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Film shot here will make world debut

'The Arroyo' stars a host of Garza County talent old and new

By **Wayne Hodgin**
The Post Dispatch

A feature film shot on location in Garza County will make its world premiere next week in Lubbock and stars a bevy of actors most all of whom have some sort of ties to Post City.

"The Arroyo," an action-packed drama written and directed by Slaton native Jeremy Boreing, features an all-star cast of Lubbock area talent including singer-songwriter legend Kenny Maines, Ragtown's Glenn Polk and David Armendariz and Junior Vasquez.

Production took place in 2011 in and around Post, Slaton and Southland.

The world premiere of the film will be at the Premiere Cinema 16 in Lubbock and will feature red carpet arrivals by the cast and a screening of the movie, followed by a question-and-answer session with the cast and director. An after-party is planned at The Scene Restaurant and Balcony Bar at the theater.

The film is expected to be shown through Jan. 26 at the theater. Tickets to the remaining screenings are available by contacting the box office.

"The Arroyo" is a ripped-from-the-headlines, shoot-em-up movie about a desperate kind of lawlessness between members of a ruthless drug cartel and an independent ranch owners near the U.S.-Mexico border whose land is used to move drugs and illegal immigrants.

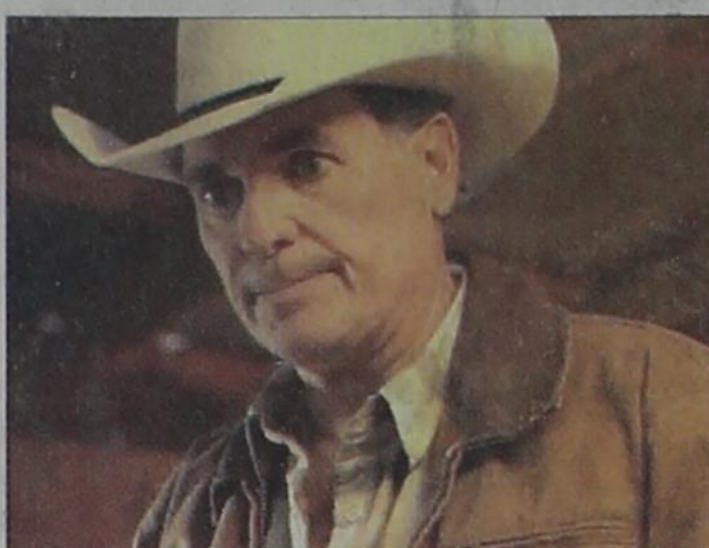
Violence, rape and murder mar America's southern border as migrants, desperate to find a better life, are made pawns of the cartels and forced to transport their illicit cargo. While the government turns a blind eye to the chaos, one man, Jim Weatherford, makes a stand for his family, his property and his freedom.

Already garnering attention for the role, Maines, who plays Weatherford, is no stranger to Garza County. In his younger days, the legendary musician and his band of brothers would trek to Post to entertain the throngs of crowds in the 1950s who would drive from miles around from the "dry" Lubbock County to buy beer legally and dance the night away.

Lifelong Post native Curtis Hudman said he remembers that time well.

"It was a real site to see just hundreds of cars making their way from Lubbock, down the Cap and into town of the evenings on the weekends," Hudman said. "Their headlights, two at a time, meandering their way down the highway and a line of cars that you know had to be just miles and miles and miles long. They were coming to buy their beer here since they couldn't get it in Lubbock."

Local talent Glenn Polk will be instantly



KENNY MAINES

recognizable to those who've been to any of his productions at Ragtown Gospel Theater outside Post City. Polk is the director and principal actor in most of the Ragtown productions.

Also rounding out the cast is Scott Harris of Garza Theatre fame and other local talent including Christy Morris and Jay Young. Also look for appearances by Nicole Sadler, Elijah Montez, Jane Prince Jones and Tim Ybarra.

Sneak previews of the movie already have been scheduled in Los Angeles, Houston and Dallas.

ON THE WEB

To view the film's official trailer, visit thearroyomovie.com.

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CRC classes

Classes for both substance abuse education and parenting will begin Jan. 20 at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C, in Post. Parenting classes will be at 5 p.m. Mondays, and substance abuse education classes at 6 p.m. Mondays. For information on these of the Victim Impact Panel schedule, call the CRC at 806-495-3173 or email christy.atkinson@garzacrc.com.

Military exhibit

The Garza County Historical Museum, 119 N. Ave. N, Post, has a new exhibit of more than 100 cast-dyed military warplane models on display as part of the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. The planes were donated by U.S. Marine Corps veteran Patrick Reilly and will be part of the museum's permanent collection. This county museum is housed in an old sanitarium built in 1912 by C.W. Post. Exhibits feature artifacts significant to the county and of general interest to visitors. For information, call 806-495-2207.

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County mulls tax zones to build, keep up roads

By **Wayne Hodgin**
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners later this month will have a public hearing on the possible creation of a number of taxing zones that, while establishing the framework that would allow it to receive more than a half-million dollars in state grant money to build or repair roads, also could mean higher taxes for property owners with land inside that zone.

Through the Texas Department of Transportation's County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone program, Garza County could receive \$590,912 in state grant money to be used to maintain and repair roads damaged by the truck and tanker traffic as a result of the new oil boom West Texas is experiencing.

As are most county's also considering the measure, Garza County officials have retained the services of Austin-based Allison, Bass & Associates to assist them in identifying and creating the zones in which roads repairs are needed, County Judge Lee Norman said.

"We'll have a our last public hearing on this matter at our next regular meeting Jan. 27," Norman said. "We'll conduct the public hearing and receive any public comments and input and discuss the potential boundaries and requirements of the CERTZ."

"Once these areas of concern are identified and established as a CERTZ, we'll be eligible to receive state grant money in the form of a reimbursement, but the county will be required to match the entire allotment at 20 percent."

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District football

Post's Gilbert named Newcomer of the Year

Honor follows teammates' inclusion on All-District honors

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Post Dispatch

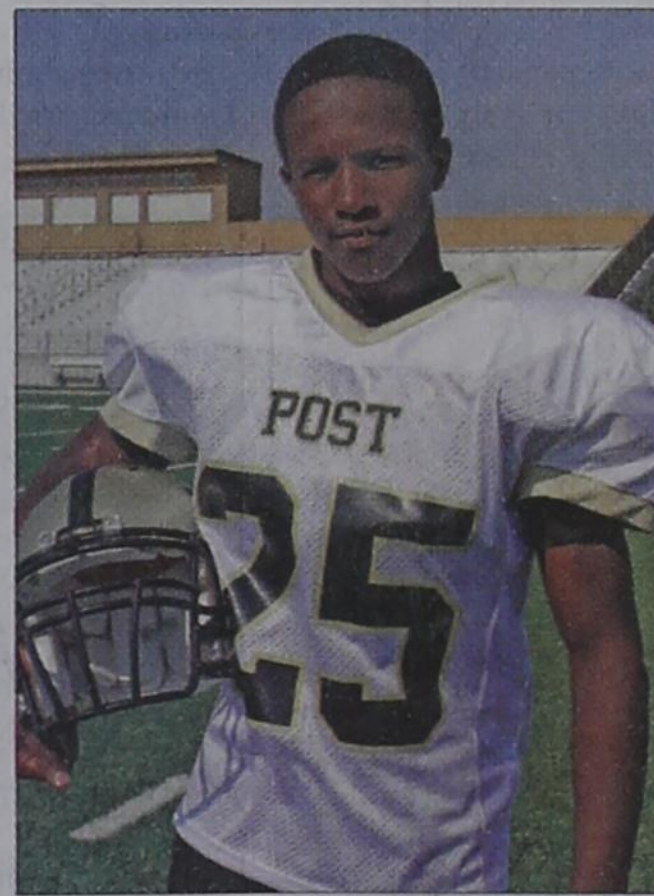
Post running back/defensive back Cambry Gilbert was named the Newcomer of the Year in District 2-2A this season.

Gilbert, along with other members of the Post Antelope football team recently garnered recognition for the All-District highlights.

Abernathy regained the top spot in District 2-2A, Division II this season, and the voting for the all-district team reflected as such.

Senior linebacker/center Dru Lust was named the league's Most Valuable Player after totaling 135 tackles, five sacks, six interceptions, five forced fumbles and 10 pass breakups on defense while leading an offense that averaged 307 yards per game.

Junior quarterback Garrett Royal was named the Offensive MVP after rushing



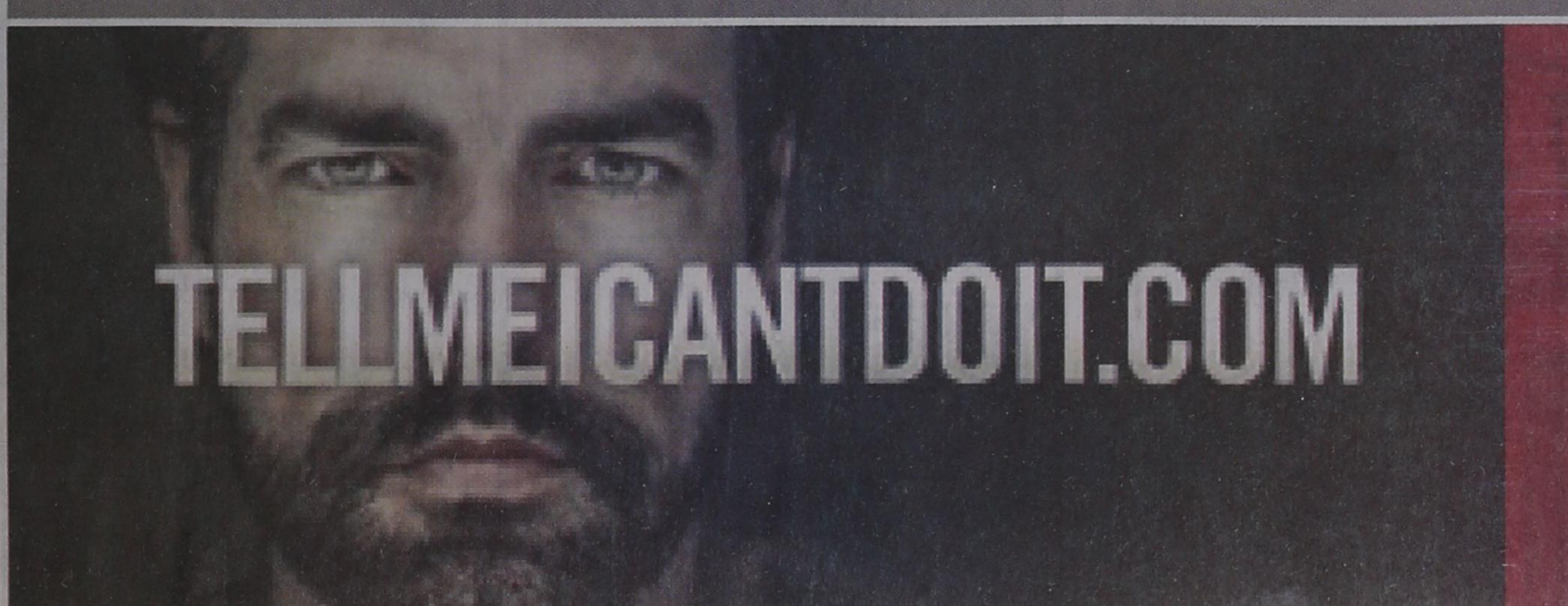
CAMBRY GILBERT

for 602 yards and eight touchdowns and throwing for 830 yards and eight scores.

Tulia linebacker Austin Irwin was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player.

In team honors, Post senior Mondo Martinez garnered a spot on the First Team

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Deaths

Miguel Basquez

Mass for Miguel Basquez, 61, of Post were held at 2 PM Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Miguel died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 in Post. He was born on May 9, 1952 in Burlington, Texas to Antonio and Cresencia (Perez) Basquez. He attended school in Post. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include 1



MIGUEL BASQUEZ

Daughter: Martina Basquez of Slaton, 5 Sisters: Ju-

lia Martinez of Lawrence, Kansas, Paulita Flores of Post, Rosemary Sustaita of Crosbyton, Caroline Saucedo of Kaufman and Josephine Patterson of Crosbyton, 3 Brothers: Juan Antonio Basquez of Crosbyton, Tommy Basquez of Post and Roland Basquez of Post and 1 Granddaughter: Arianna Rodriguez of Slaton.

Pallbearers were T. J. Basquez, Drew Basquez, Albert Uvalle, Dominic Saucedo, Art Martinez, C.J. Gomez and Dee Basquez.

Menus

Menus: Week of Jan. 20-Jan. 24

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday: Cherry or apple, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Friday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Corn dogs, baked chips, baked beans, fruit, milk
Tuesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, oranges, milk
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, carrots, fruit, breadstick, milk
Friday: Pizza, garden salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, bowl, milk

Neugebauer announces staff changes in Washington office

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) announced a new hire and a promotion in his Washington, DC office today.

"I'm pleased to announce that our Senior Legislative Assistant, Emily Domenech, has been promoted to Legislative Director," Neugebauer said.

Domenech joined the office in July of 2013, and has been working

on national security policy, veterans' issues, environmental regulations, and data security under Obamacare. "Emily has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the people of the 19th Congressional District. I know that in her new role she'll continue to be an exceptional advocate for policies that best serve West Texas and the Big Country."

As Legislative Director, Domenech will serve as Neugebauer's primary

policy advisor and will manage the legislative agenda.

Neugebauer also announced a new staff assistant in his Washington office. Tara McGee is a Texas Tech graduate who previously interned at the office of Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22), and Neugebauer's Lubbock office. "Tara was an outstanding intern, and we're proud to have her join our staff," Neugebauer said.

The Paperboy Nothing funny about rampant ignorance

You've known about our government's use of drones for some time. By now, it's become commonplace.

Here in rural America I doubt we have to worry about them for a while. However, several cities have purchased drones, and I imagine they will soon be patrolling the skies to keep order.

Now I don't want to go all "Terminator" on you but the U.S. Border Patrol is now using robot technology to catch illegal immigrants in tunnels in Arizona.

Agents in the Tucson sector have demonstrated how "tunnel robots" will be used to detect any tunnels that could be used to transport people, drugs, weapons and other illegal materials.

More than 75 underground passages have been found along the border since 2008, concentrated largely in California and Arizona.

Now none of us knows what the future holds, but we do live in a time of drones and robots. We also live in a time of smart weapons and where a growing number of people have a computer in their hands — all of the time.

Our government has been spying on us and, in many cases, picking sides.

Technological advances are our way. The United States was built economically on technology, whether we're talking the automobile, airplane or computer. Let us all hope that we continue to run the technology and not the other way around.

There is a prankster by the name of Mark Dice who likes to illustrate just how ignorant Americans are. And, boy, are there ever some dumb ones.

Dice recently had several Americans sign a fake petition asking for the repeal of the Third Amendment.

According to Infowars.com, Dice does this type of thing often to show that Americans know very little of the Bill of Rights or will sign their name to just about anything. I'm not sure which, but it looks like ignorance to me.

The Third Amendment, which states, "No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by Law."

Basically, it says your home cannot be taken from you and used to house soldiers.

"It was introduced by James Madison as part of the Bill of Rights in 1789, was a direct response to Quartering Acts passed by the British government during the Revolutionary War," according to Infowars.com. "The British legislation would have allowed British troops to live in the private residences of Americans. The Amendment was adopted on March 1, 1792."

Dice has now successfully managed to get Americans to agree to repeal the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments, as well as the entire Bill of Rights.

My fellow Americans, we truly live in strange times. Times where people will sign away their freedoms because they don't know any better.

Is it any wonder so many act like sheep and follow blindly?

Check out the Bill of Rights and you tell me I'm wrong. Or maybe our freedom of speech, assembly, religion and right to bear arms are just silly notions that have passed their time.

It's a sad reality how far down the rabbit hole we've fallen as a society.

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GED classes

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.

Veterans benefits

War-time veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

City Council

The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

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Special to the Dispatch
 Dispatch columnist Ronda Rich on the set of "The Town That Came A-Courtin" with actress Valerie Harper of 'Mary Tyler Moore Show' fame. Rich's husband, John "Think" Tinker, is the son of TV producer Grant Tinker who once was married to Moore.



Special to the Dispatch
 Dispatch columnist Ronda Rich on the set of "The Town That Came A-Courtin" with actress Lauren Holly, whose character in the movie is based on Rich. The movie is loosely based on Rich's novel of the same title.

Columnist's novel comes to the small screen

Ronda Rich, fans anticipate Sunday's world premiere

By Wayne Hodgins
 The Post Dispatch

A number of years ago while on a book tour in a small Arkansas town to promote her 2002 NASCAR memoir "My Life in the Pits," Ronda Rich blindly found herself being set up on a date with the town's most eligible bachelor — the mayor.

"I had been asked to speak at the Rotary Club in a little town called Blytheville, Ark.," Rich said. "While there, some of the members and I were talking and in the midst of a conversation something came up about me not being married. I can't even remember how in the course of the conversation it even came up, but I'm sure I would've never given it another thought."

Just hours later that same day in the same town at a book-signing event, Rich said she began to notice a common theme in questions being asked of her by almost every man and woman in line.

"So, they'd say, 'you're not married' ... Well, our mayor isn't married either ...," Rich said.

There ensued a townwide matchmaking effort that set the tone and scene for what has been her only fiction novel to date.

"It's become such a delightful story," said Rich, who has since married TV writer and producer John "Tink" Tinker. "That little ol' town cared so much for their mayor that they set about to set us up on a date. I was absolutely swept away by the love and generosity I found in those people that it inspired a book."

But what about the mayor?
 "I went out with him the very next night,"

Rich said. Fast forward more than a decade later, and Rich is sitting on a television movie set in Vancouver, British Columbia, as her beloved novel based on her true life event springs to life.

The Atlanta-based family friendly entertainment channel UP will premiere the film, which stars Valerie Harper, Lauren Holly, Cameron Bancroft and Lucie Guest, at 6 p.m. local time Sunday.

The movie co-stars the much-beloved Harper in her first television appearance since being diagnosed with terminal cancer. Harper played the iconic Rhoda Morganstern of "Mary Tyler Moore Show" fame.

Rich's husband is the son of TV producer Grant Tinker, former chairman and CEO of NBC from 1981 to 1986, and co-founder of MTM Enterprises along with former wife Mary Tyler Moore.

While the movie takes different plotlines, the premise of Rich's heart-warming novel remains true to its roots.

"The tone and the spirit to the overall story are much akin to my book," Rich said.

Readers of Rich's popular column in the Post Dispatch who tune into Sunday's broadcast will be thrilled to see glimpses of her characters on the screen — including Mama and Dixie Dew, Rich's glamorously mischievous dachshund.

"Watch for me too," Rich said, referring to her cameo role in the movie. "Dew didn't make the cut."

That role went to Elmer the Pug cast alongside her male sidekick Kudzu.

"My favorite characters in the movie are the dogs," Rich said. "They are both fantastic — much to Dixie Dew's chagrin."

Girl Scouts



Special to the Dispatch
 Girl Scout Troop 6864 of Post, as part of their Community Project badge, collected food for a family in need and sent homemade cards to soldiers for the Christmas holidays. Troop members and members of Calvary Baptist Church of Post also recently visited with residents at Golden Plains Care Center in Post, taking them homemade goodie bags and singing Christmas carols and read the Christmas Story. Pictured are Garrett Graves, Averi Graves, Ryleigh Graves and Makenzie Wagner. Others in the troop include Caitlyn Silva and Hailea Apolinar. Leaders include Joni Huffman and Alicia Wagner, Marisa Silva and Alicia Graves.

Ag Briefs

Southern Mesa Ag Conference

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Dawson County, is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Forrest Park Community Center, 814 S. Houston Ave. in Lamesa.

"The conference will hit on topics vital to cotton producers in the High Plains," said Gary Roschetzky, AgriLife Extension agent in Dawson County. "Our goal is to provide informative ideas about cotton management and issues surrounding that industry."

Individual preregistration is \$40 by Jan. 20 and \$50 thereafter, and includes lunch.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — three general, two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations — will be offered.

For more information and to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Dawson County at 806-872-3444.

"Added perks at this year's conference will include a chance to win an Apple iPad Mini donated by Vista Bank and \$100 donated by People's Bank," Jackson said. "In addition, we'll have refreshments courtesy of Panhandle-Plains Land Bank and a brisket lunch sponsored in part by Plains Cotton Growers. There will also be a trade show with a number of local agricultural vendors. So, attendees should expect a full day with lots to do and hear."

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey County, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, 610 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe.

"The conference targets cotton producers in the High Plains and is meant to provide timely information about cotton management and industry issues," said Curtis Preston, AgriLife Extension agent in Bailey County.

Individual registration is \$25 at the door and includes lunch. Four Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4583.

Caprock Crop Production Conference

The 19th annual Caprock Crop Production Conference, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, has been set to begin at 7 a.m. Jan. 23 at the Friends Unity Center in Muncy.

"Producers, landowners and those interested in production agriculture are assured a full helping of information by attending this year's conference," said Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent in Crosby County. "This year's conference will be all about new technologies, practices and legislative matters that are currently affecting agricultural production in Crosby, Floyd and surrounding counties."

Eight Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available.

Participants can preregister for \$35 by contacting the AgriLife Extension offices in Floyd or Crosby counties at 806-675-2347 or 806-983-4912, respectively. Onsite registration will be \$45.

Jackson said the educational sessions will include presentations on herbicide resistant weeds, nematode management, High Plains Water District updates, Risk Management Association changes, managing risk, and selection of cotton varieties and other topics significant to the area.

Grain sorghum meeting

Area ag producers will have the opportunity to learn more about sorghum and wheat production at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 30 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K, Tahoka. Cost to attend is \$10, and pesticide license holders will receive 3 CEUs.

Topics to be discussed include all aspects of grain sorghum production; from variety selection to planting to harvest. In addition to grain sorghum, wheat production including fertility for the spring will be addressed. Speakers will include Calvin Trostle.

For information, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County at 806-495-4400. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in this activity is asked to notify officials by Jan. 28.

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 KJJ "167" No. 4
 PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas.

The application for KJJ "167," Well No. 4, proposes to inject fluid into the Sprayberry in the Coulter (Sprayberry) field. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles south-east of Post, Texas, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5215 feet to 5237 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from person who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen (15) days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. Telephone (512) 463-6792.

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Texas, High Plains cotton production estimates raised

By Mary Jane Buerkle

According to the latest estimates from the National Agricultural Statistics Service, High Plains cotton growers will produce 2,670,000 bales of cotton for the 2013 crop. This is a 195,000 bale increase from the December report.

Yield estimates increased for both portions of the Plains Cotton Growers service area, with an average yield of 960 pounds per acre in the northern half and 648 pounds per acre in the south.

NASS estimates that Texas cotton growers will produce 4.3 million bales of upland cotton for the 2013 crop, an increase of 200,000 bales from the December report. The statewide figures

are down from the 5 million bales produced in Texas in 2012, but up from the 3.5 million in 2011.

Nationwide, growers are slated to produce 12,551,000 upland bales, up 108,000 from December's report of 12,443,000.

Looking forward to the 2014 crop, the first benchmark of planting intentions will be in February, upon the release of the results of the National Cotton Council's annual survey during their annual meeting. With cotton prices remaining in the 80-cent range, and feedgrain prices weakening, experts project that cotton acreage could increase in 2014 in some parts of the Cotton Belt, including Texas.

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Norman also added the nearly \$600,000 that would be allotted to Garza County is a minimum figure.

"There's a very good possibility we could see that allotment increase," he said. "If there are county's around the state that are eligible for the grant and don't except it for whatever reason, that money will go back into the pool to be equally distributed among other eligible counties."

In all, the state is making nearly \$225 million available to all Texas counties impacted from energy sector activity.

According to the TxDOT website, a CERTZ is a tool

created by 2007 legislation for developing and financing transportation projects. A local governing body designates a zone in which it will promote a transportation project. Once the zone is created, a base year is established and the incremental increase in property tax revenue collected inside the zone is used to finance a project in the zone.

A new CERTZ requires a commissioners court to make the determination, for the creation of the zone, that the area is affected by oil and gas exploration/production and would benefit from the grants.

Nearly seven years after it was legislated, the program is being widely considered because officials with the cash-strapped state transportation department,

struggling to cover a billions-dollar deficit, were considering returning control of hundreds of miles of highways back to the counties including some rural and farm-to-market roads.

Municipal and county officials say the measure unnecessarily shifts the financial burden from the state's traditionally held responsibility to local taxpayers.

The Texas Municipal League has accused TxDOT of trying to pass the buck.

"Shifting \$165 million of state costs onto cities would be a massive unfunded mandate that would require higher property taxes on homeowners and businesses," said Bennett Sandlin, TML's executive director.

Nancy's Notions Animal projects encourage youth

What is an animal project? Dad buys an animal. You feed it for a few months then show it. Sounds easy? 4-H animal projects are much more in depth and research based than just buying, feeding, cleaning and showing.

4-H animal projects teach youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H sheep project for example, individuals learn decision-making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.

The beef project teaches the fundamentals of the beef cattle industry by allowing youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health and care.

No matter the species, the objectives are clearly outlined on the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website as follows:

- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that

promote positive youth development. H.C. Gribble, a local goat producer, helped guide and encourage my boys in their goat project. We would send Trent and Dakota to select their show goats. They would walk in the pasture with H.C. while looking through his kids. With H.C.'s advice, and sometimes heavy persuasion, the boys bought the goats they thought would have the best end result. They took ownership in the project from the very beginning. I know Ray and Celia did the same with their boys, Wes and Ben. The best memory of all was for each goat the boys purchased, H.C. would give them a silver dollar. Those coins are cherished to this day.

Their goat project required a daily exercise routine. Remember, Dennis let the boys manage this project totally. We were in it for the learning experience. They built a team-roping shoot in the goat pen and would head and heel, on foot, their show goats for exercise. They had hours of fun, but their adviser, Greg Jones, wasn't quite as humored. He mentioned something about possibly breaking a leg but the boys assured me they "weren't pulling the ropes tight." We were probably lucky, but at the end of the year, we had healthy goats. We may not have won Grand Champion but what the boys learned from their animal projects will take them much further in life than a buckle or banner. The 2014 Garza County Stock Show will start at 9 a.m. Saturday with swine followed by beef, rabbits, pee-wee rabbits then a lunch break. The afternoon shows include sheep, goats and pee-wee goats. Admission is free. The weather will be perfect so come support the youth of Garza County. See you there!

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Wilder's Nature Journal



Wilder Good/For the Courier

The North American porcupine often climbs trees to find food. In some parts of the world, the rodent is a very popular delicacy, which has led to its decline in Southeast Asia, particularly Vietnam.

Porcupines are about as unusual an animal as I know. They are rodents that are covered in sharp quills. A rodent is a rat, which makes it even stranger — a rat that lives in trees and has fur like cactus thorns. I have heard that a bobcat or fisher can kill a porcupine, but I've never seen it.



They are mostly nocturnal but sometimes they forage for food in the day. They eat almost everything, like grass, small plants and bark.

Whenever I see them they are always high in trees eating bark. I have seen them eat the bark of cottonwood, plum,

elm and bois-d'arc trees.

I have helped my Dad pull porcupine quills out of our dogs many times. The quills stick out of their face like long whiskers. My dog Huck had 56 quills in him one time. You have to hold the dog's head down and pull the quills out with pliers. The dog whimpers pretty good, but they take it because they know you are helping them.

Most people think porcupines shoot their quills out. Trust me — they don't.

"Wilder Good" is written by S.J. Dahlstrom, a Garza County resident and author of the young adult fiction book series "The Adventures of Wilder Good," based on a 12-year-old who lives in southeastern Colorado where the plains meet the mountains. Wilder goes on outdoor adventures that include hunting, fishing, cowboying and just about everything else you can do outdoors.

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 Charlie Brown

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Sports Roundup

Post 8th Grade racks up wins

The Post Antelope 8th grade team won, 42-17, against the visiting Idalou Wildcats on Monday in the Antelope arena. The Antelopes were led by Chance Courtney, Aric Garza and Dylean Reed. The Antelopes were scheduled to play Monday out of town. In their Jan. 6 game against the Floydada Whirlwinds, the Antelopes won 46-19, led by high scorers Chance Courtney, Dylean Reed and Aric Garza.

"The Antelopes played well on the offensive and defensive side," coach Josh Reed said. "I was very impressed on how well we played being that we just came back from Christmas break. We continue to get better as a team as the time goes on."

Post 7th Grade on a streak

The Post Antelopes 7th grade team took on the Idalou Wildcats this past Monday

and won with a score of 21-17. The Antelopes were led by high scores and Zach Smith, Benton Justice and Landon Greer. It was a defensive game all throughout the game, and the Antelopes did a good job playing aggressive defensive and pulling of the win. The Antelopes travel out of town Monday. On Jan. 6 against Floydada, Post won 45-13.

"I was proud of our effort on defensive and offensive. Zach Smith led the offensive with high points and also had the help from Aaron Gomez, Benton Justice, and Landon Greer," coach Josh Reese said. "All around the Antelopes played great, and I was very proud of them."

The Post Antelopes B Team lost, 28-18, against Floydada.

Staff reports

Post Sports Radio returns to the air

PostSportsRadio.com is set to carry Bold Gold basketball beginning tonight when the Post girls and boys travel to Lubbock Roosevelt.

Jim Plummer and Call Windham team up for their third season of bringing live basketball action to listeners of the popular local sports show and will be reporting both Post varsity away games. In addition, both teams' games will be broadcast Tuesday from Slaton and again Jan. 28 from Floydada and on Jan.

31 from Idalou.

The webcast's last broadcast will be Feb. 11 as the boys close out district play in Childress.

Broadcasts will begin with the pregame show 10 minutes before tipoff. Visit PostSportsRadio.com for start times.

The webcasts are available on most computers, laptops, smartphone and tablet devices with web access.

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Puzzle of the Week

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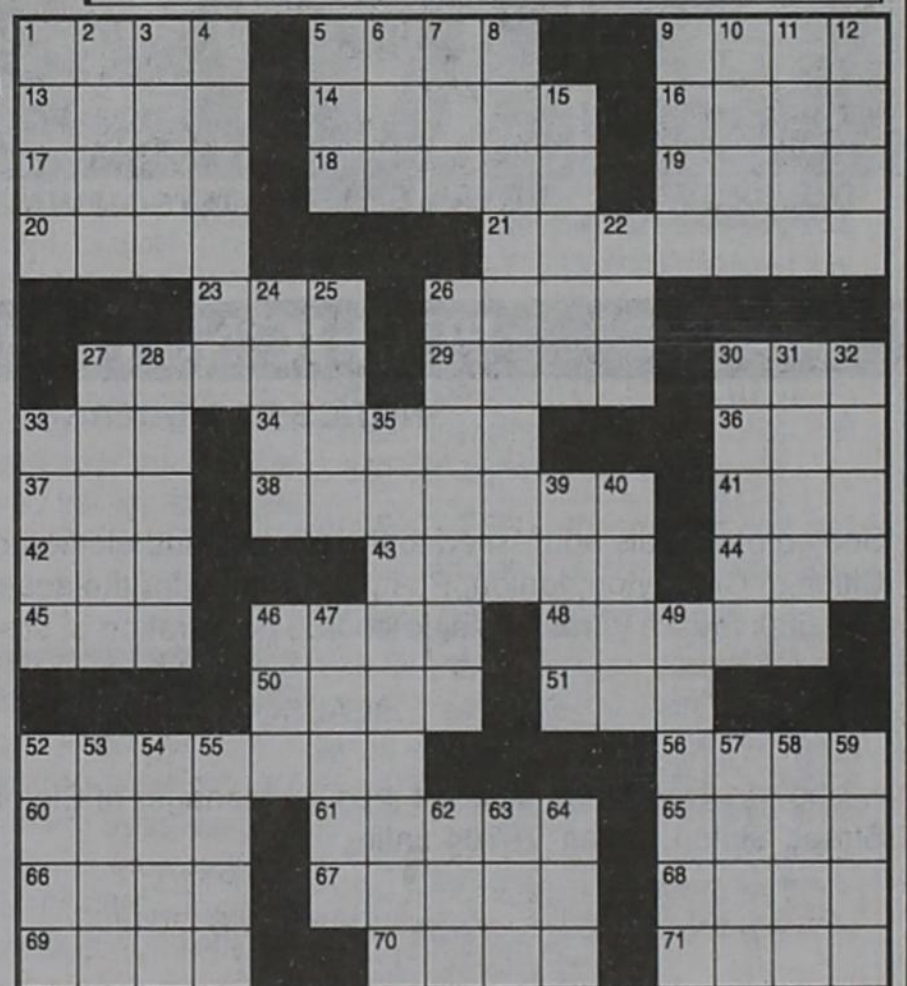
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- Used for baking
- Doctors' group
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- Temporarily stitches
- Happy Days actor Scott...o
- Take in solid food
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- Hearing receptor
- Romanian monetary unit
- Terra...: earthenware
- Attempt
- Tooth caregiver
- Weedy annual grass
- Extremely unrefined
- Greek god of war
- Concealed
- A series of acts at a night club
- Siberian river
- Overgarments
- Political plot
- Celt
- Island north of Guam
- Space for public entertainments
- Unstressed-stressed
- A light two-wheel carriage
- Bring forth a lamb or kid
- Ontario Speed Skating Assoc.

CLUES DOWN

- Inclined entrance
- Hail (nautical)
- Picasso's mistress
- Mother superior of a group of nuns
- Rumsfeld was Secretary (abbr.)
- Water in the solid state
- Physicist George Simon
- Eleanor or Franklin
- Baby's feeding protector
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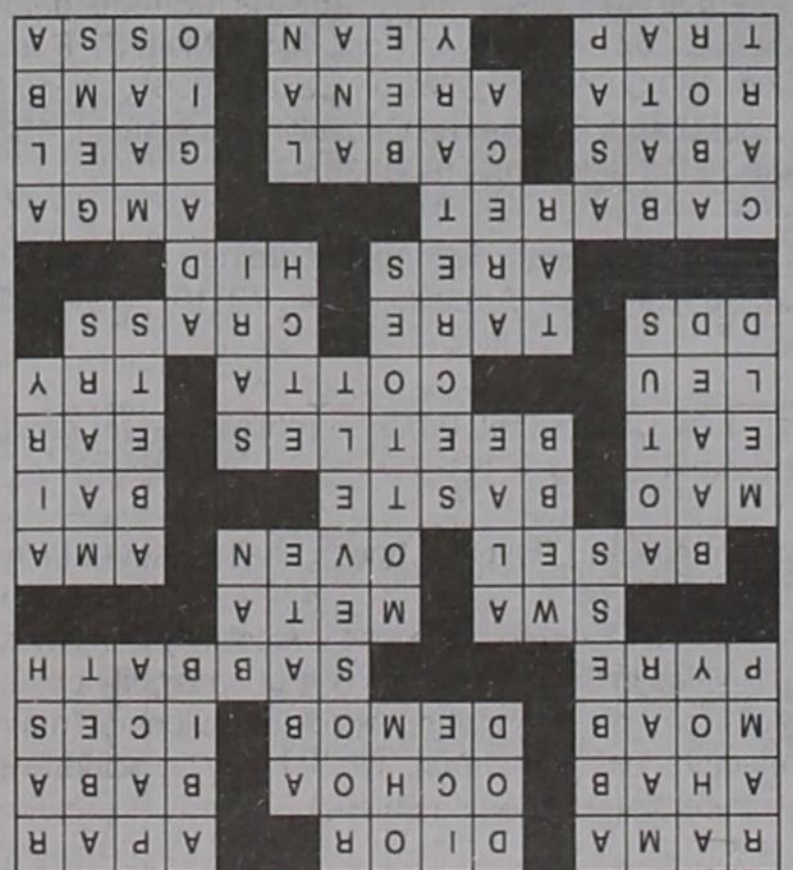
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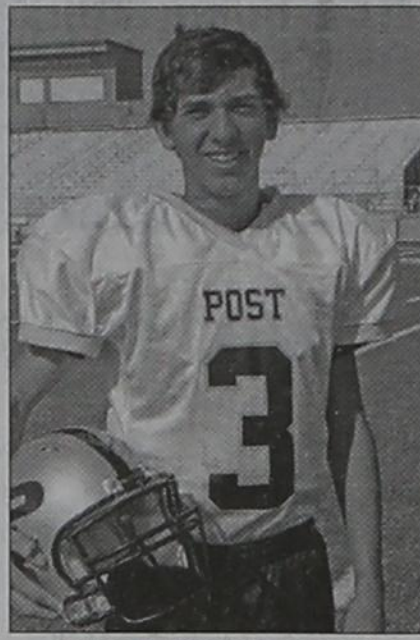
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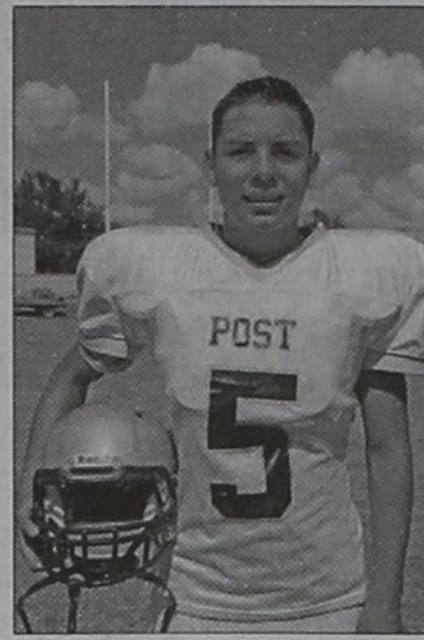
All-District Honors



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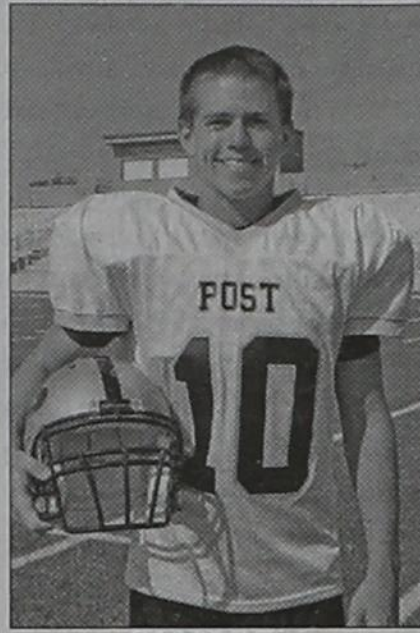
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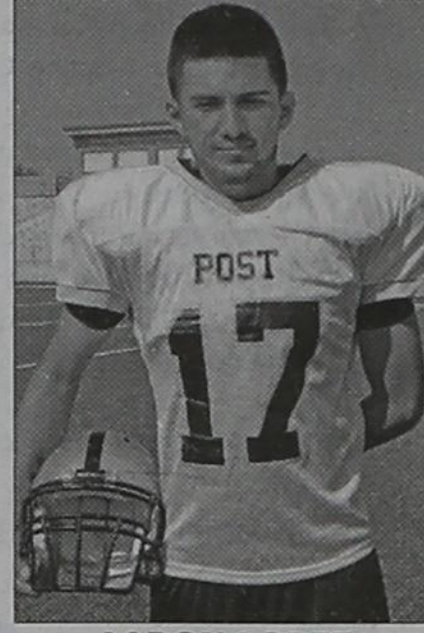
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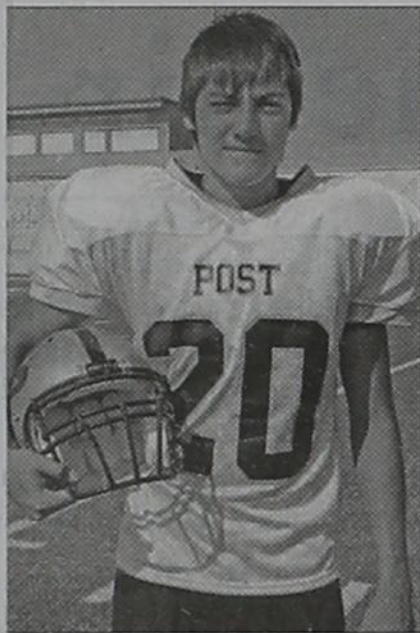
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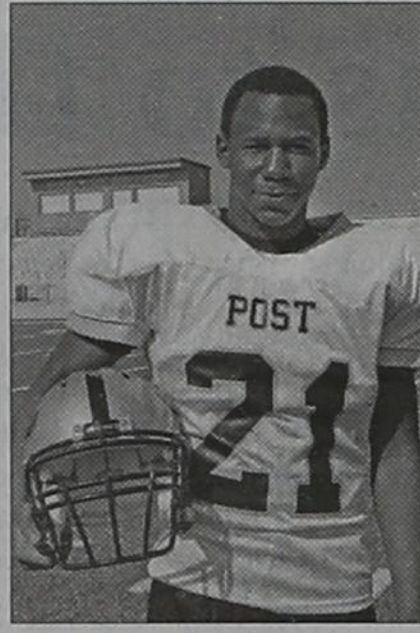
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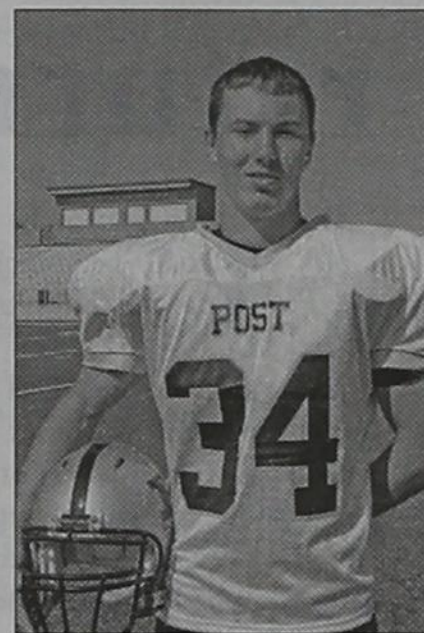
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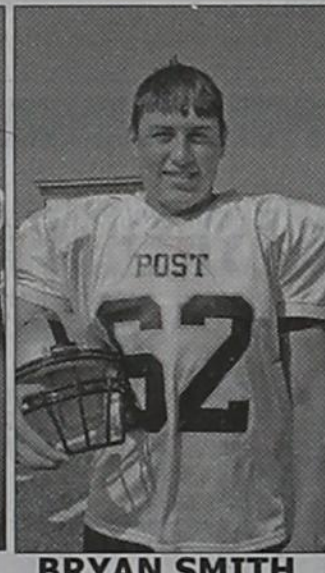
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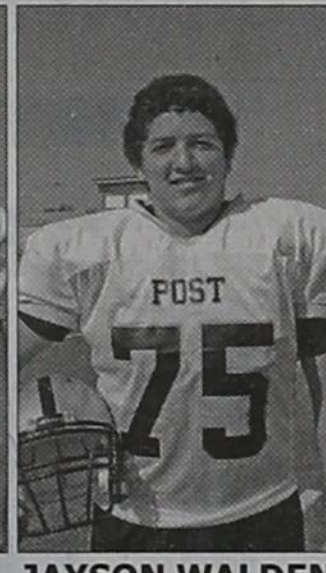
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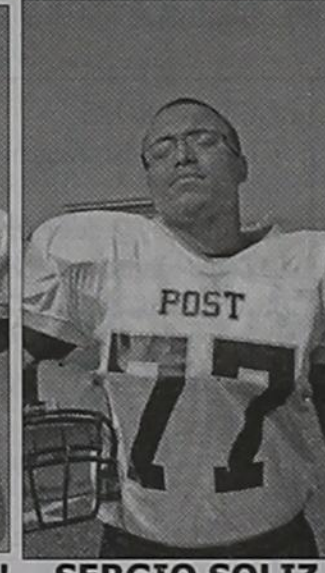
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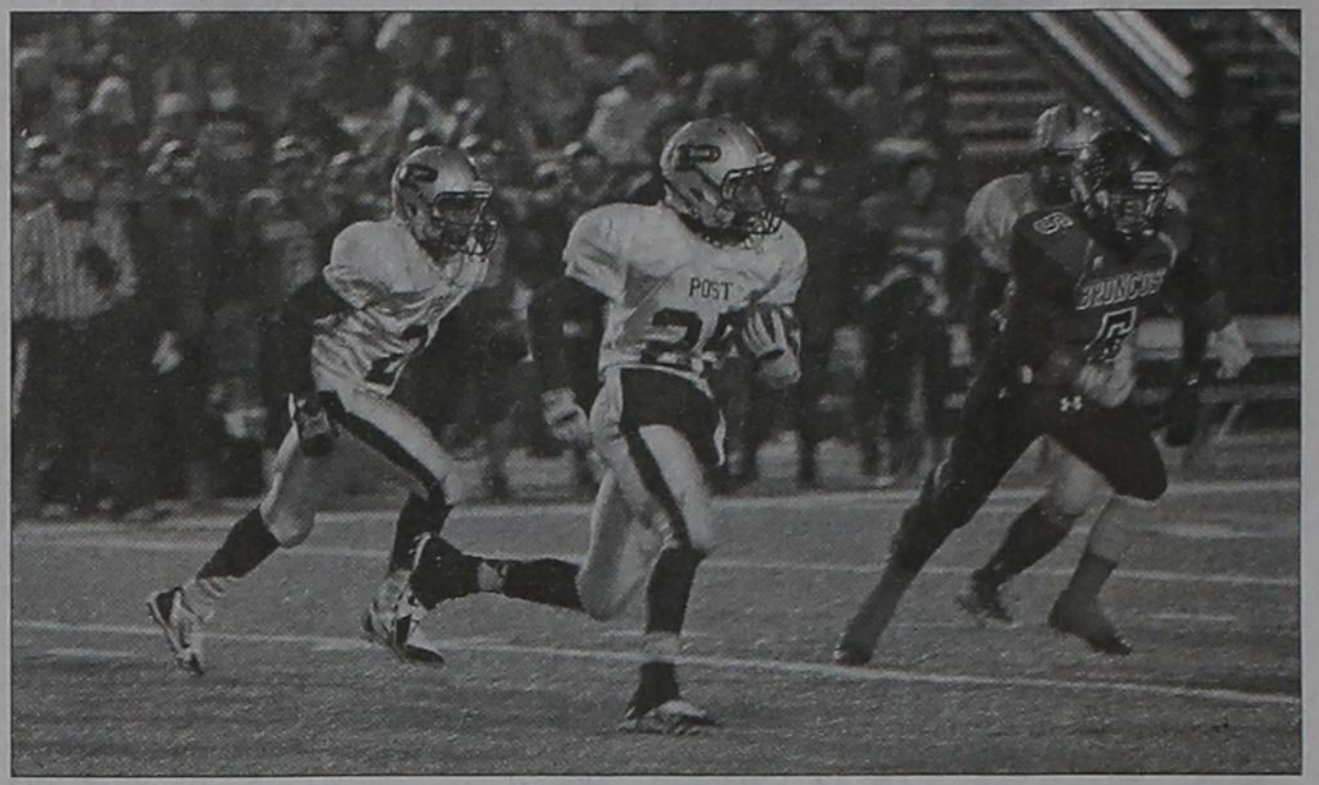
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PHS Photography

Post star and Newcomer of the Year Cambry Gilbert breaks free in the end zone. A humble Gilbert gave the credit to his teammates for his recent Newcomer of the Year Award from District 2-2A.

FOOTBALL

From Page 1

Offense along with tight end Paden Babb and receiver D.J. Brown, also both Post seniors. Also Post junior fullback Bryan Smith and sophomore kicker Aaron Lopez received nods.

First Team Defense accolades for Post players included T.J. Basquez, Babb, Smith and Alejo Rodriguez. Also receiving nods were Dylan Pearson and Campbell Kirkpatrick. The punter position was awarded to Lopez.

Second Team Offense nods went to Jayson Walden, Sergio Soliz, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Pake Jones.

David Hernandez earned Second Team Defense applause along with Walden and Brown.

Steve Smith, Post Athletic Director and head football coach, said he couldn't be prouder of those of his team who received recognition, but also sought to recognize the whole team.

"I am thrilled with the recognition our players have received over the last two years on the district, area and state level," Smith said. "Although these individual awards are great for the players who are recognized, it is really a great honor for our team and program and the success we are having, because it takes the whole team to be successful enough to get good players recognized."

Gilbert said he too was surprised and pleased with the award, but sought the recognition of his teammates as well.

"I was surprised but very excited I was recognized as the Newcomer of the Year," he said. "We have great players on our team and in our district and if it wasn't for the coaches and my teammates I could not have received this honor."

All-district 2-2A, division II team

The most valuable player was Dru Lust of Abernathy

while the offensive most valuable player was Garrett Royal, quarterback for Abernathy. The defensive most valuable player was Austin Irwin, defensive back for Tulia. Newcomer of the year was named Cambry Gilbert, running back and defensive back for post.

First Team Offense

The first team offense for the All District 2-2A are linemen Tanner Dewbre, Sr., Abernathy; Mondo Martinez, Sr., Post; Joseph Villarreal, Jr., Roosevelt; Ryan Soliz, Jr., Abernathy; Librado Chavarria, Sr., Floydada; Sadler Pinkerton, Sr., Olton.

The tight end position was awarded to Paden Babb, Sr., Post.

Receivers for All District 2-2A are Brendon Wright, Sr., Roosevelt; Tray Bass, Soph., Roosevelt; Anthony Pando, Sr., Tulia; and Clayton Lewis, Sr., Abernathy.

Quarterback positions were awarded to Derek Coppedge, Sr., Roosevelt and Jon Martinez, Sr., Tulia

The running backs are Aaron Chavarria, Jr., Floydada; D.J. Brown, Sr., Post; Nik Clarkson, Jr., Abernathy; and Kevin Lamae, Jr., Roosevelt.

Fullback position goes to Bryan Smith, Jr., Post while the kicker position went to Aaron Lopez, Soph., Post.

First Team Defense

First team defensive linemen are Tanner Dewbre, Sr., Abernathy; T.J. Basquez, Soph., Post; Brennen George, Sr., Tulia; and Librado Chavarria, Sr., Floydada.

Tight ends were named Sadler Pinkerton, Sr., Olton; Paden Babb, Sr., Post while the defensive linebackers are Bryan Smith, Jr., Post; Roman Castilion, Jr., Tulia; Baylor Smith, Sr., Abernathy; Skeets Mandrell, Sr., Olton; and Alejo Rodriguez, Jr., Post.

Secondary positions for first team defense was Dylan Pearson, Jr., Post; Kyle Mills, Sr., Abernathy; Zach Tovar, Sr., Abernathy;

Anthony Pando, Sr., Tulia; Kyle Peggram, Jr., Olton; and Campbell Kirkpatrick, Sr., Post.

The Punter position was awarded to Aron Lopez, Soph., Post.

SECOND TEAM

Second Team Offense

Second team offensive linemen positions were awarded to Brennen George, Sr., Tulia; Jeremy Bullock, Jr., Tulia; Esai Sandoval, Sr., Olton; Jayson Walden, Jr., Post; Sergio Soliz, Sr., Post; Cooper Herrell, Jr., Roosevelt.

Tight end position went to Trevor McCall, Sr., Olton while the receiver positions went to Kyle Peggram, Jr., Olton; Campbell Kirkpatrick, Sr., Post; Kyle Mills, Sr., Abernathy; Rickie Johnson, Soph. Tulia; and Kevin Bartram, Sr., Tulia.

Quarterback was named Pake Jones, Sr., Post while the running back positions went to Skeets Mandrell, Sr., Olton; Brandon Jackson, Sr., Tulia.

The fullback position was awarded to Baylor Smith, Sr., Abernathy.

Second team offense kicker went to Zach Tovar, Sr., Abernathy.

Second Team Defense

Second team defensive linemen positions were awarded to Jonathan Aguilar, Sr., Roosevelt; Jeremy Bullock, Jr., Tulia; Zion Torrez, Jr., Abernathy; Christopher Favela, Sr., Olton; and Jayson Walden, Jr., Post.

Tight ends went to Ryan Soliz, Jr., Abernathy; Zach Norris, Sr., Abernathy.

Defensive linebacker positions went to Tristian Bueno, Sr., Olton; David Hernandez, Sr., Post; and Dilyn Castle, Sr., Roosevelt while the secondary positions went to D.J. Brown, Sr., Post; Brendon Wright, Sr., Roosevelt; Jaylin Ward, Soph., Tulia; and Nik Clarkson, Jr., Abernathy.

The final punter position was awarded to Kevin Bartram, Sr., Tulia.

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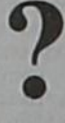
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Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 82°, humidity of 16%. South wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1989. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 52°. North northeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 35° set in 1995. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 20%. East wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 58°. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

Weather Trivia

How hot is lightning? 

Answer: Estimates place the temperature at around 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	11:41-1:41	11:11-1:11	Tue	3:12-5:12	3:42-5:42
Sat	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40	Wed	4:09-6:09	4:39-6:39
Sun	1:11-3:11	1:41-3:41	Thu	5:03-7:03	5:33-7:33
Mon	2:12-4:12	2:42-4:42			

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Weather History

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

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

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 5/2	Fri 7:01 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	9:44 p.m.	7:35 a.m.
	Sat 7:00 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	8:27 a.m.
	Sun 6:59 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	11:52 p.m.	9:25 a.m.
	Mon 6:58 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	No Rise	10:28 a.m.
New 5/9	Tue 6:57 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	12:49 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
	Wed 6:56 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	1:38 a.m.	12:38 p.m.
	Thu 6:55 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	2:22 a.m.	1:42 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

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

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

Dixie Divas Raised to shop better

Tink had been in Los Angeles for a week. So that morning before his plane left LAX, it had occurred to me that a good, wifely thing to do would be to welcome him back to the Ronda-rosa with a home-cooked meal.

It would be, I decided, simple but grand. After deciding upon a vegetable lasagna and a four-layer red velvet cake with coconut cream cheese icing — nothing says, "Welcome back South" better than red velvet cake — I sat down at the kitchen table to make out the grocery list. It was long and, as it turned out, expensive. Guiltily, I gulped and paid the \$60 bill, picked up my grocery bags, all of which I could tote without need of a buggy, and left.

I was raised better than that. I left the grocery store, I felt terrible I had slipped so far away from Mama's teachings of food frugality.

First of all, Mama rarely went grocery shopping. It was basically a foray every couple of months where she picked up staples such as coffee, flour and sugar. And when she shopped, she did not require a grocery list for the things she needed were so few and always constant. Once a week, Daddy stopped by the store to bring home a gallon of sweet milk and a gallon of buttermilk. Occasionally, he would also



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bring a loaf of bread but, mainly, we lived on what we grew.

Mama worked a garden in the unforgiving heat of the summer humidity to put aside a pantry and two freezers filled with vegetables. I have sat on the porch swing on many a July evening and shelled field peas until my thumb was tender while other evenings I watched television with Daddy and helped Mama string green beans. I can still feel the stickiness of the corn that splattered and clung to my face, neck and arms as we sliced it from the cob then ran the knife in the reverse direction to gather the cream from the cob so we could freeze it.

It isn't hard to close my eyes and smell the heavy scent of tomatoes or vegetable soup in the kitchen while Mama stood diligent guard over her ancient pressure canner to make sure the gauge did not go too high and explode. I remember clearly, too, the smell of sage that permeated the house as Mama and Daddy set about making sausage from the home-grown hog Daddy had felled with a single, well-placed bullet from his shot gun. "Hog killin' time" came as soon as the first heavy frost had hit the ground.

In those days, if I had to venture a guess, I would say we spent no more than \$800 a year on groceries. For both Mama and Daddy were raised to know how to grow and harvest food so they would be self-efficient and frugal.

Mama recounted from time to time how her family bartered for what they couldn't raise. As a young girl, she would walk a couple of miles to the small country store and exchange fresh eggs or a chicken for coffee, sugar, salt and flour. Their cornmeal came from corn they raised then took to the mill to have ground.

I do not believe it is a coincidence that our family from Mama and Daddy's generation lived, for the most part, long and healthy lives. There were no preservatives in their food and their water came either directly from mountain streams or deep wells.

While I have neither the time nor the serious know-how to live on the land like they did, there is one thing I can do: Cook from what is in the pantry. I can be resourceful and smart, rather than grand.

Except, of course, when it comes to that scrumptious four-layer red velvet coconut cake. You have to splurge somewhere.

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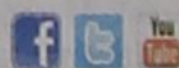


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