Trustee walks away from county jail

A 22-year-old Post man, a trusty at the Garza County Jail, is wanted for escape after he walked away from his job at the jail early Friday morning.

Matthew Rynn Norman slipped away from the jail at about 3 a.m., according to Sheriff Cliff Laws. Norman was working in the building's offices when a 9-1-1 call came in. Although it is unclear exactly what occurred, Laws said it appears Norman escaped when the dispatcher, who does double duty as jailer during overnight hours, was busy handling the

Laws said it is not known which door Norman used to leave the building, but one door was found unlocked.

Norman was in custody for revocation of probation in Garza, Nolan and Scurry counties, Laws said.

Norman, a 6-foot Caucasian male who weighs approximately 165 pounds, was last seeing wearing orange jail pants and a white T-shirt. He has green eyes and brown hair and may be traveling in a silver 2000 Mitsubishi Montero with an acquaintance, the sheriff said.

Awarrant has been issued, Laws said. As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, no sightings of Norman had yet been reported.

Anyone with information pertaining to Norman's whereabouts is asked to contact the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Howell presents economic development plan to county

Local resident Fred Howell presented a report to the Garza County Commissioners Court Monday that spotlighted the financial impact of the local prison facility, challenging commissioners to help increase the number of local residents employed there.

According to Howell's report, the base pay of a correctional officer in the local facility is \$14.99 per hour. In a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks a year, that employee makes \$31,179.20 per year, "plus excellent benefits," Howell

As of the first of this month, 32 individuals made up the prison's third shift. Seventeen of that total, or 53 percent, are individuals who reside outside of Garza County. Multiplying the annual base salary of \$31,179.20 by 17 indicates that more than half a million dollars - \$530,046 - is being paid to individuals of a single shift who actually live - and spend - outside of Garza County.

To determine the indirect financial impact or loss reflected by the figures, Howell multiplied that figure by three and then four - and the numbers got quite hefty, ranging from \$1.59 million to \$2.12 million.

Howell provided an overall picture of what he perceives to be a problem by multiplying the base annual pay of a correctional officer — \$31,179.20 - by 130, or 53 percent of the facility's total of 246 employees (working from the assumption that the average employee salary is at least that of a correctional officer and that 53 percent is a representative figure of the number of employees who live outside the county). Multiplying the total by the three, then four, to show the indirect financial impact, Howell came up with figures of more than \$12.15 million and \$16.2 million.

At \$31,179, the base pay of a correctional officer in Post is more than \$7,000 higher than the average Garza County wage, Howell wrote in his report. Starting salary for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers is \$20,592. After three years' experience, that number is bumped to \$27,540. That means the base pay for local correctional officers is more than \$10,000 above that paid by the state and more than \$3,600 above that paid by the state to employees with three years of experience.

Howell challenged the court to work with MTC to educate local residents about the benefits of employment at the prison; to survey local residents to identify potential job candidates; to develop a program to advertise for potential job candidates within the county; to set up a procedure for assisting candidates in qualifying for employment; and to prepare a monthly report monitoring the progress of such efforts.

Highway traffic collections enrich local, state governments

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$30,788.36 during the month of March, largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garzy 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 \$12,898.25 which included 145 traffuc misdemeanor cases, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$17,890.11 involving 135 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 to regulate commercial trucking 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 reveals 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. That omission may not be accidental. 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 at the time of its creation, the scope of the Transportaton Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation" (carriers for

The requirement to register "vehicles" 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 which use the roads for the purpose of transporting for hire: for example, busses, cabs, freight carriers, etc.

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

Post ISD trustees look at cafeteria

Trustees for the Post Independent School District met in special session at noon Friday, but no action was taken.

Superintendent Marlin Marcum said the board reviewed color schemes and finishes available for use in the new cafeteria being built, but the board is "still debating" the final cosmetic details for the struc-

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Lake Alan Henry boating accident leaves one dead

by Sheri Lewis

A 45-year-old Brownfield man re- sized during the search effort due to mained missing Tuesday following a two-boat collision that occurred Saturday afternoon at Lake Alan Henry.

The missing man, Aaron Smith, and a friend, Tommy Hines of Brownfield, were boating in that area of the lake known as the mouth of Little Great Creek when their craft and another collided, according to reports. The second boat was carrying three passengers - Steve Saenz, the craft's operator, Jayson Dale Reeves and James Bradley Snyder, all of Dumas. The accident occurred at about 1:30 p.m.

Injured in the collision were Hines, 40, who was airflighted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock by Aerocare, and Snyder, 26, who was transported by Post EMS to Lubbock's University Medical Center, according to Constable Daniel Yarbro. Exact injuries suffered by each are unknown, but Snyder was released from UMC earlier this week. Hines remained in Covenant in critical but stable condition as of mid-day Tuesday.

The investigation into what caused the collision remains ongoing, according to Capt. Rick Gully of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Division. However, preliminary findings indicate that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Although the Parks & Wildlife officials are heading up the investigation and search, several local and area agencies have been involved, including the Garza County constables, the Garza County Dive Team, Lubbock Police Department, Lubbock Fire Department, the Garza County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety, Yarbro said. Also providing assistance has been the Garza County Victim's Assistance Office advocate, Jayta Cravy.

"She's provided a tremendous amount of help," Yarbro said.

As of Tuesday morning, the DPS helicopter was preparing to make its second search. Eight divers were in the water.

"There's someone here at these facilities around the clock," Yarbro said. "You're looking at an awful lot of manpower. We will not stop searching until we find this gentleman."

Inclement weather, including high winds and thunderstorms, has hampered the search. Earlier this week, the constable office patrol boat cap-

"Father of the Bride" opens at Garza Theatre

The next production of the Garza Theatre will be "Father of the Bride," with performances set for May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21.

Based on the novel by the same name, the play will be directed by Jay Young and produced through a special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service Inc.

Cast members will include Rob Holton, Michael Blackburn, Virginia Solomon, Kristin Thomas, Todd

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windy conditions. No one was injured in the accident, Yarbro said, and most of the equipment and the boat have been retrieved. The search effort was temporarily shut down due to lightning.

Gully said an accident reconstruc-

investigation. He began examining the boats Sunday and will take his findings to compile a report that hopefully will provide authorities with some insight as to what occurred Saturday afternoon.

A land search has been con-

tion specialist is assisting in the ducted, as well as an aerial search of the area, but no clues as to Smith's whereabouts have been found. Authorities presume the man has drowned, but Gully said he likes to look at the situation another way.

> "We always prepare for the worst, but hope for the best," he said.



Post High School Lady Lope Nikki Norman (front center), signs on with the Cisco Junior College women's basketball team Thursday, April 21. Present for the occasion are (back row left to right), Coach Jerry White and Cisco women'sbasketball coach Tommy Simmons (front row), Nancy Norman, Nikki Norman and Jimmy Norman. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Tax abatement proceeds

by Wes Burnett

A tax abatement for Orison Energy's planned multi-million dollar windfarm in south Garza County went one step further Monday with the approval of a reinvestment zone by the Garza County Commissioners' Court.

The decision came after a public hearing on the matter, with no one expressing opposition to what is expected to be a 10 year tax abatement on county taxes for the project. Judge Giles W. Dalby appointed a committee to work out the details of the tax abatement agreement. Serving on the committee are Dalby, commissioner Mike Sanchez, county attorney Leslie Acker and tax assessor Judy Bush.

The court also hear an economic development idea from Fred Howell (see related story). Howell recommended that county officials use their influence to create more aggressive recruiting of local citizens for employment as correctional officers at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

Commissioners agreed to seek bids for a replacement van which serves transportation needs of local elderly citizens.

The high bid of \$4,025 from Joe

Martinez was accepted for the sale ceived at \$1,500 and \$750. The propof property located at 308 N. Av- erty was placed for sale after adverenue I. Two other bids were re-

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Post Notes

Booster Club to finalize plans

Antelope Booster Club will meet Monday night, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons to finalize plans for the Sports Banquet, which has been scheduled for Monday, May 16.

Early voting under way

Early voting in the local May elections began Wednesday and will continue through May 3. Election day is set for May 7.

Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up Month

The mayor and Post City Council have designated this month as Clean-up, Fix-up and Paint-up Month, a voluntary campaign to promote spring cleaning around local residences. Citizens are encouraged to clean up accumulated weeds and debris, as well as move out junked or abandoned vehicles from around the exterior of their homes. Although the mowing of weeds in the alley is the homeowner's responsibility, the city has hired extra crews to work the alleys every Saturday in April. The program may extend into May. For assistance, contact Jenifer at City Hall at 495-2811.

Co-op system inventory under way

South Plains Electric Cooperative continues the process of inventorying its entire system this month. The process involves a contractor from Southeastern Reprographics visiting every pole, meter and facility. Anyone with concerns should contact Bobbie Gannon, Spur/Childress District manager, at 806-271-3311 or Jantzen Louder, project coordinator, at 806-775-7719. 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.

Cancellation of School Board Election

It is hereby posted on this 25th day of April, 2005, that the election for the 2 positions of Post ISD Trustee at Large has been declared cancelled by the Post ISD Board of Education at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2005, due to only two candidates applying for the positions.

Free Skin Cancer Screening

Texas Tech Dermatologist will be at the University Medical Center, 602 Indiana Avenue in Lubbock on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. No appointment needed, walk-in only. Free parking will be available on the Southwest corner of the building. This community service is being offered to coincide with National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention month, sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology.

Sports Banquet set May 16

The Post Antelope Booster Club will hold the annual Sports Banquet Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in the community center. Tickets will be available soon for \$10 per person in advance and \$12 at the door. Mark your calendar now to attend as the Lopes and Lady Lopes of 2004-2005 are honored for the hard work and

Shapes Head Start taking applications

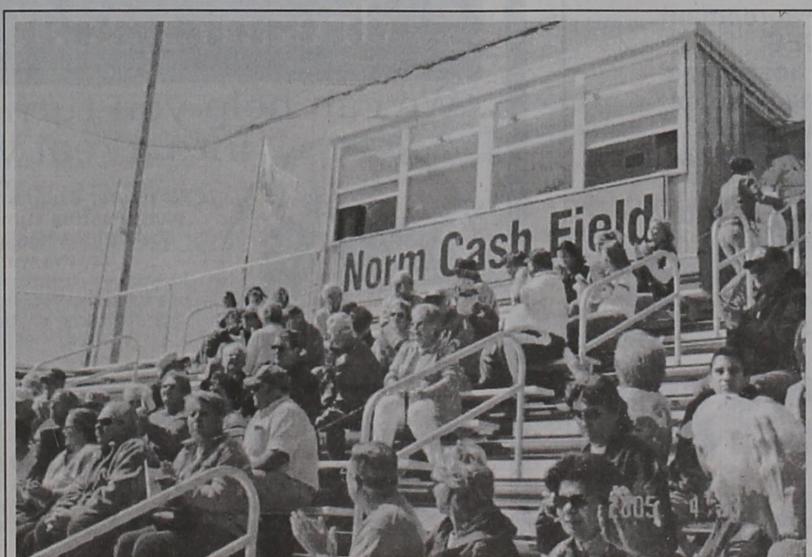
We are taking applications at Shaping Succes for the 2005-2006 school year! The center is located at 212 S. Avenue E. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2005. There are several documents that you must provide, please call 495-2554 or 894-2207 for more information.

Early voting under way

Early voting in the local elections continues through May 3. Election day is set for May 7.

Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Week

Miller/Luman VFW Post 6797 in Post will observe Vietnam Veteran Appreciation Week, May 1-7, 2005. In honor of all Vietnam Veterans, the post will have hamburgers and hot dogs at the Post Hall, 1006 E. Main Street on Saturday, May 7 from 5-7 p.m. All Vietnam Veterans are invited, if you would like a Certificate of Recognition of your service call Chuck Ratliff at 495-2006 and give him your name before Friday, May 6.



A new sign at the high school baseball field reflects the new name dedicated in honor of Norm Cash during last Saturday morning's ceremony at David Nichols Park. County Judge Giles W. Dalby led the ceremonies, introducing Norm Cash's family members and former PHS classmates (1951).



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the school, in modernizing the baseball park and making it a place of pride. Cooperation

between the city and county has been enhanced. Our city has retained its recognition as

one of the Main Street Cities in the state, and we have attracted several new businesses.

I recently had the privilege of traveling to Austin to receive an award from the Texas

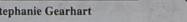
Department of Agricuilture which was awarded to Post for being one of the top 10 rural

However, much remains to be done. I am asking you for your vote and influence for the

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Rotary Club recognizes PHS students

Courtney Short and Stephanie Gearheart were recognized this month by

Short, daughter of Mark and Carol Short, has been involved with track, cross country, softball and Student Council during her high school career. She

also has served as a class officer and cheerleader. She has been recognized in many areas, including the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Academic All-District in

track and Academic All-District in cross country. Short said she plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo

following graduation. "I am still undecided on a field," she said. "I have thought about either

music or physical therapy." One of Short's special interests is singing.

"Even though I am undecided on a major, I know that I need an education," she said. "I know that a college education takes time and money, so I am looking for ways to help my parents pay for this."

Gearhart, daughter of John and Renee Gearhart, has been involved with the Student Council while a student at Post High School.

Gearhart has regularly been listed on the 'A' Honor Roll while in school and is listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students

She plans to attend South Plains College before transferring to Texas Tech University in Lubbock where she will major in education.

In addition to her regular school work, Gearhart has taken several dualcredit courses and works at the Garza Theatre. Her interests include hanging out with her friends and family, watching movies and shopping.

Big sales tax rebate increase reported

Garza County realized a significant increase in its third quarter 2004 state sales and use tax numbers, according to a March 17 report from the state comptroller's office.

Although the number of reporting outlets remained largely the same -191 in the third quarter of 2004 compared to 196 a year earlier - gross sales reported by all industries for last year were recorded at \$18,888,306, compared to slightly more than \$12.2 million in the same quarter in 2003. The jump marks an increase of 54.7 percent, according to the comptroller's report.

Use tax purchases in the third quarter 2004 were at \$110,988, the report states. Total amount subject

A review of the retail trade division also indicates a hefty upswing in the local economy. According to the report, 128 retail outlets reported in the third quarter of last year, compared to 137 in the same period in 2003; however, gross sales for the third quarter of 2004 topped \$13.1 million, compared to slightly less than \$7 million in the previous year. The increase is set at 91.1 percent.

Use tax purchases for the period last year were \$7,912. Total amount subject to state sales and use tax in the retail trade division was \$4,437.929, according to the report.

Taxation ... a "legal" form of extortion ... forcing people to pay under threat of eviction and forfeiture of property

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Harpers celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harper of Post celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 19 with a dinner at Chapa's Restaurant, which had been beautifully decorated by Jackie Cruse.

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The couple's children hosted the event.

The Harpers were entertained with a song performed by Delores Harper's sister, Verleaner Hicks of San Antonio; a song by her niece, Bessie Lee of Post; by their grandson, Corey Cruise of Lubbock; and by their great-greatgranddaughter, Kindra William of Lubbock. A poem also was read by the couple's great-grandchildren.

Numerous family members and friends attended the gathering.

The Harpers are the parents of Doris Johnson, Alvin Harper and Charles Harper, all of Lubbock, and Pat Cruse of Post. They have 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Albert Harper and the former Delores Hicks were married March 18, 1945, in Shiner.

County Commissioners' Court...

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tising and due process notification to the owner, who had defaulted on tax delinquency dating back to 1991.

A plan to remodel the Heritage House adjacent to the Garza County Historical Museum was explained by Caprock Cultural Association direc-

tor Jo Ann Mock. No county funds are involved in the project. Getting rid of termites and making repairs at the courthouse was also approved following an explanation of the problems by Judge Dalby. Parts of the basement and clerk's office are infested, with serious damage in the

basement. A bid of \$2,560 for the work by Terminix was approved. A transfer of funds within the county clerk's office was also approved, with clerk Jim Plummer emphasizing that the fund transfer for additional office supply and printing cost is within the department's current budget.

"Father of the Bride at Garza Theatre ... (Continued from Page 1)

Eldridge, Crystal Spencer, Tanner Britton, Lori Holt, Micah Robnett, Richard Whiting, Ashley Richardson, Roy Willis, Christina Burke and Zachery Kocurek

Curtain times for Friday and Saturday shows will be 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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Our hearts were blessed by the beautiful flowers, thoughtful cards and visits, gifts of food, and gentle encouragement extended to us during the recent loss of our husband and father, George Hansard. We were all overwhelmed with the tremendous support given to our family over the recent weeks. A special thank you is extended to Mary Alonzo for her gracious care of George, Dr. Ray for his medical advice and care, Odyssey Hospice for making things so much easier for George, and all the wonderful hospital staff for their endless hours of attention. Thank you again for your kind thoughts and prayers.

The family of Judge George H. Hansard

Amanda Workman honored in Who's Who

Amanda J. Workman of Post has been elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 2005, according to

Workman was included in the list of honored students in recognition of her outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student at Midland College.

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Grandson of famous British Prime Minister discusses Middle Eastern issues at Texas Tech forum

Rosa Latimer Bell, owner of Ruby Lane Books in Post, recently had the opportunity to meet and interview Winston S. Churchill, grandson and namesake of Britain's well-known prime minister.

by Rosa Latimer Bell

Churchill was in Lubbock to visit the Rawls College of Business CEO Roundtable at Texas Tech University.

"This experience prompted me to order several books for the store written by or about the Churchills," Bells said, "Even if his name were John Dow, he's be entertaining, intelligent and interesting. An outstanding speaker, successful author, former war correspondent and journalist in his own right, Mr. Churchill is also very personable and forthright."

Churchill's topic of discussion for the roundtable was Middle Eastern Issues and the Global Effect.

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During the event, Churchill explained that although he chose the subject some time ago, he knew it would be "Topic A" in the world in which we live today and for many years to come.

"Whatever else might be happening in the world, you can bet your boots that there will be an ongoing crisis in the Middle East," he said.

Quoting from his latest book, "The Best of Winston Churchill's Speeches," Churchill shared his grandfather's warning about Islamic fundamentalism issued more than 80 years ago in an address delivered as British colonial secretary in 1921. In that speech, the elder Churchill said, "Alarge number of (Saudi Arabia's king) bin Saud's followers belong to the Wahabi sect, a form of Mohammedanism which bears, roughly speaking, the same relationship to orthodox Islam as the most militant form of Calvinism would have borne to Rome in the fiercest times of (Europe's) religious wars. The Wahabis profess a life of exceeding austerity, and what they practice themselves they rigorously enforce on oth-

Relating these words to the world situation today, Churchill said, "The Middle East crisis has taken on a whole new dimension, extending as it-does to Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. Indeed, even if there were to be a breakthrough on the Israel/Palestine front where, incidentally, by 2015 there will be more Arabs than Jews between the Mediterranean and the River Jordan - the challenge of Islamic fundamentalism would still be with us."



Winston S. Churchill (left) autograhs a copy of his new book for Post's Rosa Latimer Bell at recent Texas Tech event.

Church said he believes the U.S. has no choice but to see the conflicts "in both Afghanistan and Iraq through to victory, whatever the cost and however long it takes. Let there be no illusion that we can quickly bring our troops home. Having liberated the people of Afghanistan and Iraq from brutal regimes, we have both a self interest and a moral obligation to see both undertakings through to success, and, meanwhile, to wage war with all of our might against the forces of global terrorism."

Church said that "to cut and run prematurely" as some would advocate would "undermine those forces of moderation we are seeking to establish in power, betray what our soldiers have fought and died to achieve and hand victory to our enemies."

Quoting from his grandfather's first address to the House of Commons on becoming prime minister in May 1940, he said, "You ask 'What is our aim? I can answer in one word. It is victory. Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror. However long or hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival." Churchill said he believes this applies to the situation that confronts the world today.

Describing the challenge ahead, he said, "I say to our friends and allies in Europe and around the globe, this is not America's battle alone. It is a battle on behalf of the whole world and on behalf of generations yet unborn. I have every confidence that, in confronting this new challenge, America and Britain - together with our allies - can prevail and shall prevail, just as together we have triumphed in the past."

"Certainly this was no ordinary John Doe," Bell said following her time with Churchill. "This was a former parliamentarian and war correspondent who has gained great insight from the per-

sonal relationship and extensive study of his grandfather, Winston Churchill, and from his own experience and association with other world leaders. I was indeed fortunate to spend time with this distinguished man."

Menus

Post ISD

May 2 - Breakfast - pancake on stick,

broccoli & cheese, bread stick, peaches, May 16th.

May 3 - Breakfast - donut, sausage, Lunch - burrito, tossed salad, orange

quarters, cookie, milk. May 4 - Breakfast - oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch - chicken nuggets, quick baked potato, mixed vegetables, hot roll, fresh fruit cup, milk.

May 5 - Breakfast - cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk. Lunch - pizza, tossed salad, apple,

chocolate cake, milk. May 6 - Breakfast - cereal, toast, fruit,

juice, milk. Lunch - BBQ on bun, pickle spears, tater tots, corn cobbette, fruited gelatin,

Southland ISD May 2 - Breakfast - pancakes, sausage,

Lunch - fajita w/white rice, broccoli w/ cheese, breadsticks, fruit cup, milk. May 3 - Breakfast - oatmeal, toast,

sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - BBQ wienes, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk. May 4 - Breakfast - cheese toast,

sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - chicken tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, refried, beans, pudding,

May 5 - Breakfast - cereal graham crackers, juice, milk.

Lunch - burrito, tossed salad, orange

May 6 - biscuits and gravy, sausage,

Lunch- cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes pickles, brownie, milk.

TRAILBLAZERS May 2- meatloaf, mashed potatoes, fried zucchini, coleslaw, wheat rolls, jello

May 3- pepper steak, rice, peas& carrots, hot rolls, pumpkin crunch. May 4- beef enchiladas, mexican corn

&beans, salad, angel food cake w/peaches May 5 - BBQ chicken, oven potatoes,

spinach coleslaw, cornbread, friut salad. May 6 - king ranch chicken, three bean salad, spinach, banana &

Extension Extras

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

Garza County Jr. Livestock Association

......meeting Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Agenda items include selection of officers, judges and superintendents, setting dates for Fall Fundraiser and 2006 stock show, review financial report and rules. All stock show exhibitors' parents and those interested are encouraged to attend.

4-H End-of-Year Meeting/Get Together

End-of-year meeting May 5th, at the city park, 6:00-8:00 p.m.. All 4-H'ers and youth interested in 4-H are encouraged to come and join the fun.

National Day of Prayer

Come and join us for a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 5th. on the Garza County Courthouse lawn at 12:30 p.m. Contact Texas Cooperative Extension at 495-4400 for more info.

Sustainable Wildlife V

There will be a Wildlife Seminar Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. on the Medlock Land and Cattle Rafter M Ranch. Topics to be covered include Hunting Opportunities, Exotics, High Fence area tour, and Dove Management. For more details and to reserve you lunch plate, call Greq Jones at (806) 495-4400.

Feral Hog Appreciation Day

......will be held Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Room of the Post Community Center at 113 West Main Street. You must RSVP to reserve your lunch plate by May 9th. by calling (806) 495-4400. For more details, call Greg Jones, Garza CEA-AG, at the same number.

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 Lunch - fajita chicken breast, rice, Main in Post. Deadline to sign up is

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. Deadline to sign up is May 23rd.

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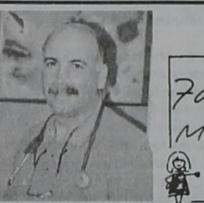
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Gloria Marie Nall Fletcher

Gloria Marie Nall Fletcher, 79, affectionately known as "Nana," went to be with her Lord April 16, 2005, at the Hospice House in Odessa.

She was born Oct. 8, 1925, and was the only child of Jack M. and Mickey R. Nall. Gloria was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High with the class of 1942.

Gloria participated in many activities and was drum major for the Big Spring High School band. Gloria married Eugene Wood Fletcher Jr. May 5, 1945, in Big Spring at the base chapel. He preceded her in death Nov. 14, 2003.

She had been employed by the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Independent School District and she retired from the Big Spring State Hospital.

Gloria is survived by her children, Gloria "Gigi" Scott of Las Vegas, Nev., E.W. "Woody" Fletcher III of Weatherford, Judy Richbourg and her husband, Jerry of Big Spring, Jack Fletcher and his wife, Connie of Austin, Tom Fletcher and his wife, Bunny of Big Spring and Mickie McGregor and her husband, Johnny of

Grandchildren, Chris and Laura Thompson, Todd Thompson, Hayden Scott, Ashleigh and David Lookingbill, Mickie and Danny Shelton, Justin Fletcher, Casey and Becky Richbourg, T.J. and Jennifer Richbourg, Jeff Richbourg, Amy Chrane, Brandi and Max Nickerson, Laci Fletcher, April and Mark McKinney, Lindsey Fletcher, Jaime Fletcher, Jonathan McGregor; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, JoAnn Fletcher, and her grandson, Johnny Breck Fletcher. Pallbearers were Lonnie Newton, Jonathan McGregor, Chris Thompson, T.J. Richbourg, Justin Fletcher, Todd Thompson, Bob Parks and Jeff Richbourg.

Honorary pallbearers will be the grandchildren. The family wishes to give special thanks to Leslie Williams, R.N., Brandi Calvio, R.N., Home Hospice, the staff at Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home and the loving and caring staff of Hospice House of Odessa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice House, 903 N. Sam

Houston, Odessa 79761. The services were at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2005, with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

H.R. "Spike" Strofer

Services for H.R. "Spike" Strofer of Post will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Terrace Cemetery. The Rev. Lloyd Stice of the First United Methodist Church will officiate. Military Graveside rites will be by aHonor Guard from Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Strofer died Monday, April 25, 2005 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born July 17, 1918 at New Bremen, Ohio to William and Anna (Kuck) Strofer. Spike was raised at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. In 1943 he moved to Post and married Callie Nelson August 28, 1943 at Clovis, New Mexico. She preceded him in death January 29, 2003. He then served in the Army during WW II. After returning to Post, he worked for a number of drilling

companies. Spike started his career with Dr. Dunn and also worked in Alaska drilling oil wells. He retired in 1978. He was a longtime member of the Lutheran

Survivors include four daughters: Delores and her husband Jimmie Redman

of Post, Jane and her husband Bill Widick of Wildorado, Sue and her husband Richard Meek of Hobbs, New Mexico, Joan and her husband Randy Gross of Wolfforth and Joy and her husband Gary of Clinton, Mississippi. One sister: June Smith of Cortez, Colorado. 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The family received friends at the funeral home, Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jerry Jewell

Memorial services were held Thursday, April 21, 2005 at Terpening & Son Chapel for Jerry Jewell, Artesia, New Mexico.

Mr. Jewell, 49, died Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Artesia General Hospital Rev. Ron Miner from Post, Texas will officiate at the services. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary.

Mr. Jewell was born October 1, 1955 in Douglas, Arizona; the son of Jack Jewell and Donna (Negley) Jewell.

On Dec. 1, 1973 he was married to Lynne LeCompte in San Jose, Calif. He came to Artesia in 1979 from California.

He was a Lease Operator for Merit Energy.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents. Survivors include his wife Lynne Jewell of the family home; mother Donna Pendergrass of Ruidoso, N.M.; step-father Pat Pendergrass and Mary Lou of Las Cruces, N.M.; sons Chris Jewell and wife Myndi of Lubbock, Texas, Jason Jewell of Artesia, and Randall Jewell of Artesia; brothers Gary Jewell of Bluewater Lake, N.M., and Jim Jewell of Roswell, N.M.; sisters Jayne Heppler of Farmington, N.M., and Patci Lewis of Midland, Texas; grandchildren Katelyn Jewell of Lubbock, and Nicole

Services are under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary. Remember Mr. Jewell online at www.artesiafunerals.com

Vada Kinman

Memorial services for Vada Ladell Kinman, 72, of Lubbock were at 1 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2005, in the Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock with Billie Smith officiating.

She died April 22. Born March 6, 1933, in Afton to the late Roy and Hettie (Byrd) Holly, she married Joe S. Kinman Dec. 3, 1949, in Post. He died July 17, 2000. She moved to Lubbock in 1969. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Lovington, N.M., and a homemaker.

Survivors include two children, Frankie Joe Kinman of Denver City and Patte Roman of Big Spring; five grandchildren, LaRinda Hair, Rick Hair, Sally Hair, Holly Underhill and Guy Kinman; five brothers and sisters, Joan Blacklock, Rene Mason and Eddie Holly of Post, Troy Holly of Andrews and Brenda Angerer of Lubbock; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Lou Shults

Services for Lou Shults, 94, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Egan officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral

She died April 21 at the Golden Plains Care Center. Born May 10, 1910, in Jones County, she married Ted Shults on July 4, 1931, in Post. He died Sept. 27, 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of the

Survivors include one son, John Shults of Post; one daughter, Patsy Craig of Post; three sisters, Josephine Hodges of Post, Bobbie Grizzle of League City and Ruby White of Rowlett; one brother, Douglas Tipton of Post; four grandsons; two granddaughters; three great-grandsons; four great-granddaughters; and one

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Walter Eugene Smith

Services for Walter "Pete" Eugene Smith, 73, of Magazine, Ark., formerly of Post, were at 2 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2005, in the Pentecostal Church of God in Magazine. Burial followed in the Ellington Cemetery in Magazine under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home in Booneville.

He died April 22 in a Fort Smith, Ark., hospital. Born Sept. 8, 1931, in Gatesville, he was a retired industrial worker for Burlington Industries in Post where he lived most of his life. He served as a state representative in the Texas House of Representatives. He attended the Assembly of God Church in Magazine. An avid golfer, he was known by his grandchildren

Survivors include one son, Michael Smith of Snyder; one daughter, Charity Willson of Snyder; one brother, Jerry Smith of Texas; one sister, Mary Jo Tanner of LaGrange, Georgia; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Smith. Pallbearers included Dale Smith, Kelly Smith, Mark Smith, Justin Willson,

Bradley Terry and Tim Miller.

Beth Walker

Services for Mary Beth Jepson Walker, 86, will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2005, in the First United Methodist Church in Post with the Rev. Grady Shytles officiating. Burial will be May 2 in Kemp under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died April 11, 2005

Born to Hugh Otto Jepson and Eula May Hooker Jepson on Jan. 25, 1919, in Kemp, she graduated from Mildred High School near Corsicana and Kilgore Junior College before receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College in 1939. During World War II, she lived and worked in Houston.

After moving to Post in 1950, she worked as a bookkeeper and elementary school teacher until she received her librarian certification. She was librarian at Post Junior High School and Post High School until 1977, when she moved to San Antonio. She was librarian at James Madison High School from 1977 until her retirement in 1983. A resident of Lubbock for the last 20 years of her life, she was active in Methodist Church activities, particularly youth activities.

Survivors include her daughter, Dee Ann Walker of Nashville, Tenn.; three sons, Paul Walker of Longview, Neff Walker of Ithaca, N.Y., and Scott Walker of Piscataway, N.J.; one brother, Henry Allen Jepson of Overton; two nieces and one nephew, Jo Beth Gandy, Nancy Gandy Barnes and Stephen Gandy, all of Richmond, Va.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Velma Jean Jepson Gandy.

Charles Cranford

Graveside services for Charles Claude Cranford, 67, of Texarkana were at 2 p.m. April 20, 2005, in the Chapelwood Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Todd Reed officiating. The Chapelwood Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. He died April 18.

Born Jan. 3, 1938, in Woodberry, Ark., he was retired from GTE. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Fordyce, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, Post native Shirley Kay (McBride) Cranford of Texarkana; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Brice Cranford of Texarkana and Chad and Carmen Cranford of Ashdown, Ark.; one daughter and son-in-law, Trena and Stacy Hogg of Sherman; three grandchildren, Margaret Cranford of Ashdown and Ashley Hogg and Damon Hogg of Sherman; two sisters; one brother; his mother-in-law, Alma McBride Williams of Post; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Thelbert McBride, and stepfather-in-law, Joe Williams.

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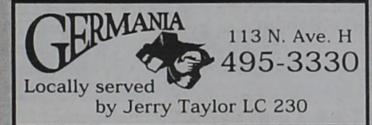
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On God's Word by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ walks with his disciples and continues to teach

In continuing with the records surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we come to the time that he and his disciples left the room. He had just eaten his last meal with them and taught many things. Throughout the meal he stayed right under God's spiritual beat. Musically speaking, he didn't miss a lick. Our readers are urged to go back and read through the records that we have covered so far. Let them soak and abide within. Jesus Christ's ministry on earth was our perfect example for learning to walk with and

speak for God with love and boldness. After teaching his disciples about love, believing and much more, Jesus said, "Arise and let us go" (John 14:31). This record no doubt matches Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26, Luke 22:39 where it says they sang a hymn and went out into the mount of Olives. During their walk, Jesus once again prophesied that Peter would deny him three more times. This is found in Mark 14:27-30, "And Jesus said unto them, 'All you shall be offended because of me this night. For it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, 'Although all shall be offended, yet I will not.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Verily I say unto you that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, you shall deny me three times." The same event is found in Matthew 26:31-34 where it refers to another crow instead of a second crow. The word "the" comes from an earlier known Greek word that meant "a" or "another," and does not contradict the record of a second crow. Peter very likely denied knowing Jesus Christ nine times at the most, or at least six times. It should be noted that just because Peter argued with him, it does not mean the other disciples did any better. Jesus said that they would all be offended. It says in Mark 14:31, "But he [Peter] spoke more vehemently, 'if I should die with you, I will not deny you in any wise.' Likewise said all of them." At this point, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and

Luke jump straight to the place where Jesus began to pray in Gethsemane, with the Gospel of John revealing a great deal more in between. John chapter 15 through the end of chapter 17 is packed with extensive teaching and prayer that is edifying to read and study. Jesus taught his disciples about fellowship by comparing himself to a vine and the rest to branches. All who abide in him will bear spiritual fruit to the end that God in heaven is glorified. Next he taught about love and how it relates to true joy. As the Father loved His son Jesus Christ, so also should we continue in love through Jesus Christ. He commanded them to love one another even as he loved them. He spoke of the "comforter" as the spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, and how it is related to bearing witness of Jesus Christ. He reminded them that they would not see him for a "little while," and would later see him again. Jesus explained to them that the time would come when they would be able to ask anything of the Father in his name, and He will give it. In the name of Jesus Christ they would have direct access to the Father. Chapter 17 begins the record of Jesus' prayer that touches the heart of any believing Christian and is a wonderful example of prayer to the Father. During the next couple of weeks we will follow John chapters 15 through 17 more closely.

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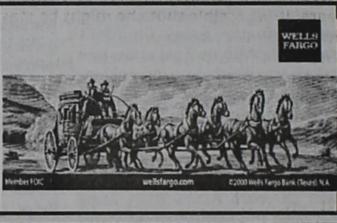
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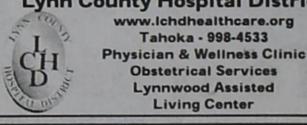
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criticizing some of my comments in my last two columns, prompting accomplice to light a shoe bomb in flight. There are other possible elders who have had enough. this question to you: In managing our personal security, should we security threats. Women's stockings and underwear, as well as guard against possible or probable threats? Consider the measures men's ties and belts, can be used as garrotes for strangulation. Soda and the resource expenditures I might take to guard Mrs. Williams straws can be used to blow poison darts. and me against all possible threats to our security.

I'd construct a tornado shelter because it's possible for a tornado to they are possible means that those same resources cannot be spent strike anywhere. I'd no longer get into my car and drive off without on those far more probable. Moreover, if there were full doing a thorough check of my car's hydraulic brake system for implementation of the program to permit pilots to be armed, the leakage. I'd build an iron-reinforced roof to guard against the more probable threats would become less so. In other words, arming possibility of a meteor. I'd also purchase a metal detector to do pilots and some crew members would lessen a whole class of security sweeps of my property, to guard against the possibility someone threats. might have buried a land mine. I'd hire a detective and forensic The TSA's determined opposition to passenger profiling is in itself it. The West is now besieged by forces that want to wipe spirituality accountant. Even though Mrs. Williams and I have been married 45 a threat to airport security. Take their additional screening. They into a Swiss bank account.

label me as either paranoid or stupid. Why? It would take resources develop a screening method that made more sense, and it would away from guarding against more probable threats to our security, include some sort of passenger profiling, including racial profiling. such as burglary. While my focusing on all possible threats wouldn't And, by the way, liberals shouldn't fret, because the U.S. Supreme be smart, it would make me a prime candidate to become a Court has ruled in several affirmative action cases that provided Transportation Security Administration (TSA) official. Their vision there's a compelling state interest, race can be used in decision of airport security is to focus on the possible as well as the probable. making. It is indeed possible for an 88-year-old man crippled with debilitating pfficial reassignment orders, is also a member of al Qaeda ready to threats — one being our border with Mexico. take out an airplane. It's possible for a mother accompanied by her terrorists to bring something on board to blow up the plane. It is also features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit possible that a pilot plans to blow his plane up with a shoe bomb. That's reason for making him take his shoes off. It's possible that a

Even though I live in Pennsylvania, well outside of tornado alley, are they? Resource expenditure on security threats just because

years, it is possible that she might be stashing some of my money have every incentive to be politically correct. But suppose the TSA had to pay \$1,000 to each passenger they selected for additional Were I to take those measures, I'm sure the average person would screening who was found to be no security threat. You can bet they'd

It's my opinion that sensible TSA security measures would allow arthritis to be a terrorist. It's possible that one of our Marines us to reallocate resources away from policing against possible but returning from Iraq for stateside reassignment, carrying ID and improbable threats to policing the far more probable source of

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Tear down the trade walls

by Sheldon Richman

"Please tear down this wall," the president said. No, it wasn't Second, the short-term adjustments necessitated by foreign President Reagan challenging Soviet President Gorbachev about the Berlin Wall in the 1980s. It was the Ukrainian president, Viktor Yushchenko, addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress last to show a closed factory that used to compete with foreign products. week.

the wall that keeps nearly 49 million Ukrainians from freely selling their metals, minerals, electronics, chemicals, and vegetables to Americans. Of course, his request should be honored. And maybe it will be unless powerful lobbies representing Americans who make competitive products object. That's how Washington works.

Here's the irony in the story: Most people think Yushchenko was American steel makers business, but it helps American steel users, asking a favor in behalf of his people. In truth, whether he knows it or not, he wasn't asking a favor all. He was proposing a mutually beneficial relationship between Americans and Ukrainians.

How could anyone say no?

Simple trade issues are grossly misunderstood. Most people think that when a country opens its market to foreign producers, this is a favor to them, a concession given in return for the opening of the foreign market.

Sellers certainly like to see markets open, but the conventional analysis misses the point. We should open our market to benefit ourselves. This should be done unilaterally and unconditionally with this demand: Sell to us!

Admittedly, I have turned the conventional wisdom on trade on its ourselves too. head. As noted, trade issues are simple. We produce so we can consume. Everyone knows that. Likewise, we sell so we can buy. National boundaries do not change that truth. Thus we export so we can import. And that means an open American market is, first, a benefit to American consumers. Of course, foreign sellers also benefit. But that is the nature of trade. Two parties to an exchange expect to benefit or they do not trade.

How did the truth get flipped? There are a couple of explanations. Influential producer lobbies work hard to persuade the people and politicians that foreign competition does nothing but hurt their members. No mass consumer lobby exists to explain that free competition, product variety, and lower prices are good things.

competition are visible, but the long-term benefits are less so. Its easy for television news to interview a laid-off American worker or It is harder to point to the new products and job opportunities that Yushchenko was asking the senators and representatives to remove have emerged because consumers had more money left in their pockets after buying cheaper foreign goods. This disparity in the visibility of the effects of free trade gives the advantage to selfserving protectionists.

> Consumers are not the only beneficiaries of free trade, however. When cheap steel comes in from foreign countries, it may cost such as the auto makers, to be more competitive. Conversely, a trade barrier that reduces foreign sales reduces the number of dollars foreigners have with which to buy American products. This illustrates a general principle: no trade barrier can ever be in the interest of all Americans. Its always a case of helping one well-connected group at the expense of everyone else.

But what about the trade deficit? Pay it no mind. The deficit in goods and services is precisely mirrored by a surplus in the capital (foreign-investment) account. When everything is counted, the trade books balance.

By all means, let's grant President Yushchenko his wish. Let him believe it's a favor to his people. We know it's really a favor to

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"If the principals are disregarded upon which the annexation of Texas was consummated - Louisiana was a purchase; California, New Mexico, and Utah, a conquest; but Texas was a voluntary annexation - sorrowing for the mistake she made in sacrificing her independence on the alter of her patriotism, she would unfurl again the banner of the Lone Star to the breeze and reenter upon a national career."

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The wrath of God

by Bill O'Reilly

The elevation of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger to head the Roman Catholic Church is a clear and concise message from the College of Cardinals: "We are royally teed off."

Everybody knows that the new pontiff is a tough guy who will not only throw the moneychangers out of the temple, he'll kick them in the behind as they leave the building. Pope Benedict believes strongly in good and evil, and he's not shy about pointing fingers. His letter to American bishops about politicians and abortion cost John Kerry dearly in the last election.

The cardinals, of course, perfectly understand that Benedict is not exactly a cuddly guy and will not be "reaching out," as they say in Several airport security screeners have sent me polite letters blind person carrying a cigarette lighter will give it to a terrorist California. But his hard-line theological approach appeals to church

> In the past three decades, church attendance in the USA and Western Europe has dropped through the floor. Just 25 percent of American Catholics attend mass weekly, and the number is in the While these are all possible threats, the question is, how probable single digits in longstanding Catholic countries like France. Secularism now rules the western world, and there are not enough priests to serve the remaining faithful. How do you say things are not good in Latin?

> > In the face of this spiritual decline, the Catholic Church has decided to make a stand. It will not compromise, and it will not pander. You either toe the line or hit the bricks. Up to you.

> > As a lifelong Catholic, I don't like this approach, but I understand completely out of the public square. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is the point organization in this effort. It supports all abortion on demand, including late-term, no parental consent for minors having abortions, euthanasia with consent, gay marriage and the free speech rights of the North American Man-Boy Love Association, which has posted instructions on how to rape children on its website.

> > The ACLU opposes public funding for the Boy Scouts because their oath mentions God, the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools, public displays of the baby Jesus at Christmas and any restraint on Internet pornography in public libraries.

> > For the most part, the western media sympathizes with the ACLU and promotes its point of view. Thus, the secular message is a constant in our society — the hits just keep on coming.

> > And where is the opposing point of view? Well, there are a few media outlets that give traditionalists a fair shake, but very few.

> > So the Catholic cardinals feel isolated and surrounded. They can preach to the choir on Sunday but get battered by the news and entertainment media the rest of the week. A strong papal voice countering that situation is soothing. And that's why Cardinal Ratzinger is now Pope Benedict XVI.

> > I believe organized religion can be a champion of human rights and provide resistance to secular societies, which, if they progress much further, will never be able to defeat the fanatical Islamic fundamentalists. The more permissive the western world becomes, the more it rejects discipline and avoids confronting evil, the greater the danger to freedom will be.

> > Pope Benedict is facing a rapidly changing world, and perhaps he will be a strong and persuasive shepherd against evil. The danger is that he will be so rigid that he will erode the spiritual core even further, thereby helping the secularists.

> > But the new pope may have an epiphany and realize good people will rally against evil if the case of clear and present danger is made rationally and with compassion. I am praying that happens. The

other side is hoping it will not. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on

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Eagles surprise 'Lopes in 10-9 setback

by Ernest Fox

After a series of intriguing twists and turns last Monday, the Roosevelt Eagles took a wild and improbable 10-9 victory over the Post Antelopes at Taylor Field in Acuff.

Roosevelt overcame deficits of 5-1 and 9-8 to notch the nine-inning win when Roel Salinas drew a bases-loaded, full-count walk with one out off reliever Randon Blacklock. Roosevelt's win (7-14 overall, 6-6 district) stopped the Antelopes' (13-11 overall, 9-3 district) nine-game winning streak.

After a scoreless first inning, Post came back in the second when Wilson Cash led off with an E-3 hit, followed by Blake Nichols' RBI double to center. Later in the inning, with two outs, Miles Gray crushed a two-run no doubt home run via a red Easton stick. Gray's blast also scored Blacklock, who reached on a triple. Roosevelt went down quietly for their second consecutive 1-2-3 side out inning

Post opened the third inning by stretching its lead to 5-1 on Nichols' RBI single, scoring D.J. Baiza with two outs. Roosevelt ended their shutout with a lone run, but left the bases loaded with a two-out, two-strike foul tip.

After three full innings, a young Roosevelt squad was rattled by a Post High club determined to solidify its position for the post-season.

The fourth inning, however, was the inning that wouldn't end, which was great for the Eagles but frustrating for the 'Lopes. Post, after scoring in two consecutive innings, was shut out, with the main damage being on an inningending double play.

The floodgates opened after Roosevelt's leadoff batter went down on a routine 5-3 play at first. When it was over, Roosevelt sent 13 batters to the plate, scored seven runs on four bats, three walks and left three men on base against Antelope starter Andrew Espinoza. The bloodbath stopped only after Roosevelt's number seven and eight hold batters struck out with bases loaded.

Espinoza, the hard-luck 'Lope starter, threw 187 pitches (not counting two strike foul balls and warm-up pitches each inning), allowed 22 base runners, eight hits, struck out 17, walked eight and retired Roosevelt 1-2-3 three times.

Fifth-inning action saw Post push across a lone run when Theo Paiz struck out leading off, but reached on the Eagles catcher's throwing error to first base. Nichols plated Paiz on a sacrifice fly to centerfield. Roosevelt stranded two base runners on three.

Coco Valdez opened the sixth with a one-pitch single, followed by Blacklock and Gray walks. Eventually, all three Antelopes scored with the big blow – a

two-RBI, bases-loaded hit off the Eagle reliever by Jett Lott. The Antelopes had regained the lead, but it didn't last long. The Eagles came back in the bottom of the inning, with Roosevelt getting two walks and one single to tie the game at nine all on Roosevelt's number eight hole hitter's 4-3 groundout.

Post didn't score any late-inning runs and were shut out in the seventh, eighth and nine innings. Roosevelt also was shut out in the seventh and eighth before their ninth-inning heroics.

With the victory, the Eagles split the season series with a 1-1 record, with a 14-13 Post point advantage. Offensively, Post players struck out 10 times, while Roosevelt went down 17 times.

Batting for Post were Coco Valdez, one single, scored once; Blacklock, one triple, two walks, one RBI, scored twice; Gray, one E-5 hit, one home run, one single, one walk, two RBIs, scored twice; Lott, one E-6 hit, one single, two RBIs; Paiz, two walks, one strikeout (reached on error), scored once; Baiza, one single, one walk; one strikeout (reached on error), scored once; Cash, one E-3 hit, scored once; Nichols, one double, one single, on sacrifice fly, one walk, three RBIs, scored once.

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'Lopes overpower Denver City 7-3

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes earned a surprisingly easy victory over the Denver City Mustangs 7-3 in a District 5-2A game, the first to be played on the newly-renamed Norm Cash Field.

In ceremonies preceding the noon start time Saturday, Post High School graduate and major leaguer Norm Cash's legacy was revived with a granite marker unveiled outside the home team's dugout. Signs bearing Cash's name also were unveiled in centerfield and on the press box.

After a 1-2-3 Post first inning, Jett Lott, loading off the second inning, made sure the 'Lopes got off on the right foot against Denver City starter Shane Garner. Lott took a ball in the

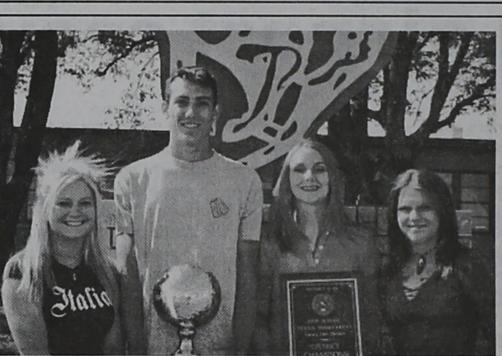
back, Theo Paiz hit a warning track fly ball to right field, then four consecutive 'Lopes walked, followed by three consecutive Antelope singles. A Lott strikeout quelled the five-run explosion on 11 Post at-bats.

The game remained 5-0 in Post's favor until the bottom of the fourth. Quinton Odom led off with a one-pitch single to left and Coco Valdez followed with a one-pitch popout to the Mustang pitcher. Randon Blacklock then laced a one-pitch single to left field. With Odom at third and Blacklock on second, the Denver City pitcher fired an errant throw to second with both Antelopes scoring the final Post runs of the game.

Andrew Espinoza struck out nine



Post Lady Lope powerlifters advancing to State are (left to right), Alana Zubia and Roxanne Orona. .
(Photo by Shellee Odom)



Post Antelope tennis team members qualifying for Regional competition in Abilene are (left to right), Steffi Norman, Cole Easterling, Kylie Easterling and Traci Nelson

and Traci Nelson.
(Photo by Melvena Moore)

and got plenty of help with a solid defensive effort (seven out attempts with only one flaw and three runners thrown out). The Post offense? All the 'Lopes did at the plate was pound out seven hits and draw six walks against two DC pitchers, with ever batter reaching base at least once.

Espinoza walked Russell Green to open the second inning, then struck out five Mustangs in a row and six of seven. Espinoza retired the leadoff hitter in four of six innings, but also surrendered eight base runners his last two frames, twice striking out the final batters with the bases loaded in each of the fifth and sixth innings.

Six different Antelopes scored – Quinton Odom twice. Denver City went to 14 batters (two over the minimum) in the first four innings and went to 20 batters in the last three innings – 11 over the minimum with three runs. Post offensively went to 30 batters in six innings. The Post offense had only three strikeouts in 30 at-bats.

Notable firsts for the newly-named Norm Cash Field for Post were:

First on-base – Lott on base by hit batter

First walk - D.J. Baiza

• First score – Blake Nichols .

 First RBI – Brice Feagin (basesloaded walk)

• First hit - Valdez (single)

 First strikeout by an Antelope pitcher – Andrew Espinoza (leadoff batter Leroy Gallegos)
 First opponent thrown out – Shawn

Kelley at third base by catcher Theo
Paiz

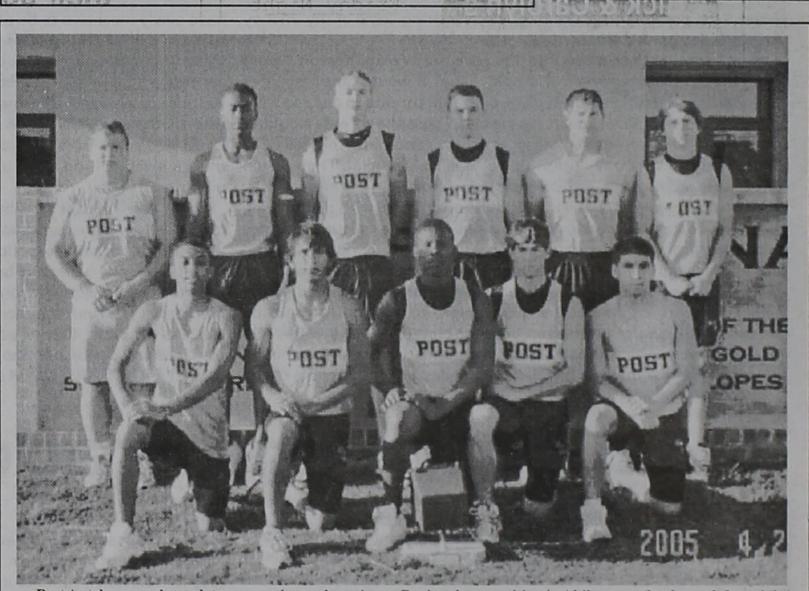
• First double play (against Post) =

• First double play (against Post) – Baiza lined out to third and Paiz doubled off first base



Post Lady Lope Nikki Norman advances to Regional competition in golf.

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope men's track team members advancing to Regional competition in Abilene are (back row left to right), Israel Beggs, Thomas Curtis, Jerrad Grisham, Blake Nichols, Jansen Eilenburger and Wilson Cash (front row), James Griffin, Kenny Garray, Bradley Reed, Trent McDonald and DJ Rivera.

(Photo by Shellee Odom)



Post Lady Lopes track team members advancing to Regional competition in Abilene are (back row left to right), Samantha Hoover, Courtney Short, Jenee Lott, Laurel Tatum and Christin Collier (front row), Claire Kirkpatrick, Meagan Hoover, Rachel Gray and Marlee Plummer.

(Photo by Shellee Odom)

ATMOS energy

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	Proposed	
	Bill (1)	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 it s 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 reque	\$29.50 st	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
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
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's reque	\$39.00 st	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

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Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
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The team accrued 84 points for the fourth place finish.

Individual results, as reported by the coaches, were as follows:

· 2400m-Zach Nava, 9:20, fourth place. • 4x100 - Dalton Doran, Juan Gomez, Jesse Vera and Chad Miller, 53.4, third

• 800m - Patrick Martinez, 2:35, second

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• 110h - Chad Miller, 20.2, third place. · 4x200 - Juan Gomez, Dalton Doran, Adam Meredith, Chad Miller, 1:56, fourth place.

• 400m - Dalton Doran, 1:05.11, fourth

• 300h - Chad Miller, 52.06, fourth place; Patrick Martinez, 56.03, fifth place. • 1600m - Zach Nava, 5:53, third place. • 4x400 - Dalton Doran, Juan Gomez,

Jesse Vera and Chad Miller, 4:36.34, fourth

· Shot put - Juan Gomez, first place, (no throw distance provided); Jesse Vera, 34'9 1/2", fifth place.

• Discus - Juan Gomez, 100'2", fifth

7th grade boys win district track title

The Post Middle School seventh grade boys captured the district title at the district track meet held April 7 at Denver City. The team raked in 226 points for the top

team finish in the competition. Individual results, as provided by the coaches, were as follows:

• 3200m run - Caesar Ceja, 9:50, second place; Cody Dean, 11:26, sixth place; John Bocko, 13:03, seventh place. · 400m relay - Trent Babb, Clint

Windham, Luis Duran and Giles Dalby, 52.04, first place. • 800m run - John Rodriguez, 2:41, third place; Quinten Valdez, 2:43, fifth

• 110m high hurdles - Travis Bergin, 20.57, first place; Luis Duran, 22.5, fourth

• 100m dash - Giles Dalby, 12.05, first place; Joe Menjares, 13.29, second place;

Aaron Norell, 15.1, fifth place.

• 400m dash - Trent Babb, 1:03.04, first place; Joe Menjares, 1:07.88, second place; J.D. Young, 1:08.20, third place. · 300m int. hurdles - Travis Bergin,

56.68, third place. · 200m dash - Clint Windham, 28.29, first place; Josh Rodriguez, 29.47, second

place; Mitchell James, 32.88, sixth place. • 1600m run - John Rodriguez, 6:15, third place; Caesar Ceja, 6:25, fourth place. • 1600m relay - Giles Dalby, Clint

4:09.64, first place. • Shot put - Giles Dalby, 39'1 1/2", first place; Josh Rodriguez, 30'4", fourth place.

• Discus - Giles Dalby, 123'6", first

Mitchell James, 102'4", third. (no distance provided); Travis Bergin,

sixth place (no distance provided). • High jump - Trent Babb, 4'8", first place; Clint Windham, 4'4", fourth place. • Triple jump - Trent Babb, 31'4", first

place; Travis Bergin, 29'4", third place; and Quinten Valdez, 29'9", sixth place. • 800m relay - Luis Duran, J.D. Young, Ouinton Valdez and John Rodriguez, 2:02, fourth place.

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Lady Lopes take 2nd in district

by Julie Young

The Lady Lopes Softball team clinched second place, and an opportunity to advance Lady Lopes racked up 8 and 5 runs in the to the playoffs, with a win over Roosevelt 5th inning alone to rally them to victories. in their final regular season game Monday night. The Lady Lopes won the game 4-2 Norman, Centerfielder LaRissa Halford, Windham, Joe Menjares, Trent Babb, thanks to a double by third baseman Keshia Odom, which scored three of the Lady Lopes four runs. Other standouts at the plate that night were, second baseman Helping out in the outfield were Courtney Kayla Morris who went four for four at the Short, Roxanne Orona, and Cora Crane place; Clint Windham, 112', second place; plate including two singles, short stop who all made some outstanding catches Ashley Powell who went three for four at • Long jump - Luis Duran, fifth place the plate including 2 singles, and catcher Traci Nelson who went two for four at the plate including one single and one double.

Winning pitcher/catcher combo for the Lady Lopes was Sophomore Allison their next two games against Denver City Blevins, and Senior Traci Nelson. Blevins recorded 7 strikeouts on the night and allowed just two walks in 7 innings of play. The Lady Lopes finished their first regular season with an impressive record of 5-3.

The Lady Lopes opened up district play with a 12-11 victory against Idalou, the defending district champs of 2004, and

then went on to defeat Tahoka, this years district champs, 9-4. In both games the Kayla Morris, Designated Player Steffi and Ashley Powell all had excellence hitting performances that sparked the scoring for the Lady Lopes in those 5th innings.

walks in the two games combined. district, the Lady Lopes would then loose and Roosevelt. The Lady Lopes finished the first half of district with a record or 2-2 and in a three way tie for second place with Denver City and Roosevelt. The Lady Lopes showed their determination to succeed as they geared up to begin the

turned in 13 strikeouts and allowed just six

second round of district play. The Lady Lopes went on the road to face p.m., May 5 in Stamford.

Idalou, but came away victorious winning 15-4 in 5 innings. Leading the Lady Lopes to victory from the plate were First Baseman Tori Gonzales, Designated Player Ashley Wilson, Jackie Hays, Keshia Odom, Ashley Powell, and Kayla Morris. Again, Allison Blevins was the winning pitcher for the Lady Lopes in this contest. The Lady Loped would now travel to Tahoka, where they would come up short loosing 4-5 in the seventh inning.

The Lady Lopes finished their season for the Lady Lopes. Once again Blevins strong by defeating both Denver City and Roosevelt. These two victories earned the Lady Lopes a first time historic trip to the Despite getting off to a great 2-0 start in playoffs being the first season of play for softball in Post. That is a very impressive achievement for any program, much less a "new" program. CONGRATULATIONS Girls! You have done an excellent job this season in accomplishing your goals. Just remember, don't stop short! In fact, Don't Stop 'til You Reach the Top!

The Lady Lopes will make their first playoff appearance against Holliday at 6



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Post Antelope senior outfielder Jett Lott goes to bat for the Lopes during Saturday's game against Denver City at Norm Cash Field in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Post Antelope senior pitcher Andrew Espinoza unleashes against Denver City during Saturday's game at Norm Cash (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Inquiries regarding bid specifications should be directed to Ruth Ann Young, Garza County Treasurer at (806) 495-4422. Comparative analysis of proposals will be conducted and a recommendation will be presented to Garza County Commissioners' Court in regular session on May 9,2005.

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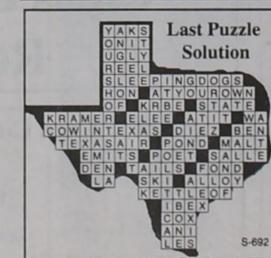
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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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10 Years Ago April 26, 1995

Amber Cooper, a 1995 senior at Post High School, has been accepted to attend Hardin Simmons University in Abilene to play basketball there next year.

Sunnye Baskin was crown 1995 Little Miss Post and the title of Mr. Post went to Miles Gray. Runners-up were Tisha Hair and Levi Williams. The other contestants crown were Mini Miss, Kristian Lee; Mini Mr, Ryan Johnston; Mini Miss Runner-up, Amber Wilson and Mini Mr. Runner-up, Chas Odom.

This weekend marks the first anniversary of the resoundingly successful Old Mill Trade Days in Post.

Congratulations goes out to the District 4AA varsity boys tennis team for bringing home the championship trophy. Members are Jay Williams, Clay Williams, Roman Perez, Bryan Bustoz, Marcos Varela and Jake Loredo.

20 Years Ago April 26, 1985

Post FFA Chapter members headed for state competition are the livestock judging team and the farm busines management team of Mike Johnson, Robert Wood, Mark Tyler, Ricky Benton, Keith Osborn, Clay Cowdrey, Curt Greer and Ron Graves. Instuctor for the team is Perry Smith.

The Xi Delta Rho Sorority held its annual Little Mr. and Miss Post Contest April 13. Mini Miss. for 1985 was Rachelle Jones, runner-up was Ashley Newdiger. Mini Mr. for 1985 was Christopher Warren, runner-up was Joseph Abraham. Little Miss for 1985 was Latricia Hood, runnerup was Wendy McNeely. Little Mr. was Wayne Line, runner-up was Bradley Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Storie of Post announce the engagement of their daughter Rhonda Kay, to Michael Kim Norman. They have chosen a July 6 wedding at the

First Baptist Church in Post. Christina Martinez cracked a school record in the 100 meter hurdles as teammate Belinda Martin took a close second. Martinez broke her own record, set earlier this year at Snyder

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30 Years Ago May 1, 1975

Teresa Sparlin was named Little Miss Post and Brent Jones, Little Mr. Post. Contest runners-up were Tyra Alexander and Rodney Tidwell. Winners and runnersup in the Mini Miss and Mini Mr. contest were Beth Parnell, Mini Miss; Christy Cole, runnerup; Rance Sappington, Mini Mr. and A. D. Sparlin, runnerup.

Cindy Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bird, for the third straight year was high point individual winner in livestock judging at the District 2 4-H contest.

J. A. (Jimmy) Holleman submitted his resignation as Garza County Sheriff to the Garza Co. Commissioners Court.

Roy Gary, Postex Plant card room fixer was honored Friday upon his retirement from Burlington Industries after 23 years of continuous service at the Postex Plant.

Brenda Price won the 220 yard dash in the Blue Bonnett Relays at San Angelo last weekend. She ran the event in 25.5 seconds.

40 Years Ago April 29, 1965

Final end of Post's perennial summer water shortage is in sight today with the offer of the White River Municipal Water District to supply this community with all the water it needs.

The "Caprock Rockers" were big hits Saturday evening at the benefit hot dog supper and fair held by the United Presbyterian Youth. Members of the trio are Giles McCrary, Ken Herron and Jan

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Poole are announcing the birth of a daugther, Cynthia Suzanne, born April 23 in Garza Memorial

Rod Callaway, Southland High School senior, has qualified in the Class B high jump for the state track and field meet.

New officers of the Garza Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were installed last week. They are: Mrs. Garland Davies, president; Mrs. Joe Irons, first vice president; Mrs. M. J. Malouf, second vice to represent the Youth Canteen project. president; Mrs. W. A. Long, treasurer; and Mrs. A. C. Cooke, recording secretary.

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Band has accepted an invitation to lead the parade opening at the 14th Annual Post Stampede and Rodeo here May 25. Loyce Josey has been elected president

and Bill Stephens, vice president of the Post High School Student Council for the

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Raymond Gary, 15-year-old Post High School sophomore, won first place in the Class A 880-yard run at the Region 1 track and field meet in Lubbock. By winning in the regional meet, young Gary qualified for the state meet to be held in Austin.

60 Years Ago

The Addax: You would probably like to know a little something about those who left in the term of '43-'44. Jeff Justice, a minister, has chosen Baylor for his hangout, and so has Mary Margaret Duckworth. Johnny Ruth Cato has entered the career of nursing at the West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. Texas Tech is having to bear the burden of Marshall Mason and Buddy Malouf this year but we don't think they

Miss Helen Stewart and Pokey Ammons were united in marriage April 7, at the Church of Christ in slaton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stewart. The groom, home on leave after completing boot training in the U.S. Navy at San

The Army has told American railroad managers that when the European war ends it expects to bring 300,000 men a month back for discharge or transshipment to the

Baseball teams were recently organized Teams are to be known as the Giants and Yanks and are under the supervision of Paul Duren, Sr., and B. J. Edwards,

50 Years Ago April 28, 1955

Leonard Short, with a scholastic average of 98.61 per cent and Don Gates, with a scholastic average of 97.85 per cent, have been named as valedictorian and salutatorian of this year's graduating class at Post High School.

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An American Icon: Charles William Post Founder of Post City, Texas

part four of a series of articles com- by their mother's private tutoring. Charlie Post who observed that this piled by Linda Puckett from the At age 13, Charlie entered Illinois new country had everything it archives of the Garza County His- Industrial College of Urbana, the needed in grain, fertile soil, space, torical Museum and the book "C.W. forerunner of the University of IIIi- cattle and ambition - everything travel westward for the Climax Santa Fe Railroad. Post - The Hour and the Man" by nois. Nettie Leitch Major.)

convictions and principles, with yet 17 years of age. strict observance of the Sabbath, On returning to Springfield, he sometimes rebelling, but always and an old boyhood chum, Charlie obeying discipline. Rollin and Car- Moodie, made up their minds that rie were lifelong members of the they should see the "wild and wooly a girl with whom he had grown up. Congregational Church, as were west." They wandered down into On Nov. 4, 1874, Charles William their forebears.

Carroll and Aurrie, were educated hands. This adventure was short- uncle at Pawnee, III. Ella's parents

(Editor's note: The following is their education being augmented new ideas and high hopes. It was

After his Urbana days, he joined The Springfield days for the Post the Springfield Zouaves, the family were happy ones. Through- Governor's Guards. During the out childhood, the Post boys were Chicago fire in October of 1871, squander the money, but doubled pranksters, full of fun and tricks — Charlie went with his company to that amount within two years, and just normal, healthy boys. They Chicago, serving under Gen. Phil Charlie repaid his mother. Kansas bedeviled the lives of visiting old- Sheridan during the time the city didn't guite suit Charlie Post, so he maid aunts and cousins, but they was under martial law. That was sold out to his partner and returned

Oklahoma Territory and western Post and Ella Letitia Merriweather The three Post boys, Charlie, Kansas, trying their luck as cowin public schools of Springfield, lived, and they returned home with had died a few years earlier.

but manufactured goods.

The boys persuaded Mrs. Post to lend them \$1,000 to open a hardware store in Kansas. They didn't for the future.

success, he was ready to move on, and first on his agenda was to marry were married at the home of her

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lived under a roof of deep religious quite an experience for a boy not to Springfield with definite plans livelihood would not only make him water and worse food were the be-With his first business venture a an opportunity to study the fast- health, causing digestive disturwest and the southwest. This asso- tently for the balance of his life. ciation lasted for about two years
Two factors removed Post from when the B.D. Buford Co. of Rock road life - that being the rigors of Island, III., made Post a more at- travel, but fundamentally, sound tractive offer. Buford's was a large business sense and the awareness manufacturer of agricultural imple- that the manufacturer rather than

With his new bride settled in with Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska and greater gains. the Post family in the big, rambling extending as far southwest as

Charlie Post's ability to make farm equipment. In the 1870s, traveling salesmen warm friends upon casual meetwere in a relatively new profession ings is exemplified in letters reand earning excellent money on ceived from the beginning of his commission basis. The income could travel days until his eventual death. be unlimited for one willing to en- His interest in his fellow man won dure the rigors of road life, train- him gratitude and friendship wherhopping, bad food and little sleep. ever he traveled. Those traveling Charlie Post thought this kind of days of one-night stayovers, bad a better income, but also provide ginning of the first break in Post's growing agricultural belt in the bances that plaqued him intermit-

ments, offering the territory of the salesman stood to make the

Part V picks up in 1880 as the Victorian house on Sixth Street in Dodge City, the wild and wooly budding inventor abandoned road Springfield, Charlie contracted to town that was the terminal for the life and returned to Springfield with the firm resolve to manufacture



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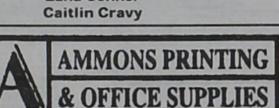
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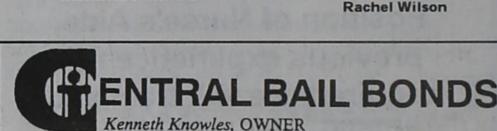
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