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## JP Election Made Official

POST – It has taken nearly two weeks, but the race for the Justice of the Peace – Precinct 2 has been made official.

The original vote tally of 119-118 in favor of the presently seated JP Angela Massey is now final after a recount of the ballots took place Monday morning at the courthouse. Massey defeated Jay Young in the only contested race of the March primary cycle.

The process was drawn out when a provisional ballot had to be cleared first before Young could consider any thoughts of a recount.

"I would like to thank the citizens of Garza County for their support and vote during the elections," Massey said. "It was a tough race and it proves that every vote counts. I am honored to continue to serve as the Garza County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2."

Massey was appointed to fill the unexpired term of \*\*\*\*  
"It turned out as expected," Young said. "There is always a little bit of hope."

"I'm glad I did the recount," he said, "because it was a close race and it lets me know for sure. I'm glad, finally, that everything is over."

Recapping the events of election night, Massey took the early lead 76-52 after early votes were released. But it was Young who was strong in actual votes cast on Election Day. He took all three of the precincts and whittled Massey's lead down to just a single vote.

And all would have been said and done at that point had it not been for the lone provisional ballot, which was never counted.

The hang up on the ballot was due to recent election law that requires voters to produce a pictured ID when they cast a ballot.

The voter in question did not do that and had six days after the election to do so and have that ballot counted.

## Mahoney to lead Dispatch

Special to The Dispatch

Kent Mahoney is an experienced journalist and brings his talents to Post City in an effort to help the newspaper lead the community into a bright future.

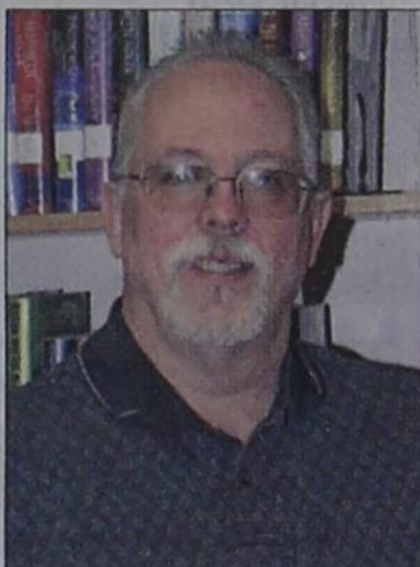
A Missouri native, Mahoney has relocated to Post from Alvin and will mold the Dispatch into a product reflective of the uniqueness of the town and area.

"People want to know a number of happenings in their town," said Mahoney. "Who was born and who passed away? How their tax dollars are being spent? Who won the ballgame on Friday night? And who was arrested over the weekend? These are the cornerstones to community newspapers."

Mahoney has been in Post over two weeks now and has developed a vision for the direction of the paper.

"I would like to grow this newspaper attentively and deliberately," Mahoney continued. "There is more to this town and surrounding area than meets the eye. My vision is to have everyone on board for this ride. Hold on tight, stay alert, you never know what's around the next curve."

Publisher Chris Blackburn is confident that Mahoney is the man to lead The Dispatch.



KENT MAHONEY

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## Flying High



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

Blaine Reece demonstrates his form in the long jump at Friday's Bold Gold Caprock Relays hosted by Post High School. This was the first varsity track meet on the season at the newly acquired track facility.

By Kent Mahoney  
The Post Dispatch

POST – The Annual Bold Gold Caprock Relays concluded Friday with the varsity and junior varsity teams from eight schools around the area. Total number of athletes came to nearly 500 students.

Post had several individual highlights on the day in both boys and girls divisions.

TJ Basquez and Bryan Smith place first and second, respectively in the shot put and discus. Basquez had the only shot put throw exceeding 50 feet with a mark of 50 feet, seven inches. Both Post

harriers posted marks beyond the 130-foot mark in discus with Basquez hitting 135 feet, nine inches and Smith tossing 130 feet, five inches.

Also in a field event, Paden Babb hit 12 feet even in the pole vault, in what could be considered Post's only other medal performance.

Beau Riker said the meet was a success from all standpoints.

"Overall, this was a very successful event," he said. "We had great competitors. It ran very smoothly and had a lot of workers who sacrificed their time and energies."

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## Atmos Energy to increase rates

POST – Local residents will be seeing an increase in their Atmos Energy bills in the coming months. But it's not as bad as it seems.

The Post City Council approved a measure to accept a settlement from Atmos Energy West Texas division on a rate increase. Some months ago, Atmos announced their intentions to seek a \$12 million rate increase on the infrastructure of residential services.

This increase is system wide and affects some 60 communities.

According to published reports from the area, all of the affected cities seem to be on board.

After some months of negotiations, the actually settlement is closer to \$8.3 million and residents will see their bills increase less than \$1, according to Atmos estimates.

The increase is on the delivery system and not the raw material of the

gas. Everything from the piles to meters, to field personnel are included in this part of the customer's bill.

As far as the negotiated settlement, the city relied on the Lloyd Gosselink law firm in Austin to deal with Atmos. The firm represents dozens of small towns around Texas as a way to create leverage with companies such as Atmos.

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## Sunrise Wind Ceremony on Saturday

POST – If it's the first day of Spring, then locals know that locals will be waiting for the official weather forecast via the Sunrise Wind Ceremony. This year's undertaking will be Saturday at around 7:30 a.m..

This ceremony has been observed since 1906, according to the Taba'na Yuan'e organization. Legend has it that Native Americans of the South Plains conducted

this ceremony many years before contact with the Spanish or Americans.

The forecasting of the wind direction at dawn of the day after the first day of spring is supposed to be an indicator of what is to come of the climate for the year.

As is the custom, the ceremony will be held at the City Park and will include authentic dress and teepee's marking the celebration.

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## Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

**Brownfield Art Assoc. Spring Show**  
The Brownfield Art Association will be hosting their 47th Spring Show March 27-29, at 1201 Tahoka Road. This is a new location this year. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, March 25 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. This year's jurist will be John Hope of South Plains College. Awards will be given in nearly 12 categories. The public showing times will be from 1-5:30 Thursday, 10:30-5:30 Friday and 10-3:45 Saturday. Awards will be presented at 4 p.m. Saturday, with pick up of all entries following.

**Garza Co. Republican Party**  
The Garza County Republican Party will hold their county convention on Saturday, March 22 at the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. All republicans are invited to attend. For more information, please call 806-438-1971.

**Endowment Fund Meeting**  
The Post-Garza County Endowment Fund and Lubbock Area Foundation staff will hold an informational meeting with local 501C(3)s to discuss a fund matching opportunity for all groups. The meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 5:15 in the Centennial Bank meeting room. For more information, please call 806-438-1971.

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## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Kent Mahoney at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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**Deaths**

**Donald Ray Atkinson**

Donald Ray Atkinson, 76, passed from this life on March 16 in Lubbock. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at Dickens Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Dickens Cemetery under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Spur.

Atkinson was born to Claude and Minnie Atkinson on Jan. 7, 1938, in Dickens, Texas. He was

a retired lineman in the surrounding area, and was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, three brothers and wives Gaylyn Thatcher, Glenda Webb, and Sue Bond. Survivors include children Brenda Foster of Andrews, Doni Crews of Odessa, Chris Atkinson of Lubbock, Debbie McBride of Florence, and Bo Atkinson of Robinson; sisters, Bobbie

(Honey) Hix and Elmyra Greenwood and brother, C.L. Atkinson; 12 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Family visitation will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Zapata Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers family suggest memorials to the Garza County EMS, 608 West 6th St., Number B, Post, TX, 79356.

**Frances Elizabeth Tidwell**

Frances Elizabeth Tidwell, of Uvalde and a Post resident for several years, died on March 1, 2014, at the age of 101 in Uvalde.

She was born on May 5, 1912 in Montell, Texas to Pleas and Eula (Wilson) McMains. She married Cecil Tidwell on Feb. 17, 1940. They moved to Del Rio where he worked for the Texas Highway Department. After his retirement, they traveled frequently between, Del Rio, Uvalde and Post in order to be near family. Their time in Post created friendships among neighbors and at the Post Church of Christ, where they attended services and where she also attended ladies bible class. She was also a member of the Getty



FRANCES TIDWELL

Street Church of Christ, Uvalde.

Tidwell is survived by her daughter, Peggy Townsend of Abilene; granddaughter Serena Voss and husband Jim of Post; grandson Jimmy Saunders and wife Katheryn of Abilene; two great-grandchildren; Michael Voss and wife Jill of Ranch Cordova, Calif., and Lorena Hannel and hus-

band Jeff of Lubbock; five great-great grandchildren: Dacia and Saidee Hannel, Mason, Henna and Julie Voss, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; two sister, Anna Lee McMains ad Marguerite McMains Franklin (husband L.J.); three bothers, Sam Mc Mains (wife Jean); Gordie McMains (wife, Juanita); and Marion McMains (wives, Eltea and Helen); one niece, Catherine McMains Keeney, and one great-great granddaughter, Jessica Xeta Voss.

Funeral and burial were March 8, in Uvalde. Memorials may be made to the White River Youth Camp, 2638 FM 2794, Spur, TX, 79370.

**Letter to the Editor**

Those attending the Ralls public meeting March 13 regarding the proposed ATV trail at White River Lake, heard the Texas Parks and Wildlife representatives state the \$1.1 million grant will have to be repaid by Spur, Crosbyton, Ralls and Post communities if the park is not kept open and maintained for a minimum of 20 years.

Each city has 3 directors who sit on the White River Municipal Water District (WRMWD) that represent their respective community. Post's representative and chairman of the WRMWD board, Victor Ashley, stood up and said he would not have accepted this appointment from Post if he knew he had to vote the way the city council or citizens of Post wanted him to vote. A representative is chosen to represent the best interests of all, placing any personal interests aside.

The taxpayers of the 4 cities who own the lake will be responsible for the decision of the WRMWD. If any of the four communities are in opposition to the ATV trail proposal, contact your city council and request they pass a resolution to rescind the funding. The recreational trail grant is located on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website :[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Scroll to the bottom and select "Grants and Assistance;" then select "Trail Grants"; then select "Recreational Trail Grant Application Instructions". On page 6 the section titled "Public Support or Opposition To a Project" states in part that: "A resolution of opposition would also be grounds to rescind funding for a previously funded project". As stated in their grant, the only way to stop this is for any one of the communities to pass a resolution.

We encourage you to express your questions and concerns with your city council and to your board member of White River Municipal Water District.

Your voice will make a difference.

**David and Charlie Tate  
Tom and Libby Moreland  
Garry and Mary Wood  
Terry and Kyle Walkup  
Larry and Barbara Cody  
Residents of White River Lake  
And taxpayers of Crosby County**

**Trailblazers Menu**

**March 24th**  
Smothered pork chops  
Baked beans  
Spinach  
Apple dump cake  
Wheat roll

**March 27th**  
Spaghetti/meat sauce  
Italian veggies  
Cottage cheese/  
pineapple  
Garlic bread

**March 25th**  
H.B. steak  
Baked potato  
Carrots/peas  
Berry cobbler  
Texas Toast

**March 28th**  
Roast beef  
Carrots  
Potatoes  
Cherry crisp  
Wheat rolls

**March 26th**  
Chicken fajitas  
Spanish rice  
Pinto beans  
Mexican Wedding cake  
Tortilla

**March 31st**  
Glazed ham  
Sweet potatoes  
Green beans  
Pumpkin crunch  
Roll

**NOTES**

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**Author Visits Post**  
John Erickson, author of "Hank the Cowdog" book series will be in Post Monday, April 7. The Caprock Cultural Association is sponsoring a concert at the elementary school at 1:30 p.m. and also a 7 p.m. concert at the Heritage House. Concerts are free. Erickson will also be at Ruby Lane Books & Gallery the same day, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Homestead exemptions**  
Garza County homeowners who turn 65 years old in 2014, or who has a birth date in 1949 or prior, is eligible for the homestead exemption on their property taxes. Contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 806-495-3518 or visit the office at 124 E. Main St., Post, for information.

**Renditions due**  
Anyone with business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District or face a 10 percent penalty added to the total tax. Contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 806-495-3518 or visit the office at 124 E. Main St., Post, for information.

**One-act play**  
The Post High School Theater Department will host a public performance of this year's one-act play, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," on March 24. For information, call the school.

**Flag rentals**  
Local residents and businesses are encouraged to reserve

a U.S. flag that will be placed in front of homes and businesses on seven days in 2014, including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day. Cost is \$30 for the year, and proceeds benefit the Post Lions Club scholarship fund for graduating seniors. For information, email Byron Garrison at [bgarrison@postisd.net](mailto:bgarrison@postisd.net) or contact any Post Lions Club member.

**Fish fry**  
Members of Holy Cross Catholic Church, 205 W. Main St., Post, will have a community fish fry every Friday during the Lenten season, March 7-April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church social hall. Plates are \$8 per person and include fish, sides, drink and dessert. For information, call Juanita Pantoja at 806-495-3059.

**Benevolence account**  
A deposit account has been set up at Wells Fargo to help offset funeral expenses for the family of Alexandria Lee Courtney-Dean. Donations may be made at any branch. For information, call Jona Jones at [jonarenea@yahoo.com](mailto:jonarenea@yahoo.com).

**GED classes**  
Free instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information. The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit [wts.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib](http://wts.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib) to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

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# Recent Drug Bust on US-84 Yields Handgun, Cash, Drugs

LUBBOCK – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop recently on US-84, yielding almost \$43,000 in cash, a handgun and a small amount of marijuana.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 1991 Mercedes Benz traveling westbound on US-84, for a traffic violation, near Slaton in Lubbock County.

The driver was of the Mercedes was identified as Larry Morgan, 55, of Converse, Texas. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered almost \$43,000 in cash, a handgun and a small amount of marijuana inside the glove compartment.

Morgan was placed under arrest for money laundering, possession of marijuana and unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was booked into the Lubbock County jail.

## The 501 Living wills and warranties

The next time I buy a new car, I'm going to turn down optional warranties. I'll ask for a living will instead — something like this:

- If my transmission starts slipping, do not repair (DNR).
- If my joints need replacing, do not repair (DNR).
- If my timing belt needs changing (if it has a timing belt), do not repair.
- If my paint fades, do not repaint (DNR).

Yep, nothing is harder for me than giving up a beloved car when vital systems start to fail. To wit, the '77 gold Cadillac, a.k.a. the Hail-Bent Car, a.k.a. The Sofa (the ride was smooth), is parked in the pasture. The stalwart '66 Chevy pickup is anchoring a spot by the old grain drill. Yep again, I have a hard time getting rid of farm implements too. I know all the previous owners of the drill as well as the previous owners of the vehicles mentioned. Most are dead.

Back to cars. I'm in the Hyundai waiting room while experts are running sophisticated diagnostic scans and are otherwise checking the health of my aging 2004 Santa Fe, a faithful vehicle with 215,613 showing on the odometer, except the odometer isn't counting all the miles now that the transmission seems to be slipping. Note that transmission troubles are at the top of my living will list.

The mood is somber here. All we need is a chaplain. At least there's coffee.

A dealership guy just stepped in, beckoning the man across the room.

"I've got some news for you if you want to step out here," he said, sounding ominously confidential.

"That don't sound good," the customer said as he went out into the hall, bracing himself for the worst.

Eavesdropping, I heard the customer's response. He said he didn't have enough money to pay for all repairs needed.

Then it came to me in a flash. What this country needs is an Affordable Car Care Act.

All car owners would sign up on behalf of their vehicles. Everybody would pay a premium, but the rates would be reduced for old people with old cars and for all people with multiple cars. Old people with multiple cars would fare best. Young people with young cars would pay the most.

To make the whole system palatable, the premium could be lumped in automatically with the price of the car, meaning that buyers need be concerned only with the amount of their monthly payments — not the total price being paid. Car salesmen wouldn't have to advertise the extra cost as part of the price. It could simply be tacked on when financing is arranged. Something like that. I'm feeling better just thinking about it.

But why are they taking so long with my car?

HOURS LATER.

Finally, an answer. Rats!

On the farm, it's always rats. This time they gnawed some critical wiring. It's not the transmission!

Forget all that Affordable Car Care Act stuff. Forget the living will. My car is gonna make it!

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.



Wyvonne Kennedy is the first 2014 winner of a gift card from the China Wok for her participation in the "Reading Rewards" project at the Post Public Library. The library project began in 2013 and is made possible by a grant from the Hancher Library Foundation and the generous gifts donated by local merchants. 2013 merchants supporting the project included: Caprock Heirloom, Twins, LaPosta, Main Street Mercantile, Post Auto and Ruby Lane books. Thank you for supporting the libraries' project to encourage reading, to discover new authors, and continue education in our community. To donate a gift card or find out more about participating in this project please call the library at 990-2149.

## The Paperboy Real quality time

I have a 10-year-old son who is a good boy. The fact is, he's been sheltered some and I would not trade it for the world.

Children are exposed to much more than we'd like them to be. During the "Little House on the Prairie" days, you could control what your children had access to very easily. Today, there is a computer within arm's length for much of the day. I count smart phones as computers because that is exactly what they are.

Back to the boy. Jackson is an interesting child. While he likes sports, he has yet to take them on to the point where he's calling his buddies up to go and play. His younger brother has to

twist his arm to get him outside and play ball. He loves being on the team, but he's not accustomed to putting in the hours it takes to make oneself good at something athletically.

What he is good at is school. He's gifted in the brain department and we place our expectations there. He enjoys school and learning. He's been blessed to have teachers that have challenged him and since he's a crowd pleaser by nature, he rises to the occasion.

The other day, Sutton Hawk, 8, had been invited to stay over at a friend's house. Jack decided he wanted to have someone over that same evening. Unfortunately, it was a little late in the day for his plan to work out. His friends were either gone or had made plans.

Jackson and his brother share my wife and I with a couple of beautiful great-nieces and a baby great-nephew several days a week so I decided to make myself

available to him.

Jackson asked me to play a video game so we decided to play Madden and be on the same team - the Houston Texans. It was a blast and we came from behind to defeat the Seattle Seahawks 28-21 in the Superbowl.

Jack hasn't had much success on the real football field yet, but he was pretty amazing on the television.

And by the way, I don't know if you've taken the time to look over the shoulder at what your children or grandchildren are playing, but their ability in the gaming spectrum is impressive.

Anyhow, Mom went to bed that Friday night and my son and I hung out and had a good time. I'd like to think those kind of nights are endless in number, but we all know what's coming. That boy is growing up and his old dad is going to be replaced by some other equally important things. But that's okay. It's part of the process.

In the meantime, it's my job to recognize a good opportunity to spend some quality one-on-one time with each of my children as often as possible.

It's hard to believe how fast time passes. Ten years ago I held a 6-month-old baby boy in my arms giving him a bottle while staring into his big blue eyes. In the blink of an eye, he's cooking breakfast for his brother and reading faster than his father.

In another 10 years I guess the most important part of my job with him will be complete. He'll be a man ready for the challenges that the rest of his life will bring him.

I do love the ride. I just wish I could make it last a little bit longer...

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Post-Garza Co. EMS is operating under a Personnel Staffing Variance, approved by the Department of State Health Services. The variance was approved on Jan. 1, 2014 and expires on Dec. 31, 2014. This variance is effective 24 hour/day, seven days a week for one truck only. This variance is only used when two state certified crew members are not available to respond to an emergency. In these situations we will use one state certified crew member and one approved driver to respond to emergency situations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 806-495-1813.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Request For Bids

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Post Independent School District, Post, TX. Demo Science Building, demo Field House Dressing Room, demo existing Middle School and site. Renovation to existing High School and an Addition to the Field House.

A Pre-Bid meeting TO BE DETERMINED

Bids are due by 3:00 PM, April 1, 2014.

Location:  
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.  
7810 Orlando Ave  
Lubbock, Texas 79423  
Phone: 806-797-8400  
Fax: 806-797-8492

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:  
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Website: <http://leelewis.thomasrepro.com>

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dewey Back Ledbetter, Deceased, were issued on March 11, 2014, in Cause No. 1996, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas to: Brucy Wayne Ledbetter.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered as required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o John F. Tabor  
Attorney at Law  
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## Legends

### The Seven Lives of Sea Cloud Recap

In recapping the Seven Lives of the Sea Cloud one has to mention the man who gave the word to build the super-yacht, the Hussar, was E.F. Hutton one of the richest and most successful men on Wall Street. His wife was none other than Marjorie Merriweather Post, the heiress to one of the world's greatest fortunes. The Hussar was not only the largest sailing yacht in the world, but was the toy of one of the richest couples in the world. As she arrived in Bermuda on November 30th 1931, and Marjorie's saw her beautiful ship for the first time. The sight was most compelling as she saw the approaching four masts with billowing yards of sail; her remark was "Great Kick".



LINDA PUCKETT

Following the divorce of the Hutton's after 15 years of marriage, Marjorie renamed the yacht, the Sea Cloud (2) in 1935. On January 8th, 1942, just one month after Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Sea Cloud was called into service with the United States Department of the Navy, her new name would be IX-99 (3). The Sea Cloud was said to have passed her war service with flying colors. On November 4th, 1944 the Sea Cloud (4) was released from service and returned to its owner.

The U.S. Government spent about one and a half million restoring the yacht and Marjorie another \$750,000. By the summer of 1947 the masts were finally in place, but it took another two years before a full set of sails would be in place.

In early 1950, Marjorie came to the conclusion that having spent an estimated seven million dollars for maintenance over the years, maybe it was time to sell the Sea Cloud. She traded the ship to dictator Rafael Trujillo Molinas for his million dollar-44 passenger airplane. With this transaction, the Sea Cloud was no more. The ship was named after Trujillo's youngest daughter Angelita (5).

Trujillo's assassination in 1961, after a 30-year reign, paved the way for the Dominican Republic to take back their country with a new government. They had no idea what to do with the "ocean going white elephant" but renamed her Patia (6) and declared the State owned yacht was for sale at an asking price of \$800,000. Sadly she sat anchored at Rio Ozano. Years passed as the yacht continued to decay, as moss grew on the mahogany woodwork and blades of grass began sprouting from the once snow white teak decks.

A group of American businessmen acquired the yacht for \$750,000 which delighted Marjorie who was thrilled the yacht was back in American hands. She even suggested they rename her the Sea Cloud, but that would have to wait. When the Antarna (7) returned

to America in 1968, she radiated the magic of the 1930's. Marjorie praised the new owners, stating, "The old girl has nine lives, and one of the best is now."

The following description is from the book Sea Cloud.

On the morning of the 15th day of November, 1978, 47 years after Marjorie and Ed Hutton first set their eyes on their new yacht in Bermuda, the Sea Cloud sailed into the Elbe estuary in a stiff force eight gale. She had every stitch of sail set; stout Hamburg harbor tugs took up the proud barque's lines and towed it to the passenger-ship terminal in the shadow of the city's landmark, the St. Michaelis Church. Here the Sea Cloud introduced herself to her new owners. The announcement of the luxury yacht's arrival lured thousands of excited people to the docks to greet her, with many pushing their way aboard. The resulting turmoil had its critical moments. John Wolf remembered, "Marjorie Post's famous golden water faucets survived eight years in Panama and were still there when the ship reached Hamburg. But the first one was already missing with a quarter of an hour tying up in Hamburg."

Today the Sea Cloud books cruises for the Mediterranean in summer and crosses the Atlantic to her winter home in the Caribbean. Dina Merrill has frequently chartered the Sea Cloud for various fundraising projects for her favorite charities and just to enjoy her memories of growing up sailing the seas with her parents.

Many guests leave entries in the guest book, such as this one by two ladies who treated themselves to a cruise in 1981.

There was an old lady named "Kent"  
Who for sailing had a notable bent  
She heard of Sea Cloud  
And murmured aloud  
"There I must surely have went."

Another old lady named Ruth  
Said, "To tell you the truth  
My first fret failing  
Is going out sailing  
And this I must do, forsooth."

So these old ladies took thought  
And felt that they had ought  
To find on "Clouds" wings  
All the beautiful things  
They had so ardently sought.

Another entry was much shorter, but very powerful. "Today is the first day of the rest of my life-Thank you Sea Cloud!"

Hope you have enjoyed reading about the Sea Cloud as much as I have. Many thanks to Dr. Ellis for sharing this wonderful history lesson with me. See ya next week.

Linda Puckett is curator of the Garza Museum and director of the Garza County Historical Commission.

## Former Post Resident Sentenced to 40 Years

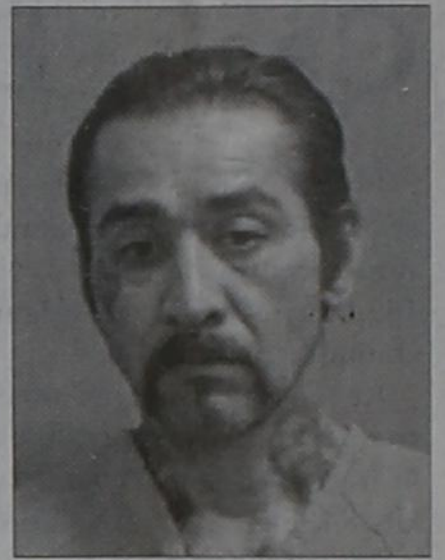
LAMESA - A Lubbock man, and former Post resident, was sentenced to 40 years in a Texas correctional facility for having been found guilty of driving while intoxicated for the fifth time, according to information from the 106th District Court here.

Salvador Salas, 44, has four previous convictions for DWI, three misdemeanors

and one felony, for which he sent to prison for eight years.

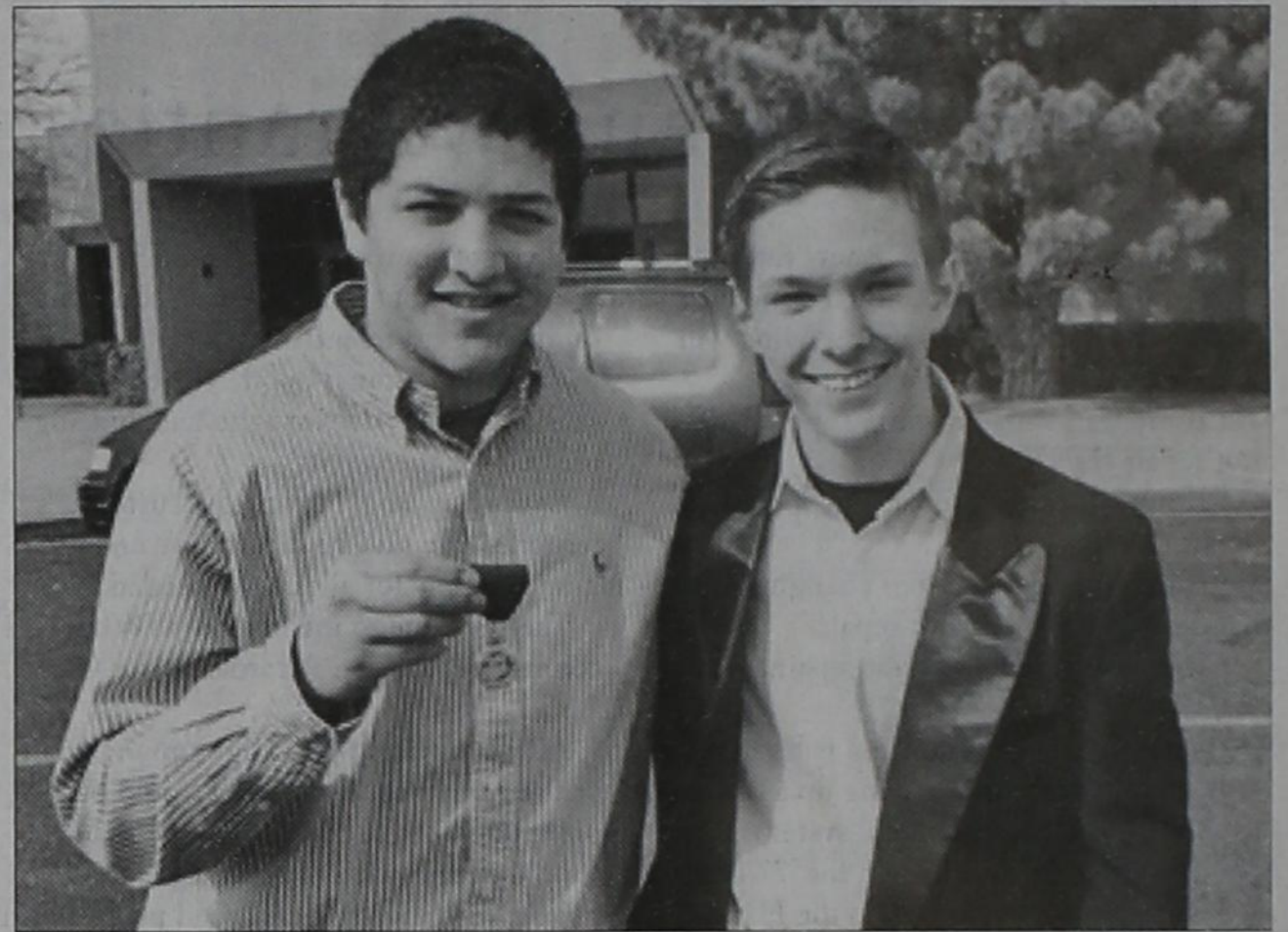
Salas was stopped in May of 2013, but just had his trial in last month. After two-and-a-half days of testimony, the jury came back with the guilty verdict on a single count of felony driving while intoxicated.

The 106th District Court serves four counties, including Garza.



SALVADOR SALAS

## Advancing to State



Sergio Soliz, a senior at Post High School will be advancing to the UIL State vocal contest to be held in May in Austin. Soliz was accompanied by Levi Stinson on the piano. Stinson is a sophomore at PHS. Soliz received a 1 rating for his solo, *Gia Il sole dal Ganga*, composed by Scarlatti. He received his rating at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Frenship last month.

## Poka Lambro Coop Annual Meeting Slated for March 27

TAHOKA - Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 63rd Annual Membership Meeting - Thursday, March 27, 2014. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, Texas on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The business meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Meeting highlights include the

election of directors for Districts 1 and 4, the reports of officers and directors and the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes.

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# Post Golf



The Post High School golf team participated in the Lubbock Roosevelt tournament last week. Some 65 golfers from 12 schools participated on the boys side, while 30 golfers from eight schools participated on the girls side.

Competing for Post were seniors Sergio Soliz (88) and Mondo Martinez (99), sophomore Alex Ramirez (100) and freshman Dylan Morris (106). Soliz placed tied for seventh.

Host team Roosevelt took team honors

with a 340 with the event being played on the Canyon Course at Meadowbrook Golf Complex in Lubbock

On the girls side, Post sophomore Brogan Macy shot a 108 on a course par of 72. She finished ninth in the field.

Both teams will be in action this next week with the girls playing Monday at Sundown Municipal Course. The boys will play the same course on Wednesday.

Both teams will be involved in district play that begins the first week of April.

# Post Baseball

The Post Antelope baseball team had another breakout offensive performance Tuesday defeating Floydada 14-4 in the district opener.

Despite playing in yet another "wind event", the Lopes blew up the scoreboard with five runs in each the third and fourth innings. The game was called after the sixth inning for the 10-run rule.

Post pounded Floydada pitching to the tune of 13 hits, including triples by Auggie Menchaca

and Pake Jones and a double by Aron Lopez. The Lopes also took advantage of the raucous weather conditions to steal six bases and advance on numerous passed balls and wild pitches.

Christian Saucedo led with two thefts, followed by Jared Curtis, Carson Kirkpatrick, Campbell Kirkpatrick and Menchaca with one each.

Lopez got the win for the Lopes going four-and-a-third innings, allowing four runs, three of which

were earned. He struck out three and walked four. Menchaca cleaned up the game from there with three strikeouts and two walks. He did not allow any runs and picked off a Floydada runner at second base in the process.

Post goes to 10-5 on the season and 1-0 in district play. They have a home game Thursday versus Idalou at noon. They will travel to Roosevelt on Tuesday for a 5 p.m. game.

# MAHONEY

From Page 1

"It took longer than I would have liked to find a person of Kent's abilities, but I think he was worth the wait," Blackburn said. "I wanted to find someone who would be invested in the community. I think it's important that Post and Garza County get the coverage our readers deserve."

Mahoney is intrigued by the area.

"I'm a naturally curious person," Mahoney said. "I want to root out the unique aspects of this area. There are a lot of colorful people in towns like this. I'm excited about finding them and telling their stories."

Mahoney is beginning to see the paper gain traction and is ready to convey the living history of Post in print and through the Dispatch's digital assets.

"There is a circle of

life happening here," said Mahoney. "People want to see more local news in the paper. If that is to happen, then the size of the paper needs to grow too. Advertisers want to know the paper is getting into as many local hands as possible. More people need to become annual subscribers. And the circle continues."

There are more thoughts by Mahoney in his first column, Kent's Korner, on today's back page.

# TRACK

From Page 1

As a team, Post boys' varsity finished in fifth place with 55 points, but were missing some personnel.

"We had some injuries and some people at other events," Riker said. "We have a lot of athletes who play in more than one sport."

As far as the girls' varsity results, they scored 65 points, also good enough for fifth place.

Yvette Armendariz took second place in the 300-meter hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Alexis Rameriz took second in the discus as the only other top three finisher for the girls.

themselves from the rest of the field on the girls' side.

New Deal had speed and power in the field events while Levelland dominated the long distance events.

"Levelland has always been strong in the longer events," said Riker.

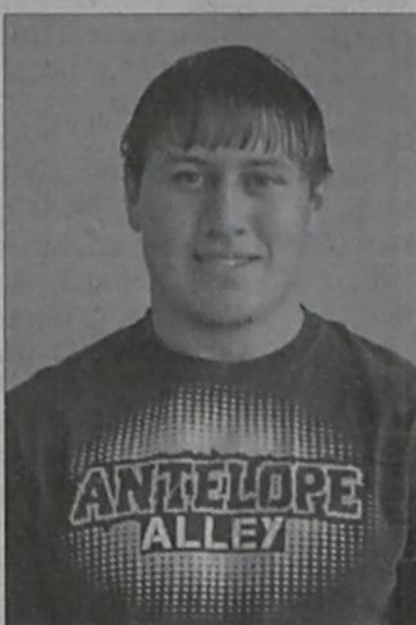
ND took honors in the 100 meters, 400 relay, 800 relay, high jump, triple jump and the pole vault.

Levelland took control of the races from the 400-meter distance up through the 3200-meter run.

While Levelland had more top 3 total finishers and swept all three places of the 3200-meter run, but New Deal in taking two of the relay gold medals, just simple had more points.

Denver City bested Levelland with 13 medal finishers to just 12 for the meet.

Levelland took the 300-meter hurdles, 800 meters, 1600 meters, 3200 meters for first place finishes.



TJ BASQUEZ

Denver City was steady in taking eight second-place and three third-place finishes. They also placed in all three of the relay races, which carry double points (one first and two seconds).

As far as the Post ISD track facility, this was the first of three premier races this spring.

On April 4, Post will host the District Track Meet preliminaries, followed by the finals one week later on April 11.

# Puzzle of the Week

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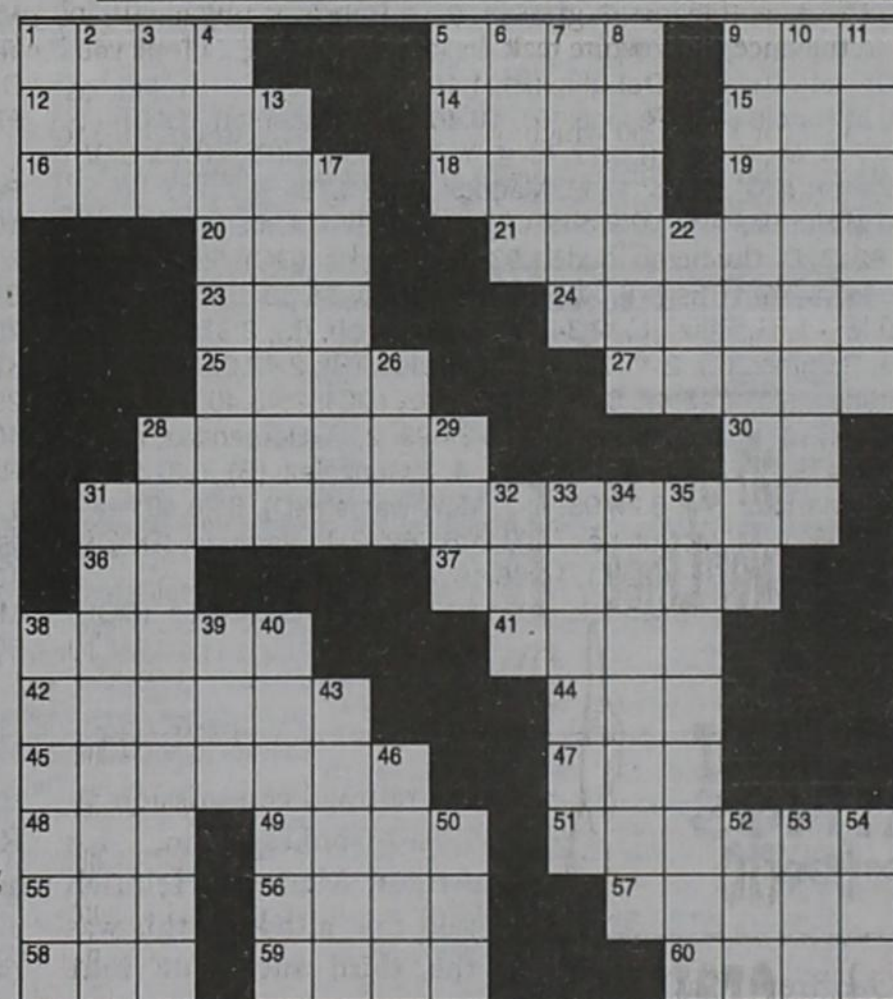
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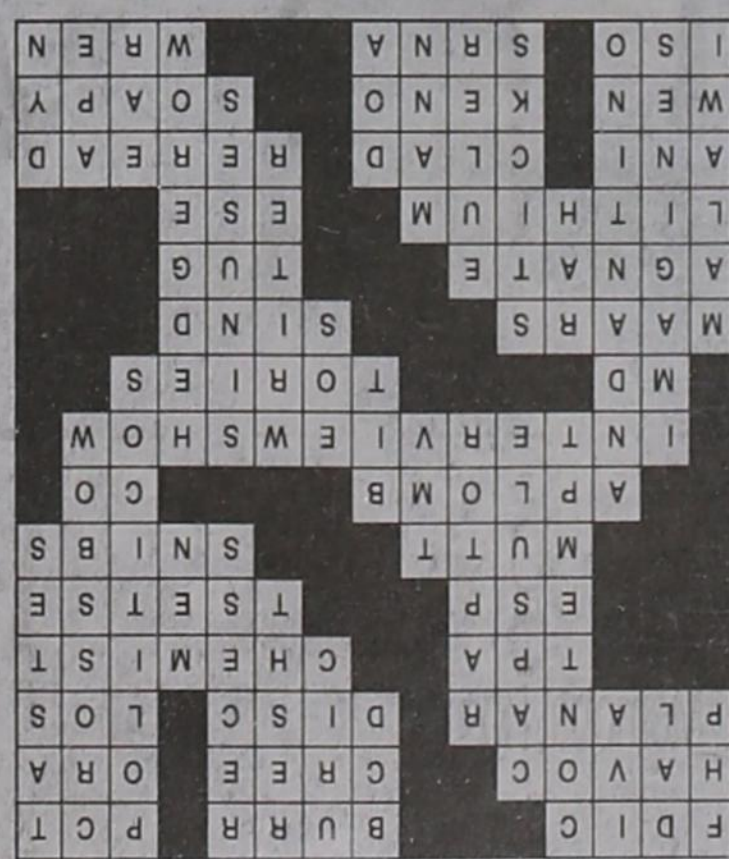
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## Cryptogram

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**Hint: Quote by Mother Teresa**

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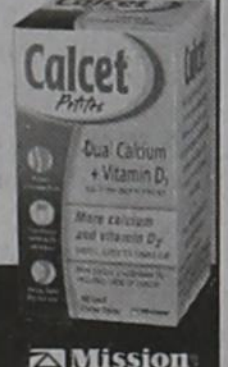
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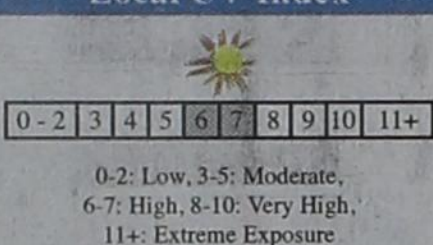
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### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

|   |  |   |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|
|   |  |   |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>84 / 41 | <b>Saturday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>63 / 37 | <b>Sunday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>54 / 39 | <b>Monday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>67 / 41 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>65 / 38 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Mostly Cloudy<br>61 / 39 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>64 / 35 |

#### Local UV Index



#### Weather Trivia

Why does lightning seem to flicker as it flashes in the sky?  
**Answer:** Lightning is not just a single stroke, but a succession of many strokes.

#### Weather History

**March 21, 1932** - A tornado swarm occurred in the Deep South. Between late afternoon and early the next morning, severe thunderstorms spawned 31 tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The tornadoes killed 334 people and injured 1,784.

**March 22, 1920** - A spectacular display of the Northern Lights was visible as far south as Bradenton, Fla., El Paso, Texas and Fresno, Calif. At Detroit, the display was said to be "so brilliant as to blot out all stars below first magnitude".

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 13%. Southwest wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1975. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. Northeast wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 16° set in 1965. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 28%. Northeast wind 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 37°. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

| Day | Peak Times |           | Day | Peak Times |            |
|-----|------------|-----------|-----|------------|------------|
|     | AM         | PM        |     | AM         | PM         |
| Fri | 3:26-5:26  | 3:56-5:56 | Tue | 7:12-9:12  | 7:42-9:42  |
| Sat | 4:21-6:21  | 4:51-6:51 | Wed | 8:08-10:08 | 8:38-10:38 |
| Sun | 5:17-7:17  | 5:47-7:47 | Thu | 9:03-11:03 | 9:33-11:33 |
| Mon | 6:15-8:15  | 6:45-8:45 |     |            |            |

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#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day  | Sunrise   | Sunset    | Moonrise   | Moonset    |
|------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 3/23 | 7:46 a.m. | 7:58 p.m. | 12:06 a.m. | 10:56 a.m. |
| 3/24 | 7:45 a.m. | 7:59 p.m. | 1:05 a.m.  | 11:47 a.m. |
| 3/25 | 7:43 a.m. | 7:59 p.m. | 2:03 a.m.  | 12:43 p.m. |
| 3/26 | 7:42 a.m. | 8:00 p.m. | 2:59 a.m.  | 1:44 p.m.  |
| 3/27 | 7:41 a.m. | 8:01 p.m. | 3:50 a.m.  | 2:48 p.m.  |
| 3/28 | 7:39 a.m. | 8:01 p.m. | 4:38 a.m.  | 3:54 p.m.  |
| 3/29 | 7:38 a.m. | 8:02 p.m. | 5:22 a.m.  | 5:01 p.m.  |

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

| Date | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Farmer's Growing Degree Days |             |
|------|------|-----|---------|--------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 3/11 | 83   | 42  | 65/35   | 0.00"  | Date                         | Degree Days |
| 3/12 | 58   | 31  | 65/35   | 0.00"  | 3/11                         | 12          |
| 3/13 | 67   | 24  | 65/35   | 0.00"  | 3/12                         | 0           |
| 3/14 | 75   | 36  | 66/36   | 0.00"  | 3/13                         | 0           |
| 3/15 | 73   | 38  | 66/36   | 0.00"  | 3/14                         | 6           |
| 3/16 | 56   | 36  | 66/36   | 0.00"  |                              |             |
| 3/17 | 77   | 25  | 67/36   | 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.

## Kent's Korner

By the time you are reading this, I will have been in town almost two weeks. And unless you've either been out of town or living under a rock, you know that I am the Managing Editor of The Post Dispatch.

Before I go any further let me say this, someone needs to give Wayne Hodgins the Key to the City.

He took on the task of running the office while also riding herd over his own duties at Knox County and Stonewall. I, for one, appreciate all the work he has put in over the years. Thank you Wayne, I truly appreciate all you've done for the City of Post.

Also, Big Kudos goes to Tim Abbott with Snyder Fires and 24 Hour Trucking, who helped me find a vehicle and only on my fourth day in town.

#### ABOUT ME...



KENT MAHONEY

I am from Missouri originally, but moved the Houston after college in 1985 and started my full time writing career in 1986 in the Clear Lake City part of town, most of you will recognize it at the home of Johnson Space Center.

I cut my teeth on small towns like Seabrook, Kemah, League City, Dickinson, Friendswood and others in the area. I soon learned two things: don't be shy and grow a tortoise shell for skin.

For those who I have made acquaintance with, you have found one of those attributes to be true.

I've been at this profession for nearly 30 years, I am excited about the possibilities this particular position presents. CHANGES?

I'm not here to make sweeping changes. I am here to provide a daily presence in town.

It has been said that a person who serves two masters, dishonors both.

Post needs a full-time newspaper guy and I'm that guy.

I will go back to the basics of what the readership wants in a local paper. I am not going to go into great lengths here and I will be talking to a great many of you and I'll be happy to explain how we are going to do this.

I have enjoyed a warm welcome from those of you I've talked to. I will take all your suggestions to heart.

The accomplishments will not happen overnight.

Generally speaking, the office opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. I try to stay here for at least the first hour to catch anyone that needs to see me right away. The only exception to that is the county commission meeting on Monday mornings. I will be around in the evenings and sometimes after 5.

I will make time on Saturday by appointment only and I do not work Sunday for obvious reasons.

I cannot afford to "camp out" in the office. I need to be out and about. Office staff is being considered, but that is another story.

As far as the content of news stories, I only work on factual information. I shouldn't have to say this, but I've been around long enough to know that if I don't, I will get all sorts of story ideas that just don't hold water.

Those items that are not hard news, i.e. announcements, social or club news and the alike, will run in the order in which it is received. I will be timely, in that, dated material will get some priority over standing announcements.

And regardless of who may be in the office at some point in the future, I want to make sure we all know this one thing. I do not promise space. And as much as anyone would like to be on the receiving end of that kind of a promise, trust me when I say, that it only makes for hard feelings down the road.

As far as sporting events go for the rest of the school year, I will make it to as many of the local games as scheduled, for a picture if nothing else.

Road games are another subject and I have already talked to the coaches about turning items in on a timely basis.

I am trying to make a visit to every business in town and a few out of town. This may take a few more weeks to accomplish. Be patient, I will get there. And if you think I missed you, I'm not hard to find. I'm probably the only guy in town wearing a KC Chiefs ball cap.

In closing, I want to let you know just how excited I am to be here and the job we all have in front of us.

For the entertainment part of my corner, I am a movie buff, so it won't be unusual for me to toss them around every once in awhile.

This week's quote is from "48 Hours", where Eddie Murphy is in the country bar posing as a cop and he is trying to get a leg up on the clientele.

"I want y'all to know somethin'... there's a new sheriff in town..."

... and his name is Reggie Hammond! Y'all be cool! Right on!"

Now, while I am not the sheriff, I am the new guy on the block. And I know how this all works. There is a ying and yang dance that is going to happen here. I want everyone on the dance floor.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of the citizens of Post. I'm excited about the possibilities. I hope you are too.

## Science Fair



Students from Post Elementary School were recognized at last week's school board meeting for their achievements at the Regional Science Fair. Pictured, on the front row, left to right, were Octavia Silva and Kuna Hudman; on the back row, from left to right were Kolton Wink, Jacob Isbell and Jakeb Morris.

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