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Post Notes

4-H Brisket Fundraiser

The annual 4-H Brisket Fundraiser will be May 20, 2003. Anyone wanting to purchase a brisket needs to come by or call the Extension office (495-4400) to get their order in by 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14. The briskets will be \$30 each. You can come to the City Park on May 20 at 5 p.m. to pick out your brisket off the grill or it can be delivered between 5 and 6 p.m. Please help with our major fundraiser for the year.

Tennis anyone?

Ladies interested in playing tennis should call Rhonda at 495-4067 for more information.

Women's Division garage sale

The annual Women's Division, Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau garage sale will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Algerita Art Center, 131 East Main.

4-H Chuckwagon Cookout

A county-wide 4-H Family Chuckwagon Cookout will be held May 27 at 7 p.m. at the GCJLA showbarn. Please call 495-4400 by May 23 with the number from your family planning to attend.

Homebuyer education workshop

South Plains Community Action and Xcel Energy Foundation are offering a Homebuyer's Education Workshop at 6 p.m., May 22 at the Head Start, 900 East 4th Street in Littlefield. To register, call Judy Norton at 806-894-4560. Registration deadline is May 21 at 5 p.m.

Revival at Calvary Baptist Church

A revival will begin 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 25 at Calvary Baptist Church and continue Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelists Bill and Vicky Murphy of Houston will lead the revival services. A revival dinner will be served Sunday following the morning worship. The church is located at 6th and Avenue H in Post.

Retirement reception for Rebecca Haney

A retirement reception will be held at 3:20 p.m. in the Post Elementary School lounge on May 22 for Rebecca Haney, who is retiring after 30 years as an elementary teacher.

Church league teams sought

Area churches are encouraaged to join a community church league for junior high ages to adults, with deadline for registration may 23. Contact Lynn Williams at 495-3554 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942. Teams must be co-ed and consist of enough men and women to have an equal number of each on the field during games. Co-ed rules will apply. Registration fee is \$50 per team.

Post Public Library sets summer hours

The Post Public Library will be open Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning May 1. The library is also beginnikng its automated check-out program on May 1. Library patrons are urged to stop by to get a new automated library card. Summer programs will include expanded computer services and training and extended hours. Details of new hours and programs will be announced later.

Colgate Country Showdown talent sought

Country music singers and bands are encouraged to apply as contestants to the 2003 Colgate Country Showdown, hosted again this year by KPOS Radio. The event will be at the Garza Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Applications are available at The Post Dispatch office or by contacting KPOS Radio e-mail pcr1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

"Our Town" at Garza Theatre

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder and directed by Jay Young opens Friday at the Garza Theatre and continues May 16 and 17. Contact the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

NRCS announces **EQIP** financial assistance available

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that financial assistance will be available in Texas to conserve natural resources and address environmental concerns on private lands.

These funds are part of conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill and authorized by the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Eligible farmers and ranchers may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

In making the announcement Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, said, "Each county will be provided a base allocation. Local Work Groups have established resource concerns, eligible conservation treatment practices, and developed the ranking criteria and screening processes.

"This is government at its best where local landowners and operators establish local conservation priorities at the grassroots level," Butler said.

Applications for the 2003 EQIP program in Texas will be accepted through June 13, 2003. The Program Development Group and Local Work Group made the following recommendations for the Garza County EQIP Program:

- The top concern to be addressed with "ground and surface water conservation funds" will be water quantity.

— The priority practice that will be funded is drip irrigation.

- The top concern to be addressed with "base allocation funds" will be Brush Management. - The priority practice that will be funded to address this concern

will be chemical treatment of mesquite. - All practices will be cost shared at a 50% cost share rate. An appointment must be made at the NRCS office to sign up for this

For additional information contact your local field office at 495-2056 ext. 3.

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State budget crunch gets county leaders' attention

by Wes Burnett

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interests.

Municipal Judge Jim Plummer

announced his impending resig-

nation from the position at the

May 6 Post City Council meeting.

The council approved advertising

for replacements. Plummer will

continue to serve until June. He

said he wanted to devote more

time to personal and business

Council members canvassed

votes from the May 3 election and

took necessary action for in-

creased sales tax collection. A

resolution had to be sent to the

State Comptroller in order to be-

gin the increase of one percent to

In other action, the council

heard a report from White River

Municipal Water District direc-

make improvements for boaters

and recreational use. The lake

lowered lake level has made it

The council approved the low

bid from Armor Asphalt of Lub-

bock to apply emulsion on city

streets this summer. The low bid

of 48,600 will provide emulsion

on approximately 75 percent of

city streets. Other bidders in-

cluded Zahn Paving, Lone Star

Dirt & Paving and Allen Butler

A new residential plat was ap-

proved following a briefing by city

manager Fred Stephens and land

owner Phil Mathews. The project

includes granting the city a 20

feet underground utility ease-

ment along the east side of lot 5.

quest for a variance was rejected

after a discussion of his proposal.

Mason had begun work on a shop

building, which did not have the

required five feet separation from

the neighboring lot. Mason ex-

plained that the vacant lot,

owned by George R. Brown Part-

nership, has no structures, and

with the operating oil well, prob-

ably would never have any build-

ings of any kind.

Homeowner Brad Mason's re-

take affect in October.

difficult for boaters.

Construction.

Citing continued budget prob- In other matters, the court ap-

their ad valorem taxpayers."

lems in Austin, Garza County proved a 90 day county-wide Judge Giles W. Dalby asked "burn ban" at the recommendacounty commissioners at the tion of Fire Chief Darrell Reece.

regular meeting Monday to join A public hearing to consider him in signing a resolution urg- adoption of a "manufactured sistance. ing the legislature to find a home rental community" was set "statewide solution to the budget for June 9 following discussion on crisis," instead of transferring fi- the proposed regulations. A pubnancial burden to "counties and lic notice will be published an-

The outside wall of Mason's

building would be three feet from

the property line, a two feet dif-

ference from the ordinance. City

council members bemoaned the

difficulty, but cited previous simi-

lar requests which were rejected.

joining the West Texas Electrical

Licensing Group, which provides

recognition for certified electri-

Council member Dickie Odom

was appointed by Mayor Archie

Gill to represent the city at the

May 20 annual Post Economic

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cians in the area.

Council members approved

public hearing.

\$102.74 for utility and rent as- ery Estate.

rent coordinator Leon Miller re- Center. siderations.

resignation last month.

nouncing the date and time of the A water usage agreement was approved to establish procedures Two indigent applications were for the fire department between considered, with one of the two White River Municipal Water being approved in the amount of District and the Post Montgom-

No action was taken on a dis-Commissioners approved pub- cussion of approving operations lishing an advertisement for the and management between the part time position of Emergency county and Cornerstone Pro-Management Coordinator. Cur- grams at the Juvenile Detention

signed recently due to health con- The court agreed to establish current values on fixed assets to Judge Dalby reported on plans meet state requirements beginfor selecting a new auditor, with ning with fiscal year 2004. Curno action taken pending further rently the county has no fixed negotiations. Former auditor assets inventory, which was the Steven Sawyers announced his subject of a "material weakness" in the latest audit.



Newly elected Post ISD trustees (left to right) Scott Creech, Alexa Collier and Milton Williams were administered their oaths of office in the district's administrative offices on May 8. (Photo by Shellee Odom)

Shallowater man drowns tor Mike Mitchell, who reported that the district is attempting to at Lake Alan Henry

Shallowater man was pulled from neath the water. His friend was un- the lake since its opening. Lake Alan Henry over the weekend.

An autopsy was performed Monday on Brandon McIntyre, but Constable Daniel Yarbro said results from the medical procedure will not be available for three to six weeks.

about 10 a.m. Sunday following a search by Garza County constables and dive team members, Department of Public Safety troopers, Garza County Sheriff's Department officials, members of the Lubbock Fire Department dive team, officers with the Lubbock Police Department and lake staff members.

McIntyre was reported missing at about 5:15 p.m. Saturday, just minutes after friends lost sight of him in the water.

According to Yarbro, McIntyre and two friends were swimming about 300 yards up river from the public crappie house in water approximately 30 feet in depth. McIntyre's friends, a male and a female, were ahead of him when they heard their friend call for help.

The male friend swam back to assist McIntyre, positioning himself underneath McIntyre to push him upward and toward the shore. McIntyre, however, was struggling, and his friend was unable to main-

able to retrieve him.

McIntyre was unsure of his swim- he disappeared. ming skills in deep water.

McIntyre's body was recovered at ing victim this year at Lake Alan tims out."

The body of a 20-year-old tain his hold. McIntyre slipped be- Henry, and the seventh reported at

The constable said McIntyre was Family members told Yarbro that not wearing a life vest at the time

"Lakes are not safe," Yarbro said. If the death is ruled a drowning, "If you're in the water, you need a McIntyre will be the first drown- life vest on. I'm tired of pulling vic-



Post Elementary Field Day

Parents, students, teachers and volunteers enljoyed last week's Post Elementary School Field Day, which was held at the Post ISD track/practice field. Relay races, obstacle courses and tug-of-war were just a few of the competitions for participants. (Photo by Melissa Flanigan)



Basking in the glory and excitement of winning the Area Championship, the Post Anelope baseball team gets ready for Friday's Regional Quarterfinal at Snyder against the Colorado City Wolves. Celebrating last Saturday at Nichols Part following the 12-10 third game win over Alpine are (back row, left to right) Coach Brian Davenport, Kyle Gunn, Andrew Espinoza, Cody

Fox, Mitchell Mills, Randon Blacklock, Patrick Gonzales, Brody Robertson, Coach Max Kattwinkel, Javen Abraham, Coach Xavier Rangel, Jonathan Eilenberger, Ben Ayala, Jett Lott, (front) Coby Jones, CoCo Valdez, Kenny Ratke, David Lee Rivera, Luis Zubia and Bryan Looney. (Photo by Gena

Naomi Gonzales honored

Naomi Gonzales, a 2002 Post High School graduate, was the recipient of the 2003-2004 Hispanic Association of Women Scholarship.

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Gonzales was honored at an April 19 banquet by the Hispanic Association of Women, a Lubbock organization that promotes higher education for Hispanic women that also provides community service for nonprofit organizations.

The scholarship recipient is a sophomore pre-pharmacy major at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Tommy and Julie Gonzalez and the granddaughter of Santiago and Cathelina Gonzalez and Raymond and Juanita Rivera of Post.



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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello, I hope everyone had a great Mothers Day.

The weather was wonderful and I saw lots of folks out and about. Hope you all enjoyed.

BIG GATHERING Our family certainly had a great Sunday. We were blessed to have visitors from Alabama visiting on this Mothers Day, so our families combined and had lunch Sunday.

Those attending were: Earl and Virginia Ready of Tallahassee, Ala., Fannie Ballentine, Mack and Jane Terry, "Jibber" and Cindy Herridge and son Caden of Gail, Ray Don and Jana Underwood and daughter Raylea, also of Gail, Kelly and Corina Crispin with Colby, Paige, Eric and Monique; Stephen and Amanda Quisenberry with Alison and Ethan and Kevin and Lexi Crispin all of Lubbock;

Krisha and Zachary Bush, Robby and Kerri Dean with Kaylyn, Kylee and Kenley and of course Rick and I. We had a wonderful time.

Kyzandre Harper was honored on Saturday, May 10, with a luncheon in the home of Linda Waldrip. Guests attending were: Jonna Raben, Dominica Redman, Donna Baker, Jana McCallister, Kay Wallace and Christie Curb. A special guest was Kyzandre's mother, Freida Harper. The honoree received a gift certificate in recognition of her upcoming graduation from

FROM RAYLEA A father wanted to read the paper, but was being bothered by his little daughter, Vanessa. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine,

City ...

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Development Corporation entist recorded in his notebook. (PEDC) stockholders' meeting.

plishments.

A "John Redman EMT Scholar- TILL NEXT WEEK Hope all of approved for Judy Basquez. Her God bless each of you. Judy application was supported by a letter from EMT interim manager Terry Bartlett.

which was printed the map of the world.

Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Vanessa,

and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." After a few minutes, Vanessa returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together.

The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His place, then the world came out all right."

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY HAILEY!! Little Miss Hailey Donae Alaniz celebrated her first birthday May 11. Now grandparents Tino and Linda and the rest of the family could not be there to celebrate with her because Mom and Dad, Eric and DeeDee, are living in Minot, North Dakota where Dad is stationed with the Air Force. So this is my way of helping Tino and Linda to wish her a very happy birthday and hopes that God blesses her with many more.

CONGRATULATIONS I want to say congrats to the baseball team on their great season. Keep up the great work, we are all "rootin" for you.

"THE FLEA EXPERIMENT" (from Gene Posey) A scientist was performing an experiment on the verbal reactions of fleas. He had trained a flea to jump on command. The scientist would command the flea, "Jump flea" and the flea would jump.

Then the scientist would proceed to pull off one of the flea's legs with a pair of tweezers and write a comment in his notebook. The scientist did this many times Council member Dickie Odom until the flea had only one leg left. was appointed by Mayor Archie The scientist commanded, Gill to represent the city at the "Jump flea" and the flea made its May 20 annual Post Economic best effort to jump, which the sci-

After he pulled off its last leg, Stephens praised the recent the scientist again commanded educational and training the flea to jump, and after repeatachievements of city employees ing the command many times Paul Perez and Johnny Torres. without the flea responding he They have been recognized by jotted down in his notebook, "Afstate agencies for their accom- ter the flea loses all of its legs it becomes completely deaf."

ship" in the amount of \$750 was you have a great weekend. May



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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The Real Cost of Credit Transfers

The average American household holds six bank credit cards, which explains why the competition between credit card issues is running at an all-time high. If you are like most Americans, you probably receive three to four new credit card solicitations a week. They all tempt with a slew of no interest or amazingly low teaser rates offers; but if you are not careful, that zero percent can end up costing you thousands of dollars.

On face value, transferring a high credit card balance to a zero interest account will definitely save you money. However, there could be fees, penalties and other hidden costs that might possibly cost you more than you saved by transferring the balance in the first place. The key is to read the fine print on the application. Before making the switch, determine the following:

1. Is there a charge for transferring the balance? Often this charge runs two to three percent of the transfer amount. For example, a balance of \$8,000 will cost you \$240 just to make the switch.

2. What is the introductory rate and how long does it last? If the promotional rate lasts less than six months, and your balance is sizeable, can you realistically pay off the remaining balance during the no interest period? It not, then search for a card with a longer introductory rate or a card with a low fixed interest amount.

Does the new credit issuer limit the amount of times you can transfer a balance? Is there a limit on the amount you can transfer? Only transferring partial amounts will most likely result in additional cards with open credit lines, which can result in further debt accumulation.

4. Under what conditions can the credit issuer change the promotional interest rate? If your payment is late, does that automatically bump you to a higher interest rate?

Be sure that if you decide to make the switch, you determine how long it will take for the transfer to be complete and continue to make payments on the original card in the meantime. Additionally, close any old accounts after the transfer is complete to keep your credit history uncluttered.

For those with smaller balances, and the discipline to pay off any remaining balances before the promotional rate ends, switching to a lower interest rate card can actually save them a substantial amount. As with all "great" offers, be sure to read the fine print and make sure you know what you are getting into before you make the leap.

credit goes to: Tommy White, Director of Counseling for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a division of Money Management International.

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We congratulate Post civic leader Giles C. McCrary (center) on the recent national award for excellence in American business, presented in Washington, D.C. by Congressman Tom Reynolds (left). Rev. Malcolm Neyland (right) joined Giles at the ceremony.

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Obituaries

Mary Allene Ault

Services for Mary Allene Ault, 95, of Post, will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday, May 15, 2003 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Bo Jackson will officiate and burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ault died on Saturday May 10, 2003 at the home of Amy Mann, her granddaughter, Oxford, Massachusetts. She was born on August 10, 1907 to Edward Lee and Hattie Elizabeth (Crump) Crowley at Comanche,

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Stephens County, Oklahoma. She attended school at Comanche and graduated. After graduation she attended Business College in Wichita Falls. She married Benjamin B. Ault on December 25, 1927 in Weaver Chapel, Oklahoma. Mr. Ault preceded her in death June 30, 1968. They made their first home at Healdton, Oklahoma and then moved to Venezuela. After returning to the United States, they moved to Post in 1953. Mr. Ault worked for Edwin L. Cox and they owned and operated a laundry in Slaton and later Post.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Post. She is survived by Two Sons: Jack and wife Sarah Ault of Post and John and wife Colleen Ault of Euless. One Daughter: Mary (Beth) Ault of Oxford, MA.

Five Grandchildren: Mike Ault, Sharon Bassi, Barbara Black, Amy Mann and KPOS Radio anet Ault; 11 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren Janet Ault; 11 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Garza County Trail Blazers, Post,

Lois Arceneaux

Lois Frances Williams Arceneaux of Albuquerque, N.M., died April 9, 2003, in Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky.

She was born in Post March 21, 1921, to Dr. and Mrs. D.C. Williams. Survivors include a brother, David C. Williams of Ashland; a sister, Betty Yancey of Pleasant Shade, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Clyde Arceneaux Jr., and a son, James C. Arceneaux II.

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EMS Week and Trauma Awareness Month are being observed in Garza County. The entire month of May has been designated as Trauma Awareness Month, while next week - May 18-24 - will be recognized as Emergency Medical Services

County Judge Giles Dalby signed a proclamation declaring the observances Monday. According to the proclamation, "volunteer and paid emergency medical services teams, in concert with a developed network of trauma care facilities across Texas, provide lifesaving care ... 24 hours a day, seven days a week ... (and) the people of Texas benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of those highly trained individuals and from the availability of the Texas trauma system

County Ambulance Service of Post, Texas, that Garza County commend and congratulate the City-County Ambulance Service and other Texas EMS and Trauma System personnel for outstanding, dedicated pre-hospital and medical care to the people of Garza County ... and hereby join the Texas Department of Health in designating the month of May as Trauma Awareness Month and in designating May In 2002 she went to be with her granddaughter, Amy Mann in Oxford, Massachusetts. 18-24, 2003, as Emergency Medical Services Week. "

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not, and attempts to implement the same measures, the People will rise up and overthrow him, one way or another." - Daniel New (who has read Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, Lincoln, Hitler and Mao Tse-Dung.)

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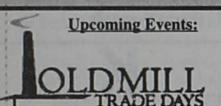
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The war on terror... the war on whatever

The writing on the wall is pretty dim, but its beginning to become a little more legible. (capable of being read or deciphered)

I donOwanna sound like Natalie Maines with the Dixie Chicks and say In disappointed that Bush is from Texas, but something is wrong with this war picture and its beginning to show.

Since all these wars are being faught, I am probably glad Bush is in

a Black Hawk went down killing three more.

posted. Steve you make all us proud of you.

welcome you home to the states and Post.

this hero call Sandy Smith at 495-9900.

come home safe.

the front lines.

by Sandy Smith

As the war continues, we all know it is not overthere are still military over

Even though the worst part is over and Saddam is no longer in power, it is

not over yet. There is a lot to be done and our military is still in danger so lets

not forget these who continue to serve and continue to pray for them all to

one we have some brave young menhere in Post that are coming home from

son to say Happy Mother Day Mom, In coming home from this war!

McAlister DsonCSM Bobby J. Brown. Judy reports that they will begin

husband. It will be good to have you back home CSM Bobby J. Brown, and

updated on her son arrival. We will be watching and waiting with you Judy!

Linda Trivino had a very nice surprise for Mother Day. Val, her son

inIraq, sent his Mother flowers. Linda said they are beautiful thebest

present a Mother could receive would be for her son to come home. He may get to come home for Christmas. Thank you Val for serving, stay safe and he kept many of our countrymen from Most Americans lemodyrrud If you have someone coming home or over seas serving please let us honor

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

charge, but I wonder if these wars are really necessary. I voted for the man, but when I did I had it in my mind that he would be better for the country than Gore. In beginning to wonder if I have made another voting

Ya see, the USA and Great Britton kicked Afganastans butt to stop the terrorism and free the people. Terrorism is still going in full force, they haven found Salami Bin Lami, and have no more of a idea where he is than the man in the moon. Actually the only freedom there is for the farmers. They are free to grow all the

Serving their nation...

poppies they want and supply the USA with plenty of fresh Heroin. Sounds like money may be talking to the right people there Huh?

Now that the USA and the Brits have wiped Iraq out, Saddam is no where to be found. If the truth was to ever come out, we probably helped him hide.

The big talk now on the media is not about helping the Iraqi people get their feet on the ground. The big thing now is that we gotta hurry up 🍙 and get their oilfields in shape. The USA and the Brits have taken control of the Iraqi oilpatch. So I guess the wars must have actually been over big oil and poppy fields.

In my opinion, if we sent our fine young military people over there to get maimed, mutilated and some paying the ultimate price over poppies and oil, we may need to regroup, comes election time.

I have a very strong admiration for our military and the allied military as well, but I think wars need to be fought over something besides oil and dope. In my view, I believe the military people got cheated in the era of the Vietnam days, I hope they havenObeen cheated in these recent in Iraq and Kuwait. There were two soldiers killed in Baghdad last week and

I believe I would have to say God bless these young military people, and I would pray that they all get home safe. The ones that payed the ultimate price, God rest their souls.

Maybe Saddam was getting to rich Even though we will rejoice in many coming home and I want to tell every and powerful, and had to be busted back, We will never know the real reason for these last two wars. I sure To begin with Steven Martinez called his family Friday and then again on hope they were for the right reasons, Sunday to tell his Mother, Happy Mothers Day and to tell her he is coming but some how or another, I seem to home. Now is that not the best Mother Dday present you could ever get, your have my doubts. Sometimes I even wonder if maybe Miss Maines with Steve is now in Spain for 4 days and then Italy for 4 more days then a month the Dixie Chicks could have been on a ship to return to the states. Steveomother, Stella, reports that these close to having the right thoughts. young men are not that excited about seeing Spain or Italy, they just want But then on the other hand, I certainly to come home. And we all wait for the day Steve arrives. ID keep you all donOwant to degrade our military folks in any way ... They done exactly Another brave soldier who is returning home from the front lines is Judy what they were instructed to do, and they done it well. I would guess that flying back to the states this Saturday and there will three loads a week until my deceased WWI veteran father everyone is home. Judy and Sherry, (Bobowife) is very excited to see her would be extremely proud of todays military people as well. words can not say how much we all thank you for serving. Judy will keep us

My next hope would be that the Democratic Party can produce a good CW2 Russel Graves, son of Ronnie and Diane Graves who is Crimnal candidate for the next presidential Investigations Division for the Army, will also be coming home Friday election... and win. May16th after being in South Korea for a year Russel will come through El Paso Texas for business at Ft. Bliss the first of June. Then he will come to

God bless the military people. My opinion only, Post and will return to South Korea June 10th with his family for another O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson two years. Russle, we thank you too for serving and we look forward to

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"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32 KJV). O.K., I confess, I love The Lord Jesus Christ. I love and trust God's Word (The Holy Bible) pure and unadulterated straight up and in your face! You see I have tested it and I know it is true. I am certainly not the only person in this world who has had this same attitude or a Biblical worldview. I am also not the only American who has loved God and taken Him at His Word either. The Founding Fathers of America did.

I will also confess that I love this land America, my native land, the land of my birth. I must admit, though, that I am struggling with a high degree of disappointment over the direction that this, my favorite country is heading in. When you grow up in a historical town, Lexington Massachusetts, like I did, when you walk by the Minuteman statue practically everyday during your formative years and watch yearly reenactments of The Battle Of Lexington something profound happens to you.

My appetite for freedom was whet very early in my life. Also set early in my life was a love for God and to this day, I do not see any conflict between being a devoted Christian and being a true American patriot. Our Founders did not have a conflict between their love for God and their love for America either, for me that is good company to stand with.

The greatest traitors that our country, in fact, the whole world must deal with, are those black hearted people I call "revisionist historians". They are those pseudo scholars that alter the truth to meet their desired ends. In America, this brood of vipers has kept many of our countrymen from knowing the truth about the founding of this Nation as "One Nation under God", and what happens when the church is not free.

How many "modern" Americans know that those much maligned and slandered Pilgrim/Puritans who landed at what is now Plymouth Massachusetts signed a sacred covenant with The Lord called The Mayflower Compact (America's "birth certificate")? How many know that the primary "slogan" of The War For American Independence (some call the Revolutionary

"We will have no other king but King Jesus"? How many know that of the majority of the signers of that marvelous cornerstone of American liberty, The Declaration Of American Independence, were devote, baptized, open, consecrated Christians? Let me give you the answer, not many and certainly not enough! What happens when the church is not free?

Today, this country spends billions of dollars on "education" but what have is not Sovereign over His Church. we gotten for these tax-extracted dollars? We have gotten a general population that is ignorant of some of the most important parts of our heritage. One of our founders was empathetic in noting that "ignorant and free can never be". Can you see now why I chose the Scripture verse I did to began this writing?

In the town of Lexington is a well preserved (thank God and some patriots) two story colonial house called The Hancock-Clark house named for two great Christians of the founding era, two great patriots, John Hancock and Jonas Clark. Most people are more familiar with Hancock than they are

Please allow me to introduce him to you, people meet Pastor Jonas Clark. Are you shocked? You mean some one who was a clergyman, a church leader and a pulpit preacher got involved with "politics" and the cause of liberty? Can you imagine he had the "audacity" to harbor the known "criminals" John Hancock and Samuel Adams in the parsonage (church property)?

Just before the British troops arrived in Lexington for that battle of note ("the shot heard around the world"), Pastor Clark delivered a rousing and inspirational message from Judges 6-8 encouraging the local militiamen to (the minutemen) fight fiercely for God and country. He knew what would happen if the church was not free. Now, stay with me, as I further lay out my

Is there any one in America today that would say that the church is really like what it was in the first century? Does any one care that it isn't? I care. If you are a Christian, you will care too! Many will argue that the world is so vastly different than the first century but is it really? Jesus Christ began the church, that He expected to follow Him through the ages, in the Roman Empire. I certainly wouldn't insult your intelligence to say that those times were the same as ours in areas of technology but do not be deceived, governmentally, socially, morally, behaviorally, they were very similar. I

The beginning of the true New Testament Church was on The Day of Savior more. Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts. Jesus declared His church (His Father's House) not be "a house of merchandize, but a house of prayer". He the truth in love, without fear of government reprisal for not being said His Kingdom was not of this world and emphasized the distinctions politically correct. I need no licensing or official government recognition or between His followers and the rest of the population.

All of the early church leaders were martyred (killed) for their refusal to humility. put devotion to Caesar (government) above devotion to God. They knew and understood the Ten Commandments (not the Ten Suggestions) and had the mind of Christ in regards to the proper role of civil government. A "mind set" we desperately need today. What happens when the church is not free?

Many casual Bible readers have been put off by the "difficulties" of the Book of Revelation. Let me offer an explanation for its symbolism, the Roman government! If the Apostle John, as the "secretary" for The Holy Sprit writing it, had clearly spelled out what He wanted the readers to do concerning civil disobedience, the Romans would never have let those writings leave the island of Patmos (remind you of any other times in

Believe it or not the Romans did have "freedom of religion", if you accepted Caesar as God and took a license for your "church", neither of which, the early New Testament Christians, in good conscience, could or would do! It was considered blasphemy and the way of destroying the truth of The Gospel. They knew what would happen if the church was not free.

It is amazing what one can learn reading someone's diary. When we read the Bible, we are reading the way the Creator (The One mentioned in The Declaration of American Independence) wants life to be for us. When we read the writings of the Founders of the Plymouth colony and the writings of the Founders of America, we find out how educated these people were in

tyranny. They were willing to die (and many did) to avoid it like the black plague. They knew what would happen if the church was not free.

The U.S. Constitution was crafted by men who did not want to repeat the atrocities of the state run church, (they had read about the "whore of Babylon and the mark of the beast") such as was the case through out Europe and certainly in England.

King George was both king of the civil government and head of the Anglican Church. Opposition to George was tantamount, in his thinking, to opposing God, although, he personally cared little what God thought about his actions. He knew what would happen if the church was not free. He did his level best to make sure it was not!

Beginning in the-mid 1770s, preachers began to deliver sermons critical of the abuses of the British rule in the American colonies. Many colonists were stirred up in a similar way that had happened in England with the Puritans/ Pilgrims in pre-Plymouth colony days. The truth was told and freedom was prized, but, as with all such situations throughout man's history, not without a heavy price.

By the time of the War for American Independence, those preachers had a bounty on their heads, and for what? Preaching the truth, opposing tyranny, teaching the colonial citizens to stand up for their God given -freedoms and take responsibility for their walk with Christ. It became a capitol crime and preachers and their families were executed. They knew what would happen if the church was not free.

Most Americans know the famous speech delivered by Virginian Patrick Henry (a very committed Christian and a lawyer), "Give me liberty or give me death!". Very few people, however, know why he said it. Henry had witnessed the flogging of a colonist by British troops. He, the young lawyer, inquired as to what this man's crime was, he was told "preaching with out

King George offered some very handsome rewards for the heads of the members of "The Black Regiment", the unlicensed, unregistered, "free church" preachers who knew the proper Biblical relationship between church and state, and who the true Sovereign over the church was.

They understood when Jesus said; you can not serve two masters, what He meant. They had read and correctly interpreted Romans chapter 13, God gives us limited civil government, not that government gives us God. They loved and feared The Lord and understood what happens when Jesus Christ

Until recently, you could not incorporate a church in the state of Virginia (the home state of; Patrick Henry; George Washington; Thomas Jefferson; and, James Madison). I have read the original intent of the crafters of our U.S. Constitution.

These men knew what they were doing and I believe were guided by God's hand to set a rule of law for a limited Constitutional Republic which would deliver to its citizens the most freedom, prosperity, and opportunity ever known to man. Eldredge Gerry and Fisher Ames, both fine Christian men, wrote the 1st Amendment to the Constitution, as part of the Bill of Rights.

It was to guarantee many things and to protect Americans from the whim of some, humanistic, rogue government, or a meglo-maniacal king). The most precious of these freedoms, to me, is the freedom of religion, which I know they meant to be true Biblical orthodox New Testament Christianity! Not freedom from The Lord or His ways, not freedom from His Sovereignty

and His loving guidance but freedom from government hindering The Truth that sets men free and keeps them free happy virtuous and prosperous. They lower wealth for the many. knew what would happen if the church was not free. What happens when the true Christian church is not free to speak out what

needs to be said? Why not ask the Russians, the Romanians, the Chinese, the Vietnamese, the Sudanese and the Iraqis. More close to home, what has happened to "One Nation under God"? Are we freer and better off than we were in say, 1953? It sickens me to see

the moral and spiritual condition of this great land. America is soul sick. America is confused. America has lost its moral high ground. The church has been silent and we have been hurt because of it. We have lost the direction that comes from a right relationship with our Creator.

I am not a critic of the true church of Jesus Christ. I am a critic and a repairer of her weaknesses. I am not a critic of America. I am a critic and a repairer of America's weaknesses. I love America but I love my Lord and

As a preacher and church leader, the church I lead must be free to speak empowerment, I have my calling from Jesus Christ and I say that in all

It is a big responsibility and a wonderful privilege. Jesus through His sacrifice bought me this freedom and the Founders of America in a blessed covenant with Almighty God secured it with their blood, their sweat and their tears. I will render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's but I will not give him, or any government agency, entity or officer what belongs to God alone. The church must be free or no one will be free. Someone must be there to remind Caesar that he is just a man under God like the rest of us.

All too often, I have heard preachers say they can not speak out because of the loss of tax exemption or the fear of sanctions and law suits. Why do they voluntarily take on the unnecessary restrictions to free Christian speech, which the 501c3 recognition of tax exemption imposes?

Yes, voluntarily, because Congress has a long standing recognition of the contribution to the well being of America that is made by the Christian church and the First Amendment "establishment" clause.

It is documented that no church needs to apply for IRS recognition. All income to churches is tax "immune"; it is published in the IRS own documents. It seems that church leaders have, like Esau in The Bible, traded their "birthright for a morsel of bread".

What was once considered sacrilegious and not Christian has now become the standard for preachers and churches. Oh, if only they could realize how that displeases The Lord and how they are giving a way a great inheritance,

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Prescription for less wealth

by Walter E. Williams



Maytag recently announced that it's moving its Galesburg, Ill., production facility to Mexico. A group called Americans Against NAFTA has protested Maytag's decision.

Spokesman Russ Anderson said, "We want to spread the word of what we believe Maytag is doing and the destructive effects it will have on Galesburg and the surrounding area. We want to tell everyone that we don't think it's right to put

1,600-plus people out of work for the sake of corporate greed." This is a typical plea against more liberalized international trade agreements, and if we followed it our nation would have less wealth. Let's demonstrate this with a simplified example that demonstrates the foolhardiness of trade restrictions.

Suppose a U.S. worker's productivity is such that one worker can produce 10 computer chips each day or one bushel of tomatoes. In Mexico, a worker can produce one computer chip or one bushel of tomatoes each day. One might think there's no basis for specialization and trade, since the U.S. worker outproduces the Mexican worker in chips and is equally productive in tomatoes, but that's where you'd be wrong. The Mexican worker can produce tomatoes far more cheaply than the American worker, but to see this you must take opportunity cost into account.

In the United States, the opportunity cost of a worker producing tomatoes is the number of computer chips that could have been produced had he been producing chips instead. Thus, the opportunity cost of a bushel of tomatoes is 10 computer chips. In Mexico, the opportunity cost of a bushel of tomatoes is the one computer chip that must be sacrificed.

Given these cost differences, it's cheaper for the United States to specialize in computer chips and Mexico in tomatoes - or, said another way, the United States has a comparative advantage in computer chips and Mexico in

Let's look at the outcome if both countries specialize — and, to keep the numbers simple, assume each country has two workers. The two U.S. workers would specialize by producing 20 computer chips per day and no tomatoes, and the two Mexican workers would specialize and produce two bushels of tomatoes and no computer chips.

Mexican workers might trade one bushel of tomatoes with the U.S. workers for five computer chips. As a result of specialization and trade, both U.S. and Mexican workers are richer. The U.S. workers now have 15 computer chips and one bushel of tomatoes. The Mexican workers have 5 computer chips and one bushel of tomatoes. If international trade is denied there'd be no reason to specialize and, hence, both countries would be poorer. International — and, for that matter, any kind of trade — makes people better off than being self-sufficient. Unequal endowments, whether they're in the forms of natural resources, labor or capital, make for comparative

advantages in production. For example, Alaskan citizens can produce oranges just as Floridians can produce king crab legs. It's simple. Alaskans could build greenhouses that simulate Florida's weather conditions and Floridians could build aquariums that simulate Alaska's water conditions. Both would be self-sufficient in both products, but Alaskans would pay through the nose for oranges and

Floridians for king crab. Probably most of us would agree that preventing trade between Floridians and Alaskans would be stupid and costly. That conclusion would change not one iota if Alaska happened to be another country, instead of another state. Preventing international trade does benefit some people. In my Mexico/

U.S. example, Mexican computer chip manufacturers and U.S. tomato producers would benefit from outlawing trade. It would enable Mexican computer chip manufacturers and U.S. tomato producers to charge their customers higher prices, thereby making for higher profits and wages

Trade barriers are an excellent means to higher wealth for the few but

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which is secured even by the laws of this land.

Why are Christian preachers, that have voluntarily taken the IRS stamp of approval (that is the same bureaucracy that calls the worship of satan a church) and state incorporation as non-profit religious businesses, reluctant to speak out against the many immoral and un-Biblical things that are happening in our country?

They have signed an agreement saying that they would not speak out against any public policy. It is no wonder that the church in America has been largely silent about the grossest sins of our day and turns its back on the death of unborn children and adulterous presidents.

Thank you Father that Jesus and the early church leaders and the Founders of America had the grace and courage to make the right stand. I am a beneficiary of their courage. I will keep the church I lead free and teach others to do the same. In time, America may be returned to her former greatness as the home of a truly free people who love, honor and worship God in spirit and in truth and teach the rest of the world to do the same.

The Frenchman, Alexis DeTocqueville, was dispatched to America in the 19th century to find out why America was so strong. He traversed this country, taking note of what he experienced. He later reported that he had "discovered the secret" to America's greatness.

He said that he visited America's Christian churches and "their pulpits were ablaze with righteousness, America is great because America is good, when America ceases to be good America will cease to be great".

He knew what would happen if the church in America should ever not be free. Alexis knew then, what some do not appear to know now, that it is the mission and responsibility of the true New Testament Church of Jesus Christ to be an ever constant reminder that "Blessed is the nation whose God is The Lord" (Psalm 33:12). These are my strongly held "religious" convictions in my relationship

with God as a follower-of Christ. For today at least, in America, I am by The Father's grace with some perseverance and courage on my part, "entitled" to live by them. I will have no other king but King Jesus.

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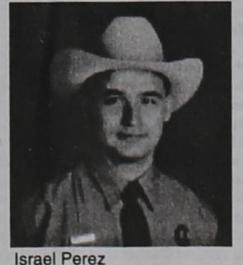
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Quail Appreciation Day set for May 22 In Garza County

Bobwhite quail will take center stage during a special "Quail Appreciation Day" at Chimney Creek Ranch and Sanderson Ranch, northeast of Post, Texas, May 22, 2003. The program is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Garza and Crosby counties.

In years past, quail were plentiful across most of the state, but over time, many variables including land management have caused quail populations to decline. The High Plains/Rolling Plains of Texas has become one of the last strongholds of Bobwhite quail in the nation. This program is meant to update quail enthusiasts, land owners, and mangers on matters now affecting the popular game birds and learn what factors are needed to encourage quail development.

Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension wildlife specialist and one of the nation's leading wild quail authorities, will be one of the key speakers to bring us up-to-date on what's happening with our quail. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The morning session opens at 9:15 a.m. with administration of a "pre-test" and lab practical. Next, Rollins will present "Appreciating Quail". He will be followed by Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife associate at San Angelo. Cearley is scheduled to present "Getting to Know Your Quail." Cearley will also lead an exercise during which participants will dissect quail to learn important physiological constraints relating to habitat management.

The morning program continues with Rollins and Cearley covering several topics which include: "Pen-raised quail," "Scoring Quail Habitat," "Water and Quail," "Supplemental Feeding," "Season Lengths/Bag Limits" and "Predator Control."

The morning concludes with a catered chuck-wagon lunch. Julie Neitsch, Family and Consumer Science Agent in Garza County, will provide the group a "Cooking With Quail" program during the noon hour.

After lunch, participants will tour Chimney Creek Ranch and Sanderson Ranches. Exercises on how to assess quail habitat, predation of nests, and brush cover will be performed. A Softball Habitat Evaluation Technique will be performed. The afternoon session will then conclude with a post test and lab practical and adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered (1 IPM and 1 General). Pre-registration is \$10.00 per person by Tuesday, May 20.

For further information contact Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent at (806) 495-4400, or the Crosby County office of Texas Cooperative Extension.



Post Middle School girls' tennis team members at the district meet were (left to right) Jackie Hays, third place doubles; Steffi Norman, second place singles; Brenna Postell, third place doubles; Claire Kirkpatrick, third place doubles; Samantha Hoover, third place doubles and Kylie Easterling, first place singles. (Photo courtesy Rhonda Norman)

Post High School May Activities & Events

May 17 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 19 - Awards assembly, 7 p.m.

May 21 - National Honor Society, noon May 26 - Memorial Day school holiday

May 28-29 - Semester exams; 1 p.m. dismissal May 29 May 30 - Graduation



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'Lopes take Area Championship in come-from-behind victories

by Ernest Fox

in the fifth inning Saturday to sure their optimism was short-lived. area championship series played at two-run homeruns and combined to Nichols Park in Post.

quarterfinals to play Colorado City (17-5) in Snyder, the first game Friday at 7 p.m., followed on Saturday at 10 winner-take-all rubber match. a.m. with game two. Game three, if needed, will be 30 minutes after game the fifth inning with six runs on five

No Post baseball team has advanced bases-loaded triple to centerfield, deeper in the playoffs than this squad. The series against Colorado is a rematch of the 2002 best-of-three series won by Colorado two games to one in the opening round of playoffs.

Down by one game after Friday's loss, Post led off game number two by scoring first in the bottom of the first inning on leadoff batter Kenny Ratke reaching by hit batter and scoring on a Luis Zubia E-6 hit off Alpine starter Joseph Monclava.

Alpine followed by leading off the top of the second by plating two runs, but things changed quickly in the bottom of the second when Post scored nine runs as 13 Antelopes came to bat. Post took a 11-4 lead after four full innings when Alpine chased Post starter Cody Fox after two doubles, one walk and a two-out, two-run homerun to right centerfield.

Bryan Looney relieved after Fox threw four straight ball-free pass to the following batter with Post now leading 11-8 with one man on base. Alpine kept up the onslaught as the Fightin' Bucs followed with two consecutive singles and an E-5 hit. The number six hole Alpine hitter followed with a three-RBI double as Alpine regained the lead 12-11.

Randon Blacklock (6-2) came on to induce Adam Garcia to hit into a inning-ending 5-3 putout. With the game and season slipping away, the Post offense exploded for four runs to regain the lead and plated two additional runs in the sixth inning, turning an 11-12 Alpine lead into a 17-12 Post win.

With the decisive win Post forced a Ratke, two on-base by hit batter, one walk, one single, two RBIs; Mitchell Mills, two singles, one RBI; Looney, one single, one double, one walk, one RBI; Zubia, one walk, one single; Jon Dunn. Eilenberger, one walk, one double, one RBI; Fox, one single, one RBI; Colton Valdez, one sacrifice fly, one single, two RBIs; Blacklock, one double, one walk, two RBIs; Brody two singles, one double, one RBI.

Pitching for Post were Fox going 4 2/3 innings with eight hits, six walks, no hit batters and five strikeouts. Fox's pitching count showed 35 strikes and 55 balls; Looney, going to four batters with three hits, no walks, no hit batters and no strikeouts. His pitching count showed six strikes and nine balls.

Blacklock (6-2) no-hitting the Alpine sticks for the final 2 1/3 innings, no walks, one hit batter, one strikeout. Blacklock's pitching count showed 13 strikes and 14 balls.

Even if for just an instant Saturday, Alpine had reason to feel optimistic against Post. Alpine did not bring the area championship trophy to the

Post rallied from a three-run deficit game, but the Antelope offense made

eliminate the Alpine Fighting Bucs Post shortstop Kenny Ratke and 12-10 in the third game of a Class 2A pitcher Randon Blacklock each hit drive in five runs, along with right The Antelopes (25-9), who lost the fielder Cody Fox's five RBIs, were first game 7-4 on Friday in Alpine, good enough to overcome six errors. will advance to the regional Post (25-9) hammered three Alpine pitchers for 14 hits and beat the Alpine Fightin' Bucs 12-10 in the

The Antelopes rallied to go ahead in hits, including Fox's base-clearing, followed by Blacklock's RBI single, marking the second time Post has clawed back from a tie or deficit.

Blacklock finished with just three

strikeouts, but proved to be a model bats. of efficiency with just 99 pitches in seven innings, including 32 balls,

and got both wins of the doubleheader. Coupled with an equally as first game on Saturday, Post wrapped up the series and cast its eyes toward a regional quarterfinal showdown with District 3-2A foe Snyder on Friday.

didn't derail Post's post-season scored 52 runs in four playoff games action. The kin in the armor appears to be errors - nine in four games. Post offense had three strikeouts in 38 at-

Batting for Post were Ratke, one walk, one homerun, one double, two RBIs; Mitchell Mills, one single; Bryan Looney, one double; Luis Zubia, dominant offensive explosive 17-12 one walk, two singles; Jon Eilenberger, one single, three on-base by hit batters; Fox, one walk, one single, one triple, five RBIs; Blacklock, one homerun, one single, three RBIs; Brody Robertson, one Saturday's doubleheader win sure double; and Jett Lott, two singles.

Pitching for Post were Blacklock (7momentum. The Antelopes have 2), going for 6 1/3 innings with 10 hits, one walk, two hit batters and and have given up 35 runs in playoff three strikeouts. His pitching count showed 31 strikes and 31 balls. Fox closed to get a save, pitching to two batters, no hits, walks, hit batters or strikeouts.



Post softball team "The Unexpected" won second place in the Girls' South Plains Fast Pitch Softball tournament. Team members are (back row, left to right) Mikah Wisian, Evan Jackson, Rosalinda Alaniz, Melissa Arredondo, Kayla Morris, Roxanne Orona, (front row) Ashley Wilson, Kelli Martin, Bailey Odom, Steffi Norman, Ashley Powell and Allison Blevins.

Post girls shine in Lubbock softball competition

by Tabatha Cowley

Thirteen girls playing in the Pitchingforthe Knockoutsfortheir with a single, an infield homerun Lubbock South Plains Girls Fastpitch League began their season May 1 Friendship Lady Tigers.

Playing for this 10-and-under team with a double and two RBIs; Kyla in Mackenzie Park in Lubbock. are Nicole Alvidrez, Krystal Ayala, Reagan Belongia, Teraka Cowley, third game. Hitting for Post were Kari Dunn, Chelci Hair, Miranda hair, Ashley Henry, K.K. Horton, Miley McKee, Kyla Perez, Syrina Perez and Amber Wilson. The team is coached by Joey Cowley and Lance

> Pitching for the Post Knockouts were Teraka and Miranda.

The Lady Tigers had two hits. The first hit was a line drive to the pitcher's mound caught by Teraka Robertson, one on-base by hit batter, for an out, and the second was a three singles, two RBIs; Jett Lott, grounder to first base picked up by Syrina for an out.

Swinging bats were Nicole with a single and a RBI; Miranda with a single, a double, an infield homerun and four RBIs; K.K. with a double, a triple and five RBIs; Kyle with a single; and Miley with a single and

The girls will be competing in a total of 18 games for the season. The team defeated the Awesome

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second game were Teraka, Miranda and four RBIs; and Nicole with a single and an RBI. with a 15-9 win over the Lubbock Swinging bats were Miranda with The girls' next game will be Friday

two singles and two RBIs; Teraka against the Lady Pirates at 7:35 p.m.



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