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Cops nab 2 in home break-ins

Crime spree reported from North Dakota to South Plains

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Two arrests have been made in a home-burglary spree stretching all the way from North Dakota to right here in Garza and Lynn counties.

Garza County sheriff's Chief Deputy Tommy Binford said deputies were called to the 1000 block of West 15th Street in Post about noon Oct. 16 on report of

a suspicious vehicle in the homeowner's driveway.

"When deputies arrived, they noticed a garage door open and went inside the house to investigate," Binford said. "It was apparent the home had been burglarized."

Reported missing from the home included two handguns, a camera, purses and women's bill-folds.

"The female homeowner told deputies she had left the house about 11:45 a.m. to run an errand, and when she returned about 15 minutes later she noticed a strange car in the driveway," Binford said. "She pulled in and called her husband, who told her he didn't know anything about it."

"The woman reported she pulled out of the driveway to

the backside of the house to see if she could see anything. When she didn't, she called the sheriff's office."

Binford said the female homeowner gave a very descriptive statement of the suspicious vehicle — a light silver 2004 Cadillac CTS — which displayed no license plate but had an in-transit tag displayed in the passenger-side front dashboard.

Binford said sheriff's officials immediately began notifying surrounding law enforcement agencies and within minutes received a call from Tahoka police about a similar vehicle in a home

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ANTHONY GOINGS



KENESAW, NEB

Post Notes

Early voting

Early voting for the Nov. 6 general election is underway at the Garza County Courthouse. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, including the lunch hour. Early voting ends Nov. 2.

Jr. Livestock fundy

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association will have a fundraising brisket dinner and live auction at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Trailblazers. Tickets are available from any member. Raffle tickets also can be purchased from any member.

Fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Carry out or dine in. \$8 per plate with all the trimmings. Contact Delfina Pantoja at 495-3059.

Cancer awareness

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Garza County is sponsoring a breast and cervical cancer awareness program Tuesday at the Heritage House. County Agent Nancy McDonald will lead the program called, "Friend to Friend: Staying Healthy Together," and will focus on educating about the importance of mammograms and Pap tests. The program is free to all Garza County women. For information, or to register, call 495-4400. Only the first 80 registrants will be accepted.

Ladies Auxiliary fundy

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 6797 in Post will host an inside garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10 at the VFW with tables for rent to sell anything — clothing, furniture, crafts, baked goods, etc. Booth rentals are \$25. For information, or to reserve a space, contact Rebecca Jolly at 990-3128 or Janet Ratiiff at 495-2026.

GED class

General Education Diploma classes are now in session and are free to the public. Classes meet from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Enter through southwest doors. For information, email Ed Singleterry at esingleterry@postisd.net or call 495-2770.

Volunteers needed

Post Elementary is soliciting volunteers for the Campus Improvement Planning committee. This committee is to include two parents of students enrolled within the district, two community members residing in the district and two business representatives who need not reside in nor operate businesses in the district. If you would like to serve on this committee, contact Staci Marts or Kent Price at 495-3414.

4-H Meeting

The next 4-H meeting will be at 6:40 p.m. Nov. 5 at the show barn.

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Corrections

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Appeals court kicks back Curtis conviction

By Wayne Hodgins
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Garza County Attorney Michael Munk said this week he will ask a state appeals court to reconsider its decision to acquit a man convicted earlier this year of theft and burglary and has said he will pursue a new trial in the matter.

The Seventh District Court of Appeals on Oct. 12 overturned the conviction of Jerry Lynn Curtis, 26, on a charge of attempted theft, because, the court said, the state failed to prove the value of the property involved.

In addition, said Chief Justice Brian Quinn, in writing the opinion, the trial court erred in denying Curtis' challenges for cause levied against potential jurors.

Curtis' defense, being handled by the Caprock Regional Public Defender's Office, initially argued six issues in its appeal, but only two were considered enough to acquit him on one charge and order a new trial for the other charge.

During the trial in Garza County District Court on Jan. 20, Curtis, a native of Post, had been accused of the attempted theft of a school bus battery from the bus barn at Post ISD.

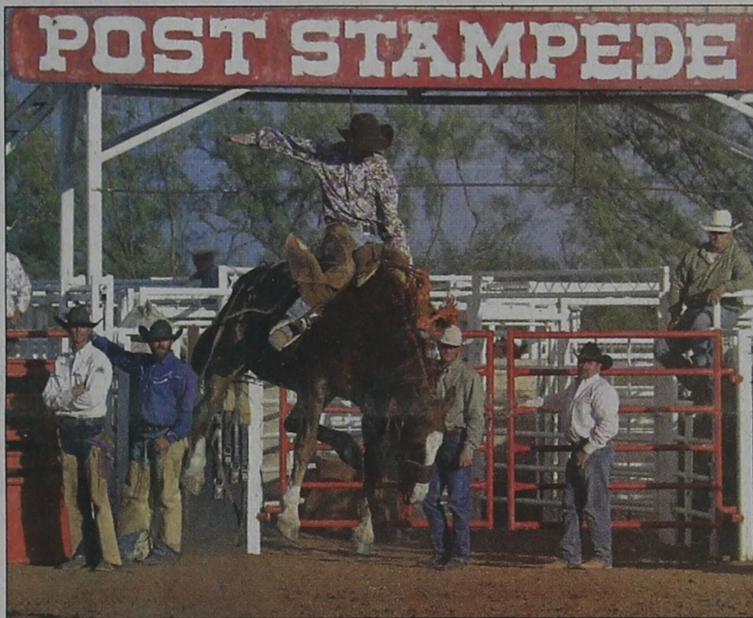
After a number of plea negotiations — and despite a signed confession by Curtis — the case advanced to a jury trial, on one charge each of theft and burglary of a vehicle.

A jury of seven people found him guilty, and the maximum punishment was assessed at one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine for the burglary charge, a class A



CURTIS

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Courtesy photo

Zach Vickers of Iowa Park was named grand champion at Saturday's Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds.

Tom Butler event a huge success

Top awards go to riders from Iowa Park, Channing and Hawley

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

It once again was a banner day for the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds last Saturday.

About 70 riders, some from as far away as Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, competed in

the seventh-annual, Calcutta-style event.

Event organizer Traci Butler said this year's event was one of the best.

"It just keeps getting bigger and better every year," Butler said. "This year was the first year we really had food vendors, and I think that brought in a lot of people and kept them there."

Butler estimated attendance throughout Saturday's event and Sunday's cowboy worship service at more than 5,000.

The bronc-riding event raised more than \$66,000, 25 percent of which, or about \$17,000, will go into the scholarship fund. The remainder was paid out to riders.

In the open event, Zach Vickers of Iowa Park took first place, followed by Gage Moorhouse

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Pride of Post Band rates No. 1 at contest



By Wayne Hodgins
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The Pride of Post band brought home a Division 1 rating from the Region 16 North Zone University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contest last weekend at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

Band director Aaron Rathbun said the three-judge panel graded the Post band with Division 1 ratings across the board. At least 41 other area bands stretching all across the South Plains participated in the event.

"We are extremely excited about this award," Rathbun said. "Half of our kids haven't ever marched before this year. They've worked so hard and have shown a lot of dedication, and reaped the reward last weekend."

About 72 band members marched Saturday in a Western-themed show titled, "West Revisited," with song selections that included "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "They Call the Wind Mariah," and "Theme from Silverado." The show was conceived by

Rathbun and assistant director Bernie Tackitt.

The 2012 season has been the first to allow eighth-graders to march with the high school band.

The band is led by junior Drum Major Jordan Barboza, son of Willie and Susie Barboza of Post.

Rathbun said he will have band members concentrate on the remainder of the marching season and then look forward to the spring concert band season, including individual UIL events, all-region and all-state tryouts, solo and ensemble contest, sight-reading contest and more.

"I want to thank everyone — parents, boosters, school officials, school board, the town — for all the support they've shown us this year," Rathbun said. "You have no idea what that support does to boost the morale of the students."

See photo of Pirde of Post Band performing Saturday on page 8.

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Deaths

Myra Colleps

Service for Myra Colleps, 76, of Slaton, were Saturday at Englands Chapel with David Joiner officiating. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Myra was born May 7, 1936, north of Posey in Lubbock County. She passed from this life Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012.

She grew up in the Posey and Roosevelt communities and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1954. Myra married Steve F. Colleps on Sept. 25, 1954. She was a homemaker when she graduated from Texas Women University in 1977 and later taught school for Dallas ISD and was a member of Texas State Teachers Association. Myra



MYRA COLLEPS

had also been in the florist business in Slaton and a Realtor.

Myra and Steve previously lived in the communities of Acuff, Bedford and Post before moving to Slaton in 2008.

Myra is preceded in death by her parents, George and Verna Klattenhoff; brothers, Frederick and Joe Klattenhoff; and sister, Lena Neugebauer.

Survivors include her husband, Steve, of Slaton, daughters, D'Anne Bishop and husband, Tony, of Wilton, Darla Woods of Slaton; son, Walter Colleps and wife, Karen, of North Richland Hills; brother, Andy Klattenhoff of Slaton; along with five grandchildren, Jared Colleps and Cody Colleps, Brent Woods and Greg Woods and Anthony Bishop.

GCSO makes a number of drug arrests in October

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County sheriff's deputies have arrested a local man they say has extensive drug arrest history.

A few minutes before midnight Monday, a sheriff's deputy stopped a white and black Chevy pickup in the 200 block of West Eighth Street for an expired registration tag.

After the driver gave consent to search the vehicle, the man and his passenger were asked to exit the vehicle to begin a pat-down search of both men.

When the deputies begin a pat-down of the passenger, he ran away on foot but later was apprehended in the 100 block of West Sixth Street and found to be in possession of a "usable amount" of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The man, Toriano "Tori" DeShawn Harper, 34, of Post, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces in a drug-free zone, a class A misdemeanor, and evading arrest or detention, also a class A misdemeanor.

Harper remained in jail Tuesday afternoon on \$5,000 bond.

One arrested on felony drug charge

Tate Ed Brown, 39, of Post was arrested the after-



HARPER

noon of Oct. 3 after a Post ISD police officer reported to deputies he received a tip from a confidential informant that a possible drug transaction was about to take place.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the 500 block of West Eighth Street near Post Middle School, and while conducting surveillance, observed a man with the suspect outside the residence.

According to reports, the man had performed yard work for the suspect and was asked if he would accept "ice" as payment for services.

"Ice" is a common street name for the illegal narcotic methamphetamine.

As law enforcement agents approached the suspect, the report stated, a strong odor of marijuana was detected coming from the man. In addition, the report stated, a "large wad of bills" was seen in the man's pocket.

The man told deputies the money — about \$100 — was paid to him for cutting hair.

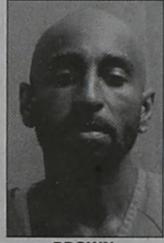
The man was handcuffed and arrested on suspicion of drug possession. While he cap was being removed, a small plastic baggie containing a white substance — suspected to be crack cocaine — fell out of the cap, the report stated.

When the man was arrested and placed into the patrol vehicle, a small bag of suspected marijuana was found in his shorts pocket.

According to the report, the man admitted the marijuana and crack was his for "personal use."

Brown was arrested and taken to the Garza County jail, where he was booked on charge of possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) greater than 1 gram and possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) less than 2 ounces.

Because the man was arrested within a certain number of feet of Post Middle School, considered a drug-free zone, charges were upgraded to a second-degree felony for the crack charge and a class A



BROWN

misdemeanor for the marijuana charge.

On Monday, Brown remained behind bars on a \$78,000 bond; \$75,000 for the crack charge and \$3,000 on the marijuana charge.

Two arrested on marijuana charges

On Oct. 6, two men traveling in a maroon 2002 Nissan Xterra were arrested on suspicion of drug possession as they were speeding in the 800 block of North Avenue S.

According to reports, deputies stopped the vehicle going 40 mph in a 30-mph zone in the residential neighborhood.

When the deputy approached the driver's-side window he could smell the distinct odor of marijuana coming from the sports-utility vehicle.

The driver, John Sky Norman, 25, of Post was asked for his license, which he could not produce.

According to the report, Norman told the officer, "You stopped me last night and you should already have my information."

In the meantime, the report stated, Norman's passenger was fidgety and was handling a gray sweatshirt in a strange manner when the passenger, later identified as Willie Waylon Berkley, 23, of Post, asked to use the bathroom.

The officer twice asked the men if drugs were being concealed inside the vehicle, and both times the men denied the accusation.

The deputy called for backup and placed the men in protective custody as the vehicle was searched.

During the search, a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana was found wrapped up inside the gray sweatshirt.

The men were arrested and booked in the Garza County jail on charges of possession of marijuana greater than 4 ounces but less than 5 pounds — a state jail felony.

According to the report, the actual weight of the suspected marijuana was 7.6 ounces.

The men each posted a \$15,000 bond and were later released.



NORMAN



BERKLEY

Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to "decode" the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Unknown

Cryptogram Solution on page 5

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Nancy's Notions Halloween safety

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, harvested pumpkins were in excess of \$113 million in the top six producing states only. This is only one of the statistics that show the economic impact of the upcoming holiday.

Along with economics, lots of laughs and bowls and bowls of candy, come safety concerns. The Consumer Product Safety Commission released Halloween safety tips to protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating.



NANCY MCDONALD

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

Flame-resistant costumes: When purchasing a costume, masks, beads and wigs, look for the label "flame-resistant." Although this label does not mean these items won't

catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Costume designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light-colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.

Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.

Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.

Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision. Hats and scarves should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

Pedestrian safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should walk, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

Choosing safe houses: Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.

If you are anticipating trick-or-treaters, remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations and other furnishings that could be ignited.

To easily see and be seen, children should carry flashlights. Be smart. Be safe.

Resource: SaferProducts.gov.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

The Paperboy Cherished memories

Tuesday my father turned 70 years old. He never knew it.

My dad, Bill Blackburn, suffers from dementia, most likely Alzheimer's. Since you can't be sure if it's Alzheimer's until after death, that's the most likely guess.

Dad began slipping pretty badly around six years ago. Within three years, he had forgotten our family. By 2010, he'd forgotten everyone he'd ever known.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Today, Dad needs help with the most basic things, including eating and using the restroom. He does not speak outside of some mumbblings, which are incoherent. We haven't had a conversation in years.

In 2008, Dad had become impossible to deal with. He had "sundowner's syndrome" and was increasingly up all night in his own world. Now, he's almost in a vegetable-like state. The disease has taken a mighty toll on him.

It was very painful to watch, and my visits became fewer and farther between. In my mind, handling the guilt of not seeing him was easier than visiting a stranger who happened to look like my father.

Earlier this year, we had some turnover at the Hall County Herald

(Memphis), and I started taking newspapers there on Wednesday and distributing them. I made sure Dad's home at the Memphis Convalescent Center was on my route. I guess that sounds petty, but it provided me the reason I needed to see him.

When I drop the papers off, he's usually sitting in the front in the common area. He's no threat to leave, so they don't have to keep him in the Alzheimer's wing of the facility.

I kneel down beside his chair and tell him about his grandchildren and catch him up on the things he used to have an interest in. There's absolutely no acknowledgment. He's either asleep or gazing into space.

You know, while the disease is horrible to witness, it does have a positive affect on loved ones and friends if you look for it. It makes you appreciate the cognizant time you had with the individual, and it really makes you appreciate your own family.

My sister and I were blessed to have a father who cared about us and showed us the love he did. His support for us was unwavering, and I thank God for that. I can honestly say he made a difference in my life, and I cannot imagine it without him. Happy birthday, Dad.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

The Apology

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.
- Ephesians 4:29 (NRSV)

Thoughtlessly, I had spoken harshly to a clerk. She hadn't done anything wrong; she was simply a convenient person on whom to vent my frustration. Once outside the store, I realized how badly I had behaved. I remembered the times I had received similar treatment. Some customers seem to take clerks for granted, as nameless and faceless recipients for our anger and irritation. I felt ashamed; I realized that I had just done that to another. After a few moments I went back inside and apologized for my behavior. The clerk's face changed from

a scowl to surprise. She smiled and thanked me for coming back. Scripture tells us of Jesus' love for all people. I had just mistreated someone, and the Holy Spirit showed me immediately that what I had done was wrong. Some act of repentance was necessary. On the way home I praised God for loving me enough to correct me when I stray. Viewing the sales clerk as one of God's people helped me see how wrong I was to show disrespect. I want always to show grace in the way I speak to others.

Gale A. Richards (Iowa, USA)

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago October 31, 2002

Javen Abraham and Adam Nobles were recently named to the All-Region Jazz Band. The two are members of the Pride of Post Marching Band and will be performing with the All-Region Jazz Band in November.

The Lady Lopes varsity cross country team earned a bid to regionals and placed two medalists at the District 4AA Cross Country Meet on Saturday. Lyndee Strawn and Christina Zellmer finished as medalists in the varsity girls division, and the team finished in third place overall.

The junior varsity girl's team also placed medalists. Sunny Barbosa, Jenee Lott, Yuri Lopez and Kayla Dunn earned medals in the JV division to help boost the team to an overall second-place finish. In the varsity boy's division, Daryl Dissinger placed 13th with a time of 21:30 for the three-mile run.

Post High School senior Amanda Workman and eighth-grader Steffi Norman have been selected to attend the Millie Lewis International Model and Talent Review in Dallas next January.

A birthday celebration honoring longtime resident Sue Shytles on her 80th birthday was Saturday, Oct. 19, at Jerry's Bar-b-Que in Post.

20 Years Ago October 21, 1992

A potential fine of \$30,000 or more is facing the city of Post as a result of continued violations of Texas Water Commission rules governing illegal waste being dumped into the city's sewer system.

Pioneer Lady Penny Rains and Pioneer Gent Victor Hudman were recognized at last Friday's Post Founder's Day "Black Tie & Boots" dinner and dance celebration.

Ranch Rodeo Saturday night winners representing the Macy Ranch were Robert McElroy, Bob Macy, Rex Prather, Mike Macy and Jeff Lott.

Founder's Day Ranch Rodeo winners were presented

buckles from Terry Trim, Kraft General Foods, last Sunday. Tongue River/Spur Headquarters winners were Jay Hurt, Kelly Butler, Benny Butler, Bruce Slover and Bill Smith.

Doug Shepherd at Grassland Co-op Gin reports that Rynn Norman brought in Garza County's first recorded bale of cotton Thursday, Oct. 15. The cotton was pulled on a field near old Storie gin just off U.S. 380 East. Shepherd reported that the finished bale weighed 470 pounds.

30 Years Ago October 20, 1982

Jim Brown, former superintendent of Greige Manufacturing of Burlington Industries Post Plant, has been promoted to manager of the Post Plant. He succeeds Don Smith, who has been named manager of the company's Calhoun Falls, S.C., plant. Bill Thomas of Post has been promoted to succeed Brown.

The Junior High Antelope band won first place in Brownfield's 1982 Harvest Festival parade last weekend. Steve Ladd is the band director.

Dr. Stephen Chun and family arrived in Post this past weekend and he hope to begin his medical practice here before the week is out. They come here from Xenia, Ohio, where he had been in practice for the last seven and one half years.

40 Years Ago October 19, 1972

Three certificates for faithful service as volunteer Red Cross workers were presented with a reception Sunday afternoon in the community room. Honored was Dean A. Robinson, who retired as chapter treasurer after having first become roll call chairman in 1934; Ray Smith has done Red Cross work for 21 years; and Jim Sexton had been chapter chairman since 1961.

The "chocolate syrup burglars" struck again Monday night at Harmon's

Hamburger Hut and Arcade, spreading chocolate syrup over everything in sight, police officer Jerry Jolly reports.

No money was taken, but some beef sticks and candy were missing. This is the second such break-in.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lynn Hair announce the birth of a son, Corey Wade, born Oct. 13 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

A surprise luncheon was held Saturday, Oct. 14, for Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Shaw in their home in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

50 Years Ago October 25, 1962

White River Water District directors here last Thursday night authorized payment of \$86,827.50 to contractors building the dam and infiltration plant for work already completed.

Tomas Gomez of Kingsville was arrested here Friday morning by Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt in a pickup truck stolen from Tahoka and containing some stolen wrenches. Gomez was released to the Lynn County Sheriff to face charges in that county.

A Post man and a Ralls man suffered knife wounds Saturday night when slashed in fight at the La Paloma Bar here, Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt reports. The Post man was John Madrid, operator of the tavern, was wounded in the abdomen. He was treated at Garza Memorial Hospital where he was released. The Ralls man was Benito Valdez, who suffered a badly slashed left arm and was taken to Ralls Hospital.

Three injured in an automobile accident near Post last Friday night, were transferred to Lubbock hospital after receiving emergency treatment at Garza Memorial Hospital. Those injured were Jerry Wilson, 20, a Texas Tech student of Lubbock; Rita Wilson, 15; and Alvan Eugene Moore, 49, of Muleshoe. The accident, a head on collision, occurred about 6:50 pm 10.5 miles northwest of Post on U.S. 84. The two cars crashed when Moore attempted to pass three cars, according to Highway Patrolman Max Knox.

Compiled by Elizabeth Moreno

The 501 I survived a road trip without a smartphone

Have you ever fantasized about separating yourself from civilization by going somewhere with no cell phones or debit card-takers or Internet connectivity and no electronic cloud hovering over your head? Just getting away?

I just did. By accident. It's not that I haven't dreamed of sailing off to nowhere on a tramp steamer. The voyage would afford me time to read all the classic literature I've not read, which is a lot. I see me ensconced in a nice white deck chair on a cool sunny morning drinking strong coffee brewed by a Pakistani galley crew. The cup is heavy and white. Nearby is a coil of big rope. The sea is neither calm nor rough. Forgive me if I've talked

about the tramp steamer before. It's a recurring dream.

Instead I'm on a road somewhere between Abilene and Wichita Falls, distancing myself from my cell phone and my credit and debit cards and driver's license, all left behind on the dining counter. The above-mentioned cyber cloud still hovers above me, but I'm not connected to it or the cyber realm in general. I'm adrift.

If I had my phone, I could look on the little map that shows me as a moving, pulsing blue dot. Instead, to pinpoint my location, I must read road signs and match them to a printed map. Luckily I still have one. But what did that last sign say? Did I make the right turn back

there? And what will I do for money? I may have to use money. And I don't have any money.

If I sound confused, I am. Without my smartphone and my plastic, I'm just not me. Maybe I'm Betty White. (If you didn't see the commercial, you should have.) I might as well tell that to the arresting officer who nabs me for speeding on an obscure farm-to-market road to reach a branch of my hometown bank before closing, where I'm hoping they'll cash one of my checks and indeed supply me with some money. Maybe I'll show the trooper my Sam's card. Then he'll probably ask me to step out of the car and say the alphabet backward while touching my fingers together with my eyes closed. I'm slowing down.

LATER. I made it. The bank cashed my check. Bless them.

But now that I have money in my pockets, I hate to spend it. It's the real thing! Buying gasoline is the worst experience. The whole pay-with-cash process is not only more complicated than sticking a plastic card into a slot on a pump, but counting out the greenbacks is down right painful. I hate letting go of so many of them.

As for snacks, my favorite coffee drink costs more per ounce than unleaded, and the price of anything chocolate makes me want to see if I can grow my own on the farm.

Somehow my unexpected getaway isn't a getaway at all. It's a reality check.

Book me on a steamer.

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ONE PERSON BUT TO ONE PERSON
NQD KDXVNQ ERG GN NQD KDXVNQ
YOU MIGHT BE THE WORLD
BNR OAZHG ED GHD YNXCJ

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Good weather boosts harvest activity

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Special to the Dispatch

Warm, dry weather has ramped up harvesting on the High Plains over the past week, while some growers are still assessing freeze damage and others are just beginning to spray defoliants on what cotton the early Oct. 8 freeze didn't terminate.

A late-season hail storm Oct. 12 also hurt some acreage in northern Lubbock, Hale, and Swisher counties. Damage was reported to be spotty, but certainly significant to those affected.

Forecasts call for continued good weather next week, although dry front is supposed to bring cooler temperatures to the area by the weekend.

As of Oct. 18, the USDA AMS Cotton Division Cotton Classing Office in

Lubbock had processed 85,591 bales for the season. Almost 55 percent of the cotton has received color grades of 31, 21 or 11. Staple length for the season is averaging 34.32.

"Our quality has been improving over the last couple of weeks and we believe it will continue to improve as we harvest the remainder of this crop," said Steve Verett, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers. "However, the early freeze did some significant damage to cotton that had the

potential to be very good, and we could see some quality and yield impacts."

Cotton prices have inched back up over the past week, with December futures at just over 77 cents

as of noon Oct. 12.

Mary Jane Buerkle is a communications specialist for Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock.

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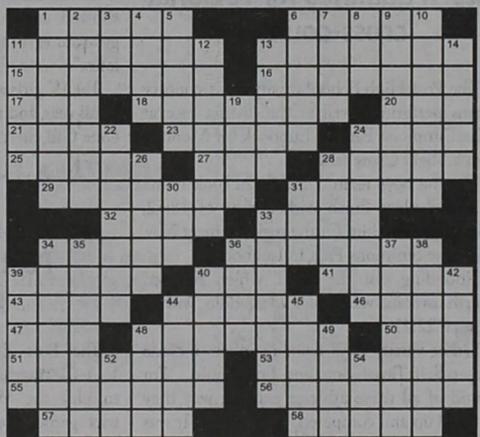
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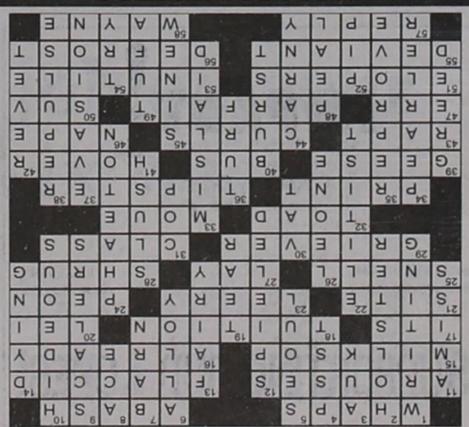
- Across
- Hits hard
 - Discompose
 - Provokes
 - Weak
 - Timid, childish man
 - "So soon?"
 - "___ alive!" (contraction)
 - College fee
 - "Fantasy Island" prop
 - Locale
 - Apprehensive
 - Hacienda hand, maybe
 - Fishhook line
 - Ballad
 - Shoulder gesture
 - Mourner
 - Category
 - Contemptible one
 - Grimace
 - Letters
 - Betting information seller
 - "Silly" birds
 - Greyhound, e.g.
 - Hang
 - Absorbed
 - Ringlets
 - Back of the neck
 - "To ___ is human ..."
 - Layered ice cream dessert
 - Blazer, e.g. (acronym)
 - Run away lovers
 - Not worth using
 - Differing from accepted standards
 - Thaw
 - E-mail option
 - Detroit's county

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- Big wine holder
- Bluecoat
- Lost
- Mollusk diver
- Scold
- Gang land
- Dodging
- Drive back
- Excessive desire for
- wealth
- Explode
- Retain with stone
- Traveling amusement show
- Strength
- Clap
- Soft porous rock deposited from springs
- Lulu
- "Don't give up!"

PUZZLE SOLUTION



- Down
- Literary composition
 - Handgun sheath
 - Arctic bird
 - "Check this out!"
 - 1988 Olympics site
 - Fusion
 - Building near a silo
 - Trick taker, often
 - Those who climb up and over
 - Repulsive
 - Awry
 - Out of proper order
 - Tinker Bell, e.g.
 - Eager
 - Get misty-eyed
 - Snob
 - Four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage

Antelopes hold off Hornets, improve to 2-0 in district

By Jerry Pyles
For the Dispatch

The Post Antelopes (6-1, 2-0) survived a wild contest last Friday night at Tulia. The lead changed several times, but in the end the Lopes held on to win, 45-41. The game was a big win for the Lopes as they remain unbeaten in district.

Post would receive the opening kick-off and wasted little time in putting points on the board. They begin at their own 27-yard line.

On first down, Bryan Smith picked up 27, and two plays later D.J. Brown scored his first of four touchdowns on the night from 47 yards. Aron Lopez' kick gave Post an early lead of 7-0.

The two teams exchanged punts on the following possession. After a Smith punt, the Hornets, facing second-and-2, hit their receiver for a 50-yard touchdown play. The PAT failed, and Post still held a 7-6 lead.

The Bold Gold would answer with a five-play, 65-yard drive. The key play on the drive on third-and-5 at midfield, Lope quarterback Pake Jones' 10-yard pass was caught by Dalton Holly giving Post a new set of downs.

After a Smith run on first down, Brown would find running room on the right side of the field and outrun the Hornet defense for a 40-yard touchdown. Lopez would add the PAT. After one quarter of play, Post led 14-6.

On the first play of the second quarter, Tulia would score a touchdown and with the two-point try would tie the score at 14. Post would move the ball from the 28 to midfield before the drive stalled, and Smith would punt for the second time.

The Bold Gold defense would force a Tulia punt. Post took possession at its own 32. Two plays later Post would fumble giving the Hornets a short field. Tulia scored on a screen pass to the running back and added the two-point conversion, and Post would trail 22-14.

The Lopes would respond with a nine-play, 54 yard drive. The score would come on a Jones 19-yard pass to Dylan Pearson. Pearson got behind the Tulia defense on the play fake to score his first touchdown of the season. The PAT failed, and Post was behind 22-20. Tulia would add a 34-yard field goal to close out the scoring for the half and led Post 25-20.

The Antelopes kicked off to start the second half and needed a defensive stop to start the third quarter. The defense came up big as outside linebacker Paden Babb sacked the quarterback forcing a fumble that was recovered by defensive end Nathan Gill at the Hornet 35.

Three plays later, Brown would score from 16 yards out. The pass failed, and the Bold Gold regained the lead, 26-25. Once again the defense answered the call. This time cornerback Pearson intercepted the pass. After the turnover, Post would drive down the field on a nine-play, 80-yard drive. Smith would carry it in from the two. Lopez added the kick, and Post extended the lead, 33-25.

The Antelopes were forced to punt on their first possession of the second half. Tulia added a touchdown run to tie the score at 33-33. Post would fumble the ensuing kickoff giving the Hornets good field position.

The Hornets would add a touchdown and a two- conversion to take a 41-33 lead. The Bold Gold-never die attitude would take over the rest of the game.

Post would drive 72 yards in 11 plays. On the drive, the Lopes faced fourth-and-7 from the Tulia 25. Holly appeared to be stopped well short of the first down, but with second effort moved the sticks.

Five plays later Jones would score from the one. The extra point failed, and the Lopes still trailed, 41-39. Time was beginning to play a factor for Post. The Antelopes needed a stop to have a chance



Jaycee Johnson/For the Dispatch
D.J. Brown carries the ball down the field for one of his four touchdowns last Friday at Tulia.

for the win. Two extra-effort plays in the final minutes would be the difference.

Tulia running back Jackson broke through into the open field and was racing to the end zone to possibly put the game away. However, Brown come running from the far side of the field, chased him down at the three-yard line and punched the ball loose.

Campbell Kirkpatrick fell on the loose ball in the end zone, giving the Lopes the chance they would need.

Still 80 yards away and facing 4-and-10, the Lopes needing a big play, Jones would drop back to pass and threw the hitch pass to Holly. Holly caught the ball and pitched it to Brown. Brown would cover the remaining 70 yards in front of an ecstatic Antelope crowd. Lopez would add the extra point, and Post was in front, 45-41.

Post would stop the Hornets on fourth down at midfield and was able to run out the clock. With the victory, Post improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in district.

The Lopes turn to a new challenge tonight as they face the Floydada Whirlwinds (3-4, 1-1) home at Jimmy Redman Stadium. Floydada beat Olton, 35-22, and lost to Abernathy, 41-0.

District standings (as of Oct. 19)

Post	6-1	2-0
Abernathy	6-1	2-0
Roosevelt	1-5	1-1
Floydada	3-4	1-1
Tulia	3-4	0-2
Olton	1-6	0-2

BOXSCORE

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Post	14	6	13	12	45
Tulia	6	19	0	16	41

TEAM STATS

	Post	Tulia
1st Downs	17	18

Total Net Yds	529	541
Avg. Gain per Play	8.5	11.3
Net Yds Rushing	388	346
Rushes	55	40
Avg. per Rush	7.1	8.7
Net Yds Passing	141	195
Passes Attempted	11	18
Passes Completed	7	8
Yds per Pass	20.1	24.4
Had Intercepted	0	1
Punts	3	3
Avg. Punt	19	22
Penalties	3	2
Penalty Yds	25	25
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	1	3

PASSING

	Comp.	Att.	Comp. %	INT	Yds	TD
Pake Jones	7	11	64%	0	141	2

RUSHING

	Rushes	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
DJ Brown	20	214	10.7	3	47
Bryan Smith	17	87	5.1	1	27
Pake Jones	11	30	2.7	1	10
Caden Dean	2	14	7.0	0	8
Dalton Holly	3	43	14.3	0	22
TOTAL	53	388	7.3	5	

RECEIVING

	Catches	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Dalton Holly	3	34	11.33	0	14
Dylan Pearson	1	19	19	1	19
Bryan Smith	1	0	0	0	
DJ Brown	2	96	48	1	70
TOTAL	7	149	21.3	2	

Sports roundup

Stern qualifies for regional cross-country

The Post High School varsity cross-country teams performed well at the district race at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Monday, coach Shelli Crow said.

For the boys team, Isaac Stern took home a second-place finish with a time of 18:52, which qualifies him for the regional meet Nov. 3 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Rounding out the team, which finished fourth overall, was Josiel Delgadillo with a time of 22:21.

Other varsity boys team members include Ethan Self, Tavish Soto and Taylor Soto. "I'm proud of all these athletes and the way they showed up and competed," Crow said. "It was great having a complete boys team, and I look for great things to come from these runners."

The girls team of Bethany Curtis, Andi Soliz, Kelbie Oden, Haley Berry, Matti Smith, Mariah Morales and Kaitlyn Walden had a fourth-place finish.

Individual leaders, included Curtis in 11th place — one spot out of regionals — with a time of 14:02. Rounding out the top three finishers for Post were Andi Soliz (14:38) and Kelbie Oden (14:59).

"These girls competed so hard and all ran personal best on that course, which, as a coach,

is all you can ask for," Crow said. "I know we showed up at the district competition and gave our very best. I'm very proud of these athletes."

The JV girls also competed and ran great for us all year, and they are: Rebecca Perez, Cheyenne Gill, Sierra Isbell, and Jessi Isbell.

Wayne Hodgin

Post JV shuts out Littlefield

The Post Bold Gold junior varsity (6-1, 1-0) traveled to Littlefield on Oct. 18 to play the Wildcats (3-4) in a non-district game. Post was supposed to play Tulia, but the school canceled its JV season. After a scoreless first quarter, the Antelopes exploded for 21 second-quarter points. Post first touchdown came when Cambry Gilbert intercepted a Littlefield pass and returned it 68 yards. Gilbert also added the two-point play. Post held an 8-0 advantage. On the Lopes' next possession, Gilbert scored his second touchdown of the night. Gilbert took the pitch from quarterback Blaine Reece, smashed a couple of Littlefield defenders, used a block from Shandon Wiley and raced to the end zone for a 38-yard touchdown. He would add a 68-yard touchdown later in the quarter. The halftime score was 21-0 in favor of Post. The offense and defense were a little sluggish starting the third quarter. Littlefield would drive into the red zone, but on fourth-and-goal from

the 5-yard line, Jared Curtis knocked down the pass in the end zone keeping the shutout in place.

On the next play, Gilbert would get Post out of the shadow of its own end zone as he gained 50 yards on the play as the third quarter came to a close.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Wiley made a diving catch to give Post a first-and-goal from the 9. Gilbert would finish the drive with a nine-yard run. Rafael Gonzales was 2-for-3 on extra points for Post. Key performances for the offense: Tristan Fannon, Blake Boren, Gonzales, Edsel Sanchez, Jabren Rodriguez, Christian Saucedo and David Hernandez. Key performances for the defense: Saucedo, Reece, Sanchez, Rodriguez, Gonzales, Blaine Osborn, Alex Ramirez, Gilbert, Wiley, Curtis, Ricky Fontenot, Wyatt Gray, Ethan Self and Christian Perez. The Lopes returned to district action Thursday at Floydada.

Jerry Pyles

Post	0-21-0-7=28
Littlefield	0-0-0-0=0

Wayne Hodgin

PMS cross country teams compete in district meet

The Post Middle School cross country teams competed Monday at the District 3-AA cross country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The girls had a total of 14 runners competing and were led by Caycee Holson with

a time of 15:10.17, which earned her 10th place overall. She was followed closely by Brianna Casillas (13th) and Shailey Miller (14th). The girls earned a fourth-place team finish.

"These girls have worked hard this season; they were at practices at 6:30 a.m. and never complained," coach Richard Soliz said. "They were always in a silly, good mood, which made coaching them a pleasure. The coaching staff is very proud of them and look forward to great things from these girls."

The boys team consisted of five runners, led by Adrian Rogers with a time of 13:75.74, which gave him a ninth-place finish. A.J. Escobedo won 12th place, and Michael Phergson earned 13th place.

"Normally we only have one or two boys who are interested in running cross country but to have enough for a full team is awesome," Soliz said. "The boys were also at practices at 6:30 a.m. and also worked hard. It paid off with them taking home third-place medals at district. Hopefully their success will help grow the boys cross-country program here in Post."

Wayne Hodgin

Lady Lopes lose to Lamesa

The Lady Lopes varsity volleyball team dropped a three-game match to Lamesa earlier this week. The team's record is 2-14 overall and 0-7 in district. The team's last game was Tuesday evening. No information on that game was available.

Wayne Hodgin

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Honor rolls

Following is a list of honor students for the first six weeks of the 2012-2013 academic year for both Post and Southland ISDs.

POST ISD

A Honor Roll
In order to make the A Honor Roll list, a student may not have any grade lower than an A on his or her report card.

First grade
Brailey Blacklock
Corey Blacklock
Jordyn Dissinger
Andrea Esparza
Diamond Espinoza
Alexandria Hernandez
Zaran Kirkpatrick
Ashlyn Moore
Szavier Ortiz
Zoey Pequeno
Kristen Perez
Trace-J Price
Reagan Workman

Second grade
Sebastian Chapa
Emma Courtney
Camryn Cowley
Emma Gamoneda
Madison Gary
Abcde Gutierrez
Landon Hair
Jacob McClellan
Lean Moreno
Jaylen Pittman
Chelsy Rodriguez
Jair Rodriguez
Madeline Roman Zamora
Kelby Short
Aracely Soto
Samuel Walls

Third grade
Cohen Allred
Meagan Blair
Shayla Brown
Jayden Carroll
Daisyana Cruz
Maria Gonzalez-Marillo
Shawn Looney
Briley Miller
Damon Pool
Drew Porter
Braylee Thomas

Fourth grade
Treyson Crow
Carson Holdon
Krece Kirkpatrick
Nicholas Quintana
Brennan Riker
Chelsea Thomas

Fifth grade
J'Nia Brown
Chris Dihenia
Dylan Greer
Dillon McKee
Chelsey Nelson
Sadie Soto
Alexandra Turner

Sixth grade
Hannah Miranda
Summer Murray
Kara Thomas

Seventh grade
Austin Britton
Damian Amadeo Garcia Rodriguez
Caycee Holson
Lucas Record
Michaela Self
Saidi Soliz

Eighth grade
Russell Morris

Ninth grade
Mollie Burtch
Tristan Fannon
Cambry Gilbert
Savina Gomez
Isaah Jones
Lauren Record
Blaine Reece
Sammy Soto
Kaitlyn Walden

10th grade
Casey Christian
Kelsey Griffin
Carson Kirkpatrick
Kelbie Oden
Bryan Smith

11th grade
Katie Dunn
Cheyenne Gill
Sara Greer
Campbell Kirkpatrick
Taylor Osborn

12th grade
Kayla Comeaux
Michael Holly
Audree Williams

A-B Honor Roll
In order to make the A-B Honor Roll list, a student received no grade less than a B on his or her report card.

Early education
Xavier Gomez
Yeuddi Montoya
Victor Rodriguez
Adrian Trinidad

First grade
Tucker Farris
Avory Gill
Ximena Gonzalez
Jesus Hernandez Gallegos
Alyssa Lawson
Jexreel Levario
Jadyn Martinez
Jesus Montoya
Jericho Moore
Bryson Nelson
Gemma Noell
Cruz Pantoja-Navarro
Christopher Perez
Kaylen Perez
Payton Smith
Natalia Soto
Nyrach Soto
Jaylan Zubia

Second grade
Aneliz Alaniz
Randall Bell
Raelea Blevins
Valentin Cesillon
Isaiah Crawford
Elijah Fox
Gavin Gomez
Marison Hernandez
Amiah Martin
Haylee Molina
Haley Perez
Javen Perez
Raymond Salas
Sadie Schoonover
Roberto Segura
Nadia Soto
Rayven Soto
Logan Tidwell

Third grade
Citlaly Contreras
Zachary Courtney
Dillon Cowley
Iva Cruse
Marti Cruse
Alex Duran
Knoah Escobedo
Zavan Gill
Tristan Gomez
Laci Gonzales
Kohen Hudman
Kyna Hudman
Shawn Ledbetter
Haley Lopez
Mia Martinez
Samantha Mathis
Brody Molnoskey
Jake Morris
Carter Rankin
Jhonathan Rodriguez
Yasmine Rodriguez-Martinez
Leonardo Ruiz Jacobi
Zachary Sawyer
Hannah Smith
Kalem Soto
Jenifer Trinidad

Mykaela Turner
Addee Williams
Evangelina Zubia

Fourth grade
Clarissa Berkley
Ryan Bethune
Cole Boren
Cayce Britton
Carolina Carrillo
Lucy Chapa
Skylar Christian
Maken Contreras
Karla Cruz
M'Kenzie Eidson
Shaylyn Espinoza
Yadira Garcia
Leah Gonzales
Jacob Isbell
Izaiah Landa
Dafne Lopez
Aldo Mendoza
Blake Parrott
Kalista Pena
Taye Perez
Anai Ruiz Jacobi
Jacki Sanchez
Sterlin Self
Magdalena Soria
Nathan Taylor
Emma Thompson
Bailey Tidwell

Fifth grade
Paulina Ceja
Cloie Cimental
Michael Dean
Madison Guthrie
Sylvia Hernandez
Omar Lazcano
Audrey Moreno
Dillon Poe
Cullen Reynolds
Jordan Self
Alea Silvas
Colter Smith
Krystal Soto
Brandon Trinidad
Sydney Walls
Montana Williams

Sixth grade
Cristina Cessillon
Presley Cowley
Matthew Eller
Ariana Gomez
Malina Gomez
Landon Greer
Heather Jackson
Krista Moore
Abbigayle Perez
Aubrianna Perez
Jadin Reece
Meagan Reiter
Allexia Rodriguez
Danitza Ruiz Adriano
Zachary Smith
Elizabeth Soria

Seventh grade
Brooke Blair
Brandon Britton
Aric Garza
Ezra Gill
Leslie Gill
Isaac Gonzales
Marco Gonzales
Hunter Graves
Jonathan Hernandez
Shailey Miller
Courtney Ramirez
Chloe Reiter
Elizabeth Tanner
Amber Taylor

Eighth grade
Kally Comeaux
Jose DeLuna
Caiden Dugger
Agustin Menchaca
Chase Morris
Kathryne Quintana
T.J. Redmon
Adrian Rogers
Blaze Smith
Colton Smith
Ericka Solis

Ninth grade
Robert Archuleta
Layne Christian
Jarred Curtis
Miguel Gomez
Amber Guerrero
Tallen Hodges
Jessi Isbell
Ragin Kimmons
Brogan Macy
Fabian Marquez
Zachary Pearson
M'Kenzie Pena
Quincey Quintana
Alexander Ramirez
Edel Sanchez
Anna Soto
Gabrielle Soto
Levi Stinson
McKenzie Ward

10th grade
Cameron Carpenter
Katie Colvin
Anahica Durn
Casie Eller
Ricky Garza
Erik Gomez
Dakota Greer
Kortneé McKee
Tamara Moore
Chelby Morris
Callie Odom
Alejo Rodriguez
Colton Stamey
Anthony Stargel
Rosetta Taylor
Jayson Walden

11th grade
Rosaura Apolinar
Darren Brown
Jaime Ceja
Bethany Curtis
Taylor Fannon
David Hernandez
Brandon Harvey
Sierra Isbell
Jesus Martinez
Rocio Montoya
Alexis Ramirez
Stephen Rodriguez
Matti Smith
Leslie Soliz
Sarah Stinson
Jaime Zubia

12th grade
Haily Berry
Julie Boren
Juan Cabrera
Caden Dean
Morgan Deen
Bobbie Escobar
James Fannon
Russel Graves
Mandi Hudson
Kelsey Isbell
Paul Martinez
Alexis Perez
Daniel Shelton
Tavish Soto
Isaac Stern

Trea Peterson
Kaleb Aldridge
Matthew Basquez
Cordale Benham
Christopher Cardona
Joby Fogerson
Ryleigh Graves
Abigail Hernandez
Payton Robinson
Diana Rodriguez
Mallory Rodriguez
Vikki Torres
Isiah Valdez
Mackenzie Valdez
Celeste Valencia
Timothy Guerrero
Nayeli Perez
Zane Zarate

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M'keison Guerrero
Erick Alfaro
Maura Arenivar
Walker Booth
Tucker Lee
Taylor Schniers
Jessica Payton
Alexis Zarate
Mallory Arguello
Daniela Galindo
Zaron Garza
Melinda Hernandez
Bryce Meurer
Kaylei Schoonover
Linda Gonzales
Robbie Haney
Richard Ramirez
Jaden Binford
Julia Kidd

A-B Honor Roll
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Elementary school
Rey Flores
Tommy Vizcaino
Elexia Bilberry
Madison Garcia
Dylan Gossett
Marina Sigala
Dalton Davis
Lazaro Galindo
Blaine Graves
Latham Huckaby
Topis Massingill
Luke Moore
Lillian Newell
Caitlyn Silva
Isaiah Valencia
Alvarado Vizcaino

Secondary school
Alexandra Anaya
Josiah Collazo
Averi Graves
Erik Matteson
Corbin Mason
Moriah Sigala
Amber Avila
Marcos Flores
Dallyn Fogerson
Hope Miranda
Karlie Steffens
Hayden Benham
Ashlee Graves
Ryan Magallanes
Allyson Martinez
Aylin Saucedo
Gavin Schniers
Zachary Vizcaino
Riley Arguello
Wyatt Benham
Reagan Booth
Hera Douglass
Cale Fogerson
Aaron Garza
Kristen Hill
Madison Worley
Adam Avila
Taylor Graves
Angelica Hutsenpiller
Alex Magallanes
Krista Matteson
Richard Ramirez
Allen Schniers
Samantha Dorman

SOUTHLAND ISD

A Honor Roll
In order to make the A Honor Roll list, a student may not have any grade lower than an A on his or her report card.

Elementary school
Dade Aguilar
Camille Alvarez
Isaias Gallegos
Branson Harris
Sylee Peterson
Kaden Aldridge
Julian Basquez
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City begins search for top administrator **Pride of Post Band**

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

The city of Post will get by without a day-to-day administrative officer for the time being as elected officials begin their search to replace now-former City Manager Arbie Taylor.

At a special-called meeting Oct. 18, the City Council voted to accept Taylor's resignation, tendered only three days prior.

It was Taylor's intention to stay on in his official capacity as city manager until Nov. 16, but the council made the resignation effective immediately and opted to keep Taylor on a consultant-only basis through that date, said Mayor Archie Gill.

"He'll be used as a consultant on an as-needed basis," Gill said. "When and if we need his expertise or guidance, we'll give him a call."

Taylor will continue to draw the same salary through that date but will not keep regular office hours, Gill said.

While city officials begin the process of searching for a new city manager, Gill said the council would not hire someone to fill in during the interim.

"It doesn't make financial sense for us to pay upwards of \$300 a day to hire an interim, when we've got a city secretary and public works director who have been here for a good number of years

and can get us by," Gill said.

City officials began their search for a new top administrator Monday, and, Gill said, already had received a number of applications.

"I expect we'll receive 40 or 50 applications, and we'll begin the process of whittling down that to our top candidate," he said.

Gill said no timeline has been put in place to make a hire but intimated he hoped the position would be filled by the end of January.

"I expect it to take a little longer than normal with the upcoming holiday season," he said. "We want to make sure we find the right person."



Courtesy photo

The Pride of Post band performs Saturday night at the Region 16 UIL Marching Band Contest at Lowery Field in Lubbock. The band's performance would win a Division 1 rating from the judges.

CURTIS

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misdemeanor, and 180 days in jail

and a fine of \$2,000 or the theft charge, a class B misdemeanor.

The sentence was to be served concurrently.

Curtis, according to court

documents, had previously been convicted and was out of jail on parole for felony assault, retaliation and burglary of a habitation charges in 2008.

After Curtis' most recent trial in the battery-theft case, defense attorney Donnie Yandell said he fully expected to appeal his client's conviction and sentence.

Commenting on the recent appeals court's decision, Munk, who tried the case at the district level before Judge Lee Norman, said he would ask the appellate court to reconsider its decision.

"I feel like there was more

than enough evidence to prove

the value of the batteries," Munk said. "I believe the appellate court, in its decision, created its own set of facts in this case instead of relying on the jury to determine those facts."

At issue in the appellate case is a question presented to potential jurors during voir dire if they could consider a range of punishment — minimum to maximum — if they were to assess a guilty verdict on the defendant.

At least 20 of those potential jurors questioned said they could not consider the minimum pun-

ishment.

According to court documents, several of those jurors were stricken from the jury pool, but because the defense already had used up its number of peremptory strikes — the number of strikes given to each side to use for any reason to disqualify a potential juror — additional peremptory challenges were denied, and at least five of those potential jurors sat on the jury that convicted him.

"A defendant is entitled to jurors who can consider the entire range of punishment," Chief Justice Quinn wrote in

his opinion. "Once a prospective juror admits his inability to consider the full range of punishment ... a sufficient foundation has been laid to support a challenge for cause."

Both misdemeanors have maximum sentences of fines and jail terms but no mandatory minimums. The question asked by Curtis' attorney was if, as a juror, could he or she consider a minimum punishment of a \$1 fine. More than 20 of those prospective jurors said they could not.

"Neither the judge nor the prosecutor undertook to clarify or otherwise question the individuals about their stance," Quinn wrote.

Regarding the issue on the insufficient evidence to prove the value of the batteries, the appellate court said the prosecution, while presenting evidence of what it would cost to replace the batteries, failed to prove the fair-market value of what the batteries were worth.

Munk said on Tuesday that Curtis had already been released from the prison system and that his office had re-issued an arrest warrant for him on the burglary charge in order to bring him back to trial.

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of Dumont in second and 2012 event champion Matt Shiew of Ashfork, Ariz., and Lockney native Colby McClesley of Roaring Springs placing third and fourth, respectively.

In the rookie event, Remington Richardson of Channing placed first, and Kolton Burnett, the Texas Region 3 high school bronc-riding champion, of Vernon placing second.

In the Shetland pony bronc-

riding event for children ages 12 and younger, Hawley native Chandler Hand placed first; Bronc Hodges of Amarillo, second; Chance Davis of Channing, third; Reata McLain of McLean, third; and Rowdy Bailey of Old Glory, fifth.

In other awards, Buster Frierson of Aledo took home Wildest Ride accolades in the open event; Burnett in the rookie event and McLain in the Shetland event.

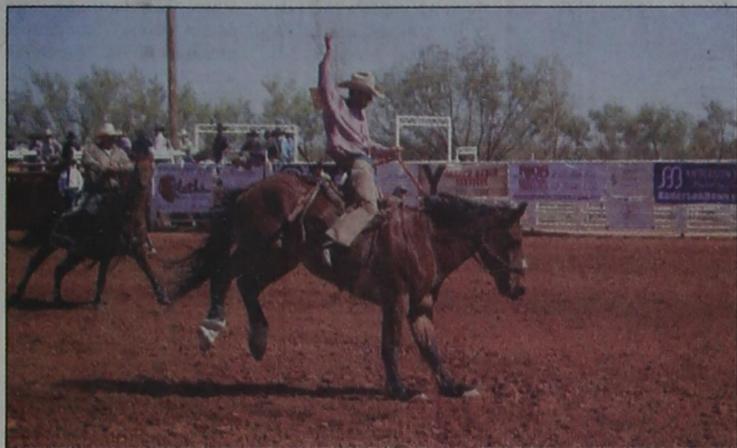
For the last five years, the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event has

been held at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds here in Post. The event is named for Tom Butler of Guthrie, who was a student at Texas Tech when he was killed in a vehicle accident at 18 years of age.

Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$70,000 in scholarship money for scores of high school seniors.

Next year's event will be Oct. 19 in Post.

"Post is our home," Butler said, "and will be for a long, long time."



Wayne Hodgins/The Post Dispatch
Matt Shiew of Ashford, Ariz., placed third Saturday in the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds.

BREAK-INS
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burglary reported about 11:25 a.m. earlier that morning.

Tahoka police Chief Doyle Lee said a home in the 1500 block of North Seventh Street was burglarized and jewelry reported missing.

"They kicked in the door and ransacked the house," Lee said. "Quite a bit of jewelry was reported missing, in addition to a purse and some change."

Lee said some of the jewelry had been recovered.

"A witness to that burglary gave a very similar description of the vehicle we had," Binford said.

Hours later, Binford said, Lynn County sheriff's officials reported a home burglary on FM 211 east of Wilson. Lynn County sheriff's Lt. Jim Bingham said miscellaneous items, including an iPod identified later, were reported missing from the scene.

Working off a detailed description of the vehicle, reported to police by eyewitnesses at each scene, Lubbock police located the vehicle the morning of Oct. 17 in the parking lot of a motel near Clovis Road and Gray Avenue in Lubbock, Binford said.

As law enforcement officers, including those from Lubbock, Garza County and the Texas Rangers, began processing the vehicle, Binford said, a suspicious person was noticed in Room 132 of the motel.

"We made contact with this individual and established a connection between him and the vehicle, and he was arrested,"

Binford said. "There also was another man inside the room hiding from police, and he also was arrested."

Anthony Charles Dean Goings, 30, of Kenesaw, Neb., and Edward William Van Winkle Jr., 26, of Homosassa, Fla., were arrested by Lubbock police.

Binford said a number of stolen items were recovered from the men's motel room and from area gold and pawn shops. Items have been positively identified as those matching the description of missing items from each home burglary.

According to the Lubbock County jail website, Goings has been charged with burglary of a habitat out of both Garza and Lynn counties and theft less than \$1,500. He also has at least two other prior theft convictions. Bond for Goings was set at \$155,000; \$75,000 each on the burglary charges and \$5,000 on the theft charge.

Van Winkle has been charged with burglary of a habitat out of both Garza and Lynn counties and theft less than \$1,500. He also has at least two other prior theft convictions. Bond for Van Winkle was set at \$155,000; \$75,000 each on the burglary charges and \$5,000 on the theft

charge.

Through subsequent investigation, Binford said, it has discovered the pair have been linked to subsequent other crimes.

"We've been in contact with at least 11 different law enforcement agencies stretching all the way north as far as North Dakota who believe these two are connected with various crimes," Binford said.

The two still were being held at the Lubbock County jail Wednesday. Other charges are pending.

Investigators are still trying to piece together exactly why the two were in the area and what led to the burglaries. Lynn County sheriff's Lt. Bingham said the two men might have been associated with a construction crew from Nebraska and were down working in the area.

Binford said the cooperation of all local law enforcement allowed for the swift arrests.

"Through the effort of eyewitnesses and all these law enforcement agencies working together, each bringing pieces of intelligence to the investigation, we were able quickly and efficiently bring this crime spree to a close," Binford said.



Wayne Hodgins/The Post Dispatch
Buster Frierson of Aledo, riding Buckshot, was named Wildest Ride of the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event Saturday at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds. The event is held each year in Post and draws thousands of people from all across the country.

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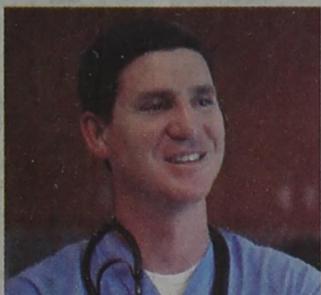
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Special to the Dispatch
Drew Spencer, game warden for Garza and Lynn counties, recently conducted a hunter-education course at Post ISD for area enthusiasts. Students from as far away as Randall County, including those from the surrounding areas, attended the two-day course.

Game warden certifies 17 new, safe hunters

Special to the Dispatch

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in conjunction with its hunter education program, certified 17 new, safe hunters Sunday.

Drew Spencer, game warden for Garza and Lynn counties, said students who enrolled in the two-day class at Post ISD came from Garza, Lynn, Scurry, Lubbock, Crosby and even Randall counties.

"Nearly all of the students passed both the written and practical exams. I credit that to the level of

attention the students gave, as well as to how serious they took the instruction," Spencer said. "I applaud their effort. Two of the 18 students even passed the written exam with a perfect score."

Spencer cautioned the students that even though they may have passed their weekend classroom course, the ultimate test begins the moment they leave the class. Spencer told them that if none of them were ever involved in a hunting/firearm incident, only then will they have ultimately succeeded.

During the two full-days' course, students learned about modern firearms and primitive sporting arms handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, wildlife conservation and management, hunting traditions, field care of game, wildlife identification, and wilderness first aid and survival.

The students were graded on practical firearms exercises as well. Students had to demonstrate proper firearm carries and shooting positions, along with having to safely cross a fence

while in possession of a firearm.

"As the students left the class on Sunday, many stopped, shook my hand, and told me that they had learned something new," Spencer said. "I had earlier told them that I, too, learn something new each time I instruct a class. That's why I encourage everyone, not just those that are required by law, to attend a class."

For information about upcoming classes, contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 800-792-1112 or 512-389-4999, or visit tpwd.state.tx.us.

Area fourth-graders learn about agriculture

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Special to the Dispatch

Almost 1,500 fourth-grade students from Lubbock and the surrounding areas watched Ringle Jingle the dairy cow being milked, saw how their jeans were made, and learned how agriculture impacts their daily lives at the annual "Ag in the Bag" program, held last week at the Texas Tech Livestock Arena in Lubbock.

Presenters at the event included Plains Cotton Growers, Texas Tech Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Texas Farm Bureau, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Peanut Producers Board, Sorghum Checkoff, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers, Texas Department of Agriculture, Southwest Dairy Farmers and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

"The Ag in the Bag program is really important to our school," Abernathy teacher Lea Ann Lust said in a story written by Rebecca Gotti at Ag Day Lubbock. "We bring all of our fourth-graders every year. We've gone as long as this program has existed and they've invited us."

A committee of volunteers plans the event, which is free to the schools because of financial support from spon-

sors. Students from Lubbock ISD, Lubbock Cooper, Frenship, Lorenzo, Abernathy, Ackerly Sands, New Deal, New Home, Christ The King Cathedral School, and some home schools attended the program.

"It's so important to reach out to our kids to teach them where their food and fiber comes from," committee president Lynn Simmons with South Plains Electric Cooperative said.

Sponsors of the program included Bayer Crop-Science/FiberMax/Stoneville, Lubbock County Farm Bureau, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Texcraft Inc., Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, AgTexas Farm Credit Services, Plains Cotton Growers, Capital Farm Credit, Texas Tech Federal Credit Union, City Bank Texas, Monsanto/Deltapine, Sorghum Checkoff, Texas Corn Producers, Southwest Dairy Farmers, Gandy's, Premier Media Group, Cornerstone Group Inc., Taylor Insurance, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation District, Hurst Farm Supply, Farmers Cooperative Compress, and the Texas Peanut Producers Board.

Health board looks to fill spot

The Post Dispatch

Garza County Health District officials have begun the process of filling a fourth seat of its board of directors.

Precinct 1 member Edna Owen has been in ill health the past several months and will no longer be able to serve out her term.

"According to our bylaws, board members must be present at a set number of meetings each year," said Brandy Fannon, health district administrator. "So we're going through the motions of getting her seat

filled."

Owen was re-elected to the board this past May to another two-year term.

Only residents from Precinct 1 are eligible to serve.

During the regular board meeting Thursday at the health clinic, the board tabled filling the position until someone could be found who would be willing to serve.

Fannon provided board members with a lengthy list of registered voters for Precinct 1 to begin the search process.

Wayne Hodgkin

County still mulling museum bat problem

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners tabled again this week a motion to approve funding a proposed bat-remediation project for the local museum.

At a called meeting Oct. 10, commissioners heard from Garza County Museum director Linda Puckett who said a colony of bats that has progressively gotten worse in the last two decades is taking a toll on the 100-year-old structure.

In haste of the meeting, Puckett had presented an estimate done by United Bat Control of San Antonio at an estimated cost of about \$10,000 to \$12,000.

At that meeting, County Judge Lee Norman asked Game Warden Drew Spencer to assess the situation at the museum and report

back to commissioners.

At this week's regular meeting Monday, Norman reported to commissioners Spencer had received a remediation estimate for between \$7,000 and \$9,000 from Commercial Bat Control of San Antonio. The difference, according to the proposal, is a two-year or five-year warranty.

Commissioners tabled the issue because Spencer and Puckett weren't in attendance to provide more information.

Puckett had previously said a local philanthropic foundation might be willing to cover half of the expense.

Also on Monday, commissioners approved measure to retain the county's power of eminent domain. Had commissioners not filed a report with the state comptroller's office by Dec. 31, Garza County

would have lost the ability to declare eminent domain on a property, possibly forever.

Commissioner Gary McDaniel voted no on the issue because he said he would have liked more information on the issue.

"I'm not a huge fan of eminent domain, but I understand its need," he said.

Judge Norman said the measure re-affirmed the county's ability to exercise eminent domain if needed.

"Just to be sure, we're not exercising our power but affirming to use it in the future if we don't have any other choice," Norman said.

Commissioners also approved health-care changes to the county retiree program. It was reported that while premiums would increase by 9 percent for the year, prescription rates were being decreased by

32 percent. The health and prescription plan is being offered through Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Also at Monday's meeting, commissioners approved the sale of two properties — one at 509 S. G Place and the other at 605 S. G Place — to Brandon Crawford for \$750 each.

The property at 509 S. G Place is in tax arrears of \$1,936, and its market value was reported to be \$7,050. The property at 605 S. G. Place is in tax arrears of \$2,371, and its market value was reported to be \$5,922 with court costs at \$1,342.

County Attorney Mike Munk told commissioners the county's portion of the sale, if approved by other taxing entities in the county, would be put toward court costs on the second property.

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Members of the Crisis Intervention Team at Dalby Correctional Facility were the guest speakers at the noon luncheon of the Post Rotary Club. Each team member spoke about their specific role when a situation occurs at the prison with an inmate and how they work together as a team to diffuse it. They are pictured here with club President Kerry Dixon. The Post Rotary Club meets at noon Tuesdays at the Community Center.

Pet of the week



Janice Plummer/Special to the Dispatch

Meet 4 of PARC's newest additions. These sweet babies were abandoned (along with 4 others) at the roadside park just over a week ago. Volunteers from PARC spent a week trying to catch all eight, but could only get our hands on five of them. One of the five has already been adopted, and these four are left. There are three male and one female — all about 8 months old. Contact the Post Animal Refuge Center on Facebook or at postarc@yahoo.com if you are interested in adopting one of them.

Turf experts advise to cycle-soak watering of lawns

By Kay Ledbetter

Special to the Dispatch

COLLEGE STATION — A typical landscaped yard consists of lawn area and ornamental plants. If watered properly, homeowners can see the beauty, pocket some green and save some water, according to a Texas A&M University turfgrass professor.

Supplemental watering of urban lawns and landscaped areas is required to keep the plants healthy through the typical long, hot and dry summers and falls in Texas, according to Dr. Richard White, Texas AgriLife Research turfgrass management scientist in College Station.

White discussed different studies during the annual turf and landscape field day held recently at Texas A&M for turfgrass professionals and homeowners. Results homeowners can take to their lawns the fastest are the ones coming from the new surface water runoff facility

built specifically to look at issues associated with water conservation, irrigation scheduling and water quality preservation, he said.

The facility includes 24 individual turf plots, each with separate irrigation systems, flow meters to measure the quantity of water applied and actually running off the plots, and automated samplers that collect runoff water for laboratory study, he said.

"Our runoff water testing can measure concentrations of nitrogen or phosphorus and other things that have the potential to impair surface waters," White said. "We have the capacity to measure things such as fecal coliforms that might come off a residential lot that has numerous pets."

"This provides us a better idea on how to translate that information to homeowners or turf professionals about how they can do a better job with water application and water manage-

ment." What the researchers have found early on is that the method used to apply water makes a great difference in conserving water and keeping the plants alive and thriving, White said.

"We are looking at a cycle-soak type of irrigation that will really benefit consumers," he said. "If they would apply water using this method to their home landscapes, they would use water more efficiently, they would capture more water in the soil and they would produce better turf and landscape plants — healthier plants on the lawns and landscapes."

White said cycle-soak is all

about not just setting a sprinkler system to come on all at one time for 20 to 30 minutes, as is typically done by the majority of those trying to maintain a lawn.

"What we've found is you are going to lose probably 30 to 40 percent of the water you actually apply," White said. "It will end up going across the curb, down the gutter and into the storm drain. The cycle-soak method creates an environment where we get better infiltration of that water into the soil."

Kay Ledbetter is a communications specialist with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Legends

Winter of '06 is harsh one for early Garza families

The Litwalton story, as written by Gladys Gates McClure, continues.

"The winter of 1906 was very cold well into February. Unprotected cattle froze to death, and chickens' feet froze off. Because of the location, surrounded on three sides by the Caprock, Coopers Canyon had compara-

tively mild weather with only thin ice on the water bucket by the door in the dugout where we slept. The canyon was a wonderful winter protection for the cattle.

"Christmas of 1906 was a happy time for the children of Graham. There was a Christmas program, a tree and gifts in the tiny schoolhouse. The Gates family attended, and that is one of our fondest and earliest memories of Santa.

"Playmates for Gladys were very scarce; either there were not many children or their parents left them at home when they came for their mail. May McMahan, Cordia Wilbourn, Cordia Box, Susie Graham, and Webb Justis were the closest. Ira Duckworth was young, but in his mind he was too old to notice a small girl. He always came to the post office with his brothers and the Wilks boys, dressed in cowboy cloths, but almost too small to mount his horse.

"In February of 1907 Mary Gates learned of the critical illness of her father who lives in Cement, Okla. They made the long trip to the railroad in Quanah, Texas, in a covered wagon drawn by two mules, Maude and Kit. They camped at night and cooked on a campfire using cow chips if no wood was available. A chuck wagon on the back of the wagon was used to carry pans, dishes, and other needed supplies.

"They slept in the wagon at night. The wagon was left at a wagon yard to await their return to Litwalton. The visit over, they began their return trip to Cooper's Canyon with Arthur ill with a sickness that took his life within two months and Gladys with high fever due to a throat infection. Because of this serious condition, they drove far into the night to reach home.

When they reached the Caprock, it was so dark that Arthur carried a lantern to hunt the road down the sharp incline. Mary drove the mules. When Arthur unharnessed the team, he discovered they had lost much of their harness and felt that only a miracle had saved his family because the wagon could have rolled uncontrolled down that terrible road. Mary took her daughter into the house to examine her throat

and remarked that they might have to ride to Tahoka, 20 miles, for a doctor before morning. Mary heated a mixture called "Pains Paint," wrapped a cloth around her finger, dipped it into the mixture and tore the tonsils apart. They did not have to send for the doctor.

Post had its first picnic in the summer of 1907. There were not many houses, but the Double U's had taken form. The usual concession booths sold the traditional carnival articles. Gladys bought a child's pearl purse, which she will give to the Post Museum. At one stand you could drink all the lemonade you wanted for 5 cents. No attention was paid to individual sanitary drinking cups.

"In early summer a big roundup was held by the Graham community just west of the Gail highway and about one half mile north of the entrance to the Slaughter Ranch. Because of the death of Arthur Gates on April 27, 1907, his cattle were to be sold, and it was necessary to separate and brand his herd. There were many wagons gathered in a partial circle, each with its chuck box. It was a time for visiting for the women and children who attended. Perry Crowley bought most of the herd and several of the horses.

The Perry family rented the Gates home on Cooper's Canyon for a shot tie. After they moved, Mary Gates sold all the buildings to the owner of section 10, (name unknown, may have been Philpot), who wrecked them and used the lumber to build a house just north of the old trail or road above the Caprock. In the last 63 years four men have managed the land (as of 1973), Mr. Redditt, J.F. Maxey, Bryan Maxey and James Stone."

I hope you have enjoyed recollections of the Litwalton history. One reader, Mrs. Jewel Steel did and wrote me a swell letter and mentioned how recent issues brought back fond memories.

She writes, "The year 1941 we lived about a block from Charlie Everett's home. He had a Model-A Ford car in his garage that he didn't drive. J.C. stopped one day and asked him if he would sell it. He sold it to us and we paid him out one dollar a week. A dollar was hard to get in those days. This week brought back memories of the Graham Chapel School and Cooper's Canyon. Every year on the first day of April some of us would run off from school and go to Cooper's Canyon and have a picnic. Of course, we paid for it when we got home and at school the next day."

Thanks, Jewel, for sharing those memories. That's what "Legends" is all about.

See you next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and historical commission.

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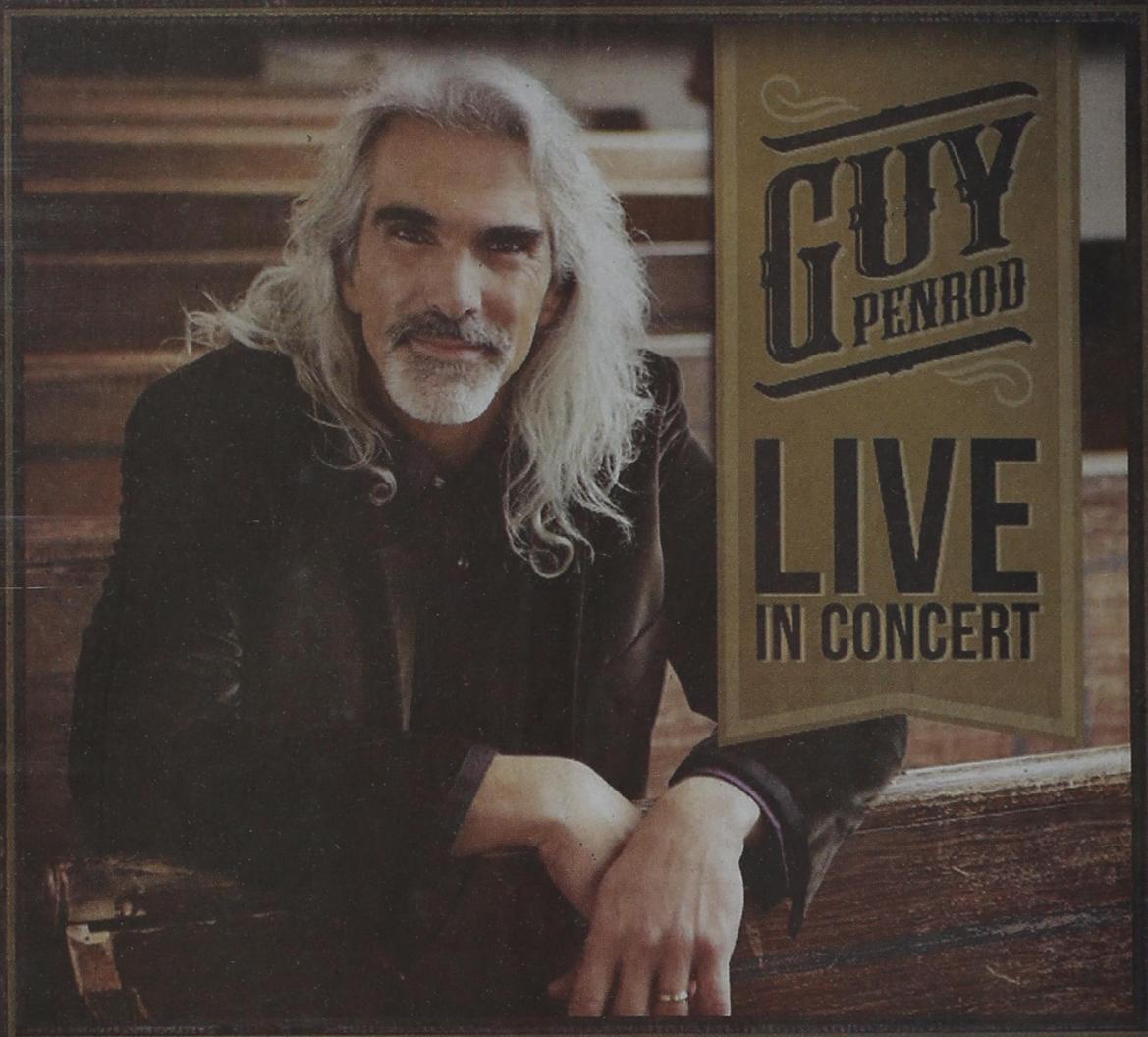
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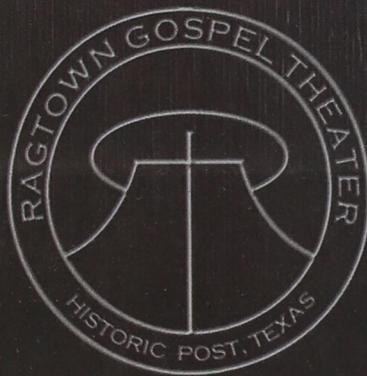
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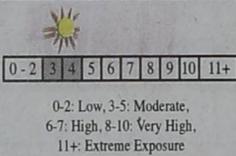
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Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Partly Cloudy 53 / 35	Saturday Mostly Sunny 55 / 39	Sunday Mostly Sunny 61 / 43	Monday Mostly Sunny 70 / 48	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 74 / 50	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 76 / 50	Thursday Partly Cloudy 71 / 45

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is the term for air moving in a spiral around low pressure?
Answer: Cyclone

Weather History

Oct. 26, 1988 - Thunderstorms moving out of northern Texas spawned five tornadoes in Louisiana during the morning hours. The thunderstorms also produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jennings, La. A falling tree near Coushatta killed the driver of a vehicle.

Oct. 27, 1962 - An early season winter storm over New England blanketed northern Maine with seven to 16 inches of snow and southeastern New England with up to three inches of snow. Worcester, Mass. received a record 4.7 inches of snow.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain, high temperature of 53°, humidity of 43%. North northeast wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1977. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a near record overnight low of 35°. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 33° set in 1976. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 55°, humidity of 38%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 39°.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:06-11:06	8:36-10:36	Tue	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Sat	9:50-11:50	9:20-11:20	Wed	---	11:37-1:37
Sun	10:35-12:35	10:05-12:05	Thu	12:25-2:25	12:55-2:55
Mon	11:21-1:21	10:51-12:51			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 10/29	Fri 7:59 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	5:09 p.m.	5:05 a.m.	New 11/13
	Sat 8:00 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	6:02 a.m.	
	Sun 8:01 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	6:57 a.m.	
	Mon 8:01 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	7:53 a.m.	
Last 11/6	Tue 8:02 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8:48 a.m.	First 11/20
	Wed 8:03 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	9:41 a.m.	
	Thu 8:04 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	10:33 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
10/16	88	56	75/47	0.00"	Date	Degree Days
10/17	81	52	74/47	0.00"	10/16	22
10/18	71	38	74/46	0.00"	10/17	16
10/19	78	38	74/46	0.00"	10/18	4
10/20	93	44	73/45	0.00"	10/19	8
10/21	89	63	73/45	0.00"		
10/22	86	61	72/45	0.00"		

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Dixie Divas Miss Loretta

Several years ago, I befriended a woman in Cincinnati, but then you know that, don't you? I've told you all about Miss Loretta.

If you're new to this column, I'll fill you in. She is the widow of a Cincinnati police man. She did not marry until she



RONDA RICH

Loretta stepped up and took over. Only when the last child — a boy — was raised and on his own did she allow herself to find love.

They were married for only a few years when he died suddenly of a heart attack and left Miss Loretta alone, with no children. Her niece Donna is a blonde, blue-eyed angel and takes good care of Miss Loretta. We write each other, something that few people do any more, but we're the old-fashioned letter-writing kind so we stay in touch by words actually written on a page. When on occasion, I'm in Cincinnati, I see Miss Loretta.

Hers hasn't been an easy life, but she doesn't complain. She looks at only the good and talks about that. Nothing at all about the tears that have stained her cheeks or the loneliness that has been her most constant companion. Her beloved Earl died 50 years ago and she still talks about him with the glow of a young girl newly in love. She is amazing, that Miss Loretta.

She wrote the other day, and I had to laugh out loud at one of her comments. She was talking about our friendship and how she has my photo on her wall and all my letters stacked by her chair.

"I'm only 95 years old," she scrawled in her familiar writing.

Only? That should tell you a great deal about her optimism on life. She continued.

"All my friends are gone. My friends at church. Even my pastor is gone. It's good that I still have you and Donna."

She seems bewildered as to how a 95-year-old could lose so many friends and family to death. Yet, she seems determined to keep on going since she's only 95.

I thought of Mama. She thought differently than Miss Loretta. She would say, "I'm 85 years old, and I'm too tired to go to church. I believe I'll just stay home today."

I could tell from her tone she was set to argue with me, expecting a lecture on why she needed to go to church. For there is, as you know or will surely learn, an invisible dividing line in life where we become the parents of our parents. There was a time when she lectured me about going to church, no excuses allowed.

Instead, I said, "Well, that's just fine. If you want to stay home, you just stay at home. I'll request prayer for you, sinner that you are."

"Don't you dare! If I hear anything about you puttin' me on the prayer list, you'll be the one in need of prayer."

Mama pulled the age card when it helped her — senior discounts, too tired to go to weddings of people she didn't particularly like or she needed her porch swept. Other times, she dismissed it such as in the case of, "Everyone tells me how good I look for my age, and, you know, they're right. Just look at Beatrice. She's younger than me, but she looks older. She gives into her aches and pains, too. I don't."

But unlike Miss Loretta, when Mama discussed how many of her loved ones were gone, she understood.

"Look how old I am. That's the sad thing about getting old, you outlive people you love."

Miss Loretta, though, is going strong. She's still writing, walking, shopping and, importantly, making plans for the next 10 years.

That's admirable optimism.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

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