to customers who had no realistic ability to pay them back. A decade of monetary expansion by the Federal Reserve Bank, contributing to the housing bubble, encouraged lending institutions to take risks they otherwise would not have taken. Government actions created the subprime crisis and now government-proposed "solutions," such as foreclosure holidays, bailouts and further regulation of financial institutions, to the problems they created will create more problems.

Congress, doing the bidding of environmental extremists, created our energy supply problem. Oil and gas exploration in a tiny portion of the coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would, according to a 2002 U.S. Geological Survey's estimate, increase our proven domestic oil reserves by approximately 50 percent. The Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and eastern Gulf of Mexico offshore areas have enormous reserves of oil and natural gas. These energy sources of oil have also been placed off limits by Congress. Because of onerous regulations, it has been 30-plus years since a new refinery has been built. Similar regulations also explain why the U.S. nuclear energy production is a fraction of what it might be.

Congress' solution to our energy supply problems is not to relax supply restrictions but to enact the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 that mandates that oil companies increase the amount of ethanol mixed with gasoline. Anyone with an ounce of brains would have realized that diverting crops from food to fuel use would raise the prices of a host of corn-related foods, such as corn-fed meat and dairy products. Wheat and soybeans prices have also risen as a result of fewer acres being planted in favor of corn. A Purdue University study found that the ethanol program has cost consumers \$15 billion in higher food costs in 2007 and it will be considerably higher in 2008. Higher food prices, as a result of the biofuels industry, have not only affected the U.S. consumer, they have had international consequences as seen in the food riots that have broken out in Egypt, Haiti, Yemen, Bangladesh and other nations.

What's the congressional response? On May 1, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, convened a hearing on rising food prices saying, "The anxiety felt over higher food prices is going to be just as widespread, and will equal or surpass, the anger and frustrations so many Americans have about higher gas prices." Congress' proposed "solutions" to the energy and food mess they've created include a windfall profits tax on oil companies, a gasoline tax holiday for the summer, increases in the food stamp program and foreign food aid. These measures will not solve the problem but will create new problems.

Americans are rightfully angry about higher energy and food prices but their anger should be directed toward the true villains — the Congress and the White House.

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Big Government Responsible for Housing Bubble

by Congressman Ron Paul

The House passed two bills attempting to rehabilitate the housing and mortgage market this week. There doesn't seem to be any shortage of criticism and blame for the bad decisions, and rightly so. Lenders and banks do share much of the blame for the overheated market.

Lending standards were relaxed, or even abandoned altogether, creating an exaggerated pool of homebuyers that led to ballooning home prices that many, especially real estate investors, expected to continue forever. Now that the bubble has burst, the losses are staggering.

However, many in Washington fail to realize it was government intervention that brought on the current economic malaise in the first place. The Federal Reserve's artificially low interest rates created the loose, easy credit that ignited a voracious appetite in the banks for borrowers.

People made these lending and buying decisions based on market conditions that were wildly manipulated by government. But part of sound financial management should be recognizing untenable or falsified economic conditions and adjusting risk accordingly. Many banks failed to do that and are now looking to taxpayers to pick up the pieces. This is wrong-headed and unfair, but Congress is attempting to do it anyway.

These housing bills address the crisis in exactly the wrong way, by seeking to hide the problem with more disastrous government bail-outs and interventions. One measure, HR 5830 the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Housing Stabilization and Homeowner Retention Act would allow the FHA to guarantee as much as \$300 billion worth of refinanced home loans for those facing threat of foreclosure.

HR 5818 the Neighborhood Stabilization Act, would provide \$15 billion in loans and grants to localities to purchase and renovate foreclosed homes with the object of then selling or renting out those homes. Thankfully, President Bush has vowed to veto both of these bills. It is neither morally right nor fiscally wise to socialize private losses in this way.

The solution is for government to stop micromanaging the economy and let the market adjust, as painful as that will be for some. We should not force taxpayers, including renters and more frugal homeowners, to switch places with the speculators and take on those same risks that bankrupted them.

It is a terrible idea to spread the financial crisis any wider or deeper than it already is, and to prolong the agony years into the future. Socializing the losses now will only create more unintended consequences that will give new excuses for further government interventions in the future.

This is how government grows - by claiming to correct the mistakes it earlier created, all the while constantly shaking down the taxpayer. The market needs a chance to correct itself, and Congress needs to avoid making the situation worse by pretending to ride to the rescue.

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Lubbock and its taxpayers. The move also should have a positive environmental impact on the lake, he said.

"After all, who has more of a vested interest in protecting this lake than these property owners?" Kitten said.

"I think everybody won from that perspective," said Manning.

In July, officials with North Ridge Development and several of its property owners set about to negotiate with Lubbock city officials for some changes in the restrictions. The negotiations were about obtaining a "reasonable use of property," Manning said, and "reasonable access to the lake."

Under the leadership of Lubbock Mayor David Miller, city officials involved in the negotiations included council members Phyllis Jones and Jim Gilbreath; city manager Lee Ann Dumbauld; and city attorneys Anita Burgess and Richard Castner.

Initial members of the LAH Mediation Committee included Kitten, Manning, Robert Taylor Jr., Rick Dykes, Joe Marts, Jim Purrell and Dr. Garry Pollack. Additional members included Lindsey Masso, Bob Payne, Rusty Eberly, John Frullio, John Norton, John Ward and Larry Wharton.

John Simpson served as mediator.

What resulted was the compromise settlement agreement, which represents a formal contract between the City of Lubbock and claimants "acting by and through the North Ridge Homeowners Association, the Oak Canyon Homeowners Association, the Rio Brazos Homeowners Association and the Rio Brazos Lakeshore Property Association," according to documentation. The list of claimants actually included more than 90 percent of the lake's property owners, or about 300 individuals.

Prior to the agreement, Lake Alan Henry was "not a user-friendly lake," Manning said. However, the eased restrictions will significantly change the lake's accessibility to both visitors and property owners.

"It's definitely going to increase the tax base a lot," he said.

Kitten, who already has sold the bulk of his North Ridge shoreline lots, said the city's move to allow swim platforms and boat docks was "huge."

Post residents earn honors at Wayland

A pair of Post residents were tapped for honors following the spring term at Wayland Baptist University.

Leah Quisenberry and Vincent Robles were named to the President's List for a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester, according to a university press release.

Quisenberry is the daughter of David and Tammie Quisenberry, while Robles is the son of David and Rebecca Robles.

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"We've had a lot of people who looked (at property) and didn't buy because of the access issue," he said. "That's definitely going to change."

Initial Water Sales

Another significant change to be realized, thanks to another agreement authorized during last week's Lubbock City Council meeting, is the sale of the first water to be drawn from Lake Alan Henry.

North Ridge's water district, the South Garza Water Supply Corp., has contracted with the Lake Alan Henry Water District to purchase up to 515 acre feet of raw water, or 150 million to 160 million gallons, each year, Kitten said. After the first 20 acre feet, the SGWSC will pay \$1.81 per 1,000 gallons for the raw water drawn from the lake.

The water will be treated and initially made available to North Ridge property owners, who currently rely on well water, and the Sam Wahl Recreation Area. The contract specifies that the water will be sold for domestic use only.

Under the 20-year contract, the water supply corporation has agreed to sell treated water to the City of Lubbock for the operation of the city's restroom facility at the recreation area.

The SGWSC will invest 100 percent of the cost - an estimated \$1 million to \$1.5 million - in the infrastructure required to transport and treat the water, Kitten said.

"I wanted to get the water before it was lost," he said, noting that the

LAHWD has been in existence for four years, but has taken no action to begin treating or selling water from the lake.

If finances and conditions allow, the SGWSC eventually could expand to serve the water needs of other consumers in Garza County's Precinct 4. However, the corporation will not be able to make water available to the City of Post because of restrictions put in place by the state legislature.

While it is not yet clear when water sales will begin, Kitten said he hopes to have the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's approval on plans for the water treatment plant and related infrastructure in about six months.

Growth Predicted

With enhanced accessibility to the lake and the promise of water availability, Kitten said he sees nothing but growth ahead for the Lake Alan Henry area.

Not only should property values increase, he said, but property owners and visitors alike will benefit once lake water is treated and made available, enhancing the safety and enjoyment of the "West Texas gem."

"Really, we need to praise the City of Lubbock," Kitten said. "Everybody gains from this thing - I gain, Garza County gains, all the property owners gain. It's a good-for-everybody thing, basically a common-sense thing."

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Post High School Scholarships

Post High School will present scholarship awards during the graduation ceremony on May 30 at 8 p.m. in Antelope Arena. If you or your organization would like to give a scholarship this year please contact the counselor, Terry Read, at 495-2770 for more details.

Benefit for Joe Sanchez family

Everyone is invited for BBQ Saturday, May 24 at the VFW hall on the Clairmont Highway starting at 10 a.m. Plates are \$7 each and will be available for take out orders. There will also be baked goods available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to offset medical costs for Joe's wife. For more information please contact JW Jolly at 620-0262 or Chuck Ratiff at 495-2026.

First Annual Middle School Awards Show

Everyone is invited to the First Annual Middle School Primetime End of Year Awards Show (FAMSPEYAS). The presentation will be held Friday, May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary auditorium. Students will be honored for their accomplishments during the 2007-2008 school year.

New hours for Post Public Library

Beginning on Monday, May 5 the Post Public Library will be open Monday-Friday, 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Swimming pool opens June 3

Summer is almost here! The public swimming pool will be opening on Tuesday, June 3. Hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. If you would like to make reservations or if you are a lifeguard, please contact Trudy at 544-1862. Lifeguards need to call before May 30.

Mr and Miss Firecracker pageant planned

Mini Mr and Miss Firecracker and Little Mr and Miss Firecracker Pageant is scheduled for July 4th at the City Park at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Ages: Mini Division - 2-4 years old; Little - 5-6 years old. Your child must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2008. For more information and to pick up a questionnaire, contact Bunny Lynch at 620-0051 or Diane Poe at 495-2456. Deadline is June 23.

PCM Plans "Street Party" June 7th

Post City Merchants will have their 4th annual "Street Party" Saturday June 7th. Vendors are invited to come and sell their "wares". For more information, call Donna Degan @ 495-0888 or pick up a form at Plum Crazy 220 E. Main.

1981 & 1982 Class Reunion planned

The Post High School graduating class of 1981 and 1982 have scheduled a class reunion on Saturday, August 9 beginning at 12 p.m. at the VFW. RSVP by July 20. For more information contact Barry Morris at 495-2454, Chita (Mason) Hataway at 549-0732 or Laurie (Belongia) Odom at 549-5323.

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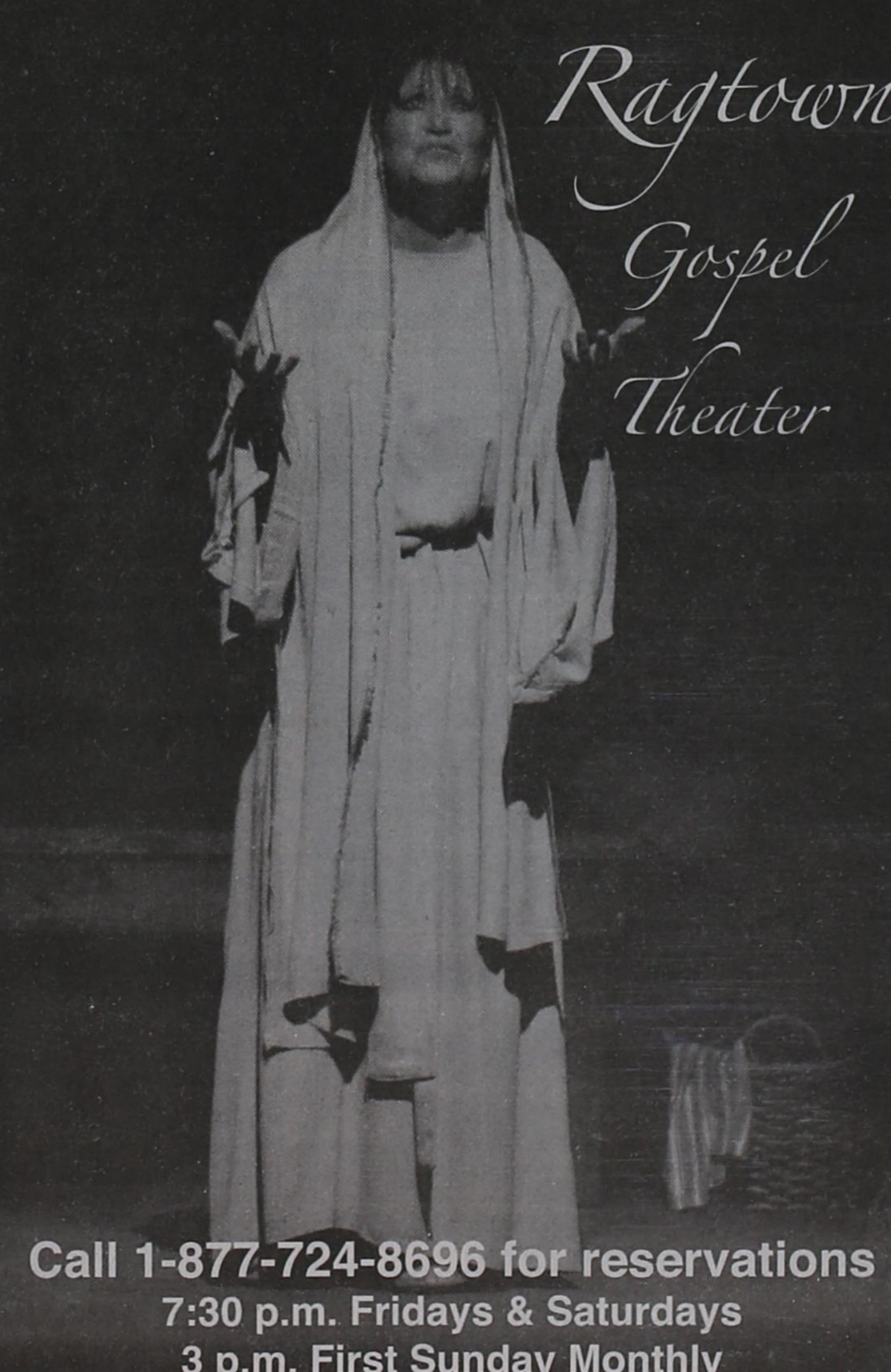
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Thanks to EMS supporters

As we enter into the month of May and approach EMS Week, the Post-Garza County EMS would like to take the time to honor our family members who have given just as much as we have to the service.

The number of hours spent alone while their loved ones are out on the streets taking care of the sick and injured is immeasurable. As we think of what God has enabled us to do and are very proud of the opportunity to serve, we think of our families who sacrifice so many things. Vacation time, weekend getaways, relaxing fun trips to Lubbock all come to mind. Pulling the steaks off the grill and fixing the plates and just sitting down with the family for an evening meal and then the pagers go off – it has happened more than just a few times.

Our family members may not be the ones taking the calls and dealing with the heartache of "the bad call," but they still are sacrificing their time so we can give our time.

We want to publicly express our sincere thanks to our family members who have given their all so we can give our all on every call: Jo Thomas, wife of paramedic Wayne Thomas; Jacie, Ragin, Bailey and Logan, daughters of paramedics Rodney and Reshea Tidwell; Donna and Klint, wife and son of paramedic Kelly Baker; Nichole, Haden and Kye, wife and sons of paramedic Jason Powell; Joey, Christian, Jayci and J'Lynn, husband, son and daughters of paramedic Dawne Stone; and Tricia, wife of intermediate Ronnie Metzgar.

Also, Shawn, son of intermediate Larinda Ledbetter; Joe and Almira, parents of Joseph Sanchez; Hadie and Datch, daughter and son of EMTs Doug and Melissa Flanigan; Clyde and the late Sue Cash, parents of EMT Cara Cash; Will and Matthew, Mia and Jady, sons and grandchildren of EMTs Dana Tanner and Wayne Smith; Coby and Paige, son and daughter of EMT Norma Garza; Jerry and Marinette, parents of EMT Jerin Tyler; and Angie, Katlyn and Jayson, wife, daughter and son of ECA Brent Meyer. All have made a tremendous sacrifice for the sake of the sick and injured in Post and Garza County.

We also would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the babysitters who have had to come early and stay late to watch our children while we complete the calls.

At this present time, there is no way our service can afford a full-paid staff, so we must rely on volunteers to make things happen. We are able to only because of generous employers and co-workers who allow employees time off or co-workers who help cover the workload while we make emergency runs. Not every time the pager goes off can an employee leave their work to go on a call and this is understood, but for the times that is allowed, we are very grateful and thankful.

Most of the night calls are covered without any problems, but since our volunteers work during the day to make a living we have trouble getting shifts covered. We are grateful for the daytime employers who will sacrifice and allow their employee (our volunteer) to take off to make the emergency call.

We want to take the time to thank the United States Postal Service, The George R. Brown Partnership, Roger Hair, Post Independent School District, Garza County Sheriff's Department, Kennedy Ranch, MTC and Pizza Hut for giving your employees time to help those who need it most during the day.

Post-Garza County EMS personnel

What fun it was!

The spaghetti supper, games, live music night was quite a success at the Garza County Trailblazers. A hearty thank-you to the businesses and individuals that donated items to be given away as door prizes: Post Auto Parts, Wells Fargo, Citizens Bank, Higginbotham's, Porter Hardware and United Supermarket. Other items donated by Robert Chennault, Voda Beth Gradine, Lana McGee, Betsy Ferguson, Kent Carlisle and some were anonymous.

This party was designed for folks just to come and eat, play games and listen to some good music by Joan Forman, Noel White, Bill Harp and Ferg.

This was for the people to have a good time – no dues, fees or donations were required. Jim Prather supplied the food; Betsy, Cindy, Wanda and others helped him with the legwork. Thanks to the ladies cooking the sweet stuff. They know how to do it up right. Jim Prather was given a plaque honoring him as the Ramrod. It will hang on the wall at the Trailblazers Center with a new name added every quarter.

Everyone seemed to enjoy himself or herself. We plan to do this every quarter, with the next one coming up in August – same type party, just different type of food.

We had approximately 80 people attending the event. Thanks to everyone. We hope to see everyone at our next event in August, plus some more.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We did get some more rain last week. Every little bit helps. The farmers are in the fields hard at it getting ready to put seed in the ground.

We had our annual stockholders meeting last week with a great turnout, feeding approximately 140 people. Riversmith's of Lubbock catered the meal. We heard the financial report from Joe Hays. We also heard from our regional representatives from PCCA, Farmers Co-op Compress and PYCO Industries. We gave away several door prizes donated by various businesses. Tino Alaniz, Ronnie Dunn and Robbie Wilke were elected to fill the open positions for director. Our directors are Tino, Ronnie, Robbie, Mike Aten, Lee Norman, Chan Thomas and Charles Morris. I want to send out a huge thank-you to Andra Dunn and Julie Aten for helping me get everything ready for the meeting, also to Nancy Morris and Kimberly Yarbrow for helping to print pictures for our picture board.

Robert and Patsy Craig traveled to Collage Station last week to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Laura. Laura graduated from A&M on May 11 and is the daughter of Bob Craig.

Hailey Alaniz turned six years old on May 11. She celebrated her birthday with a party and about 25 kids including her little brother, Eric Jace. Hailey lives in Barksdale, La., with her parents, Eric and DeeDee Alaniz. She is the granddaughter of Tino and Linda Alaniz of Close City.

The Charles Morris Family took their annual fishing trip to Lake Brownwood last week. They left last Wednesday and returned on Sunday. Enjoying the trip were Charles and Sharron of Close City; Tim and Diane Morris of Midland; Chuck, Kristie, Dylan and Rylan Morris of Close City; and Kayla Morris of San Angelo. Barry, Amy and Brooke stayed home so Brooke could play softball.

The Childs clan all met up in Lubbock on Saturday to celebrate Emilee Ellis' first birthday. Emilee is the daughter of Tad and Rhianna Ellis. They all enjoyed the "rubber ducky" theme party and, of course, watching the birthday girl open her presents. On Sunday they all gathered at Lois' home for Mother's Day. Special guest on Sunday was Lois' grandson, Skipper, who just returned from Iraq. Skipper and his wife, Connie, live in Lubbock.

Jerry Don and Barba McCampbell of Roswell, N.M., stopped by to visit. They were on their way to Houston to visit with their son, Eric, and his family. While here they enjoyed lunch at Jerry and Judy Bush's home. Others joining them were Daymon and Barbra Ethridge.

Visitors: We had a wonderful surprise out here last week. Megan Bush Everitt and her daughter, Xan, came by to visit with us before heading home to South Carolina. It was great to see them both. Bill Case of Post and Pete Maddox of Brownwood came by to say hello. They usually head over to visit with Dillard Morris when they are out this way. Ronnie Gradine stopped in on Monday. W.O. Fluitt, aka Uncle Dub, came out to buy a cap for a friend of his.

Remember our folks in the nursing home: Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock.

Pray for good weather to come and that our troops come safely home.

Birthdays

- May 16 -- Traci Freeman
- May 18 -- Steffi Norman
- May 20 -- Josh Bush

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.

Severe weather safety tips

As we all know, severe weather season is upon us. It can be unpredictable and very dangerous.

I would like to remind everyone of a few simple safety tips in the event we are faced with severe weather conditions.

- If you are indoors:
 - Abandon mobile homes since they offer little protection, even when tied down.
 - Go to a basement or interior room on the lowest floor (bathroom of closet without windows or under stairs). Get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
 - Cover yourself with a mattress or blanket.
 - If you have time, put bicycle helmets on children; put on sturdy shoes; find your purse, wallet and keys and keep them with you; put infants in car seats; turn up the volume on your television or radio.
- Do not open windows.
- If you are in a vehicle:
 - If the roads and traffic permit free movement, it is almost always possible to outrun a tornado.
 - If you can see the tornado and can tell which way it is moving, drive perpendicular to its movement.
 - If there is time, abandon your car and get into a permanent building.
 - Do not hide under overpasses. They provide no shelter and increase your danger.
 - Lie flat in a ditch (last resort).
- If you are outdoors:
 - Find a culver or cave.
 - Find something to hang on to.
 - Lie flat in a ditch (last resort).
 - Cover your head.

These safety tips were taken from the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Again, they are just simple safety tips. Remember, severe weather can strike at any time and is unpredictable. Remember, be safe and stay inside if severe weather is around us.

Thanks,
Michael D. Isbell
Garza Co./City of Post
Emergency Management



The recent open house and Pastmasters Nite at the Post Masonic Lodge included a 40 year award to Pat Sullivan and Bill Case. Joining in the ceremony were (left to right) John Sullivan, Pat Sullivan, W.M. Paul Beebe, Bill Case and Nita Case.

Chamber Corner

by Shawnette Hinkle

• Business of the Week – Platinum Member Don Poteet. Although relatively new to Post, he is a strong supporter of the community.

• Spring job fair Monday – More than a dozen employers have registered for the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce of the South Plains, job fair on Monday. We still have space available, so if your business is interested please give Shawnette a call at 495-3461 as soon as possible.

• Meet Texas author Bill O'Neal – Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main St. The author of 16 books, O'Neal's latest is "The Bloody Legacy of Pink Higgins." He will be in Post conducting research for his next book, which is set in the Post area and is a follow up to the Sims-Johnson feud story.

Official Court Records

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department: Garza County District Court

May 6
• Sophia Martinez Castillo, charged with tampering with a government record, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to six years probation. Fined \$1,500 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs and \$300 in attorney's fees.

• Damon Dewayne Curtis, charged with DWI with two or more convictions, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation. Fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay \$561 in court costs.

• Damon Dewayne Curtis, judgment revoking community supervision, a state jail felony. Plea: true. Sentenced to 12 months in the state jail. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay court costs of \$548 and \$123.25 in restitution.

May 5
• Katrina L. Hawken, driving while license suspended, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to three days in the county jail. Fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

• Serafin Lopez, charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five days in the county jail. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$373 in court costs.

• Christopher Rangel, charged with failure to notify/report, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$500 in restitution.

• Startlett Greathouse, charged with assault, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

• Bobby Keith Moore, charged with assault, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation with 50 hours of community service. Fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

April 29
• Carlos Javier Corona, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution (plus \$25 service fee).

• Michael Bryan Fuhre, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution (plus \$25 service fee).

• Richard Edwin Heinz, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

• George Rivera Jr., charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$800 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

• Daniel Mart Chancellor, charged with resisting arrest, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. No fine, but ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

Southland ISD News

by Brad Ellison

Events for this Week
• Pride Side trip to Six Flags -- Friday we will leave at 4:15 a.m and return around 2 a.m. Saturday.

Events for Next Week
• High school awards on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
• Secondary Field Day – Thursday, all day.
• Senior trip to Lubbock – all day on Thursday
• SHAC meeting at 3 p.m. in the library
• Elementary Field Day, Friday, May 23
Thought for the Week

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Obituaries

Jack Alexander

Services for Jack Alexander, 73, of Post were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Elizabeth Abraham officiating, assisted by Minister Travis Sweet and the Rev. Jon Foster.

He died May 8 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Born in Post on Sept. 9, 1934, he graduated from Floydada High School in 1953 and from Texas Tech in 1957. He obtained his master's degree from East Texas State University in Commerce and served two years in the U.S. Army prior to returning to Post to teach school. He married Sandra Faulk in 1965. For 22 years he taught in elementary, junior high and high school and served as elementary school principal. Later he was employed by the First National Bank, retiring from the bank in 1994.

Following his retirement, he became a licensed Disciples of Christ minister and served as pastor for the First Christian Church until his death. For a number of years he served as pastor of both the Spur and Post churches.

A member of the Rotary Club, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the club. He served as president of the Post Chamber of Commerce and in 1977 was recognized as Citizen of the Year. He served on the board of directors for the Garza Theatre for many years. For more than 20 years he served as a board member and



president for both the Garza County Hospital District and the South Plains Community Action Association. He also served as a city councilman for the City of Post. As president of the Garza County Trailblazers, he was instrumental in raising funds for the Trailblazers' new facility.

Prior to his death, he was serving as president of the Post Museum board of directors, president of the Caprock Cultural Association and a member of the Garza County Appraisal District board of directors.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; his daughters, Tyra Rasberry and her husband, Mitchel, of Lubbock and Sara Parrott and her husband, Joshua Parrott, of Odessa; his grandsons, Ross and Reese Rasberry and Jaxon, Landon and Lincon Parrott; a granddaughter, Emyrson (Emy) Parrott; his sisters, Wedia Harkins and her husband, Bill, of Corinth, Sherre Nance and her husband, Gary, of Arlington, and Jan Barnett and her husband, Jerry, of Arlington; and numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ross Graham Alexander, and his mother, Irene Dempsey Alexander.

Pallbearers were Curtis Hudman, Charles Hardin, Bud Davis, Leslie Acker, Joe Smith, Ray Bagby, Bob Zivek and Preston Poole.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Collier and Stanley Butler. His five grandsons served as honorary junior pallbearers.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the First Christian Church, the Caprock Cultural Association or the Garza County Trailblazers.

Grace Saldivar

Mass for Grace Saldivar, 80, of Lubbock was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace

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Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died May 8 at VistaCare in Lubbock.

Born May 9, 1927, in Chichasha, Okla., to Sam and Adriana Ramirez, she married Corky Saldivar Sr. on April 14, 1947, in Post. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Leroy Saldivar of San Antonio, Jerry Saldivar of Lubbock, Danny Saldivar of Lubbock and Corky Saldivar Jr., of Harlingen; four daughters, Irene Celaya of Katy, Virginia Saldivar of Lubbock, Debbie Hernandez of Post and Ann Marie Gonzales of San Antonio; three brothers, Paulino Ramirez, Polo Ramirez and Hiberto Ramirez, all of Lubbock; one sister, Cucs Ortega of New Deal; 28 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Pallbearers were Michael Saldivar, Steven Saldivar, Corbin Saldivar, Brandon Hernandez, Nick Saldivar, Robert Saldivar, Bruce Saldivar and Phillip Hernandez.

Honorary pallbearers were Karla Cruz, Adale Cisneros, Sonia Juarez, Amber Hernandez, Stephanie Saldivar, Dora Gonzales and Devin Hernandez.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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Fruit of the spirit ... joy

Joy, the second spiritual fruit listed in Galatians 5:22, is perfectly put in contrast with sorrowful grief and in direct connection with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet joy can abide within even during times of grief.

Starting with John 16:20, Jesus told his disciples, "Verily, verily, I say to you, that you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice. And you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." Based on the rest of the chapter, this is about Jesus' death and resurrection. While he was dead, the world would rejoice but his disciples would be in great sorrow.

The word "rejoice" came from a word that was similar to joy. Both words chairo and chara, referred to heartfelt gladness. True spiritual joy comes from the resurrected Jesus who is alive and in heaven with Him. This is the source of joy that God wants for everybody.

Jesus told his disciples, "And you now therefore have sorrow. But I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice. And your joy can no man take away from you" (John 16:22). Joy that is in Jesus Christ cannot be removed from within by anybody.

While Jesus was dead in the grave, there was complete spiritual darkness over the world and his disciples grieved. Once they knew him in his resurrected body, they rejoiced again. But there was more to come. After Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and the day of Pentecost came, people could be filled with holy spirit and get born-again. In this state, nobody can take away that perfect spiritual joy in them.

Such joy can even prevail in whole cities! The reason for this is because the people believed the gospel that Philip taught. It says in Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." As Paul shared in Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

True joy can not be taken away from God's people, but they are still able to not bear the fruit of the spirit. The mere fact that Christians are not bearing the fruit of the spirit does not mean that joy does not abide in them through Jesus Christ. Walking by the spirit of God involves active believing, and seeking to do so will soon bear fruit in due time.

True spiritual hope results in joy. What kind of hope do Christians have? Romans 12:12 says to rejoice in hope. This hope is defined in Colossians 1:23-27, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

More light is shined on this in Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 describes the dynamic return of Jesus Christ for God's born-again children. Notice verse 13, "...that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

God's born-again children continue in hope as they keep their mental eyes on the hope of the return of Jesus Christ. They are able to endure great suffering and persecution in the world by true joy in their hope of glory through Jesus Christ.

"But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings. That, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:13).



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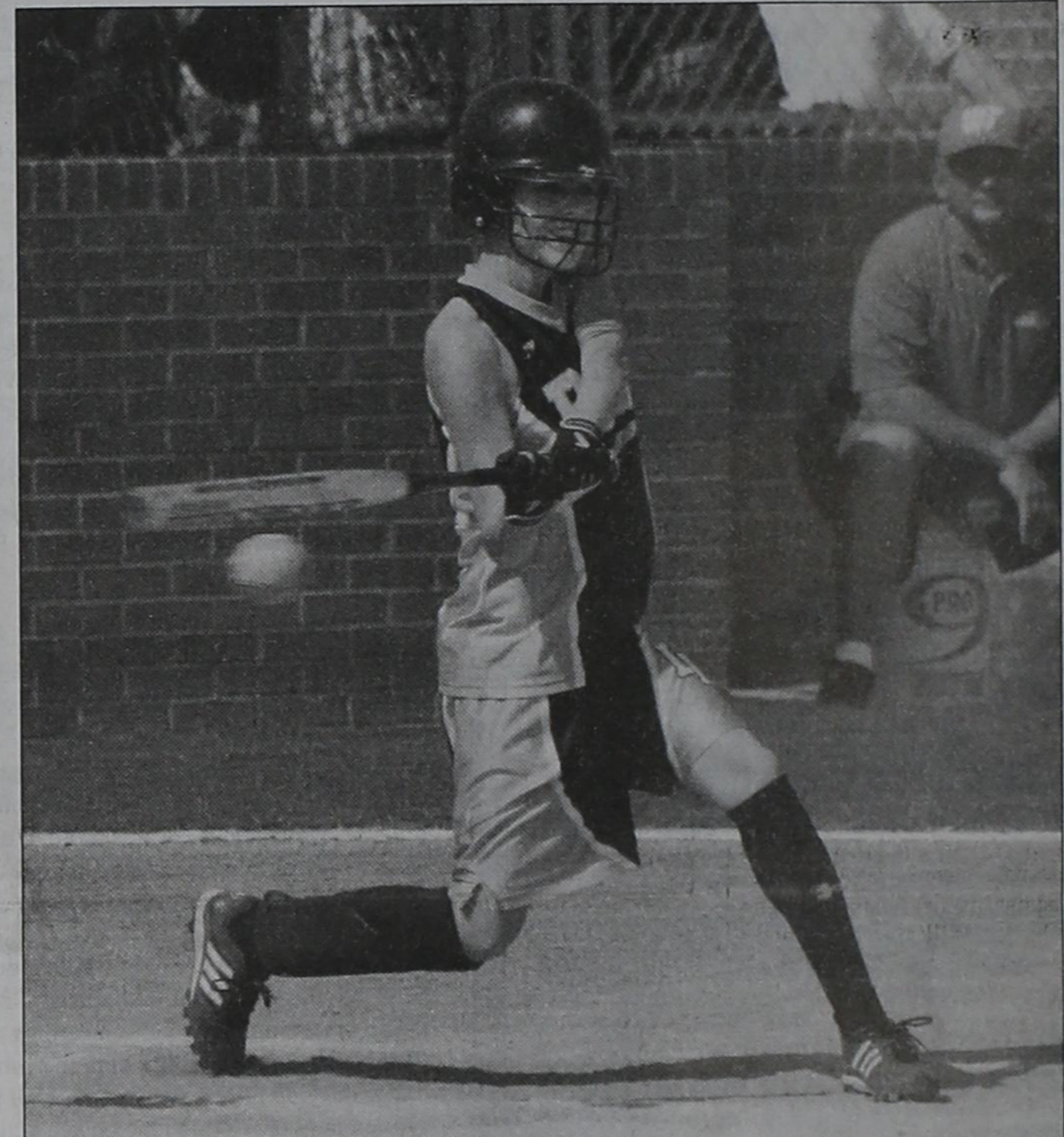
Lady Lopes finish championship season with losses to WTS at Regional Quarterfinal

Post Lady Lope softball coach (photo at right) Charles Whitfill (right) praises the young ladies following the Regional Quarterfinal series at Plainview last Saturday afternoon. Assistant softball coach Chris Edwards joins in complimenting the team.

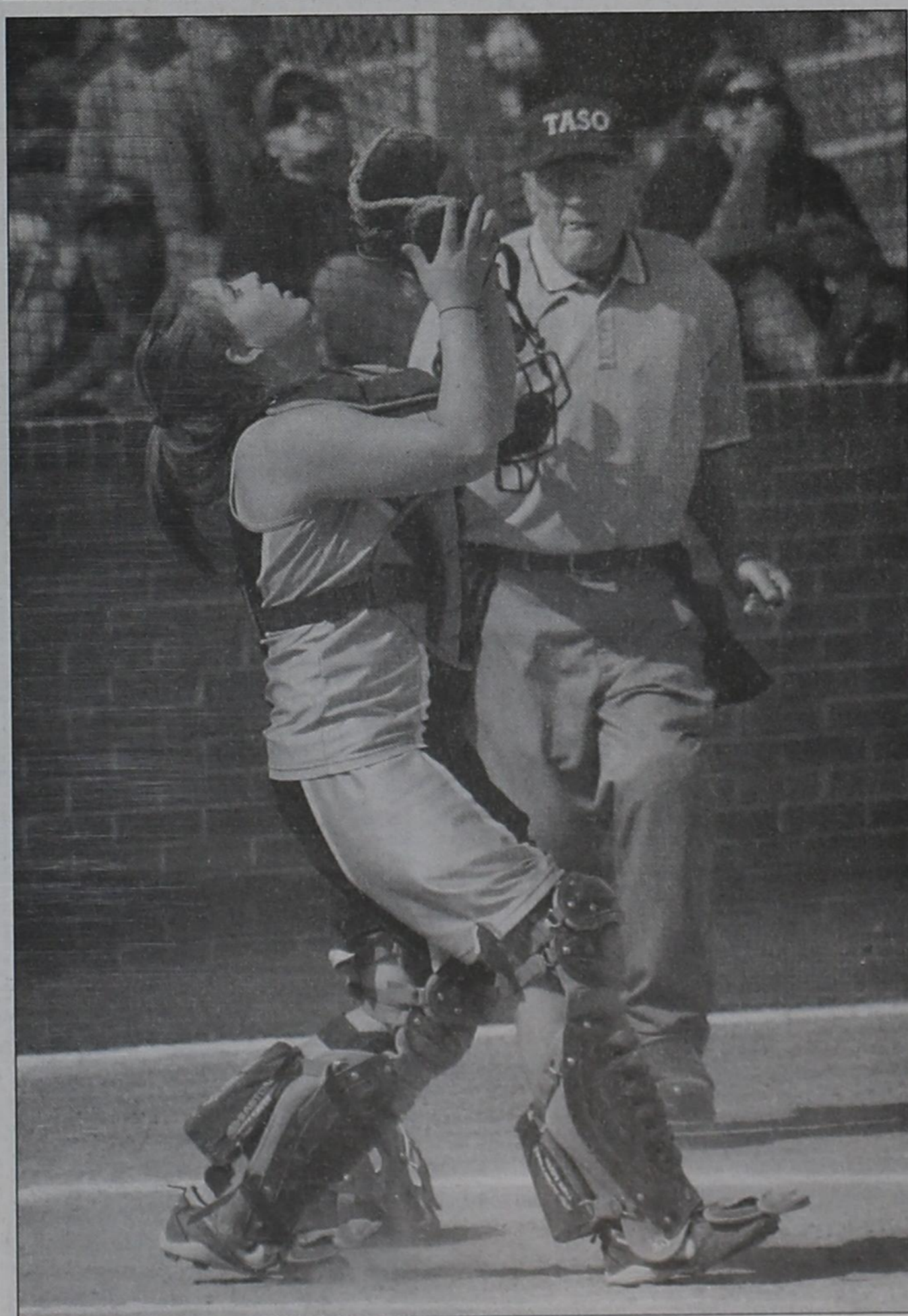
Lady Lope Softball Photos by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Miranda Hair throws a runner out at first base during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field. Standing on third base in the back is Sydnee Jones.
Photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Alex Miller happily gets a hit during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field.
Photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Kelsey Overton keeps her eyes on the ball before catching a WT Stinnett pop foul during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field.
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Lady Lopes Danica Williams throws the ball from third base during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field.
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West Texas Stinnett upends Lady Lopes for Regional Quarterfinal title

Spring Sports

The Lady Lopes softball team ended its season over the weekend with a disappointing two-game loss to West Texas-Stinnett in a regional quarterfinal playoff series played in Plainview.

Post kept it close in the first game Friday evening. They led by a score of 5-4 going into the final inning, but couldn't keep West Texas from scoring and lost by a score of 6-5. Miranda Hair, Alex Miller and Bethany Berry each had doubles. Sabrina Sanchez, Kelsey Overton and Branda Stevens scored runs off of singles.

Hair pitched for six strikeouts and one walk. Ashley Stenzel led the defense with four putouts at first base. Sydnee Jones added to the defense with three putouts and one assist at third base. Berry and Stevens combined for four putouts in the outfield.

Game stats were as follows: Offensively, Sanchez, scored one run off of a single; Hair, scored a run with one RBI off of a double; Overton, scored two runs with one RBI off of a single and a walk; Stevens had one single; Miller, scored one run off of a double; and Berry, scored one RBI off of a double. On defense, Hair had six strike-outs with one walk, one assist at pitcher; Stenzel had four putouts at first; Miller had two putouts at second; Overton had one putout at catcher; Stevens had two putouts in center field; Berry had two putouts in left field; and Jones had three putouts and one assist at third base.

The Lady Lopes hit a wall the second game Saturday afternoon, scoring only five runs to 19 off the overwhelming hitting by West Texas. Miller and Berry each had a single and double in the offensive effort. Brooke Morris, Jones, Stevens and Hair each had two singles and Stenzel added a single to the offense.

Berry hit a two-run RBI into right field in the second inning; however, the play was called back and the runners sent back to their bases following a controversial call related to a contradiction between real-time batting order and the list in the press box.

Stenzel led the defensive effort again with seven putouts and one assist at first base. Jones and Danica Williams combined for five putouts at third. Berry and Stevens caught three balls in the outfield. Morris and Hair shared pitching duties against the best hitting team the Lady Lopes faced all year.

Game stats were as follows: Offensively, Morris had two singles; Hair had two singles; Stevens scored two runs off of two singles; Miller scored one run off of a single and a double; Berry scored one run with two RBIs off of a single and a double; Jones scored one RBI with two singles; and Stenzel had one single. Defensively, Hair pitched one strike-out with one walk, three assists; Morris pitched one strike-out with five walks, two assists at pitcher; Miller, one putout and one assist at second; Jones, three putouts and one assist at third; Stenzel, seven put-outs and one assist at first; Overton, one putout and one assist at catcher; Berry, two putouts at left field; Stevens, one putout at centerfield; and Williams, two putouts at third.

Following the game, the coach huddled with the players and reminded the team members to hold up their heads with pride for the area championship they won.

The Lady Lopes ended the season with their best finish in a playoff picture and a season record of 21-7.



Lady Lopes Sydnee Jones jumps back to first place evading an out during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field. Photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Brooke Morris winds up for a pitch during last Saturday's Regional Quarterfinals second game against West Texas Stinnett at the Plainview High School softball field. Standing on third base in the back is Danica Williams. Photo by Tim Burnett

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and all of this is just an extra reminder of just how great it is.

Many thanks,
Sandra Alexander
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Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6174-79-001 for ROADSIDE MOWING in GARZA County will be opened on June 12, 2008 at 11:10 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$209,710.82.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices list below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TXDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TXDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Yesteryears

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May 21, 1998
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The newest addition to the downtown area, the OS Ranch Shop, was unveiled this week in 1998.

Thressa Harp kept busy this week with a long list of items being stocked at the new Radio Shack on West Main Street. The new store was located in the front of the Post Auto Service building.

20 Years Ago May 18, 1988

Jill Richardson was named valedictorian and Keitha White, salutatorian, when Post High School announced its top graduating students for 1988. Other honors students were Eric Reece, Mike Wells, Cathy Boles, Mark Tyler, Susan Little, Mike Bartlett and LaDonna Scott.

Newly elected school board members Don Payne and Dan Hodges took oath of office during the trustees regular meeting.

Army Spec. 4 Dee Basquez, son of Candelaria Basquez arrived for duty at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Basquez was an administrative specialist at the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Ground.

Kent Presson from Arlington, Virginia, was in Post to visit with his sister, Boo Olson, and to attend the Texas Tech graduation of his nephew, Jan Olson, who graduated magna cum laude in the May 14 ceremonies.

30 Years Ago May 19, 1978

Mrs. Maudie Pettigrew was named Garza's Outstanding Senior Citizen for 1978 during an omelet supper held in the community center. The benefit raised approximately \$300 for the Senior Citizens Center being constructed on the ground floor rear of the historic Algerita Hotel by David Newby.

Lonnie Gene Peel was elected president of the PTA, other officers elected were Marilyn Williams, vice president; Janet Peel, secretary and Bert West, treasurer.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for Post High School were Vicki Teaff, Gail Scott, Karen Davis and Deann Ammons.

Marshall's Department Store closed after nearly seven years of operation by W. A. Marshall. Marshall opened the store in July of 1971.

40 Years Ago May 16, 1968

Members of the Post Junior Chamber of Commerce were presented a first place trophy at the state convention for their efforts in assisting Billy Snow with medical treatment. Attending the ceremony in Austin were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Young, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hathaway.

Big time, professional wrestling came to Post this week in 1968 at the All Star Corral, just west of town on the Tahoka highway. Appearing were Ricky Romero and Terry Funk, Kurt and Karl Von Brauner, Sputnik Monroe and Cowboy Bob Ellis.

Bryan J. Williams of Post was re-elected a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He was named at the 50th Anniversary Convention in Odessa.

Beth Walker, Post Junior High librarian, assumed duties as treasurer of Texas State Teacher Association, District 17.

50 Years Ago May 15, 1958

The Post Chamber of Commerce

had a new top command following the resignations of Ralph Kirkpatrick, Chamber president, and Mrs. Fritz Greenfield, Chamber secretary, both for health reasons. Chant Lee, flower shop operator and Chamber vice president, was elevated to the presidency by the Chamber directors. Lee Ward was elected as new vice president to fill the vacancy left by Lee moving up.

Lightning struck the Iven Clary residence in the west part of the city during a severe thunderstorm, filling the house with smoke and causing considerable damage. No injuries reported.

Leonard Short of Post was one of the top Texas Tech students initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society in the college's Union ballroom.

The oldest and youngest mothers were honored in Close City with Mrs. Will Teaff, being the oldest mother present and Mrs. Thomas Autry, the youngest.

60 Years Ago May 13, 1948

The Post High School Class Favorites were Jack Kirkpatrick and Betty Hagood, Eighth Grade; Ronald Joe Babb and Peggy Johnston, Freshmen; Maurice Stelzer and Cletta Buster, Sophomores; George Pierce and Lanell Brown, Juniors; Lester Josey and Viola King, Seniors.

The Committee to Re-Do Two Draw Lake had been in contact with the utilities companies and other big organizations in the area in the hope that each would buy at least \$1,000 worth of stock in the proposed project. Money for building the dam, bathhouse, etc. totalled approximately \$25,000.

Mothers of Seventh and Eighth grade pupils of the Garmolia school honored Mollie Washburn, Vandon Thomas, Charles Winkler, Shirley Young and Charles Winkler.

Guys and Gals: Billy Craig will have a full time job this summer keeping the Craig swimming pool open; Lorraine Baker plans to enter Wayland College in Plainview this fall; Carl Adams will stay here and work on the Cross H Ranch with his dad; Viola King will go to Tech to train to be a secretary; Bobby Maxcey is planning to the wheat harvest this summer and Lester Josey wants to be a doctor.

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- today, a disfavored group in TX (abbr.)
- Pass, TX
- TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
- TXism: "still wet ___ ears"
- TWU trains in this therapy (abbr.)
- TX Roy Orbison was mostly a ___ artist
- ___ gallon price of gas is sky high
- William ___ wrote the music for "Texas, Our Texas"
- TX Nolan threw 7 of these, a record
- TX Willie (init.)
- in Red River Co. on hwy. 271
- Gussie ___ Davis created the Kilgore Rangerettes
- Lako, TX
- TX "Star Trek" man
- Roddenberry
- 1914 cars built in Reading, PA
- early TX gunslingers were "quick on ___"
- "___ long" (bye)
- in Falls Co. on 77
- TXism: "___ you a new hat size?"
- film for TX-born Pedro Gonzalez: "Your Local Gunfighter"
- TXism: "red as a ___"
- Lance ___ Gault was in "The Gambler" with TX Kenny Rogers
- ___ godmother
- TXism: "best I ever ___ on"
- TX Robby Benson was in this black comedy film
- TXism: "___ vine and no watermelon"
- TX Charley Pride's "Where ___ Put Her Memory"
- TX captive: Cynthia ___ Parker

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- TX Willis: "Ah ___ it away Leon"
- TX sprinter Charles Paddock was killed in Sitka, ___ TX
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- "Bonanza" role for TX-born Blocker
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- TXism: "panting like a lizard on ___ rock"
- long Africa river
- TXism: "sounded like a rip saw running through pine knots"
- abbr. for "The Year Of Our Lord"
- oil additive
- Aspermont is seat of this county
- "H" of "HP"
- TX singer Tubb
- Joey of "Texas Across the River" (init.)
- TXism: "___ lying through his teeth"
- TXism: "___ rattle your teeth" (threat)
- seaman
- "Old ___" (flag)
- formerly (archaic)
- ___ Mart
- TX Roy Orbison's "That Lovin' ___ Again"
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✓ Quicksand is normal sand that has been infused with an underground water source.
✓ Quicksand may be found anywhere, but it is usually found by swamps, riverbeds, marshes or beaches.
✓ Most Quicksand is a few inches to a few feet deep. Usually the only problem will be muddy socks and shoes.
✓ Quicksand may be found underwater.
✓ Because Quicksand is denser than the human body it is virtually impossible to sink more than chest deep. Humans easily float on Quicksand.
ANSWER: castle, man, sandwich, stone dollar, lot, box, paper, trap, bag, storm, dune

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The fellow at the left is in very little danger. He should be pulled to safety in due time. Animals and humans caught in deep quicksand are more likely to die of starvation or exposure than drowning. Rare deaths have occurred, as it did in 2002 for two unfortunate boys in Illinois. The friends had been playing on a vacant wooded lot when they became stuck in quicksand. Unable to free themselves they died from exposure after spending the stormy winter night in the elements.
Quicksand Safety
Use slow swimming movements to reach solid ground.
Remove anything that will weigh you down (backpacks or gear).
Don't panic. Flailing about will cause you to sink faster.
Use any solid objects near by: tree limb, tall grass, or rocks to pull yourself free.

Sandy Word Wonders

Sandc_s_s_e 1. sandy home
Sand_a_ 2. He visits during sleep
Sand_i_h 3. Favorite lunch
Sand_t_n_ 4. Crumbly rock
Sand_D_I_o_ 5. Beach "money"
Sand_o_ 6. Backyard play place
Sand_o_ 7. Vacant place to play
Sand_a_e_ 8. Smoothies wood
Sand_r_p 9. Golfers nightmare
Sand_a_ 10. Stops floods
Sand_t_ 11. Wildly blowing
Sand_u_e 12. Hill of sand

During an earthquake soil can turn to quicksand due to burst water pipes or increased pressure from underground water sources, combined with the shaking earth. This is called liquefaction and can lead to ground failure. In the 1906 San Francisco earthquake many buildings were lost due to this phenomenon.
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