

Fundraisers held for Post skatepark

by Krisha Rameriz

The City of Post Skatepark is well on its way to becoming a completed project. Thanks to several citizens in this community and a city council that is interested in offering our youth recreational diversity, the idea of the skatepark, its planning and smooth ac-tuation has happened in a short period of time. The cement is poured, the equipment is ordered and the skaters are anxiously waiting to skate.

The expected finishing point for the upcoming park is Aug. 1,

2008. The location will be right off the downtown area behind the OS Ranch Museum. American Ramp Company, which recently made a stop in Post on its Demo Tour, will deliver the equipment and supervise local volunteers in the installation process. The park will feature a variety of obstacles including quarter pipes, banks, grind rails, stairs, and a fun box. Upon completion, ARC will also host a grand opening for the new skatepark.

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Blackburn Media Group Buys The Post Dispatch

The Post Dispatch was purchased by Blackburn Media Group, Inc., last week.

"Post is a wonderful town," says Christopher Blackburn, owner, BMG. "You can tell by driving around that the residents take pride in their community and rightfully so. It's colorful past makes it stand out."

Blackburn, who lives in Childress, said there are several reasons Post stood out to him as a market. "It's a clean, well-kept town with good schools and hard-working people. The economy is humming and there is both oil and wind energy in the area."

Blackburn said the scenery didn't hurt either. "Post has a great downtown. I have newspapers in several towns, but none of them can match Post in terms of beauty."

Merika Strivens and Kristie Odom will continue their careers with the Dispatch and Donna Jones will continue to do the "yesteryears" column and our "Post Notes."

"I like these women and appreciate their willingness to give BMG a chance," Blackburn said. "It's not easy when a new boss takes the reins, but they are working hard to make the transition as easy as possible."

Blackburn will introduce an editor within the coming weeks. "I have my eye on a winner and hope to have him here soon."

As far as changes go, they will be subtle, at least at first.

"There will be plenty of changes, but most are weeks away," Blackburn continued. "Our readers and advertisers

will be pleased with our product. We want The Post Dispatch to be a positive reflection on the people of Post and a trusted news source."

Blackburn Media Group owns five newspapers including The Childress Index, the Hall County Herald, The Hollis News and Knox County News.

Blackburn and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Jackson, 5, and Sutton Hawk, 2. The family also owns and operates Blackburn's Family Clothier in Childress.



Christopher Blackburn, President and CEO of Blackburn Media Group, Inc., is shown at The Childress Index. BMG recently purchased The Post Dispatch.

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Fish Fry and Bake Sale Saturday

Pleasant Home Baptist Church will be hosting a fish fry and bake sale on Saturday, June 28. The fund-raiser will begin at 10:30 a.m. at 415 N. Avenue F.

20 year reunion for Class of 1988

The Class of 1988 will be having their 20-year class reunion Friday, July 4 starting at 6 p.m. at Citizens Bank of Post. If you have any questions, please contact Jayta (Ticer) Cravy at 629-4070.

All Star Tournaments held in Slaton

Little League 11-12 year old All Star Tournament opening game was played on Thursday in Slaton. If Post goes into winner's bracket they will play the winner between Abernathy and Ralls on Saturday at 10 a.m. If they lose on Thursday, Post will play at 2:15 on Saturday. All fans are encouraged to support our young athletes. The 9-10 year olds played their opening game against Idalou Thursday and it will end on Monday.

Variety of tournaments planned July 4th

Anyone interested in participating in a Brisket Cook-off, Horseshoe and/or Washer pitching tournament should contact Mark Odom at 495-5816.

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 \$15. 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 495-1207. Deadline is June 23.

2008 summer food service program

Post I.S.D. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday-Friday, began June 4, and will continue through July 2. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 S. Avenue K. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program.

July 4th Dispatch Deadline

All ads and stories for the July 4th edition of The Post Dispatch need to be in the office by Monday, June 30 at 5 p.m.. The newspaper will be delivered to newstands on Thursday.

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 (Beliongia) Odom at 549-5323.

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The clouds show a threat of severe storms as they barrel thru Post with power outages all over the city, Thursday evening. (photo by Kameron Strivens)

Storms bring rain, strong winds and lightning

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Storms that swept across the region last week hit some places harder than others with winds and heavy rain. The fury of the storm translated into some power outages and broken tree limbs, both in Post and elsewhere.

Hail damaged crops across the Panhandle, including Garza County. In some places, the storms hit hard. In Lubbock County, hail damaged about 60,000 acres of crops, mostly cotton, said Mark Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension agent, in the June 25 Texas A&M crop

report from College Station.

"It started at Abernathy in the northern part of the county (Lubbock County) and traveled south-southeast-erly and took out a strip on the east part of the county," Brown said.

In Bailey County, near Muleshoe, baseball-size hail reduced some waist-high corn to merely stubble, said Curtis Preston, AgriLife Extension agent.

"I've never seen it that bad before," Preston said. Besides Garza and

Lubbock, other counties reporting hail damage to crops were Parmer, Gaines, Cochran, Yoakum, Dickens, Hall, Hardeman, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Hudspeth, Pecos, and Floyd.

Laurie Odom, clerk and receptionist at Post City Hall, managed to be in the wrong places at the right times to catch the worst of two storm systems, one east of Post and the other southwest of town.

"Monday night we were about 20 miles toward White River," she said. "We were out

cleaning hunting lodges."

Odom and Dana Babb drove back though the storm.

"There were high winds and lightning everywhere around us," Odom said.

Thursday night, Odom was returning from Lamesa when she found herself in another storm.

"We were driving 20 mph ... with our flashers on," she said. "The dust and the dirt was blowing so bad. We got home about 10 or 10:30."

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Post City, Texas ... Home of Ragtown Gospel Theater

Storms ...

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In the wake of the bad weather, city hall has been getting several calls from Post residents who need broken limbs hauled to the landfill.

Ric Walton, city manager, described the storms as average weather for this time of year on the Texas Plains.

"It was almost a non-event," he said.

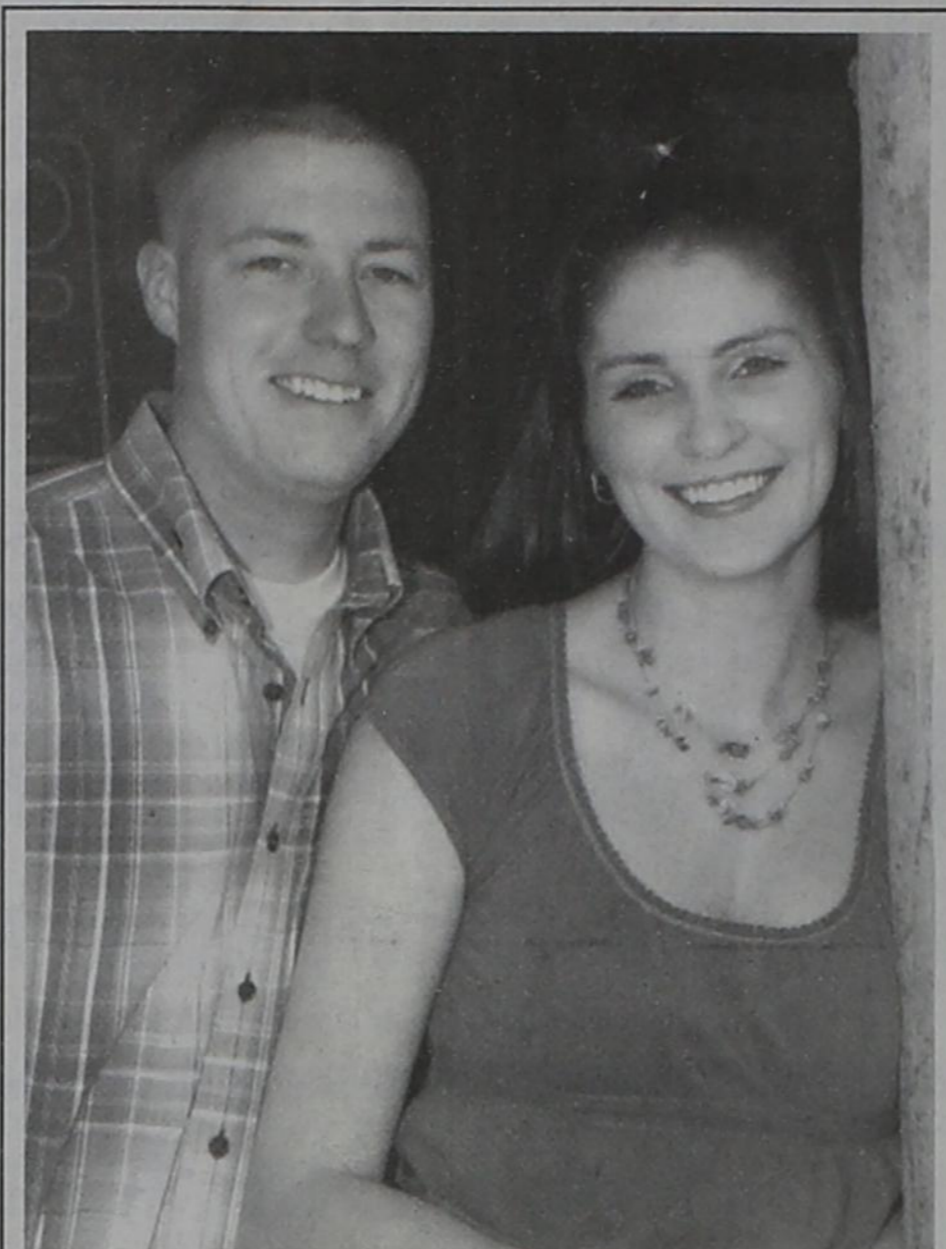
And the damage was "not more than normal for a wind-storm going through," he said. "We had some localized power outages."

Odom caught the worst of the Thursday night weather -- worse than the storm that hit Post.

"Between Lamesa and O'Donnell, that was an isolated cell," he said. "That was really a tough one. She went through a much worse situation than it was here."

Any Post resident with broken limbs can call City Hall at 495-2811 to ask the city to remove the debris. The wood can be left either in the alley or curbside, Odom said.

Limbs should be cut in lengths no longer than four feet, Walton said.



John Radle and Brittany Donaldson

Brittany Donaldson and John Radle set wedding date

Billy and Terree Donaldson of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Donaldson, to John Radle, also of Lubbock.

A 2003 graduate of Motley County High School in Matador, the bride-elect attended South Plains College and is employed by the American Bank of Commerce in Lubbock.

Radle is the son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Lubbock. He graduated from Post High School in 2000 and also attended South Plains College. He works in law enforcement in Lubbock.

The couple will exchange vows August 9, 2008, at Lakeridge Baptist Church in Lubbock and will reside in Lubbock.



Mr and Mrs Matthew McCallister

Bartlett, McCallister wed May 17 in Abilene

Rebecca Nicole Bartlett of Abilene and Mathew Tait McCallister of Post were married in 4:00 p.m. ceremony on May 17, 2008 at the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene, Texas.

Reverend Scott Mayer officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Bob and Susan Bartlett of Abilene. The groom's parents are Randy and Jana McCallister of Post.

Serving as maid of honor, and matron of honor were Kathryn Bartlett of Denton, Texas and Sarah Kiger of Lubbock, sisters of the bride.

Mark McCallister of Lubbock, brother of the groom served as best man.

Rebecca is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and is currently employed at University Medical Center as a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Matt graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise & Sports Science in December 2005, and will graduate from Texas Tech University in August with a Master's degree in Biomechanics. After a wedding trip to Ft. Myers, Florida the couple will reside in Lubbock.

skatepark ...

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Donations have been accepted and several fundraisers held by local citizens working to raise \$25,000 in effort to help cover cost of the skatepark. The most recent event on June 21, 2008 was a bris-ket-plate-garage sale. This turned out to be quite a successful occasion, bringing in over \$1,000 and bringing the total amount raised to \$16,465.62! The next scheduled fundraiser will be a carwash at Sonic Drive-In on July 12, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thanks to everyone in this community for your continued support. Whether you have donated money, food, items for garage sales, time and labor or you have attended the fundraisers and paid for goods or services, you are making a difference, and it is greatly appreciated.

For those who are still interested in making a monetary donation, City Hall is accepting such donations. All checks should be made payable to City of Post Skatepark Fund.

News you won't find anywhere else

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Post Dance Club host dance on July 5

The newly organized Post Dance Club will be hosting a dance on Saturday, July 5 at the Post Community Center. Dance to the music of Texas Mesquite from 8-12 p.m. Admission is \$20/person. If you would like to join the Post Dance Club for a fee of \$120.00 for four dances, you may join on the 5th.

Welding course offered

Adult Welding Short Course sponsored by Post Agriculture Department and B&J Welding Supply will be held July 7, 8, 9 at the Post Ag building. Learn new skills or brush up on old ones. SMAW (shielded metal arc welding), beginner to intermediate skills. Limited openings, to sign up call 495-2770.

FBC vacation bible school begins

Surfs up for this year's First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, July 6-10 from 6-9 p.m. Dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. VBS completed K-4th and VBX completed 5th-6th. If you need, a ride call 495-0255.

Church offers assistance

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry with non-perishable items and a clothes closet for men, women, and children who are in need. Please contact Jane Mason, 495-2980, Bill Short, 495-4104, or Tim Tatum, 495-3066.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT....

by Dr. Don Newbury

It is with a sense of trepidation that the subject is broached at all. Maybe it's akin to moths being drawn to fatal flames or criminals returning to crime scenes. This admitted, I introduce this week's topic—watermelons and recipes. They've gotten me into considerable trouble in the past, and here I go, diving headfirst into controversy's inviting pool....

As Sister Maria sang with the von Trapp Family Singers (remember "Sound of Music?"), let's just start at the very beginning, a very fine place to start.... I, a mere collegian, had just survived my freshman year. My summer aspiration was to earn minimum wage on the lowest rung of the journalistic ladder as the "editorial staff of one" for the BROWN COUNTY GAZETTE'S June through August editions....

There were no illusions of earning national, state or even countywide writing laurels. My prayer was that the inked-up back shop guy and I could put out a paper each Thursday. Usually, it was 8-12 pages, and every word in the news space came from my standard Underwood typewriter that nearly always needed a new ribbon. Also, the "x" and "q" keys were always sticking. (My theory was that it was from lack of use, since most words didn't require these letters.)

Whatever came in the front door, despite often being of dubious news value, was appealing to me, particularly if only minimal editing or re-writing were needed. After writing all the copy, proofing the ads and getting engravings made for pictures, my editorial assignment was finished for a few hours until the press rolled. Then, I rolled up my sleeves, folded the papers by hand, activated the addressograph gizmo (becoming an ink-stained wretch in the process), slapped on mailing labels and dropped the GAZETTES at the post office....

With school out, many of our usual news sources dried up, and for that first summer issue, a farmer brought in the biggest watermelon he'd ever grown. In fact, it was the biggest one he'd ever seen in the county. Would we like a picture? Of course we would. (The thought occurred that he just MIGHT leave the melon. He didn't.) In the next issue, we ran a picture of Farmer Brown proudly displaying "the county's biggest watermelon."

It wasn't. The day after the paper came out, his neighbor came in with a still larger melon, and yes, he expected a photo, too. Same thing the following week. You get the drift.

In one issue we devoted an entire page to several farmers, all vowing to have grown the biggest melons. (One guy brought in "the smallest melon," claiming it was lost in a crease on the palm of his hand. "I don't see it," I said. "I told you it was small," he answered....)

While we obviously erred in suggesting that ultimate melons had been grown, one cardinal rule was followed: We made every effort to spell the farmers' names right. Now, almost a half-century later, I smile when examining some newspapers that may feature two or three pages of snapshots—like the ones we used to fill extra pages in the school annuals—without a single person being identified. I figure they don't have much else to run, or have no melon pictures to fill space....

On the recipe front, I take great pride in this very column to announce to readers across Texas an important new recipe that may not revolutionize breakfast menus, but then again, it may. (Recipes made me sick in my early days of journalism. I had a hard time "getting them right." One long ago issue included a recipe calling for a "supful" of flour. A woman called in, saying she had heard of "sips" but not "sups." I told her there were four "sips" in a "sup," and never heard from her again. Maybe her husband came in from the field, wondering if we really meant "CUPful," which, of course, we did.)

Again, apologies for digression. My wonderful new recipe, born of necessity, may extend both marriages and life spans. Wives—typically the

"three!" when he invades my recipe file....

Dreams abound. This new recipe could land me on Emeril's Cooking Show. If Julia Childs calls, she'll just have to take a number. There could be interviews for food pages, product endorsements and heaven knows what other culinary fame lies ahead.

OK, you've waited long enough. Here it is (drum roll, please):

Follow recipe carefully. Get out pan and ingredients usually used in making cinnamon

toast. (Bread, butter, sugar and cinnamon; use conventional oven only, 'cause microwaves shoot goop all over the place.)

Return sugar to cupboard; use marshmallow cream instead. (That's what I did, except I had no sugar to put back. We were out of sugar.) Butter the bread lightly; cover it with marshmallow cream generously. It is hard to use too much. Then, apply cinnamon gingerly (or is it ginger cinnamonly?)* Toast until you see the tiny beads of cinnamon rippling across the sea of bubbling marshmallow....

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Magnifique! It is a melt in your mouth delight. Look out, Krispy Kreme. My new homemade delight—yet to have a "catchy" name—may challenge your supremacy

Clip and file. This marvelous new recipe will be reprinted in this column from time to time, but not just because one or two people want it. It may appear no more than annually. Realizing that you may have favorite recipes—or may even be a champion watermelon farmer—I offer this advice: Share the recipes and "melon whopper stories" with

your friends. Do not—I repeat, do not—send them to me. I don't expect to wade further into the recipe waters; they are fraught with unknown dangers. And I no longer have authority to run pictures of the biggest watermelons ever!

Dr. Newbury, a longtime Texas educator, is now an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. He may be reached at 817-447-3872, or e-mail: newbury@speakerdoc.com

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The Paperboy
By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Editor's Note — The following is a column by Christopher Blackburn, President of Blackburn Media Group, which purchased The Post Dispatch last week. He resides in Childress with his wife Sharon and sons Jackson and Sutton Hawk.

Wow! Did we ever get hammered by Mother Nature! The stories are common. Thank God no one was killed.

Sunday's tornado (which is what I'm calling it after flying around and taking aerial photos) effected nearly every resident in town. I know Childress isn't the biggest town around, but that's pretty widespread damage.

On the topic of whether or not it was a tornado. Anytime you get a storm strong enough to send 2x4s through walls, there are tornadic winds involved, so that's good enough for me. Besides, seeing the cloud and rotation photos proves much to me. Let's not forget the eyewitnesses who SAW a tornado.

Perhaps the National Weather Service is hesitant on calling it a tornado because they did not give warning. The local sirens went off because of local instruction, but the television stations said nothing about a tornado. Not to mention the fact they blew the call on the 2006 tornado.

What amazed me was how long the hail lasted. I think it was about 25 minutes of solid wind and hail ... and rain - between four and six inches. I tried to check my rain gauge, but it was splintered by the hail.

And the plants and trees? My goodness. Let's face it, our city looks like a war zone.

As it was two years ago, Childress residents are out in force helping one another. Most businesses remained closed Monday, some just so the owners could help. I was blessed with three men showing up to my house to board up windows. Thank you to Pete Cooper, Mark Keys, and Chris Tipa.

Childress also benefited from the surrounding communities. Our neighbors were here in a hurry offering and providing help and relief.

Earlier I mentioned flying over the city. The sight was incredible. Much of the city - nearly the whole thing - looked like a debris field. Torn leaves, trash, glass, roof parts, limbs, wires - you name it and it was there.

The storm was hard to take seriously as it was not visible from our house. Thank goodness the tornado sirens went off and put it into perspective.

Sharon and I raced with the boys to the most central closet in the center of the house (which we had cleaned out just moments before). The boys were silent most of the time. And they were pretty darn brave. I was wondering in the middle of the night if this occasion would be one of those they remember the rest of their lives. Anyhow, I'm proud of the way they acted in the heat of everything.

Just like 2006, we'll be sharing stories of the Father's Day Tornado for years to come. And the best part is the happy ending. As I said above: Thank God no one died.

Opinions



by Hanaba Munn Welch

Hanaba Munn Welch is a freelance writer and artist who divides her time mostly between Abilene, Texas, and the family farm north of Vernon. Her column is named *The 501 for Engine 501*, an old Fort Worth & Denver steam engine on permanent display in Childress, where the column originated as a weekly feature of *The Childress Index*. Fittingly, *The 501* always contains 501 words - or, to be precise, 501 words and dashes. Her husband is Hugh Welch, an architect. He thinks *The 501* is an acquired taste.

The world is shrinking

I used to think I knew what that meant. Maybe I really did know, but now I have a different idea. What's shrinking about this world is everything in print.

Someone just sent me a list of so-called AARP bumper stickers, including one promoting large type alphabet soup. Good idea. We've got to start somewhere.

As a bona fide Baby Boomer, born in 1947, I'm an authority on what it's like to be on the leading edge of a generation. Tough. The world is never ready for us. The shrinking print phenomenon is a case in point.

Okay, I understand that it could be my eyes. Maybe they really aren't making numbers in the phone book smaller or shrinking the lists of ingredients on food packaging and the letters in the soup. But so what? My point is that anyone who would like to do a good job of reaching my generation, A to Z, would do well to crank up those font sizes a notch or two.

Somehow I'm not surprised that the marketers haven't figured that out yet. Like I said, the world isn't good at anticipating the emerging needs of Boomers.

When we hit the first grade, the schools scrambled for extra desks. They weren't expecting so many of us. Maybe that's understandable. We were new on the scene.

When we predictably reached college en masse, the element of surprise shouldn't have been a factor. But it was. We overcrowded campuses. In my dorm, we were three to a room instead of two, flipping coins over who got the top bunk - like they didn't know we were coming.

I fully expect history to repeat itself when my friends and I reach the rest home. I guess I'll take the top bunk - again.

Meanwhile, if planning ahead isn't an option, why can't the powers that be cater to us right now? We are legion, and some of us have some money. We just might spend it on something if we could read the labels and find the prices. Just a thought.

By the way, print isn't all that's shrinking. Maybe you think I'm going to mention clothes. Well, I'm not.

Instead, consider cell phones. My first one weighed a few pounds and doubled as a heavy weapon and vehicle console minus cup holders. When in use, it overheated mightily. I could take it out of its bag and press it against my face to relieve sinus pain, but it was too heavy to hold in place for long - and too hot.

My newest phone looks like it was picked before it got ripe and might have been a key fob in another life. Any smaller and it would be a choking hazard. As for the keyboard on the tiny device, if it were any smaller my fingers might as well just take a hike.

Regarding the screen, the text and numbers are quite small. I expect them to get even smaller.

The world is shrinking.

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Investigate Big Congress, Not Big Oil

By Alex Epstein

With gasoline prices exceeding \$4 a gallon in some states, politicians are responding as usual: Blame Big Oil First. Several prominent senators have once again summoned industry leaders to Capitol Hill, subjecting them to yet another barrage of rhetorical questions, interruptions, accusations, and sermons. The lawmakers' goal, claims Sen. Patrick Leahy, is to identify "causes of the rising price of oil on which Congress can act." But the foregone conclusion is that "price gouging," "collusion," and "market manipulation" by Big Oil, or speculation by financiers, is responsible.

The simple fact that such Congressional investigations are designed to obscure is that the prices of oil and gasoline are determined by supply and demand - which neither private oil companies nor speculators have any power to dictate in their favor. If they had such market mastery, then why didn't they use it in the 1990s, when gasoline was selling at a barely profitable \$1 a gallon? To be sure, speculators can bid up prices - but they only do so when they believe that oil will become even more expensive in the future, and only make money when they are right.

The question Congress should really be asking, then, is: What nonmarket factors are distorting supply and demand? If they sought an honest answer, they would discover that much of the blame lies with Congress itself.

No one disputes that environmentalist laws passed by Congress have cut off some of our most promising and plentiful sources of oil. In the name of safeguarding a tiny portion of caribou habitat in the Alaskan wilderness, drilling is prohibited in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge - a potential source of 1 million barrels a day, 5 percent of America's daily oil consumption. Also off-limits is 85 percent of America's coastline, which Shell estimates contains some 100 billion recoverable barrels - 13 times America's annual oil consumption - and the vast majority of oil shale in Colorado, which Shell estimates at

1.5 trillion barrels.

Congress should publicize these facts, prepare an inventory of how many oil-rich areas they have blocked off, and bring in economists to estimate how much all of this raises gas prices.

And how about the effects of Congress's open hostility toward the future of oil? Our politicians damn oil as an "addiction" to be eliminated, and seek to cut - by up to 90 percent - the use of oil and other vital fossil fuels that make our standard of living possible. Congress should ask oil executives how this possible forced cut in demand affects their industry. It should ask whether they feel safe to make the billion dollar investments and decades-long plans that oil production requires when Barack Obama, a leading presidential candidate, can uncontrovertibly proclaim that "the country that faced down the tyranny of fascism and communism is now called to challenge the tyranny of oil." Is it a coincidence that the much-maligned speculators think oil will become even scarcer in the future, and are acting accordingly?

In addition to investigating its own impact on gasoline prices, Congress should investigate how its economic policy partner, the Federal Reserve, has raised our gas prices by lowering the value of the dollars we buy gasoline with. The Fed, along with the Treasury Department, has for years had an inflationary policy that has caused the value of the dollar to plummet relative to other currencies. Were it not for this devaluation of the dollar, oil prices would likely be 40 percent lower - as they are for those on the Euro. Why not call a free-market economist to the stand and ask how much more expensive Alan Greenspan, Ben Bernanke, and Henry Paulson have made our gasoline?

American consumers deserve to know the story - in all its gory detail - of what their government has done and is doing to cause high prices at the pump, and to make gasoline - indeed, all energy - more scarce and more expensive in the future. A congressional investigation of Congress would be a great public service.



Kay Bailey Hutchison
UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

Capitol Comment

More Energy is the Simple Solution to the Energy Crisis

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

President Reagan said, "There are no easy answers, but there are simple ones." This principle applies to America's energy woes. Since January 2007, the price of a gallon of gasoline has soared from \$2.33 per gallon to a record \$4.04. Over the next two decades, global demand for oil is expected to rise by 50 percent. Further price escalation is inevitable. When confronted by these facts, the energy solution is simple. We need more energy! We should be increasing our production of oil, natural gas, clean coal, and nuclear power - and those resources should come from America, instead of foreign dictatorships.

One of the best kept secrets in politics today is that America is one of the richest energy nations in the world and is capable of achieving energy independence.

Our most valuable untapped resource is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which is estimated to contain 10.4 billion barrels of oil. This remote frozen tundra could be drilled with minimal impact on surrounding life. ANWR is the size of South Carolina and the area drilled would be roughly the size of Dallas/Love Field Airport. In 1995, the Republican Congress passed legislation to open ANWR for energy production. But President Clinton vetoed our bill. If he had signed it, America would now be producing one million barrels a day, almost enough oil to replace all of our daily imports from Saudi Arabia.

Beyond ANWR, federal law prevents oil and gas production

in the deep waters off the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. These areas, along with a section of the Gulf of Mexico, could contain as much as 115 billion barrels of oil - greater than Venezuela's current reserves - and 565 trillion cubic feet of natural gas - greater than the combined reserves of Iraq, China, Yemen, Oman, Nigeria, and Venezuela. Federal laws also prevent us from exploiting one trillion barrels of shale oil in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah - an amazing amount that is three times what Saudi Arabia has in reserve.

In May, I joined 18 other Senate Republicans to introduce the American Energy Production Act of 2008. Our bill will remove unnecessary government barriers to domestic energy production and allow us to tap our vast resources with environmental safeguards. This should be bolstered with an energy portfolio that includes renewable and alternative sources like solar, wind, and nuclear power.

My Democratic colleagues have a starkly different approach to the energy crisis - it is one that creates no new energy. Their answer is to tax energy production. In 1980, Congress passed a "windfall profits tax," and the consequences were devastating. In the six years following that levy, domestic oil production dropped by 1.26 billion barrels and imports of foreign oil rose 13 percent. The disastrous tax was repealed in 1986. Rather than learn from that mistake, some in Congress would impose the same ineffective tax on the oil industry.

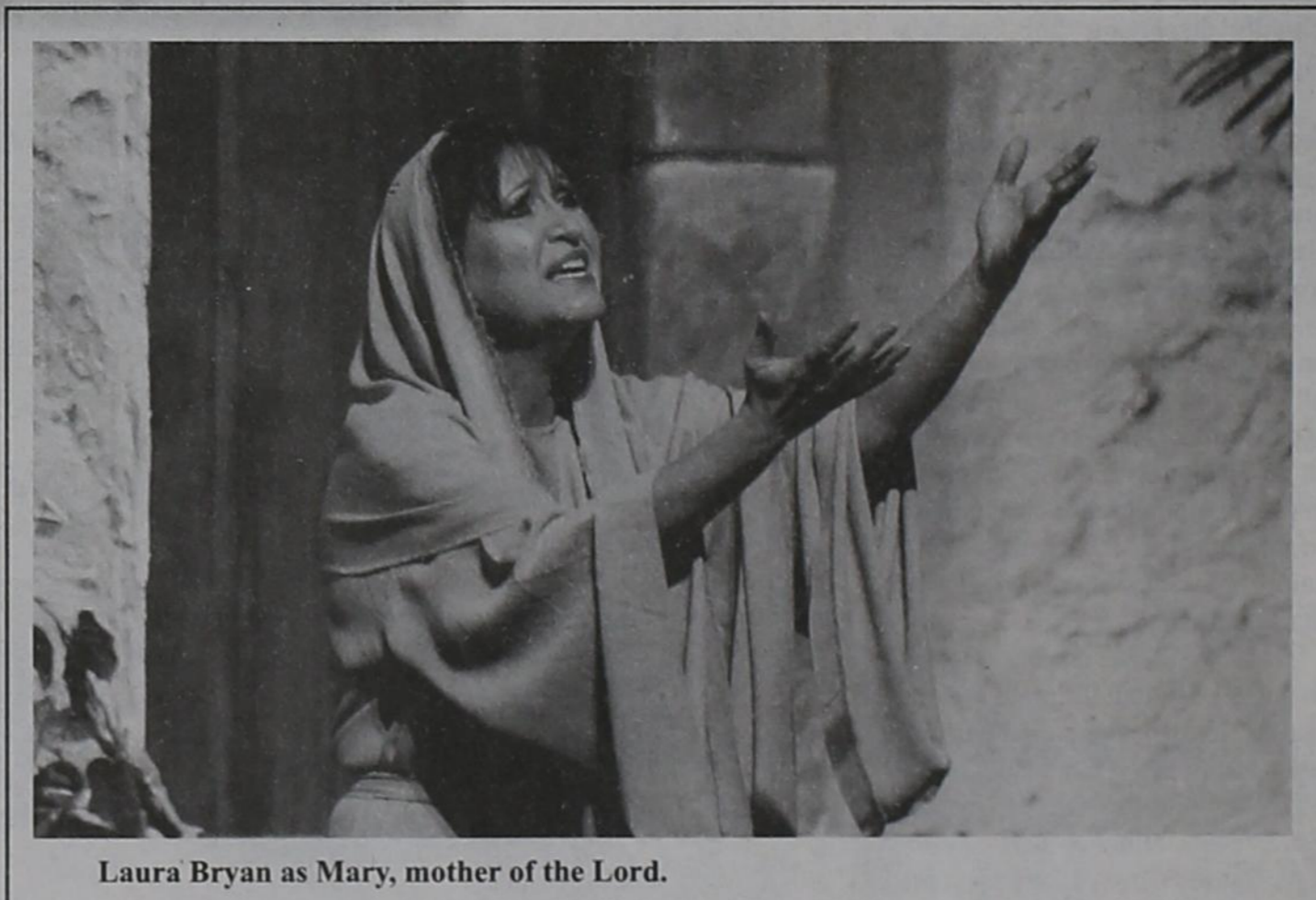
Their proposal also seeks to blame "price gouging" for soaring energy prices. The Federal Trade

Commission has been vigilant in its investigation of pricing practices in the oil industry. It has consistently found no evidence of market or price manipulation, and instead points to global supply and demand as a leading factor in the price of gasoline. In fact, as of January, the average tax on each gallon of gasoline was 47 cents, while the oil and gas industry has testified that it earns only four cents per dollar of gasoline sales.

The Democrats' plan would also repeal incentives for expanded refinery investment. By increasing taxes and reducing the incentives to refine oil into usable gasoline, we will end up with a smaller supply of domestic energy, which in turn fuels price increases, perpetuates our present crisis and keeps us at the mercy of OPEC. Energy companies would be hit with new taxes on foreign earnings, potentially exposing producers to double taxation and hindering their ability to compete for oil and natural gas reserves on the global market.

This year, we will spend about \$500 billion to import oil. All of those dollars should stay here in America, instead of being sent to foreign regimes that may be hostile to our interests. We need energy for Americans by Americans, and we need it now. Instead of searching for scapegoats, we should be searching for additional energy resources to be part of a bold, comprehensive plan for America's energy security in the 21st century.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.



Laura Bryan as Mary, mother of the Lord.

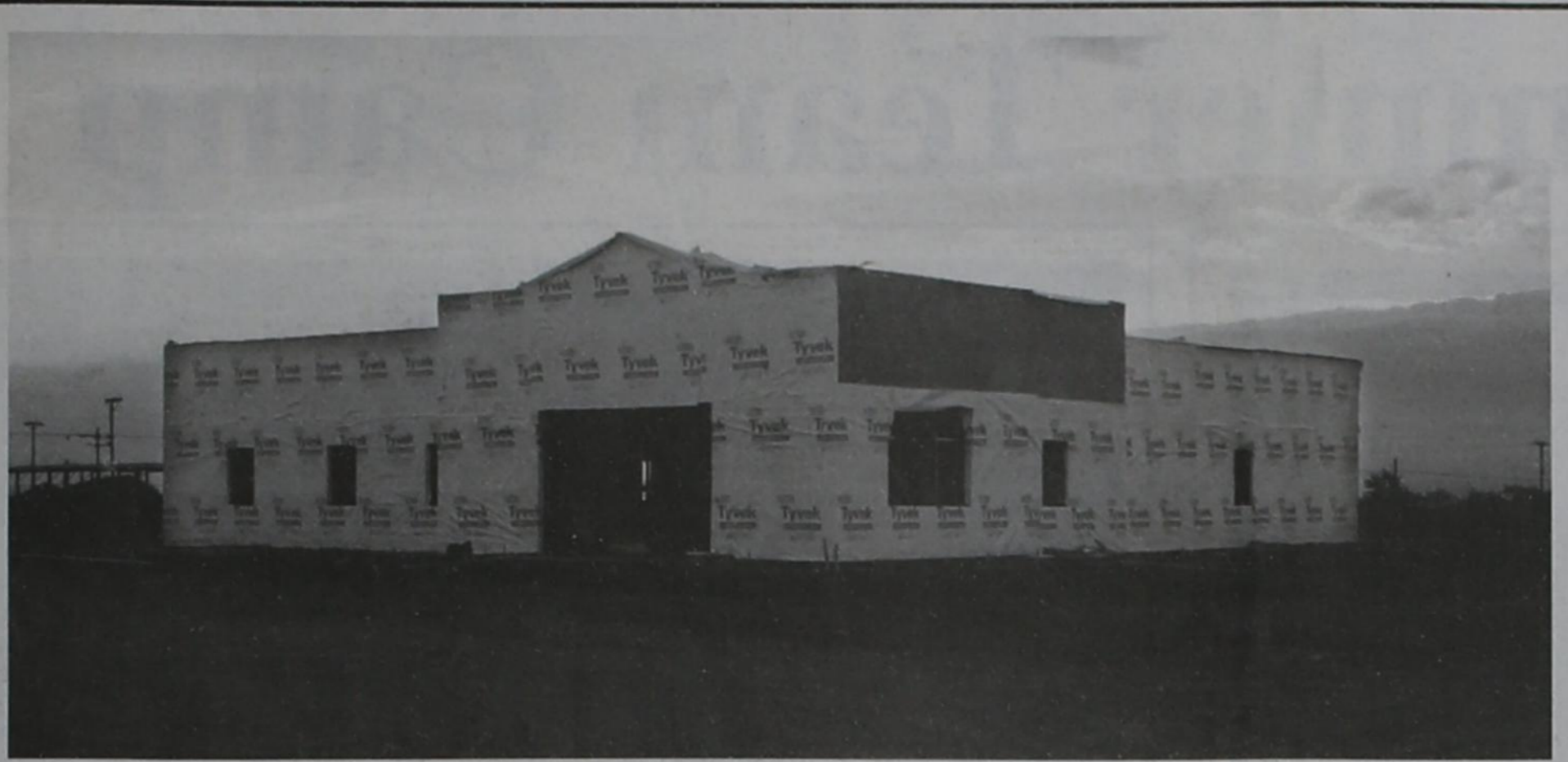
A Grand Finale at Ragtown Gospel Theater

by: Michael F. Taylor

The final performance of "Mary, Mother of the Lord" was a wonderful, spiritually moving experience, Saturday evening, June 21st, at the RagTown Gospel Theater. One gets the distinct impression as you enter the theater that something special is about to happen. That feeling was confirmed as Chip Polk began singing such southern gospel greats as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Midnight Cry" in his rich, deep baritone voice. Chip gives the quintessential southern gospel performance, replete with a good dose of old fashioned ministry in song and a whole barrel full of fun and humor. His declaration, "We just celebrate Jesus" seemed

to sum up the whole night. It was a wonderful celebration of the Lord. Speaking as someone there for the very first time, I can't help but say that I was moved by Chip's play "Mary, Mother of the Lord". Described in the play bill as a story taking place in the rooftop garden outside the Upper Room during the time after the resurrection of Jesus when He instructed the 120 disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait there until they were "clothed with power from on high." The cast included Laura Bryan as Mary, mother of the Lord, Glenn Polk, as Clopas, brother of Joseph, Jerri McCreight, as Mary, wife of Clopas, Christy Morris, as Martha, sister of Mary and David Armendariz, as James, son of Mary and Joseph along

with a great support cast. The set was exceptionally constructed and true to the period and culture. The acting was first rate and the plot lead to a reflection of just how Mary, the mother of Lord and her son James might have felt during that time after Christ's ascension. In speaking with those in attendance, it was perfectly clear that it was a special night. It certainly must have been a special night for one Mary in attendance, Mrs. Mary Rappelt. "With gratitude, respect, and much love I dedicate 'Mary, Mother of the Lord' to our Mary", Chip Polk. I can't wait to experience the next one, Chip. God bless until next time.



The new Garza Health Clinic on 1104 N. Avenue S and Hwy 84 says to be on schedule as planned.

The Garza County Health Clinic on schedule

by Ben Edwards, M.D.

The new, state of the art Garza County Health Clinic is set to open its doors in the coming months. The entire staff at the clinic is looking forward to continuing to deliver high quality health care but in a modern, 21st century environment.

The new clinic will be much more efficient not only in space and utility requirements but also in its delivery of health care with the new fully electronic medical records (no more paper charts), a larger variety of lab tests that will be performed on site instead of being sent to Lubbock, and possibly digital x-ray technology.

A new, up-to-date, modern clinic setting will also go a long way toward attracting and retaining physicians and other health care providers. Medicare does not currently pay primary care physicians adequately, and Congress is set to cut Medicare payments to physicians by ten percent on July 1. The situation is leading many physicians to consider opting out of Medicare all together. Most medical students are not going into primary care but opting for specialty care because of the poor Medicare reimbursement. The lack of primary care physicians has led to an extreme shortage of physicians and even fewer physicians who are willing to work in a rural environment or in

an area with a substantial Medicare population. So, recruiting and retaining a physician in this environment is a challenge for many small towns. A modern, efficient clinic that allows for low overhead costs similar to those in urban and suburban areas is essential to attracting and retaining health care providers to the rural community.

In 1996, after the local hospital closed and the current clinic situation was established, the clinic operations lost money every month. The taxpayers of Garza County were writing a check for \$10,000 to \$20,000 every single month for ten years. The turn-around came in December 2005, when the clinic started turning a profit and hasn't looked back since. With the financial success of the clinic, the health care district has been able to save money and now construct this clinic without raising taxes... and hopefully will even be able to cut taxes once the clinic is paid off because of the expected continued costs savings in this more efficient set-up.

The new clinic is a win-win situation for everyone involved, from the taxpayer to the patient and to the clinic staff. We hope all the citizens of Garza County can take pride in this fine new facility.

Post PTO sponsor's summer reading program

The Post PTO is sponsoring a summer reading program at the Post Public Library on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. for PTO members and their families to come, sit and read a book or two with their child at these times. For children who do not read, someone may read the books to them. Parents and guardians who cannot come to the library and stay are encouraged to at least spend some time during each day reading the books with their children. Ideally, after the reading of each book there will be a short "question and answer" time to be sure the child understood the story.

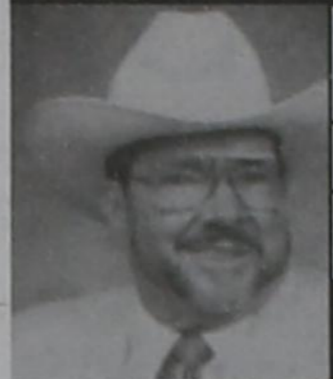
Parents will be given a folder with a sheet inside to write the names of the books the child has either read or has had read to them. They are asked

to bring the folder every time they come to read and check out more books. For every ten books read, the child will receive a personal pan pizza coupon from Peggy Ashley, the librarian.

Mrs. Ashley has been kind enough to come open the library for families who are affiliated with the Post PTO and want to be involved with their child, or children, as they read. If families are reading together, it will help the child learn to read, or learn to read better, and be more likely to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Any child who does not have a library card can come to the library during the PTO sessions, and Mrs. Ashley will issue them their very own library cards, which a parent will be responsible for. Hopefully, having their own

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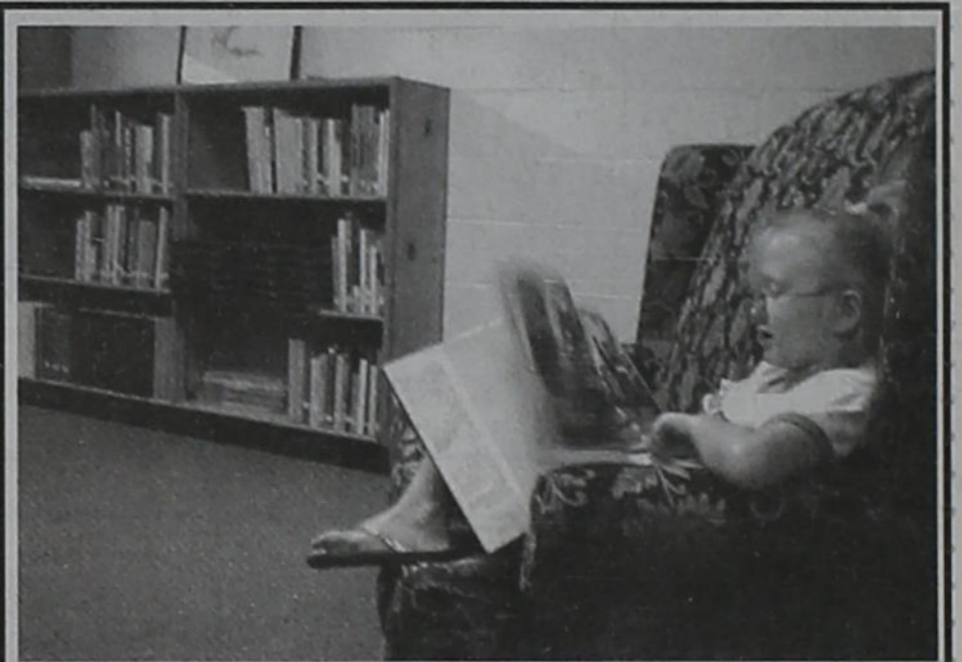
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Ryleigh Graves enjoys being part of the summer reading program at the Post Public Library last Monday. (photo by Judi Martin)

library card will give the young cardholders some sense of responsibility. If any parents, or other family members who can read and would like to, want to volunteer to read to a group of children from time to time, they can simply drop in on one of the reading days and let Mrs. Ashley know. For more information, contact: Paige Huckaby at 495-2750, Judi Martin at 990-1018, or Peggy Ashley at the Post Public Library.

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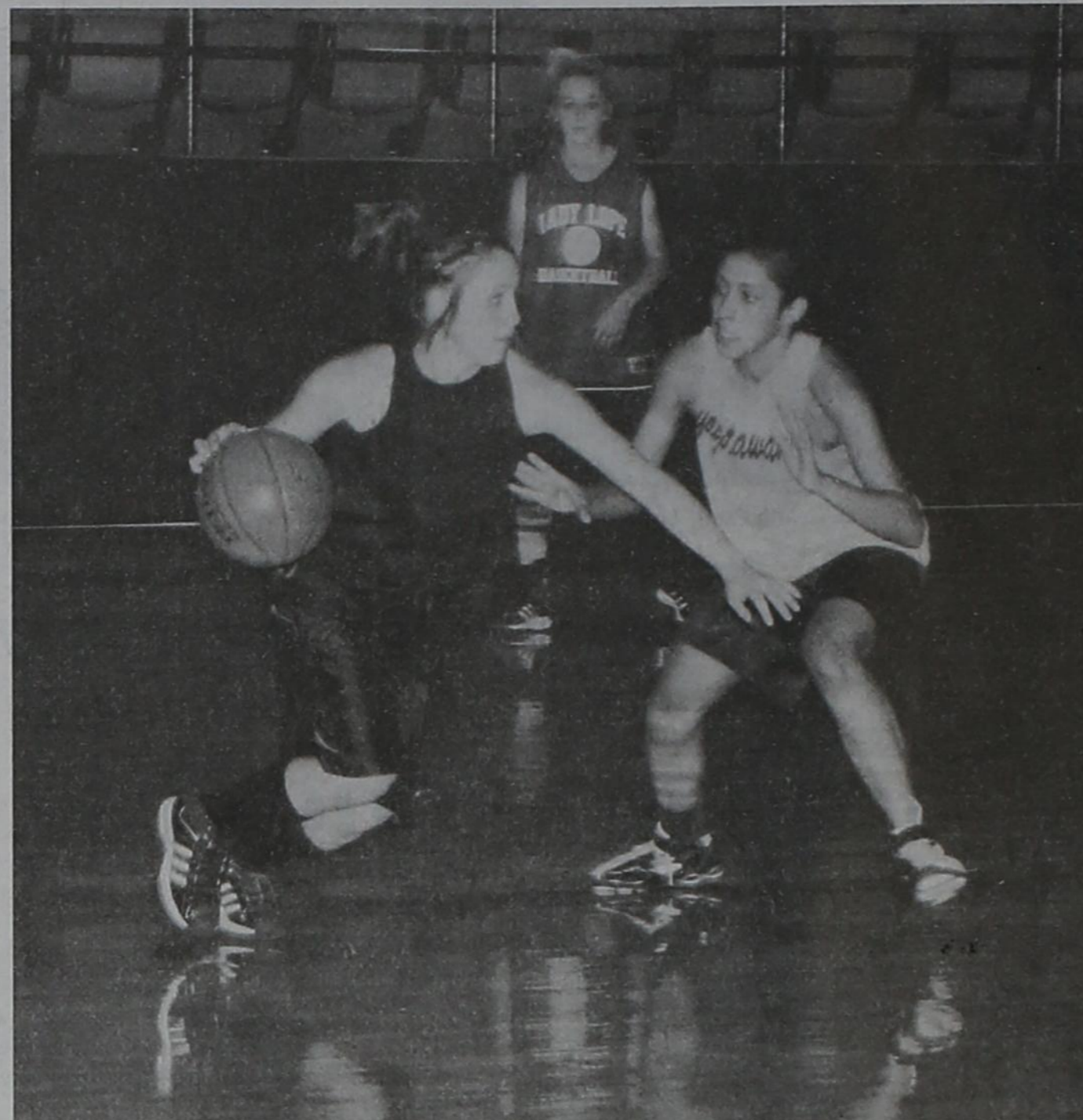


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Girls Summer Team Camp



During summer basketball team camp, Branda Stevens, # 10, out-jumps the Snyder Tigers at last Saturdays practice.



Cheyenne Miller (left) sets up the offense against Snyder Tigers in last Saturdays practice at Antelope Arena.



Amber Wilson makes a move toward the basket during last Saturday's team camp.



Trapped by the defense, Katelynn Short (front) pushes past the Snyder Tigers at last Saturday's team camp.

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Going for the fast break, for Post Lady Lopes, Cheree Conner (front) moves ahead of Midland Lee at last Saturday's practice.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather has been crazy out here! We have had quite a bit of rain. We also had a little bit of damage as well. We had a couple of pivots turned over and a few trees on the ground, tin, lawn chairs and other things scattered around, all due to the winds.

Amy Bush's softball players are state champions. They beat Coahoma 1-0 in the final in Austin at Red McCombs field on the UT Campus. Amy coaches at East Bernard, which is southwest of Sugar Land. This is the first softball state championship for the school. Amy is the wife of Josh Bush and the daughter-in-law of Ricky and Judy Bush of Levelland.

Kim and Rhonda Norman celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary by going out to eat with family and friends.

Melanie Morris, her boys, Russ and Jake, and her dad, George Reece, traveled to Florida last week to visit with Mel's brother Eric and his family. While there, they got to go to Sea World, Aquatica, which is a

new water park, Cocoa Beach, Disney, NASA, as well as getting to see the Space Shuttle. This is the second year they have gotten to go, and they say they can't wait till their trip next year.

Maurice (Bubba) and Doris Fluit of Bowie have a new great-grandson. Corben Wayne Wosley was born in Decatur on Sunday, June 22. Corben's parents are Chris and Miranda Wosley.

Salli Bess bought Daddy (Jerry Bush) tickets to see Ray Price in Wichita Falls. He and Mom left out on Thursday, went to the concert and came back home on Saturday. They both report they had a great time.

Mike and Clarice Johnson have had a full house lately. They have been enjoying their grandkids. Dakota and Jaycee, who belong to Cliff, are here for the summer. Cutter and Justin, who belong to Clay and Bobbie, have also been here.

Visitors - Reed Williams came by to say hello and grab a cool drink. Jon Bill Hedrick came in Tuesday afternoon. Billie Jean came over Monday for a while.

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Mike Johnson came by for a Coke Tuesday afternoon.

Jim Ellis came by for a couple of hats. Speaking of Jim, he and Nedra, they are officially moving here from Amarillo so we welcome them back to Ragtown.

Get Wells - Caelan Thuett has been in the hospital but is home now and doing great! Caelan is the son of Trevor and Jody Thuett and the grandson of Ronald and Nancy Thuett.

Be sure to keep our troops in your daily prayers! Remember our nursing home folks; Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock.

Birthdays

June 28 - Clint Melton

July 3 - Ruth Ann Young

See ya next week, and Ya'll Come See Us!

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

On God's Word

THE GREEN SUIT
by: Michael F. Taylor

I will never forget the old fashioned sermons that my father preached as I was a young lad growing up in West Texas. One story in particular that comes to my mind is the illustration that he used of his now infamous Green Suit. As I said, my father was the typical exuberant minister in the 1970's who made up for his lack of funds with a zest for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. One day, he came across a polyester green leisure suit with small yellow flecks embedded in the material hanging in the discount aisle of the local clothing store. Some of you may remember the type of suits I am talking about. Something reminiscent of Herb Tarlek's attire from the old SitCom "WKRP in Cincinnati" flash in my mind's eye. My father, immediately drawn to the suit promptly bought it and proudly wore it the following Sunday. Beaming with pride in his new suit, he stood at the door of the sanctuary readily greeting each parishioner as they entered the door. The first man entering the church shook his hand and said, "Good morning pastor, how are you feeling today?" To which he eagerly responded, "I feel wonderful this morning." The second person in the door was a dear sweet middle aged widower who said, "Well hello pastor, are you feeling okay this morning?" Slightly less emphatically he replied, "I am feeling fine, why do you ask?" "You look a little flush, Reverend", she said back with a touch of concern. The next person through the door asked, "Pastor, are you sick this morning?" Now a little concerned, he meekly replied, "Well, I'm not sure, I might be feeling a little under the weather." Inevitably, the next person shook his hand and spoke the question, "Pastor, are you running a fever this morning?" By this time, his concern had turned to dread, and he returned with this statement, "No, in fact, I think I am sick as a dog!" He never wore that suit again!

Have you ever had an experience like that? A day when everything seemed to be going your way and then after just a few conversations, the worries of this life get you down? When I begin to feel the pressures of this world, God reminds me in II Corinthians 12:9-10, 9 "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (NIV)

In my weaknesses I am made strong. But that doesn't seem to make sense. And yet God plainly tells me in His Word, that when I reach the end of the line in my strength, He can then finally utilize the vessel (each of us) that He choose to work through. In that assurance, I can now rejoice. I can now know that when my strength is gone, when I just cannot go any further, Jesus then is able to utilize me in ways that I never even thought possible. I pray that today will be one of those days. That in my feelings of inadequacy to write these words, Christ will somehow use this vessel in a way that will glorify Him. God's Word does not come back void. So I leave you with this prayer from Ephesians 3:16-19, "16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (NIV)

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Sincerely,
Elberta Martin

Two Draw Lake residents would like to thank the Post Fire Department for their quick response and hard work extinguishing two different grass fires that threatened to burn the entire area last week. We have a very dedicated and capable group of fire fighters in Garza County. THANK YOU!!!

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
June 25, 1998

Representing Post All-Stars in the 9 and 10 year-old division were Braden Bratcher, D. J. Baiza, Wilson Cash, Andrew Espinoza, Aaron Fox, Miles Gray, Colt Mason, Blake Nichols, John Norman, Pat Reiter, Byron Smith, Garrett Soto, Colton Valdez and Zach Witcher.

Jerin and Jerica Tyler of Post were singled out for recognition when Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music presented its program at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Jerica was one of five students cited for Most Courteous Pupil and Jerin received state level recognition and was listed as "outstanding" and a runner-up to All State.

Shad Blair and Sonya Harp of Post were named to the Dean's Honor Lis for the spring semester at South Plains College.

Opening across from the Pizza Hut was the newest specialty store in town, "3 Hearts Desire". Owners were Iris Copeland, Annette Riggs, Carolyn Willis and Vanessa McClellan.

20 Years Ago
June 26, 1988

Lanelle Clary was the winner of the trip to Las Vegas in the drawing held at P.D.Q. in honor of their first anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tyler announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debbie Sue, to John Mitchell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Jones of Guthrie, Okla.

Mayor Giles McCrary, on behalf of the Post City Council, presented a special plaque to Charles Wallace in appreciation of his services as a member of the Council.

Amber Cooper, a member of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club, won the second place trophy in the Grade Gelding Halter Class at the South Plains District Two Horse Show held in Lubbock.

Randy J. Ammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ammons of Post,

was recognized as the recipient of the Employee of the Month Award with the Texas Water Commission.

30 Years Ago
June 29, 1978

Dee Justice announced this week the name of the Mason Funeral Home has been changed to the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Justice and his wife, Janet, have operated the funeral home under their ownership since August of 1977.

The First National Bank Dodgers were awarded the first place trophy during presentation ceremonies in the Little League division. Members included Rodney Guthrie, Lupe Perez, Mark Valdez, Felix Bustos, Clifford Redman, Greg Massey, Gilbert Perez, Paul Perez, Michael Valdez, Tommy Basquez, Javier Valdez, Sammy Basquez and Sean Waters. Coaches were Herman Guthrie and Dickie Massey, and manager John Valdez.

Employees of the local Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service were Bill Aten, Margaret Bull, Cindy Bird, Joe Barnes, Ida Wilks, Jamie Sims and Ginger Carlisle.

Leslie Davis purchased Justice Pump Company at Close City from Howard Justice and operated as Davis Pump Company.

40 Years Ago
June 27, 1968

Kenny Poole, former Post Antelope athlete, was hired by Post School Trustees as Post's new high school basketball coach succeeding Will Bigott, who submitted his resignation to enter the school system of Pasadena, Texas.

Seven boys made good use of their extra time by converting one of Post's "eyesores" into a coffee house which was called "The Estate." The youths were Ricky Lee, Joey Lee, Timmons Bull, Don Collier, Mike Scott, Mike Petty and Steve Newby. Purpose of the coffee house was to furnish a place for teen-agers

to meet their friends and to sit and talk instead of "dragging main".

Miss Jaynie Lea Josey became the bride of Robert Truman Dickson, Jr., June 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Bobby Josey of Post, R. E. Josey of Karmack, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson Sr. of Post.

Lee W. (Bud) Davis was installed as the new president of the Post Lions Club to succeed Henry Harden.

50 Years Ago
June 26, 1958

Areaswimmerscompetinginthe second annual swimming meet in Post were Elisabeth Tubbs, Carol Camp, Susan Cornish, Deborah McCampbell, Becky Thompson, Sharon Meisch, Bobby Dean, Yvonne Moreland, Jess Partlow, Dana Lusby, Buddy Moreland, Gene Tanner, Lawrence Cook, Dub Craig, Jerry Windham, Marianne Jones, Barbara Craig and Christine Cornish.

Members of the subcommittee on storm shelters for the Garza County Disaster Relief Committee were Chant D. Lee, Julian Smith, Fred Cockrell and Mrs. B. E. Young.

Three post students and a youth worker were among more than 400 Texas Baptist students and counsellors who attended the fifth Baptist Youth World conference in Toronto, Canada. They were Linda Kay Wilks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilks Jr.; Ann Scarbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Scarbrough; Leslie Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nichols, and Mrs. Morris Neff.

60 Years Ago
June 24, 1948

The newly organized class of 11-year-old girls in the First Baptist Church had its first regular meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Joy Martin; vice president, Yvonne Morris; secretary, Janette Storie; reporter, Junelle Ticer; social chairman, Virginia Berry, and treasurer, Willie Ann Mathis.

Miss Monte Murphree entered the Cowgirl Sponsor Contest as "Miss Post" at the Levelland rodeo.

"Post Folks at Work" featured Vernon Bradley and James Altman installing a new Studebaker motor in a customer's automobile at the Storie Motor Company.

Garza folks traveling this summer included The John Lott family who traveled to Mexico; Giles Connell in Chipita Park, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Roberts, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Porter of Slaton vacationed at Tres Ritas, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Cash returned from El Paso and Mexico.

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Extension Extras

4-H Record Books

The deadline for record books to be submitted to the Extension office is Monday, June 30. The deadline to register on 4-H Connect is NOON, Wednesday, July 1. Entry fee is \$8 per record book. Record books must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 7 to the District office for judging.

District 2 Trap and Skeet Shoot

This Weekend, June 27 & 28 The District Trap portion of the Shoot will be hosted by Garza County 4-H at Palmer's Gun Club June 27. The District Skeet & 5-Stand will be held in Gaines County on June 28. Come out and show your support for District 2!

Prime Time '08 I & II

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood is the place for Prime Time '08. Sessions I & II will be held in July. Registration continues on 4-H Connect until July 7, 2008.

Youth Board Meeting

There will be a Youth Board Meeting on Monday, June 30. Members will receive notice in the mail.

District 2 Entomology and Horse Tour

Several 4-H'ers participated in the 2008 D2 Entomology and Horse Tour in Lubbock. They all had their picture taken with the Texas Tech University Masked Rider.

Shotgun Project

Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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ACROSS

- "money box" south of the border
- TXism: "attracted like ___ to light"
- "been there, ___ that"
- Mussolini title
- a Dallas Stars forward, Steve
- Dallas Sidekicks old league (abbr.)
- Pacino was coach D___ in "On Any Given Sunday" with TX Quaid
- TX McConaughy '96 film: "___ Kill"
- ___ lot
- slang for heads
- TXism: "fast as ___ a rafter"
- state park in Jefferson Co.
- this CB Jones left Cowboys for Dolphins in '08
- TXism: "run ___ the flag pole"
- SMU beat Pitt and this QB Dan in '83 Cotton Bowl
- Ranger 3rd baseman Vazquez
- activist "liberties" org.
- TX Ginger did what Astaire did but "backwards"
- TXism: "his blood is colder ___"
- actress Mac ___ of "Endearment" film made in TX
- early TX conflict (2 wds.)
- Yao of the Houston Rockets (2 wds.)
- co. started by TX Perot
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- bad theatrical production (2 wds.)
- not country music
- Aransas Pass event: "Shrimpo ___"
- Odessa is seat of this county
- TXism: "___ to a rattler" (wicked)
- TXism: "___ be a monkey's uncle"

DOWN

- Indian historic site in Cherokee Co. (2 wds.)
- TXism: "fixin' to" (2 wds.)
- Kimble Co. seat
- Tommie, outfielder for Astros or FB for Cowboys
- liquely
- TXism: "as much chance as a ___ plant"
- Indios, TX
- actress Gardner of "Lone Star"
- "dead zone" off TX coast threatens this (2 wds.)
- TXism: "jumpy as ___ on ice"
- Dallas Sidekicks star (84-'03)
- TXism: "mosey ___ to the trough"
- Labor Day
- television org.
- this Petty was a "Wilbury" with TX Roy Orbison (init.)
- init. of 44-across
- big video game co.
- "I smell ___"
- This Adubato was Mavs coach '89-'92
- not on the coast
- Greg Abbott's TX title (abbr.)
- Ranger "Hello win column" Holtz (init.)
- my
- retirement acct.
- 'in '87, this Robb was drafted by Rangers
- "Como esta usted?" ("___ you?")
- Pass, TX
- 40 prom ride?
- ___ out of it"
- TX Roddenberry's genre: sci-___
- "in" so. of the border
- east TX alligator
- infamous '50s Dallas stripper Candy
- TX Roy Orbison's "___ the Lonely"

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TEXAS TRIVIA
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How big is Texas? 801 miles north to south and 773 miles east to west. That is a lot of space to house 18 million Texans and 15 million head of cattle!

The last battle of the Civil War was fought near Brownsville. The Confederates won the battle but lost the war!

In 1901 Beaumont's Spindle Top oil well gushed 200ft in the air. For 9 days it spewed oil. Ushering in the first Texas oil boom.

The first word spoken on the moon was "Houston".

Three of our nations 10 largest cities are found in Texas: Houston, Dallas & San Antonio.

TEXAN TEST

- Texas ranks highest in the US production of:
 - Oil
 - Cotton
 - Watermelons
 - All of the above
- Texas has more tornadoes a year than
 - Louisiana
 - Kansas
 - Arkansas
 - Any of the above
- Which two presidents are native Texans?
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - George H. Bush
 - George W. Bush
- Texas has flown under the flag of:
 - Mexico
 - France
 - Spain
 - All of the above

Texas Was an independent republic for nine years. Sam Houston was the first president and Stephen F. Austin was Secretary of State.

Six Flags Over Texas...

...and we are not talking about an amusement park!

Explorer Hernando de Soto searched Texas for cities of gold, helping to fly the flag of Spain from 1519-1685. France claimed ownership 1685-1690, until the Spanish again reigned from 1690-1821. The Mexican flag flew from 1821-1836 until Sam Houston, leading the Texas army, defeated Santa Anna, forcing the Mexican general to sign the agreement that made Texas a free & independent republic. By 1845 Texans had voted to join the United States. Except for 4 years during the Civil War, when the bars & stars Confederate flag flew over Texas, the stars and stripes have proudly waved.

Laura Craig
TEST ANSWERS
1-d
2-d*
3-a & b**
4-d

*Texas has an average of 100 Tornadoes a year.
**Neither President Bush were born in Texas.

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3. _ O _ I _ A
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A Tale of Two Depots

by Hanaba Munn Welch

A view of the Santa Fe Depot in the late afternoon sun, taken in November 2006, shows the fading glory of the century-old tile building. Even under a coat of paint and with windows boarded over, the architecture shows a distinctive style that the Santa Fe Railway introduced for some of its depots in the Southwest. In contrast, the design of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Depot in Quanah exemplifies the Mission Style, favored by the QA&P. The Post depot dates from 1911. The depot in Quanah, which also housed the offices of the QA&P, was built in 1909. (photos by Hanaba Munn Welch)

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Outdoors
 Summer



by Hanaba Munn Welch

Detraining rail passengers mingle with people on hand to meet the Quanah Zephyr, a special train that carried passengers from Fort Worth to Quanah and back Saturday, an event arranged by the National Railway Historical Society and Burlington Northern Santa Fe. About 500 people paid to ride the train, a mix of modern Amtrak and vintage cars, including a 1923 pullman. The train arrived late, the result of a delay of over an hour at Dickworsham, south of Henrietta, where the Zephyr engineer and others spotted a man with a blue face and an ax, who, according to various reports from the passengers (some who saw him and some who didn't), chopped at hoses on a freight train stopped at the same location. The second train attack was at the outskirts of Quanah, a planned enactment of a Comanche raid with gun-wielding cowboys also swooping into the fray. (photo by Hanaba Munn Welch)



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Carriage rides and tours of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Depot Museum were premier attractions for train enthusiasts Saturday who took a special train to Quanah for a two-hour stay in the town that once was the headquarters of the QA&P Railway.

Many of the Quanah Zephyr passengers were from the Northeast United States and were making their first visit to West Texas. Besides the town's railroad history, the story of Chief Quanah Parker and his captive-turned-Comanche mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, also intrigued the visitors. (photo by Hanaba Munn Welch)



At 14th Street, Jessie Rogers home is this weeks "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Standing (left to right) are Inez Seabourne, JoAnne Steltzer, Jessie Rogers and Pat Cruse. (Photo by Merika Strivens)