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Debate teams compete at state level, bring home Bronze Gavel

Four Post High School students competed in the recent State UIL CX Debate Tournament, and one of the students came home with the Bronze Gavel, which is awarded to the third best overall speaker in the 2-A conference.

Timothy Wilson and Call Windham, on their first trip to the state event, went two and two in the preliminary rounds -- just one win shy of advancing, according to reports.

Suhani Bhakta and Megan Howard-Griffis made their third trip to the state tournament and achieved a personal best with a

three-and-one record in the preliminary rounds and a trip to the elimination rounds of the tournament. They were defeated in the octa-final round on a 2-1 decision.

Howard-Griffis was awarded the Bronze Gavel as recognition for being the third best overall speaker in conference 2-A at the meet.

District UIL competitions have begun and already have turned out two more winning debate results. Bethany Berry took first place in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate with Quinten Davis coming in second.



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Jack Ramey assists in Saturday's Taba'na Yuan'e traditional Sunrise Wind Ceremony at the City Park. The event was attended by over 130 people who also enjoyed a breakfast after the crop and economic prediction. Applying an early native Indian ritual, "Chief" Kenneth LeBlanc determined that the wind was from the southwest at sunrise forecasting a poor economic year.

Staff photo by Rosa Latimer

Hospital district endorses renewal of PNS contract

The Garza County Hospital District's Board of Directors renewed its contract with Physicians Network Services March 20.

PNS's Paul Acreman met with the board to explain that the contract price would increase for the first time since they assumed management responsibilities for the clinic. The primary reasons behind the increase, he said, were because of the addition of the physician's assistant, Angie Hannaway; an increase in the number of patients being seen in the clinic; and a hike in the volume of claims being handled.

The motion to approve and accept the clinic contract renewal was unanimously presented as accepted.

In other business, board members heard a report about ongoing work on the new clinic facility. Reports indicate the district should be able to close on its loan agreement soon.

The board also:

- Received the February report for the Garza County Health Clinic. Revenues for the month were at \$67,461, while expenses were \$58,213, leaving a profit of \$9,248. A total of 995 clinic visits and 2,249 procedures were recorded.

- Unanimously approved and accepted the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and agreed that because there are no propositions on the ballot and all candidates are running unopposed, approved cancellation of the May 10 board election.

- Appointed Wayne Edwards, board president, as the authorized signer of the loan agreement, including real estate lien note and deed of trust between the hospital district and Citizens Bank. The motion carried unanimously.

- Accepted the Election Equipment Storage Agreement Renewal with Garza County for an annual fee of \$80.

- Received the Indigent Care Report for the month of February. The program served 14 clients with monthly expenses totaling \$8,721. Year-to-date expenses stand at \$15,435, leaving a balance of \$84,564 in the indigent care budget for the year.

- Received a report from the district administrator that the Post Hospital Foundation has received a donation from the E.A. Franklin Charitable Trust, which has been designated for the Garza County Health Clinic Building Fund.

- Approved minutes of the Feb. 21 regular business meeting.

- Approved the monthly bills as presented.

The group's next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Citizens Bank Community Room.

Post Notes

Post Book Club To Meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "The Secrets of a Fire King" a collection of short stories by Kim Edwards. The author also wrote "Memory Keeper's Daughter" another recent book club selection. The May selection is "Papa Hemingway" a personal memoir by A.E. Hotchner. Anyone interested in reading can attend. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665 or email Rosa@rubylanebooks.com

"Dearly Beloved" opens at Garza Theatre March 28

The Garza Theatre production of "Dearly Beloved" opens March 28 and continues March 29, April 4, 5, 11, 12 and April 13. The play is directed by Stan Tucker and features Beth Bass, Christie Bradshaw, Karen Dolter, Whitney Garrity, Christy Morris, Mitzi Ravenscraft, Derek Thomas, Stan Tucker, Ric Walton and Blair Wilson. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Book sale at public library

Post Public Library is having a book sale. All discarded books are only .25 cents. Come in for great finds.

Special church service at Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church will be observing Fifth Sunday with Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 30 during morning worship.

PHS Dinner Theatre

The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for Monday, March 31 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$15 each.

Golden Plains seeking help for "Sr. Prom"

Golden Plains Care Center is planning a Senior Prom - "A Night to Remember". Complete with prom dresses, suits and the crowing of a Prom King and Queen and their court is scheduled. We are looking for help with decorating, doing hair, makeup and nails. We need

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"Dearly Beloved" opens Friday at Garza Theatre

Garza Theatre cast members set to perform "Dearly Beloved" are (left to right) Christie Bradshaw, Whitney Garrity, Beth Bass, Stan Tucker, Blair Wilson, Ric Walton, Karen Dolter and Mitzi Ravenscraft. The play will open Friday, March 28 - 29, continuing April 4, 5, 11, 12 & 13. All Friday & Saturday performances will start at 8 p.m. and the Sunday show will begin at 2:30 p.m. Not pictured are Derek Thomas and Christy Morris.

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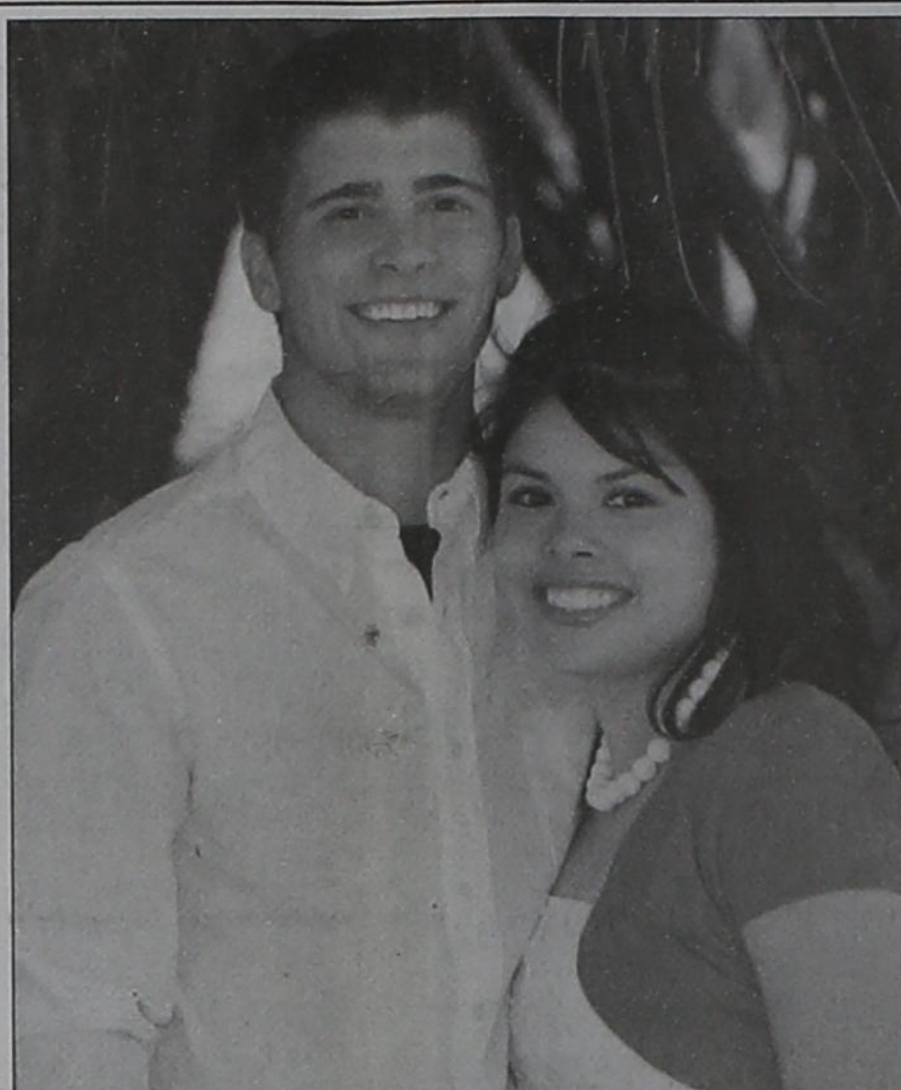
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Quinton Odom and Lisa Venegas

Lisa Venegas, Quinton Odom to wed May 17

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Venegas of Ozona have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa, to Quinton Kyle Odom, son of Mark and Kristie Odom of Post.

The bride-elect, a 2005 graduate of Ozona High School, is employed at Ozona National Bank.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Post High School in 2005 and is employed by the Ozona Independent School District.

The couple will be wed at 6 p.m. on May 17, 2008, at the Venegas Ranch in Ozona.

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plants, in-door trees, water fetures. We are also going to need servers and entertainment. If you would like to help in any way call Christy or Bunny at 495-2848. Please help us make this "A Night to Remember".

Post Rotary Broom Sale

The annual broom sale sponsored by the Post Rotary Club is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 110 W. Main Street.

Youth baseball signups

Signups for Little League T-Ball, Minor, Major, and Jr. League (13 & 14 year olds) continue at the Probation Office. Major league tryouts for kids 9-12 are Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the David Nichols Park. Anyone interest in coaching please come to the Methodist Church Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m. for a coaches meeting. Also, we are inviting everyone to bring a hoe and rake and come help prepare our field for the upcoming season on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. Call Drew Kirkpatrick at 629-4054 or contact Brandt or Liza Taylor at 495-0146 or 778-5449 for any questions.

Diabetes education provided

"Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes," a special education program hosted by AgriLIFE Extension is being offered beginning Monday, April 7 at the Senior Citizens Center in Post. The project is coordinated by a local coalition, including Dr. Ben Edwards along with Borden and Garza County Extension agents. Call 495-4400 to register or for more information. There will be five sessions on Mondays through May 5.

Post Dance Club

If you are interested in joining a dance club in Post, please contact one of the following people: Jimmy Bird (806) 781-0186; Jimmy Jones (806) 495-3628; Richard Hart (806) 759-4446; Jeremy King (806) 777-5041; Kim Mills (806) 543-1055. With enough interest, the club will host four dances this year with membership fees of \$120.00 couple/\$60.00 single. Pay at the door prices will be \$20.00 per person.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, April 19 from 7-10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US Hwy. 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Republican County Convention

Republican County Convention of Garza County will be held at Trailblazers on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 10 a.m. For information call Scott Creech at 325-207-9064.

Births



Kelyn Elizabeth Harper

John Harper and Carolyn Jo Scott are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kelyn Elizabeth (Lizzie) Harper at 7:55 a.m. Feb. 7, 2008, at North Hill Hospital in Fort Worth.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long at birth.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Lupe Harper of Post. Great-grandfather is Cephas Bilberry of Post.

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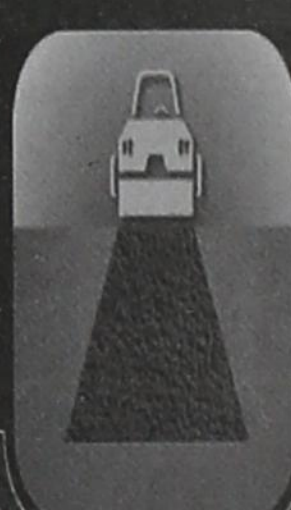
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Writer's Workshop Begins A

A writer's workshop promising and publicizing the first & third is April 5, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Lane Books, 127 E. Main Street. The class will include a program over subject writers as well as Q&A relevant to writing experience for the six week workshop. Enrollment participants.

Rosa Latimer, P. and owner of Ruby Lane Books, is the facilitator for the workshop. She will be an informal anyone who writes in writing of any family history, fiction, or non-fiction. She explained, "We want to help each writer in their journey. I'm helping each writer aspects of writing re they want to write in their journey. I'm and other resource class so each partic helpful reference no of the workshop."

Latimer has held retreats and taught w and classes for over supervising produce syndicated childr program in the ea has also taught ti workshops at Wayl Plainview, continu South Plains Colle writing/customer se the City of Lubbock. Her publishing Texas Highwa Chronicle/Texas Magazine, Lubbo Journal, Dallas/Ft Magazine, Travel (National Travel M and Listen for Pres with Preschooler Sunday School Cur Baptist Convention curriculum for th industry and m clients. Her play was presented at last year and she is another play "Ro about the women airplane factories

Call Ruby Lane or email rosa@ for more informat the workshop.

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Writer's Workshop Begins April 5

A writer's workshop for both promising and published writers will meet the first & third Saturday during April, May and June. The first session is April 5, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. Each class will include an informational program over subjects helpful to all writers as well as discussion and Q&A relevant to each participant's writing experience and plans. Cost for the six week workshop is \$30 per person. Enrollment is limited to 8 participants.

Rosa Latimer, published writer and owner of Ruby Lane Books, is the facilitator for the group. "This will be an informal workshop for anyone who writes or is interested in writing of any kind - poetry, family history, fiction, etc.," Latimer explained. "We won't critique each other's work. Instead we'll focus on helping each writer with the practical aspects of writing regardless of what they want to write or where they are in their journey. I'll have handouts and other resource material at each class so each participant will have a helpful reference notebook at the end of the workshop."

Latimer has held creative writing retreats and taught writing workshops and classes for over 20 years and is supervising producer for a nationally syndicated children's television program in the early 1990s. She has also taught time management workshops at Wayland University in Plainville, continuing education at South Plains College and business writing/customer service classes for the City of Lubbock.

Her publishing credits include Texas Highways; Houston Chronicle/Texas Magazine; Parent Magazine; Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Dallas/Ft. Worth Living Magazine; Travel 50 & Beyond (National Travel Magazine); Look and Listen for Preschoolers; Living with Preschoolers; Kindergarten Sunday School Curriculum/Southern Baptist Convention as well as online curriculum for the home health industry and many commercial clients. Her play, "Harvey Girls," was presented at the Garza Theatre last year and she is currently writing another play "Rosie the Riveter" about the women who worked in airplane factories during World War II.

Call Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665 or email rosa@rubylanebooks.com for more information or to enroll in the workshop.

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Source: LAH Web site, City of Lubbock Parks & Recreation Department, www.lakealanhenry.org



Receiving Excellence awards during the recent Management Training Corporation awards from the Dalby Correctional Unit are (left to right) Maurice Herridge, Gary Boyles, Warden Kerry Dixon, Paul Thompson and Dawn Bilberry. Photo courtesy of MTC

Dalby unit distributes awards for excellence

The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility conducted a reception Monday to announce this year's winners of the MTC Celebrating Excellence Awards.

Warden Kerry Dixon spoke to the gathering of employees, explaining that the awards are given annually at each facility level and the recipients' names are submitted to the MTC Corporate Office. One person from each category is selected as the MTC winner.

Gary Boyles, manager at the Post United, was presented the award as the 2007 Community Supporter. Boyles has been supportive of the Dalby facility, participating in special fundraising events with donations and time.

Maurice Herridge, training manager at the facility, received the award for support services. Herridge, a longtime employee, frequently volunteers his time to assist other departments and also participates in a number of charitable events in the county.

Paul Thompson, education instructor, was recognized as the program service recipient. Thompson works closely with the Mexican Education Program, the "Primaria and Secundaria." His efforts have resulted in the Dalby facility being recognized by the Mexican Consultant in leading the correctional facilities in this education program for the inmates.

The fourth recipient, Dawn Bilberry, received the award as Security Officer of the Facility.

Bilberry was recognized for her role as a senior officer and the leadership she offers to new officers, frequently submitting ideas for innovation for training and security issues. Bilberry also volunteers time to the Post primary school, where she reads to children each Tuesday.

These award winners are chosen by a committee of fellow employees in recognition for the efforts expended above and beyond the requirements of their respective position. Award certificates and checks for \$100 were given to each recipient.

I, Cliff Laws, wish to thank everyone that supported me in the Primary Election. I would greatly appreciate your continued support in the upcoming General Election on Nov. 4, 2008.



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What's the big deal over First Amendment violation?

by Wesley W. Burnett

Some of our readers may be asking ... "Why is Burnett making such a big deal about keeping cameras out of the courthouse?"

Most who ask this kind of question simply do not recognize nor appreciate the importance of securing individual rights for all people. From the very beginning of this great nation, Americans have put great value in the ideals of liberty and freedom expressed in the American Declaration of Independence. Our constitution was written specifically to secure those rights.

The constitution was not written to protect government, but to protect people from aggressive or abusive government agents. The constitution was not written to "protect" people by reducing their individual rights, regardless of fear and threats from domestic or foreign enemies.

So, in an attempt to answer the question, here are a few of my personal reasons for making such a big deal over the violation of our rights on November 8, 2007 at the Garza County Courthouse:

1. Public officials violating the constitution must be held accountable for their actions. The destruction of the constitution, no matter how insignificant it may appear, puts the liberty and freedom of all citizens at risk.
2. Violating the constitution by those who take an oath to protect it, strikes at the very heart of freedom and liberty of all people, an attempt to limit access to government, its buildings and its activities.
3. In this specific case, the constitutional violation severely damages the most important asset owned by The Post Dispatch ... the First Amendment right of the free press to serve as the eyes and ears of the people. Without that constitutional protection, newspapers, radio and television stations can not adequately inform citizens about their government and the activities of its agents.
4. When our rights are violated, and we remain silent, it is assumed in law that there is no violation. Without a challenge to the violation, it is assumed that the victim has given permission for the abuse. If we remained silent and did not take advantage of the lawful redress of grievance, we would be saying in effect that we did not find anything wrong with what was done on that day.

As it now stands, the District Judge and the County Judge have the power (not the right) to close the courthouse building to anyone at anytime, for whatever reason they feel is needed ... without any prior notice.

In November it was the news media whose rights were abused ... but tomorrow government officials could deny entry to those with walking sticks or canes (potential weapons), cameras, cell phones, plastic knives, tootpickers or pens and pencils. And you wouldn't know until you walked up to the door and found an armed guard demanding to take your stuff from you ... all in the name of security, of course.

You see, government always exceeds its original limits. To secure our rights, we must challenge all violations to our rights ... and hold every single violator accountable, no matter how powerful or popular they may be.

Otherwise, there will be no security of individual rights ... government agents will stripped them away by the silence of their victims.

That's why we will not be silenced. Justice will be served, and as a result, all those who wear badges or hold public office will be much more careful before they initiate or follow orders which violate the rights of citizens.

It is quite exhilarating to simply say "We will not be silenced." Perhaps our readers will agree that this is a big deal.

Making a recession worse

by Congressman Ron Paul

House Democrats recently adopted a budget with massive tax hikes, many of which are directed at those Americans who can least afford them. By allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire in 2010, this budget will raise income taxes not only on those in the highest income brackets, but raises the lowest bracket from 10% to 15% as well.

Estates would again be taxed at 55%. The child tax credit would drop from \$1000 to \$500. Senior citizens relying on investment income would be hurt by increases in dividend and capital gains taxes. It's not just that the Democrats want to raise taxes on the rich. They want to raise taxes on everybody. The problem is, policing the world is expensive, and if elected officials insist upon continuing to fund our current foreign policy, the money has to come from somewhere.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have already cost us over \$1 trillion. The Democrats' budget gives the President all the funding he needs for his foreign policy, so one wonders how serious they ever were about ending the war. While Democrats propose to tax and spend, many Republicans aim to borrow and spend, which hurts the taxpayer just as much in the long run. Supporting a welfare state is expensive as well. Over half of our budget goes to mandatory entitlements. The total cost of government now eats up over half of our national income, as calculated by Americans for Tax Reform, and government is growing at an unprecedented rate.

Our current financial situation is completely untenable, and the worst part is, as government is becoming more and more voracious, the economy is shrinking. The bottom line is that Washington has a serious spending addiction. While both parties debate how to raise the revenue, both parties seem happy to spend over \$3 trillion of your money in various ways. While some in Washington criticize the war in Iraq, very few are criticizing the interventionist mindset that got us into the war in the first place.

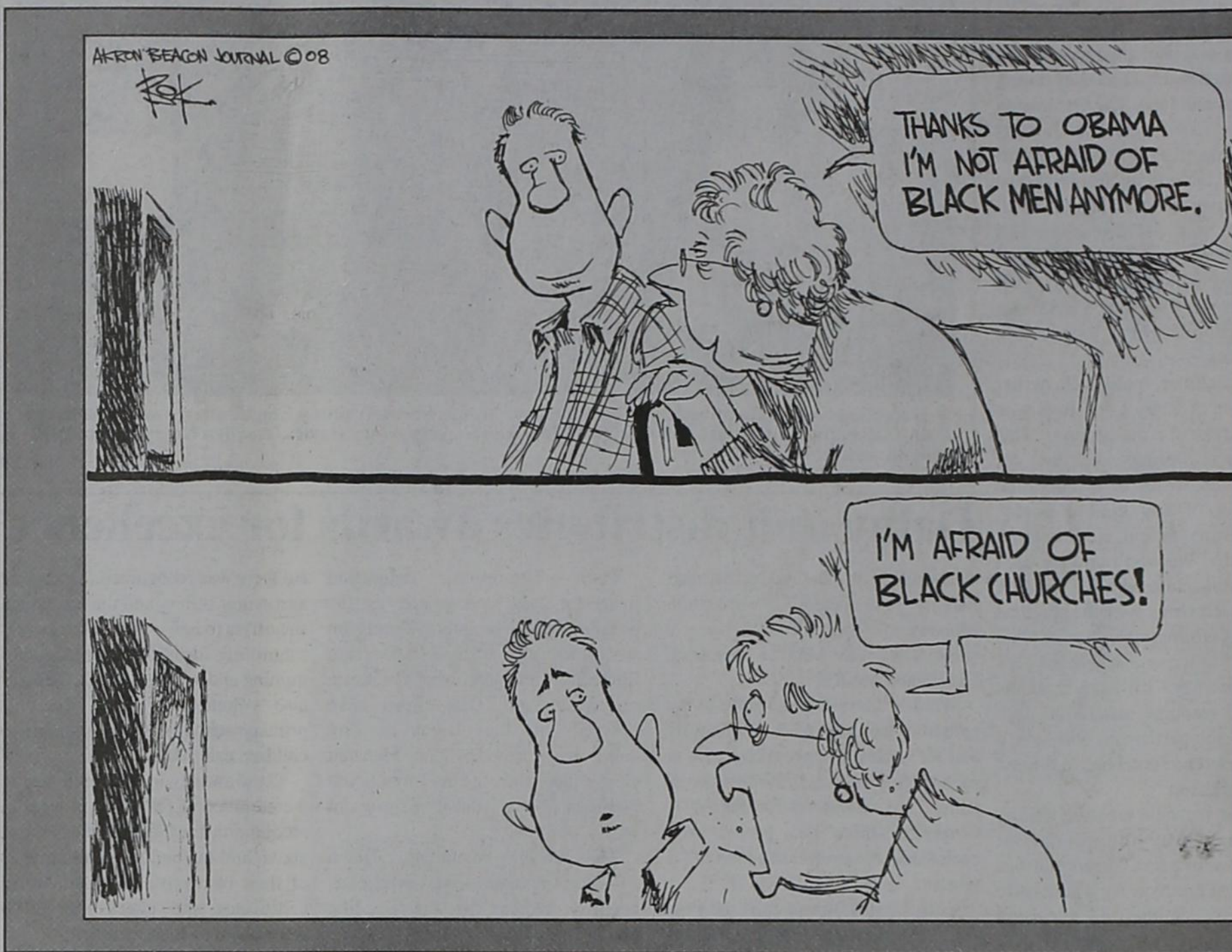
Many so-called "Iraq War critics," criticize this administration rather than truly opposing the decades old policies that led to war. They claim they will eventually get the troops out of Iraq, but the danger is that they simply plan to move them around to other countries, not bring them home.

The American people want peace. Minding our own business is the best way to achieve it. Not only is it also a whole lot cheaper, but free trade and friendship with other countries benefits all involved.

This spending spree is exactly the wrong policy for an economy on the brink of recession. History has shown that all empires eventually crumble under a worthless currency and with an exhausted military.

Since too many of our nation's leaders haven't taken the time to learn from history, we are seeing mistakes repeated through recently enacted policies such as the new House budget.

Opinions



Government-made crises

by Jacob G. Hornberger

A fascinating aspect of government intervention is how it induces people (1) to get embroiled in the crisis environment that the intervention produces, and (2) to feel a vested interest in coming up with a solution to the crisis.

Consider price controls, an intervention that governments traditionally turn to in response to their own debasement of the currency. As prices rise in response to monetary debasement, people begin screaming at businesses for raising their prices, not realizing that rising prices are in reality just a reflection of the falling value of the dollar due to government's inflation of the money supply.

Responding to the screams, government officials make it illegal for businesses to raise their prices. Yet, inevitably, there are those businesses that violate the law, if for no other reason than to simply survive.

What happens then?

There's a crisis involving price-control violators, and nearly everyone not only gets embroiled in the crisis but also joins the crowd in trying to come up with a way to make the price controls succeed. Everyone from newspaper editors to television commentators to the man on the street starts exclaiming that something needs to be done to stop the criminals.

"They're gouging us! They're stealing from us! The law is the law! Enforce the law! Increase the punishments!" Snitches pop up everywhere, reporting price violators to the police.

Then along comes a libertarian who says, "Hey, how about just repealing the original intervention — the price controls — along with all the subsequent interventions? How about simply operating under the economic laws of supply and demand?"

Immediately, he is met with a cavalcade of criticism: "Why, that's just crazy! We're at war! You want us to just surrender to the price violators? You're so impractical! Join the crowd! Help us find a way to make the price controls succeed!"

Or consider another example — immigration controls. Some central-planning bureaucrats in Washington come up with an arbitrary number of Mexican immigrants who may enter the United States, and they enact that number into law.

The problem, however, is that the artificial number is far below the number of immigrants who enter the United States in response to the natural laws of supply and demand. Immediately, there are illegals who are entering the country in excess of the arbitrary number set by the bureaucrats.

People then become embroiled in the crisis and involve themselves with helping come up with a plan to make the intervention succeed. "We need to do something to stop the illegals!" becomes the battle cry. A host of new interventions come into existence to deal with the crisis.

Laws against the transportation of illegal aliens. Laws against harboring them. Laws against hiring them. Laws against renting to them. Fences and walls. Militarization. Checkpoints. Searches. Spying. ID cards. Every day, someone calls for a new intervention to deal with the ever-growing crisis.

Then some libertarian comes along and says, "Hey, I've got an idea. How about simply repealing the original intervention — the immigration controls — along with all the subsequent interventions? How about simply operating under the

economic laws of supply and demand?"

Immediately he is hit with the same cacophony of hoots and jeers encountered by the libertarian who calls for the repeal of price controls to deal with the price-control crisis: "We can't do that! That wouldn't be practical! You would have us surrender to the illegals? We just have to crack down harder. Enforce the law! Increase the punishments!"

As Ludwig von Mises pointed out, one government intervention inevitably leads to more government interventions because of the problems arising from the previous interventions. The inevitable trend is more and more government intrusion in people's economic affairs, with omnipotent government and loss of liberty at the end of the road.

Such interventions as price controls and immigration controls are good examples of this phenomenon. The solution to interventionist crises lies not in enacting more interventions but instead in repealing the interventions.

By restoring the free market, we not only rid ourselves of needless government-made crises, we also restore freedom, peace, harmony, and prosperity to our lives.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Is Obama Ready For America?

by Walter E. Williams

Some pundits ask whether America is ready for Obama. The much more important question is whether Obama is ready for America and even more important is whether black people can afford Obama. Let's look at it in the context of a historical tidbit.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, signing a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers, broke the color barrier in major league baseball. He encountered open racist taunts and slurs from fans, opposing team players and even some players on his own team. Despite that, his first year batting average was .297. He led the National League in stolen bases and won the first-ever Rookie of the Year Award. Without question, Jackie Robinson was an exceptional player. There's no sense of justice that should require that a player be as good as Jackie Robinson in order to be a rookie in the major leagues but the hard fact of the matter, as a first black player, he had to be.

In 1947, black people could not afford a stubble bum baseball player. By contrast, today black people can afford stubble bum black baseball players. The simple reason is that as a result of the excellence of Jackie Robinson, as well as those who immediately followed him such as Satchel Paige, Don Newcombe, Larry Doby and Roy Campanella, there's no one in his right mind, who might watch the incompetence of a particular black player, who can say, "Those blacks can't play baseball." Whether we like it or not, whether for good reason or bad reason, people make stereotypes and stereotypes can have effects.

For the nation and for black people, the first black president should be the caliber of a Jackie Robinson and Barack Obama is not. Barack Obama has charisma and charm but in terms of character, values and understanding, he is no Jackie Robinson. By now, many Americans have heard the racist and anti-American tirades of Obama's minister and spiritual counselor. There's no way that Obama could have been a 20-year member of the Rev. Jeremiah Wright's church and not been aware of his statements.

Wright's racist and anti-American ideas are by no means unique. They are the ideas of many leftist professors and taught to our young people. The basic difference between Sen. Obama, Wright and leftist professors is simply a matter of style and language. His Philadelphia speech demonstrated his clever style where he merely changed the subject. The controversy was not about race. It was about his longtime association with such a hatermonger and whether he shared the Reverend's vision.

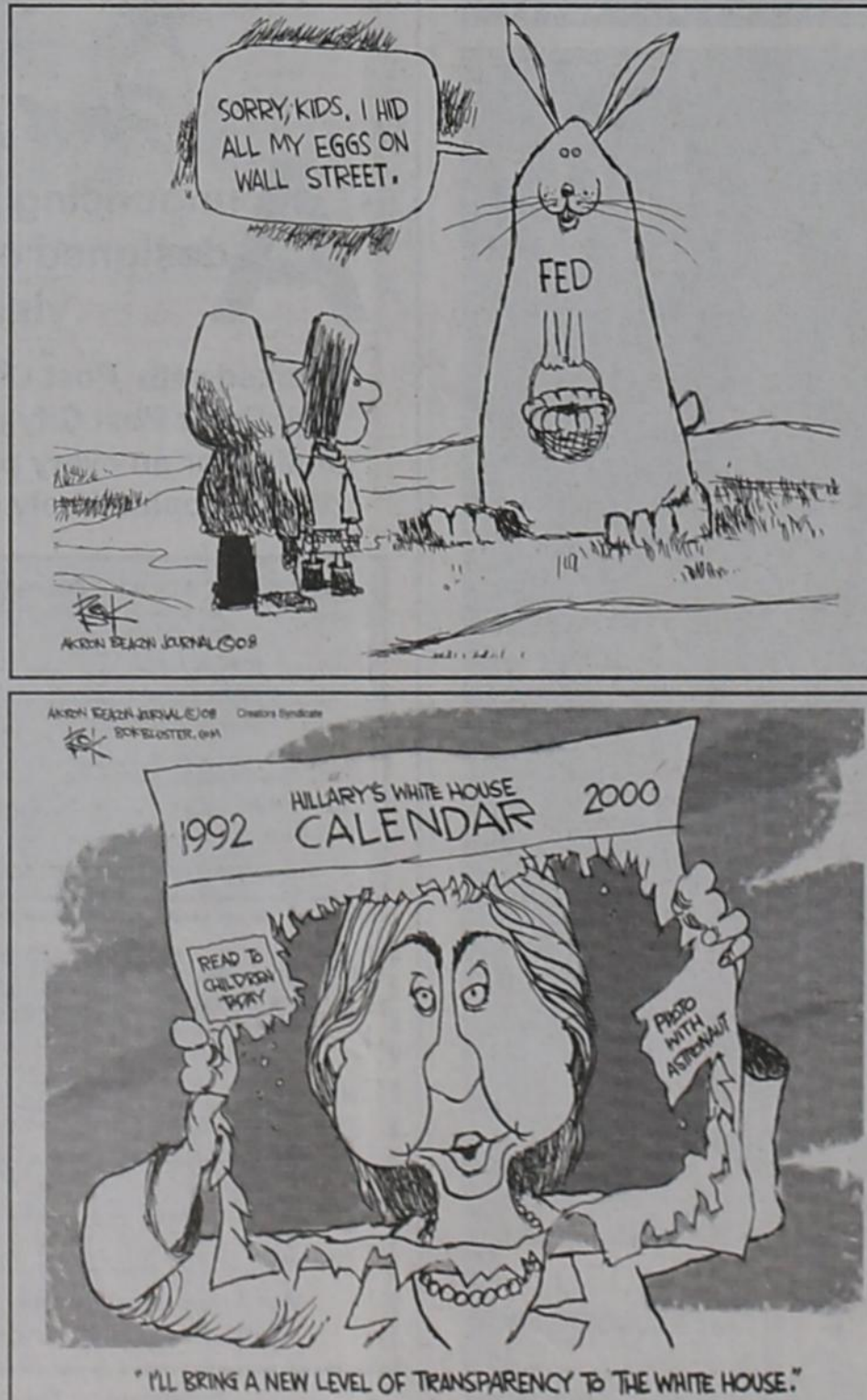
Obama's success is truly a remarkable commentary on the goodness of Americans and how far we've come in resolving matters of race. I'm 72 years old. For almost all of my life, a black having a real chance at becoming the president of the United States was at best a pipe dream. Obama has convincingly won primaries in states with insignificant black populations. As such, it further confirms what I've often said: The civil rights struggle in America is over and it's won. At one time black Americans did not have the constitutional guarantees enjoyed by white Americans; now we do. The fact that the civil rights struggle is over and won does not mean that there are not major problems confronting many members of the black community but they are not civil rights problems and have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination.

While not every single vestige of racial discrimination has disappeared, Obama and the Rev. Wright are absolutely wrong in suggesting that racial discrimination is anywhere near the major problem confronting a large segment of the black community. The major problems are: family breakdown, illegitimacy, fraudulent education and a high rate of criminality. To confront these problems, that are not the fault of the larger society, requires political courage and that's an attribute that Obama and most other politicians lack.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Not much to say about the weather this week. Still dry. We got a bit of a disappointment on Easter. I really thought we would get some moisture. Other than no rain we had a good Easter at Mom and Dad's house. Salli Bess, Journey and Jolie came in to surprise Mom. We all ate and watched the kids hunt eggs.

Flora and Stevie Gonzales flew in for the week. While Flora was with her mom in Lubbock Danny got

to baby-sit... how fun. Danny and Susan told me that Dr. Rodriguez, who practiced in Post for some time but now lives in Lubbock, stopped by on his motorcycle with a few of his riding buddies to visit a while.

Justin and Julie Boren had a great spring break. They started off with going with their uncle and cousins to Ruidoso, N.M., for a few days of skiing and snowboarding. After returning on Wednesday they

Official Court Records

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

Garza County District Court

March 8

Robert Neal Joy, order revoking probation. Plea: true. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. No fine. No court costs.

Garza County District Court

March 11

Latoya Nicole Reed, charged with improper sexual activity with person in custody, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years probation. Fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs.

Lisa Lynn Robertson, charged with possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to two years probation. Fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Manuel Menjarez Jr., charged with two counts of robbery, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation with 400 hours of community service, fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs and \$336 and \$250 in restitution.

Cody Bullard, charged with criminal mischief, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years probation and fined \$1,500. Ordered to pay \$261 in court costs and \$4,237.38 in restitution.

Cody Bullard, charged with burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation with 400 hours of community service. Fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs and \$1,155 in restitution.

Cody Bullard, charged with arson, a second-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation. Fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay \$248 in court costs and \$575 in restitution.

Troy Wayne Jones Jr., charged with DWI third or more, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years in the TDCJ. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs.

Garza County Court

March 19

Keenan Duke, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation, fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Charles Brandt Atwood, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation, fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Renard Earl Sweat Jr., charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation, fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Jeffery Jay Johnson, charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. Fined \$750 and ordered to pay \$373 in court costs.

James Hallabaugh, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time, fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Lane Taylor Henson, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to 24 months of probation, fined \$750 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

left out for a road trip to Oklahoma with their granddad, John. They returned Sunday night, just in time for school Monday morning.

Mike and Tammy Bland had an overnight visitor Monday night. Tonia Fluit Myers was in town for a short time. While here, she stopped in the gin to say hi and got to visit with her sons, Jake and Clint.

Steffi Norman has made history. Steffi is a cheerleader for South Plains College. The boys' basketball team recently traveled to Kansas to compete for national championships and they won. Steffi got to cheer at that game. In 50 years of SPC's history this is their first national title. Congratulations to them and to Steffi. Mandy Berry also cheers for SPC. Though she does not have ties to Close City, she is from Post and we congratulate her as well.

Miranda Shults McDonald and her children, Katherine and Sean, were here visiting with her dad, John Shults, and brother, Frank, over spring break. Miranda's husband, Robert, didn't get to come because he was working. They live in Bedford. I asked Miranda how

her cousins, Lisa and Teresa, were doing. She said they were doing great. Lisa lives in Lubbock with her family and Teresa lives in Ohio with her family and has a new baby. Their mom, Nedra, also lives in Lubbock. Lisa and Teresa's dad was Jim Bob Shults, who was the manager here at the gin for a while.

Visitors...we've had quite a few this week. Bobby Terry came by to visit, as well as David Tyler. Steve Collozo of Pearsall brought Doug Tipton by the gin. I know Doug enjoyed getting to get out and ride around a while. Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez came by for a snack. Jim Ellis, Lois Childs' son-in-law, stopped in to give us an update on Lois. Dee Basquez stopped to say hi.

Get Wells

Lois Childs is still in the hospital and improving each day. Hopefully she will be back at home in no time.

Fannie Ballentine (Nana) is still in Tahoka and doing well.

Don't forget our nursing home folks and keep praying for our troops and for rain, rain, rain and more rain!

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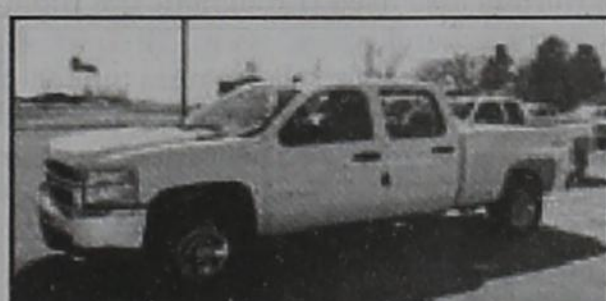


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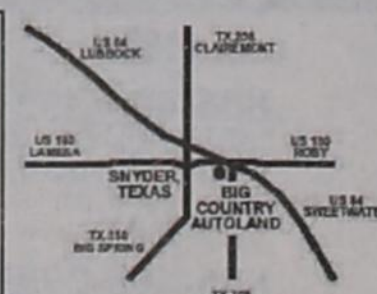
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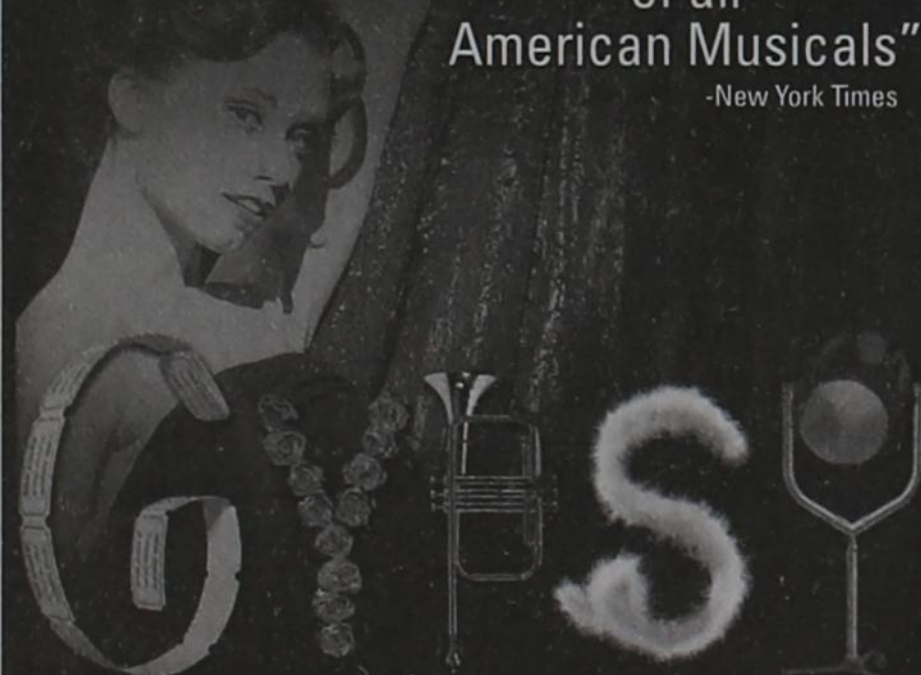
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Obituaries

Arlon Ford

Services for Arlon Ford, 67, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jack Alexander of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Monday, March 24, in Lubbock.

Born July 20, 1940, in Snyder to Burl and Mary Nell Ford, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired textile worker.

Survivors include one brother, B.A. Ford of Lubbock; one sister, Mary Beth Stalcup of Lubbock; one niece, Rachael Stalcup of Lubbock; one nephew Jeff and spouse, Kim, of Plainview; one great-nephew, Chase Stalcup of Plainview; and a special friend, Jane George of Post.

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Letters ...

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Unhappy with pet license demand

Can anyone tell us why citizens who own pets are being charged \$5 for each pet that they own and are being forced to register each and every pet that they own with the city? (Dogs and cats at least - I don't think reptiles and birds have fallen victim to the city ordinance yet. I wonder, will this affect those who own chickens, pigs and other livestock in the city? If so, will each egg that a bird lays also have to be registered eventually?)

When was this ordinance put into effect and why?

Who is the genius who thought of and eventually promoted this idea and what will the money be used for?

Also, why did the city not give notice of this and why are some being forced to appear in court (with no notice in some cases, except for being served by a constable) for not complying with an ordinance that absolutely no one seems to know about?

Why is nothing done about the strays that carry diseases and continue breeding, and the people who love, care and are responsible for their beloved pets being punished (or so it seems)?

I know these are questions that should be posed to the councilperson according to which ward they serve, but I have had no luck getting any kind of answers at all, nor has anyone else it seems.

Alas, it seems that those who will have found yet another way to legally rob people.

Our freedom seems to be getting smaller and the hand of government seems to be getting heavier.

I thank you if you are able to come up with any answers to these questions. This subject seems to be quite the conversation piece lately.

Cindy Polk, Post

MDA says thanks

As chairperson of MDA's Shamrocks Against Dystrophy, I want to take a moment to thank businesses and patrons in the Post area for their generous participation in our 2008 campaign. I'm delighted to say that this year's fundraising efforts were a great success.

Those little green and gold Shamrocks mobiles sold by local businesses help support MDA's vital programs of research, health care services and public education right here in Post and across the country.

On behalf of all the individuals and families coping with muscle-wasting diseases, I send a big warm "thank you" to Post residents - you've certainly put a smile in these Irish eyes!

Maureen McGovern, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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History of the earth...Genesis 1:4-18

During the past two weeks we've been tracking the history of the earth as recorded in God's word as found in the Bible. Based on a comparative study between Genesis 1:1-2 and Isaiah 45:18 we noted that God truly created the earth to be inhabited, and that the word "was" in Genesis 1:2 would be more accurately translated as "became."

Next we noted what seemed to be the best possible candidate for what would have caused the above noted change as seen in Isaiah 14:12, 45:12-18 and Revelations chapter 12. A rightly dividing of these verses show that the earth was very likely changed into an uninhabitable wasteland after Lucifer was cast out of heaven, along with his host of angels.

No information has been found in the Bible that would reveal any more details about the earth, as it existed prior to the above referenced cataclysmic change. We also do not know how long the earth existed in its original state, as well as how long it existed in its damaged state prior to the time of Genesis 1:3.

Reading through Genesis 1:2-30, we can see that God did not "create" anything else on the earth. Everything was formed and made as God gave the word.

Approaching this subject from God's perspective, to create would mean to truly create something out of nothing that existed before. The earth and all of its basic elements never existed prior to its initial creation. But once it was created, God was able to make things to exist on earth, out of its elements. Therefore, Genesis 1:3-30 would be the record of God repairing His creation with existing elements.

God started by dividing the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:4-5). The earth's change resulted in a condition of complete darkness, or complete lack of light. He shined some light on the subject. It doesn't say how God jump-started the sun and set the planets in motion around it. It's possible that He did not intend for us focus our attention on that aspect.

The next record has God making a "firmament" which divided the waters (Genesis 1:6-8). According to Crosswalk.com Bible Study tools, the term firmament in the Hebrew referred to an extended solid surface or expanse that supported the waters above. Whether or not it was really a solid support does not change the truth that something divided the waters. It's also interesting to note that after the earth's drastic change, it was covered by a large mass of water that must have extended high above its surface. Please note that in verse 8, the word "Heaven" does not refer to the dwelling place of God and his angels. This word is also used throughout the Bible in reference to all space above the ground.

We find in verses 9-10, God calling for the waters under the firmament to be gathered together unto one place allowing the dry land to appear. At this point we can see a picture of the earth including water filled areas, dry land and that large mass of water above the firmament.

Verses 11-12 reveal God commanding the earth to bring forth grass and many herb yielding seeds both plants and trees. Please note the reference to "after his kind" refers to how each seed natural produced more of its own kind.

God called for the lights in the firmament to divide the day from the night for signs, seasons, days and years. This would include the stars as organized in the constellations that follow the ecliptic path and planets that wonder through the night skies. It is difficult for anybody today to fully understand how God's word is written in the stars, but He must have taught Adam the meanings of the story written in the constellations as they passed over month-to-month and year-to-year.

Next week, we will continue with Genesis 1:20-30.

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Antelopes wallop Denver City 17-6

The Post Antelopes hammered Denver City 17-6 in the March 15 district contest at Denver City.

Ernie Saldivar led the bats with two hits on four at-bats, scoring two runs with one run batted in (RBI) and one base on balls. Clint Windham was credited with three RBIs, two runs and two base on balls.

Other Antelope hitters included Aaron James with 1 for 3, one run and two base on balls; Blaise Lester 1 for 3, three runs, one RBI and two base on balls; Mitchell James 1 for 3, two runs, two base on balls and Call Windham 1 for 5 with one RBI.

Tyler Odom drew a base on ball and scored one run. M.J. Wynne scored twice on three base on balls, and Jesse Vera scored twice on two base on balls.

Lady Lopes place first at BC track meet

The Post Lady Lopes logged in 169 points earning a first place ranking during last Friday's Borden County Track Meet.

Rankings for each event are as follows:

• 800M Relay - Samantha Hoover, Bethany Berry, Cheyenne Miller, Shyra Perez, 1st place, 1:56.50

• 400M Relay - Alex Miller, Branda Stevens, Cheyenne Miller, Katelynn Short, 1st place, 53.66

• 800M Run - 2nd place Alex Miller 2:44.36, 3rd place Katelynn Short 2:47.54

• 100M Hurdles - Sydnee Jones, 4th place, 19.02, Macy Blair 5th place, 19.43

• 100M Dash - Cheyenne Miller, 2nd place, 13.93

• 400M Dash - Shyra Perez, 4th place, 1:11.23

• 300M Hurdles - Samantha Hoover, 1st place, 52.08, Sydnee Jones, 6th place 58.37

• 200M Dash - Bethany Berry, 1st place, 28.28

• 1600M Run - Brittney Miller, 2nd place, 6:28.57

• Triple Jump - Bethany Berry 1st place, Branda Stevens 2nd place, Cheyenne Miller 3rd place

• Long Jump - Alex Miller 2nd place, Cheyenne Miller 3rd place

• High Jump - Samantha Hoover, 1st place

• 1600M Relay - Branda Stevens, Alex Miller, Shyra Perez, Katelynn Short, 1st place, 4:29.89.

The Lady Lopes are set to compete in the District Track Meet on Thursday, April 3, at Tahoka.



Lady Lopes Cheyenne Miller sails through the Long Jump event during last Friday's track meet in Borden County. Miller also participated in the Triple Jump.

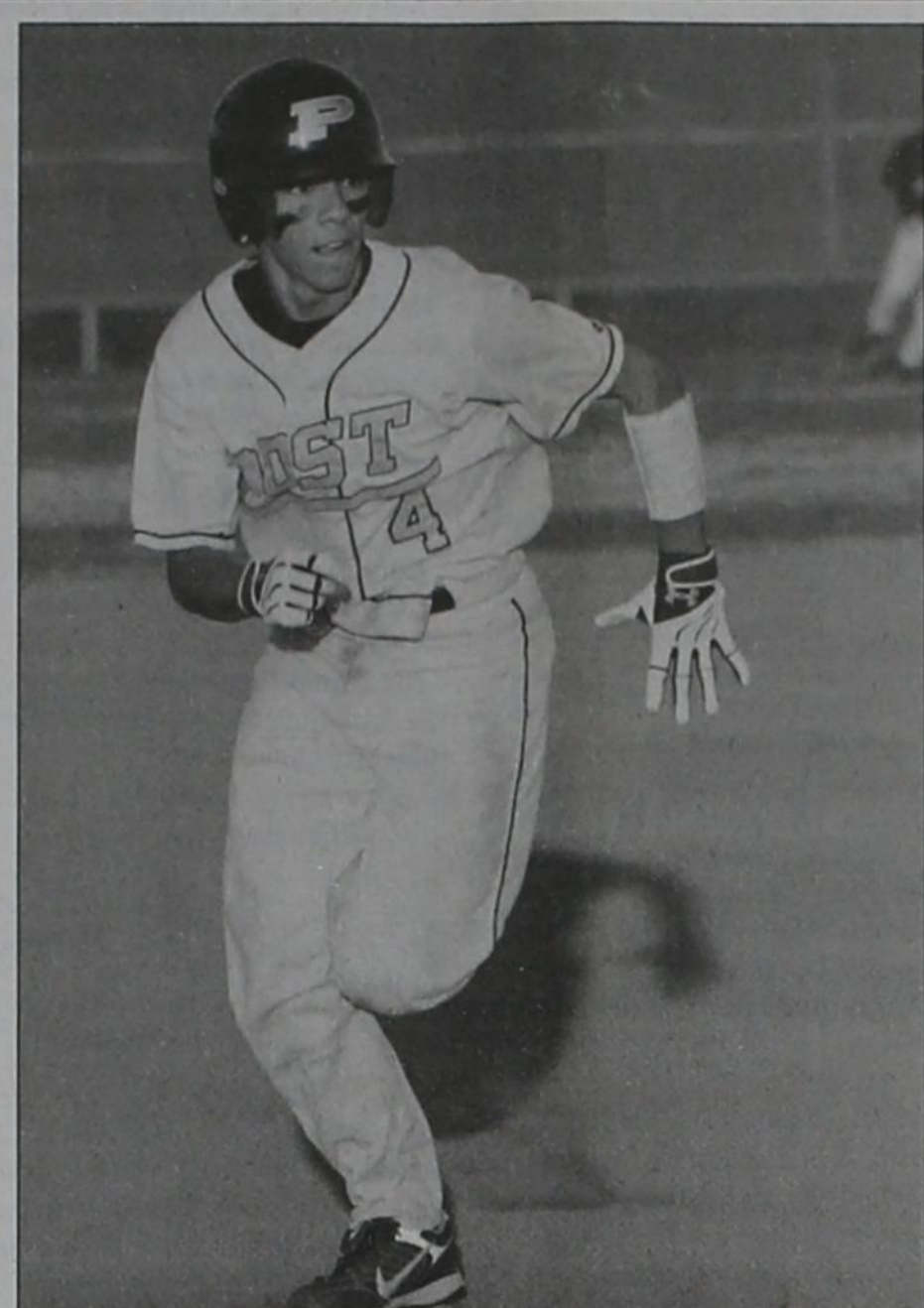
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Lady Lopes softball player Sydnee Jones readies herself for a defensive play during Monday's game at Roosevelt. The Ladies won 7-1.

Photo by Barry Morris

Spring Sports



Antelope third baseman Ernie Saldivar (4) keeps his eyes on Coach Kent Morrison while making a dash to third base during Monday's baseball game against Roosevelt in Norm Cash Field. The Lopes won with a final score of 10-8.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Wins push Lady 'Lopes to 3-1 in district contests

The Lady 'Lopes picked up a pair of wins over the past week, including a 3-1 victory over Tahoka on March 22 and a 7-1 win at Roosevelt Monday evening.

In the game played at Tahoka, offensive contributions came from Sabrina Sanchez, one double; Alex Miller, who scored a run off of a single; Gaby Vergara, who scored one run after being hit by a pitch and had one RBI; Kelsey Overton, who scored a run off a walk; and Branda Stevens, who earned two RBIs off a double for the game-winning runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Defensively, Brook Morris had two putouts with two assists at shortstop; Vergara had one put-out at third; Miranda Hair pitched seven innings with two put-outs, three assists, seven strike-outs and four walks; Overton had one put-out and an assist at catcher; Miller earned two assists at second; and Ashley Stenzel had eight put-outs at first base.

In the road game against Roosevelt, Morris had two singles; Sanchez had two singles and an RBI; Stevens scored one run off a double and had one triple with an RBI; Hair scored two runs off of a single and a walk; Stenzel scored two runs after being hit by the pitcher and getting on base following catcher interference; Miller had two singles; Overton scored one off of three singles and had one RBI; Sydnee Jones had two singles; and Vergara scored one run off of three singles, with three RBIs.

Defensively, Hair pitched nine strike-outs and eight walks, allowed only four hits and had one put-out; Stenzel had six put-outs and an assist at first base; Miller had two put-outs and two assists at second; Morris had two put-outs and two assists at shortstop; Overton earned an assist at home plate as catcher; and Jones logged one put-out and an assist at third.

The team's overall record stands at 15-2.

The Lady 'Lopes' next game will be at home at 11 a.m. Saturday against Idalou.

Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

Post Lady Lope Softball

March 28 & 29 JV @ Slaton Tournament
March 29 Varsity vs Idalou (here) Noon
April 1 JV & Varsity vs. Denver City (here) 5 p.m.

Post Antelope Baseball

March 29 JV & Varsity @ Idalou Noon
April 1 JV & Varsity @ Denver City 5 p.m.

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March 28 Boys @ Denver City 9 a.m.
April 1 Girls District @ Idalou
April 2 Boys District @ Tahoka

Track

March 28 @ New Deal JVB, VB, VG
April 3 JV-Varsity District @ Tahoka

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Post slips past Roosevelt 10-8

In a game played Monday, the Post Antelopes squeezed past Roosevelt in a 10-8 game.

Jesse Vera pitched all seven innings.

Roosevelt jumped out to an early lead in the first, 2-0.

In the second inning, Post scored a run when Tyler Odom stole home on a wild throw.

Third-inning action saw Post stopping Roosevelt, with two outs already in their pocket, by trapping a runner between first and second bases. Next, Ernie Saldivar reached second on a RBI, and Clint Windham stole home to make it a 4-4 game.

In the fourth inning, Roosevelt uncorked a home run to take a 5-4 lead.

Post managed three double RBIs in the fifth inning. With the bases loaded, Call Windham got a base hit and a double RBI to put the 'Lopes out front 6-5. Then with two outs and the bases loaded, Aaron James knocked in the next double RBI to bump the score to 8-5. Then Saldivar followed up with another double RBI to push Post to a 10-5 lead.

In the sixth inning, Vera allowed three runs, but finished the period with consecutive outs.

Roosevelt scored again in the seventh on a home plate steal made possible on an error between pitcher and catcher.

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March 26, 1998

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Post High School basketball players selected for All-District honors were Macee Mills, Arimyo Gradine, Natalie Pollard, Clell Knight and Billy Crawford. Pollard and Knight were named to the All-District team, others were listed for Honorable Mention.

Garza County commissioners, as well as representatives of the Garza County Facilities Corporation, were expected to meet in a special joint session to sign documents relating to the construction of the proposed 1,000-bed correctional facility.

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20 Years Ago
March 30, 1988

Post High School's entry "Children of a Lessor God," was selected to advance to district after winning the U.I.L. zone competition. The one act play cast included Krista Kemp, Jimmy Holleman, Jennifer Owen, Eric Reece, Cheryl Thompson, Brent McDonald and Melanie Reece. The play was directed by Candace McConnell.

Noel White, riding his mare Dandee Vandee Doc, won first place in the \$500 Novice Horse Class at the Amateur Cutters' Association cutting at Muleshoe.

According to information received from the U. S. Postal Service, new postage rates for a first-class stamp would increase to 25 cents for the first ounce and 20 cents for each additional ounce.

Steve Mason won the first place trophy at the Lions Club Talent Show in the adult division. The duet of Cathy Boles and Steve Mason came in second and the Seniorities represented by Cleao Sappington and Evelyn Gurley placed third.

30 Years Ago
March 30, 1978

What started out as temporary employment in 1937 would come to an end this week in 1978 when Travis Thomas retired from Southwestern Public Service

here with 41 years of service.

Larry Willard, Chamber president watched as Markey and Damon Stotts cut the ribbon opening their new restaurant, Damon's Restaurant. Other chamber members attending the ribbon cutting were Don Payne, Phyllis Morris, Linda Waldrip, Danny Shaw and Rob Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kennedy announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karla Evonne, to Randy Clayton Josey, son of Bobby Josey of Post.

A birthday dinner honored Mrs. Jim Hays on her 80th birthday Easter Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hays, Marinette and Mrs. Ruth McClellan. Mrs. Hays is the mother of 12 children, 31 grand-children and 23 great-grand-children.

40 Years Ago
March 28, 1968

Jim Jackson received the Post Junior Chamber of Commerce's first annual "Distinguished Service" award at the Jaycee installation banquet.

Gene Moore assumed management of the Pioneer Natural Gas Company. Moore, no stranger to Post was with the pioneer organization here from 1959 through 1962 prior to moving to Lubbock.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Cynthia Ann Altman to Jerry Taylor of Morton was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deamos Altman. Mr. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Taylor of Morton.

James McGuire, Patsy Pierce, Emily Potts, Dennis Ray and

Mike Robinson were featured in the Senior Spotlight this week in 1968.

50 Years Ago
March 27, 1958

The biggest beauty contest in Post's history would be staged at the grade school auditorium, sponsored by the senior class of Post High School. Entries included Doris Eilenberger, Pat Gartman, Jane Maxey, Alice Joy Nichols, Charlene Baker, Kay Martin, Sharon Wood, Barbara Shytle, Barbara Fowler, Gwen Copple, Carolyn Bird, Janet Stephens, Sandra Stewart, Minnie Lee Mathis, Leta Stone, Beth Kemp, Linda Livingston, Ann Harmon, Shirley Wallace, Margie Casteel, Kay Gene Jones, Rhea Peel, Melanie Thompson, Judy Gossett, Anne Morris, Marilyn Steel, Virginia Young, Glenda Whittenberg, Peggy Ramsey, Lucy Trammell, Frances Dietrich, Billie Lou Hill, Janene Haynie, Denice Eubank, Sharon Jobe, Peggy Butler, Kay Gordon, Frances Curb, Linda Moreland, Frankie Howell, Lois Edwards, Alice Kiker, Jane Francis, and Patsy Ethridge.

60 Years Ago
March 25, 1948

Lloyd Edwards, Bill Braddock and O. L. McHorse leased the repair department of Earl Hodges Tractor Company, on North Broadway. The shop was equipped to do all types of tractor, truck and automobile repairs.

The initiation of 10 new members were the important business at the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. The new members installed included Mesdames Winnie Henderson, Madge Webb, Bertha McKinney, Ruth Dale, Irene Hart, Velma Hayes, Billie Poole, Joy Schultz and Misses Fleta Maddox and Bennie Rogers.

"Poor to average" crops for the South Plains in 1948 were

forecast in Lubbock by Indian legendary methods once used successfully on predictions by the late J. I. Wilbourn of Post.

The formal opening of The Collier Drug Company was held this week in 1948. The store staff included R. H. Collier, Bob Collier, Wynne Collier, Mrs. Bob Collier, Pete Dodson, Mrs. Earlene Brown, N. W. Stone, Jr., and Billy Patty.

Menus

Post ISD

March 31
Breakfast: Donut, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Burrito, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

April 1
Breakfast: Pop tart, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Ham, mac & cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread

April 2
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls, juice bar, milk

April 3
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Fajita chicken/rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, bread sticks, orange/pineapple fluff, milk

April 4
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza, salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk

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Southland ISD

March 31
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, chips, pinto beans, cookie, milk

April 1
Breakfast: Burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler, milk

April 2
Breakfast: Churros, fruit, juice, milk, sausage

Lunch: Beef tips & rice, au gratin potatoes, corn, rolls, worm dirt pudding, milk

April 3
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, graham crackers, milk

Lunch: Hard shell tacos, salad, rice, strawberry shortcake, milk

April 4
Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, bacon, juice, milk
Lunch: BBQ sandwich, potato salad, beans, ice cream, milk

TRAILBLAZERS

March 31 Tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, chocolate cake,

April 1 Chili Con carne, Spanish rice, zucchini & tomatoes, cornbread, mixed fruit

April 2 Beef stroganoff, peas, carrots, cheesy biscuits, banana pudding

April 3 BBQ chicken, broccoli, German potato salad, roll, mixed fruit

April 4 Fish, pinto beans, corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies, jello w/ fruit

OUR BODY

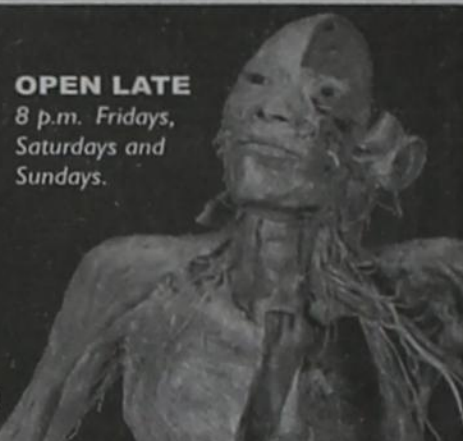
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ACROSS

- 1 TX Morgan Fairchild played on TV's "Mandy"
- 5 TXism: "got knocked down" or "two"
- 6 film job for TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 7 TX Tanya Tucker's "Can You Tonight"
- 8 TXism: "crooked" dog's hind leg
- 9 Astro player, e.g. TXism: "cut me some"
- 17 first non-smoking airline, started in TX
- 19 robbery in the Gulf
- 21 Denton's Phyllis was "Miss"
- 22 TXism for "similar"
- 23 TXism: "braver than a drunk room fight"
- 28 TXism: "I double-dog you!"
- 29 TXism: "como" (How are you?)
- 30 igneous rock found in Uvalde Co.
- 31 TXism: "___ of" (many)
- 35 TX Rodney Crowell wrote "Gain Control Again"
- 36 TXism: "raise ___" (celebrate)
- 42 TXism: "tight as ___ horse"
- 44 TXism: "stubborn as ___"

- 46 pay attention to "I dos"
- 49 tune by TX-born Tracy Lawrence
- 50 this Zanuck signed TX Gene Tierney (init.)
- 51 Gen. Robert
- 52 TX Autry & Roddenberry
- 53 Denison-born "Ike" (init.)
- 54 TX Vikki Carr '89 hit: "Hombres"
- 55 TXism: "shoots over the phone" (risk taker)

DOWN

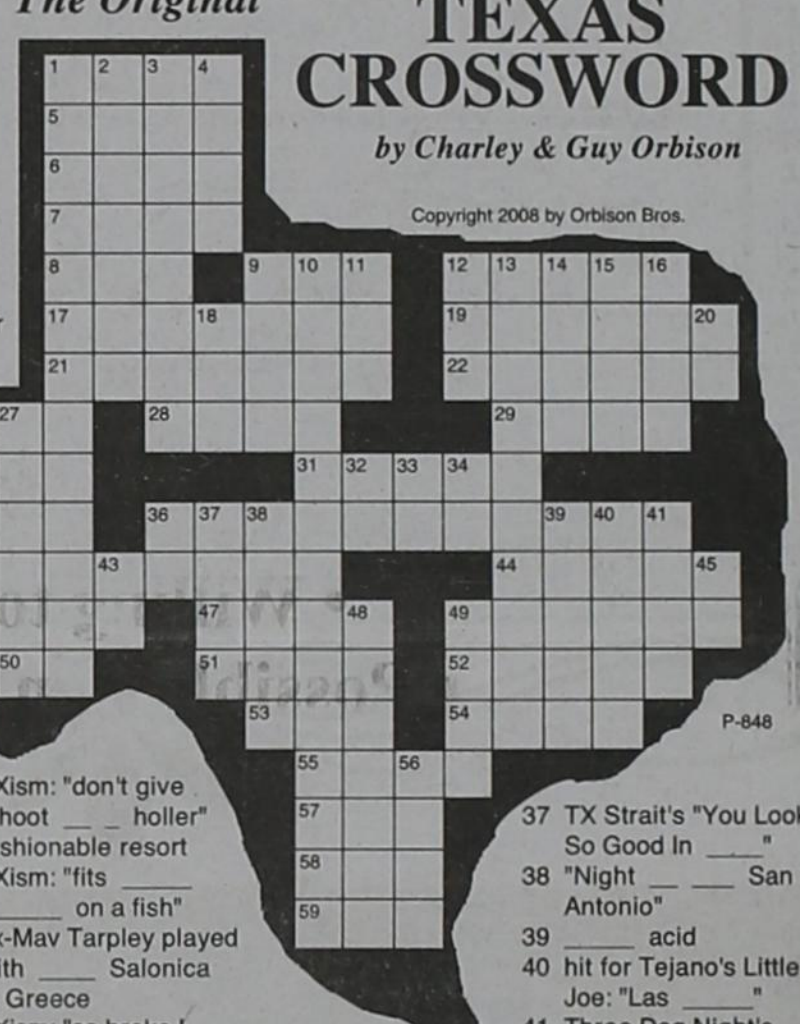
- 1 Austin negotiated with Col. Antonio
- 2 TXism: "___ for land in TX"
- 3 TXism: "___ on the half shell" (armadillo)
- 3 TX Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee" was posthumously
- 4 Monahans FM
- 9 a cow and a calf
- 10 TXism: "hard as dodging ___"
- 11 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 12 fashionable resort
- 13 TXism: "fits ___ on a fish"
- 14 ex-Mav Tarpley played with ___ Salonica in Greece
- 15 TXism: "so broke I pay attention"
- 16 Corpus Christi AM
- 18 Astro pitcher stat
- 20 Lo Digo Creek
- 23 this Irving wrote songs for TX Ginger's "Follow the Fleet" (init.)
- 24 TX singer Stuckey
- 25 biggest continent
- 26 Springs, TX
- 27 Houston's Bank Plaza
- 32 Vernon, TX
- 33 Lago, TX
- 34 to Bryan from Waco
- 36 Das Fuhrer (init.)
- 37 TX Strait's "You Look So Good In ___"
- 38 "Night ___ San Antonio"
- 39 ___ acid
- 40 hit for Tejano's Little Joe: "Las ___"
- 41 Three Dog Night's "___ Coming"
- 43 computer ROM
- 45 ex-Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- 48 TXism: "sling it on the wall and ___ sticks"
- 49 ex-Cowboy Tommie
- 56 Batman garment

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Fantastic Frog

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Frogs are Amphibians. Amphibian is a Greek word meaning "double life". Frogs do indeed seem to have a double life.

They begin life in the water, as limbless, lung-less tadpoles. Then they grow arms and legs, lose the tail and spend the majority of their lives on land. As tadpoles, they breathe through gills, but as frogs they breathe with lungs. Lucky for us they dine mostly on pesky insects. Unfortunately for frogs, they are eaten by many creatures, including humans. Have you ever eaten frog legs?



Life Span: 2-20 years.

Frogs have a soft underbelly and no rib cage. This helps to cushion their landing when jumping.



Frog or Toad?

- Moist skin
- Large hind legs
- Long jumps
- Flee when Threatened
- Found near water
- Dry bumpy skin
- Short hind legs
- Short hops
- Squat down motionless when threatened
- Often seen away From water

Smooth wet skin... Nice, long jumping legs. Hey, I must be a frog!



Frogs can see in all directions. When swallowing large prey, their eyeballs may be retracted into the head to help push the food down.

ANSWERS

Kermi, Jeremiah Prince, Mister Toad Jeremy Fisher

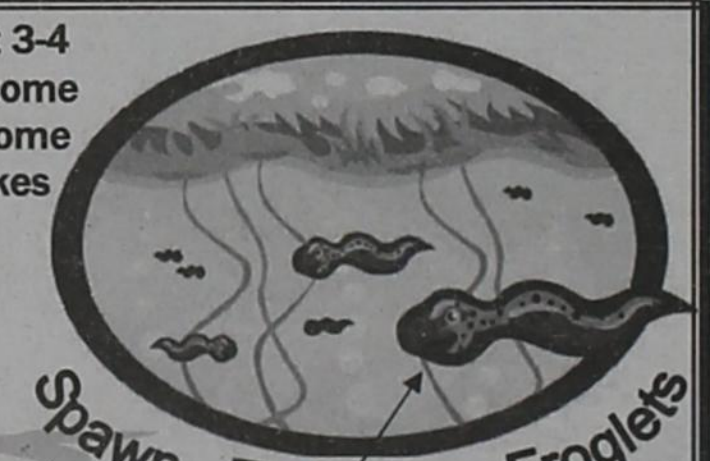
When frogs hibernate they burrow into mud and breathe oxygen through their skin.

Largest USA frog: American Bullfrog.

A frog can jump 10x's its length.

Frogs do not drink but absorb water through the skin.

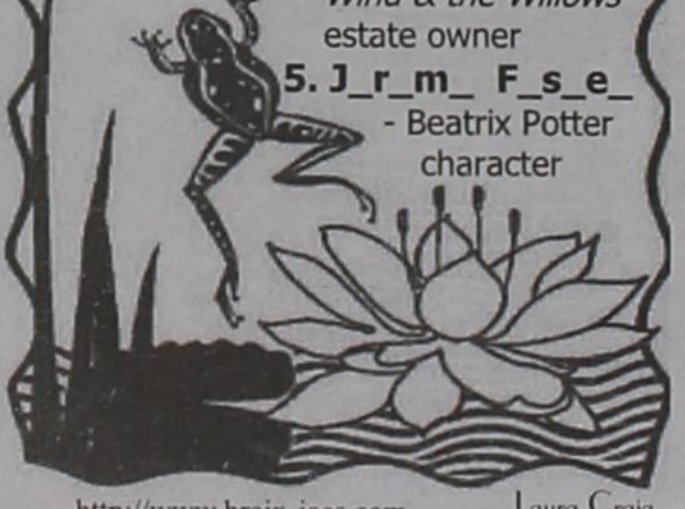
It takes about 3-4 months to become a frog. To become a bullfrog takes 2 years!



Out of 100 frog eggs (called spawn), released into a pond, only 5 will live to become frogs.

Famous Frogs and Toads

1. K_r_t - Loved Miss Piggy
2. J_r_ia - Was a bullfrog
3. P_in_e - Frog, once kissed
4. M_s_e_T_d - Wind & the Willows estate owner
5. J_r_m_F_s_e - Beatrix Potter character



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Garza County 4-H members recognized for earning a top-10 spot during the 2007 Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit season are (left to right) Taylor Osborn and Sara Greer. Osborn and Greer were recognized during a recent awards banquet in San Angelo for attaining enough points in showmanship and for placing their goats in numerous jackpot shows and major stock shows to earn the top position. Both girls participated in the intermediate division and competed with youth from all over the State of Texas. Along with the awards honors, Greer and Osborn also received a monogrammed jacket and were additionally recognized with the other top 10 winners in all three divisions at the San Angelo Stock Show. Photo courtesy of Kim Greer

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Preliminary Post ISD elementary, middle school TAKS scores received

Preliminary test scores for the elementary and middle school TAKS tests have been received, and Post students fared well on the exams.

Post Elementary received preliminary TAKS scores for its third and fifth grade reading. This test follows the state student success initiative and allows students three opportunities to complete and pass the exam. The third grade team consisting of Carrie Cox, Sandra Harper, Marjorie Grissom and Carolyn Botts rallied their groups, and preliminary results score their classes at 98 percent. This means 98 percent of their students passed the test the first time.

According to a press release from the superintendent's office, this was "a great showing and a great job by the third grade staff and the students. After the next administration of the test they should have 100 percent passing."

The fifth grade lead reading teacher is Tim Tatum. With assistance from Raeline Reece, Carol Williams and Sarah Quisenberry, the fifth grade scored a preliminary 91 percent passing rate on the first exam.

"We are very proud of the hard work all our groups have done," Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. "These staff involved, along with many parents, have really supported and helped put our students in the best possible position to score at the highest level possible on this test. We are now in full swing of our testing season. In less than two weeks we will be taking another test and we hope we can report similar successes as the scores become available."

Post Middle School eighth grade students also recently took the TAKS reading test. One hundred percent of students passed the test, with 58 percent achieving Commended Recognition, which is the highest students can score. Only a 75 percent passing rate is needed for the campus to obtain Recognized status.

Six students took an accommodated version of the test and are not included in those results, according to reports. While this makes a difference to the individual student, it is not figured or used data in the entire eighth grade or middle school numbers because they did not take a non-accommodated test.

"The eighth grade reading teachers were Ms. Traci Heflin and Ms. Dena Potter; however, all the eighth grade teachers

provide support to each other to achieve our common goal," Marcum said.

All of these scores are in the Exemplary Range (above 90 percent passing).

Southland ISD News

by Brad Ellison

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing spring break. We are on the downhill slide headed toward home.

The next couple of weeks are going to be extremely hectic so please be flexible, patient and kind to one another as we brave the extracurricular storms.

Congratulations to our high school track teams on the way they competed at Jayton prior to spring break. The results are as follows:

- Girls Varsity
- Jade Zeleznikar, second place, shot put
- Bianca Abraham, fourth place, shot put
- Girls JV
- Mackenzey Cantrell, second place, 100M dash
- Daegan Moore, third place, 100M dash; fourth place, long jump; fourth place, 400M dash
- Journey Zeleznikar, fourth place, 800M run; fifth place, 400M dash
- Valerie Moreno, sixth place, shot put
- Boys JV
- Jeremy Hernandez, second place, 400M dash; third place, 800M run; third place, 1600M run
- Reagan Cantrell, sixth place, shot put

Events for Next Week

Thought for the Week

"A change of heart is worth more than change in the pocket."

'Go Blue' to support child abuse prevention

The Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards and county child protective or child welfare boards across the state encourage area residents to 'Go Blue' on Wednesday, April 2, to show support for child abuse prevention.

By wearing a blue shirt, blouse, dress, tie or ribbon, it is hoped that local residents will help raise awareness about child abuse and neglect while encouraging individuals and communities to support children and families. More than 60,000 children are confirmed abuse victims in Texas each year, and in 2006 a total of 227 Texas children died from abuse and neglect.

The 'Go Blue' campaign was created in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is recognized every April by the Department of Family and Protective Services and its Child Protective Services agency.

"Child abuse is a crime that thrives only in darkness," said CPS Regional Director Camille Gilliam. "The only way we can fight it is to shine the light of public awareness on the problem. We must all recognize that we have a stake in watching out for the children in our communities. It doesn't matter if it's a family member, a neighbor or a complete stranger; children cannot defend themselves from abuse, so they rely on all of us to do it for them."

In the 2007 fiscal year, CPS investigated more than 7,500 cases of childhood abuse and neglect in the Panhandle/High Plains area, with more than 4,000 children confirmed to have suffered abuse at the hands of a parent or caretaker, according to a CPS press release.

It is hoped that by raising awareness of this problem that more people will be willing to step forward and report abuse.

"Your help could literally save a life," Gilliam said.

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