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Post Notes

Gordita plates sell on Friday

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling gordita plates Thursday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Each plate includes 3 gorditas, beans, rice, salad and salsa. \$5 per plate. Call in your orders to 495-3644.

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.

School out early Thursday

Classes at Post Elementary will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24 for Parent/Teacher conferences. The buses will run at that time.

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 Thresa 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.

Soccer in Post

If you are interested in having a soccer league in Post please call Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

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.

Banquet tickets now available

The annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet is set for March 12 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person. Theme for the banquet will be "Sunrise Wind," a tribute to Tabana Yuane. Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Cowboy Hall of Fame and other awards will be made. A special award, the Legacy Award, will be presented to the family of Frank "Chief" Runkles. Tickets are available at the bureau office or from any director.

Traillblazers need copy machine

Garza County Trailblazers 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.

Booster Club meets Tuesday

The Post Antelope Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. All members are urged to attend. There are several spring activities that need to be discussed including baseball t-shirts, the Post track meet and the annual sports banquet.

Hospital district renews insurance coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Directors for the Garza County Hospital District voted to renew the employee health insurance policy and amend a recently approved general liability insurance policy during their Feb. 17 meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion, the board voted in favor of renewing its Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy. Board members discussed whether to include maternity coverage in the policy, but opted to maintain the current full coverage provided to district employees.

The board also voted to upgrade its general liability insurance coverage to \$1 million aggregate/\$500,000 per occurrence. The upgraded policy carried the same price tag as the previous policy.

In other business, board members:

- Received the Garza County Health Clinic report for the month ending Jan. 31. According to the report, 671 visits were recorded during the month, up almost 50 from the previous month. Charges for the month totaled \$51,673, a figure that also was higher than that posted in December. Patient collections also were on the rise, with \$25,900 posted in January. Expenses were almost \$8,000 higher than the previous month, largely due to several one-time expenses incurred during January. The clinic's monthly deficit was \$15,500.

- Received and approved the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. CPA Larry Anderson presented the report, noting that the district had earned a "standard clean opinion."

- Called for a board of directors election for May 7. The election will fill board positions for Precincts 3 and 4. Filing deadline is March 7. Early

Commissioners Court hears audit report

Garza County Commissioners dedicated the bulk of their Feb. 14 meeting to a review of the annual audit of county records ending Sept. 30, 2004.

CPA Joe Hays of Brownfield gave the county a "clean opinion" and told the court Garza County is "very sound financially."

According to Hays' report, the county's total assets were slightly more than \$1.8 billion, while liabilities totaled \$330,210. Total net assets were \$1,482,856.

Program expenses broke down as follows: \$407,435 for administration and \$495,245 for roads and bridges; \$150,464 for the county clerk's office; \$23,705 for county programs; \$616,657 for judicial administration; \$77,213 for the treasurer's office; \$110,136 for the tax assessor/collector's office; and \$153,852 for building maintenance. Public safety/sheriff cost \$691,279, while public services/probation cost \$109,398. Social services totaled \$210,507.

Net program expense was almost \$3.4 million, according to the report.

General revenues were as follows: property taxes, almost \$1.9 billion; licenses, fees and registration, \$422,507; and fines and forfeitures, \$213,246. Commissions included \$462,639 for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, \$88,532 for MTC inmate housing reimbursement and \$65,455 for MTC excess bond revenue.

Total general revenues were \$3,785,379.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved the closure of the Close City voting building because of low voter turnout. The move is subject to U.S. Department of Justice clearance. Voters who previously cast ballots at that site will likely be asked to vote at the Presbyterian Church, according to county officials.

- Approved name changes for the roads in the Two Draw area to simplify rural addressing procedures and make it easier for emergency vehicles trying to locate area residences. The road previously known as East Two Draw Road will now be known as Two Draw Road. What was previously called North and West Two Draw Road will be named Two Draw Circle. County officials will be readdressing residences in the area using east/west ranges to avoid duplication.

- Received the county attorney's annual activity report.

- Received the Cornerstone Accessibility Services Electrical Inspection report.

- Discussed an ongoing update of the 2005 boundary and annexation survey for the U.S. Census Bureau. The county judge asked commissioners to review their respective precinct maps and make necessary modifications.

- Approved the total county-maintained road mileage for 2005. The total to date is 251 miles, according to reports.

Local May elections set for city, school, hospital district

Upcoming elections for area school districts, the City of Post and the Garza County Hospital District are beginning to take shape.

In the Post Independent School District, two candidates - the incumbents - have filed for the open positions. Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin each will seek to return to the Post ISD board of trustees.

In the Southland Independent School District, there are three seats to be filled - two full terms and a single one-year unexpired term. As of Tuesday afternoon, no candidates have stepped forward to file in that election.

Voters in the City of Post will be asked to fill three open municipal posts this year, including that of mayor and Ward 1 and Ward 2 councilmen. Dick Odom has filed for re-election to his Ward 2 post, but no candidates have filed for the remaining council seat or the position of mayor, according to a report Tuesday from City Hall.

The Garza County Hospital District election will focus on the election of two to its board of directors. As of Tuesday, no one has stepped forward to file for either the Precinct 3 or Precinct 4 board positions.

Deadline for filing in each of the above elections is March 7.

C.W. Post built his dream city with his own capital ... and he did it without any government support or intervention.

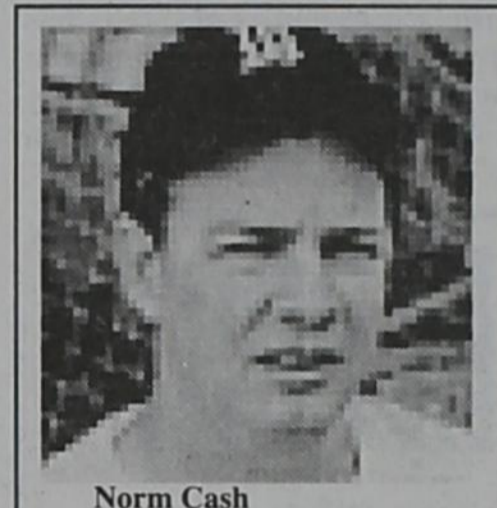
He was a spirited defender of free enterprise and fought fiercely against the socialist tide.

voting will run April 20 through May 3 at the Post City Hall.

- Appointed election judges and alternates, early voting ballot board members and an election representative for board secretary.

- Received the indigent care report. At the close of December, 13 patient were enrolled in the program. Four were screened during January, one no longer qualified, one chose not to re-apply, one went unapproved and one was re-certified, leaving a total of 11 at the end of the month of January. Indigent expenses for the month totaled slightly more than \$935, for a fiscal year-to-date spending total of \$7,728.30. Of the \$100,000 budgeted for indigent care during the current fiscal year, \$92,271.70 remains, according to district administrator Shirley Taylor.

Baseball legend to be honored at Norm Cash Day



Norm Cash

Family, friends and sports fans from all over will come together on Saturday April 23, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. to celebrate the life and athletic career of Justiceburg, TX native Norman Dalton Cash. With the completion of the remodeled high school baseball field at Nichols Park, a movement started to name the field after Post, Texas most famous athlete.

With the cooperation of the Post Independent School District and the City of Post, a stone monument and sign will be unveiled to dedicate the baseball diamond as Norm Cash Field. The monument will feature a picture and a list of highlights of Cash's sports career from his high school days at Post to his impressive major league baseball career to his induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

"Stormin' Norman" Cash is best known for his 15 seasons with the Detroit Tigers. After spending two seasons with the Chicago White Sox, Cash was traded to the Tigers for the 1960 season.

In 1961, the left-handed slugger won the American League batting title and played in the All Star game for the first of four appearances over his career. In '68 he led his team to a World Series Championship with a .387 batting average and 10 hits in the post season classic.

Detroit's first baseman was honored with the AL Comeback Player of the Year Award twice in 1965 and 1971. Cash racked up 377 home runs, a .271 batting average and a .488 slugging rate over his 17 major league seasons.

Norman Dalton Cash met an untimely drowning death in 1986 at the age of 51.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 23 2005 featuring speakers and fun memories. Then at noon, all are invited to stay and watch the Denver City Mustangs vs. Post Antelope district baseball match-up.

Donations are being accepted to off set expenses for the dedication event. Any amount is welcome. Please make your checks or money orders out to The Norm Cash Memorial Fund, c/o Post Independent School District, P.O. Box 70, Post, Texas 79356.



PHS students advance to state UIL meet

Post High School Band Trombone Trio members qualifying for State UIL Solo and Ensemble contest are (left to right), Travis Mathews, Jonathan McGregor and Vincent Robles. The ensemble will travel to San Marcos University for the State level contest May 28 - 30.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



First ever Lady Lope softball teams to the field

Post High School Lady Lopes varsity softball team launching their first year of play at last Friday's Lubbock Coronado Tournament are (back row left to right), Keatha Palmer, Kayla Morris, Ashley Powell, Cora Crane, Jackie Hays, Ashley Wilson, Courtney Short, coach Julie Young and Erin Wartes (middle row), Bailey Odom, Kelli Martin, Larissa Halford, Steffi Norman, Josie Whisenhunt and Shannon Rasberry (front row), Christina Aguilar, Roxanne Orona, Keishe Odom, Alana Zubia, Traci Wilson and Tori Gonzalez.

Ruby Kirkpatrick celebrates 100th Birthday



Ruby Kirkpatrick

by Zoe Kirkpatrick and Patty Kirkpatrick

Ruby Stoker Kirkpatrick was born Feb. 19, 1905, to K. and Lottie Stoker in Breckenridge. On Feb. 19, 2005, she celebrated her 100th birthday as she welcomed approximately 70 members of her family and church family in her home.

The celebration was hosted by her sons and their wives, K. and Patty Kirkpatrick and Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Her 10 grandchildren and their respective spouses gave her 100 red roses arranged in a beautiful silver punch bowl that served as a centerpiece for the table. The large birthday cake was covered with 100 candles, which Mrs. Kirkpatrick and her 21 great-grandchildren had fun blowing out.

Special guests were her caregivers, Susie Gomez, Janet Hall, Jeanette Fowler, Yolanda Navarro and Marilyn Perez.

Jack Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church in Post, offered a prayer, after which Dr. Gilbert Davis from Texas Christian University presented Mrs. Kirkpatrick with a resolution from the board of trustees of Brite Divinity School at TCU. The resolution recognized her generosity to the school and read, "TCU has benefited countless number of students, ministers and faculty by under girding their work in Christian ministry."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick attended TCU in the early 1920s and is proud of the fact that more than 50 members of her family also have attended the university. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from TCU in 1977.

Ruby and her husband, Willard, were decades-long members of the Post First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and were leaders in a drive to build the present-day First Christian Church. She taught a Sunday school class for more than 70 years, serving as treasurer of the Christian Women's Fellowship and various Disciples' activities throughout the High Plains area.

In this community, she has been a member of the Women's Culture Club, the Post Chamber of Commerce, president and member of the Women's Chamber, Garza County Trailblazers, Garza County Historical Museum and the Post Art Guild. She was the first woman to be given membership in the Post Rotary Club.

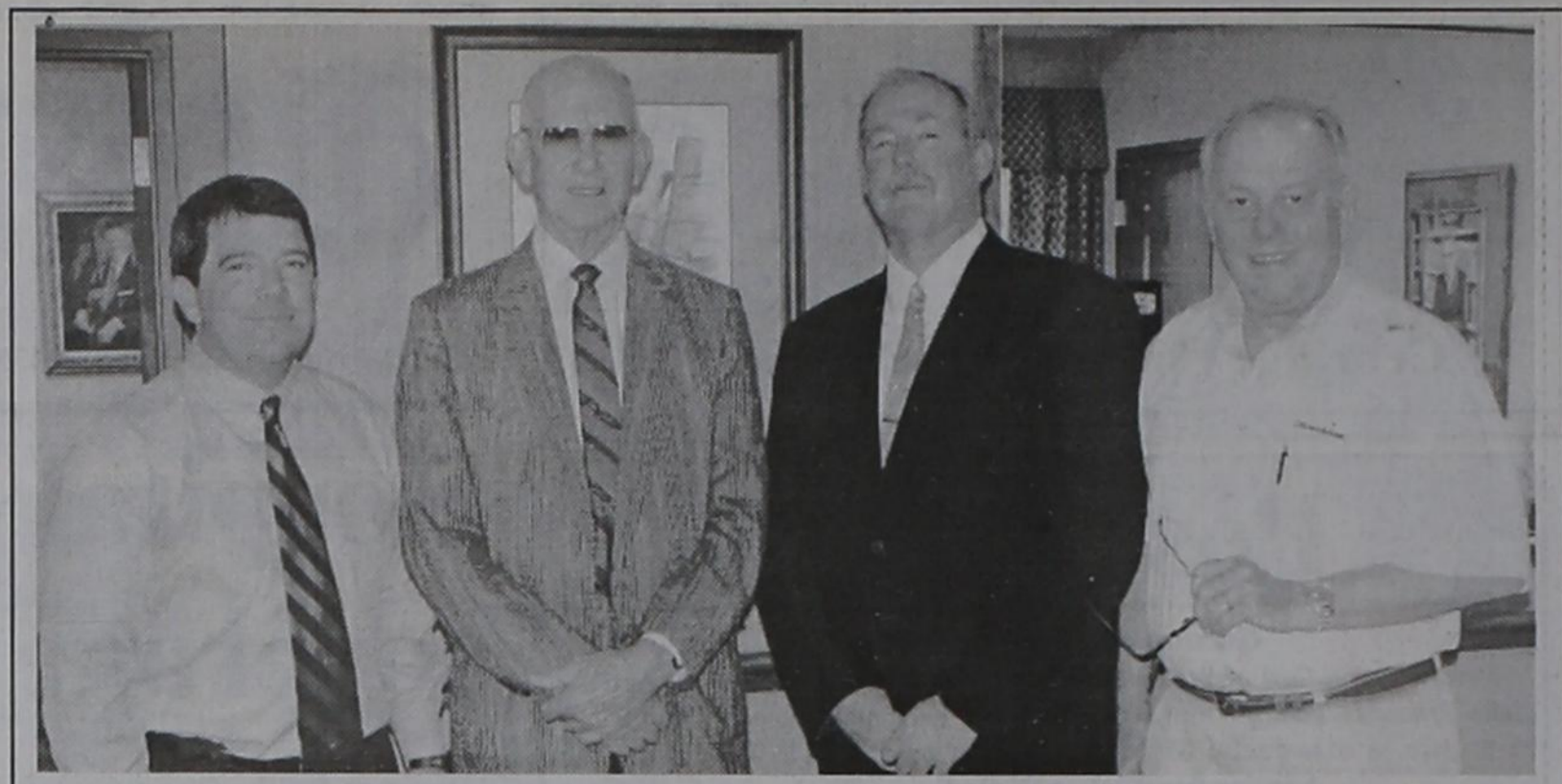
When her sons, K. and Jack, were in Post public schools, she served as president of the PTA and was a loyal supporter of all school activities, both academic and athletic. In 1983, the Post Antelope Booster Club gave her a plaque recognizing her support of the Antelope football program and her attendance at Antelope football games to watch her sons, grandsons and their teammates from 1948 through 1988.

She also has been a support of Texas Tech University and served on the Texas Tech Foundation Board. She has given an endowed scholarship to the College of Education at Texas Tech.

Ruby Stoker Kirkpatrick's 100 years have been filled with love, laughter, tears, marriages, births, deaths and many happy days. She continues to share her love of God, church, family, educational and civic values with her large family. Happy birthday to you!

White River Lake Weekly Report Feb. 21, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.64 Feet below spillway: 18'9" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): 0.30" Rain to-date: 2.38"
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager



CitizensBank President Blake Boyd (left) and CitizensBank Chairman E.W. Williams (right) congratulate Fred Myers (second from left) on his retirement and welcome Keith Williams (second from right) to the banking family.

PHS band members earn top ratings

Band students for Post High School recently came home from a trip to Lubbock with some souvenirs. Lots of souvenirs.

The band students, participants in the 2004-2005 Solo & Ensemble contest conducted Feb. 19 at Lubbock Coronado High School, returned home with not only a number of medals, but a few earned the chance to represent Post at the State Solo & Ensemble competition May 28-30 at San Marcos.

"I've never had to bring medals home in a box before," said band director Aaron Rathbun.

Travis Matthews, Jonathan McGregor, Vincent Robles and Alfred Segovia earned Superior Performance medals and the right to compete at the state level, according to Rathbun.

Also earning Superior recognition were Colt Mason, Brant Guthrie,

Allen Heckaman, Lawrence Adams, Israel Beggs, Joey Guerra, Eric Reyna, Steven Short, Tim Wilson, Bailey Odom, Kaci Capps, Drew Fumagalli, Lauren Gonzales, Emily Marcum and Meagen Howard-Griffis.

Students earning Excellent recognition included Becca Striblin, Cass Tatum, Mariela Zubia, Preston Ortiz, Jessie Pitts, Joey Guerra, Eric

Reyna, Alfred Segovia, Steven Short and Call Windham.

The soloists expressed their gratitude to Randall Dodson for providing piano accompaniment for the contest.

Rathbun thanked Bernard Tackitt, assistant band director, for spending so much time in helping the students prepare for the contest.

Jennifer Strawn honored with bridal brunch

Jennifer Strawn, bride-elect of Trey Peacher, was honored with a bridal brunch Feb. 19 at the Lubbock Country Club.

Special guests included Susan Strawn, mother of the bride-elect; Sherry Peacher, mother of the prospective groom; and Marita Jackson, the bride-elect's grandmother.

Guests were served a breakfast quiche, breakfast potatoes, mixed fruit and a variety of muffins.

The bride-elect was presented an engraved silver photo frame by hostesses Donna Stelzer and Linda Dye.

Post ISD earns state award

The Post Independent School District received the Platinum Award from the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for saving district taxpayers more than \$15,400.

Represented by Supt. Marlin Marcum, the district was recognized for its success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas schools in avoiding more than 15,542 employee injuries since 1991, according to a press release, and districts have saved more than \$184 million.

Wesley Slade, CEO of Claims Administrative Services, said, "our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Fourteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS's commitment to providing Texas schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

CHL CLASS IN POST

Concealed Handgun License Classes will be held in Post at the Post Community Center, Rotary Room, on dates and times below:

March 9 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
March 10 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Full Class \$100, Renewal \$50. Packets available at class. Call for reservations or information.

Dave Tyler, Certified DPS CHL Instructor
806-263-4080 or 806-786-5137

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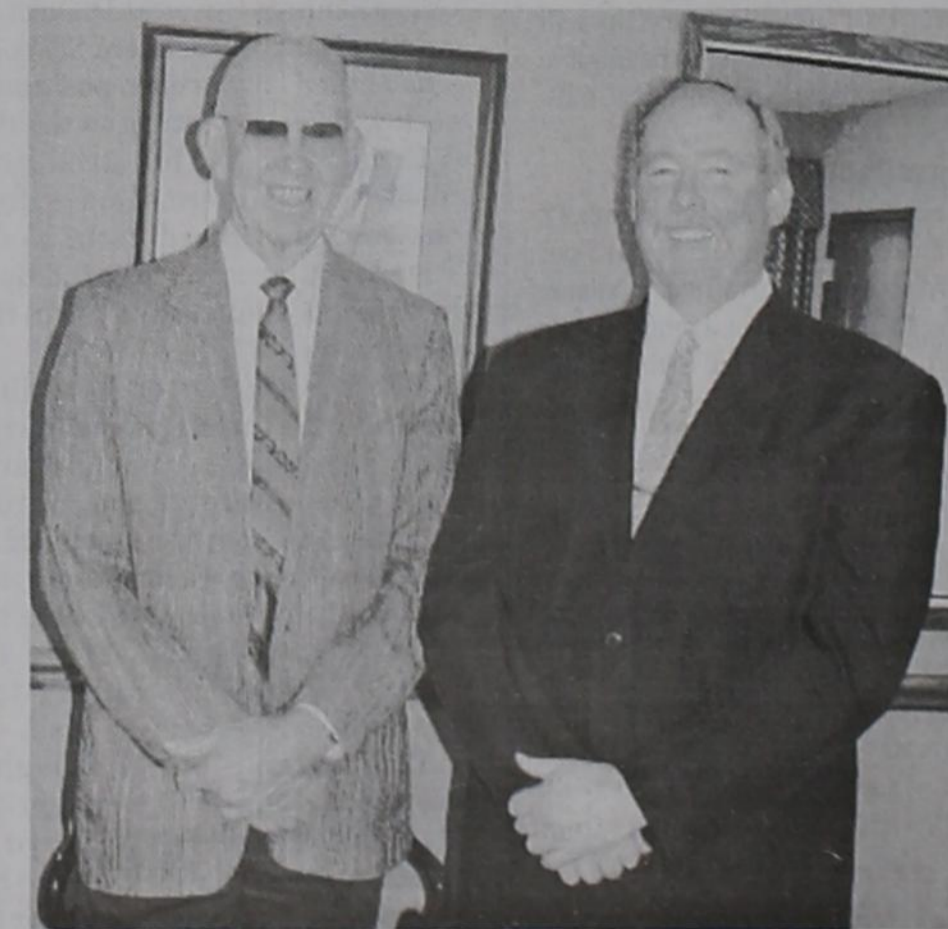
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Farewell... and
Welcome!



Fred Myers and Keith Williams

CitizensBank is proud to congratulate Fred Myers on his retirement and offers a hearty welcome to Keith Williams as our newest staff member. Our deepest gratitude to Fred for his years of service to the bank and our community. We also congratulate Keith on joining our banking family to assist our Garza County and Post customers!



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The Post High School Brass Band Quintet bringing home UIL Solo and Ensemble superior performance medals are (left to right), Israel Beggs, Tim Wilson, Joey Guerra and Steven Short. Ensemble member not in photo is Eric Reyna.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post High School Flute Trio members marching back from UIL Solo and Ensemble contest with superior performance medals are (left to right), Lauren Gonzales, Emily Marcum and Kaci Capps.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post High School Band soloists bringing home UIL Solo and Ensemble superior and excellent performance medals are (back row left to right), Preston Ortiz, Drew Fumagalli, Cass Tatum, Allen Heckaman, Brant Guthrie, Colt Mason and Tim Wilson (middle row), Meagn Howard Griffiths, Jessie Pitts, Kaci Capps, Bailey Odom, Rebecca Striblin and Alfred Segovia (front row), Joey Guerra and Lawrence Adams. Soloist not in photo is Mariela Zubia.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post High School Brass Trio returning home with UIL Solo and Ensemble excellent performance medals are (left to right), Steven Short, Call Windham and Alfred Segovia.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Congratulations 7th Grade Lady Lopes



Post 7th Grade Ladies Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Alex Cruz, Chloe Mason, Danica Williams, Kristen Leach, Toni Wait, Crystal Sanchez, Mysty Ayala, Darlene Araiza, Chandni Bhakta and Brittany Day (front row) Brooke Morris, Kelly Chapa, Tianna Reyna, Chelsey Sapp, Melinda Vega, Alexandra Rodriguez, Lindsey Morrow, Branda Stevens and Alex Miller

Barry & Amy Morris
Greg, Angela & Hayley Massey
Wil, Lisa, Zachary & Alissa Morrow
Kurt & Cynthia Williams

Hector & Linda Chapa
Kirk, Traci & Blace Stevens
Mith & Mistie Day

Congratulations J.V. Lady Lopes



Post Lady Lopes Junior Varsity Basketball team - (back row, left to right) Lori Jones, Samantha Hoover, Brenna Postell, Kadie Vernon, Jackie Hays, Kylie Easterling, Claire Kirkpatrick and Syndey Shipp (middle row) Kayla Morris, Sunnie Barbosa, Marlee Plummer and Ashley Powell (front row), Chasity Yates, Kelsey Sanderson, Tamara Raymundo, Tyler Menchaca and Suhani Bhakta.

Fred, Kay & Chess Postell
Terry & Ofelia Hoover
Jim & Janice Plummer

Bruce & Judy Sanderson
Mark, Lisa & Kyle Kirpatrick
Ammons Printing

Congratulations 8th Grade Lady Lopes



Post 8th Grade Ladies Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Joanna Menjares, Whitney Williams, Jackie Slaugh, Ashley Stenzel, Kenzie Mason, Shyra Perez and Shawnda Wiley (front), Erika Ortiz, Gaby Gomez, Gabi Vergara, Sabrina Sanchez, Haley Lester and Cludia Hernandez. (Not in photo: Valerie Moreno).

Brent, Michelle & Kambry Mason
Rocky, Frances & Christina Gomez

Greg, Roby, Blaise, Aubree, Garrett
& Mimmie
Holly's Drive In

Congratulations Varsity Lady Lopes



Post Lady Lopes Varsity Basketball team - (back row, left to right) Rachel Gray, Courtney Copeland, Jenee Lott, Nikki Norman, Patricia Hester, Ashley Wilson, Laurel Tatum and Coach Jerry White (front), Donae Dalby, Logan Gregory, Meagan Hoover and Sarah Kirkpatrick.

Rodney, Vickie & Miles Gray
Joe & Sheila Gregory
Terry & Ofelia Hoover

Giles & Mendy Dalby
Jimmy & Nancy Norman
Lanny & Lisa Copeland

Obituaries

Bobbie Nell Mathews

Services for Bobbie Nell Mathews, 75, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, in the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Syl Moore officiating, assisted by the Rev. James Egan. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



She died Tuesday, Feb. 22, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Jan. 22, 1930, in Graham Chapel to William Oliver and Claudie Fluitt, she was the 10th of 13 children. She married Marion Mathews on Nov. 28, 1949, in Lovington, N.M. They resided in Morton until 1968 when they moved to Post. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church and volunteered at the nursing home. An active member of the church, she sang occasionally for the church and senior citizens. She enjoyed crafts and taking care of her husband.

Survivors include her husband, Marion Mathews of Post; one son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Windy Mathews of Post; one daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Larry Gilbreath of Brownfield; two sisters, Lucille Bush of Post and Jeneice Reno of Brownwood; three brothers, W.O. Fluitt of Post, Bob Fluitt of Dallas and Maurice Fluitt of Bowie; eight grandchildren, Trinetta Chambers of Brownfield, Brenda and Jeff Burkhardt of Eastland, Lance and Jennifer Mathews of Bryan, Dustin and Alisha Mathews of Whitney, Clint and Tiffany Gilbreath of Tulia, Denissa and Cody Churchwell of Brownfield, Josh Harrison of Post and Travis Mathews of Post; and nine great-grandchildren. She also is survived by special friend and caretaker Lenora Ramirez of Post. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Lance Mathews, Dustin Mathews, Clint

Gilbreath, Cody Churchwell, Josh Harrison and Travis Mathews. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Holleman, Ted Williams, R.L. Simpson, Buck Stringer, Johnny Kemp, Alton Clary and Bill McBride.

Pauline Valdez

Resurrection Mass services for Pauline Valdez, 67, of Slaton will be 10AM, Saturday, Feb 19, 2005 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Lawrence Hemp officiating. Interment will be in Terrace Cemetery in Post, TX. Arrangements are under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.



Mrs. Valdez died Thursday, Feb 17, 2005. She was born Jan 26, 1938 in Glen Flora, Texas. She married Pete Valdez in 1954. Her husband, Pete, son, Pete Jr. and sister, Elvira Vasquez preceded her in death. She had been a resident of Southland before moving to Slaton.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and the Guadalupanas of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post.

Survivors include Sons, Louis of Post, Freddy and Joe, Daughters, Rosemary Valdez, Edell Valdez all of Slaton and Mary Caballero of Lubbock, Brothers Lupe Valdez of Post, Willy Valdez of Lubbock, Frank Valdez of Idalou and Thomas Valdez of Slaton. Sisters, Tony Castaneda of CA, Sylvia Valdez, Amelia Neros, Nena Vasquez all of Lubbock and Mary Lopez of Woodrow, 23 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Kenda Josey earns ACU honor

Kenda Josey of Post was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall 2004 semester. Josey is a management major.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average. Located about 150 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, ACU is a national leader in Christian higher education with an enrollment of approximately 4,700 students from 50 states and 60 nations.

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Taxes and theft ... same thing, different names ... both are evil. Stealing from one another under the cover of "law" is immoral

Amy Hudspeth earns degree at Liberty University

Amy Hudspeth of Post, TX (79356) recently graduated from Liberty University at Lynchburg, Virginia. Hudspeth received a(n) BS in Psychology. Liberty University is a private, Christian liberal arts university in Lynchburg, Virginia.

PHS Powerlifters place third at Plains meet

by Kayla Dunn and Christin Collier

The Antelopes and Lady 'Lope powerlifting teams had an early start Saturday morning, boarding the bus at 4:50 a.m. to travel to the Plains powerlifting meet.

The Antelopes finished third overall behind two 3A teams. Tyler Odom, Kenny Garay, Janssen Eilenberger and Israel Beggs received silver medals. Jace Pollard earned a fourth place finish, while Travis Mathews, Quinton Odom, Blake Nichols, Chris Munoz and Eric Reyna earned sixth place.

"I was extremely proud of everyone," Coach John Wright said. "Both teams competed well against a tough field of competitors."

The Lady 'Lopes also brought home several medals. Alana Zubia, Kayla Dunn and Allison Blevins earned gold medals. Christin Collier and K'Nell Dalby received silver, while Roxanne Orona finished in third place. Other Lady 'Lopes earning places included Madison Mason, fourth place; Gentry Creech, fifth; and Keisha Odom and Tori Gonzales, sixth place.

"I was very pleased with the effort everyone gave, which reflected in the improvement of their individual weight totals," Coach Kyle Motheral said.

At least 12 Antelope and Lady 'Lope powerlifters have a chance to advance to the regional level.

"We are looking to get stronger and raise our totals in order to secure places in the regional meet," Wright said.

The Antelopes will compete again Saturday in Lockney.

Girl Scouts seek help with cookie sale

With approximately two weeks left in the 2005 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council is still about 25 percent shy of its cookie income goal.

Income from the cookie program provides almost 49 percent of the council's budget each year.

Cookie sales began Jan. 3 and will run through March 6.

"All cookie sale revenues remain with and directly benefit the Caprock Council's 18-county area," said Becky Burton, executive director. "The Girl Scout Cookie Sale teaches girls a valuable set of life skills, such as how to set goals, take responsibility, practice money management and the importance of following through on commitments."

A portion of each package sold goes to Girl Scout troops to fund activities, such as field trips, camp outings and community service projects. The council office also receives a portion of the proceeds to fund recruitment and training of adult volunteers, maintain campgrounds and provide financial assistance for girls.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

God Protects His Child...Matthew 2:12-23

Last week we looked at the arrival of the Magi so they could pay homage to the "King of the Jews." While enroute to Bethlehem they were filled with great joy because they saw "his star" (Jupiter) reach its highest ecliptic point just over where Jesus lived. Upon their arrival they saw the "young child" in a house with his mother, Mary. As predetermined, they gave gifts to Jesus and paid him proper homage as a King. We now continue with Matthew 2:12-23. "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." God is so loving and gracious to all who reverence Him. The Magi were not Israelites. Yet they were humble to the signs in the heavens. They were meek to search out the scriptures and begin their journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to Bethlehem. Even their gifts of treasures were not held back. And they showed proper respect to the young child. God truly looks upon the heart.

Continuing with 2:13, "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there until I bring you word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt have I called my son.'" There should be no doubt that Joseph was a man after God's own heart. He put God and His word first on his list of priorities.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men [Magi from the east], was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years

old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men." There it is...right in God's word. Herod discovered that the child was around two years old when he questioned the Magi (recorded in verse 7). His choice of two years and under was not random, but a result of diligent enquiry into the Magi's astronomical observations. We can also note that this event was one of many spiritual attempts by the devil to kill the seed of the woman prophesied of in Genesis 3:15.

Matthew 2:17, "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy [Jeremiah] the prophet, saying, 'In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.' But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.' And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'" Once again, Joseph received God's word and meekly moved. We can see throughout these accounts that God truly picked the best of His people to raise His beloved child Jesus Christ. They put God's will first in their lives. Their example of faithfulness and meekness was seen in Jesus' life when he said, "...nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:37-46).

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Weak-kneed corporate CEOs

by Walter E. Williams

On Jan. 20, 2005, J.P. Morgan Chase announced that it had completed research to determine whether it had any links to slavery. Its website (www2.bankone.com/presents/home/) announced: "Today, we are reporting that this research found that between 1831 and 1865 two of our predecessor banks — Citizens Bank and Canal Bank in Louisiana — accepted approximately 13,000 enslaved individuals as collateral on loans and took ownership of approximately 1,250 of them when the plantation owners defaulted on the loans."

J.P. Morgan Chase went on to "apologize to the American public, and particularly to African-Americans, for the role that Citizens Bank and Canal Bank played during that period." They added, "Since these events took place in Louisiana, we are establishing a \$5 million college scholarship program for students living in Louisiana."

In January 2004, U.S. District Judge Charles Norgle dismissed a reparations lawsuit brought against companies such as J.P. Morgan Chase, FleetBoston Financial and Brown & Williamson Tobacco that contended that either they or their corporate ancestors profited from insuring slave ships, using slaves or financing businesses built with slave labor. Judge Norgle said the statute of limitations had long past, the plaintiffs did not have standing, and they failed to establish a clear link to the companies they targeted. The court's decision comes close to a kiss of death for reparations through the judicial process but not through the mau-mau process.

Some corporations have chief executive officers who double as the corporations' chief appeasement officers. A CEO/CAO will do nearly anything to befriend anti-capitalist forces, and J.P. Morgan Chase is seen as a soft target. Maybe that's why the Rainforest Action Network, an eco-activist group, transported Fairfield County, Connecticut second-graders to New York City in an attempt to pressure J.P. Morgan Chase CEO William B. Harrison into agreeing to stop lending money to development projects that "cause global warming."

Corporate Social Responsibility Watch (csrwatch.com) keeps an eye on the leftist attack on American corporations and corporate cowardice in the face of these attacks. Last year, CSRW listed the "Top Ten Worst Moments in Free Enterprise for 2004."

Among those listed are Monsanto's CEO Hugh Grant, who caved in to pressure from Greenpeace and announced the company was shelving plans to develop genetically engineered wheat.

Ford Motor Co. CEO William Ford Jr., in an effort to befriend environmentalists, publicly supported a 50-cent-per-gallon gas tax.

British Petroleum's CEO John Browne devised a \$100 million-a-year public relations campaign that characterizes oil as a "necessary evil" and in the process deceitfully started changing its corporate identity from "British Petroleum" to "Beyond Petroleum."

Citigroup and Bank of America agreed to allow Rainforest Action Network to dictate their lending practices — such as not financing projects that don't meet with environmentalists' approval.

Also included among CSRW's top 10 are Whole Foods, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Kraft Foods and Procter & Gamble, which have been mau-maued into paying higher, so-called "fair trade" prices for coffee beans in the name of helping struggling farmers.

Do corporations have social responsibility? Yes. Nobel Laureate Professor Milton Friedman put it best in 1970 when he said that in a free society "there is one and only one social responsibility of business — to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits so long as it stays within the rules of the game, which is to say, engages in open and free competition without deception or fraud."

Only people, not businesses, have responsibilities. A CEO is an employee. He's an employee of shareholders and customers. When the corporate executive community fails to recognize that fact and engages in activities unrelated to the pursuit of profits, lower national wealth, higher product prices, and lower return on investment are the result. Corporate executives caving in to anti-capitalists' attacks will not buy peace. Capitulation only whets anti-capitalist appetites for bigger, bolder and more widespread attacks and extortion.

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The Oil-for-Food Smokescreen

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Are you familiar with the "big shock" that neoconservatives have experienced over the financial scandal arising out of the infamous "oil-for-food" program, which was the subject of an investigative report recently issued by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volker?

The oil-for-food program was the government program established in 1995 by U.S. officials and UN officials to alleviate the horrific suffering of the Iraqi people arising out of the brutal system of sanctions that the U.S. government and the UN imposed against the Iraqi people in 1991 and which lasted for more than a decade.

While the ostensible goal of the sanctions was to "disarm" Saddam Hussein of the weapons of mass destruction that the United States and other Western countries had furnished him during the 1980s, the real reason for the sanctions was to oust Saddam from power and replace his regime with one more palatable to the U.S. government. As the New York Times reported on May 21, 1991, "President Bush said today that the United States would oppose the lifting of the worldwide ban against trading with Iraq until President Saddam Hussein is forced out of power in Baghdad."

After months of investigation, Volker has concluded that the oil-for-food program was "riddled with political favoritism and mismanagement," which apparently has shocked and outraged people within neoconservative circles. The neocons are surprised to learn that Saddam Hussein was a corrupt dictator, one who misappropriated resources from the oil-for-food program and from illegal sales of oil rather than use them to buy food and medicine for the many children who were dying as a result of the sanctions.

However, there's an interesting oddity that has recently developed. It turns out that after the U.S. government ousted Saddam Hussein from power in the recent invasion, finally achieving the regime change that the sanctions had failed to achieve, and took over the running of Iraq through what was called the Coalition Provisional Authority, the U.S. government itself brought about the "disappearance" of some \$9 billion in Iraqi monies. Yes, that's "billion" with a "b." Poof! Gone! Vanished! Nine billion dollars! Tell me: How does anyone lose 9 billion dollars?

Yet, for some odd reason, the neocons don't seem as shocked, outraged, and appalled over the disappearance of that money as they are over Saddam Hussein's "waste, fraud, and abuse" in the oil-for-food scandal. Why, they even seem to be ignoring the distinct but uncomfortable possibility, if you'll excuse me for being blunt, that a few of those billions have been used as bribes to line the pockets of people in Iraq, perhaps even including some high Iraqi interim-government officials who are have been endorsing an indefinite U.S. military occupation of Iraq.

Let's face it: The U.S. government should never have imposed the brutal sanctions system against the Iraqi people as a way to force them to oust their dictator from office or even as a means to persuade their dictator to "disarm" Iraq of the infamous WMD that the U.S. government had furnished him just a few years before to use against the Iranian people. Why should the people of Iraq, who lost hundreds of thousands of children because of the sanctions, have been forced to pay the price for their dictator's supposed intransigence?

Moreover, when it became clear that the use of sanctions to achieve "regime change" had failed, U.S. officials and UN officials should have immediately lifted the sanctions that were continuing to squeeze the life out of Iraqi children rather than implement a government oil-for-food program that entrusted oil-for-food resources in the hands of someone everyone knew was a brutal and untrustworthy dictator.

The truth, albeit painful, is that all the hullabaloo about the "waste, fraud, and abuse" in the infamous oil-for-food program is nothing more than a smokescreen to avoid focusing on the moral culpability for the massive number of deaths of the Iraqi children arising out of the brutal sanctions that the U.S. government and the UN enforced against the Iraqi people for more than ten years and the horrific anger and hatred among people in the Middle East that those deaths generated against the United States prior to 9/11.

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Destiny in America

by Bill O'Reilly

Destiny Ashe was an American citizen for just five weeks before her mother savagely beat her to death in Atlanta. The baby died in December of 1998, but the woman who killed her, Carisa Ashe, was not arrested and the case was "dead docketed," that is put aside, for two years.

Finally, Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard took Destiny's case off the shelf and charged Carisa Ashe with murder. Again, she was not arrested, nor was she incarcerated. Ashe simply walked around free doing what she had done her entire adult life: getting pregnant.

Incredibly, after killing Destiny, Ashe managed to give birth to two more children, bringing the total number she has to eight. Authorities say multiple men fathered the children but will not say how many men. Ashe is not married, nor does she have much support for the kids.

Of the seven remaining children, one is missing (authorities believe she ran away but don't know for sure), four are in foster care, and two are being raised by Ashe's mother. There is no question that Carisa Ashe is a grossly irresponsible human being who has killed one baby and put seven other children at risk.

But the Fulton County authorities don't seem to care much about that. They obviously took their sweet time getting around to dealing with Carisa Ashe. It was almost six years before DA Howard finally approached Judge Rowland Barnes with his solution to the case: Ashe would avoid jail time if she agreed to undergo a tubal ligation and become sterilized.

Carisa Ashe, facing 20 years in prison, jumped at the offer, and the deal was sealed. So now we have a dead baby in the ground while her killer continues walking around living free. By the way, the taxpayers of Georgia will pay for Ashe's sterilization operation.

Let me ask you a few questions. If this had been a white baby born to an affluent mother, do you think Howard, who is black, would have cut this deal? And what if Carisa Ashe had brutally murdered a 10-year-old girl, would the woman have avoided jail time? So what's the difference between a baby and a 10-year-old?

The harsh truth is that America doesn't care about babies like Destiny; few are looking out for them. DA Howard couldn't care less, the case was a nuisance to him. Jesse Jackson and the other race hustlers are invisible because there's no money in the situation and a black man, Howard, is the villain.

White America is not engaged, and one of the reasons is because the national news operations have ignored Destiny's case. Why bother with a poor murdered baby when Michael Jackson might be sent to prison for child molestation? There's no money in Destiny Ashe for the media, but plenty of bucks in the Jackson exposition.

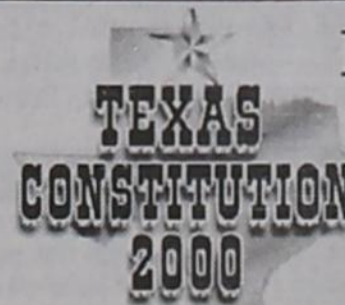
The sad and brutal plight of Destiny Ashe spotlights the dark side of America. This is truly racism and classism at its worst. Carisa Ashe is allowed to murder her baby and pay a minimal price six years after the fact. That's justice?

Societies are judged by how they treat their most defenseless citizens. Destiny Ashe was denied life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and a powerful district attorney let it happen. No one can justify this. There once was Destiny in America but no longer. This terrible situation taints us all.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CHOLLA PETROLEUM INC, 5949 SHERRY LN STE 850, DALLAS TX 75225 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 4, Richardson Unit -A-, 63 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F/B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction from Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:
330' from the west line and 404' from

the north line of the lease. 990' from the south line and 1653' from the west line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY March 30, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241837
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

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made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirements for the new drilling permit for Well No. 17, Richardson Unit, 297 Acres, Sec. 1282, B.S. & F/B. J. Galbraith Survey, A-652, P.H.D. and P.H.D. (Glorieta) Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction from Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

944' from the east line and 882' from the northerly south line of the lease. 1700' from the west line and 2276' from the south line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

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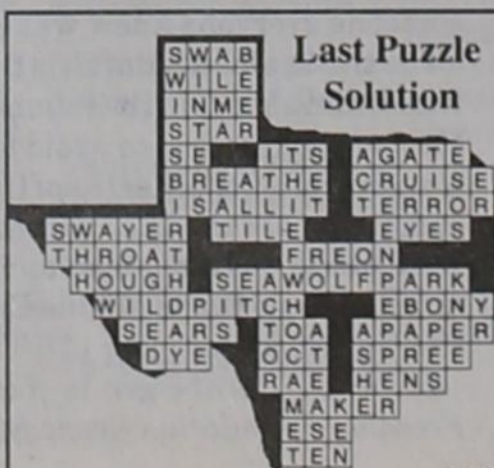
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223.1' from the westerly east line and 443.9' from the south line of the lease. 1100.6' from the west line and 443.9' from the south line of the survey.
Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241836
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

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285' from the east line and 282' from the northerly south line of the lease. 2360' from the west line and 1676' from the south line of the survey.

Field rules for both of the fields listed above are 330/660, 20 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4999 feet.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 8A
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0241852
Date of Issuance: February 17, 2005

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285' from the westerly east line and 1549' from the south line of the lease. 1083' from the west line and 1549' from the south line of the survey.

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NOTICE

This is to give notice of intent to introduce in the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the expansion of the Salt Fork Water Quality District and the appointment of directors by the commissioners court of each county included within the boundaries of the district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ACROSS

- mop the deck
- Six Flags character
- E. Coyote
- TX Gary Morris tune: "The Love She Found"
- Lone State
- dir. to San Antonio from Abilene
- TX Jenkins book: "Life Ourselves"
- entrance to TX pasture (2 wds.)
- TXism: "as I live and"
- pleasure trip from Galveston
- TX Morris' "One Fall Takes"
- film of TX rancher Norris: "Hero and the"
- persuader
- Spanish
- they're "upon you" in Texas
- TXism: "jumped down my"
- AC gas
- ex-Ranger pitcher Charlie
- Pelican Island's submarine dock
- Ranger pitching mistake (2 wds.)
- TXns it's "black"
- & Roebuck
- TXism: "worn ___ frazzle" (tired)
- TXism: "couldn't fight his way out of ___ bag"

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- Dallas celebrated 700th
- by displaying old Switzerland Bible
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- Yale is TX Bush's ___ mater
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- TXism: "___ take a faith healer to fix it" (broken)
- Houston made film: "The ___ Dinner"
- TXism: "he's ___ in his ways"
- what TX Tommy Lee Jones does
- jalapeno or bell (2 wds.)
- TX pirate: Louis Michel
- Goodyear Co. once had blimp base in TX
- TX Vikki Carr album: "___ Hombres" (89)
- TXism: "don't ___ enough to stoke a sparrow" (thin)
- he took title from TX Foreman in '74
- TXism: "let '___ rip!"
- Sieur de La Salle founded Fort ___ Louis in TX (1685)
- "Surrender of Santa Anna" artist Huddle (init.)
- family member
- "Giant" Taylor (init.)
- TX Swayze
- TXism: "couldn't hit the side of ___"
- cow catchers
- TXism: "a real ___ slapper"
- Cowboy ___ season doesn't count
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1-Waldon 10Fl. F.M. Tractor Front End Dozer

EQUIPMENT (SMALL TRACTOR)
1-Akey, 2 Wheel, Manure Spreader Ground Drive
1-Danuser 3pt., PTO Posthole Diggers, 8" & 12" Auger
1-Krause 18 Disc oneway D.T.
1-Ferguson 3pt., 6Fl. Chisel Sweep Plow S.L.
1-Ferguson 3pt., 2 Row Cultivator
1-3pt., 6Fl. Box Blade Dirt Scraper
1-Atlas 500, 3pt., 6Fl. Tandem Disc Plow
1-Scalloped Disc F&B - N.N.
1-Muratori, M2-6, 3pt., 6 Fl. Rototiller N.N.
1-Pittsburgh, 3pt., 6Fl. Shredder
1-Bush Boss 3pt., 12" Grubber Plow
1-Bush Hog, 3pt., 6 Fl. Shredder
1-3pt., 2 Row Knifing Plow
PUMP JACKS-WINDMILL PARTS-CEMENT MIXERS-PUMPS
2- Small Oil Field or Water Pump Jacks
1-Lot Windmill Gearboxes - Parts - Aeromotor Demptar
1-8Fl. Miniature Oil Derrick (Decorative)
1-Water Pump w/ 110' Brass Pipe
1-Lot Windmill Working Tools
1-Quickmix Portable 3 1/2 Yard Cement Mixer - Gas Motor
1-1/3 Yard Cement Mixer w/ Electric Motor
3-Homelite 2"-3" Centrifugal Pumps - Gas Motors
VEHICLES
1-1984 Chevrolet Dually, Crew Cab - 454 Eng - AT - R - H - A/C - Bucket Seats - Console - Reg. Bed
1-1983 Ford F-150 Pickup - 390 Eng. - 4sp. - 9Fl. Flatbed
1-1954 Chevrolet SA Winch Truck - 6cyl.
4sp. - 2 Tulsa Winch - Gin Poles
1-1983 Ford F-150 Pickup - 390 Eng. - 4sp. - 112 H.P. Submersible Pump
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Emergency farm loans now available



Post Antelopes basketball Head Coach Lonnie Scott huddles with the team during last Tuesday's season closing game against Abernathy. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by hail that occurred on Oct. 9, 2004, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office located in Lubbock.

Garza County is one of eight Texas counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the hail.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Craig Simpson said farmers may be eligible

for loans of up to 100 percent of the actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Simpson said.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Oct. 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season."

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized

farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lubbock is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Extension Extras

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.

Got Weeds?

Prevent them with a pre-emergence application - lasts all summer long. Beginning in January. Call early for information or an appointment.
OASIS TURF PROS
778-0204

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.

4-H Shotgun Sign-up

All youth interested in participating in the 4-H Shotgun Club need to meet Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office. A parent must attend with the youth for this meeting.

For more information call Mark Kirkpatrick at 495-2235 or 495-5385 or Ray Mason at 405-2776 or 781-8022.

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"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Simpson said.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Oct. 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season."

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lubbock is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.



Post Antelope senior guard Coco Valdez (21) drives in for the layup as the Lopes rallied against Abernathy last Tuesday in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Lady Lopes fastpitch softball pitcher Allison Blevins takes aim for the strikeball as short stop Ashley Powell stands poised for in-field support during last Friday's tournament at Lubbock Coronado High School. (Photo by Tabatha Cowley)

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