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## Highway traffic collections enrich county, state funds by \$25,804.50 in February

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$25,804.50 during the month of February largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garza County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$9952.75 which included 72 misdemeanor cases, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$15,851.75 involving 101 misdemeanor cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

The State of Texas gradually shifted the public perception of the Code's underlying scope so that all travelers appear required to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of the Texas Transportation Code has revealed exactly who is required to register their automobiles with the State.

The exact scope of the Texas Transportation Code was discovered by allowing it to narrowly interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Transportation Code is "Transportation."

The term "Transportation" is not defined in the Texas Code. According to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary, the term "Transportation" is defined as transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for the purpose of "transportation for hire by carriers" was what fell under the scope of the Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

The registration requirement falls within the limited scope of the Transportation Code. The only automobiles that are required by statute to be registered with the State are those that use the roads for the purpose of transporting for hire: for example, busses, cabs, freight carriers, etc.

The simple question remains: will the county courts dismiss all charges where peace officers attempt to enforce the Transportation Code upon automobiles that do not fall within the limited scope of the Code, and are not voluntarily registered with the State?

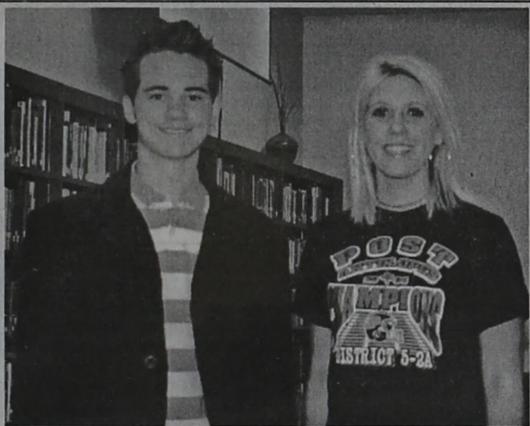
## Israel Beggs competes at state powerlifting meet

Israel Beggs, a junior at Post High School, will advance to the state meet in Houston's Campbell Athletic Complex this weekend.

Beggs will go into the state meet with a seventh-place ranking after being named regional champion. He competed in the 242-pound weight class at the regional meet.

Other Lopes turning in noteworthy performances at the regional meet included seniors Janssen Eilenberg and Travis Mathews, earning fourth and eleventh places respectively in the 220-pound class; senior Quinton Odom, fifth place, 132-pound class; and freshman Tyler Odom, tenth place, 114-pound weight class.

"The kids did a great job," said Coach Wright. "I was proud of their efforts."



### Tyler and Marcum advance to Regional LD Debate Contest

Advancing to Regional UIL Lincoln Douglas debate contest are (left to right), Jerin Tyler and Emily Marcum. The two placed in the top four with Marcum at 1st place and Tyler at 2nd place during the District contest on Wednesday, March 22 in Shallowater. They will travel to Abilene for the Regional contest on Saturday, April 23. (Photo by Melvina Moore)



Performing in the PHS One-Act Play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are (left to right), Jace Pollard (as Nick Bottom) and Laurel Tatum (Titania). Pollard was selected as Best Actor and Tatum made All Star Cast during the recent Zone Contest in the Post Elementary Auditorium. The team will perform for District contest on Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in Shallowater. Director Sterline Marcum encourages the public to come and show their support.

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## County Commissioners approve financial assistance to JDC operator Cornerstone

by Wes Burnett

A special financial arrangement to assist the operator of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court Tuesday morning. The agreement allows Cornerstone to operate without making regular payments to the county for two years.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby explained that Cornerstone needed help due to recent increased payment demanded by Allstate, the bondholder for the JDC. Dalby said that Cornerstone had made good progress with increased inmates at the facility, but the \$40,000 per month bond payment was more than the company could swallow.

Dalby said that negotiations were continuing with the bond holder to reduce the monthly bond payment requirement.

In other matters, the court accepted a high bid of \$502 from Billie Cross for the purchase of the building at Close City which had served as a voting place. A total of three bids were received with the lowest being \$300.

Brownfield car dealer Ed Moseley got the low bid for a new pickup

destined for the county extension office. The bid was \$28,261, lowest of five bids opened at the meeting.

Commissioners approved an agreement for 9-1-1 equipment, which will be provided by General Electric through a South Plains Association of Government (SPAG) program. "We need this new equipment," Dalby emphasized, "ours is about worn out."

The court agreed to change to BankOne credit card for county officials replacing the current American Express account. Judge Dalby said that he would continue to use his personal credit card and turn in receipts for expenses related to county business.

An indigent application was approved, providing \$280 in assistance for rent and utilities as provided by the county indigent program. Commissioner Mike Sanchez abstained from the vote.

County clerk Jim Plummer reported on the electronic voting machine issue, explaining that although two companies provide paper ballot process none have been certified by the state. He said vendors expect certification soon.

## Post earns 'Texas Yes!' award

A handful of local residents are in Austin today to receive an award naming Post one of the Top 10 Hardworking Rural Communities of Texas.

The award, presented by the Texas Yes! initiative of the Texas Department of Agriculture, was to be presented at a ceremony at Austin's Driskill Hotel. The community also was to have been recognized on the floor of the state legislature.

On Monday, Thressa Harp, president of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, said the group from Post was slated to meet with Dr. Susan Combs, commissioners for the TDA, and might have the opportunity to meet with Gov. Rick Perry.

Post residents participating in the trip included Harp; City Manager Fred Stephens; Kathy Beach; Wanda Mitchell, bureau secretary; and Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pool and his wife, Joy.

Also slated to attend was Dr. Charlie Adams, a Texas Tech University professor. Harp said Adams "basically did all of the paperwork for (the award nomination). He was instrumental in getting us working with the Texas Yes! program."

Texas Yes!, according to the TDA Web site, is a program designed to "promote the growth and prosperity of every rural Texas town, city and county" that "creates a single rallying call for rural Texas, educating the public about all that rural Texas has to offer and encouraging rural communities to share and promote successful ideas."

Post's nomination for the award was submitted several weeks ago. It contained a plethora of information and data about the community, spotlighting medical services, water sources, activities designed for the elderly and youth, city infrastructure, clubs and organizations, historical efforts, entertainment and economic impacts.

## Advancing to regional debate competition

Post High School landed a pair of wins in the district UIL Lincoln-Douglas debate competition held March 23 at Shallowater.

Emily Marcum captured first place, while Jerin Tyler earned a second place finish, according to school reports. Both will advance to the regional competition to be held April 23 in Abilene.

## "Anastasia File" opens Friday at Garza Theatre

Performances of "The Anastasia File" are set to begin this weekend at the Garza Theatre.

Directed by Chris Davis, the play is an 85-year-old mystery revisited. Did the Grand Duchess Anastasia, daughter of Tsar Nicholas II, die with the rest of her Imperial family at Yekaterinburg in 1918? Why did some of her closest relatives reject her? Was it for the Romanov millions waiting in the Bank of England or for some more complex reason? This mysterious drama will unfold with a final surprising twist, according to the playbill.

Cast members include Kristin Thomas, Mark Martin, Jacqui Neal and Stan Tucker.

Performances are set for April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15 and 16, with 8 p.m. curtain times on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

## PHS One-Act Play competes at District meet Friday

Performances from Post's UIL one-act play entry, a scene from William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," drew substantial accolades at the zone contest held March 22 in Post.

Local students took honors for Best Actor and Best Actress, while two cast members were listed on the All-Star Cast and one was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, according to a report from the school.

Jace Pollard (Egeus, Nick Bottom and Pyramus) received the Best Actor recognition, while Emily Marcum (Puck) was tapped as Best Actress. Colter Creech (Theseus and Oberon) and Laurel Tatum (Hippolyta and Titania) were named to the All-Star Cast, while Brandon Hernandez (Francis Flute and Thisby) was included on the honorable mention list.

Other one-act play participants include cast members Jared Smith, Gentry Creech, Claire Kirkpatrick, Jonathan McGregor, Jenee Lott, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Vince Robles, Austin Ham and Jordan Tatum. Crew members are Keeley Bramblett, Brant Guthrie, Bailey Odom and Shannon Rasbeary. Alternates are Courtney Copeland, Kelsey Sanderson, Steven Short, Jerin Tyler and Ashley Wilson.

In addition to the individual wins, the play was tapped to advance to the next round of competition - that is, the district contest at 10 a.m. Friday in Sweetwater. School officials are hoping for a strong showing of Post residents at the contest, which will include performances by Roosevelt High ("I Never Saw Another Butterfly"), Denver City ("The Elephant Man") and Shallowater ("Taming of the Shrew") following the Post performance.

## Post Notes

### High School play set

Post High School's one act play team will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m. for the public in the Elementary Auditorium. (All donations will be accepted).

### Track meet in Post

Varsity and Junior Varsity boys and girls will host a track meet here on Saturday, April 2 with field events beginning at 9 a.m. The first running event of the morning will be the 3200 meter run also beginning at 9 a.m. Preliminary running events will start at 11 a.m. After a short break, the finals will begin at 2 p.m.

### Fish Fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry with trimmings on Friday, April 1 from 5-7 p.m. The proceeds will go to the church's building project.

### Youth group's rummage sale

The Family Harvest Youth group will have a multi-family rummage sale on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m.-? in the 4-H Barn on U. S. Hwy. 84. Lots of items!

### UIL play contest

The UIL district contest for Post High School's one act play team is set for Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in Shallowater. The team will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The public is invited to attend.

### 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.

### 2005 Relay For Life

We're gearing up for the 2005 Relay For Life. It's time to get your teams registered and your luminaries ordered. Contact Peggy Graves 495-2718, Tonya Kirkpatrick 629-4054, Carol Williams 495-2156, or Marge Tannehill 495-2178 to register or for more information. Forms for the luminaries will run periodically in the Post Dispatch or may be obtained by contacting any of the names above. We are in need of clean empty vegetable cans to be used in the luminaries and they may be dropped off at United Supermarket in Post.

### PHS one-act play performance

Post High School will stage a scene from William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Post ISD auditorium. Admission will be by donation. The play, the school's entry in UIL one-act play competitions, has already garnered several awards at the zone contest. The play is now eligible to advance to the district-level contest in Shallowater. Post will perform at 10 a.m., and school officials are hoping to draw a "good crowd" of local residents.

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**Auburn Hammond, Justin Adams exchange wedding vows**

Auburn Hammond and Justin Adams exchanged wedding vows March 12, 2005, in the Atrium area of the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers with Pastor Bud Tidwell officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Clarence Kitten.

Maid of honor was Angel Hammond. Matron of honor was Amber Moore. Bridesmaids were Leslie Ingham, Nikki Pollard, Natalie Husen, Lauren Wheeler and Kellie Tolbert. Laci Backus was flower girl.

Best man was Bob Adams. Groomsmen were Kerry Poladore, Kyle Ingham, Kyle Hester, Kevin Boyles, Aric Cargile and Bradley Carr. Ring bearer was Hayden Husen.

Ushers were Chris Blau, Jace Pollard and John Hodges.

Providing music for the ceremony was soloist Camille Powe. A poem was read by Angel Hammond.

Special guests at the ceremony included Angela Hammond, the

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Jon Overstreet and Sheri Riedel

**Sheri Riedel, Jon Overstreet announce engagement**

Jon Overstreet and Sheri Riedel have announced their engagement. The bride-elect, a resident of Post for the past 37 years, is a barber/stylist and operator of The Mane Cutters. The prospective groom, a resident of Garland, is in national sales development on the Wal-Mart Team at Mission Foods. He plans to retire in June.

The couple met as a result of a brief encounter outside a Wal-Mart where Overstreet was cooking fajitas as part of a Children's Miracle Network fundraiser.

Following their wedding at Lake Tahoe, the couple plans to reside in Post.



**Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary**

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ratliff in the celebration of their 50th anniversary are (back row left to right), Dennis Ray, Sidney Graves, Tiffany Graves, Blane Graves, Carolyn Ray, Janet and Chuck Ratliff, Barbara Bowley and Bobowley (front row), Taylor Gray and Ashlee Gray. The celebration took place at Cowboy Kitchen Saturday, March 26.



A community Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by Family Harvest Church, bring families and children together for fun and games. Due to rainfall, the Saturday, March 26 event venue was changed from the City-County Park to Antelope Arena.

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### 8th grade Lady Lopes win Tahoka meet

The eighth grade Lady Lopes won their second straight track meet March 22 at the Tahoka Bulldog Relays, and the seventh grade team made a strong showing as well. "Again, the eighth graders proved how tough of a track team they are by winning the second straight meet," the coach said. "I was really proud of all of these girls doing so well after coming off of spring break with essentially no practice. "The seventh graders made the most improvement, and that was really exciting for them. I had some outstanding improvements in the 400m, with Crystal Sanchez, Chelsey Sapp and Lindsey Morrow. Branda Stevens came away with four medals, including winning the triple jump, high jump and mile relay in which she ran an outstanding anchor leg for us."

Medalists for the seventh grade team included Toni Wait, second place shot put, 24' 3 1/2"; Lindsey Morrow, third place shot put, 24'2"; Chloe Mason, third place discus, 57'2"; Alex Miller, third place long jump, 13'1 1/2"; Branda Stevens, first place triple jump, 30'11"; Danica Williams, third place triple jump, 25'9 1/2"; Branda Stevens, first place high jump, 4'4"; 400m relay (Branda Stevens, Alex Miller, Danica Williams, Yesenia Gomez), third place, 59.51; Kelly Chapa, third place, 100m hurdles, 20.44; 800m relay (Stevens, Miller, Williams and Gomez), second, 2:05.28; Crystal Sanchez, third, 400m, 1:17.07; Kelly Chapa, third place, 300m hurdles, 1:02.09; 1600m relay (Stevens, Miller, Williams and Gomez), first place, 4:59.53.

Medalists for the eighth grade were Gaby Gomez, third place, long jump, 14'1", and first place, triple jump, 30'11 1/4"; Sabrina Sanchez, second place, triple jump, 30'9 1/4"; 400m relay (Joanna Menjares, Sabrina Sanchez, Shyra Perez and Gaby Gomez), first place, 55.01; Shawnda Wiley, first place, 800m, 2:52.84; Clouidia Hernandez, third place, 800m, 3:07.2; Shyra Perez, third place, 100m dash, 14.23; Whitney Williams, second place, 400m dash, 1:11.39; Shyra Perez, third place, 400m dash, 1:12.19; Sabrina Sanchez, third place, 300m hurdles, 58.23; Gaby Gomez, first place, 200m dash, 28.45; Shawnda Wiley, first place, 1600m run, 6:51.07; and 1600m relay (Menjares, Williams, Sanchez and Gomez), first place, 4:41.23.

Other places for the seventh grade included Kelly Chapa, fourth place, 2400m; Mysty Ayala, fourth place, shot put; Yesenia Gomez, fifth place, high jump; Alex Miller, sixth place, triple jump; Danica Williams, long jump; Yesenia Gomez, long jump; Chelsey Sapp, 800m; Melinda Vega, 800m; Darlene Araiza, 800m; Tianna Reyna, fifth place, 100m hurdles; Kristen Leach, sixth place, 100m hurdles; Lindsey Morrow, fifth, 100m; Brittany Day, sixth place, 100m; Chandni Bhakta, 100m; Chelsey Sapp, fourth place, 400m; Lindsey Morrow, 400m; Tianna Reyna, 300m hurdles; Kristen Leach, sixth place, 300m hurdles; Lindsey Morrow, 200m; Alexandra Rodriguez, 200m; Brittany Day, 200m; Melinda Vega, 1600m run; Chloe Mason, 1600m run; Toni Wait, 1600m run.

Rounding out the list of eighth grade competitors were Valerie Moreno, fourth place, 2400m; Ashley Stenzel, sixth place, shot put; Gabi Vergara, fifth place, shot

put, and sixth place, discus; Sabrina Sanchez, sixth place, long jump; Joanna Menjares, long jump; Shawnda Wiley, sixth place, high jump; Whitney Williams, triple jump; Haley Lester, sixth place, 100m hurdles; Erika Ortiz, 100m hurdles; Whitney Williams, fourth place, 100m; Kenzie Mason, 100m; Erika Ortiz, 400m; Haley Lester, sixth place, 300 m hurdles; Jackie Slaugh, 300 m hurdles; Ashley Stenzel, 200m; Gabi Vergara, 200m; Clouidia Hernandez, fourth place, 1600m run; and Valerie Moreno, 1600m run.



Post 7th grade Lady Lopes placing 3rd and 2nd in the shot-put during the Tahoka Bulldog Relays on Tuesday, March 22 are (left to right), Lindsey Morrow and Toni Wait. (Photo by Kara Swindell)



Post 7th grade Lady Lopes placing 1st and 3rd in the triple jump during the Tahoka Bulldog Relays on Tuesday, March 22 are (left to right), Lindsey Morrow and Toni Wait. (Photo by Kara Swindell)



Post 8th grade Lady Lopes placing 1st in the 400M relay during the Tahoka Bulldog Relays on Tuesday, March 22 are (left to right), Gaby Gomez, Shyra Perez, Joanna Menjares and Sabrina Sanchez. (Photo by Kara Swindell)

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Earning trophies during the Levelland Tennis Tournament on March 8 are (back row), Cole Easterling (division 1 men's singles champion (front row), Kylie easterling (division 1 women's consolation), Steffi Norman (division 1 women's doubles champion), Dionne Heckaman (division 2 women's singles champion) and Traci Nelson (division 1 women's doubles champion).

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Post 8th grade Lady Lope placing 1st in the 800M and 1600M run during the Tahoka Bulldog Relays on Tuesday, March 22 is Shawnda Wiley. (Photo by Kara Swindell)

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# Obituaries

## Janice Kay Daugherty

Funeral services were held earlier this month for Janice Kay Daugherty, who died March 1, 2005. She was born June 15, 1952 in Fort Worth, Texas where she lived most of her life.

She is preceded in death by daughter April Ann, her father Willie Ray Daugherty and brother Ricky Daugherty.

Survivors are daughters Candi Sue of Fort Worth, Tanya June of Post, son Jerry Wayne of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; her mother Evelyn Robertson and sisters Doris Segant and Gilda Barnes both of Fort Worth.

## Scott Davis

Services for Scott Davis, 77, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Billie Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Friday, March 25, at his home. Born April 7, 1927, in Snyder, he married Stella Howell on Feb. 17, 1945, in Lubbock. He was a self-employed carpenter until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Stella, of Post; three sons, Glenn Davis of Luckenbach, Randy Davis of Joshua and Dale Davis of Post; one daughter, Cindy Davis of Spur; four brothers, Floyd Davis of Denton, Chalmer Davis of Muleshoe, Jimmy Davis of Belton and George Davis of Alamogordo, N.M.; three sisters, Minnie Buchanan of Snyder, Ruth Howell of Alamogordo and Lina Beth Kellner of Ira; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## Casey Lynn Miller

Services for Casey Lynn Miller, 29, of Post were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2005, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Kevin Blackburn and her uncles, Larry Wilson and Jerry Wilson, officiating. Burial was at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Salado Cemetery in Salado under the direction of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died March 21 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Dec. 22, 1975, to Danny and Shelley (Burge) Wilson, she attended school in Concho Valley, Ariz., and Temple, graduating from Temple High School. She received certification as a Certified Nurse's Aid and EMT certification. In November 2003, she moved to Post where she was employed with H&M Dirt Contractors. She attended the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Destinee Wilson of Post; her son, Chase Miller of Post; her father and stepmother, Danny and Celene Wilson of New Braunfels; her grandparents, J.W. and Georgie Wilson of Temple; four sisters, Lori Marshall of Charlottesville, Va., Shirley and Aldo Parodi of San Antonio, Chelsey Wilson of San Antonio and Mandy Wilson of Temple; her fiancé, Corey Hair of Post; and special friends Gina Rankin, Melissa Hair, Jaime DePaul, Sharla Hair, Pamela Conoly, Starlin Holly, Carrie Morgan and Junior Soliz.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shelley (Burge) Wilson on April 16, 1999.



## Thelma Taylor

Graveside services for Thelma Taylor, 82, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005, in the Bell Plains Cemetery with Richard Maxwell officiating. Hudman Funeral Home of Post and Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde were in charge of arrangements.

She died Saturday, March 26, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She married Beaul Taylor on Sept. 13, 1945, in Scurry County. He died Feb. 23, 1985. She owned and operated a feed store in Clyde for many years before moving to Post in 1995.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Travis Cogburn of Stephenville and Brandi Ramos of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Zella White of Snyder; and a number of nieces and nephews, including Max and Rebecca Haney of Post.

Four brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death. Pallbearers were Lonnie Kreger, Ricky White, Max Haney, Glen Thompson, Vic Cogburn and Larry White.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Seniors are Special program at UMC in Lubbock or the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed by the writer. Editor reserves right to edit for brevity, grammar, libel and accuracy. Letters are published at the sole discretion of the editor.

### There is no such law as "prescriptive use"

As a long time taxpayer of Garza County I read with great interest your article on the front page of The Post Dispatch, Thursday, March 24, 2005, "Improving the County Road 378." County attorney Leslie Askers introduced a letter from a rancher's attorney that any construction of a roadway be done strictly within the meets and bounds of the original deeded rightaway. □

The survey shows that the original deeded property is nowhere near the existing county roadway, which connects US highway 84 running east to some ranches. Engineer Rick Oller pointed out that the existing roadway could be considered the proper rightaway to what is known as "prescriptive use." □ Olle and Acker agree under Texas law a rightaway even though not properly deeded, can be declared public property through evidence of continued use through the years. □

Several years ago I purchased property in Lea County, New Mexico that had an illegal road running across the property. Lea County argued that the road fell under the doctrine of prescription just as Garza County is arguing that road 378 falls under the doctrine of prescription. □

I have researched both New Mexico and Texas law and I have found no mention of the doctrine of prescription. □ I have in fact, found judicial rulings upholding the doctrine of prescription. When one researches the Constitution of the United States he finds that no state law usurps the Constitution of the United States. □

I would refer anyone who thinks it does to the fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, a portion of which states that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process and no private property shall be taken for public use without just compensation and I strongly admonish Garza County to proceed with caution. □

The survey shows the deeded property is nowhere near the existing county roadway which connects US 84 running east to two ranches which means that Garza County has been in trespass for many years. □

As a taxpayer I strongly suggest that Garza County look into this problem because someone may hire an attorney that is not in the click and cost Garza County tons of money. □

G. M. Chaffin

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We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to our family after the loss of Mary Virginia Custer, our beloved "Maginny." The food provided by the Post Church of Christ after the graveside was so nice and it gave us time to visit with so many of you who knew and have been friends with Maginny for so many years. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated and touched our hearts.

We would also like to thank you for the many flowers, cards, and phone calls we received. Maginny always thought of Post as her home. It is comforting to us to know that she is with Daddy Mike now and that they were able to celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary together on March 2. We love you Maginny and you will be in our hearts forever!

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Jesus Christ washes his disciples' feet and teaches

This series on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ begins with the last meal he ate with his disciples. The meal occurred sometime during the feast of unleavened bread (Matthew 26:17). Contrary to popular belief, this meal could not have been the actual passover meal. Jesus Christ himself was the true passover lamb, and would have been killed during the general time that everybody was killing the passover lambs according to the God's will. It would be impossible for him to eat the passover meal with his disciples considering that he was truly dead and buried during the time that everybody was eating.

According to Matthew 26:17 the disciples asked Jesus, "Where will you have us to prepare for you to eat the passover?" (See also Mark 14:12 & John 13:1). And he said, "Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, 'The Master says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with my disciples.'" More information can be found in Mark 14:13-14, "And he sent forth two of his disciples and said unto them, 'Go into the city and there shall you meet a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And where ever he shall go in, say to the godman of the house, 'The Master says, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.'" This room was to be used to get ready for the passover as well as to eventually eat the passover. Later we will learn that they very likely did not eat the passover meal in that room because they were busy either hiding from the Jewish leaders or staying close to Jesus during his crucifixion.

Prior to the meal, the party would have practiced the custom of washing feet. This record is found in John 13:1-22. In verse 2, the phrase "supper being ended" is

better translated "supper being laid" or "supper having been served" (Bullinger's notes in The Companion Bible, p.1553). The washing of the feet would have occurred just after the meal was served and prior to eating. Verses 4-20 give the record of Jesus teaching his disciples about serving one another. He also taught on the importance of the cleansing that would be made available through Jesus Christ. This is a great teaching on the relationship between those within the body of Christ today. When Jesus came to Peter, he foolishly said, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus wisely answered, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." Then Peter wisely responded, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." After he did this he sat down and explained it to them as recorded in verses 13-17, "You call me Master and Lord: and you say well; for I am so. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them." He gave them a simple and fantastic example of serving one another in the body and finished by reminding them that if they know these things, happy are they if they do them. It's one thing to know the truth, but another thing to do it.

Jesus then gave his first prophecy that one of them would betray him (John 13:18-22). In response, his disciples looked at one another and pondered on his words within themselves. Next week we will continue with the records after they sat down to eat.

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## Schiavo Hysteria

by Bill O'Reilly

For those of you wondering why the Terri Schiavo story is receiving massive attention, the answer lies deep within the culture war. Terri's sad saga is rooted in the battle over who has the final say on human life: the State or the Creator?

Followers of the secular philosophy believe that the government has the authority to terminate life in the womb and in the hospital. In Texas, for example, a 2003 law gives medical personnel the final say over who receives life-sustaining care and who doesn't. A few weeks ago, 5-month-old Sun Hudson died just seconds after being removed from a hospital ventilator in Houston. His mother desperately fought the hospital's decision, but a Texas medical ethics committee ruled that the baby's lungs were incapable of growing and the condition was irreversible. Baby Sun died in his mother's arms.

People who believe in the Christian philosophy generally reject these manmade life-death decisions. To them, all life is sacred because it comes from a higher power who has the ultimate say about who is born and when they die. Thus, abortion is rejected, as is euthanasia. Christians and others of like mind are convinced that man should not have the power to take life unless it's a matter of self-defense.

This battle between the two philosophies is never going to be settled. Emotions run high on both sides, and Terri Schiavo was the fuse that reignited the brawl. At least the Christian side is focused about it. The Vatican released a statement that supported Mrs. Schiavo's life purely on theological grounds. The secularists are all over the place. They cite legalities, states rights, humane treatment, and on and on.

But what it comes down to is a belief system. Who should control human life? The legal system or a higher power?

For those of us who realize that secularism must be the basis for common law in a democracy, the Schiavo case was especially frustrating. Both sides demagogued the issue, and both sides are full of it. No third party really knows what Terri Schiavo wanted. Her court-appointed guardians in Florida freely testified that her husband, Michael, had ulterior motives in the case. The guardians also testified that Terri's family grew to despise Michael Schiavo, and much of the controversy was born from that hatred.

In a clear-thinking world, the solution to this terrible case would be obvious. Michael Schiavo would have dropped his litigation and allowed Terri's family to care for her. Mr. Schiavo could have made a statement that he tried to carry out his wife's wishes that she not be kept alive by extraordinary means, but for the greater good he would grant her family the right to keep her alive.

What is the downside to that? Who gets hurt with that solution? No one. According to doctors, Terri doesn't feel anything while on the feeding tube. So if the family wants her around in that state — why not? Her family could even raise private funds to pay for Terri's care, thereby taking Medicare out of it.

But reasonable solutions and thought are rare in the battle between the secular and the religious. It is a titanic struggle, and the culture of America hangs in the balance.

I don't know who will ultimately win the struggle. I do know that everyone has lost in the Schiavo case.

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## Minimum wage, maximum folly

by Walter E. Williams

Senators Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rick Santorum, R-Pa., both introduced proposals to increase the minimum wage from its current \$5.15 an hour. Sen. Kennedy's proposal would have raised the minimum wage to \$7.25 in three steps over 26 months, while Sen. Santorum's would have raised it to \$6.25 in two steps over 18 months. Two weeks ago, both measures failed passage in the Senate.

Sen. Kennedy said, "I believe that anyone who works 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, should not live in poverty in the richest country in the world," after telling fellow senators that minimum wage workers earn \$5,000 below the poverty line for a family of three. Sen. Santorum said, "I feel very comfortable that our proposal keeps the balance between the ability of lower-skilled employees to enter the work force at a wage in which they are compensated for the skills they bring to the job."

The idea that minimum wage legislation is an anti-poverty tool is simply sheer nonsense. Were it an anti-poverty weapon, we might save loads of foreign aid expenditures simply by advising legislators in the world's poorest countries, such as Haiti, Bangladesh and Ethiopia, to legislate higher minimum wages. Even applied to the United States, there's little evidence suggesting that increases in the minimum wage help the poor. Plus, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 2.2 percent of working adults earn the minimum wage.

The crucial question for any policy is not what are its intentions but what are its effects? One of its effects is readily seen by putting yourself in the place of an employer and asking: If I must pay \$6.25 or \$7.25 an hour to whomever I hire, does it make sense for me to hire a worker whose skills enable him to produce only \$4.00 worth of value per hour? Most employers would view doing so as a losing economic proposition. Thus, one effect of minimum wages is that of discriminating against the employment of low-skilled workers.

For the most part, teenagers dominate the low-skilled worker

category. They lack the maturity, skills and experience of adults. Black teenagers not only share those characteristics, but they are additionally burdened by grossly fraudulent education, making them even lower skilled.

Bureau of Labor Statistics unemployment data confirms the economic prediction about minimum wage effects. Currently, the teen unemployment rate is 16 percent for whites and 32 percent for blacks. In 1948, the unemployment rate for black teens (16-17) was lower (9.4 percent) than white teens (10.2 percent). Plus, black teens were more active in the labor force.

How might we explain that? How about arguing that there was less racial discrimination in 1948, or back then black teens were more highly educated than white teens? Of course, such arguments would be nonsense. The fact of the matter is that while there was a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour prior to 1948, it had been essentially repealed by the post-World War II inflation; however, with successive increases in the minimum wage, black teen unemployment rose relative to white teens to where it has become permanently double that of white teens.

If the minimum wage law has these effects, then how does it pass political muster? The current Social Security debate over private accounts gives us a hint. In the political arena, you dump on people who can't dump back on you. Few politicians owe their office to the youth vote. Despite the "concern for the children" malarkey they spout, it's voting age adults to whom politicians are beholden. It turns out that adults benefit from the discriminatory effects of minimum wages, and older adults benefit from Social Security intergenerational transfers.

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## Social Security's malign premise

by Sheldon Richman

Take note of the sheer panic displayed by the left-socialist opponents of President Bush's Social Security proposal. We can divine some significant information from that reaction.

The president's suggestion (no detailed proposal has been offered yet) would not give individuals anything like the control over their own incomes and retirement planning they are entitled to.

People under 55 would be "allowed" to direct the government to put a small percentage of their Social Security taxes into investment accounts the composition of which would be determined by government planners. On retirement, people apparently would not be free to take the cash in a lump sum.

Whatever this is, it is not true privatization or ownership. The government's hands would be all over the new system. It would be a state-guided scheme with a veneer of private ownership. Yes, there would be elements of private property. But property circumscribed by arbitrary edicts is not authentic. It's a midpoint between two conflicting principles.

This makes the panicky opposition all the more revealing. The statist politicians and pundits who sound the alarm against any change in Social Security (besides raising taxes on the "rich") understand that even implied criticism of the program is dangerously close to questioning the premise of the welfare state. According to that premise, people need the government to care for them, and those who don't must be compelled to finance that care.

This includes providing retirement income, medicine, and other forms of security that go beyond simply deterring crimes against person and property. Politicians are happy to do these things because it's the path to power, prestige, and influence. It's easy to be generous with other people's money.

To even suggest that people don't need the government's swaddling is to call the entire welfare state into question. But that is intolerable because too much is invested in it. Most of what the federal government does is forcibly transfer wealth from those who create it to favored interest groups (not necessarily the poor).

Politicians build careers by pleasing such groups. If congressmen couldn't redistribute other people's income, how could they "serve the public"?

Of course, the system doesn't really serve the public. It demeans and infantilizes people by making them dependent on self-serving politicians and bureaucrats. Who really wants to rely on officials who might cut benefits or raise the retirement age if the political winds happen to blow

that way? When someone asks what today's retirees would have done had Social Security not existed, he commits the fallacy of failing to look for the "unseen."

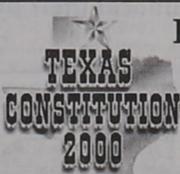
Had government not been taking a significant portion of their incomes, retirees would have had the money to invest for themselves. The innovative and consumer-sensitive marketplace would have responded with a variety of savings vehicles. Government's con game is to crowd out private alternatives through its coercive powers and then point to the lack of private alternatives to justify itself.

The politicians and pundits who claim the sky would fall if people were "allowed" to divert even a small amount of Social Security tax to investment accounts have never explained why individuals don't have the right to opt out of Social Security entirely. We're supposed to be free. So why are we compelled? Defenders sometimes say that Social Security is an insurance program and everyone must be in the pool for it to work.

Bad answer. Social Security is not insurance. Insurance is a voluntary pooling of risk. Life, auto, and home insurance work perfectly well without compulsion. Why must we have compulsory retirement insurance?

We "must" have it only in the sense that politicians "must" have a method of buying votes and "serving" us whether we like it or not.

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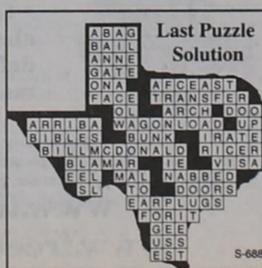
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Post Antelope Trent McDonald (left) and Jerrad Grisham (right) run side by side through the 300 meter hurdles during last Thursday's varsity track meet in Tahoka. The two finished first and second at 40.84 and 42.81 seconds respectively. (Photo by Susan Strawn)

## Lady Lope track team earns second place at Tahoka

The Lady 'Lopes made a strong showing at the recent Bulldog Relays in Tahoka, earning a second place team finish.

Individual results, as reported by the coach, were as follows: Lyndee Strawn, second place, 3200, and second place, 1600; Christin Collier, third place, 800; Laurel Tatum, fourth place, 100 hurdles; Samantha Hoover, fifth place, 100 hurdles, third place in the 300 hurdles and sixth place, high jump; Tamera Raymundo, third place, 100 hurdles; K'Nell Dalby, fifth place, 100; Rachel Gray, first place, 400, and sixth place, triple jump; and Courtney Short, third place, 400.

Also, Sarah Kirkpatrick, first place, 300 hurdles, first place in triple jump and second place in high jump; Meagan Hoover, first place, 200; Marlee Plummer, third place, 200, and sixth place in long jump; Brenna Postell, fourth place, shot put; Kadie Vernon, fifth place, shot put; Jenee Lott, third place in both triple jump and long jump; and Claire Kirkpatrick, fifth place, high jump.

In relays, the team of Gray, Plummer,

Kirkpatrick and Hoover took second in the 400 relay. Gonzales, Hester, Dalby and Plummer grabbed a third place finish in the 800 relay, while Hoover, Short, Collier and Gray took first place in the 1600 relay.

### MS boys earn top spots at Tahoka meet

The seventh and eighth grade boys of Post Middle School earned numerous wins at a track meet held March 22 in Tahoka.

Results for the seventh grade 'Lopes were as follows:

- Shot put - Giles Dalby, first place (43'6" for a new seventh grade record); Mitchell James, fifth place; and Josh Rodriguez, sixth place.
- Discus - Giles Dalby, first place; Mitchell James, second; Clint Windham, third.
- High jump - Clint Windham, second place; Trent Babb, fourth place; and John Rodriguez, fifth place.
- Triple jump - Trent Babb, third place.
- 400m relay - Team of Dalby, Babb,

- Rodriguez and Windham, first place.
- 800m - Quinten Valdez, fifth place; John Rodriguez, sixth place.
- 110m hurdles - Travis Bergin, third place.
- 100m - Giles Dalby, first place.
- 800m relay - John Rodriguez, Shiloh Short, Quinten Valdez, Josh Rodriguez, fourth place.
- 300m hurdles - Travis Bergin, fifth place.
- 200m - Clint Windham, first place.
- 1600m relay - Clint Windham, Travis Bergin, Quinten Valdez and Giles Dalby, fifth place.

The point total for the seventh grade 'Lopes was 120, landing them in a third place team finish in the meet behind Midland Christian and Denver City.

Results for the eighth grade 'Lopes:

- Pole vault - Chad Miller, third place.
  - Shot put - Juan Gomez, second place; Jesse Vera, third place.
  - Discus - Juan Gomez, sixth place.
  - 400m relay - fourth place (no names provided).
  - 110m hurdles - Chad Miller, fifth place.
  - 800m relay - sixth place (no names provided).
  - 400m - Dalton Doran, fifth place.
- The eighth grade boys finished in sixth place overall in the tournament.



Post Lady Lopes Meagan Hoover leaps through the long jump during last Thursday's track meet at Tahoka as Jenee Lott prepares for her jump in the background. (Staff photo by Susan Strawn)



# PHS Spring Sports



Post Lady Lopes softball catcher Traci Nelson is poised for the catch during Monday's game at Denver City. (Photo by Jaquita Blevins)

## PHS Spring Sports Schedules

March 31 &	Middle School Track @ Slaton	
April 1-2	Tennis @ Abilene	
2	PHS Track @ Post	
	Softball @ Roosevelt	11 a.m.
	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.
	PHS Track @ Floydada	



Post Antelope JV Zach Witcher prepares to launch the discus during last Thursday's track meet in Tahoka. Witcher made the disc fly 93'. (Photo by Susan Strawn)

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