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Water issues still popping up locally

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — Water is still a hot topic, even in the winter months. In two days time, no less than a half-dozen water-related topics have reached city and county agendas.

Everything from lowering water restrictions to minimum daily usage limits and from reappointing water board members to water boards asking for help and counsel.

The Lake Alan Henry Water District board approached the Garza County Commissioner's Court with a request to seed a funding request.

The water board wants help with lawyer's fees in an effort to create an umbrella that includes Alan Henry and the South Garza Water District that would aid in the distribution of water, but also to come into compliance with the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality. Both water districts were started in the early 2000's. Five members sit on the LAHWD, three from Garza County and two from Kent County.

The Lake Alan Henry area is home to three subdivisions, five RV parks and developments and the Sam Wahl Recreational Area.

According to Garza County Judge Lee Norman, this is a precursor to a larger process.

"The seed money is to help the whole process," Norman said. "We want to be prepared when someone comes to the water district with requests."

TCEQ is only one of a number of possible agencies that may want to enforce regulatory control over the area.

There was some work done a number of years ago towards this very same issue to bring the entities up to speed on new laws and regulations.

Currently, the City of Lubbock is entitled to 495 acre-feet of water annually for its municipal use.

Other than Lubbock's allotment, no other water can be used outside a three-mile limit of the lake.

In other water issues, the City of Post is going to back down to Stage One limits this winter on water use by citizens.

The discussion at Tuesday's city council meeting indicated that residents may now return to "normal" watering routines. However, some of those watering routines connected to gardens and lawns won't happen until spring, people can wash their vehicles and businesses can clean their parking lots as they deem necessary.

Citizens are still encouraged to use "common sense" practices when engaged in these activities.

Using water hoses with cutoff valves and buckets for cleaning cars or the exte-

rior of houses is always a good idea. Any lawn watering activity should be monitored so there is no excessive runoff on to the sidewalks or street gutters.

The city also re-appointed Victor Ashley and Fred Postel to the White River Municipal Water District board, Tuesday night. Ashley is the current board president through the end of the year. This will be Postel's second term on the board.

The city also has agreed to carry a minimum daily amount of water usage from WRMWD at a rate determined over a 24-hour period.

This was part of an effort by Post and other cities to stay more in line with actual usage and not a pre-determined amount set by the district that some cities do not come close to using.

White River is still in search of a general manager, after Tom Fulton stepped down this past fall.

11 shopping days left until Christmas

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.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem a Christmas Musical will be having four performances. December 12, 13, 19 and 20. Friday Performances start at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Performances at 3pm. Ragtown Gospel Theater located at 870 Ragtown Road.

Mobile Mammography

Covenant Health and Susan G. Komen organization will be having a Mobile Mammography January 29th 2015 at the United Supermarket. For appointments please call 806-725-6579 or 1-877-494-4797.

Celebrate Christmas

All are welcome for a free community supper. Thursday, December 25th at Trailblazers 205 East 10th St. starting at 6p.m. Contact 806-549-1562 for questions. Delivery in Post will be available for those that can't make it.

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Corrections

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City says no to wireless use

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — Using a handheld electronic device in a school zone and speed limits for schools zones got a much need shot in the arm from both the Post Independent School District and the City of Post.

Both entities have adopted rules and ordinances, respectively, in response to state law and recent changes in the school zone, which includes the newly built high school building.

Following last month's lead by PISD, the city agreed to posting "no cell phone" usage signs in an effort to come in line with new laws which took effect in September.

The posting of signs and See WIRELESS, Page 6

Here Comes Santa Clause



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

Santa Claus was the headliner of last week's Lighted Christmas Parade through downtown Post. Decorated floats were judged and the Girl Scouts' "Sweet Christmas" was the Best of Show. Other finishers were City of Post in first place, followed by Boots and Bows Pony Parties and Cain Abraham with "Sweet Decorations". The cash prizes were given to the winners.

County denies FCC request

By Kent Mahoney
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POST — The Garza County Commissioner's Court wants to send the Federal Communication Commission a clear message — "Don't Mess with Texas", more specifically, Garza County.

The court received a notice from the FCC regarding inmate phone services, which the county charges inmates a nominal fee.

In the request were measures intended to protect inmates from excessive charges, but also eliminated some services, which were essential to inmate safety.

Recent rules implemented in Alabama on this subject were more in line with what Garza County would like to see in place.

Cost incurred by the county include the maintenance of the phones and monitoring of all calls, indigent calls, free calls to bonding agents and a customer service system designed to han-

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DPS finds drugs in traffic stop

From Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop on US 84 Thursday, yielding over four pounds of high-grade marijuana, seven grams of hash, \$2,700 cash and a pistol.

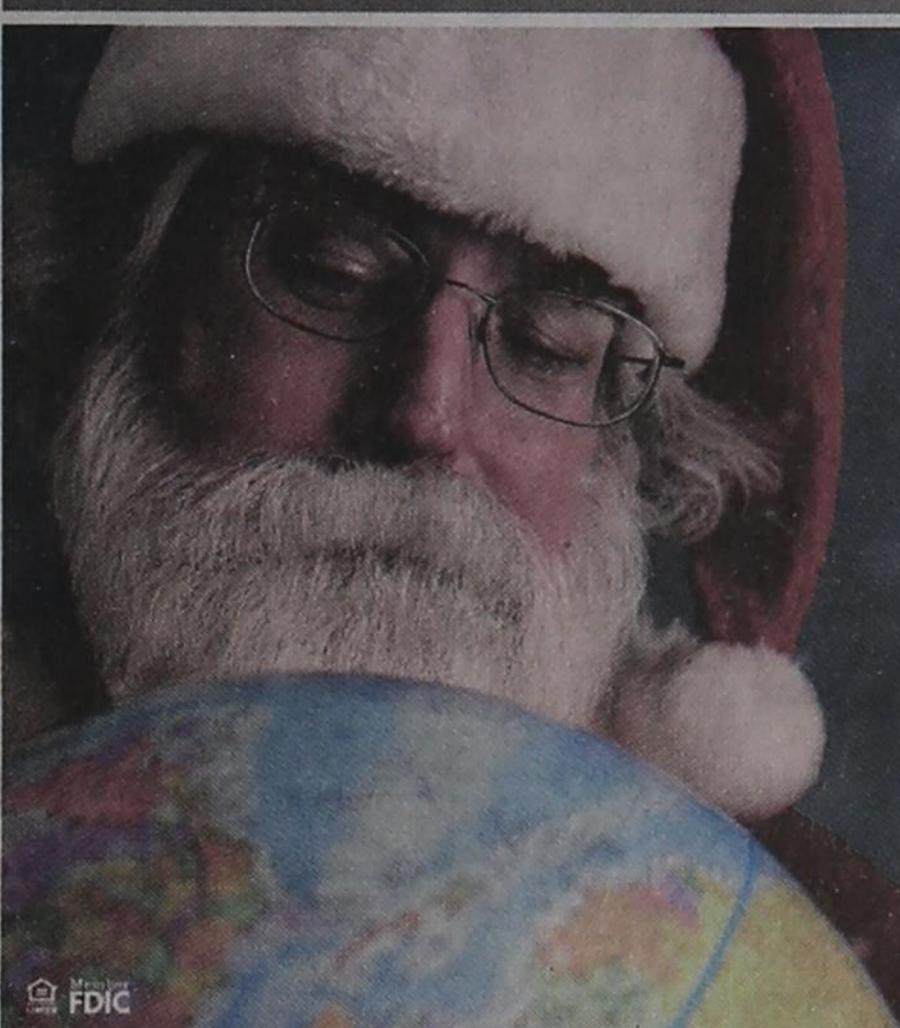
At approximately 10:13 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 Nissan Maxima traveling south on US 84, for a traffic violation, near Post in Garza County.

The driver was identified as Brian E. Michael, 30, of Reno, Nev. The passenger was identified as Fabian Moreno, 28, of Sparks, Nev. During the traffic stop, the trooper called for assistance from the Post ISD K-9 division. The See DPS STOP, Page 6



DPS courtesy photo

Drugs, money and a pistol were found in the truck of a car stopped by DPS officers while it was traveling through Garza County. Post K-9 officer Zara pointed on the vehicle indicating the cache.



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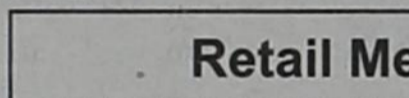
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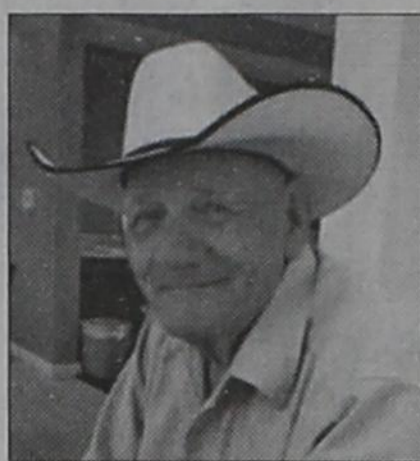
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Deaths

Troy Willis

Services for Troy Willis, 73, of Post and formerly of Brownfield were held Dec. 10, 2014 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Jack Maddox officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Troy died Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 at his home in Post. He was born on Feb. 25, 1941 in Brownfield to Troy Ode and Lillie Mae (Abney) Willis. He married Carolyn Terry on October 30, 2004 in Post. He worked for Goodpasture in Brownfield until his retirement. He moved to Post in 2003. Troy was a member of the Masons and was a faithful member of the Post EMS where



TROY WILLIS

he drove the ambulance. Survivors include his wife Carolyn of Post, Mother, Lillie Mae Willis of Post; two sons, Gerald Willis of Russellville, Ark and Glenn Willis of Brownfield; two daughters, Glenna Estenson and Gayla Carillo both of Brownfield; four stepsons, Eddie Heatley of Lubbock, Bart Burns of Brownfield, Vincent

Burns of Brownfield and Tony Burns of Ackerly; two step-daughters, Cindy Smith of Lamesa and Mindy Burns of Brownfield; four brothers, Johnny Willis of Shallowater, Roy Willis of Lubbock, Coy Willis of Graham and Jimmy Willis of Lubbock; one sister, Annette Riggs of Post, 10 grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives: Mary Willis and Cecelia Ann Willis, one stepson, Wendell Heatley, his father, Troy Ode Willis and a sister-in-law, Nancy Robinette.

Visitations were Tuesday at the funeral home.

60th Anniversary



Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 in the place they were married, Curt and Donna Cowdrey's home, in the Graham Community. It was the very same house they were married in.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Four individuals were held in the Garza County Jail in recent days, according to sheriff's department reports. On Nov. 29, a 32-year-old was arrested for driving while intoxicated second offense. On Dec. 3, two individuals were arrested, including a 21-year-old for public intoxication and a 20-year-old for DWI. A 30-year-old was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of marijuana, under two ounces, on Dec. 4.

The Post High School Antelopes earned a strong presence on the District 5-2A All-District Football Squad, including a pair of District MVPs. Seniors Jerrad Grisham and Jett Lott were tapped as Most Valuable Players in the district. Grisham was recognized for work on the defense, while Lott was listed as

MVP for his offensive offerings. Eighteen PHS athletes were named to district honor teams, including 12 who will return for the eLopest 2005 season, according to reports.

20 Years Ago

Old Mill Trade Days became the North Pole of Texas last weekend. Thousands of people converged on the old mill to Christmas shop, eat and enjoy the lively entertainment. Vendors and shoppers alike traveled from as close as across the street and as far away as Tempe, Arizona, and Little Rock, Arkansas! According to a spokesperson for the Trade Days, they have been averaging around 6,000 visitors each time, (excluding vendors), and last weekend was no exception. Visitors to Trade Days were treated to a delightful array of items, both holiday and not. There were holiday wreaths and tree decorations, beautiful holiday attire and gifts for even the most difficult on

your list. From the tiniest toy soldier to a six foot angel to decorate your yard, there was something for everyone, young and old.

30 Years Ago

Glenda Morrow, local artist will be the featured Artist of the Month at the First National Bank. The exhibit is being sponsored by the Post Art Guild and the bank. Glenda has been an active and inactive member of the Art Guild for the past 20 years, holding several offices over the years. Basically a self taught artist, she has studied under several outstanding artists, including Mrs. Gladys Presson, Marie Neff, and Danny Gamble of Canyon. Glenda has a gallery here where she paints and has supplies and art classes for all ages. More of her work can be seen at the gallery at 302 West 8th.

40 Years Ago

General Telephone Company of the southwest has asked the Post city

Council to boost basic telephone rates here approximately 20 percent because of "low earnings" which as of the year ending June 30 amounted to 7.94 percent after taxes. The increases would hike one-party business phones here from \$12 a month to \$14.65, a 22 percent boost, and the monthly billing on one-party residence phones from \$5.90 to \$6.95 up 17 percent. The monthly charge on extension phones would remain the unchanged.

50 Years Ago

"Santa helps out in mail rush" The pile of incoming Christmas packages was dwindling today in the post office here, mainly because Santa Claus had pitched in as a last-minute helper. Postmaster Harold Voss said the volume of mail, generally, measured up to the peak of previous years. He reported more parcels this Christmas, but a few less greeting cards than in the past.

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Pray For Post

The "Pray for Post" bracelets are still available and would be great stocking stuffers. All proceeds are going to help replenish the School Library. The bracelets are available at the Garza County Judges office and at the local banks and at City Hall.

Toys for Tots

The Post Lion's Club is conducting their annual Toys for Tots campaign. Registration forms are available at Post Elementary School. The deadline for the forms is Dec. 1. Students must meet qualifications of free or reduced lunch and reside or go to a school in Garza County, not all applications will be approved. Toy pickup will be held at First Baptist Church the week of Dec. 16-19.

Trailblazers Fundraiser

The Trailblazers are hosting a fundraiser for \$100 United Super gift cards. Tickets are \$1 each and five winners will be drawn today and another five will be drawn on Dec. 19. Both drawings will be held at noon during lunch. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from any Trailblazers' board member.

The Greatest Gift

The OS Museum invites you to view "The Greatest Gift" A spectacular exhibit of Nativities, Creches and ornaments gathered around the world. Viewing is Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. (closed major holidays) 201 East Main and Ave. I (806) 495-3570 upstairs-handicap accessible

program

Post ISD student may be nominated for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program no later than March 13, 2015. Teachers, counselors, parents or guardians may make nominations. If you would like to nominate a child for the Post GT program please contact your child's school.

Railroad Crossing

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Benevolence fund

Dusty and Renee Clary have a Benevolence Fund set up at Centennial Bank. For more information contact Marie Odom 806-495-4757.

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 wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

Taxpayer clinic

Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

Gifted and talented

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and About in Close City



BY Nancy Morris

the farmers of Close City and Graham came out to harvest Robbie and GB

This past Friday, Dec. 5,

Wilke's crops. There were 11 cotton strippers, 10 module builders, and 8 boll buggies. The day started out with a lunch for everyone. Then the farmers and other helpers got busy getting the crops out. They worked until the sun went down and had to finish the rest on Saturday. It was amazing sight to see everyone pitch in and help. I am so glad to live in a community that takes care of one of their own.



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The Post High School theater students performed "Dearly Departed" last week in a dinner theater concept and provided some music for patron's listening pleasure. Pictured are (front row from the left) Erica Soliz, Annahica Duran, Jessi Isbell, Lexi Antillon and Zayra Pizana; (middle row from the left) Brooke Blair, Kaitlyn Walden and Mollie Burch; (back row from the left) Tori Porter, Katie Colvin, Kelsey Griffin, Bryce Phelps, Noe Hernandez, Hayden Bolongia, Sammy Soto and Justin Fannon. Not pictured is Trey Havens. The singers were accompanied by Levi Stinson. The troop was under the direction of Tim and Leslie Tatum.



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Students from First Baptist Christian School performed songs for the downtown lighting ceremony held last Friday in front of the Garza County Courthouse. It was the official kick off to the weekend of holiday activities.

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Households can expect lower heating bills

DALLAS — Atmos Energy Corporation said today that natural gas bills are expected to be lower throughout the 2014-15 winter heating season compared with last winter's unusually cold season, making natural gas a safe and reliable source of energy for consumers.

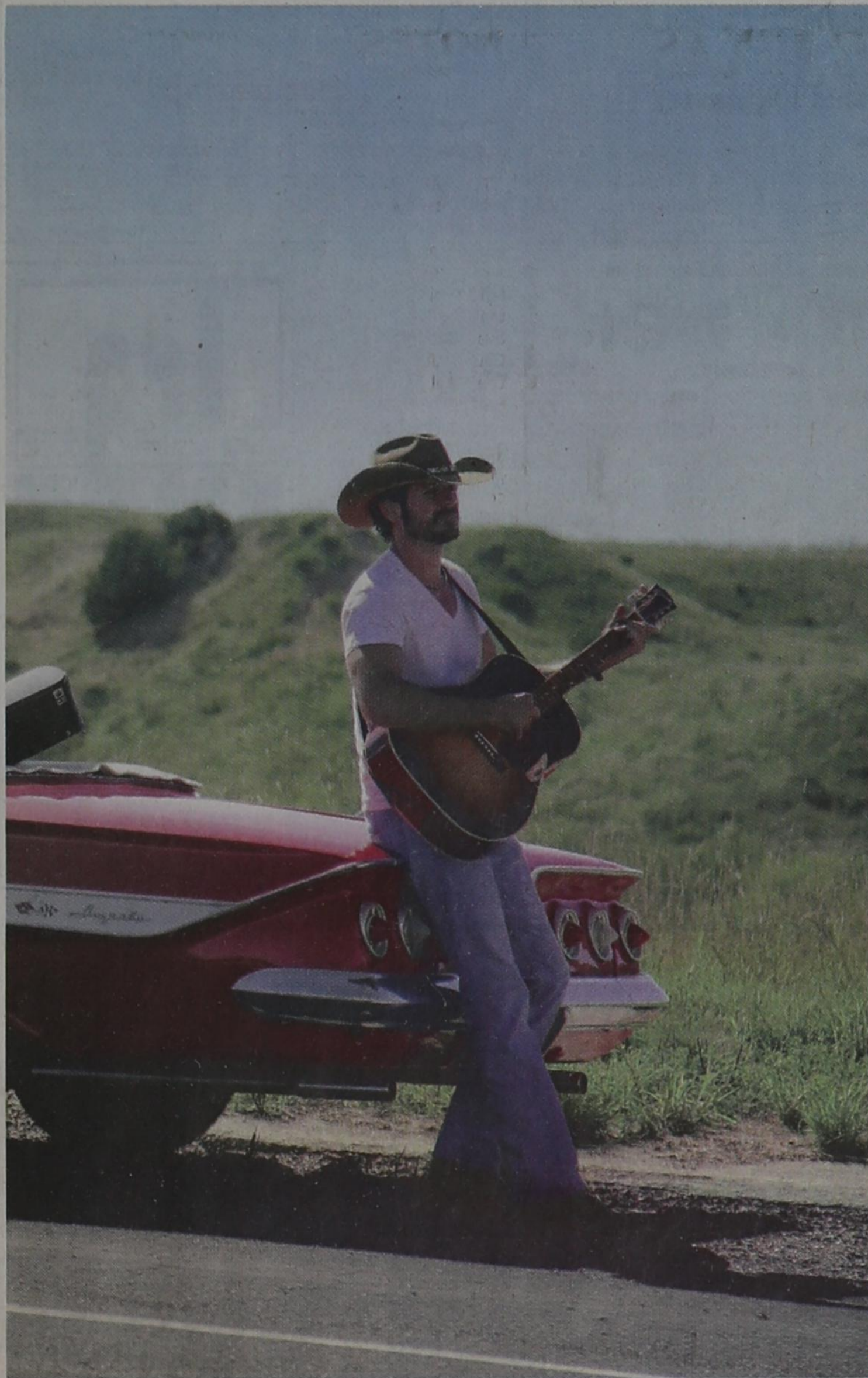
That prediction is based on the latest winter forecast from the federal government's Energy Information Administration (EIA). The EIA short-term energy forecast predicts that average household expenditures for homes heating primarily with natural gas will total \$649 this winter, a \$31 decline from last winter's average cost for the six-month winter period.

"Customers can expect affordable natural gas prices thanks to the abundant shale supply of natural gas, which has created confidence and stability in the market," said

John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division. "Gas production is at an all-time high, and Atmos Energy's storage inventories are on plan for this winter season."

According to the latest forecast from the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), temperatures are expected to be warmer than last winter. The extreme weather patterns last winter elevated demand for all heating fuels, drew down inventories, and put upward pressure on prices.

"Even during last winter's Polar Vortex, Atmos Energy was able to provide affordable natural gas throughout critical periods, thanks to our investments in infrastructure improvements and our underground storage," Paris said.



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Giving and receiving a fortune

I saw a story yesterday on Warren Buffett's fortune skyrocketing. Buffett's net worth has climbed handsomely this year bolstered by a 28 percent jump in the value of his Berkshire Hathaway's stock which closed at an all-time high Monday. The stock closed at \$227,800 per share.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Buffett is now worth more than \$74 billion and climbed over Mexico's Carlos Slim (\$72 billion) and Amancio Ortega (\$64 billion) into second place on the list of world's richest people. Bill Gates, who has seen his fortune jump this year as well, is number one on the list with a net worth of \$81.4 billion.

It's pretty astounding that Gates and Buffet sit atop the list because they are the most generous humans in history in terms of the amount of money they have given to charity. Over their lifetimes, each man has donated between \$30 and \$35 billion to a multitude of causes through their foundations. That is simply incredible.

Perhaps these two men are proof that giving comes back to you...

Scientists think they are closer to proving life, in some form or fashion, existed on Mars.

For life, as we know it, to form and thrive, scientists generally agree that these things must be present:

- Standing water.
- An energy source.
- Five basic elements: carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, phosphorus and nitrogen.
- Time.

One of our rovers on Mars has found all of the above and scientists have con-

cluded that there was life on Mars.

I suspect they're right. It seems like we get a little closer each year in determining there is abundant life in this universe.

I was once asked if such discoveries had any bearing on my faith?

My short answer: God is the ultimate creator. I'm a human created in His image. I do not pretend to know what all God has created, but I'm thankful He created us. And not only did He create us, He has proven to have a vested interest in us.

It's easy for us humans to try and discount all God has provided. We are always trying to prove how smart we are, while at the same time, trying to prove that God doesn't exist and all things can be proven through science.

Scientists make a good case too don't they? Or do they?

It's hard for me to say. Since I was a boy, scientists have changed their tune on a myriad of topics. Seems they are still learning as well.

My take on extraterrestrial life: I think there is plenty of life in this universe, both intelligent and otherwise. I also don't care if there is. Until they come to my country, they are no threat to me. And truthfully, what can I do about it?

It's best for me to concentrate on the few things in this world that I can control and try and do my best with the gifts God has given to me. When we break it down to the basics, it's all any of us can do.

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The 501

Your house in gingerbread

In a former life I was a gingerbread house entrepreneur -- a don't-quit-your-day job endeavor, so I didn't quit my day job and, therefore, never realized my dream to become official gingerbread house maker to Neiman Marcus, the Texas equivalent of being gingerbread house maker to the Queen.

Yep, I wanted to sell gingerbread houses to wealthy people who would commission me, via Neiman's, to replicate their mansions in gingerbread. Instead

I kept making the same little houses with my two cast iron molds. I sold one house.

If only the Internet had existed back then. I could've found directions for making gingerbread house parts without molds so as to fabricate pieces in all shapes and sizes. Then I could have launched my enterprise alone no need for Neiman's.

"Your House in Gingerbread" might have been deluged with orders. Or not.

Meanwhile, could someone have stolen my idea and launched just such a custom gingerbread house business?

INTERNET PAUSE.

Sure enough, that's what's happened. For \$77,910 you can order a gingerbread replica of your house from a luxury online retailer called VeryFirstTo. Pearls and a big ruby adorn the roof. The size of the structure is roughly 65 cm by 35 cm by 45 cm.

I smell a rat. How can VeryFirstTo announce the approximate size in advance when the creation is supposed to replicate somebody's real house? Not everybody

lives in a simple rectilinear space especially not people with 70 grand-plus to blow on a gingerbread house.

Oh well. When you get pearls and a big fat ruby on the roof, you're less likely to notice it doesn't look like your roof or even your house. Make way for mass production of the same design with just a few customizations. No need to hire extra elves to painstakingly execute different complicated designs. It's cheating in my book, but that's probably why I'm not in charge of a booming gingerbread house replicating business.

I wouldn't even be thinking about all things gingerbread if I hadn't seen a redneck gingerbread house posted on Facebook. It was actually made of graham crackers, which, as someone pointed out, is perhaps appropriate to all things redneck synthetic versus the top-quality organic (no kidding) gingerbread used by VeryFirstTo. Of course the redneck house was a trailer. No pine trees embellished the setting. Just junk cars.

It's the sort of creativity that inspires me to get back into gingerbread.

ANOTHER INTERNET PAUSE.

Wow! I found "13 Weird and Wonderful Gingerbread Houses" on a website. My favorite is the reproduction of an abandoned building site in Ireland. Gingerbread house makers, keep that theme in mind if your house doesn't quite get built.

Spin-off idea: If you get your house baked but it doesn't hold together, pretend there was either an earthquake or tornado. Houses taste the same no matter what they look like.

Maybe that's our moral. Gingerbread is a great leveler. Big mansions and cute little cottages taste the same not necessarily any better than graham crackers.



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Cryptogram

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 Brooke Shields

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Post Basketball Tournament 2014

All Game Schedule

Thursday

9 a.m.
JV Boys
Post vs Forsan
JV Girls
Colorado vs Forsan*
10:30 a.m.
Boys Varsity
Sweetwater vs Plains
JV Boys
Colorado vs Plains*
Noon
Girls Varsity
Andrews vs Lamesa
JV Girls
Smyer vs Snyder B*
1:30 p.m.
JV Girls
Post vs Ira
Lamesa vs Snyder G*
3 p.m.
Girls Varsity
Post vs Petersburg
4:30 p.m.
Boys Varsity
Post vs Petersburg

Friday

9 a.m.
JV Girls
Winner's bracket
JV Girls
Loser's bracket*
10:30 a.m.
Boys Varsity
Plains vs Petersburg
JV Boys
Forsan vs Colorado*
Noon
Girls Varsity
Andrews vs Petersburg
JV Girls
Winner's bracket
1:30 p.m.
JV Boys
Post vs Colorado
JV Girls
Loser's Bracket*
3 p.m.
Girls Varsity
Post vs Lamesa
4:30 p.m.
Boys Varsity
Post vs Sweetwater

Saturday

9 a.m.
JV Boys
Forsan vs Colorado*
JV Girls
Consolation Game
10:30 a.m.
Boys Varsity
Sweetwater vs Petersburg
JV Girls
Third Place game*
Noon
Girls Varsity
Petersburg vs Andrews
JV Boys
Post vs Plains*
1:30 p.m.
Boys Varsity
Post vs Plains*
JV Girls
Championship Game
3 p.m.
Girls Varsity
Post vs Andrews
*Denotes games in PHS new gym

Lady Lopes break winless streak

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — The proverbial monkey is off the backs of the Lady Lopes basketball team as they defeated Morton in a big way 59-39 in the friendly confines of Antelope Arena.



MILLER

Post had three players in double figures as the flow of the game was much more consistent.

"We didn't change a thing," said a jubilant coach Shelli Crow after the win. "We played for each other and left everything on the floor."

Shailey Miller led the

team from the point guard position with 16 points, which included a couple of three pointers. Miller shot 3-for-5 from the field and 7-for-10 from the charity stripe.

Callie Odom had 14 points, all from the field and also hit a couple of treys on a 5-for-10 shooting night.

Brooklyn Courtney had 13 points the hard way. She either made the bucket on the inside game, or she was fouled hard throughout the evening. She was hit five field goals and was 5-for-9 from the charity stripe.

Post opened the game 16-13 after the first quarter and thanks to treys from Odom and Miller that lead grew to 22-13 at the 5:18 mark of the second quarter.

Post never really looked back after that.

Statistically, the Lady Lopes had 11 turnovers, five in the first half and six in the second, which was much improved over the first six games.

Lauren Record and Miller

had 10 rebounds, collectively for the Lady Lopes, with five each.

The Lady Lopes traveled to Coahoma Tuesday night.

They will be hosting a round-robin tournament Thursday through Saturday this weekend.

They are 1-6 on the season.

Post 51
Morton 33

The Lopes held Morton to single digits in the first three quarter Friday night in a 51-33 victory to move to 2-0 on the season.

Jaybren Rodriguez had 17 points to lead all scorers in the contest. Other scorers for Post were Shandon Wiley (9), Austin Garza (8), Chance Courtney (7), Cambry Gilbert (4), Aric Garza (4) and Jared Curtis (2).

Post took the early lead in a lack luster first quarter 10-3 and led 25-8 at the half. "We're still finding our gear," said coach Billy Garza after the game, alluding to the fast



Post guard Austin Garza (22) brings the ball through the Morton defense in last week's Lope victory. Post is 2-0 on the season and will host their annual tourney this weekend with games beginning Thursday. (see schedule to the left)

tempo of the pace.

Post scored 14 and 12 points respectively in the second half, compared to 9 and 16 for Morton.

Post had 32 steals on the night, Courtney had nine, followed by the Garza brothers with six each.

Austin Garza and Wiley combined for six of the team's nine steals on the evening.

The Lopes will also travel to Coahoma and host their part of the weekend tourney as well.

Lady Eagles take third place at Whiteface tournament

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

WHITEFACE — Mallory Arguello scored 35 points leading her fellow Lady Eagles to a 47-32 victory over Lazbuddie in the third place game of the varsity tournament held here last weekend.

Southland moves to 10-2 on the season, suffering their second loss here at the tournament.

Lazbuddie took a brief 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles held them to single-digit scoring the rest of the way.

Daniela Galindo had seven points, Ashlee Graves had four points and M'Keison scored one point en route to the trophy win.

Southland opened the tourney with a 42-21 win over Amherst on Thursday, again with some staunch defense. Amherst only managed seven points in three quarters of play.

Arguello had 17 points in that contest followed by Galino and Jamesha Rose, each with six; Graves and Madison Worley each with four, Jessica Payton with three points and Kalaya robins with two points.

Friday's semi-final game against host team Whiteface turned out to be Southland's second loss of the season.

A near shutout first quarter of scoring by the Lady Eagles may have been too much to overcome as Whiteface took a 14-2 lead.

Southland battled back with seven points in the second, but still trailed 23-9. A 28-point second half went a good ways to making a competitive game out of the situation, but Whiteface eventually won 48-37.

Galindo had 12 points, followed by Arguello and Ross each with eight points, Payton with six and Graves with three.

For her efforts, Arguello was named to the All Tournament Team.

The Lady Eagles played Loop Tuesday night and will travel to the Klondike tournament over the weekend.



ARGUELLO

Eight pointer



Colter Smith, 12, of Post, took this 8-point whitetail buck recently on a hunt in Baylor County. He is the son of Robert and Stephanie Smith.

Panhandle fishing report

Alan Henry

Water stained; 48-55 degrees; 9.79' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and flutter spoons. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Arrowhead

Water off color; 45-52 degrees; 19.29' low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

Brownwood

Water clear; 60-64 degrees; 12.27' low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits, Persuader crankbaits, and pumpkinseed soft plastic worms over brush piles in 10-20 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Lil' Fishies and pet spoons off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on cut bait and stinkbait over baited holes in 12-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

Coleman

Water clear; 64-68 degrees; 18.95' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on green striper jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

Colorado City

22.8' low. No report available.

Ft. Phantom Hill

Water clear; 47-55 degrees; 17.35' low. Black bass are fair on jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

Greenbelt

44.98' low. No report available.

Hubbard Creek

Water off color; 48-53 degrees; 29.35' low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and shakysheads.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

MacKenzie

90.23' low. No report available.

Meredith

78.98' low. No report available.

Nasworthy

No report available.

OH Ivie

Water stained; 46-51 degrees; 42.32' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and shakysheads. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.

Oak Creek

Water stained; 47-53 degrees; 25.29' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Palo Duro

57.35' low. No report available.

Possum Kingdom

Water fairly clear; 48-55 degrees; 14.81' low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slab. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Spence

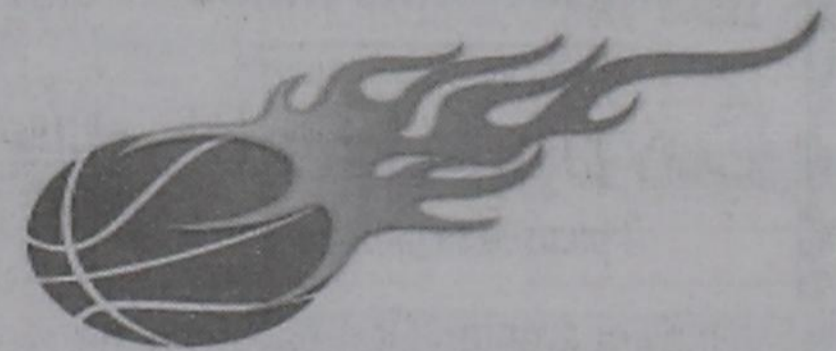
72.52' low. No report available.

Stamford

16.99' low. No report available.

Sweetwater

Water murky; 43-52 degrees; 28.17' low. Black bass are fair on flutter spoons, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.



COUNTY

From Page 1

He frequently asked questions, which in turn lightens the workload on the jail staff.

The commission structure is in place to offset these costs to make it affordable for the county to maintain this in the budget.

The commission voted unanimously rejecting the FCC's recommendations

and sent a letter to that effect.

In other court activity, commissioners, armed with a new budget, are making decisions of the roads in their districts that may need attention.

The court entered into an agreement with Brandt Engineers Group in an effort to make those plans a reality.

Six county roads are currently being looked at for resurfacing projects.

The country roads of

105, 125, 145, 165, 183 and 185 are on the list for either two-course pavement or sealcoat pavement on work that will begin this coming spring.

The engineering fee of approximately \$48,600 was put forth as a "scope of services."

Commissioners tended to the routine business of paying the bills and accepting department reports. There were no public comments.

WIRELESS

From Page 1

the fines associated with using wireless devices in the school zone is also backed up by a local ordinance, which will be fully enforced after the ordinance is published in The Post Dispatch.

Additionally the school zone on FM 669 has

been extended southward five blocks to encompass the area of the new high school.

There has been a change also at the state level that calls for a 25 MPH limit while school is in session, and that will be enforced in Post in the coming weeks. Specifically in FM 669, the out-of-school speed will be 35 MPH from approximately West Third Street to US High-

way 380.

There was an accident involving a student and a transport truck recently on FM 669, which may have included an inattentive driver. Posting the school zone further south of West Third Street will alert commercial drivers traveling north to expect student traffic between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

DPS STOP

From Page 1

drug-detecting canine alerted on the vehicle and during the search, the trooper discovered

the drugs, gun and cash in the trunk of the Nissan.

Both occupants were placed under arrest for possession of marijuana, unlawfully carrying a weapon, delivery of a controlled substance and

booked into the Garza County Jail. The illegal contraband was allegedly being transported from Reno to Austin. Garza County Sheriff's Office assisted DPS with the search and arrests.

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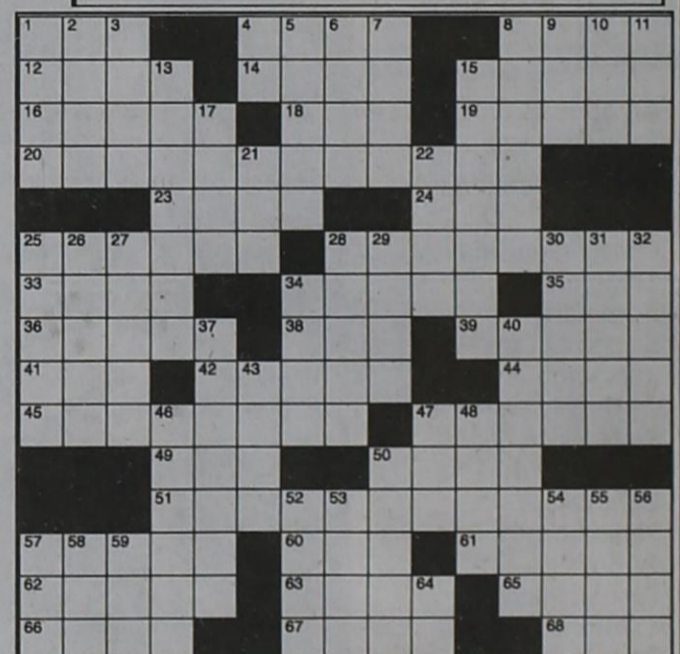
Puzzle of the Week

CLUES ACROSS

- Swiss Franc (abbr.)
- PBS science show
- Fencing sword
- Journey
- Notice of death
- Softened color
- Rust fungi
- Atomic Energy Authority
- Coco plum
- 41st President
- Longest division of geological time
- Used to be U__
- Doesn't sit
- Sororal concern
- __ellenic: all Greek
- 18840 PA
- An informal debt instrument
- Relating to the ilium
- Am. Library Assoc.
- More fair
- Radioactivity unit
- Genus lutra
- Salamander
- Expunctions
- Raised platforms
- Indicates near
- Do over, as of a house
- Ghostly double
- Shrek III director Hui
- Products of creativity
- Lariat or lasso
- Assists in wrongdoing
- Uncommon
- Staid
- S__ : descendant
- Adjust for functioning
- __um: wild ginger
- Explosive

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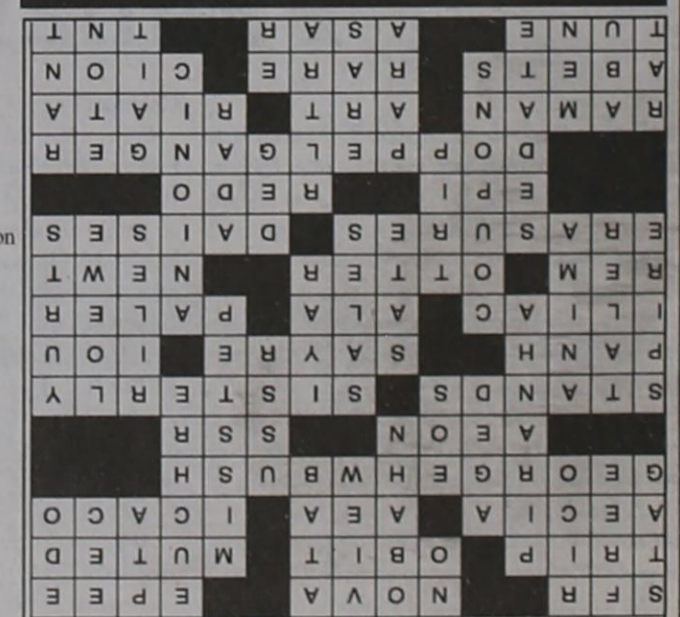


- Lerner and ____
- Mongol tents
- Fill to satisfaction
- Vouchers
- Non-ionic detergent
- Stumble
- Staid
- __ree: unit of temp.
- 12th Jewish month
- __ short pulse laser
- Pan American Rugby Association (abbr.)
- Long period of time (plural)
- Walking rate
- British School
- Harangue
- Sewer dweller
- __ Dhahi, Arabian capital
- Not women
- Popular medical TV drama

CLUES DOWN

- Male deer
- Emancipated
- Puerto ____
- Not yes
- Ger. highway: aut__
- Perspective
- Area Trauma Advisory Board
- Card game
- Popular school organization
- Old world, new
- Tokyo
- Carnivorous fish
- Unintentional act
- Elderly
- Goddess of the dawn
- Previous Soviet Union
- Steeple
- Largest silver coin
- The inner self
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- Makes angry

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Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 70°, humidity of 45%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 81° set in 1975. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 49°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 10° set in 1989. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 69°, humidity of 42%. South southwest wind 15 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday night with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Weather Trivia

How long does a cumulus cloud last?

Answer: Ten to 15 minutes on average.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:12-6:12	4:42-6:42	Tue	7:03-9:03	7:33-9:33
Sat	4:54-6:54	5:24-7:24	Wed	7:49-9:49	8:19-10:19
Sun	5:37-7:37	6:07-8:07	Thu	8:38-10:38	9:08-11:08
Mon	6:19-8:19	6:49-8:49			

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Weather History

Dec. 12, 1969 - The worst tornado of record for western Washington State tracked south of Seattle, traveling five miles, from Des Moines to Kent. The tornado, 50 to 200 yards in width, began as a waterspout over Puget Sound. One person was injured and the tornado caused half a million dollars in damage.

Dec. 13, 1962 - A severe Florida freeze occurred. Morning lows reached 35 degrees at Miami, 18 degrees at Tampa and 12 degrees at Jacksonville. It was the coldest December weather of the 20th century and caused millions of dollars in damage to crops and foliage.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 12/14				
Fri	7:40 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	11:48 a.m.
Sat	7:40 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	No Rise	12:21 p.m.
Sun	7:41 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	12:52 p.m.	12:52 p.m.
New 12/21				
Mon	7:41 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	1:19 a.m.	1:25 p.m.
Tue	7:42 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	2:13 a.m.	1:59 p.m.
Wed	7:43 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	3:09 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
Thu	7:43 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	4:07 a.m.	3:15 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
12/2	59	24	56/29	0.00"
12/3	68	35	56/29	0.00"
12/4	54	34	55/28	0.00"
12/5	68	39	55/28	0.00"
12/6	63	34	55/28	0.00"
12/7	59	41	55/28	0.00"
12/8	66	32	55/27	0.00"

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
12/2	0	12/6	0
12/3	2	12/7	0
12/4	0	12/8	0
12/5	4		

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

College playoffs messed up already

The games have not even been played yet and controversy abounds in the "new" college playoff system.

I was never a fan of the BCS (Bowl Championship Series). It was too country club-ish. The teams with the best public relations usually were on top, and other deserving teams were left out in the cold.

Now this year, the new four-team playoff format is racked with dissatisfaction about the teams and how they would qualify.

Two Big 12 teams were snubbed in the final four selections because the Big 12 only has 10 teams and does not have a conference championship game.

Someone should have told them that ahead of time, if it was going to be a factor.

So now there is Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Ohio State representing four of the "Big Five" conferences with the aforementioned Big 12 left holding a sack lumped coal.

So here is my solution, which I have been pushing for about the last 15 years.

Take the conferences with championship games (Big 10, SEC, Pac-12, Mountain West, Conference USA, ACC, MAC and the Big 12 after they add two teams) and have an eight-team bracket for the playoffs.

"But what about the bowl games, Kent?"

I'm glad you asked. Bowl games could still be used much like they are this season. But quite frankly, with 35-plus bowl games on the calendar, they don't hold the tradition they once did.

Back to the bracket, teams can be seeded by rank or blind draw. Personally, I prefer the blind draw.

Lets take a look at eight teams from this year: Bama (12-1), Oregon (12-1), Boise St. (11-2), Ohio St. (12-1), Florida St. (13-0), Marshal (12-1) Baylor or TCU (11-1) and No. Illinois (11-2) are all conference champs with less than two losses and would make an entertaining, if not very competitive bracket.

"But seriously, Kent, Marshall and No. Illinois?"

Again, I'm glad you asked. Much like the Big Dance in March, there are always going to be teams who automatically qualify by winning the conference. If it works for hoops, it should work on the turf.

And remember, the NCAA is not doing this because of the competitive nature of the game. They are doing this because of the revenue-driven weasels they are.

And as history has proven, a lower ranked team may pull the upset and make for an interesting bracket.

Heisman watch

It does my heart good to know that the overblown ego that is Jameis Winston's not going to be on the finalist's list.

Not that a certain amount of self image isn't important when playing sports, especially when playing the all-important quarterback position.

But I have an issue with this player off the field than on. Being a role model off the field is more important than on-field accomplishments.

Not only is he not worthy of a Heisman glance, I don't think he would be a good fit for the NFL either.

The NFL has received more than their fair share of black-eye incidents this season. They don't need to throw gas on the fire.

Championship prediction

I do not do this often, but why not do something different. Let predict the college champion.

Alabama takes out Ohio St. quite easily as the Buckeyes are without the services of JT Barrett who broke his ankle in the Michigan game two weeks ago.

Florida State's luck runs out against Oregon as the Duck have a higher octane offense than the Seminoles and a potential Heisman winner of their own.

Which brings us to the Alabama vs. Oregon national championship game.

I think I'll save that for a later column.

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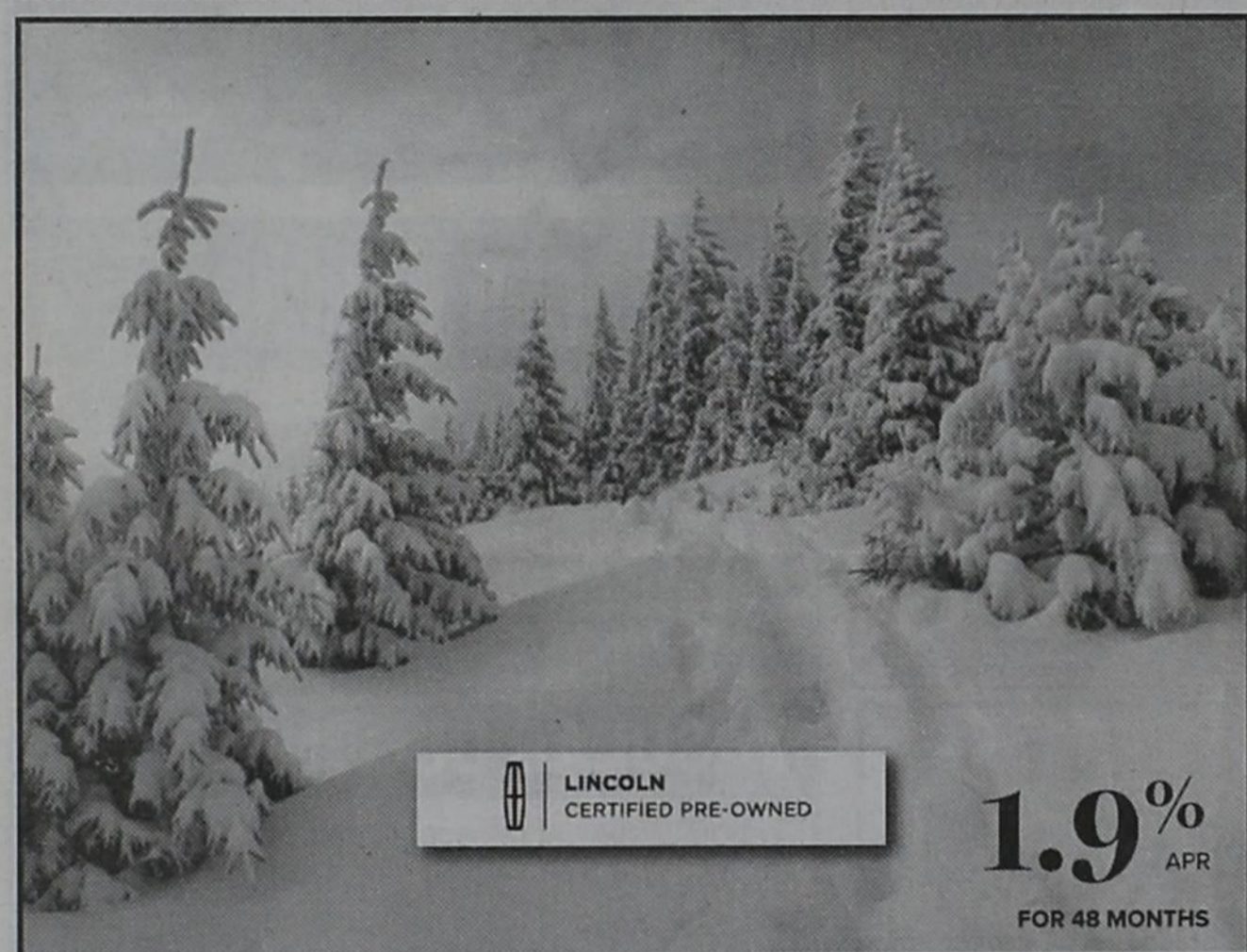
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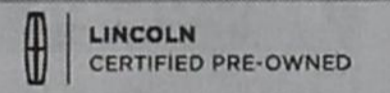
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