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UPCOMING EVENTS

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All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners

Court

May 26

9 a.m.

Garza County Courthouse

300 W. Main

City of Post

City Council Meeting

June 9

6 p.m.

Council Chambers

City Hall

105 E. Main Street

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

High School Academic Awards Ceremony

Elementary Auditorium

May 22

10 a.m.

VFW Community Memorial Day

Breakfast

VFW Hall

May 25

7 a.m.

No Charge

Community Memorial Day Ceremony

Garza County Courthouse East

Lawn

May 25

11 a.m.

Post ISD - No School

May 25

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night

May 26

5:30 p.m.

205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group

Heritage House

May 26

6 p.m.

Call 495-4148 for information

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night

May 28

5:30 p.m.

205 E. 10th

Summer Rec

Middle School Gym

June 1 - June 26

8 a.m. - Noon

Art Boot Camp

Heritage House

June 1 - July 3

1 - 4 p.m.

Free - Pre-registration required
495-4148

A Day of Remembrance The True Meaning of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance, will be observed in Post beginning with a free community breakfast served by local VFW Post 6797 at the VFW Hall on E. Hwy. 380. Serving begins at 8 a.m. and will continue until the food is gone.

A Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by local VFW Post 6797 will be held on the Garza County Courthouse lawn at 11 a.m.

General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5, 1868. The first observed Memorial Day was on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The holiday was originally known as

Decoration Day, the name Memorial Day was adopted to signify a day to honor the ultimate sacrifice and pay tribute to our nation's fallen heroes.

"Unfortunately many Americans have either forgotten, or never knew the original meaning of Memorial Day," said Shawnette Hinkle of Post, whose husband, Richard, is currently serving in Iraq as part of the 2/142 36th Infantry Division. "Having a loved one serving in harm's way is a vivid reminder of what Memorial Day is all about. We as Americans need to remember and pay respect to those who paid the ultimate price of giving their lives for our freedoms."

Once a day of mourning when businesses closed and towns held

parades ending at the local cemetery with speeches and prayers, Memorial Day is now most often seen as the holiday that denotes the beginning of the summer. Originally the day was set aside for families to come together to put flags at the graves of Veterans, clean and plant flowers on family cemetery plots and often share a picnic lunch, all with an air of solemnity and respect. Now, this holiday more often provides a day free of work responsibilities spent shopping or on the lake.

Most agree that the traditional observance of Memorial Day diminished after the day was made into a three day weekend. This change was included in the National Holiday Act of 1971 when Congress declared the last Monday in

May as Memorial Day.

In December 2000 a resolution was passed declaring a "National Moment of Remembrance" to help remind and re-

educate Americans about the true meaning of Memorial Day. In the resolution, Americans are asked to

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Athletes Honored at Annual Banquet

The 2008-2009 Athletic Banquet honoring all Post High School athletes was held May 11 at the Post ISD Cafeteria. "We had a great banquet. It was a chance for us to honor our athletes at Post High School and recognize them for some of their outstanding accomplishments," said Athletic Director Chris Jones. "I would like to express my thanks to the Post Antelope Booster Club for sponsoring the event. It was a great evening!"

Sabrina Sanchez and Jarrett Blevins were chosen Post High School All Around Athletes at the annual "Bold Gold" event.

Post had an outstanding representation in athletic academic honors. Academic All District awards were presented to: Alex Miller, Brittney Miller, Cheyenne Miller for Cross Country; John Bocko, Chad Miller, Clint Wind-

ham for Football; John Bocko and Madison Cash for Golf; Clint Windham for Baseball; Bethany Berry, Kari Dunn, Sydnee Jones, Alex Miller for Softball and Cheree Conner, Morgan Williams, Amber Wilson, Quinten Davis, Chad Miller for Tennis. All District track academic honors were presented to Bethany Berry, Darlene Ariaza, Cheyenne Miller, Morgan Williams, Macy Blair, Amber Wilson, Madison Davis, Cheree Conner, Kari Dunn, Brittney Miller, John Bocko and Clint Windham. Basketball academic stand-outs were: Bethany Berry, Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, Haley Lester, Toni Wait, Amber Wilson, John Bocko, Reed Williams, and Clint Windham.

Students earning All District girls basketball honors were: Branda Stevens, 1st Team; Cheyenne Miller, 2nd Team; Alex Miller

and Sabrina Sanchez, Honorable Mention. Boys basketball All District honors were given to: Aaron James, 1st Team; Jarrett Blevins, Trent Babb and Jovanni Garay, Honorable Mention. Clint Windham earned All Defensive Team honors.

Those recognized as All District football standouts were: 1st team offense: Giles Dalby, Running Back; 1st team defense: Trent Babb, linebacker and Jarrett Blevins, Defensive Back; 2nd Team Offense: Clint Windham, Wide Receiver and Jesse Vera, Offensive Line; 2nd Team Defense: Josh Rodriguez, Defensive Line and Joe Menjares, Defensive Line. All District Honorable Mention Offense honors were given to: Aaron James, Quarterback; Chad Miller, Wide Receiver; Ernest Saldivar, Wide Receiver; Robert Contreras, Offensive Line; Nick

Summer Fun in Post

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

School will soon be out for the summer and many working parents will be faced with the challenge of finding a way to keep kids of all ages busy and safe. Fortunately in Post, there are several choices available and for the most part, these options are free.

A new addition to summer fun this year is Art Boot Camp at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N. This program, for Kindergarten through 12th grade students, is June 1- July 3, 1 to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The camp is free and is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association. Pre-registration is required by calling 495-4148.

Participants in the Art Boot Camp will have structured art classes taught by trained teachers with the help of local high school students. Activities will include painting with various mediums; beading and leather work and other fun, creative activities. All activities will be age appropriate with a ratio of 5 students per teacher. Students will in groups according to age. An afternoon snack will be provided and parents are encouraged to dress children in play clothes that can take paint, clay and all sorts of artistic materials.

Art pieces created during the Art Boot Camp will be selected for

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Photo by Rosa Latimer

A Memorial Day ceremony will take place 11 a.m. Monday, May 25 at the Centennial Plaza on the Garza County Courthouse lawn. A focal point of the plaza is a memorial honoring the VFW, the American Legion, the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force. The monument also lists the names of 30 men from Garza County who "made the supreme sacrifice for their country."

Post Notes

American Legion's Post 270 Scheduled to meet May 28th

The American Legion's James C. Cole Post 270's regular monthly meeting will be held at the First Christian Church 812 W. 13th St. on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 P.M.

Garza Summer Recreation Program

Summer Rec is here again. It will begin June 1 - June 26. You can sign up anytime during June at the Middle School gym. It will start at 8:00 am - 12 pm. Grades kindergarten thru 12th, breakfast and lunch will be provided by the cafeteria. Come and have fun with us. If you have any questions contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253.

Special Account for Clark Family

A special account has been set up for Chris Clark who is needing financial assistance to help pay medical and utility bills. Clark's kidneys have stopped working and he is permanently on dialysis or until a donor is found. He is unable to work at this time, for more information contact Suzie or Carol at Wells Fargo Bank 495-2804.

"Art Boot Camp"

The Caprock Cultural Assn is sponsoring an "Art Boot Camp" on June 1 - July 3 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, for ages k-12. The Boot Camp will include structured classes in various mediums; informative speakers and an afternoon snack will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact Shawnette at Caprock Cultural Assn at 495-4148 for more information.

Trade Day Vendors

The next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown will be June 6. Vendors of all types, including non-profits, are invited to participate. Vendors will pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space. The event is sponsored by the Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, for more information or to reserve vendor space, call 495-0608 or 495-3461.

2009 Summer food service program

Post ISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday-Friday beginning June 1 and will continue through June 26. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, breakfast will be served from 8-9 am with lunch being served from 11:45 am until 1:15 pm. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program.

Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 6

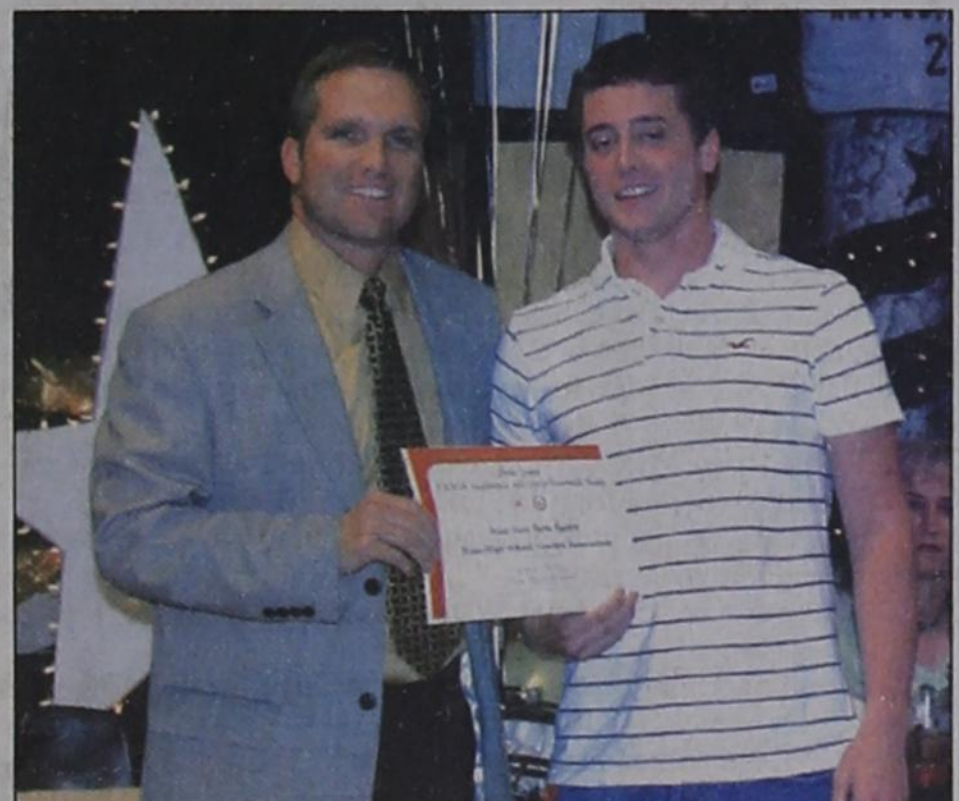
Calvary Baptist Church located on the corner of E. 6th St and Avenue H is having Vacation Bible School on Saturday June 6 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Children 4 years old through 5th grade are welcome. Registration will begin at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided. For more information call the church at 806-990-2342 or Judi Martin at 806-990-1018.

Calvary Baptist Church holds revival

Calvary Baptist Church will be holding Revival services with David Acevedo. The revival will be from Sunday, May 31, through Wednesday, June 3. The services will be each evening at 7:00 pm. Sunday Services will begin at 10:45 and 6:00 pm. For more information contact the church at 990-2342.



Jarrett Blevins and Sabrina Sanchez were chosen All-Around Male and Female Athletes at the Post High School Athletic Banquet last week.



Athletic Director Chris Jones presented Chad Miller with an Academic All-State Football Honorable Mention award from the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Opinions

Global Warming: The Issue

By Mac Thornberry

The temperature of the Earth has fluctuated over time. At one point, much of the Northern Hemisphere was covered with ice, for example. A number of factors influence the Earth's temperature, including variations in the amount of heat coming from the sun, changes in the Earth's orbit, shifts in the continents through plate tectonics, and levels of volcanic activity. Obviously, we cannot do much to affect those factors.

Now there is a concern that the Earth is experiencing a warming trend caused by the emission of "greenhouse gases." These gases are presumed to trap heat within the Earth's atmosphere, thereby raising the average temperature of the Earth. Greenhouse gases are primarily water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Water vapor, not including clouds, is by far the most significant greenhouse gas, responsible for more than half of the presumed warming effect, followed by carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.

The essential argument is that the temperatures in the Earth's atmosphere are rising because of greenhouse gases generated by human activity and that this global warming will bring about a catastrophe, causing ice to melt at the poles, the levels of the oceans to rise, and weather patterns to be altered. Former Vice President Al Gore is the best known advocate for taking drastic action to limit human activities that cause certain greenhouse gases to be produced.

(There are also those who say that even if the temperature is increasing somewhat, it is not necessarily a bad thing. They argue that more arable land, longer growing seasons, and better plant conditions could result.)

In summary, the global warming argument depends upon establishing two facts: (1) the temperature of the Earth is

warming and (2) man's actions are the cause of that warming. The science is not unanimous on either point. Some scientists believe that the temperature of the Earth is increasing rapidly. Others, such as those at the United Kingdom's Hadley Center for Climate Studies, say that the Earth's temperature is not much different now than it was 50 or 100 years ago.

The case that man is causing any change in temperature is even more hotly contested. It is based largely on computer models of our climate. No computer model yet developed can include all of the factors influencing our climate, so certain assumptions have to be made. So far, none of the models have been completely accurate in tracking past weather patterns. Relying on them for the future is even more problematic.

Yet, many, but not all, of the scientists who have spoken out come down on the side that man is causing the warming. An interesting question is whether it is science or politics that is leading to that conclusion.

Science, Politics, or Something Else?

Certainly today's conventional wisdom and political correctness agree that man is causing the temperature of the Earth to increase. A few press reports have looked at what happens to a scientist who dares to offer a different position. It is not pretty.

Dr. Sallie Baliunas, a Harvard astrophysicist, points to another factor -- money. She notes that more than \$25 billion has been spent to research global warming. If researchers found that man had little to do with changes in temperature, there would be far less money spent on that research.

It is interesting to note that government funding of climate change technologies has increased more than 500% since 1993 while funding of climate

change science has declined a bit when adjusted for inflation, according to the Congressional Research Service.

So, despite the conventional wisdom, there is a lot we do not understand about exactly what is happening to our climate, and even more, we do not understand the reason it is happening.

And yet, Congress is about to take drastic action that will affect you.

The Proposal

It is usually called "cap and trade." The idea is to limit or "cap" the amount of certain greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. (Water vapor is the more prevalent greenhouse gas, but the concerns and bills focus on carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.) Over time, that limit would be pushed further down so that less gas could be emitted. In order to control such emissions, the government would require a power plant, factory or refinery to have a certain number of allowances or permits which authorize the emissions. If a factory does not have enough allowances, it could buy them from a facility that had more than it needed, thus the "trade" part of "cap and trade." The intention is to limit and then reduce U.S. contributions to greenhouse gases in the hopes that global warming would be moderated.

It is not clear at this point how the allowances would be distributed initially. The government could hand them out to certain businesses, or it could auction them to the highest bidder. A combination of the two approaches is also possible. One thing that is very clear is that Washington is expecting to get a great deal of money from your pocket through this approach -- about \$650 billion over ten years under President Obama's budget proposal.

Concerns

Among the concerns that

have been expressed about this plan are that it costs too much and that it will not work.

Even the proponents of cap and trade admit that as energy and goods cost more to produce, their price will go up. We will all pay more for the electricity and fuel we use, for example. One study found that the higher prices will total about \$3,100 a year for the average American household. In truth, that may be just the beginning. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that this plan would cost Texans between 53,690 and 311,600 jobs by 2020.

I believe that the consequences to the economy of our region will be enormous. Oil and gas businesses will suffer. Everyone who uses energy -- from farmers and manufacturers to rural households -- will pay more. And our quality of life will erode as more and more of what we earn goes to pay for the higher prices.

Another concern is whether all of this economic cost will accomplish anything. Setting aside for the moment the questions about whether the Earth is warming and what role man plays in any temperature change, the limits on greenhouse gas emissions would only affect the United States. China and India, among others, have said they have no intention of doing such a thing.

In addition, studies in the European Union, where they have tried this kind of plan for several years, have found no decrease in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In fact, there are more now than before, according to Myron Ebell, director of Energy and Global Warming Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Bottom Line

The bottom line for me is that there is a lot that scientists still do not know, and we should try to understand this issue better before we inflict severe economic hardships on our economy and on our citizens. We need to focus on improving our economy, and we need to improve our energy security. We know that our increasing dependence on foreign sources of energy is a problem that we can do something about. I have introduced again this year a wide-ranging energy bill to encourage more domestic energy production of everything from oil and gas to wind and nuclear power. Common sense and a little humility about what we do not know can help lead us to the right decisions. Rushing through a political agenda will lead us to the wrong ones.

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Each May, during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, we have an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to our nation's history. Today, we're proud that about more than 800,000 Asian-Americans call Texas home.

The first Asians in Texas were Chinese laborers hired around 1870 by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company to work on the state's portion of the transcontinental railroad. Although most of these workers soon left the railroad company to work as sharecroppers and farm laborers in Robertson County, thousands more Chinese workers came to Texas to work on the railroad. Chinese railroad camps developed along the tracks, where the workers ate traditional meals including dried oysters, dried cuttlefish, dried bamboo, salted cabbage, rice and tea. Today, artifacts collected from these camps are housed in Val Verde County at the Seminole Canyon State Park at the mouth of the Pecos River.

After work on the railroad was complete, a large number of Chinese settled in San Antonio, San Angelo and El Paso. Many opened laundries, barbershops, boarding houses, restaurants, and grocery stores. In 1916, Chinese merchants in Mexico came to the aid of U.S. Brigadier General John J. Pershing and his forces who had been sent by President Wilson on an expedition to capture Pancho Villa in Mexico. The merchants provided the troops with food and other necessary goods in spite of death threats from Pancho Villa. When Pershing withdrew from Mexico a year later, he appealed to Congress for permission to bring these Chinese individuals to Texas. About four hundred of these men were sent to help construct Fort Travis in San Antonio, which would later be incorporated into Fort Sam Houston. Incidentally, Fort Sam Houston later became the home for Filipinos who had served as scouts for the U.S. military during World War II and contributed to the growth of a significant Filipino community in San Antonio.

In 1903, the first significant number of Japanese moved to Texas to attempt rice farming. The Houston Chamber of Commerce and Southern Pacific Railroad invited Japanese farmers to visit Texas and consult local farmers on rice production. The seed rice that the immigrant farmers brought as a gift from the emperor of Japan generated higher yields per acre than the native rice seed. The two most successful Japanese rice farms were founded by Seito Saibara, in Webster, near Houston, and by Kichimatsu Kishi in Terry, near Beaumont. Their success attracted other Japanese farmers to settle in Texas and start other rice farms, and is a key contributor to the development of the rice industry in the Gulf Coast region. Japanese farmers also settled in the Rio Grande Valley, where they grew sugarcane, cotton and vegetables. Some also settled in El Paso, where they established the El Paso Nippon Gakuen language school for the children of Japanese immigrants. During World War II, internment camps for Japanese Americans were established in Kenedy, Seagoville, and Crystal City. A number also enlisted as members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Brigade, which was deployed to Europe.

It was not until the 1960s and 70s that other Asian immigrants began settling in Texas in significant numbers. The first large groups of Koreans arrived in Texas in the late 1960s about the same time that Indians and Pakistanis also began migrating to the state, attracted by educational opportunities and jobs in science and medicine. In the late 1970s, a large wave of Indochinese immigrants sought refuge in Texas after escaping communist regimes in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Among these immigrants were many intellectuals and professionals. A large number of Vietnamese immigrants settled in Houston where the warmer climate of the Texas Gulf Coast was familiar and work was available in commercial fishing and shrimping industries. Some who had been trained physicians in Vietnam completed retraining and certification requirements before settling in underserved areas of Texas to provide much-needed medical care.

Over the years, Asian Texans have had a tremendous influence on our state's infrastructure, agriculture, commerce and culture. We owe a lot to these pioneers for their many contributions, including the construction of railroads that enabled interstate commerce, the introduction of higher-yield strains of rice and other agricultural crops, and the expansion of medical service in rural Texas. The entrepreneurial spirit that has driven many Asian Texans to develop new technologies and create small businesses is also essential to our state's continued economic development. More importantly, however, we are united by our shared values of hard work, family, education, liberty and justice for all.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Cyberspace Invaders

Have you been cyberbullied? Perhaps your children have and you don't know it. Maybe they are too proud to tell Mom and Dad someone is messing with them online. They may not even know it is happening to them.

According to stopcyberbullying.org, "Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to have a minor on both sides, or at least have been instigated by a minor against another minor. Once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyberstalking. Adult cyber-harassment or cyberstalking is NEVER called cyberbullying.

Parents - it is so important you keep up with where your children are. Cyberspace is no different.

It is the job of a parent to know if your child is on MySpace or Facebook. Those sites, while useful, are also misused by teens. Know what your children are saying and what is being said to them online.

Also check out their text messages on their cell phones from time to time. It's amazing how quickly things can get out of hand when texting is involved. Fights, sex, drug parties, etc... texting and instant messaging are how the word gets out. It takes vigilant Moms and Dads to take on these issues.

Not too many years ago, students would pass notes in class and harass each other by phone when they got home. Not any more. These tech-savvy teens can message in the blink of an eye and MySpace, Facebook and email are at their fingertips.

You may feel like you are invading the privacy of your children by checking their online habits DON'T! If you don't, who will? We're not talking about adults. We're talking about your children.

Did you know the entire Columbine massacre could have been avoided had the parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold known about their online activity. Their plan to kill their classmates was there to see right on their computers.

Technology and the exposure heaped on our children have made parenting more difficult. It seems like we're fighting an uphill battle when it comes to what our children are exposed to so the prudent thing to do is stay on top of the changes and learn their habits.

In other words, get to know your child. Talk to them. Be nosy and let them know what is right and wrong. In addition, network with other caring parents so that you can monitor cyber-conduct more closely.

All of these gizmos and technology do have their place. But like most good things, they can be used for bad. It's our job as responsible parents to make sure our children are protected and behaving as they should whether that be in the real world or the cyber one.

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White River Water Report

Gauge Reading-2350.20
Feet below spillway-22'3"
Rise-0"
Rainfall Past Week-.120"
Rain to Date-1.59"
Rainfall for 2004 43.58"
Rainfall for 2005 15.57"
Rainfall for 2006 28.85"
Rainfall for 2007 24.19"
Rainfall for 2008 33.16"

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 2,455,287,285 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 7,535 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,943 MG for evaporation this week in May that leaves 2,419,968,342 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

The Texas Water Development Board has requested Readiness information from White River Municipal Water District's Projects. The Post Reservoir Permit that the Water District Owns has been renewed by the State of Texas for another 4 years, and the trade for the permit to the City of Lubbock for Water Rights for the District's Member Cities continues.

Mickey Rogers GM White River

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Papaya anyone? They weren't on my grocery list either this week. But at 99 cents they got my attention.

I'm a sucker for things exotic, especially when affordable. So I bought a papaya and balanced the purchase with a cantaloupe — my way of letting people know I hadn't turned into a papaya snob. After all, cantaloupe picker comes right after nail puller on my resume if we go back far enough.

The next couple of days the two fruits rested together on our kitchen counter, ripening and looking exotic and non-exotic, respectively.

"What's that?" my husband asked, referring to the papaya. He knows a cantaloupe when he sees one.

"Papaya," I said. I wish I'd said "Cantaloupe." But I didn't. And that was that.

Eventually, I began to think about slicing the papaya, but to cut into an unfamiliar object takes nerve, especially if you want to do it right. Maybe there were things I should know first. After all, hadn't I seen some mango slicing instructions somewhere? Maybe papayas needed instructions too.

Besides, planted in my subconscious, a childhood memory of my late father, the consummate slicer, is ever present, reminding me he's a hard act to follow. Picture him with our biggest kitchen knife in hand, ready to perfectly bisect any watermelon. He could also slice hamburger pickles at lightning speed. We digress.

Back then, watermelons were bigger. Our traditional place to cut into them was outside on the rock slab that topped our little rock

picnic table. It was an altar. We gathered close as Daddy made the cut. Mother and I watched to see if it would be a good melon. Spot also watched.

So as I faced the papaya, I hesitated. Then, rather than cutting the thing, I popped open my laptop instead to read about papayas on the Internet.

More than I wanted to know and no slicing instructions.

Is it just me, or has the Internet turned many of us from people of action into seekers of information who can't do anything until we've first checked at least three Google sites for all things pertinent to the task at hand? Sometimes it's best just to go ahead and slice the melon.

So I did.

Whoa! The Internet illustration hadn't prepared me for what I saw. Talk about seeds!

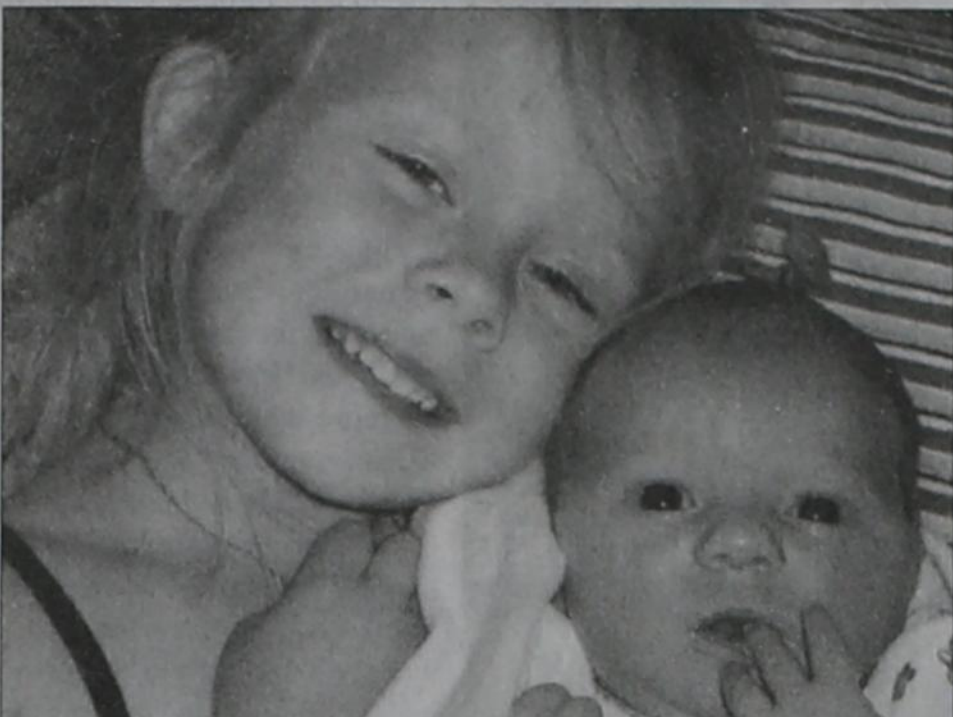
Packed tight into the cavity in the rose-tinged golden papaya flesh, the black seeds were almost as big as English peas. They looked creepy in their individual sacs of gel. They looked like caviar.

Internet wisdom tells me the seeds can be ground into a black pepper substitute. I've got a batch of them in an aluminum pie pan on the dash of my car, drying and looking more like peppercorns every day.

But the next time I cut a papaya, my plan is to put a blob of fresh seeds on a little plate for my husband to see when he walks in the kitchen. I'm practicing my nonchalant reply to his inevitable question.

"Caviar."

Birth Announcement



Piper Brooks is proud to announce the birth of her little sister Demi Shane. She was born at Covenant Hospital on April 9, 2009. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Roger and Deann Daugherty of Southland, grandparents are Brooks and Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton, Ila Workman of Lubbock, Steve and the late Linda Daugherty of Fluvanna. Great granddad Wade Collier of Crosbyton, great grandmother Margaret Bley of Bandera.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

Shooting Sports
Trap practice is every Monday at 6:00 pm at Palmers Gun Club.

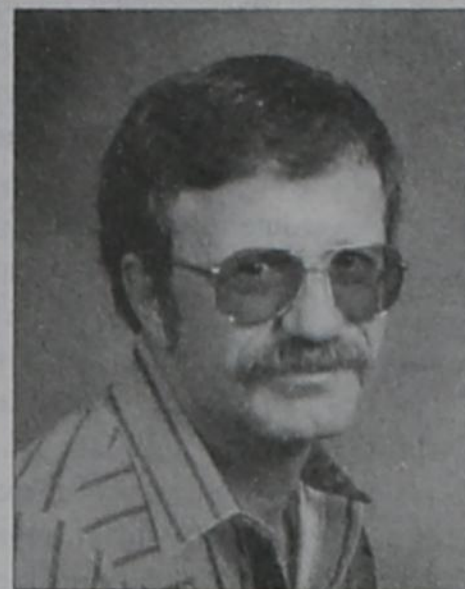
Horse Show
The deadline to get your entries in for the district horse show is May 26, 2009
The show is June 16, 2009

Camp!
There are many fun and exciting camps this summer. If you are interested in going, contact the Extension Office for more information.

Record Books
Are you planning on doing a record book? If so contact the Extension Office for information and deadlines.

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

Obituaries



Jim Fields

Memorial service for Jim Fields, 59, of Lubbock, was held 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Peoples Fellowship Church in Lubbock. Travis Zackery, Pastor of The Refuge officiated. Cremation was under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Jim died on Wednesday May 13, 2009 in Lubbock County, after a motor vehicle accident.

He was born on June 27, 1949 to John and Emma (Krein) Fields at Belle Fourche, S.D. He attended school at Horse Creek, Newell and Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He came to Post in 1965 and attended Post schools and later served in the Marines. Jim was a heavy equipment operator and had worked for H&M Dirt Construction.

He is survived by daughter, Michele and husband Johnny Morris of Lubbock; five brothers: Leslie and wife Melissa Fields of Lubbock, Charles and his wife

Sharlene Lobban of Ropesville, Royal Fields of Des Moines, IA., Johnny and his wife Bee Lakson of Las Vegas, NV, and Gary Fields of Carson City, NV; one sister, Barbara and her husband Bill Cornelius of Idaho; three grandchildren: Kaylee Morris of Dimmitt, Kenzie Garcia of Arlington and Hannah Morris of Amarillo; two great-grandchildren: Andee Jo Nelson of Dimmitt and Jaedn J'nae Garcia of Arlington; special niece, Serena and family of Des Moines, Iowa and special companion, Shirley Taylor of Post.

Scott Paul Keahey

Memorial services for Scott Paul Keahey, 83, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Waco under the direction of Oakcrest Funeral Home. Local arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Keahey died Wednesday, May 6 at Golden Plains Care Center. He was born March 1, 1926 in Madison, WI. to Ralph and Ethel (McGill) Keahey. He was a retired Psychologist. He married Carolyn McKee on January 31, 1990 in Palestine.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn Keahey of Post; six daughters: Laura Ross of Sheridan, WY, Kimberly Barron of Waco, Karen Ellis of Hutto, Heather Bledsoe of Montrose, CO, Alice Berry of Denver, CO and Mona Massingill of Dallas; one son, Keith Massingill of Wilson, 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Thanks For Reading
The Post Dispatch

This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

I've had a string of experiences in the past few weeks that served as vivid reminders that Post is a great place to live! Allow me to share a few examples.

Garza Theatre Make Over

The cooperation of various groups of people in this community to work together toward a common goal is very refreshing. Recently in one week Garza Theatre was the benefactor of a great deal of hard work and generosity that gave the facility an awesome facelift. I was not involved in the project so I'm not aware of everyone who worked on this great example of community enthusiasm and kindness; however, I do know there was a great deal of hard work and several very, very late nights. Some who helped transform the Garza were: Tiffany Graves, Caprock Cultural Association, Jackie Cruse of J. Cruse Christmas Gallery, Shawnette Hinkle, Jay Young, Lana Connor and an anonymous donor who replaced the carpet in the foyer and auditorium.

Now, let's all go to the next production at the Garza and check out the new look! The children's production opens June 5 — Bed Bugs and Wooing Wed Widing Hood directed by Laura Bryan.

Old Mill Trade Day

If you didn't make it downtown for Old Mill Trade Day DOWNTOWN on May 2, you missed over 15 outdoor vendors as well as great shopping with our Post merchants. There was some good food, too! Many locals made it downtown and many shoppers came to Post from area towns — everyone had fun! The event is collaboration between the Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Don't miss the next one on June 6!

Election Day

Post can be a fun place on Saturday night, if you're in the right place — especially when many were cruising Main Street waiting for the election results! Voter interest was intense — we're not a complacent bunch.

Before joining others driving between Central Office at the

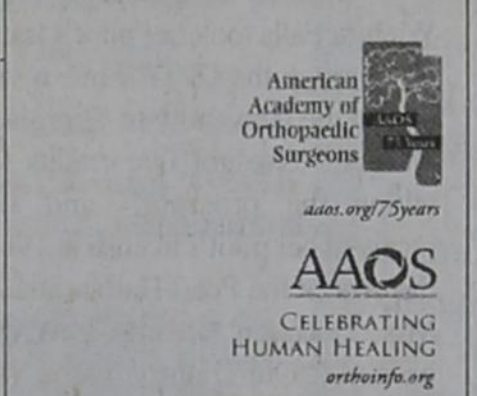
school and City Hall after the polls closed, I made a quick visit to United. Now that was a busy place and it was fun to see many friendly faces there! Not everyone was buying groceries for Sunday lunch. One Post gentleman and his beautiful lady friend chose to get all dressed up and pick up some sandwich fixins' for dinner before the theater. Jay Young was there and on his way to the theater, too. He was doing lights and sound for "The Seafarer." What made the evening even more fun was sharing it with my good friend, Thressa Harp, who voters chose to be our new Mayor.

Consider with me now that these are just brief descriptions of the genuine sense of community we share. There are so many examples of our fellow citizens who give their time and energy for our youth, who help the elderly, who are some of the best neighbors you could have and (even more awesome) those you barely know who are eagerly willing to help you in your time of need. Yes, we've got a beautiful little town here...both inside and out.

That's it for this week in Post City!

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT A HARD CURVE AND A HOME RUN.
Carol Truncala's story isn't just about how she prevailed through a severe childhood case of scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. It's about what she did when she grew up. She became a nurse—a decision inspired by the support and dedication she received from her own medical team during her long years of treatment and successful recovery. Carol Truncala's story leaves us with two of the most poignant messages we know: don't give up, and remember to give back. If Carol's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Rodriguez, Defensive Line; Kaven Martinez, Defensive Line. Chad Miller, Linebacker; Luis Duran, Defensive Back and M. J. Wynne, Defensive Back were given All District Honorable Mention Defense honors.

Gaby Gomez represented PHS as a state qualifier in Power Lifting. Track regional qualifiers were: Aaron James, Corbin McDonald, Kaylynn Villalon, Gaby Gomez, Alex Miller and Branda Stevens. Regional qualifiers in Power Lifting were: Giles Dalby, Dale Diaz, Nick Rodriguez, Gaby Gomez and Yesenia Gomez.

Memorial...

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voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever we are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps" at 3 p.m. local time.

"This sounds like a step in the right direction to bring the meaning back to this solemn day," Hinkle continued. "However we need to return it to the traditional day of observance and as Americans, take one day out of the year to remember and honor those who gave their all for their country and its people."

In addition to decorating Veterans' graves in red, white and blue, another long-held tradition is the wearing of red buddy poppies on Memorial Day. Our local VFW Post 6797 will be out in the community today distributing buddy poppies and accepting donations. Wearing a red poppy on this holiday to honor those who died serving the nation during war began in 1915.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veteran's organization to distribute these small paper flowers. The VFW does not sell the poppies, but asks for a donation to help compensate disabled veterans who assemble the poppies. The organization also uses funds from poppy donations to provide financial assistance in maintaining State and National Veterans' Rehabilitation and Service programs and to partially support the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of Veterans.

"Wearing a buddy poppy tells the family members of a deceased veteran, a war veteran, a hospitalized veteran and even a veteran still serving in the military that you care," Hinkle concluded. "If you love your freedom, thank a Veteran."

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Fun...

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an "Art Festival" exhibit on the final day of camp, July 3. The festival will include hamburgers and hot dogs, activities and games for the whole family.

According to camp planners, this is the first of many camps planned by the Caprock Cultural Association and plans are also being made for after school art classes beginning in the fall.

Summer Rec will be offered again this summer. This free program, for children Kindergarten age through high school, is funded by Garza County, City of Post, and Post ISD. This will be the fourth year for Director Lori Rivera to oversee Summer Rec. The program is a long-time tradition in Post. "We now have leaders in the program who attended Summer Rec when they were kids," Rivera said.

Summer Rec runs June 1 through June 26; 8 a.m. to Noon Monday - Friday and meets at the Middle School gym. Activities include an on-going, age appropriate education program dealing with substance abuse; games in the gym; swimming; play at the City park and field trips to Lubbock for skating, Joyland and movies. There is a fee for the field trips. All participants are provided a free breakfast and lunch each day of the program.

One of the advantages of this program is that there is no commitment for the entire schedule. A child can come every day or a couple of days a week; attend the program one week and not the next - whatever is best for the family.

Another summer tradition in Post is the city swimming pool in the City Park. The pool is in "make ready" status and an opening date will be announced soon, according to city officials. Post also has a fenced skate board park at 8th Street and Avenue I that is always open and the City Park has basketball goals and playground equipment for supervised playtime.

Mad Dads will be open during the summer for older kids 5 - 10, Monday - Thursday, 7 - 11:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Because of the foresight and planning of community leaders and funding provided by several entities, including private donations, kids in Post have some good, safe choices for summertime fun.

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Wheat Variety Tour, 2 CEU's offered May 28

Area wheat producers are invited to a mini-field day from 10:30 a.m. through noon on May 28 said David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County.

Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist from Amarillo, will discuss key issues affecting the 2009 crop and new varieties. He will also lead a tour of more than 30 varieties in the field.

Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist from Amarillo, will discuss wheat insect management, as well as briefly explain field research he is conducting in the northern Panhandle.

"We are doing a 'cluster' wheat tour for producers in the area and feel this will give them a good snapshot of how varieties performed under this year's conditions," said Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agent for Moore County. "We invite producers from across the area to join us."

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Frische Brothers Fertilizer in Dumas, Premier Ag LLC of Dalhart and the Texas Wheat Producer's Board and Association, stated Graf.

Kody Bessent of the Texas Wheat Producer's Board and Association will provide an update on how wheat check-off dollars are being utilized to

benefit wheat producers.

Two continuing education units will be offered; one general and one in integrated pest management.

The test plots are located southwest of Dalhart. From U.S. Highway 385 south of Dalhart, take Highway 281 and go east approximately 4 miles toward Etter. The plots are west of the intersection of Highway 281 and County Road 38, on the north side of the road.

If possible, please RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Sherman County, 366-2081 or the AgriLife Extension office in Moore County, 935-2594.

Five Remarkable Ladies Who Served As Women Airforce Service Pilots During World War II

Since the first Memorial Day following the Civil War, Memorial Day has gradually changed from a solemn day recognizing the sacrifice of those who have given their lives to defend our country into a holiday marking the beginning of summer. But this Memorial Day we should all take time to remember and reflect on the original purpose of the day. As we remember the fallen, we can also draw inspiration from five remarkable ladies from our part of Texas who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II: Madelyn M. Eggleston from Vernon, Grace C. Fender from Amarillo, Marion S. Hodgson from Wichita Falls, Mary Alice Vandeventer from Lueders, and Florene Watson from Borger.

In the days leading-up to World War II, our country was divided between those who thought strict neutrality and our geographic isolation would keep us out of war and those who thought that we must prepare for an inevitable war against Fascism.

One of those preparedness programs was the Civilian Pilot Training Program or CPTP. The CPTP trained thousands of pilots, including around 2,500 women. In many CPTP programs women were allowed in at a ratio of one woman to ten men; however, Florene Miller Watson of Borger beat those odds and was serving as an instructor teaching men to fly at an Odessa, Texas airfield when World War II began on December 7, 1941.

Grace C. Fender from Amarillo received her pilot's license in 1939, an early graduate of the CPTP. She joined the WASP because "we were losing pilots so fast we were needed." "[Flying] is a good career for any woman," said Mrs. Fender. "We had a good time in bad circumstances... It [the WASP] was a wonderful group to be with..."

Marion S. Hodgson from Wichita Falls took her pilot's training through the CPTP while a student at the University of Georgia at Athens. "We got five credits for taking the program," and she received her pilot's license in 1941, the year of the Pearl Harbor attack. Mrs. Hodgson became a WASP because, "Our country was at war and there was a shortage of

pilots.... It is a wonderful feeling to serve your country. Don't be afraid to be patriotic."

Mary Alice Vandeventer from Lueders became interested in flying when her father took her up in an airplane. "When I was a freshman in college, a girl used to come into biology class and talk about the adventures of flying (in the civilian pilot training program)," she recalled. She joined the WASP program, serving at a gunnery school towing targets. "I did so little compared to what the fellas did," said Mrs. Vandeventer. "So many young people have done so much for this country, and we need to recognize them on this Memorial Day and be thankful for them."

Patriotism, a sense of adventure, a desire "to fly the big planes," - the motivations to join the WASP and serve their country were as diverse as the women themselves. One thing they have in common, however, is love of country and a uniquely American spirit that anything is possible. As Florene Watson put it, "Many people turned their noses up to a girl flying, but it never occurred to me that I couldn't fly that airplane."

On this Memorial Day - in a very different time and place - we again have Americans fighting and dying to protect our nation. We owe them and their families our deepest gratitude and respect.

And as Madelyn Eggleston, Grace Fender, Marion Hodgson, Mary Alice Vandeventer, and Florene Watson remind us, there are many ways to serve. As we honor those who have sacrificed their all, we should also take inspiration from the can-do spirit of these amazing ladies.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Over the weekend it did rain in spots. We only got about a half inch here at the gin. Charles Morris also got a half inch at his house. My dad's place at Graham which is actually 2 miles west of Graham got just over an inch. Most of the guys have started planting this week so keep that moisture we need in your daily prayers.

News

I got the sweetest birthday wish the other day, Edna Bilberry from Post called to wish me a Happy Birthday and tell me how much she enjoys reading "In and Around Close City." I had already left for

the day so when I got here on Monday morning it was on the answering machine. Thanks Edna, you helped to start my Monday morning off right!

David and Deana Watson along with daughter, Brandi and other friends traveled to Las Vegas last week for Kyle Gunn's graduation. Kyle was among 2700 graduates at UNLV, he was honored during the graduation ceremony for his commissioning as 2nd Lt into the US Army. Kyle took his oath and his parents pinned on his stripes. Kyle will be stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Congratulations to all of the regional track qualifiers. Gaby Gomez, who lives here in Close

City, advanced to finals and ran in that. Due to my deadline I won't be able to report the results of that race till next week. Great job Gaby!

Visitors

Lee Hubert of Lubbock Electric came down to do some work, some of Lee's family attended school here in Ragtown. David Sparlin came out for fuel and a cool drink. Charles Morris brought Rylan in Tuesday morning; he is Chuck and Kristi's little one.

Get Wells

I guess for the most part everyone is healthy, don't forget our "Ragtown" folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen

Abraham in Post. Jewel White in Lubbock. If I need to add anyone to this list, please let me know.

Keep our troops and the rain in your daily prayers.

Birthdays

I want to send out a belated happy birthday to my friend, Bessie Lee. Her birthday was May 6.

- May 24th - Kale Yarbro
- May 25th - Marsha Norman
- May 28th - Bodi Berley

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Weekly Inspirations

COME UNTO ME

By: Michael F. Taylor

In Copenhagen, Denmark, there stands a sculptured statue of Jesus Christ with His arms stretched out in compassion and love. Denmark's leading sculptor, Bertel Thorwalsen, by his own admission had an all-consuming desire to create the greatest statue of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that had ever been made. His original concept was a clay model of Jesus portrayed as a triumphant, hero king. The clay model had the head thrust back and the arms raised upward in a regal gesture of command and majesty. After exhaustively completing his clay model, Bertel Thorwalsen left his work of art to dry in the studio overnight believing that he had created the ultimate masterpiece. Unfortunately, during the night, a deep heavy fog and wind ushered in and crept through a partially open window in his sea-side studio. When he returned to his studio the following morning, he curiously found that the night had created a change to his craftsmanship. The head now was fallen forward and the hands no longer appeared triumphant, but were now outstretched in what appeared to be a gesture of love and compassion. The drops of moisture which had accumulated upon the statue took on the illusion of droplets of blood. The face, once appearing majestic and regal now was transformed and appeared to be full of compassion and concern. The outstretched arms now were inviting. And upon viewing the newly transformed figure, Thorwalsen was touched by change. The realization that this was in actuality the truer depiction of his Savior and Lord washed over his soul. Thorwalsen then decided he would create this provisionally inspired version and at the bottom of the statue inscribed these words, "Come unto me, all that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:33

I am so thankful today that my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is truly the final depiction that sculptor Bertel Thorwalsen chose to create that day. That He is a loving, caring and concerned Savior who I can come to in my times of anguish. In my times of being burdened by all the things of the world! In my distress of home, job, relationships, finances, and a hundred other woes and downtrodden feelings; if I will come unto Him, He will give me rest! My rest and my assurance of comfort and safety are contained in the sacrifice of a servant Savior on the cross of Calvary. And I rejoice in knowing that even though the world was looking for a conquering king at the arrival of Jesus Christ, God's plan (Salvation) could not have been accomplished without the shedding of the blood for the remission of sin. Jesus voluntarily submitted Himself as Servant and allowed the very sin of mankind to be taken upon His flesh. And He did so freely so that you and I may forever come unto Him and find rest in His love and His grace. God bless each of you this week and never forget that when you are heavy laden, COME UNTO HIM!

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago May 20, 1999

Member of the First United Methodist Church Covenant Ringers are Voda Beth Gradine, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Diane Windham, Marcie Oden, Delores Redman, Janice Plummer, Mary Edwards, Dana Babb, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Alexis Collier, Barbara Babb, Shal Sneed, Traci Stevens and Patty Kirkpatrick.

Garza Hospital District board of directors elected Mike Travis to serve as president during a regular monthly meeting. David Tyler was elected to continue serving as vice president and Zoe Kirkpatrick was chosen as secretary.

Jackie Reiter and Cindee Jackson were united in marriage May 5, 1999 in Jamaica. The couple will make their home at 502 W. Main in Post.

Post little dribbler third and fourth grade undefeated team were Sandra Ortiz, Steffi Norman, Keisha Odom, Laura Pedersen, Lori Jones, Rachel Gray and Kelci Sanderson. Coaching the team was Amber Eagle and Rhonda Norman.

Marcus Lopez, tying for third individually, won a one-hole playoff to capture the bronze medal at the State Golf Tournament in Austin.

20 Years Ago May 17, 1989

Thousands of fans at Memorial Stadium in Austin know about Post following the record-setting performance of four Post High School athletes. The foursome of Dana Morris, Sara Alexander,

Kim Wulfjen and Crystal Clay brought oohs and aahs from the spectators in the huge stadium as the PHS 1600-meter relay team stretched out a commanding lead over seven opponents, winning with a time of 3:51.9.

Traci Bush was named First Runner-Up Sweetheart at the Area II FFA convention in San Angelo. Janell Jones was elected as Area Vice President at the convention with responsibilities of secretary.

Angela Tobias, a sophomore at Post High School and the daughter of Carol and Frank Tobias, has qualified for an opportunity to attend the Texas academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas.

Each year the Garza County Extension Homemaker Clubs recognize an Extension Homemaker "Woman of the Year," and selected for that honor this year was Oneita Gunn.

30 Years Ago May 17, 1979

The Shoe Box held its grand opening, with manager Vela Wartes cutting the ribbon.

Joe Lofton, Greg Pollard and Lynn Simpson's entry of a stuffed bird, won first place in the high school division of the Post Science Fair.

Top students for 1979 at Southland High School are Katrina Chaffin, valedictorian and Elaine Buxkemper, salutatorian.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fluitt, Jr. will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a reception May 25, 1979 in the community room of the First National Bank.

Teenage boys' basketball gets underway this week with Lewis Holly as coach and Boog Holly as manager.

40 Years Ago May 16, 1969

Bobby Pierce, a resident of Post, was hired as city manager at a special meeting of the city council.

Post school trustees have authorized employment of Pat N. Walker, local attorney, to collect delinquent school taxes.

Fifty-cents per person gate admission will be charged at White River Lake, but taxpayers of the water district who aren't delinquent in payments will receive permanent gate passes.

Postmaster A. J. McAllister reports that first class letter mail will increase from six cents to seven cents beginning July 1.

Eight members of the 1969 Post Antelope track team, Pat Ayala, Jerry Crenshaw, Steve Colazo, Steve Newby, Larry Scrivner, Arthur Torres, Neff Walker and Randy Hudman, earned track letters Coach Reynolds announced.

50 Years Ago May 15, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Messer have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda, to Jimmy Peede, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peede.

Bids will be opened here this

week on a two-story brick educational building addition to the First Baptist Church at an estimated cost of about \$45,000.

One hundred pupils who will be starting to school for the first time next September and 95 parents, attended Pre-School Day activities held at the Post Grade School, according to Principal James West.

60 Years Ago May 19, 1949

Publicizing the Stampede in surrounding towns were Post's own "Melody Maids," LaRue Stephens, Nelda Floyd, El Wanda Davies, Mary Nell Bowen, Barbara Norris and Anita Kennedy who entertained with vocal and

dance numbers. While Sheriff E. M. Bass was drinking coffee in the Postex Cafe, adjoining the Postex Mills, bleached material for approximately 10 dozen sheets was stolen from the mill.

The Garza County Roping Club defeated the Kent County Club by 22.5 seconds in an early morning match. Roping for Garza County were Dub Gray, Lewis Nance, R. E. Josey, Floyd Lamond and Smokey Woods.

With pipe of all kinds available, with oil prices staying up; and with more and more companies watching local oil activities, there are rumors in oil circles that area drilling will reach the boom stage by the middle of summer.

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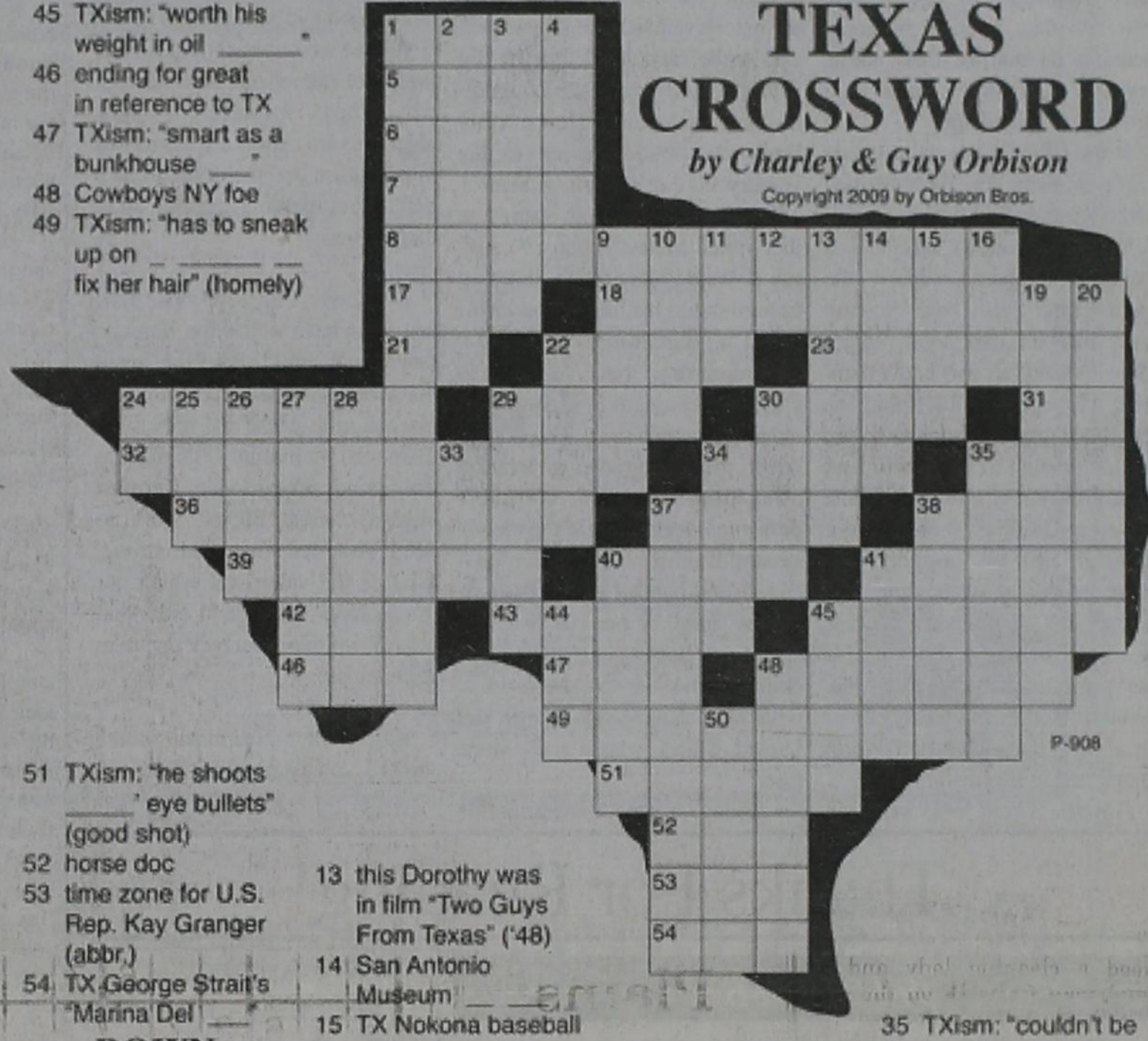
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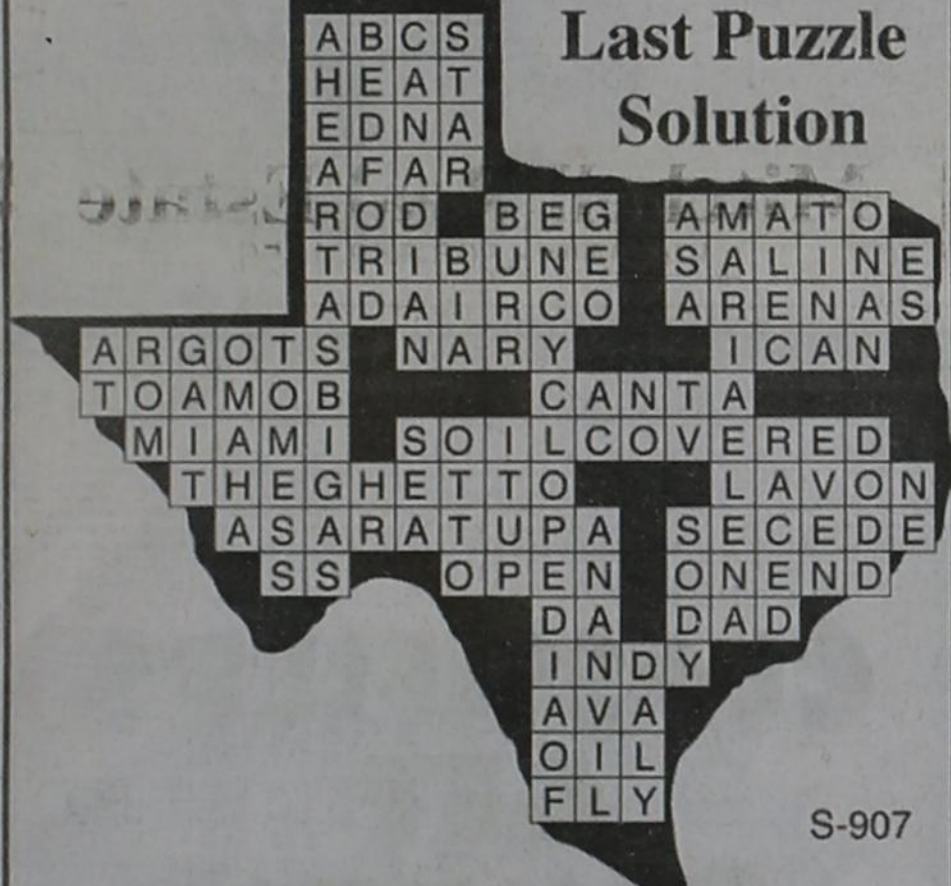
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18 TX "Mr. Sam" Samuel Rayburn
21 Darin of TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
22 Gomer _____
23 TXism: "run it by a _____" (finalize)
24 TXism for "hog"
29 tragic fate
30 TXism: "rough as a _____ cob"
31 "yes" so. of border
32 TXism: "if it was a snake it would _____"
34 gasp for breath
35 OJ's judge
36 1st TX aviation _____ passenger service: _____
37 _____ back riding
38 ill-advised absence from Fort Hood
39 Lipton Co. seat
40 a cowboy hat material
41 trap or drum
42 this George was in "Kramer" film with TX JoBeth Williams
43 TXism: "loose as a _____"
45 TXism: "worth his weight in oil"
46 ending for great in reference to TX
47 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse _____"
48 Cowboys NY foe
49 TXism: "has to sneak up on _____ fix her hair" (homely)
51 TXism: "he shoots _____ eye bullets" (good shot)
52 horse doc
53 time zone for U.S. Rep. Kay Granger (abbr.)
54 TX George Strait's "Marina Del _____"
55 _____

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1 Houston restaurant: _____ House"
2 TXism: "he'd be _____ in a battle of wits" (dumb)
3 Elm in Dallas
4 football center
9 TX Willie sang "What Was _____ Wanted"
10 serene
11 heavy beer
12 see 31-across
13 this Dorothy was in film "Two Guys From Texas" ('48)
14 San Antonio _____ Museum
15 TX Nokona baseball gloves are hand- _____
16 TXism: "_____ your hand at it"
19 makes new again
20 in '93, TX Ranger Palmeiro joined the Baltimore _____
22 TXism: "_____ as a church mouse"
24 TX epic "Giant" actor Rock (init.)
25 horse morsel
26 TXism: "don't cry _____ spilt milk"
27 TX golf hat & visor corp.
28 Los _____ TX
29 TX Luis Robledo had a part in film "A Lonely Place for _____"
30 TXism: "got the _____ before the horse"
33 an Asian language
34 Eastwood western: "_____ Rider"
35 TXism: "couldn't be happier unless _____ strike oil in my backyard"
37 TXism: "_____ laid eyes on"
38 picnic pest (2 wds.)
40 beer heads
41 to brand the hide
44 TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ holler"
45 Albany or Dublin high school mascot
48 TXism for "tough"
50 Lubbock Air Force base



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STEALING MONA LISA

Mona Lisa, or *La Joconde*, as she is known to the French, is more than the most famous painting of all time, she is also a national treasure. So on August 21, 1911 when Leonardo's da Vinci's masterpiece was stolen, art-napped, kidnapped from the Louvre, Paris and all the world were in an uproar.

It was a typical Monday morning at the art gallery. The Louvre was closed but the place was still busy with art students, cleaning crew, security and museum officials. At 7:30 a worker walked by Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*; when he passed by again at 8:30 she was gone. No biggie, probably just down for some in-house photography. All that day the four iron screws hung empty. No one noticed or was alarmed that the most famous smile in the world was missing. It wasn't until Tuesday authorities were notified and began to search the 49 acre art gallery for the priceless masterpiece.

How had the most valuable painting in the world disappeared in broad daylight? It would be over two years before the mystery was solved.

GONE!




It had all been pretty easy. After his shift on Sunday night, Vincenzo Perugia, a maintenance worker and Italian immigrant, did not exit the museum. Instead he quietly hid in a storage closet. Monday morning he slipped out of hiding, unhooked the 30 x 21 inch painting and hid it under his painter's smock. His only problem occurred on his way out when a door he planned to use was locked. While removing the door knob, a security guard happened by. No problem. The hapless guard lent him a screwdriver to pry open the now knob-less door! Once in a closed off stairway, the thief removed the 150 pound wood and glass frame. Then he simply walked out of the museum with the *Mona Lisa* tucked under his coat. Later, the authorities would find the only fingerprint left by Perugia on the discarded doorknob tossed into a nearby ditch. For over two years *Mona Lisa* lay wrapped in red silk hidden in a humble apartment. Until, the thief tried to sell the painting to an antique dealer for \$100,000. Eventually caught, the culprit was sentenced to two years, fifteen days in prison.

The Louvre Art Gallery - Paris, France

Except for a brief visit to the US in 1963, Russia and China in 1974 and a short stint in Napoleon's bedroom in 1800, The Louvre has been the permanent home of *Mona Lisa* since 1804. Today she resides behind bullet proof glass, in a seven million dollar room recently renovated just for viewing and her safety.

Newspapers around the globe picked up the story of the greatest art heist of all time. People flocked to the museum just to see the empty space where the painting once hung. As if mourning the dead, flowers were left at the site. Perugia later claimed he stole the painting to return it to its rightful owner, Italy. Although it may have been painted by an Italian, Leonardo himself sold the painting to the King of France for 4000 ecus. Most people believe the real reason Perugia stole the painting was simply greed.

The Louvre was once a castle converted in 1793 to a 49 acre art gallery.



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U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

The fabric of Texas' rich history is woven with legendary stories of sacrifice and remarkable acts of valor. From the battle of the Alamo, when Colonel William Barret Travis and his men stood their ground, declaring "no retreat, no surrender" and sacrificed all for the freedom of their nation — to the young men and women who are laying down their lives on foreign battlefields today — generation after generation, our state's men and women have exhibited the indomitable Texas spirit of service and patriotism.

Stretching back to the American Indian Wars, 70 Texans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroic service. And many of them died earning that distinction.

During World War II, a young B-24 pilot from Fort Worth named Horace Carswell was flying a single-craft mission to take out a convoy of Japanese ships in the South China Sea. After scoring direct hits on the target, Major Carswell's aircraft was badly damaged. Through skillful flying, he kept the staggering bomber in the air long enough to make it to land so his crew could safely parachute onto the Chinese shore. Major Carswell and his copilot were killed in the crash landing, but through his courageous actions, the rest of his crew survived. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and Carswell Air Force Base outside of Fort Worth was named in his honor.

Another Texan who made an

indelible mark on our nation's history is Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez, a daring and fearless soldier in Vietnam from Cuero. Sergeant Benavidez and his soldiers were ambushed on a secret mission in Cambodia, and despite suffering a broken jaw, sustaining 37 bullet wounds, and being stabbed with a bayonet, he exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire and carried gravely wounded soldiers in his arms to safety. He was so badly maimed that his commander nominated him for a Distinguished Service Cross award because the Army was afraid he wouldn't survive long enough for the extensive Medal of Honor process to be completed. But he did survive, and was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor. MSG Benavidez made service to his country his life's work. A bust of MSG Benavidez is on display at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where it serves as a tribute to his life and an inspiration to future leaders.

Preserving these legacies is critical, because, as President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Today, a new generation of

patriots is serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Like many before them, some are paying for our freedom with their lives. In the early days of the war in Iraq, a 23-year-old Texan named James Kiehl was killed when his convoy was ambushed near al Nasiriya. His remains were brought home to Comfort, Texas, and on the day of his funeral something remarkable happened. Hundreds of men, women, and children from across the community lined the streets to honor their hometown hero and show support for his family as the funeral procession wound its way through the small town. He was one of the first Texans to lay down his life in combat. To date, more than 400 Texans have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of today's military heroes have not yet made it into the pages of history. But they are already solidifying a legacy of valorous service. Unlike many of the wars that were fought in previous generations, none of the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan were drafted into service. Every single one of today's soldiers stood and volunteered to go. If you ask one of our troops or the family of one of our fallen heroes why they volunteered, their responses are almost always rooted in patriotism and the desire to be a part of something greater than themselves.

Every day, I think of those Texans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I think about the loved ones who miss them. It is fitting for our nation to pause and remember them on Memorial Day. But to truly honor their service, we must always cherish liberty, work to keep America free and strong, espouse the values for which our troops have fought and died, and pass down their memory to future generations.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

Russell Graves Outdoors

BEATING THE BACKLASH BLUES

When line tension is optimized for lure weight, all you need is an educated thumb

By Russell A. Graves

It's been called backlash, bird's nest, professional overrun and words too lurid to print. Despite the varied nomenclature, the result is always the same: a rank and tangled mess of monofilament, or worse, braided super line that clogs up your baitcasting reel and slows your fishing. If you're lucky, you'll be able to strip out the line and be back to fishing in a couple of minutes. If you lose the backlash lotto and get a bad case of the dreaded angling malady, your day may be over if you have to cut all of the line from your reel just to release it from the grip of the tangles. Take heed, though. Help is here for those who occasionally see the twisted tyrant rear its ugly head.

"Backlash is created when the speed of your spool is greater than the speed at which line is being pulled from the reel by the lure," explains Bill Liston of the Daiwa Corporation — the company that pioneered magnetic anti-backlash systems back in 1982. "Backlash is influenced by both gravity and wind which tends to slow your lure. Putting a slight amount of tension on the reel's spool helps keep the spool from turning too freely and spinning at too high a speed as the lure slows." Liston says that employing a reel that uses a magnetic anti-backlash system will cut down on the occurrence of backlash but won't necessarily eliminate it completely. In addition to the magnetic controls, he advises using a simple reel adjustment to help ease the occurrence of bird's nests.

"Virtually all reels have a spool tension adjustment on the side under the reel handle. Adjusting the tension is simple and will save you many hours of picking out backlash," Liston confides. With the line through the rod guides, tie on the lure you'll be using and hold the rod at shoulder height and parallel to the ground. Press the clutch button and let the weight of the lure pull line as it free-spools to the ground. If the lure hits the ground and the spool is still turning, the tension is too loose. Add tension to the spool by turning the tension knob clockwise. If the lure doesn't move or it stops before hitting the ground, the spool tension is too tight. Loosen it by turning the knob counterclockwise. Yes, the old saying, "righty tighty, lefty loosey" works with reels as well.

Ideally, when you press the clutch button, the lure should sink to the ground and as soon as it hits, the spool stops spinning. Of course the weight of the lure has a lot to do with proper tensioning of the spool. Therefore, each time you change lures, you should re-tension the reel accordingly. Mike Bonadonna, sales representative for the reel manufacturer Shimano, advises you to use the correct rod based on lure weight.

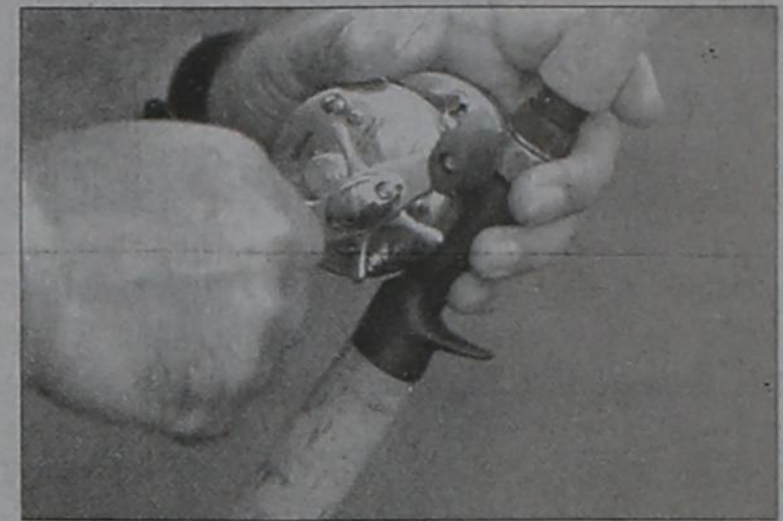
"A heavy lure, like a 1/2-ounce spinnerbait on a light to medium weight rod casts easier than a light lure on a heavy rod. When picking out a rod, think about what lure you have and your equipment. Use light action rods with light lures and medium to heavy action rods with heavier lures," emphasizes Bonadonna. He says that beginners should start their baitcasting experience by using a magnetic, backlash controlling reel.

"Magnetic reels affect the acceleration of the spool. Using a magnetic reel can actually help educate your thumb so you can get the feel for slowing the spool's speed manually," says Bonadonna. He explains that its best to set the magnetic backlash control at zero, adjust the tension of the spool and then dial just enough backlash control to help manage the spool's speed. Ideally, your thumb should control most of the spool's speed.

Bill Liston says controlling backlash is actually simple if you understand backlash basics. "The whole idea here is to stop your lure before something else like the water or a tree does. You want to slow the lure's flight by gently thumbing the spool as the lure nears your target, slowing its forward movement until it gently lands at the target. The key factor is that the spool stops at the same time or before the lure does."

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

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
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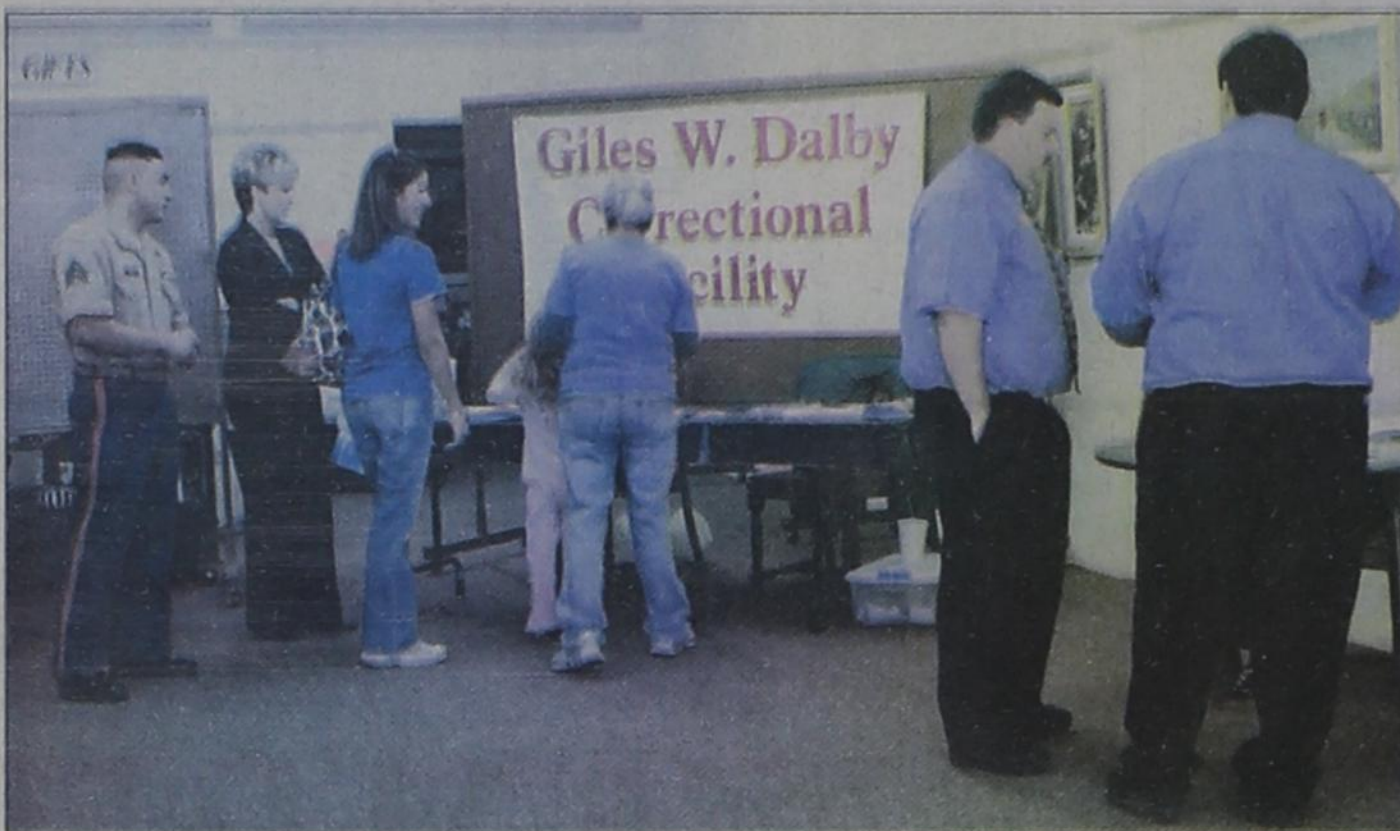
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The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility recently presented the non-profit day care organization, My Special Place, with a new sign. The sign was designed by John Powell, ACA Manager for MTC at the Dalby Unit. The MTC Maintenance staff at the Dalby Unit framed and installed the sign. Pictured from left are: (front row) MTC representatives Larry Bond, Randy Britton, John Powell; My Special Place students Cohen Allred and Hayden Neill; Director Kristen Webb holding Jordyn Dissinger who attends the day care facility and Dalby Unit Warden Kerry Dixon. (back) Hugh Bryan, Associate Warden at the Dalby Unit.

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AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission warns Unemployment Insurance claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for benefits through TWC is and always has been free.

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Rachel Gray Announces Decision to Play for LCU

Former Post basketball standout, Rachel Gray, announced her decision this week to continue her college career at Lubbock Christian University, joining a basketball team that recently enjoyed a record breaking season that included 27 victories.

Gray, who started every game for the South Plains College Lady

Texans this past season; averaged more than 30 minutes playing time per game and scored nearly 8 points per contest.

Explaining why she chose LCU, Rachel said, "It's a good school and close to home and I really liked the coaches. The campus is small just like here [South Plains] and it is what I was

looking for."

Two of Gray's teammates also made commitments to continue their basketball careers. McKinsie East will attend The University of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM and Lindsey Lawless is going to Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

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