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"Better than average year"

Kenneth LeBlanc points the pipe toward the Northwest, indicating a "better than average year" following Tuesday morning's annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony. (Photo by Rosa Bell)

Post Notes

Odom to be honored with reception

A retirement reception honoring Ruby Jane Odom for 25 years and 5 months of dedication and service with the Texas Health & Human Services Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 29 from 1-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Baseball field workday

There will be a workday at the Little League baseball field at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. All coaches and any parents that would like to help should attend.

Huge egg hunt!

The Family Harvest Church will host a huge egg hunt with colored, candy, cash and prize eggs on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. Free goodie bags for the first 75 children to arrive! Enjoy the air jumper house, face painting, cotton candy and hair color. Everyone is welcome. For more details call 495-2772.

Easter schedule for church

The Post Church of the Nazarene Easter schedule will begin with "The Passion of the Christ" on Good Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 27 the public is invited to attend Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at the corner of Broadway & Main Street. Our Easter Worship service will start at 10 a.m. (There will be no evening service or Sunday school).

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 29 in Post. Classes will run through May 19 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-10 p.m. in the EMS training room at City Hall.

Post Little League

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

Little League try-outs

Little League try-outs will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. at the baseball field. The age requirement is 9 years-old by July 31, 2005. For questions you may call Mike Macy at 495-5149.

Late sign-ups for baseball

There will be a late sign-up day on Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. at the baseball park. This is the final deadline for all divisions. For questions you may call Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

Rotary's broom sale

The Post Rotary Club Annual Broom Sale will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 216 W. Main. The club's sale will begin at 8 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten roundup

Post ISD will be holding their annual pre-kindergarten roundup on Friday, April 1 from 12:20-2 p.m. If you have a child that will be turning four years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2005 you are invited. Bring your child and get acquainted with the Pre-K teachers and their aides. Lunch will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

"Might As Well Be Spring"

The OS Museum is presenting "Might As Well Be Spring" with a special exhibit. Wonderful art and artifacts from over the world. See sculptures, visual art, ivory, porcelain, crystal and the magnificent art of Faberge. The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street. An elevator is available for your convenience.

Baseball legend to be honored

Everyone 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 native Norman Dalton Cash. With the completion of the remodeled high school baseball field at David Nichols Park, a movement started to name the field after Post, Texas' most famous athlete. Help make Norm Cash Day a memorable event. 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, TX 79356

"The Anastasia File" opens April 1

The Garza Theatre production of "The Anastasia File" opens April 1 and continues weekends through April 16. Written by Royce Ryton and directed by Chris Davis. The mystery's performances begin at 8 p.m. nightly with Sunday's matinee beginning at 2:30 p.m. Call 495-4005 for tickets and information.

Coffee with Congressman Neugebauer

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer will visit Post Wednesday, March 30 at Wells Fargo Bank community room from 9 to 10 a.m. for discussion with citizens about important District 19 issues.

One candidate fills GHD spot

The May 7 election to fill two open seats on the Garza County Hospital District board of directors has been cancelled and the sole candidate to file for candidacy will be sworn in later this year.

In action taken at their March 17 meeting, district officials voted to accept E. Wayne Edwards as the director for the Precinct 4 position. Because no other candidates stepped forward to claim candidacy, state law allows the district to waive the election and fill the open position with the lone candidate.

Edwards is expected to be sworn into office at the May meeting, according to district administrator Shirley Taylor. He will replace longtime board member Zoe Kirkpatrick, who chose not to file for re-election.

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New snag postpones plans for improving County Road 378

by Wes Burnett

Recent surveys of County Road 378 (Fuller Road) south of Lake Alan Henry got the attention of Garza County Commissioners' Court at a special called meeting Monday morning.

County Attorney Leslie Acker introduced a letter to the court from rancher Will Senn's attorney, insisting that any construction of the roadway be done strictly within the meets and bounds of the originally deeded right of way.

The surveys show that the originally deeded property is no where near the existing county roadway, which connects to U.S. Hwy 84, running east through Senn's ranch and John Ward's ranch.

Earlier this month the court agreed to reconstruct the existing roadway and install a new bridge crossing Sand Creek.

Engineer Rich Oller pointed out that the existing roadway could be considered the proper right of way through what is known as "prescriptive use." Oller and Acker agreed that under Texas law, a public right of way, even though not properly deeded, can be declared public property through evidence of continued use through the years.

The court requested Acker to contact Senn's attorney to see if an agreement could be reached on the right of way. In the meantime, the proposed project has been postponed.

Engineer Rich Oller, who had been contracted by the county to develop plans and specs for the project, informed the court that the bridge alone

would cost approximately \$110,000, not including preparation work. Oller said he did not have complete estimates for the total cost of the project, but should have it later this week.

In other matters, the court rejected requests from two property owners to be excused from late payment penalties. The two had complained that they did not receive first notices. Tax Assessor Collector Judy M. Bush reported that the notices were mailed and were not returned "undeliverable." She recommended rejecting the requests.

A representative of Orion Energy informed the court of plans for construction of several wind generators in Garza County near the Borden County border.

Kathryn Arbeit requested the court to consider a tax abatement plan similar to one approved by Borden County. She explained that the multi-million dollar start-up costs for the wind energy project makes tax abatement a critical factor for proceeding.

She also said that Orion Energy is currently in negotiation with several Texas power companies interested in purchasing power from the project.

The court agreed to begin the legal process necessary for considering the 10 year tax abatement. Orion Energy proposes to pay a flat fee each year during the period and to coordinate with the tax assessor regarding depreciation schedules.

The court meets again March 28 for its regularly scheduled second meeting in March.

Post ISD continues work on new cafeteria plans

Discussion of plans for the new cafeteria facility continued at this month's meeting of the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

District officials met with their architect and discussed numerous options on the structure before voting to conclude the district's agreement with the architectural firm. That agreement was revised to eliminate the high school portion of the project at this time, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. The project will "remain on the table" until district officials have a clearer picture of what their financial status will be following legislative action in Austin.

Marcum said the cafeteria project is expected to go out for bids sometime in April. The structure is to be built next to the elementary school adjacent to Avenue K. It will feature two serving sides - one for the elementary school and another for the secondary - and is designed for community use as well.

The building could be completed by later this year or early 2006; occupancy will be determined by when existing furnishings and equipment can be relocated to the new facility. Marcum said the district could be serving meals from the building by the close of the '06 school year.

In other business, district officials:

- Approved campus priority goals as presented, along with district priority goals developed by the board. Those goals include maintaining a Spanish program at the elementary school, improving match/science scores; promotion of all UIL and all academics; and more recognition of achievement in all areas.
- Conducted the annual review of the Highly Qualified Report. The report indicates the number of teachers on each campus who are "highly qualified," or certified in their area of advanced training and either have passed an exit test or have taken major college course work since be-

coming certified, Marcum said. The district has achieved "steady progress" toward its 100 percent goal, with 100 percent at the elementary school in the 2004-05 school year, almost 93 percent at the middle school and almost 95 percent at the high school. The percentage at the detention center was 40 percent, but Marcum said that figure reflects the fact that some of those teachers are teaching several subject areas they are not certified in.

- Approved all professional staff contracts as recommended.
- Approved the 2005 curriculum, which is fundamentally the same as utilized in the current school year, Marcum said.
- Approved textbook adoptions as recommended.

Marcum also talked to the board about legislative actions ongoing in Austin and how those actions could impact the Post ISD's finances. While district officials are waiting to see what the legislature does, they are concerned that school funding was cut "pretty severely" in the last biennium. Although the Post ISD has been able to "hold its own" financially, the superintendent said he is concerned that House Bill 2 would not be good for the local school district.

He shared a copy of a March 3 letter he wrote to State Rep. Pete

Laney of Hale Center. The text of that letter follows:

"As a taxpayer I am interested in property tax relief and as a fiscal conservative I applaud conservative efforts to curb spending. However, I am a superintendent and charged with the responsibility of managing an effective school and I know you and I both take effective education seriously. Education and effectiveness will be driven by funding.

"HB2, and its substitute, falls short in meeting the needs of public education in Texas. I know that because 19 education agencies stood together March 2 in opposition to the bill as it was voted out of committee and I have modeled the numbers for Post ISD. I feel that this bill is inadequate for Post ISD and will not meet the increasing needs of kids in our district. We are primarily a low socio-economic and high minority. As I look at HB2's impact on Post, I cannot support it.

"For the past two years I have recommended, and the board has passed lower tax rates than they could have and instead they relied on fund balance to cover shortfalls in revenue. The board had previously built that balance through fiscal conservatism and now depleted property values and program spending needs are cutting deeply

into the balance. Now as demands (student needs) are depleting that fund balance and because we have been conservative, provisions in the bill will not allow us to hold our own. Our ability to generate needed revenue is declining. Since our tax rate was not \$1.50 per \$100 (valuation) we would not be able to tax at \$1. According to the models, taxing at \$1 will not generate enough to maintain current spending for maintenance and operation.

"Our state aid has declined from a high of just over \$4 million in 2000 to just over \$1 million in '05. While our program has few bells and whistles, it is effective and improving. However, HB2, with inadequate operations funding and more mandates, create large problems for our financial health. And we are expected to do the same program more effectively in '06 with 3 million fewer dollars than we had in 2000.

"Also, as a conservative legislator I can't imagine you would support more state control and the greater centralization found in HB2. There are as you know: 1) Mandated incentive programs cutting into (maintenance and operation) dollars restricting local decision making; 2) Loss of local control over the start of school date; 3) Loss of local decision making regard-

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City personnel prepare to stabilize water lines

City personnel opening a water valve on 10th street are (left to right) Johnny Torres and Bryan Looney. According to City Manager Fred Stephens, the broken water line is being circumvented. In preparation for water pressure stabilization, the new line has been chlorinated and drained. Torres and Looney are opening the valves in order to refill the new line.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ratliff to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Chuck) Ratliff will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 26, 2005, with a dinner at the Cowboy Kitchen, followed by a cruise later this year.

They were married March 27, 1955, in Center Belpre, Ohio.

The Ratliffs are parents to three daughters - Dorothy Timms of Lubbock, Carolyn Ray of Gunter and Barbara Bowley of Lubbock - and have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Ratliffs have been residents of Post for the past 17 years.



Cody Stone & Mary Payne

Cody Stone, Mary Payne announce engagement

Doris and Jerry Payne of Henrietta have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Margaret Payne of Lubbock, to Cody Carlisle Stone of San Angelo, son of Jerry Stone of Gail and the late Carolyn Stone.

The wedding is set for 7:30 p.m. July 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Henrietta.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Henrietta High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She is employed as a special education teacher with the Lubbock Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom, grandson of Imogene Stone and Bill and Gwen Carlisle of Post, is a graduate of Borden County High School and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University. He is employed as a regional program director with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Post EMS offers certification class

The Post-Garza County EMS, in conjunction with the Texas State Department of Health Services, will sponsor a certification class for emergency care attendants (EDA) beginning March 29 in Post.

Classes will run through May 26 and are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-10 p.m. in the EMS training room above City Hall (105 E. Main St.).

The class will be offered free of charge to anyone willing to sign a one-year agreement to "consistently serve" as a volunteer with the Post-Garza County EMS, according to a press release from the EMS service.

Graduates of the class are required to pass a National Registry Test, as well as attain state certification as

an emergency care attendant. The course is designed to lead to successful completion of the regulatory testing requirements. A small fee for testing and certification is the responsibility of the student.

An ECA must be able to lift a cot with 200 pounds with assistance to the proper height; 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 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 old by the end of May.

Interested persons should call 620-0075 for more information.

White River Lake Weekly Report March 21, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.65 Feet below spillway: 18'9" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): .27" Rain to-date: 3.86"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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Amity Study Club Meets March 8

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Joy Pool on March 8.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Bilbo, president.

Theme for the program was the origins of Easter, presented by Barbara Babb. Members made Easter hats, which were pretty and unique.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Pool and Margaret Bull.

Members present included Bilbo, Janie Davis, Inez Seabourn, Louella Bilberry, Anne Sims, Janet Middleton, Marilyn Mason, Babb, Ginger Carlisle, Naomi Matsler and Edna Owen.

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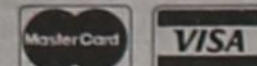
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On behalf of all our employees, we offer our sincerest thanks to Betty and extend best wishes to her in her retirement.



Food, People, Heart & Soul.

Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony featured at Post Commerce & Tourism annual banquet

A celebration of Post's traditional Tabana Yuane ceremony was a part of the Commerce & Tourism banquet conducted earlier this month.

Included in the observance were video clips of the late "Chief" Frank Runkles, the man who carried out the Tabana Yuane tradition for so many years. The clips depicted portions of past Tabana Yuane ceremonies, as well as Runkles' explanation of the Native American practice.

Several representatives of the Tabana Yuane "clan" also were present for the observance. They included Zoe Kirkpatrick, Linda Puckett, Jack and Linda Ramey, Ken and Shirley LeBlanc and John Cory. Also on hand were Runkles' son, Nick, and daughter, Elli; grandson, Doug, and Doug's wife, Joana; and daughter-in-law, Mary Runkles.



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Lamb Camp

June 12-14 are the dates for the 2005 Lamb Camp at Howard College. Limited to first 200 to register. Cost is \$80 per person for lodging, meals and awards. For more information, call (806) 495-4400 or come by the Texas Cooperative Extension office.

Goat Camp

June 19-21 are the dates for the 2005 Goat Camp at Howard College. Cost is \$80 per person for lodging, meals and awards. Limited to first 200 to register. For more information, call (806) 495-4400.

4-H Prime Time Camp Sessions

Two Prime Time sessions are scheduled this summer at the State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The Prime Time I, for youth ages 12-13, is set for July 17-20. Prime Time II, for youth ages 9-11, is set for July 20-23. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

SpecTra '05

This special camp, for youth ages 14-18, is scheduled for July 25-30, at the State 4-H Camp at Lake Brownwood. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

Team Roping School

The 16th. Annual 4-H Team Roping School for youth 12 to 18 years of age, is scheduled for June 2-5, 2005, at South Plains College. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post.

Electric Camp.....

for youth 13-19 years of age, will be June 20-24 at Weed, NM. Cost is

\$95 which includes meals, lodging, snacks, program supplies and transportation. Deadline to register is May 23. For more information and registration forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post.

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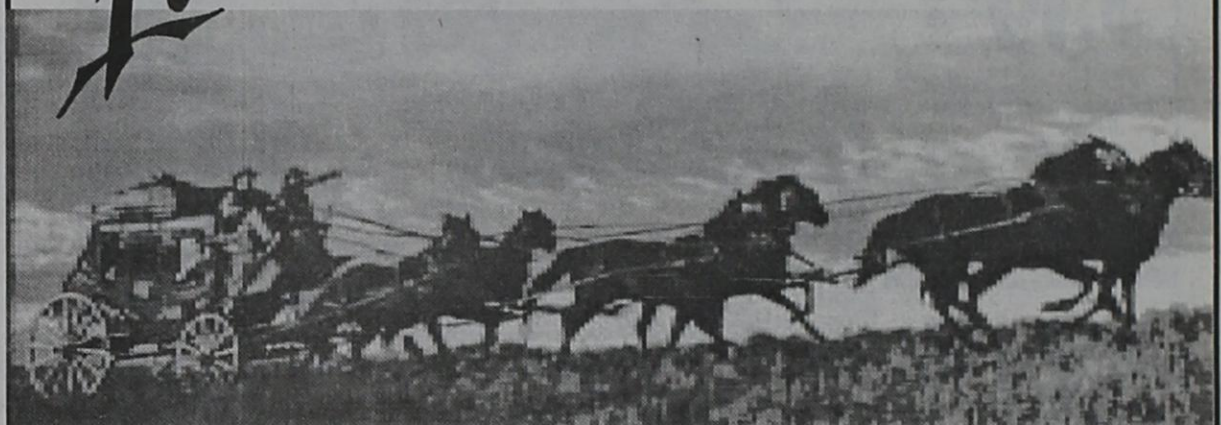
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Sheriff reports 8 arrests

Eight arrests were made during the past week, according to reports from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests included that of a 40-year-old male, driving with invalid license; a 23-year-old male, Erath County warrant; 20-year-old male, possession of marijuana, one pound; 17-year-old female, driving with invalid license; 31-year-old male, Lynn County warrant; 24-year-old male, driving with invalid license; 48-year-old male, public intoxication; and 24-year-old male, driving while intoxicated.

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Obituaries

Nancy Melvis Taylor

Services for Nancy Melvis Taylor, 77, of Maricopa, Ariz., formerly of Post, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, in the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ron Miner officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



She died March 15 at Casa Grande, Ariz. Born Aug. 18, 1927, at Hornbeck, La., to William Fredrick and Nezzie Mae (Sales) Taylor, she married Jim Henry Taylor April 7, 1945, at Huffman. In 1967, the couple moved to Post to work at the Postex Cotton Mill. They later owned The Bait Shop for 21 years. She worked for Meals on Wheels and was active in the Ladies VFW Auxiliary, serving as president for many years.

Survivors include four sons, Jimmy Taylor of Winters, C.H. Taylor of Houston, Keith Taylor of Maricopa and Roger Taylor of Merkel; one daughter, Ramona Weigel of Maricopa; two brothers, Carl Bolton and Tommy Bolton; and three sisters, Ruby Bedford, Sally Faulkner and Bobbi Yaws.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kathy Morris, in 1991.

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GHD meeting...

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Shirley Taylor. He will replace long-time board member Zoe Kirkpatrick, who chose not to file for re-election.

The other open board post, Precinct 3, will remain open, as no one filed as a candidate for the seat.

In other business, the board received the monthly clinic report, which put expenses for the month of February at just under \$35,000 and collections at slightly more than \$25,000 for a deficit of \$9,514. A total of 600 clinic visits were recorded, netting 876 procedures.

The board also received the monthly report on indigent health care for February. Eleven clients were served at a cost of \$771.33, putting the year-to-date expenses at \$8,499.

District officials continued their ongoing discussion as to how to donate obsolete equipment to medical facilities overseas.

At the close of the session, director Fred Howell asked if all board members had received the same packet of information he had received at his home. Following a request from The Post Dispatch for copies of the information, the newspaper received copies of a pair of letters generated from within the hospital district.

Taylor said the letters, which address proposed state legislation dealing with issues related to the hospital district, were made available to all board members outside of the monthly meeting. Each board member was encouraged to sign the letters to send them to the 27 lawmakers to whom the letters were addressed.

The bulk of the text of each of the letters follows:

A letter dated March 1 addressed to The Honorable Robert Duncan of Lubbock regarding Senate Bill 230 reads, "As a board member for the Garza County Health Care District, I would like to express my concern over several changes proposed in SB230 relating to Indigent Health Care (IHC).

"Section 3(b) changes the income eligibility limit from 21 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit to 200 percent. If changed to 200 percent, a person earning right at \$2,450 gross income per month would qualify for the program. A two-person household could earn just under \$3,250 gross income per month and qualify. As a result, many more people would qualify, many of whom could afford to purchase insurance or have it available at their place of employment but do not want to pay a monthly premium. Raising the income eligi-

bility limit at this drastic a measure defeats the purpose for which the Indigent Health Care Act was originally intended, to assist indigent, the "poorest of the poor," persons who have no other means of medical assistance. In addition, funds would be expended at a quicker rate, leaving those who truly need the care unable to see providers or obtain prescriptions until the county or hospital district begins a new fiscal year.

"Section 3(c) raises the amount counties pay to providers to "reasonable and customary." Indigent Health Care rates have always been in line with Medicaid. I acknowledge there can be quite a gap between reasonable and customary versus Medicaid rates; however, unlike insurance companies, counties and hospital districts have a dedicated amount set aside per fiscal year to spend on indigent health care. As with increasing the income eligibility limit, increasing the amount counties and hospital districts pay out will expend IHC funds quicker and would leave qualifying clients without health care until a new fiscal year begins....

"Section 5(b) penalizes counties for not expending their funds. Health care expenditures depend on the number of people qualifying for IHC and the amount of health care each requires; both can vary greatly from

year to year. Not expending all funds does not mean the counties and hospital districts are not properly running the program. A better option for unused funds is to allow the county or hospital district the option of carrying those funds over or distributing them to local providers."

Several other proposed changes, including making counties or hospital districts responsible for payment of services received by clients who fail to report required changes making them ineligible for IHC; the addition of emergency services to basic health care; removing the 72-hour phone notification; and requiring counties to make eligibility decisions within 14 days of a provider's notification without regard to obtaining sufficient information from the patient, also are discussed in the letter.

In the other letter, dated March 3 and addressed to The Honorable John Otto of Austin, House Bill 636 is discussed.

It reads, "... I would like to express my concern over HB636. This bill penalizes counties and hospital districts for not expending their funds and ultimately penalizes those who qualify as indigent. The original intent of the Indigent Health Care (IHC) Act was to provide basic health care services to the indigent... population.

"Health care expenditures depend on the number of people qualifying for IHC and the amount of health care each requires; both can vary greatly from year to year. One year a county or hospital district may not spend half of its funds set aside for IHC; however, the next year there can be more persons qualify or persons with higher medical bills and the county or hospital district spends all of the funds set aside. Not expending all funds does not mean the counties or hospital districts are not properly running the IHC program. Being required to adopt less restrictive guidelines allows persons who are not truly indigent to qualify for the program and expends the funds at a quicker rate. If the funds are used up before the fiscal year ends, then those who are indigent will be without medical care or prescription assistance until the beginning of the counties' or hospital districts' next fiscal year.

"I ask you to carefully consider the actual harm this bill would do to the indigent population and take the appropriate action."

As of press time, it was unclear which, if any, of the Garza County Hospital District board members plan to sign and mail the letters denoted above.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ...an introduction

The chronology of events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ can be ascertained by allowing the four Gospels to harmonize and tell one complete story. Each Gospel was written according to the will of God and will not contradict any other record within the four Gospels. Any apparent contradictions can be cleared up by comparing the context of similar events, or by looking to the earlier known translations. Some records may appear to be the same event, but a study of the context will show that they are actually records of two similarly different events. Likewise, two different records can be of the same event with different wording. Although the writers' wording may differ slightly, the essence of the meaning stays the same. As we launch into this study, we will see examples of both.

As with the previous study on his birth, our readers are encouraged to set aside personal beliefs concerning the identity of Jesus Christ, and allow God's clearly revealed and recorded opinion to be the foundation. When Jesus was anointed with holy spirit by the prophet John, a voice came from the heavens above saying, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:16-17). Later, he prayed to his Father while in great agony saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). He always did the will of his Father. This is the meaning of the scripture

where Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). He and his Father were and still are one in purpose...which is the Father's purpose. Throughout the scriptures, Jesus Christ and his Father God make very clear distinctions between the Father and the son. Given this strong distinction, it is best to approach the Gospels with the basic understanding that Jesus Christ was and still is, none other than, the son of God.

We have God's word where it says, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). God approves the working of His word. He approves of us not cutting corners in the handling of His word, but instead rightly dividing it by letting His word interpret itself. God's word does not leave people ashamed because God backs His word for all who believe with meekness and humility. Therefore, it is not shameful or inappropriate for anybody to dive into the minute details of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Next week we will track the events surrounding the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples just prior to his arrest. During this meal he revealed who would betray him. He also taught them about serving each other. The disciples first learned about the symbolism of food and drink as related to his blood and his body. Jesus Christ took great care to teach and prepare his disciples according to the will of his Father.

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To protect and serve

by Bill O'Reilly

Here's how bad things really are in America as far as your security is concerned. Ebner Anibal Rivera-Paz is a hard-core gangster from Honduras. In the past four years, he has been arrested eight times in California and deported four times by federal authorities. Four times!

Police agencies say Rivera-Paz sold drugs, stole cars, assaulted people and may have even murdered 28 people in a Honduras bombing. Finally, after causing pain in this country for 12 years, the guy is now being held in a Texas prison, but it is likely that he'll be deported once again.

The reason Rivera-Paz and thousands of other criminal illegal aliens are allowed to hurt Americans time after time after time is that the federal government will not stop illegal border crossings, and places like Los Angeles, where Rivera-Paz wreaked much havoc, are "sanctuary cities" that will not allow local authorities to report illegal aliens to the feds. City officials in Houston, Chicago, Denver and New York City actually forbid any local inquiry of immigration status.

There are all kinds of rationalizations and excuses for the failure to protect Americans from illegal alien criminals, but they all become hollow PC madness when real people are hurt or killed. All but one of the 9/11 killers were here illegally, so was sniper mass murderer John Lee Malvo, and last week, the feds rounded up more than 100 members of the violent Central American gang MS-13, almost all of them illegal aliens.

Last November, Americans had two choices for President: Bush or Kerry. Neither man even faked it as far as the border was concerned. Both said they would beef up the Border Patrol but do little else. Both men know the illegal alien invasion cannot be stopped by the BP alone. But Bush and Kerry said no when asked if they would allow U.S. troops to assist the Border Patrol. So, in effect, both men put politics over public safety because they knew the border chaos would continue.

The "do little" strategy worked for President Bush, who was reelected largely because 9 percent more Hispanic Americans voted for him than did in 2000. The Republican plan of wooing Hispanics was very effective. A crackdown on the southern border would have derailed that strategy because the anti-Bush media would have played it as bias against Mexicans.

All of this was very good news for the likes of Ebner Anibal Rivera-Paz, who committed a multitude of crimes against Americans without much punishment. While Rivera Paz ran around hurting people, Mr. Bush carried the state of New Mexico.

I don't want to sound cynical, but there is no question that both political parties are not looking out for you regarding the immigration mess. This column has stated before that it will take another 9/11 before we the people demand that elected officials protect us. It will take blood in the streets. Most Americans have no idea what kind of danger they are facing, and the elite media will never tell them. Once again, it is politically incorrect to mention that immigration laws must be enforced and the borders effectively monitored.

Immigrant bashing is an ugly thing. But demanding that U.S. authorities enforce laws already on the books is not bashing anyone. Two months ago, President Bush swore to uphold the laws of the land. It is time he did.

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Hooray for Haskell County!

Let's hear it for Haskell County! According to a recent report, the Haskell County Commissioners' Court voted against bowing and scraping to the big bosses in Washington and Austin... declaring that they will continue to use paper ballots in future elections.

The decision followed an inspection of various electronic voting machines in a recent Lubbock show. That's the same show that Garza County officials attended.

Our elected officials decided not to make a decision yet. Haskell County officials just flat said no.

I had personally hoped that Garza County would be the first Texas county to stand up for common sense. There's still hope that our county officials will join other Texas counties in refusing to cave into another knee-jerk congressionally mandated boondoggle.

Responding to the has been called the HAVA Act of 2002, the Haskell County court voted 5-0 to reject the new law. "We are going to stay with paper," Haskell County Judge David C. Davis said in an e-mail note to other county leaders.

We hope that Garza County will join Haskell and other counties in plans for a petition to state officials about the matter.

Hooray for Haskell County. They are the first to demand that congress adhere to the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Congress has no authority to interfere with the electoral process, that responsibility lies with the states. Enough is enough!

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Ant-intellectualism at Harvard

by Walter E. Williams

Dr. Larry Summers, Harvard's president, remains under siege for remarks (www.president.harvard.edu/speeches/2005/nber.html) made in his Jan. 14 address to the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Dr. Summers suggested that there might be three major reasons why women are underrepresented in the higher reaches of science and ranked them in order of importance.

First is what Dr. Summers calls the "high-powered job hypothesis," where success demands putting in 80-hour weeks, and men are more willing or capable to do so. In support of how marriage and family impact women's careers, he added that when one does see women in the higher reaches of science, they tend to be unmarried or have no children.

Dr. Summers' second hypothesis is that there are sex differences in IQ and aptitude at the high end, and his third is that socialization and discrimination might explain some of the underrepresentation.

It's Dr. Summers' second hypothesis that caused MIT biologist Dr. Nancy Hopkins to leave the lecture, explaining to a Boston Globe (Jan. 17, 2005) reporter that, "I would've either blacked out or thrown up." Previous temper tantrums served Dr. Hopkins well as reported in the Women's Freedom Network Newsletter (Jan./Feb. 2000), "MIT Tarnishes Its Reputation with Junk Gender Science," by Judith Kleinfeld. After claiming sex discrimination, "Professor Hopkins received an endowed chair, a 20 percent salary increase, \$2.5 million of research funds from internal MIT sources, a 5,000 square foot laboratory, an invitation to join the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, and an invitation to the White House where president and Mrs. Clinton praised her courage and expressed the hope that other institutions would follow the MIT example."

Virtually all academic literature on sex, IQ and aptitude reach the conclusion that there are differences between men and women. While the mean intelligence between men and women is similar, the variance differs significantly. Women cluster more about the mean while men are more spread out. That means fewer women, relative to men, are at both the low end and the high end of the intelligence

and aptitude spectrum. That might partially explain why so many men are in jail compared to women, and why more geniuses like Mozart and Einstein are men. On last year's SAT math test, more than twice as many boys as girls scored in the top range (750-800).

The only debate among scholars isn't whether these patterns exist but whether they reflect acculturation or genetics. A substantial body of work suggests genetics. The fact of business is that we do differ genetically by race and sex, not only in intelligence and aptitude, but in physical ways as well.

Why in the world would we deny these differences, and deny their effects on observed outcomes, particularly in an academic setting where there's supposed to be open inquiry? I think we do so for a couple of foolish reasons. First, most of us share the value of equality before the law. We falsely believe that equality before the law requires that we must in fact be equal. In my book, being a human being is the only condition for equality before the law. The second reason has to do with human arrogance. If a particular outcome is deemed undesirable and it's genetically determined, our hands are tied and we just have to accept it.

Dr. Summers has responded to the criticism created by his NBER remarks with serial mea culpas, groveling and apologies. He's in deep trouble. Faculty members don't differ that much from chickens in a barnyard. The sight of the boss chicken bleeding is all that's needed for the vicious pecking to commence.

If there's a legitimate criticism that can be made about Dr. Summers' NBER comments, it's that he didn't exercise discretion. There are certain things best left unsaid in front of children. Children have little understanding and can be easily offended by unvarnished truths.

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Congressional sadists

by Sheldon Richman

Even though April 15 is more than a month and a half away, this is the time of year when people are thinking about and preparing their income-tax returns. So it's a good time to contemplate this particular bit of oppression under which half the adult population labors.

Many people act as though the income tax and the demands it makes on us are facts of nature. Benjamin Franklin said, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes," but we ought to acknowledge that these are two quite different phenomena. Taxes are an act of will. Death eventually comes despite any preference to the contrary.

As you sweat out the tax season, bear in mind that identifiable men and women—the members of Congress—inflct this pain on you. They know what you go through. They know the hours you put in and the money you spend. They know that you look frantically for missing receipts just to keep a few more dollars that, after all, belong to you anyway. They know that you fear the hell of an IRS audit. Yet they refuse to stop the torture. They could do it. But they don't, because you only matter around election time, which is long after tax day.

This suggests a modest, short-run approach to tax reform: Move tax day to the day before election day. And for good measure, abolish withholding. Imagine if people trudged to the polls the day after sending fat checks to the IRS. That might bring the incumbents down a notch.

You have to wonder how such a sadistic group of people can call themselves our leaders. Why won't they relieve us from the dastardly income tax? The answer is obvious. They want the large amount of money and the social-engineering powers that only an income tax can provide. Whenever you hear a politician talk about compassion and wanting to make a difference, think of the IRS.

The 19th-century political philosopher Lysander Spooner saw through the pretense as no one has since. He compared the tax authority to a highwayman. But he saw a profound difference between the two. As he wrote in his publication "No Treason:"

"The highwayman ... does not pretend that he has any rightful claim to your money, or that he intends to use it for your own benefit. He does not pretend to be anything but a robber. He has not acquired impudence enough to profess to be merely a protector, and that he

takes men's money against their will, merely to enable him to protect, those infatuated travellers, who feel perfectly able to protect themselves, or do not appreciate his peculiar system of protection... Furthermore, having taken your money, he leaves you, as you wish him to do. He does not persist in following you on the road, against your will; assuming to be your rightful sovereign... on account of the protection, he affords you. He does not keep protecting, you, by commanding you to bow down and serve him; by requiring you to do this, and forbidding you to do that; by robbing you of more money as often as he finds it for his interest or pleasure to do so; and by branding you as a rebel, a traitor, and an enemy to your country, and shooting you down without mercy, if you dispute his authority, or resist his demands. He is too much of a gentleman to be guilty of such impostures, and insults, and villainies as these. In short, he does not, in addition to robbing you, attempt to make you either his dupe or his slave."

We can only hope that our politicians one day elevate themselves to the level of a common robber.

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PHS Powerlifting team excels

Following a strong season of powerlifting, Alana Zubia and Roxanne Orona finished near the top of a field of hundreds of lifters from across the state.

Zubia and Orona finished in sixth and seventh places respectively in their weight classes.

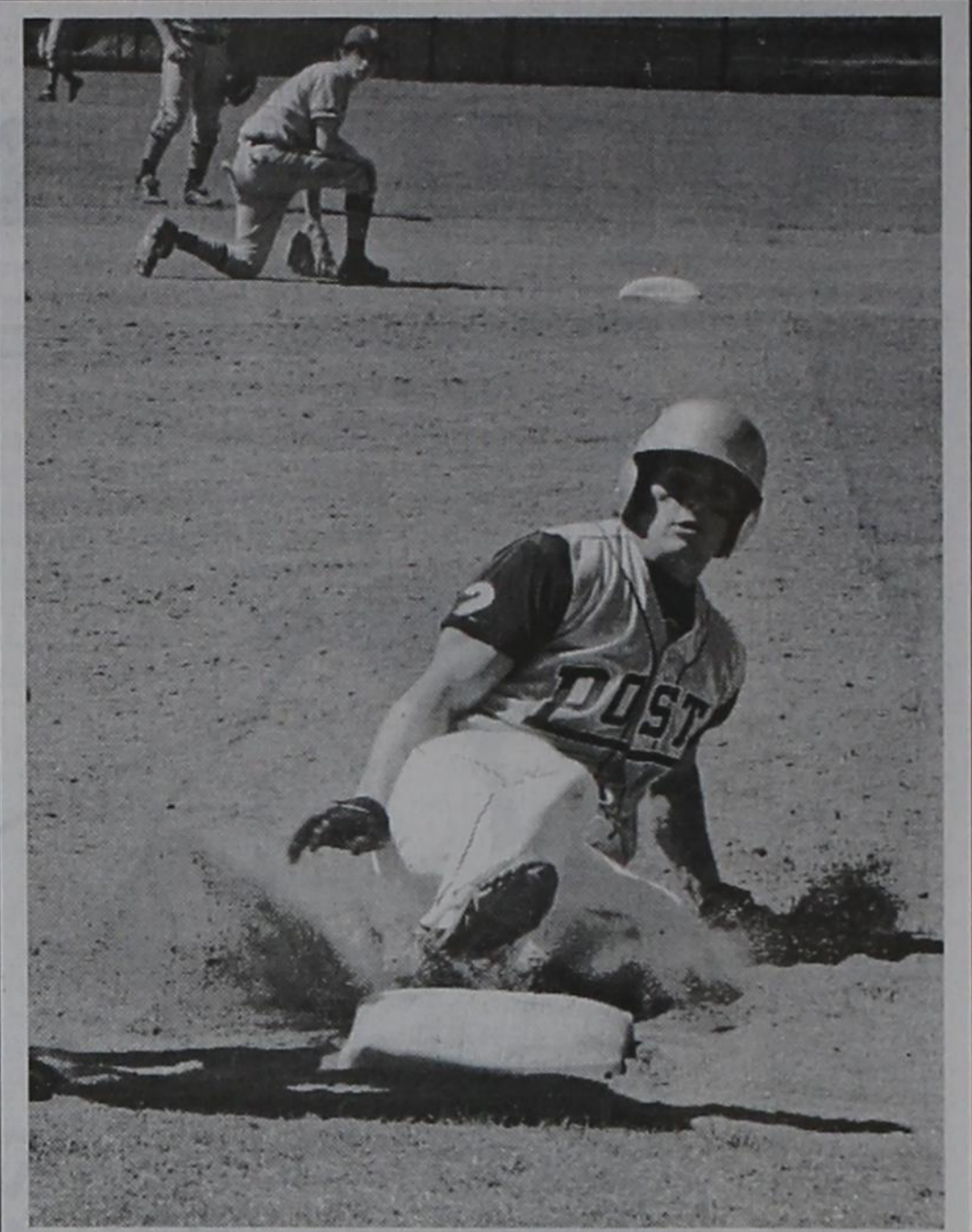
Zubia, a junior, finished in sixth place in the 181 weight class out of an estimated 200 lifters.

Orona, a senior, finished seventh out of an estimated 100 competitors in the 193 weight class.

According to Coach John Wright, impressive lifts at the state meet included Orona's 270-pound squat and Zubia's 290-pound dead lift.

"Just being classes with such a distinguished group of lifters is award in itself for Alana and Rosanne," the coach said. "These girls are going to have great memories that can never be taken away from them. Going to the state meet is a great honor, and it is a tribute to the hard work and perseverance these women have shown. Roxanne and Alana are to be commended for their extraordinary efforts.

"To my knowledge, Alana and Roxanne are the first Post girls to ever go to the state powerlifting meet, but surely won't be the last."



Post Antelope senior short stop Randon Blacklock (7) steals third base against Lubbock Christian during the recent Snyder tournament. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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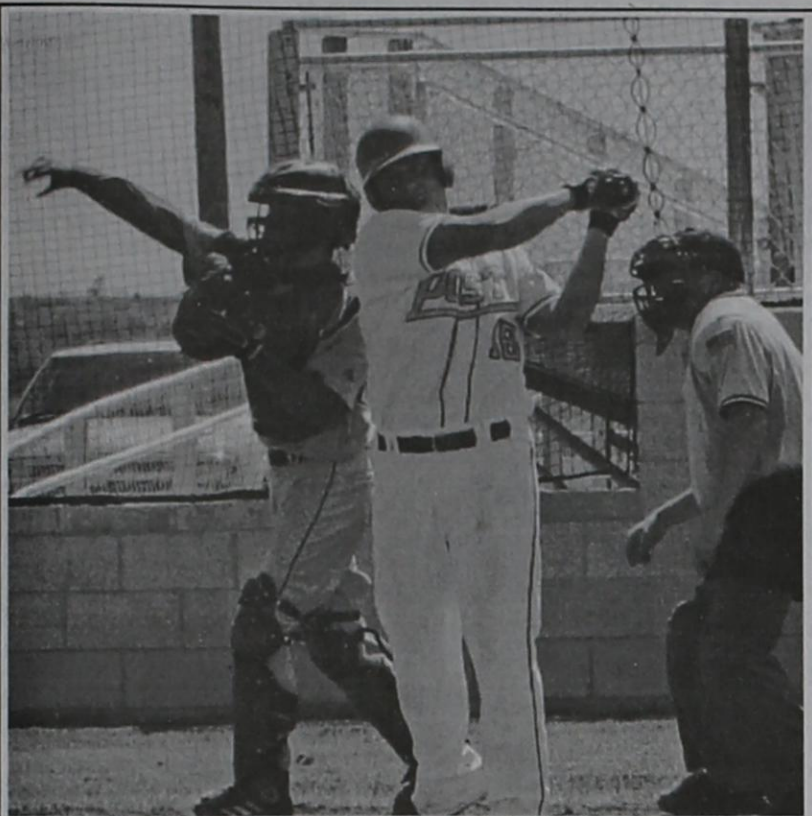
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Post Antelope senior outfielder Jett Lott (16) warms-up with a practice swing as the Antelopes rallied toward a 13-3 win over Tahoka last Thursday in Post. (Photo by Alyssa Dolberry)

PHS varsity 'Lope track team wins New Deal meet

The varsity and junior varsity Antelopes captured a pair of first place team finishes at the March 22 track meet held in New Deal.

The varsity boys topped the meet with a total of 142 points, easing past the host team's 101 points. Other varsity team totals included Plains, 99 points; Hale Center, 85; Tahoka, 76; and Lubbock Christian High School, 47.

The win marked the first first-place finish in a track meet for the varsity boys since 1995.

Individual results for the varsity team, as reported by the coaches, were as follows:

- 400 meter relay - Trent McDonald, Jerrad Grisham, Wilson Cash and Thomas Curtis, 44.88, first place.
- 800 meter run - D.J. Rivera, 2:16.33, third place.
- 110 meter high hurdles - Colter Creech, 18.04.
- 100 meter dash - Thomas Curtis, 11.60, first place; Chris Reed, 12.24; Bradley Reed, 12.41.
- 100 meter dash - Kenny Garay, 57.04; D.J. Rivera, 58.44.
- 300 meter int. hurdles - Trent McDonald, 41.02, first place; Jerrad Grisham, 41.14, second place; Colter Creech, 45.97.
- 200 meter dash - Thomas Curtis, 23.74, second place; Kenny Garay, 24.40, sixth place.
- 1600 meter relay - Sterling Smith, 56.70;

Trent McDonald, 54.95; Wilson Cash, 54.29; total time, 3:43.27, third place.

- Shot put - Janssen Eilenberger, 45'10", first place; Blake Nichols, 40'10", fifth place; Israel Beggs, 37'6".
- Discus - Janssen Eilenberger, 148', first place; Blake Nichols, distance not reported, fourth place; Israel Beggs, distance not reported, fifth place.
- Long jump - Thomas Curtis, 21'8", first place; Bradley Reed; Colter Creech.
- High jump - Colter Creech, 5'10", fifth place; Kenny Garay.
- Pole vault - Ryan Babb, 13'6", first place.
- Triple jump - Kenny Garay, 38'10 3/4", fourth place; Bradley Reed, 37'; Chris Reed, 35'10 1/2".
- 800 meter relay - Bradley Reed, Sterling Smith, Kenny Garay and Wilson Cash, 1:39.10, third place.

The JV team's first place win was the result of 186 total points in the meet. Their individual results, as reported by the coaches, included:

- 3200 meter run - Adrian Nava, 12:13.70, second place; Robert Apolinar, 13:30.46, seventh place; Byron Scruggs, 14:29.86, tenth place.
- 400 meter relay - Roosevelt Brown, Zack Sanchez, Jonathan McGregor and James Griffin, 46.19, first place.

- 800 meter run - D.J. Baiza, 2:21.06, second place; John Vasquez, 2:36.83, ninth place.
- 110 meter high hurdles - Eric Reyna, 18.72, third place; Heath Fellhauer, 20.15, sixth place.
- 100 meter dash - Roosevelt Brown, 12.14, second place; Luis Ceja, 12.41, sixth place; Pat Reiter, 12.94.
- 400 meter dash - Luis Ceja, 58.39, sixth place; Edgar Garay, 59.18; Pat Reiter, 62.19.
- 300 meter int. hurdles - Eric Reyna, 45.93, first place; Heath Fellhauer, 48.11, second place; Call Windham, 53.05.
- 200 meter dash - James Griffin, 24.45, first place; Edgar Garay, 25.32, fourth place; Pat Reiter, 27.14.
- 1600 meter run - Adrian Nava, 5:36.88, third place; Robert Apolinar, 6:03.34, eleventh place; and Byron Scruggs, 6:06.14, twelfth place.
- 1600 meter relay - Luis Ceja, 58.53; D.J. Baiza, 57.15; Zack Sanchez, 57.58; Jonathan McGregor, 55.96; 3:49.34 total time, first place.
- Shot put - Kris Crenshaw, 34'10 3/4", sixth place.
- Long jump - Heath Fellhauer, 18'1 1/2", first place; Roosevelt Brown, 17'10 1/2", second place; Wes Mason, 16'11 1/2", fifth place.
- High jump - Heath Fellhauer, 5'4", second

place; James Griffin, 5', third place.

- Triple jump - Heath Fellhauer, 34'7 1/2", sixth place; James Griffin, 35'6", third place; and Roosevelt Brown, 35'11 1/2", second place.
- 800 meter relay - Roosevelt Brown, Zack Sanchez, Jonathan McGregor and James Griffin, 1:39.89, first place.



Post Lady Lopes Tori Gonzales makes contact for a hit during Monday's game against Tahoka in Post. (Photo by Tabatha Cowley)



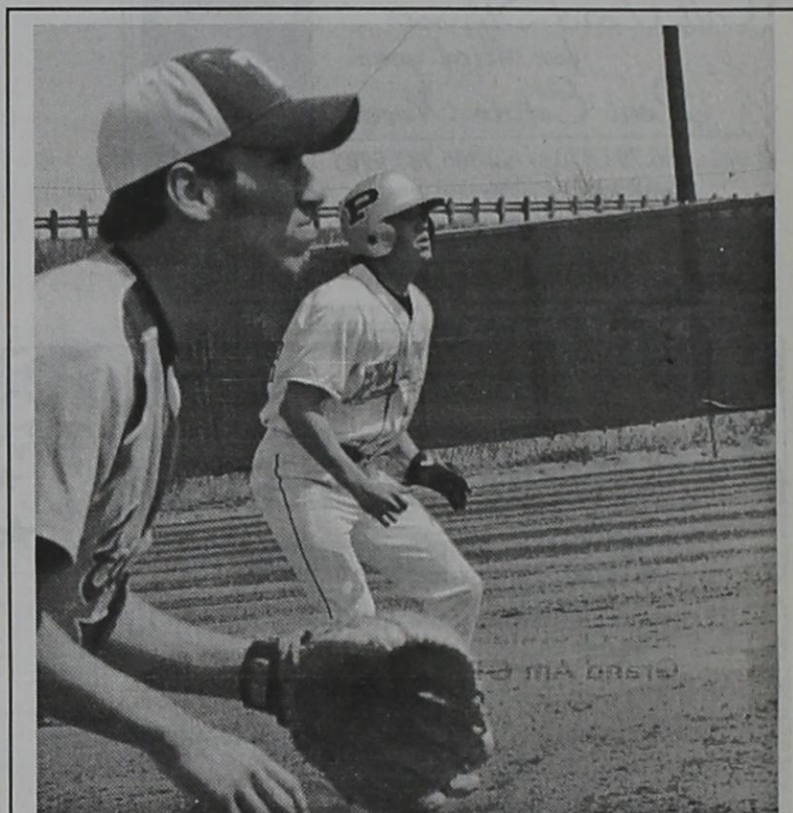
PHS Spring Sports



Post Lady Lopes power lifting team members Roxanne Orona (left) and A'iana Zubia (right) flex their muscles with excitement during the recent State competition Saturday, March 19 in Killeen, Texas. Coach John Wright (center) shares in the memorable experience.

PHS Spring Sports Schedules

- 24 JV, Var. Baseball vs Roosevelt (here) 4:30 & 7 p.m.
PHS Track @ Tahoka
Tennis @ Levelland
- 25 Softball vs. Seagraves (here) 10 a.m.
- 26 Powerlifting Men's State Meet @ Houston
- 28 Girls Golf @ Tahoka 8:30 a.m.
JV, Var. Baseball @ Denver City 4 & 6:30 p.m.
Softball @ Denver City 4:30 p.m.
- 31 & Apr. 1 Middle School Track @ Slaton
- Apr. 1-2 Tennis @ Abilene
PHS Track @ Post
Softball @ Roosevelt 11 a.m.
- 2 Var, JV Baseball vs. Abernathy (here) 12 & 3 p.m.
- 4 Boys Golf @ Slaton
Girls Golf @ Idalou
Softball @ Idalou 4:30 p.m.
JV Baseball vs. Shallowater (here) 5 p.m.
- 5 Varsity Baseball vs Shallowater (here) 5 p.m.
- 6-7 Tennis District Meet @ Slaton
- 7 Middle School District Track @ Denver City
- 8 Softball @ Tahoka 5 p.m.
- 9 Var., JV Baseball vs Idalou (here) 12 & 3 p.m.
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Post Antelopes senior Brice Feagin (right) prepares to steal third base during last Thursday's game against Tahoka in Post. (Staff photo by Alyssa Dolberry)

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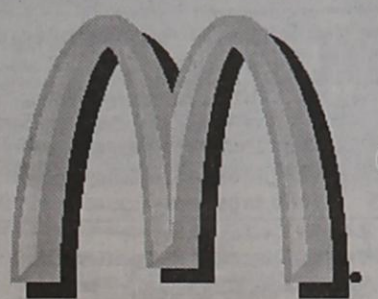
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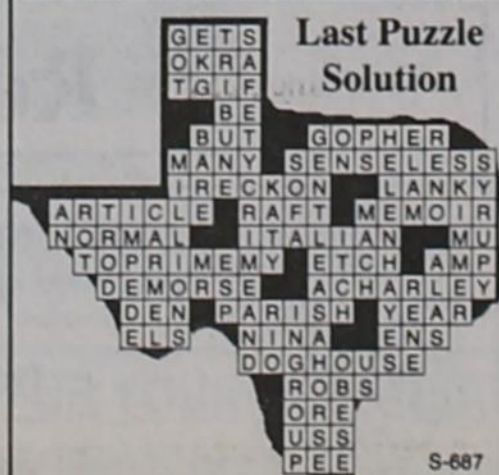
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Janice and Jim Plummer and their daughter Marlee accepted the Garza Theatre Board's special award for support to the theatre during the Garza Theatre's Ninth Annual Willy Awards.

Rex Cash was congratulated by Giles McCrary on his wood sculpture, "Feeloadler," which is on display at the O.S. Museum. Cash said the sculpture, which represents an eagle with wing spread, took about a year to finish.

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20 Years Ago
March 20, 1985

Danish Imports co-owners Patty Kirkpatrick and Jeri Lott were joined by Post Chamber of Commerce president Charles Wallace during Monday's ribbon cutting ceremony at the store's new location, the newly remodeled Double U building downtown. The Kwahadi Dancers of Amarillo will assist "Chief" Frank Runkles this Friday morning in the annual Tabá'na Yuan'e ceremony. The Kwahadi Indian Dancers are members of the Explorer Post 80 in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Perrin celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary March 21. They were married March 21, 1920 in Reed, Ok. Their children Buck and Winnie, Jean and Fay, Lometa and Jerry, Loveta and Roy and grandchildren announce the anniversary.

Jaye McVay of Post was graduated from the vocational nursing program at Western Texas College in ceremonies held March 1. Airman Dwaine L. Boteler, son of Carl and Ingrid Boteler of Post, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill. after completing Air Force basic training. Boteler is a 1984 graduate of Post High School.

30 Years Ago
March 13, 1975

David Weaver, a seventh grade student at Southland school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Weaver, was the winner of the Garza County Spelling Bee. Katrina Chaffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Caffen and an eighth grade student at Southland, was the second place winner with Jay Callaway son of Mrs. Karen Callaway, also a Southland student taking home third place.

Melanie King was selected alternate forward on the North All-Star Basketball Team, selected by the Directors of the Texas High School Girls Coaching Association.

Bowhunting Champion plaques were awarded to Joe Gary and Sandra Dudley in the archery tournament held here Sunday.

Bob Macy, who has his racing stable running on two fronts, at Denver and El Paso, reports this week that his three-year old filly quarterhorse, Rock'n Request, won her first racing start in a 300 yard race in Denver.

40 Years Ago
March 18, 1965

Thirteen new members initiated into the Post chapter of the National Honor Society were Betty Sue Hutchins, Mary Grace Hodges, Karen Haley, Vickie Wilks, Fernando Raymundo, Annette McBride, Ronnie Pierce, Donnie Windham, Sherry Woods, Marcia Newby, Billy Hahn, John L. Sutter and Bobbie Compton.

Miss Diane Maxey, bride-elect of Ronnie Graves, was the honoree of a bridal shower at the Graham Community center. Miss Margie Harrison registered 75 guest.

Marshall-Brown's store here, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marshall, not only will be welcoming spring Saturday with a whole store full of new spring fashions, but will be celebrating its eighth anniversary as well. The store opened on this March Saturday in 1957.

The Scurry County community's first barber shop in 25 years has been opened in a new building constructed by the Fluvanna Young Farmers chapter. The Young Farmers constructed the building out of materials salvaged from the old First Baptist Church building.

50 Years Ago
March 17, 1915

T. L. Jones, incumbent, and James Minor are candidates for mayor in the city election.

Candidates for the City Commission are E. S. (Buddy) Stewart and Roy Baker, incumbents; John N. Hopkins and H. G. (Gordon) Flowers.

Fifteen were initiated into the Rainbow Girls Assembly Monday night at the Masonic Hall. The following board members were installed: Giles McCrary, Buster Moreland, Lester Nichols, Miss Henrietta Nichols, Mrs. Bobbie Pierce, Mrs. Alvin Young and Mrs. Winnie Henderson.

Miss Lometa Perrin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Perrin, will become the bride of Jerry Epley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Epley, Easter Sunday, April 10. Otis Proffitt, Church of Christ minister, will read the double ring service.

Ten 1954-55 basketball lettermen at Post High School were announced this week by Coach Vernon Ray. The letter winners are Darrel Ray Norman, Billy Meeks, Moody Graham and Don Gates, all seniors, and Tommy Murray, Ted Tatum, Novis Pennell, Homer Cato, Noel White and Ronnie Kennedy.

60 Years Ago
March 15, 1945

Homer McCrary has been appointed as a member of the State Board of Directors of the United War Chest.

The Junior Class will present "Maybe Love," a fast-moving play in three acts. The play has been brilliantly casted with Nora Blacklock, Wayne Hundley, Louis Mills, Vincent Atwater, Tommie Chandler, Joy Smith, Alarah Pierce, Josh Cook, Ganell Babb, W. C. Carlton, Hubert Masters and Joy Shepherd.

Lieutenant Roy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones, was wounded in action on January 16th in Germany. Mrs. Jones, his wife who is making her home here for the duration was notified recently. Lt. Jones is with the 920th Field Artillery Battalion, Battery C. He is holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz.

Ray Warren, son of Rufus Warren, is a member of the 916th Field Artillery Battalion whose big guns recently played a vital role in the capture of Livergnano, key Italian town before the Po Valley.

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilman, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 7th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2005 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Abernathy	16,529
Bailey County	60,462
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Bovina	43,572
Friona	39,596
Fritch	23,894
Hale Center	23,040
Hearne/Robertson County	109,410
Lockney	17,415
Lorenzo	17,274
Morton	57,854
Nazareth	5,426
Post	40,305
Tahoka	26,672
Tulia	39,652
Total square yards	580,454

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc., shall be the agent for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ABERNATHY, BAILEY COUNTY, BORDEN COUNTY, BOVINA, FRIONA, FRITCH, HALE CENTER, HEARNE, LOCKNEY, LORENZO, MORTON, NAZARETH, POST, ROBERTSON COUNTY, TAHOKA, AND TULIA, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submittal as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 7th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 7th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 for a non-refundable cost of \$35 per set.

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Post ISD ...

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Discussion of plans for the new cafeteria facility continued at this month's meeting of the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

District officials met with their architect and discussed numerous options on the structure before voting to conclude

the district's agreement with the architectural firm. That agreement was revised to eliminate the high school portion of the project at this time, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. The project will "remain on the table" until district officials have a clearer picture of what their financial status will be following legislative action in Austin.

Marcum said the cafeteria project is expected to go out for bids sometime in April. The structure is to be built next to the elementary school adjacent to Avenue K. It will feature two serving sides - one for the elementary school and another for the secondary - and is designed for community use as well.

The building could be completed by later this year or early 2006; occupancy will be determined by when existing furnishings and equipment can be relocated to the new facility. Marcum said the district could be serving meals from the building by the close of the '06 school year.

In other business, district officials:

- Approved campus priority goals as presented, along with district priority goals developed by the board. Those goals include maintaining a Spanish program at the elementary school, improving match/science scores; promotion of all UIL and all academics; and more recognition of achievement in all areas.

- Conducted the annual review of the Highly Qualified Report. The report indicates the number of teachers on each campus who are "highly qualified," or certified in their area of advanced training and either have passed an exit test or have taken major college course work since becoming certified, Marcum said. The district has achieved "steady progress" toward its 100 percent goal, with 100 percent at the elementary school in the 2004-05 school year, almost 93 percent at the middle school and almost 95 percent at the high school. The percentage at the detention center was 40 percent, but Marcum said that figure reflects the fact that some of those teachers are teaching several subject areas they are not certified in.

- Approved all professional staff contracts as recommended.

- Approved the 2005 curriculum, which is fundamentally the same as utilized in the current school year, Marcum said.

- Approved textbook adoptions as recommended.

Marcum also talked to the board about legislative actions ongoing in Austin and how those actions could impact the Post ISD's finances. While district officials are waiting to see what the legislature does, they are concerned that school funding was cut "pretty severely" in the last biennium. Although the Post ISD has been able to "hold its own" financially, the superintendent said he is concerned that House Bill 2 would not be good for the local school district.

He shared a copy of a March 3 letter he wrote to State Rep. Pete Laney of Hale Center. The text of that letter follows:

"As a taxpayer I am interested in property tax relief and as a fiscal conservative I applaud conservative efforts to curb spending. However, I am a superintendent and charged with the responsibility of managing an effective school and I know you and I both take effective education seriously. Education and effectiveness will be driven by funding.

"HB2, and its substitute, falls short in meeting the needs of public education in Texas. I know that because 19 education agencies stood together March 2 in opposition to the bill as it was voted out of committee and I have modeled the numbers for Post ISD. I feel that this bill is inadequate for Post ISD and will not meet the increasing needs of kids in our district. We are primarily a low socio-economic and high minority. As I look at HB2's impact on Post, I cannot support it.

"For the past two years I have recommended, and the board has passed lower tax rates than they could have and instead they relied on fund balance to cover shortfalls in revenue. The board had previously built that balance through fiscal conservatism and now depleted property values and program spending needs are cutting deeply into the balance. Now as demands (student needs) are depleting that fund balance and because we have been conservative, provisions in the bill will not allow us to hold our own. Our ability to generate needed revenue is declining. Since our tax rate was not \$1.50 per \$100 (valuation) we would not be able to tax at \$1. According to the models, taxing at \$1 will not generate enough to maintain current spending for maintenance and operation.

"Our state aid has declined from a high of just over \$4 million in 2000 to just over \$1 million in '05. While our program has few bells and whistles, it is effective and improving. However, HB2, with inadequate operations funding and more mandates, create large

problems for our financial health. And we are expected to do the same program more effectively in '06 with 3 million fewer dollars than we had in 2000.

"Also, as a conservative legislator I can't imagine you would support more state control and the greater centralization found in HB2. There are as you know: 1) Mandated incentive programs cutting into (maintenance and operation) dollars restricting local decision making; 2) Loss of local control over the start of school date; 3) Loss of local decision making regarding May board elections; 4) More reporting requirements, including campus reports not previously required.

"I know many legislators in Austin do not hold our efforts in very high esteem, though my experience is that teachers and administrators are working hard to meet expectations and with much success and without much discussion of cultural decline and an almost pervasive opposition by the public to raising standards. I think it's time to do the right thing for public education and to "ratchet down" the political rhetoric that has been so negative about what we do. Given our clientele, are Texas schools that bad? Is Post that bad? I work very hard every day to meet challenges and create a more effective program.

"I know you have always been a friend of public education, but HB2 is not. Please do not support this bill. Inadequate funding, new mandates, more inequity, nothing for facilities and more control in Austin neither deals with the present needs, nor those of the foreseeable future. It does allow Austin to cut property taxes. And, by the way, I'm sure Highland Park can easily, or at least can expect to, pass an election to access the enrichment funds. I think because of our demographics and age of the voting public here that Post ISD will likely never be able to access the enrichment tier.

"I hope you can help us maintain and improve what we do for children in Post, but HB2 will contribute to the problems more than provide solutions..."

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