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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
March 9
9 a.m.
Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

Post ISD School Board Meeting
March 10
7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K
NOTE: Video of last month's meeting at post.k12.tx.us - click on "Board of Trustees"

City of Post City Council Meeting
March 10
6 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS
Event info available at press time.

"Love Letters" Garza Theatre
February 27 & 28; March 6 & 7
8 p.m.
495-4005 for reservations

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater
February 27, March 6 & 13
7:30 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

JV/V Softball @ Muleshoe
February 27
4:30 pm

Post Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
February 28
6:30 p.m.
Post Community Center
113 W. Main
Call 495-3461 for reservations

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater
February 28, March 7 & 14
3 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Norm Cash Clash
February 28
Championship game 12:30 pm

"Judas the Lost Apostle" Ragtown Gospel Theater
March 1
3:00 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Varsity Baseball @ Plains
March 3
7 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest Entrance
Room 18
March 3

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The Post Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Garza County Law Enforcement Facility. From left: Greg Williams, Central Bail Bonds; Chamber Board Members Marie Neff, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Thressa Harp; State Rep. Joe Heflin; Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws; Garza County Judge Lee Norman; and Harry Record, Chamber of Commerce Public Relations. Over 100 Garza County residents and guests visited the facility during the special event

Photo by Rosa Latimer

Outstanding Citizens To Be Honored At Chamber Banquet

Conservation Rancher of the Year; Garza County Volunteer Fireman and Rookie of the Year and an inductee to the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame will be recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday night. In addition, Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year will be honored.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce members have also nominated individuals to receive special recognition for leadership in: Government/Education; Business/Economic Development; Agriculture/Ranching and Community Service/Leadership.

The banquet, a long-time Post tradition, will begin at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night at the Post Community Center. All Post and Garza County residents and guests are invited to participate in a fun evening that celebrates businesses and individuals that inspire, lead and support the community. Tickets for the banquet are \$20/person and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office: 495-3461.

The banquet is sponsored this year by Chamber Platinum members Suddenlink West Texas and the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Funding for the awards was provided by Platinum member Xcel Energy. The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will decorate for the event and music will be provided by Aaron Rathbun and Jan Olson. The meal will be catered by Chamber member PJ's Deli

Local Election Update

City, School & Health Care District Election - May 9, 2009
Post Community Center

Filing deadline: March 9

Early voting - April 27 through May 5

PISD School Board three at-large positions
Candidates filed: Incumbents Mike Holly and Alexa Collier; Fred Postell
Filing deadline: March 9

City Council Wards 1, 2 & Mayor
Candidates filed: Incumbent Dick Odom, Ward 2

Health Care District
Precinct 3 & 4 representatives

Top Picks Honored At 22nd Annual Willy Awards

The Garza Theatre in Post held its Willy Awards Gala recently at the theater. The event and the statuette given for outstanding achievement at the Garza last season are named for the theater's founder, Will McCrary.

Winner of best play for 2008 was "The Crucible" directed by Topher Payne. The show also won several other awards including Best Actor, Ric Powers and Best Actress, Christie Bradshaw Kirby.

Awarded best Musical for 2008 was "On The Air," directed by Mitchell Britton. John Davis won "Outstanding Performer in a Musical" for his role in this season favorite as well as the Willy Award for Outstanding Adult Newcomer.

Winner of Best Youth Actress

in a Play went to Tye Basques of Post for her portrayal of "Alice" in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Best Youth Actor in a play went to Ian



Boone of Lubbock for his role as "Ponyboy Curtis" in the Garza Theatre's youth production of "The Outsiders," directed by Lori Holt. Boone also won the Outstanding Youth Newcomer award.

Other winners in the youth category were Wyatt Meyer, Best Youth Cameo Actor, "The Outsiders;" Callie Beckham, Best Youth Cameo Actress; Dereck Longoria, Best Youth Supporting Actor, "The Outsiders;" and Savannah Baker, Best Youth Supporting Actress, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Other adult winners were Jay Young, Best Adult Cameo Actor, "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It;" Ira Kelley, Best Adult Cameo Actress, "The Crucible;" Mitchell Britton, Best Adult Supporting Actor, "The Crucible;" Blair Wilson, Best Adult Supporting Actress, "Dearly Beloved;" Daniel Hogan, Best Adult Actor (non singing role) in a Musical, "The Gift of the Magi;" Jacqui Neal,

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Cast members of "The Crucible," chosen best play for 2008 at Garza Theatre's annual Willy Awards, are (from left) Zoe Kirkpatrick, Post; Bethany Ratliff, Lubbock; Zach Kocurck, Post; Christie Bradshaw Kirby, Lubbock; Mitchell Britton, Lubbock and Jay Young, Post. Kirby won Best Actress for her role in the winning play which was directed by Topher Payne.

Courtesy Photo

Post Notes

Shattered Dreams Event Volunteers Needed

The Shattered Dreams event, a comprehensive underage drinking and impaired driving prevention program, scheduled in our community March 10 and 11 still needs additional volunteers. Monetary donations to help fund the event are also needed. Contact Brent Meyer, Garza County Sheriff's Office: 990-9964

"Eating Healthy"

Eating Healthy: What & Why? February Lunch & Learn presented by Ann Mesaros on Friday February 27, 2009 at 11am at Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. Come and learn simple ways to improve your health.

PHS Class of '89 Reunion

The PHS Class of '89 is getting ready to hold their 20 year reunion and are looking for the following people; Jesse Espita, Johnnair Perez, Paula Robertson, Carol Salinas. If you know how to contact any of these people please call Traci at 632-3611.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The annual Chamber banquet, open to all Post and Garza County residents and businesses, will be February 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. A catered meal will be served and reservations are required. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call the Chamber office for more information and to make your reservations: 495-3461.

My Special Place accepting new enrollments

My Special Place is now accepting enrollment applications for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We are open Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please call (806) 495-3446.

Stitchin' Club

The Stitchin' Club meets every Thursday, 6 p.m. at the Heritage House, 109 N. Ave N. The group is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association and anyone interested in needlework is invited to come. Call 806-495-4148.

Garza County Senior Van

The County van is available to take seniors to and from Trailblazers for lunch Monday, Wednesday & Friday free of charge. The van is also available by appointments on Tuesday and every other Thursday to take seniors to and from Lubbock for Dr. appointments. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Melinda Quintana at 806-495-4425.

Pictures for Daniell Family

If you have any pictures of Gary & Heather Daniell or any of their family, please email them to Angie Meyer at awalden@nts-online.net or mail pictures to Angie at 715 W. 14th St., Post, TX 79356. The Daniell family, formerly of Post, recently lost all of their belongings in a house fire in Cleburne. Heather also made lots of fleece blankets for friends in Post. If you have one of her blankets, she would love to have a picture of that also. Please call Angie at 790-1141 if you need more information.

GED classes being offered at high school

GED classes are currently available for the public. Classes are free and are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Post High School. Please enter high school building through the southwest entrance. Class meets in room 18. For more information, call (806) 495-2770. Leave your name and phone number and the instructor will contact you.

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ROPING IN KNOWLEDGE



South Plains Community Action Association Head Start and Early Head Start held a bit-sized rodeo last week in Post. Seventeen 3- and 4-year-old students were dressed as cowboys and cowgirls and participated in stick horse racing, roping and met real goats and a calf.

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Best Adult Actress (non singing role) in a Musical, "On The Air;" Ian Klotzman, Best Adult Lead/Supporting Actor in a Musical, "Christmas Classics" and Rose Fruge, Best Adult Lead/Supporting Actress in a Musical, "On The Air."

Awards were also given for Best Set Design: Michael Vorauer, "Last Tango in Pango Pango, and Best Costuming: Karen Dolter

for her work on "The Crucible." Zach Kocurek won the Youth Achievement Award and Darla Beckham won Outstanding Production Crew member. The "Show Must Go On" award went to Shawn Kelley.

Presenters of the awards were members of the Garza Theatre Board of Directors: Mitchell Britton, Christy Morris, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Karen Dolter and Jay Young. A complete

list of winners can be found on the theatre's website at www.garzatheatre.com.

The theatre will kick off its 2009 season this weekend with "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney. Christy Morris directs the show starring Jacqui Neal and Jon Steele.

The season also includes "Moon Over Buffalo;" "The Seafarer;" two children's one-act plays: "Bed Bugs" and "Wooing Wed Widing Hood" both directed by board member Laura Bryan; the Annual Harley Sadler show scheduled for July; "The Woman in Black" directed by Tech professor Bill Gelber; "The Women of Lockerbee;" and "Christmas Belles". The season will close with the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol" directed by Jay Young.

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Food Drive

Holy Cross Catholic Church will sponsor a food drive for the food pantry, March 1-15. Any church or organization that would like to help feed the hungry of Post, please call Reyes Pequeno, 778-2628.

My Special Place benefit raffle tickets

My Special Place will be holding a benefit raffle for a Syaah Over/Under 12-Gauge Shotgun on March 23, 2009. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 6 for \$10.00 and can be picked up at 111 N Ave H. Call 495-3446 for more information.

Post Book Club Changes Meeting Date/Location

In March the Post Book Club will begin meeting the third Tuesday of each month at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. The book selection is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Annie Fiery Barrows and Mary Ann Fiery Shaffer. Set in London, 1946: "writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of Guernsey during the German occupation, and about a society as extraordinary as its name." For more information, call the Heritage House, 495-4148 or Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665.

Holy Cross Catholic church fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry every Friday during lent from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$7 a plate and the plate includes fish, beans, potato salad, slaw, drink.

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2009 Boy's and Girl's Golf Schedule

Date	Location	Team	Tee-Off	Departure
2/24/09	Denver City	Girls	9:00 am	6:30 am
2/25/09	Denver City	Boys	9:00 am	6:30 am
3/4/09	Idalou	Boys	9:00 am	7:15 am
3/5/09	Idalou	Girls	9:00 am	7:15 am
3/9/09	Tahoka	Boys	9:00 am	7:15 am
3/11/09	Tahoka	Girls	9:00 am	7:15 am

March 16 - 20 SPRING BREAK! NO TOURNAMENTS!

3/24/09	Motley Co.	Girls	9:00 am	6:15 am
3/25/09	Motley Co.	Boys	9:00 am	6:15 am
3/31/09	*Abernathy	Girls	TBA	TBA
4/2/09	*Abernathy	Boys	TBA	TBA
4/6/09	*Idalou	Boys	TBA	TBA
4/8/09	*Idalou	Girls	TBA	TBA
4/13/09	*Denver City	Boys & Girls	TBA	TBA
4/20-22/09	Regional/Abilene	Boys & Girls	TBA	TBA
5/11-12/09	State/Austin	Boys & Girls	TBA	TBA

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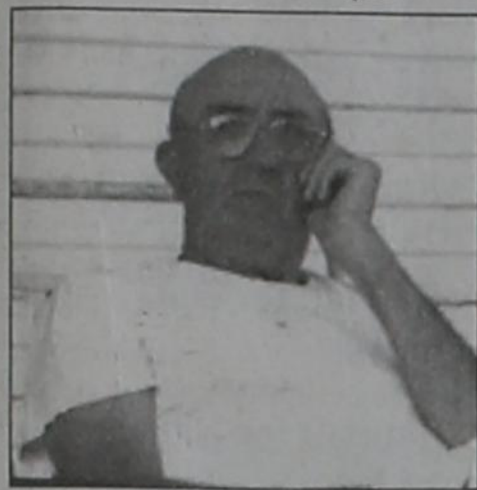
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Obituaries

James (Jack) Holleman



Lubbock. He was born March 20, 1936 in Lakeview to William and Ila Mae Holleman. He lived in Post for 18 years where he worked for Cal Maine before retiring to Abernathy. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William Wayne Holleman.

Survivors include a son: Jackie Allen and wife Stephanie of Abernathy; a daughter: Debra and husband Don Barcheers of Abernathy; a sister: Vella Mae Brewer of Albuquerque, NM and 3 grandchildren: Megan Holleman of Humble and Ashley and Josh Cochran of Abernathy. Pallbearers were Josh Cochran, Wayne Ray, Jerry Judkins, Sid Wisdom, Donnie Beard and Billy Beard.

Graveside services for James (Jack) Holleman, 72, of Abernathy, were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the Strip Cemetery east of Abernathy with Rev. Joel Perez officiating. Burial in Strip Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

He died Saturday, Feb. 21 in

New Radio System Discussed By Commissioners

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Garza County Commissioner's Court met in a regular meeting February 23. The first order of business was discussion regarding a new radio communication system. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell introduced David Porter and Tommy Murillo of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) who addressed questions concerning the installation of a new digital radio system for the county.

The radio system upgrade is an 88-county project of Homeland Security and a grant secured by SPAG will cover 75% of the cost. Installation vendors were discussed including South Plains Communications and local vendor Caprock Communications. The SPAG representatives explained that the contract for radio equipment covered by these grant funds is directly with the radio manufacturer. Factory warranty and a vendor's representation

of the radio manufacturer were key elements in determining how installation work would be handled.

The court discussed a contract for county law enforcement. Attorney Munk has been working with Sheriff Cliff Laws regarding the proposed contract. Judge Norman proposed that the county address this issue with the Post City Council at the council's next meeting on March 10, 2009.

County Clerk Jim Plummer presented information regarding the choice of a vendor for the 2008-2009 imaging project. The project includes digitally scanning, reversing and enhancing those records that are in the photostat format (black background with white lettering). The expected expense for this fiscal year is \$10,000 and is in the adopted budget. The funds come from the archival fees collected when documents are filed with the county clerk. Three vendors submitted proposals ranging from \$19,000 to \$45,000 for the processing of approximately 55,000 pages of documents. The

expense of the project will cross into the next fiscal year budget. HOV Services were approved as vendor for this project with a proposal of \$22,000 pending review and approval of the contract by Attorney Munk. The court also asked Clerk Plummer to attempt to renegotiate for a lower fee.

The commissioners reconsidered the filing process of the petition and order for authority to use a portion of public roads in Garza County. The court approved the policy of considering a petition submission fee on a case by case basis. After court approval the petitioner will file, at the petitioner's expense, an easement approved by the County Attorney in the county clerk's deed records.

Clerk Plummer explained that he has initiated an administrative advantage for the members of his office staff and has set guidelines for handling the closing of his office during bad weather, emergencies and funerals. During discussion, Judge Norman expressed that

he didn't feel the clerk's office policy needed to be of record as it had been previously determined that such matters were at the discretion of each department head within the parameters of the established county employee policy. Commissioner Brannon expressed his appreciation to Clerk Plummer for presenting the information to the court.

The court discussed renovation plans for the old sheriff's office/county jail building. Judge Norman explained that plans for the project are progressing. He and Commissioner McDaniel have met with an air conditioning vendor.

In other business, minutes from the Feb. 9, 2009 regular meeting and the Feb. 19, 2009 special meeting were approved as amended. Department reports were accepted by the court as presented and precinct and countywide accounts payable for Feb. 10 through Feb. 23 were approved. The court also approved one line item transfer and one budget amendment.

Southland News

Congratulations to our FFA kids. Each of them did very well at the San Angelo Stock show this past weekend. We still have several to show Goats and Lambs, but some results to post so far:
Callie Odom- Won her class and came in third overall in her Spot Breed.

Devin Blanton- Won overall Reserve Grand Champion during the Texas Gilt Breeders Association Show Saturday afternoon with his Yorkshire.

These results are unofficial. As soon as I have the official results we will post those.

Events for This Week:
There will continue to be students out at the San Angelo Stock Show, through this week.

Events for Next Week:
TAKS- Reading/ELA for Grades 3-11-
FCCLA in San Angelo Thursday and Friday- Patrick Martinez
FFA Judging teams will compete at Sul Ross on Wednesday and Thursday as well

REMEMBER STAFF, STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT SOUTHLAND ISD ARE THE GREATEST!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year." - John Foster Dulles

Births



Abigail Mylene Rodriguez would like to announce the birth of her baby brother, Aiden Enrique Rodriguez. Aiden was born Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 at Lakewide in Lubbock. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz and was 19 in. long. Proud mom and dad are Mirna and Steve Rodriguez. Maternal grandparents are Gustavo and Irma Gomez of Post. Paternal grandparents are Teofilio of Post and the late Sally Rodriguez.

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Public Library Hosts Reading Fair

Three area authors will share their latest books with children at the Post Public Library, 105 E. Main, Saturday March 7, 2 - 4 p.m. Using the theme, "Reading Rocks in Post," the event promotes reading for fun. Elementary children accompanied by a parent or guardian are invited to enjoy the reading of some of the latest children's books written by local authors: Peg Davis reading *Napoleon and Marigold*; Michael

Davis reading *Bumperly Bumper Bee*; and D. Weldon Brantley reading *Ghost of White Hall Hill*. Each family will choose a free book after the readings to take home.

Proceeds to purchase the books to give to reading fair participants are provided by a grant from the Post Rotary Club and Rotary International. For more information, call 495-2149.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Garza County for coming out to the Ribbon Ceremony and Open House for The Garza County Law Enforcement Center February 19. We had a tremendous turnout, showing support for the new facility.

It is very important for the success of any law enforcement agency to have the support of the community. It is the goal of the Garza County Sheriff's Department to provide the citizens of this county with a safe and secure community by enforcing the laws of the State of Texas and through community involvement. Also, to continue to build and strengthen relations with other local, state, and federal governmental agencies across the South Plains to bring our citizens a safe and secure community.



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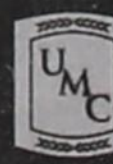
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This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

It is easy to enjoy an entertaining evening of theater when you live in Post! The 23rd season has begun at the Garza Theatre and we're fortunate to have two true stage professionals in the year's first play. Two veteran Lubbock radio personalities, Jon Steel and Jacqui Neal are starring in the play, Love Letters. You have this weekend and next to catch this show.

In case you don't recognize the name you'll certainly remember Jacqui Neal's performance in On The Air at the Garza last year. The actress won a Willy Award for Best Adult Actress (non singing role) in a Musical for her hilarious performance as the sound effects technician in a 1940s radio station. Jacqui has also performed at the Garza in Miracle on 34th St. and The Anastasia Files. She is very entertaining on stage and brings positive energy to the Garza regardless of the role.

Jacqui's co-star is Jon Steele who returns to the Garza stage after many years. Actually, Jon is part of our community theater's history. He began on stage here under Will McCrary, founder of the Garza Theatre. Once Jon speaks you'll recognize the voice that filled the radio air waves in Lubbock for over 25 years. He retired from broadcasting in 2005 and it is good that Jon has found his way back to our stage.

Love Letters is a unique production with only two actors in the cast. When I visited with the director of the play, our own Christy Morris, she remarked that she was very fortunate to have two radio professionals in this play. Christy explained that the challenge for the two actors is to tell the story with no props or exchange with other actors. These two certainly have the talent to deliver strong performances. Christy also noted that even though Jon and Jacqui have been in radio in Lubbock for many years, this production is

the first time they have worked together.

Jon appears in the role of Andrew Ladd and Jacqui is his childhood friend, Melissa Gardner. The couple maintains a lifelong correspondence that begins with birthday party thank you notes and summer camp postcards. Their story is told as they continue to exchange letters through boarding school and college. While experiencing marriages, children, divorce, and career changes the couple's attachment to each other remains strong and they continue to keep in touch. Their correspondence makes it very clear how much the couple means to each other over the years.

You can enjoy performances of Love Letters Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. (Feb. 27 & 28, March 6 & 7) or Sunday March 8 at 2:30 p.m. Call 495-4005 for reservations and ticket information.

That's it for this week in Post City!

White River Weekly Report Feb. 27, 2009

Gauge Reading	2351.60	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'10"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	.73"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	.73"	Rainfall for 2008	33.16"

White River Lake has 2,806,554,663 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,613 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 2,787,003,604 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White river customers.

The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Remember that the water district is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

-Mickey Rogers-GM White River

A Texas-Sized Mardi Gras Celebration

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

History tells us that Mardi Gras roots may have begun in ancient Rome as a mid-February festival known as Lupercalia. The celebration was in honor of the god Lupercus, the god of fertility, agriculture and pastoral shepherds, and had Mardi Gras-like observances, including days of feasting. The celebration eventually spread across Europe, and it was the French who brought Mardi Gras to New Orleans in the late 1600s, which was firmly rooted in the city's culture by the mid 1820s.

Mardi Gras, a French expression that literally means Fat Tuesday, arose from the custom of parading a fat ox through the streets on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Now it is a days-long celebration of indulgence prior to Ash Wednesday, most famously celebrated in New Orleans.

Many countries and cities have their own special traditions prior to Lent. For almost 150 years, we have been celebrating our own Texas-sized Mardi Gras celebration, the largest celebration of its kind in Texas. This year, Mardi Gras! Galveston commemorates its 98th event since its inception in 1867.

The first Mardi Gras!

Galveston was a prestigious and colorful affair in that it included a masked ball and a theatrical reenactment of Shakespeare's King Henry IV. One bystander described an 1867 parade by saying it suddenly sprang out from the bowels of the earth with torch lights, cars and horses. However, it was not until 1871 that the event was celebrated in a massive fashion. A year later, newspaper reports declared that the following year's grand Mardi Gras "promised to eclipse anything ever attempted on Texas soil."

Over the years, the parade carriages grew in splendor, and were soon replaced by automobiles. The glittering balls became more ostentatious. Soon Mardi Gras! Galveston became a grand attraction, with each year becoming more extravagant than the last.

To the dismay of many, the longtime tradition came to a close in 1941 during World War II. For more than 40 years, Galvestonians celebrated Mardi Gras unofficially on their own, with individuals or organizations hosting private parties. In 1985, the citywide merriment was revived by Galveston residents George and Cynthia Mitchell, and the tradition is still going strong 24 years after the revival.

An annual event hosted by the City of Galveston, this year's celebration included 12 days of entertainment, beginning February 13th and continuing all the way up to Fat Tuesday on February 24th. During this period, Galveston Island came alive with more than 50 galas and events and 11 extravagant parades.

Each year, revelers can be seen donning elaborate masks and

costumes. Live entertainment, featuring everything from Cajun and salsa to jazz and rock and roll, can be heard late into the night, and the festivities are not complete without mention of Galveston's renowned Gulf Coast cuisine. There is even a Mardi Gras Museum located in the Historic Strand District of Galveston Island.

In 2008, a bystander described one parade as lighting up the night with massive floats, costumed revelers throwing beads and trinkets, led by marching bands and masked men on horses. More than 250,000 people attend Mardi Gras! Galveston each year, which provides a significant boost to the island's economy. This year's festivities, however, may prove to be more important than ever before.

Galveston is still struggling to recover from the onslaught of devastation brought by Hurricane Ike in September, evident by the fact that some shops in the Historic

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Russell Graves Outdoors Staying in Touch

By Russell A. Graves

I have two kids and a couple of weeks ago, the youngest who is four, spent the weekend in the hospital due to an upper respiratory issue. On the outside, he looked and seemed fine but inside (according to the caring staff at the Childress Regional Medical Center) was another story and his hospitalization was a necessity.

So for an entire weekend, my wife, a cadre of nurses, and I did our best to entertain the little guy. We had wheelchair races, watched cartoons, and played with the buttons on the hospital bed way more than we should have. For the most part, he had a good time but by Sunday morning, cabin fever was creeping.

While he slept on my lap on Saturday afternoon, I thought back to the first time he and I shared time in the outdoors. I was checking on one of my photo locations and took him with me. At the time, he was about six months old and had just enough gregariousness to enjoy an outing to the country.

"He's too young..." my wife Kristy insisted.

"We'll be okay," I assured. "Besides," I postulated with certainty, "You and your friends bond with one another by talking. Men bond by doing things together and this is something WE can do together."

So off we went to kick around in the mesquite brush for an hour or so. An hour, I figured, was just enough time for him to keep the diaper in which he wore, clean.

For a while, I messed with a deer feeder while he sat in the red dirt and played with a stick and a couple of rocks. I could tell he was having a great time. He didn't know why he was having so much fun playing with innocuous objects but his intuition instructed him to enjoy the moment.

I'm no psychologist but I think his basal instincts are common - especially since he was born to a family who makes the outdoors a lifestyle. My mom and dad loves the outdoors and fostered that love in me and I have consciously passed the appreciation on to first my daughter and now my son. My advice that I mirror for them is simple - appreciate the natural world around you and the simple things that make life notable.

I get e-mails nearly on a daily basis from folks who seemed trapped by modern life and long for a time when they were younger and played in the sun all day. In fact, a recent e-mail from a gentleman in Houston revealed, succinctly, a similar sentiment I hear from people all of the time.

"...I spent most of my childhood summers and winters working farms in the blackland prairie of the Pecan Gap and Ladonia [Texas] area. I couldn't avoid making my way to the rat race, but I look back and appreciate the experience of small town Texas and spending my childhood outdoors."

I'd do good to take my own advice from time to time. I too get caught up in things that when looked back upon, don't seem nearly as urgent as they did at the time. In fact, we would all do good to heed, from time to time, the recommendation made by my little boy when I asked him what he was going to do when he got home from the hospital.

"Go outside and 'pway'..."

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

A Cruel Disease

My Dad is a mess. There is no other way to describe it.

Dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2006. Actually, he has Early Onset Alzheimer's also referred to as Familial Alzheimer's Disease.

Dad is now 66 and has no recollection of the past 50 years or more. He doesn't know anyone and every five minutes seems to be a new day.

I think the reason Dad's health declined so much, so quickly is due to the fact that he rode bulls for years. He was big into rodeo and suffered head trauma on several occasions. You can imagine what being thrown from a bull (with no helmet and no pad on the neck and shoulders) over and over will do to you.

My sister and I certainly hope that is the case. It is a daily worry for us just as it is with those of you who have family members with the disease.

Dad is a shadow of his former self. His motor skills decline monthly. He's weak and slender. He can still speak, but I imagine that too will be coming to an end.

Dad now lives in Memphis Convalescent Center. They have an Alzheimer's Unit there and I cannot describe the peace-of-mind they allow us to have.

He was a resident at Childress Healthcare Center for a few months. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's patients require unique attention and a lot of it. They usually end up in a facility geared to handle them, hence the need to move him.

For those of you who feel like you or a loved one might be at risk of developing Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease, doctors around the world recommend incorporating strategies which can delay the disease's rapid progression. It's nothing fancy - just using your mind more.

Here are some suggestions I found at all-about-alzheimers.com:

- Take up a new hobby.
- Read more and wider.
- Reminisce.
- Become part of a discussion group.
- Research things you've always wanted to know.
- Take up chess, crosswords and other thinking pastimes.
- Write about your life.
- Concentrate more on what is happening around you.
- Go on cultural outings (museums, art galleries, concerts, etc).

Beyond stimulating your brain in new ways, there are also ways to improve your memory.

They include:

- Make a conscious effort to increase your concentration while trying to absorb new information.
- Where possible try to use all your senses (sight, sound, touch, smell and taste) to form a memory.
- Keep a positive 'I can do this' attitude.
- Avoid distractions.
- Be patient. It's okay to learn things bit by bit.
- Constantly go over what you have learned in your head or in conversation till it becomes automatic.
- Find a way to connect new memories to old ones, this works well with word/visual association.

Finally, I would suggest loving those around you as much as possible. I cannot possibly fathom a day when I cannot remember my sons, but there may indeed come such a day. Trust me, I'll do all I can to keep it from being the case, but this disease is on the rise.

That being the case, I will hold my family until I can no longer lift them and I will do the necessary things to keep myself as sharp as possible. If you are worried, I suggest you do the same. The loving part is guaranteed to make your immediate life better if nothing else.

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In and Around Close City

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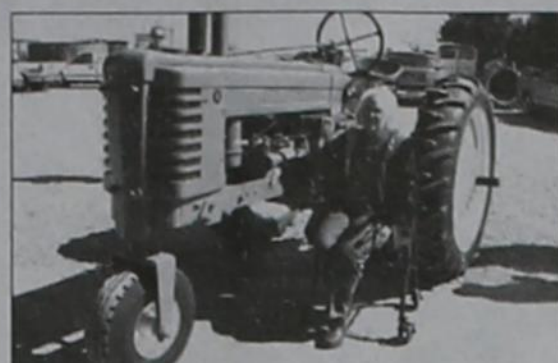
by Traci Freeman

Weather

The weather has been really warm this past week, of course we've had the wind. Makes you wonder what March is going to be like!

We had our annual fish fry that we do each year for our producers when they are finished pulling cotton and fed around 77 people. I think that was a record! We want to thank Robert Craig for providing the fish and Robbie Wilke for providing the lunch. While everyone was finishing up their lunch Robbie Wilke presented Lois Childs with

the tractor that had belonged to her dad, G.C. Custer. Mr. Custer bought the 1944 John Deere B in 1945, the year his son-in-law, WH Childs got out of the army, they began to use the tractor that year. It has now been through 5 generations. Robbie Wilke did most of the work on getting it restored with Lois' son-in-law



Lois Childs sitting in front a recently restored 1944 John Deere B tractor that belonged to her father GC Custer.

Jim being close by helping out. G.B. Wilke and Neal Clary also pitched in when needed. The family wanted to thank everyone who stopped by and checked on the progress and helped out in any way they could. Lois did not see the tractor until it was completed; the look on her face was priceless!

I've posted all the pictures on our blog if anyone would like to see them.

Ronald and Nancy Thuet are enjoying some company this week, Nancy's brother, Gene, is in town to visit with their mom, Gladys Hendrix who lives at Lynnwood in Tahoka. Gene lives in Shreveport.

Danny and Susan took their kids; Steve, Flora and Stevie to Ruidoso to help celebrate Danny's birthday. This was Flora and Stevie's first time (Continued on Page 10)

Weekly Inspirations

WALKING ON THE WATER

By: Michael F. Taylor

I had just put all my books together and was preparing to walk out the door to head to my Industrialization of America class which was taught by my favorite college professor, when the telephone rang. The caller on the other end of the line identified themselves as being from the University and told me that classes had been canceled for the evening due to the professor coming down with a sudden illness. I thanked the individual on the phone and then said a quick prayer for a speedy recovery. The next week, the telephone rang again and I was told that the professor was not doing well and that a special prayer session was being requested of all the area pastors for my beloved teacher. I immediately began calling church members after that second phone conversation and prayer began to bombard heaven for God's Intervention. It seems that out of the blue, this gentle college professor who could not make it through a lecture on the Industrialization of America without speaking about God with tears in his eyes had suddenly been diagnosed with Leukemia and the prognosis was not good. Two more weeks passed with prayer and concern and then suddenly, my telephone rang once again. I was told by the University representative that my favorite teacher was going to be in classes the following day. I will never forget the glow upon his face that night as I walked into the classroom. Moreover, I will never forget the lecture given that evening. For you see, the class that night had little to do with the Industrialization of the United States. It seems that just as suddenly as the Leukemia had come and began to do its destructive job, it miraculously disappeared to the surprise and confusion of the doctors associated with the case. But there was no confusion on a single student's face that evening as our professor gave his testimony. There is still no confusion today. I know that God is still on the throne and able to do exceedingly more than I could ever imagine.

I am reminded of another individual in the Scripture who found out that faith in Jesus Christ can produce miraculous results. Look at Matthew 14:25-36, "During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'" "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed." NIV

Probably each and every one of us is in need of God's intervention in our lives today. The key to a miracle may simply be to step out of the boat. I have always believed that Peter received a bum rap on this because so many focus on his sinking. But there were eleven other disciples in the boat that day who never even stepped out onto the water. And when Peter began to sink, he knew where to turn. How about you this week? Are you ready to walk on water? I'm not referring so much to the physical but more to the spiritual. My prayer this week is that each of us would step out on our faith and WALK ON THE WATER. God Bless.

What an exciting vision God has for each of us today. Have a great week and don't forget to fly on Eagles Wings much like the Wright Brothers did on that historic morning in 1903.

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Post Antelope JV and Varsity players take a knee following "Meet the Lopes" and a home run hitting contest Monday night.



Post Antelope JV and Varsity players are introduced during "Meet the Lopes" Monday night at Norm Cash Field. After a tournament at home this weekend, the Antelopes play at Plains Tuesday and then head to a 3-day tournament in Sweetwater.

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Fri	13-Mar	Colorado City	Colorado City	7pm
Tue	17-Mar	*Shallowater	Home	7pm
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Everyone at Garza County Trailblazers would like to Thank all the wonderful people in Post for making our Fun Day such a big success. A good time was had by all that attended. A very special Thanks to Jerry & Wanda Osborn for cooking the fish which was delicious. Also A BIG THANKS to all the musicians that entertained us all day. There are way too many individuals to try to thank each one separately so we just say a BIG POST THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!! Without all of you, our center could not be what it is today. Congratulations to all the door prize winners also.

Thanks Again,
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The family of Mary Ethridge would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, food, and visits. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and donations. A special thanks to Travis and Jane, the service and singing were great. At a time like this, it reminds us of

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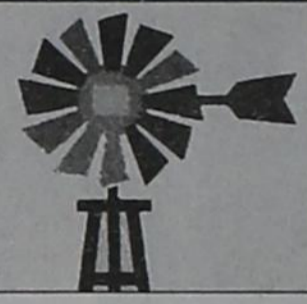
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March 3
 Breakfast - Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk
 Lunch - Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

March 4
 Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
 Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk

March 5
 Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage links, fruit, milk
 Lunch - Meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, salad, rosie applesauce, milk

March 6
 Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
 Lunch- Sandwiches, salad, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate chip cookie, milk

gravy, juice, milk
 Lunch - Spaghetti, corn, salad, French bread stick, milk, fruit cup, milk

March 4
 Breakfast - Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch- Meatloaf, potatoes, roll, green beans, cookies, milk

March 5
 Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
 Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli, strawberry/ bananas, crackers, milk

March 6
 Breakfast - French toast, fruit, juice, milk
 Lunch - Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange, milk

TRAILBLAZERS

March 2
 Chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, peas, roll, apple crisp

March 3
 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, roll, chocolate cake

March 4
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
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10 Years Ago

February 25, 1999
Citizens Bank president Jeff Wilson presented a \$1,500 check on behalf of the bank and bank chairman E. W. Williams to Garza County United Way board of director member Clay Mercer. The donation capped off the 1999 campaign. United Way board members approved distribution of \$17,000 to participating agencies.
Brownie Troop 415 enjoyed a fun day trip to Lubbock's Science Spectrum. The group's fun also included watching the Omnimax movie "Alaska" and lunch at Burger King. Attending were D'Nae Johnson, Rosa Saenz, Yesenia Gomez, Jerrica Crenshaw and Marla Crenshaw. Leaders for the trip were Marilyn Crenshaw and Tammy Bland.

The Antelopes scored a first place finish in a golf tournament held in Colorado City. Individual scores for the team were as follows: Marcus Lopez and Brooks Conner, 76 each; Jay Gorman, 82; Justin Gorman, 82; and Justin Norman, 82.

20 Years Ago

February 28, 1989
Traci Bush, Rosa Gonzales, Alison Crawford and Tylo Payne all qualified for state solo competition in Austin. Other students that did extremely well at the U.I.L. contest held at Monterey High School were Gentry Owen, Kim Wulfjen, Melinda Curry, Kristi Hodges, Gina Basquez, Matt Pennell, Trevor Thuett and Cheryl Thompson.

Taking first place in the 1600 meter relay at Frenship were Post High School varsity girls Dana Morris, Kim Wulfjen, Trudy Woods and Sara Alexander.

A packed house roared with laughter during the Garza Theatre dinner theatre performance of "Vanities" Act One at the Chaparral Steak House.

The Post Art Guild selected as its artist of the month, H. V. Greer, who gave a prismatic demonstration at the Art Guild's February 20 meeting.

30 Years Ago

March 1, 1979
Coach Lane Tannehill's Post Antelope track squad, which figures to be strong in spots and so-so in others, will open its spring season by competing in the two-division Wildcat relays at Idalou. The squad of 22 has five lettermen returning, Eddie Bass, Bryan Compton, Cliff Kirkpatrick, Dale Redman and Johnny Williams.

Sue Cowdrey and D'Lynn Byrd were among the students of Lubbock Christian College inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

The 14th Annual Garza County Junior livestock Show and Sale broke a lot of records, but the one which counted most was the all-time high total of \$61,775 which went to the youthful exhibitors.

Anne Leake of Post presented the program when 22 chapters of the Order of Eastern Star held a meeting and school session in the Yellowhouse Lodge in Lubbock.

40 Years Ago

February 27, 1969
The City Council awarded a street paving contract to Pioneer Pavers of Lubbock on its bid of \$305,670, the lowest of five bids submitted. The bid was made on the basis of 100 blocks of paving which included all the unpaved streets between Avenue S and the Santa Fe Railroad tracks.

David Pierce was elected president of the Future Teachers of America chapter for 1969-70 at a scheduled meeting.

Men from Post's Trinity Baptist Church who attended the Pastor's-Laymen's Conference at Plainview were Harold Britton, K. Morris, Bobby Gordon, Thurman Maddox and the Revs. A. T. Nixon and James Criswell.

Ninth grader Kelly Duren was the winner of the \$15 first prize in the "How Conservation

Helps Texas" essay contest sponsored by the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District. Ninth grader Johnny Wallace was awarded the \$10 second prize and sixth grader Mary Ann Norman won the \$5 third prize.

50 Years Ago

February 26, 1959
Bernie Welch, who is stationed at Camp Hood, spent the weekend in Post visiting with family and friends.

Four Post physicians, Dr. D. C. Williams, Dr. A. C. Surman, Dr. Harry A. Tubbs and Dr. John E. Carter were among those attending a one-day seminar "The Severely Injured Patient" at the Caprock Hotel in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Welborn, Sr. announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Anne, to Harold Gene McBee of Odessa.

Melanie Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson, entered in the South Plains FFA Princess Contest in Lubbock.

Post's 8th grade girls' team defeated Frenship, 24 to 22 to win the consolation trophy in the annual Lorenzo Junior High Tournament. High scorers for Post were Linda Ward, Marianne Jones and Janith Short.

60 Years Ago

March 2, 1949
Acting Postmaster Harold

Voss was informed by Senator Tom Connally by telegram that his appointment as Postmaster had been confirmed by the United States Senate. Voss had been acting Postmaster since January 1, 1947.

One hundred and sixty four people attended the banquet in City Hall honoring Post school band members.

Sue Cornell was elected to serve as president of the Junior Culture Club for a two-year term.

The 23rd annual meeting of the South Plains Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America was attended by John Lott, Sherrill Boyd and R. H. Tate. Attending the banquet following the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Lott and Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Young.

Beginning this week in 1949, the whistle at Postex Mill, by which Post residents traditionally set their clocks, changed its schedule. The whistles that formerly were sounded at 12 noon, 12:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. were eliminated and a 3 p.m. whistle heard daily for the first time. The morning whistles at 5:30, 6:30 and 7 remained unchanged.

W. S. (Bill) Land was elected president and R. H. (Bob) Collier was elected secretary of the Post Rotary Club.

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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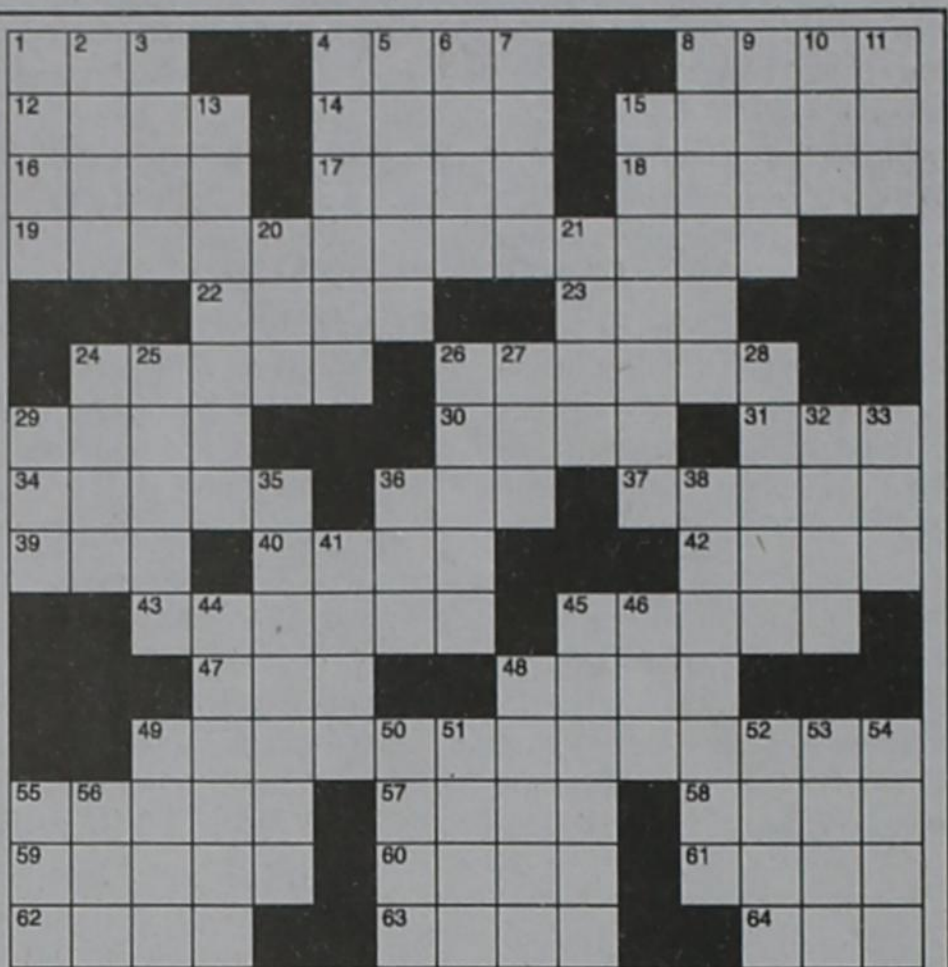
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- Part of the NFL
- Sums
- Hits lightly
- Poetic meadows
- Scottish hillside
- Sole genus of the family Najadaceae
- Freedom from difficulty
- A cutting remark
- Electronic communication
- Coffee additives
- Feeling ill
- Droop
- "The _____ Show" with Jon Stewart
- Move unsteadily
- Scandinavian name for small herring
- 4840 square yards
- Gray sea eagle
- Food from dried orchid tubers

CLUES DOWN

- One of the Baldwin brothers
- Fright and alarm
- Pillow slip
- An abbot's jurisdiction
- Consumed liquids
- C. _____ en: O.J. prosecutor
- Point that is one point S of SE
- Equipment casualty
- Slightly open
- _____liff: court officer
- Software Sight License
- Where she sold seashells
- Contradicts
- Metric capacity unit
- Consumer
- The face of a clock
- European shad
- Counterweights
- Electronic countermeasures
- _____ngle: 4-sided figure
- Point midway between S and SE
- Canadian flyers
- Japanese classical theater
- Orbital point where satellite is nearest to the earth
- Consumed food
- Atmospheric light bands
41. Suspiration
- Suitable for use as food
- Unit of a temperature scale
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Ribonuclease
- Cut down a tree
- Use language
- Object that is worshipped as a god
- Frosts
- Former ruler of Iran
- Give assistance to
- Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- Expression to attract attention

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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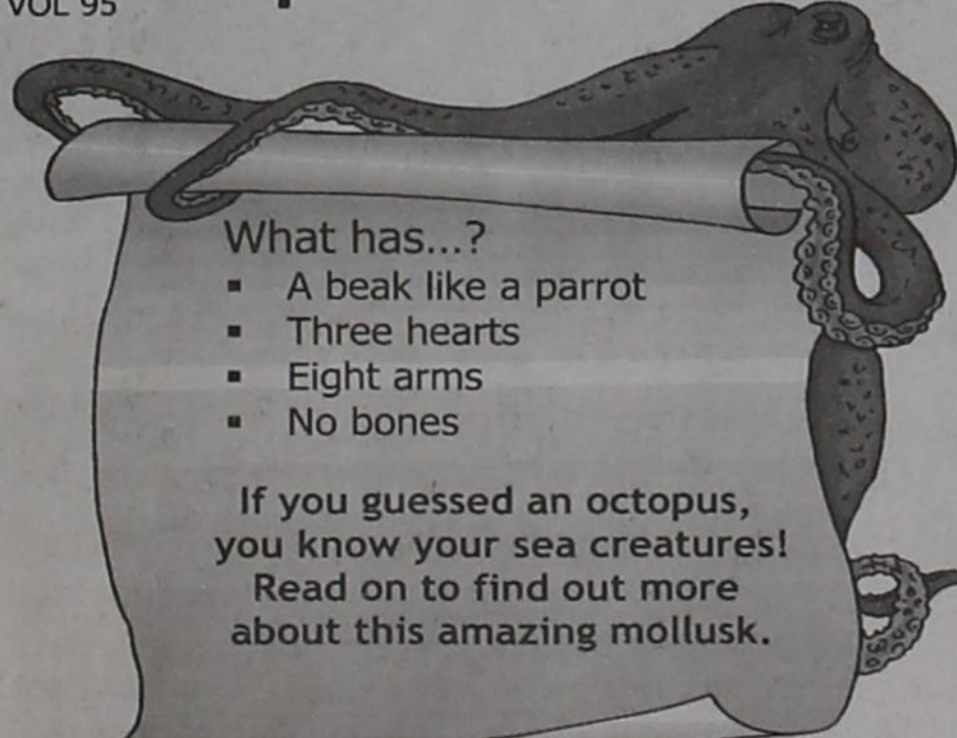
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Octopus Oddities

VOL 95



What has...?

- A beak like a parrot
- Three hearts
- Eight arms
- No bones

If you guessed an octopus, you know your sea creatures! Read on to find out more about this amazing mollusk.

Octopus are water dwelling mollosk called cephalopods.

Fact-n-Fiction

Ancient tales told of a giant evil octopus pulling a ship and sailors down to an untimely death. **Not true.** But, an Octopus is considered the most intelligent of all the mollusks.

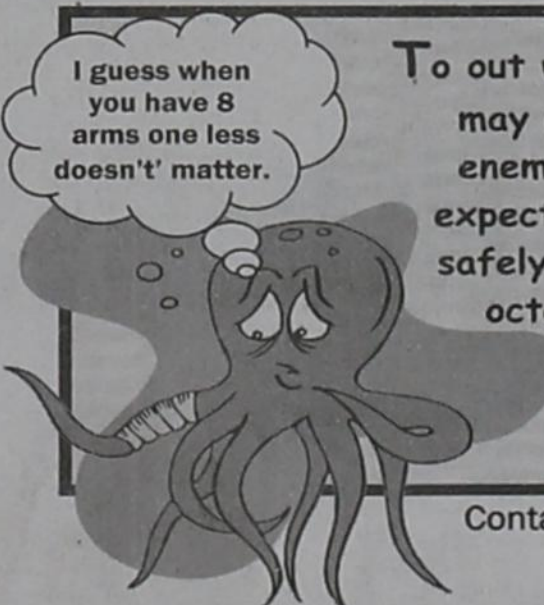
Octopus are usually under 100 pounds but there are reports of one found off the Canadian coast weighing over 600 pounds. Usually the length is a few inches to 30 feet. These solitary creatures spend their brief lives (a few months to a few years), peacefully in their den or hunting for food. The rest of the time is spent trying not to be eaten.

Octopus is the favorite food of many ocean dwellers so the octopus has several tricks to stay hidden. One of the most extraordinary is the octopus' ability to use color chemicals in its skin—chromatophores, to change color. Muscles contract to also change the texture of an octopus' skin. In just a matter of seconds an octopus can become rough, smooth, striped, bumpy and turn a rainbow of colors, all to camouflage it from an enemy hunting for lunch.

It makes its home in rocks, underwater caves or a soda can found on the ocean floor.

Octopuses are devoted mothers, guarding their eggs for months while waiting for the tiny clear eggs to hatch. During this period the octopus mother will not eat and will starve to death by the time the last of the eggs have hatched.

These salt-water creatures are excellent escape artist and in captivity have learned to climb out of cages, uncrow jar lids and navigate mazes. A-mazing!



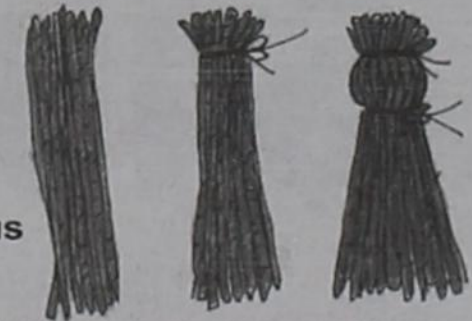
I guess when you have 8 arms one less doesn't matter.

To out wit a predator, an octopus may detach an arm! While the enemy chomps away on the unexpected snack, the octopus will safely escape. Don't worry. The octopus can regenerate a new arm, although the new one may be a bit shorter than the original.

Contact: <http://www.brain-iacs.com>

Be Art Smart!

Make an 8-legged yarn octopus (okta means eight in Greek).



- Cut 24, 12 inch pieces of yarn.
- Tie all together about 1.5 inches from the top.
- Add a ping-pong ball and tie off.
- Separate the 24 strands of yarn into 8 groups of 3.
- Braid the 8 legs, tie off the ends.
- Add two squiggle plastic eyes.



The most dangerous mollusk is the Blue Ringed octopus. It may be only as big as a tennis ball, but the venom in its saliva can kill 10 men!



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Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugee and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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to go and they all had a great time.

We had a couple of ragtown kids attend the San Angelo stockshow last week end. Katie Dunn, Russ Morris, JD Young and Raylee Underwood all participated and from what I heard did a great job. Congratulations to all of them.

I spoke to Miranda Shults McDonald on the phone the other day. She tells me her, Robert and their children, Katherine and Sean traveled to San Antonio for her birthday. They stayed

on the river walk and took in all the sights. She says they had a really great time. Miranda is the daughter of John Shults, her and her family live in Bedford.

Visitors

We have had several visitors this week; Robbie Williams came in to order some things and had a piece of Pecan Pie. Gene King came by to pick up some things; Kristi Morris stopped in to visit as well as Travis Lancaster.

Birthdays

February 23rd - Miranda McDonald
February 27th - Sheila Melton
February 28th - Kaylyn Dean
March 2nd - Jody Thuett
March 2nd - Diane Graves
Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton in Post and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers and check out our blog at <http://closecity-coopgin.blogspot.com> don't forget to send me your recipe's so that I can post them on the blog.

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Guantanamo Closure is Premature without Plan for Detainees

By: Kay Bailey Hutchison

On September 11, 2001, the United States peered into the face of evil when 19 foreign terrorists brought the violence of Islamic extremism onto our soil, claiming the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans. That day changed the course of history, delineating the post-9/11 era from the days that came before. In the eight years since, America and its allies have boldly waged the Global War on Terror in an effort to prevent terrorism from ever reaching America's shores again and to protect free nations across the world. This conflict has presented our nation with unique operational challenges for which there is no wartime precedent, such as where and how to detain captured terrorists, including the self-confessed mastermind of 9/11, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Since shortly after 9/11, enemy combatants have been detained at a prisoner facility at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Now, the Guantanamo Bay detention facility has become a point of contention. Just two days after President Obama's Inauguration, he issued an Executive Order to close the Guantanamo Bay terrorist detention facility within a year. I believe this action is premature, and I am extremely concerned about the fast-looming deadline,

particularly when no viable alternative for housing these dangerous terrorists and enemy combatants has been outlined.

President Barack Obama's Executive Order states that the closure, which would require the release or transfer of nearly 300 detainees, should be practicable and consistent with national security interests. This cannot happen without a full discussion and thorough plan for the detainment of these enemy combatants. The policy contemplates five scenarios for handling current detainees: hand them over to their home countries for incarceration; transfer them to a neutral country; transfer them to U.S. facilities abroad; or release them outright. Unfortunately, all of these alternatives heighten the threat to the lives of Americans at home and abroad.

Without question, the worst of these options is to send Guantanamo prisoners to domestic prisons in the United States. By taking this action, we would essentially place terrorists in the neighborhoods and communities of American citizens. In 2007, the U.S. Senate expressed its firm opposition to any plans to release Guantanamo detainees into American society or to house them in U.S. facilities, by a vote of 94-3. Vice

President Biden (then-Senator of Delaware) was among the 94 Senators opposing transfer of the prisoners to the U.S.; President Obama (then-Senator of Illinois) was not present for the vote.

Alternatively, transferring enemy combatants to prisons in foreign states or releasing them to their home countries is also a dangerous proposition. In January, it was reported that former Guantanamo detainee Said Ali al-Shihri, who had been released into the custody of Saudi Arabia, has subsequently resurfaced as a terrorist operative. Today, he is al-Qaeda's deputy leader in Yemen and is charged with planning and executing acts of violence against the U.S. and its allies. And al-Shihri is not the exception. According to the Pentagon, as many as 61 enemy combatants released from Guantanamo have since reconnected with terrorist networks and renewed their commitment to destroying America and our way of life. Even more frightening, these 61 former prisoners came from the group of 500 that were deemed less dangerous, and were thus released. That means that the approximately 270 detainees currently in Guantanamo represent the most violent and

Clearly, a viable alternative to Guantanamo has not yet been identified. Expediting closure of this detention facility without absolutely ensuring American lives won't be endangered would place misguided foreign policy goals above the protection of our homeland. Moreover, it signals a dangerous return to the pre-9/11 mindset.

On February 11, 2009, I sent a letter to the President, urging him to reconsider his Executive Order and to reject any option that could land terrorists in Texas or anywhere else on American soil. Before setting a deadline to close the detainment camp at Guantanamo Bay, the American people must first be assured that the transfer or release of detainees will not increase the risk of harm to American citizens at home or abroad. As it stands, the administration cannot give that assurance today.

Events ...

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5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
March 3
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

Garza County Health Clinic

Open House
March 5
4-6 p.m.

Baseball Tournament @ Sweetwater

March 5-7

Post ISD GED Class

Post High School/Southwest Entrance
Room 18
March 5
5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
March 5
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205 E. 10th

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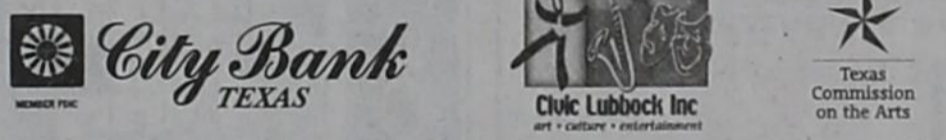
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