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Post ISD eyes settlement with athletic director

Trustees of the Post Independent School District were scheduled to meet in special session at noon Thursday, Feb. 7, to consider a "settlement agreement" with Tim James, athletic director and head football coach.

The meeting's agenda included a provision for an executive, closed-door session, during which time trustees could consult with the district's attorney about the proposal. Following the closed session, an open session was scheduled to enable trustees to take action, if needed, on the settlement agreement.

State law requires that any vote taken by a governing board must be done in open session.

Press deadlines prevented The Dispatch from printing coverage of the meeting in this week's newspaper; however, details will be published next week.

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Ah the memories ...

After more than 14 years, Old Mill Trade Days closed its gates last Sunday evening as visitors enjoyed one final fling. The Old Mill Trade Days. Post Economic Development Corporation, owner of the property, has not announced any future plans for the facility.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Post Notes

Catholic Church hosts fish fry Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry on Friday, February 8 from 5-7 p.m. Plate are \$7 each. The church will continue to sell fish plates for the next six weeks.

VFW men and ladies meeting set Monday

Post 6797 men and ladies auxiliary will meet on Monday, February 11 at 6 p.m. at the post on the Clairemont Highway. All members are urged to attend, if you need a ride call 495-2026. There will be no meal this time.

District 7 meeting held February 10

VFW Ladies Auxiliary State President Linda Henry along with her husband Danny Henry, Past State Commander, will preside over the District 7 meeting to be held in Lubbock on Sunday, February 10 starting at 10 a.m., at the Lubbock Post on 114 Street and the Tahoka Highway. All Posts in the district along with the auxiliaries will attend including the local Post 6797. This is the annual visit of the state president for the auxiliaries and it is a first that a husband and wife are in charge. All members are urged to attend this important meeting and get to know your state officers. For further information call Chuck or Janet Ratliff, Post 6797 Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President at 495-2026.

Fire Department's chili supper planned

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the 13th Annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 16 at the Fire Station. Chili will be served starting at 6 p.m. until chili is gone. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Public Information Officer Bryan Looney at 535-9721.

Post Book Club meets February 16th

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, February 16, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Vienna Prelude" by Bodie Thoen. The historic novel is set in Europe during World War II. The book is the first in the series "Zion Covenant."

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PHS set for eight team district

The Texas U.I.L. football and basketball realignment for 2008-2009 school years puts Post High School into an eight team district with Class AA enrollment of 200 to 429 students. Added to the current district are Abernathy, Littlefield and Shallowater. Dropped from the new district is Tahoka, which will compete in Class A.

The PHS tentative schedule for 2008 football season starts



Jessica Quisenberry received a Division I rating in the regional UIL vocal solo competition conducted Saturday, Feb. 2, at Frenship High School. She now is eligible to advance to the state contest in May at San Marcos. Under the direction of Carroll Rhodes and accompanied by pianist Kathy Whitfill, the treble voice soloist performed the Class 1 solo "The Holy City" composed by Stephen Adams.

with Sundown, followed by Lamesa, an open week, then Floydada. District competition begins at Roosevelt, followed by Abernathy (here), at Idalou, Shallowater here, at Denver City, at Slaton and closes with Littlefield here.

Details of the 2008 schedule will be released February 22, 2008.

The new Class AA enrollment is 200 to 429. The previous enrollment for AA was 195 to 414.

PHS reported an enrollment of 246 students as of December 31, 2007. In the previous reporting period (2006-2007) enrollments at the other district schools were:

Abernathy, 222
Idalou, 255
Roosevelt, 327
Slaton, 357
Denver City, 362
Shallowater, 370

Chili supper planned Saturday for Post VFD fundraiser

The 13th Annual Post Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper will be Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Post Fire Station. Chili will be served from 6 p.m. until it's gone.

Donations will be accepted.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring friends and family members.

Sponsors providing support and donation for this year's event include United Supermarket, Citizens Bank, Thompson Wrecker Service, Strawn Transport, Lee and Marsha Norman, Post Stampede Rodeo Association, Double J Services, Wells Fargo Bank, and B&A LP Gas Inc.

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Local and area officials gathered for a groundbreaking at Camp Post on Saturday. Pictured from the left are Rodney Carpenter of Lubbock, executive director for the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America; Tim Minnix of Minnix Construction, Lubbock; Cub Scout Caleb Carpenter and Boy Scout Austin Moore, both of Lubbock; Post Mayor Kim Mills; Garza County Judge Lee Norman; and Robert Wilson of Lubbock, president of the South Plains Council. The groundbreaking celebrated the beginning of construction on several new upgrades and additions at the camp.
 Photo courtesy South Plains Council, BSA

Groundbreaking marks upgrades at Camp Post

by Sheri Lewis

Groundbreaking ceremonies celebrating Phase I of a \$1.1 million upgrade at the Post Memorial Scout Camp were conducted Saturday.

Post Mayor Kim Mills and Garza County Judge Lee Norman participated in the ceremony, which drew several representatives from the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America. The local troop was invited to participate, but was unable to attend because of a previously scheduled campout, according to reports.

The noon groundbreaking marked the kickoff of a capital improvement campaign made possible by fundraising that began in 2006. As part of that fund drive, more than \$600,000 was raised to provide additions and needed improvements to the camp, which is located two miles south of Post on Hwy. 669.

Upgrades and additions made possible by the campaign include:

- New bunkhouse and restroom/shower facilities; each bunkhouse will accommodate 20 people.
- New archery range (completed last year), replacing existing range.
- New ropes course (completed last year); designed to build self-esteem, confidence and team work.

- New rifle and shotgun ranges, allowing for better access for handicapped individuals and emergency vehicles.
- Dining hall upgrades – new AC/heat installed, replacing the “swamp cooler,” and new windows and insulation.
- New pavilions throughout the camp.
- Remodeling for the ranch house.
- Addition of wrought-iron fencing around the pool area.
- Repainting of the pool.

Other new features include a chuck wagon, a pair of windmills, split-rail fencing and new gates, longhorn cattle, new picnic and dining room tables, a new three-quarter ton pickup and a new mower for use throughout the grounds.

“The upgrades and new additions to camp will help us better serve our Scouts and great volunteers,” said Rodney Carpenter, executive director for the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America. “The construction at camp will also pay homage to our ranching history. We wanted the designs of the buildings – split-rail

fencing, windmills and even our longhorns – to reflect that history. We feel that our Scouts and visitors will be excited at all that is being done at Camp Post.”

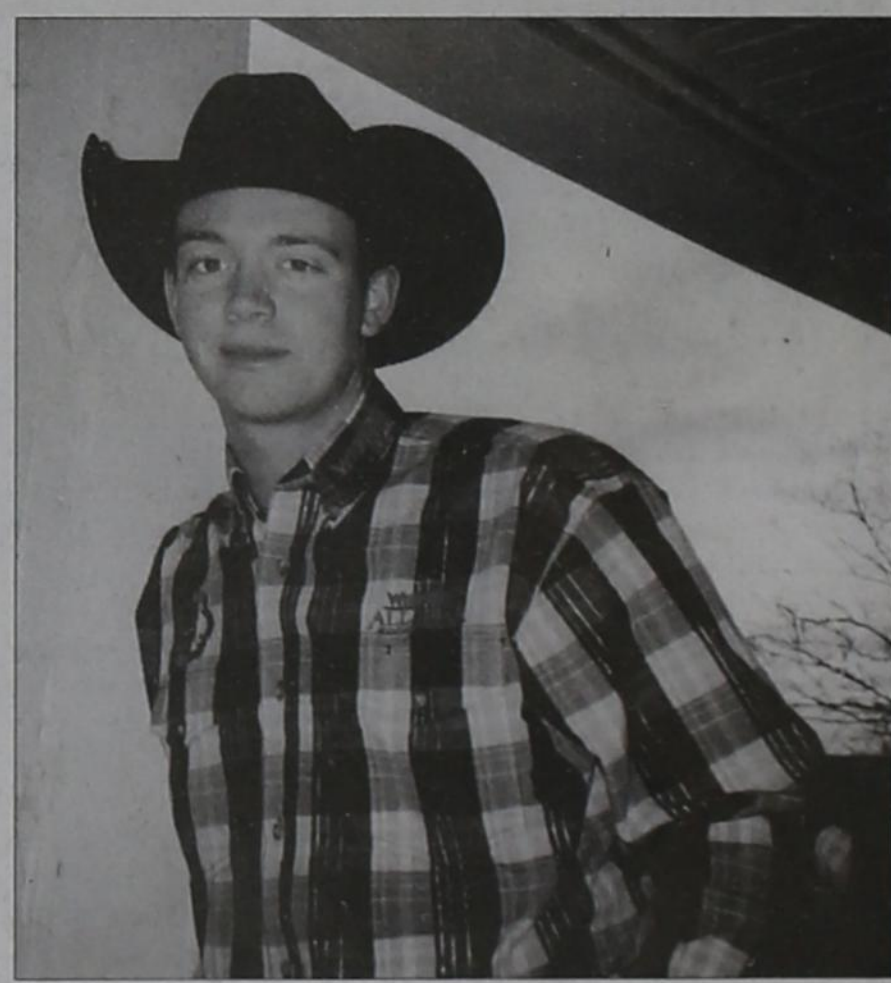
Construction is already under way and should be completed by the time summer camp begins in June, Carpenter said. No interference with camp activities is expected.

While the majority of those who utilize the camp will be Scouts and their leaders, outside groups will have the opportunity to make use of the ropes, or “challenge,” course and other areas of the camp, he said.

The upgrades and renovations mark the first phase of a \$1.1 million improvement plan. Phase II will incorporate the construction of a western town that will include a BB-gun range, an Indian village, another restroom facility and, Carpenter said, “perhaps even a museum to showcase our camp’s history.”

The South Plains Council serves more than 4,300 youths and 1,000 adults in 20 counties, including Garza County.

The effort to fund Phase II has just started. Anyone interested in contributing to the Camp Post Capital Campaign should contact the South Plains Council office at 806-747-2631.



R.H. Whitten

Whitten tapped again for Wrangler rodeo honors

For the second straight year, R.H. Whitten of New Home has been selected as part of the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team, according to a National High School Rodeo Association press release.

Whitten was singled out for the recognition by leaders of the NHRSA, the oldest youth rodeo organization in the nation.

The All Star Rodeo Team is designed to parallel Wrangler’s Champion Pro Rodeo Team, whose members include rodeo celebrities Trevor Brazile, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen, Dustin Elliot, Kelly Kaminski, Will Lowe and the late Jim Shoulders, a Hall of Fame member.

Whitten earned a spot on the high school team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

Students selected to the team receive official competition apparel, including Wrangler Twenty X shirts embroidered with the team logo and two pair of competition jeans. Each team member also receives a certificate signed by a Wrangler official.

“We are excited to again this year expand Wrangler’s rodeo sponsorship program at the high school level,” said Karl Stressman, Wrangler Rodeo’s special events manager. “As always, it gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate Wrangler brand with promising young men and women. We’re confident each member of the team will be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the sports of rodeo.”

Whitten, the son of Jerry and Cathy Whitten, is a junior at New Home High School.

Congratulations Post Antelope All-South Plains Football Team



We salute Post Antelope football players Jeremy Short (left) and Kris Crenshaw (right) for their selection on the All-South Plains Football Team.



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Tickets are \$20 each and are on sale in the Chamber office. Member sponsor for this event is MTC/Dalby Correctional Facility.

The PACC office is open Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; telephone 495-3461.

Extension Extras

Photography Project

A photography project session is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Feb. 11, at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office. Please call 495-4400 Monday to confirm the meeting.

Clothing Project

The next clothing project session will be Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office. Any youth interested in learning how to sew, consumer buying tips, designing, grooming and modeling is encouraged to attend.

4-H Club Meeting

All 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are encouraged to attend the Golden Clover meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office, 215 W. Main.

4-Hers Participating at San Antonio

We would like to wish all of our exhibitors the best of luck at the San Antonio Livestock Show next week. Those planning to attend are Michael Porter, Jarrett Blevins, Dakota Greer, Skylar Jones, Pake Jones, Pat Reiter and Lacy Williams.

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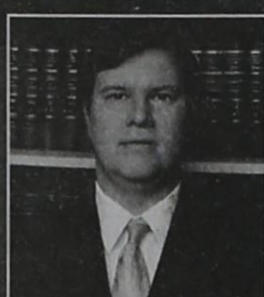
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Post City Merchants of the month of February went to Plum Crazy on 220 E. Main Street. Participating in the event was (back row) Loyd Mashburn, Pat Cruse, Linda Puckett, (front row) Darla Frazier and Donna Degan (owner of Plum Crazy). Staff photo by Merika Strivens

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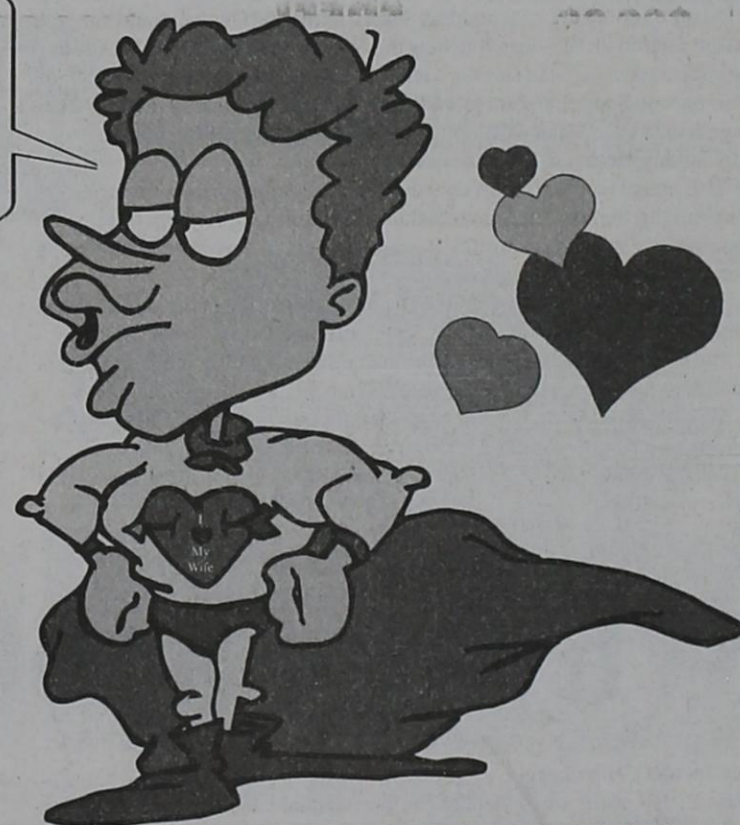
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Who now?

by Bill O'Reilly

Ted Kennedy's Obama-endorsement moment a few days ago lifted the 76-year-old senator into a zone he hadn't seen for years. All the TV news programs wanted him on, some of his nieces and nephews actually split with him, and he even managed to upstage the State of the Union address.

Predictably, nasty stuff about Kennedy instantly appeared on some far-right Internet sites, but more than a few left-wing concerns also hammered him for abandoning his former pals the Clintons.

In short, there was minor hysteria in liberal circles because Kennedy and his niece Caroline are supporting Barack Obama over the Democratic machine candidate, Hillary Clinton. And nowhere was the hysteria more pronounced than in the National Organization for Women.

The nonpartisan website Politico reported that New York NOW President Marcia Pappas was furious with Kennedy. The website quotes Pappas as saying:

"Women have just experienced the ultimate betrayal. Senator Kennedy's endorsement of Hillary Clinton's opponent in the Democratic Presidential primary campaign has really hit women hard. Women have forgiven Kennedy, stuck up for him ... and now the greatest betrayal! We are repaid with his abandonment! He's picked the new guy over us. He's joined the list of progressive white men who can't or won't handle the prospect of a woman president who is Hillary Clinton."

Good grief.

So what this means is that any guy who doesn't support Sen. Clinton for president is a traitor to all things feminine. I don't even want to think about how Ms. Pappas would characterize women who don't support Hillary.

Sensing danger, the national president of NOW, Kim Gandy, issued her own statement directly contradicting her New York lieutenant:

"Though (NOW) has proudly endorsed Sen. Hillary Clinton for president, we respect Sen. Kennedy's endorsement."

Sure.

This is damage control. Ms. Gandy and other liberal big shots understand a strong tinge of bitterness is sweeping through the progressive ranks, and that is disaster for the secular-progressive movement.

According to every survey done on the subject, traditional-minded Americans outnumber s-p's by more than two to one. If the liberal lobby fractures, especially over the explosive issues of race and gender, permanent damage may be done to the progressive movement.

At the State of the Union address, Sens. Clinton and Obama would not even look at each other. I've been watching this very closely, and I think Mr. Obama took great offense to the slumlord remark. I mean, it's one thing to say Jesse Jackson won South Carolina so what's the big deal that Obama won it, but it's quite another for Hillary Clinton to accuse Obama of selling out inner-city African-Americans.

This liberal civil war is now overshadowing the entire primary process, and it's ironic that the liberal media are enthusiastically driving the story. NBC News and others are spending major time parsing every single perceived insult coming from the Clinton and Obama camps.

It will all end, of course, when the Democrats select their nominee. Then the competitors will stand together, smiling for the cameras.

But underneath those smiles will be memories and, with apologies to Barbra Streisand, they won't be "misty water-colored." Trust me.

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Why not abolish the Fed?

by Jacob G. Hornberger

One of the positions of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul that mainstream pundits find "wacky" is his call to abolish the Federal Reserve System. Never mind that two Nobel Prize-winning economists — both libertarians — called for the same thing. And never mind that the Fed is the entity directly responsible for the debasement of the dollar over the many decades since the Fed was established.

Both Milton Friedman and Friedrich Hayek called for the abolition of the Fed during their careers. While Friedman spent much of his life advocating externally imposed constraints on the Fed's power to expand the money supply, his first wish was to have the Fed abolished, as he pointed out in a 1995 Reason magazine interview. In his book *Denationalisation of Money: An Analysis of the Theory and Practice of Concurrent Currencies*, Hayek advocated a free-market monetary system of competing currencies.

Most Americans probably still believe that the Great Depression was caused by "the failure of the free-enterprise system." It is a false belief. The truth is that the worst economic disaster in American history was caused by the Federal Reserve. Give current Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke credit for publicly acknowledging that fact in a speech delivered in 2002 commemorating Friedman's 90th birthday.

Throughout the ages, the favorite political trick for public officials has been to dole out "free benefits" to the citizenry and engage in expensive foreign military adventures without raising taxes. To accomplish this feat, they have simply resorted to the printing press to get the money to pay for the "free benefits" and the military adventures. As more money was printed, its value would drop, which would be reflected in rising prices for the things that money buys. As prices rose, people would blame speculators, capitalists, price-gougers, and profiteers, never suspecting that their public officials were behind the scam.

That's what the Fed has been doing for decades — accommodating ever-increasing government expenditures by printing the money to pay for them. That's why the value of the dollar has been plummeting ever since the 1930s. It's also why U.S. coins are now made of cheap alloys rather than of gold and silver. As the value of precious metals rose in response to an ever-depreciating currency, the value of the precious metals in coins became greater than the face value of the coins, encouraging people to hoard the coins or even melt them down for the metal. That's what Gresham's Law in economics is all about — that bad money (i.e., depreciating money) inevitably drives good money out of circulation.

For decades, U.S. officials made it a felony offense for Americans to own gold. Why did they do that? To prevent Americans from protecting themselves from a constantly depreciating currency. Equally important, the price of gold has always been an easy way to gauge what politicians are doing to the money. They

Opinions



And thereafter, Silly Talk

by Walter E. Williams

It's not easy being me. I'm disturbed by statements that many Americans accept or don't question that are ludicrous, if not crazy. The terms "change," "agents of change" and "change agents" are being bandied by presidential hopefuls, their supporters and media commentators. I'd like to ask Americans listening to these people whether they are for or against change. For one to be for or against change, in any generic sense, qualifies as stupid, but maybe public stupidity is the stock and trade of politicians.

Politicians and media people don't have a monopoly on silly talk. How many times have you heard a weatherman say that the sun will try to come out later in the day? Sometimes their prediction turns out to be false and I wonder whether they would explain it by saying the sun didn't try hard enough. But it's not just weathermen who use teleological explanations, ascribing purposeful behavior to inanimate objects. I'm currently listening to CD lectures on particle physics and I'm told that strange quarks want to decay. I'm wondering how the professor knows what a strange quark wants: has he interviewed one?

But it gets worse and sometimes mildly unpleasant. An information operator might tell me that the number I want is 610-777-8070. In the past, I have asked operators whether I'd reach my party by pressing the telephone's "o" key instead of the zero key. Operators have always told me that to reach my party, I'd have to press the zero key, whereupon I'd ask them, why did they say "o"; were they deliberately trying to sabotage my communication efforts? Our brief conversation begins to go politely downhill. Giving them the benefit of the doubt, maybe their source of confusion stems from the fact that the zero key doubles for the operator key.

But there's hope for the future. In my classes, when the opportunity arises, I give my students the definitions for "o" and zero. "O" is a vowel and the 15th letter of the English alphabet. Zero is defined as any number that when added or subtracted from another number does not change the value of that number.

I have other problems. When I attended Stoddard-Fleisher Junior High and Benjamin Franklin High schools, during the '40s and early '50s, teachers insisted on proper grammar, even though these schools

were predominantly black and among Philadelphia's lowest ranked in terms of academic reputation.

How many times have you heard a statement such as "Tom and myself were working together"? When one of my students makes such a statement, I ask, "If Tom were not with you, would you say, 'Myself was working alone'?" Words such as "myself" or "himself" are reflexive pronouns. Their proper use requires reference to the subject of the sentence. For example, "Tom injured himself." A reflexive pronoun can also be used intensively for emphasis, "Tom himself was injured." In both cases, himself refers back to Tom, the subject of the sentence.

How about, "He is taller than me." Whenever I hear such error, I visualize Dr. Martin Rosenberg, my high school English teacher, with his hands on his waist, sarcastically asking a student, "Do you mean 'He is taller than me am'?" "Am" is the understood, elliptical, or left out, verb at the end of the sentence. The subject of a verb must be in the nominative case. To be grammatically correct, the sentence should be, "He is taller than I."

I wonder whether it's just me, or is anyone else bothered by silly talk? It might be that I'm getting old and out of touch, or it might be that I'm suffering from having received my education before it became fashionable for white people to like black people and nonsense was unacceptable.

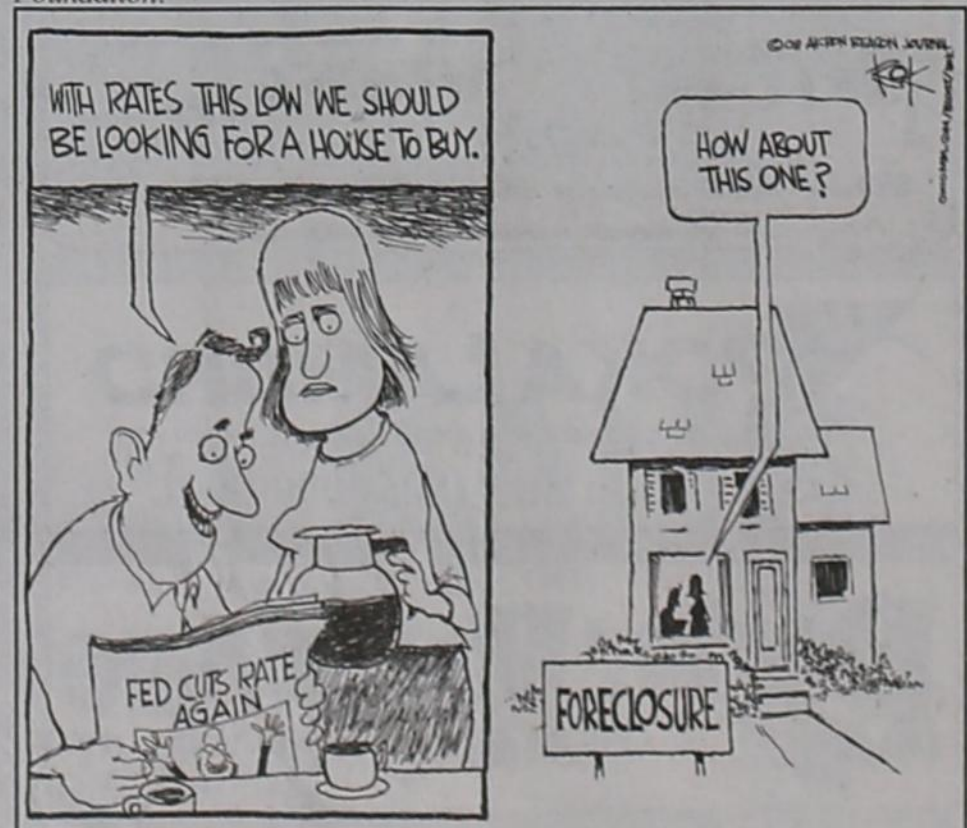
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Lady Lopes Branda Stevens (left, 10) looks for a possible pass to Brenna Postell (back right, 5) during Tuesday's final game of the season against Idalou in Antelope Arena. The Lady Lopes won 72-65.
Photo by Jerry Taylor

Roosevelt edges

Lady Lopes 56-53

In a tough and tumble basketball game February 1, the Post Lady Lopes varsity came up short in a 56-53 loss at Roosevelt.

The Lady Lopes trailed 18-16 at the end of the first period and 30-26 at halftime. The third period ended with the Lady Lopes leading 39-37. Roosevelt hit 19 points in the fourth period, limiting the Lady Lopes to 14 for the 56-53 score.

Branda Stevens led the Lady Lopes with a blistering 23 points, followed by Alex Miller with 12, seven by Brenda Postell, Samantha

Hoover with six, two each by Lori Jones and Elaena Morrison and one point by Cheyenne Miller.

The team closed out the season Tuesday, February 5 with Idalou at home.

Post JV Lady Lopes smash Roosevelt

The Post JV Lady Lopes took control of the court in the February 1 basketball game at Roosevelt, coming home with a 30-18 win.

Strong defense carried the Lady Lopes while Shyra Perez led the team with eight points. Other team members scoring were Bethany Berry (7), Danica Williams (4),

two each by Kaitlyn Short and Hailey Lester and one by Sabrina Sanchez.

Lopes shy of points at Roosevelt

The Post Antelopes couldn't muster the points in a 39-34 loss at Roosevelt Friday, February 1. The contest was a defensive match from

start to finish.

"We're still in the hunt for a playoff spot," coach Kevin James emphasized. The 'Lopes can work a tie for third with one more win, take third place with two wins and tie for second with three wins.

At Roosevelt Aaron James led scoring with 13 points, followed by Call Windham with seven, four each by Clint Windham and Jovanni Garay and three each by Tim Wilson and Jarrett Blevins.

The team hosted Idalou Tuesday, then hosts Denver City February 8 and travels to Slaton for the final regular season game.

Roosevelt trounces JV 'Lopes

The Post Antelope JV basketball team fell 57-22 at Roosevelt Friday, February 1.

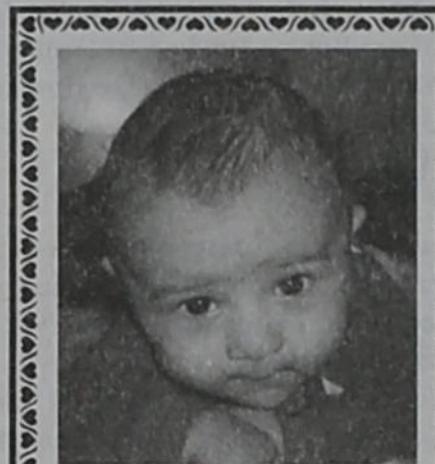
Henry Apolar was high scorer for the 'Lopes with eight points. Others scoring were Reed Williams (4), John Bocko (4) and two each by Chase Greathouse, Chess Postell

and Kyle Copeland.

After Tuesday's game here with Idalou, the team hosts Denver City February 8 and closes out the season at Slaton February 12.



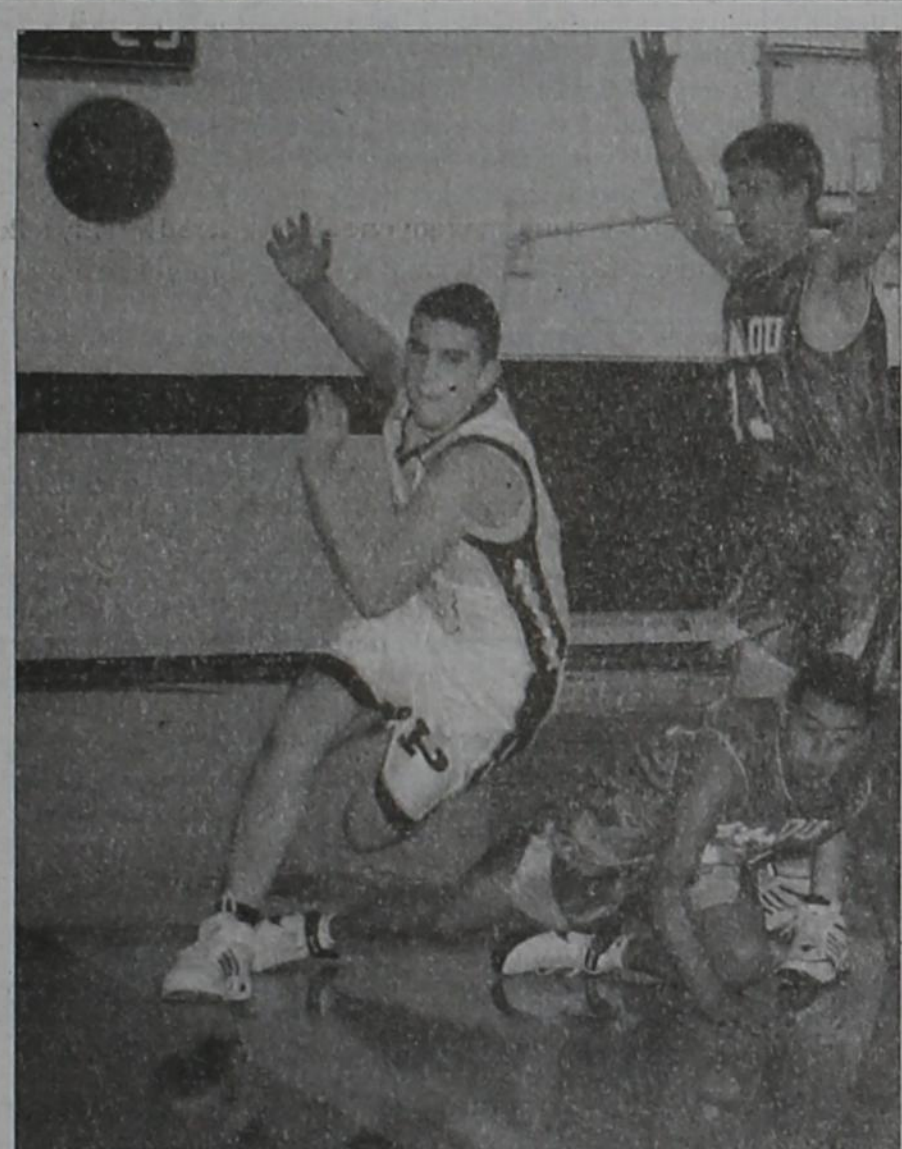
Recognized as Southland ISD Students and Staff Members of the Month of January were, from front, elementary students Kaylei Schoonover and Aaron Garza; at back, secondary students Kelee Lewis and Francisco Rivera; and staff members Amber Harmon, a first grade teacher, and Dustin Wall, secondary school history teacher and head girls basketball coach.
Photo courtesy of Southland ISD



Jonah Paul Pequeño
Grandparents Ricky & Reyes Pequeño



Zoey Celeste Pequeño
Grandparents Ricky & Reyes Pequeño



Post Antelopes J.V. Quinton Valdez (left, 33) chases down a run-away ball during Tuesday's basketball action against Idalou in Post. Idalou won 44-18.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Lynn County Attorney.

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Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.
Texas Department of Public Safety.
The University of Texas School of Law.
Texas Tech University School of Law.

Certified Texas Peace Officer.

Lubbock County Sheriff Patrol Deputy.

Civil Litigation: Hammerman and Gainer, Austin, 1991.
Lynch Chappell, Allday and Alsop, Austin, 1988-91.

Appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2001 as vice chair of the Governor's Planning Council for STOP Violence Against Women.

Graduate: South Texas College of Law, Houston, 1987.
The University of Texas at Austin, 1984.

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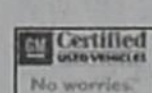
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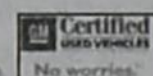
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago February 4, 1998

FHA Sweetheart Contest contestants were Amanda Pierce, Courtney Bratcher, Natalie Pollard, Arimy Gradine, Shelley Shifflett, Jenny Conoly, Davida Gregory, Stephanie Looney, Jenny Jones, Rachelle Jones, Becca Stelzer, Macee Mills and Andrea Rodriguez.

The Fellowship of Christian Youth 1998 Pinewood Derby was held at Camp Post. First place in the derby went to Kenny Ratke Jr. with Jarrod Grisham placing second, Zachery Kocurek placing third, and the Sportsman Award went to Jay Josey.

During an inmate transfer, a 37-year-old man in the custody of a Garza County Sheriff's Department official shot and killed himself after using a gun to escape from the reserve deputy.

Trustees for the Post Independent School District employed a firm this week in 1998 to handle construction on the proposed high school gymnasium.

20 Years Ago January 31, 1988

Post High School students who participated in Math and Science U.I.L. meets in Lubbock and Colorado City were Angela Tobias, Crystal Clay, Mark Tyler, Keitha White and Brian Gibbs.

The newly hired Bob Turner assumed his duties as City Manager here, coming from Fort Worth he was impressed with the responsibility of the elected city officials. "The officials and the city operate, and operate well, on a tight budget - considering that Post has one of the lowest tax rates in the state," he said.

Grand Openings with ribbon cutting ceremonies included Main Street Cut-Ups, owned by Linda Oden and Susan & Company, owned by Susan Fumagalli.

Parkinson Electronics, a communication conglomerate in Levelland, expanded its base of operations and appointed Ronnie Gradine, of Fashion Cleaners and Movie Magic as an authorized agent to represent the firm in Post.

30 Years Ago February 2, 1978

Joy Greer joined Sentry Savings Association as Assistant Manager of the Post branch. She came to Sentry from the Post Chamber of Commerce where she served as manager for that organization for four years. Mrs. Phyllis Morris succeeded Greer at the chamber office.

A rabid skunk tried to invade the courthouse and lost its life in the attempt. The skunk was killed by a shotgun blast by Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Gilbreath. County Judge Giles Dalby said the skunk repeatedly tried to run through the glass north of the north entrance of the courthouse. The skunk hit the glass, bounced back, and then tried again and again. Pretty strong odor for the rest of the day!

Harold Johnston, card room fixer, was honored for 25 years of continuous service as a Postex Plant employee. Johnston, began work at Postex January 27, 1953.

40 Years Ago February 1, 1968

Robert Craig was honored as Garza County's outstanding young farmer by the Post Jaycees at a special banquet in the school cafeteria. The 34-year-old Close City community farmer was selected from a field of five nominees by a panel of three judges, E. A. Howard, J. B. Potts and Bailey Mayo.

Tim Prather, Post cowboy, won top honors in the steer wrestling event at the Fort Worth Stock Show rodeo.

James Williams, former Post Antelope griddler, had been named first assistant coach and backfield coach at Ballinger High School.

The sophomore and junior classes were joined by two new students this week in 1968, Mary Ann and Nancy Strawn. Before moving to Post, they lived in Abilene.

FFA boys attending the Fort Worth Stock Show were D'Wayne Gannon, Dennis Ray, Johnny Pennell, Ronnie Williams, James McBride, Danny Dozier, Chris Stelzer and Jay Bird.

50 Years Ago February 5, 1958

E. R. (Buster) Moreland and Mrs. John F. Lott received the Chamber of Commerce's plaque awards at the annual banquet for "outstanding community service." Both Moreland and Mrs. Lott had been especially active in youth affairs, in addition to church, civic and welfare programs.

Noel Don Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norman and Gwen Copple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Copple, were selected as "Mr. and Miss Post High School."

PS in Sports by Charles Didway: The band sounded good at the

basketball game with its renditions of "There'll Be a Hot Time," "When the Saints Go Marching In," and "Red Wing." One fellow sitting next to us said he wished the band would keep on playing. Said he'd rather watch Frankie Howell perform on the drums than watch the game.

60 Years Ago January 29, 1948

Jeanette Stewart, forward for Post High School was made a member of the all-tournament team and was presented a gold basketball at the Sundown tournament. She also was elected "the most valuable player in the girls' division" and rewarded with a gold trophy.

Post's annual National Boy Scout Week Observance was culminated with the taking over for a day of city and county offices by 13 boys elected for the honors. Troop 11's candidates were as follows: County Judge, Topper Bilberry; county clerk, Darrell Stone; sheriff, Roy Phariss; deputy sheriff, Danny Tillman; county attorney, David Pennington; county commissioner, Wiley Jones; mayor, Bill Jones; school superintendent, Glendell Canterbury; city clerk, Ross Morrow; county agent, Tom McClanahan; constable, Wendell Turner, and city commissioners, Bernard Welch and John Schmidt.

Invitations were being mailed this week in 1948 by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor to the wedding of their daughter, June, and V. L. Peel. The vows would be exchanged at the First Methodist Church on February 14.

Letters ...

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Harrasing local folks for money

Scam artists hit Post a couple of weeks ago.

They came in the name of the Lord. Some of them wore orange safety vests and the others walked up and down the streets (residential and business) saying, "Jesus be with you, bless you, my van broke down, can I have a donation?" They walked to homes where women were alone. They walked to businesses, and all had the same story.

The ones wearing the safety vests parked themselves on all four corners of the intersection of town at the McDonald's intersection and were so bold as to stop traffic, stand in front of cars and tap on your windows when you tried to ignore them. They even stopped traffic.

They became very aggressive. They hollered and yelled at the women and even the kids where I work and were forceful in their manner and behavior in trying to extract money. One could not even politely deal with them.

They claimed to be raising money for some sort of church and for people with drinking and drug problems and had all sorts of causes that they claimed to be raising money for.

Many locals came into where I work and were troubled and aggravated by being harassed. Many traveling people said the same thing. No one liked it.

Many people goodheartedly gave them some money because when someone says they are doing something in the name of the Lord and using the holy name of Jesus and claiming it is for a good cause, who would want to turn them down?

In Matthew 25, verses 36 through 40, it speaks of doing for those in need. To deny anyone in need is to deny Jesus himself. People gave on that basis because who would want to deny our Lord?

Many of us believe this, take it seriously and base our lives on such things.

How dare these people, these professional scam artists, use the name of the Lord to harass, to bully, to be intimidating and aggressive to scam money from the good people of this town and from innocent travelers! How dare they holler and yell at women going to work and kids good enough to have jobs and to the hard-working and goodhearted men of this town and in the name of the Lord!

How dare they walk up to elderly ladies in their homes and use the name of the Jesus as seductively as a snake in the Garden of Eden to extract money from them!

I felt angry when they harassed people going in and out of my workplace and stopped traffic on the streets. I felt even angrier when they approached my mother (who is a senior citizen and still works hard at a job to make ends meet) at our home.

I wanted to run right back at them as they yelled and ran towards me and say, "I rebuke you, Satan, in the name of Jesus! Flee and come here no more!"

One good citizen of this town said, "I live here, I pay taxes. I should not have to pay at the intersection to cross the street."

I agree.

I have a big problem with bullies. These people were nothing but bullies and scam artists. They left their trash, their cardboard signs, their drink cups all over the place. Who picked it up? The citizens of this town and the people who work at McDonald's. That wasn't very Christian of them, was it? They didn't look underprivileged or underfed to me. They looked like scam artists.

Do you know why they were allowed to do this, these professional people? They do it all the time. They own their own vests and they purchased a permit to solicit from the city. It would behoove us all to be a little more discerning to whom we sell permits and to whom we donate our money.

After about 3 days, the constable finally asked them to leave.

Let's donate our money to purer and better causes. Let us have the boldness, as citizens if we have to, to kick people like this out before they do such things. That's just another thing that gives Post a bad name. It certainly did to the tourists and travelers and made the rest of us just plain mad.

Cindy Polk

Just one more step

In my view, the closing of Old Mill Trade Days was just one more step down the road to Ghost-town.

Post won't be a ghost town anytime soon, but we gradually are getting there. Post has some pretty good restaurants, businesses, museums, theaters and most all the things we need here, with the exception of multitudes of people coming in for a few days ever now and then from other parts of the region. Most folks support our town in one way or the other, but what we need is multitudes of visitors.

The inflow of outside money is what it is gonna take to keep Post alive. A well managed Trade Days and flea market could and would do just that.

"Well managed" is the key to success in a market. All the markets I ever attended were just that: well managed, and also the space rentals were within reason so the vendors could survive.

I have absolutely nothing against the folks that were running Old Mill Trade Days. I do not have anything personal against any of the past management folks. I just simply believe greed, thirst for money, admission fees at the entrance gates and poor management led to total failure.

I would be included to believe the city should have subsidized it just to help keep it going. The city would have felt the benefits and reaped the profits in the long run. Oh, well, it's gone now and just water under the bridge. But I hope there is more water coming down the river.

In my opinion, and I have been to a lot of markets around over the U.S. and a couple in Canada, the mill is the most unique place I have ever seen to have a Trade Days and Flea market.

I hope one day someone that knows what they are doing will open up another Trade Days. If it can't be at the old mill, then I hope someone will buy some property here and start up somewhere else in the Post area.

I would guess Post is on its way out if someone don't start up something in the category of a Trade Day-Flea market. We will quite simply have to have something that will attract large groups of people for a few days to see and buy what we already have. If something of that nature doesn't start up in the next few months, we can probably begin to see other local businesses start to fail and eventually close their doors.

I believe the future skate park will attract some people, once they get some tournaments started. But it would be like ballgames and track - people will only be here for a few hours. We got to have something that will keep people and their money here for several days.

Anyway, I suppose there is no use in keeping on trying to ride a dead horse. Like Forrest Gump said, "That's all I'm gonna say about that."

Good luck, Post. You are gonna need it.

As I see it and my opinion only.

Everyone have a good day.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Post

Celebrating 100 performances at Ragtown

Ragtown Gospel Theater had its "centennial" production this past weekend. One hundred productions and still counting! By then end of this month, we will have had around 8,000 people in attendance. Considering the weather when we began -- ice, snow and lots of rain -- we are most pleased with those numbers.

We have had many local residents who have offered to assist us by being ushers, greeters and actors and actresses in the productions. What a treat they are. Interestingly enough, we have found that people are thanking us for allowing them to be a part of it. We are the ones that owe the debt of gratitude.

Of course, we can always use more. All they have to do is call us and we will find a place for them. I am sure there are others will want to be a part of something very wonderful out there in that little valley beneath the Caprock. Our hope is that there will be entire Sunday School classes or clubs who will have their particular "weekend" to usher and greet. Wouldn't it be good if the basketball team or volleyball team volunteered, along with the senior adult class at a church? Great fellowship... and a worthwhile "project." Both have much to offer.

For those of you who have not seen Ragtown Gospel Theater, I encourage you to see what you have in your own backyard. It is something many cities would love to have -- a state-of-the-art theater that is a drawing card that has attracted visitors from all across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and other states. We have had church groups from as far away as Liberal, Kansas, San Antonio, Dallas, Oklahoma City. We have even had international visitors; India, Africa, Norway, Canada. Lots of families who are having reunions have chosen to spend a couple of hours with us and show us off to their relatives. What a compliment.

Virtually everyone who attends is amazed when they walk through the doors. So many have said it compares with the finest theaters in Branson. We are pleased that those kinds of comparisons are made about us.

We just want the people of Post who haven't seen it yet, to come and share the excitement. We want you to feel a sense of ownership and pride in that grand place. We want you to feel that you are a part of something much bigger than all of us. I know sometimes life just gets in the way, but I encourage you to come and see what you have. It is beautiful and grand place. I love to watch the faces of people when they see it for the first time. Talk about a shock! I love that.

It is sad that Post has lost Old Mill Trade Days. Those "glory days" were wonderful. I wish it could have continued. We certainly understand the need for local support... and have received it.

Our pledge is that we will continue to offer quality, clean, family-oriented presentations that your children and grandchildren can attend without you having to worry about what they might hear. It is a sad state of affairs that so many plays and even prime-time television portray so much junk. At Ragtown Gospel Theater, you will find wholesome entertainment, live gospel music every weekend and biblical drama that will rival any professional theater. That is our promise to Post and Garza County.

We have said so many times that Post is unique. I believe that. There is an entrepreneurial spirit here that makes people want to do something special. That is why Post has not gone the way of so many other small communities.

Perhaps that pioneer spirit comes from the early days when C.W. Post envisioned his "utopian city." I don't know. But I do know this. We all need to see it... seize it... and run with it. Post has what it takes.

Thank you.

Glenn Polk

Thanks for all the help

My family and I would like to say how much we appreciate each and every one of you.

The generosity and encouraging words you have given us since the fire in our house has helped us survive as a family. We were able to regroup and start over immediately, and it was all because of your love and dedication to your community.

My children were so excited to have such a wonderful Christmas. The gifts that were brought to them were so awesome. I cannot express how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I would like to give a special thank-you to our church family at FBC -- Br. James and Kelly Eagan and all our church family for feeding us and making sure we were taken care of as always.

I'd also like to say a special thank-you to Heather Blacklock. Her intensity and desire to help was amazing. She and the ladies at the bank, thank you for setting up the account. Bless you all.

Thank you to everyone. I wish I could name you all. I appreciate you all so much. My wish is that all you have given is given back in His blessings 100 times over. We have surely been blessed by Post.

Our sincerest wishes and thanks, Lisa, Kati, Keaton and Tori

We've still got a lot to offer

Obviously, we are all disappointed that Old Mill Trade Days has come to an end. It has been a part of the "Post Package" for years and the entire community has benefited from its existence. However, as much as we will miss Trade Days, we need to be mindful of all that Post still has to offer. Post is a town with an interesting history that intrigues a lot of people. Visitors to Post are always amazed by the quaint downtown area and the number of unique shops and businesses Post has to offer.

The two top-notch museums and outstanding theaters are an incredible draw for visitors as well as locals. The hunting and fishing that are available around Post bring a number of interesting folks to town. Post is full of talented artists and people with great vision who have a willingness to put their talents to work to bring their visions to life.

God has blessed us with a great town full of wonderful people. Let's move forward with enthusiasm about the future and a positive attitude about what we have to share with each other and the rest of the world.

Janice Plummer
Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• As I type this up they are ginning on the last of the trailers we had left on the yard. Our unofficial bale count is 17,875. It has been a very long, but prosperous season. I'd say the good Lord has been very good to us this year and we are all thankful.

• We have to thank Fleta Caffey for the wonderful pumpkin bread she sent out here for us. It didn't take us long at all to devour the entire loaf. Fleta is a former Ragtown girl herself.

• John Shults and Joyce Siewart traveled to Clyde to meet John's daughter, Miranda, and her two children. They enjoyed a nice lunch and some visiting. Miranda and her husband, Robert, live in Bedford with their children.

• Eric Alaniz sent me some pictures of him and his son, Jace, with some fish they caught on base at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana where he and his family are stationed. Eric is the son of Tino and Linda Alaniz of Close City.

• My daughter, Raegan, got to spend some time in Ruidoso this past weekend. She went with Ronnie and Voda Beth Grandin, Vondi and Addi; Grady Shytles; Alan and Pixie Grisham met them there as well. All but Raegan and Addi went to the Willie Nelson concert, they stayed at the house and played and watched movies. Saturday morning Vondi and Raegan got up and headed up the mountain for a day of skiing. They all had a great time and were home in time for the super bowl on Sunday.

• Remember our Ragtown folks in the nursing homes: Ruby Carpenter and Doug Tipton in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep praying for our troops.

• Be sure and check out our Web site we hope to update it more often now that things are slowing down for us.

Birthdays

• Feb. 11 - Jack Morris

• Feb. 15 - Danny Gonzales

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Obituaries

Billy Shumard

Services for Billy Shumard, 63, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, in the Hudman Funeral Home. Burial with military honors followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Friday, Feb. 1, in Post.

Born July 27, 1944, in Post to V.L. (Buster) and Mildred Shumard, he was a Post High School graduate and served in the U.S. Army. He married Doyleene Fry on Sept. 26, 1969, in Post and worked as an oilfield pumper.

Survivors include his wife, Doyleene Shumard of Post; three daughters, Stacy Hair of Post, Tracy (Dusty) Hoskins of Sweetwater and Becky (Matt) Clifton of Seguin; one sister, Barbara (Melvin) Britton of Post; and eight grandchildren, Kamron Shumard of Post, Kensley Hair of Post, K'Lenn Hair of Post, Kyleigh Shumard of Post, Renae Storie of Seguin, Wil Storie of Seguin, Gage Hoskins of Sweetwater and Gatlyn Hoskins of Sweetwater.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the organization of your choice.

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- Voting Box (Precinct) 1-Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2-Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3-Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4-Wells Fargo Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 5-Southland School
- Voting Box (Precinct) 6-Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

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County outlines boards, 2008 employee holidays

Garza County Commissioners made several board and committee appointments, as well as defined the county's holiday calendar, during their Jan. 14 meeting.

The following is a breakdown of some of the decisions made by the court, according to reports made available by the county clerk's office:

- Board/committee appointments – Giles W. Dalby, Appraisal Board; Lee Norman, 9-1-1 Committee, Trailblazers, Law Enforcement & Liaison; Gary McDaniel, Historical Preservation, Law Enforcement, Museum & Cultural Association; Charles Morris, Landfill, Law Enforcement; John Valdez, Law Enforcement, Airport, Ambulance, judge pro-tem; Mike Sanchez, Ambulance, SPAG, Lake Alan Henry Zoning Board, Law Enforcement, Airport; and Variance Board members, Ronnie Dunn, Anne Sims, Joe Smith, Arthur Kelly and Tillie Duran.
- Lake Alan Henry Zoning Board, 2008 – John C. Boren, Ric Walton, Clyde Cash, Waldon Reed and Mike Sanchez, chairman.
- Garza County holidays, 2008 – Feb. 18, President's Day; March 21, Easter; Memorial Day, May 26; July 4, Independence Day; Sept. 1, Labor Day; Oct. 13, Columbus Day; Nov. 11, Veteran's Day; Nov. 27-28, Thanksgiving; Dec. 25-26, Christmas; and Jan. 1-2, New Year's.

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The Magi arrive to Bethlehem...Matthew 2:3-11

Last week we looked at Matthew 2:2 and discussed what exactly was "his star." In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, Victor Wierwille ascertained that "his star" was the planet Jupiter. Both Wierwille and another author, Ernest L. Martin referred the occurrences of many significant celestial events before, during and after the birth of Jesus Christ. These events reportedly occurred in the constellation Leo. The symbol of the lion can be directly connected with Judah in Genesis 49:9-10, for God's son was truly born of the line of Judah (See genealogy in Matthew 1:2). Now we continue with the record of the Magi in Matthew 2:3-11, "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule My people Israel.'" Herod demanded the chief priests and scribes of Jerusalem to tell where this special king would be born so he could pay homage to him. After getting his answer he secretly called on the Magi to discover when "his star" appeared. According to verse 8, he sent the Magi to Bethlehem and told them to "go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." It is interesting to note that the word "child" comes from the earlier known Greek word "paidon." This word is for a young child, and is distinguished from the word "babe" in Luke 2:12 and 16, where it is "brephos," a new born or unborn child. As we continue, it will be seen why this distinction is important. We come to verse 9, "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Wierwille and Martin both noted that "his star" reappeared after they left for Bethlehem. They explained that when Jupiter reached its ecliptic highest point in the night sky, a straight line could be drawn down perpendicular to the horizon and that was where the child could be found. There is no mention that the Magi moved on the brightness of the star, but instead on what it symbolized. They must have been very happy to see this for they "rejoiced with exceeding great joy." According to verse 11, they finally arrived to see the child, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Once again it was confirmed to Mary that Jesus' life was from God.

Please note that the Magi arrived to a home, and not the manger. And the child was not new-born but as we will see next week, he was around two years old. What a truly wonderful and meaningful moment this must have been for Mary. Can't you just see it? Maybe the child was holding on to her leg, or holding her hand as the Magi began to respectfully bow to him as the new-born King of Israel. Jesus was too young to understand the significance of the moment. But you can bet your bottom dollar that Mary knew fully well what was going on, and was no doubt strengthened within her heart to faithfully rear her son up to be a faithful, meek and humble servant for his Daddy.

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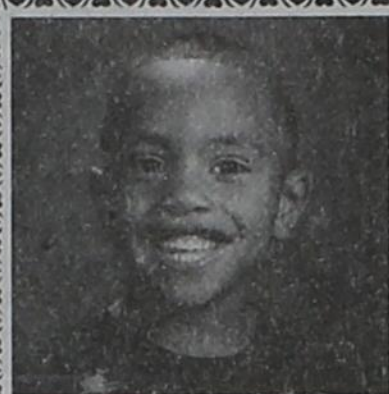
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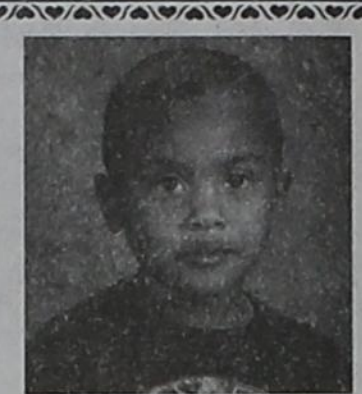
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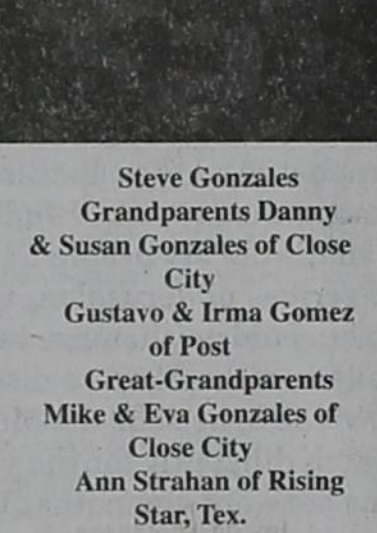
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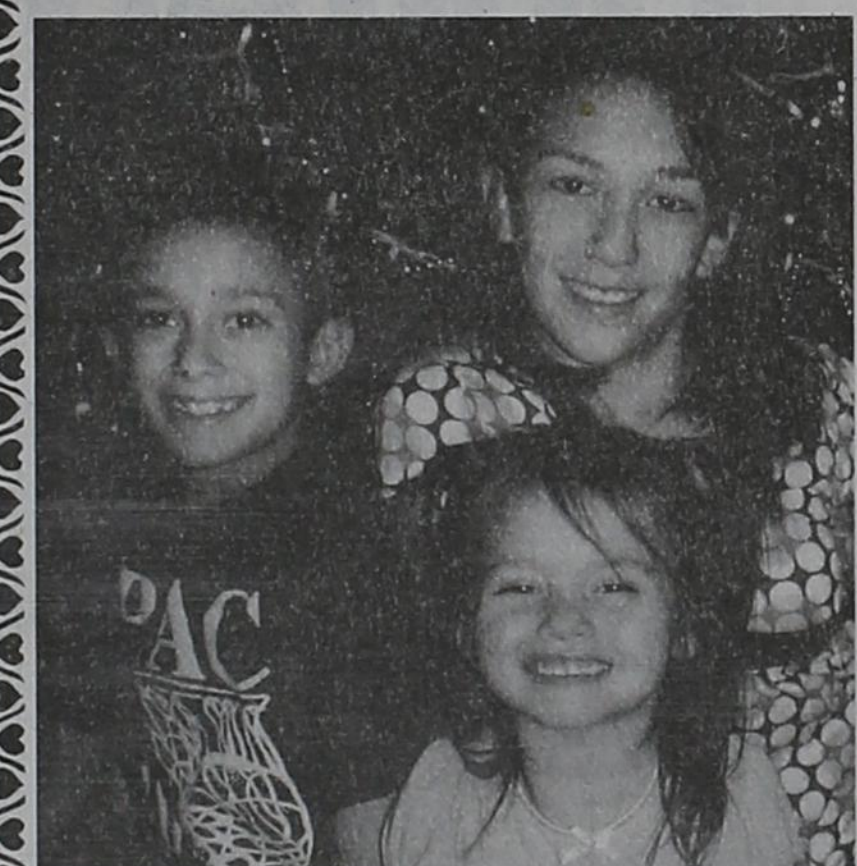
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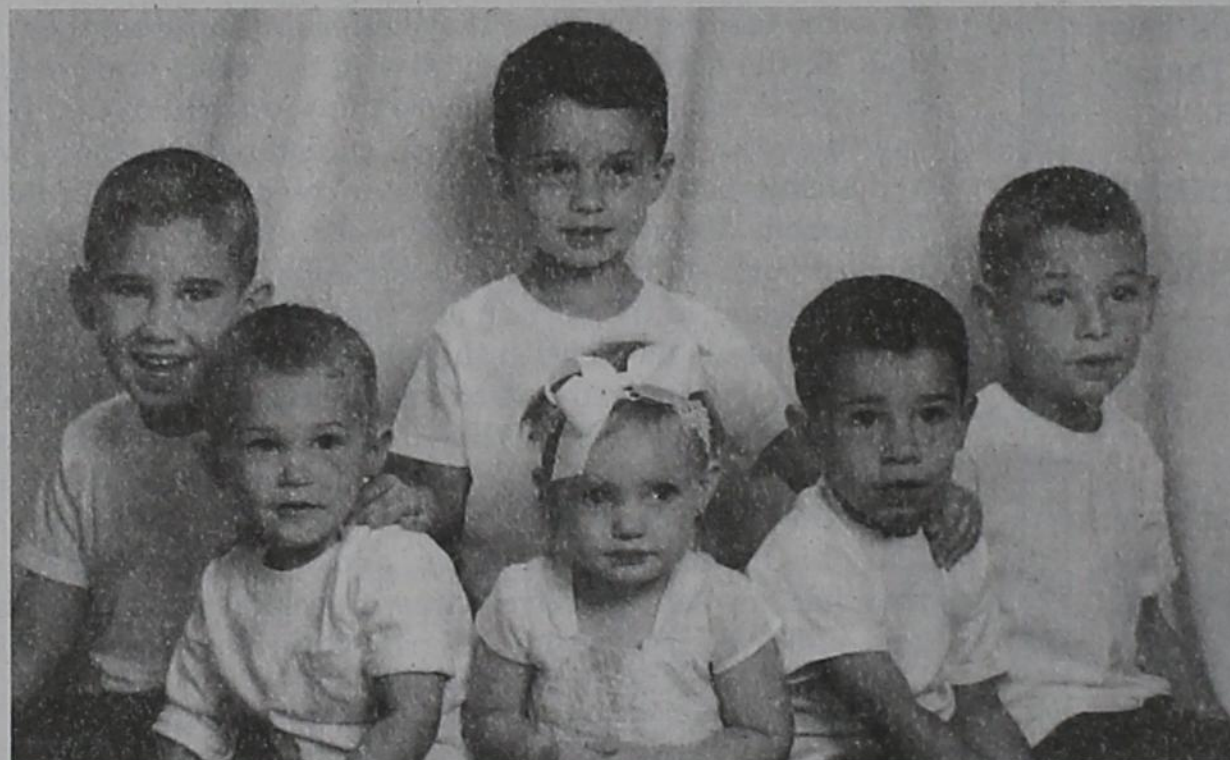
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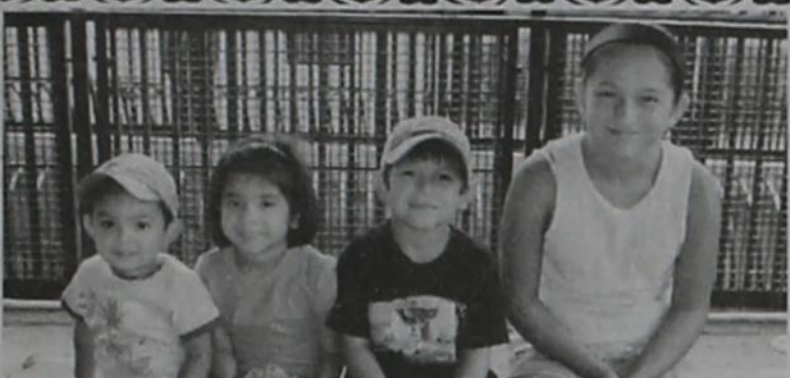
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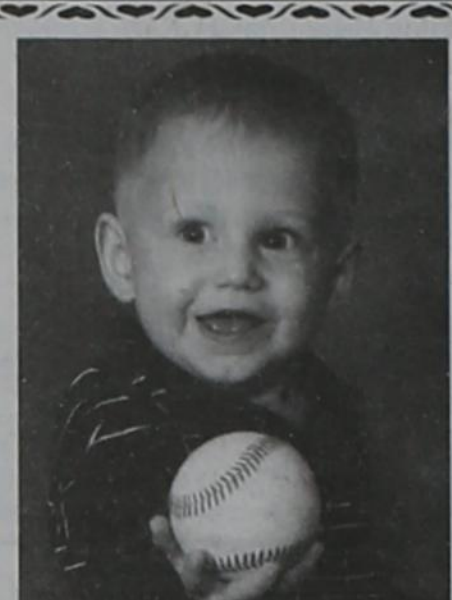
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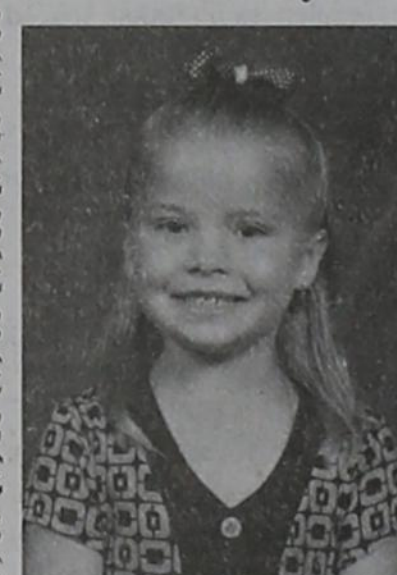


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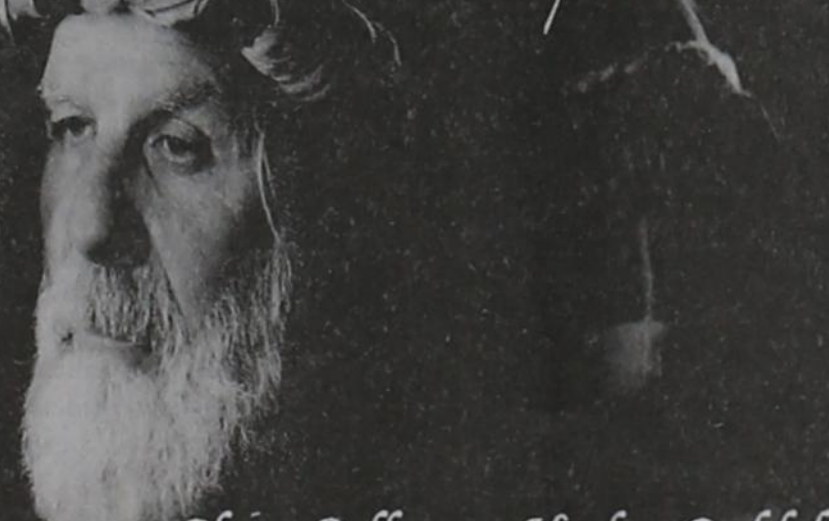
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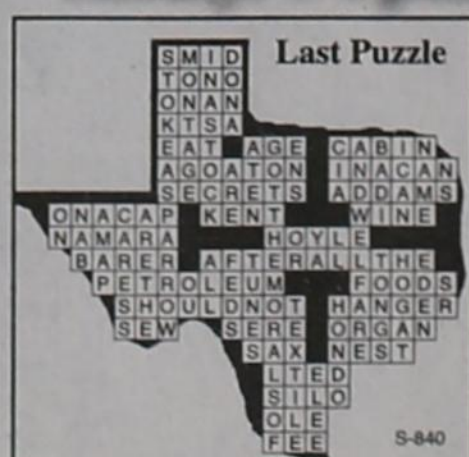
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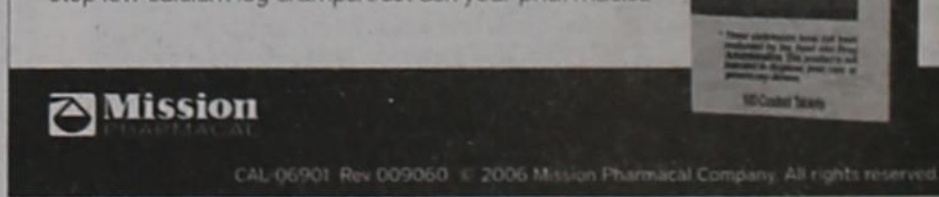
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Pets and Supplies

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Vehicles for Sale

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Missing- Chocolate lab, 10, needs medicine. Call 778-8555.

Legal Notices

CAUSE NO. 1867 ESTATE OF BETTY B. BOREN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BETTY B. BOREN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BETTY B. BOREN, were issued January 31, 2008, in Cause No. 1867, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to: JOHN BOREN, SR.

The residence of such Independent Executor is Garza County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claim is:

P.O. Box 115
Justiceburg, Tx 79330

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this the 31st day of January, 2008.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HENRY KATHRINE KENNEDY RANKIN, Cause # 1868 GARZA County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original Letters of Testamentary upon the estate of Henry Katherine Kennedy Rankin deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 31st day of January, 2008, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to their attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

DATED: January 31, 2008
Dan H. Rankin, Independent

Executor
Ken L. Rankin, Independent

Exhibit A Notice Of Intention To Issue Garza County, Texas Certificates Of Obligation

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Commissioner's Court of Garza County, Texas to issue in one or more series Certificates of Obligation in the Maximum principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for paying, in whole or in part, contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction and equipping of county jail facilities including land, and for paying legal, fiscal and professional fees in connection therewith. The County proposes to provide for the payment of such Certificates of Obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the County as provided by law and a pledge of revenues derived from the operations of such jail facility. At 10:00 a.m. o'clock, on March 10, 2008, during their specially scheduled meeting place at 300 West Main, County Courthouse, Post, Texas 79356, the Commissioner's Court intends to consider for passage an Order authorizing the issuance of such Certificates of Obligation.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6170-34-001

for REPAIRS OF BRIDGE

STRUCTURE IN DAWSON County, etc will be opened on March 05, 2008

at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$434,124.85.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications

for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 26058
State Office

Constr/Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.

Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Lubbock District

District Engineer
135 Slaton

Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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February 13
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls, juice bar, milk
February 14
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch: Fajita chicken/rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, bread sticks, orange/pineapple fluff, milk
February 15
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk

Southland ISD

February 11
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, cake, milk
February 12
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch: Corn dogs, beans, chips, cookie, milk
February 13

Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, fruit, milk
Lunch: Hot pocket, ravioli, yogurt, milk
February 14
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Frito pie, salad, beans, jello, milk
February 15
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, juice, milk
Lunch: Sack lunch

TrailBlazers

February 11 Beef & potato casserole, asparagus, tossed salad, roll, pineapple cake
February 12 Taco salad, refried beans, spanish rice, chips & salsa, fruit w/jello
February 13 Turkey & dressing, green beans, gravy, tossed salad, roll, fruit salad w/topping
February 14 Baked ham w/pineapple, butter beans, spinach, tossed salad, cornbread, chocolate cake
February 15 Fish, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, hushpuppies, banana pudding

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Menus

Post ISD

February 11
Breakfast: Hot pockets, fruit, milk
Lunch: Burrito, tossed salad, spanish rice, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookies, milk
February 12
Breakfast: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

The Original

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48 TXism: "busy as a one-armed paper _____"

49 needle pulling thread

50 dried and withered

51 Houston's Second Baptist has huge pipe _____

52 tenor _____

53 TXism: "you've kicked over a hornet's _____"

54 TX-born Al Freeman was "_____ Hall" in "One Life to Live"

56 tall grain storage bin

57 "bravo" south of the border

58 charged by 16-down

DOWN

1 TXism: "she don't eat enough to _____"

2 mixture of elements

3 TXism: "sank like an anvil _____"

4 actress Drake in "Down Laredo Way"

9 _____gallon hat

10 TXism: "_____ an alley cat" (sinner)

11 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)

12 TX George H. was dir. of this agcy.

13 TX Oveta Culp Hobby was first U.S. Sec. of "Health, Education, _____"

14 TXism: "want it so _____ could spit"

15 TX Nash's "See Clearly Now"

16 "Racehorse" is nick _____ of TX Richard Haynes

18 TXism: "his facts _____ elastic" (liar)

20 TX singer Stuckey (init.)

23 TX Perot film: "_____ Wings of Eagles"

24 seize suddenly

25 it's free at a TX info center (2 wds.)

26 tender touch

27 TXism: "the bigger they _____, the harder they fall"

32 "now _____ never"

33 TX QB _____ Title

34 TX Sissy Spacek in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)

36 TXism: "he's _____ beer and no foam"

37 G-men

38 TX Orbison output rattlesnake handlers

39 TXism "tall the trough" (VIP)

41 in Concho Co. on 83 Texas _____ Weekend

45 TX Ross Perot, _____ cloth

47 Rio _____ TX

55 CSA general Robert _____

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Clowning Around

VOL 66
EVERYONE LOVES A CLOWN!

In the early days of the circus, Clown Alley (the tent where the clowns prepared for a performance), was located nearest to the Big Top. In case of a sudden accident, the clowns would rush out to distract the audience and avert panic or a stampede.

Laughter is the best medicine is an old truism based on actual medical fact. When we laugh our bodies are flooded with feel good hormones. There are good reasons why everyone loves a clown.

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



The first clown car was used in the Cole Brothers Circus in the 1950's. Ringling Brothers' clown, Lou Jacobs, was best known for never falling to delight his audience by folding his 6'1" frame into a personally designed 2' X 3' mini car.

RODEO CLOWN

A Rodeo clown has a very important job—to protect the cowboys. They must be quick witted and able to handle livestock. During a performance they will entertain the crowd and if necessary distract a charging bull. They wear heavy pads under their costume and often jump into a padded barrel for protection.

FAMOUS CLOWNS

1. **BOZO**
 2. **CLARABELL**
 3. **WEARY WILLIE**
 4. **THE JOKER**
 5. **KEYSTONE COPS**
 6. **LAUREL & HARDY**
 7. **BINKY**
 8. **TOWN CLOWN**
 9. **MR. NOODLE**
 10. **LOONETTE**
 11. **MARCEL MARCEAU**
 12. **FREDDY THE FREELoader**
- a - Ringling Brothers clown that swept an ever shrinking spotlight
- b - Sesame Street favorite
- c - Howdy Doodysidekick
- d - Captain Kangaroo
- e - Big Comfy Couch
- f - Famous mime
- g - Red Skeleton
- h - Garfield's friend
- i - Batman's enemy
- j - Silent film character clowns
- k - 1950's TV show clown
- l - 1920's comedy team



The makeup, costume and characteristics of each clown are unique. It is never copied by another performer. Clowns have been known to designate in their wills who can use their personality & props.



Laura Craig

CLOWN CATEGORIES

Auguste: This is the most colorful, silliest clown, usually seen with a large fake nose and bright mismatched over size clothing. The skin is usually pink with white around the eyes and mouth. The name comes from the German word for foolish boy.

White Faced: This clown is the most elegant. The simply designed costume is usually black and white, sparkly and well fitted. All exposed skin is covered with white paint. The French Pierott is a traditional white faced clown.

Character Clown: This clown has an easily identified profession such as a policeman or doctor.

Tramp: This clown is a tribute to hobos and vagabonds of the 19th century. Clothing is shabby and patched. A beard and soot are painted on.

FAMOUS CLOWN ANSWERS:
1-k, 2-c, 3-a, 4-i, 5-j, 6-i, 7-h, 8-d, 9-b, 10-e, 11-f, 12-g

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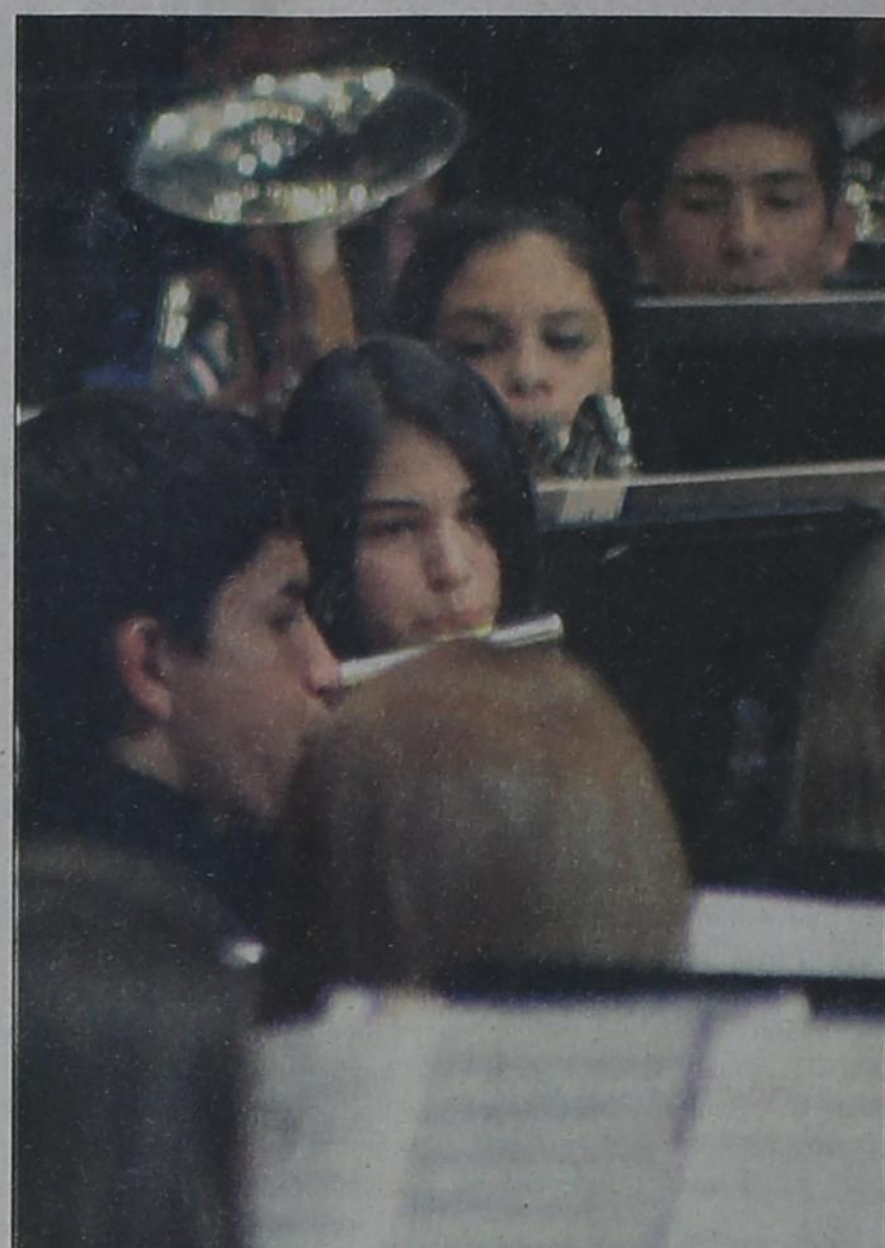
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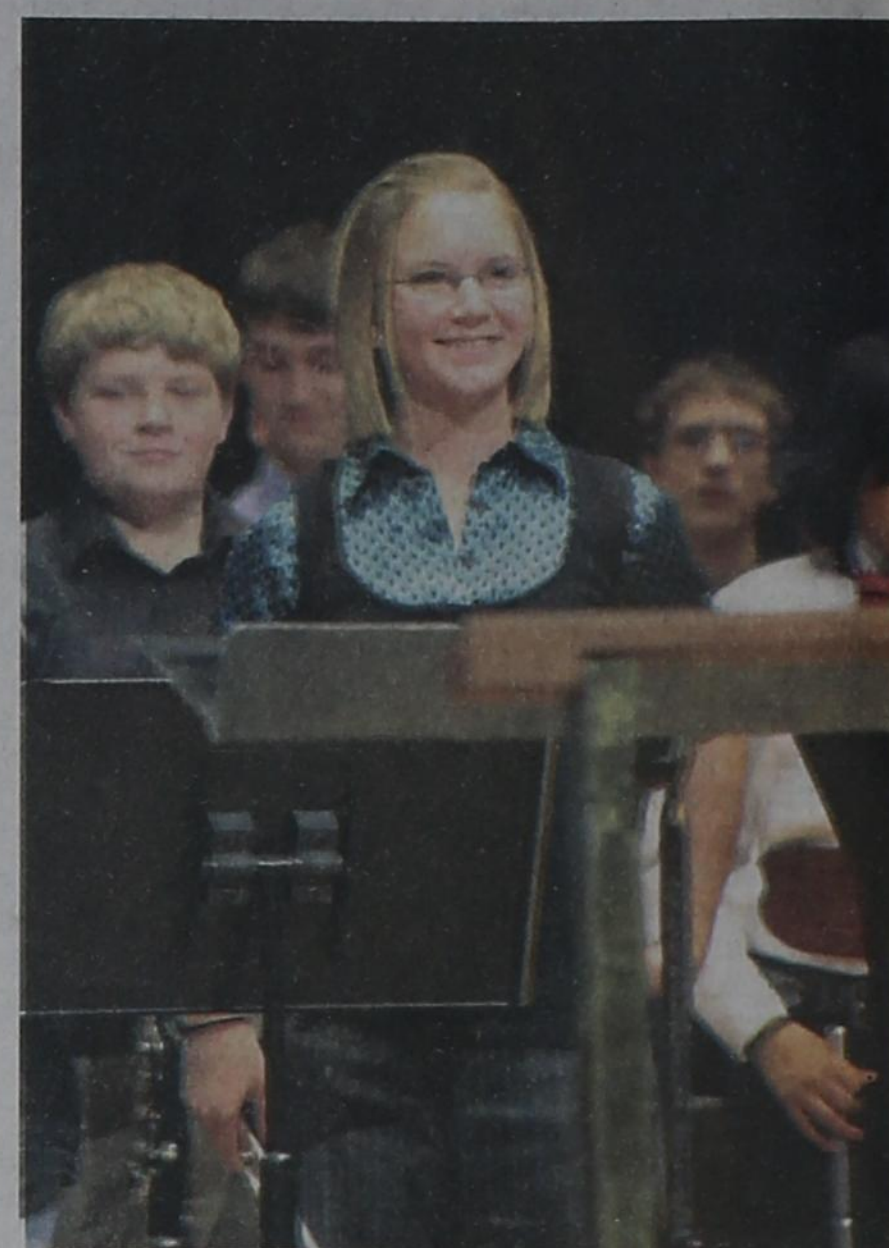
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Post Middle School Band member Mariah Morales (center) earned the first chair percussion position in the Class AA Middle School All Region Band which performed on Saturday, January 26 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The band was directed by Reagan Brumley of Lake Highlands High School. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Darlene Araiza (center) on Flute represents the Post High School Band in the Class A-AA High School All Region Band on Saturday, January 26 in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The band was directed by Robbie Edwards of Hutchinson Middle School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post Middle School Band Flute player Cambry Mason enjoys a standing ovation following her concert with the Class AA Middle School All Region Band on Saturday, January 26 in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The band was directed by Reagan Brumley of Lake Highlands High School. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post High School Band member Amber Wilson (center) on Bass Clarinet performs in the Class A-AA High School All Region Band on Saturday, January 26 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The band was directed by Robbie Edwards of Hutchinson Middle School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Post Notes

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Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. 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.

PISD Bad Weather Day re-scheduled

Due to changes in the testing calendar by the state, the Bad Weather day scheduled for April 28 has been moved up to Monday, February 18. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or campus to make sure before making any plans. If this date changes or any other changes take place it will posted on the internet.

Annual Chamber Banquet set February 23

The Annual Chamber Banquet, "An All-American Tribute", is set for Saturday, February 23 at the Post Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Traditional awards will be presented and a delicious All-American bar-b-que dinner will be served. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office located in the front of the Algerita Art Center, 131 E. Main. The office is open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 20. For more information, Call the Chamber office at 495-3461.

Ornaments still available for purchase

The Post Women's Division still has a few of their great ornaments available. They may be purchased at Plum Crazy, 220 E. Main Street, 495-0888 and Garza County Historical Museum, 495-2207.

English classes available

English classes are being offered at Post High School. Interested individuals should call 495-2770 and leave their name and phone number. The instructor will return the call, providing them with information. Classes de ingles se estan ofreciendo otra vez en la escuela, Post High School. Si usted cree que beneficiar de esta instruccion, llame al 495-2770. Deje su nombre y numero de telefono y el instructor le devolvera su llamada proveyendole con informacion sobre como puede comenzar.

Sample Ballots

Sample ballots and other information concerning the March 4, 2008 Primary Election are available on the Garza County web site at www.GarzaCounty.net. Information is also available in this issue of the Post Dispatch under Election Corner 2008.

GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

Southland assembly rescheduled

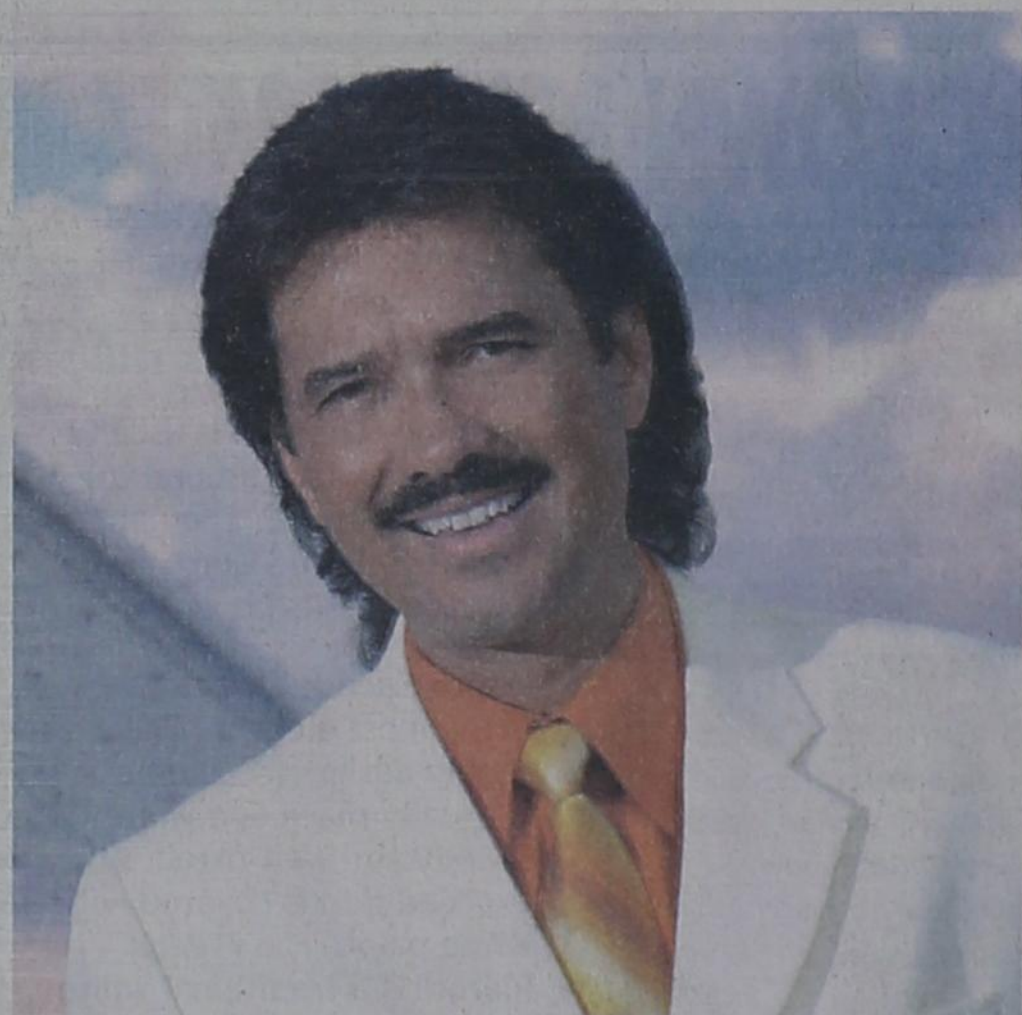
The Southland ISD's assembly on Love, Sex and Dating with Ed Ainsworth has been postponed until February. The parent meeting for secondary students will be held Monday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the school board meeting. The assemblies will take place on February 12 and 14. The rescheduling was done to accommodate the speaker's invitation to tape an episode of the Dr. Phil television show that deals with teen pregnancy. Parents with questions should contact Brad Ellison, principal, at 996-5339 or e-mail bellison@southlandisd.net.

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Post High School Band percussionist Jordan Aguilar (back center) performs with the Class A-AA High School All Region Band in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Symphony Hall on Saturday, January 26. The band was directed by Robbie Edwards of Hutchinson Middle School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



High winds appeared to have contributed to an accident on January 30 involving a mobile home being transported on U.S. Highway 84 west bound about five miles north of Post. According to a Department of Public Safety report, Bruce Waters Jr. of A&G Commercial Trucking was driving the vehicle pulling the trailer when a tire on the trailer sustained a blowout at about 4:30 p.m. As Waters began to pull over the vehicle, sparks from the wheel caused a minor grass fire. Waters negotiated to a stop with the vehicle partially in the bar ditch, leaving the mobile home tilted. A wind gust knocked over the mobile home, which damaged the facility's bottom frame, axle and wheel. Some window damage also was reported.