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Sharon Simmonds, Lana and Joey Cordell are all smiles in anticipation of the reopening of the Tower Theater on East Main Street. The Las Vegas family have announced a November 22 opening show featuring "Elvis". (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Tower Theater reopening features "Elvis" special

by Sheri Lewis

For the husband-and-wife team of Sharon Simmonds and Joey Cordell, it was a prospect that "seemed too good to be true."

The couple, long interested in opening and operating a theater of their own, first spotted Post's Tower Theater in a Web site advertisement. After several phone calls, they traveled from their Las Vegas home in August for a walk-through of the 8,000-square-foot theater that remained largely vacant for years.

Upon viewing the downtown theater, they were hooked.

"As soon as the door opened and we stepped inside, we knew it was the right place," Simmonds said. "We just knew."

That afternoon, while sitting in George's Restaurant, the couple drew up an offer on the theater property and wrote out a deposit check. They then returned to Vegas where they immediately went to work planning and purchasing lighting and sound equipment to be installed in their West Texas theatrical gem.

Simmonds and Cordell, natives of England, operate their own production company, Vegas Variety Productions, which specializes in variety cabaret revue shows and convention and trade show promotions, according to their Web site.

Through the production company, the two have garnered experience in many facets of the entertainment industry,

including television and motion picture, special events and stage shows, and have produced, choreographed and

staged performances at sites throughout the world.

Now they want to add Post, (Continued on Page 14)

Post Notes

GCJLA Horse Show Sunday

Garza County Junior Livestock Association's Horse Superintendent Glenna Reiter has set the 2006 Halter Show for Sunday, October 29 at 3 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds. There will be four classes: Aged and Young Mares, Aged and Young Geldings and a Pee-Wee Class. Entry fees are \$10 per head. Register at the Extension office, 215 W. Main by October 26 to enter.

American Legion meeting Thursday

American Legion Post 270 will Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 813 W. 13th Street. All members are urged to attend.

Harvest Festival October 31

Family Harvest Church is hosting a "Harvest Festival" Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Old High School Gym. The free event features games, candy, jumper house, slide, obstacle course, face painting and door prizes.

Post City Merchants meeting Nov. 7

Post City Merchants will hold the monthly meeting Tuesday, November 7 at Cocara's at 6:30 p.m. Call Donna Degan at Plum Crazy (495-0888) for more information or to join the Post City Merchants.

GCJLA Annual Fundraiser November 4

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association's annual fundraiser is set for Saturday, November 4 at the Post Community Center beginning at 7 p.m. Area and local youth will entertain during a brisket supper. An auction will be held in addition to drawing tickets for \$5,000, \$1,000, two \$500 and two \$250 cash prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased from GCJLA members or at the Extension office. 4-H families are requested to obtain an auction item and provide dessert for the meal. Auction items may be brought to the Extension office before the event or on Saturday for those who plan to attend.

PHS UIL Academic Booster Club drive

The Post High School U.I.L. Academic Booster Club is raising funds to support educational excellence through U.I.L. academement competitions. The club is offering a wide variety of opportunities for contributors. Contact Salli Bush at the high school or mail contributions to 200 W. 6th St., Post, Texas 79356, write "UIL Academics" in the check memo line.

\$500 cash giveaway in PCM bucks

Beginning November 1 all of your purchases and receipts will be put into a hopper to win \$500 in "Post City Merchant Bucks" Drawing will be held December 16 at Garza Theatre. The "Bucks" (same as cash) can be redeemed through December 31 at any participating member of the Post City Merchants Businesses. For more information and to join our group, contact Donna Degan at Plum Crazy, 495-0888.

Early voting continues through Nov. 3

Early voting in the election continues through November 3 at the courthouse during regular business hours.

Election information

You can find complete information about the November 7, 2006 General Election at www.garzacounty.net then click on "Election".

Spice up your life

Trailblazers need all kinds of spices, especially those blends that are salt-free. So ladies! search your cupboards for un-opened extras. Bring them with a friend and stay for lunch.

Popcorn for sale

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Post will be selling popcorn for our annual fundraiser. The money earned goes to help the boys pay for summer camp and other events. Sales will continue through November 6. If you wish to support the scouts, but have not been approached by a scout, please call Scoutmaster Trevor Thuett at 495-3476 to place an order or come by our scout meetings at the Train Depot on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. prior to November 6.

Lubbock Parent Conference

"Building Strong Families: Tools for Success" is the theme at the Lubbock Parent Conference to be held on Thursday, November 2 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 6110 Chicago Avenue in Lubbock. The event will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m. The registration fee is \$5. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. We are planning to offer a van pool to travel from Post. Please contact Nora Bryan or Leroy Deanda at Post Elementary, 495-3414 for information and registration.

Christmas Window Display Contest

Post City Merchants is sponsoring the Second Annual Christmas Window Display Contest. Displays need to be in place by December 1, 2006. All businesses will be eligible to win the \$150 cash award. For more information contact Donna Degan at 495-0888.

Post Book Club meets Nov. 18

The Post Book Club will meet at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 18 at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss his month's selection, "The Red Tent," a historical novel by Anita Diamant. Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the club, there is no cost for membership. Each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information call 495-2665.

Lighted Christmas Parade December 2

Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau is sponsoring the Lighted Christmas Parade downtown on Saturday, December 2. There will be no entry fee, but each entry must be "lighted." There will be a "Best of Show" and "Most Original" in each division. Deadline is November 25. To place your business, organization or novelty/individual entry for the parade, please call Donna Degan at 495-0888 or pick up your entry form at 220 E. Main at Plum Crazy.

Golden Plains welcomes trick or treaters

Golden Plains Care Center would like to invite all children to come by on Tuesday, October 31 from 7-9 p.m. to trick or treat.

Ragtown's Gospel Theater stage named for Maxine Durrett Earl

The stage of the gospel theater, one of the many facets of the Ragtown Ranch Theater being constructed just north of Post, has been dubbed the Maxine Durrett Earl Mainstage.

Brothers Chip Polk and Glenn Polk, partners in the Ragtown Ranch Theater project, announced the naming earlier this week.

"For 40 years, Maxine has wanted to build a large professional theater in her beloved Post, Texas," Glenn Polk said. "I can't count how many conversations we have had about that. She has always had such a passion to do it."

Earl and her husband, Lewis, were among the first partners in the Ragtown Ranch Theater, Glenn Polk said. To date, the couple's investment has totaled more than \$500,000.

On Monday, the Earls donated their entire investment to the nonprofit organization.

"This is huge for us," Glenn Polk said. "What a wonderful shot in the arm for our project."

When Chip Polk was a teenager working at Collier Drug, Maxine Earl would come in every day, always excited about "something new" going on in the community.

"That was when 'Texas,' in Palo Duro Canyon, was first starting," he said. "We talked many times back then about Post needing to do something like that. Now, thanks to her generosity and foresight, it is becoming a reality. As a matter of fact, those were her words - 'You are making my dreams come true.'"

The Polks also lauded Lewis Earl for his support.

"He has been extremely instrumental in making this happen," Chip Polk said. "He has known since they married 25 years ago

of Maxine's love for live theater... and her passion to build something like this in Post. We are extremely appreciative of his efforts and advice in making Maxine's vision become a

reality."

Construction on Ragtown's gospel stage is ongoing, with the erection of large columns, arches, brick and stonework. The interior of the building is designed to

replicate a street in Jerusalem during the life of Christ. The spacious stage will be flanked by side stages that can be utilized for larger productions.

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Celebrating the future opening of the Ragtown Ranch theater are (back row, left to right) Chip and Robin Polk, Twilla and Glenn Polk, (front) Maxine and Lewis Earl.

This Week In Post City

by Rosa Latimer-Bell

I'd like to begin this week with a quote from our own Rex Cash: "If you're not living on the edge of the Caprock, you're not living!" Thessa Harp has added her version: "Living forward on the edge of the Caprock." These are great examples of the enthusiasm we feel for our community and the bright future that

lies ahead.

ELVIS IS COMING TO TOWN

Joey Cardel and Sharon Simmonds of Vegas Variety Productions recently purchased the long dormant Tower Theater and, along with their six year old daughter, Lana, have arrived in Post City to live amongst us and produce musical entertainment on

Main Street. This energetic couple will open Thanksgiving weekend with "A Tribute to Elvis" starring Donny Edwards.

The show is first-rate and professional and will be a great introduction to future happenings at the Tower. See related story in this week's Dispatch for details.

(By the way, Lana is quite a promising artist and spends a great deal of her time creating lovely pictures - so perhaps we've gained a future Art Guild member as well!)

MORE MAIN STREET NEWS

I spoke with Windy Matthews because I, along with others, was curious about the construction work on the second floor of the Alltel/Cocara's/WOW Antiques building on the north side of Main Street. (aka Cellular One building.)

Windy and Phil purchased the building a while back and are now in the process of converting the second story into two one-bedroom apartments. Windy described the apartments as more than "efficiency" style as there will be laundry facilities and

other amenities. "We're trying to help beautify what we can in Post," Windy explained. Their efforts are certainly making a difference!

We also have a non-profit group about to begin an informal feasibility study of the historic depot building just south of East Main Street. The focus of this group's efforts is on preserving this building and determining a future use that will help enhance this area of Main Street.

A writer from Southern Living will be in Post this week to do a story on our town. First introduced to Post by Doug Smith, the magazine's representative will return to highlight three of our businesses: Hotel Garza, Jackson Bros. Meat Packers and Holly's Drive In.

As soon as we're told when the story is scheduled to appear in the magazine, we'll let you know. Hotel Garza was also mentioned in the August '06 Texas Highways.

AND DON'T FORGET RAGTOWN

The Polk brothers and their crew are still hard at work to complete the Ragtown Gospel Theater project.

As with any construction project this size, there have been delays and set backs, but the dedication and resolve of Glenn and Chip are to be commended.

And we'll all share in their joy when this beautiful, inspiring venue is complete.

The diversity of the Tower and Ragtown will greatly expand the entertainment opportunities in Post for our residents and visitors. Add to this mix the International Art Museum announced a few months ago and the potential Heritage House Resource Center and we surely have an increased chance of attracting additional eating establishments and expanded overnight accommodations to our town.

Suppose one of the greatest challenges to our community leaders as we deal with this potential growth is to preserve our small town atmosphere and attitude.

C. W. WOULD BE PROUD

To fully understand the potential for our future as a destination for tourists, we need to appreciate what we already have: a first-rate historical museum; a beautiful art museum; community theater; a picturesque, historic Main Street; Old Mill Trade Days; and bountiful hunting and fishing nearby.

Last weekend, we had visitors downtown from Alberta, Canada, Ft. Worth, El Paso, and many area towns such as Hereford, Amarillo, Floydada and Roby. These people weren't just passing through - they traveled some distance specifically to enjoy our community!

They stayed in our hotels, ate at our restaurants, shopped in our stores and bought fuel to return home (Or, in the case of Lori from Canada, fuel to travel to her next Texas destination.)

Yes, Post has a fine reputation as a great place to visit with opportunities for a variety of enjoyable things to do while immersed in a small-town atmosphere.

We are truly blessed to live in a community with such a rich history and a promising future. And, that's it for this week in Post City!



Melinda Louise Baker Jones

Baker, Jones married in Oct. 14 ceremony

Melinda Louise Baker of Amarillo and Coby William Jones of Post were married Oct. 14, 2006, in a ceremony conducted at the Hidden Falls Ranch.

Trey Baker, the bride's brother, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Hal and Brenda Hansen of Amarillo and the late Rusty Baker. Her grandparents are Curtis and Trudie Gauntt of LaRue, Murray and Nedra Baker of Frankston and Hal and Eunice Hansen of Shreveport, La., and she is the great-granddaughter of Merle Beudet of Palestine.

The groom's parents are Greg and Channa Jones of Post. His grandparents are Charles and Ruby Williams of Post and Wayland and Margaret Jones of Floydada.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore an ivory strapless gown by Christina Wu. The satin organza dress featured an empire waist and beaded vertical lace appliques. The mermaid silhouette of the gown fell to a sweep train. A single-tier veil of English net, embellished with pearls and Swarovski crystals along the scalloped edge, complemented the gown. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of gerbera daisies.

Serving as maid of honor was Whitney Wallace, the bride's former college roommate. Bridal attendants were Emily Baker, sister-in-law of the bride, and Skylar Jones, the groom's sister. Junior bridesmaid was Victoria Baker, the bride's cousin. Elizabeth Baker, also the bride's cousin, served as flower girl.

The groom's cousin, Chase Miller, served as best man. The groom's attendants were Mark McCallister and Pake Jones, the groom's brother. Junior groomsman was Levi Baker, the bride's cousin. Austin Gauntt, second cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Ushers were Chris Hansen, the bride's brother; Chad Miller, a cousin of the groom; Kevin Kinder and Jerin Tyler.

Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a casual buffet and dancing at the reception.

The bride, a graduate of River Road High School and South Plains College, is employed as a hair stylist.

The groom, a Post High School graduate and pre-med major at Texas Tech, is employed by the Center for Pain Management.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside in Lubbock with their dogs, Darby and Tay.

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Huffman, Fumagalli visit Post Rotarians

Post High School seniors Mary Huffman and Andrew Bishop Fumagalli were recent guests of the Post Rotary Club.

Huffman, daughter of Huffy and Elizabeth Huffman, is an active member of the Pride of Post Band. As a member of the band, she was a part of the organization's sweepstakes honors during her sophomore year and a member of the group that advanced to the area competition in marching in her junior year.

She also is an honor graduate.

Huffman's interests include family get-togethers, animals, spending time with friends, working and volunteer work.

"I plan on moving to San Angelo after I graduate high school to attend Howard Community College or Angelo State University to get a degree as a registered nurse," she said.

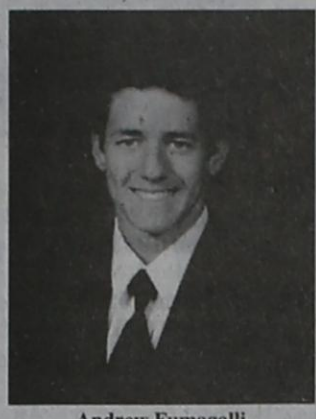
Fumagalli is the son of Danny Fumagalli and Jenifer Fumagalli. He is active in band, University Interscholastic League contests and one-act play. His awards and honors include representing Post High School at the state solo and ensemble competition, Outstanding Band Member, and All-Region Band (both first and second chairs).

Fumagalli lists art, music, writing and reading as his special interests.

Following graduation from high school, Fumagalli said he plans to explore the areas of education available.



Mary Huffman



Andrew Fumagalli

Children's Art Contest offers \$100 first prize

McDonald's of Post is offering a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond to the first place winners in each of the three age groups of the "What I Love About Christmas" children's art contest at Old Mill Trade Days. Second place winners will receive personal CD players from Radio Shack and third place winners will

receive a \$50 savings bond provided by Citizens Bank.

There will be a first, second and third place winner in each age group: Preschool & Kindergarten, 1st through 3rd Grade, and 4th through 6th Grade.

The art contest will give participants the opportunity to depict "What I Love

About Christmas." The art can be of any medium such as watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. It must be original work and no larger than 9" x 12".

There is a limit of one entry per child and only artwork submitted with an entry form will be accepted.

Entry forms are available at the following businesses in Post: McDonald's, Radio Shack, Citizens Bank, Post Dispatch or Old Mill Trade Days or call 806-495-3529 to receive a form by mail. Deadline is November 4, 2006.

Art work can be brought to the Old Mill Trade Days office, 318 So. Avenue F in Post, Monday - Friday, 9 am to 5 pm or mailed to OMTD, P.O. Box 898, Post, TX 79356.

All entries will be displayed throughout Old Mill Trade Days during the November and December events. Winners will be announced on the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days, December 2.

For more information, call 806-495-3529 or email tradedays@oldmilltradedays.com.

What I Love About Christmas Children's Art Contest

Old Mill Trade Days invites children to submit original art work depicting "What I Love About Christmas." Entries must be brought to the Trade Days office, 318 S. Avenue F in Post or mailed to OMTD, P.O. Box 898, Post, Texas 79356, no later than November 4, 2006. All entries will be displayed throughout Old Mill Trade Days during the November 3-5 and November 24-26 events. Winners in each age group will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond for first place, furnished by McDonald's of Post; a personal CD player for second place, provided by Radio Shack of Post and a \$25 gift card to Movie Gallery for third place, courtesy of Old Mill Trade Days. The contest is open to the following age groups: Preschool & Kindergarten; 1st thru 3rd Grade and 4th thru 6th Grade. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in age group.

RULES & OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF:

- Art can be of any medium such as watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.
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IT'S JUST TAX MONEY

Most people just loved Judge George Hansard. He presided over the 106th District Court with distinction for many years. He was very polite, patient, and willing to listen to all witnesses and arguments carefully before making a decision.

He was also very frugal with the taxpayers' money.

His last fiscal year in office ended September 30, 2000. The total amount of money spent that year to operate the judge's office was \$193,630.00. That included two very efficient court coordinator-secretaries, postage, printing and travel throughout the four-county district.

In Judge Schildknecht's first full year in office ending September 30, 2002 the expenditures had increased to \$281,694.00 and increased sharply to \$343,345.00 for the year ending September 30, 2005.

No figures are available for the year ending September 30, 2006, but for the present year spending will surely be around \$400,000.00.

How can the office expense double in five years?

Well, little things like remodeling right after she took office. Judge Hansard was very comfortable in his little office in the Dawson County courthouse, and would never spend money for frills. Immediately after she took office she spent more than \$40,000.00 remodeling that little office Judge Hansard was so happy with for years.

Then, Judge Schildknecht created a new secretarial job for the lady who had been her secretary in private practice.

The two excellent coordinators who were there were still there when she took office, and still doing the same fine work, but there were new responsibilities for the new employee.

She has the responsibility of reading all of the area newspapers every week and clipping all stories of new births, deaths, weddings, showers, graduations, and servicemen being promoted or coming home from war.

Then the Judge sends little hand-written personal notes of congratulations, sympathy or get well messages to the families.

All this work has nothing to do with running the judge's office, and everything to do with politicking year-round for the judge, all at county expense. The counties pay a full time salary, plus insurance and retirement benefits to provide a full-time publicist for the judge. The records don't reflect who pays for the postage and envelopes.

Then, Judge Hansard did what all other rural districts do. Whenever he was sitting as Judge, he used a bailiff provided by the Sheriff of that county for the day.

But Judge Schildknecht decided to have her personal bailiff who traveled with her to whatever county she was working that day. More salary, benefits and travel expenses for the counties to share.

We miss Judge Hansard. We need his frugality, his patience, his willingness to listen carefully and hand down meaningful and consistent decisions. Also, his total lack of arrogance.

We have such a man available, and even Judge Hansard would be pleased with him.

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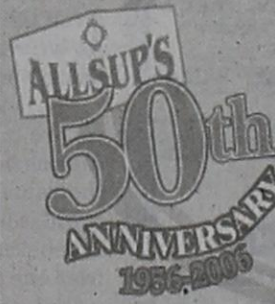
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Obituaries

Alton Pope

Services for Alton Pope, 83 of Post were 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. James T. Egan, Pastor officiating, with Bo Jackson assisting. Military Rites followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Alton died Wednesday Oct. 18, 2006 at his home. Born to Albert Thomas and Bessie E. (Hughes) Pope at Waller, Texas, March 27, 1923. He attended school at Waller and helped his Dad farm.

Alton married Eunice Yarbrough Dec. 15, 1941 in Conroe and they lived in Tomball. He served in the Navy during WWII. He was ordained into the ministry May 8, 1966. Served as a Peace Officer in Harris County from 1983 to 1988, at which time they moved to Post.

He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church, 32nd Degree Mason and had served as President of the Shrine Club of Tomball. He is preceded in death by a daughter: Cathy Lovell Jan. 17, 1987 and by a son: James Pope, August 8, 2006.

Survivors include his wife Eunice of Post, two sons: Alton Mitchell Pope and Jason Pope, both of Post. One daughter: Ida Gayle Shelton of Coppell. Two sisters: Laura Williams of Lufkin and Mary Duncan of Houston. Three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Members of the Post Masonic Lodge: Archie Gill, Jimmy Jones, Mike Colvin, Wendell Johnson, Gordon Terry and Greg Massey. Memorial are suggested to the Scottish Rite Learning Center, 602 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79401.



Lesa Lynn Haley Windham

Services for Lesa Lynn Haley Windham, 48, of Abilene were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, in the Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

She died Oct. 19.

Born Feb. 19, 1958, in Lubbock to J.M. and Jesse (Beard) Haley, she graduated from Post High School and married Danny Windham on April 17, 1976. She worked as a processing clerk for the U.S. Postal Service and moved to Abilene from Post in 1995. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, J.M. and Jesse Haley of Lubbock; her husband, Danny Windham of Abilene; one son, Brant Windham and his wife, Andrea, of Portland, Texas; one daughter, Shauna Windham of Mexia; one brother-in-law, Jerry Windham and his wife, Melanie, of Post; one sister-in-law, Wyanza Basinger and her husband, Bruce, of Slaton; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Everett "Heavy" and Mary Windham of Post; one sister, Karen Burns and her husband, Fred, of Pine Ridge, Ark.; four grandchildren, Raiden, Everette, Trinity and Cashton; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers included Jerry Windham, Bruce Basinger, Fred Burns, Ron Haley, L.J. Petty, Wayne Duncan, Matt Duncan, James Barner and Rodney Barner.

Online condolences may be made at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Ragtown Ranch Theater

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"When someone walks inside, they are just about speechless," said Glenn Polk. "It is really satisfying to see the looks on their faces as they turn in circles, seeing everything for the first time. And that's just the building. When we begin productions with all the music, lights, sound, costumes, the Biblical times feast... and so much more, this place will come alive. People will come from all over the country to see what we have here in Post, Texas."

Crews are currently installing sound and light equipment. The gospel theater stage will

cost more than \$2 million upon completion.

Once it is completed, the project will employ approximately 90 individuals at peak times. About 25 full-time employees will be needed for regular operations.

The first production on the Maxine Durrett Earl Mainstage will be "Peter, the Apostle." The show will open sometime during the fall, thanks to the efforts of the Polk brothers and their wives, Robin and Twila.

"We still have a lot of things to do before we can open the doors," Glenn Polk said. "There is a tremendous amount of dirt work in the road and parking area, as well as staining the concrete floors, carpet, trim work, building tables and many other necessities, but the main thing is it will happen - and soon."

Anyone interested in "following the lead of Maxine and Lewis Earl" in contributing to this project should contact Glenn Polk or Chip Polk.

"Ragtown Ranch Theater is indeed a huge dream... and one that is coming to fruition on the outskirts of Post," Glenn Polk said. "I am reminded of that famous line from the Kevin Costner movie 'Field of Dreams' - 'If you build it, they will come.' We feel sure that they will... again and again."

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

The church dynamics...1Corinthians 12:11-13

"But all these work that one and the selfsame spirit, dividing to every man severally as he wills. For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body being many are one body, so also is Christ. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jew or Gentile, whether we be bond or free. And have all been made to drink into one spirit." (1Corinthians 12:11-13).

According to verse 11 all nine manifestations work that one and the same spirit of God. It is commonly believed that the manifestation of the spirit is divided among different believers so that they are only able to work certain ones according to God's will. The word "dividing" in the verse is a little misleading and is better translated "distributing." All nine are distributed to every believer immediately when filled with the spirit of God.

Based on this information, we know that when the first people were filled with holy spirit as recorded in Acts 2:4, every one of them were given the ability to manifest it in all nine ways. As we read through Acts, we can see all nine being worked in various situations.

The next two verses emphasizes that although we are many members, we are in truth part of the one body of Christ. We are all baptized with the same spirit of God. Not one person in the world is excluded from this baptism as long as it is believed from the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead (see also Romans 10:9-10).

It's interesting to note that God recognizes only two categories of people in the world. They are Jew and Gentile. The word Jew probably referred

to all people who were genetically of the line of Israel. The word Gentile referred to all other nations of people. Within these categories are they who are bound as slaves or servants and they who are free. I have not found a single verse in the Bible which categorizes people according to skin colors.

Verses 14-27 drives in the subject of many members in one body of Christ. Such a strong emphasis is placed on this that I can't help but wonder if the Corinthian believers were treating each other in different ways according to their class distinctions and personal talents and abilities. We will handle this area in a couple of weeks.

Please let there be no confusion, all nine ways to manifest God's spirit is given to every man. And all nine work the same spirit from God. This means all Christians have the ability to work all nine in their spiritual lives. They can get word of knowledge for information, get word of wisdom for what to do with the information and discerning of spirits for information as to what kind of spirit was involved in a situation.

They can work gifts of healing and miracles by the same spirit. They can prophecy, speak in tongues and give the interpretation of their own languages and they can walk by the active faith of Jesus Christ who is alive and in heaven right now.

Next week we will address 1Corinthians 12:7-9 in more detail.

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Bush at the brink

by Bill O'Reilly

The call came last Saturday. President Bush would do an interview with me at 11 a.m. Monday morning. Be there or be square.

This was the third time I had interviewed George W. Bush but the first time that he was on the defensive, back on his heels. I first met the man when his campaign had momentum in the fall of 2000, and spoke with him again six weeks before the 2004 vote, when he was confident he would defeat John Kerry.

But in the fall of 2006, the president's job approval poll numbers are hovering around 40 percent and he is taking a beating over the stalemate in Iraq. So I was interested to see what kind of a toll all this had taken on the man. Most presidents age in dog years while occupying the White House — how was Mr. Bush faring?

The answer is quite well, at least physically. He works out like crazy and mountain bikes in his rare spare time. Six years have given him a few more wrinkles, but, honestly, I have aged far more than he has, and I don't have to deal with Putin or the nutty North Korean guy.

My theory about President Bush is that he is a true believer — he sincerely thinks he is looking out for America in the best ways possible and the polls be damned. That kind of certainty provides solace and calm.

However, this type of attitude is a double-edged sword. Mr. Bush reportedly sleeps well; he is not prowling the White House at 4 a.m., the way Bill Clinton was, but true believers often do not react quickly to changing circumstance. They tend to set a course and stay the course. Sometimes that philosophy drives one off course.

Iraq is the defining issue of Mr. Bush's presidency. His administration has succeeded in badly damaging Al Qaeda and making it very difficult for terrorism to take root on American soil. This is undeniable. The Bush haters will tell you that the president is fear-mongering and the like, but this is just hyperpartisan nonsense. Stopping Al Qaeda is a huge job, and President Bush is on top of it.

But few anticipated that Iran would pile on the Iraq situation, and that is why the conflict over there remains bloody and unstable. The Iranians are arming and funding Shia killers and do not want a stable government in Iraq. They are promoting chaos so the USA will leave — leaving Iran calling the shots in Baghdad. If that happens, Muslim terrorism will dramatically increase in power everywhere, and moderate Muslim Gulf states will lose faith in the USA.

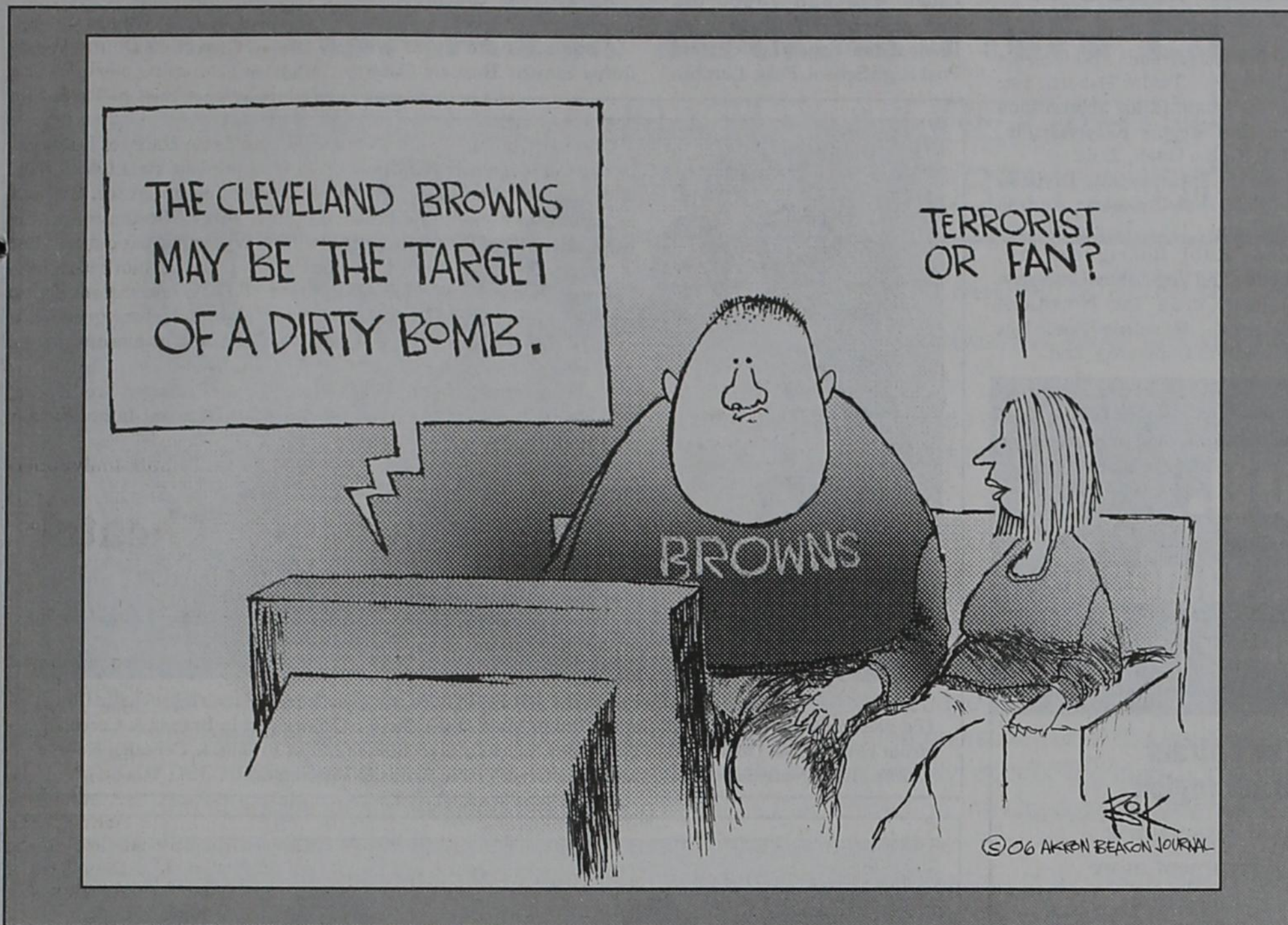
Most Americans are depressed over Iraq and blame the Bush administration for failing to win the war. That is understandable. But Mr. Bush believes he can outlast the insurgents and that his strategy is the only viable way to blunt the savage jihad. The president sees himself as a modern-day Abraham Lincoln before Gettysburg, under siege but standing firm.

Nobody knows how Iraq will play out in the two years the president has left in office. But what I can tell you is that he is committed to the fight and believes in it with all his heart.

Is that enough for victory? It's impossible to tell. But I'm praying it is. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. COPYRIGHT 2006 BillO'Reilly.com.



Opinions



What is "cost to government?"

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

Whenever tax cuts are discussed in Washington, the media and most politicians use the phrase, "cost to government." "How much will this tax cut cost the government?" we are asked, as though some crime is being contemplated when we consider reducing taxes. The American people have every right to fund the federal government at whatever level they deem acceptable, and if they choose—through their elected representatives—to reduce that funding level, they are not somehow injuring the government. If Congress passes a new law that results in you paying \$1000 less in taxes next year, have you taken something from the government that rightfully belongs to it? Or has the government simply taken less from you?

You don't cost the government money, the government costs you money!

Of course it's reasonable to demand that politicians cut spending when they cut taxes. That's the definition of real fiscal conservatism: government should not take too much from the private economy in taxes, but neither should it spend too much and run up deficits. That's why I vote against the wasteful appropriations bills that relentlessly increase federal spending year after year.

I reject the notion that tax cuts harm the economy. The economy suffers when government takes money from your paycheck that you otherwise would spend, save, or invest. Taxes never create prosperity. Private-sector innovation and productivity are the engines that drive our economy, regardless of what politicians tell us.

Tax reduction is my first priority in Congress. The reality is that most working Americans lose about half of their incomes to federal, state, and local taxes. "Tax Freedom Day," representing the portion of the year you must work to pay for government at all levels, is roughly June 1st for most Americans. Imagine all of your hard work this year

between January and the end of May going to the government!

One tax in particular should be eliminated as soon as possible—the tax on Social Security benefits. Those benefits were never taxed between the 1930s and 1984. Treating them as taxable income represents nothing more than a trick to reduce Social Security benefits by stealth. I supported legislation that successfully repealed a 1993 tax increase on benefits, and my own bill, HR 180, would go further and eliminate all taxes on Social Security. Our seniors paid taxes throughout their working lives to fund the Social Security system, and it is immoral to tax them again on their benefits.

Various other taxes also must be reduced. Capital gains taxes are terribly counterproductive, punishing those who save and invest. Payroll taxes impose a tremendous compliance burden on businesses, especially smaller entrepreneurs who cannot hire an accounting department. Federal gas taxes should be slashed to provide taxpayers relief at the pump. Most importantly, federal spending must be dramatically reduced so that all Americans can go back to working for themselves instead of working to pay their taxes.

Our unalienable rights?

"All men are born free and independent, and have certain natural, essential, and unalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; that of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; in fine, that of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness." — John Adams

American citizens now subject to military detention

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Anyone who hoped that U.S. military detention of Americans accused of terrorism expired with the transfer of American citizen Jose Padilla from military custody to Justice Department custody have seen their hopes dashed by the Military Commissions Act that the president signed into law yesterday. Although the act limits to foreign citizens the use of military tribunals and the denial of habeas corpus, any person, including American citizens, can still be labeled and treated as an "unlawful enemy combatant" in the war on terrorism.

What does that mean for the American people? It means the same thing it did for Jose Padilla. You'll recall that Padilla was arrested in Chicago for terrorism and transferred to military custody, where, according to Padilla, he was tortured and involuntarily injected with drugs.

The government's position is that since the entire world is a battlefield in which the war on terrorism is being waged, U.S. officials now have the power to arrest any American suspected of terrorism, place him in military custody, and subject him to the same "unlawful enemy combatant" treatment that Padilla received, until the war on terrorism has finally been won, no matter how long that takes.

You'll recall that the government's position was that Padilla, as an "unlawful enemy combatant" suspected of having committed terrorist acts, was not entitled to the procedural rights guaranteed to criminal defendants in the Bill of Rights, including the rights to counsel, due process, and trial by jury.

The district court ruled in favor of Padilla at his habeas corpus hearing, but the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision, upholding the government's "unlawful enemy combatant" argument for Padilla and, by implication, all other Americans.

Before the Supreme Court could rule on Padilla's appeal from the Second Circuit's decision, the government announced that it wished to transfer him from military control to federal-court control on the basis of a grand jury indictment charging him with terrorism. The Supreme Court permitted the transfer and declined to hear Padilla's appeal because the case was now "moot," given that Padilla was no longer being held by the military but instead was being held by the Justice Department as a criminal defendant. That left the Second Circuit decision upholding the "unlawful enemy combatant" designation intact.

Even if Padilla is acquitted in the federal-court action, there is little doubt that the Pentagon will immediately take him back into military custody as an "unlawful enemy combatant" in the war on terrorism, requiring Padilla to once again embark, in a habeas corpus proceeding, on a long legal journey to the Supreme Court.

Currently, under the Second Circuit's decision in Padilla, and now also under the Military Commissions Act, the president has the power to order the military arrest and incarcerate any number of Americans suspected of terrorism. Americans would still have the right to file a petition for writ of habeas corpus in federal court because the Military Commissions Act cancelled that right only for foreigners, not Americans. Keep in mind, however, that a habeas corpus hearing is not a full-blown trial to determine guilt or innocence but is simply designed to determine whether the government has legal justification for holding a prisoner. All the government would have to do at the habeas corpus hearings is provide some evidence that the Americans it is holding in military custody have engaged in some act of terrorism and then cite the Second Circuit opinion and the Military Commissions Act in support of its power to continue detaining them.

Of course, the cases would ultimately go to the Supreme Court, but that would inevitably entail a lengthy delay, a period of time during which lots of Americans could be tortured, abused, and even "accidentally" killed, just as foreign "unlawful enemy combatants" in U.S. military custody have been. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the Supreme Court will rule against the government.

How does an American who is labeled an enemy combatant ultimately get tried? Answer: he doesn't. Under the Military Commissions Act, trial by military tribunal is limited to foreigners. So, even though Americans still have the use of habeas corpus (so far) to test whether their detention is lawful, if the Supreme Court ultimately upholds the "unlawful enemy combatant" designation for people accused of terrorism, Americans will be returned to indefinite military custody as "unlawful enemy combatants" if the government has provided some evidence of terrorism at the habeas corpus hearing.

The irony is that while foreigners will be accorded the kangaroo tribunal treatment, Americans accused of terrorism will continue to languish in military prison indefinitely without the benefit of a trial. Of course, given that the tribunals will have the power to impose the death penalty, Americans might do well not to complain about their indefinite detention.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation. He will be among the 22 speakers at FFF's upcoming conference on June 1-4 in Reston, Virginia: "Restoring the Constitution: Foreign Policy and Civil Liberties" (www.fff.org/whatsNew/conference.htm). Send him email.

Post students participate in Garza County 4-H Food Show

Fifty-four attended the Garza County 4-H Food Show Tuesday night at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ with 15 members preparing their dishes and explaining nutritional information to a panel of judges.

Nancy McDonald, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, welcomed guest and members. Audree Williams lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Kelsey Griffin

lead the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Caroline Poe introduced guests and Matti Smith led grace before the Tasting Bee.

Jaquita Blevins, project leader, presented awards to the following: Susan Littrell, 1st place in Senior Fruits and Vegetables; J'Lynn Stone, participation award in Clover Kid division with her Nutritious Snack;

In the Junior Division - Main Dish Category: Kadie Dunn, 1st; Matti Smith, 2nd; Fruits

and Vegetables Category: Sara Greer, 1st; Breads and Cereals Category: Taylor Osborn, 1st; Jayci Stone, 2nd; Nutritious Snacks Category: Kelsey Griffin, 1st; Kelbie Oden, 2nd

In the Intermediate Division - Main Dish Category: Audree Williams, 1st, Jackie Milton, 2nd; Rubi Rodriguez, 3rd; Fruits and Vegetables Category: Janice Curtis, 1st; Nutritious Snacks: Caroline Poe, 1st, Fernanda Contreras, 2nd.

In the Nutrition Poster Contest - Kelbie Oden, 1st, Caroline Poe, 2nd, and Audree Williams, 3rd.

After awards were presented, Janice Curtis acknowledged those who had supported the project including Post Independent School District and Post High School, Poka-Lambro

Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 4-H Booster Club, and Garza County Commissioners' Court.

Sara Greer concluded the program with the 4-H Prayer. Judges for the event were Julie Smith, Borden County

CEA-FCS, Meredith Henry, Scurry County CEA-FCS, Donna Aten of Post, and Vicki Ashbrook of Tahoka.

Other leaders assisting Jaquita Blevins included Diane Griffin, Janiece Williams, Barbara Palmer, Marci Oden, Diane Graves, and Roxanne Osborn.

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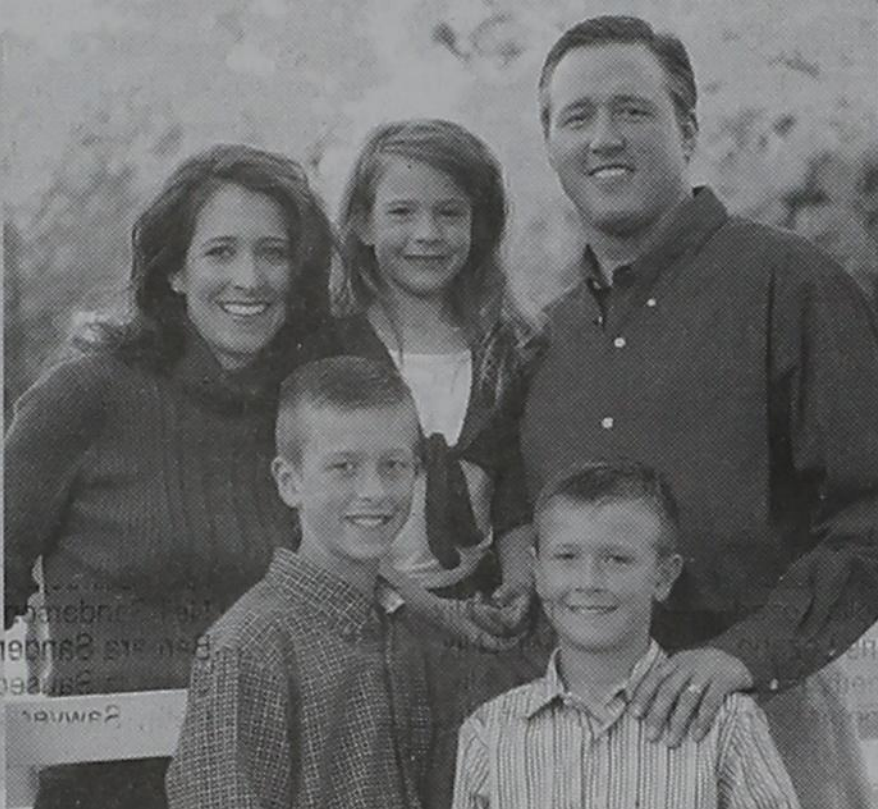
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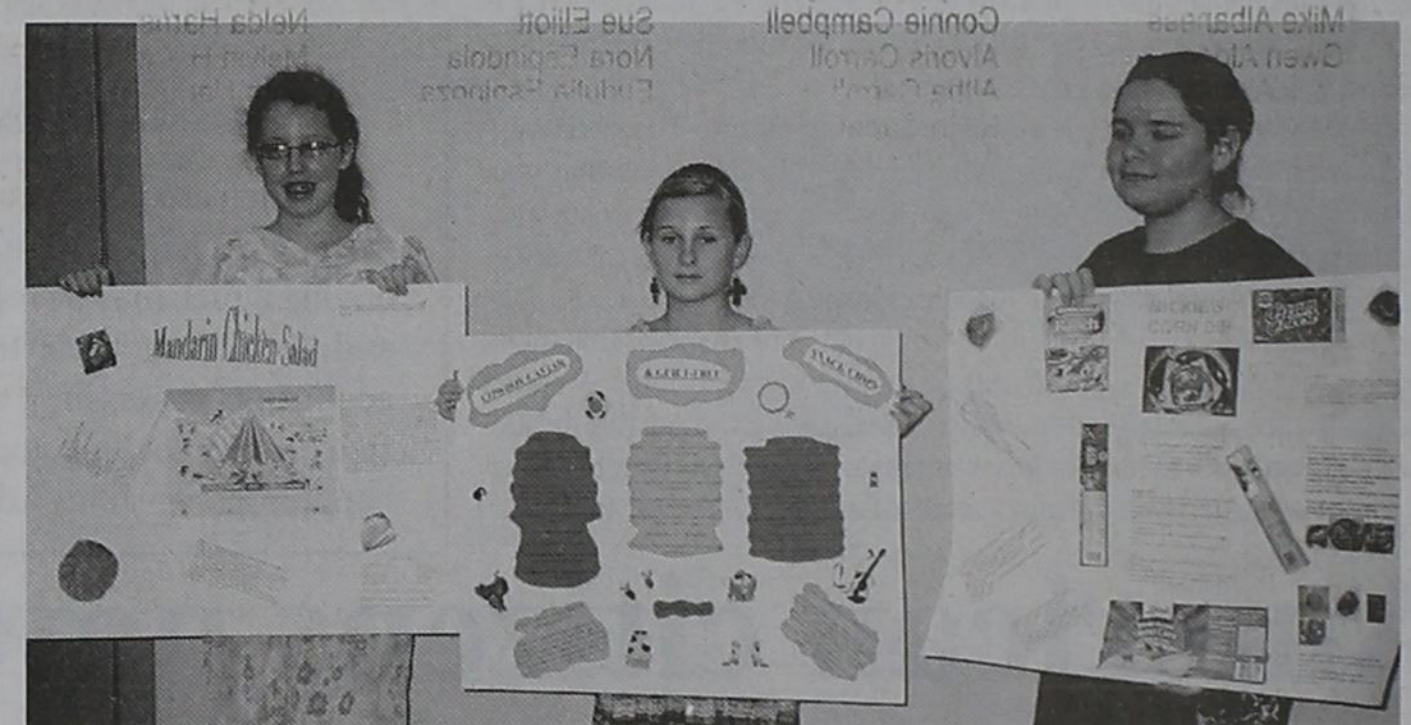
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Junior 4-H members participating in the 4-H Food Show were (back row left to right) Kadie Dunn (1st place in Main Dish), Matti Smith (2nd in Main Dish), Taylor Osborn (1st in Breads & Cereals), (front row) Kelbie Oden (2nd in Nutritious Snacks), Jayci Stone (2nd in Breads & Cereals), Kelsey Griffin (1st in Nutritious Snacks) and Sara Greer (1st in Fruits & Vegetables).



4-H members participating in the Intermediate age division of the Garza County Food Show are (left to right) Caroline Poe (1st, Nutritious Snacks), Janice Curtis (1st, Fruits & Vegetables), Fernanda Contreras (2nd, Nutritious Snacks and Main Dish), Rubi Rodriguez (3rd, Main Dish), Jackie Milton (2nd, Main Dish), Audree Williams (1st, Main Dish).



Participating in the Garza County 4-H Food Show were (left to right) Senior member Susan Littrell (1st, Fruits & Vegetables) and J'Lynn Stone (participation award in the Clover Kid Division in the Nutritious Snacks category).

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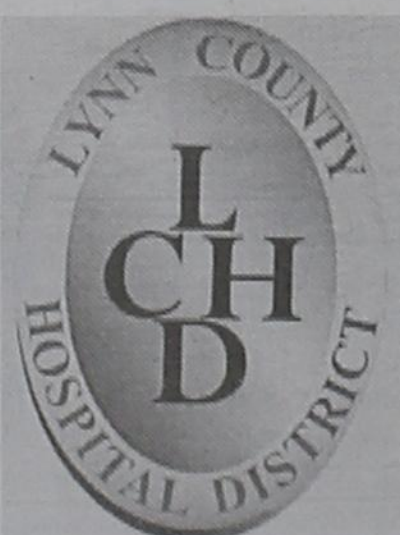
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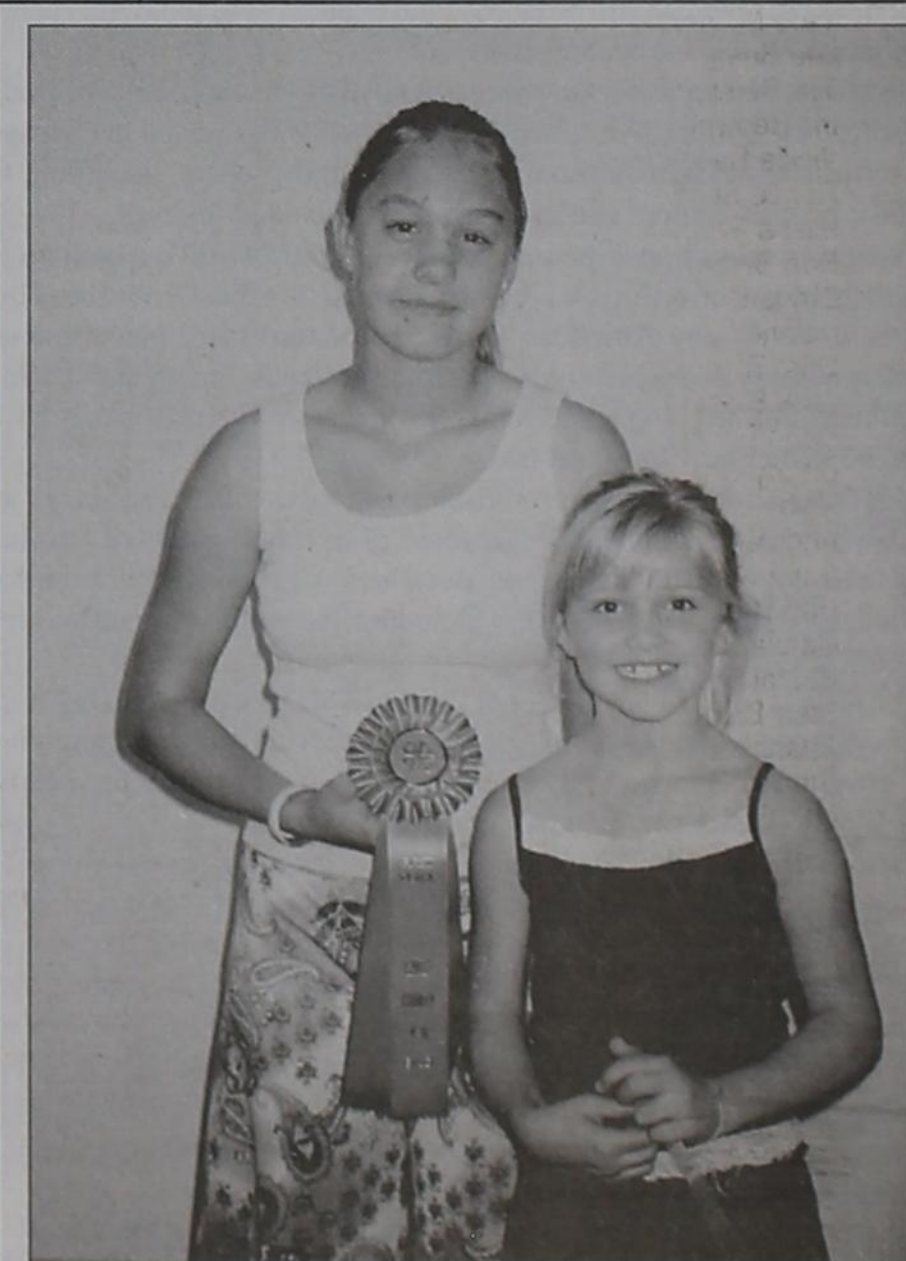
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Participating in the Garza County 4-H Food Show were (left to right) Senior member Susan Littrell (1st, Fruits & Vegetables) and J'Lynn Stone (participation award in the Clover Kid Division in the Nutritious Snacks category).

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TO THE VOTERS OF DAWSON, GAINES, GARZA AND LYNN COUNTIES:

PLEASE HELP US KEEP JUDGE CARTER T. SCHILDKNECHT WORKING FOR THE 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Each of the persons named below endorses and supports JUDGE CARTER SCHILDKNECHT in the election on November 7th. There are many reasons why we do so. These are a few of them:

- She is honest and truthful. She maintains the highest standards of ethics and integrity.
- Everyone who appears in her Court receives a fair trial. She decides cases based on the law applicable to the facts of the case. She is firm and decisive, but impartial.
- She is courteous and respectful to all those persons with whom she has contact as Judge, including jurors, parties, court personnel, lawyers and members of the public.
- She is totally dedicated to being Judge, devoting her full time and energy to the job.
- She has actually served as Judge of this Judicial District for more than five years. She is the only candidate with actual experience as District Judge.
- She was selected by the Governor of the State of Texas as District Judge over seven other applicants, in August, 2001, and was elected Judge by a strong majority of the voters of the entire district in the general election in November, 2002.
- Since becoming District Judge she has worked tirelessly and constantly, conducting trials and administering justice. She has significantly reduced the backlog of cases that existed on the Court's docket when she became Judge. Her usual work week includes sixty to seventy hours of actual time doing her job as Judge.
- Since 2003 she has served on the Board of Directors of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas.
- A resident of Lamesa since childhood, all of her roots are in the district. She is married to Ellis Schildknecht who operates a family owned cotton gin. They have two children and three grandchildren. She is active in civic and community affairs throughout all of the counties of the district. She is concerned and involved in civic affairs in all those counties. She has been President of the Lamesa Bar Association, President of Lamesa Rotary Club, President of Dawson County United Way and has been active in her church, as well as Teen Court and other civic endeavors.
- She is a graduate of Texas Tech School of Law. Before becoming Judge, she was a lawyer in Lamesa in partnership with Ray Renner and R. B. Snell, handling many different kinds of litigation and other legal matters.
- She is by far the most qualified candidate in this election in every respect.

It is very important that we KEEP CARTER T. SCHILDKNECHT as District Judge.
We ask you to vote for her now in early voting or at the election on November 7th.

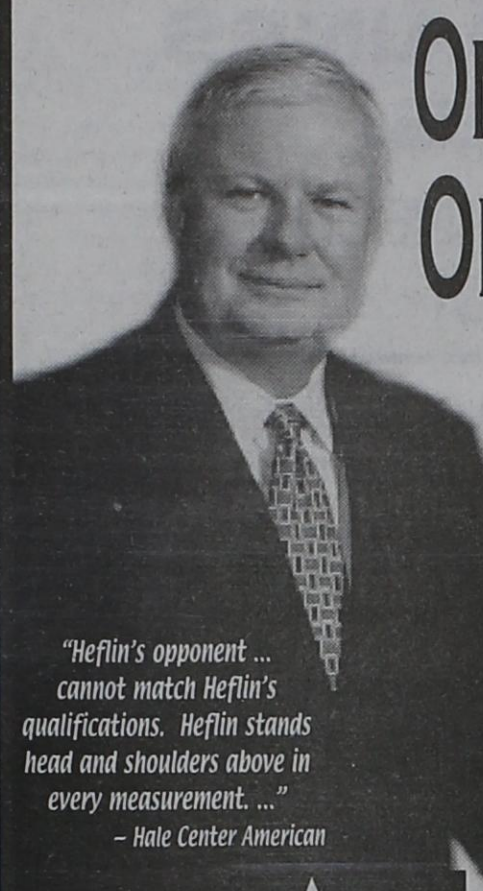
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Early voting starts Monday, October 23rd, continuing until Friday, November 3rd. Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day.

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Southland Eagle running back Roman DeLuna (3) evades tacklers as quarter back Patrick Martinez (28) and Alfredo Aguero (44) keys on a block during last Friday's football action against Cotton Center.
(Photo by Melissa Morin)

Southland Eagles fall to Cotton Center Elks

by Patrick Martinez

On October 20, 2006 the Southland Eagles faced the Cotton Center Elks with a disappointing outcome. Cotton Center made no mistake showing the Eagles that they were serious. The Elks made a sixty yard touchdown on the first play of the game. The Eagles, however made an impressive show of football by moving the ball down the field. On only four attempts the Eagles were on the six yard line. Patrick Martinez then threw his only

touchdown pass of the game to receiver Erik Guerrero. Roman DeLuna then ran the extra-point conversion making the score seven to six Eagles. The Eagles defense stopped the Elks' next drive giving Southland the chance to expand their lead. The Eagles put the ball in Erik Guerrero's hands. He quickly made a rushing touchdown for sixty-three yards. Roman DeLuna made two rushing touchdowns with twenty-six attempts for one hundred fifty-three yards.

Also, DeLuna ran a kick-off return back for seventy yards. DeLuna's total rushing was two hundred twenty-eight yards.

Defensively, Erik Guerrero led Eagles in tackles with eleven and a half tackles, followed by Patrick Martinez with nine tackles, and DeLuna made six and a half tackles. The final score was Elks seventy Eagles thirty-two. The Eagles play the Amherst Bulldogs on October 27th at Amherst Stadium.

The Southland Eagles Wipe Out Wilson Mustangs 63-14

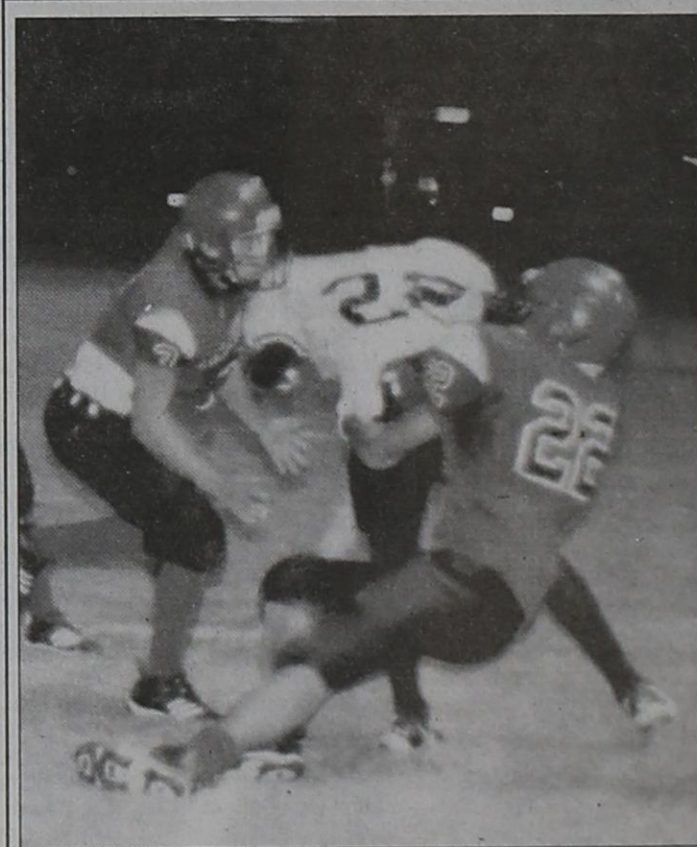
by Patrick Martinez

The Southland Eagles won their first district game against the Wilson Mustangs. The Eagles vs. the Mustangs is the big rivalry of the year. With a high intensity game the Eagles dominated the field. Roman DeLuna, who is the second leading rusher in the state, had a huge day. He had five rushing

touchdowns and two-hundred forty-nine rushing yards with only twelve attempts. Also, DeLuna made one extra-point conversion. Erik Guerrero also made a rushing touchdown for forty-two yards. Quarterback Patrick Martinez completed eleven for twelve passes for two touchdowns and seven extra-point conversions with no interceptions. Guerrero had ten receptions for one-hundred ten yards, two touchdowns, and seven

extra point conversions. Erik Guerrero is the fourth leading receiver in the state.

Defensively the Eagles held the Mustangs to two touchdowns. Erik Guerrero led the team in tackles with seven point five tackles followed by Patrick Martinez and Junior Galindo with six tackles. DeLuna made five and a half tackles. The game was cut short by halftime because of the six-man mercy rule. The final score was Eagles 63-Mustangs 14.



Eagles Roman DeLuna (3) and Javier Galindo (22) take down an Elks ball carrier last Friday as Southland took on Cotton Center.
(Photo by Melissa Morin)

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County approves repairs to Historical Museum

During their regular meeting Monday, Garza County Commissioners authorized repairs to be made at the Garza County Historical Museum. Lee

Norman presented a pair of proposals concerning repairs, and a motion to accept the proposals as presented was made and seconded. Cost for the repairs

will be \$3,250. In other business, commissioners: • Were scheduled to consider replacement of the courthouse windows; however, no estimates were presented and no action was taken.

• Were set to consider a sick leave extension for a Precinct 4 employee, but the employee already had returned to work and no longer needed the extension. • Approved a bid from Joe Stanley for Lots 1 and 2 and Lot

3, Block 144, in the 500 block of South Avenue H, pending consent from the other taxing entities involved. The bid was \$1,500.

• Approved the appointment of two additional part-time early voting clerks needed because of the health concerns affecting the early voting judge. Billie Windham and Billie Cross were approved to assist with early voting. • Approved the appointment

Hospital district board hears report on third-quarter deficit

During last week's meeting of directors of the Garza County Hospital District, PNS's Paul Acreman gave a report on the clinic's financial overview, which included a third-quarter deficit of more than \$39,000.

The clinic recorded a shortfall of \$10,312 during September, bringing the deficit for the quarter to \$39,306, Acreman said. However, PNS officials continue to work with Dr. Ben Edwards, the clinic physician who recently became an independent contractor, in securing recognition from Medicare and Medicaid that should help iron out the clinic's financial wrinkles.

Acreman said Edwards' changeover to independent contractor, as recognized by Medicare and Medicaid, has been slow and has contributed to the deficit. Once the changeover is complete, the clinic should be able to complete filing on approximately \$100,000 worth of claims. Funds recovered through these filings not only should cover the deficit, but also make the physician eligible for a bonus.

In rounding out the clinic report for September, Acreman said the facility had revenues totaling \$29,782 and expenses of \$40,095. A total of 799 visits and 1,336 procedures were recorded for the month.

In other business, district officials:

• Tabled discussion and action regarding plans for the possible construction of a new district/clinic building and the purchase of real property. Officials are still negotiating the possible purchase of property and indicated more information should be available at the board's next meeting.

• Discussed and approved the Texas Legislative Council Modification of Enabling Act as presented.

• Approved as presented the sale of foreclosed property in the 500 block of West 13th Street.

• Received the indigent care report for the month of September. According to the report, the program served 12 clients during the month with expenses totaling \$1,266. Year-to-date costs have totaled \$43,443, leaving a balance of \$31,967 in the indigent care budget.

• Approved budget adjustments as presented.

• Approved the financial statements and payment of monthly bills.

The board's next meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Citizens Bank Community Room.

Lord's Acre benefits local organizations

Sponsoring churches from this year's Lord's Acre dinner recently announced that a total of \$4,612 was distributed to several local organizations as a result of the event.

Organizations benefiting from the event include Post Cares, Victims' Assistance Program, Toys for Tots, Unchained Ministry, House of Faith, Garza County Child Welfare Board, Meals on Wheels and Trailblazers.

Post City Merchants plans 'PCM Bucks' giveaway
by Donna Degan

Beginning Nov. 1, the \$500 Cash Giveaway sponsored by the Post City Merchants will begin.

All purchases/receipts will be placed in a hopper to win \$500 in PCM Bucks. They can be redeemed at all participating PCM member businesses.

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Degan. Naomi Matsler was elected as new vice president and Sue Trammel was elected as secretary/treasurer.

Deadline to have your window display in place will be Dec. 1. The winner of the Christmas in Post

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of an alternate judge for Voting Precinct 3 for a two-year term beginning Aug. 1 of this year. Democratic Party chairman Lewis Earl nominated Shawna Jaquess to replace Juanita Pantoja, who previously had

been appointed but later withdrew. According to courthouse officials, Commissioners will meet in special session today to address possible changes in the county's retirees insurance benefits program.

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(Condado de) Garza County, Texas
November 7th, 2006 (7 de Noviembre de 2006)

INSTRUCTION NOTES:

1. Vote for the candidate or candidates of your choice by marking an "X" in the oval provided to the left of the name of the candidate(s).
2. You may cast a straight party vote (that is, cast a vote for all the nominees of one party) by darkening the oval provided to the left of the name of the party. If you cast a straight party vote for all the nominees of one party and also cast a vote for an opponent of one of that party's nominees, your vote for the opponent will be counted as well as your vote for all the other nominees of the party for which the straight party vote was cast.
3. You may vote for a nominee in a candidate by writing in the name of the candidate in the line provided and darkening the oval provided to the left of the line.
4. Use only the marker provided.

NOTA DE INSTRUCCIONES:

1. Votar por el candidato o candidatos de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre de ese candidato o candidatos.
2. Usted podrá votar por todos los candidatos de un solo partido político (es decir, votar por todos los candidatos nombrados del mismo partido político) marcando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre de dicho partido político. Si usted vota por un solo partido político (straight party) y también vota por el oponente de uno de los candidatos de dicho partido político, se computará su voto por el oponente tanto como su voto por todos los demás candidatos del partido político de su preferencia.
3. Usted podrá votar por un nominado en un candidato escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y marcando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la línea.
4. Solo utilizar el marcador provisto.

Straight Party (Partido Completo)	Governor (Gobernador)	Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de Oficina General de Tierras)
REPUBLICAN PARTY (REP)	Rick Perry (REP)	Jimmy Patterson (REP)
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DEM)	Chris Bell (DEM)	Valinda Matthews (DEM)
LIBERTARIAN PARTY (LIB)	James Warner (LIB)	Michael A. French (LIB)
United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	Richard "Kinky" Friedman (IND)	Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura)
Katy Bailey Hutchinson (REP)	Carole Keeton Strayhorn (IND)	Todd Staples (REP)
Barbara Ann Radtchsky (DEM)	Walter Williams (IND)	Hank Gilbert (DEM)
Scott Lanier Jamieson (LIB)	Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)	Clay Woolam (LIB)
United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. 19)	David Dewhurst (REP)	Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)
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Antelope center Marc Ayala (52) and tackle Blake Nichols (55) assist in holding back the Slaton defensive line as quarter back Clint Windham (12, back left) hands the ball off to running back Steven Hair (22).

Tigers take 35-15 win here

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes opened up a spirited come-from-behind second-half surge last Friday night, but turnovers stymied the effort as the Slaton Tigers held on to a 35-15 lead in the second district game for both teams.

The Tigers jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead, taking advantage of a quick score early in the first quarter, then turning an intercepted pass into another score with 7:06 left in the second quarter.

Another Post miscue set up Slaton's third touchdown late in the second quarter when the Tigers covered up an Antelope fumble at the Post 40 yard line. The Tigers drove to the end zone with 2:53 left in the first half.

Second Half Action

The 'Lope defense took charge early in the third quarter, with John Valdez coming up a fumble recovery at the Slaton 40 yard line. Four plays later the 'Lopes struck paydirt with Wilson Cash ramming into the end zone from the one yard line. The drive was

sparked by Cash' blast from the 33 to the one on second down of the drive. Zack Sanchez kicked the extra point and the 'Lopes trailed 21-7.

Once again the 'loopes held Slaton, forcing a fourth down punt from the Slaton 31. The ball rolled dead at the Post 34. The drive stalled on fourth down from the Post 46, but Tiger receivers couldn't handle Blake Nichols' high punt, and loose football was covered by Post at the Slaton 28 yard line.

That drive failed on fourth down when Clint Windham's pass to D.J. Baiza in the end zone fell incomplete. Slaton took over with 4:48 left in the third quarter, and promptly shocked the 'Lopes when on third down a long pass completion resulted in another Tiger touchdown. With 3:01 left in the third quarter, the Tigers led 28-7.

Then, as the Antelopes were moving the ball toward the end zone on their next possession, the Tigers intercepted a pass at the Post 37 yard line. That turnover ended up in another Tiger touchdown following the three-play drive. With 11:55 remaining in the game, the visitors led with a comfortable 35-7 score.

The 'Lope offense never gave up ... and came back with their final touchdown on a seven play drive that featured four first down runs by Cash and Sanchez. Windham took the ball the final five yards on a quarterback keeper around his right end. Windham also got the two point conversion with a keeper over right guard. With 9:09 remaining, the Tigers made another scoring attempt, but couldn't get the final four yards on a determined Post defensive squad.

Then on second down the interception bug hit again, as Windham's pass to Edgar Garay was picked off by Slaton at the Post 40 and returned to the 30.

Another strong defensive effort kept the Tigers out of the end zone, turing the ball back to the 'Lopes at the five yard line with 32 seconds remaining. Two plays later time expired and the teams met at midfield.

The 'Lopes are 1-1 in district competition, facing Tahoka Friday, then at Roosevelt November 3 and the final home game November 10 with Idalou.

Post Antelope photos by Tim Burnett

Post Antelope Football Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Aug 31	JV @ Seminole	6:30 p.m.
Sept 1	Varsity vs Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Sept 7	Middle School vs Merkel	5 p.m.
	JV @ Merkel	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Varsity vs Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Middle School @ Abernathy	5 p.m.
	JV vs. Abernathy	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Varsity @ Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Middle School vs Floydada	5 p.m.
	JV @ Floydada	6 p.m.
Sept. 22*	Varsity vs Floydada	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Middle School @ Littlefield	5 p.m.
	JV vs Littlefield	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	Varsity @ Littlefield	7:30 p.m.
October 6	OPEN	
Oct. 12	Middle School @ Denver City	5 p.m.
	JV vs Denver City	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	Varsity @ Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Middle School vs Slaton	5 p.m.
	JV @ Slaton	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Varsity vs. Slaton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Middle School @ Tahoka	5 p.m.
	JV vs Tahoka	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	Varsity @ Tahoka	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Middle School @ Roosevelt	5 p.m.
	JV vs Roosevelt	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Varsity @ Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Middle School vs Idalou	5 p.m.
	JV @ Idalou	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Varsity vs Idalou	7:30 p.m.

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Congratulations Post Bold Antelopes

'Lopes travel to Tahoka Friday in title hunt

by Wes Burnett

"Sure we're disappointed," Post Antelope coach Tim James commented about last Friday's 35-15 loss here, "but you know we're still in the race, we have control of our place, we don't have to depend on someone else winning or losing."

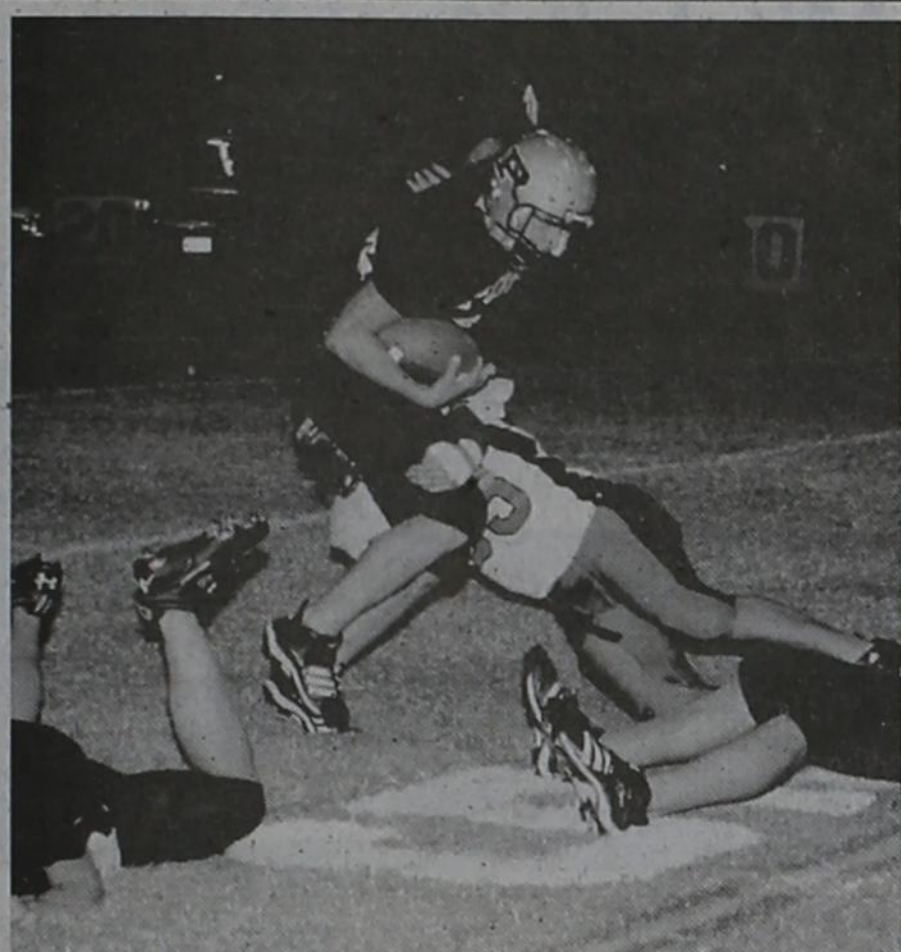
The Antelopes travel to Tahoka Friday for the third district game this year, looking to stay in contention for the district championship and a post-season play off berth. "Tahoka is a greatly improved ball team," coach James adds. "Coach Jay Hellums has done a great job in his first year."

Tahoka will be fired up, according to coach James, and they have talent at skill positions, particularly running back and quarterback. "We're going to have to control Tillman (running back) with his speed and watch out for the quarterback who knows how to run that offense," James continues.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m., those unable to attend have the opportunity to keep up with the play-by-play action live on Post City Radio (www.postcityradio.com) and on Suddenlink Channel 12, with veteran announcer Steve Mason at the microphone. Post City Television will also record the game for broadcast on Saturday and Sunday at noon and 9 p.m. on Channel 12, and on the Internet (video streaming) at www.postcitytv.com.



Wilson Cash stretches out at the goal line for the first 'Lope touchdown here last week against Slaton.



Running back Steven Hair (22) fights through defenders while returning a Slaton kick-off.



Trent Babb (25) takes off for more yards during last Thursday game against Slaton. In the play is Robert Contreras (71). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Antelope wide receiver D.J. Baiza (2) attempts to catch a Clint Windham pass in the end zone as a Slaton defender goes to great lengths to break up the play.

Seventh grade whips Slaton 28-0

The Post seventh grade football squad blanked Slaton last week by a score of 28-0. Jacob Perez scored the first three touchdowns of the game, with scoring capped off in the final quarter with an 80-yard touchdown reception tossed by Perez to Serafin Lopez. Perez had three rushing touchdowns, one passing TD, a two-point conversion, one interception and a tackle. Lopez had one touchdown reception.

Dale Diaz scored a two-point conversion and had a 25-yard



Pee Wee Antelopes swarming in to tackle Snyder ball carrier during last week's game are Vance Blair (8), tylo Kirkpatrick (20), Pake Jones (30), Blaine Osborn (45), Paul Martinez (66), Aaron Macy (12) and Caden Dean (35). The Lopes finished their undefeated season with a win over the Snyder Tigers 13-0. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

run that set up a touchdown. Matthew Soto caused a fumble, which he recovered. Jordan Aguilar also played well on the defense, contributing to several tackles, according to coaches Gee and Mason. The team is 5-1 on the season, 2-0 in district play. The 'Lopes will face Tahoka tonight in a 5 p.m. road game.

Slaton slips past eighth grade, 20-8

The Post eighth grade football team dropped a game to Slaton last week, 20-8. Slaton opened the game with a scoring drive, but the 'Lopes responded in the next drive. Chase Greathouse scored on a 45-yard run made possible by blocking by Ben Mason, Ernest Saldivar and Nathan Brown.

For the remainder of the game, the Post offense could move the ball, but each drive eventually stalled. Brown had a good game blocking at tight end and on defense as well, according to the coaches. Blake Davis and Shaun Perez also gave strong defensive performances. The team's next game is at 6:30 p.m. today in Tahoka.

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Centennial parade plans under way

Planning is under way for the Post City 2007 Centennial Celebration and the parade, which organizers hope will be one of the celebration's corner-stone events.

Parade entries are needed, and organizers are offering the following ideas for entries: floats (churches, families, organizations, ranches, farms and businesses), antique tractors and cars, convertibles, motorcycles, wagons, riding clubs, decorated golf carts and bicycles.

Some entries may want to tie in with the All-School Reunion:

Southland students at recent fairs

As the fair season draws to a close, Southland students find themselves with another successful season behind them. At the West Texas Fair in Abilene, Devin Blanton exhibited a 1st place Heavy Weight Cross barrow and Terrica Taylor had a 5th place heavy weight medium wool.

At the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa, Terrica Taylor exhibited the Grand Champion Market Lamb. At the South Plains Fair in Lubbock,

Devin Blanton exhibited a 6th place barrow. In the steer division Kaylee, Shelby, Gary and Hayden Farquhar exhibited a 7th exotic, 6th American, 3rd American and 9th American respectively. Terrica Taylor exhibited 2nd, 2nd and 4th place medium wool lambs.

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floats with exes and retired PHS staff, current faculty, and the All-School Reunion Band, for example.

Other ideas: include PHS and Southland athletic teams, cheerleaders, scholastic honorees and representatives from other programs.

For more information, contact Jimmie or Delores Redman at 495-2141.

Menus

Post ISD

October 30
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Fajitas-on-ice, broccoli & cheese, bread stick, peaches, milk

October 31
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Burrito, salad, fruit cocktail, snicker bar, milk

November 1
Breakfast: Egg omelets, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

November 2
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Meat & bean chaluas, spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk.

November 3
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, baby carrots, brownie, milk

Southland ISD

November menu not available at press time.

TRAILBLAZERS

October 30: Turkey & gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat rolls, grapefruit/orange, cake

October 31: Chicken & dumplings, green peas, cauliflower /cheese, biscuit, pears, gingerbread

November menu not available at time of press.

Tower Theatre Opens Wednesday

Post's new theatre, the Tower 17 East Main, will open next Wednesday with a family picture, "Louisa," on the screen.

Modern heating and air conditioning, the new picture show will feature pushback chairs manufactured by a nationally-known firm. Projection equipment will be the very latest. The modern-type screen measures 18 by 24 feet and is in front of a stage. Carpets and draperies are red.

Modern heating and air conditioning units have been installed. A crying room, for fretting babies, contains nine seats. The management points out that this is not a smoking room but is definitely for fretting children. They are asking the cooperation of the public.

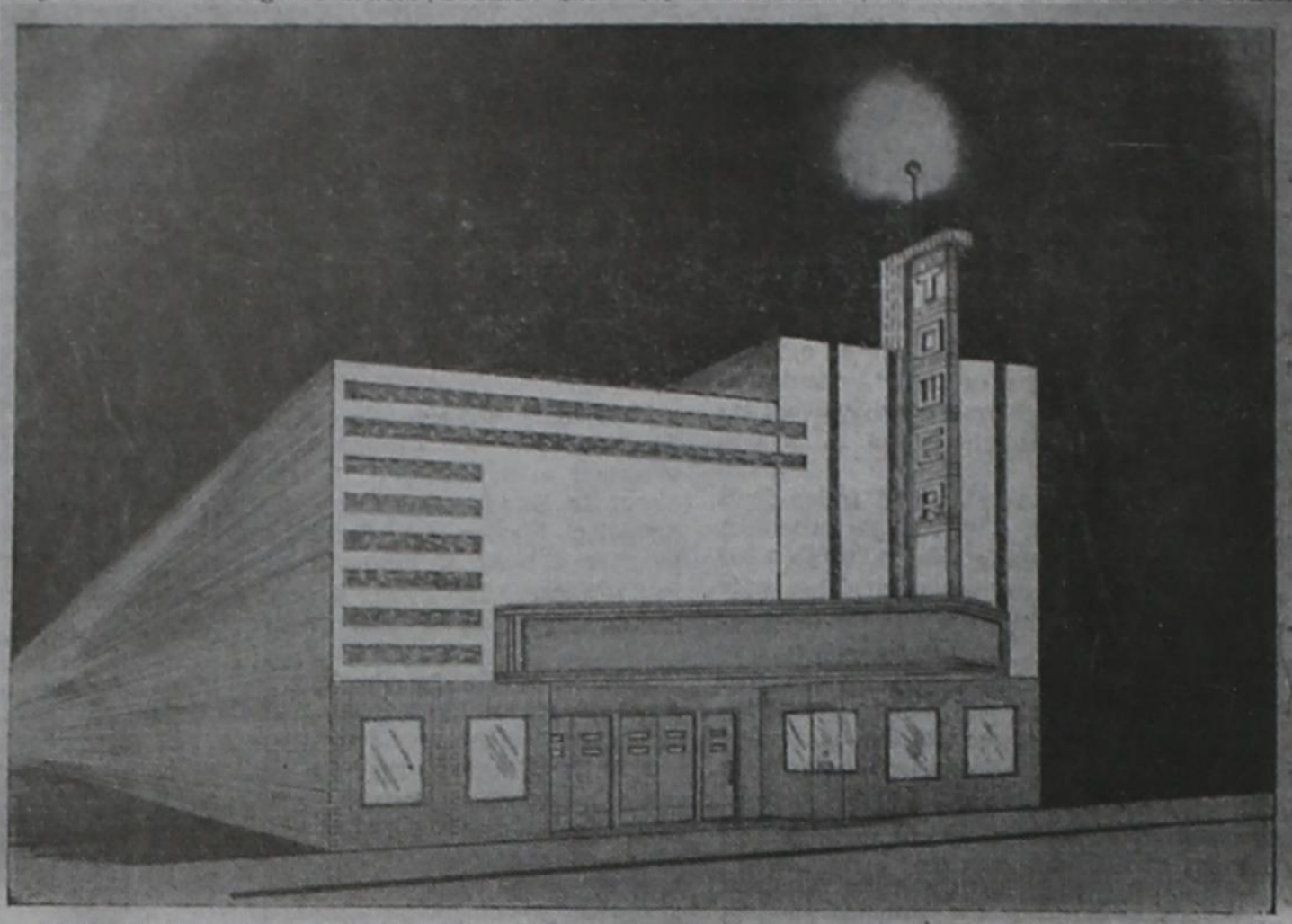
The balcony will contain about 80 seats and be for the use of Negroes and Latin-Americans. A concession counter in the foyer will serve popcorn and orange drinks.

"The finest and latest obtainable pictures will be shown," John Hopkins, local manager, said. "We are opening with 'Louisa,' a family type picture, directed by the same man who directed 'Francis' and 'The Egg and I.' Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 12 cents for children.

Student cards will be issued immediately to all school students. They will not be able to get student admissions without

presenting the cards. The Garza will be closed four days a week. The regular double

feature program will be on on Friday and Saturday and a Spanish show for Latin-American will be shown each Sunday, beginning Oct. 8. Admission at the Garza will remain 40 cents.



NEW SHOW OPENS WEDNESDAY — The new Tower theatre, one of the most modern in West Texas, opens here Wednesday night. It is of brick and tile construction, owned by Theatre

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ACROSS
1 TXism: "from ... to tomb" (lifetime)
5 Morton h.s. class
6 TXism: "mamma" (waitress)
7 TXism: "of bones" (skinny)
8 TXism: "couldn't find hide ..."
17 turf
18 protein builders (2 wds.)
21 state of TX Borden's 1st milk condensing factory (abbr.)
22 TX ZZ Top
23 J. Frank Dobie's " ... " in England
24 "Mission San Antonio de ... " (Alamo)
29 "Who ... J.R.?"
30 Gen. Robert ...
31 Kerr Co. ranch
32 TX Phyllis Davis was in film "Day of ..."
34 TX critic Rex
35 TX singer of "Deck of Cards" (init.)
36 star of "The Unknown Ranger"
37 eagle
38 TXism: "old ... " (senile person)
39 TXism: "short as ... " memory
41 Nicolas Cage character in "Moonstruck"
42 TXism: "never ... anything in the glow of a neon light"
43 TXism: "a day and a dollar short"
44 Cooper is seat of this county
45 TXism: "he couldn't ... through a barbed wire fence"
46 expression of disgust
47 Japanese auto parts manufacturer
48 TXism: "useless as ... on a sow"
50 Cowboy DT Danny (87-92)
51 " ... out" (mind your own business)
52 Cowboy T-O has a big one
53 " ... Rim State Park"
DOWN
1 Denton's TWU is primarily this (2 wds.)
2 TXism: "worthless as ..."
3 seat of Menard Co.
4 TCU QB great, Sammy
9 SMU grad & TV producer Spelling
10 "tag, ... " Grande
12 Richard Crenna was TX Perot in "Wings of Eagles"
13 gave birth to a horse
14 intensely disliked
15 forerunner of 7-11's Slurpee
16 early TX western actor Tom
19 TX A.J. Foyt won here in '72
20 arrogant
22 Dallas-based "The Line"
24 TX ... Hamlin created "Alley Oop"
25 founder of the TX Belo Co. (init.)
26 TXn born between July 23 & Aug. 22
27 Fort Worth investor
28 TX Meat Loaf film
29 TXism: "beer ... " (bar)
30 long Gulf fishes
33 Parcell's strategy "game ... "
34 ... of return
35 Lone Ranger's pal
37 these are available at 5-star TX hotels
38 Texans AFC foe from Indianapolis
40 Minnesota city
41 rule
44 this Robert was "Mr. Chips" with TX Greer Garson
47 TXism: "he's ... rattler" (evil)
49 Jean Lafitte's Galveston house: "Maison ... "

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Tantalizing Tarantulas

Tarantulas are big, hairy, deadly spiders. True or False?

Well, the big and hairy parts are true but the deadly part, not so much. Tarantulas are peaceful creatures. If provoked they may bite, but it will hurt no more than a bee sting. The spider's bite can kill an insect instantly, but would take 3 days to kill a small bird or lizard. Humans are just too big. So, where did this "deadly" myth start? Read on.

Chelicerae or jaws, end with sharp fangs where the poison, or venom, is stored.

Abdomen can split open if the spider is dropped.

Prosoma, where 8 walking legs are attached.

The unfair reputation of the "terrible tarantula" started in the Italian city of Taranto. During the Middle Ages, a bite from the large wolf spider was thought to cause sadness. It was believed that to prevent melancholy the victim would do a wild dance called "tarantella". Another story reports around 1300, dancing was forbidden in parts of Italy. If someone were caught "cutting a rug" they would claim they had been bitten by a spider and were just trying to sweat out the poisonous venom.

When Italian immigrants came to America and saw a similar large hairy spider they began to call it a tarantula after the Italian city and dance.

Spinneret for spinning silk thread (web) used to line the burrow.

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Pedipalps are used to dig burrows and grab prey.

Tarantulas can fire off tiny barbed stinging hairs that cause irritation to a predator.

Tarantulas are found in the Southwest USA, South & Central Americas.

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If you are a tarantula you do not want to meet up with the large hawk wasp. It is eat or be eaten. The hawk wasp will sting the tarantula, permanently paralyzing the victim. Then the wasp will lay eggs on top of the powerless spider. The baby wasps will eventually eat the live fresh meat. Yuck!

The Mexican red knee tarantula has become such a popular pet; the numbers in the wild are beginning to dwindle.

ACROSS
3 Big, hairy spider
5 Knee color of popular spider
6 Number killed by tarantula
7 Country where myth began

Tarantula Number Knowledge

Number of people killed by tarantulas	0
Number of legs	8
Life span, in years, for a female	25
Number of eyes	8
Number of eggs laid	100-1000
Weight in ounces of Goliath Tar.	4
Size across, in inches, of Goliath Tar.	10
Milligrams of venom in a tarantula bite	1.5
Milligrams needed to kill a human	12
Number of species of tarantulas	700
Number of species found in Texas	14

DOWN
1 Used in web making
2 Tarantella
4 Another name for poison.
5
6
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Post Lady Lope head coach Jerry White introduces the 2006-07 Middle School, JV and Varsity Lady Lopes during Monday night's "Meet the Lady Lopes" at Antelope Arena. The event was concluded by a short workout in which the JV and Varsity teams demonstrated various practice drills. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post fans traveled to Lubbock's Lowery Field last Saturday to cheer on the Pride of Post Marching Band. Under the direction of Aaron Rathbun and Bernie Tackett, the band participated in the annual UIL Marching Band contest. Official results were not available from the Region 16 website as press time, but it was reported that the Antelope band was one of many who were given a Division 2 rating, with only three bands scoring a class 1 rating in the whole contest. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



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Tower Theater

(Continued from Page 1)

Texas, to that list of locations. Simmonds and Cardel plan to bring a wide variety of entertainment to the Tower Theater.

"What happens in Vegas is coming to Post," Simmonds said.

Live performers will be brought in for the shows, most of which will end with an invitation for audience members to come up to the 31' x 32' dance floor that spills from the stage.

"When the show finishes and the curtain comes down, that's not the end of the night," Simmonds said.

Aside from the post-show dancing, shows also will feature The Tower Girls

— initially a troupe of four to six dancers to be included in each week's shows. Plans call for the troupe to expand to include as many as a dozen Tower Girls.

Shows of all varieties will be offered, and sometimes theme shows — a Hawaiian luau motif, for example — will be organized. Eventually the Tower owners hope to be able to book "headliners."

"That's what's so great about this theater," Simmonds said. "There are so many areas and opportunities to do different things."

One constant the Tower will conform to, the couple agreed, is that their shows will be family-oriented and of the highest standard.

"We want to survive on talent, not shock factor," Cardel said. "We want it to be a classy place where people come to dance and see a show."

Shows will be offered four nights a week, Wednesdays through Saturdays; Sunday matinee performances also are planned. Each act will remain at the Tower for only a week or two, Cardel said, to keep performances fresh and maintain variety.

While the primary focus is to bring in live entertainers — renowned Elvis impersonator and Texas native Donny Edwards is scheduled to mark the remodeled theater's debut with a Nov. 22 "legend show" — the couple is toying with other ideas they hope will attract local residents and visitors from throughout the South Plains.

Some of the ideas being explored include dance classes; screenings of movies — blockbusters, classics and perhaps even Saturday morning movies for children; and making the space available for private parties and events.

But before the Tower opens its doors to patrons next month, the facility, which was built in 1949, is undergoing a major facelift.

Simmonds and Cardel and their 6-year-old daughter, Lana, drove in from Las Vegas Friday, their newly purchased motor home stuffed to capacity with equipment, costumes dripping with sequins and feathers, and anything else they thought they might need and could fit into the vehicle. It was a three-day trip that Cardel labeled "a vacation of sorts."

The vacation was over once they pulled up to the Tower.

Since their arrival, the couple has been hard at work, hiring help, making purchases and drawing up plans for the renovation.

They've arranged for a crew to come down from Lubbock to install lighting and sound equipment, requiring the addition of new trusses to the ceiling. Workers have been stripping out old flooring and carpeting and work on handicapped-accessible facilities already is under way.

Still, there's a lot of work to be done.

Simmonds said the walls in the upstairs projection room and split balcony areas, which in the theater's early days served as seating to racially segregated theatergoers, will be restructured to accommodate a members lounge. In the main theater area, plans call for the installation of new aisle carpet that will complement the merlot-colored fabric-covered walls designed to boost the interior acoustics. The theater's original "crying room," the area where mothers went to quiet fussy infants during Tower movie screenings, will be converted to a sound booth.

The stage will be expanded to include "wings" on each side, and Simmonds said she would return to Las Vegas this week to shop around for tasseled draperies to replace the worn fabric that presently frames the stage.

"We want to create an image," Cardel said.

Although plans for the theater's snack bar area have not yet been finalized, Cardel said they are leaning toward converting the area into a bistro-type atmosphere where flavored coffees and cheesecakes are served.

Luckily for the new owners, many updates on the aging Tower Theater

were completed in the early 1990s when the late A.C. Cash obtained the property from the City of Post. Rex Cash said his father probably spent more than \$100,000 to upgrade the facility, which in those days had a leaking roof and "almost a foot of dust inside" after sitting empty for a couple of decades.

A.C. Cash took on the Tower with the idea of teaming up with a pair of Lubbock friends — Don Caldwell and the late Cecil Caldwell — in opening the theater to live variety shows. After several facility upgrades, including the creation of a huge West Texas-flavored Bob Chenault mural at the back of the stage and the addition of newly purchased theater seats shipped in from California, the Tower opened.

The stage of the new and improved Tower featured artists from Post, Level-land, Lubbock and other South Plains communities. The theater also played host to a sampling of Don Caldwell's shows brought from the newly opened Cactus Theater in Lubbock.

"Dad had a big passion for music," Rex Cash said.

But A.C. Cash's passion waned following the death of his friend in 1995, promoter Cecil Caldwell. Eventually A.C. Cash turned the property back over to the city.

The theater remained in the city's control until a few years ago when Schahara Hudelson purchased the property. She organized several country and western shows in the facility, but in recent years the property has remained closed up and unused.

Rex Cash said he has met the Tower's new owners and is excited about their plans.

"It's a neat place, and I'm glad to have somebody finally interested in doing something with it," he said. "They have the vision. It's gonna be something nobody else is offering. There is nothing else of this caliber in this area. They have the resources and the talent to make it happen. Hopefully it'll all come true."

In the meantime, work continues at the Tower. With warm temperatures outside and work going on inside, the front doors to the East Main Street theater frequently stand open, allowing curious onlookers to peek inside to see the changes taking place in the downtown landmark.

Simmonds said it's not at all unusual for local residents to wander in, not only to catch a glimpse of the metamorphosis, but also to lend support and encouragement. Neither she nor her husband could say enough about the kindness they've been shown since arriving in Post and the genuine welcome they've received.

"It's been amazing," Cardel said. "People are so nice. They come in here and tell us stories about things they remember here.... And there's not been a single negative. It's all been a good experience."

"I'm amazed at how progressive this town is," Simmonds said.

Even with the proposed changes, the new owners are committed to remembering the Tower's history in Post, which began with the theater's original opening to a capacity crowd on Sept. 22, 1950, according to information found in back issues of The Post Dispatch.

One way the couple plans to commemorate that history is through the addition of a plaque bearing A.C. Cash's name. At the request of his son, the plaque will be placed in the upstairs members lounge area.

One of A.C. Cash's improvements, the Chenault mural, also will remain intact, although the new owners plan to cover the painting during most of the theater's shows. The blue theater seats brought in during the 1990s are still in good shape, so they, too, will remain, keeping the facility's capacity at about 400.

One of the most visible restorations will be that of the exterior neon lighting, which will enable the Tower to once again light up the city's main intersection.

With the first show booked for the week of Thanksgiving, Simmonds and Cardel have less than five weeks to complete their ambitious list of renovations.



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