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Post Notes

Garza Theatre auditions set April 9

AUDITIONS: "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood". This is for youth ages 6-19 years of age. The play will be held at the Garza Theatre June 3-5, 10-11, 17-18, 2005. Auditions are to be held at The Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, located at 58th Street and Memphis on April 9 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. This is the only audition to be held. The director is Laura Bryan and can be reached at 806-745-5657.

Ladies Auxiliary

Miller/Luman Post 6796 Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, April 11 at the old VFW post on the Clairemont highway at 6 p.m. All members are urged to attend this most important meeting.

Post 6797 meeting set

Miller/Luman Post 6797 men will meet on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the old VFW post on the Clairemont highway in Post. All members are encouraged to attend.

PISD Special Education

Post Independent School District will be having their Special Education Public Meeting Tuesday, April 12 in the Elementary School auditorium. Registration will start at 5 p.m. with the meeting to start at 5:30 p.m.

UIL play contest

The UIL area contest for Post High School's one act play team is set for Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in the Post Elementary auditorium. The team will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The public is invited to attend.

Reception honoring Fowler

A retirement reception will be held at the Post Public Library on April 17 from 2-3 p.m. to honor librarian, Jeanette Bell Fowler.

Sirens to be tested next week

The Garza County Sheriff's Department will be testing the siren system for the tornado warning and the take cover warning. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

"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.

Southland kindergarten registration

Registration for kindergarten students in the 2005-2006 school year will take place Thursday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to go by the school office and fill out an enrollment card. Eligible children should be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2005. A copy of the child's birth certificate, Social Security number and current shot record will be required prior to the beginning of the school year.

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City Council split on contract proposal

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council tabled a recommendation for implementing a contract with City Manager Fred Stephens during its regular meeting Tuesday evening. City council members Dick Odom and Josh Whitely opposed using a contract at all, while council members Harold Craig and Bill Pool expressed concerns about severance pay issues.

The vote to table the matter required a tie-breaking vote from Mayor Archie Gill, with city council member Juanita Pantoya abstaining from the vote. Pool and Craig voted in favor of tabling, with Whitely and Odom opposed.

During the discussion, Stephens explained that most Texas cities are implementing contracts with city managers, and was supported by city attorney Harvey Morton. Morton, Stephens and Gill said that the city will be faced with implementing contracts when the city is faced with hiring a new city manager.

In other matters, the council approved a motion to reject ownership of two old oil field storage tanks once used to store emulsion and hot water. The tanks are located on property owned by The George R. Brown Partnership.

A section of West Main Street adjacent to the First Baptist Church will be designated a "school zone" following action by the council. Pool introduced the proposed ordinance, saying that church leaders are concerned with safety for children at the church operated school.

The council authorized Stephens to contact Texas Department of Transportation officials to work out a change in the west bound lanes of West Main Street at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 84. Stephens had asked the council for guidance on how to resolve the confusion of the three designated lanes.

Parking along the south side of West Main Street near the intersection makes the right turn lane difficult to access. Council members suggested

that only two lanes are necessary, the left for turning left and the right (now the center) lane for west bound or right turns.

Stephens explained that the state controls right of way at all intersections with state highways.

The council approved a resolution declaring April 23 at "Norm Cash Day" in Post.

The following election judges were approved: Betty Striblin, Ward One; Louise Green, Ward Two; Trevah Yarbrow, Ward Three; Billie Windham, Ward Four; Frances Conrad, Ward Five and Early Voting Judge Deana Watson. The city is seeking an additional election judge for Ward Four.

'Norm Cash Day' set for Saturday, April 23

One of Garza County's native sons will be feted later this month following passage of a City Council resolution Tuesday evening.

April 23 will be recognized as Norm Cash Day throughout the City of Post, according to the resolution signed by Mayor Archie Gill. The city's baseball playing field also will bear the honoree's name.

According to the resolution, Cash, who was born in Garza County in 1935, was an outstanding athlete while attending Post public schools. He "distinguished himself further in both football and baseball" during his collegiate career, followed by a 17-year stint as "Storm'n Norman" when he played major league baseball. Cash logged two years with the Chicago White Sox before spending 15 seasons with the Detroit Tigers.

"Whereas, during his career with the Tigers, Cash won the American League batting title, played in four All Star games and led his team to a World Series championship in 1968 with 10 hits and a .385 series batting average," the resolution reads.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the mayor and city council of the City of Post, Texas, that the Post High School baseball playing field be named the Norm Cash Field and that the 23rd day of April, 2005, be designated as Norm Cash Day throughout the City of Post...."

'The Anastasia File' continues at Garza Theatre

Performances of "The Anastasia File" are under way 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.

Remaining performances are set for April 8, 9, 15 and 16, with 8 p.m. curtain times.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

The following is the theatre's schedule for upcoming months, according to Naomi Matsler, office manager:

- "Father of the Bride," directed by Jay Young - May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21.
- "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood" - June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 17 and 18.
- The Annual Harley Sadler Tribute, specific play name not yet released - July 22, 23, 29 and 30, Aug. 5, 6 and 7.
- "The Sunshine Boys," directed by Christy Morris - Sept. 16, 17, 23 and 24, 30, Oct. 1, 2.
- Title not yet released for play to be performed Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29 and Nov. 4, 5 and 6.
- Christmas play, title not yet released - Dec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16 and 17.

For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

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Post ISD trustees approve Fred Postell's request for continued assignment at PHS

Fred Postell, who was named middle school principal earlier this year, will remain in his current position of assistant principal at Post High School following a March 24 special session of school district trustees.

Postell was named to the new position after Brian Brownlow, who currently holds the middle school principal's post, announced plans to leave the district and pursue a career in the ministry. Upon further

consideration, however, Postell decided to ask the school board to allow him to remain in the assistant principal's office at the high school, according to a release issued by the school district.

"The request for me to go back to the high school campus was completely my choice," Postell said in the March 28 press release. "I feel in my heart that the high school is the place where I need to be and

should be. I firmly believe that the position I should fill at this time is that of assistant principal. A great deal of thought and prayer went into this decision, and I know in my heart that it is the right decision, both for the high school and the middle school."

Postell's request to remain at the high school earned the support of the administration, which

recommended that he be offered a contract to continue his work at the high school. Trustees voted unanimously to offer him a contract for the 2005-06 school year.

The district is accepting applications for the position of middle school principal, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled, according to the press release.

Co-op system inventory under way

Beginning this month, the South Plains Electric Cooperative will begin the process of inventorying its entire system. The process will involve a contractor from Southeastern Reprographics visiting every pole, meter and facility.

Area residents may see these contract employees around their

homes or farms as they gather data. The co-op promises discretion as they trace their lines, and the protection of personal property is of highest priority.

Vehicles will be marked with the "green ball" decal that is on all SPEC work vehicles, and all collection personnel will have ID and letters of authority in their possession.

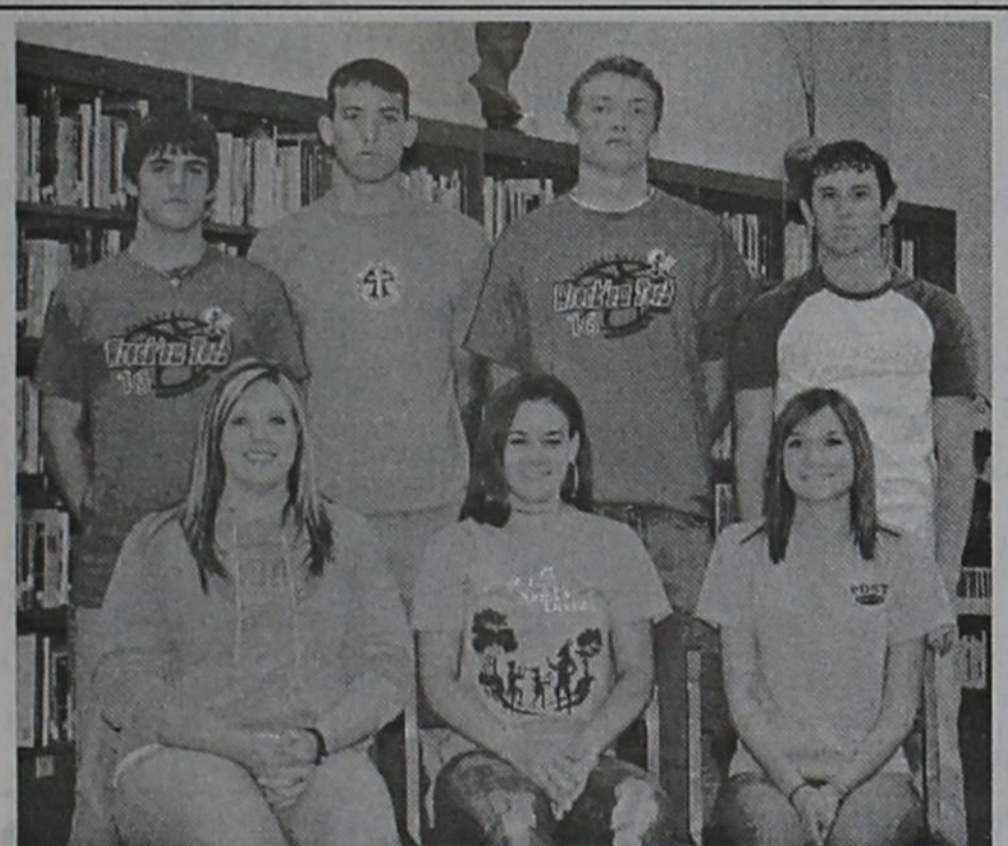
Anyone with concerns should contact Bobbie Gannon, Spur/Childress District manager, at 806-271-3311 or Jantzen Louder, project coordinator, at 806-775-7719.

The system inventory is intended to accurately identify all co-op facilities on a system map to make engineering and service activity precise and cost effective, resulting in improved customer service.

Walk Across Texas

"Walk Across Texas" consist of teams of eight working together to meet a goal of walking, jogging, running or cycling a determined distance. The program goes for eight weeks. Groups interested will need to select a team captain to collect data from each team member at the end of every week and record it.

The program will officially begin on April 25th. so call 495-4400 if you or a team is interested in participating.



Post Antelopes and Lady Lopes honored for District 5AA All-District Basketball are (back row left to right), Sterling Smith, Cole Easterling, Jerrad Grisham and CoCo Valdez (front row), Nikki Norman, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray. (Photo by Melvena Moore)



Attending the "coffee" meeting with Congressman Randy Neugebauer on Wednesday, March 30 in the Wells Fargo Bank conference room are (left to right), Pat Burnett, Congressman Neugebauer, Chip Polk and Glenn Polk. The congressman discussed national and regional issues and took questions from constituents. The event will be aired on Post City Television (Cebridge Connections Channel 12) on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13 at 1, 5 and 10 p.m.



Annual Post Rotary Club Broom Sale

Braving high winds and cool weather during the annual Post Rotary Club Broom Sale on Tuesday, at the intersection of Main St. and Broadway are (left to right), Syd Conner, Fred Stevens and Marie Neff. Despite the wind, sales were brisk. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)

Jerry and Lometa Epley celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Epley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 10, 2005. Lometa Perrin and Jerry Epley were united in marriage on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955, in Post, where they made their home.

They are the parents of one daughter, Debbie Mason, and her husband, Dennis; grandparents of one granddaughter, Amy Pennell, and her husband, Shawn; and great-grandparents of one great-grandson, Colby Pennell, all of Post.

The Epleys plan to attend the Country Music Awards in Las Vegas in May as a celebration of their golden anniversary.



Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Epley

Jeanette(Bell) Fowler plans April 30 retirement

by Sheri Lewis

After 19 years in the Post Public Library, 21 years at the Department of Human Resources and "a few things in between," Jeanette (Bell) Fowler is ready to do some things for herself.

Fowler, who has served as local librarian for almost two decades, plans to retire April 30. A reception in her honor is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 17 at the Post Public Library.

"I'm excited," Fowler said, speaking about her retirement. "I've just got so much to do. It'll be the first time in years and years and years that I haven't worked, so it's going to be different."

She may not be working after her retirement, but she plans on staying busy. Fowler has grandchildren who live nearby and "another on the way," and her high school graduating class's 50th year reunion is scheduled for this summer. A granddaughter in Oklahoma is getting married, so there's a wedding to attend as well.

"And I've worked so long and everything, I really need to clean house," Fowler said with a laugh. "But really, I just want to be able to go when I want to, enjoy my grandchildren. I'm 68. I've worked all of my adult life... and I want to get with exercising and walking... and my husband (Bill Fowler) and I go to senior dances."

When Fowler steps aside from her position as head librarian later this month, she'll be leaving a library that is quite different than the one she went to work for almost 20 years ago.

"Oh, we've seen changes," she said. "The biggest one is our automation and computers."

Computers were implemented into the library at Post in 1997 or 1998, she said, noting that the conversion to computer use has been a lengthy one. Automated checking began three years ago in May, and today, the library boasts 10 computers available for public use.

"I was advised last week that Post has one of the best (computer) setups in the West Texas Library System," she said. "They're just a life-

saver for us. Reading is down from what it was when I first came here because of computers, but (computers are) a good thing. It's just very different."

Although the introduction of computers has altered the way the job is done, Fowler said one thing has not changed — there's always something to be done when it comes to keeping the library operating smoothly. Hundreds of books circulate in and out of the library each month, and there are new books to log into the system, reports to be generated and information that needs to be gathered for grant applications written on behalf of the library.

"When I first came here a friend of mine said, 'Now you'll have time to read,' she said, laughing. "Well, it hasn't worked out that way. We have a lot to do here. We can't get it all done."

Fowler's longtime co-worker, Virginia Babb, will step into the full-time librarian's role following her retirement. Babb brings plenty of library experience to the position. She began working at the library in 1983, prior to Fowler's arrival, and was substituting before that.

Fowler has been a resident of Post since 1968 when she and her late husband, Dennis Bell, moved to the community with their three sons. The couple had a daughter in 1973; they lost a son to a 1979 automobile accident. Bell died in January 1997. She remarried in 2003.

"I've always just loved Post," Fowler said.

When asked about the library, Fowler's voice reflects the pride she obviously feels for the facility with which she has long been associated.

"I think we do real well," she said. "Our city has been good to us.... We receive funds from the city, the county and the (West Texas Library) system, but our city has been real good about helping (with finances) to make system money available."

In Garza County, a total of \$8.93 is spent per capita each year to provide library services to local residents.

It is those local residents Fowler said she will miss the most.

"I'll miss the people, getting to work with all the people," she said. "I will miss my friends and the patrons."

And despite the fact that she's long been surrounded by books, Fowler said she hopes to find time to occasionally pick up a good book.

"I hope to do a little bit more reading if I can," she said.



Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Fumagalli

Sarah Hawthorne, Josh Fumagalli exchange vows

Sarah Elizabeth Hawthorne and Joshua Cole Fumagalli were wed March 5, 2005, in a 5 p.m. ceremony at the Tahoka First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Harbison officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Hawthorne and granddaughter of Marlin and Diana Hawthorne and Dorothy Craig, all of Tahoka, and the late Harvey Craig.

The groom is the son of Danny and Jennifer Fumagalli of Post and the grandson of J.C. and Patsy Fumagalli of Langley, British Columbia, and Woodrow Bishop of Post.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin featuring a beaded V neckline and empire waist. Arrangements of clear beading and silver corded lace accented the gown's bodice and train. Strands of crystals and beads draped across the V-back above a chiffon wrap. The A-line skirt fell gracefully to the floor and into a semi-cathedral-length train.

Serving as maid of honor was Anna Hawthorne of Tahoka, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Sara Rogers of San Antonio and Sasha Trickett of Lubbock.

Jason Fields served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Stelzer of Lubbock and Andrew Fumagalli of Post, the groom's brother.

Ushers were Russell Powell and Kyle Goodnight of Levelland and Seth Hawthorne of Tahoka, the bride's brother.

Lindsey Owen of Lubbock registered guests.

Soloist for the ceremony was Shannon Hammonds of Lubbock, who was accompanied on piano by her husband, Mitchell. Donna Stone served as organist.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Members of the house party included Kimberly McClain of Post, Nicole Hasty of Plainview, Tammy Sparks of Post and Lindsey Owen of Lubbock.



Merika takes a short break to enjoy the strong South Plains "breeze" that visited Post on Tuesday, April 5. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)

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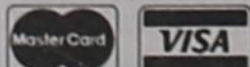
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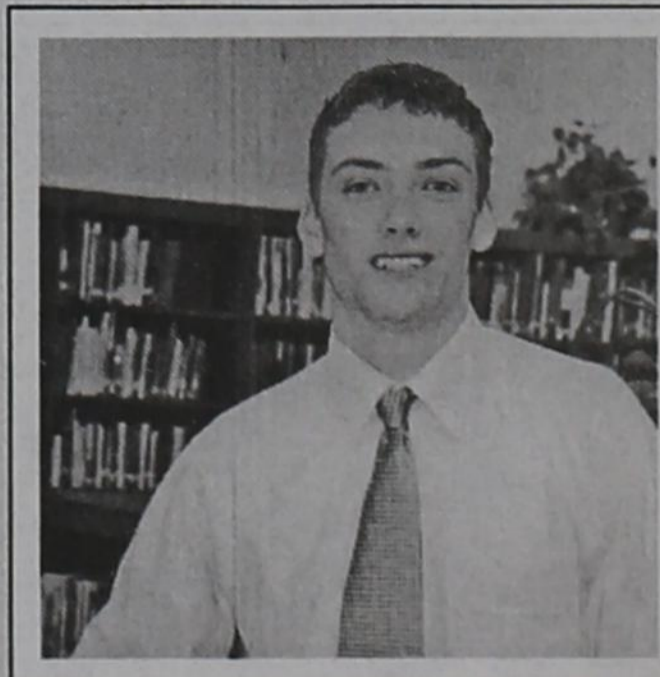
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8th grade Lady Lopes win Tahoka meet

by Kara Swindell

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; Claudia 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 Slauch, 300 m hurdles; Ashley Stenzel, 200m; Gabi Vergara, 200m; Claudia Hernandez, fourth place, 1600m run; and Valerie Moreno, 1600m run.

White River Lake Weekly Report April 4, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.50 Feet below spillway: 19.0" Rise: 0" Rainfall (past week): 0 Rain to-date: 4.35"

New Water Supply Contract Committee: David Stelzer, chairman, Post; Silas Flournoy, Crosbyton; David Prewitt, Ralls; Eric Swanson, Spur; and Micky Rogers, general manager.

The new water contract is ready for the signatures of all city officials involved. The City of Crosbyton has the contract at this time.

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager



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), Branda Stevens and Danica Williams. (Photo by Kara Swindell)



Southland students placing in the South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair are (back row left to right), Lauren Arguello, Maricella Guerrero, Jacob Harris, Shelby Farquhar and Courtney Rackler (front row), Cheyenne Farquhar, Gary Farquhar, Kyle Voigt and Bianca Abraham.



Post High School cast and crew members of the one act play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" following their performance for District last Friday, April 1 at Shallowater are (back row left to right), Steven Short, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Jordan Tatum (middle row), Nikki Pollard (Assistant Director), Sterline Marcum (Director), Jerin Tyler, Vince Robles, Jonathan McGregor, Austin Ham, Brant Guthrie, Jerrad Smith, Colter Creech, Tim Tatum (Assistant Director), Leslie Tatum (Assistant Director), Brandon Hernandez, Jace Pollard (front row), Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ashley Wilson, Kelsey Sanderson, Laurel Tatum, Gentry Creech, Emily Marcum, Courtney Copeland, Claire Kirkpatrick, Shannon Rasberry, Keeley Bramblett, Jenee Lott and Bailey Odom. The team qualified for Area contest to take place this Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in the Post Elementary Auditorium.



Playing on the 1st Grade girls Little Dribblers team are (back row left to right), Kyrsten Bebebe, Ragin Kimmons, Haley Greathouse and Breea Daniell (middle row), McKenzie Ward, Mallory Mason, Destiny Cowley, Brogan Macy, Quincey Quintana and Gabby Soto (front row), Destiny Ramirez, Mckenzie Brownlow, Alex Perez, M'Kenzie Criswell, Taylor Roberts and Alyssa Walker.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
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Obituaries

Erlene Norman Saage

Erlene Norman Saage, 90, was born July 13, 1914 in Hollis, OK. She moved to Grassland in 1919 with her family. Erlene passed from this life April 2, 2005 in Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services will be 2 PM, Tuesday, April 5, 2005 in Slaton's First United Methodist Church with Revs. Steve Campbell and Jimmy Nunn officiating. Interment will be Englewood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Englands Funeral Service in Slaton.

She moved to Grassland in 1919 and attended Grassland school, but graduated from Richardson High School in 1933. She later graduated from Draughn's Business College in 1936. She was a farmer and worked for Farmers Gin. Mrs. Saage had been resident of Slaton since marrying Roy J. Saage on September 7, 1940 in Abilene. Mr. Saage preceded her in death on May 4, 1993. She moved to Dallas in 1994.

She was a homemaker and longtime faithful member of the First United Methodist Church and Lydia Sunday School Class.

Seven brothers, Erwert, Bob, Johnny Ray, W. H., A. B. and Auvie Lee and 2 sisters, Jessie Gregg and Mary Alice Taff preceded her in death.

Mrs. Saage is survived by her daughter, Nan Saage of Dallas, brother, Glenn and wife, Mary Margaret Norman of Post and sister in laws, Naomi Norman Terry of Lubbock, Vera Norman of Levelland Evelyn Dunlap, Laura Wilson and Nettie Saage all of Slaton and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Golden Acres Home for the Jewish Aged, 2525 Centerville Road, Dallas, TX 75228 or the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 250, Slaton, TX 79364



Letters to the Editor

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Can't see benefits of county actions

Can you understand how working class citizens of Garza County benefit from any of the following actions by county officials?

1. Commissioners' Court throws away \$850,000 a year by accepting MTC's contract, then raised our taxes to compensate for the difference.
2. A county commissioner voted to accept rental pay from the county for his own rental property.
3. A former commissioner sold Garza County property for personal gain, but has not been charged with theft.
4. Commissioners' Court approved the contract with MTC, which lied about its lawsuit liabilities to enhance its bid to secure the contract.
5. Commissioners' Court allowed MTC to walk away from its contract to operate the Juvenile Detention Center, then rewarded MTC with a renewal of the contract for the prison operation.
6. County court allows a private enterprise to operate county owned vehicles at no charge. Is the gas for those vehicles paid for by the county too?
7. County Judge accepted a plea bargain on a DWI charge against a county employee, which allowed the employee to continue driving county vehicles.
8. Commissioners' Court allowed personal use of county credit card by a county official without filing any charges against the theft.
9. Commissioners' Court accepted an audit which questioned missing monies, and took no corrective action.
10. Commissioners' Court took a vote to award the prison contract, knowing that several county officials had family members employed by the contractor.
11. Commissioners' Court accepted the former sheriff's signature on a contract with MTC, knowing that the sheriff's wife was employed by MTC.
12. County officials ignored and took no action against individuals employed by a private enterprise who were accused of making terroristic threats on local citizens.
13. Commissioners' Court allows MTC to continue its contract, knowing that the contractor has failed in its promise to maintain 246 employees on the payroll.

The way I see it, people in Garza County certainly do not benefit from any of the above, if anything, Garza County citizens are paying for these losses, and this is just the beginning. I can't afford it, can you?
Jon Smith

Senn sets tone for CR 378 work

In a special meeting held earlier this month, Garza County Commissioners reviewed a letter concerning proposed work on CR 378.

The letter, dated March 17, was written by H. Alan Carmichael, a Sweetwater attorney representing W.C. (Will) Senn of Snyder, whose property is to be impacted by the county's plans.

"I understand that the county is considering hiring Rich Oller, PhD. of Lubbock... to consult with the Garza County Commissioners concerning the specifications and estimated cost of a bridge to be constructed on my client's property," Carmichael wrote in the letter addressed to County Attorney Leslie Acker. "Please ask Dr. Oller to coordinate his inspection of the premises with me, as I would like to be present at that time."

"Please also let this confirm that the existing roadway that the county is considering upgrading is not the metes and bounds pathway of the Fuller grant. The existing roadway is a private grant easement to Cada Operating, and I believe it is limited to 16 feet... in width.... In any event, Mr. Senn is not willing for the county to claim that roadway as a public thoroughfare. It appears that the actual pathway, as described in the M.A. Fuller document appearing in Vol. 30 at page 571 of the Garza County records, was either never established or has been long since abandoned. In any event, these issues will need to be resolved before any work is performed by or on behalf of Garza County on either of these roads."

Southland ISD students excel at science fair

Students of the Southland Independent School District made a strong showing at the recent South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

The following results were reported by school officials:

- Fourth grade - Gary Farquhar, first place ribbon and medal, as well as a second-place trophy in the fourth grade biological division.
- Fifth grade - Kyle Voigt, second place ribbon.
- Seventh grade - Courtney Rackler, second place ribbon; Cheyenne Bouldin, second place ribbon; Shelby Farquhar, second place ribbon.
- Eighth grade - Lauren Arguello, first place ribbon and medal winner; Bianca Abraham, second place ribbon; Maricella Guerrero, first place ribbon and medal winner, as well as a third-place trophy in the grade's physical division.
- Tenth grade - Jacob Harris, second place ribbon.

Tracy White earns McMurry honor

Tracy Ann White, a multidisciplinary studies major at McMurry University in Abilene, has been named to the Fall 2004 Dean's List.

White, a resident of Post, is a junior at the university. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ's last meal...introduces the communion

Before we continue with the records of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, a correction should be noted from last week's column. It was speculated that the disciples did not eat the passover meal in the room because they would have been hiding from the Jewish leaders or staying close to Jesus during his crucifixion. This is an example of private interpretation. There is no record of what all the disciples did following his death except that they were hiding in a room for fear of the Jewish leaders. This may or may not have been the same room.

Last week we stopped at the point after Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave his first prophecy that one of them would betray him. Next we come to Luke 22:14-15, "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, 'With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'" What a touching moment this must have been. After washing the feet, they all reclined to eat, and Jesus told them how he desired to eat the passover with them before he suffered. He then prophesied that they would not eat together until everything is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. He may have been talking about the joining together of Jesus with his Bride as recorded in Revelation 21:1-2, or when he rules with certain saints during the thousand year reign as recorded in Revelation 19:4. There will be a day when they will be together again. In the mean time, Jesus Christ is in heaven with his Father.

Next we come to Matthew 26:21-25, "And as they did eat, he said, 'Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.' And they were exceeding sorrowful, and

began every one of them to say unto him, 'Lord, is it I?' And he answered and said, 'He that dips his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The son of man goes as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.' Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, 'Master, is it I?' He said unto him, 'You have said.'" Remember that earlier Jesus told them that he would be betrayed, and they pondered on it. This time each one asked him "Lord, is it I?" The same occurrence can be found in Mark 14:17-21.

Sometime after his second mention of his betrayal, Jesus taught his disciples about the symbolism of his body and blood as related to food and drink. This record can be found in Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 and Luke 22:17-20. Having been recorded in three different gospels, God completely established the importance of this teaching. There should be no doubt that when Christians eat food it should be done in remembrance of Christ's body that was broken for complete healing, and when they drink with the meal, it should be done in remembrance of his blood that was spilled unto the forgiveness of sins. We found this also in 1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes you were healed." When we drink, let it be without doubt that having been filled with holy spirit, we are completely cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. When we eat, let it be without doubt that having been born-again, the name of Jesus Christ is able to heal us.

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Death, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

by Bill O'Reilly

You know the Apocalypse is near when Jesse Jackson and Sean Hannity join forces. But that's what happened in the Terri Schiavo case. Both men believe the American system should have saved Terri's life regardless of her condition.

Jackson's take on the situation is especially interesting. He contends that the judges and politicians should have shown mercy in this matter. The reverend is a liberal diehard but believes the greater good would have been served by allowing the Schiavo family to care for their daughter. It's hard to argue with that position.

But some do argue with it, including our pals at the ACLU, who have labeled this a "privacy" issue. According to the ACLU zealots, Terri Schiavo wanted to die, and anybody who doesn't believe that is violating her privacy rights. There is no room for doubt in ACLU land — they know what Terri wanted because her husband said so, and since his position agrees with the ACLU position, the truth has been anointed. I guess it really doesn't matter that two court-appointed guardians for Terri testified it was impossible to ascertain her wishes because of Michael Schiavo's conflicts of interest.

The ACLU may be big on privacy, but it is not big on life in general, unless it is the life of a convicted murderer. The ACLU believes in any kind of abortion on demand. It believes a 12-year-old girl should be allowed to abort her fetus without telling her parents. It believes in doctor-assisted suicide but not doctor-assisted capital punishment. How strange.

But if you think about it, the philosophy of the ACLU is fairly consistent: The gratification of the individual is paramount. If a person wants to die, fine. If a woman wants to abort a fetus even after viability, no problem. It really doesn't matter why — WHAT a person wants is all that matters.

On the gratification front, did you know that the ACLU wants no limits placed on child pornography on the Internet? Did you know that the organization is representing the North American Man Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) pro bono in a Massachusetts civil case? The ACLU puts forth that NAMBLA has a free expression right to instruct adults on how to rape children and get away with it. It doesn't get any more misguided than that.

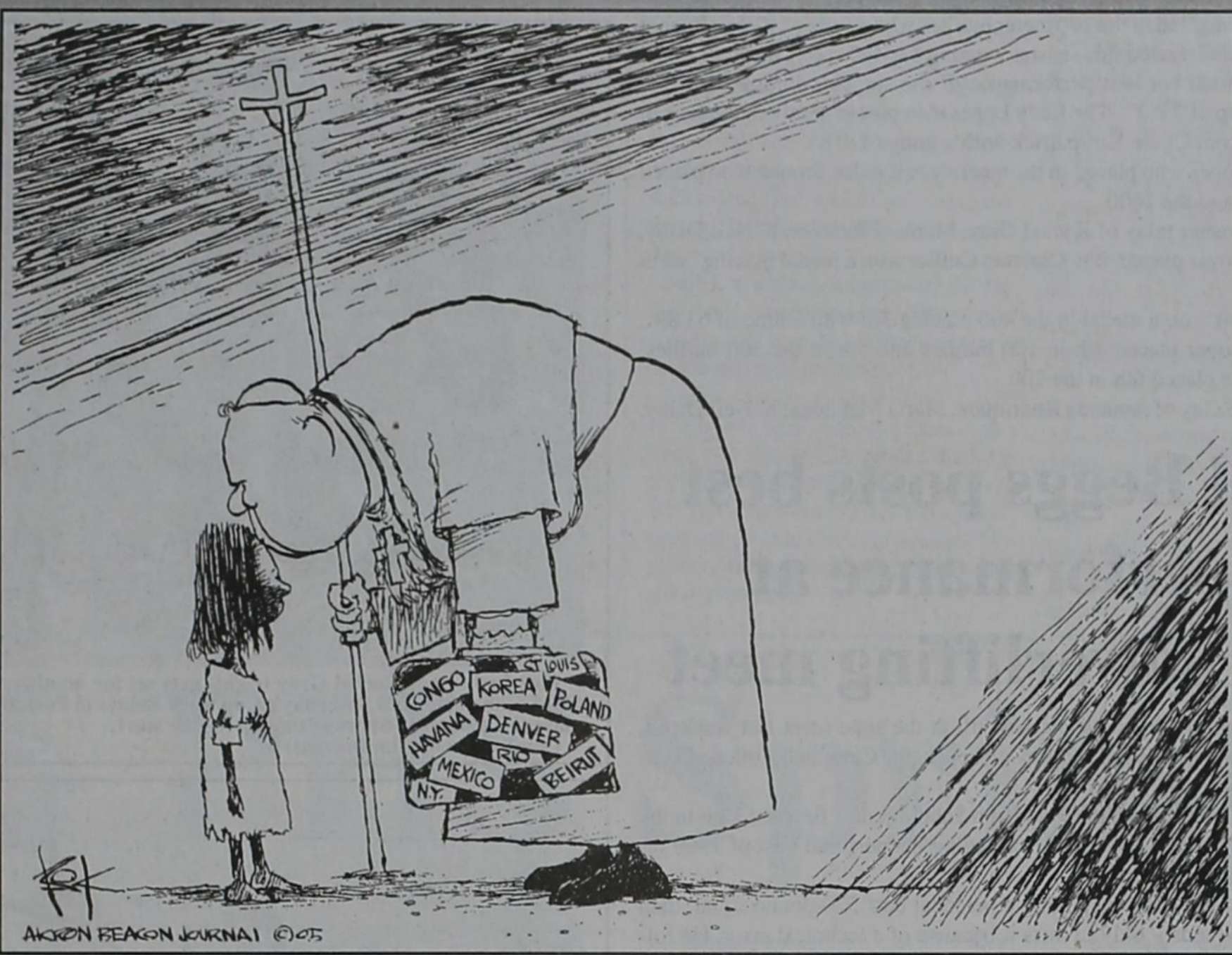
Many Americans have no idea what is really going on underneath the surface of the Schiavo case and other culture battles. The United States has become the most powerful and wealthiest country on earth because it combined freedom, discipline and a clear sense of right and wrong based on Judeo-Christian philosophy. That formula has allowed millions of us to pursue happiness in a way that benefits society not just ourselves.

But that formula is now under siege by the forces of progressive-secularism. While Jesse Jackson asks for mercy, the ACLU demands death. While traditionalists wonder why saying "Merry Christmas" has become an issue, secular forces have ensured that young girls can get abortions without parental permission. While most parents cannot let their small children out of their sight, the ACLU champions the rights of NAMBLA.

Janis Joplin once sang: "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." But Janis was wrong. Terri Schiavo has lost her life, American parents are losing their authority, and America, itself, is losing her way. Does that sound like freedom to you?

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Pro-life politics?

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

The Terri Schiavo saga has made millions of pro-life Americans understandably upset about the state of our culture, our courts, and our legislatures. Many worry that legal niceties have trumped morality, leading us down a slippery slope that cheapens life.

My own pro-life views were strengthened by my experiences as an obstetrician. I believe beyond a doubt that a fetus is a human life deserving of legal protection, and that the right to life is the foundation of any moral society. The abortion issue forged my belief that law and morality must intersect to protect the most vulnerable among us. The proper role of government, namely the protection of natural and constitutional rights, flows from the pro-life perspective.

Morality is inherent in law, no matter what the secularists might say. But morality is not inherent in politics. A law professor Butler Shaffer explains, politics is about obtaining power over the lives of others through government force. Thus politics is a rejection of the sanctity of life.

So it is a mistake to assume that a pro-life culture develops through political persuasion or government power. Respect for human life originates with individuals acting according to their consciences. A pro-life conscience is fostered by religion, family, and ethics, not government. History teaches us that governments overwhelmingly violate the sanctity of human life rather than uphold it.

The notion that an all-powerful, centralized state should provide monolithic solutions to the ethical dilemmas of our times is not only misguided, but also contrary to our Constitution. Remember,

federalism was established to allow decentralized, local decision making by states.

Yet modern America seeks a federal solution for every perceived societal ill, ignoring constitutional limits on government. The result is a federal state that increasingly makes all-or-nothing decisions that alienate large segments of the population.

This federalization of social issues, often championed by conservatives, has not created a pro-life culture, however. It simply has prevented the 50 states from enacting laws that more closely reflect the views of their citizens.

Once we accepted the federalization of abortion law under the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, we lost the ability to apply local community standards to ethical issues. It is much more difficult for pro-life advocates to win politically at the federal level. Those who seek a pro-life culture must accept that we will never persuade 300 million Americans to agree with us.

Our focus should be on overturning Roe and getting the federal government completely out of the business of regulating state matters.

A pro-life culture can be built only from the ground up, person by person. For too long we have viewed the battle as purely political, but no political victory can change a degraded culture. A pro-life culture must arise from each of us as individuals, not by the edict of an amoral federal government.

Rule of law damaged by Congress' Schiavo law

by Sheldon Richman

The events surrounding the life of Terri Schiavo are tragic enough. Now congressional Republicans and President Bush have made things worse. In one weekend they disabled federalism, the separation of powers, and the rule of law. These principles were embraced by the Founding Fathers because they tend to protect individual liberty. By tearing them down, the Republican leadership jeopardizes our freedom. How ironic that this comes at the hands of the self-proclaimed party of limited government.

It is beyond dispute that the legal issues involved in the Schiavo case are state issues. That has been the rule for more than 200 years. It is what has made the American system a federal system. The point of federalism is to decentralize power, and its rationale is that concentrated power is dangerous "always and everywhere" regardless of which political party rules.

Years ago Terri Schiavo went into what many doctors describe as a persistent vegetative state without hope of recovery. She can breathe, but she cannot take food or water on her own. Her husband has sought to remove the feeding and hydration tubes in order, he says, to comply with her express wish not to live this way. Her parents have tried to block him from having the support terminated. The Florida state courts have consistently sided her husband. The U.S. Supreme Court earlier declined to review the case because no constitutional issues are involved.

Last weekend the Republican-controlled House and Senate hurriedly passed legislation permitting Terri Schiavo's parents to request the federal courts to take a fresh look at the case as if the state court had never ruled. President Bush signed the bill. The case was heard Monday, but the judge refused an emergency order to reinstate the tubes pending a full hearing. The federal court of appeals affirmed the judge's order and the parents are appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Much could be said about this sad case. Terri Schiavo had no living will directing that she not be sustained artificially. We have only her husband's and a couple of other people's testimony, and he may have a conflict of interest involving money earmarked for her care. Others testified that she never expressed such a desire. Yet a trial judge found "clear and convincing" evidence that she did not wish to live this way. Maybe the Florida law has defects, but that's a subject for another day.

My focus here is on Congress's and the president's intervention. It was extraordinary and ominous. The bill singled out one case in an area where federal authorities have no constitutional jurisdiction. This makes no sense. At any given time, many people are in medical conditions similar to Terri Schiavo's. In most of these cases, the family members agree to end artificial respiration, feeding, and hydration. No doubt in some cases there is disagreement, but the matter is settled out of the news headlines.

Will Congress now intervene in all these cases?

If not, why not? Aren't those lives precious too? That the Republicans intervened in this case, which has been taken up by the anti-abortion lobby (among others), hints that cynical political calculations were at work. A memo circulated among Senate Republicans called the Schiavo matter "a great political issue," indicating its appeal to the party's religious supporters. Is this payback for 2004?

In the end, the bill probably won't prolong Terri Schiavo's life. But it may well cut short the rule of law. It is no defense of the Republicans to say that a young woman was being starved to death. Congress has no constitutional authority to exercise arbitrary power any time an emergency catches its attention, especially where there are no federal or constitutional issues at stake. That it is legally restrained from doing whatever it wants is part of what we mean by the rule of law. That's why its weekend actions are ominous. We must fear for the precedent it has set.

Both the president and members of Congress take oaths to preserve and protect the Constitution. Any time they pass and sign a law thinking they will leave the matter of its constitutionality to the courts, they violate their oaths. The American system has a division of powers, which was violated in this case, but when it comes to abiding by the Constitution, there is no division of labor.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org), author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

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Post High School tennis team members winning trophies at last weekend's Abilene Invitational Tournament were Cole Easterling (1st place singles) and Kylie Easterling (2nd place singles).

Lady Lopes take third place at Cap Rock Relay

by Jerry White

The Post Lady Lopes scored 101 points and finished 3rd in the Cap Rock Relays.

Laurel Tatum ran her personal best 16.81 in the 100 meter hurdles to win 1st place in the event. Also running her personal best time was Tamera Raymundo, placing 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.68. Rachel Gray remained undefeated this season winning the 400 meter dash.

Jenee Lott posted her best performance of the season winning the triple jump with a jump of 33' 2". The Lady Lopes also posted another 1st place in the high jump from Claire Kirkpatrick with a jump of 4' 8".

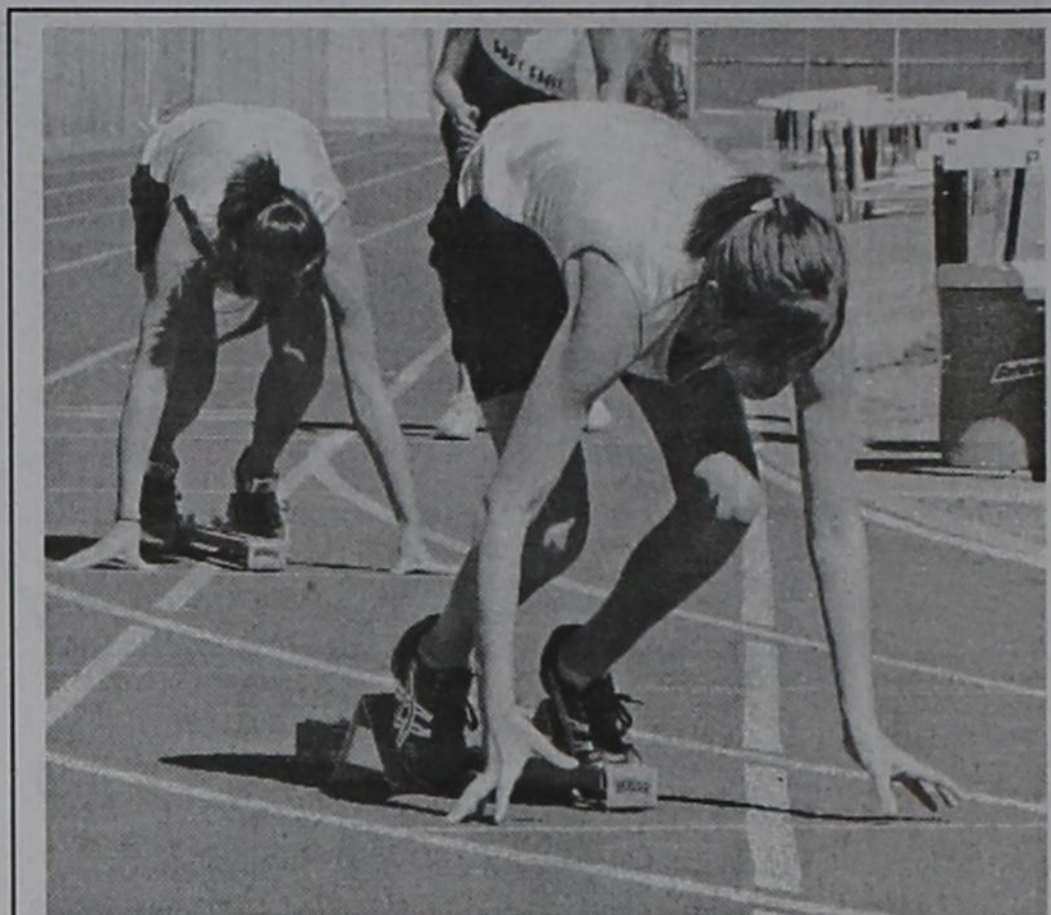
Other Lady Lopes who placed in the meet were Lyndee Strawn who placed 4th in the 3200 and the 1600.

The 4 X 100 meter relay of Rachel Gray, Marlee Plummer, K'Nell Dalby, and Meagan Hoover placed 4th. Christan Collier won a medal placing 3rd in the 800.

Courtney Short won a medal in the 400 placing 3rd with a time of 63.89. Samantha Hoover placed 4th in 100 hurdles and 5th in the 300 hurdles. Marlee Plummer placed 6th in the 200.

The 4 X 200 Relay of Amanda Rodriguez, Maria Mendoza, K'Nell Dalby,

and Marlee Plummer placed 5th. Kadie Vernon placed 6th in the Shot and Discus. Rachel Gray placed 6th in triple jump with her personal best jump of 31' 3". The Lady Lopes next run at the Whirlwind Relays in Floydada.



Post Lady Lope Rachel Gray (right) gets set for another victory in the 400M dash during last Saturday's Cap Rock Relays in Post. Behind Gray is teammate Courtney Short setting up for the start. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Israel Beggs posts best ever performance at state powerlifting meet

Israel Beggs posted his personal best lift at the state meet last weekend, finishing in 12th place overall at the event held at the Campbell Athletic Complex in Houston.

With a field of 460 lifters, the Post High School junior finished 12th in the 242 weight class with a 1370 total, exceeding his personal best of 1360 recorded at the regional meet.

Beggs jumped out early by getting a personal best 520-pound squat, then trying for 530 pounds - only to miss it because of a technical error. He followed that with a 370-pound bench press.

After lunch, Beggs deadlifted a personal best 480 pounds. On his last lift, he tried 510 pounds to give him a 1400 total, but missed the lift due to a judge's infraction. Beggs was not credited for the lift and it provided to be the difference between seventh place and 12th place.

"Other than the last deadlift, Israel had a great meet," Coach John Wright said. "Texas powerlifting is still a work in progress, especially when it comes to judges. Our program still has a long way to go in Post, but is definitely headed in the right direction. Our lifters have distinguished themselves as a competitive force in West Texas and in the state. What we can do now is continue to become stronger and more competitive each year. Powerlifting is a sport that helps all sports. Israel Beggs is a special lifter and a special person for his hard work and commitment to being the best. Israel will have a chance to compete for the gold medal at the state meet next year, and hopefully he won't be alone on the trip down."

"Thanks goes out to all athletes, parents and everyone involved for a wonderful year," Wright said.



Post High School powerlifting team member Israel Beggs lands personal best at the state meet on Saturday, April 2 at Houston. Beggs finished 12th out of 460 lifters in the 242 weight class, with a score of total score of 1370.



Post Antelope Jerrad Grishams takes a strong lead and finishes 1st place in the 200M high hurdles during last Saturday's Cap Rock Relays in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2005, for voting in a general election to elect

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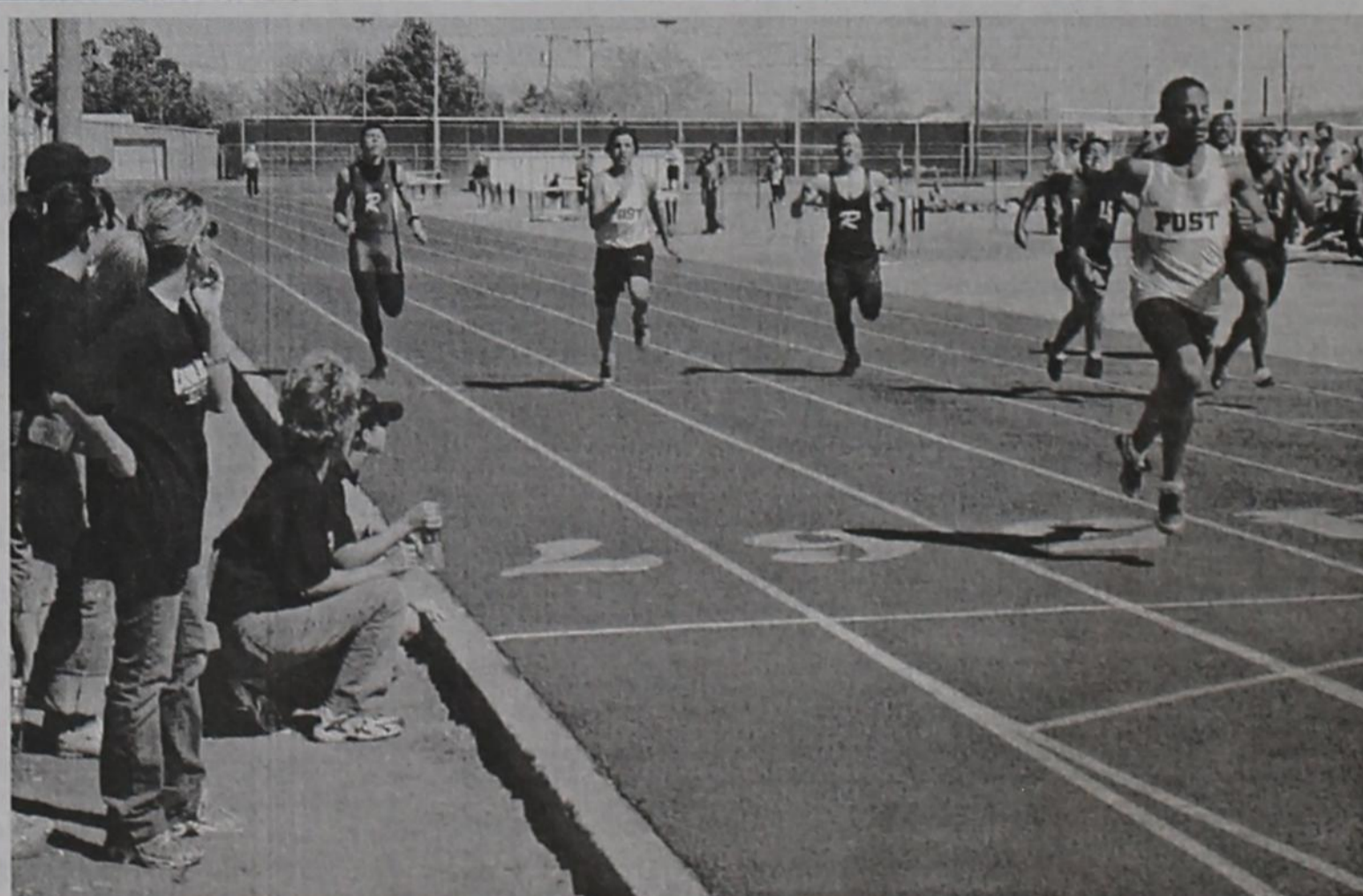
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Post Lady Lope Marlee Plummer (center) refuses to "stop" as she takes the baton from teammate Rachel Gray in the 4 x 100M relay during the Cap Rock Relays, last Saturday in Post. The team was also supported by K'Nell Dalby and Meagan Hoover. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope Thomas Curtis shoots through the 100M dash with a solid lead at the finish during last Saturday's Cap Rock Relays in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

'Lopes hammer Shallowater 12-5

by Ernest Fox

While Post has struggled with errors in the field this season, the Antelopes have had very little problem with their bats.

That continued Tuesday as the 'Lopes belted 17 hits, 10 for extra bases, in a 12-5 district win over the visiting Shallowater Mustangs.

The District 5-AA win puts the 'Lopes into a strong challenge for the district title, facing off against Idalou Saturday at noon in the soon to be named "Norm Cash Field" at David Nichols Park.

In the Shallowater win, Jett Lott went three for three, plus an E-4 single and a base-by-hit batter. Eric Reyna also hit three for three, with an E-5 single and a walk to lead Post, which used a three run first and four run second inning to break the game open.

Both Lott and Reyna each went five for five on base percentage. The 'Lope dominating win ended Shallowater's undefeated district record.

Andrew Espinoza sealed Post's sixth straight win with four strikeouts in the final two frames. Espinoza had 10 punchouts by the end of the 'Lope 12-5 win and improved 5-3 for the season. Espinoza pitched seven innings with 149 pitches, six hits, four walks, 10 strikeouts and one hit batter.

Each of Post's first five batters scored at least once ... Coco Valdez and Lott each scored three times.

Batting for Post were Valdez, 2 doubles, one on base by hit batter, one RBI and scored three times;

Randon Blacklock, two singles, two doubles, one RBI and scored twice; Mile Gray, one single, one error hit with two RBIs and scored twice;

Lott, two ground rule doubles, one single, one error hit and one on base by hit batter, one RBI and scored three times;

Reyna, two doubles, one single, one error hit and one walk, three RBIs and scored once;

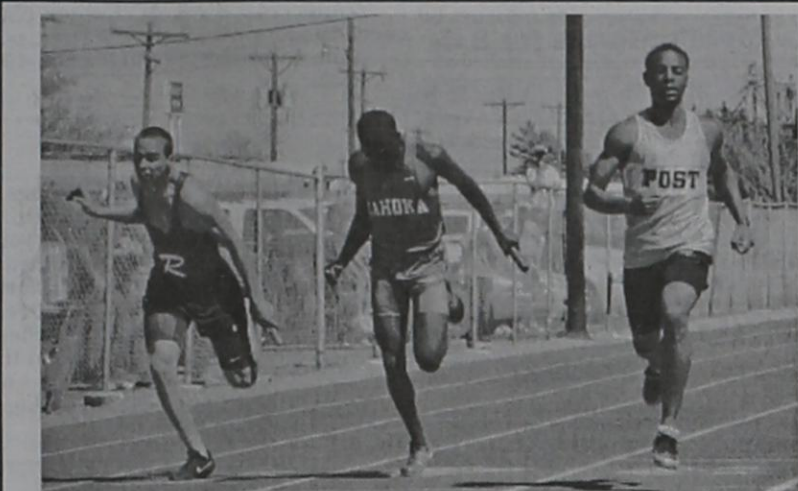
Theo Paiz, one single, one double, one bases loaded walk and three RBIs;

D.J. Baiza, one walk, one single; Brice Feagin, one double, scored once and Wilson Cash, two error hits.

See you at the new Norm Cash Field Saturday ... game starts at noon.



Post Lady Lope Laurel Tatum (2nd from left) takes the lead and finishes 1st place in the 110M hurdles as teammates Tamera Raymond (left of Tatum placing 2nd) and Samantha Hoover (far right) close in from behind, during last Saturday's Cap Rock Relays in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope Thomas Curtis maintains poise all the way through 1st place finish for the 400M relay team during the Cap Rock Relays, last Saturday in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



PHS Spring Sports



Post Antelope James Griffin shoots out for the 800M relay team last Saturday during the Cap Rock Relays in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

PHS Spring Sports Schedules

April	
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
11	JV Baseball @ Tahoka 4 p.m.
12	Varsity Baseball @ Tahoka 4 p.m.
	Softball v. Dimmitt @ Lubbock 5 p.m.
	Girls & Boys Golf @ Denver City
15	PHS Track District Meet @ Abernathy
16	Varsity & JV Baseball vs. Slaton (here) 12 & 3 p.m.
	Softball vs. Denver City (here) 11 a.m.
18	JV & Varsity Baseball @ Roosevelt 4:30 & 7 p.m.
	Softball vs. Roosevelt (here) 5 p.m.
22	PHS Track Regional Qualifiers TBA
23	Var. & JV Baseball vs. Denver City (here) 12 & 3 p.m.
25-29	PHS Tennis Regional Meet @ Abilene
25	JV Baseball @ Abernathy 5 p.m.
26	Varsity Baseball @ Abernathy 5 p.m.



Post Lady Lope Kayla Morris gets a solid hit during last Saturday's softball game at Roosevelt. (Photo by Tabatha Cowley)

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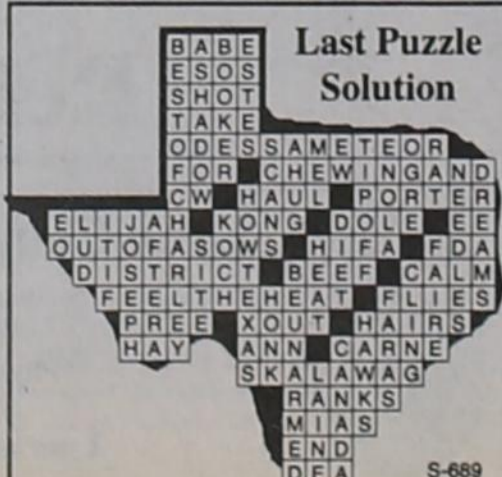
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
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10 Years Ago April 5, 1995

Post High School One Act Play cast and crew members won the district championship and are advancing to regional competition. Cast members are Tim Martin, Jeff Redman, Chris Ashley, Jay Childers, Bitt Sims, Beth Murray, Nikki Pollard, Amy Mason and Carly Rudd.

Patty Kirkpatrick turned over the keys to Danish Imports last Friday to new owner Delores Redman. Patty says she is going to spend time with her family and "I am so pleased that Delores is taking over the store."

W. C. and Recce Bush joined Boo Olson during last Friday's book signing party for Helen Mangum Fields at Lily Dale's. Mrs. Fields was in Post to autograph her first book, "Walking Backwards in the Wind."

The PHS girls' and boys' golf teams took second place at the Abernathy tournament. Jill Stelzer and Heath Eagle were both named as second medalists. Stelzer scored an 87 and Eagle got a 78.

Coaching Post High School students to another district championship in U.I.L. competition are Doris Giddens, Christy Morris, Amy Easterling, Kim Mills, Carolyn Black, Joy Pool, Sandra Alexander and Malea Walls.

20 Years Ago April 3, 1985

Jimmy Bird was named Rancher of the Year during the annual Garza Soil and Water Conservation District banquet.

Post EMTs and Volunteer Fireman worked together to bring an injured Lubbock Explorer scout up from a ledge after a 20 foot fall at the Post Boy Scout Camp.

Johnny, Mikey and Jamie Collazo are very proud to announce the birth of their baby sister, Regina Lynn, born March 20 in Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

John Gist has retired after 37 years with Shell Western E&P Inc. and was honored with a luncheon March 25 as 34 friends joined in wishing him farewell. John and his wife Mary announced they plan to travel as they begin his retirement.

Jackie Wartes was named Best Actress at the recent U.I.L. One Act Play competition, as the Post High School cast took first place.

30 Years Ago April 3, 1975

Post third graders held an Easter Hat Parade in the primary auditorium with approximately 70 entries. Class winners were Jeff Stalcup, Joe Guerrero, Kent Duren, Dori Castro, Patty McCowen, Terri Hodges, Elena Maldonado and Bobbie Taylor.

The Corner Grocery & Market is celebrating its 60th anniversary this weekend with a three-day anniversary sale. The store was opened by the late W. R. Graeber in 1916.

Jackie Blacklock set new post high school records in both the 120 yard high hurdles and the 330 yard intermediate hurdles Friday in the Monahans Relays. Blacklock ran a 15.6 in the 120 hurdles and a 41.5 in the 330 hurdles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Ann, born March 19 in Methodist Hospital of Lubbock.

What is believed to have been a small twister blew a 142-foot long section of roof off a poultry house under construction at Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., in the Pleasant Valley community Friday.

40 Years Ago April 8, 1965

Mayor Harold Lucas and City Councilman Bob Collier were re-elected to second terms and Lewis C. Herron, bank official and former county agent, was named to the other city council post.

Repeating wedding vows Saturday, April 3, at the Church of Christ were Miss Betty

Jo Hill and James Douglas Sharp. Elder T. C. Clark officiated at the ceremony.

Donkey basketball, said to be better than a rodeo and more fun than a circus, will be presented here April 13 when two teams of Post Junior Chamber of Commerce members play each other in the junior high gym.

Members of the Post Lions Club elected Jim Jackson as new president at their regular weekly dinner meeting.

Even track starter's pistols can be dangerous. Coach Glynn Gregg learned Tuesday. Coach Gregg received a painful injury to the second finger of his left hand when the starter's pistol he was reloading accidentally discharged during high school track practice. The "blank" fired by the gun inflicted a gash in the coach's finger that required stitches.

50 Years Ago April 7, 1955

T. L. Jones, seeking his third term as mayor, was defeated by James L. Minor in a city election which attracted one of the heaviest votes in its history.

Jerry Windham and Marshall Ticer received special awards at a Court of Honor held by Boy Scout Troop 16. Star Scout awards went to Paul Wheatley and Johnny Kemp.

O. L. (Ollie) Weakley was presented a watch by Irby G. Metcalf Jr., upon his retirement as vice president of the First National Bank, of which he had been an employee since 1917.

Miss Juanita Tyra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tyra of Lamesa, will become the bride of Bobby Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Terry, on June 24. Miss Tyra is a senior student in Lamesa High School. The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Post High School, is employed by Brown Brothers.

The Post High School girls' volleyball team, coached by N. R. (Jiggs) King, won the south half district title defeating Tahoka. Members of the team are Loyce Joyce, Betty Sue Norman, Wynonne Morris, Arleta Gary, Katie Lou McClellan, Mildred Wells, Barbara Wheatley, Marie Howard, Frances Craig and Louise Gerner. Also involved are Rhea Hays and Joyce Jocy.

60 Years Ago April 5, 1945

Work is progressing on the extensive remodeling project of the White House Hotel, brought recently by Mr. and Mrs. A. Pinkerton. The name of the hotel is being changed from the White House to Hotel Garza.

This week Mason and Company observes the 30th anniversary of the founding of the firm. Over this period of years the company has been an influential factor in the development of the town. Marshall Mason graduated from Post High school in 1913 and had three jobs before he began his own business. He delivered groceries for the late Jim Power, worked for 'Doc' Collier and the Double U. Co. During thirty years of business many associations have been formed within the firm. Employed at present are Marvin Hudman, Weaver Moreman, Mrs. Marvin Hudman and Doyle Baxter.

Repairs and an additional section to enlarge the floor space is now in progress at the Hunt's Cafe, according to the owner and manager, B. L. "Whitey" Graham. The name of the cafe is also to be changed from Hunt's cafe to "Whitey's." Mr. Graham is widely known in this section as "Whitey" and customers have suggested the change in the name of the popular eating establishment.

J. A. Stallings was elected mayor over John Cearley in the City election held April 3rd. Commissioners elected were Walter Hyde and R. R. Greenfield.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Private Pesticide Applicator Testing & WPS Training Set April 12 in Tahoka

Private Pesticide Applicator License testing will be held Tuesday, April 12 at The Center For Housing & Community Development (1400 Ave. K) in Tahoka. Training for the license will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Noon lunch break. Testing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Texas Cooperative Extension staff will conduct the training. Texas Department of Agriculture staff will administer the tests. Any person who purchases and utilizes pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides, etc.) must have a valid license.

All persons attending must register by Monday, April 11 by calling their County Extension Office: Borden County 806/756-4336; Garza County 806/495-4400; Lynn County 806/561-4562; Mitchell County 325/728-3111; Scurry County 325/573-5423.

Worker Protection Standard Training for Farm Employees A Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training will be held on Tuesday, April 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a Spanish version at The Center For Housing & Community Development (1400 Ave. K) in Tahoka. An English training will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Texas Department of Agriculture staff will conduct the training.

The Worker Protection Standard went into effect in 1995 and all persons must comply with WPS if they employ any person to produce a plant or plant product for sale and use any type of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) Employers must comply with WPS by providing training to employees, post information at a central location, provide decontamination sites, provide emergency assistance, notify employees of re-entry intervals, provide protective equipment along with other requirements.

All persons planning to attend must register by Monday, April 11 by calling your County Extension Office: Borden County 806/756-4336; Garza County 806/495-4400; Lynn County 806/561-4562; Mitchell County 325/728-3111; or Scurry County 325/573-5423.

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Extension Extras

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Executive Board Meeting April 18, Noon, at the Extension office. Please bring lunch with you.

4-H Booster Club April 18, 6:00 p.m., at the Extension office.

4-H Council Meeting April 18, 6:00 p.m., at the Extension office.

Leadership Lab

May 31 through June 2 are the dates for District 2 Leadership Lab at South Plains College. Cost of the session is \$96 which covers meals, lodging, snacks, project and program expenses. For more information or to pick up registrations forms, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post.

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.

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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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Wilkinson to play at Hotel Garza over Memorial Day Weekend

Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast expands its music event calendar with the Great Plains' premier western poet, songwriter and playwright Andy Wilkinson. The two nights of original music of the American West is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, 2005. Classically trained musician Amanda Shires will join Wilkinson. "We are excited to have such great artists like Andy to present to lovers of original music in a comfortable intimate setting. We've offered the Doug Smith Christmas events for about 7 years now with great success and we have taken special care to present another West Texas treasure," said Hotel Garza owner Jim Plummer. These performances of original western music and poetry will take place in the intimate setting of the Hotel Garza dining room. Seating is extremely limited for these exclusive music events. Andy Wilkinson is a poet, song writer, singer, and playwright whose particular interest is the history and peoples of the Great Plains. Wilkinson has recorded six albums of original music and has written five plays, "Charlie Goodnight's Last Night," a one-man show performed by Mr. Barry Corbin, the musical drama, "My Cowboy's Gift," "The Soul of the West" (written with Red Steagall), "The Fires of Camp," an historical musical commissioned by the City of Lubbock for their new outdoor amphitheater, and "A Way

in the West," a one-woman show performed by Ms. Trudy Fair.

He has just been commissioned by Texas Frontier Trails to write the drama for their new Goodnight-Loving Amphitheater in Mineral Wells, Texas. His work has received several awards, including the Texas Historical Foundation's John Ben Shepperd Jr. Craftsmanship Award, and three National Western Heritage "Wrangler" Awards, two for original music and one for poetry.

He is also adjunct professor in the Honors College of Texas Tech University, where he teaches art as a way to express sense of place, and songwriting in the school of music. In addition to his writing and teaching, he tours extensively in a variety of venues in the US and abroad.

After early training in classical music, Amanda Shires numbered among the first members of Lanny Fiel's Ranch Dance Fiddle Band, learning traditional Texas fiddle styles and performing on tour with the highly-regarded group in a

variety of venues, including the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, New Mexico, and the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

She has also recorded and toured with The Thrift Store Cowboys, an alternative-country band comprised of college students who grew up on ranches on the Llano Estacado and who write their own eclectic songs about the southern plains.

Presently, she records and tours with Andy Wilkinson, bringing her unique fiddle style to his original music of the American West. She is a graduate of the internationally-acclaimed music school of South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, as well as a graduate of Texas Tech University. Call the hotel at 495-3962 for reservations and special weekend packages. The Evening events start at 6:30 PM.

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- 1 ex-Cowboy QB Laufenberg
- 5 "those" south of the border
- 6 "Dallas" question: "Who ___ J.R.?"
- 7 TXism: "___ a look see"
- 8 "___ Crater" was discovered in 1920s
- 17 TX-filmed "___ the Love of Benji"
- 18 TXism: "just ___ whittling"(idle)
- 21 UT tower sniper (init.)
- 22 TXn relocater?: U-___
- 23 TX O. Henry, William Sydney
- 24 this Myers designed the TX capitol
- 29 TXism: "he'd arm wrestle King ___"
- 30 pineapple king
- 31 first two initials of 24-across
- 32 TXism: "can't make a silk purse ___"
- 34 TXism: "___ lutin" (aloof)
- 35 medicine-approving agcy. (abbr.)
- 36 TX co. prosecutor: ___ Attorney
- 37 TX cattleman's contribution
- 38 not excited
- 39 '93 Nolan Ryan video
- 41 TXism: "he's too lazy to swat ___"

DOWN

- 12 TX space walker White (init.)
- 13 Spurs game start
- 14 WWII bomber "___ Gay"
- 15 fairy tale monster
- 16 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ___"
- 19 sewing aids
- 20 TX OrbiSon tune: "In ___"
- 22 book: "___ Laws Are Made"
- 24 ___ Siecke State Forest
- 25 this TX Denny founded Pro Set (football card co.)
- 51 unaccounted for soldiers (abbr.)
- 52 Dallas hangout: "West ___"
- 53 fed. agcy. that operates on TX-Mex border (abbr.)
- 54 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink"
- 55 Fort Worth's St. Hospital
- 56 TXism: "attacked like grandma ___ chicken snake"
- 57 former NYC mayor regulated eating
- 58 adhere to
- 59 goose sound
- 60 TXism: "as ___ an outhouse on a cold morning"
- 61 birds of prey
- 62 TX Dr Pepper once owned ___ Dry
- 63 TX singer Frankie

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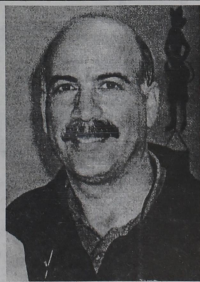
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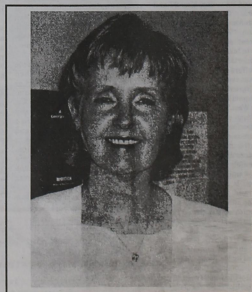
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