

Chris Gove Biography

Chris Gove has been the sports editor of the Odessa American since Sept. 2003, marking his longest tenure at one newspaper in a 20-year career that mirrors the often-nomadic life of a coach.

Gove began working in daily newspapers as a high school junior at the San Angelo Standard-Times under the tutelage of Mike Lee, Camille Wheeler and Schuyler Dixon — with much guidance also given at the time by Janie DeLaney, who at the time was Lake View High School's journalism teacher.

He left San Angelo to begin full-time work at the Odessa American in May 1994, the first of three stints with the newspaper.

Gove left Odessa to work at the Amarillo Globe-News in 1998 and 1999, spent six months back at the Odessa American in the early part of 2000 before heading on an adventure north to work at the Idaho Press-Tribune in the Boise suburb of Nampa.

A return to Odessa came in March 2003, with a promotion to sports editor coming a few months later.