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PHS students qualifying for State UIL academic meet are (left to right), Vince Robles, Jonathan McGregor, Jordan Tatum and James Soto. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## PHS students advance to state UIL meet

James Soto and Jordan Tatum of Post High School won first place in the Feb. 9 CX District Debate Tournament. Jonathan McGregor and Vince Robles took second place.

A total of nine teams competed — three from Idalou, two from Shallowater, three from Post and one from Tahoka.

The boys will advance to the State CX Debate meet in Austin March 13 where 64 other 2A schools' teams will compete for the state championship.

Team points for UIL academics, as of the Feb. 9 tournament, stood at 46 points for Post, 15 for Idalou and 10 for Shallowater.

## County Attorney reports decrease in criminal cases

Garza County saw a decrease in the number of new criminal cases filed during the 2004 calendar year, according to a recent report filed by County Attorney Leslie Acker.

In his Jan. 25 annual report to Garza County Commissioners, Acker said there were 182 new criminal cases filed for prosecution in the Garza County court during 2004. That number represents about a 25 percent drop compared to the number of cases filed in the previous year; however, it is the same number of cases filed during 2002. Of the 182 new cases, 62 involved driving while intoxicated or boating while intoxicated cases, while 59 were drug offenses, 14 involved assault complaints, nine involved theft and 38 were criminal cases for miscellaneous offenses.

The court disposed of 197 criminal cases during the year, resulting in 130 convictions/deferred adjudications — 66 percent of the total — and 67 dismissals. According to Acker, "many of the dismissals were as a result of Section 12.45 agreements wherein the Garza County Court offense was considered by the 106th District Court judge in assessing the defendant's punishment in a felony conviction."

As of Jan. 1, there were 153 cases pending. Many of these cases involve defendants who have yet to be arrested, Acker reported.

Additionally, the court heard and disposed of 14 motions to revoke probation during the 2004 calendar year.

Activity in the Garza County Juvenile Court remained steady, with 14 detention hearings, 12 new petitions for delinquent conduct/need for supervision, nine adjudication hearings and five hearings for modification of disposition.

The county attorney's office continued its handling of hot check collections. A total of 136 hot checks were processed, resulting in restitution of \$15,937.91 to merchants/vendors.

## PHS UIL academic team earns top honors

Post High School's UIL academic team has seen a number of wins in recent weeks, including at meets in Idalou, Wylie and Coronado High School in Lubbock.

At the Idalou meet Feb. 12, Kayla Dunn took first place in editorial writing, while Christin Collier captured a third place finish in news writing and fifth place in headline writing. In ready writing, Jonathan McGregor took first place, followed by Keeley Bramblett with fourth place.

James Soto took fourth in informative speaking, followed by Becca

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## Cebridge, Atmos set higher rates

The new year brought rate hikes to Atmos Energy and Cebridge Connections customers in the City of Post.

In a report delivered to the Post City Council last week, Atmos announced the cost of gas to its corporate West Texas System was \$6.38 per Mcf, excluding Lubbock, starting Jan. 1. That amount includes \$5.94 per Mcf for estimated purchase price of natural gas, 12 cents per Mcf for Correction Factor Cost and 32 cents per Mcf for Tax Factor Cost, according to a Dec. 30 letter to council members.

The cost of gas for Lubbock stands at \$6.52 per Mcf.

In a Jan. 18 letter addressed to Mayor Archie Gill, Cebridge outlined a "list of adjustments" that will go into effect on the next billing cycle for residential customers. Those adjustments are as follows:

- Basic cable service — up \$2
- Expanded basic cable service — up 50 cents
- For digital service customers, digital tiers (per tier) — up 51 cents; any three tiers or other digital packages, up 95 cents
- For premium movie service customers, first premium movie service — up \$1; second premium movie service, up \$1; third premium movie service,

no change; fourth premium movie service, no change

According to the letter, taxes and fees also will be adjusted "to reflect current taxing and fee assessment rates." Customers should receive a 30-day advance notice of rate adjustments.

Cebridge officials point out that they have updated cable lines and associated equipment while enhancing technician training and augmenting the capabilities of its customer call centers. As they have upgraded their service, programming expenses — that is, the fees the company must pay to media companies to carry their channels and networks — have climbed by more than 10 percent, according to the letter.

## City election filing opens for candidates

Candidate filings are now open for the positions of mayor, Ward 1 alderman and Ward 2 alderman on the Post City Council.

Filing will close March 7, according to an official at City Hall.

Mayor Gill announced at the February 8 city council meeting that he will not seek reelection. He has served three terms as mayor and previously served as a city council member.

The positions to be filled are currently held by Archie Gill, mayor; Juanita Pantoja, Ward 1, and Dickie Odom, Ward 2.

In a statement released Tuesday morning, Pantoja announced she would not seek re-election to her seat "for family reasons." She did offer her thanks to "everybody for their support" and encouraged interested Ward 1 residents to run for the position.

The election is set for May 7. Early voting will run April 20 through May 3.

## Post ISD trustees look at personnel moves

Post High School principal Johnny McGregor was granted contract extension at last week's meeting of the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

An additional year was added to McGregor's contract as board members considered mid-management personnel for the upcoming school year, Supt. Marlin Marcum said.

Fred Postell, who serves as assistant principal at the high school, was tapped to take over as middle school principal following the resignation of Brian Brownlow. Brownlow's resignation will be effective in May, Marcum said.

District officials are actively seeking applicants to fill the position of Post High School assistant principal.

In other business, board members:

- Called an election for May 7 to fill two open seats on the board of trustees. The two incumbents for the positions, Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin, already have filed for re-election to their posts. The election calendar was reviewed and election officials were approved.
- Approved a single student transfer into the school district.
- Conducting a hearing on and approved a variance application to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver to allow Post ISD classes to begin on Aug. 15. If approved, this move will allow the district to complete its first semester prior to the holiday break.
- Reviewed and approved the budget calendar.
- Reviewed board training. Returning board members are required to complete 10 hours of training each year, Marcum said, and all Post ISD trustees have completed or are about to satisfy that requirement.
- Conducted a board self-evaluation and reviewed the board handbook.
- Approved the naming of the high school's baseball playing field after PHS graduate Norm Cash, a pro baseball player from the 1950s and 1960s. The field will be called Norm Cash Field.
- Discussed the agreement with the architects and reviewed plans for the cafeteria. Plans should be finalized next month, Marcum said, and RFPs for the cafeteria facility should be made public in March.
- Tabled action on a pair of real estate offers.
- Conducted an annual review of the Facilities Master Plan.

## Post Notes

### Aguilar fund set at Wells Fargo Bank

A fund remains established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Christina Aguilar, the 15-year-old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Aguilar who received a new liver November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. After struggling many years with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance at a long and healthy life. However, she and her family will have to continue making frequent trips to Houston to monitor her progress for the next year.

### Benefit planned for Criswell

A benefit will be held Saturday, Feb. 19 for Patti Criswell beginning at noon at JD's Bar & Grill, 208 N. Ave. F. Great tasting BBQ brisket plates with all the trimmings will be sold for \$5 each. Call your orders in at 495-0694. A drive thru is available for your convenience or join in for a day of fun with a live auction, raffle for two handmade blankets, cakewalk and DJ. All proceeds will help offset medical bills.

### Post Night in the Kingdom set

Post Night in the Kingdom, a special evening for local residents, is set for Saturday, Feb. 26, as the Lubbock Cotton Kings host the Odessa Jackalopes at 7:05 p.m. The Lubbock Cotton Kings and the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau are teaming up to bring Post Night to the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The evening will include recognition for Post residents and historical information about the community. Bureau President Thessa Harp will drop the ceremonial first puck. Tickets are \$8 for Post residents. Tickets may be obtained at J.D.'s Bar & Grill, McDonald's in Post, United Supermarket and the Bureau office at City Hall.

### ATTENTION Middle School Parents!

School will be dismissed at 1:30 on Thursday, Feb. 24th. Our Parent/teacher conference will be from 1:30-7 p.m. We hope you will use this opportunity to talk with your student's teachers. Please call the Middle School office to set up a time to visit with the teachers (495-2874). There will be a drawing for Cotton Kings tickets for those in attendance.

### Homebuyers workshop set Feb. 26

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Community Services Division, will hold a Homebuyers Workshop on Saturday, February 26 from 9-12 p.m. at Community Services Bldg., 1611 FM 300 in Levelland. The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$10,000 per household. Assistance is available for residents of Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties. Residents of these counties who are First-time Homebuyers and are interested in purchasing a home, may call Garza Community Action, Billie Williams at 495-2329 for more information.

### Flags, magnets available

Individuals needing flags to fly at their home and/or business can call the VFW Post 6797 commander, Chuck Ratliff, for assistance. Magnets also are available. Contact Ratliff at 495-2026.

### Items needed for VA Hospital visit

The men and woman of Post 6797 will make their annual visit to the VA Hospital in Big Spring Feb. 24. Anyone interested in donating items for the visit should contact Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026. Suggested items include books, magazines, playing cards, games, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items individuals might need during a hospital stay. Baked goods also are needed, as the group will play bingo with the patients and distribute refreshments.

### Cub Scout banquet set

The 1st Annual Blue & Gold Banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the C. W. Post Memorial Dining Hall for Cub Scout Pack 316. A brisket dinner will be served followed by a live auction. For donation or ticket information call Crystal Osborn at 806/495-3011 or 806/549-1182.

### Men's prayer breakfast

All men are invited and encouraged to come to the Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 15th street and Avenue S for a home cooked breakfast at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, February 14. The event will be held the second Monday of each month. Please come for breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

### SHAPES Recruiting

Shaping Success Headstart is recruiting for the 2004-2005 school year. We serve children ages 3 and 4. Please call 495-2554 for more information.

### Garza County Relay for Life

All team captains, past, present and future are invited to a Team Captain Rally on Monday, February 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. It's time again to start working on teams, fund raisers, and Relay for Garza County. We look forward to seeing you at the rally. 2005 Relay for Life Co-Chairs are Peggy Graves, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Marge Tannehill, and Carol Williams. For more information contact Carol at 495-2156 or LWill74@aol.com

### Old eye glasses needed

Your help is needed to collect old eye glasses for Missionary, Chris Hena, M.D. of Kazakhstan. There is a great need for eye glasses of all sizes. We will be collecting thru March 1. Please bring eye wear to the First United Methodist Church, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until noon. You may also bring them to Redman Redi Lube, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Coaches and umpires meet March 5

There will be a meeting on March 5 at Wells Fargo Bank beginning at 1 p.m. for anyone interested in coaching or umpiring for Post Little League. This will be a meeting to sign up only. You must attend this meeting in order to be eligible to coach or umpire. For questions you may contact Drew Kirkpatrick at 629-4054.

### Traiblazers need copy machine

Garza County Traiblazers is seeking a copying machine, new or used, to be donated to the center. Anyone interested in donating for this purpose may call us at 495-2998, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. We have a tremendous amount of paperwork that needs to be copied on a daily basis for business purpose and we just don't have the funds to accommodate this need. Any offers will be appreciated.

### Sign-ups set for baseball and softball

Sign-ups for T-Ball, Minor League, Little League, Jr/Sr League and Girls Softball will be held at the Elementary Gym on March 7 through March 11 from 3:30 to 5:30. There will be an additional child discount this year. Deadline for sign-ups will be March 20. For questions you may contact Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

### Fish fry every Friday

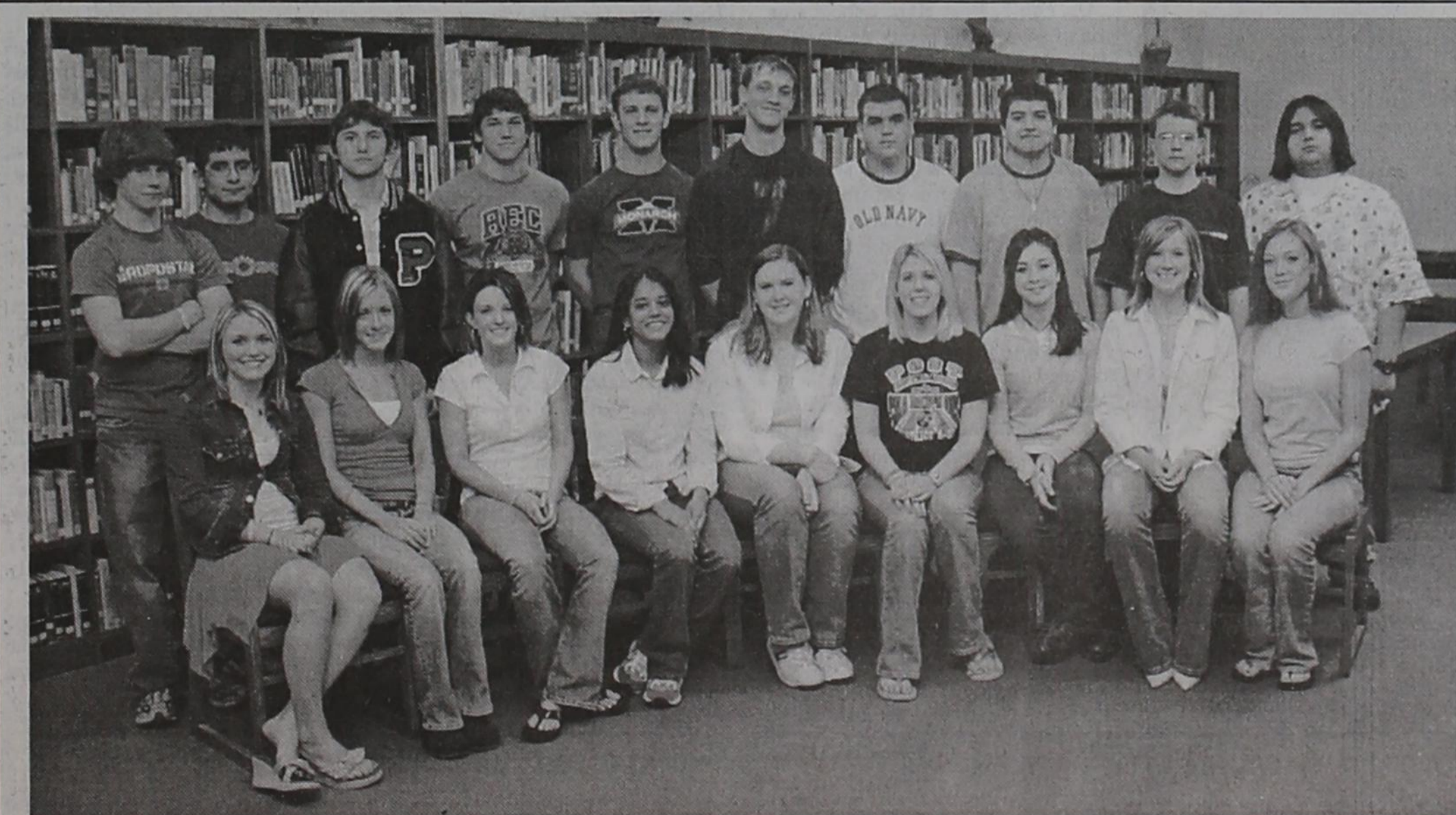
Holy Cross Catholic Church will start selling fish fry and trimmings every Friday during lent. Beginning February 11, from 5-7 p.m. Plates are \$6.00 each.

### Post Little League

Bids for the concession stand will be accepted from now until March 31. Please contact Terri Morris at 495-1935.

### Pony League baseball

All 13 and 14 year old boys who want to play Pony League baseball will meet at the Little League field at 2 p.m. this Saturday (Feb. 19th). A parent/guardian are request to attend. In case of bad weather we will meet at the Jr. High Gym north of the football field. If you want to play, but you cannot attend, please contact Donny Windham at 629-4458.



PHS students ranking in District Academic meet are (back row left to right), Josh Lee, James Soto, Wilson Cash, Miles Gray, Jonathan McGregor, Jordan Tatum, Brant Guthrie, Vince Robles, Steven Short and Joey Guerra (front row), K'Nell Dalby, Christen Collier, Kayla

Dunn, Suhani Bhakta, Rebecca Striblin, Emily Marcum, Bailey Odom, Claire Kirkpatrick and Laurel Tatum. (Not in photo are Keeley Bramblett, Colt Mason, Kylie Easterling and Jeremy Safran). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



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

**Photography Meeting**

All youth interested in participating in the Junior and Senior Photography projects need to meet at the Extension office Thursday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. Junior photos are due Tuesday, March 22 in county. Senior photos are due Tuesday, April 5, in county.

**Photography Field Trip**

Members of the Photography Project need to meet at the Extension Office at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, February 27 for a field trip. Bring your camera/s and film for the outing.

**Junior & Senior Fashion Show**

Both district fashion shows have been combined this year and will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in Lubbock. Please contact the Extension office at 495-4400 if you are interested in participating in the Clothing Project.

**Archery Project Sign Up**

If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Archery Project, you and a parent must register at the Extension Office at 215 West Main in Post, on Tuesday, February 22, from 3:30 until 5:30. In addition to county participation, there will be a regional shoot at Floydada April 2, and the District contest will be at Brownfield April 9. There will be no registration fees this year.

**Pete and Sammie Maddox Celebrate 50th Anniversary**

Allen "Pete" Maddox and Sammie Ladell Williams were married Feb. 12, 1955, in Post.

Pete served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked in the oil industry and later with the City of Post as Director of Public Works. After moving to Brownwood, Pete worked for FMC and Richmond Farm Supply. Pete has always been in the farming and ranching business.

Sammie worked for the First National Bank of Post and later for the Department of Transportation in the Resident Engineer's office in Post. After moving to Brownwood, she worked for the Herman Bennett Construction Co. in the central office. In 1981, she went back to work for the Department of Transportation, Brownwood District, in the warehouse. She retired in 1994 after 34 years as District Warehouse Supervisor.

The couple currently resides on Williams Ranch Road. They are active members of Fourth and Stewart Church of Christ.

**Jennifer Strawn honored at bridal shower**

Jennifer Strawn, bride-elect of Trey Peacher, was honored with a Jan. 29 bridal shower in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Post.

Guests were served a variety of homemade cookies, nuts and punch from a table decorated with fresh flowers and the bride's chosen colors of red, white and black.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Susan Strawn of Post; her grandmothers, Bessie Strawn and Marita Jackson of Post; and the groom's mother, Sherry Peacher of Lubbock.

Hostesses were LeAnn Hodges, Alexa Collier, Gena Lott, Pam Humble, Barbara Hardin, Diane Stelzer, Connie Jones, Metta Tyler, Teressa Schoonover, Kathy Fluitt, Debbie Johnson and Lisa Copeland. They presented the couple with a knife cutlery set and dual cutting boards.

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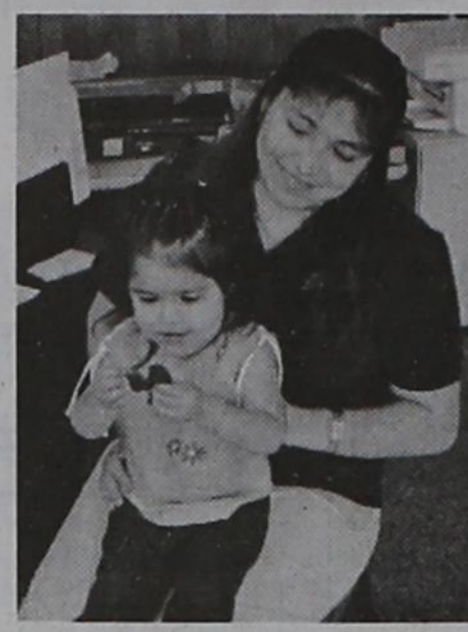
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**Fred Myers announces retirement at CitizensBank**

Fred Myers, CitizensBANK's senior vice president/branch manager in Post, will retire, and Keith Williams has been hired to assume the position, according to a recent announcement by bank officials.

Williams will officially join the Post branch Tuesday. Myers will stay on for a transition period prior to his retirement.

Myers, a 42-year veteran banker, joined the CitizensBANK staff as an agriculture loan officer in 1985. He took over operations of the bank's Post location when it opened in 1993. Myers said he hopes to remain active in doing agriculture loan appraisal work for area banks.

Williams, a native of Grassland and Tahoka High School graduate, earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture business/economics from West Texas State University in Canyon before going on to complete a two-year banking program at Texas Tech University.

Following a three-year stint with the county agent's office in Vernon, Williams began his banking career with the Production Credit Association in Wichita Falls. After another PCA position in Perryton, he joined Olney Bancshares in Seymour in 1993 and rose to the position of vice president of Farmers National Bank in that community. In 1998 he returned to this area to join the First National Bank of Tahoka where he currently serves as vice president.

He and his wife have a son and daughter. The family will move to Post during the summer.

"We are confident that Keith Williams will help Citizens continue our tradition of community banking and be an asset to the bank as well as to the community of Post," said Blake Boyd, president and CEO of CitizensBANK.

"Fred Myers has been a loyal and trusted employee of CitizensBANK for 20 years and was instrumental in making Citizens' first foray into branch banking in Post a success," Boyd said. "Fred has provided advice and friendship to numerous customers during his years of service to both communities. We enjoyed the years he gave us, and he will be greatly missed."

**SPCAA provides funding assistance**

The South Plains Communication Action Assoc. has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through December.

The primary intent of the program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more individuals age 60 or older, a handicapped individual and families with children under the age of six.

The philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the program's central theme. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For more information, contact SPCAA Center worker Billie Williams at 495-2329 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Her office is located on South Hwy. 84.

**UIL competition...**

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Striblin in seventh place. McGregor took second in persuasive speaking, followed by Jordan Tatum in fourth.

Tatum took fifth place in current events.

Emily Marcum scored a second place finish in LD debate, while Brant Guthrie finished in sixth place in number sense/seniors. McGregor finished in second place for math/juniors, while Suhani Bhakta captured a first place win in math/freshman.

Rounding out the meet were Striblin with an eighth place finish in calculator/sophomore and Colt Mason, ninth place, calculator/junior.

On Feb 5, Post High School was one of 47 schools competing at the Wylie Invitational Academic Meet, which drew A, AA and AAA schools.

Breaking into the semis in prose were Claire Kirkpatrick and Bailey Odom. Breaking into the semis in poetry was Laurel Tatum. Kylie Easterling placed fourth in headlines out of 52 competitors. Emily Marcum won first place in the Lincoln-Douglas debate out of a field of 32 competitors.

On Jan. 22, Post's UIL team traveled to Lubbock to compete at Coronado High School. There, Steven Short earned a first place finish in computer science/freshman, followed by Jeremy Safran who took second in the same contest. Christin Collier earned a third place finish in news writing, while Kylie Easterling took second place in headline writing.

In number sense, Miles Gray took second place while Wilson Cash finished in sixth place. Josh Lee earned a seventh place berth. Suhani Bhakta took third place in match, while K'neil Dalby finished in eighth place in number sense.



**Brenda Abell, David Norman announce wedding engagement**

Ray Hall of Ralls and Jeannie Hall of Lubbock are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Abell, to David Norman, son of Lee and Marsha Norman of Post.

The bride-elect, who is employed by NTS Communications in Lubbock, is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hall of Ralls and Mr. and Mrs. Doss Myrick of San Antonio.

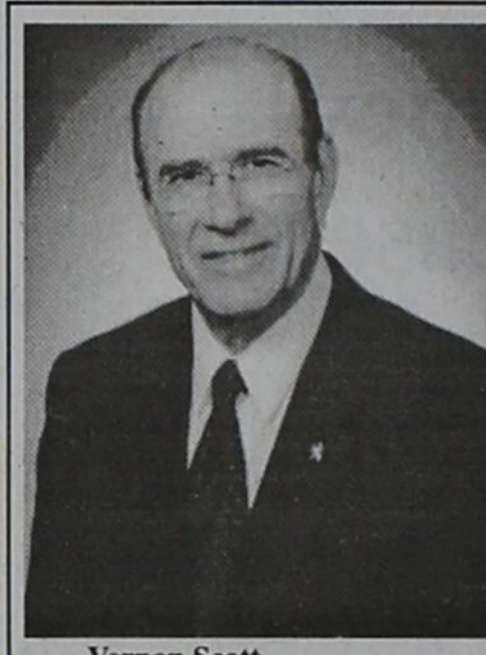
The prospective bridegroom, an employee of Custom Homes by Robert Wood in Lubbock, is the grandson of Jean Tipton and the late Marshall Tipton, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman of Post.

An April 2, 2005, wedding is planned at the Watson Building in Lubbock.

**Former Post banker retires at Lancaster**

After more than 45 years in banking, Vernon Scott, a former Post banker and civic leader, retired Feb. 9.

Scott had served the Best Southwest area of Dallas County, as well as Ellis County, for 35 years.



Vernon Scott

Scott began his banking career Sept. 1, 1959, after returning from a tour of duty with the U.S. Army as an infantry officer. His first bank position was as an assistant vice president with the First National Bank of Post, his hometown. There he served 10 years as a lender and the bank's cashier.

Born and raised on a farm in the Pleasant Valley community near Post, Scott was well acquainted with the farm, ranch and oil economies of his hometown. His knowledge served him well in his growth and foundation years at the Post bank.

In 1969, he and his wife, Jo Ann, and their three young children left West Texas and moved to Lancaster where he joined a group starting a

new bank, The Bank of Lancaster. Over the next 15 years, the bank grew to be the largest in Lancaster. The bank merged with First Security Bank of Beaumont in 1972 and merged in 1979 with First City Bancorporation of Houston. Scott served as chairman of the board, president and CEO during the years of growth and change.

In 1982, 1st City Bancorp promoted Scott to regional coordinator for its North Texas region. He maintained this position with oversight of 19 banks until 1984 when he left to become chairman of the board, president and CEO of Desoto State Bank in Desoto.

From 1984 until 1991, the bank experienced dramatic growth. Proident Bancorp, the bank's owner, merged all of its banks in 1990 and made Scott the president and CEO of the merged entity.

In October 1991, he joined Comerica Bank of Texas to manage its Waxahachie Bank. Soon afterward he was given the responsibility for the Desoto location we well, making him a "hub" manager. He maintained that position until April of last year when he began working three days each week as a financial services and business development officer.

Scott served the cities of Lancaster, Desoto and Waxahachie in many civic volunteer endeavors. In Lancaster he served on the boards of the chamber of commerce, the library and the school district. He was a member of the Lancaster Lions Club and Lancaster Athletic Association. He coached youth baseball and basketball for more than eight years and is current president-elect of the Lancaster Rotary Club.

In Desoto, Scott served as a director and chairman of the board for the chamber of commerce and was a member of the Desoto Rotary Club, the Economic Development Resource Team, the Industrial Board and the Best Southwest Steering Committee.

In Waxahachie, he was a member of the Rotary Club and served on the board. He also served on the board of directors for the YMCA, as well as many capacities for fund-raising, including drive chairman. He served on the board of the chamber of commerce and was active as a volunteer in many organizations, including the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes.

Other notable civic activities included president of the Post Chamber of Commerce and recognition as Citizen of the Year in 1968. Always active in supporting education, he was a member of the board of development for his alma mater, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, in the 1960s and 1970s, and was a member of the board of trustees of Dallas Baptist University for eight years.

Scott has been a lay choral and music director since high school. He has been minister of music and worship leader at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Post, Hampton Road Baptist Church in Desoto, Crossroads Baptist Church in Lancaster and Colonial Hills Baptist in Cedar Hill. He is a member of the Singing Men of North Texas, a choral group comprised of music ministers performing concerts all over Texas and doing international mission work.

Scott and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Lancaster. The Scotts have lived in Lancaster for 28 years and have three children and seven grandchildren.

"My life as a banker has been most fulfilling and rewarding," said Scott. "Through the millions of dollars loaned to area businesses and individuals through the years, their lives and fortunes have been enriched and thus mine as well. Through my civic involvement, volunteerism and fund-raising activities, I have again been instrumental in helping many people. The desire for my life to make a difference in other's lives has been fulfilled.

"Jo Ann and I are humbly grateful beyond expression for the many, many friends made during these years. The encouragement and support of these friends has been wonderful. The friendships made and the rewards made from these relationships mean far more to us than monetary gains we have had. God has blessed our lives abundantly, and we are truly grateful."

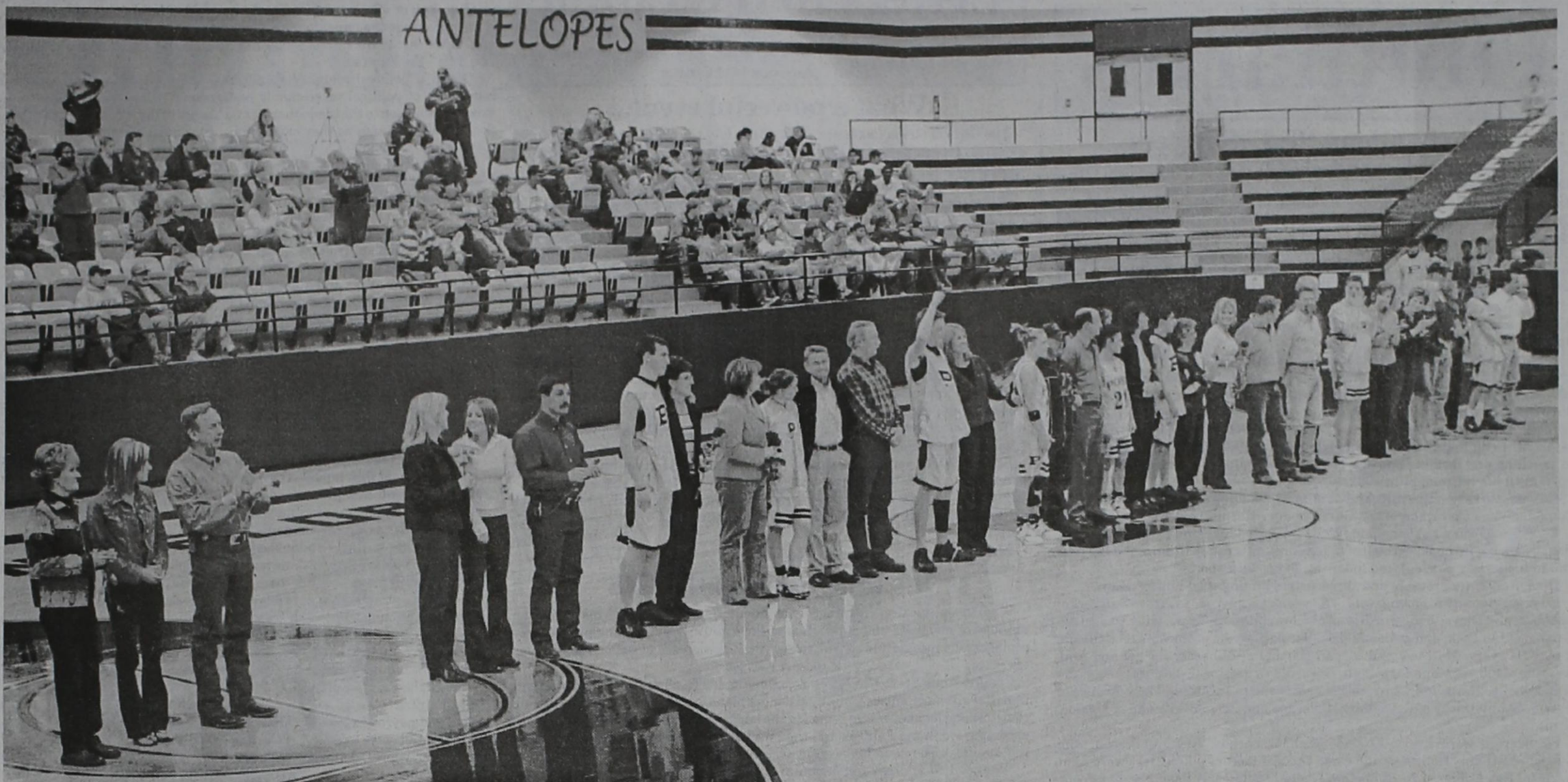
Scott is the son of the late Charlie and Sitha Scott. His brother, Wesley, and wife, Bettye, former Post residents, reside in the Tow community at Lake Buchanan. His sister, Joy Pool, and husband, Bill, have been active in church and civic activities in Post for many years. Bill Pool is a city council member in Post.

**Ladies Auxiliary meets Tuesday**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 will meet Tuesday at the Alamo Restaurant. The meeting date was changed because of the Valentine's Day observance.

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### PHS senior basketball players honored during Senior Night

Post High School Lady Lope and Antelope Seniors were recognized with their parents during last Thursday's game against Slaton in Antelope Arena. Lady Lope seniors Christine Collier, Donae Dalby, Logan Gregory, Patricia

Hester, Megan Hoover and Nikki Norman. Antelope seniors were Cole Easterling, Jerrad Grisham, Zach Lopez, Jett Lott, Coco Valdez and Sterling Smith. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

### Post Art Guild plans expanded hours

A meeting of the Post Art Guild was held Feb. 8 at the Algerita Arts Center. Plans were made to open the center afternoons each Tuesday through Friday and weekends by appointment.

A new emphasis will be directed toward making the center a fully functional gallery displaying diverse

styles of paintings and other art forms. Guild members are excited about its future and are interested in inviting artists of any painting skill level - "from never-painted-but-would-like-to to advanced painters" - to participate. The guild has programs throughout the year that are informative and interesting. Anyone interested in

attending a meeting may do so at the Algerita Art Center on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Polly Cravy, program chairman, at 629-4286.

Members present at the meeting included Marie Neff, Ann Bratcher, Donna Degan, Geraldine Butler, Tressa Blackburn, Sara Ault and Polly Cravy.

### "Fools" continues at Garza Theatre Friday, Saturday

The final shows of Neil Simon's romantic comedy "Fools" will wrap up this weekend at the Garza Theatre. Directed by Mickie Klafka, the cast includes Lowell Merkling, Michelle Dillard, Rick Fay, Kristen Thomas, Chris Davis, Virginia Solomon, Roy Willis, Mike Carley, Kim Klafka and Christina Burk. Performances are set for Feb. 18 and 19. Curtain times will be 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$9 or \$6 for children ages 6-12 at the Garza Theatre box office. Call 495-4005 for more information.

### Congratulations 7th Grade Boys



Post 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Luis Duran, Mitchell James, Trent Babb, Giles Dalby, Clint Windham, Aaron Nelms, Josh Rodriguez, Chase Odom, Quinton Valdez, Dean Nelms, (front row) M.J. Winn, John Rodriguez, John Bocko, Shiloh Short, Travis Bergin, Michael Gonzales, Allen Duran, Solomon Abraham and Joel Horton.

James & Juanetta Bocko  
Tim & Diane James

Giles & Mendy Dalby  
Dick & Shellee Odom

### Congratulations 8th Grade Boys

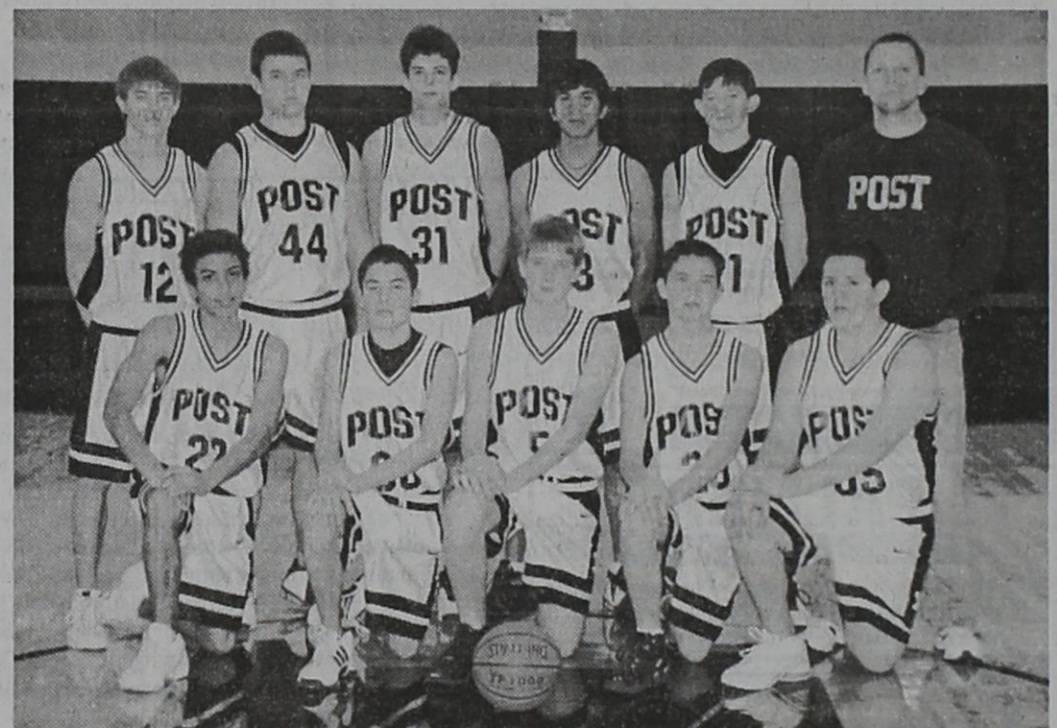


Post 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Brandon Crawford, Dalton Duran, Jovanni Garay, Jesse Vera, (front) Chad Miller, Zach Nav a, Jonathan Jurado and Patrick Martinez.

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Junior Varsity Boys - (back row, left to right) Heath Fellhauer, Blake Nichols, Call Windham, Kenneth Garay, Roby Lester, coach Mark Young, (front) James Griffin, Tyler Odom, Timothy Wilson, Andrew Elmore and Kamron Shumard.

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Post Antelope Varsity - (back row, left to right) Coach Lonnie Scott, Colter Creech, Cole Easterling, Jerrad Grisham, Sterling Smith, Edgar Garay, (front) Jett Lott, Coco Valdez, Zach Lopez, D.J. Aaiza and Wilson Cash.

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# Obituaries

## Edwin Glenn "Ed" Sawyers

Services for Edwin Glenn "Ed" Sawyers, 76, of Post were 2:00 pm, Friday February 11, 2005 at the Post Church of Christ with Paul Jones officiating and James Egan assisting. Burial followed in the Garza Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Ed was born August 14, 1928 in Batesville, Texas to James Neely and Emma Neal Sawyers, members of pioneer families of Zavala County. He graduated from Batesville High School in 1945, from Southwest Junior College in 1949 and from Southwest Texas State University in 1951 with a BBA degree.



Ed married Carolyn Joy Henderson on August 3, 1952 in Uvalde, Texas. He enlisted in the USAir Force after graduation and completed officer candidate school, serving two years as an officer in the US Air Force during the Korean War and ten years in the Air Force reserves.

Ed and Carolyn moved to Post, Texas from Boulder, Colorado in 1956 to establish an appliance business. In addition to this business, Ed was involved in ranching and farming and served as Garza County Probation Officer from 1975 until his retirement in 1992.

Ed was also very active in local civic affairs, including serving on the Post City Council and as Chairman of the Garza County Hospital Board.

Ed was a devoted husband and father who loved his family and community. He loved being involved with all of his children's and grandchildren's activities and in his later years, enjoyed following Texas Tech sports.

His parents, six brothers and three sisters all preceded him in death. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Carolyn; sons, Steve Sawyers of Lubbock, and Dan and his wife Karen of Flower Mound, Texas; daughter Susan Carthel of Lubbock; and grandchildren Sarah Sawyers of Norman, Oklahoma, Nancy Sawyers, Matthew and Megan Carthel of Lubbock, Rachel and Amy Sawyers of Flower Mound. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mary Sawyers of Batesville, Texas and many nieces and nephews including Mary Krause of Austin, Sonny Darby of Estes Park, Colorado and Ginger Coleman of Uvalde, Texas.

Pallbearers were Kerry Krause, Michael Farady, Roy Henderson, Jim Coleman, Jimmy Holleman and Chad Darby. Honorary pallbearers were Kent Carlisle, Bob Collier, J.A. Holleman, George Miller, Bill Pool, Preston Poole, J.B. Potts, Kenny Ratke, John Valdez and Herb Walls.

The family would like to suggest memorials be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock at P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

## Letters to the Editor

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### What a powerful event...

The Girls of Grace Conference was absolutely powerful. God was definitely glorified. I want to say thank you to all that helped in making this event a successful one.

I wish to thank Janice, Kenda and Delores for allowing us to spend the conference at The Lodge, the Methodist Church for opening up your house to us, Cap Rock Springs Fellowship for providing the books, Nick, who led praise/worship, Jim for running the sound board, Kim for all the publicity, Jackie for decorating the banquet table, Nancy Gordon and Lisa Copeland, who provided makeup through Mary Kay and Beauty Control for the makeovers, and to Alexa and Vada Beth for providing breakfast on Saturday.

I also wish to thank all the speakers, Dacia, Molly, Paige, Juanetta, Raven and Sarah. Thank you for your boldness and your heart-touching testimonies.

I also want to thank Penney's, Vanity and Target for providing clothes for the Fashion Show; to Pene Fox for organizing this for me; to Julie for her expertise in fashion; and to Hudman's Greenhouse for the roses.

I greatly appreciate those who continuously prayed for the girls and for God to move in an amazing way.

Thank you, Donna, Arim, Carol, Raeline, Kellie, Kelli, Kathy, Tonya, Debbie, Liza, Reyes and Pepper. I could not have done this without each one of you.

Janice, thank you for preparing the dinner and cleaning up. You are the greatest. I enjoyed working with you and can't wait to do it again next year.

Finally, to all the girls who came, we hope you experienced the love of our Father, which only draws you closer to Him daily.

In His love,  
Melanie

### It's time to scrap the IRS

What does the first meeting of President Bush's tax panel mean for the millions of members and supporters of the FairTax - the leading proposal for replacing the income and payroll taxes with its progressive national retail sales tax?

Congressman Steve King (IA-05) commented "The administration panel will find that all the promises made by other tax plans, such as protecting the middle class, closing loopholes, and reducing the burden on savings and investment are encompassed in the FairTax; but the FairTax provides the real added value to the American people in long term advancement for the economy."

"We need to address fundamental tax reform quickly, in the form of the FairTax, so we can put the power in the hands of the American workers," King added.

FairTax.org Executive Director Tom Wright commented "Congressman King has stated accurately many of the benefits of the FairTax. In contrast, the current systems burden our working poor with compliance costs - forcing them into the hands of unscrupulous tax preparers with their 'instant refund' usurious loans. And drives up the cost of their every purchase with hidden corporate taxes and compliance costs. And lowers their every paycheck with the most regressive tax of all - Social Security withholding. And drives manufacturing overseas, so they lose their jobs."

"We are pleased the panel is taking a closer look at the current system," Wright added. "Its sins are numerous, far more burdensome to our working poor and those on fixed incomes than most people know."

"However, according to former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (NY), the FairTax is the most 'well-researched tax proposal' to come before Congress - a

decade and more than \$22 million in research," continued Wright.

"The FairTax ensures no American pays any tax - via withholding, hidden in retail prices, or via tax return - up to the poverty level.

We encourage the panel to take a long hard look at what is happening today and compare it to the fairest (according to poll) and simplest tax of all - HR 25 and S 25 - the FairTax.

"From a political viability standpoint, some 75 percent of Americans - regardless of political or economic background - find the FairTax to be an excellent solution to the inadequacies and abuses of the income tax, the IRS, and Social Security taxes as they exist today," continued Wright.

"The code must go."

Former IRS Commissioner Fred Goldberg, Jr., set to testify as a witness in Wednesday's panel, has had a lot to say about the current income tax system. We could not have agreed with him more when he said "The importance of this effort cannot be overstated: an intrusive, unresponsive and unworkable tax system is imposing an unacceptable burden on our citizens, and is a primary cause for the widespread distrust of government. . . ."

Source: Testimony before the Oversight subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means regarding taxpayer rights, 1995.

Karen Walby, Ph.D., chief economist for FairTax.org, made these additional comments, "FairTax.org supports a federal consumption tax replacing the income and payroll taxes virtually eliminating the bureaucracy and complexity of which former Commissioner Goldberg speaks.

Comparing a tax on consumption to a tax on income, the following advantages apply:

A consumption tax taxes in proportion to what they consume, what they take from society rather than on what they produce.

With the FairTax rebate, this becomes quite progressive.

It does not tax savings. The greater incentive to save increases the availability of loanable funds that businesses borrow to finance new technology, research and development, new plants and equipment thereby creating new jobs.

In contrast, the current income tax system discourages personal savings and investments by taxing capital gains, dividends, and interest earned.

Wage earners struggle under the burden of a very regressive payroll tax.

These multiple layers of income taxation cripple people's ability and incentive to save for retirement, leaving them with less income than they need to secure their retirement and more dependent on government programs.

A consumption tax levied on final consumption at the retail level (as is the FairTax) is easily understood and is not intrusive; whereas, the income tax system is so complex that no one, not even the experts understand it, and its enforcement requires that the taxpayer sacrifice significant privacy.

What is the FairTax plan?

The FairTax plan is a comprehensive proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a rebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar revenue neutrality, and the repeal of the 16th Amendment.

This non-partisan legislation (HR 25/S 25) abolishes all federal personal, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment, and corporate taxes with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax - collected by existing state sales tax authorities.

The FairTax taxes us only on what we choose to spend, not on what we earn. It does not raise any more or less revenue; it is designed to be revenue neutral. So it is also cost neutral - the final cost for goods and services changes little under the FairTax.

The FairTax is a fair, efficient, transparent, and intelligent solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system.

Who is Americans For Fair Taxation (FairTax.org)?

FairTax.org is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to replacing the current tax system.

The organization has hundreds of thousands of members and volunteers nationwide.

Its plan supports sound economic research, education of citizens and community leaders, and grassroots mobilization efforts.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### The Magi Arrive to Bethlehem...Matthew 2:3-11

Last week we looked at Matthew 2:2 and discussed what exactly was "his star." In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, Victor Wierwille ascertained that "his star" was the kingly planet Jupiter. Both Wierwille and another author, Ernest L. Martin discovered the occurrences of many significant celestial events before, during and after the birth of Jesus Christ. These events occurred in the constellation Leo. The symbol of the lion can be directly connected with Judah in Genesis 49:9-10, for God's son was truly born of the line of Judah (See genealogy in Matthew 1:2).

Now we continue with the record of the Magi in Matthew 2:3-11. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of you shall come a governor, that shall rule My people Israel.'" Herod demanded the chief priests and scribes of Jerusalem to tell where this special king would be born so he could supposedly pay homage to him.

After getting his answer he secretly called on the Magi to discover when "his star" appeared. According to verse 8, he sent the Magi to Bethlehem and told them to "go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." It is interesting to note that the word "child" comes from the earlier known Greek word "paidon." This word is for a young child, and is distinguished from the word "babe" in Luke 2:12 and 16 where it is "brepbos," a new born or unborn child. As we continue, it will be seen why this distinction is important.

We come to verse 9, "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Wierwille and Martin both noted that "his star" reappeared after they left for Bethlehem. They explained that when Jupiter reached its ecliptic highest point in the night sky, a straight line could be drawn down perpendicular to the horizon and that was where the child could be found. There is no mention that the Magi moved on the brightness of the star, but instead on what it symbolized. They must have been very happy to see this for they "rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

According to verse 11, they finally arrived to see the child, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Once again it was confirmed to her that Jesus' life was from God. Please note that the Magi arrived to a house, and not the manger of an Inn. And the child was not new-born but as we will see next week, he was around two years old.

What a truly wonderful and meaningful moment this must have been for Mary. Can't you just see it? Maybe the child was holding on to her leg, or holding her hand as the Magi began to respectfully bow to him as the newborn King of Israel. He was too young to understand the significance of the moment. But you can bet your bottom dollar that Mary knew fully well what was going on, and was no doubt strengthened within her heart to faithfully rear her son up to be a faithful, meek and humble servant for his Daddy.

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## The new Dean on campus

by Bill O'Reilly

Twice I have underestimated Howard Dean. I never thought he'd be competitive in the Democratic primaries and, not learning my lesson, I foolishly predicted he would never get the top job at the Democratic National Committee. So I won't blame you if you stop reading my latest thoughts about Dean.

The governor is a driven man who brings a sense of certainty to a party in trouble. The Democrats are waffling around all over the place. The left wing of the party got battered by the successful Iraqi election, a beating that caused Ted Kennedy to skip the State of the Union address. The uber liberal faction of the Democratic Party simply has no traction whatsoever in the court of public opinion.

Moderate Democrats are in much better shape, which is why you are seeing Hillary Clinton running to the center. Senator Clinton now says she understands and respects those who oppose abortion, and she's demanding tough action on national security problems. No more touchy-feely for Mrs. Clinton, no way. She's now tough on the bad guys and understanding of those with whom she disagrees.

Not so Howard Dean. He remains a defiant guy. At a meeting for Democrats on Jan. 29, he made things quite clear by saying: "I hate the Republicans and everything they stand for."

On Fox News two weeks earlier, Dean, with apologies to Richard Nixon, again made things perfectly clear: "There's nothing I admire about the Republicans. They can't manage money. They've gotten us into a war without telling us why we're there."

This kind of in-your-face condemnation of Republicans is soothing for many hard-core Democrats who are beyond furious that the GOP is running things. Dean's denunciation of all things right (as in wing) gets juices flowing on the Left. Thus, the governor has become the second most powerful Democrat in country behind Senator Clinton.

By most accounts, Hillary and Bill Clinton aren't real thrilled with Dean. In order to win the presidency, Mrs. Clinton has to sway some traditional voters to her side. A bomb-throwing, left-leaning DNC chief does Hillary no good at all.

Dean is a tremendous fundraiser, but Hillary doesn't need the bucks. She will raise an enormous amount of money with or without Dean. So the bottom line is that Governor Dean brings nothing but potential grief to Mrs. Clinton.

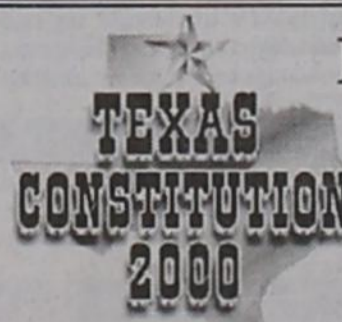
On the other side, those hateful Republicans love Dean as head of the DNC. They can put him into the Michael Moore category and demonize him all day long. The truth is that Howard Dean is not a flaming left-winger, but many of his supporters are, and Dean has embraced them. Also, the more successful President Bush is in Iraq, the worse Dean will look and, by extension, most Democrats, including Hillary. So why did the party turn to a man with so many negatives?

The answer is that Dean can fire people up. And that's no small feat in Democratic circles. John Kerry was the ultimate party pooper. He had all kinds of trouble getting folks, including the Democratic choir, to sing along. "Stodgy" is probably the best word for Kerry. The Dems badly need charisma; Dean has it.

But all in all, Howard Dean will probably hurt his party. He is generally intolerant of red state values, and Republicans will seize upon this to serve up Dean, Hillary and liberal extremism in one puffed-up soufflé. And that will certainly be a tasty dish for the party in power.

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"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none; or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities." — George Washington



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## Not yours to give

by Walter E. Williams

Charity to man's fellow man is praiseworthy, and Americans are the most generous people on Earth. According to a quote by American philanthropist Daniel Rose in "An Exceptional Nation," an article in *Philanthropy* magazine (November/December 2004), "American private charitable contributions this year will exceed \$200 billion, equal to about 10 percent of the total federal budget; that some 70 percent of U.S. households make charitable cash contributions; and that over half of all U.S. adults will volunteer an estimated 20 billion hours in charitable activities." Americans contribute six or seven times more than some of our European neighbors.

What about President Bush's \$350 million commitment for earthquake and tsunami relief — is that just as praiseworthy? Let's look at it. Charity is reaching into one's own pockets to assist his fellow man in need. Reaching into someone else's pocket to assist one's fellow man hardly qualifies as charity. When done privately, we deem it theft, and the individual risks jail time.

What would some of our ancestors say about government "charity"? James Madison, the father of our Constitution, said, in a January 1794 speech in the House of Representatives, "The government of the United States is a definite government, confined to specified objects. It is not like state governments, whose powers are more general. Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government."

A few years later, Virginia Rep. William Giles condemned a relief measure for fire victims, saying it was neither the purpose nor the right of Congress to "attend to what generosity and humanity require, but to what the Constitution and their duty require."

Unlike President Bush, a few of our former presidents understood that charity is not a government function. Franklin Pierce, our 14th president, vetoed a bill to help the mentally ill, saying, "I cannot find any authority in the Constitution for public charity," adding that to approve such spending "would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution and subversive to the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded."

In 1887, President Grover Cleveland, our 22nd and 24th president, said,

when he vetoed a bill to assist drought-inflicted counties in Texas, "I feel obliged to withhold my approval of the plan to indulge in benevolent and charitable sentiment through the appropriation of public funds. ... I find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution."

Tennessee Rep. Col. Davy Crockett, in a speech before the House of Representatives, said, in protest against a \$10,000 appropriation for a widow of a distinguished naval officer, "We have the right, as individuals, to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity, but as members of Congress, we have no right to appropriate a dollar of the public money."

I'd like to ask President Bush and members of the 109th Congress whether they've discovered the constitutional authority for charitable expenditures undiscovered by James Madison, William Giles, Presidents Franklin Pierce and Grover Cleveland, and Davy Crockett. Major U.S. companies, such as American Express, Pfizer, Exxon Mobil and General Motors donated millions of dollars to tsunami relief efforts. Like those of the Bush administration and Congress, their actions aren't praiseworthy at all. The CEOs who authorized these "charitable" donations were reaching not into their own pockets but into the pockets of their shareholders.

I get the feeling that the train of constitutional principles has left the station and the recent tsunami episode is simply another symptom of American obliviousness to constitutional government. Today's politicians can't be held fully responsible for our abandonment of constitutional government. While they can be blamed for not being statesmen, the lion's share of the blame rests with 280 million Americans. Elected officials simply mirror public misunderstanding or contempt for constitutional principles. Tragically, adherence to the constitutional values of men like James Madison and Davy Crockett would spell political suicide in today's America.

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## City is not responsible for county law enforcement

by Wes Burnett

□The Post City Council last week agreed to increase its share of Garza County law enforcement to match the anticipated shortfall in overtime pay for the Sheriff's Department. Although there was an hour's worth of discussion between county and city officials, the debate did not settle the underlying question of who is responsible for funding law enforcement in Garza County.

□Truth is, city taxpayers are coughing up approximately \$350,000 (perhaps more, depending on how much overtime is required) per year to subsidize the enforcement of its city ordinances and codes. Obviously, that is a huge sum of money to enforce removal of junk cars and other similar violations.

□Puzzled taxpayers might ask the simple question, "Why on earth would city council members spend that much money enforcing city codes?"

□The short answer is also simple... because city council members are operating on the false assumption they have to pay in order for city residents to share in the services provided by the county sheriff. In short, they have been bamboozled into believing that if they don't pay "their fair share" then there will be no law enforcement inside the city limits... or worse, they might have to fund their own police department.

□Sadly, your city council members have overlooked the powerful fact that the Garza County Sheriff is responsible for law enforcement for all of Garza County... not just that part of the county outside city limits. Defenders of the current co-mingling of city and county funds claim that "80 percent" of the sheriff's department activity is inside the city limits, therefore the city share the cost.

□There is no such authority in the State of Texas Constitution or statutes. The constitution clearly places the burden of all law enforcement in the county on the shoulders of the sheriff. No amount of whining, cajoling or scare tactics can erase that edict.

□As a municipal corporation, the city has absolutely no responsibility for enforcing the law inside its boundaries. It is responsible only for the enforcement of its codes and ordinances (and those are not law).

The city has no power or authority to dictate or order the county sheriff to any particular course of action. His orders come directly from the State Constitution, as do the orders of county constables and other constitutional officers.

□The city may contract with others to enforce its codes, but it can not enter into a contract ordering the sheriff to operate outside of his constitutional authority. Obviously, there are any number of people who would jump at the opportunity to enforce city codes with a \$350,000 per year price tag.

□In the same manner as the Garza County Hospital District spending approximately \$500,000 per year for the health care of 12 to 18 indigents, operating on the assumption that it has the responsibility for providing health care for everyone in the county, the Post City Council operates on the false assumption that it must force its taxpayers to pay twice for law enforcement, once in county taxes and secondly in city taxes.

□Hopefully our City Council members will take a step back and challenge the assumption upon which they have been funding Garza County law enforcement. That savings of \$350,000 per year could be put to some very good and important city improvements... such as paving all the unpaved streets, installing new water and sewer lines... you know, stuff on which the city should be spending our money.

□It's time for the county to take care of its stuff, and the city to take care of its stuff. Mixing or co-mingling responsibility and funds is not only inefficient, it's downright wasteful.

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The family of Abel Abraham, Sr. would like to thank family, friends, and all the different churches for their tremendous support during our difficult time of loss. We appreciate all the people who provided food for us. Your prayers were especially valued. Thank you again for being there and your acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

The Family of Abel Abraham, Sr.  
We would like to thank all of the people that sent flowers, cards, plants, food, prayers and their sympathies to us during our time of grief. We would like to give a special thanks to officiant: Jeremy Eilenberger, and Star Medical of Lubbock for donating dinner for the family.  
Our Sincere Thanks and

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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago February 15, 1995

Post Middle School 7th grade girls basketball team members for the 1995-96 season are Callie Johnston, Courtney Bratcher, Lauren Webb, Kerry Cahill, Jackie Davis, Angela Trevino, Camie Payne, Silecia Hernandez, Candi Reed, Erin Gregory, Amy Line, Kayla Huff and Kelci Hart. 7th grade boys: Chris Saldivar, Adrian Gonzales, Dominic Pequeno, Billy Crawford, Luis Leos, Michael Saldivar, Scotty Gaydos, Braden Conner, Rocky Gomez, R. T. Todd, Josh Fumagalli, Raymond Jefferson, Matthew McCallister and Marcus Lopez.

The featured show at the Tower Theatre this Saturday will be the famous music of the 1960's.

## 20 Years Ago February 13, 1985

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held last Sunday at the Post Art Guild's newly remodelled and opening of the Algeria Arts Center. Mayor Giles McCrary cut the ribbon with JoAnn Mock, president of the Post Art Guild. Others joining in the event were Vicki Diggs, Linda Puckett, Lil Conner, Marie Neff, J. L. Seals, Bryan Williams, III, Ann Bratcher, Geraldine Butler, Sara Ault, Nancy Childers, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Quennie Cook, Sheri Reidel, Glenda Morrow, Thelma Bilberry, Inez Hartel, Polly Cravy, Maxine Earl, David Newby and Lewis Earl.

Brad Bird took the Grand Champion Steer trophy home and his prize animal sold for \$4,250 in the sale at the 1985 Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Showmanship awards include Curt Cowdrey, Steer; Derick Dunn, Swine; Labeth Jones, High Point Youth Fair; Mike Bland, Horse and Lamb and Mark Pennell, Poultry showmanship.

Gloria and Ruben Ayala announce the birth of a son, Robert Anthony, born January 19 in Garza Memorial Hospital. Julie Chun, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Chun, won first place at the Sonatina-Sonata-Concerto Contest at Texas Tech University. Also taking part in the contest were Laura Norman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Norman; Shelley Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells and Judy Traw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Traw.

**30 Years Ago  
February 13, 1975**  
Dana Pool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pool, was crowned winner of the 1975 Future Homemaker of America Sweetheart contest. First runner-up was Lesa Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Haley, with second runner-up honors going to Nancy Reno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Reno.

Mrs. B. W. Kennedy will be marking a milestone of her own this coming Sunday, when she celebrates her 90th birthday. Mrs. Kennedy lives in Post at 121 North ave. M where she has made her home since moving from the RJ Ranch near Verbena where she lived most of her life and raised her family.

Dinah Stice with a banjo and Damita Morton with castanets tied for first place in the contest for the best homemade instruments in Mrs. Marita Jackson's third grade music classes. Rhonda Storie with castanets and Cindee Jackson with a wash tub bass tied for second and Barry Davis with a gourd shaker finished third. Before a full house here Friday night, the 1975 Basketball Sweetheart and Beau were crowned. The Anelopes selected as their Sweetheart, Ann Mitchell. The Does selected as their Beau, Tony Conner.

**40 Years Ago  
February 18, 1965**  
E. R. (Buster) Moreland, who recently retired from the Post school board after serving nine years as a trustee, including seven years as president, was presented a framed scroll by board president Russell Wilks Jr., on behalf of the board as the board's expression of "gratitude to a dedicated public servant."

Mrs. Dudley Brown, representing the Alpha Mu chapter, and Mrs. Royce Josey representing the Xi Delta Rho chapter were crowned sweethearts by Dave Sanford, president of the Post Chamber of Commerce, at the annual Beta Sigma Phi sorority Valentine Dance. The sweethearts, who were escorted to the archway by their husbands, were presented bouquets of red roses by former sweethearts of the respective chapter, Mrs. Robbie King and Mrs. Mike Mitchell.

Don't forget the Grand Opening of Al's Pool Hall at 115 North Avenue I (former Post Office building). We're now open for business! Six new snooker tables and four new scratch tables. Ladies are welcome. School age patrons allowed to play from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Al Norris invites everyone to stop by for a free game on Saturday, Feb. 20. Also, be watching for family night announcements!

The FHA Sweetheart Contest held Saturday night was acclaimed a big success by the sponsors. The Sweetheart Dee Ann Walker was presented with a dozen red roses by Johnny Tom Bilberry. The first runner-up was Cheryl Martin and second runner-up was Beverly Duncan. These girls were presented with red roses. Mr. Norman Gee, chemistry teacher at PHS dressed as a woman and represented the faculty. He was given a present by Johnny Tom.

**50 Years Ago  
February 10, 1955**  
The names of three women are among the 16 drawn for grand jury duty at the new term of 106th District Court opening here Feb. 28. Although the grand jury list has been opened, the names will not be published until the Feb. 24 issue. The three women are the first ever to be called for jury duty in Garza County.

Plans for the Saturday night opening of the Garza County Youth Center in the former band hall at the corner of Tenth Street and Avenue M are being completed today. Some of the Post teen-agers that have helped get things in shape are Don, El Dale, Walter Didway, Carolyn Hudman, Dwain Dodson, Freda Kennedy and Margaret Moreland.

Mrs. Mary Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dodson, and Gerald H. Conoly were married Sunday afternoon in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Van Horn. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Soto in Garza Memorial Hospital on Feb. 4.

Mrs. Jimmy Stanford, the former Miss Janie Gossett, was honor guest at a kitchen shower in the home of Mrs. Don Rose.

## 60 Years Ago February 15, 1945

According to recent Census Bureau statistics, the nation's population, including military personnel overseas, stood at 138,100,874 as of July 1, 1944. This is an increase of 1,600,000 over the previous year.

Plans were set in motion last week for a formal open house at the youth center in the Double U club rooms. A Colonial theme will be stressed in the decorations and program. Officers of the Canteen will be official hosts and hostesses and will be dressed in Colonial costume. Approximately 150 teen-agers are members of the Canteen.

The Addax: The Sophomore class is glad to welcome three new members. They are: Glen Roberts, son of W. B. Roberts of Tahoka; Albert Bayer, son of Mar Bayer of Ropes; Rita Faye Mathis, daughter of F. B. Mathis of Los Angeles, Calif. Howard Price, former Post High School coach, has been given a promotion to the rank of Pharmacist Mate 2-c in the U. S. Navy. Price entered the Navy right after the football season in 1943, where he was serving as coach of Lubbock High Cowhans.

# EMS sponsors ECA certification

Post/Garza County EMS, in conjunction with the Texas State Department of Health Services, will sponsor a certification class for Emergency Care Attendants (ECA) beginning March 22 in Post.

The class will run March 22 through May 19 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Classes will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the EMS training room at City Hall.

Admission to the class is free of charge to anyone who signs a one-year agreement to "consistently serve" as a volunteer with the Post/Garza County EMS.

Graduates of the ECA class are required to pass a National Registry Test, as well as attain state certification as an Emergency Care Attendant. The course of instruction during the certification class is designed to lead to the successful

completion of these regulatory testing requirements. A small fee for testing and certification is the responsibility of the student.

An Emergency Care Attendant must be able to lift a cot with 200 pounds with assistance; assist and care for patients on an emergency ambulance run; have good communication skills and a willingness to work as a team player; and be able to communicate what patient care has been given and relay

this information to the receiving hospital. Other responsibilities include: emergency vehicle driving, care and cleaning of emergency equipment and the ambulance, restocking supplies following an emergency run and a willingness to help others in need.

All applicants must have a valid state driver's license and be at least 18 years of age by the end of May.

For more information, call 620-0075.

## Items needed for VA Hospital visit

The men and women of Post 6797 will make their annual visit to the VA Hospital in Big Spring Feb. 24. Anyone interested in donating items for the visit should contact Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026.

Suggested items include books, magazines, playing cards, games, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items individuals might need during a hospital stay. Baked goods also are needed, as the group will play bingo with the patients and distribute refreshments.

# Movies...

by Wes Burnett  
A couple of movies currently showing in Lubbock that we recommend:

"In Good Company" - A not-so-serious romantic comedy...featuring Dennis Quaid. Although it's rated PG, we didn't find anything offensive. It's light-hearted and packed with some life's lessons for young and old.

The story centers around a big corporate take-over, where the old veteran takes a back seat to a new whipper-snapper, would-be corporate ladder climber. A few twists and turns later, a romance with the veteran salesman's daughter pits corporate strategy against love.

"Million Dollar Baby" - This one is another Clint Eastwood classic. Of course, not quite as good as my favorite Eastwood classic ("Two Mules for Sister Sarah"), but it is definitely worth the trip and money.

Eastwood and side-kick Morgan Freeman team up for one of the best movies we've seen in a long time.

It's about a young woman striving to be a professional boxer...and convincing the aging man's boxing trainer (Eastwood) to train her for the big fight. Freeman and Eastwood are brilliant, as well as Hillary Swank playing the part of the aspiring boxer. It's a must see.

There's not that much more on the marquee right now to talk about. We're getting a bit picky on selecting movies.

We wanted to see "The Aviator," but those seats at the old Cinemark theatre are just too uncomfortable, we'll wait to see that one on DVD or VHS. Speaking of VHS, have you noticed that they are getting difficult to find at the movie rental places? We're not opposed to DVDs, but too often you get home, open up the DVD, put in the player, and find out that scratches or some other flaw

## VALOR offers scholarships

Applications for the Community Leader Scholarship program, which recognizes are high school seniors for volunteerism and academic achievements, are being accepted by VALOR Telecom through March 15.

This year, VALOR will award \$1,000 scholarships to as many as 12 students living in communities served by the company. Qualified applicants must be high school seniors who demonstrate strong community leadership through volunteerism and civic involvement. They also must plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational school and have maintained a grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

Applications need to be post-marked by March 15. Recipients will be announced in April.

"Since our company's inception in 2000, contributing to the growth, prosperity and well being in the communities we serve continues to be an integral part of our business," said West Texas Division Vice President Danny Ammons. "The annual Community Leader Scholarship program is a way for VALOR to invest in our youth and in the future of our communities."

In addition to this scholarship program, VALOR created the Daughters and Sons Scholarship program for high school seniors who are children of the company's employees. The DSS program recognizes employees' children who are pursuing higher education and who have contributed to the community through volunteerism, civic leadership and academically.

For more information or to obtain an application, go to [www.valortelecom.com](http://www.valortelecom.com) and click on the Community Connection link.

have ruined the DVD. It's a bit of a hassle.

Oh well, that's progress for you. Maybe some enterprising whiz-kid will discover a coating to protect those little buggers.

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

- Bridge City holds a "Bayou" \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Indian tribe: Kick \_\_\_\_\_
- cheaper new car? \_\_\_\_\_
- Harris of TX-based film "Alamo Bay" \_\_\_\_\_
- "\_\_\_\_\_ " Holiday roamed in TX \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Howard Hughes left a big one \_\_\_\_\_
- Glen Rose has \_\_\_\_\_ saur tracks \_\_\_\_\_
- "cross road" south of the border \_\_\_\_\_
- "The eyes of TX \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_"
- book of maps \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ with kid gloves" \_\_\_\_\_
- shoe of choice for some TX teens \_\_\_\_\_
- ribeyes \_\_\_\_\_
- this Matt starred in film "Tex" \_\_\_\_\_
- first swing on a golf hole (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- this Ames was on "Daniel Boone" \_\_\_\_\_
- Gainesville festival (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-across had the Hughes \_\_\_\_\_ Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- "Texas \_\_\_\_\_" is now part of Galveston County Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- fringe package \_\_\_\_\_
- Alvord HS class \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWN**

- TX Jimmy Dean's "Big \_\_\_\_\_ John" \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Buddy Holly's "I'm Looking for \_\_\_\_\_ to Love" \_\_\_\_\_
- Granbury newspaper (3 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "struck pay \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Dutch" of "The Wild Bunch" \_\_\_\_\_
- "your" south of the border \_\_\_\_\_
- ex-Oilers kicker Zendejas (init.) \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Goodnight, e.g. (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_
- TX actress Sharon who was killed by Manson family \_\_\_\_\_
- TX "Babe": Mildred \_\_\_\_\_ Dirlikson \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a June bride" \_\_\_\_\_
- Robert Lee is the seat of this county \_\_\_\_\_
- East Texas \_\_\_\_\_ reservoir \_\_\_\_\_
- Pines \_\_\_\_\_
- compositions \_\_\_\_\_
- pecan desserts \_\_\_\_\_

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Slaton Coop Gin Yard is located south side of Slaton at intersection of US Hwy 84 and FM Hwy 400.  
R&N Heinrich-Owners

We are retiring and will sell the following at public auction.  
For more information call 806-777-7630 or James G. Cruce, ASH Marketing 806-296-5050  
No other consignments - Please - Not many misc. items. Please be on time.

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- 2002 John Deere 7810 Diesel tractor - M.F.W.D. Cab - A/C - Htr - Radio - Triple Hyd - QH - Power Quad - 18.4 x 46 Rubber - 2382 Hours - (SN 50251)
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- 1976 John Deere 4230 Diesel Tractor - 2W.D. Cab - A/C - Htr - Radio - W.F. - WTS - Q-R Trans - 18.4 x 38 Rubber
- 1974 John Deere 4430 Diesel Tractor - 2W.D. Cab - A/C - Htr - Radio - W.F. - WTS, D.H. - Q-R Trans - 18.4 x 38 Rubber
- 1969 John Deere 4020 Diesel Tractor W.F., WTS, D.H. - Fenders - Power Shift - 18.4 x 38 Rubber
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175 acres Lynn County Farmland located near Slaton, Texas 3 miles southeast on US Hwy 84 then 6 miles south on FM Hwy 212 or from Wilson, Texas. Property is located 8 miles east on FM Hwy 211 or from Post, Texas. Property is located 10 miles northwest on US Hwy 84, then 5 miles west on FM Hwy 211 (watch for sign on property).

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R&N Heinrich-Owners

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## Tahoka runs by Lady Lopes

The Lady Lopes fell short to Tahoka 53-37 in a game played last week. Tahoka jumped out to a 12-6 lead at the close of the first period and posted double-digit scores in three of the four periods to maintain the lead. Post came on strong in the final period, scoring 17 points, but was unable to make up the deficit.

Individual stats for the Lady Lopes, as reported by the coach, were as follows: Lott, two points, one assist, six rebounds and a steal; Gray, five points, two assists, four rebounds and one steal; Gregory, two points, one assist, five rebounds and two steals; Gregory, two points and a pair of steals; Hoover, 10 points, five assists, two rebounds and one steal; Hester, eight points, four rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot; Kirkpatrick, five points, one assist, 10 rebounds, two steals and one three-point goal; and Copeland, one rebound.

## JV Lady Lopes outscore Roosevelt

**by Julie Young**  
The Lady Lopes JV Black team finished their season with a win over the Roosevelt Eagles. Stand outs for this game were Kylie Easterling, who scored a season high 16 points, and Samantha Hoover, who scored 10 points. Leading the defensive attack for the Lady Lopes were Kayla Morris, Ashley Powell, and Kadie Vernon.

The Lady Lopes worked hard all year to finish their season with a record of 16-9. Their record also includes a 1st place finish at the Sands Tournament and a 4th place finish at the Sundown Tournament. All these young ladies did a great job the season and we are expecting great things in the future.

We would like to thank all the young ladies for their determination, dedication, and hard work this season. Each athlete contributed in her own way to help make this season a successful one. We appreciate all of you for coming to practice everyday with a GOOD attitude and giving all you had to get better.

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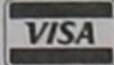
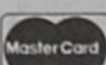
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Lady Lopes junior guard Ashley Wilson (24) and sophomore guard Rachel Grey (12) sets up a double-team during last Tuesday's basketball action at Roosevelt.  
(Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Post Jr. High Girls vs. Tahoka February 7

**by Kara Swindell**  
Gold Team

I really think this was the best game these girls have played all year. Their defense in this game won the game for them. Tahoka got a lot of 5 second calls because of our tight defense. The girls also played really well as a team making some great passes that ended up being scores for us. Alexandra Rodriguez, Brooke Morris, Kristen Leach, Joanna Menjares, Claudia Hernandez, Valerie Moreno, & Chandni Bhakta all had 2 points each. Final Score: Post 16, Tahoka 7

#### 7th Grade Black

I really felt we had control of this game after we came back from a 6 point deficit in the 1st quarter. We held them to only one point in the second which helped us. I thought we were out of control sometimes, but their press didn't hurt us that bad because of our ball handlers. Alex Miller did a great job controlling the ball and taking on their press. I really felt in order for us to get into our offense, Alex had to have the ball in her hands. Brittany Day did an outstanding job for us off the bench. She came into the game did some great things in our motion offense and really played the back of the zone well. Branda Stevens led all scorers with 7 points, followed by Toni Wait with 5 points, Alex Miller with 3 points, Brittany Day with 2 points & Mysty Ayala with 1 point. Final Score: Post 18, Tahoka 28

#### 8th Grade Black

We knew this was going to be a tough game going in, but I know these girls and they were not going to let down one inch. We really had a good 1st quarter with them and had some outstanding defense by Sabrina Sanchez on Tahoka's key player. The girls started getting frustrated in the second half and I felt we could've held them a little better than we did. But, once again they really fought hard and never gave up. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 7 points followed by Sabrina Sanchez with 4 points & Gabi Vergara with 2 points. Final Score: Post 13, Tahoka 37

PHS Basketball on Post City Television Saturdays & Sundays ... Cebridge Connections Channel 12



Antelope senior guard Sterling Smith (10) reaches for the rebound during last Tuesday's game at Roosevelt.  
(Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Senior guard Meagan Hoover (21) works the ball down court as senior guard Logan Gregory (14) hustles along side for support during the Lady Lopes rally against Roosevelt last Tuesday at Roosevelt.  
(Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Antelope senior post Cole Easterling (4) pushes the ball in for two during last Thursday's game against Slaton.  
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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