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Post ISD administrators disclose requested information, records

by Sheri Lewis

Following a Public Information Act request from The Post Dispatch last week, Post Independent School District officials released a copy of a "compromise settlement agreement" between the school district and former athletic director Tim James.

According to the document, the agreement "controls the contractual employment relationship between the parties hereto..." and "James and the district believe that entering into this agreement is in their best interests."

Under the agreement, James voluntarily submitted his resignation as an employee and as athletic director/head football coach and trustees accepted and approved his resignation effective June 30, 2009. Effective Feb. 8, 2008, James was "placed on administrative leave until the effective date of his resignation," according to the document.

The agreement holds that James will be paid his monthly salary and will receive all benefits under the contract, including any district-wide raises, through the resignation effective date, "so long as he remains a district employee." The "usual deductions," such as teacher retirement, Medicare and federal withholding will be made.

In the agreement, the school district agreed to release James from his Feb. 16, 2007, contract with a 10-day written notice. At that time, the district will pay James the balance of his base salary remaining on the contract, excluding benefits and teacher retirement. No state or local leave will be paid.

Both the district and James, by signing the agreement, agreed to pay their own respective attorneys' fees in connection with the negotiation of the agreement.

Additionally, the district agreed that in the event a potential employer of James contacts district administrators for a reference, the district only will provide dates of employment, positions held and salary. The district also will state that James resigned effective at the end of his 2008-2009 contract.

The district, according to the agreement, will not be allowed to initiate contact with a potential employer regarding James or indicate that an agreement precludes further comment.

As part of the agreement, the school district agreed to remove from James' personnel file any and all documentation related to

the "current dispute" and place that documentation in a separate folder to be maintained in accordance to state code. The district cannot release the set-aside documentation except upon James' written consent

or in accordance with the law and/or court order.

The agreement indicates that James agreed to "cooperate with the district in issuing a joint press release" regarding his employment status.

Also provided this week were the answers to several questions local resident Vicki Gray sought from district trustees and the superintendent at their last regular meeting on March 13.

After submitting the list of questions to the district's attorney and determining which questions could be answered within the legal limitations surrounding personnel mat-

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PHS dinner theatre serves up 'The Would-Be Gentleman'

The Post High School Theatre Department's annual dinner theatre event was conducted Monday in the school cafeteria and auditorium.

Cast members featured in the presentation of "The Would-Be Gentleman" included Call Windham, Allen Heckaman, Kelly Chapa, Bethany Berry, Chad Miller, Tim Wilson, Meagen Howard-Griffis, Quinten Davis, Suhani Bhakta, Chelsey Sapp, Jessica Quisenberry, Stacy Bocko, Zachery Kocurek, Zach Nava and Kat Villalon.

Alternates include Kalya Villalon, Danica Williams, Amber Wilson and Clint Windham.

Crew members were Steven Short, lights; Quinton Valdez, sound; Jackie Slough, stage manager; and Katelynn Short, assistant.

Directors include Sterline Marcum, Leslie Tatum and Tim Tatum.

Kat Villalon and Jessica Quisenberry provided dining entertainment.

Dinner included ham served with a pineapple glaze; green beans almandine; new potatoes and garlic sauce; salad; dessert; rolls; iced tea; coffee; and mints. Teresa Williams and Donna Wiley catered the meal.

Special recognition was given to the seamstresses who helped create costumes for the play: Juanetta Bocko, Onita Gunn, Glenda Morrow, Karen Nichols, Eunice Pope, Tammie Quisenberry, Linda Self and Ruby Williams.

Also recognized were parents and staff members John Berry, Juanetta Bocko, Ruth Davis, Nita Heckaman, Missy Howard, Scotty Mills, Marvin Self and Diann Windham.



Cast members performing the play "The Would-Be Gentleman" in Post High School's Annual Dinner Theatre last Monday in the Elementary Auditorium are (left to right) Chad Miller and Zachery Kocurek.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Homestead exemption available

Anyone who becomes 65 in 2008, or has a birthday of 1943 or prior, is eligible for the over 65 homestead exemption on school property taxes. Anyone with business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If rendition is not filed, a 10% penalty will be added to the total tax. Please call Garza Central Appraisal District at (806) 495-3518 or come by the office at 124 E. Main, Post, Texas to file a homestead exemption or rendition. Due date is April 15, 2008.

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.

"Dearly Beloved" opens at Garza Theatre March 28

The Garza Theatre production of "Dearly Beloved" continues April 4, 5, 11, 12 and April 13. The play is directed by Stan Tucker and features Beth Basso, Christie Baradshaw, 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.

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.

Post Book Club to meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m., 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 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.

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.

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Shawnette Hinkle tapped as Post Area Chamber of Commerce manager

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce has named Shawnette Hinkle manager to oversee all chamber activities.

Hinkle, a former Crosbyton resident, will handle organizational and administrative responsibilities and operate the chamber office.

"We had five very capable applicants for this job, making this decision difficult," said Theresa Harp, president of PACC. "Shawnette's energy and positive attitude immediately caught the attention of the Board of Directors during the interviews. She is an asset to our organization and understands the importance of serving our members."

Hinkle previously was general manager and editor of the Crosbyton Review newspaper and held positions of responsibility at Pizza Venture of West Texas and Holiday Inns of Lubbock.

Her husband, Richard, is serving with the Texas National Guard and will deploy for his second tour of duty in Iraq this fall.

The couple has a son, Zach, who is in the eighth grade at Post Middle School where he participates in basketball and track. He is a Star Scout in Boy Scout Troop No. 316 and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

The new chamber manager is a member of the VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary and is involved with Boy Scout Troop 316. She also enjoys scrapbooking, floral arranging and taking care of her many animals.

The chamber office is located at the Algeria Art Center, 131 E. Main St., and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All chamber members and anyone interested in joining are invited to attend the monthly meeting held the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at noon May 1 at the chamber office.



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'Dearly Beloved' begins today at Garza Theatre

"Dearly Beloved" will debut tonight on the Garza Theatre stage.

Under the direction of Stan Tucker, "Dearly Beloved" is set in the small Texas town of Fayro. There, the Futrelle sisters, once known as an almost-famous gospel singing trio dubbed The Sermonettes, are preparing for an overblown antebellum wedding at the Tabernacle of the Lamb Church. But with the bride and groom missing, the small town rumor mill is working overtime, and the best-laid wedding plans begin to unravel as hot flashes, hot temperatures and longtime grudges between the sisters begin to erupt.

The bride's mother and feud-

ing aunts must pull together to find ways to keep unsuspecting guests in their pews while a highway patrolman attempts to track down the missing couple. As a last resort and to the delight of all in Fayro, The Sermonettes are reunited and take the stage again.

Cast members include Beth Bass, Christie Bradshaw, Karen Dolter, Whitney Garrity, Christy Morris, Mitzi Ravenscraft, Derek Thomas, Stan Tucker, Ric Walton and Blair Wilson.

This week's shows are at 8 p.m. today (Friday) and Saturday. Remaining performances are set for April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. April 13.

For reservations, call 495-4005.

Single polling place set for Democratic runoff

The Democratic Party fielded one statewide runoff contest from the March 4 Primary Election. The Democratic nominee for Railroad Commissioner will be decided with a run-off election that started with early voting on March 31, which will run through Friday (April 4).

The early voting polling place is at its usual location at the Garza County Courthouse.

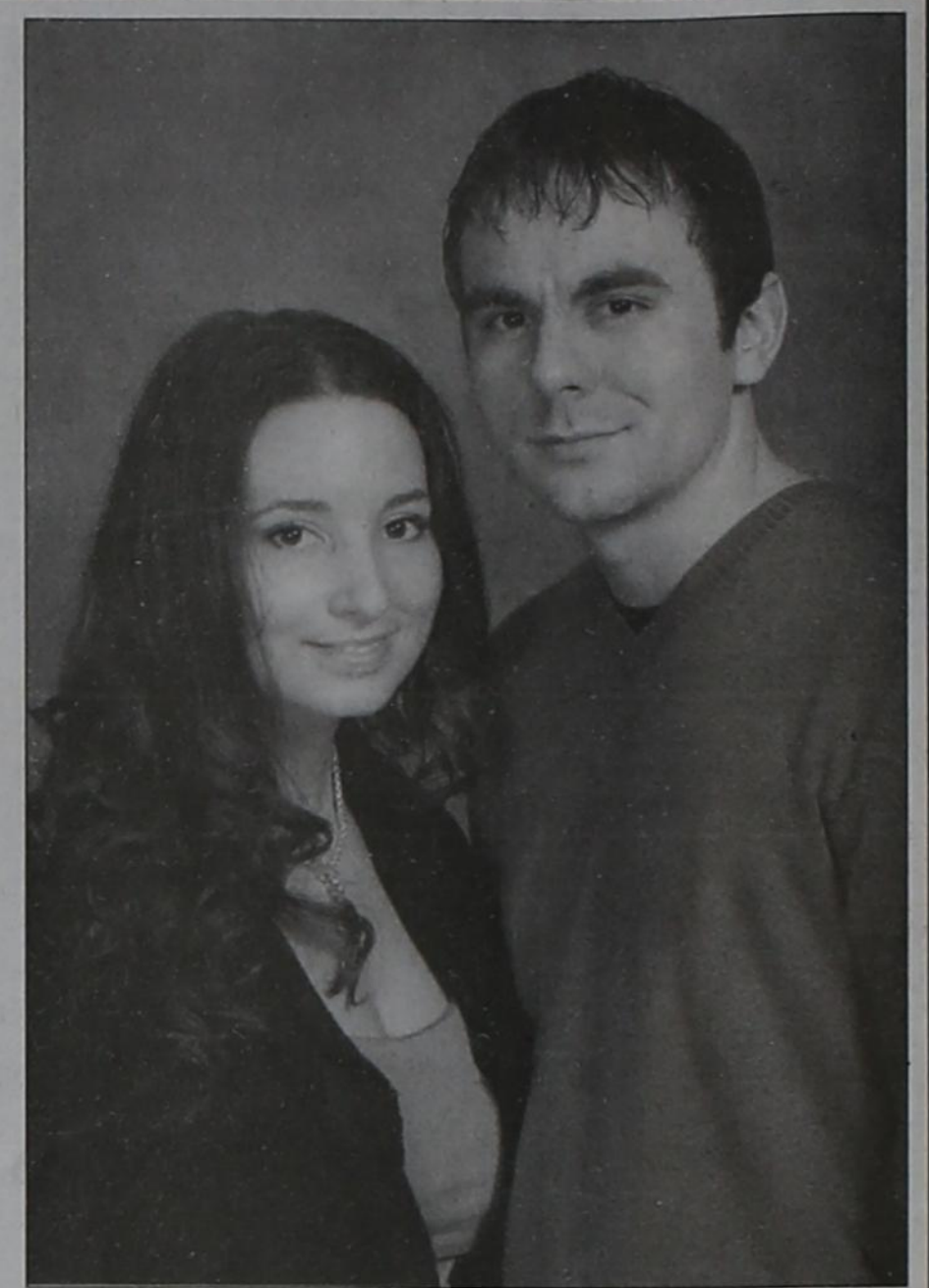
The courthouse also will serve as the consolidated polling place for all six voting boxes for the Election Day runoff set for Tuesday, April 8.

Those who voted in the Democratic Primary Election and those registered voters who did not vote at all in the primary in March are eligible to vote in the Democratic Party Primary Run-off Election, District and County Clerk Jim Plummer said.

In the March Primary Election, the race for the Democratic nominee for Railroad Commissioner ended up with Mark Thompson receiving 48.32 percent, Dale Henry with 27.7 percent and Art Hall with 23.97 percent of the statewide vote.

The Garza County returns showed Thompson getting 60.25 percent, Henry with 29.38 percent and Hall with 10.35 percent.

Tuesday's runoff election pits Mark Thompson and Dale Henry.



Janelle Solimanto and Cameron Miller

Janelle Solimanto, Cameron Miller plan May wedding

Nadine Solimanto of Fort Edward, N.Y., and Larry Solimanto of Queensbury, N.Y., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janelle Marie, to Cameron Dee Miller, son of Joe and Eddie Jo Miller of Post.

The bride-elect graduated from Lake George High School in Lake George, N.Y., in 1998 and from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 2002. She is employed by Apple Computer as a manager in Stamford, Conn.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Post High School who graduated from Duquesne University in 2002 and from the State University of New York in 2005. He is employed by Standard and Poor's in New York City.

A May 24, 2008, wedding in Saratoga Spring, N.Y., is planned.

Janelle Solimanto feted with Sunday bridal shower

Janelle Solimanto, bride-elect of Cameron Miller, was honored with a 2 p.m. bridal shower on Sunday, March 30, in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Guests were served cookies, strawberries and punch from a table that included an arrangement of ivory roses arranged in a black vase that carried out the bride's colors of ivory and black.

Special guests included the prospective bridegroom's mother, Eddie Jo Miller.

The couple was presented a gift card by the hostesses: Natha Jo Arnold, Jane Odom, Pixie Grisham, Earline Bagby, Pam Humble, Jana McCallister, Diane Josey, Donna Stelzer, Voda Gradine, Jody Williams, Delores Redman, Kim Mills and Alexa Collier.

Births



Kelyn Elizabeth Harper

John Harper and Carolyn Jo Scott are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kelyn Elizabeth (Lizzie) Harper at 7:51 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.

Maternal grandparents are Janis and James Nickerson of McQueeney.

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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.

Writer's Workshop Begins April 5

A writer's workshop for both promising and published writers will meet the first and third Saturdays during April, May and June. The first session is April 5, 1-2:30 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. Call Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665 or email rosa@rubylanebooks.com for more information or to enroll in the workshop.

Fried Chicken Dinner sale on Saturday

Bethel Assembly will be selling fried chicken dinners on Saturday, April 5 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at 204 S. Avenue P. Plates include two piece chicken, green beans, mash potatoes, and dessert. \$6 each. Call 990-7349 to place an order.

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'The Imperials' booked April 11 at Ragtown Gospel Theater

The legendary Southern gospel quartet The Imperials will perform at the Ragtown Gospel Theater on April 11.

The Imperials have carved out a niche in gospel music with performances that stretch back more than 40 years. The group frequently performed with Elvis Presley, and prior to the Gaither era gained national exposure with appearances on popular television programs.

In November, the group performed at Carnegie Hall, so to have them perform locally will be "an extraordinary Ragtown Gospel Music Show," wrote Chip Polk in a recent theater newsletter. "What a treat if you're (a) Southern gospel fan."

The theater's new production, "Mary, Mother of the Lord," will debut

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and also will follow The Imperials' 7:30 p.m. concert on April 11.

Ticket prices will be \$20 for adults, with discounts available for groups of 12 or more.

On April 13, Branson entertainer Donnie Sneed will return to Ragtown with his special style of music and comedy. According to the newsletter, Sneed's show will be one "filled with surprises, laughter and lots of music."

Sneed's performance will run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and admission will be free; however, those planning to attend should call for reservations. Donations will be accepted and will benefit the production of "Mary, Mother of the Lord."

PHS takes second place in district UIL academic meet

Post High School students earned a second place finish in the recent district UIL competition.

A list of individual results, as provided by high school officials, follows:

• CX Debate -- Suhani Bhakta and Meagen Howard-Griffis, first place; Tim Wilson and Call Windham,

second place

• LD Debate -- Bethany Berry, first place; Quinten Davis, second place

• Extemporaneous Speaking -- Persuasive: Bethany Berry (third), Call Windham (fifth);

Informative: Meagen Howard (first), Tim Wilson (third)

• Poetry -- Clint Windham (third

place)

• News Writing -- Jessica Quisenberry (third place), Zachery Nava (fifth)

• Feature Writing -- Jessica Quisenberry (third), Quinton Valdez (fifth)

• Editorial Writing -- Jessica Quisenberry (fourth), Chad Miller

(fifth)

• Headline Writing -- Zachery Kocurek (first place), Jessica Quisenberry (third place)

• Ready Writing -- Jessica Quisenberry (second place), Meagen Howard (fourth place), Chad Miller (fifth place)

• Science -- Suhani Bhakta (sixth place)

• Social Studies -- Clint Windham (fifth)

• One-Act Play -- Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Kelly Chapa, Chad Miller and Jessica Quisenberry; All Star Cast: Zach Kocurek and Tim Wilson

Chip Polk addresses regional churches

Chip Polk, one of the two brothers behind Post's Ragtown Gospel Theater, is scheduled to speak and sing at various churches in coming weeks.

Polk's schedule, according to the theater's most recent newsletter, is as follows:

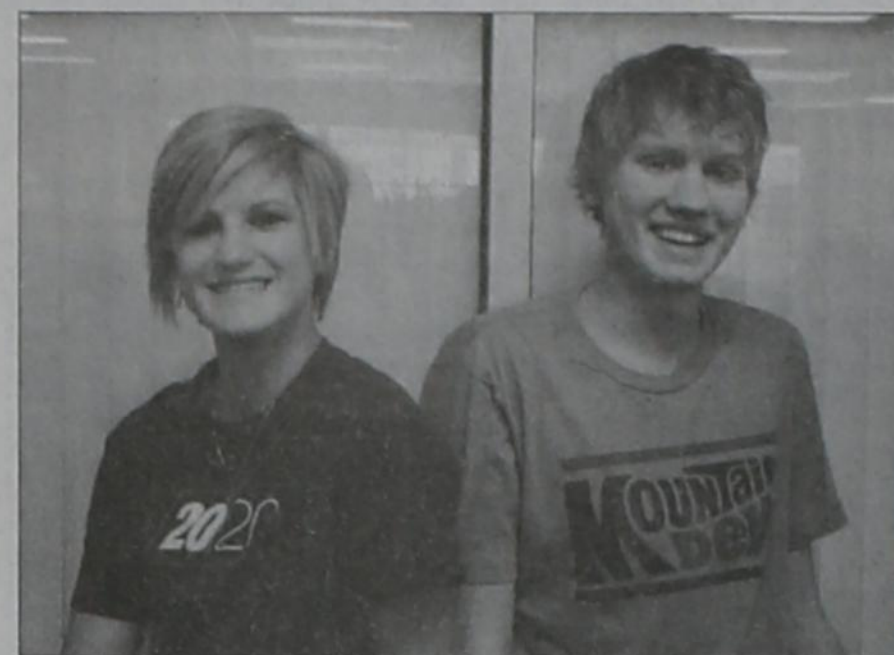
• April 3 -- First Baptist Church, Odessa

• April 10 -- Calvary Baptist Church, Lubbock

• May 4 -- First Baptist Church, Floydada

• May 8 -- Trinity Church, Lubbock (will be joined by his brother and fellow Ragtown performer, Glenn Polk).

Chip Polk is a regular gospel music performer and the playwright of the productions that fill the Ragtown stage. He also can be seen co-hosting the weekly TV program, "Real Life in Christ," which runs each Wednesday at 11 a.m. on KAMC-TV, Lubbock.



Qualifying for the UIL Regional Academic meet in Lincoln-Douglas Debate are (left to right) Bethany Berry and Quinten Davis. Photo courtesy of Post High School

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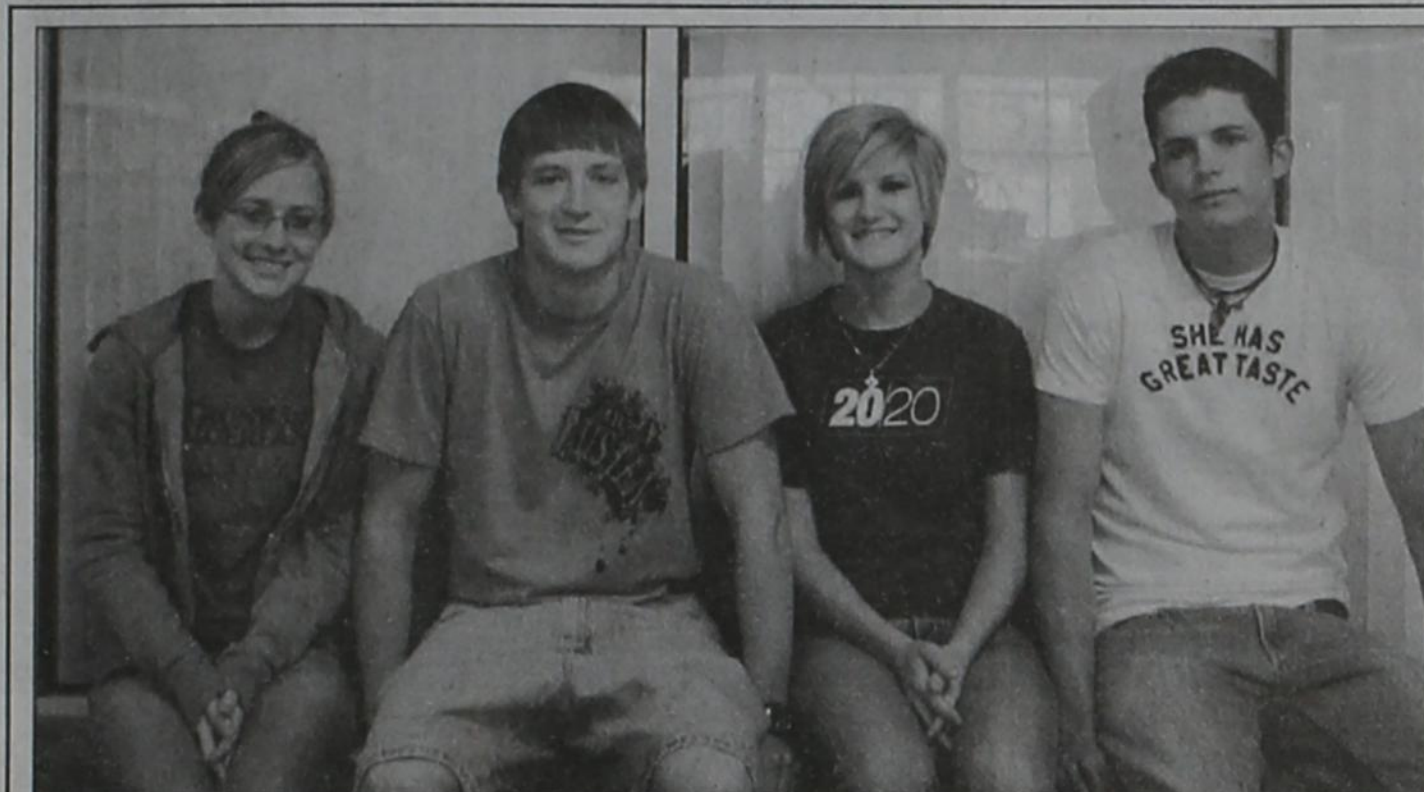
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Regional Qualifiers for UIL Regional Academic meet in Extemporaneous Debate are (left to right) Howard, Tim Wilson, Bethany Berry and Call Windham. Photo courtesy of Post High School



Regional Qualifiers for UIL Regional Academic meet in Literary are (back row left to right) Bethany Berry, Tim Wilson, Quinten Davis, Steven Short (front row) Clint Windham, Meagen Howard, Jessica Quisenberry and Zachery Kocurek. Photo courtesy of Post High School

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Tuition: Lubbock ISD Students = \$100.00 for each semester course
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Credit Card payments can be made at time of online registration.
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On money, inflation and government

by Congressman Ron Paul

These past few weeks have provided an unfortunate opportunity to discuss inflation. The dollar index has reached new all-time lows. The total money supply, M3, as calculated by private sources, is growing at a disturbing 17% rate. The Fed is pumping dollars into the economy at an alarming rate. Just recently the Fed announced new loan auctions totaling \$100 billion.

That is new money created from thin air. If these money auctions, combined with the bailout of Bear Stearns, continue to be the trend, we are in for some economic stormy weather. The explanation lies in understanding the basics of money, and why it is dangerous to give government and big banks control over it.

First, money is not wealth, in and of itself. You cannot create more wealth simply by creating more money. Wall Street bankers cry out for more liquidity, but what is really needed is more value behind the dollar. But the value, unfortunately, isn't there.

You see, the Fed creates new money and uses it to purchase securities from banks. Flush with funds, these banks seek to put this money to use. During the Fed's expansionary period, much of this money went to home loans. Through a combination of federal government inducements to lend to risky borrowers, and the Fed's supply of easy money, the housing bubble took shape.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were encouraged to purchase and securitize mortgages, while investors, buoyed by implicit government backing, rushed to provide funding. Money that could have been invested in more productive, less risky sectors of the economy was thereby malinvested in subprime mortgage loans.

The implicit guarantee from the Fed is quickly becoming explicit, as those institutions deemed "too big to fail" are bailed out at taxpayer expense. Wall Street made a killing during the housing bubble, reaping record profits.

Now that the bubble has burst, these same firms are trying to dump their losses on the taxpayers. This approach requires more money creation, and therefore debasement of all dollars in circulation.

The Federal Reserve, a quasi-government entity, should not be creating money or determining interest rates, as this causes malinvestment and excessive debt to accumulate. Centrally planned, government manipulated economies always fail eventually.

The collapse of communism and the failure of socialism should have made this apparent. Even the most educated, well-intentioned central planners cannot plan the market better than the market itself. Those that understand economics best, understand this reality.

In free markets, both success and failure are options. If government interventions prevent businesses, like Bear Stearns, from failing, then it is not truly a free market. As painful as it might be for Wall Street, banks, even big ones, must be allowed to fail.

The end game for this policy of monetary inflation is that the money in your bank account loses purchasing power. So, by keeping failing banks afloat, the Fed punishes those who have lived frugally and saved.

The power to create money is a power that should never be granted to government. As we can plainly see today, the Fed has abused this power, and taxpayers are paying the price.

I'll think of something!

by Tibor R. Machan

Often when some unexpected challenge faces a person, someone asks, "What are you going to do about this?" The answer, frequently delivered with casual confidence, tends to be: "I'll think of something."

No answer and attitude better characterizes how to think about problem solving in a free society. Unlike the attitude in the Nanny State, which requires massive bureaucracies to plan for endless and often completely unanticipated "solutions," in a free society problem solving is left to citizens who individually or cooperatively volunteer to address the challenges, great or small, that face them.

And this approach is most likely to bear better fruit than does the bureaucratic approach for a number of reasons, including the fact that local knowledge is often far more useful and important than what far away bureaucrats have at their disposal, with their loose, general theories as to what people in society need and want.

If one believes, however, that to meet these challenges, one requires a well established formula and the force of government to apply it, then confidence in "I'll think of something" will tend to be lacking.

Of course, history and familiarity of how governments work confirms that (a) state officials do not know or care enough to solve the problems they take on as if they were the only ones fit to address them, and (b) these officials have their own agendas and will attempt to provide solutions not to the problems their constituents face but to what they themselves think is important to deal with.

This is the gist of public choice theory, for which Professor James Buchanan received the Nobel Prize in economic science back in the mid 1980s. Public servants, so called, are anything but! Indeed, nearly all the problems these men and women are called upon — and promise — to solve amount to the particular problems of some select group of citizens (the special interests we hear so much about from political candidates, those terrible folks whom decent, upstanding candidates promise never to listen to once they get elected!).

There are very few problems shared by all members of the public! Instead, different individuals and groups have different problems, in different measures, with different levels of urgency, so the solutions cannot be the one-size-fits-all type, which is what governments usually propose.

It is not so much that the politicians and bureaucrats are a bunch of greedy officials, as some believe public choice theory claims! No, they just have their own agendas, very possibly motivated from concerns and good will but mostly thoroughly misdirected. So it is a bad idea to entrust problem solving to them.

Even when these men and women are dedicated, hard working individuals and do achieve some good, it is virtually always at great and avoidable cost and sacrifice. Devoting taxes to this project, deprives people of the chance to solve

Opinions



The poverty hype...

by Walter E. Williams

The psychology of victimhood and the politics of envy are powerful political tools and we see them being exploited this political season. Politicians telling Americans how bad off we are reminds me of one of Aesop's Fables where a dog was carrying a piece of meat across a bridge. Looking down into the river, he saw his shadow, which appeared to him as another dog carrying a larger piece of meat. Attacking the "other" dog, he dropped his piece of meat into the river and it was gone for good. Aesop's lesson is something to keep in mind as politicians offer their solutions to income inequality.

Michael Cox and Richard Alm, two economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, penned an article in The New York Times (2/10/08) titled "You Are What You Spend." The authors point out that since 1975, the share of national income produced by the top 20 percent of households, averaging \$150,000, rose from 43.6 to 49.6 percent while that of the lowest 20 percent, at \$10,000, fell from 4.3 to 3.3 percent. Cox and Alm argue that household income is not a complete measure of well-being. A far more useful measure of well-being is what households spend.

While the lowest fifth averages \$10,000 in income, they spend almost twice that amount. The highest fifth averages \$150,000 and spends about \$70,000, the rest goes to taxes and savings. The middle fifth averages \$45,000 and spends about \$35,000. While there's a large income gap of 15 to 1 between the top fifth and lowest fifth, the spending gap pales in comparison. If we look at consumption, the gap between the top and lowest fifths declines to around 4 to 1. Similar narrowing takes place throughout the income distribution. The middle 20 percent of families earned incomes more than four times the bottom fifth, but the spending gap was only 2 to 1.

Another factor to consider is that high-income households are larger with an average of 3.1 people in the top fifth, compared with 2.5 people in the middle fifth and 1.7 in the bottom fifth. Thus, if we look at spending per person, the difference between the richest and poorest households falls to just 2.1 to 1 and the average person in the middle fifth spends just 29 percent more than someone living in a bottom-fifth household.

How is all this possible? Low-income people have sources of income that don't show up as taxable income such as sales of property like homes, cars, insurance policies redeemed, or the drawing down of bank accounts. They might be headed by retirees or those temporarily between jobs, and thus their low income total doesn't accurately reflect their long-term status.

Falling real prices help explain rising living standards. Years ago, a worker earning the average wage had to work 365 hours to purchase a VCR; today it's two hours. A cell phone dropped from 456 hours of work in 1984 to four hours today. A personal computer, with thousands of times the computing power of the 1984 I.B.M., declined from 435 hours of work to 25 hours.

Nearly all American families now have refrigerators, stoves, color TVs, telephones and radios. Air conditioners, cars, VCRs or DVD players, microwave ovens, washing machines, clothes dryers and cell phones have reached more than 80 percent of households. Yesteryear, only the well-to-do could afford

ones to which they would choose to contribute their resources.

This is a plain fact that anyone can understand without needing the brain power of Nobel Prize winner. I am always impressed by the impact of the thought experiment in which a family with an old car would devote the money extorted from them in taxes to buy new tires for the jalopy but is deprived of that chance and then suffers a fatal blow-out; few think to blame taxation for this yet it could be just the thing that led to the disaster!

Of course when governments become accepted as the default problem solvers — people are urged to call their members of City Council or Congress when they see something needing attention — the "I'll think of something" attitude can be seriously arrested. Bad money drives out good and bad habits also drive out good ones. Yet, in the end there really is no better source of problem solving in human life and communities than the personal initiative to think about what is the solution to one's problems, problems that are most likely going to be best solved with just the knowledge that only those close to them possess.

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many of these items. Cox and Alm say the biggest reason for the decline in prices is increased international trade and competition that forces producers everywhere to become more efficient and hold down prices. One of the surest methods to reduce the standard of living for all of us, particularly poorer households, is to buy into the special interests protectionist talk of today's political season.

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Why the Peaceful Majority of Muslims Are Not Irrelevant

by Sheldon Richman

A few years ago, FrontPageMag.com columnist Paul Marek wrote an article titled "Why the Peaceful Majority Is Irrelevant". His thesis was that even if the majority of Muslims abhor violence, it doesn't matter because "the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history.... The hard quantifiable fact is, that the 'peaceful majority' is the 'silent majority' and it is cowed and extraneous." For Marek, the upshot is this: "We must pay attention to the only group that counts: the fanatics who threaten our way of life."

He's wrong. No, he's worse than wrong, because his position could be used to justify mass murder.

Marek and those who have applauded his column point out that most Germans and Japanese during World War II were not warmongers, but warmongers controlled policy-making. The implication is that the United States was right to regard the peaceful majority as nonexistent.

That's exactly what the Allies did. Under Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Winston Churchill hundreds of thousands of German and Japanese civilians were targeted and killed in bombings that had no direct relationship to military targets.

Most people consider this morally defensible. But why isn't it mass murder? Marek's answer would be that, since the peaceful majority did nothing to stop the warmongering minority, the majority — men, women, and children — were fair game.

This dubious principle has been applied to the Middle East: If the majority are peaceful, why don't its members speak out — and act — against the radical minority? Since they don't, "we" have the right to ignore them when we devise strategy and tactics to defend "ourselves."

This is gravely mistaken on many levels. The peaceful majority cannot be irrelevant as long as ideas rule the world. That last phrase may startle some readers, but it's true. Contrary to what many people think, force does not rule the world.

Ideas do, says historian and defense theorist Jeffrey Rogers Hummel, because ideas determine the direction in which people point their guns. If we want peaceful Muslims to prevail over those who use violence against innocents, it would be helpful if their ideas about nonviolence were reinforced.

But more than 50 years of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East have done the opposite. U.S. presidents have consistently supported despotisms (including that of Iraq's Saddam Hussein at one time) and "democratic" oppression (in the case of Israeli rule over the Palestinians).

Peaceful efforts to change U.S. intervention in the region have gotten exactly nowhere. That is why the militants can ignore the voices of nonviolence. As long as the U.S. government pursues its neo-imperialist policy in the Middle East, the advocates of violence will hold sway and will become increasingly popular. Most Iraqis think it is good to attack U.S. forces. No surprise there. The United States is an occupying power.

It's hard to believe how many writers overlook this general point. In the New York Times (March 23, 2008), Paul Berman wrote, "Extremist movements have been growing bigger and wilder for more than three decades [now. During] that period, America has tried pretty much everything from a policy point of view."

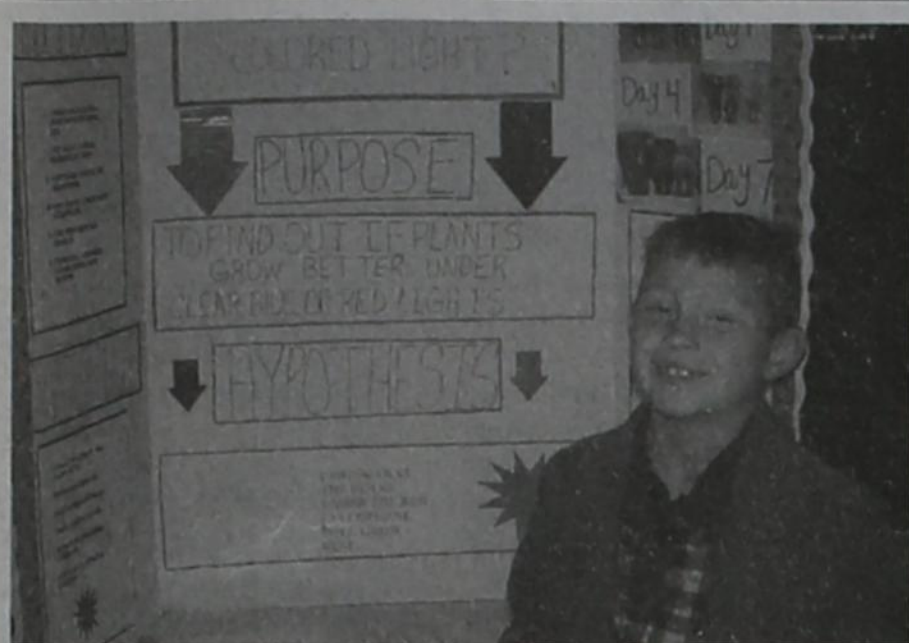
Our presidents have been satanic (Richard Nixon), angelic (Jimmy Carter), a sleepy idiot savant (Ronald Reagan), a cagey realist (George H.W. Bush), wonderfully charming (Bill Clinton), and famously otherwise (George W. Bush). And each president's Middle Eastern policy has conformed to his character! [emphasis added].

America has tried everything? Is he kidding? When was minding our own business — nonintervention — tried? Clearly, by "everything," Berman means every style of imperialism. But why should we imagine that any form of imperialism will discredit violent radicals? Such thinking is typical of the U.S.-centric ideas voiced by most pundits and politicians.

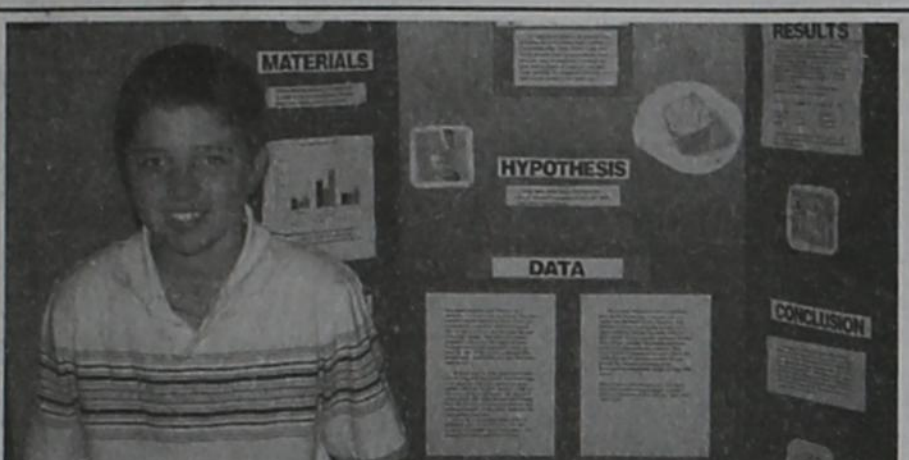
The principle that the United States may murder Muslim innocents because they have failed to stop the violent elements among them is the same principle Osama bin Laden used in the 9/11 attacks. Those who suffer at the hands of U.S. policy wonder why the American people don't rise up in protest. Does that give Muslims the right to kill innocent Americans? Beware double-edged policies.

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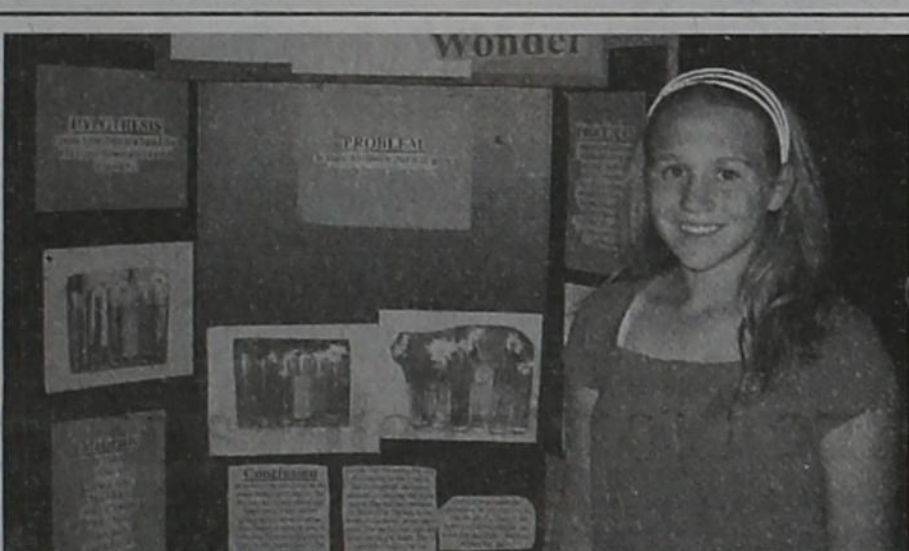
Post fourth grade student Kade Smith enters his second place Biology project entitled "Which color of light is optimal for plant growth?" during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High



PJH seventh grade student Dalton Holly enters his science project entitled "Pop, Pop, Pop!" during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High



PJH seventh grade student Tori Whisenant enters her science project entitled "Mice Menu," during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High



Post seventh grade student Miley McKee enters his science project entitled "Water Wonders," during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High

CHCL provides local health, dental services

Community Health Center of Lubbock provided local health and dental care services Monday and Tuesday in mobile units located at the elementary school.

Conducted with the cooperation of the Post Independent School District, the CHCL served Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance patients.

With its project goal to deliver health care services to those in need in Lubbock and surrounding communities, the CHCL provides an array of primary and preventive medical and dental health services at locations in Garza, Crosby, Lynn, Terry and Lubbock counties. A special emphasis is placed on serving the migrant/seasonal farm worker population whose principle employment is agriculture.

For more information about the CHCL, call 1-866-788-CHCL (2425).



Heather Roschetzky (left) checks the teeth of Post High School student Shawn Perez inside the Community Health Center of Lubbock Medical and Dental Mobile Unit that was parked last week in the band hall parking lot. Staff photo by Merika Strivens

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4-Hers take wins at county photo show

The second place 008 Garza County 4-H Photography contest was conducted recently and the following are the results as reported by photography project leader Jaquita Blevins:

Junior Division
• People, color -- Chase Morris, first place; Reagan Kimmons, second place
• Animal, color -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chelby Morris, second place, Chase Morris, third place

• Animal, black-and-white -- Chase Morris, first place; Chelby Morris, second place
• Still Life, color -- Reagan Kimmons, first place; Casie Eller, second place, Casie Eller, third place

• Still Life, black-and-white -- Chelby Morris, first place, Chase Morris, second place, Chelby Morris, third place
• Natural Landscape, color -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chelby Morris, second place; Chase Morris, third place

• Natural Landscape, black-and-white -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chase Morris, second place

• Plant/Flora, color -- Casie Eller, first place; Chelby Morris, second place; Chase Morris, third place

• Plant/Flora, black-and-white -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chase Morris, second place

• Architectural Elements, color -- Chase Morris, first place; Casie Eller, second place; Casie Eller, third place

• Architectural Elements, black-and-white -- Chase Morris, first place;

• Special/Creative Effects, all media -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chase Morris, second place; Chelby Morris, third place

• Theme, color -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chase Morris, second place, Chase Morris, third place

• Theme, black-and-white -- Chelby Morris, first place; Chase Morris, second place

Intermediate Division

• People, color -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Dakota McDonald, second place; Kelbie Oden, third place

• People, black-and-white -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Dakota McDonald, second place; Dakota McDonald, third place

• Animals, color -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Dakota McDonald, second place; Taylor Fannin, third place

• Animals, black-and-white -- Dakota McDonald, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Kelbie Oden, third place

• Still Life, color -- Taylor Fannin, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Kelbie Oden, third place

• Still Life, black-and-white -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Kelbie Oden, third place

• Natural Landscape, color -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Taylor Fannin, second place; Torie Wisenant, third place

• Natural Landscape, black-and-white -- Dakota McDonald, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Dakota McDonald, third place

• Plant/Flora, color -- Taylor Fannin, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Kelbie Oden, third place

• Plant/Flora, black-and-white -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place

• Architectural Elements, color -- Audree Williams, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Taylor Fannin, third place

• Architectural Elements, black-and-white -- Kelbie Oden, first place

• Special/Creative Effects, all media -- Dakota McDonald, first place; Kelbie Oden, second place; Dakota McDonald, third place

• Theme, color -- Taylor Fannin, first place; Taylor Fannin, second place, Kelbie Oden, third place

• Theme, black-and-white -- Kelbie Oden, first place; Taylor Fannin, second place

Senior Division

• People, color -- Brenna Postell, first place; Danielle McCarty, second place; Jackie Milton, third place

• People, black-and-white -- Brenna Postell, first place; Garrett McCarty, second place; Jackie Milton, third place

• Animals, color -- Susan Littrell, first place; Garrett McCarty, second place; Brenna Postell, third place

• Animals, black-and-white -- Cheyenne Morris, first place; Jackie Milton, second place; Jackie Milton, third place

• Still Life, color -- Jackie Milton, first place; Cheyenne Morris, second place; Cheyenne Morris, third place

• Still Life, black-and-white -- Reed Williams, first place; Cheyenne Morris, second place;

• Natural Landscape, color -- Susan Littrell, first place; Brenna Postell, second place; Cassadie Pitts, third place

• Natural Landscape, black-and-white -- Cassadie Pitts, first place; Cheyenne Morris, second place; Reed Williams, third place

• Plant/Flora, color -- Cheyenne Morris, first place; Danielle McCarty, second place; Cassadie Pitts, third place

• Plant/Flora, black-and-white -- Jackie Milton, first place; Cheyenne Morris, second place; Danielle McCarty, third place

• Architectural Elements, color -- Jackie Milton, first, second and third places

• Architectural Elements, black-and-white -- Danielle McCarty, first place; Cassadie Pitts, second and third places

• Special/Creative Effects, all media -- Cassadie Pitts, first place; Susan Littrell, second and third places

• Theme, color -- Garrett McCarty, first place; Cassadie Pitts, second and third places

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• Theme, black-and-white -- Cheyenne Morris, first place; Cassadie Pitts, second place; Cheyenne Morris, third place

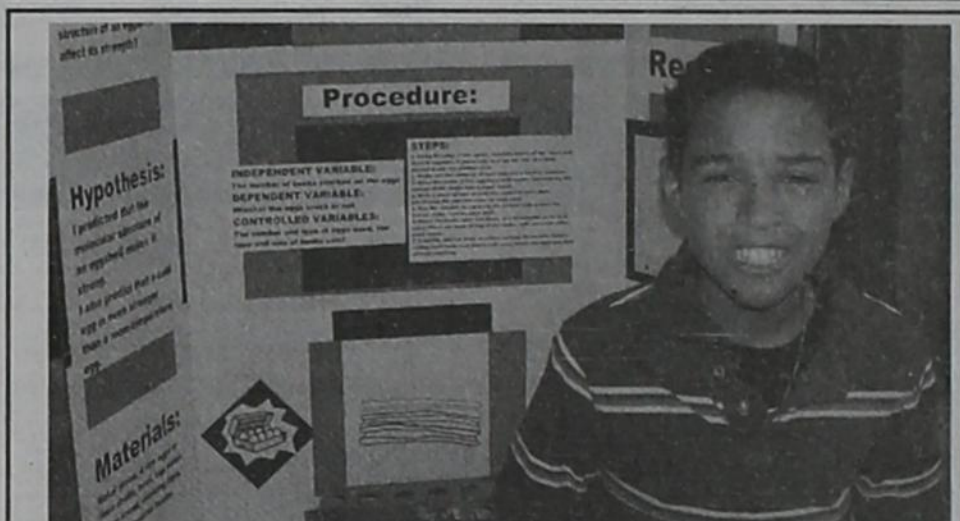
Junior and Intermediate division first-place winners will compete in the upcoming South Plains District second place 4-H photography contest. The Senior division first-place winners are eligible to advance to the state 4-H photography contest next month and will be exhibited at the Texas 4-H Roundup in June at College Station.



Carson Kirkpatrick places second in fifth grade Biology division during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Elementary School



Post fifth grade student Kelbie Oden enters her second place physical science project entitled "Moisture Magic: Which moisturizer is the most effective?," during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High



Post fifth grade student Keaton Collins enters his third place physical science project entitled "Eggeceptional Supporters: Is the structure of eggshells strong enough to support textbooks?," during last month's South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Texas Tech University. Photo courtesy of Post Junior High

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Obituaries

Rodney Davis Wilks

Services for Rodney Davis Wilks, infant son of Kip and Vanessa Wilks, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, in the First Baptist Church with Silas Short officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Monday, March 31, at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center.

He was born Saturday, March 29, 2008, in Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents, Kip and Vanessa Wilks; two brothers, Russell Wilks and Wesley Wilks, both of Post; his grandparents, Kim and Patsy Wilks of Post and Ronnie and Annette Riggs of Post; and his great-grandparents, Lillie Mae Willis of Lubbock, Ginger Phillips of Post and Betty Stanley of Post.

Pallbearers were Brad Swaffar and Michael Copeland.

Lola Mae Ryan

Graveside services for Lola Mae Ryan, 87, of Post, were conducted at 1:30 p.m. March 28, 2008, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Arrangements were handled under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died March 26 at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

Born Nov. 2, 1920, to John and Mary M. (Layne) McKinney in Scurry County, she attended school at Crowder Country School and Snyder schools. She cared for her mother for many years and following her mother's death married W. C. "Dub" Ryan on Oct. 4, 1940, in Colorado City. They made their first home in Snyder and then moved to Plainview. Later they settled in Garza County and

Post. He died Jan. 22, 2002. She was an active longtime member of the Miller/Lumen VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary, having joined in November 1970. She frequently helped transport veterans to the Big Spring Veterans Hospital and to doctors' offices. She was a longtime Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers, Jack and his wife Patty McKinney of Belton and Charley McKinney of Snyder; one niece, Bobbye and her husband Duane Michel of Marble Falls; and five nephews and another niece.

Her parents, three brothers and a sister also preceded her in death.

W.D. 'Dub' Nicewarner

Services for Dub Nicewarner, 91, of Slaton, formerly of Muleshoe, were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, in Slaton's Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris Downer officiating. Burial with military honors took place at 3 p.m. in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery in Muleshoe under the direction of Englands Funeral Service in Slaton.

He died March 28.

Born Oct. 9, 1916, in Fannin County, he served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant during World War II. He was a grocery man by trade, working 60-plus years. He also was an avid gardener known for his "green thumb." He and his family lived in Muleshoe and



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Littlefield areas before moving to Slaton. He was an active member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Nicewarner, daughter, Jo Ann Timms, and her husband, Billy, all of Slaton; Don Nicewarner and wife, Wilma, of Amarillo; Darlene Pittman and husband, Jerry, of Slaton; Donna Kay Wright and husband, Garry, of Lubbock; Delbert Rudd and wife, Tonya, of Post; and Elbert Rudd and wife, Judy, of Houston; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucille Holley of Commerce; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Nicewarner in May 1999; a son, Ben Nicewarner, in June 2000; and granddaughter, Rebecca Lynn Nicewarner, in September 1966.

James C. Sublette

Graveside services for James C. Sublette, 80, of Post will be at 1 p.m. MDT on Saturday, April 5, 2008, in the Hale Cemetery in Ruidoso Downs, N.M., with the Rev. Randy Widener of the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso officiating. The Hudman Funeral Home of Post is in charge of arrangements.

He died Tuesday, April 1, in Post.

Born May 8, 1927, in Dallas, he worked as a welder and auto mechanic in New Mexico before moving to Post four years ago. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include three daughters, Marie Yerman and Barbara Paul, both of Post, and Judy North of Independence, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and his special friend of 11 years, Catherine Burgess of Capitan, N.M.

He was preceded in death by one son, James C. Sublette Jr., on March 31, 2001, and by a daughter, Mitsy Ann Sublette, in 1955.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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History of the earth...Genesis 1:20-25

Continuing with this series on the history of the earth we come to Genesis 1:20-22, "And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of the heaven.'" If not for this verse, I would not have considered that birds came to being out of the waters. Just one of those common knowledge things I hadn't thought of.

The words "life," "creature" and "soul" are used many times in Genesis chapters one and two. The words are translations of the same ancient Hebrew word nephesh, which simply referred to the breath life in the animals. In other words they were living, oxygen breathing creatures. A more exhaustive study of the word nephesh will show that the soul life of any creature only continues to exist when passed on to its progeny. Otherwise it ceases to exist upon the death of the creature.

Moving on to verse 21, "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind. And God saw that it was good." The word "whales" simply refers to fish in general.

Last week's column included a statement that should be corrected. The word "create" was used in other areas of Genesis besides verse one. The use of "created" in verse 21 seems to suggest that "great fish" and other living creatures in the waters did not exist on earth while in its original state.

"And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth'" (verse 22). In other words, they were designed to pass down soul life from generation to generation, growing in numbers.

Pressing on to verse 24, "And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping things, and beast of the earth after his kind.'" The word earth referred to the ground. The word "cattle" basically encompasses all animals such as livestock and other wild beasts.

The phrase "after his kind" refers to each creature having the ability to pro-create and multiply from within its species. This is significant when compared to the more recent philosophical theories related to cross-species evolution.

"And God made the beast of the earth after his kind. And the cattle after their kind. And everything that creeps upon the earth after his kind. And God said that it was good" (verse 25). This basically re-emphasizes what God did and how each creature was designed to pro-create after its own kind or species, finishing with the wonderful words, "And it was Good." What God made was good.

God's purpose for making the creatures is found in Genesis 2:18, "And the Lord said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him an helper.'" According to verse 2:19-20, God allowed Adam to name the animals.

God made the herbs and plants to be freely eaten by mankind (see Genesis 2:9). There is no record of God originally giving mankind the word to freely eat the animals. Our readers who continue to read through the Old Testament will find that God's people were later given permission to eat the meat of certain animals. The conditions changed again during the age of the grace of God that we live in now because of the liberty that Christians have in Christ Jesus.

Next week we will look at the record of God making mankind.

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Vance Blair vaults to a first place finish for the Antelopes in the seventh grade class during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet in Roosevelt.
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Lady 'Lopes finish second at New Deal

The Post Lady 'Lopes track team traveled to New Deal March 28 to take a second-place finish with 108 points in the Mean Green Relays.

Individual results for Post athletes, as provided by school officials, follow:

- Girls 3200m run, varsity -- Darlene Araiza, 11th place; Tanisha Paiz, 12th place; Brittany Miller, 13th place
- Girls 4x100 Relay, varsity, heat #2 -- Alex Miller, Branda Stevens, Cheyenne Miller, Gabi Gomez, second place, 51.93
- Girls 800m run, varsity -- Alex Miller, first place, 2:41.69; Shawnda Wiley, fifth place, 2:51.48; Ysenia Gomez, ninth place

'Lopes take honors at New Deal track meet

The Post High School varsity and junior varsity boys traveled to New Deal recently to compete in a track meet.

- Varsity competitors included, in the 400m relays, Giles Dalby, Clint Windham, Aaron James and Kevin Griffin, third place, 45.49; 800m relays, Dalby, Windham, James and Jarrett Blevins, fourth place, 1:39.48; 300m hurdles, James, third place, 42.98; pole vault, James, fifth place, 9'; long jump, Griffin, fourth place, 19' 5 3/4"; and discus, Mitch James, third place, 119' 1".

In the JV contests, results included, 400m relay, Chase Greathouse, Ben Mason, Michael Isbell and Henry Apolinar, fifth place, 48.82; 800m relay, Greathouse, Mason, Isbell and Apolinar, fourth place, 1:48.40; pole vault, Mason, fourth place, 8' 6"; long jump, Greathouse, third place, 17' 1 1/4"; triple jump, Greathouse, second place, 37' 8 1/4"; and shot put, Kaleb Tanner, third place, 36' 6".

- Girls 100m dash, varsity, heat #2 -- Shyra Perez, second place, 14.21; heat #3 -- Gabi Gomez, first place, 12.41; heat #5 -- Cheyenne Miller, 13.61
- Girls 100m hurdles, varsity, heat #1 -- Sydnee Jones, fourth place, 18.19; heat #3, Macy Blair, third place, 19.85
- Girls 4x200m relay, varsity -- Alex Miller, Sam Hoover, Shyra Perez, Cheyenne Miller, second place, 1:56.56
- Girls 400m dash -- heat #3 -- Katelynn Short, second place, 1:04.84; Shyra Perez, fifth place, 1:15.27; heat #4 -- Branda Stevens, fifth place

- Girls 200m dash, varsity -- heat #1 -- Sabrina Sanchez, first place, 28.59; heat #2 -- Gabi Gomez, first place, 26.32; Bethany Berry, sixth place
- Girls 300m hurdles, varsity -- heat #2 -- Sydnee Jones, third place, 57.18; heat #3 -- Samantha Hoover, fourth place, 50.72
- Girls 1600m run, varsity -- Brittany Miller, ninth place; Tanisha Paiz, 10th place; Darlene Araiza, 11th place
- Girls 4x100m relay, varsity -- 4:18.12, first place, Branda Stevens, Alex Miller, Sabrina Sanchez, Katelynn Short
- Girls high jump, varsity -- Samantha Hoover, fifth place; Shawnda Wiley

- Girls long jump, varsity -- flight #1 -- Cheyenne Miller, 14'5", fourth place; flight #2 -- Alex Miller, 14'6.5", second place; Shawnda Wiley, 12'8.5", 11th place
- Girls triple jump, varsity -- flight #2 -- Cheyenne Miller, fourth place, 30'9"
- Girls shot put, varsity -- flight #1 -- Elaena Morrison, third place, 30'6"; Kaylynn Villalon,

fourth place; Brenna Postell, 10th place

- Girls discus throw, varsity

-- flight #2 -- Kaylynn Villalon, third place; Elaena Morrison, 11th place.

Fundraising under way for MS cheerleading team

The Post Middle School cheerleaders are currently raising money for uniforms, camp and supplies in a fundraising event that began last week.

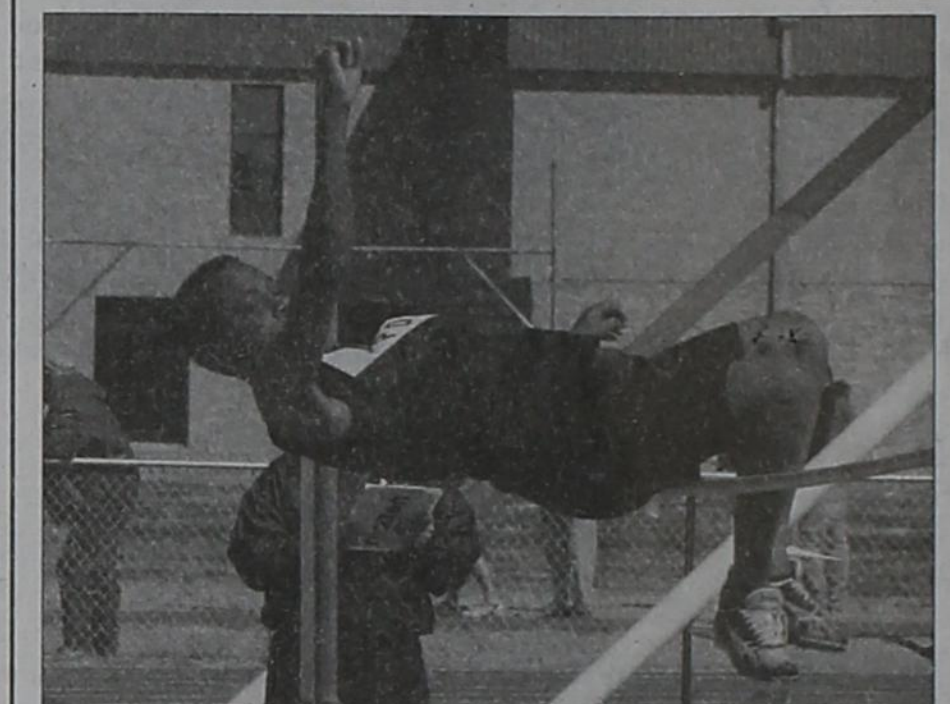
Through April 10, the cheerleaders will sell Little Caesars Pizza Kits, cookie dough and pie kits at prices ranging from \$12.75 to \$18. The kits contain all the ingredients needed to bake pizza, bread, pies or cookies at home in minutes.

Available pizza kits, bread kits and accessory items to choose from include pepperoni, personal pepperoni, personal cheese, deep dish cheese, whole wheat, thin crust, Italian sausage, family meal it, Italian cheese bread, Crazy Bread, cinnamon Crazy Bread, Caesar dips kit, gourmet spice kit, pizza cutter and pizza server paddle.

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To order items and support the MS cheerleaders, contact Jennifer Edwards at 495-2770 or any of the cheerleaders prior to April 10.



Corbin McDonald soars to a third place finish in the eighth grade class high jump event for the Antelopes during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet in Roosevelt.
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Aaron Macy earns a second place finish for the Antelopes in the seventh grade class discus throw event during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet in Roosevelt.
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Lady 'Lopes pound Idalou, climb to 16-2

The Post High School Lady 'Lopes softball squad walked away with another victory this week, a 10-2 win over Idalou, to bump their overall record to 16-2.

Offensively, Brooke Morris had two singles for one run; Alex Miller, three singles for a run and a RBI; Sabrina Sanchez, one triple and a homerun for two runs and one RBI; Miranda Hair, one homerun, two triples and two singles for three runs and one RBI; Kelsey Overton, three singles for one run and two RBIs; Gaby Vergara, one triple for one RBI; Ashley Stenzel, one single for one run; Danica Williams, one triple for one run and a RBI; and Branda Stevens, one single.

On defense, Morris had two putouts with one assist at shortstop while Hair pitched seven innings with two putouts and one assist, eight strikeouts and one walk. Sydnee Jones had one putout at third base, Vergara had four assists at third and Stenzel had seven putouts at first base. Stevens had one putout in left field.

The team's district record stands at 4-1.

Idalou edges 'Lopes, 7-6

The Post Antelope varsity baseball team dropped its March 29 district game at Idalou by a score of 7-6.

Jesse Vera was on the mound for the 'Lopes throughout the game.

Mitchell James led the team with two hits, one RBI and one run.

Other batters getting on base with one hit each were Clint Windham, Blaise Lester, Tyler Odom, Call Windham and Jarrett Blevins (one RBI).

Scoring for the 'Lopes included Ernie Saldivar (pitcher balk put him on base), Clint Windham, Lester, Odom (two runs) and Mitchell James.

The team travels to Slaton Saturday for a noon opening pitch.

Southland FFA judging teams compete at Alpine

The Southland FFA Judging teams competed at Alpine's Sul Ross State University on Tuesday, March 25.

The Horse Judging Team, consisting of Makenzy Buckner, Jared Rackler, Bianca Abraham and Kevin Strube, won first place in the contest.

Buckner placed first overall in the competition.

The Livestock Judging Team, consisting of Devin Blanton, Colton Schoonover, Michael Estrada and Jade Zeleznikar, finished in fourth place.

Blanton was named third high individual.

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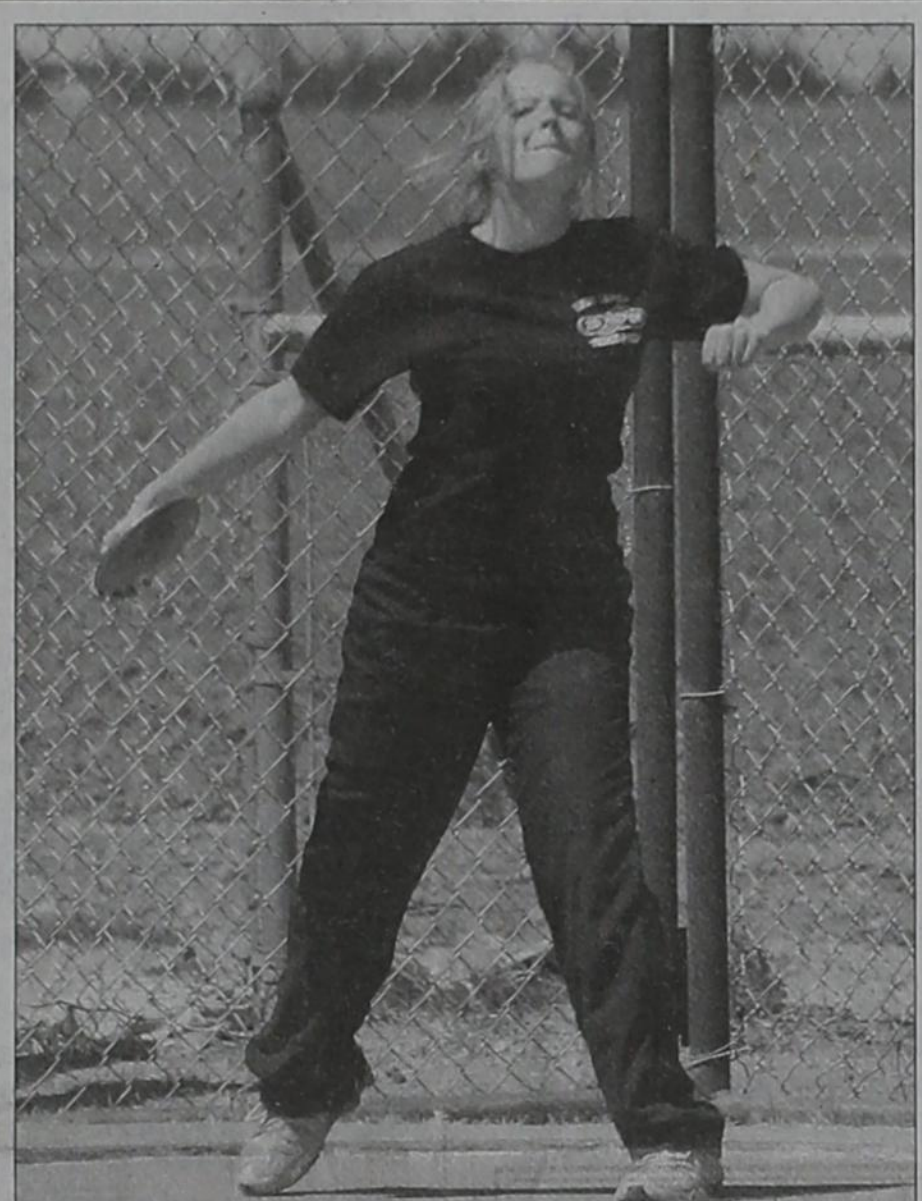
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Spring Sports



Lady Lope Aubree Lester (right) finishes in second place in the 800M run eighth grade class during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet in Roosevelt.

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Lady Lopes Kari Dunn reels to throw the discus for a second place finish during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet in Roosevelt. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Lady Lopes Gabi Gomez (left) takes the baton from teammate Cheyenne Miller (right) in the 400M relay during last week's "Mean Green" Relays track meet in New Deal.

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Lady Lopes seventh grade runner Mercedes Solorzano (center) dashes through the 100M Hurdles for a first place finish during Tuesday's District Junior High track meet.

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WITNESS my hand this 28th day of March 2008
Cliff Laws, by Sgt. Marc Owen 303 Sheriff of Garza County, Texas
(Designee of Sheriff of Garza County, Texas)

ORDER OF CANCELLATION DE ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The Garza County Underground & Fresh Water Conservation District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 10th 2008 in accordance with Section 2.053(a)

of the Texas Election Code. The Following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Ferrell Wheeler Prc. 1
Ronnie Graves Prc. 3
El Garza County Underground & Fresh Water Conservation por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 10th 2008 de conformidad, con la seccion 2.053(a) del Codigo de Elecciones de Texas.

Los Siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion:

Ferrell Wheeler Prc. 1
Ronnie Graves Prc. 3
Candidate (Candidato)
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A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

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Ferrell Wheeler
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Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at the Garza County Courthouse, Post, Texas, on April 1, 2008.

JIM PLUMMER
Clerk of the District Court of Garza County, TX
By Lina Rodriguez, Deputy

USDA approves emergency use of CRP acres for 100 counties

In response to producers who lost forage acres or fencing as a result of recent wildfires, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced this week the authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 100 Texas counties.

Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres by close of business April 4.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Andrews, Archer, Bailey, Brooks, Callahan, Coke, Comanche, Crane, Crockett, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Glasscock, Hidalgo, Howard, Jim Hogg, Kent, King, Knox, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Martin, Midland, Parker, Pecos, Real, Scurry, Starr, Sterling, Terrell, Val Verde, Willacy, Winkler and Young counties, as well as 65 adjoining counties.

Livestock may be temporarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for no more than 60 days, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. No payment reduction applies to the authorized exception and no funds are other wise authorized for water, feed or other cost.

Authority is limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences, due to wildfire. To take advantage of the emergency provisions, eligible producers may cross county boundaries from one approved emergency use county to another approved emergency use county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, and leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS.

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago April 2, 1998

Garza County Commissioners Court put the finishing touches to legal documents related to securing a privately owned prison with formal signing of documents this week. Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby was joined by commissioners Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Royce Josey, and John Valdez.

Volunteers circulating petition forms to call an election to dissolve the hospital taxing authority reported more than 350 signatures. Organizers of the petition drive were seeking 500 signatures, although only 445 were required.

Lewis and Mary Nell Holly announced the approaching marriage of their son, Matt to Amy Michelle Carlson of Stephenville.

The Post Antelope Booster Club surprised Quannah and Sue Maxey by honoring them at halftime of a district basketball game. The Maxeys were recognized as 50 year supporters of Post school athletic events.

20 Years Ago April 6, 1988

Angela Cooley and Natasha Newdiger won the Division I category of the Lions Club Talent Show. Cooley and Newdiger sang a duet for the win. Cara Cash and her group lip synched a song for the second place trophy. In the Division II Rosa Gonzales went home with first place while Cathy Boles placed second and Rolanda Brown was third. Gonzales and Boles sang songs while Brown performed a dance in the contest.

Miss Mary Catherine Copeland became the bride of Jeffery Todd Sharp in a double ring ceremony at Westover Hills Church of Christ in Austin. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Sharp.

Sam Butler was among the 19 cadets honored at the 37th SPAG Regional Law Enforcement Academy Graduation Banquet at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

Patty Kirkpatrick of Danish Imports congratulated Todd Terry following the Jelly Bean Guessing Contest held at the store as part of the Easter promotion. Todd guessed 1704 beans the actual count was 1710.

30 Years Ago April 6, 1978

A Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting honoring Guy's, Post's new TV and home appliance center opened here. Owners were Wardell Owens, Willie Owens and Guy Owens all of Slaton, along with Jack Pruitt of Post. Pruitt also served as the store manager.

Basketball honors went to Karla Kennedy, honorable mention all district guard; Lisa Cowdrey, all district guard; Debbie Wyatt, all district forward and Nancy Clary, all district forward; Brad Shepherd, all district; Ronald Bratcher, honorable mention; and Evans Heaton, honorable mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Miller of Justiceburg were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tubbs on a long week-end trip to Nashville and Franklin, Tenn.

Kirk Stevens won a five foot trophy and a first place, after dropping only four points in the 16 and under class in the Ghost Town Enduro, held at Thurber, Texas.

40 Years Ago April 4, 1968

Post High School's one-act play, "Dinny and the Witches," placed second in the district 4AA play competition with Mike Scott in the title role, receiving the best actor award.

Another Post serviceman began his year of duty in Vietnam this week in 1968.

Pfc. Freddy Cockrell left Fort Lewis, Washington by air for the war zone.

The team of Arthur Kelley and Charles Morris won the partnership handicap am-am tournament at the Caprock Golf Course.

Mrs. Bettie Carmichael celebrated her 93rd birthday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Cass.

Miss Henrietta Nichols returned home from an extended visit in the West and a 10-day tour of Hawaii.

The first three months of 1968 were the wettest first quarter in Post in the 60 years that moisture records were kept.

50 Years Ago April 3, 1958

As she promised while in Post for the Golden Jubilee celebration, Mrs. Merriweather Post would return this week in 1958 to unveil the statue of her father, C. W. Post. The statue unveiling program and the Danny Thomas and Spring Byington show was scheduled for April 5.

The Post High School girls' volleyball team, which had dominated district play for something like 10 years, was dethroned by the Spur Bulldogs. Coach Jiggs King's team members were Doris Eilenburger, Pat Wheatley, Glenda Whittenberg, Janet Stephens, Gwen Copple, Kay Martin, Patsy Ethridge, Sandy Veach and Barbara Gary.

Minnie Lee Mathis, sophomore student at Post High School was named winner of the senior class' beauty contest held in the grade school auditorium. Barbara Shydes, a junior student was runner-up, and Carolyn Bird, also a junior student, won third place.

60 Years Ago April 1, 1948

Garza County suffered with many other regions of the state over one of the worst dust storms in 10 years. Traveling at a steady 52-miles an hour, the duster damaged trees, ruffled dispositions, put a stop to oil and many farm activities and caused two airplanes to make a forced landing in the Verbera Community.

Grade School News: The six and seven year old first grade boys and girls are happy each week when the mail clerk delivers the children's newspaper, "My Weekly Reader". The third grade assembly program included two plays, "Cinderella's Reception," and "Monkey Shines in a Doctor's Office". The fourth grade class welcomed two new pupils,

Hilario Lozana and Harold Mack Kemp. Johnny Blocker, Nettie Yandell and Joyce Evans all moved away this week; Tommy Lou Scott and Leonard Short were elected baseball captain for the girls' and boys' teams in the fifth grade class; Most of the seventh graders went to a birthday party at Lula Bess Teal's home in honor of Jean Cato.

Menus

Post ISD

April 7
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit, milk, butter & syrup
Lunch: Hot dogs, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup, milk

April 8
Breakfast: Bagel, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch: Ground beef & macaroni, green beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

April 9
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk
Lunch: Pork roast, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, roll, milk

April 10
Breakfast: Banana bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

April 11
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, cookies, milk

Southland ISD
April 7
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit cup, juice, milk
Lunch: Baked potato w/ham, broccoli & cheese, pretzel, cake, milk

April 8
Breakfast: PBJ sandwich, banana, juice, milk
Lunch: Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, salad, pudding, milk

April 9
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, yogurt, juice, milk
Lunch: Dorito casserole, beans, salad, jello, milk

April 10
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: Fried chicken, cream potatoes, corn-on-cob, roll, cookie, milk

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• Still dry and windy out here...surprise, surprise! Hopefully we will have some rain soon. I'm writing this on Tuesday and we have a slight chance tomorrow so keep your fingers crossed. Maybe by the time you are reading this we will have gotten something. Despite the dry conditions the farmers are in the fields preparing to plant this year's crop.

• The Livingston Bunch had a mini-reunion in Slaton in the home of Ross and Nita Dunn. Those enjoying food and lots of visiting and catching up were Ross and Nita; Ty, Trevor, Chris and Cory Dunn; Mark, Lynn and Justin Dunn; Daniel, Brenda, Kaitlyn and Katherine Dunn; Gene and Lorye Moore; Linda Runkles; Tracy, Twanna and Tucker McCallister; Ronnie and Andra Dunn; Lance, Tonya,

Kari and Katie Dunn; Steven and Kayla Overstreet. Ross and Nita's son, Daniel, is getting ready to go to Iraq, so know that we are keeping him and his family in our prayers.

• Andrew Quintana went on a shopping trip to Lubbock to pick out his birthday present. Andrew picked a remote-controlled 9520 John Deere Tractor. When they returned home they all celebrated his birthday with a barbecue at Andrew's home. Helping him to celebrate were his parents and sister; David, Melinda and Quincey Quintana, Patrick Gonzales and Laura Zamora of Irving; Andrew's Aunt Sylvia and Uncle Joe came all the way from Indiana; great-grandmother, Eva Gonzales; grandparents, Tino and Linda Alaniz; and grandmother Adelina Quintana and other aunts, uncles and cousins.

• I have to congratulate some of the Ragtown kiddos from Borden County at their district track meet. Our daughter, Raegan, won the discus with a throw of 75.5 and came in second in shot with a throw of 26.3; Kaylyn Dean placed fourth with a throw of 22.3. She is the daughter of Robby and Kerri Dean of Gail and the granddaughter of Ricky

and Judy Bush of Levelland. Though I'm not sure of the placement, Dalton Thuet also competed; he is the grandson of Ronald and Nancy Thuet.

• Visitors ... we have had a few this week. First of all, Robert Craig brought in his son and grandson, Bob and Steven Craig who live in the Dallas area. Jon Bil Hedrick came by for a Coke. Syd Conner came by and brought us some information. Wade Bridgeman came by to pick up a new cap after losing his.

Get Wells
• Lois Childs is doing better every day. She is now in rehab and will be home real soon. As always, don't forget our Ragtown folks in the nursing homes: Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock.

Birthdays
• April 2 - Jim McCampbell
• April 4 - Mary Ethridge
• April 6 - Lorye Lou Livingston Moore
• April 9 - Coryn Massey
Anniversaries
• April 7 - Robby and Kerri Dean

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8 TXism: "crooked" dog's hind leg
9 Astro player, e.g.
12 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"
28 TXism: "I double-dog you!"
29 TXism: "como" (How are you?)
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31 TXism: "___ of" (many)
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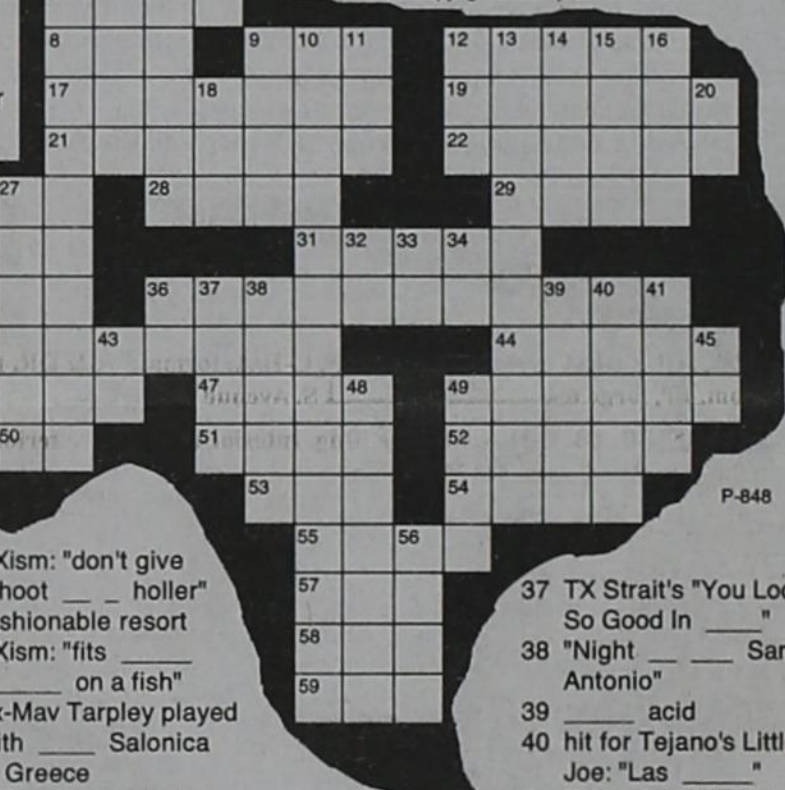
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57 TXism: "___ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
58 TXism: "___ it in the bud"
59 TX-based phone co. before Verizon

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32 Vernon, TX
33 ___ Lago, TX
34 to Bryan from Waco
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37 TX Strait's "You Look So Good In ___"
38 "Night ___ San Antonio"
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40 hit for Tejanos Little Joe: "Las ___"
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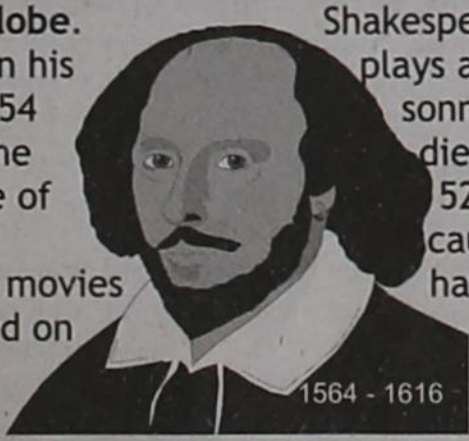
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SO SHAKESPEARE

VOL 73

At the age of 25 William Shakespeare wrote his first play, *Henry VI*. He would go on to write 37 more plays (one of which, *Cladenio*, has been forever lost) and to become the greatest playwright of all time. William was also part owner of the acting troupe, Lord Chamberlains Men and co-owner of one of the first theaters in the world, The Globe. Shakespeare acted in his plays and wrote 154 sonnets before he died at the age of 52 from unknown causes. More than 250 movies produced based on his work. He is the most influential writer in the world.



1564 - 1616

The Globe

The Globe

had no curtain, no backdrop and very little scenery or props but it did use special effects to entertain the audience. Unfortunately, a cannon used in a production of *Henry VIII* caught the thatched roof on fire. The burned out theater was rebuilt one year later.

Standing in the pit (ground level) with the other commoners would have cost a penny. To have a seat in the galleries, with the upper class, would have set you back two pence.



The Globe

was built in 1599.

The Globe

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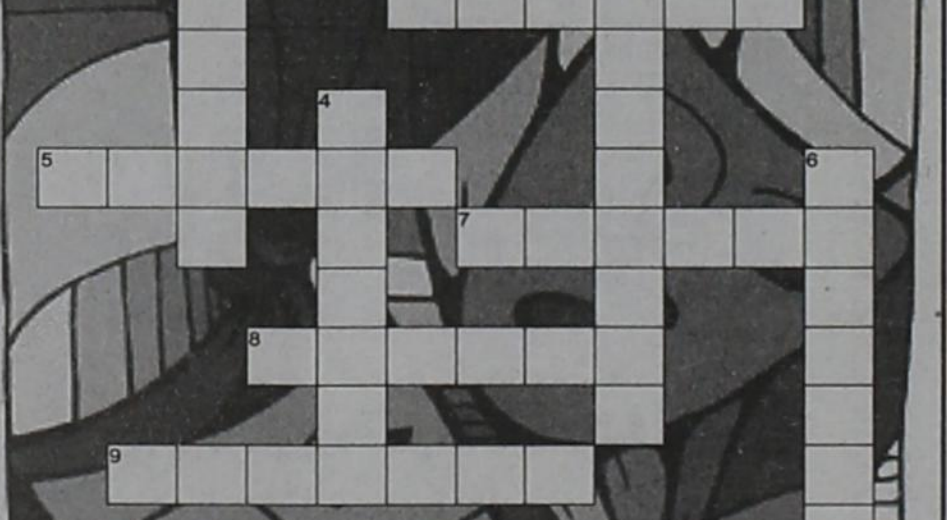
open-air, round theater held 3000 theater goers.

The Globe flag

was flown to announce when a play was about to begin.

What do the words eyeball, zany, bedroom, attorney, moonbeam, gloomy, gossip leap-frog and luggage all have in common? They are all among the 1700 words that were "coined" or first used by William Shakespeare.

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9 Much Ado About
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Nickname: Bard of Avon (bard means poet, and Avon is the river near his birthplace.)

Shakespeare has one of the world's most recognizable faces yet no photographs or official portraits were done in his lifetime. His famous countenance is remembered based on the title page of the *First Folio*, a collection of his work, published seven years after his death.

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Receiving a special "Thank You" from the cast of the 2008 One-Act Play team following Monday's Dinner Theatre presentation of "The Would-Be Gentleman" are play directors (front center, left to right) Tim Tatum, Leslie Tatum and Sterline Marcum. Cast members participating in the presentation are (back, left to right) Chad Miller, Kelly Chapa, Tim Wilson, Call Windham, Quinten Davis, Jessica Quisenberry, Allen Heckaman, Stacy Bocko, Zachery Kocurek, Kat Villalon and Meagen Howard (front right). Cast members not pictured are Bethany Berry, Suhani Bhakta, Chelsey Sapp, Zach Nava. Crew Members were Steven Short, Quinton Valdez, Jackie Slaugh, and Katelynn Short.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Congressman Neugebauer Holds Constituent Coffee in Post

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, who represents the 19th Congressional District in Washington, D.C., recently attended several events in Post. Neugebauer conducted an informal gathering of constituents at the Community Center. A "constituent coffee" meeting at the Community Center offered an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the congressman.

Among those who attended this meeting, two special guests were Post residents Erika McNeely & Leslie Workman. Their father, Maj. Roger Stark of Plainview, recently visited with Congressman Neugebauer in Washington, D.C.

"This great American wanted to visit his congressman to let me know what's going on in Iraq," Neugebauer explained. "Americans love freedom, liberty and opportunity. Those don't come cheap."

He continued: "It makes me very proud to meet people like their father. I'm also very proud of our all-volunteer service. These people could be doing other things and making more money. I want to thank these young women for their dad's service to our country."

After a short introduction by Garza County Judge Lee Norman, Neugebauer explained that when the U.S. Congress is in adjournment, he uses this type of meetings to communicate with his constituents. He also explained that by registering on his web site, (www.randy.house.gov). Anyone may receive email updates and participate in "tele-" town hall meetings.

Neugebauer next moved to comments about the pending Farm Bill. He stated that he is working diligently to obtain re-authorization of the 2002 Farm Bill calling this "a very important piece of legislation to the country and to the 19th District."

The current Farm Bill passed both the House and the Senate and there

are plans after the spring holidays to bring these together and adopt the bill. "My goal from the beginning has been for the next bill to be as similar to the 2002 Farm Bill as possible as the previous bill was successful," Neugebauer explained.

Because time is running out to settle the Farm Bill, the congressman feels the best solution will be a 5-year bill adopted before the new administration, rather than an extension of the 2002 bill.

Moving to a discussion about the economy, Congressman Neugebauer stated that "the economy in the 19th District is actually pretty good." He voted in favor of the tax rebate recently announced by the president because "I'm always in favor of giving you some of your money back."

Neugebauer explained that he expects the IRS to send additional information about the tax rebate to help everyone better understand how much will be paid. One Garza County resident present at this gathering expressed a growing concern regarding violation of anti-trust laws, specifically by seed and chemical companies.

Neugebauer explained that he has been watching this potential problem and will continue to monitor these industries making sure there is transparency in pricing. He also expressed concern that all countries help pay for research and development so this expense isn't only passed on to U.S. customers, stating that "everyone who benefits should help pay for research & development."

The congressman was commended by representatives from the technological/communication industry for his support of technological development in rural areas, especially Garza County. Neugebauer explained how important this is to rural communities,

"Because the rest of the world can do business from anywhere, people are starting to move to smaller communities." He believes this trend will continue as people seek a quieter, less hectic place to live. This makes it extremely important for smaller communities to take care of their infrastructure such as transportation, communication and water so they can attract new residents.

Another participant asked about Rural Conservation & Development funding. Neugebauer explained that "the future of this will be determined in the appropriation process." However, he expressed a commitment to this and other funding vitally important to rural development.

The congressman briefly addressed the future of wind energy indicating that our state government may help with bond funding. "Eventually we (Texas) need to work on being tied into a bigger system so we'll have more options for the electricity generated," Neugebauer proposed.

Staying on the subject of energy, the congressman expressed strong concern for our country's dependency on foreign oil stating that he believes it is dangerous to "get politics ahead of science. We need to understand exactly the science and the cost long-term and then say what we can realistically do with alternative fuel."

After leaving the community center, Neugebauer and his staff toured the OS Museum and visited there with the McCrary family, museum staff and other guests.

The final stop in Post was a luncheon with the Concerned Women for America at the First Baptist Church where Neugebauer provided a legislative update to that group.



Congressman Randy Neugebauer is shown with Post residents Erika McNeely and Leslie Workman at a recent gathering at the Post Community Center.
Photo by Rosa Latimer

County earmarks funds for repairs at Garza Museum

Garza County Commissioners, during their March 24 meeting, approved the expenditure of \$15,242 for repairs at the Garza County Historical Museum.

Linda Puckett, museum curator, told the court that the museum budgeted \$16,500 for the project. Three bids were received for exterior repairs and the addition of insulation to the attic - Jones & Associates, \$15,242; Protodyne Inc., \$16,268; and America's Best Home Improvements, \$16,411.

The vote to approve the bid from Jones & Associates was unanimous. The court also unanimously approved an extension of the emergency order prohibiting outdoor burning in Garza County.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a request to pay county employee Marinette Tyler for the next two pay periods ending April 11. Constable Daniel Yarbro advised that Tyler has utilized all of her sick leave time, vacation and personal time during treatment for cancer and need additional time off for outpatient treatments. The vote was unanimous.

- Reviewed price increases from Ben E. Keith for the Garza County Regional Detention Center Food Program. The item was tabled to allow the court to review the original contract before making any decision.

- Reviewed a pair of property bids on the north half of Lot 15 and the north half of Lot 16 of the Hart Addition and voted to accept the bid of \$325.80 from Ernesto Bustoz pending the approval of the other taxing entities involved. The property has a market value of \$1,250, according to a 2005 tax suit judgment, and the property was later stuck off to the county after failing to sell in a sheriff's sale. The court denied a bid of \$372.82 from Bustoz for Lot 49, Block 2 of the Hart Addition. A 2006 tax suit judgment declared a market value of \$1,000 and was later stuck off to the county after failing to sell at a sheriff's sale. Precinct 3 Commission John Valdez abstained from the votes.

- Received and approved reports on the audit on operations at the Dalby Correctional Facility and the audit of the Dalby Correctional Facility Inmate Trust Funds from independent Auditor Joe F. Hays, CPA.

- Reviewed and approved the adoption of the county road map with an amendment and ordered the map to be filed in the deed records of the county clerk's office.

- Ordered on behalf of the Garza County Democratic Party the consolidation of six election precinct boxes into a single consolidated polling place for the April 8 runoff election.

- Appointed early voting poll workers and Election Day poll workers for the April 8 Democratic Party primary runoff election.

- Appointed the Central Count Station for the April 8 runoff election.

- Approved a three-year service agreement with Election Systems and Software for election ballot and coding services.

- Approved two line-item transfers and a budget amendment. The first line-item transfer was for \$300 for the Justiceburg Community Fire Station. The second was for the clerk's office for a total of \$2,200. The budget amendment, presented by the Extension Office, was for \$2,240.

- Approved precinct and countywide accounts payable for the period from March 11 through March 24.

- Received and accepted a pair of AgriLife Extension Service reports.

- Approved minutes from the March 10 meeting as presented.

Post ISD answers questions...

(Continued from Page 1)

ters, Superintendent Marlin Marcum provided the following answers, as well as almost 50 pages of support materials, to The Dispatch on Tuesday:

- Is there any extra cost to the Post ISD when the superintendent was allowed to retire and be rehired each year? No. A provision is included in each retire/rehire contract that requires that if there is any added cost, it will be paid by the employee.

- How often is the superintendent's contract renewed? The superintendent's contract may be renewed annually and extended up to five years by law (documentation provided).

- What budget items will be cut in order to pay out Tim James' contract? No budget cuts.

- Is the district liable for any worker's compensation-type injury while he is still considered on the payroll? James is on administrative leave and as such is not working for the Post ISD. No.

- What was the amount previously paid by the district for the contract with the athletic director prior to Tim James? \$62,000 per year (documentation provided).

- Why was Tim James' contract extended in February 2007 if there were already problems within the athletic department? The superintendent recommended a one-year contract at that time, not an extension. The school board chose to set aside the administrative recommendation and extend the existing contract. That decision was made by a vote of four in favor, two opposed and one abstention (documentation provided).

- Do the personnel contracts provide a provision on behalf of the district in order to terminate or "get out" of a contract under substantial measures? There are provisions for termination of contract (documentation provided).

- If so, obviously this provision was not taken advantage of in the situation with Tim James. Why? That is not correct. There were no errors or problems in handling the matter. During the process, a settlement proposal was offered by James. The school district's attorney recommended that a settlement would be less expensive than a longer process, which was the alternative.

- Is there a system of checks and balances for investigating errors or problems leading on the side of the superintendent? There were no errors identified. Both sides of any issue are always presented.

- If so, what actions will be taken in this matter? There are no actions pending.

- How many students has the district lost per campus for the 2007-2008 school year? Three at the elementary school, none at the middle school and two at the high school (documentation provided).

- What is the total number of students lost to surrounding districts other than those lost to relocation? There is a net loss of 38 students at this time.

- What funding is lost per student when a student leaves the district? About \$2,900 per pupil. The cost for education in the district is about \$8,900 per student (documentation provided).

- Is there some type of exit questionnaire or poll used when a student transfers out of the district in order to determine strengths and weaknesses of the district? Campus staff report the stated reason for transfers in or out (documentation provided).

- What is the staffing turnover rate per campus? Total teacher turnover rate for 2003-2004, 16 percent; 2004-2005, 12 percent; 2005-2006, 13 percent; 2006-2007, 13 percent (documentation provided).

- Why doesn't the district promote from within when there is a vacant position if any employee is qualified? All vacancies are posted. All qualified individuals applying are considered and the best-qualified individual is selected (documentation provided).

- Is there a formal or informal process/pathway/liaison/anonymous suggestion box that allows the trustees to be able to get a feel for the mood and attitude of personnel on each campus and therefore detect problems early before a situation or atmosphere gets to chaotic or out of control? There are both formal and informal processes to get information to both trustees and administrators. Most staff are willing and able to discuss moods and attitudes freely with both administration and trustees. Trustees bring concerns to the administration, the administration shares concerns with trustees. Communication is pretty open (documentation provided).

According to a portion of the documentation provided to The Dispatch by Marcum, a letter addressing Gray's questions was sent to her on March 26. A portion of that letter read, "While the open records request does not provide for the responses you sought, I am able to answer your questions as I would any concern or complaint brought to the superintendent. Please feel free to contact my secretary and establish an appointment, and I will do my best to answer your questions orally."

The school district's attorney also forwarded the list of questions to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office to ascertain whether information is subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

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