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Criminal activity in Post squashed

Arrest made in shooting case

By Kent Mahoney
The Post Dispatch

POST — The Garza County Sheriffs' Department has release details concerning a shooting in late August of this year.

According to department reports, Casey Don Cureton, 19 of Post, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting of Melvin Wynne, 26, also of Post. The charge is a second-degree felony.

The incident took place on Aug. 30, 2014.

According to the court papers, Wynne was celebrating a family reunion and at some point during the evening entered Moose Knuckles bar, where he encountered a group of Hispanic males.

According to Wynne's statement, those males insulted his wife, Shawnda Wynne, 23. A small altercation ensued.

Wynne left the establishment and while driving away alleges that a pick up truck with the same people from the bar, attempted to ram his vehicle and then drive away.

Wynne said he followed the pick up to a house in the 300 block of N. Ave 1, where he confronted two men who go by the

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CURETON



COLLAZO

Theft suspect nabbed, jailed

By Kent Mahoney
The Post Dispatch

POST — A Post woman was arrested and charged with a felony drug possession charge and a misdemeanor theft charge last week.

Local authorities were called to the Higginbotham-Bartlett hardware store, located in the 100 block of South Broadway last week in response to a theft from the store.

A Garza County Sheriff's deputy was sent to the store shortly before noon on Nov. 11 after an employee witnessed a woman take a DeWalt Lith Imp Driver Kit, priced at \$199.99 and leave the store. She left the business in a 1999 Pontiac Grand AM, and the employee wrote down the license plate number.

According to the sheriff's records, the person in question was believed to be an employee of the Mesquite Apartments. While in route to the apartments, a sheriff's deputy spotted the car at the intersection of north Ave. K and west 10th Street.

Janette Rene Collazo, 46, was arrested after being stopped by the deputy. The DeWalt kit was in plain

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Icy conditions



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

Weather conditions went cold and icy Sunday as the Panhandle got a taste of Old Man Winter about six weeks early. This icy bush, located at the corner of Main Street and Ave. I in downtown Post was just one example of what was left behind. Post only received a dusting of wintry mix of sleet and some snow.

Perry's bill does little in handgun qualifying

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Newly elected Texas Senator Charles Perry filed a bill last week, calling for common sense legislation that reduces the minimum caliber of a handgun for the purpose of qualifying concealed handgun from .32 to .22.

"As a strong advocate for Second Amendment rights, I am always looking for ways to simplify handgun licensing and make access easier for all," said Senator Charles Perry. "This bill allows for individuals looking to carry a smaller caliber weapon the flexibility to practice and test on the weapon they will actually be carrying day-to-day."

However, local licensing instructor Dave Tyler says the qualifying is different that the actual practice and once licensed, citizens can carry whatever size gun they wish.

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Fatal accident in Southland

From Staff Reports

SOUTHLAND — A sudden change in the weather over the weekend may have been a contributing factor as several fatal accidents happened across the region.

One week ago on Friday, the intersection of US Highway 84 and Garza County Road 105 was the scene of a fatal accident.

According to Texas DPS, A 2004 Peterbilt Cotton Module truck was traveling southbound on CR 105. The driver Lupe Valdez Jr., 26 of Raymondville, TX failed to yield right of way to train.

The train traveling eastbound collided with the truck after attempting to stop. Valdez was ejected from his truck on impact. Valdez was pronounced deceased at scene. The conductor of the train, Shaine Carter, 41, of Lubbock, was not injured.

While patrols are increasing over the holiday season,

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Lopes, Eagles
return to
gridiron Friday

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Toys for Tots

The Post Lion's Club is conducting their annual Toys for Tots campaign. Registration forms are available at Post Elementary School. The deadline for the forms is Dec. 1. Students must meet qualifications of free or reduced lunch and reside or go to a school in Garza County, not all applications will be approved. Toy pickup will be held at First Baptist Church the week of Dec. 16-19.

Five Stone Fundraiser

The Five Stone Ministries is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Trailbazers senior Center. Brisket dinner plates will be available for \$8, along with a bake sale.

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Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Kent Mahoney at thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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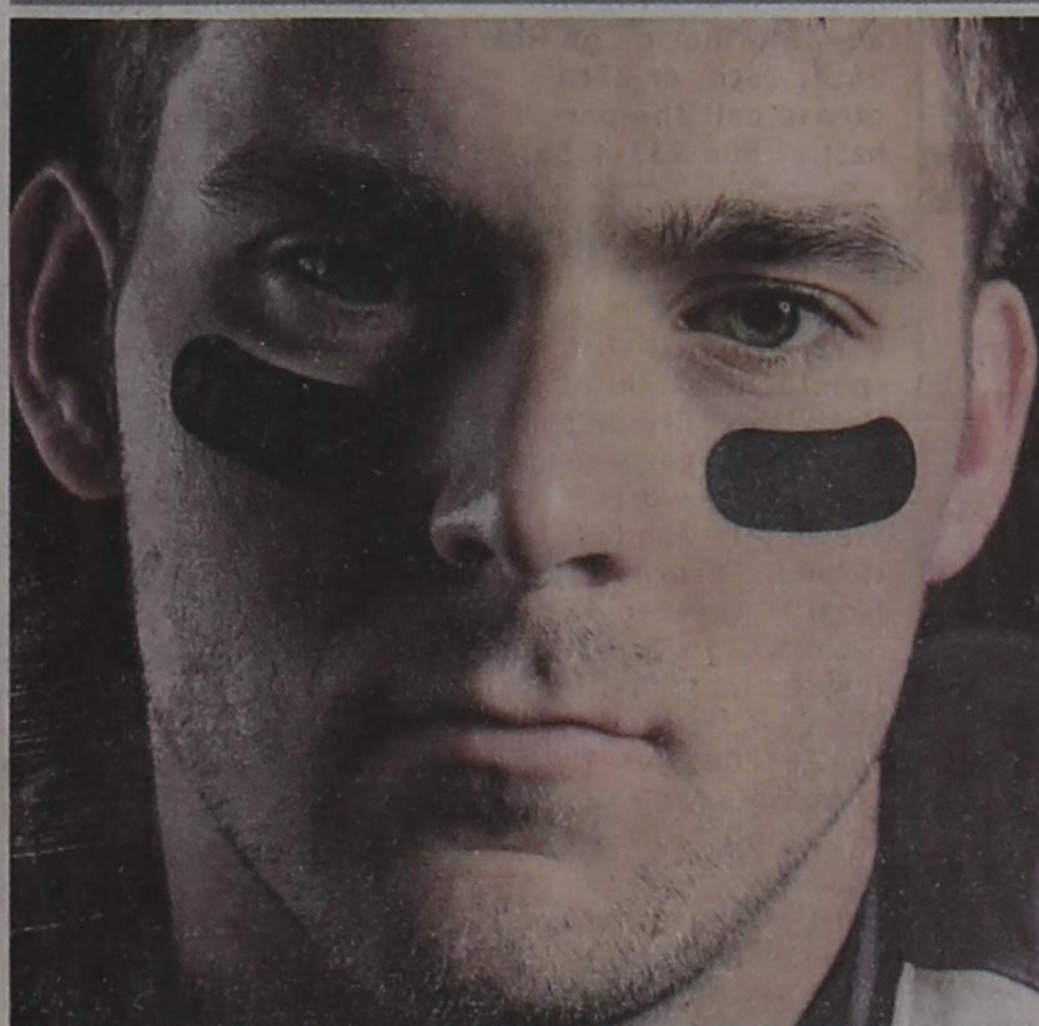


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Deaths

Diana Kay Byron

Chapel services for Diana Kay Byron, 69, of Post were held Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jack Maddox of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of

Hudman Funeral Home. She was born on July 18, 1945 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Earl and Jane (Biman) Bias. She grew up in Post and graduated from Post High School. Prior to her retirement she worked as a switchboard operator.

Survivors include her mother: Jane Bias of Post, one son: Greg Howell of Mesquite, one daughter: Carrie Howell of Plano and two grandchildren: Grady Howell and Grace Howell both of Mesquite.

The Paperboy

Population boom causing serious problems for roads

Have you been to Austin lately? If so, and you took I-35, you'll be able to envision the following.

I traveled on I-35 from Fort Worth to Austin this past weekend and it's become maddening. Downtown Fort Worth is a nightmare and from Waco to south of Austin is enough to need a massage and a bottle of whiskey when finally reaching your destination.

Austin's traffic is beyond bad. Regardless of time. The fastest growing city in the U.S., Austin's metropolitan population is now 2 million. An hour south is San Antonio, with a metro population of 2.4 million. Dallas-Fort Worth metro area is now 7 million. Between DFW and Austin on I-35 is another million people. Throw in Houston with a metropolitan population of over 6.5 million and the

numbers are staggering. Texas' population is now 27 million and is projected to explode to over 40 million in the next 20 years. Some 30 million are projected to live in the triangle area between Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. If those projections are accurate, Texas will have around 10 percent of the total U.S. population. Oklahoma is projected to grow to over 5 million in the same span, up from 3.8 million today. According to CNN-Money, Texas and Oklahoma have four of the top 10 fastest growing metro areas:

1. Austin
2. Houston
5. San Antonio
9. Oklahoma City

In cities of over 50,000, Texas has 10 of the 25 fastest growing cities in the U.S. The bottom line is there are 466 miles from Austin to Oklahoma City. No corridor in North America is going to see growth anywhere near what is taking place in that area.

Despite the passage of Proposition 1 in Texas, we are way behind what is needed to sustain the current population not to mention nearly doubling it in the next two decades. And with Texas as big as it is, there are other concerns regarding our highways out here as well. Wichita Falls, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa are all growing significantly. The traffic in Childress alone is topping 21,000 vehicles a day and growing.

TxDOT and ODOT are fantastic state agencies, but they can only do what they can afford. And by the looks of it, Texas already has tens of billions of dollars in need.

The Texas Legislature convenes in 2015 and the state's growing pains will consume the agenda. Water, traffic, infrastructure, etc... this will be a tough session when it comes to appropriating funds. Even after session, Texas will be left with the reality that whatever funds are appropriated for whatever projects, it will not be enough to keep up with growth.

Once upon a time, the state floated a super Texas highway - the Trans-Texas Corridor. The proposal failed, but the concept was strong and should be revisited.

At the center of the concept was partnership with public and private funds flowing into the project. That's going to be huge moving forwards along with toll roads.

I've never been a proponent of toll roads, but given the choice of driving in heavy traffic like I did this past weekend or paying a toll for more room to navigate, I'd gladly pay a toll.

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Menus

Trailblazers

Monday: Smothered steak, spinach, Beans, S'mores pudding and cornbread.
Tuesday: Salmon Patties, potato wedges, pea salad, cookie and roll.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake and roll.
Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving (closed)
Friday: Closed.

Post ISD

Closed for Holiday

Southland ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Eggs, Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday: Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday: Holiday
Thursday: Holiday
Friday: Holiday

Lunch

Monday: Pizza, California Blend, Garden Salad, Fruit, Cookie, Milk
Tuesday: Sack Lunch for Early Release
Wednesday: Holiday
Thursday: Holiday
Friday: Holiday

Take care of Texas tip

This week's tip: Don't let a clogged sink drain ruin your Thanksgiving

When preparing your Thanksgiving meal, limit fats, oil, and grease from going down your sink, which can lead to expensive sewer backups and plumbing emergencies. Customers could see rate increases to cover sewer maintenance and repairs if clogs restrict flow in the pipes. Prevention of these clogs helps protect water quality in nearby creeks and streams since oil and grease in the system can cause manholes

to overflow. Use strainers to catch food scraps and toss them in the trash or compost bin, instead of the sink. Recycle cooking oil where possible--just strain, store and use again. Collect cooking grease in a sealable, disposable container and place it in the trash. To learn more, visit the Fats, Oils, and Grease disposal page on the TCEQ website. For more tips to keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste, visit TakeCareOfTexas.org.

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Trailblazers Fundraiser

The Trailblazers are hosting a fundraiser for \$100 United Super gift cards. Tickets are \$1 each and five winners will be drawn today and another five will be drawn on Dec. 19. Both drawings will be held at noon during lunch. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from any Trailblazers' board member.

Thanksgiving Festival

The St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Pep, Texas will host their 69th annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 2014 at St. Philip Neri Hall. The self-serve dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost for adult plates will be \$10 and \$5 for children under 6. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. at a cost of \$10. For any information on Nov 25th, 26th, or 27th please call the parish hall at 806-933-4355.

The Greatest Gift

The OS Museum invites you to view "The Greatest Gift" A spectacular exhibit of Nativities, Creches and ornaments gathered around the world. Viewing is Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. (closed major holidays) 201 East Main and Ave. I (806) 495-3570 upstairs-handicap accessible

Benefit account
A benefit fund has been set up for the

children of LaThonia Wiley. Wiley and Norris Children at Wells Fargo Bank in Post. The account number is 3711923742 and will help these minor children pay for funeral and other expenses related to their mother's death. Donations are accepted at any Wells Fargo nationwide.

Post Little League

Post Little League is accepting Self Nominations for new Board Members. Interested parties must complete an application and pass a background check. Nominations must be submitted by Oct. 29. Call Domingo Soto at 806-407-8925 for more information.

Gifted and talented program

Post ISD student may be nominated for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program no later than March 13, 2015. Teachers, counselors, parents or guardians may make nominations. If you would like to nominate a child for the Post GT program please contact your child's school.

Railroad Crossing

Will you help our community and the traveling public and call BNSF Railway at 1-800-832-5452 to register a concern about the condition of the railroad crossing at US 380. Your call matters and will help get this dangerous crossing repaired.

Benevolence fund

Dusty and Renee Clary have a Benevolence Fund set up at Centennial Bank. For more information contact Marie Odom 806-495-4757.

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CHINA WOK

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From now through Dec. 31st

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- When purchased over 30, get a FREE 2liter soft drink.
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The 501 Is your water fluffy?

When I was a child, the only faucet in the house that mixed hot and cold water was the one in the kitchen sink. It was a big sink, vintage 1939. Mother kept the white enamel clean with Babbo. We digress.

Back to faucets, then to aerators. During World War II, kitchen sink faucet innovations and the like had to take a backseat to matters of war. A Bill Mauldin cartoon showed a soldier shaving from his upside-down helmet with hot water streaming handily from the radiator of a jeep -- inventive but hardly applicable to the average American house-

hold (although it sounds like something that would work here on the farm with our little tractor). The war engendered invention in various arenas. But faucets, along with a lot of other ordinary stuff, cars included, essentially went into dormancy design-wise during the 1940s. War-driven needs occupied American industries.

Then along came peacetime and a nationwide house-building boom. In America's kitchens, faucet aerators and garbage disposals suddenly became de rigueur. That's how I remember it, not that our family acquired either at the time. Mother didn't even ask for a garbage disposal, but she wanted an aerator on that kitchen faucet. I know she did. She finally got one circa 1965. Good things come to those who wait.

Why do we prefer aerated water? It just feels better when it hits your hands -- softer, as it were. Fluffy.

But that reason isn't even on the Wikipedia list. Officially, here's what

aerators do:

They prevent splashing, shape the water stream coming from the faucet spout, conserve water and reduce energy costs and faucet noise. Wow.

What's more, if you don't have much water pressure, you can add an aerator and you'll think the pressure is better than it really is. Double wow.

Hmmmm.

Unless things have improved in Havana, somebody should smuggle in some aerators. We took a trip there in 1956 or so, and that's one thing I remember clearly. Low water pressure.

If the water pressure has since improved, hats off to communism.

Back to aerators. They're apparently made for today's sediment-free municipal water. If your aerator never clogs, you don't know what you're missing. I'll tell you.

A clogged aerator underlines the truth of how we don't miss the water till the well runs dry. It's how aerators draw attention to themselves. Given a chance, they stop up. No water. No kidding.

The easiest thing to do is to replace the clogged aerator.

A respectable aerator costs twice as much as a cheap pea trap (another story; we won't go there).

Good news for stingy people:

Aerators can be cleaned. Sand washes out. Vinegar obliterates gypsum.

Warning:

If you choose to clean an aerator rather than replace it, think carburetor. Lotsa parts. I exaggerate, but I'm still trying to get mine back together -- all 11 pieces. Seriously.

Conclusion:

Stinginess comes with a price.

If I had a working aerator, maybe I could add some fluff to that thought. I don't.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Legends

REMEMBERING POLLY

Part two of remembering little Polly O'Neal continues. For those who didn't catch last week's Legends, Lela Paulyne "Polly" O'Neal was stricken by polio at just



LINDA PUCKETT

two and a half years old in 1951. As I look at her photograph shown here, I just see a little angel, standing there so sweet as she contributes here savings to the March of Dimes. With her is Walter Crider, Garza County Chairman of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

When Polly was six years old, she was chosen to make a movie short in Hollywood with movie actress Greer Garson, to be used in connection with an annual movie theater fund drive to benefit the Texas Foundation for Crippled Children.

Polly's mother received a telegram asking her to call the office manager of the foundation at Gonzales. In the telephone conversation she learned that her daughter Polly had been singled out from a group of young polio patients who were at Gonzales that summer.

"Naturally we were thrilled over Polly being chosen for this honor," Mrs. O'Neal said. "It's something you read and hear about happening to other people, but which you never dream of happening to you."

In preparation for the trip, Evelyn's Beauty Shop has given Mrs. O'Neal a permanent and has received a "Shirley Lee" dress from Maxine's Shop through the courtesy of Maurie Tenzer, salesman from the dress line. From Dunlap's, Polly received three "Kate Greenway" dresses through the courtesy of the manufacturer.

The departure for Polly and Mrs. O'Neal was delayed for a week, as was the shooting schedule due to an illness by Miss Greer Garson who had undergone an appendectomy.

The Post Dispatch dated Thursday,



November 25, 1954 reported the following:

HOLLYWOOD BOUND

Paulyne (Polly) O'Neal, six-year-old Post girl, waves goodbye as she prepares to leave by automobile Friday for El Paso, her first stop en route to Hollywood to make a movie short with actress Greer Garson for the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation's annual theater fund drive. Standing by Polly is her mother, Mrs. Oscar O'Neal, who accompanied her to Hollywood. The child's father and two brothers, Charles and Danny, in the automobile accompanied Mrs. O'Neal and Polly to El Paso, where the two boarded a plane for the film capital. Work on the movie short was scheduled to commence Tuesday.

A Western Union telegram came for Mr. O'Neal stating this message.

WE SHOT THE PICTURE TODAY POLLY WAS A WONDERFUL ACTOR AND HAS BEEN A PERFECT LITTLE LADY. EVERYONE HERE IS VERY PROUD OF HER. AS SOON AS WE SEE THE FILM THEY WILL BE ON THEIR WAY HOME. POLLY WAS THE STAR OF THE PICTURE REGARDS.

LYNN SMITH SR.

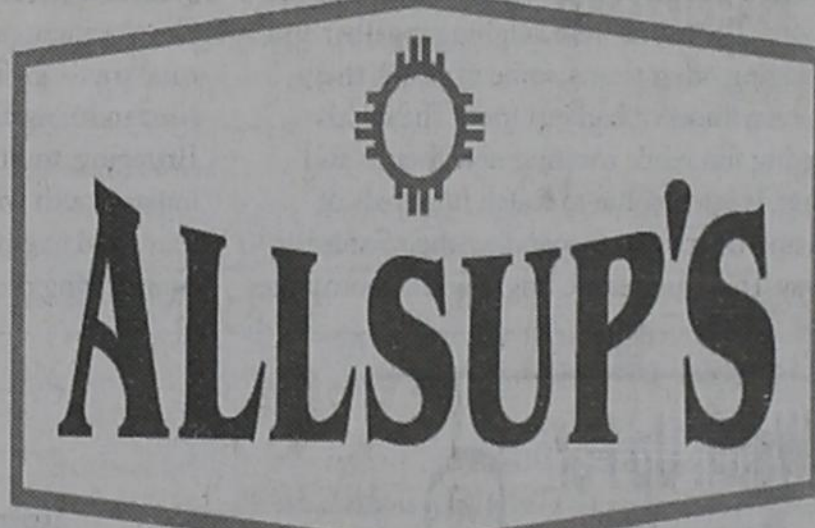
Part three of Remembering Polly continues next week. Have a great Thanksgiving everyone!

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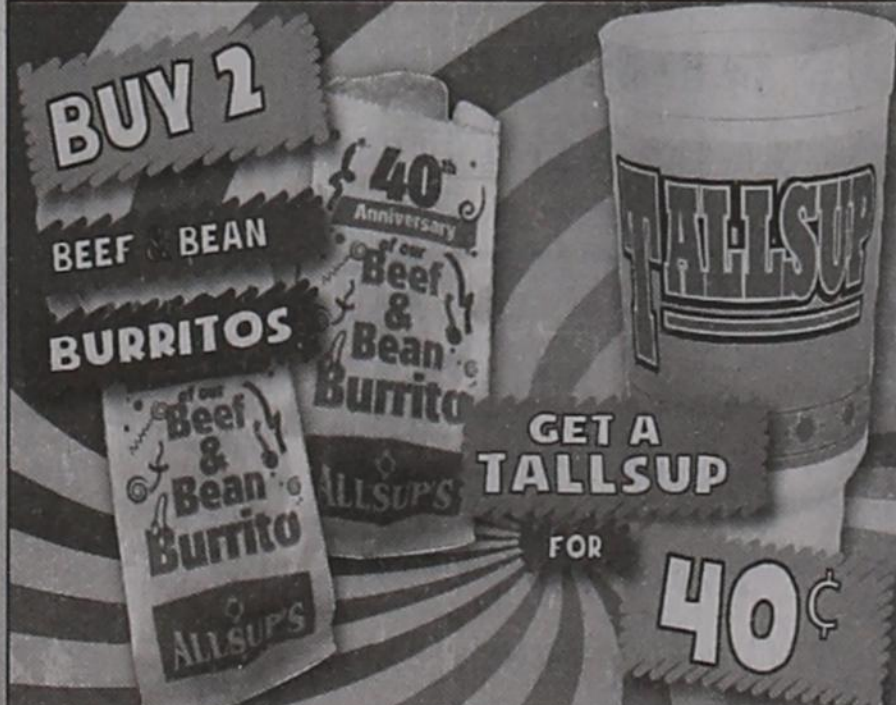


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Out and About in Close City

BY Nancy Morris

Mr. Parrish's store, an old-fashioned general store, was an important part of our community and an integral part of the school days. Kids like to hang around the candy counter, drooling over the display of candy bars. From time to time, Mr. Parrish would have special things that tickled the kids fancy. Once he had taffy candy, soft and in the shape of a donut which had a playing marble in the center. One year for Easter, he brought in chocolate bunnies, the size of a real bunny. Mr. Parrish had all the necessary school supplies in his store. Pencils were a nickel and cedar pencils were a penny. Big Chief Tablets were a nickel and crayons were fifteen cents. He had jars of paste, erasers, pens and ink, notebook paper with ring binders.

In cold weather, there would be a bushel basket full of red apples, sitting on the floor and sometimes there were oranges. There was a stalk of bananas

hanging by a rope from the ceiling. When someone wanted a banana, Mr. Parrish took a knife and cut it off the stalk. Fruit was sold for a nickel, by the piece, dozen, or half dozen. He kept a supply of food. He always had bakery bread, crackers, and boxes of assorted cookies.

There was a Magnolia Gasoline Company pump in front of the store, an air hose, a barrel with water, and a bucket with a pouring spout. The bucket was there in case the radiator in your car needed water. Gas was twelve cents a gallon. He also had oil and tires. At the back of the store, he kept certain hardware items a farmer might need until he could get to a bigger store in town. A coal stove sat in the middle of the store. A lot of men spent many an hour around that stove, swapping stories or telling jokes. The store was a sociable and pleasant place. Mr. Parrish was always kind and patient with the school children. He was often called Uncle Tom Parrish. It was a title of respect and affection commonly used in the 1920s.

Nancy's Notions Training our leaders

As I reflect on the past week with some really awesome youth, I realize again how important positive youth development is as well as positive role models are to our future leaders. I spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with some pretty outstanding youth who say yes ma'am or no thank you, let girls go first and open the door for others.



NANCY MCDONALD

Saturday morning was our annual District Food Show in Levelland. We had two girls representing Garza County, Tori Huckaby and Addee Williams and they did an outstanding job in the two most competitive categories of the day. They prepared a recipe, evaluated the nutritional value of each ingredient, talked about food safety of food project experiences. Public speaking is not always easy but it is so important in today's youth development.

Saturday afternoon is the District Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest where they buzz in to answer questions. The teams were laughing together and encouraging other teams, some of which they didn't even know or had just met. These kids are having fun while meeting new friends and learning. It is awesome to watch hundreds of youth and their parents spending their Saturdays this way. Their futures are bright and opportunities

are abundant.

Sunday afternoon, Paige Huckaby and I took 4-H members to the Corn Maze. I warned them that I was directionally challenged but I didn't even make the first turn correctly. So I acted like I was watching out for the kids and slid to the back of the group. In all honesty, it was so I didn't get lost or have to make any decisions concerning the maze!

Monday night I went with Maggie Guthrie's 3rd grade class to cook at the Ronald McDonald House. Those young people helped unload the groceries, held the door for everyone to get in, divided into groups and went straight to work. They knew why they were there and represented Brynne's Smiles very well.

For three full days I was fortunate to support the development of our youth in Garza County. I observed positive parenting at its best. And tomorrow, Janece Williams starts our Consumer Education Project with teaches youth life skills during a fun, learning project.

The 4-H Youth Development movement has accumulated a wealth of practical experience related to supporting and developing young people in rural areas. That is why 4-H's Rural Youth Development programs continue to empower rural youth, giving them the skills and tools they need to strengthen and sustain their communities. Engaging Youth, Serving Community aims to impart youth with the life skills and experience they need to emerge as effective leaders and contributing members of society.

The Idle American Shirts on his back

Now the story can be told. If necessity is the mother of invention, surely resourcefulness is a first cousin. Sometimes it cuts off anxiety—and other “downers”—at the pass.

A mom well down life's highway decided to “come clean” on how she's avoided both “wash day blues” and “ironing day blues.” A system she implemented long ago—well before housewives were rescued by “wash and wear” clothing—saved her countless hours in the laundry room.



DON NEWBURY

She had no aching back, and she got her hubby's white shirts washed and ironed for nothing—actually at a small profit—when the IRS tax savings were rolled in....

This woman—in marital harness longer than most horses—has seen the snows of many winters and has dealt with a ton of household chores that seem to multiply—all this since Hector was but a wee pup.

Drat it all, she winces, life might have been different if her hubby hadn't been a professional—the kind calling for fresh white shirts each day. Until she discovered “the system,” she wilted, surrendering to debilitating smothering spells at the prospect of draconian washday chores, followed by grueling hours at the ironing board.

Readers may assume I'm writing about my Uncle Mort's long-suffering wife Maude. But wait. Mort, now 102, has never been an executive, and he wears white shirts only to funerals of next of kin. You'd be right, though, in guessing the ingenious woman was made from the same mold, the one said to have been broken BEFORE Mort was born....

Okay, so you want to know “the system.” She studied the “ins and outs” of Goodwill in considerable detail. Let's call her “Mrs. Skipwork,” whose creative juices flowed like water rushing down mountains when spring sunshine claimed rivers from deep drifts of snow.

Each Friday morning, she dropped off five soiled white shirts at Goodwill, aware they'd be washed by midday, ironed before closing time and on the sales rack the first thing Monday morning.

She got a \$2.50 tax credit for each shirt “donated,” then showed up early on Mondays to buy back the shirts for 50

cents each.

“It worked for decades,” Mrs. Skipwork said, claiming the system freed her up for other more interesting ventures....

The “ventures” reference pretty much nails down her being blood kin of my Uncle Mort. His ventures, though, morph quickly into escapades.

He called the other day, eager to tell me about his “double-feature dream.”

“There were two distinctively different dreams,” he claimed....

Thanksgiving thoughts may have caused the first one. “I dreamed the White House ended the tradition of sparing a turkey,” he related. “They decided—maybe in hopes of salvaging turkey votes—to spare all turkeys this year.”

If my eyes had been turned loose in a pinball machine, they could not have rolled more.

He then detailed the “second feature”—the one he thinks perhaps was a vision—concerning handshakes....

With flu season at hand and Ebola scares still dominating many conversations, Mort recalled dreamland signs on every post promoting fist bumps over handshakes.

“I'm against bumping,” he fumed. “Next thing we know, the younger set will add grinding.” He contended that one can tell quite a bit about a man by his handshake—a custom usually in tandem with lookin' the other guy straight in the eye. He said handshakes used to be as good as contracts, and that “fist-bumping may have its place in the next century, but not in this one.”

He dreamed that he took it upon himself to hop on his golf cart, replacing all the fist-bumping promotions in his part of the thicket. His signs, splashed in bold, black letters on discarded shingles, read: “Shake Hands Anyway.”...

Mort said that life goes on, with most folks already bogged down with worries.

Awash in rants, he defended “good germs,” muttering, “They've got to get around, too.” He moaned about the world being engulfed by far too much information.

If you see Uncle Mort at the general store, he'll be glad to share dreams with you. And if a point of agreement comes up, why not shake on it? It's the American way....

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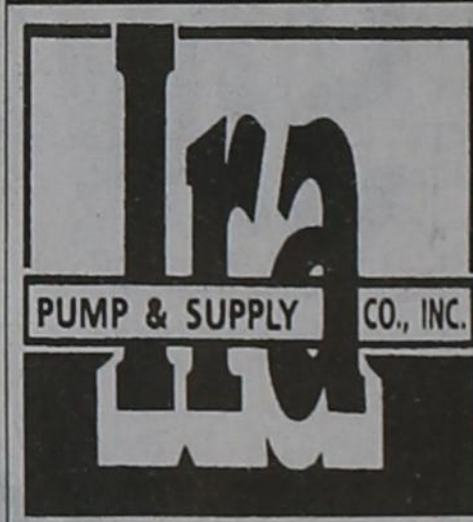
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Boys at Slaton
Nov. 24 5 and 6 p.m.

Southland HS. Varsity Football
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At Lockney
Friday 7:30 p.m.

Basketball
Girls At Wilson
Cotton Classic
Wilson Tourney
Nov. 20-22

SJHS
Vs Ropes
Nov. 24, 6 p.m.

SCORES

Basketball
Girls Varsity
Anton 58, Post 52
Denver City 74, Snyder 47

Southland 55, Loop 33
Idalou 46, Cooper 45
Abernathy 70, Roosevelt 62

Boys Varsity
Cooper 53, Idalou 47
O'Donnell 66, Plins 40
Ropes 75, Cotton Ctr. 29

White Face 55, New Home 52 OT

Tips for mule deer hunters

Hunters taking mule deer and elk inside the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Containment Zone during the 2014 general mule deer hunting season, Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, are required to submit their harvest (unfrozen head) for sampling at a check station within 24 hours of take.

Hunters in the Containment Zone and High Risk Zone are asked to quarter deer in the field and leave all but the quarters, backstraps, and head at the site of harvest if they are unable to bury the inedible carcass parts as deep as possible on the ranch or take them to a landfill.

Mandatory check stations will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 28 - Dec. 15. Stations will be located in Comudas at May's Café (on US 62-180) and in Van Horn at the Van Horn Convention Center (1801 West Broadway).

Voluntary check stations will be established at the following locations during the first three weekends of the general season, Saturday through Monday (Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, Dec. 6 - 8, and Dec. 13 - 15), from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday.

For more information on CWD, please visit TPWD's website at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/cwd> or at the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance website, <http://www.cwd-info.org>.

More playoff action Friday night

Lopes return to Mustang Bowl for round two

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — There really is only one way to beat a 300-pound gorilla. You jump on him quick, take him down and don't let him back up.

Cisco is Post's 300-pound gorilla.

The Lobos are defending state champs, ranked number one this season and haven't lost a game. They have had a couple of close games and they have blown the rest of the competition out of the water.

Post on the other hand, has been on both side of the win-lose scenario. All physical abilities aside, this game may boil down to who wants it more.

Looking Cisco, they have three weapons and they are the basic ones - quarterback, running back and receiver.

Taylor Massey (Jr. 6-2, 160#) is 55 for 91 on the season passing with 1,218 yards and 18 touchdowns and six interceptions. But he hasn't thrown one in the last six games. He has 554 yard rushing and 10 touchdowns, but hasn't scored

a rushing TD in the last two games. He has one 100-yard game, but that was back on the third week of the season - 114 yards against Comanche.

Henrietta seemed to corral his running abilities with -2 yards on 14 rushes, but he picked them apart on passing hitting 10 of 13 for 230 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Landen Lewis (Sr. 5-11, 185#) is responsible for 1,498 yards of rushing on 130 carries on the season and 20 TD's. He has six 100+ yard games, including two 200-yarders. His longest carry is 71 yards. He has scored multiple TD's in seven games.

Henrietta held him to less than 100 yards, barely, on 20 rushes, but he still scored twice in a 23-12 Cisco victory. Lewis also has 162 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

Kotie Hoover (Sr. 6-0, 175#) is the leading receiver on the team with 33 catches for 642 yards and 12 touchdowns. His longest is 70 yards. He has two 100+ yards games and has scored in all but three games. Playing d-back, Hoover has 45



Christina Pevey/Courtesy Photo
This is the side of Cambry Gilbert (25) most defenses see during the game when the running back goes headed down field. Gilbert had a monster game last week with four scores and 159 yards rushing.

tackles, 27 of them solo, and seven interceptions. He will occasionally field a punt and has three returns for 151 yards. He also has 120 yards rushing.

Massey has used a total of seven receivers, so he spreads the ball around. Four of those seven have scored TD's.

Cisco, by the numbers, has only had two worthy opponents, Wall (33-27) on the second week of the season and Henrietta (23-12) in district play.

The balance of their schedule has been blowouts, including against then-seventh-ranked Eastland, who they defeated 50-14.

Cisco is a 300-pound gorilla and Post should treat them as such.

For Post, they almost have two 1,000-yard rushers on the season. AJ Reed is at 1,029 yards on 96 carries.

Cambry Gilbert, last week's co-player of the game, has 925

yards over 10 games. Do the math; that works out to just 7.5 yards per game short of hitting the 1,000-yard mark. Both have 10 rushing touchdowns this season.

Shandon Wiley and Dylan Pearson got into the scoring act last week with receiving touchdowns. And the passing game is showing some signs of being effective when needed, but not a necessity.

Eagles take on Groom in regional round

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

SOUTHLAND — The Eagles have ripped off nine wins in a row en route regional round play off game Friday night against Groom in Lockney. Kickoff is at 7:30.

On paper, these two teams are about as even as they get.

Groom is one game better in the overall record at 10-1, but Southland is on a roll that people in Eagle Country haven't seen in a very long time.

Southland won its first bi-district game since the mid-1990's and have steamrolled their opponents.

Where Groom is strong out of the box averaging 22 points starting games, Southland is better in the first and fourth quarters averaging 24 points combined. By the end of the game, though there is only a .4-point difference between the two at 50.1 for Groom and 49.7 for Southland.

Both teams have had their share of mercy rule games, Southland has had six 45-point mercy rule wins with five shutouts.

Groom has had eight mercy rule games and three shutouts. They were defeated by Valley 52-32 and barely escaped Follett 33-32.

Both teams have scored over 500 points on the season, however Groom has been a little stingier on giving up points at just over 100. Southland has given up 242.

There are no common opponents between the two teams.

Individual stats were not available from Groom.

See **EAGLES**, Page 8

Southland girls travel to Wilson Cotton Classic

From Staff Reports

SOUTHLAND — The Lady Eagle basketball team will be competing this week in the Wilson Cotton Classic 2014 in a round robin style tournament.

Southland will begin on Thursday morning with a 10:30 game against Dawson, followed by a 4 pm. game against host team Wilson.

They have another morning game against O'Donnell at 10:30 on Friday, followed by two after noon games against Loop (1:30) and Christ the King (4:30).

"Our boys are not competing this year as they are still involved in football," said SISD Superintendent Toby Miller.

In addition to the teams already listed, Sands JV, Patton Springs and Klondike will be represented at the three-day event.



Mark Meurer/Courtesy photo
Southland's defense of Israel (7), Ethan Self (44) and Zachary Vizcaino are set to corral the Lazbuddie offense. The Eagles travel to Lockney tonight for a regional playoff game against Groom.

Lady Lopes lose in OT

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — The Lady Lopes lost a heartbreaker Tuesday night in the home opener with a 58-52 loss in OT to Anton.

If there is good news in that loss it would be the double-double performance of sophomore center Brooklyn Courtney who led the team with 22 point, 20 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Post had Anton on the ropes early with a 10-point lead late in the first half 28-18 with just under two minutes left.

But Anton stormed back with a trey by Courtnei Parker, and a bucket and two free throws by Mariah Jiminez. Alani Juarez added a layup and Post was leading by one with just under a minute left.

"It's all above the eyebrows," said coach Shelli Crow. "We just need to finish mentally."

The second half was all nip and tuck. Post went up 35-29 with a three-point play by Callie Odom the old fashion way. She drove the lane, hit the bucket and was fouled. She hit the free throw for the six-point lead. Odom had 11 points, including a first half trey.

Post led 39-38 at the end of the third, but Anton tied the score by the end of the game. The lead changed hands four times in that quarter alone.

Trailing by two with 2:05 left on the clock, Lauren Record was fouled by Jiminez and Post in the bonus-shooting situation. Record calming stepped up and hit both ends of the 1+1 attempts.

Anton tried their hand at a couple of failed treys with 35 seconds left in regulation.

The overtime was all Anton, especially two Post players fouled out, leaving a very young varsity squad on the floor.

"We just need to know how to finish mentally," Crow said. "We're like robots and we panic."

Post had 21 turnovers, passing the ball at times to spots on the floor either before or after a teammate had been in that space.

Post, 0-3 on the season travels to Tahoka on Saturday for afternoon games, because of the football playoffs Friday night.

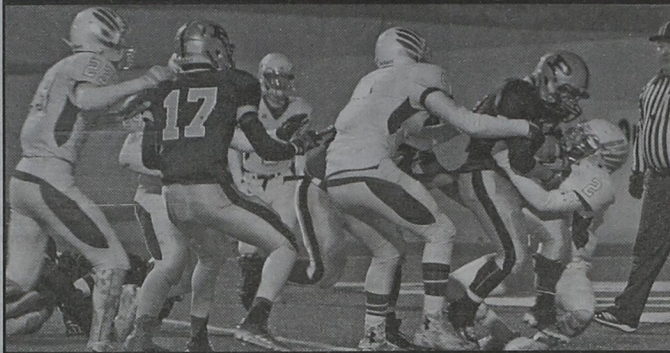


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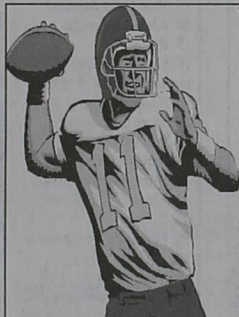


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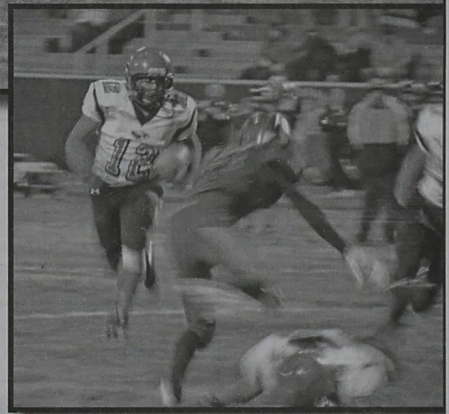
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Buffalo (or American Bison) used to roam all over the Great Plains in huge herds. Some accounts say that herds could be over a million animals and stretched out on the plains for twenty miles. I have a hard time seeing that in my mind.

As everybody knows they almost became extinct about a 100 years ago when hunters killed them off for their thick woolly coats.



However, many smart people saw what was happening and they preserved the buffalo.

Now they live in smaller herds in wildlife refuges, state and national parks, or on personal land.

The Comanches and many other Plains Indian tribes followed the buffalo and hunted them. The buffalo was their Wal-mart providing food, clothing, and tools.

I've seen buffalo a time or two and I never get tired of watching them in the wild. I am sure glad they survived.

EAGLES

From Page 5

Groom is far and away removed from a lot of competition being in the northern part of the panhandle.

Against Lazbuddie last week, Southland got TD's out of Zachary Vizcaino, who had 5 scores on the ground and 211 yards. Kevin Dorman ran for two scores and Demaria Fisher passed for a score when he found Ethan Self for a 20-yard score. Fisher hit four of eight PAT's on the night.

Defensively, Self had a good night with eight total tackles, four of which were solos and he had an interception.

Zaron Garza also had eight total tackles and Fisher came in with six. Dorman and Vizcaino had five and four respectively.

Christian Sanchez was not pressed into service, as apparently the rest of the team had a handle on the situation.

He and Vizcaino are neck and neck in stats. Vizcaino has 28 TD to Sanchez's 27 and leads in

total carries (127) and yards (1,316).

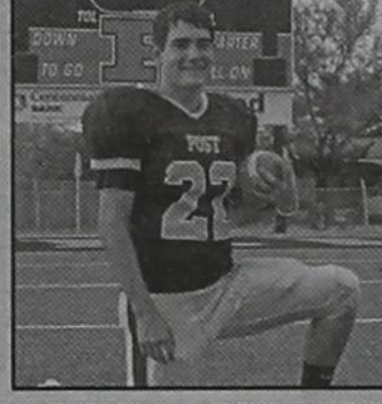
In other regional action last week, Groom defeated Lefors 55-0, Follett defeated McLean 46-0 and Whitharral defeated Kress 46-34.

Should Whitharral defeat Follett and Southland get by Groom, it would set up a quarterfinals match up against the district foes.

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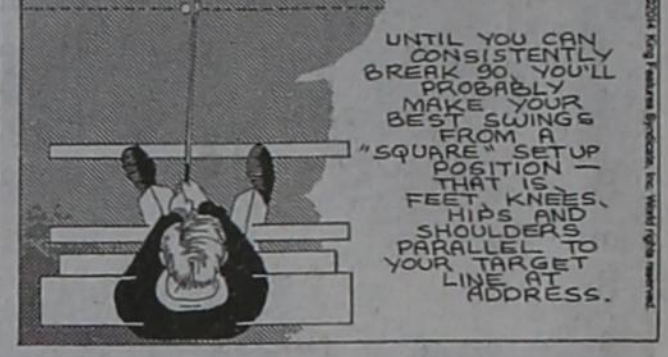
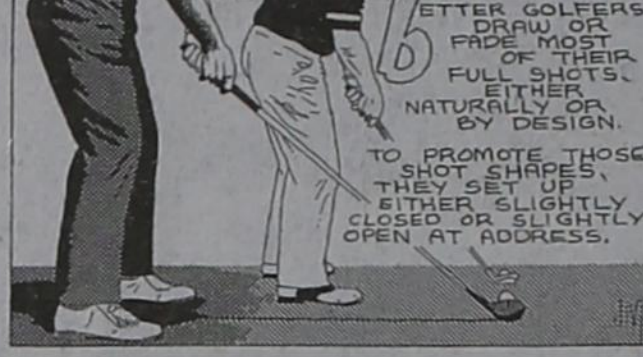
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Hint: Quote by George Foreman

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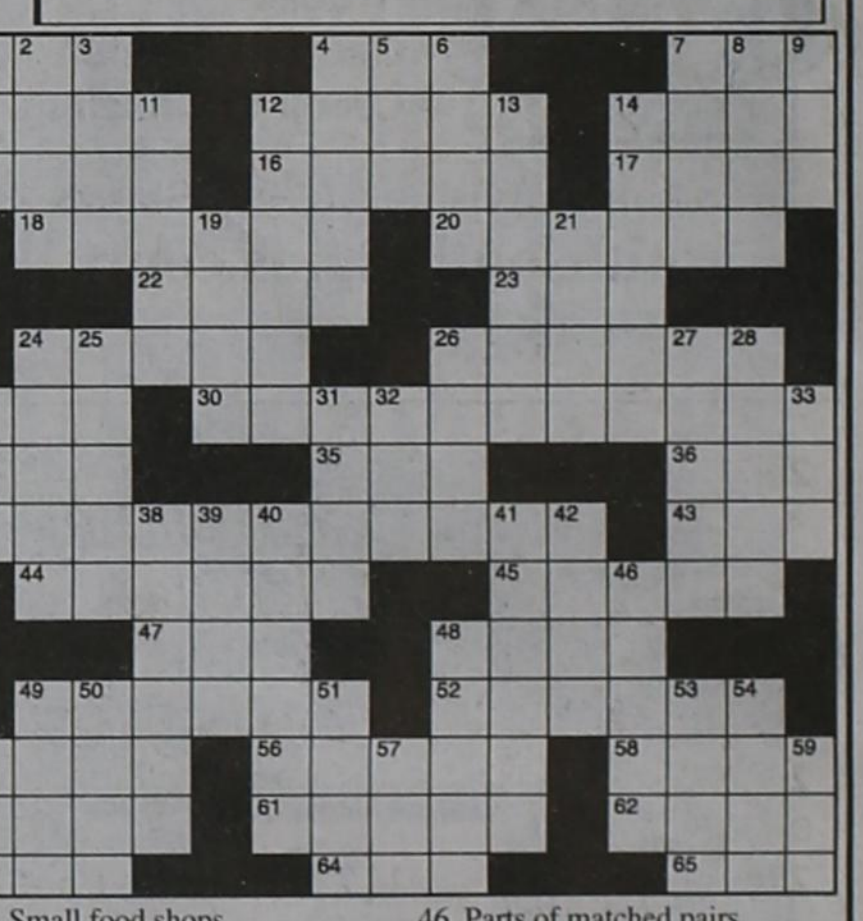
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- Infirmity sleeping place
- Swiss river
- Big Blue
- Not new
- Dual function davenport
- ___wit: Silly person
- Jeans
- Annual TV awards
- Lump of slimy stuff
- Latin for England: An ___
- W. African country
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- Sean ___, actor
- Genie
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- Look furtively
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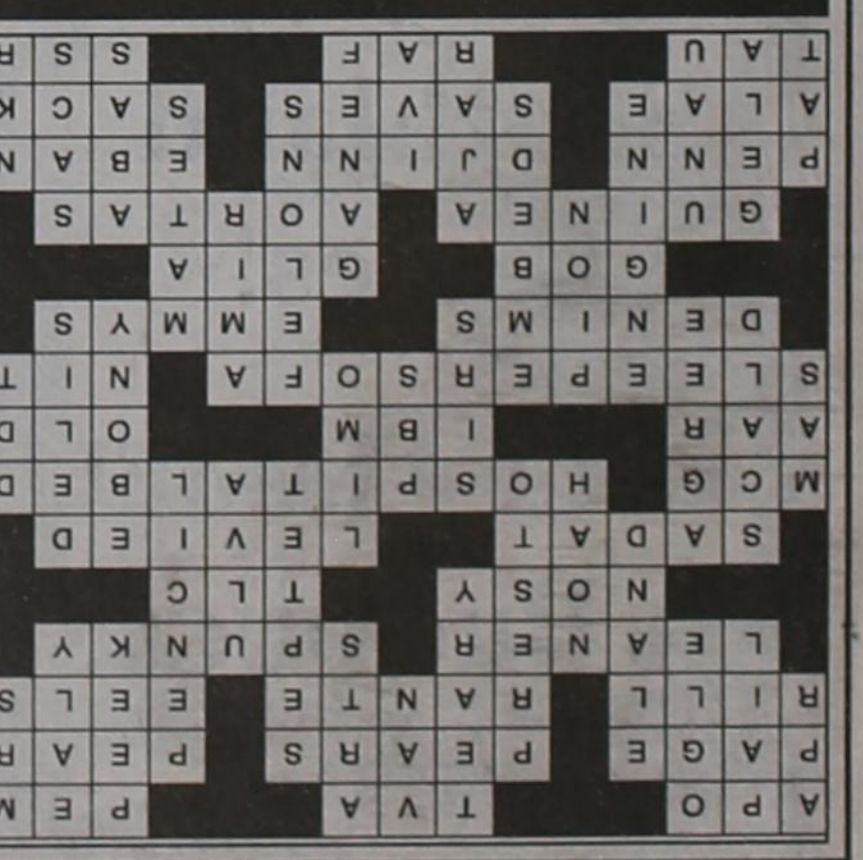
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PUZZLE SOLUTION



Post stuck between rock and a bond issue

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — The Post Independent School Board of Trustees has found themselves caught between a rock and possible bond issue. Not to mention that the Texas Fire Marshall's office has not rendered a decision on the cause of the Post Elementary school building.

The discussion of how and when to tackle the issue took center stage in Monday night's two-hour long meeting. Part of that building caught fire and the west wing of 16 classrooms were lost shortly after school started.

Trustee Drew Kirkpatrick summed up the problem quite nicely.

"It is hard to call a bond election without knowing what the insurance is going to be," he said.

Other board members were concerned about what "unknown" problems might be found during renovations, not to mention some compliance issues like ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Estimates from BGR Architects of Lubbock, while giving several options, really didn't tell the trustees something they didn't already know.

There seems to be at least a couple of scenarios, all of which hinge on what insurance number the district gets from the Texas Association of School Boards.

"We could use the insurance money to pre-pay on a potential bond and drop the tax rate," PISD Superintendent Mike Comeaux said.

But short of knowing what that figure is going to be, trustees were hesitant to commit to anything resembling calling a bond election.

This is the "non-profit, voluntary, statewide educational association that serves and represents local Texas schools."

Within that organization is the TASB Risk Management Fund, otherwise known as insurance.

The District pays \$37,000 to TASB in building premiums, and so far PISD doesn't have the slightest inkling about how much of their policy is going to pay

off.

A high-ball estimate would be \$6 million, while a low-ball estimate would be in the neighborhood of \$2.8, give or take a couple thousand.

Regardless, here are the figures that were bandied about Monday night.

According to GRB, replacing 16 classrooms and two toilets in the area that burned down would cost roughly \$3.5 million.

Renovating the rest of the existing elementary building would come at a cost of an additional \$4.9.

Not mentioned up to this point of the numbers is the approximately \$200,000 it will take for asbestos abatement and debris removal prior to any construction. That project will be a separately bid proposal.

The current square footage of elementary facility is 64,000, which is about 6,000 square feet below the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recommendation of 70,000 for classroom size.

According to BGR, they estimate a new building to TEA specifications to run about \$14.6 million, which includes a gym, but no cafeteria or auditorium.

A separate 500-seat auditorium would cost about \$4.9 million, while a 1,000-seat facility would cost \$7.7 million, approximately.

Option A of replacing the 16-room area, renovating the rest of the elementary building would be \$8.47 million.

Option B of building a new facility that meets TEA guidelines and the 500-seat auditorium would cost roughly \$19.5 million.

An \$18 million project would add approximately 10 cents to the tax levy. However that estimate could be likely reduced after the first year after the TASB decides how much the current damage is worth.

A pay-down provision in the proposal could reduce the tax burden in the years following the first one or two of the debt.

Phone calls to both, TASB and the state fire marshal's office were not returned.



City of Post employee Eddie Pitts is seen sprucing up the garden beds along the median of Main Street lately in the city's beautification efforts. According the City Manager, Deanna Watson, other projects are planned around the city.

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Friday Mostly Sunny 67 / 42	Saturday Partly Cloudy 63 / 42	Sunday Sunny 65 / 35	Monday Mostly Sunny 52 / 29	Tuesday Sunny 53 / 29	Wednesday Sunny 52 / 26	Thursday Mostly Sunny 54 / 28

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0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 67°, humidity of 29%. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1996. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 42°. Southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 18° set in 1975. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 63°, humidity of 31%. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Weather Trivia

What is the world's record for rainfall in one minute?

Answer: On July 4, 1956, 1.23 inches of rain fell in Unionville, MD.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	10:50-12:50	11:20-1:20	Tue	3:02-5:02	2:32-4:32
Sat	11:43-1:43	---	Wed	3:59-5:59	3:29-5:29
Sun	1:08-3:08	12:38-2:38	Thu	4:54-6:54	4:24-6:24
Mon	2:05-4:05	1:35-3:35	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Weather History

Nov. 21, 1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, Fla. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas, Fla. It was the latest known hurricane to hit the United States so far north.

Nov. 22, 1988 - Wet and windy weather prevailed across the western U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. Winds gusted to 62 mph at Vedaawoo, Wyo., and reached 75 mph at Tillamook, Ore. Shelter Cove, Calif. was drenched with 4.37 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:22 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
Sat	7:23 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	7:23 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
Sun	7:24 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	8:22 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Mon	7:25 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
Tue	7:26 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	10:14 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Wed	7:27 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	11:04 a.m.	10:08 p.m.
Thu	7:28 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	11:13 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
11/11	43	25	63/36	0.00"	11/11	0	11/15	0
11/12	27	19	63/36	0.00"	11/12	0	11/16	0
11/13	29	18	62/35	0.00"	11/13	0	11/17	0
11/14	44	23	62/35	0.00"	11/14	0		
11/15	72	29	62/35	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.			
11/16	40	16	61/34	0.06"				
11/17	42	12	61/34	0.00"				

Kent's Korner

It's all about the money

I need to do a little bit of clean up from two weeks ago. I owe a big apology to Austin Garza, who was the Post Player of the Game in the regular season finale.

I got distracted on Monday following the game with putting the play off pages together and did not turn his picture into the composition department to have the ad built.

So we are going to do it here. Garza had two rushing touchdowns on seven carries and 57 total yards in the 41-0 victory over Stanton.

This writer believes Garza has come a considerable distance in his QB abilities since the first of the season. The hard work shows. Congrats, young man. Job well done.

Now on to today's topic - subscriber television. Some of you may have noticed a "billboard truck" driving around town suggesting to locals they change their cable provider.

My suspicion is that Viacom is paying for that truck to "toodle" around Post.

If you are a Suddenlink customer, you know that a handful of your channels from Viacom have gone missing via a pricing dispute between Viacom and Suddenlink.

Let's take a look at the parties involved. Viacom is a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ at \$72.96 a stock and a volume of nearly five million shares.

According to their Nov. 13, fourth quarter fiscal report, Viacom recorded a "record profit for fiscal year 2014" to the tune of \$4.13 billion.

From their own web site information, Viacom media network reaches approximately 700 million "global subscribers," and lists channels such as MTV, VH1, BET, Nick and Nite, Comedy Central, to name a few.

Suddenlink is a regional cable provider operating in 16 states, including Texas, and more locally, Post. They are the ninth largest cable provider and were founded in 2002. Remember, there are only about 16-18 cable providers in the country, the largest of which are AT&T, Fios (Verizon), Dish Network and DirecTV.

I used to work for one of these companies and I can tell you from personal experience that there were two situations that all call center agents dreaded - price increases and channel outages.

The Pay TV industry is very cut throat. The two parties involved in a channel dispute try real hard to make the other look as bad as possible.

In most cases, however, it is the channel owner, not the provider, who is asking too much.

Here is how this works; the channel owner sells the "rebroadcast rights" to a channel provider for literally pennies per channel, per household, otherwise a subscriber would be paying hundreds of dollars for just the first 100 channels.

Near the end of a contract period, usually three to five to seven years, the owner tries to raise the rates to the provider.

And it's not like increases on pennies per household is a lot when you look at the small picture. However, it is a matter of the industry protecting itself. Remember, there are 16 to 18 providers out there all carrying the same channels.

If one of those providers blinks, it's all over. A massive rate hike ensues and the consumer is the big loser.

No provider wants to be known as "the company who blinked."

And these are not "cost of living" increases, or even "industry improvement" increases. These are flat out, no holds barred; shove money into their pockets, corporate greed increases.

Let's say these Viacom channels are going for three cents per household and Viacom wanted six cents.

Would you pay double for any other commodity on the open market right now?

A three-cent increase doesn't sound like a lot, unless you're AT&T with 60 millions subscribers (or whatever their number is).

And it is a domino affect. When one company blinks, then every Viacom contract negotiation for the other 15 companies becomes a big ordeal because one company buckled.

My humble opinion, most price increases since the digital change over of 2008 are unwarranted and unfounded.

As with any business arrangement, the consumer is welcome to change providers or shop around for a better deal.

But understand this, an educated consumer can send a message to the channel owners that content is more important than price.

I know a lot of people my age who remember when MTV was strictly music videos and nothing else. Those same people won't touch the channel now because of all the reality content that is on there now.

So to my cable-watching friends out there, please be mindful of who is doing what in these disputes; understand that the "cable provider" is not the channel originator, and that is it a "re-broadcast" system that gets you your channels.

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