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The Post Dispatch

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Post Notes

Mini cheerleading camp

The Post High School Cheerleaders will hold a cheer camp beginning Monday, August 8 through August 10 from 10 a.m. until noon at the City Park. Fees are \$20 for the first child in a family and \$5 per additional sibling. Campers will receive a t-shirt.

Meeting set for VFW Post

The Miller/Luman Post 6797 men and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, August 8 at the post on the Clairemont Highway. The ladies will meet at 6 p.m. and the men will meet at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend the meetings.

Peeewe football tryouts

Post peeewe football tryouts and sign-ups will be this Saturday, August 6 from 10 a.m. until noon at the track. Registration is \$60.00 for 5th and 6th graders. If you have any questions call Russel Benham at 629-4322 or 781-6749.

2005 county team roping

Garza County team roping has been set for Saturday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Steer stopping (entry fee - \$25) will begin at 7 p.m. Round robin (entry fee - \$100) will follow. To enter novice contact Bobby or Jeremy. Buckles will be awarded to the winners. To enter or for more information contact Bobby at 495-1492 after 4 p.m. or at 781-6748 or call Jeremy at 777-0541.

Middle school orientation

The Post Middle School will be holding an orientation at the auditorium on Tuesday, August 9 at 7 p.m. Student schedules will be distributed, campus expectations, supply lists, and a Q and A time for parents will head the agenda for the evening. Once the presentation is completed the parents and students will go to the middle school building where they will visit the teachers and walk through their child's schedule. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the middle school office at (806) 495-2874.

Story-hour at library begins next week

Post Public Library will present a story-hour for children K through 5th grade on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the first two weeks of August from 10-11 a.m. Story-time is set for Aug. 2, 4, 9, & 11.

Rodeo Parade entries sought

The Post Stampede Annual Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, August 13 at 3 p.m. Line up will be on the West side of the courthouse. Prizes for floats will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. A cash prize of \$100 will also go to the best riding club. Entries can be called in to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau at 495-3461.

Musicians needed to perform at OMTD

As part of its 11th Anniversary celebration, Old Mill Trade Days is providing an opportunity for local musicians to perform at the next event, August 5-7. "As a 'thank you' to the citizens of Post, we want to provide an opportunity for local musicians to perform," explained Rosa Latimer-Bell, General Manager of OMTD. "We have several indoor staging areas that will be ideal for acoustic performers as well as those with their own sound system." Those musicians who wish to participate, or need more information, should call the OMTD office, 495-3529 no later than noon, July 29.

Theatre presents Harley Sadler Show

Garza Theatre's production this year of the Harley Sadler Show is "Taming the Wild, Wild, West in a Dress" (...or Let's Give the Villain the Slip). The comedy set in 1895 is directed by Lori Holt. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc. Final performances August 5, 6, & 7. The old west was never any wilder or more fun! For more information or to get your reservations call the box office at 495-4005.

Hogs for Hospice set Aug. 13

Hospice of Lubbock is inviting area motorcycle enthusiasts to join in the Saturday, Aug. 13, Hogs for Hospice Motorcycle Poker Run. Registration is \$25 per person and all money raised will benefit the patients and families served by Hospice of Lubbock. It will begin at Hospice of Lubbock, located at 1102 Slide Rd. in the Redbud Shopping Center. For more information regarding registration or to help sponsor the event, call 806-795-2751.

Rodeo parade set Aug. 13 at 3 p.m.

The theme for the parade this year will be "Posting the Colors - Red, White and Blue". Entries from all riding clubs, civic groups, families, or individuals are welcome to participate. Come and be your own clown, decorate your tractor, classic car, 4 wheeler, etc. Businesses, this would be a great way to advertise your business and at the same time support your community. Prize money will go to float winners. To enter call the Post Commerce & Tourism at 495-3461 or Thessa Harp at 495-2467 after 6 p.m.

Book of Acts Bible Study

Pastor Bill Smith from Trinity Baptist Church is having a weekly bible study in the book of Acts. They are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Caprock Apartments' Community Room and then at 3 p.m. at the Post Manor Apartments' Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

Reunion set for Close City/Garlynn

All classmates are invited to attend the all school reunion for Close City/Garlynn. We will be having coffee and donuts beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20 at Chapa's Family Restaurant's Garden Room. Lunch will be ordered off the menu with a dutch treat. Please RSVP to Oneita Gunn at 806/495-2009.

Seeking info about T. R. Walters

In developing accurate records of early Post construction, Texas Tech Assistant Professor Don Collier is seeking information about T. R. Walters. Walters was in charge of construction for the Double U Company from 1907 until 1916. Collier is currently working on research for grants relating to improvements at the Garza County Historical Museum and the building on the adjacent lot known as the "old Graber place" or the "Little Apartments". Anyone with any knowledge about the history of T. R. Walters, or contacts with his family, should call the museum at 495-2207.

Antelope season tickets on sale

Reserved seating tickets for the 2005 Post Antelope Football season are now available for purchase. The price is \$20 per seat and they are good for all home football games. They may be purchased at Post ISD Central Administration Office, 501 S. Ave. K. Reserved seats will be sold until Aug. 16. After that date, general admission tickets will be available at the gate. Call Shellee Odom 495-3343 for more information.

Evening lessons at Church of Christ

The Post Church of Christ will host a series of special lessons on Wednesday evenings beginning August 3 through September 7. The theme of the series is "Faithfulness To God". Guest speakers from around the area will present different subjects. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

Passes available for senior citizens

Post ISD offers complimentary passes for Post Senior Citizens, age 65 and older, to any Post School activity for which there is a charge. Come by Post ISD Central Administration Office, 501 S. Ave. K to receive your pass.

Class reunion set for homecoming

The Class of 1985 will have their 20 year class reunion at the homecoming game on Friday, September 9. For information contact Marta Holly Williams at 495-3855.

Post's first longhorn show

Attention longhorn fans! The first International Texas Longhorn Show for Post is scheduled for September 17 & 18 in the Garza Co. Showbarn. West Texas Longhorn Assn. will be hosting the show, breeders from all over will be exhibiting their registered longhorn cows, bulls, and steers. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. The peeewe, youth and unaltered show will be on Saturday, September 17. The schedule for Sunday will begin with a devotional service at 9 a.m. All participants in the grand entry will be riding longhorn steers.

Ragtown Ranch Theater construction opens new era

Polk brothers announce amphitheater funding

It was announced in September 2003, that a development group had been formed to build an amphitheater near Post, where the historical musical drama, "Ragtown" would be staged each summer. Throughout the two years since that announcement, Glenn and Chip Polk, who conceived and are spearheading the development, along with a team of local investors, directors, and advisors, have worked diligently to make the dream a reality.

Glenn Polk, President of Ragtown Enterprises, Ltd., announced this week that the project has received approval of funding for the first phase of construction, and building will commence as soon as possible.

In addition to funding approval, the project recently received clearance for construction, after two environmental impact studies were completed, and a subsequent archeological survey, required by the Texas Historical Commission, revealed no obstacles to construction on the 12-acre building site.

These actions clear the way for construction to proceed on a 1500-seat amphitheater, a 450-seat performance hall, and parking areas for both facilities. Planned to be a premier Texas heritage tourism destination, the complex will be called Ragtown Ranch Theater.

Chip Polk, Chairman of the Ragtown Historical Project Board of Directors commented, "We've encountered a lot of obstacles over the past two years. There's a C.W. Post quote that Linda Puckett, Curator of the Garza County Historical Museum gave me, which I carry around in my day-planner. It has seemed as if Mr. Post left this specifically to encourage us."

"Tackle the work just in front of you. Strive in an honest way to do the best you can, and if, having done your best, there seems to be some over-ruling Power which hammers you, take it like a good piece of steel and come right off the anvil with a better temper and a keener edge." - C.W. Post

"We've certainly taken our share of blows, but we've never once lost our zeal and determination to see this through. With so many great people encouraging and supporting us in this, how could we?" adds Glenn Polk.

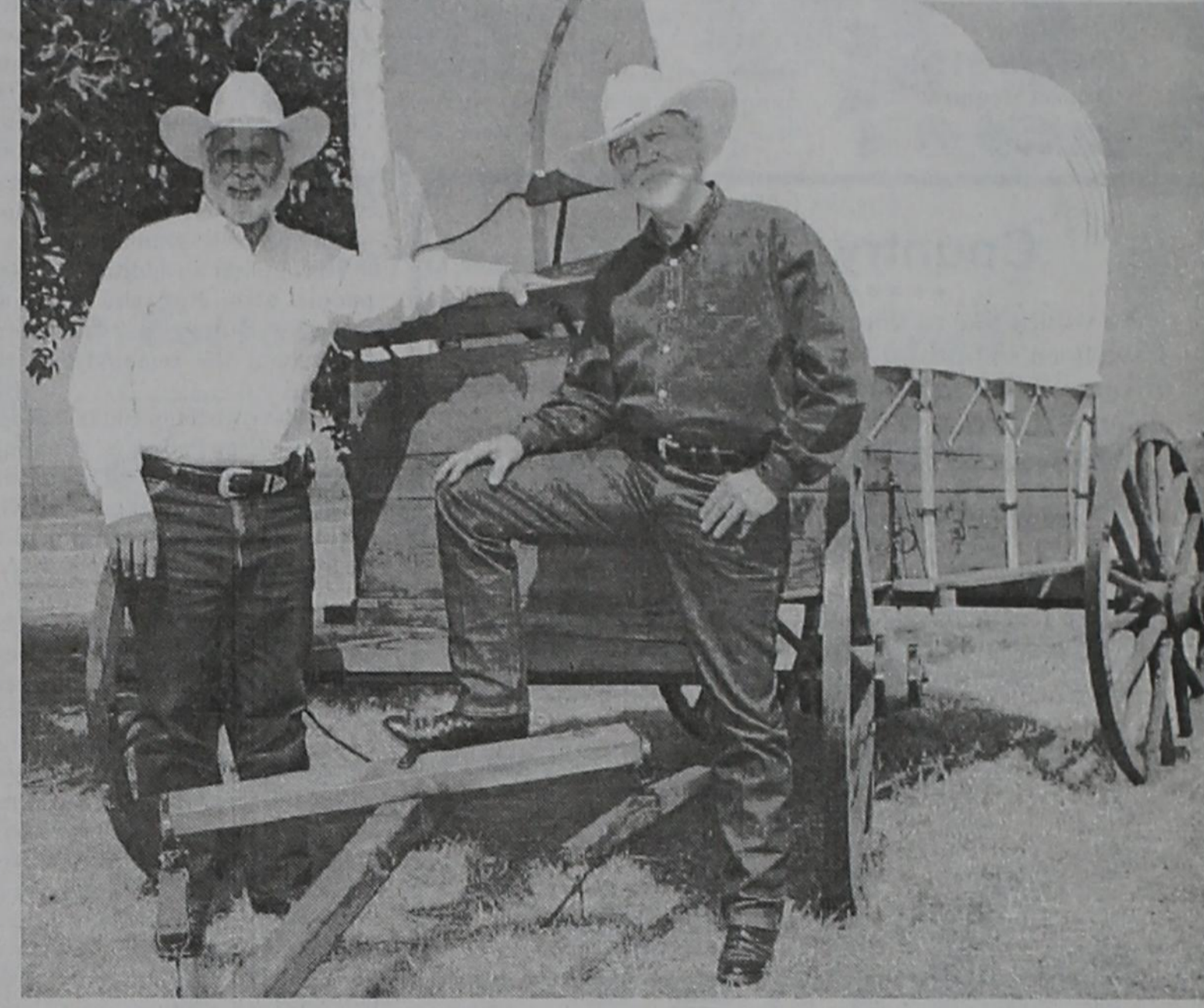
Local investors Lewis and Maxine Earl, Patty and K. Kirkpatrick, Giles and Louise McCrary, and Zoe and Jack Kirkpatrick, have joined Twila and Glenn Polk and Robin and Chip Polk in the development partnership.

"The commitment and belief in us these people have shown has been amazing. They believe in Post, and their years of civic involvement have proved that fact time and time again. Their pride in this city, and its heritage, and their desire to have this unique chapter of Texas history celebrated, are the only motive they have to join us in this. None of them has wavered in their support, and we are grateful and humbled by that," Chip Polk stated.

"Along with the Garza county investors, my fourth grade teacher, and a lady who made a lifelong impact on hundreds of Post students, Mary Raphael, has made a remarkable financial commitment to the project," Glenn Polk adds. "But even more than the money she has invested, Mary's unbridled enthusiasm and passion for telling the story of the founding of Post City, and the spirit of those people who responded to C.W. Post's dream is a constant inspiration to us. When Ragtown is presented onstage, it will have grown from seeds Mary Raphael planted."

"Of all the partners, all but one couple, Gerald and June Bonner of Lubbock, either live in Garza County, or as in Mary's case, continue to have strong ties to Post. It is not about a return on investment for any of them. It is about telling a story that deserves to be celebrated," says Chip Polk.

Plans call for "Ragtown!" to be staged in the amphitheater each



"Ragtown" is coming alive as brothers Glenn (left) and Chip (right) Polka begin construction of the ambitious project on the site of the former Caprock Golf Course northwest of the city limits. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Old Mill Trade Days features live music

The upcoming event at Old Mill Trade Days, August 5 - 7, will showcase regional musical talent all day Saturday. Jonathan McGregor and Joann Foreman will perform on the new Whistle Stop Stage in the northeast corner of the Weaving Room from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Justin & Linda Marquez will play folk and bluegrass music in the Courtyard of the Weaving Room all afternoon. And, on the Rainmaker Stage, beginning at 11:00 am, Cathy Whitten & Cowboy Review will be in concert followed by the popular local group Caprock 3000 at 1:30 pm.

"We're also featuring several non-profit groups during this event," explained OMTD General Manager, Rosa Latimer-Bell. "The PostArt Guild will have a large art exhibit and sale in the Courtyard of the Weaving Room and the Garza County Historic Museum will have a special display in the Weaving Room throughout the event. The Post Antelope Booster Club will be selling spirit items and club memberships in the Chimney's area of the Post City Building on Saturday. "Our new physician, Dr Ben Edwards, will also be in the Chimney's area on Saturday so he can meet and visit with Post residents," Rosa further stated. "The American Museum of Agriculture will have a double booth

in the Weaving Room throughout the event featuring antique toy tractors." Most Post residents received a free pass for two to the August OMTD event. "This was included in a tourism survey distributed by Texas Tech and the pass is intended as a 'thank you' to Post residents for participating in the survey and for supporting Old Mill Trade Days," said Latimer-Bell. "We have many new vendors including a Farmer's

Market with fresh fruit and produce and a new food vendor. OMTD have a county fair atmosphere during this event and everyone loves a fair!" Old Mill Trade Days is open 9 am to 5 pm, Friday through Sunday and is located at 318 So. Avenue F. Parking is free. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 per person with free admission for Seniors. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$2.00 per person.

Marcum returns to Post ISD

by Sheri Lewis

Marlin Marcum's retirement doesn't appear to have lasted too long. On Monday, trustees of the Post Independent School District tapped Marcum to return to the superintendent's post. Later this month, the board is expected to take action on a new contract for the superintendent.

In June, Marcum tendered his letter of resignation in a move designed to maximize his retirement benefits. The resignation was effective June 30. In order to comply with regulations governing retirement benefits, he had to remain without a contract for 30 days before being eligible for rehire.

At the time of his retirement, Marcum told The Post Dispatch he planned to offer himself for rehire.

Marcum's return to the superintendent's office will further his career in education that already spans 35 years.

In other business, trustees met with a new architect from the SHW Group to discuss the cafeteria project.

Earlier this summer, district officials were "disappointed" with the bids submitted on the project, Marcum said.

According to reports, two bids - both in excess of \$2 million - were submitted on the project, but trustees turned both down at their June 30 meeting.

Marcum said the project will likely be re-bid in the late winter, with work on the new structure beginning in the spring.



The above image of a South Plains sunset behind cotton was captured around 9:30 p.m. just atop the caprock off of north highway 84. It looks like another good year for local crops. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Ragtown Ampitheatre

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summer beginning in June, 2006. Ragtown Historical Project, working in cooperation with Ragtown Enterprises, the project development group, will build on 12 acres set aside for the amphitheater construction. Ragtown Enterprises will provide all support facilities,

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including roadways, parking, and restrooms, and maintenance of the picturesque ranch setting, nestled in the shadow of the Caprock.

"We kept widening our search for banks with the interest and ability to finance such a project, because it isn't something that has been done before. Not in a town the size of Post," says Chip Polk. "We finally found a banker that understood Post City isn't like other towns."

"A banker who grew up here, who has deep family roots that lead back to the founding," Glenn adds. "Bobby Norman, son of Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman, is the banker who stepped up and made it possible."

"Bobby and I have been friends since high school, and I have been very proud of his accomplishments in banking," says Chip. "He is president of the largest bank in Midland, one that just merged with CitiCorp. I'm delighted to have someone of Bobby's expertise and commitment as a financial partner in Ragtown Ranch Theater. The

Norman family has made huge contributions to Post in many, many ways. This is one more."

A 450-seat indoor theater, Ragtown Gospel Stage, will also be built on the property as part of the first phase of development. That facility will stage "The Acts of the Apostles" a seven-part series of dramatic depictions of individuals close to Jesus Christ throughout His ministry.

Glenn Polk has been traveling for five years, presenting the first play in the series, "Paul the Apostle." Polk has appeared in the role of Paul in seven states and three European countries, making the presentation over 160 times. On August 24th, Polk has been invited to do a live presentation of "Paul the Apostle" on the Prime Time Network, a Christian television network reaching 2 million households.

The "Texas" outdoor musical drama presented for 40 consecutive summers in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, has consistently drawn over 80,000 people annually. The Polk brothers believe their audience expectations for "Ragtown!" are conservative, but have based their projections on 55,000 people attending each summer.

They project an additional 25,000 people attending the Ragtown Gospel Stage presentations throughout the remainder of the year.

"I believe we'll top 100,000 people annually," Chip Polk says. "Our hope is that Ragtown Ranch Theater will be a catalyst to launching Post City to a new retail level. There are so many great stores here already. Are there any stores vacant downtown? I don't think so. That is amazing! No other small town in West Texas can boast that. Post City is the next Fredrickburg, and the merchants here are on the ground floor of that opportunity. They deserve it! They've worked so hard to keep the retail community vibrant and growing."

If enthusiasm, passion, and determination have anything to do with success, Ragtown Ranch Theater will thrive. "Ragtown" will be produced in cooperation with the Texas Tech School of Music, celebrating the unique history of cereal magnate C.W. Post's "Utopian City," colonized on the South Plains of Texas in 1907. Chip Polk is the playwright and composer. Glenn Polk will direct the 60-person cast.

White River Lake Weekly Report Aug. 1, 2005

Gauge reading: 2350.75 Feet below spillway: 21'8" Rise: 0" Rainfall (past week): .80" Rain to-date: 8.83"
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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Post students attend Youth Leadership Power Camp

Forty-six Post Middle School students representing the STARS organization attended Youth Leadership Power Camp sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission July 20-23 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

This year's camp coincided with the 21st anniversary of the 21 minimum drinking age law signed by President Ronald Reagan July 17, 1984.

During the four-day event, students attended educational sessions about alcohol's affect on the adolescent brain, media literacy, the risks associated with underage drinking and leadership building. The students' main goal was to design a plan for preventing underage drinking in Post.

"The Power Camp is a great venue, not only to teach our Texas youth leadership skills, but also to solicit their help in combating underage drinking," said TABC chief of enforcement Sam Smelser. "Youth are a necessary part of the solution to preventing underage drinking and the tragedies that accompany this behavior."

Alcohol kills more youth in the U.S. than all other drugs combined, according to the TABC.

Theme of the camp was "21 Years of Protecting Young Minds and Saving Young Lives." Camp organizers strived to empower participants with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to initiate change in their communities to reduce underage alcohol use, which, according to reports, is the No. 1 youth drug problem in the U.S.

The STARS students plan to initiate a drug-free fun night for fourth and fifth grade students in Post.

This will enable the younger students to experience drug-free fun while being around youth who promote this type of behavior. The event all will help educate the younger students in making correct choices.

Attending the camp were Cheree Conner, J. Kyle Copeland, Caitlin Cravy, Alexis Dunn, Allisha Jones, Sydnee Jones, Ben Mason, Cheyenne Morris, Allisa Morrow, Kelsey Overton, Tanisha Paiz, Jonathan Perez, Shawn Perez, Chess Postell, Evette Rodriguez, Franchesca Varela, Kaly Villalon, Morgan Williams, Amber Wilson and Jake Wischkaemper.

Also, John Boeko, Kelly Chapa, Brooke Morris, Lindsey Morrow, Michael Porter, Alexandra Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Josh Rodriguez, Crystal Sanchez, Melinda Vega, Klent Baker, Jarrett Blevins, Stacy Boeko, Marissa Bustoz, Adriana Ceja, Brandon

Crawford, Jakelin DelGadillo, Giovanni Garay, Claudia Hernandez, Patrick Martinez, Valerie Moreno, Travis Rasbeary, Samantha Hoover, Marlee Plummer, Brenna Postell and Kelsey Sanderson.

Accompanying the group were Carol Hester and Jason Powell, Post Independent school District teachers; Wayne McKim of the Lubbock Probation Department; and Dedra Adams, STARS sponsor.

"The students represented Post and (the) Post ISD exceptionally well and truly made a difference at camp," Adams said. "We were, once again, one of the largest groups there."

The following sponsors helped make it possible for the Post group to attend: Dalby Cattle Co., Garza Probation Office, E.A. Franklin Charitable Trust, First Presbyterian Church, Rotary Club, Post Volunteer Fire Department, K.W. and Patti Kirkpatrick, MADD Lubbock Chapter, Young Adults and Pathfinders Sunday School Classes at the Methodist Church, B&A LP Gas, Mark and Lisa Kirkpatrick, Women's Culture Club, Bob and Debbie Macy, Amity Study Club, Wells Fargo Bank and the STARS organization.



Sponsors for the Post Middle School students attending the 2005 Stars Camp are (left to right), Wayne McKim, Dedra Adam, Carol Hester and Jason Powell.

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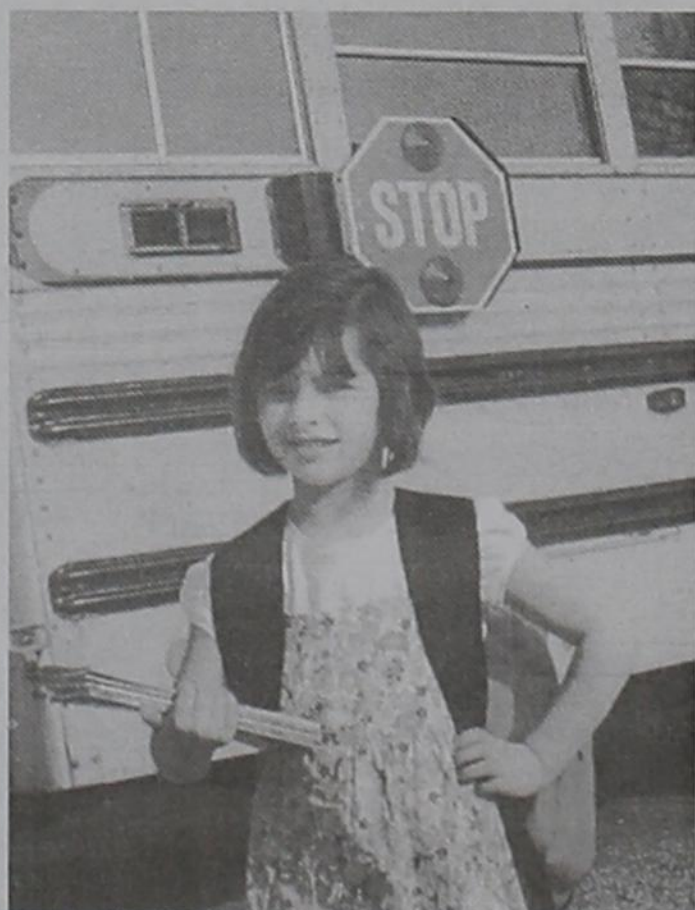
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Dr. Edwards graduated from the University of Texas-Houston Medical School and completed

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his residency at the McLennan County Research and Education Foundation, Waco Family Practice. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Association of Family Practice, the Christian Medical and Dental Association and the Texas Medical Association.

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Obituaries

Micah Cross

Services for Micah Cross, 60, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2005, in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jerry Koch officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died July 28 at Covenant Medical Center.

Born Oct. 8, 1944, in Scurry County, she was a lifelong Garza County resident.

Survivors include two sisters, Sandee Cross of Post and Lea Merrie Hair of Ruidoso, N.M.; one niece, Cassie Short of Westbrook; one nephew, Casey Short of Colorado City, Texas; one great-nephew, Garett Mac Crader of Apache Junction, Ariz.; and one aunt, Dude McLaurin of Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sid and Mary Florence (Duckworth) Cross.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Mills, Casey Short, Josh Cross, George McLaurin, Bobby Blair, Dennis McDonald, Gary Brush and Fred Cross. Honorary pallbearer was Ray Cameron.

Elias Pena

Graveside services for Elias Pena, 73, of Lubbock were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock with Dr. Ken Horn officiating. Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

He died July 28 at his home.

Born Dec. 20, 1931, in Edinburg to Erasmo and Maria Pena, he moved to Lubbock in 1950 from Pharr. He worked for Hurlwood Cotton Gin for 36 years, retiring in the 1980s. He enjoyed working in the garden, cooking and fishing.

Survivors include three daughters, Annie Pena of New Jersey, Ofelia Hoover and husband, Terry, of Post, and Linda McFarlin and husband, Bill, of Lake Hills, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Linnie Jefferson

Services for Linnie Jefferson, 78, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, July 30, at her home.

Born Feb. 23, 1927, in Gonzales, she married Raymond Jefferson Sr. on Nov. 3, 1945, in Frentress.

Survivors include four daughters, Roberta LeGrand of Post, Bernice

Whitehead Gibbs of Post, Mary Wilborn of Slaton and Betty Curtis of Post; two sons, Johnny Jefferson of Post and Raymond Jefferson Jr. of Post; one sister, Jessie B. Washington of Gonzales; 37 grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, Margie Reed.

Pallbearers were Clint Martin, Galen Martin, Keith Martin, Anthony Martin, Damon Curtis, Jay Whitehead, Raymond Jefferson and Ricky Jefferson.

Joe Pennell

Services for Joe Pennell, 52, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, in the First Baptist Church with Lenny Copeland officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

The family received friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. He died Saturday, July 30, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 18, 1952, in Garza County, he graduated from Brookesmith High School and worked for many years as a cowboy in Garza County. He married Karen Tongate on June 1, 1973, in Brookesmith.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of Post; two sons, Seth Pennell and his wife, Amanda, of Joshua and Shawn Pennell and his wife, Amy, of Post; one daughter, Shanna Pennell of Post; three sisters, Marita Reed of Justiceburg, Linda Riley of Melrose, N.M., and Cheryl Blair of Midland; one brother, Novie Pennell of Mineola; and two grandchildren, Colby Pennell of Post and Kyleigh Pennell of Joshua.

Pallbearers included Bobby Blair, Robby Blair, Shad Blair, Tommy Reed, Eddie Riley and Riley Pennell. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Matthews, Kenneth Marts, Mike Diggs, Jeff Williams, Rod Smith, Danny Fumagalli, Jake Diggs, Steve Short, Russell Benham, Rodney Oden and Robbie Dean.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch.



Post High School 9th grade students participating in the 2005 Stars Camp are (back row left to right), Stacy Bocko, Adriana Ceja, Marissa Bustoz, Patrick Martinez, Klint Baker and Travis Rasberry (middle row), Jakelin Delgadillo, Valerie Moreno, Jarrett Blevins and Brandon Crawford (front row), Jovanni Garay and Claudia Hernandez.



Post Middle School 7th grade students participating in the 2005 Stars Camp are (back row left to right), Allisha Jones, Alexis Dunn, Cheree Conner, Shawn Perez, Kyle Copeland, Jake Wischkaemper, Amber Wilson, Tanisha Paiz and Sydnee Jones (third row), Kaly Villalon, Franchesca Varela and Kelsey Overton (second row), Evette Rodriguez, Ben Mason, Chess Postell, Jonathan Perez, Caitlin Cravy and Cheyenne Poe (front row), Morgan Williams and Alissa Morrow.



Recent renovation at the City-County Airport includes a new entrance sign. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Airport renovation work completed

by Timothy W. Burnett

Renovation work on the City-County Airport was recently completed. According to Airport Board president Drew Kirkpatrick, the work was a big success. The city and county saved nearly \$7,000 through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in Lubbock, with the department matching \$7,000 of the city and county funds. The airport includes a 4,200-foot runway and 2,500-foot cross runway and is able to serve a variety of small aircraft, including jets.

The Airport Board includes Kirkpatrick, Marita Jackson, Bob Macy and Jeff Lott. The Board's responsibilities include operating the facility and managing the funds from the city and county. Work on the airport was shared by local and area contractors. Bo Jackson and Bernard Pewitt built the new entrance. Red Workman redid the surrounding fences. Tim Gaydos repaired the Tetrahedron, and Luis Gutierrez repainted the facility. The airport entrance is on the north side of Hwy. 380 approximately 1.5 miles east of Post.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ faces Pontius Pilate (continued)

Last week we stopped at Jesus' response to Pontius Pilate's question in John 18:33-38. Pilate gave an honest response by saying, "What is truth?"

According to Mark 15:3-5 and Matthew 27:13-14, Pilate questioned Jesus Christ again. This time Jesus was silent. Pilate "marveled greatly" over Jesus' silent restraint, while facing false accusations by his people.

In Luke 23:13-15, Pilate addressed the chief priests, rulers and the people. He said, "you have brought this man unto me, as one that perverts the people: and, behold, I having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him. No, nor yet Herod. For I sent you to him, and nothing worth of death is done unto him."

All three Gospels record Pilate's discourse with the Jewish leaders concerning the release of Jesus. This is found in Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:16-25 and John 18:39-40. Pilate offered to free Jesus Christ, but the Jewish leaders cried out "Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas" (Luke 23:18, John 18:40). Barabbas was a robber or highway bandit (John 18:40). He was imprisoned for murder during an insurrection in the city (Mark 15:7 and Luke 23:19). According to Matthew 27:16, Barabbas was a "notable prisoner."

Matthew 27:15, Mark 15:6, Luke 23:17 and John 18:39 reveal that Pilate had a tradition of releasing one prisoner to the people for the feast of Passover. Knowing their envy, Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to release unto you the King of the Jews?" The chief priests moved or vehemently stirred up the people to call for the release of Barabbas. Pilate

asked again, "What will you then that I shall do unto him whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" The Pilate said, "Why, what evil has he done?" And the people cried more exceedingly to crucify him. Three times, Pilate entreated the people to let him release Jesus to them, and three times they cried out to crucify him.

The record in Matthew 27:19 adds some new information. While Pilate was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife told him to have nothing to do with "that just man." She said, "For I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." She had the eyes to see that Jesus Christ was a "just man," and it grieved her to the point of having a bad dream about him. The record does not indicate whether or not God played a role in her dream. But her account was important enough to include in the Gospels.

According to Matthew 27:24, when Pilate saw he could not prevail over the people's will, he washed his hands before the people and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it." Then the people declared, "his blood is on us, and on our children." Pilate was a just ruler, and did the best that he could to judge rightly. But he still had to be good for his word. And since he promised to release the people's choice of prisoners, he had to back his word.

The Jewish leaders and people did not know that the blood of Jesus Christ could truly cleanse them of all unrighteousness some day.

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Protecting the kids

by Bill O'Reilly

Here's the stark truth in the land of the free: Many American children under the age of 10 can no longer play on their front lawns unsupervised for fear they may be abducted. Time after time we read about young kids being snatched, raped and murdered by known sexual offenders, and our society seems powerless to stop the madness.

The latest is the horrific case of Joseph Duncan, a convicted child rapist who apparently murdered two adults, a 13-year-old and a 9-year-old boy in Idaho. When police arrested Duncan, he was having breakfast with the murdered boy's 8-year-old sister, who told authorities Duncan had brutally molested her for weeks.

Duncan was free to do this because of Minnesota Judge Thomas Schroeder. Last March, Duncan stood before Schroeder charged with yet another child molestation. The monster had already served 16 years in Washington State for raping a 14-year-old boy and admitted to 13 other child rapes. He even talked about them on this website. Yet Judge Schroeder set Duncan's bail at just \$15,000. A friend of Duncan's gave him the money, Duncan paid the bail and then skipped town.

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports Judge Schroeder was aware of Duncan's past, and even if the judge didn't know, he could have easily found out by having the prosecutor call the FBI's Crime Information Center in Washington. Schroeder has no excuse. He's a disgrace.

But there are many disgraceful judges, either too lazy or too apathetic to protect children. The solution to the problem is to take the power away from the judges altogether. It is not a hard thing to do.

First, every state in the union must pass a criminal statute like Florida's Jessica's Law. That calls for a minimum 25-year-to-life prison term for a first offense sexual assault conviction against a child. And second, if these predators do manage to leave prison, they have to register their addresses with the federal government so a national database can track their movements. Any failure to do this — 10 years in federal prison.

Basically, that would take sentencing discretion away from the judges, but the nation would have to depend on prosecutors to aggressively pursue those involved with child molestation. Something that has not been done in Jessica Lunsford's case.

So the solution is there for everyone to see — why then do our elected officials fail to enact it?

Only 13 states currently have mandatory prison sentences of 10 years or more for convicted child sexual offenders. The other 37 states are mostly chaotic in the way they adjudicate these cases. My staff contacted all 50 governors, and their interest ranged from intense (Gov. Rick Perry of Texas) to ho-hum (Gov. Don Carcieri of Rhode Island).

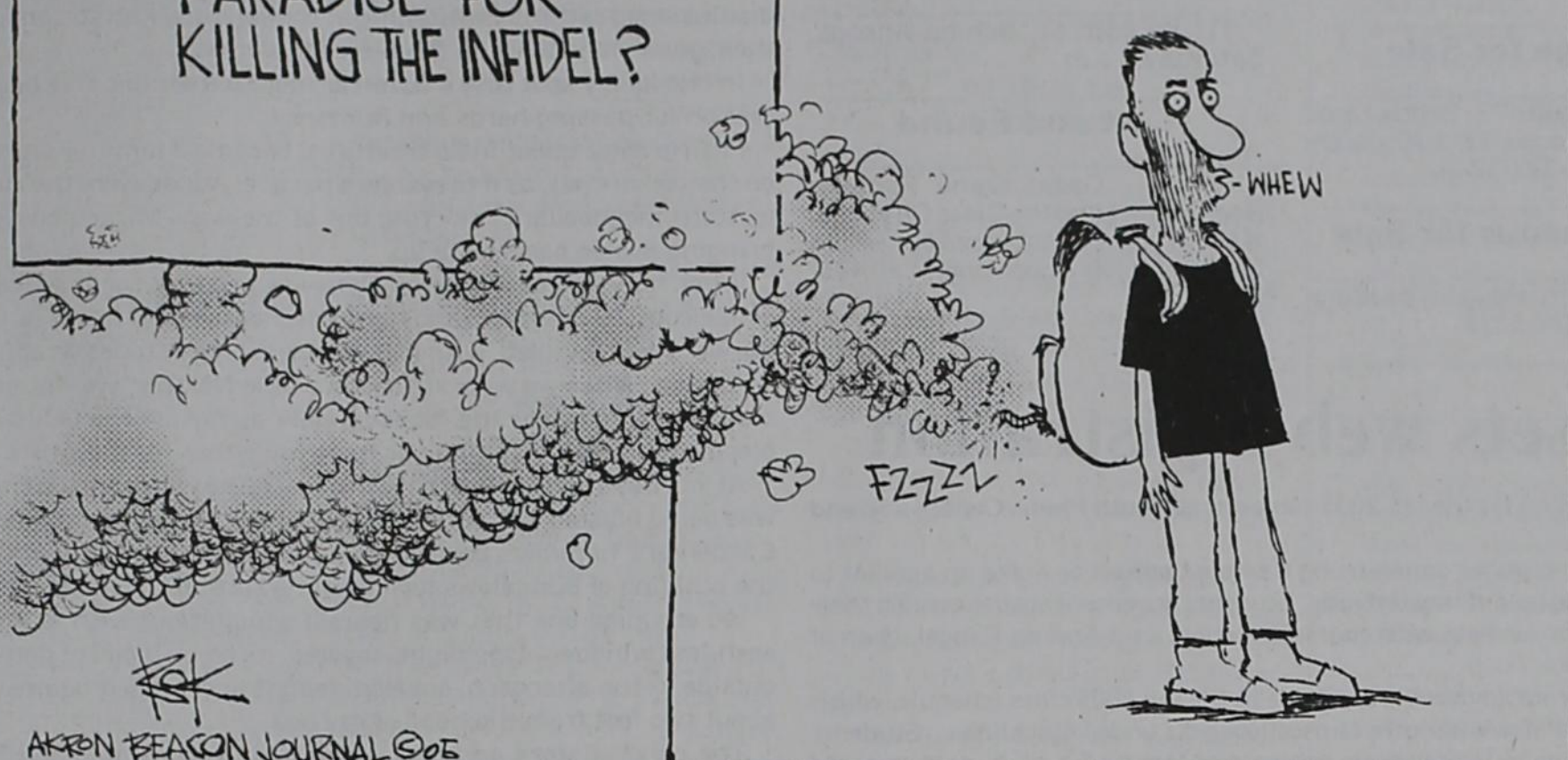
The bottom line is that Jessica's Law could be and should be enacted quickly in every state. There is an urgency to this. And if your governor doesn't get the urgency, give him a call and let him or her have it. Enough is enough with the brutalizing of American children. Every one of us must hold the lawmakers accountable and demand protection for the kids.

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Slavery reparations?

by Walter E. Williams

The slavery reparations shakedown lobby is gearing up for attacks on American industry. They've failed in the courts and Congress, so they're going after weak-kneed CEOs. At the NAACP's recent annual convention, Dennis C. Hayes, its interim president, said, "Absolutely, we will be pursuing reparations from companies that have historical ties to slavery and engaging all parties to come to the table." According to Mr. Hayes, "Many of the problems we have now including poverty, disparities in health care and incarceration can be directly tied to slavery."

Part of the reparations lobby's agenda is to pressure cities to enact laws requiring companies that wish to do business with the city to complete studies to see whether they had ties to slavery. They've been successful in getting such legislation enacted in Philadelphia and Chicago. CEOs at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and Wachovia Corp. have apologized for their predecessors' ties to slavery and agreed to be shaken down for several million dollars to fund scholarships and black history programs.

Mr. Hayes' reparations vision strains credibility and is counter-productive to boot. Most black Americans are neither poor nor in prison. So if poverty and incarceration are directly tied to slavery, Mr. Hayes might explain how so many blacks somehow escaped this "legacy of slavery." For those blacks in poverty or incarcerated, what's Mr. Hayes' message to them? Is it to wait for CEOs to fork over some reparations change and apologize for slavery? If that's the message, then those blacks who are poor are going to remain so, and those who are lawless will continue to experience high incarceration rates.

I think a better message for avoiding long-term poverty and high incarceration rates is: Graduate from high school. Get married before you have children and stay married. Work at any kind of job, even one that starts out paying the minimum wage. Finally, do not engage in criminal behavior.

The recent phase of the reparations movement contains an interesting twist. Rev. Wayne Perryman, a conservative minister of Mount Calvary Christian Center Church of God in Christ in Seattle, Wash., has filed a

lawsuit against the Democratic Party. His lawsuit, filed in United States District Court in Seattle, charges "that because of their racist past practices the Democratic Party should be required to pay African Americans Reparations." Rev. Perryman's brief, citing abundant historical evidence, charges that the past racist policies and practices that were initiated against blacks by the Democratic Party — were no different than the policies and practices that were initiated by the Nazi Party against the Jews.

Brian DeBose's Washington Times July 12th article "NAACP to Target Private Business," describing events at the NAACP convention, didn't report on whether the NAACP, and black politicians present, intend to support Rev. Perryman's legal actions against the Democratic Party. What are we to make of corporate CEOs, and their boards of directors, who cave in to the reparations shakedown? What are their motivations? One possibility is that they might fear that a principled stand, telling the reparations hustlers to take a hike, might cost them in terms of bad publicity and sales. The CEOs might guess their stockholders prefer dividends to principle. Another explanation, which makes less sense, is that the CEOs actually feel guilty about their predecessors' ties to slavery more than a century ago. For their guilt, I have a "Certificate of Amnesty and Pardon" at my website that might help them: www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/gift.html.

There's a reparations agenda question that I would have liked to ask the mayors of Philadelphia and Chicago, who have laws that require companies, seeking to do business with the city, to do studies determining whether they had ties to slavery. Suppose it's the city's monopoly electric company that refuses to comply. Will the mayors tell them to keep their electricity and work in the dark?

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The Sausage Factory

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

Congress passed a multinational trade bill known as CAFTA last week, but not without a feverish late night vote marred by controversy and last-minute vote switching. Leaving aside the arguments for or against CAFTA itself, the process by which the bill ultimately passed should sicken every American who believes in representative government.

Late-night arm-twisting by House leaders to get votes is of course nothing new. We witnessed far worse when Congress passed the ruinous Medicare prescription drug bill in the dead of night two years ago. Yet even after months of unprecedented wheeling and dealing by corporate lobbyists, congressional leaders, and the White House, the Washington establishment still failed to pass CAFTA in the US House. That's right, when the 15-minute voting period expired last Wednesday evening, CAFTA seemingly had been defeated.

Here's how. As the vote progressed, the tally was neck and neck. When the 15-minute period ended, CAFTA had gone down in flames. But pro-CAFTA forces were so determined to get what they wanted, they broke the rules. House leadership ignored the time limit and kept twisting arms and making deals until they finally had the votes to pass CAFTA nearly an hour later.

What kind of deals? Well, one member of House leadership told reluctant legislators, "We've got to have you; you tell us what you want." And tell they did. Lawmakers in textile producing states were bought off with promises of textile subsidies. Lawmakers in sugar-producing states were bought off with promises of special treatment in the 2007 farm bill. On and on it went, with promises of new bridges, parks, and whatever else it took to pass CAFTA.

Rest assured that you will pay dearly for these bribes used to buy votes. Every favor granted and every pet project funded comes on top of the pork-laden appropriations bills already passed in the House this year. These new goodies will be added to the final House-Senate versions passed later this year. One of my colleagues estimated that the price tag for buying the CAFTA vote will be at least \$50 billion. That's right, \$50 billion to win a vote. Is this what you want from your representatives in office?

Perhaps the strangest vote buyoff occurred two days before the CAFTA vote. Lawmakers from hard-hit manufacturing districts steadfastly have opposed CAFTA, arguing that it would accelerate the outsourcing of jobs to nations with cheap labor. So House leaders scrambled to craft last-minute legislation to "get tough" on China, which is the real source of concern for most American manufacturers. A bill was drawn up, and a hasty vote cast, so lawmakers could explain that they traded a yes vote on CAFTA for action against China. One small problem presented itself, however: the China bill

failed on the House floor! So House leaders went back to the drawing board, struck some and held a second vote on the same bill the next day. This time it passed, but its chances of surviving the Senate or a White House veto are virtually nil. So members from manufacturing districts literally sold their votes for nothing. Their months of double-talking, coyness, and vote peddling resulted in nothing more than an empty promise.

The president's press secretary called the CAFTA vote "a real victory for the American people." The problem is the vast majority of Americans have not even heard of CAFTA, and those who have overwhelmingly oppose it. CAFTA was conceived and created by corporate interests, and to claim otherwise is preposterous. The CAFTA vote had nothing to do with the American public, or even trade policy per se. CAFTA was driven by politics and nothing more. Multinational corporations and political globalists share the same goals, namely the centralization of political power in international bodies and the diminution of national sovereignty. What we witnessed last week was not just the selling of votes, but also a sellout of American control over our own trade regulations.



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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following portion of the essay, "A Most Memorable Trip" by Fannie Sprague Talbot, was discovered during a recent history search trip. Submitted by JoAnn Mock, the essay denotes that being a tourist in 1907 was significantly different than it is today.

My most unforgettable trip took me by train, automobile and mules back in the fall of 1907 to the stakes plains of Texas, where C.W. Post, millionaire cereal manufacturer of Battle Creek, Mich., was building a city on his 250,000-acre ranchlands.

There were five in our party, and over circuitous trails we traveled after leaving the train in Amarillo, passing through arched gateways of fences, over which ran single telephone wires connecting ranch homes. Now and then two or three coyotes would pounce on a steer close to our trail, down it and start to tear its flesh apart, snarling as they gnawed. Bones of disillusioned cattle lay whitening at the edge of alkali streams. The men had their guns along to be on the alert for wolves.

In one lonely spot rose a dozen or more windmills, this being a watering station for passing herds and humans.

Prairie dogs, queer little creatures, became a familiar sight. They sat up on their haunches, as if to review a parade. Added were the rich notes of the western meadowlarks skirting out of the way. Miraculous were mirages, bringing pooled oasis close up.

When hungry we ate snacks of Unseada, biscuits, sardines, canned peaches or apricots. Zu Zu wafers and hunks of cheese toasted over buffalo chip fires. We were well bundled, with foot warmers of hot stones wrapped in pieces of carpeting. When we were struck by a blue Norther' we would take turns at crawling from under the robes to walk alongside the vehicles to keep the blood circulating, clapping our hands together all the while.

At journey's end lay Post City in a mesquite valley. Upon the buttes, rocks were being blasted and cut for the buildings along its main business street. Carpenters' hammers bespoke of a continual tattoo as work progressed in the building of bungalows for incoming settlers.

We occupied one that was nearest completion, with skins covering the sash-less windows. One night, coyotes, lured by blood of game dressed just outside in the afternoon, snarled, fought and lunged against the door just about two feet from the head of my bed.

The general store and post office had been established, and upon the plains a commissary outfitted ranchers arriving by covered wagons from various states.

A mule train made journeys to Big Springs, a far distant railroad station, for supplies, building materials, mail and the like, usually getting back in the night. It was a long train, with two and three teams to each wagon. When the aggregation of mules was turned into the corral, bedlam reigned, their heehaws intermingling with the howls of coyotes. Occasionally a newly organized band, practicing, added its fanfare.

We enjoyed rides in the mule back, equipped with steel brakes, over circuit trails that took us through arched gates to fences over which ran single telephone wires connecting ranch houses.

On visits to ranches, we were treated to cowboy dinners, fiddle music and round-ups. Once, invited to brand a calf, I did it, though with fear and trembling, but the mark showed up satisfactorily. We were taken through the vine-covered arbor after connecting the bunkhouse with the ranch home where a large quantity of jerked beef hung. Long strips of beef cut for the process of curing, there being no flies in that rarified air.

Within walking distance, brought close up by a mirage, was the house or dugout of a pioneer woman from whom Mr. Post had purchased acres for his city. On either side of the one long room stood beds and quilt-covered chests and trunks. At the farther end was a fireplace built entirely of blue snuff bottles pressed in cement.

She was a snuff dipper, and as she would sit chatting with us, at quite a distance away, she would sometimes blast away at the grate and, strange as it seemed, never missed her target. It was at her place that the first prisoner, in lieu of a jail, was chained to a wagon wheel.

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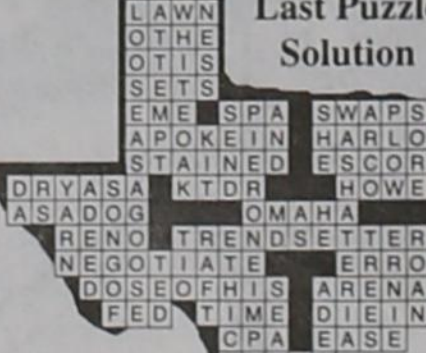
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Yesteryears

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From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago August 3, 1995

Concrete construction crewmen smooth the new dance slab at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds during work last week. The 100 degree plus temperatures made the work uncomfortable, but helped solidify the concrete. The work was under contract with Bo Jackson, with concrete supplied by Redman Redi-Mix.

Secret Bilbo was named top debater at the recent Texas Tech forensic clinic.

The Tool Shed has become well known for its great "old-fashioned" burgers. The business, which was open for the first Old Mill Trade Days, is owned and operated by Joe and Sheila Gregory and their four daughters, Jodi, Erin, Davida and Logan.

Charles Hardin and Jim Plummer are just two of this year's March of Dimes volunteers for "Most Wanted."

Visitors to the Old Mill Trade Days will want to hang around town a little longer this weekend, as the Tower Theatre presents Don Calwell's "Sounds of the Fabulous 50s."

20 Years Ago August 7, 1985

Will Burks, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University has taken on the role of Post ISD band director.

The 45th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo opens with a parade downtown on Main Street. This year features the Red Raider Road Rider Motorcycle Club, floats, the Post High School Marching Band, Miss White River, Keitha White, and special guest Tarrant County Sheriff Don Carpenter, who is a former resident of Garza County.

Alisha Nelson wishes to announce the arrival of her new brother, Jordan Clay Nelson, born July 17 in West Texas Hospital. Proud parents are Dan and Meg Nelson of Post.

In appreciation of your continued patronage, Pinochios Pizza of Lubbock is proud to announce our Saturday Evening Delivery of fresh, hot pizza to our neighbors in Post.

Mrs. Maxine Cummings Conoly announces the engagement of her son, J. O. Cummings to Miss Cheryl Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen of Hadley, New York.

30 Years Ago August 7, 1975

Melissa Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrow, is the top reader in the children's summer reading program at the Post Public Library.

The Lubbock City Council is expected to let a contract next

Thursday, costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for a detailed study of a lake site near Justiceburg.

Wedding vows between Karla Kay Josey and Jim Curt Schooler were read Saturday evening at the Post Church of Christ.

Ronald and Shirley Storie won the mixed doubles crown of the Garza County tennis tournament over Syd Wyatt and Nancy Clary.

The Post Antelopes and the Denver City Mustangs are picked to tie for the District 5AA football crown come November by Top of Texas Football.

The Rocket Motel which has been owned and operated for the last 9 1/2 years by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bullock, has been sold to L. D. and Elsie Mae Jackson.

40 Years Ago August 5, 1965

Two contestants, Cheryl Pennell and Mary Eubank, are in the race for 1965 queen of the Post Stampede and Junior Rodeo.

The White River lake caught a "little shower" Wednesday and added 219,000,000 gallons of water to the lake supply.

Billy C. Hahn of Post is a candidate for a Master of Arts degree at Eastern New Mexico University here in summer commencement exercises in Greyhound Stadium.

City Water Supt. J. A. (Jimmy) Holleman and city employe W. C. Landtroop are attending a General Water Works Operation course in Snyder.

Wedding vows were repeated by Miss Judith Lee Jorgensen and Bryan John Williams III in Armstrong Chapel in the Indian Hill section of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Weldon E. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Stanley of Post received an early promotion to Army pay grade private following successful completion of basic combat training.

50 Years Ago August 4, 1955

Radio station KRWS, to be owned and operated by Wallace Simpson, will go on the air here Sept. 1. Bob Garrison, manager, announced Tuesday. The 500-watt daytime station will be at 1370 on the dial.

Post's population has increased to 4,138 over the 3,141 officially counted in the 1950 Federal Census, according to an estimate made this week by The Post Dispatch.

Mrs. Quannah Maxey entertained with a surprise party at the youth center Saturday night honoring her daughter, Orabeth on her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peel are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jeanie, to Jimmy Byrd, son of Mrs. C. M. Byrd of Clairemont.

Only 12 children came in Friday for the Salk polio vaccine make-up clinic, bringing the total here for the second round of shots to 173, Dr. D. C. Williams, county health officer, reports.

60 Years Ago August 2, 1945

As an outgrowth of a city-wide meeting, attended by seventy-five or more Post businessmen at the city hall, the Garza County Board of Development was formed to sponsor a housing project for Post. Mill employees. The board is comprised of T. R. Greenfield, George, Samson, Clint Herring, Jim Hays, Tom Bouchier, Marshall Mason, and Claude Bailey.

The number of farms in Garza County according to the 1945 count was 499, as compared with 721 in 1940, and 608 in 1935.

An informal party honoring Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith on their forty-third wedding anniversary was enjoyed last week when several friends gathered in the J. E. Parker home.

Miss Helen Jo Hundley, daughter of Clyde Hundley, will be married tonight, August 2 to Lt. R. B. Young of the United States Navy.

Staff Sergeant J. B. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jones of this county, has arrived in Post after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army.

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2005 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF POST

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for CITY OF POST. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 361,891
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 167,119
Last year's total taxes	\$ 529,010
Last year's tax base	\$ 92,792,493
Last year's total tax rate	0.570100 / \$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 528,592
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 95,437,410
= This year's effective tax rate	0.553862 / \$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.570477 / \$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 361,605
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 95,437,410
= This year's effective operating rate	0.378892 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.409203 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.251218 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.660421 / \$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.611608 / \$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.048813 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF POST adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.553862 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$334.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
DEBT	\$190,000	\$104,486	\$101,826	\$396,312
Total Required for 2005 Debt Service				\$396,312

- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A \$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources \$60,000
- Excess collections last year \$96,517
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2005 \$239,795
- + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2005 \$0
- = Total Debt Levy \$239,795

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$583,795 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 105 E MAIN.

Name of person preparing this notice: DEANA WATSON

Title: CITY OF POST TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

Date Prepared: July 27, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Post Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., August 9, 2005 in Board Room of Central Administration Office - 501 S. Ave K, Post, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.41	\$ 0	\$ 1.41	\$ 5496	\$ 2498
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3016	\$ 0	\$ 1.3016	\$ 5808	\$ 2250
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.3616	\$ 0	\$ 1.3616	\$ 6069	\$ 2250

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 28,277	\$ 28,350
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,612	\$ 16,659
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.3616
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 234.22	\$ 226.83
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ - 7.39

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3616. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3616.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,378,229.36
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. both days. The peewee, youth and unaltered shows will be on Sept. 17. The Sept. 18 schedule will begin with a 9 a.m. devotional service.

All grand entry participants will ride Longhorn steers. No entry fees.

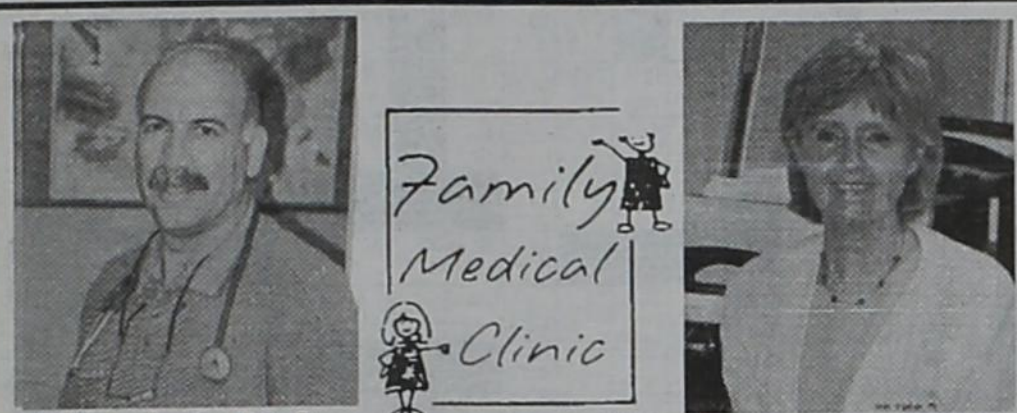


2005 Post Stampede Playday tabbed a big success

The 2005 Post Stampede Playday was successful thanks to donations and assistance to several merchants and individuals.

The following were instrumental in the event's success: Matt Hamel Ag Services, Mike and Sandra Hurst, Brady's Package Store, George Harlin, Lamar and Karen Jones, Glen Heinrich, Colby Wright, Lane Jones, Mark Terry, Mike Babb, Ken Young and the Post Stampede Rodeo.

Members of the 2005 playday included Taylor Osborn, Collin Heinrich, Sara Greer, Jesse Dean Terry, Heath Palmer, Trent Babb, J.D. Young, Charles Heinrich, Sydnee Jones, Zeek Lott, Wyatt Harlin, Jack Harlin and Avery Wright. Also, Haddie Flannigan, Case Lott, Riley Lewis, Jayton Lewis, Landon Greer, Kade Smith, Tylo Kirkpatrick, Zack Kirkpatrick, Justin Boren, Julie Boren, McLain Hall, Presley Hall and Colton Thompson.



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Cotton futures falter a bit in New York trading

After a string of five consecutive higher closes, cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade faltered Wednesday under the weight of a disappointing close the previous day and beneficial rains in Texas. However, the market closed firmer Thursday as news of a new governmental trade agreement and healthy export sales were considered positive factors.

The U.S. House of Representatives early Thursday passed the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). The trade agreement will reduce trade barriers among the United States, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The agreement now moves to President Bush's desk where it will be signed.

"Congress' approval of CAFTA is great news for the cotton and textile industry and agriculture in general," said Woods Eastland, chairman of the National Cotton Council. "Preserving these markets will enhance the competitiveness of our cotton and textile industries and preserves textile jobs in this country."

In other news, the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.2 million bales in May, down from the 6.3 million bale figure reported at the same time last year. The figure was in line with most expectations and had little effect on the market.

"Even though it's the best rate in four months, albeit not by much, the domestic report will receive little if any attention since it's in line with USDA figures," explained a market observer. "However, if by some chance the U.S. holds this rate for another four months it would be a whole different matter because USDA expects next marketing year's rate to drop to 5.8 million bales," he added.

Meanwhile, net export sales of 2004-05 crop U.S. cotton for the week ended July 21 totaled 38,700 bales, down 85 percent from the previous week and the four-week average. China was the featured buyer, and smaller quantities were sold to Pakistan, Taiwan, and Bangladesh. Sales of cotton for the 2005-06 marketing year totaled a net 230,500 bales and went primarily to unknown destinations.

However, export shipments were strong at 694,400 bales for the week, of which 460,600 bales went to China. This brings total shipments for the 2004-05 marketing year to 12.108 million bales.

"All we needed were 320,000 bales of shipments in this report and next week to meet USDA's projection," one analyst said. "We now have exceeded USDA's estimate, so next week's report will be gravy, making an increase in the August supply/demand report a possibility."

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended July 28 totaled 1,795 bales, more than the previous week when 920 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 39.20 to 43.83 cents per pound compared to 39.42 to 44.00 cents per pound the previous week.

Hot and mostly dry conditions persisted across most of the Cotton Belt, but some producers on the Texas High and Rolling Plains received moderate to heavy rainfall this week. Late-planted dryland cotton in southern parts of the area had begun to bloom out of the top of the plant as a result of the recent heat wave. However, plants have not stopped growing, and the additional moisture was highly beneficial. Irrigated fields throughout the region still are in excellent condition for the most part. Some in the area are calling the recent precipitation a "money making rain" as the moisture will ease irrigation costs and boost production.

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Daily Program Guide

• August 5 thru August 11

Friday & Saturday, August 5 & 6	
7 a.m.	Post Church of the Nazarene Gospel Concert
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
2 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
5 p.m.	This Week In Post City
8 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
11 p.m.	This Week In Post City
Sunday, August 7	
2 p.m.	This Week In Post City
5 p.m.	Post Church of the Nazarene Gospel Concert
8 p.m.	This Week In Post City
11 p.m.	Post Church of the Nazarene Gospel Concert
Monday, August 8	
7 a.m.	Post Church of the Nazarene Gospel Concert
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
1, 5 & 10 p.m.	Post Church of Christ Sunday Services
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 9, 10 & 11	
7 a.m.	Post Church of the Nazarene Gospel Concert
10 a.m.	Garza County Commissioners' Court
2 p.m.	Post ISD Board of Trustees
5 p.m.	Garza County Hospital District
8 p.m.	Post City Council

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