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Early voting kicks off Monday

By Wayne Hodgin
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Early voting for both the municipal and school board elections begin Monday and run through May 7.

Registered voters in the city of Post may cast early ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall, 105 E. Main St.

The city is required to have two extended-hour early voting days. Those will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and May 6.

Early balloting for the school board election will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the administration office, 501 S. Ave. K. No extended-hour voting will take place for this election.

Election day is set for May 11 — that's a Saturday. Both the municipal and school board elections will be conducted jointly that day at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St.

Candidates

Mayor Archie Gill, who was appointed in October to fill the unexpired term of Thressa Harp, will face opposition from local businessowner T.K. Thompson.

The seats for Wards 1 and 2 in the city of Post went uncontested, effectively re-seating incumbent Councilwomen Melba Cimental and Pixie Grisham.

On the Post ISD board of trustees, two seats will be filled, including those of incumbents Drew Kirkpatrick and Robbie Williams, both of whom filed for re-election.

Political newcomer Ray Perez of Post also has filed to run for one of the open seats.

Info

For information about the municipal election, call City Hall at 495-2811. For information about the school board election, call the Post ISD administration office at 495-3343.

Local company fined for drinking-water violations

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The state environmental officials have fined the owners of a privately owned public water supply business in Garza County for drinking water violations.

According to documents obtained by The Post Dispatch from the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, the South Garza Water Supply Corp. was being investigated for failing to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes found in its water supply system.

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City outlines pool-filling guidelines this season

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

As the area's historic drought continues to plague West Texas, city officials have been wrestling with the notion of whether or not to open the city pool this summer and whether to allow city residents to fill their pools.

City Manager Deana Watson said she didn't feel it was right the city opened the municipal pool while not allowing local residents to enjoy their home pools.

"We're still in stage 2 of our drought-contingency

plan, which states nobody is allowed to fill a pool if it's not already filled," she said. "Most everyone drains their pools before winter sets in."

During the last City Council meeting April 9, city leaders directed Watson to make the call.

"We've decided to go ahead and open the pool and allow city residents to fill up their home pools one time through Jan. 1," Watson said this week. "The city pool is one of the best quality of life features we offer and is enjoyed by hundreds of kids and parents alike each year. I think it would

be a mistake to close it."

Watson said the decision to keep the pool open was reinforced by the fact that since the city implemented stage 2 of its drought-contingency plan last June city water customers have cut back water usage by about 30 percent.

"That portion of the plan requires the city to cut back only 10 percent, so our residents have gone above and beyond what we've asked them to do," Watson said.

City officials continue to urge residents to conserve water throughout the upcoming summer months.



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The city pool at Post City Park will open as scheduled shortly after the last day of school. City officials are still searching for someone to run the pool this summer.

"We really want to ask our residents to continue to keep water conservation in the forefront of their minds,"

Watson said. Residential customers

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Playoff Bound



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Senior Kayla Comeaux works the pitching machine Tuesday afternoon for junior Quincey Quintana. The Lady Lopes are gearing up for the bi-district game Monday against Coahoma.

Lady Lopes celebrate post-season action

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

For the first time since the girls softball team was started in 2005, the Lady Lopes will enter the state playoffs tournament Monday in Snyder as they play Coahoma for the bi-district title.

While the game is a long-time coming, the Lady Lopes do enter the tournament as the underdog.

"In the last five times we've played Coahoma, we've only won one game," said second-year head softball coach Toby Allen. "They're a traditional powerhouse and a four-time state champion team since 1997."

"We're going into this game as the underdogs, and my girls know this. We've talked about it. But I think it'll be a close game. Coahoma is still a good team, but we've shown that we're hard to beat, too, when we're consistent on defense. So I think defense and timely batting will be key to winning this game and bringing home a district championship."

Allen will look to the team's sole senior, third baseman Kayla Comeaux, a returning first-team all-district softball player, to continue to lead the Lady Lopes through the remainder of the season.

Comeaux, who was sidelined throughout most of the volleyball season and the entire bas-

ketball season with a torn ACL, has bounced back in remarkable time.

"Every day throughout rehab, I just pushed and pushed myself to work hard and strengthen my knee after surgery to get back on the field," Comeaux said before practice Tuesday afternoon. "My doctor wouldn't let me run track, so my focus has been out here."

Allen said injuries have plagued the upperclassmen throughout the season.

Junior Bethany Curtis was diagnosed with a concussion after being hit with a ball while trying to score during a recent game. Junior Kelbie Oden also has had a rough go after a fall at a recent track meet. Junior Callie Odom has been plagued with a back injury.

"Despite our injuries, I'm very proud of the way our JV girls have stepped up to help out the team," Allen said.

The Lady Lopes placed second this season in district play, second only to Slaton. The team will go into Monday's game 13-10 on the season and 5-4 in district action.

Coahoma is 5-3 in district play.

The game will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Snyder and will be broadcast live on PostSportsRadio.com. The pre-game show will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The winner of the Post-Coahoma matchup will go on to face Muleshoe on May 4 in the area meet.

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Willis Benefit

Benefit for Troy and Carolyn Willis at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Trailblazer's. Brisket plates \$7.00. Donations accepted.

Track club

The Post Jackalopes will have sign-ups for the summer track club from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Post Middle School commons area (enter through northeast door with wheelchair ramp). Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Call Marcie Oden at 806-781-3247 for information.

Horse validations

Deadline will be May 1. Cost is \$20. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Scholarship opportunity

Community Recovery Center officials are now accepting applications for the C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Scholarship presented each year to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in the areas of counseling and/or education. Qualified applicants are requested to submit an application to the selection committee no later than May 7. For information or applications, contact Chris Atkinson at 806-495-3173.

Fish fry

Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th St., will have a fish fry fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. May 17. Cost is \$7 per plate. The organization also will conduct a raffle for a Kindle Fire HD, \$100 app card and carry case. Tickets are six for \$5.

Play Days

The Garza County 4-H organization will have its annual Play Days May 18, June 1 and June 15. For information, call the Extension office at 495-4400 or Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221.

Power camp

The Garza County Extension Office will conduct a Power Camp from June 28-July 1. For information, call 495-4400.

Volunteers needed

Post City Festivals is in need of volunteers to help build a number of the miniature houses on site at Silent Night Village. If interested, call Jackie Cruse at 990-9907.

GED prep

The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

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School receives special bikes



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The Post Independent School District Department of Special Services recently received five adapted tricycles from the Lubbock AMBUCS organization for physical and occupational therapies for children with disabilities within school system. Byron Garrison, director of the system's special services said, "Sometimes, in order to provide therapy on younger children, you have to provide some fun activities. These activities, like riding a bike, while being fun also provide the professional therapist a way to treat and monitor improvement to children with identified disabilities, thus making them more productive students."

New pump installed



Submitted photo

White River Municipal Water District officials recently completed the installation of the new pump that supplies water to the Post main. The installation was completed and online earlier this month and was funded by the city of Post at a cost of about \$37,500. Water plant manager Tom Fulton said the pump uses 54 percent less in electricity at a 46 percent cost savings to district customers. "The one new pump is way more efficient than the two older pumps and will increase the life expectancy of the Post pipeline," he said.

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Chamber bingo night a success

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The Post Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Community Bingo Night on April 18. "We had a good crowd that had lots of fun and won some great prizes," said Chamber manager Janice Plummer said.

Prizes were donated by the following Chamber members: Garza County Animal Hospital, Caprock Heirloom, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Patty Kirkpatrick, JoAnn Stelzer, Main Street Mercantile, Pixie Grisham, Poka Lambro, Golden Plains Care Center, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Brady's Package Store, the Dalby Unit and McDonald's.

"Our blackout game prizes were the biggest," Plummer said. "The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility donated \$200 in United gift cards. We combined prizes to make the last game of the evening worth a total of \$200, and we also gave away numerous door prizes throughout the evening.

"We can't thank our sponsors enough for their continued support and willingness to donate prizes for these games. We also want to thank everyone who came out to play and the city of Post for their assistance with the Community Center."

The concession stand was run by the Women's Division of PACC and served cold drinks and good food all evening to the participants. Dusty Clary kept things rolling by calling the games and announcing the prizes.

The next Chamber Community Bingo night is scheduled for August.

West disaster recovery, probe proceed

By Ed Sterling

For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — An explosion on April 17 at a fertilizer storage and distribution company in the city of West left at least 14 people dead and an estimated 200 injured.

Counted among the dead were 10 volunteer firefighters who were called to the scene to extinguish a fire discovered there.

As they fought the fire, an explosion powerful enough to knock down a nearby school and an apartment complex occurred at 7:50 p.m. Flames and the shockwave from the blast burned homes, shattered windows and incapacitated infrastructure up to several blocks away.

Officials said the blast, deafening in intensity, shook the ground like an earthquake. Dozens of people remain unaccounted for and search efforts have been continuous. Help from all directions poured into the city of about 3,000 people located between Waco and Hillsboro on Interstate 35.

"Like most small towns, West is a tight-knit community where neighbors look after each other and join together in times of need," said Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management. "Local firefight-

ers — most who work on a volunteer basis — medical personnel, town officials, and countless others came together last night under the most difficult of circumstances."

Gov. Rick Perry on April 18 signed an emergency proclamation certifying that the explosion has caused a disaster in McLennan County. On April 19, Perry toured the city of West to get a firsthand look at the damage and to check relief operations.

Ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia, the two main ingredients in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, were present in quantity at the West Fertilizer Company on April 17. Both chemicals are commonly used in row crop production.

Officials must conduct forensic testing before they determine the actual cause of the blast. The Dallas Morning News on April 21 reported that the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and other agencies are investigating what happened.

Job count drops in March

Texas Workforce Commission on April 19 reported the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March was 6.4 percent, unchanged from the previous month and down from 7.0 percent a year ago. But, seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 4,100 jobs in March.

Employers added 14,900 jobs across five major industries in March, but these gains were offset by the loss of 19,000 jobs in six other industries, the

Texas Workforce Commission reported.

Senate moves legislation

Two bills having to do with quick response to armed intruders on school campuses were passed by the state Senate last week.

Senate Bill 1857 by Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, would create a special training program for teachers and other school employees focusing "on how an armed concealed carry license holder should interact with the police during an active shooter situation, ways to keep intruders out of the classroom and training to improve accuracy under duress."

SB 17 by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would provide school districts with funding assistance to send up to two employees to concealed carry training at no cost to the district. Both bills do not change current laws as to "who can carry where," according to the Senate News Service.

In other news, the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 16 approved HB 4 by Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, and a long list of co-authors, legislation creating the state water infrastructure fund of Texas.

Separate legislation will pull up to \$2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund and that money would be used to pay for projects, under the watchful eye of the Legislature. The bill now moves to the full Senate for debate.

SBOE passes resolution

On a 10-5 vote, the State Board of Education on April 19 approved a resolution that calls on the Texas Legislature "to reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanism that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars."

The resolution asserts that those things "do not provide accountability or transparency for state tax dollars and do not provide all parents and children with school choice due to the lack of transportation accompanying the voucher.

New Masked Rider takes Dunn advances to state reins during transfer

By Leslie Cranford
Special to the Dispatch



Texas Tech University

Corey Waggoner of Lubbock has been named the 52nd Masked Rider at Texas Tech University. Waggoner is shown with the university's newest mascot, Fearless Champion.

Texas Tech University's new Masked Rider Corey Waggoner accepted the reins to newly named horse Fearless Champion on April 19, becoming the 52nd student to don the mascot mask and cape.

Waggoner is a junior animal science major from Lubbock. Born and raised in the Hub City, he has always been a Red Raider fan. In the coming year he will promote spirit and goodwill for Texas Tech at athletic events and other school and civic appearances throughout Texas, while spreading his love of horses, passion for riding and enthusiasm for the university.

"I look forward to representing Texas Tech as a friendly face to the public and spreading school spirit," Waggoner said. "I have pictures of me as a little kid dressed in red and black on a jet-black horse from one of my riding club's parade appearances."

The son of Travis and Annette Waggoner, he attended New Deal High School and graduated from South Plains College in 2011 with an associate degree in science before transferring to Texas Tech. He already has been a member of the Masked Rider family, as he volunteered on the 2011 and 2012 Masked Rider field safety teams.

"During this time, I realized how special the Masked Rider is to Texas Tech and the community," Waggoner said. "I will strive to embody what the Masked Rider stands for: character, high moral standards, perseverance, loyalty and respect."

Waggoner started competing at playdays in barrels, poles, and other events in lead line when he was 2 and was riding horses on his own by the time he was 4. As he got older, he rode and carried a flag in many stock show parades and rodeo grand entries with his riding

club, including the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade, San Angelo Stock Show parade, and in countless other large and small communities throughout Texas. At 12 he began training colts for other people until he was old enough to work.

Every year since 1993 when he was 2 years old and won his first high-point buckle, Waggoner has earned many honors and awards. He received high-point champion in 2001 at the American Association of Sheriff Poses & Riding Club Horse Show Finals for judged events (halter, horsemanship, showmanship, trail, western pleasure and reining), high-point champion for speed events, and also received his first saddle for all around champion.

Competing in AASP&RC playdays, Waggoner has been club and district champion in his age group every year he competed. In 1995 he began competing at the AASP&RC State Playday Finals, receiving high-point awards every year. After 17 years of competing at the AASP&RC Playday Finals, he finally won high-point speed event champion in 2012. He started compet-

ing in various high-point speed event saddle shows in 2001 at the Morgan Mill Shootout. In 2005 he started competing at the National Association of Riding Clubs and Sheriff Poses Playday Finals where he won the high point champion saddle in 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Waggoner is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, the American Paint Horse Association, the American Association of Sheriff Poses & Riding Club, the National Association of Riding Clubs and Sheriff Poses, Better Barrel Races, and a former member of the National Barrel Horse Association.

"The Texas Tech Masked Rider is more than just a mascot; it is one of the most recognizable public symbols of Texas Tech University," Waggoner said. "It is a prestigious position, which only a select group of students have the privilege to fill. As the next Masked Rider, the public will not see me as an individual, but as the Texas Tech Masked Rider, a symbol of everything great about the university."

Ashley Wenzel, the 2012-

2013 Masked Rider, traveled more than 10,000 miles making more than 100 appearances at athletic events, rodeos and other functions.

Wenzel has two favorite memories, one being her very first run, which was at the 2012 Transfer of Reins baseball game.

"It was the first time I got to experience Midnight Mator's love for his job," Wenzel said. "Feeling his heart beating through the saddle was very intense! My second favorite memory was running at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Being from the Houston area, I grew up going to the HLSR as a kid and through high school. It was always a dream of mine to ride in the Reliant Stadium arena. Never did I think that I would get that opportunity."

Dunn advances to state

A group of students from Post High School competed Saturday in the UIL Regional Academic Meet at Odessa College in Odessa. Senior Audree Williams (above) placed fifth in literary criti-

cism and seventh in social studies. Junior Katie Dunn (top) placed first in news writing and will advance to the state meet May 21 at the University of Texas.

UIL Academics



Katie Dunn

Submitted photos



Audree Williams

Tech names new Masked Rider horse

By Leslie Cranford
Special to the Dispatch

When Texas Tech University completed the purchase of Hollywood at Dusk or "Woody" from a ranch in Tullia in mid-January, the quest was on for the perfect mascot moniker. A naming contest was launched and the winner was chosen in early March.

The wait for the unveiling of the horse's mascot name ended April 19 with the announcement of "Fearless Champion" as the winning stage name

for new-Masked Rider Corey Waggoner's new horse. The name was announced at the annual Transfer of Reins ceremony held at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center.

Fearless Champion is a black, 8-year-old Quarter Horse gelding, about 15 hands tall and about 1,100 pounds. He was the horse ridden by Masked Rider Ashley Wenzel at the Meineke Car Care Bowl on Dec. 28.

The winner of the naming contest is Dr. Corey J. Haggard, an anesthesiologist who

graduated from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1989. Although 23 people submitted the same name, Haggard's was the earliest time-stamped email, per contest rules. For his winning submission, Haggard received Texas Tech football 2013 season tickets.

The contest netted 1,364 emails submitted, with more than 2,500 name suggestions. The chosen name was voted on and approved by the Masked Rider Committee on March 5.

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The Paperboy

Bidding farewell to the long goodbye

(Editor's note: The following was written Tuesday morning. Mr. Blackburn's father passed away early Tuesday afternoon.)

My dad's long nightmare is coming to an end. After years of suffering from a rapid onset of Alzheimer's, Dad has just hours remaining in a life cut short by a very cruel disease.

At 65, Dad was diagnosed in 2006 with the disease. When my grandmother and mom died in early 2008, he never knew. By that time, you could still have a conversation with him, but he was clueless as to whom he was talking to.

I share this information with you, in part, because I think it is somewhat helpful to myself. Maybe it's therapeutic. But there are too many families who are going through the same thing my family has gone through.

Dad was a good man. He was a faithful husband and a loving father.

Despite great grades, Dad quit high school and left home early. At the time, he'd likely had enough from his own father who was abusive. I was told by his brother that when his father would get in one of those moods, Dad would step in and take the brunt of the punishment so his brothers and sister would not have to feel the wrath of their dad.

Once he left home, he worked. He also rodeoed. Specifically, he rode bulls. It is my theory (hope) that those nights of drinking beer and riding bulls may have led to his current condition.

Dad later got his GED, got married, had a daughter and joined the Marines. Shortly after I was born, he graduated from West Texas State and began a ca-

reer in business.

As a father, Dad was terrific. He was supportive and gentle. He loved a good laugh, and he loved people.

When he was first diagnosed, it was a struggle. He was quickly losing his mind and was fighting it every step of the way. Some of the things he would do and the situations he would find himself in were completely odd. I remember Mom and I talking about it and trying to figure out what the hell he was thinking.

In speaking with friends and acquaintances who have endured a loved one with Alzheimer's, you have to find a way to deal with the frustration and not get angry at the victim.

That can be very difficult indeed. For the most part, I was able to let go of that anger after Mom passed. It was much easier once I convinced myself that Dad was not whole and would not be until the disease had its final say and released him.

So here we are. His breathing is shallow, he is non-responsive and his body is shutting down. His future is secure and he will soon be reunited with his wife and mother. I wonder if he'll be surprised to see them?

For those of you who have a similar story, my heart goes out to you. It's a brutal road to travel.

Thankfully, Dad is at peace. He's not suffering, and he will be released from the mental prison he's been confined to. And while I'm sad, part of me is rejoicing at the thought that he has the future of a Christian man and will be made whole again.

I will miss him very much.

I guess I've been missing him for years.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

The Idle American

Looking down the nose

When sensory body parts were assigned, growing evidence suggests that noses got a raw deal. They haven't made much noise about it so far; what can they do — snort, sniff or maybe drip?

Noses stiffened in protest — to date, anyway — have either been ignored or shushed. Even the “see no/hear no/speak no evil” monkeys — depicted in eighth-century China — ignored noses.

There have always been permissible “time-outs” for eyes, ears and mouths.

Not for noses, though; their intake valves are forever open, 24-7.

References to noses typically are negative. Some are “bent out of joint.” Many are bodily ski slopes for eyes peering downward. Noses in the air — and “blue noses” — paint pictures of arrogance.

Except maybe for babies — some of whom have “cute”

noses — rarely are they included in positive remarks.

When's the last time you heard a guy ask another, “Wow, did you get a gander at her beautiful nose?”

For noses, there are no places to hide. Ears have their muffs and eyes have their shades, but noses remains bared, always out front. And we all are admonished to follow them.

Certain luminaries have made peace with noses that happen to be XXXX-large. Jimmy Durante joked about his “schnozzola,” and Bob Hope milked his “ski nose” for laughs. Steve Carell stands behind his ample protuberance, without a threat of rhinoplasty — but comedienne Phyllis Diller had hers cut down to size. Noses did nothing to curtail careers of Karl Malden, Walter Matthau and Pinocchio.

A friend who was a longtime collegiate basketball coach has a nose with wide-angle air passages. He's kidded that “if his nose were full of nickels, he could retire.”

Madison Avenue, adding to its rush to produce ads for assault on our eyes and ears, now is making billboards that produce aromas as well. So far, steakhouses are faring well pushing wonderful aromas along with sizzles.

Some fairs are running billboard-bearing trucks that emit the sweet smell of cotton candy.

Can ballparks, public transportation and arenas be far behind?

Saying this to say that noses — in all

probability — will press on.

No matter what most marks the air — fair or foul — they'll take it, wishing, dadgummit, they didn't have to “take the good with the bad.” The latter includes tiring suggestions that we keep our noses out of other people's business.

Noses for news, a kindly description of certain news folks, offer but faint praise.

What are noses to do? Obviously the Chinese passed right over the opportunity to add a fourth monkey holding his nose.

Options are few. There aren't many calls for nose models used in mask-making at Halloween time. And those bulbous noses clowns choose for their facial treatments rarely ever wear out.

Nose transplants are never in the news. Putting in for transfers could, however, be noses' next requests.

They've enjoyed better days — when roses, honeysuckle and new-mown hay called for slowing of steps to accommodate deep breathing. We stopped; we smelled.

Most folks can only dream of the freshness of falling rain in a pine-filled forest. And pleasures now are rare of aromas from apple pies and sage-stuffed turkey dressing wafting from ovens.

Heck, even if stove-makers continue to turn out ovens, there is talk they may eliminate the “wafters.”

Protuberances, then, are like the love-struck couple peering bravely forward from the very tip of the Titanic. Or Rudolph with red-raw nose chosen as sleigh leader for Santa's annual flight.

Noses are “front and center,” taking on whatever comes next. They'll keep sights and tastes separated, hold up eyeglasses and provide barriers for mustaches to rub against.

Noses — stuck out or not — routinely pass smell tests. They can't hide; they can't run — OK, but only in place.

Thankfully, we are free to appreciate our noses if so desired. Maybe we should cut them slack about post-nasal drip, allergies and congestion. And, shouldn't we give them passes as they relate to our appearance?

Woodrow Wilson, back when presidents had time for such, penned (stole?):

“As a beauty I'm not a great star. There are others more handsome by far. But my face, I don't mind it, because I'm behind it. 'Tis the folks in the front get the jar.”

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational speaker.



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High school track

Lady Lopes named co-area champions

WOLFFORTH — The track teams from Post High School competed April 18 at the Area 3-AA track and field meet at Frenship ISD. The Lady Lopes varsity team was named the co-area champions. The top four finishers from area will compete at the Region 1-AA meet today and Saturday in Odessa.

Following are last week's results:

Varsity Boys: Team finished 5th with 62 points

100 M Dash; 1st Place, Darren Brown; 10.96

400 M Dash; 4th Place, Dalton Holly; 54.30

1600 M Run; 4th Place, Isaac Stern; 5:13.58

3200 M Run; 4th Place, Isaac Stern; 11:51.36

4x200 M Relay; 4th Place, Nathaniel Gill, Aron Lopez, Caden Dean, Darren Brown; 1:34.52

Long Jump; 4th Place, Nathaniel Gill; 20'3.75"

Shot Put; 2nd Place, Bryan Smith; 46'3.5"

Pole Vault; 1st Place, Paden Babb; 12'6"

Discus; 3rd Place, Travis Greathouse; 139'3"

Varsity Girls: Area Co-Champions 112 points

200 M Dash; 2nd Place, Haily Berry; 27.03

400 M Dash; 3rd Place, Taylor Osborn; 64.05

300 M Hurdles; 1st Place, Miranda Apolar; 51.17

4x100 M Relay; 1st Place, Miranda Apolar, Taylor Osborn, Bethany Curtis, Haily Berry; 51.78

4x200 M Relay; 2nd Place, Kelbie Oden, Cheyenne Gill, Madison Carr, Bethany Curtis; 1:58.31

4x400 M Relay; 2nd Place, Sarah Stinson, Bethany Curtis, Taylor Osborn, Haily Berry; 4:21.36

Long Jump; 1st Place, Haily Berry; 16'6.75"

Triple Jump; 1st Place, Haily Berry; 35'11.5"

Triple Jump; 3rd Place, Kelbie Oden; 33'4"

Shot Put; 3rd Place, Sara Greer; 31'7.5"

Discus; 1st Place, Taylor Osborn; 101'9"

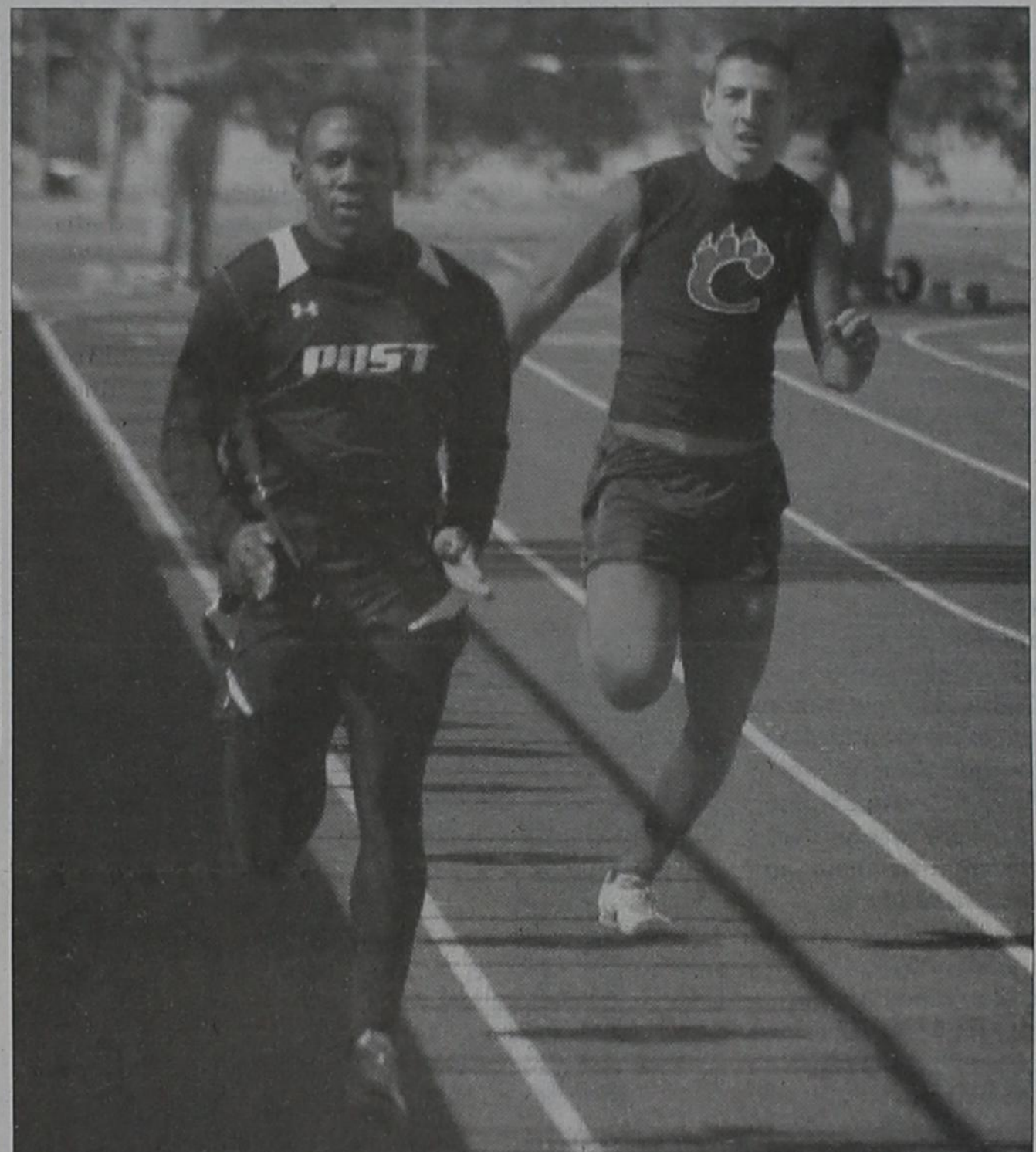
Discus; 4th Place, Rebecca Taylor; 90'0"



Photos by Drew Kirkpatrick/For the Dispatch
Miranda Apolar comes from behind to win area 300-meter hurdle race April 18 at the area track meet at Frenship.



Sarah Stinson completes handoff to Bethany Curtis in girls 1,600-meter relay at the area track meet April 18 at Frenship.



D.J. Brown wins the 100-meter dash at the area track meet April 18 at Frenship.



Bethany Curtis hands off to Haily Berry, and Post blows away the field in the sprint relay April 18 at the area track meet at Frenship.



Travis Greathouse wins third in the discus competition at the area meet April 18 at Frenship.

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High school baseball

Post can't stop Slaton seventh-inning rally

SLATON — A tight game was decided in the seventh inning as Post fell to Slaton, 8-7, in seven innings on April 19.

Nathan Gill racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Antelopes. He tripled in the third inning and singled in the fifth inning.

Slaton was sparked by Quaylor McDaniel and Josh Salazar, who teamed up for six hits and four RBIs.

The bottom of the first saw Slaton take an early lead, 1-0. After McDaniel doubled, Nate Guerra singled, plating McDaniel.

Slaton stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the seventh, scoring two runs on an RBI single by Salazar and a walk by Justin Buxkemper.

The Antelopes were scheduled to face Childress at 2 p.m. today at Norm Cash Field.

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Slaton	1	0	0	4	0	1	2	8	13	0

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Sheriff completes training course at Sam Houston

Special to the Dispatch

Sheriff Terry L. Morgan recently completed an extensive training course at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, a division of Sam Houston State University.

There were 20 sheriffs in attendance from across the state. Sheriff Morgan spent more than 27 hours in this program learning the professional skills and techniques needed for managing a county jail.

The program was provided at no cost to Garza County or the registrants, through a collaboration of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, the Texas Jail

Association, and the Texas Association of Counties. This training is endorsed by the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

These 20 have shown they are serious about managing the risks and liabilities associated with operating such facilities.

The Texas Association of Counties, which provides training to all county officials, is a non-profit professional organization. Sam Houston State University is known nationwide as the premier school for Criminal Justice students. The Texas Jail Association and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are professional organizations dedicated to the training and welfare of their members.

Neugebauer introduces CROP Act to help farmers manage risk

Special to the Dispatch

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas, re-introduced the Crop Risk Options Plan Act today, which will strengthen farmers' ability to manage risk. The CROP Act was introduced in the last session of Congress, and earned inclusion in both the House and Senate Agriculture Committee bills.

"Crop insurance is the preferred risk management tool for most farmers and ranchers," Neugebauer said. "In a business where earnings are determined by weather conditions and other factors out of their control, producers need the ability to protect themselves from losses."

The CROP Act gives producers the option to insure against shallow losses so they don't have to suffer a 30 percent loss before coverage kicks in. By using a county-level

trigger for losses, rather than losses at each individual farm, the CROP Act provides a less expensive way for producers to purchase this coverage.

The bill also gives the U.S. Department of Agriculture more flexibility in analyzing crop yields and losses. Currently, USDA's Risk Management Agency must use data collected by the National Agriculture Statistics Service when determining yields for county based policies. The CROP Act allows RMA to use data it is already collecting to make these determinations, thereby improving efficiency.

"The CROP Act builds a stronger safety net through shared-risk," Neugebauer said. "Producers won't have to worry that a few bad seasons of shallow losses will put them out of business. I'm looking forward to discussing this more when the House Agriculture Committee begins marking up a farm bill this spring."

Pet of the week

This is BooBoo and Margarita, two 12-week-old Chihuahua mix puppies available for adoption through Post Animal Refuge Center. These two were rescued with their mom and siblings and are ready for adoption. Their mother, 6-year-old Tequila, is also ready for her forever home. If you're interested, please contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.

Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch



Curtains close on one-act play



Leslie Tatum/For the Dispatch

The Post High School drama team's UIL one-act production of "Edith Stein" came to a close at the regional competition April 19 at Odessa College. The play advanced after the area contest April 9 at Wayland Baptist University. Students receiving accolades for the area production included Best Actress Kelsey Isbell, All-Star Cast Stephen Rodriguez and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast Madison Fluitt.

Cotton producers prep for 2013 crop

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Special to the Dispatch

In about a month, cotton planting on the High Plains will be in full force, and producers around the area are making preparations to plant somewhere between 3.7 and 4 million acres of cotton, according to Plains Cotton Growers estimates.

This would be a significant portion of the 5.5 million acres expected to be planted statewide.

In some areas, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents report near-normal planting intentions. Late seed bookings could cause a bit of a bottleneck closer to planting time, so producers should take delivery now, seed representatives said.

At this point, rainfall is the biggest factor going into the 2013 crop. Late freezes have impacted the wheat crop, and Plains Cotton Growers experts say several area producers are planning to harvest their wheat for hay and plant cotton.

Moisture-wise, several portions of the South Plains area are in fairly decent shape, at least compared to the past two years. However, a good rain would give irrigated producers a break from pre-watering and allow dryland producers a good start.

On the weed-resistance front, experts report many producers are going back to applying pre-plant herbicides, attempting to stave off any breakouts of resistant weeds.

"Producers are really paying attention to this resistance issue," Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Kerry Siders said. "We hope this issue will be fairly short-lived."

Cotton markets have slipped some over the past week, with December futures at press time at about 85 cents. However, with an insurance price of 83 cents and grain prices lower than a few months ago, the relative "security" of cotton has tipped the balance in favor of the fiber crop.

Officials with Plains Cotton Growers continue to monitor issues at the federal and state level. The House and Senate Ag Committees should begin markups on the Farm Bill within the next few weeks. The American Farm Bureau Federation released their proposal for a Farm Bill last week.

"Although the cotton industry certainly shares their goals of helping reduce the federal budget deficit and providing an adequate safety net for producers, it ignores the two years of work by the cotton industry to reach a negotiated settlement on the Brazil WTO case," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "It is not good for cotton producers."

Water is the primary state issue at hand for PCG, and Senate Bill 302 has passed the Senate and been sent to the House. PCG is opposed to SB 302 and its House companion bill, HB 3535. Based on PCG analysis, the bill weakens local control of groundwater conservation districts.

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A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
Hint: Quote by Nancy Grace

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Yesteryears

10 years ago
April 24, 2013

The state's \$10 billion shortfall and recent legislative shuffling could lead to significant cuts in local services and higher property taxes.

County Judge Giles Dalby, who recently spent a week in Austin speaking on behalf of local taxpayers, said Texans might see the loss of many long-standing services thanks to deep cuts proposed by the legislature. Health care, the criminal justice system and education are likely to feel the most impact.

A new athletic director was hired at the Post Independent School District meeting conducted earlier this month. Time James of Lemesa was tapped to serve, as the district's AD following the resignation of Richard Gorman ear-

lier this year, according to Post ISD superintendent Marlin Marcum. James has spent the past 14 years in Lemesa, having served that school district as athletic director for the past seven years.

Hugh Brian and Bob Collier each won \$100 shopping sprees at United Supermarkets, a recent Post Rotary Club fundraising event. Rotarian and United Supermarket manager David Capps congratulated the winners at Tuesday's Rotary Club meeting.

20 years ago
April 28, 1993

In September and October 1992, Post students in grades 3, 7, and 11 were given the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. Results from that testing showed that when all scores were computed, Post students in

the exit level (11th grade) had a higher percentage passing all three tests (65 percent) than the state average (54 percent).

Sacramento to Atlanta, almost 3,000 miles of mountains, deserts and rolling plains. Not many people would care to take this trip by car, much less cover the distance astride a tandem bicycle. Brothers Bob and David Marietti started this intimidating journey back on March 26 hoping to make the journey on an 18-speed tandem bicycle. The Marietti brothers found themselves in Post last week where they spent the night at the Hotel Garza before heading East Wednesday morning, April 21.

For the Mariettis, the trip has two purposes; a fundraiser to help support the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum in Ishperming, Mich., and an opportunity to collect data on the effects of sustained and long-term exercise on persons with Down's Syndrome, such as David Marietti.

30 years ago
April 27, 1983

The annual Spring Art Show, sponsored by the Post Art Guild, will be held this week at the Post Community Center. It will be open to the public from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday. The awards presentation will begin at 3:30 p. m. Sunday. The show will feature paintings, sculpture and photography. Judges Ronald Thomason of Weatherford and Jim Long of Lubbock will

choose winners in various categories and designate those winners before the art goes on public display.

What are C-Days? "Here in Post they will be the special days when American Cancer Society volunteers ring doorbells of friends and neighbors as part of a month-long educational and fund-raising Cancer Crusade that begins this week," Donna Stelzer, co-chairwoman of the local effort said. A special feature of C-Days will be a new ACS pamphlet "Check Your Health," which will be distributed starting this weekend by neighborhood volunteers. "This little red, white, and blue pamphlet might help save some lives here," Stelzer said.

40 years ago
April 26, 1973

A Garza County district court grand jury returned 22 indictments here Tuesday afternoon and exactly half of them were for possession of marijuana.

The most unusual indictment was against a Richmond man now out on bond, for offering a \$100 bribe to a highway patrolman last fall to permit a prisoner to escape.

The Post High School band and another from this area, the Floydada High School band, will be in Canon City, Colo., May 5-6, for the Canon City Jaycees' 35th annual Music and Blossom Festival. The Post band, directed by Herb Germer, and the Floydada band, directed by Jim Swofford, will be two of 44 bands from six states, including Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming and Iowa, to be in competition.

A Little Britches Rodeo, with peewee and junior divisions, is to be presented May 25-26, at the Post Stampede Arena, it was an-

nounced today by Fred Myers.

The rodeo will be produced by Doc Edwards, a former Postite who now lives at Girard.

50 years ago
April 25, 1963

A 42-year-old ex-convict, accused of having forged a Garza County commissioner's name to six checks and passed them at local business places, has been charged here on two counts of forgery and is being held in the Lubbock County jail for safekeeping. The alleged forger, Nathan Clark Kelley, was arrested by sheriff's officers in Breckenridge on Saturday, just a few hours after Deputy Sheriff Lloyd H. Merritt had alerted officers there that Kelley probably was in that vicinity.

Seventy contestants, sponsored by as many business firms, are in the Amity Study Club's beauty talent contest to be held at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, April 27, in the primary school auditorium. "Budding Beauties of 1963" is the theme of the even and the winner will be crowned "Miss Amity." The contestants will be judged by out-of-town judges.

White River Municipal Water District directors accepted bids on the electrical contract for the big dam and booster stations at a brief April meeting last Thursday night at Contractor Steve Luce's house trailer office on the dam site. The city of Crosbyton bid on the booster station for Ralls, which is located in Crosbyton. The Dickens County Co-op entered the bid on the dam itself and its bid was for electricity to all of the project but the Post and Crosbyton booster stations.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

Cotton school program slated for August

Special to the Dispatch

Registration is now open for the 33rd session of the Texas International Cotton School, scheduled for Aug. 5-16 in Lubbock.

The intensive two-week program covers all aspects of cotton, from the field to the fabric. Since its inception, the school has been a collaboration between the Texas cotton merchants who make up the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the faculty and staff of the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute of Texas Tech University. "Those interested should register early, because the class size is limited and last year's class was near the maximum that can be handled in our facilities," said Dean Ethridge, managing director of the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute. "The size and diversity of the class stimulates learning and results in friendships that may extend years into the future."

During the two weeks of the school, more than 30 experts from across the United States teach the students, who learn about the cotton marketing chain — including seed breeding, farm production, harvesting, ginning, warehousing, merchandising, and textile manufacturing. They learn about the important quality attributes of cotton fibers and how these translate into processing efficiency and textile product quality. Throughout the program, they have repeated opportunities to interact with the cotton merchants of the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the fiber and textile experts of Texas Tech University.

For information, including tuition and curriculum, visit texasintcottonschool.com or call Christi Chadwell, TICS coordinator, at 806-742-2838 Ext. 233.

Our hearts were heavy with the loss of Emory (Chic) Stevens. Then God blessed us with a show of love from friends and family with calls, visits, flowers and food. We thank you for all the things you've done for us. The food brought to the house to Marge Tannehill and Cecilia Mason for help.

The special service from John Bil Hendrick, Charles McCook and Margie Maestas, Curtis and Richard Hudman of Hudman Funeral Home, the bearers Rodney Oden, Joe Bilbo, Ronnie Bilbo, Mike Aten, Robbie Williams, Rynn Norman and Ray Mason, the ladies and men that helped with lunch after the service, to Hospice that was with us.

Gary and Kim Rogers of Roger Construction for the meal you catered for we will always be grateful. May God bless you all.



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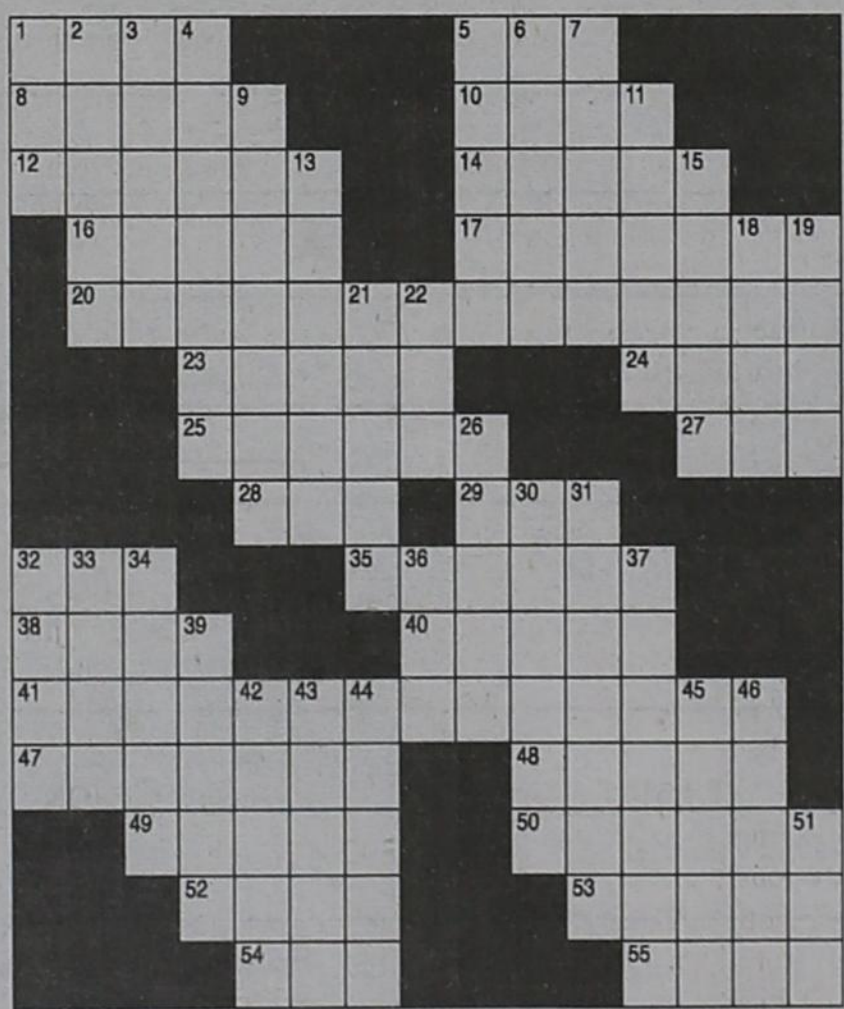
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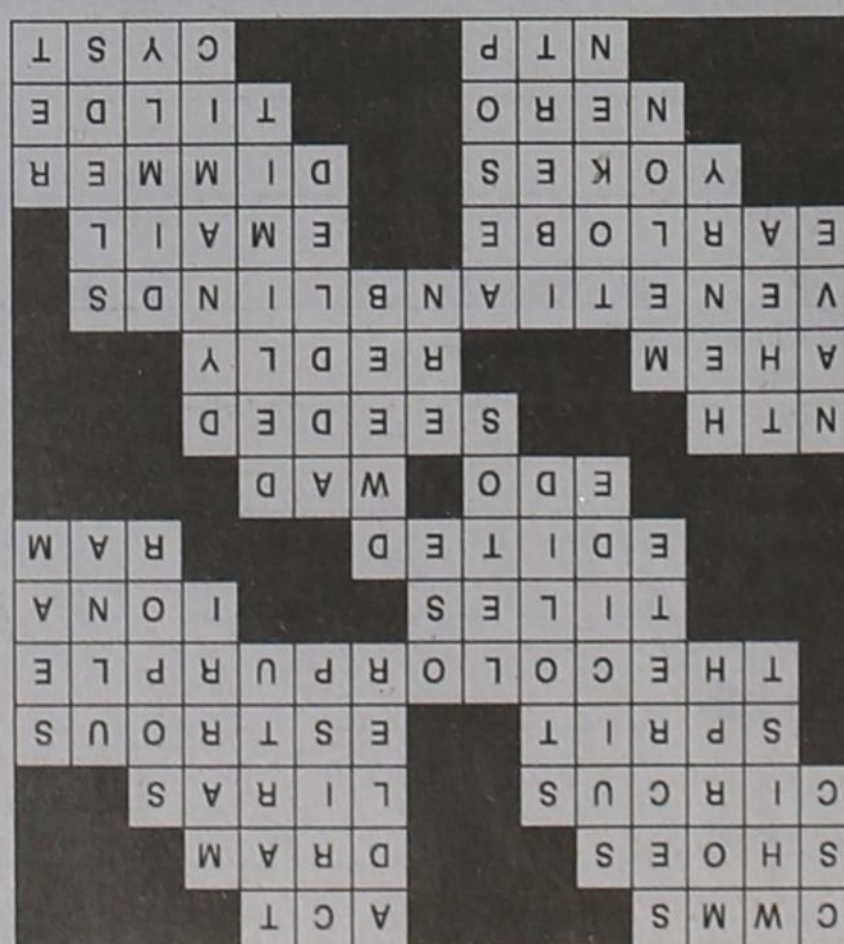
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9. Killing yourself
11. Very large red gum tree
13. Impassive
15. A deep lethargic sleep
18. One of the forearm bones
19. Line formed by joining two pieces
21. Belonging to Apollo's mother
22. H___; watering device
26. Nerd or wonk
30. Befuddled
31. Set or draw the boundaries of
32. The central area of a church
33. Titan mother of Helios
34. "Daisy Miller" author James
36. European sea eagle
37. High-powered
39. Cantaloupe or honeydew
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Menus: Week of April 29 - May 3

Southland ISD Breakfast
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast bar, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.
Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, baked fries, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, pinto beans, garden salad, salsa, fruit, sherbet, milk.
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, garden salad, beans, fruit, milk.
Friday: Chicken parmesan, peas, garden salad, Jell-O, fresh

apple slices, breadstick, milk.
Post ISD Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Doughnuts, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple delight, milk.
Tuesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange wedges, milk variety.
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk variety.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, baby carrots, milk variety.
Friday: Pizza choice, crunch broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety.
Trailblazers Lunch
Monday: Lasagna, corn, salad, garlic toast, birthday cake, milk.
Tuesday: Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, spinach, roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Charbroiled beef patty, spinach, mashed potatoes, roll, chocolate cake, milk.
Thursday: Taco pie, beans, rice, tortilla, peanut butter cup, milk.
Friday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, pudding, milk.

POOL

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with addresses ending in an even number are allowed to water for lawn, garden and landscaping purposes between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m. only on even-numbered days of the month. Those with odd-numbered addresses are allowed to water between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. only on odd-numbered days. Residential car-washing and such fund-raising events are allowed only if the user has some sort of device, such as a nozzle, that restricts the flow of water from a hose, otherwise the use of a bucket is allowed. Businesses are not allowed to wash off

concrete sidewalks. City officials said no citations for water misuse were issued last year — only a few warnings — but that stricter enforcement would be implemented this year.

Permits and citations City code enforcer Eddie Pitts reminds residents who plan to put up an above-ground pool they must obtain a permit from the city. Even if the pool was taken down and will be put up again, a permit must be obtained. Pitts also reminds residents that all pools, in-ground and above-ground, and hot tubs must be fenced in. Copies of the complete swimming pool ordinance is available at City Hall.

VIOLATIONS

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Tribalomethanes are chemical compounds found in industrial substances such as solvents or refrigerants. They are also environmental pollutants, and many are considered carcinogenic. In an order issued by TCEQ

officials on April 10, Clifford Kitten of Houston and Clyde Kitten of Slaton, owners of the South Garza Water Supply Corp., which supplies drinking water to about 75 customers in and around Lake Alan Henry, were ordered to pay \$504 for three or more violations over a five-year period for the same violation. In addition, the owners have

365 days to return to compliance and 380 days to submit a written certification that shows they are in compliance. According to the TCEQ report, the company was cited at least 10 times between March 31, 2010, and March 8, 2012, for three "minor" violations and eight "moderate" violations.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET SERVICES

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 8A-0280991

IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF

CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Corrected language on No.

1 Austin, Texas April 5, 2013

CORRECTED/RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF HEARING

ON THE APPLICATION OF SAGA PETROLEUM, L.L.C. OF COLORADO TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR THE SOUTHWEST GARZA UNIT LEASE GARZA FIELD GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUTION: TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING IN OPPOSITION TO THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND FILE WITH THE COMMISSION THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST AT LEAST FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST IN RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTICE OF APPLICATION. [Please read this entire Notice of Hearing for further instructions.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on

MAY 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. of Colorado to consider Unitization and Secondary Recovery Authority for the Southwest Garza Unit Lease (Lease No. 61155), Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) in Garza County, Texas.

1. Approval of the Corrected Second Amendment to the Unit Agreement for the Southwest Garza Unit (Unit) that expands the Unitized Formation to include the lower San Andres formation. A copy of this Corrected Second Amendment is on file with the Docket Services office of the Railroad Commission of Texas at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

2. Approval of the expanded Unit as a secondary recovery unit pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code;

3. Approval of secondary recovery operations by waterflooding in the enlarged Unitized Formation that is part of the Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) as recognized by the Railroad Commission; and

4. Railroad Commission recognition of Saga's Southwest Garza Unit (Lease No. 61155) as an entity for density purposes.

Saga has more than 85% of the working interest and more than 65% of the royalty interest within the Unit Area of the Unit committed to the Corrected Second Amendment of the Unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, H. Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

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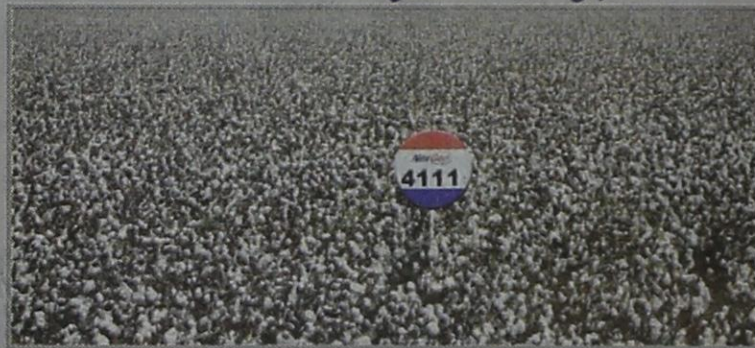
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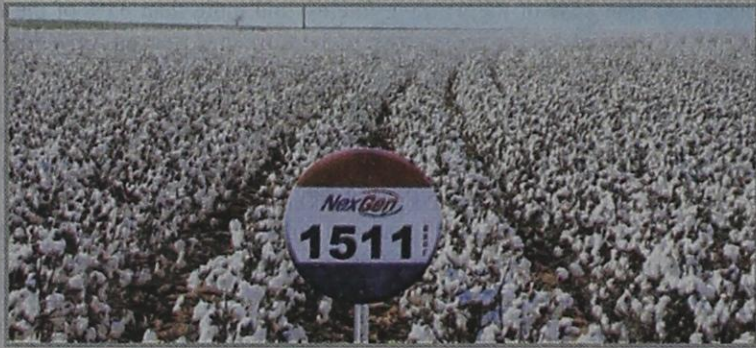
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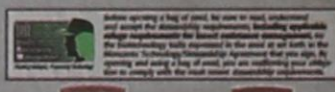
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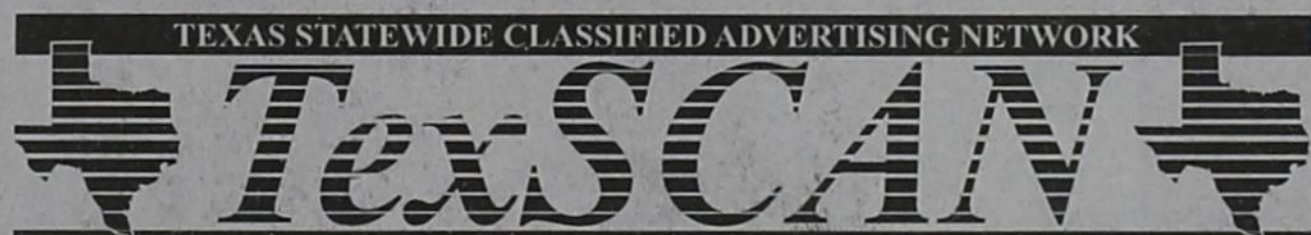
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Sat	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40	Wed	4:09-6:09	4:39-6:39
Sun	1:11-3:11	1:41-3:41	Thu	5:03-7:03	5:33-7:33
Mon	2:12-4:12	2:42-4:42			

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Weather History

April 26, 1987 - Twenty two cities in the central and western U.S. reported new record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 83 degrees at Astoria, Ore. smashed their previous record by 13 degrees.

April 27, 1988 - Mount Washington, N.H. reported seven feet of snow in 10 days, pushing their snowfall total for the month past the previous record of 89.3 inches, which was set in 1975.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:01 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	9:44 p.m.	7:35 a.m.
Sat	7:00 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	8:27 a.m.
Sun	6:59 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	11:52 p.m.	9:25 a.m.
Mon	6:58 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	No Rise	10:28 a.m.
Tue	6:57 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	12:49 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Wed	6:56 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	1:38 a.m.	12:38 p.m.
Thu	6:55 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	2:22 a.m.	1:42 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
4/16	80	44	75/45	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/17	92	43	75/46	0.00"	4/16	12	4/20	12
4/18	53	31	75/46	0.00"	4/17	18	4/21	12
4/19	65	25	76/46	0.00"	4/18	0	4/22	20
4/20	80	43	76/47	0.00"	4/19	0		
4/21	80	43	76/47	0.00"				
4/22	92	49	76/47	0.00"				

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Dixie Divas Uncle Jesse's truth

Occasionally, someone truly interested in the art of writing will ask me, "What does it take to be a writer?" The answer is one that often surprises them, for they expect me to say



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something about talent, a love of language, or even a passion. But it's a bit more complex than

that.

It takes an ability to observe life in general and people in particular in order to pick out universal truths that can be understood by others — those pieces of wisdom that enlighten and even entertain. A story well told will have a "take away" such as a funny line, a memorable image, or an "aha" moment, one that carries with it an observation or witticism that will be repeated.

My brother-in-law Rodney, though not a writer, is a storyteller and a collector of truths gleaned from the experiences of others.

A few years ago, Rodney went to the hospital to vis-

it a much beloved elderly man who was badly ailing. "Uncle Jesse, how're you doin'?" Rodney asked, pulling up a chair and sitting down by his bed.

The old man sighed heavily. "Well, Rodney, I come down here to die, but do you know how hard it is to die when all you good church people are prayin' for me to live?"

It's a good line and worth chuckling over, but Rodney, as wise a common man as ever I've met, immediately saw the deeper truth in Uncle Jesse's words. He was ready to call it a day and move on out of this vale of pain and sorrow, but others — well meaning and loving — were praying for a longer tenure here for Uncle Jesse.

"See," Rodney explained later. "Just because we're prayin' for something for someone don't mean that's what they want. It's what we want for them. We oughta ask 'em what they want before we go to prayin' for 'em."

The best writers are the ones who are always digging around in the dirt of life, trying to get to the good topsoil that will fertilize and grow strong and healthy a story that serves up a memorable moral.

To me, the most brilliant at that was Mark Twain, slightly rivaled by Will Rogers, the cowboy philosopher of the 1920s and '30s.

Both had a keen eye for human behavior and a wit that succinctly summed up the idiosyncrasies and proclivities of the human race.

"A man only learns in two ways," Rogers said. "One is by reading, the other is by association with smarter people."

Twain wisely noted that, "A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something that he can learn in no other way."

The best observations are timeless. They span the years and remain pertinent. "From what I see," Rogers wryly noted, "The United States Senate opens with a prayer and closes with an investigation."

The Senate still opens with a prayer and, well ...

When I was growing up, I often heard my parents and other like-minded folks who had been raised in the mountains say, "I'm studyin' on it."

I love that phrase. I appreciate what it means in both life and principle. If you study people — their experiences and situations as well as your own — and if you dig down to find the lesson, you'll also find something worthy of being said, of being written.

Being a readable writer isn't about stringing words or thoughts together, it's about presenting a new twist to a common story or cleverly casting out a pearl of wisdom that outlives the writer.

Twain once said, "A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."

When it comes to writing, I'll spin that a bit: The writer who won't invest thought in the lives of others has no advantage over those who can't.

He'd be better served to carry a cat by the tail.

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