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District Attorney recommends investigation by Attorney General

District Attorney Ricky Smith notified The Post Dispatch earlier this week that he has recommended Sheriff Cliff Laws request the Texas Attorney General to investigate the Official Oppression complaint filed by publisher Wesley W. Burnett.
Regarding the November 8, 2007 incident at the Garza County Courthouse, Smith's one paragraph letter dated February 26, 2008 reads as follows:
"It would appear that everyone connected with the Pablo Soto case, including the Garza County Constable's Office, the Garza County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the Texas

Rangers, would be potential witnesses on one issue or another regarding this case. I have, therefore, recommended that Sheriff Laws refer your complaint to the Attorney General's Office."
Smith also enclosed a copy of the February 21 letter he had sent to Sheriff Laws:
"As you requested, I sent a letter to the Rangers asking that they conduct the investigation of the issues surrounding the removal of Pablo Soto from the courthouse. After sending the letter, it occurred to me that the Rangers would potentially have a conflict
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Groundbreaking for new clinic set Monday

The board of directors of the Garza County Hospital District will conduct groundbreaking ceremonies for the district's new clinic facility at 11 a.m. Monday at building site at the corner of Avenue S and U.S. Hwy. 84.

Board members announced plans for the groundbreaking at their Feb. 21 meeting.

District officials, Dr. Ben Edwards and physician's assistant Angie Hannaway are expected to participate in the event.

"We're very fortunate to have these two people here, and we're very proud and excited to be able to build a new and modern clinic for them to practice in," District Administrator Shirley Taylor said this week.

At their meeting, board members discussed plans for the new clinic and agreed to an approximate price tag of \$1,006,223, Taylor said.

Although no formal construction timetable has been
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Volunteer firemen extinguish flames that engulfed Alex Mesa's pickup truck in a February 21 incident approximately six miles south of Post on U.S. Hwy 84. Mesa of Post, was returning home from his work at the Johnson Ranch when he saw smoke

coming out of the engine compartment He immediately pulled over but by then the flames were shooting out from the hood. Mesa was not injured but his truck suffered severe damage. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Democrats, Republicans share polling places Tuesday

Local voters in both the Democratic and Republican primaries will vote side by side Tuesday at the county's first joint primary election.

Voting in Garza County will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling locations:

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1 – Presbyterian Church, 910 W. 10th St. (back door entrance)
 - Voting Box (Precinct) 2 – Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St. (carpeted area)
 - Voting Box (Precinct) 3 – Citizens Bank Community Room, 210 N. Broadway
 - Voting Box (Precinct) 4 – Wells Fargo Community Room, 216 W. Main St.
 - Voting Box (Precinct) 5 – Southland school (next to superintendent's office), Southland
 - Voting Box (Precinct) 6 – Lake Alan Henry Fire Station, 2699 FM 3519, Justiceburg
- To view sample ballots or for more information, visit www.GarzaCounty.net and click on the VoTexas icon.

Annual chamber banquet fetes outstanding residents

Approximately 140 citizens of Post and Garza County gathered Saturday night for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Lubbock radio personalities Jane Prince Jones and Jacqui Neal served as hosts and sprinkled humor throughout the upbeat evening sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

MTC/Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility and Xcel Energy, both chamber members, were sponsors of the event. Jay Young, chamber board member, was banquet chairman. Chamber members Paige Huckaby and Anne Simms coordinated approximately 20 Post merchants and organizations to donate items for the silent auction.

Using the theme "An All American Tribute," the event honored veterans of Garza County. Chuck Ratliff, Post VFW commander, recognized veterans from all branches of the U.S. military and also Richard Hinkle, who has served in Iraq and is preparing to return.

Rancher Tommy Middleton was chosen Conservation Rancher of the Year. Middleton, along with his wife, Janie, and daughter, Jana, were chosen because of their longtime commitment to the conservation of natural resources. Middleton also received this designation in 1974.

Thressa Harp was selected Citizen of the Year by the members of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Harp, who will serve as president of the organization in 2008, was lauded for her work as chairman of last year's Centennial event, as well as many other accomplishments and contributions to the community, her church

and schools during the 30 years she has lived in Post.

The award for Business of the Year went to Post Tire & Lube owned by Ted and Jamie Thomas. Sammy Palmer accepted the award on behalf of the Thomases.

The Women's Division of the Chamber was recognized for decorating for the banquet, an annual tradition. Naomi Matsler, outgoing president of the division, and Marie Neff, 2008 first vice president, were honored with special places at the banquet head table. Other leaders of the women's group for 2008 are Donna Degan, president; Jan Acker, second vice president; JoAnn Mock, secretary; and Betty Posey, treasurer.

Outgoing chamber president, Don Bond, was recognized for his contribution to the organization, and a special award was prepared for Wynne Kennedy for her extensive work as a chamber board member and chairman of the Centennial Plaza project. Kennedy was unable to attend the banquet because of illness, so the award will be presented at a future chamber meeting.

Bo Jackson was also commended for his work on the Centennial Plaza.

Several presenters, as well as the Fireman and Fireman Rookie of the Year honorees, were not in attendance because of the large fire at the Scurry and Garza county line Saturday evening. Post Mayor Kim Mills announced that Fireman of the Year designation this year was given to Bobby Terry, and Jimmy Solis was chosen Rookie of the Year.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, which reorganized in October, has a membership of 65 businesses, nonprofits and individuals.

A noon meeting for chamber members and those interested in joining is conducted the first Thursday of each month at Chapa's Restaurant. The chamber office is located at 131 E. Main (Algerita Art Center) and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 495-3461.

Post Notes

Booster club to meet March 3

Post Antelope Booster Club members are urged to attend a meeting planned on Monday, March 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Post High School library. We will discuss baseball, softball and the annual athletic banquet. Anyone interested in supporting our athletes are welcome to attend.

PHS Dinner Theatre presented March 31st

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

Ground breaking ceremony set for clinic

Garza County Health Clinic ground breaking ceremony for their new facility will be held Tuesday, March 4 on Avenue S and Highway 84 (across from Sid Connor's house) beginning at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

POST CARES Ministerial Alliance

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Ministerial Alliance, scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, at the Church of the Nazarene. The brief meeting will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Reyes Pequeno providing information about an after school program.

Fast pitch tryouts for traveling team

The 12 & under fast pitch traveling team will be holding tryouts on Saturday, March 1. For more information call 325-573-2592.

Fishing tourney to benefit Cash family

An open bass tournament benefiting Clyde Cash and family in memory of Sue Cash will be held on Saturday, March 1 at Lake Alan Henry. Entry fee - \$50, big bass pot - \$10. Registration will be Friday, February 29 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 1 at 5:30 a.m. at the boat ramp. You may also register at Brenda's Last Stop. A benefit dinner and auction will be held after the tournament. For information call John or Brenda at 629-4000 or 629-4026. Also, an account has been established at Citizens Bank in Post if you would like to make a donation.

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.

Meet the Lopes Spring Sports

The Post Antelope Booster Club will host Meet the Lopes and Lady Lopes Spring Sports on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Come to Antelope Arena and meet all baseball, softball, track, golf and tennis athletes. Please show your support for these young student athletes by attending.

Golden Plains seeking help for "Sr. Prom"

Golden Plains Care Center is planning a Senior Prom - "A Night to Remember". There will be a planning meeting at the center on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Complete with prom dresses, suits and the crowing of a Prom King and Queen and their court is scheduled. We are looking for help with decorating, doing hair, makeup and nails. We need plants, in-door trees, water features. We are also going to need servers and entertainment. If you would like to help in any way call Christy or Bunny at 495-2848. Please help us make this "A Night to Remember".

Catholic Church hosts fish fry Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry on Friday, February 29 from 5-7 p.m. Plate are \$7 each. The church will continue to sell fish plates for the next six weeks.



Thressa Harp (right) receives the Citizen of the Year award during last Saturday's annual Post Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Sharing the moment with Harp is her father Bob Palmer, a former recipient of the award (left).
Staff photo by Rosa Latimer



Sammy Palmer (right) accepts the Business of the Year award on behalf of Post Tire & Lube during Saturday's Post Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The business is owned by Ted Thomas. Presenting the award is Jim Plummer.
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'On the Air' opens new Garza Theater season

If the first play of the 22nd season at the Garza Theatre is any indication of the level of entertainment we can expect this year, we are in for a wonderful season of community theater in Post.

A spoof based on the golden age of radio, "On The Air," opened last weekend. The thoroughly entertaining play will continue its run for the next two weekends. Written by Peter Palame, with music by Neil Fishman and lyrics by Harvey Edelman, the comedy looks back to the 1940s with an emphasis on the war effort and commercial radio.

Audiences will appreciate the humor throughout this fast-paced comedy and delight in the first-class performances.

Stage direction is by Mitchell Britton, with musical direction by Debbie Gelber. The cast includes John Davis, Karen Dolter, Mickie Klafka and Ian Klotzman, as well as Garza newcomers Ronnie Miller, Rose Fruge and Katy Baker.

A newly installed sound system will be used at the Garza for this production. With the support of the CH Foundation and the Helen Jones Foundation, the Garza Theatre purchased and installed updated electronic equipment that greatly enhances the audience's experience in the theater.

Plans also include the installation of new lighting equipment and a remodeling of the theatre backstage and house front.

Within a year, the Garza plans to reopen its balcony, which also will include the construction of new theatre boxes. All of the improvements are planned to improve performance quality and upgrade the facility while paying attention to the historical architecture of the building.

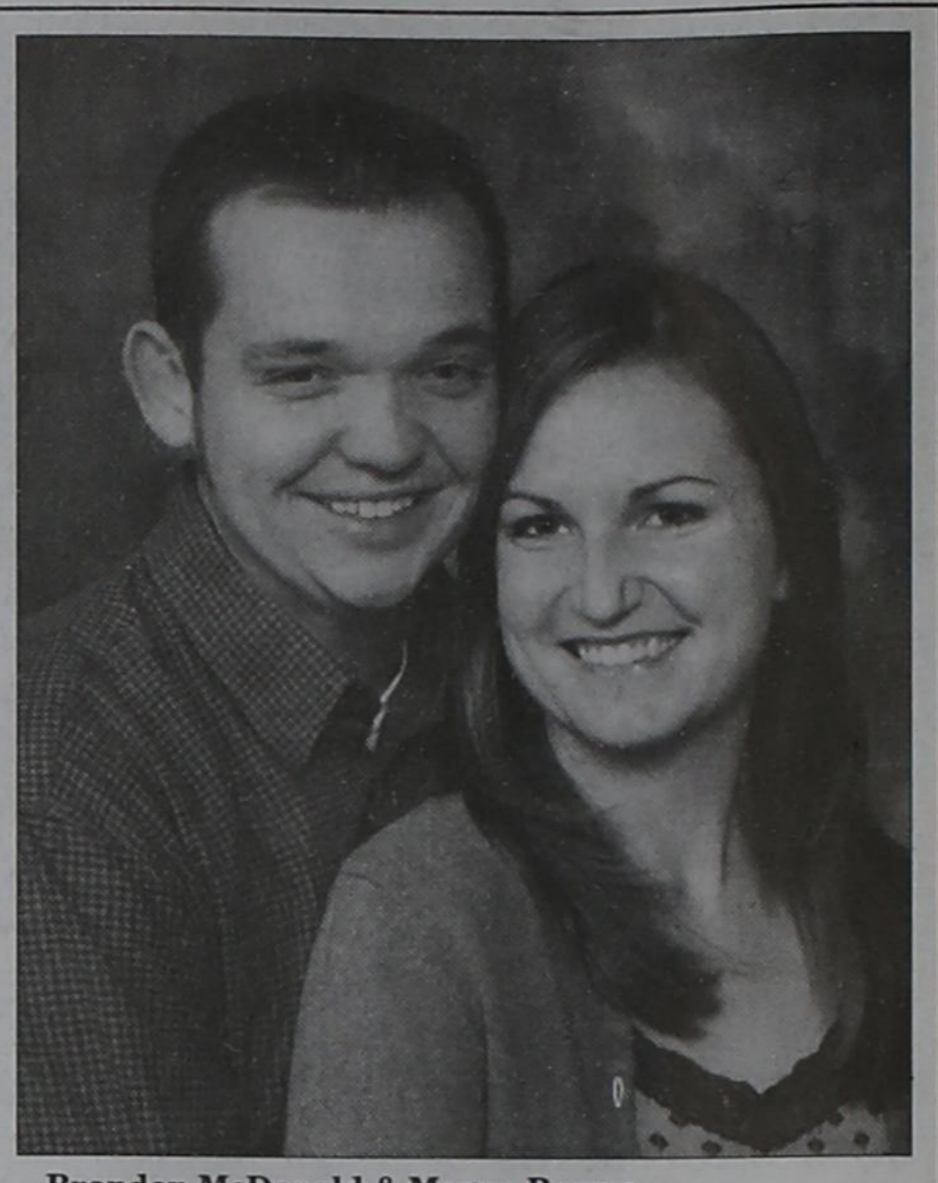
Beginning March 28, the Garza will open the comedy "Dearly Beloved," followed by a May 2 opening of "The Crucible."

A production of "Alice in Wonderland," featuring a large cast of children, is scheduled to begin June 6; the popular Harley Sadler production "Last Tango in Pango Pango" opens July 11; "The Outsiders" begins Aug. 8. "An Evening of Culture" a sequel to last season's popular "Faith County" will take the stage beginning Sept. 19. A comedy, "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It," opens Oct. 24, and the season ends with a production of the hilarious musical "Nuncrackers," which begins Dec. 5.

Anyone interested in auditioning for an upcoming production should call the theater box office, 495-4005, and leave contact information. The theater also welcomes volunteers to help with set construction and other aspects of each production as well as individuals to serve as ushers for each performance.

All Garza Theatre performances are on Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. the final weekend. Tickets for "On the Air" are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children aged 12 and under. Season tickets and group rates are available.

For more information, contact the Garza Theatre, 495-4005 or visit www.garzatheatre.com.



Brandon McDonald & Megan Bowne

Megan Bowne, Brandon McDonald plan May ceremony in Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bowne of Sharpville, Ind., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Megan Elaine, to Brandon Layne McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McDonald of Post.

The bride-elect graduated from Tri-central High School in Sharpville in 2002 and from Olivet Nazarene University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed in Kansas City, Kansas, as a public health nurse in the Family Planning Division of the Wyandotte County Health Department.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Post High School in 1997, from Southern Nazarene University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City in 2007 with a master's degree in intercultural studies. He is an associate pastor at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City and teaches at Earthworks.

The couple will be married May 10, 2008, at the Nall Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. A community shower reception at will be conducted July 5 at the Grassland Nazarene Church.

Filings under way for hospital district, city, school elections

Candidate filings are under way for the May 10 elections for the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Hospital District.

In the municipal election, voters will be asked to fill council positions in Wards 3, 4 and 5. As of Tuesday, Josh Whiteley, a former city councilman, had filed for the Ward 3 post, while three candidates - Delbert Rudd, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson and incumbent James Easterling had declared their candidacy for the Ward 4 chair, according to reports from City Hall. No candidates had filed in Ward 5.

Incumbents Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin were the lone candidates Tuesday for a pair of open at-large seats on the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees, according to district officials.

No candidates had filed as of Tuesday for any of the three open spots on the hospital district's board, according to District Administrator Shirley Taylor. Positions up for election are Places 1 and 2 and the at-large seat. Current office holders are Edna Owen, Ray Bagby and Brandt Taylor, respectively.

Filing deadline for all three entities is March 10. There are no current plans for an election in the Southland Independent School District, according to a representative in the district's administrative offices.

Martinez tapped for Southland FCCLA post
Patrick Martinez, a student in the Southland Independent School District, was nominated as regional vice president of community service at the Region 1 Leadership Meeting of the FCCLA.

Martinez and several other students attended the meeting last weekend, and the students did a "great job of helping on the Connection Team," according to school officials.

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Noah Michael Sweet, on Jan.
10, 2008.

The infant weighed 9 pounds,
13 ounces at birth and was 21
1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Travis and
Jeanne Sweet of Post.



Noah Michael Sweet

Congratulations Garza County Conservation Rancher of the Year



Garza County Soil & Water Conservation District chairman Shug Thomas (left) presents this year's Conservation Rancher of the Year Award to Tom and Janey Middleton and their daughter Jana. We add our congratulations to the Middleton family!



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Dr. Joseph Young & Tandi Humble

Tandi Humble, Joseph Young set July wedding

Pam Humble of Post and Fred Humble of Calgary have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tandi Lea Humble, to Dr. Joseph Warren Young, son of Kathy Currie of Rockwall and Rick Young of Odessa.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Post High School, attended Texas Tech University and will graduate from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in May 2008 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is employed by Walgreens.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Odessa High School and a 2001 graduate of McMurry University. He obtained his Doctor of Pharmacy from TTUHSC in 2006 and is employed by Walgreens and Planned Parenthood of Lubbock.

The couple plans to wed on July 12, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Post.

Deel, Hoover visit Post Rotary Club

Post High School students Kati Deel and Samantha Hoover were recent guests of the Post Rotary Club this month.

Deel, the daughter of Lisa Deel of Post and Kenney Deel of Melissa, is active in band and softball and serves as the basketball manager. She has been recognized as Band Sweetheart and Lions Club Sweetheart.

"I enjoy scrapbooking, cooking, photography, being involved and around sporting events, mission work and being able to help others," Deel wrote in her biographical sketch. "I live in a single-parent home and my mother is disabled. I am involved in FBC Post and enjoy going on missions, which I have been to New York and New Orleans sharing God's love."

Deel plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo where she will major in sociology.

"I would like to be able to help children and/or adults in some way," she wrote.

Hoover is the daughter of Terry and Ofelia Hoover and is active in varsity basketball, track, golf, UIL, National Honor Society and Student Council. Her awards and honors include Football Sweetheart, Commended Performance on TAKS, Academic All-District in golf, track and basketball and Second Team All-District in basketball.

Hoover's special interests include photography, art, computer, watching movies, golfing with her grandmother, playing with her cats and spending time with friends and family members.

"I plan to go to Texas Tech University to major in pre-vet," she wrote.



Samantha Hoover



Kati Deel

PHS hosts event to prepare for one-act play competition

Post High School hosted a one-act play festival Feb. 22-23 in the Post Auditorium, with Freida Attaway, a Kerrville teacher whose students have won state championship in both 2A and 4A competitions, serving as clinician.

Each day of the festival, five schools performed. On Friday, performances by high school students from Post, Lockney, Hale Center, Tahoka and Denver City were featured, while Saturday's performances represented Idalou, Slaton, Ralls, Plainview and Sundown high schools.

"Had this been a contest of 10, Post's Monsieur Jourdain (Zack Kocurek)



Post High School students adorned in their costumes for the One Act Play, The Would-Be Gentlemen, during last weekend's Festival in the Elementary Auditorium (left to right) Chelsey Sapp and Sahani Bhakta. Staff photo by Tim Barnett

would have been Best Actor and Nicole (Kelly Chapa) would have been Best Actress," said Attaway. "They both had high energy and well developed characters."

Post's one-act play students will perform at two additional events for critiques prior to the district competition. The group will travel to Seminole Saturday where Rick Garcia of Austin will serve as clinician. On March 14, the students will perform at Western Texas College in Snyder to be critiqued by college professor Ray Newton.

Post's play is a French comedy, "The Would-Be Gentleman," by Moliere.

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Africa: A tragic continent

by Walter E. Williams

President Bush's trip to Africa and promise of increased foreign aid will do little or nothing to solve the ongoing tragedy in most places on the south-of-Sahara African continent. Kenya is on the brink of a civil war. Over 1,000 people have been killed and another 300,000 made homeless. Rebels have invaded Chad. In the Darfur region of the Sudan, millions of people have been displaced in a genocidal war. Ethiopia and Eritrea threaten war again. Somalian warlords are in a pitched battle. Zimbabwe, once an independent, thriving jewel on the continent, now ruled by a tyrant, is on the brink of disaster, experiencing a 66,000 percent rate of inflation, expected to be over 100,000 percent by year's end. To put that inflation in perspective, the government has recently started printing 10 million Zimbabwe dollar notes. A hamburger sells for 15 million Zimbabwe dollars.

The recent African carnage is by no means new. During a 100-day period in 1994, an estimated 800,000 Rwandans, mostly Tutsis, were killed. There were an estimated 100,000 to 500,000 Ugandans murdered under the brutal rule of Idi Amin. Liberia, Ivory Coast and the Congo have been racked by war, and slavery exists to this day in Mauritania and Sudan. Added to this carnage is gross corruption, AIDS, famine and repression.

African leaders, and many people on the left, blame Africa's problems on the evils of colonialism. They sometimes blame the violence on the borders colonialists created that ignored ethnicity. Many African nations have been independent for four decades. If colonial borders were a major problem, how come they haven't changed them? And, by the way, colonialism cannot explain Third World poverty. Some of today's richest countries are former colonies, such as: United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong. Some of today's poorest countries were never colonies, such as: Ethiopia, Liberia, Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan. The colonialism argument is simply a cover up for African dictators.

The worst thing the West can do to Africa is to give more foreign aid. For the most part, foreign aid is government to government. As such, it provides the financial resources that enable Africa's grossly corrupt and incompetent regimes to buy military equipment, pay off cronies and continue to oppress their people. It also provides resources for the leaders to live lavishly and set up "retirement" accounts in foreign banks.

Africa is the world's most natural-resources rich continent. It has 50 percent of the world's gold, most of the world's diamonds and chromium, 90 percent of the cobalt, 40 percent of the world's potential hydroelectric power, 65 percent of the manganese, and millions of acres of untilled farmland, as well as other natural resources. Before independence, every African country was self-sufficient in food production; today, many depend on imports and others stand at the brink of famine.

The only people who can solve the problems of Africa are Africans themselves. It is only they who can change their leaders, end corruption and bring about transparency in government and end the African wars. Only they can stop the continent's massive brain drain. This was brought home to me, a number of years ago, at a dinner I was invited to in honor of a new Nigerian ambassador to the United States. During his speech, he admonished the Nigerian professionals in attendance to come home to help the country develop. The Nigerians seated at my table, and nearby tables, fell into quiet laughter.

Most of what Africa needs, the West cannot give: rule of law, private property rights, fewer economic restrictions, independent judiciary and limited government. The one important thing we can do to help is to lower our trade barriers.

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'Contract with Conservatives' Or Deal with The Devil?

Have Battered Voters Opted For More Abuse?

by Mary Starrett

The country's largest third party based on voter registration (Ballot Access News), the Constitution Party, compares political "conservatives" to battered women who have begun another abusive relationship.

"John McCain's history shows the man can't be trusted. However, like those who repeatedly find themselves in sick relationships, these voters simply cannot get enough of what they don't want. The "conservatives" are supporting a candidate who has shown he does not stand for anything they say they want," said Constitution Party National Committee Chairman Jim Clymer.

A so-called "Contract with Conservatives" outlines the non-negotiable issues conservatives state they must have in a presidential candidate. The list shows these are the very same principles McCain has never adhered to in his entire political career, like immigration reform, lower taxes, the right to life, free speech and the right to keep and bear arms.

"It's difficult to imagine that "conservatives" would ignore such glaring departures from their stated principles", Clymer noted, pointing to the Arizona senator's voting record: "McCain voted with Sen. Ted Kennedy on pro-amnesty legislation, voted against President Bush's tax cuts in 2001 and 2003, voted with pro-abortion legislators on funding for embryonic stem cell research, pushed anti-free speech bills like McCain-Feingold and anti-2nd amendment bills at the state and federal levels."

"Conservative" talk radio host Michael Savage, who for years has decried illegal immigration with the mantra "borders, language, culture" now says "there's no other choice" but McCain.

"He's wrong", Clymer said. "There is a choice other than McCain. The two "Big Box" parties won't deliver that choice. Just look at the abysmal turnout for the Republican primaries. Voters are not at all excited by the current crop of "front-runners".

The Constitution Party will offer voters a real choice in November. A viable and recognizable candidate will be chosen at the party's presidential nominating convention in April, in Kansas City, Missouri.

"Voters are counting on it!" Clymer added.

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Opinions



A sure fire argument on the 2nd Amendment

by Rick Lynch

With the Supreme Court's decision to examine the constitutionality of D.C.'s gun ban, the nation once again turns to an intense examination of the wording of the Second Amendment. One way to understand an amendment whose words have confused generations is to study its somewhat confusing text. But another way is to examine at whose request the amendment was written.

For example, if 200 years from now constitutional scholars are trying to determine whether the Smith Tax Act of 2008 increased or decreased the taxes Social Security recipients paid on their retirement income, knowing that the act came into being as the result of pressure from AARP would pretty much end that debate.

This, then, is a vital question when seeking to understand the Second Amendment. For if you know the context in which the Amendment was written, if you know for whom it was written, if you know who was clamoring for it and what were their concerns, then that can help settle any argument of individual rights versus collective rights.

The Bill of Rights was written by Congressman James Madison to fulfill a promise made to the Anti-Federalists after pressure from that group had cost him a Senate seat — pressure brought to bear because of his opposition to amending the Constitution with a bill of rights. The Bill of Rights, then, as any history book will confirm, came into being to satisfy the single most suspicious, vociferous, and relentless foes of the new federal government.

That is the all-important context in which the Bill of Rights was created. The Anti-Federalists, men filled to varying degrees with fear, mistrust, and loathing of the new federal government, insisted on a bill of rights as additional shackles imposed on that new government. Knowing that alone, knowing that the famous Bill came into existence only to please those most apprehensive of the new government, definitively ends any confusion or debate surrounding the meaning of the Second Amendment.

There is simply no way on Earth the Anti-Federalists would have surrendered to the new and mistrusted government the right to own any gun they wanted at any time they wanted in any number they wanted.

To believe differently, to believe that the Second Amendment actually gives the federal government the authority to regulate firearms, one must believe the absolutely unbelievable. One must believe that the Anti-Federalists, fearing and loathing federal power, compelled Madison to compose this laundry list of rights, this list of things over which the government was to have no authority

and, very near the very top of the list, these people in fear of the federal government desired a clause that reads, "Despite the fact that Article I, Section 8 does not empower you federal government people to infringe our firearms rights, we hereby correct that mistake and surrender to you a right which we previously held, but wish now to give away."

We must further believe that James Madison was such a monumentally incompetent and abysmal writer that, when trying to give the federal government this new authority to regulate the private ownership of firearms, the last fourteen words of the Amendment read, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

We must also believe that revolutionary American history conceals some hitherto unknown and utterly undocumented groundswell of public desire for gun control.

Picture in your mind for a moment the rough-and-tumble individualist who gave birth to this nation, a man who had tamed a wilderness, fought Indian wars on and off for 180 years, and successfully faced down the world's mightiest empire. Hold a picture of that man in your head for a moment and then try to imagine his being told that this new federal government would have the power to regulate his ownership of firearms in any manner it saw fit, including imprisoning him for possession of any firearm for any reason at any time.

No honest or serious person could ever claim to believe that any part of the American electorate in the 1700s desired federal gun control, let alone the Anti-Federalists who forced the creation of the Bill of Rights.

Rick Lynch is an author living in Virginia. He is finishing a book on constitutional issues entitled *They Are Vicious*.

If We Subsidize Them ... They Will Come ...

by Congressman Ron Paul

For decades we have welcomed new immigrants to our American "melting pot". We respect those who come here peacefully to pursue their American Dream. But Americans have noticed lately that modern problems associated with illegal immigration are at a crisis point. Taxpayers are now suffering the consequences.

Costs of social services for the estimated 21 million illegal immigrants in this country are approaching \$400 billion. We educate 4.2 million children of illegals at a cost of \$13.8 billion. There have been almost 2 million anchor babies born in this country since 2002, with labor and delivery costs of between \$3 and 6 billion.

There are currently 360,000 illegals in our prisons and we have spent \$1.4 billion to incarcerate them since 2001. In Prince William County near DC, ICE can't deport criminal illegals fast enough and has actually asked its local jails to slow down on referring them.

Jurisdiction over illegal immigration lies at the federal level, yet many municipalities are struggling with the compounding problems of mandated costs and tied hands. My office has heard from at least one sheriff in my district considering seeking compensation from the Federal government for the cost of so many illegal immigrant inmates that wouldn't be here if the Federal government was doing its job and protecting our borders. The problems are widespread.

One thing is certain: If we subsidize them, they will come. We have rolled out the social services red carpet, so it is no surprise that many from other countries are eager to come take advantage of our very generous system.

We must return to the American principle of personal responsibility. We must expect those who come here to take care of themselves and respect our laws. Not only is this the right thing to do for our overtaxed citizens, but we simply have no choice. We can't afford these policies anymore.

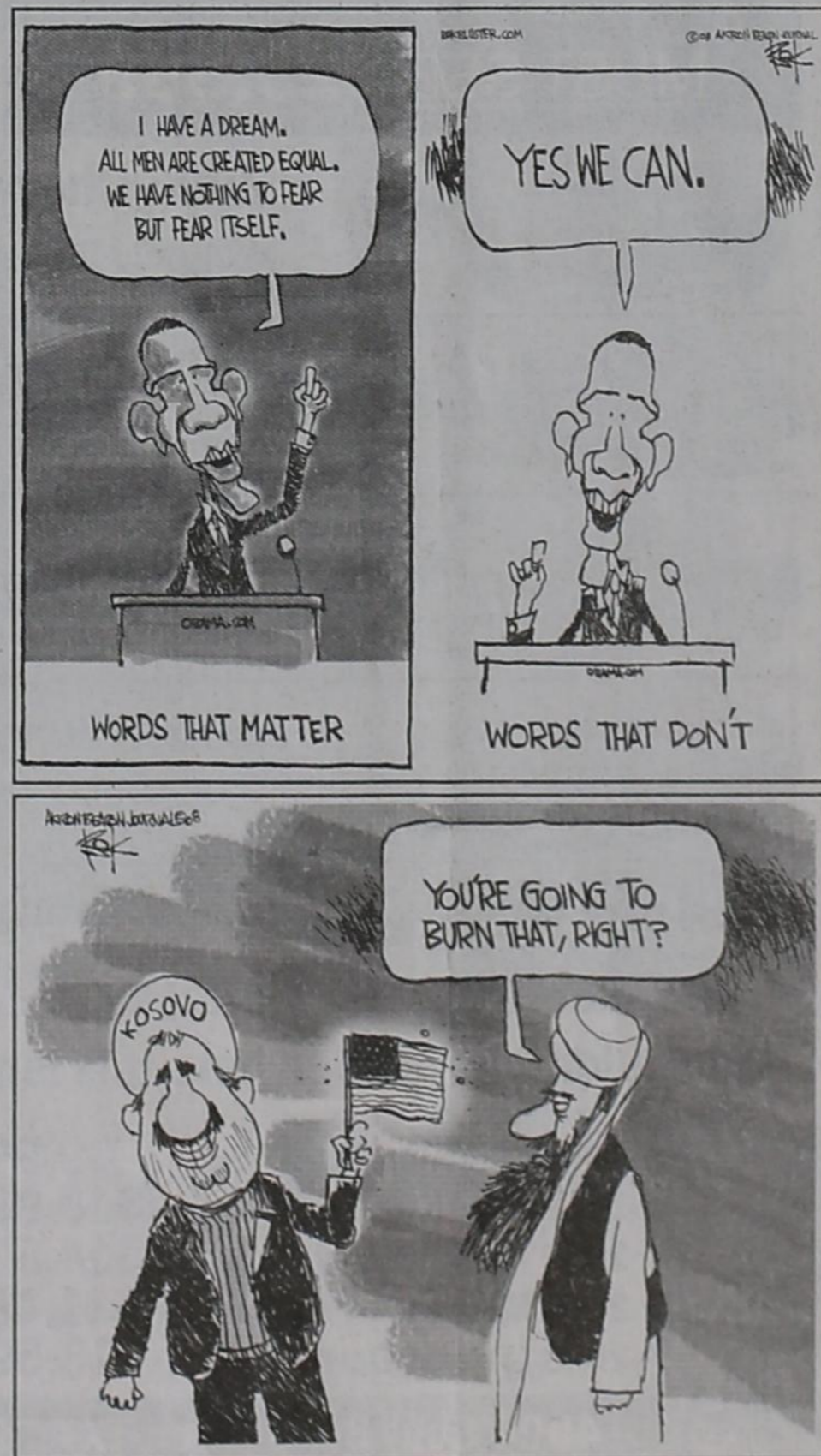
Since we are \$60 trillion in debt, there should be no taxpayer-paid benefits for non-citizens. My bill, the Social Security for American Citizens Only Act, stops non-citizens from collecting Social Security Benefits. This bill, by the way, picked up three new cosponsors this week and is gaining momentum.

Also, we should not be awarding automatic citizenship to children born here minutes after their mothers illegally cross the border. It just doesn't make sense. The practice of birthright citizenship is an aberration of the original intent of the 14th amendment, the purpose of which was never to allow lawbreakers to bleed taxpayers of welfare benefits.

I have introduced HJ Res 46 to address this loophole. Other Western countries such as Australia, France, and England have stopped birth-right citizenship. It is only reasonable that we do the same.

We must also empower local and state officials to deal with problems the Federal government can't or won't address. Actions like this are a matter of national security at this point.

Illegal immigration is draining and frustrating the American taxpayer. I will continue to work for a solution that does not reward those who break our laws.



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Middleton lauded at chamber banquet as Conservation Rancher of the Year

Tom Middleton was recognized as the Outstanding Conservation Rancher at last week's chamber banquet.

Middleton became owner and operator of his family's ranch in 1965. The ranch, which had been in his family since 1900, contained seven pastures of rangeland and a 185-acre cotton field. After taking over the family business, one of Middleton's first actions was to inventory his resources and develop a long-term plan with a set of goals based on a systematic approach designed to address all of his resource concerns and make improvements to the ranch.

To achieve the goals he had for the business, Middleton realized he needed to improve grazing distribution. He partnered with the Garza Soil & Water Conservation District and the Soil Conservation Service to leverage technical and financial assistance to help implement his plan. He enrolled in the Great Plains Conservation Program in 1967 with an objective of getting dependable livestock and wildlife water to all pastures, to improve grazing distribution, implement a planned grazing system and enhance wildlife habitat.

With the assistance of the Great Plains program, he installed 4.5 miles of livestock pipeline, six water storage facilities and four ponds.

Middleton then set about to convert the 185-acre cotton field to native pasture. He selected a native mixture of grasses that provide excellent grazing while providing food and cover for wildlife. The cotton farming equipment was sold.

The rangeland consists of a variety of range sites ranging from sand hills sites to clay flats. According to NRCS records, all range sites were in good condition in 1978, and this holds true today. While on the old cropland field, all four native grass species are still thriving. These are a testament to Tom's dedication to sound stewardship, excellent resource management skills and abilities to implement his plan.

After the expiration of his Great Plains contract, Middleton wanted to further improve his grazing distribution and systems. He constructed more cross fences and extended the pipelines, all at his expense, to divide the ranch into 14 pastures, each containing at least one water storage facility and most containing at least one pond.

In 1977, approximately 75 acres of mesquite and Sand Shinoak were root plowed and sprigged to improve Bermudagrass obtained from Oklahoma. The Bermudagrass pasture remains productive.

The ranch rotates livestock based on a decision deferral rotation system. They maintain three cattle herds on the ranch and utilize only 25 percent of the rangeland at any given time. To also help maintain the condition of the rangeland, Middleton, his wife, Janie, and daughter, Jana, spot spray mesquite, prickly pear and golden rod. They also spot spray Salcedar along the river.

In the 1970s, Middleton began prescribed burning to suppress brush and improve forage quality on grasses such as Alkali Sacaton and Tobosa. This practice continues in years when adequate soil moisture is present.

Middleton always is willing to try the latest technology to improve the rangeland. He assisted a Texas Tech University graduate student with research on prickly pear spray treatments following prescribed burning.

Middleton said that during the 2000 drought, when the warm season grasses never broke dormancy, most ranchers grazed their range harder than they wanted to in order to maintain their base livestock herds. To prevent this from happening again, he and his daughter purchased a 235-acre cotton farm with the intention of planting an improved grass and moving many of their cattle on it during the growing season. This provides the flexibility to allow the native range to build a stockpile of grass for the winter and during times of drought.

Middleton signed up for the EQIP program in 2002 to leverage financial assistance to plant Bluestem, install a livestock well, pipeline, three water storage facilities and cross fences. The EQIP application was not funded, but he carried out the plan anyway. A stand of Bluestem was established, then a boundary fence was constructed, water developed and cross fences were installed to divide the 235 acres into six pastures. These pastures were fertilized every year based on soil test. Middleton said he is a firm believer in good soil fertility.

To continue to enhance their ability to deal with a drought without having a negative impact on their range condition and wildlife habitat, Middleton and his daughter have since purchased two more cotton farms. One of the farms recently was planted to Bluestem and the other will

be planted next year.

The ranch maintains a minimum stocking rate at all times in expectation of a drought. During droughts they sell calves early, cull open and older cows first and maintain an adequate amount of hay for extended drought periods. The Middletons also pray a lot during periods of drought.

About 20 years ago, the Middletons began purchasing registered Herefords and Angus bulls using EPD data for high weaning weights and low birth weights. This past hunting season they leased the ranch for quail hunting with strict requirements on the number of quail harvested per covey. They strive to improve the whitetail and mule deer population through good range management.

The Middletons were selected as the Outstanding Farm Family for Garza County in 1974. Tom Middleton served on the Garza Soil & Water Conservation District Board from 1972 to 1988. He holds a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from West Texas State University.

"If there has ever been a mistake made in ranch management, I have made it," he said, "and I hope others have learned from them at my expense. My primary goal for the ranch is to control mesquite and prickly pear in order to promote better grass cover and increase the livestock carrying capacity without jeopardizing the wildlife habitat. It is my desire to leave the ranch improved."



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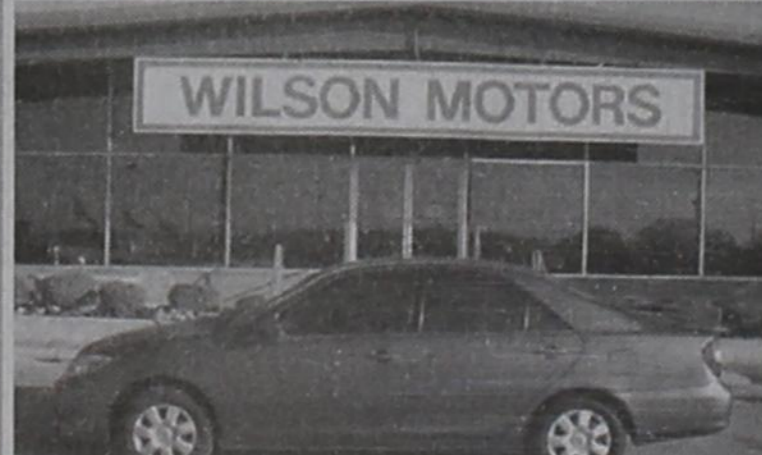
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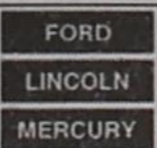


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Southland ISD News

by Brad Ellison

I hope everyone enjoyed a very restful Monday. I know it was a much deserved break. Spring Break will be here before you know it and then again, before you know it graduation will be here. Thanks to all of you for a fantastic year so far.

Congratulations to our students that represented Southland ISD at the San Angelo Stock Show (Gilt Show). Tanner and Callie Odom both had a first place with their pigs, Tanner with a duroc and Devin Blanton garnered a Reserve Breed championship with his Hamp. Good job, guys, and good job to Mr. Miller.

Track, tennis and golf will be starting soon, so please remind your students to get their makeup work and take care of it as soon as possible.

Events for this Week

• Spring pictures will be taken on Friday.

Events for Next Week

• Spur has cancelled their track meet for next week due to TAKS being on Wednesday. Coach Wall is looking for another meet for possibly Thursday.

• TAKS reading/ELA will be given on Wednesday, March 5.

• HS track at Dawson on Friday.

Thought for the Week

"All that you are today is a clear product of what you thought about yesterday. Take good care of what you are thinking about now because that might just be your tomorrow."

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

- Still no rain, but we are staying positive or I am anyway. I have to encourage the farmers at times...ha. With the wind blowing like it has been I hope everyone remembers the burn ban that is in effect. We need to keep our property and ourselves safe!
- I want to thank the person or persons responsible for the wonderful yard art they left for us over the weekend. Some idiot, yes, idiot, pitched out a ton a beer bottles on the gin yard sometime over the weekend. Do you people not realize that somebody has to pick that stuff up? Come on... have a little more class than that and remember we are a nosy bunch of people out here. We look out for strange vehicles, especially ones with bottles flying out of the window.
- Lee and Marsha Norman have had some special company this past week -- two of their grandchildren. Emily and Simon have been here visiting. Simon Stach is the son of Philip and Janie Stach of Trophy Club, and Emily Norman is the daughter of David and Brenda Norman of Lubbock.
- We had several kids go to San Angelo for the stock show. The Ragtown kids going were Russ Morris, who came home with a third place in swine; Kari and Katie Dunn, who both came home with fifth place in swine; and Ja D Young participated in swine and steers. Congratulations to them on a job well done.
- Danny and Susan Gonzales had lots of out-of-towners this weekend: Richard and Linda Rodriguez from Stanford; Mario and Julie Cruz from Van Alstyne; Rhonda Parchman of Sherman; Stacy Dudley of Lubbock; and T.J. and Amy of Amarillo. All arrived after Stevie left on Friday after being here for a week with Mawmaw and Pawpaw while his mom and dad, Steve and Flora, moved into their new home the recently bought in Eules.
- Salli Bess was here this weekend with her kiddos, Journey and Jolie. They came to visit while John took their youth group to Whitney for the weekend. While here they enjoyed going to Welch to watch Kale play basketball and then to the science spectrum in Lubbock.
- Visitors at the gin this past week...Willa Didway came out to get some information for her mom; Bobby and Jenny Cowdrey stopped in to say hi; D.J. Sims came by on Monday; and, of course, we had our regular bunch.
- Remember our ones in the nursing homes: Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep on a praying for that rain we need and that our troops come safely home. Also remember to go vote Tuesday!

Get Wells

I hope by the time you are reading this Jane will be back at Cocara's. She has had the crud for a while, but is starting to feel much better. We have missed you, Jane!

Birthdays

• March 2 - Diane Graves
Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

PHS One-Act Play

(Continued from Page 3)

A typical Moliere farce, "The Would-Be Gentleman" involves a member of the French bourgeois who longs to be a "person of quality." In order to reach the upper class, Monsieur Jourdain hires a music mistress, a dancing teacher, a fencing master and a philosopher to teach him the practices of the nobility. They try, but he is a "slow learner." Thrown into the mix are two sets of lovers, two hilarious servants, muftis, belly dancers and a Turkish ceremony scene.

Actors in the play are Kocurek, Bethany Berry, Meagen Howard-Griffis, Tim Wilson, Chapa, Chad Miller, Kat Villalon, Zach Nava, Jessica Quisenberry, Stacy Bocko, Quinten Davis, Chelsey Sapp,

Suhani Bhakta, Allen Heckaman and Call Windham.

Crew members are stage manager Jackie Slaugh, light technician Steven Short, sound tech Quinton Valdez and assistant to the stage manager Kaitlyn Short.

Alternates are Adrianna Barboza, Danica Williams, Clint Windham, Kayla Villalon and Sandrijn Van Den Noortgate.

Directors are Sterline Marcum, Leslie Tatum and Tim Tatum. Local seamstresses Karen Nichols, Juanetta Bocko, Eunice Pope, Glenda Morrow, Linda Self, Ruby Williams, Tammie Quisenberry and Onita Gunn created the play's costumes.

"The costumes are works of art," said Tim Tatum.

PHS students will give the local community its first glimpse of "The Would-Be Gentleman" at a public performance set for March 28 at the one-act play district contest. The competition will begin at 2 p.m., and Post is the second school slated to perform. Supporters interested in seeing the local one-act play should be at the auditorium by 2:30 p.m.

On March 31, the PHS Annual Dinner Theatre will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The performance will include songs, dances and scenes, as well as this year's one-act play, which will be performed in the auditorium.

"In order for the students' mothers to enjoy the dinner, the meal will be professionally catered, which is a change from past years," said Leslie Tatum.

The meal will include ham with an apple sauce, green beans wrapped in green onions, potatoes, salad, bread and cheesecake, and tables, which will be decorated by students, teachers and parents, each will carry out its own theme.

Tickets to the event cost \$15.

"Anyone who needs a good evening of laughter needs to attend this play," said Marcum. "The costumes look like professional

Wind-fueled fires gobble acreage

in Garza, nearby counties

Firefighters urge caution as

weather conditions continue

by Sheri Lewis

Local firefighters were stretched thin last weekend thanks to fires fueled by high winds, warm temperatures, low relative humidity and an ongoing lack of precipitation.

A fast-moving grass fire was reported northwest of the airport on East Hwy. 380 at about 2:30 p.m. Friday. The Post Fire Department responded, stopping the blaze just east of the airport at about 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the Post Fire Department was called upon to assist Scurry County firefighters in dealing with fires in three different locations within the neighboring county. The local department responded with two grass trucks and a water transport, while the Justiceburg Community Volunteer Fire Department (formerly the Lake Alan Henry Fire/EMS Department) sent a grass truck.

One of the fires in Scurry County, fanned by high winds, crossed U.S. Hwy. 84. The thick smoke quickly affected visibility, and that and the fire threat prompted Department of Public Safety officials to close down a portion of the highway for about an hour and a half, according to reports. DPS officials were assisted by Garza County and Texas Department of Transportation officials.

The call for assistance from Scurry County came after Post firefighters were called out earlier in the day to a location in the 200 block of Avenue D in Post. There they found a broken power pole, which apparently had been snapped by high winds, leaning toward several homes. Firefighters remained at the scene for "precautionary purposes only," Fire Chief Darrell Reece said, and were on stand-by until representatives of the utility company arrived.

After spending five or six hours battling the fires in Scurry County, firefighters received a call about a large grass fire on East Hwy. 380 just west of the Dalby Ranch. Two trucks, as well as a truck from Scurry County, were sent out to work the blaze.

Firefighters spent about three hours at the scene.

No fires were reported locally on Sunday, but Monday brought more demands for the local volunteer group's attention.

At about 4 p.m. Monday, the Post Fire Department received another request from Scurry County for assistance. A new fire had erupted, so the department sent two grass trucks and a water transport,

while the Justiceburg department sent a grass truck to assist.

Firefighters worked about four or five hours at the scene before receiving a call about a "very large" fire on FM 207 about eight or nine miles north of the city, Reece said. The Post Fire Department's two remaining trucks were sent out, and the department requested assistance from Crosby County firefighters.

There were no injuries reported in any of the blazes worked by local firefighters, Reece said, and no structures were lost in the areas they worked.

"The wind - that was probably the primary cause of the fires being as large as they were, that and the extra amount of fuel that we've got right now," Reece said.

More than 5,000 acres of land were burned in Scurry County Saturday, with the biggest fire reported within the Snyder city limits, according to reports.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that the Snyder fire inched within a block of the community's hospital while forcing the evacuation of a nursing home. Western Texas College student dorms also were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

High winds contributed to the fast-moving fires, according to reports.

On Monday, the fire siege on West Texas resumed, fueled by wind gusts of more than 60 mph.

A Hale County fire, which started seven miles south of Plainview, grew to be about 2 1/2 miles long and two miles wide, threatening several homes and consuming about 2,000 acres, according to the A-J.

A blaze in Sterling City, located about 40 miles northwest of San Angelo, raced across about 20,000 acres, while a fire near Odessa forced the evacuation of about 40 area residents and threatened 75 homes before claiming 5,000 acres. A fire near the Silver community, located between Colorado City and Robert Lee, burned about 4,000 acres, according to reports.

Fires also were reported Monday in Andrews, Scurry and Hockley counties, as well as in Hobbs, N.M., where a grass fire devoured 40,000 acres and threatened 100 structures.

On Monday, the Texas Forest Service reported that conditions made the day the second highest fire danger day since the agency began tracking such conditions, Reece said.

According to the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center Web site, Garza County is on the eastern edge of an area that stretches from the northwest half of the Panhandle, across most of West Texas and western portions of Central Texas and into the western half of the state's southernmost parts. The defined area faces a possible "multi-day period of critical fire weather" over the weekend and into early next week, "with episodic strong winds/low RH (relative humidity) events," the site states.

NWS forecasts suggest the "greatest potential for critical conditions will be centered on... Sunday. The second episode may develop... on Tuesday/Wednesday," according to the Web site.

"It's critical," Reece said. "People need to be extra careful in the things that they do. Something as simple as a change in the wind direction can make conditions extremely dangerous."

Local residents should try to create fire breaks between their homes and landscaping and other surroundings.

"Anything people can do to clean up debris or clear tall grass, trees and shrubs to make a break between their home and nature could save their home in some situations," Reece said. "It's a simple thing that could save everyone a lot of money. When you've got a wind-driven fire, if there's not a break, the wind carries (the fire) right to the home."


The fire chief encouraged all area residents to remain alert of potential fire dangers.

"It would help tremendously for people to be conscious of their surroundings," he said.

Official Court Records

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

- Eugene Bell, charged with deadly conduct, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years in the TDCJ. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$248 in court costs and \$598.64 in restitution.
- Eugene Bell, charged with injury to a child, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years in the TDCJ. Fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs.
- Eric Nathaniel Hutson, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
- Matthew Edwin Bryant, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$400. Ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
- Alan Brant Casey, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
- Imogene Collins, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$400 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
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- 2006 Habitual felon sentenced to two life sentences in prison
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The next project meeting will be Monday, March 3, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

4-H Club Meeting

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

Clothing Project

The next Clothing Project session will be Wednesday, March 5, at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office. There will also be a Clothing Tour on Monday, March 10. Meet at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office.

Entomology Project

Like bugs? Come join the Entomology Project group and learn all about them. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

4-Hers Participating at San Angelo

We would like to wish our exhibitors the best of luck at the San Angelo Livestock Show this week. Those attending are Jackie Milton, Kris Crenshaw, Ben Mason, Audree Williams, Reed Williams, Pat Reiter, Ja D Young and Lacy Williams.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Letters ...

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Open letter to Women's Division

A special thank-you to the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce for their help in decorating for the annual Post Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

A big thank-you to Jay Young for providing help in setting up the tables and chairs for the banquet.

Members present helping were JoAnn Stelzer, Inez Seabourn, Linda Puckett, Betty Posey, Marie Neff, Jan Acker and Naomi Matsler.

The new Women's Division officers for the 2008 year are Donna Degan, president; Marie Neff, first vice president; Jan Acker, second vice president; JoAnn Mock, secretary; and Betty Posey, treasurer.

They all do a wonderful job at whatever they do for the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Naomi Matsler, Outgoing President

Thanks for all the help

The Post Fire Department recently held the 13th Annual Chili Supper on Feb. 16, which was a huge success this year.

The department would like to give a special thanks to those who could be a part of the event and to those who were so generous in giving donations. The amount of support from the community this year was truly overwhelming. There's no amount of words to describe how much this department appreciates the good-hearted people in this wonderful town.

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We are truly dedicated to the tasks that lie ahead of us on this fire department, and having your support makes us that much more committed and stronger.

Special thanks would also like to be extended to this year's sponsors: B&A LP Gas, Brady's Package Store, Ira Pump & Supply, Post Stampede Rodeo Assoc., Thompson Wrecker Service, Mason Brothers, Citizens Bank, Porter Hardware, George R. Brown Partnership, OC Ranch, Wells Fargo and Strawn Transport.

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Grant funds purchase of bullet-proof vests

Garza County recently arranged the purchase of 15 bulletproof vests thanks to a Department of Justice grant for \$4,584.

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell wrote the grant, which enabled the county to purchase vests to be used for constables, law enforcement, probation officers and the Post Independent School District resource officer.

"Bobby Dean does so much for the county we took it upon ourselves to get him one," Isbell said.

The Point Blank-brand body armor vests, which carry a five-year shelf life, replace a number of "extremely outdated" vests previously utilized by law enforcement personnel.

"Every vest we had was either outdated or nonexistent," Isbell said.

Nine of the new vests have been delivered, with the remaining units due in sometime in the next few weeks.

"All at no charge to the taxpayers," Isbell said.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
www.geocities.com/christinyous7/love.html

Paul obeyed God faithfully...almost

A good example of serving God can be seen in the records about the apostle Paul. God worked mightily to put him in the ministry. He knew that Paul would serve Him faithfully.

Paul not only went to great lengths to teach the truth to anybody, but he also committed himself to comforting and edifying the church of God. Paul held forth truths from God that was never known before. Much of them can still be learned today from what is available in the Epistles.

Yet as meek as Paul was toward God in the overall ministry, he disobeyed God's warnings about something very important. The record of this starts in Acts 20:22-24, "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. But only that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

The words "bound in the spirit" were translated from earlier known texts which meant to be firmly resolved. As we continue this study it will be seen that he was not lead by God to Jerusalem. Instead he was lead by his own firm resolve to be there on the day of Pentecost.

Chapter 21 of Acts reveals some events related to God's warnings. Please notice in the above verses that Paul had already been warned prior to this. Now, according to Acts 21:3 Paul found disciples in Tyre who told him "by the spirit that he should not go up to Jerusalem." This reveals God's will was. Understanding this will be important in a moment.

Later Paul came to Caesarea and stayed with Philip who had four daughters. His daughters were young women who were spiritually strong. It says they prophesied. Based on the context, we can safely deduce that they prophesied for him to not go to Jerusalem.

While with Philip, a man named Agabus from Judea traveled to Paul and also prophesied. More details are given in verse 11, "And when he was come to us, he took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet and said, 'Thus says the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" This reveals the result of Paul's potential disobedience.

From the next verse we can see that Paul not only was ready to be arrested, but to die in Jerusalem. He openly said this even after being warned by the spirit of God to not go.

Up to this point we can see a clear distinction between what God's will was and what Paul's will was. They were on opposite sides. God did not want him to go, and Paul wanted to go.

Next we come to Acts 21:14, "And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, 'The will of the Lord be done.'" After all that we read about people prophesying for Paul to not go to Jerusalem, suddenly it appears that they decided that it was God's will for him to go. What happened? Why the apparent contradiction? Why did they change their minds and say, "The will of the Lord be done." A closer look at verse 14 will reveal that there was no contradiction.

The common interpretation of this verse relies largely on the comma just before the word "saying" in the King James Bible. The earlier known Greek texts did not have punctuation marks. When we remove the commas the verse would read, "And when he would not be persuaded we ceased saying 'The will of the Lord be done.'"

We might make decisions that bind us, but God is not bound. He was still able to work through Paul as seen during the big storm in Acts 27:22 where he glorified God before the guards and prisoners. And according to Acts 28:31 Paul, while under house arrest, continued to teach about the kingdom of God and the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

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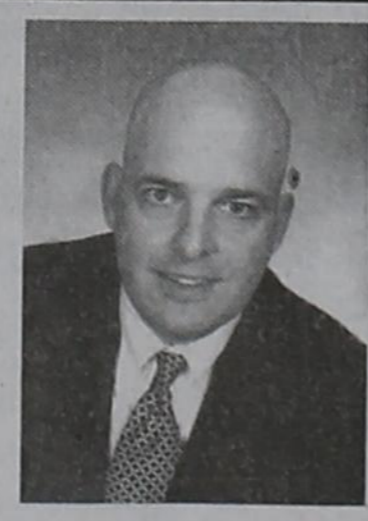
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Post-Garza County volunteer fire fighters assisting in extinguishing a big fire in Scurry County last weekend are Fire Chief Darrell Reece (front, left) Delton Osborn and Clyde Cash (back of truck), Kara Cash and Dusty Osborn (top of truck), Meg Nelson (right) handed out water and Gatorade donated by The Salvation Army in Lubbock. (Photo courtesy Post Volunteer Fire Department)

Vacant AD position draws more than 100 applicants

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Post Independent School District had received more than 120 resumes for the athletic director's position, according to district officials.

The last time the district worked to fill the position of athletic director, approximately 60 to 75 applications were received.

The latest applicants include John Addicks, Jesus Chapel School of El Paso; Bobby Blackwell, Eastland High School in Eastland; Ryan Cornelson, LaCrosse High School, LaCrosse, Kansas; Terry Farmer, Rivercrest ISD, Bogata; Kent Hawthorne, Cumby High School in Cumby; Stan Howard, Katy ISD, Katy; Jay McCook, Hart ISD, Hart; Russell McDaniel, New Diana ISD, Diana; Chris McWilliams, Monahans High, Monahans; and Jeff Rogers, Navasota ISD, Navasota.

Also, Mark Shelton, Deltona High School, Deltona, Fla.; Ron Steele, Garland ISD, Garland; Michael Stewart, Luling ISD, Luling; Robby Wood, Petrolia ISD, Petrolia; Chuck Wyatt, Robstown ISD, Corpus Christi; Ray Brown, Hendrickson High School, Pflugerville; Jake Fieszel, Gunter High School, Gunter; Jim Gomez, Lubbock ISD, Lubbock; Chris Bearden, Sterling City High School, Sterling City; Buddy Blair, Union Hill ISD, Gilmer; Jim Cain, Jim Ned High School, Abilene; and Roy Garcia, Sharpstown High School, Houston.

Also, Kurt Grawunder, Vega ISD, Vega; Joe Hutchison of Memphis, Tenn.; Daron Mann, H. Grady Spruce, Dallas; Gary Proffitt, Goldthwaite ISD, Goldthwaite; Jimmy Thomas, Llano High School, Llano; Joel Baker, Lubbock High School, Lubbock; Toby Foreman, Baytown Lee High, Mont Belvieu; Alan Luker, Early ISD, Early; Steven Pena, Boerne ISD, Boerne; Gary Porter, Crockett High School, Crockett; William Tunstall, Palestine ISD, Palestine; Ken Wallace, Pecos ISD, Pecos; Dave Westfall, West Hardin High, Saragota; and David Turner, New Deal ISD, New Deal.

Rounding out the list of applicants are Kenneth Davidson, Graham ISD, Graham; Mario Heredia, Southwest High School, San Antonio; Chris Jones, La Marque ISD, La Marque; Ed McFarland, Rowlett High School, Rowlett; Donny Pena, Fort Stockton ISD, Fort Stockton; Chad Rives, James Martin HS, Arlington; Ronnie Shelby, Fort Worth ISD, Boyd; Brent Brevard, Ballinger ISD, Ballinger; Chris Dodd, Anna ISD, Anna; and Stan McGarvey, Daingerfield ISD, Daingerfield.

The AD's position was vacated earlier this month after the Post ISD Board of Trustees voted to pay out the remainder of Athletic Director Tim James' contract.

Superintendent Marlin Marcum said he hopes to have a recommendation for trustees when they meet in April.

Coach David Quisenberry is interim athletic director until a new AD is named.

Local group turns trash into treasure

by Connie Griggs

I belonged to the Lubbock Freecycle group for several years. Through my membership in the group I have received a free jacket and some walking onions, among other things, including a cell phone. I have offered artificial Christmas trees, books, a vacuum cleaner and a recliner.


I have seen cars offered for parts and running cars offered (because they aren't needed anymore), couches, loveseats, chairs, baby furniture, computers and computer parts, clothes and more things than I can list and probably some things you wouldn't believe.

I moved to Post in March of last year and saw a need for a Freecycle group here. I sent in my request to Freecycle.org and my New Group Moderator contacted me about starting a countywide group, which is not done very often. Freecycle groups are usually set up per town or city, but since Garza County does not have that large a population we get to be countywide.

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Lady Lopes named on the Academic All District basketball team are (back row left to right) Brenna Postell, Lori Jones, Samantha Hoover, Elaena Morrison, (front row) Mercedes Enriques, Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, Branda Steven and Katie Deel. Photo courtesy of Post High School



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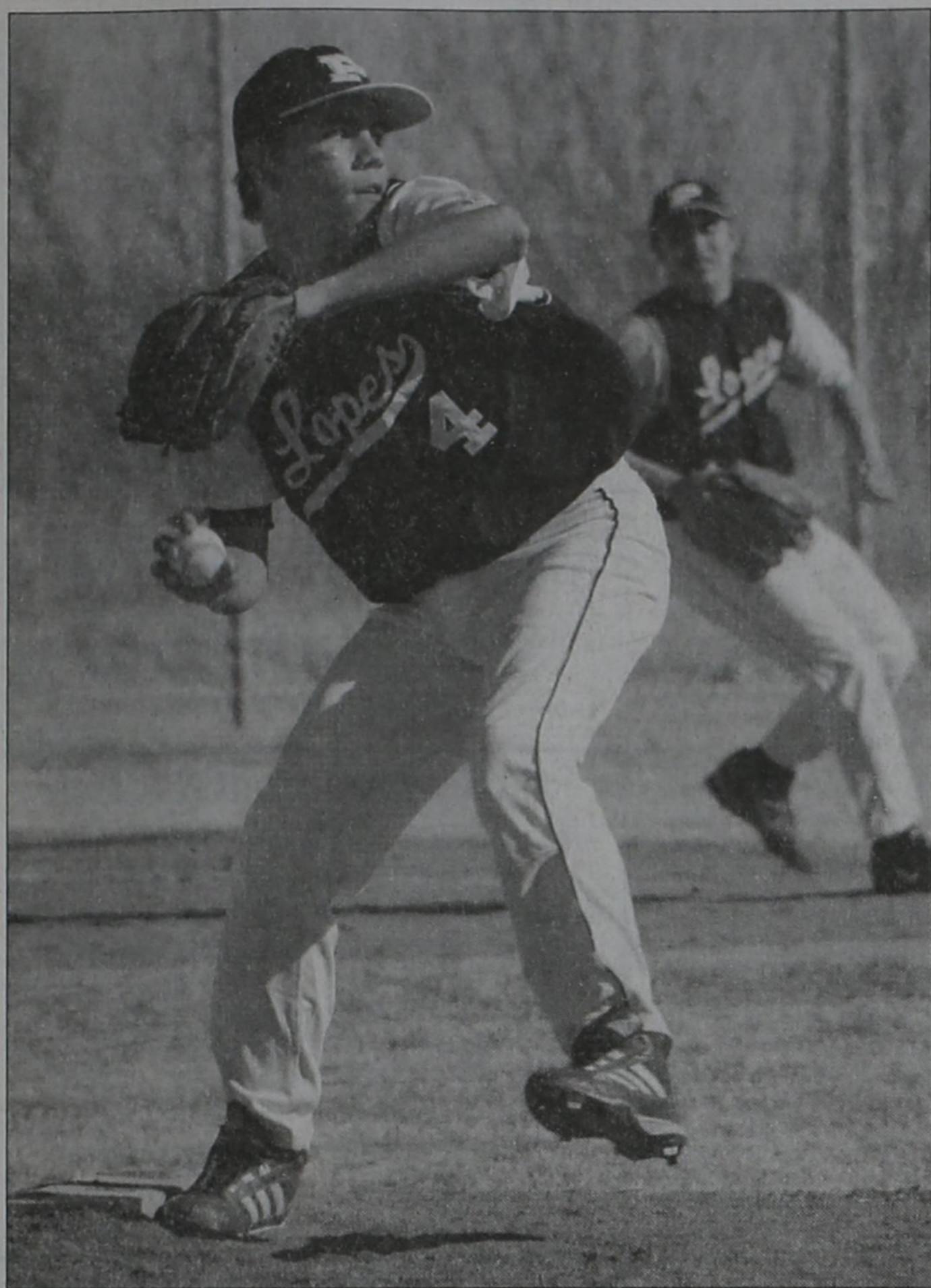
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Ernie Saldivar (4) keeps his eyes on the target for a pitch during last weekend's game against Abernathy at Norm Cash Field. In the back on first base is Shawn Perez at first base. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Jesse Vera (8) winds up for a pitch against Abernathy last Saturday at Norm Cash Field. On first base (back) is Mitchell James. Abernathy won 4-3 after a seventh inning rally breaking Post's 3-2 lead. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Call Windham dives into third base during Saturday's game against Abernathy at Norm Cash Field. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post High School Lady Lope softball team winning the championship trophy last weekend in Littlefield were (back row left to right) Branda Stevens, Kelsey Overton, Eleana Morrison, Haley Lester, Yesenia Gomez, Bethany Berry, Danica Williams, Caitlin Cravy, (front row) Sabrina Sanchez, Ashley Stenzel, Sydnee Jones, Gabi Bergara, Brook Morris. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Freecycle plans

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I happily agreed. The GarzaCoTX group was started in November and as of this writing only has two members, but I do expect it to grow.

The Freecycle Network is a nonprofit grassroots movement with more than 4 million members all over the world. The idea behind it is to keep unwanted belongings out of landfills by offering them to anyone who might want them. In one year's time the members of the Freecycle Network have kept more than 300 tons of reusable materials out of landfills.

Freecycle has been recognized by CNN, the Today Show, People magazine and other media. It is truly a worldwide movement to save our planet in a constructive way.

Moderators and Group Owners, all volunteers, oversee the exchange of messages and can reject misguided postings. They also make sure that members are safely posting, checking to make sure phone numbers and addresses are not listed on the group forum. They work hard to make sure their Freecycle groups run smoothly.

Freecycle has a set of rules and etiquette guidelines, and each group can also set their own rules as long as it falls in line with Freecycle's mission: Our mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources & eases the burden on our landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community.

For more information or to find your local group go to Freecycle.org.

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Curtis and Julie Hudman

The family of Ben Owen says "Thank You" to all those who gave so many acts of kindness during his

illness and after his death. The staff at Garza County Health Clinic and the EMS personnel with their quick service in getting Ben to Lubbock. Curtis and Richard Hudman help make our transition from life to death very professionally. A celebration of a life well lived in service and love was given by Jack Alexander, Jerry Koch, and Margie Maesta. God bless you all.

Edna Pierce Owen
Benny, Sherry Owen and family
Pam, Joe Hall and family
Kim, Lu Owen and family
Rodney, Julie and family
Timothy, Trussha Owens & family

The family of Lois Walls would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown to us during her hospital stay and death.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with and served meals, for the many phone calls, visits, and flowers, and especially the prayers sent our way.

A special thank you to Melissa Flanigan and Rodney Tidwell for the quick and professional service that Friday afternoon.

To Dee and Janet Justice we say a special thank you.

Thanks to Charles McCook and Travis Sweet for a beautiful service and to Todd Wilson for the beautiful singing.

We love you all. God Bless you.
Herbert Walls
Irene Fry & family
Derek Walls & family
Martha Jo Roberts & family

The family of Juan Armendariz would like to express their gratitude to everyone for their prayers, support, love, food, flowers and cards in our loss of our beloved dad, husband and "tata". He was well loved, known and will always be missed and remembered. Thanks to Richard and Curtis Hudman for the extra time they took with our dad. Special thanks to Pastor Jose and Sister Payano for everything. Thank you for the beautiful peaceful and loving service dedicated to our dad. Thank you to our cousin Veronica Mendoza for the slide show. Thanks to Sister Payano, Sister Irma Gomez, and all the sisters of the Church Of God Of Prophecy for the delicious food and feeding everyone. Thanks to Tia Rosa, Sister Irma, Tios Jorge, Fina, Junior, Veronica Daniel, and Andrea, you have all never left our side, you have been there before, during and we know you will be there after all the trials are over. You all do not realize what a blessing you are. Thank you to Judge Dalby and Nelda for your prayers, support and encouraging faith materials given to my mom from the beginning of this journey with my dad.

God Bless you all
"A good Name is better than great riches"
Isabel Armendariz
John, Elizabeth, Christian Mariah Armendariz
Rene, Andrea, Alonzo, Yvette Armendariz
Jose, Marisa, Alondra, Caleb Armendariz Vasquez

My family and I would like to thank everyone in our wonderful church for the love, concern, food and prayers during our time of sorrow. It was deeply appreciated and we will hold it in our hearts forever.

God Bless
Patsy Sanderson & family

Personals

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Family Group Meeting, meets at 8:00 p.m. Same building, different room. For info, contact: 325-347-2068 cell or 806-495-0151

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Estate of Mary Ann Nolan, Deceased
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Jim Nolan, Independent Administrator

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago March 1, 1998

Donny Stelzer accepted the Rancher of the Year Award from B.I. "Shug" Thomas at the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau annual banquet. Stelzer and his brothers, Chris and Junior were recognized for their improvements to their ranch.

Local residents, as well as travelers through this area, saw a welcomed sight as gasoline prices dropped significantly. Just a few weeks prior, Post area residents were paying around \$1.19 per gallon for unleaded gasoline while low as 84.9 cents per gallon - to coincide with the opening of the new Town & Country convenience store and its self-service pumps. Gas prices across the city had sneaked upward again, most to the 99.9 cents per gallon mark.

Post said good-bye to its last true full-service gas station over the weekend with the closure of Johnnie Johnson's Exxon. Johnson had been in the service station business since August of 1977.

20 Years Ago February 25, 1988

Rene Craig was chosen Valentine Sweetheart for 1988 from a group of finalists that included Christina Martinez, Angela Graves, Cheryl Thompson, Traci Bush, Sarah Williams, first runner-up, Keith White, second runner-up.

Workers were busy unloading sewing machines and putting them in place to begin work at the United Sewing Agency located at 8th street and Avenue K. Applications taken were well over 100 people applying for jobs.

Senior Post Antelope Alfredo Soria, Michael McClain and Curtis Williams played their last games for the Post Antelope basketball team this week.

Varsity Lady Lopes included Rolanda Brown, Christina Martinez, Angela Graves, Shal Sneed, Kim Wulfjen, Keitha White, Margaret Wynne, Traci Tannehill, Dana Morris, Megan Bush, Amber Crenshaw. The team was coached by Bill Gordon and James Easterling.

30 Years Ago March 2, 1978

Glenda Morrow, local artist, saw a lifelong dream fulfilled with the opening of her own art gallery, called Glenda's Gallery, located at 802 West 8th street.

Thunderous applause nearly brought down the auditorium as the RPM's, a local rock group, took top honors at the senior class Gong Show. The group composed of Pat Reidel, Steve Shedd, Mike Holly, Raymie Holly and Eddie Reece was award the grand prize of \$39.99.

Brad Shepherd, Post's 5-9 senior guard and leading Lope scorer this season, was a unanimous all-district selection by SAA coaches. Two other Post players received honorable mention. They were forward Evans Heaton and postman Ronald Bratcher. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cooper announced the birth of a son, Quinton Charles, born February 18 in Lubbock's West Texas Hospital.

40 Years Ago February 29, 1968

The Rev. George L. Miller was the new volunteer librarian of the Post Public Library. He was named by library trustees to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Rosemary

Chapman.

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith of Lubbock, a candidate for governor, was guest at an informal reception in the First National Bank Community Room. Jackson's Cafeteria catered coffee and cookies for the reception.

Over \$300 worth of door prizes were going to be given away when Bill Fellers and David Peterson held the grand opening of Post's new heating, air conditioning and plumbing firm, The Weather Doctors at 126 E. Main.

Thomas Zachary and Mary Ann Wright were crowned King and Queen of the highly successful Western Day held at Post Junior High School.

50 Years Ago February 27, 1958

Post High School's stage band the "Modernaires," was composed of Buddy Moreland, tenor sax; Beverley Young, alto sax; Frances Dietrich, alto sax; Peggy Butler, tenor sax; Boyd Dodson, baritone sax, Charles Cheshire, trumpet; Roger Camp, trumpet; Benny Clary, trumpet; Ruthell Martin, trombone; Raynona Young, trombone; Leland Edwards, string bass, Frankie Howell, drums and Jerry Hitt, pianist. The group was under the direction of Robert Meisch.

Announcement was made that Ed Sawyers had purchased the half interest of his partner, Hank Huntley, in the TV-Appliance Center and had become the sole owner of the business. Huntley had purchased Radio Station KPAT in Pampa, Texas.

The First Methodist Church was decorated with arrangements of woodwardia fern, pink and white mums and candelabra holding white tapers when Miss Patricia Jean Lott and Kay Willard Kirkpatrick were united in marriage.

60 Years Ago February 26, 1948

It's was ducking and dodging for mom and pop this week in 1948 as some sixty Post school boys had been shadow boxing their way about the house, to and from school and in

the gymnasium, whipping into shape for the two-night fight card held at the Post High School gym. Matches announced: Danny Redman vs. Donald Moore; J. D. Butler vs. James Womack; J. D. Sullivan vs. Roy Dobbs; Noland Williams vs. Roy Holly; Don Ford vs. C. T. Scoggins; Don Dale vs. Dub Morris; Junior Smith vs. Marvin Power; Ronald Lawrence vs. John Schmidt; Dee Ingram vs. Wiley Jones; Don Wheeler vs. Bob Smith; Jack Lott vs. Jack Shepherd; Topper Bilberry vs. Carrol Light; Elton Daniels vs. Ken Pierce; Ronald Joe Babb vs. L. W. Evans; Danny Tillman vs. Kenneth Rogers; Lonnie Walls vs. Jerry Odom; Charles King vs. Harold Reno; Roy Davis vs. Buddy Hays; Jack Schmidt vs. Don Brown; Gordon Curry vs. Billy Ramage; Cordell Custer vs. John Norton; Jimmy Smith vs. Maurice Stelzer; Jack Kirkpatrick vs. Roy Briggs; Fred Davidson vs. F. M. Reep; Cletus Graves vs. Billy Lee Smith; Norman Cash vs. Billy Jones and Don Tatum vs. Johnny Matsler. The bouts were under sponsorship of Coach Bing Bingham.

smiles, cornbread, milk
March 7
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

Southland ISD

March 3
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joes, chips, ranch style beans, cake, milk

March 4
Breakfast: Pop-tarts, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk

March 5
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk

March 6
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, green beans, salad, jello, milk

March 7
Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, hb fixing, chips, ice cream, milk

TRAILBLAZERS

March 3 Chicken spaghetti, grilled broccoli & peppers, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit

March 4 Baked ham, butter beans, turnip greens, cornbread, pistachio salad

March 5 Enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, califlower salad, dry jello salad

March 6 Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy & roll, salad, brownies w/ icing

March 7 Pork roast, southwest potatoes, beets, biscuits, mixed fruit

Menus

Post ISD

March 3
Breakfast: Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch: Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, peaches, milk

March 4
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, texas toast, milk

March 5
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk

March 6
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch: Nacho grande, lettuce & tomato, orange

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- TX-born Joan Crawford film
- "What You Did"
- west TX brush
- early lawless area of Fort Worth: "Hell's Half"
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- Ross State
- Waco cult leader called himself the "God"
- TXism: "up" (pay)
- TXism: "he's his plate than he can say grace over"
- TX Byron Nelson was a caddy at "Gardens"
- TXism: "if it had snake it would have bit you"
- TX Martha Hyer film: "The Sons of Elder"
- TXism: "loop man" (good roper)
- homes
- this "Tex" created Disney "Chip & Dale"
- this Fuzzy won the Colonial in '81
- Pleasant, TX
- TXism: "does a in the woods?" (yes)
- TXism for "your"
- Wink about Orbison: "Our Roy"
- TXism: "you your welcome"
- 39 declaimer
- rim hangers for Mavs, Rockets & Spurs
- "fought too"
- "C-" (\$100)
- superlative ending
- "Tyler Rose" Campbell
- marrin' words
- TXism: "he's his high horse again"
- horseshoe areas
- "Sweet Swatter from Sweetwater" Jenkins

DOWN

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- TX had 9 bases used in this air def. program (abbr.)
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- boot bottom
- homesick GIs (2 wds.)
- TXism: "foaming the mouth" (angry)
- TX "Wildfire" singer (init.)
- Cowboy LB (75-'84)
- sandwich cookie
- TXism: "chicken (insignificant)"
- X-mas flower was named after this TX Joel
- TX Autry or Tierney
- TXism: "run that by me time"
- disgustingly filthy
- 820 around Fort Worth
- hit for 37-across: "Pretty Woman"
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- org. of European countries (abbr.)
- TX Ginger's "Don't Love"
- TXism: "got as much as a hibernating bear"
- TXism: "he's only got one in the water"
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- TXism: "if any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
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THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

Chipmunk Chatter

VOL 68

At birth a chipmunk is about the size of a bumblebee. Fifteen days later it will have reached a whopping three inches! Born in a litter of 3-4, by about 4-5 weeks old the tiny mammal will begin to venture out of the burrow to check out the world. At first the mother chipmunk will keep a close eye on the little ones. Then one day the mother will decide it is time for the brood to be on their own. She will nip at them and block them from returning to the burrow. Now it is time to find a "territory" of their own and dig the burrow that will remain their home for the rest of their lives.

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GOT STRIPES?
American Indian folklore contains several tales of how this tiny forest creature changed from the plain fur of the squirrel to the distinctive stripes of the chipmunk.

It all started when Bear proclaimed he could tell the sun not to come up. Chipmunk thought this was silly and told him so. The two animals sat side by side throughout the night. At the first glimpse of daylight the bear roared, angry that he was powerless over the sun. The tiny creature did an "I told you so" victory dance. This infuriated the bear who took out after the rodent. Luckily, the bear was big and clumsy and the little one quick. But just as the chipmunk made it to the safety of its underground burrow the bear swiped it with his great claws. All winter the wounds healed. By spring the little animal emerged with chipmunks are known for today.

Chipmunk cheek pouches can expand to 3x's the size of its head!

A chipmunk's worse enemy is the house cat. Bad, Kitty!

There are 23 different species of chipmunks in North America and Asia.

SQUIRREL OR CHIPMUNK?
While there is a species of squirrels that have stripes, only the chipmunk has stripes on its face. Squirrels are great tree climbers, chipmunks prefer to stay at ground level.

WORD WONDERS
You may not find a chipmunk in your backyard but you come in contact with "chips" all day long.

Fill in the blank to find some common "chips".

- P_k_r chip - Replaces money in card games
- P_t_t chip - No one can eat just one...
- C_m_u_e chip - Technology component
- D_a_o_d chip - Small but valuable gem
- Chip-n-D_l - Drove Donald Duck crazy
- Chip_e_ - Good spirits
- Chip_e_a - Indian tribe
- Chip_e_t_o_h - Could mean a trip to the dentist
- Chip_e_d_l - Type of furniture named after an English cabinet maker
- C_o_o_a_e chip - Maybe the best, most delicious chip of all.

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Attorney General ...

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a conflict of interest because Range Brad Oliver was a witness in that case as he was present during a substantial part of the proceedings. It also occurred to me that my first assistant was present throughout the trial and was in the courtroom at the conclusion of the case and that this office would also have a potential conflict of interest. Indeed, if some of your officers were present, you may also have a conflict of interest in the investigation.

"Therefore, I am advising Captain Prince to disregard my request for a Ranger investigation because of these potential conflicts of interest.

"If you still believe that this matter will require an investigation above what you are able to conduct (if you determine that you do not also have a conflict of interest), I suggest that you contact the Attorney General's office and request their assistance in this matter."

Burnett said, in response to the District Attorney's letters, "Of course we are pleased to see that our complaint is finally getting some attention," The Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett said.

"However, we take issue with Mr Smith's reference about the purpose of the investigation. It is not, as he stated in his letter to Sheriff Laws, about removing the defendant from the courthouse. The issue is the refusal to allow news media photographers into the courthouse with their cameras." "It is most puzzling why Mr Smith referred to removal of the defendant as part of our complaint about the violation of our constitutional right guaranteed by the First Amendment. Burnett continued, "It looks like an attempt to

side track the real issue ... and we intend to exercise our right to redress of grievance to the fullest extent of the law. There may be a conflict of interest for the Sheriff, that we will not know until an official investigation is conducted. But we do know for certain that District Judge Carter Schildknecht, County Judge Lee Norman and a number of other Garza County officials actively participated in the unlawful behavior. They have publicly admitted to issuing and supporting the unconstitutional acts that day. "We believe that it is critically important for public officials to defend and protect the constitutional rights of all citizens, and in this case, there were a number of government officials who knew or should have known that it is unlawful to exclude people from a public building just because they have a camera. Yet, none of them objected, resulting in the enforcement of an unlawful order from judicial officers who should also have known better. "This kind of behavior must be challenged and those who so ignored the law must be held accountable. Otherwise, no one can be secure against abuse of power by elected or appointed government officers.

"It is our goal to put all public officials on notice ... that they will be held accountable for violations of citizens' rights, not just ours, but every citizen," Burnett emphasized. "We especially want to emphasize that those violating our rights did so as individuals and they are personally liable for their actions. They will not be allowed to tap the county treasury to fund defense of their unlawful behavior," Burnett concluded.

Hospital district ...

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has been adopted, the administrator said she hopes the clinic will be completed by October.

In other business, district officials:

- Received the clinic report for January, which showed revenues of \$57,763 and expenses of \$50,860, resulting in a profit of \$6,902. The clinic recorded 958 visits during the month and 2,060 procedures, according to reports.

- Discussed the clinic's emergency treatment status. According to Taylor, some local residents "mistakenly believe there is an emergency room" in the clinic. There is no ER, and the clinic is committed to caring for its regularly scheduled clients; however, "...they do try to take care of emergencies that we can by calling an ambulance or helping in any way they can," she said. "But if people need emergency care, they need to go to an emergency room or call an ambulance. They (EMS personnel) are our first responders."

- Called for the May 10 election to fill vacant positions on the district's board of directors. Positions to be filled include Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and the at-large post. Early voting will be in the City Hall Council Chambers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning April 28 and running through May 6.

- Appointed Shirley Taylor and Brandy Fannon as the election representative and alternate for the upcoming election. Also appointed to election positions were Janet Ratliff, early voting judge, and Louise Greene, alternate.

- Approved the sale of foreclosed properties located at 603 Ave. H and at a Two Draw location.

- Received the indigent care report for January. Eleven clients were registered in the program. Monthly expenses totaled \$1,587, for a year-to-date total of \$6,713.

- Took no action on an energy management and conservation agenda item.

- Approved financial statements and the payment of monthly bills.

- Received no public comment during the open forum portion of the meeting.

- Approved the minutes of the Jan. 18 meeting.

The board's next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. March 20 in the Citizens Bank Community Room.

A special called meeting to draw for places on the ballot is set for 10 a.m. March 11 at the district conference room.

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