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Garza County Sheriff's deputies chase and capture Dickens County escapee

by Sheri Lewis

Following a multi-vehicle chase that topped speeds of 100 mph, Garza County law enforcement officials helped apprehend a Dickens County Jail escapee Sunday afternoon in Kent County.

Tommy Pina, 29, was nabbed at about 1:30 p.m. after local law enforcement officers pursued him from a location east of Post on U.S. 380 and into Kent County.

Garza County lawmen became involved in the effort to recover the escapee over the weekend when the sheriff's department was contacted

Saturday afternoon by the Dickens County sheriff's office. They were advised that Pina might be hiding at a home on U.S. 380 east of Post.

Dickens County lawmen, as well as members of the Texas Rangers, staked out the location late Saturday and during the overnight hours, Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws said. Garza County deputies took over surveillance of the location Sunday morning.

About mid-day Sunday, Pina was observed leaving the house in a red Dodge pickup that lawmen eventually learned had been stolen from Lubbock. As the escapee drove west toward Post, he apparently observed the surveillance vehicles, Laws said. Pina did a U-turn and headed east on U.S. 380. Three deputies and a constable's unit followed.

The pursuit soon became a high-speed chase, with speeds in excess of 110 to 115 mph, Laws said. During the course of the chase, Pina's pickup forced several west-bound vehicles off the roadway.

Once he was in Kent County, Pina headed north on FM 1081 before turning off on CR 222. It was on the county road that Pina "wrecked out" at a T-intersection, his vehicle striking a guardrail and a barbed-wire fence, Laws said. The escapee's pickup slid sideways, the left front tire rolling off its rim. Pina was immediately surrounded by law enforcement officers.

Pina offered no resistance at the time of his arrest, Laws said. The escapee said he was injured as a result of the crash, claiming a concussion and an injury to his right shoulder.

No reports of injuries were made by lawmen, the sheriff said.

Pina was taken by Kent County ambulance to the Crosbyton hospital and later transported to a Lubbock hospital for treatment and observation.

Laws said his officers received reports that Pina had possession of a double-barrel shotgun; however, no weapon was recovered at the time of the arrest.

The sheriff declined to comment on whether there was any exchange of gunfire during the chase.

Pina escaped from the Dickens County Jail Aug. 18 by jumping a razor-wire fence and breaking into a nearby home, according to reports. There he allegedly stole clothing, a shotgun and ammunition and a 2005 Chevy pickup.

That pickup was recovered late last week in Lubbock.

Laws would not comment on whether Pina might face additional charges in Garza County or whether anyone else would be charged in connection with the weekend incident.

Department of Public Safety officials and the Texas Rangers assisted in the early search for Pina, and units from Kent County assisted in Pina's apprehension.



Adriana Barbosa (front right), holds the winning ticket for a new mini ipod during Monday night's Apple Laptop Roll-out in front of the Post Junior High building. Standing by Barbosa is Mrs. Judy Miers (Junior High Principal). Participating in the event are (back row), Mr. John Miers and Mrs. Kerry Pettijohn.
(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

County Commissioners approve election judges

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court dispensed with a 13 item agenda in less than a half hour at its regular meeting Monday morning. The court approved a revised list of election judges and alternate judges and heard an appeal from Texas Plains Trail Region director Marie Neff for funding support.

The court approved a plan for consolidating voting boxes in the November Texas Constitutional Amendment Election, accepting County Clerk Jim Plummer's recommendation for all voting in that special election to be at the Post Community Center on election day, and at the courthouse for early voting.

Amendments to the Texas Constitution are the only items on the ballot. No action was taken on a request for realignment of the Sheriff's Department budget, with Judge Pro Tem Mason McClellan explaining that the sheriff had pressing business that kept him from attending the meeting.

The court also postponed action on the 2006 budget.

City, county officials consider joint project funding

City and county officials met for more than an hour Friday for a discussion of jointly-funded budget items, but no action was taken as a result of the meeting.

The primary area of discussion was the budget for the Garza County Sheriff's Department, which is funded by county and city tax dollars.

GCHD board study proposed budget

A reduction in the Garza County Hospital District tax rate was proposed Monday evening during a work session conducted at the Dalby Cattle Co. meeting room.

During discussion of the upcoming year's budget, a tax rate of .10542 was proposed. The hospital district's current tax rate is .11481.

District administrator Shirley Taylor said the proposed decrease was made possible by increased property values in the hospital district.

In other business, board members approved a 3 percent pay increase for all district employees, excluding the administrator, effective Oct. 1. Taylor's salary is to be discussed at a later meeting.

District officials will take part in another budget work session at 6:30 p.m. Monday. As of press time, the specific location had not been determined.

On Aug. 16, hospital district officials met for a budget session at the Citizens Bank Community Room. Included in that session was a discussion regarding employee salaries.

No action was taken at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Post ISD set lower tax rate

Post Independent School District taxpayers will realize a drop in their tax rate thanks to action taken by trustees Monday afternoon.

Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$1.3616 per \$100 valuation, compared to the \$1.41 rate used in figuring taxes in the current fiscal year.

The tax rate decrease was made possible by increased property values across the district, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

In other business, trustees officially rehired Marcum, signing him to a three-year contract.

In June, Marcum resigned from the superintendent's post in a move designed to maximize his retirement benefits. His resignation was effective June 30, but trustees tapped Marcum to return to the office in a meeting held earlier this month.

A new teacher also was hired.

Enrollment remains steady here

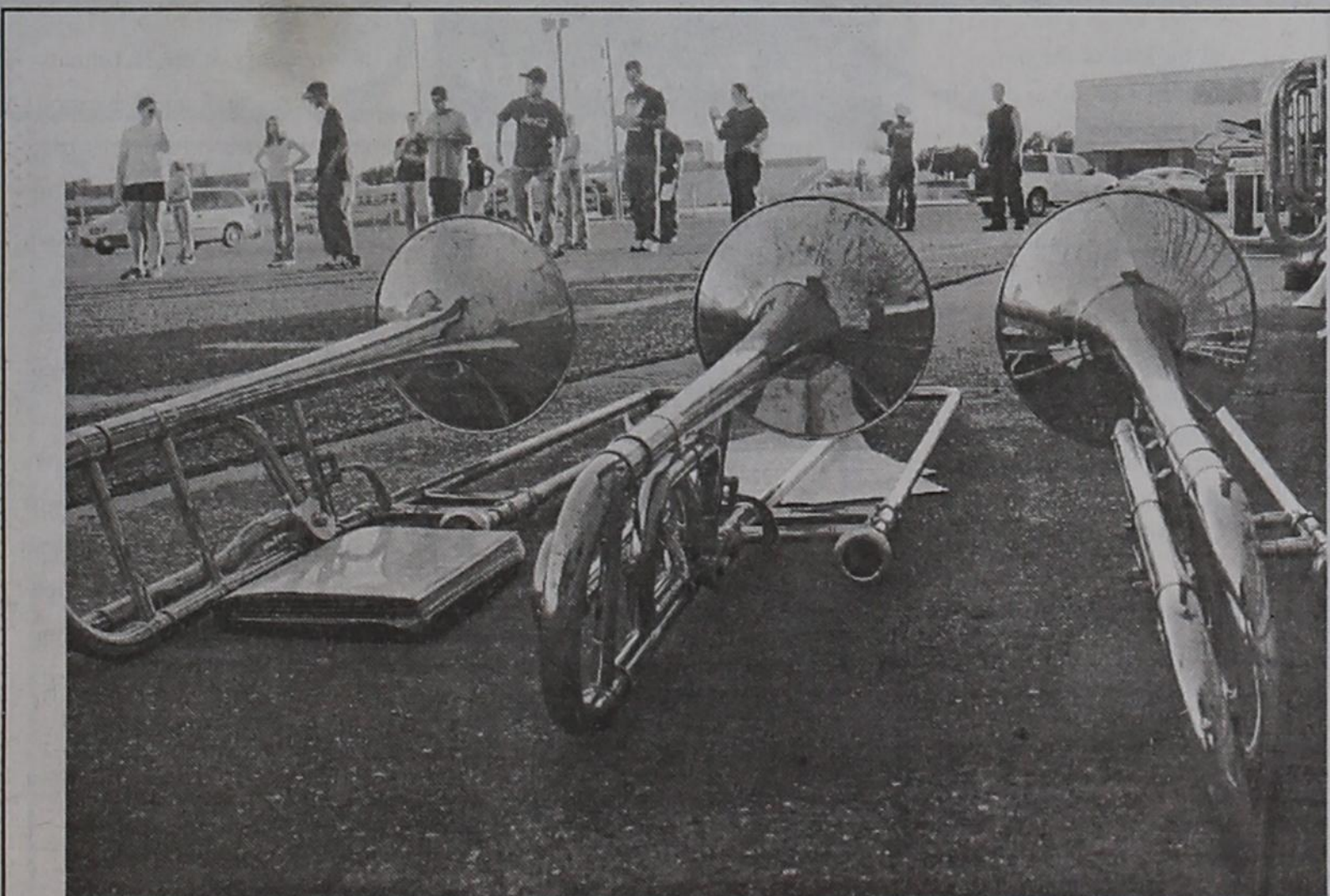
Enrollment at area schools seems to have remained fairly steady with numbers reported at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year.

According to Superintendent Marlin Marcum, the Post Independent School District had an enrollment of 939 students on Tuesday, down somewhat from the 957 students the district had at the close of the last school year.

"We graduated a large class and replaced it with a smaller one," Marcum said.

In August of 2004, the Post ISD started off the school year with 951 students.

In Southland, enrollment for grades K through 12 stood at 145 students on Tuesday. According to district officials, that figure is "about the same as last year."



The Pride of Post Band polishes halftime show

The Post High School Marching Band works on its halftime show during Monday night's practice session. Director of Bands, Aaron Rathbun, hopes to see band parents, relatives and others in the community offer volunteer support for the students by participating in the evening practice sessions. The band will rehearse every Monday evening from 7-9 p.m.

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Notes

Taco plates for sale Friday

Church of God of Prophecy located at 602 W. 14th street will be selling taco plates with all the trimmings on Friday, August 26 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each plate will cost \$5. To place an order call 495-3644

Southland class reunion

The Southland Class of 1995 10 Year Reunion will be Saturday, August 27, with lunch being served at 12 p.m. at the Southland cafeteria. We will be taking a tour of the school after lunch. At 7 p.m., we will have dinner in Lubbock at Logan's Roadhouse.

Dyslexia program held in Lubbock

Come to the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy's Adult Dyslexia Program given by Dallas Scottish Rite educator Lois McCook on Saturday, August 27 at Mahon Library from 9 a.m. until noon. Tutor training will also be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at Mahon Library. For more information please call 775-3636.

Evening lessons at Church of Christ

The Post Church of Christ will host a series of special lessons on Wednesday evenings continuing through Sept. 7. The theme of the series is "Faithfulness To God". 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 get your pass.

Bold Gold pep rally

The first pep rally of the football season will be held at 8:55 a.m. on Friday in the Antelope Arena. It's going to be an exciting year, so come out and support the Antelopes!

Fund raiser for Bethel Assembly

Bethel Assembly will be selling enchilada plates on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Each plate includes 3 enchiladas, beans, rice and salad. Cost is \$5 each plate. Proceeds will go to the building project.

JV kicks-off season this Thursday

The Post Antelope junior varsity team will open their season this Thursday at 6 p.m. at Antelope Stadium against Seminole. Come and support the Bold Gold.

"The First Family"

First Baptist Church presents "First Family Favorites" featuring the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, August 28 at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Attention Post Antelope Fans!

Tickets purchased at the gate in Seminole for the Post Antelope football game against Seminole on Friday will be \$5 each, for adult and student tickets. You may buy discounted general admission tickets in advance for \$4 for adults and \$3 for students at the Post ISD Administrative Office, 501 S. Ave K. Advance tickets must be purchased in person by noon on Friday, Aug. 26.

Men's ministry sponsors special night

Bethel Assembly Men's Ministry will sponsor "Crystal River" during men's fellowship at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26 at the Community Center. All men are invited.

Railroad crossings closed temporarily

A railroad crew will be working on the railroad crossings in Post, August 29-September 1. Certain ones will be closed and some over night.

Trailblazers' bake sale

Garza County Trailblazers will be having a bake sale on Saturday, September 3 at United Supermarket.

Class seeking publication info

The Reunion Committee for the PHS Class of 1964-65 is looking for any Post Dispatch papers or pages for display at our class reunion which will be held September 9-10. Papers will be returned. Call 495-0722.

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.

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. Seats will be sold until Sept. 2. Call Shellee at 495-3343 for more information.

House of Faith begins in Sept.

House of Faith will start on Wednesday, September 14 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Elementary school play-ground. Adult volunteers are needed. Come and receive a blessing. For more information call Tonya Kirkpatrick at 629-4054.

Doll-making workshop set

A doll-making workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Algeria Gallery. Fee for the workshop will be \$35. For more information visit the Algeria Gallery (495-4000) from 1-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri. or the Golden Plains Care Center (Gary, 495-2848). Reservation deadline in Sept. 9.

Post's first longhorn show

Attention longhorn fans! The first International Texas Longhorn Show for Post is scheduled Sept. 17 & 18 in the Garza Co. Showbarn. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. The peewee, youth and unaltered show will be on Saturday, Sept. 17. Sunday will begin with a devotional service at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited. There is no entry fee.

Closed campus at Post Elementary

Post Elementary will have closed campus for lunch beginning in the 05-06 school year. Students can leave campus for lunch with a parent or guardian. Students going off campus for lunch will need to be signed out through the office by a parent or guardian.

Post Antelope football promotion

Reservations for the 2005 Post Antelope Football weekly promotion are now being accepted by The Post Dispatch. In cooperation with Post City Radio and Post City Television, the promotion includes newspaper, radio and television coverage of the Post Antelopes throughout the football season. Sponsors will be featured in the weekly newspaper promotion, promoted by Post City Radio during its live play-by-play report of each game and on the DVD recording aired on Post City Television (Cebribe Connections Channel 12). Call 495-2816 for more details.

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Aaron Cooper

Aaron Cooper earns degree at Texas A&M

Aaron Cooper, son of Steven and Jamie Cooper of Post, graduated from Texas A&M University Aug. 12 with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

While attending A&M, Cooper was a member of the 2004 national champion livestock judging team that captured the university's third straight national title in November in Louisville, Kentucky. Cooper was nominated to the All-American Livestock Judging Team.

Cooper was tapped to serve as a recruitment ambassador under the Aggie REPS (Recruiting Exceptional Prospective Students) program for two years and nominated to the National Dean's List for two years. He served as assistant coach for the junior livestock judging team in 2005 and was a member of the Saddle and

Sirloin Club and Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture. He received the L.D. Wythe Memorial Scholarship and a Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship. He was co-chairman of the Steer and Heifer Futurity, won the Little Southwestern Steer Show and was an intern at the 2005 Houston

Livestock Show. He judged several steer and heifer shows across the state.

Cooper has accepted an assistantship from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln where he will pursue a master's degree in animal breeding and genetics while coaching the

university's livestock judging team beginning this fall.

Grandparents of the new collegiate graduate are Jim and Johnnie Norman of Brownwood and Myra Cooper of Post and the late Charlie Cooper.



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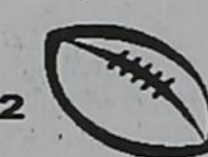
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The 2005 Post High School varsity cheerleading squad members are (back row left to right), Steffi Norman, Lori Jones, Alison Blevins, Lauren Gonzales and Courtney Copeland (front row), Alex Hart, K'Nell Dalby and Claire Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

Births

Piper Brooks Daugherty
Roger and Deann Daugherty of Southland are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Piper Brooks Daugherty.



Piper Brooks Daugherty
July 7, 2005 6 Lbs. 11 Oz.

She was born at University Medical Center July 7, 2005 at 1:56 p.m. She weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long at birth.

Her proud grandparents are Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton, Steve and Linda Daugherty of Fluvanna and Ila Workman of Lubbock.

The baby's great grandparents are Jon and Wade Collier of Crosbyton and Syble Workman of Lubbock.

White River Lake Weekly Report Aug. 22, 2005

Gauge reading: 2350.55 Feet below spillway: 21'10" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): 43" Rain-to-date: 12.73"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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Post City Merchants add members, plan activities

by Donna Degan
Post City Merchants met at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 15 at the Hotel Garza.

The meeting was called to order to president Donna Degan. Other officers present were vice president Curtis Hudman and secretary/treasurer Janice Plummer.

New members signing up and paying dues were the Garza Theatre, La Posta, Cellular One, Cocora's, Brady's Package Store and Post Beverage Barn.

Members signing up at the last meeting were Higginbotham-Bartlett, Plum Crazy, Wells Fargo Bank and Texas Treasures.

PCM celebrated the A-frames returning to the front of our stores, thus enabling our businesses to draw in customers.

A scavenger hunt is still in the works for all members of Post City Merchants on Dec. 3 when all merchants plan to stay open until 8 p.m.

PCM plans to recruit a Santa to walk the streets and have photos taken with children of all ages on that date too.

The Window Display Contest is still on the agenda. All window decors need to be in place by Nov. 25 to be eligible for the prizes.

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For information, call Donna Degan, 495-0888.

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Art Center reopens as Algerita Gallery

The Algerita Art Center, which for more than 20 years has served as a showcase of the talents of Post Art Guild members, has reopened as the Algerita Gallery.

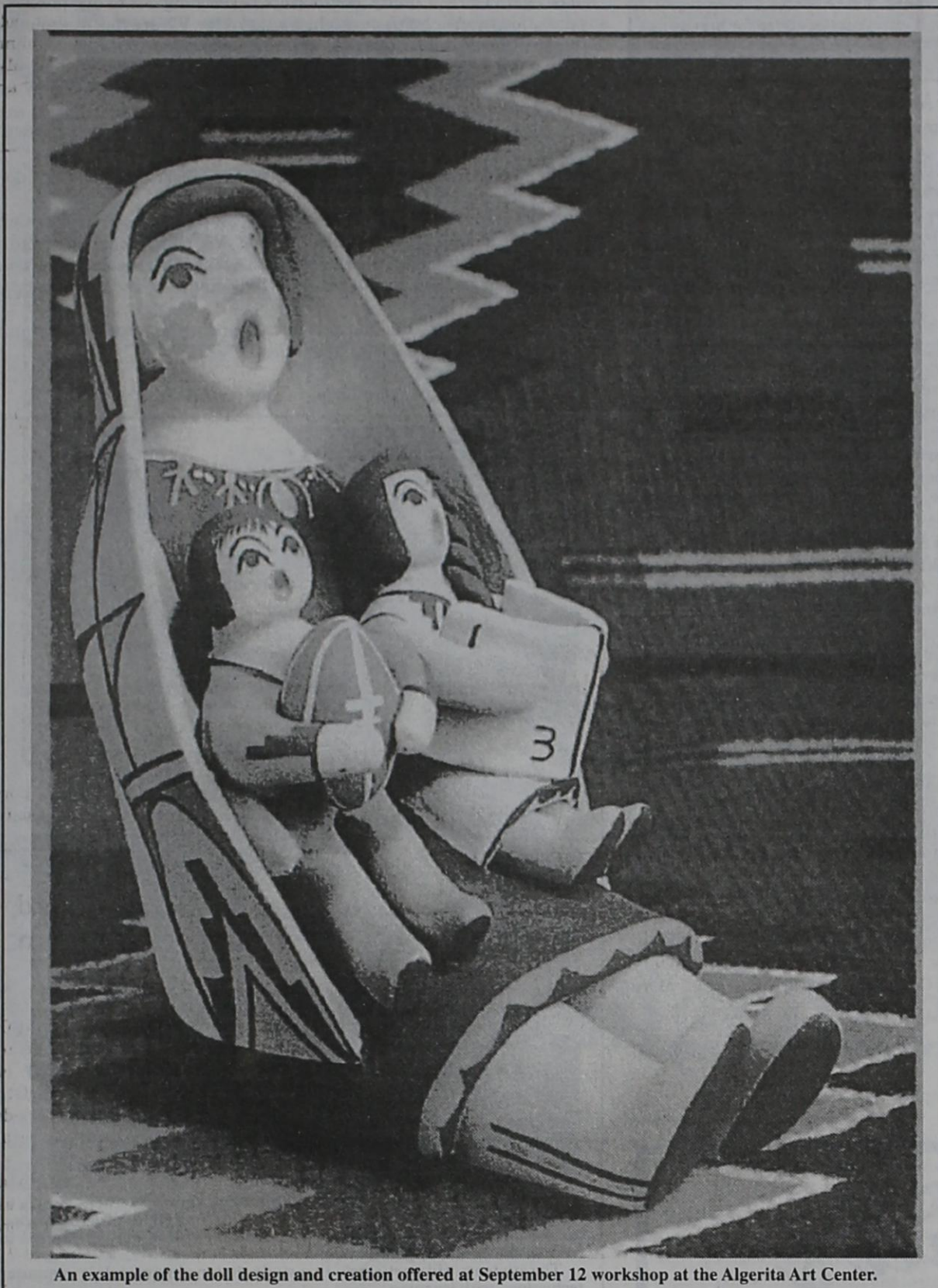
Located in the Algerita Hotel building at Main Street and Avenue I, the Gallery is home for many pieces of fine art created by local artists. Much of the art is available for purchase.

Plans call for the newly-opened Gallery also to serve as a meeting place for the Art Guild. Rooms will be used for demonstrations, workshops and art classes.

An annual juried art show was inaugurated in June of this year as part of the Post City Celebration, and other shows are in the planning stages, including one that will celebrate the young artists of the area.

The facility also housed a special presentation during the Post City Celebration. David Morrow presented highlights of his musical career from Broadway to Post. Similar performances will be sought out and presented as part of the Post Art Guild and Algerita Gallery's activities.

The Gallery is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-5 p.m. and on Old Mill Trade Days Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. Call 495-4000 during Gallery business hours for more information. Or ask a member about upcoming events or membership in the Art Guild. Members include Sarah Ault, Ann Bratcher, Geraldine Butler, Donna Degan, Glenda Morrow, Sheri Riedel, Barbara Neucome, Jo Ann Mock, Marie Neff, Sandra Williamson, Gary Pullen, Polly Cravy and Linda Puckett.



An example of the doll design and creation offered at September 12 workshop at the Algerita Art Center.

Doll design and creation instructor offers workshop at Algerita Art Center Sept. 12

An instructor in doll design and creation will conduct a Sept. 12 workshop at the Algerita Gallery.

Jean Hensley, an instructor whose American Indian-design dolls are fun and rich in tradition, will lead the Story Teller Dolls workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide materials to make a clay-based doll, and the fee also will include kiln time for firing completed dolls. Experience with molding clay is not required.

Workshop fee is \$35, and reservations will be made upon receipt of fee.

Fees may be paid and reservations made at the Algerita Gallery from 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays (495-4000) or at the Golden Plains Care Center (Gary, 495-2848). Reservations should be made by Sept. 9.

The workshop is one of a series planned by the Post Art Guild.

Extension Extras

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

4-H Achievement Banquet

All 2004-05 4-H participants, families, leaders and supporters are invited to attend the Achievement Banquet Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. 4-H families are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert, meat will be furnished. Please call 495-4400 by Noon, Monday, August 29 if you plan to attend.

Banquet Program Practice & Decorating

Program participants and anyone who wants to help decorate will meet at 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 29 at the Post Community Center.

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Caprock Cultural Association News

For 10 days in June, Museum Director Linda and I were "Hot" on the trail of C.W. Post. Springfield, Ill. C.W. Post was born/raised. His family were neighbors & friends to the Lincoln's. Rollin Post, C.W.'s father helped bring his Abe Lincoln's body back to Springfield for burial. Springfield is full of "Looking for Lincoln". Plaques with Lincoln facts on every sidewalk, lots of statuary, a preserved 2 block area of the Lincoln neighborhood and then the fabulous new Lincoln Museum. This was so moving and very high tech, it left us very emotional.

The King's Daughter Home, donated by C.W. as a tribute to his mother, and a home for elderly ladies. We were treated to a tour by the Director, and had tea with the residents. They were anxious to hear about Post.

Then on to: Battle Creek Mi.: Home of Post Cereal Company. Internet friends, Charlie & Cheryl Ashley, Virginia and Ralph Moody were great tour guides. We were enthusiastically greeted at the Tourism Bureau and the Chamber office, toured the Historic Oak Ridge Cemetery, the mausoleum of C.W. Post, burial place of Serjourner Truth and other notables. Had lunch at "Turkeyville" and enjoyed the Moody's huge collection of Post Cereals. They had boxes, coupons, games, toys, advertisements, and other data from its beginnings. We made "Front Page News" at the Battle Creek Enquirer. You can read the story on <http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/www.battlecreekenquirer.com> June 20. The to: Ann Arbor, Mi: the U. of Michigan, where we did some research, What a History!! So much more than we knew!! Stopped by Gettysburg with an auto tour of the battlefield on the way to: Washington D.C. Dense forest in the Capitol!! Trees, Trees!! We visited Hillwood, Marjorie Merriweather's valuable collection of Russian arts and crafts outside of Russia, focusing on the days of the Czars. Energy spent, we decided to return a day early without touring the Capital.

IMPRESSIONS: 1. There is very limited knowledge of C.W. activities in Texas in Springfield and Battle Creek. Very few even knew that he founded a town that bears his name. 2. He and his family were totally involved in our U.S. history, much more than we were aware of. We got a glimpse of early patterns of employee relationships, labor movement, intense competition, egos and conflict among the cereal companies. This was the most exciting, rewarding, and interesting trip that either of us had ever had. 3. The parallel and similarities of the developments in Battle Creek and West Texas were amazing.

The Moody's may bring their collection to Post for our Continual Celebration. Watch for more announcements. We will be developing the history of this incredible family at the Garza County Historical Museum. More about this later:

An Abe Lincoln Quote:
"It is best to be silent and thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt"

More to follow: Lots of News to report:
JoAnn Mock

Trailblazers reaching out for public support

Once again Garza County Trailblazers is reaching out to our public for any donations and/or help you might want to offer. We are reaching our end to this fiscal year, and once again we are needing some support.

We want to encourage all seniors in our community to please stop by for lunch and join our patrons for a good meal and lots of fellowship and activities. Just having you here and your names on our sign-in sheets each day supports our center tremendously. We welcome you all and hope to see you soon.

Thank you to those of you who show your support. We could not do it without you.

Let's all get together and keep this wonderful place going for our seniors. It would be a shame to see this place close down. Our seniors have had so much taken away from them in this trying time to make ends meet. We don't want to see this happen, but we need all the community and seniors support we can get.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we hope to see community support and more seniors joining our center soon.

Thank you again.
Garza County Trailblazers Board of Directors & Staff



Post seventh grade student, Alexis Dunn (background) listens closely to the presentation as eighth grader Travis Bergin (front right) picks up a ticket for the mini ipod during Monday's Apple Laptop Roll-out ceremonies in front of the Junior High building. The students will participate in a study designed to correlate computer technology with learning. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Questions about the crucifixion ...

The Biblical accounts of Jesus Christ's scourging and crucifixion include certain events that are debated on in Theological circles. During the next few weeks we will shine the light of God's word on the following questions:

1. How many people were crucified with Jesus?
2. Did Jesus carry the wooden cross designed for his crucifixion?
3. Did God forsake His beloved son?

It might be argued that the number of people crucified with Jesus Christ would not have affected the ultimate outcome. So why make such a big issue about it? Why should we study the minute details to see exactly how many people were crucified with Jesus? Truth is, the integrity of God's word is at stake. There is no doubt that we love God very much. But it should be our desire to search the scriptures and align our personal beliefs with what God says about how many were crucified with Jesus.

For hundreds of years people have held the cross as a symbol of what Jesus Christ did for all of mankind. Sadly, many still carry Jesus hanging on the cross. Gladly, many more carry

only the cross without Jesus on it. Jesus is alive and in heaven, no longer hanging on a cross. In our study of the cross the Jesus carried, we will examine the context of how the word "cross" was used in the different Gospel accounts.

The question of whether God forsake His beloved son drives in the underlying question of whether God followed through with His promise. According to the King James Bible, while hanging on the cross Jesus cried out, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me!" This is a highly charged subject that must be addressed. If God truly forsake His son, then He did not raise him from the dead. And if God never raised Jesus from the dead, then all of God's word in the Gospels, Epistles and the book of Revelation would be null and void.

As we take the time to shine the light of God's word on the above topics, we can learn to do the same in other areas of personal belief. We can let God's rightly divided word shine more light in our hearts toward increased understanding and growth in our spiritual walk.

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Making intelligent errors

by Walter E. Williams

We're not omniscient. That means making errors is unavoidable. Understanding the nature of errors is vital to our well-being. Let's look at it.

There are two types of errors, nicely named the type I error and the type II error. The type I error is when we reject a true hypothesis when we should accept it. The type II error is when we accept a false hypothesis when we should reject it. In decision-making, there's always a non-zero probability of making one error or the other. That means we're confronted with asking the question: Which error is least costly? Let's apply this concept to a couple of issues.

The stated reason for going to war with Iraq is that our intelligence agencies surmised Saddam Hussein had, or was near having, nuclear, biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction. Intelligence is never perfect. During World War II, our intelligence agencies thought that Germany was close to having an atomic bomb. That intelligence was later found to be flawed, but it played an important role in the conduct of the war.

Since intelligence is always less than perfect, we're forced to decide which error is least costly. Leading up to our war with Iraq, the potential errors confronting us were: Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and we incorrectly assumed he didn't. Or, he didn't have weapons of mass destruction and we incorrectly assumed he did. Both errors are costly, but which is more costly? It's my guess that it would have been more costly for us to make the first error: Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and we incorrectly assumed he didn't.

Another example of type I and type II errors hits closer to home. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials, in their drug approval process, can essentially make two errors. They can approve a drug that has unanticipated dangerous side effects (type II). Or, they can disapprove, or hold up approval of, a drug that's perfectly safe and effective (type I). In other words, they can err on the side of under-caution or err on the side of over-caution. Which error do FDA officials have the greater

incentive to make?

If a FDA official errs by approving a drug that has unanticipated, dangerous side effects, he risks congressional hearings, disgrace and termination. Erring on the side of under-caution produces visible, sick victims who are represented by counsel and whose plight is hyped by the media.

Erring on the side of over-caution is another matter. A classic example was beta-blockers, which an American Heart Association study said will "lengthen the lives of people at risk of sudden death due to irregular heartbeats." The beta-blockers in question were available in Europe in 1967, yet the FDA didn't approve them for use in the U.S. until 1976. In 1979, Dr. William Wardell, a professor of pharmacology, toxicology and medicine at the University of Rochester, estimated that a single beta-blocker, alprenolol, which had already been sold for three years in Europe, but not approved for use in the U.S., could have saved more than 10,000 lives a year. The type I error, erring on the side of over-caution, has little or no cost to FDA officials. Grieving survivors of those 10,000 people who unnecessarily died each year don't know why their loved one died, and surely they don't connect the death to FDA over-caution. For FDA officials, these are the best kind of victims — invisible ones. When an FDA official holds a press conference to announce its approval of a new life-saving drug, I'd like to see just one reporter ask: How many lives would have been saved had the FDA not delayed the drug's approval?

The bottom line is, we humans are not perfect. We will make errors. Rationality requires that we recognize and weigh the cost of one error against the other.

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Evolution or Intelligent Design: none of the government's business

by Sheldon Richman

You'd think that with all he has to do — including fighting the global struggle against violent extremism, or whatever they're calling it this week — President Bush would be too busy to make the really big decisions: such as what ought to be taught in science class. But our renaissance man of a president is apparently up to the task. Does he write poetry after dinner and paint before breakfast?

When asked recently if the view known as "intelligent design" should be taught alongside Darwinian evolution, President Bush said, "I felt like both sides ought to be properly taught. I think that part of education is to expose people to different schools of thought. You're asking me whether or not people ought to be exposed to different ideas, and the answer is yes."

But this is not an abstract question about the open marketplace of ideas. It is a concrete question about the science curriculum in the government's schools. If Bush can't see those essential details, then maybe he is too busy to be meddling in the issue.

Those of us who think that government has no business "educating" children have long warned that such a role would take government where it ought not to tread. There is no such thing as value-free education, so government control of schools entails government's imparting values to children. Look at the politicians and bureaucrats you are familiar with. Do you want [begin italics]them[end italics] imparting values to your kids? Neither do I.

The present lobbying throughout the states to have "intelligent design" given equal weight with evolution is presented as a matter of fairness. But that's a decoy. It is really an attempt to use government power to define science, and it should offend any advocate of limiting that power.

Government wouldn't be called on to arbitrate disputes about science if it were not running a virtual monopoly on schools. Thus we have another reason for the government to privatize education. The basic reason is that government can't do anything without using physical force against innocent people.

Behold what government control of education has wrought. Science is settled on the idea that evolutionary processes account for the origin of species. There is debate at the margins, but the core theory is well supported. A number of people, however, including some scientists, believe that certain phenomena are too complex to be explained by evolution. Only intelligent design, they say, can explain those things.

I am tempted to state my reasons for casting my lot with the evolutionists — except that it would distract us from the main point, which is that this is none of the government's business. Government schools, because they are compulsorily financed through taxation, turn a debate between science and religion into an acrid political war. How ironic that government schooling was originally touted as the path to social harmony.

In a free, depoliticized educational environment, people would have no need to fight over the origin of species at school-board meetings as they do today. In the current system, if your side doesn't control the curriculum, the other side will, which means it will impose abhorrent views on your children. Since the stakes are so high, people invest a lot of effort to gain or keep control.

But in a free education market no one is threatened. Parents send their children to the schools that best reflect their worldviews. There is no need to fight for power; power is irrelevant. So education proceeds peacefully.

We often distrust simple solutions, but this one is just that simple. Take government out of schooling; return responsibility and financial control to parents — and education will be as private and placid as religious worship is. If we value freedom and social cooperation, we will realize that there is no way to intelligently design a government school system.

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God help us

by Bill O'Reilly

The relentless attack on public displays of spirituality and religion by progressive secularists has been extremely effective worldwide. Churchgoing in Western Europe, for example, has collapsed in many countries. Harvard professor Niall Ferguson calls the decline of Christianity in Europe "one of the most remarkable phenomena of our times."

Ferguson cites a Gallup Poll that shows barely 20 percent of Western Europeans attend church services at least once a week. The number is 47 percent and falling in the USA. In Britain, only 10 percent of those polled said they would be willing to die for their religious beliefs. And guess who loves that statistic? Can you say the Islama-fascists?

The decline of religious influence in the West can be seen in two very important areas. First, how the world is responding to the terrorist jihad. And second, how societies deal with citizens who commit the most dastardly of crimes.

As this column has stated before, if all the world's nations would unite against terrorism, it could not exist. If the fundamental moral tenet of protecting the lives of innocent people superceded all other political concerns, Osama bin-Laden and the boys would be on the gallows right now. But that is not the case as we all know.

Terrorist acts are routinely justified and accepted by people who feel little for their fellow man. A once-proud country like Spain essentially surrendered to Al Qaeda after those killers bombed a Spanish train. The citizens of Spain had to know that pulling out of Iraq after that bombing gave Al Qaeda a huge victory. But many Spanish citizens simply didn't care. To them Al Qaeda should be someone else's problem.

In America, the anti-religious forces are led by the ACLU and activist liberal judges who are aided by an increasingly secular media. It is no accident that we have thousands of child sex offenders running wild in this country. The crime of child sexual abuse used to be second only to murder. Now the ACLU defends the North American Man-Boy Love Association in court claiming their free speech rights are being violated.

The Founding Fathers knew that religion, if handled correctly, could be a powerful force for good. The moral guidance provided by The Ten Commandments constrains bad behavior, that's why the Commandments appeared in Scripture. But now, the secularists insist there is no place in the public square for the Commandments. There is no place for constraints that may offend.

Think it over. If every human being chose to set up his or her own moral program, there would never be a consensus of what is proper and what is not. There would never be universal outrage over terrorism or terrible crimes.

Moral outrage is the only way to defeat terrible behavior. Today, many of us don't even know what terrible behavior is. Could gangsta rap music have existed 30 years ago? How about partial birth abortion?

Hitler and Tojo were defeated by men and women who were willing to die so those villains could not enslave and kill other human beings. It was moral outrage over Pearl Harbor that led to the demise of the dictators.

We had a semblance of the same moral outrage in America after 9/11 but that is ebbing away. The terrorists and perverts understand that only moral outrage will beat them back. A person or nation with no moral compass will never be able to summon up that outrage. A human being that lives in the gray area of right and wrong is likely not to make a stand against evil.

And that's what the evildoers are counting on.

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'Lopes eager to test skills with opening Friday at Seminole



The Post High School Varsity defence shut down the Stanton passing game during last Thursday's scrimmage at Stanton. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

by Wes Burnett
Opening up a football season rated at number nine in the state might make some high school coaches a bit nervous ... but that's not so for Post ISD athletic director and head football coach Tim James.

"I'd a whole lot rather be rated number nine," James emphasized, "than to be rated number 209."
Coach James said that he is extremely proud of the players and their achievements, as well as the expectations for the 2005 football season. "They have worked very hard, and they've really executed well in two-a-days and our two scrimmages," James added, "and they recognize that there's a big target on their backs with such a high state-wide rating. They have set a goal of ending the season as the number one rated team... and are willing and eager to do the best they can to achieve that goal."

The team opens the season Friday night at Seminole, following last Thursday's scrimmage at Stanton. "Our offense and defense executed very well last week," coach James observed. "We scored three times in our first 15 plays, and our defense held Stanton to only one first down. We played a full quarter and scored once, then allowed a big play score, but the team did not get down and stood toe-to-toe to the end."

"We are most impressed with the team's maturity and their adapting to our offensive and defensive schemes," coach James added. "We're ready to play."

The Antelope team elected their captains this week, choosing seniors Sterling Smith, Jonathan Gregory, Kenneth Garay and Jace Pollard.

Coach James announced the starting lineup for Friday's 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Seminole.

On offense: center Eric Reyna, right guard Israel Beggs, right tackle Jace Pollard, left guard Zach Witcher, left tackle Blake Nichols, tight end Jonathan McGregor, flanker Kenneth Garay, strong end D.J. Baiza, quarterback Sterling Smith and running backs Steven Hair and Roosevelt Brown.

On defense: nose guard Nichols, right tackle Preston Ortiz, left end Reyna, right end Witcher, linebackers McGregor and Zack Sanchez, left corner Garay, right corner Hair, strong safety Colter Creech and free safety Wilson Cash.

Other team members are wide receivers Edgar Garay, Chris Rangel, Wes Mason, Aaron Fox; running back D.J. Rivera, guards Colt Mason, Fernando Soto, Thomas Odom and center Josh Lee.

"We've got 24 players on the roster who really want to play," coach James reported. "And we're just real proud of these guys!"

When the team lines up against the Class AAA Seminole Indians, they'll be looking at a spread offense which uses their talented quarterback's throwing and running abilities. The Indians operate out of a 5-2 defense set, similar to the Antelopes. "It's going to be a real battle," coach James concluded, "and we will have to avoid turnovers and not give up any big plays if we're to win this one."

The PHS pep rally will start at 8:55 a.m. in the Antelope Arena.

Post City Radio (Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.postcityradio.com) will broadcast the game live from Seminole, with veteran radio announcer Steve Mason calling the play-by-play action. Post City Television will broadcast the DVD recorded game on Channel 12 Saturday and Sunday, see the program schedule in this edition of The Post Dispatch.

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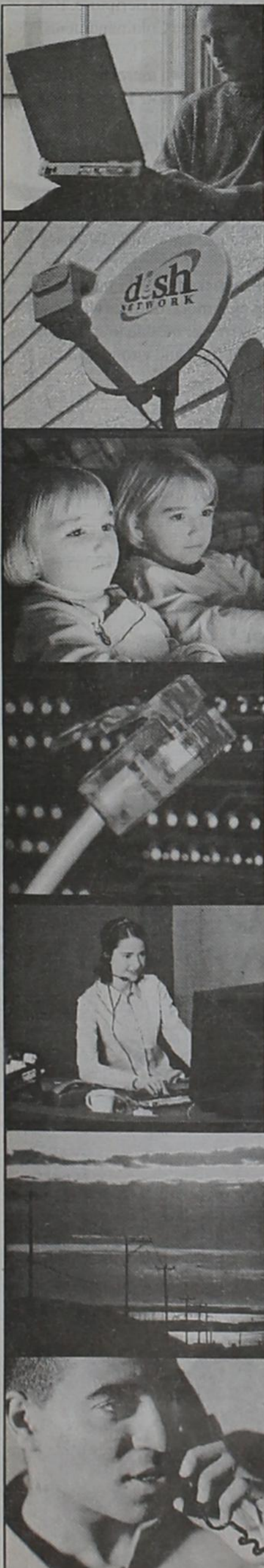
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Post High School Head Coach Tim James (middle), encourages the team to give their best and play their game during last Thursday's scrimmage at Stanton. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



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The Post Antelopes open the 2005 football season Friday night with a trip to Seminole. The 'Lopes, picked by a state-wide poll as the number nine best Class AA team, will roll out its hopes for another championship season with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Those who are unable to attend the game have the opportunity to follow all the action live on Post City Radio, beginning with the pre-game show at 7:15 p.m. Veteran radio announcer Steve Mason will, as he has done for more than 20 years, keep the airwaves alive with his patented play-by-play of the game.

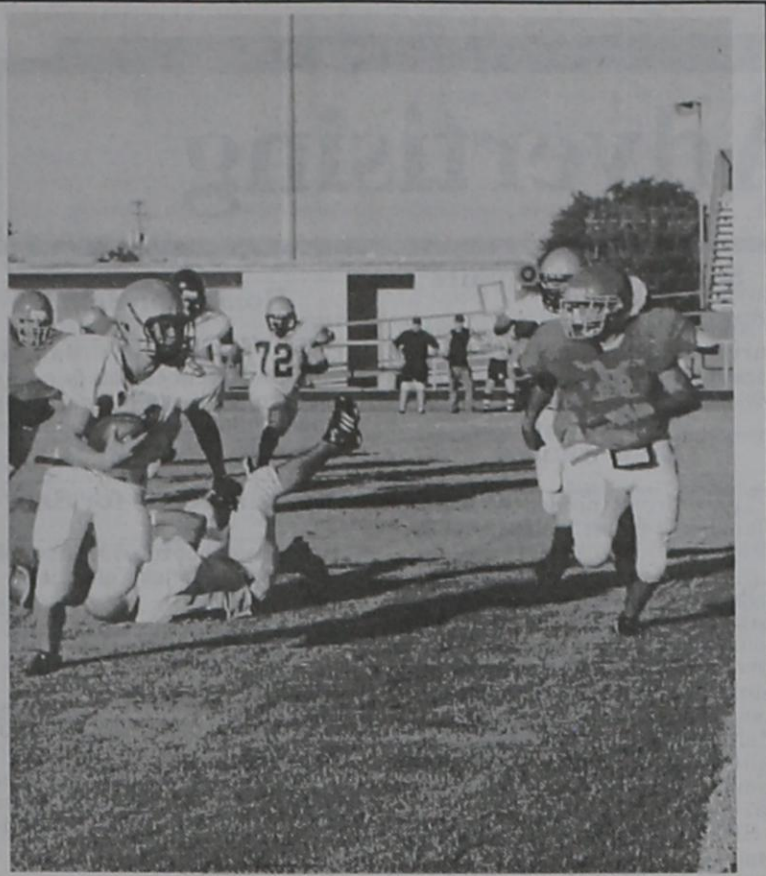
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Post Antelope quarterback Sterling Smith takes off for extra yardage during the scrimmage last week at Stanton. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



The Post High School Junior Varsity football team demonstrates good defensive skills during last Thursdays scrimmage at Stanton. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Sept. 9		LOCKNEY	Post	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	7th/8th	Roscoe	Post	4/5:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	JV	Roscoe	Post	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Varsity	Roscoe	Roscoe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	7th/8th	Denver City	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	JV	Denver City	Denver City	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Varsity	Denver City*	Post	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	7th/8th	Abernathy	Abernathy	5/6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	JV	Abernathy	Post	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Varsity	Abernathy	Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	7th/8th	Shallowater	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	JV	Shallowater*	Shallowater	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Varsity	Shallowater	Post	7:30 p.m.
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Oct. 14	Varsity	Idalou*	Idalou	7:30 p.m.
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Oct. 21	Varsity	Tahoka*	Tahoka	7:30 p.m.
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 8A-0243815 THE STATE OF TEXAS IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN Austin, Texas August 15, 2005 NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF THE GEO. R. BROWN PARTNERSHIP LP TO EXPAND THE EXISTING UNIT FOR THE BASINGER-LONG UNIT, BUENOS FIELDS, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN, art. SS 2001 et seq. (2005), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on September 16, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. SS

2001 et seq. (2005). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of The Geo. R. Brown Partnership LP to expand the existing Basinger-Long Unit in the Buenos Field, Garza County, Texas. Applicant has signed 100% of the working interest owners and over 95% of the royalty owners have approved.

If you have questions regarding the application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lloyd Muennink, at (512) 478-6623. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will

proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted with this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago August 24, 1995

Raylnn Key and Will Kirkpatrick exchanged double-ring ceremonies on Saturday, June 17, at the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

The Community Recovery Center will host a benefit concert, The West Texas Rock and Roll/Rhythm and Blues Revue, at the Tower Theatre.

The Third Annual Native American Workshop will be held at the Garza County Historical Museum at 119 N. Ave. N. The program, "First American-III," features a special performance of Indian lore by Chief Frank Runkles.

Coach Dewayne Osborn works with varsity football players during practice this week. The Antelopes are getting ready for a scrimmage Friday with Abernathy.

Mitchell Williams and Jimmy B. Wright announce the opening of their law office at 302 West 8th Street for the general practice of law.

20 Years Ago August 28, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holleman announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Lynette to Mark Edward Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Short of Hale Center, Texas.

Post Merchants Association president Curtis Hudman made a request to the City council to approve the use of the old Tower Theater marqui for advertising public service messages. The council agreed to the request.

Garza County commissioners and Post city council members approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the Post EMS Association. When delivered, the EMS Association will be equipped with two ambulances.

Murphy Plumbing & Supply is now open at 107 W. Main. David and Brenda Murphy are the owners and Sam Dotson will serve as manager.

Mary Ann Norman and Kevin L. Wright exchanged wedding vows on August 17 in the First Baptist Church of Post. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Steve McMeans.

30 Years Ago August 28, 1975

Evangelist Billy Graham will bring his West Texas Crusade to Lubbock's Jones Stadium next week for a seven-night run. Chartered buses will be available for Post's residence.

A recent census for the county population is 4,424 and that of Post is 3,191. In the 1970 census, Post had a population of 3,854, the rural area 1,400 for a Garza county population of 5,254.

Kathie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex King of Kingsland, formerly of Post was crowned Junior Miss Aqua-Boom in the annual beauty contest. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. King

Menus

Post ISD

August 29 - Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Frito pie, ranch style beans, broccoli, corn bread, fruit cocktail, milk.

August 30 - Breakfast - Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Fajitas, onions & peppers, salad, cantaloupe, milk.

August 31 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk.
Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding, milk.

September 1 - Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage link, peaches, milk.
Lunch - BBQ on bun, french fries, salad, ice cream, milk.

September 2 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch - Fish, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, apple, milk.

Southland ISD

August 29 - Breakfast - Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk.
Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fruit salad, milk.

August 30 - Breakfast - Grilled cheese sandwiches, apple, milk.
Lunch - Tacos w/cheese, spanish rice, pinto beans, green salad, fruit cup, milk.

August 31 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, syrup, juice, milk.
Lunch - Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

September 1 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, syrup, juice, milk.
Lunch - Baked potatoes w/ham, broccoli w/cheese, soft pretzel, pudding, milk.

Fumagalli, Wayne Hundley, A. C. Thomas, Charles Propts, David Buster and Jimmie Bird. This season's team will be centered around these six men.

A marriage of interest to many friends in Post and in this area will take place August 26, of Mrs. J. B. Slaughter jr., and Mr. Tom J. Welborn of Midland and Lubbock. The wedding vows will be exchanged in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Connell.

Miss Maxine Durrett will leave Friday for Lovington, New Mexico, where she will teach in the Lovington High school this year. She was a member of the high school faculty here last year.

Another happy Post family is that of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams. Notice was printed of scheduled arrivals of servicemen from Europe and the name of First Lieut. David "Buddy" Williams was among those listed.

September 2 - Breakfast - Cereal, muffin, applesauce, milk.
Lunch - BBQ on a bun, pickle spears, potato rounds, corn cobbettes, pears, milk.

TRAILBLAZERS

August 29 - Catfish, baked beans, turnip greens, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

August 30 - Beef enchiladas, mexican corn & beans, stewed tomatoes, salad, chips & salsa, chocolate cake.

August 31 - Roast beef w/brown gravy, oven potatoes, carrots, macaroni salad, wheat roll, frosted cinnamon cake.

September 1 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, fried zucchini, cucumbers & onions, garlic bread, applesauce cake.

September 2 - Chili, pinto beans, fried potatoes, crackers, jello.

Do you remember?

Do you remember when Post only had one paved street? Do you remember which one it was?

Do you remember when Post only had one law enforcement person and who it was? Do you remember how many deputies he had?

Do you remember that the only other person of significance in law enforcement was the night watchman? Who was he?

Do you remember when Post High School was a stone building on what is now 10th Street?

Do you remember when the local funeral parlor was in the rear of a furniture store? Which one?

Do you remember when Post Main Street had a strip of grass and trees with old-time light posts?

Do you remember when Post had one variety store? Who owned it?

For that matter, can you remember the Algerita Hotel down by the railroad? Well, if you can remember these things, you are old enough.

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- TX Tommy Lee Jones film "Eyes of Laura"
- TXism: "get your ducks in"
- weather phenomenon "El"
- El Paso's first female mayor Suzy Mills Co. seat
- popular Dallas area "West"
- therapeutic baths
- Gov. "Ferguson"
- TX "Son of the Pioneers" Farr
- Kiowa chief "Orator of the Plains"
- hair style foam
- TXism: "at my end" (frazzled)
- TX Helmond's role on "Who's the Boss"
- European political org. (abbr.)
- TX LeDoux's "Dollar"
- TXism for "dog"
- TXism: "as a boardinghouse cat"
- art in oil
- it's scored when an Astro crosses the plate (2 wds.)
- brush
- TXism: "nip"
- TX "Bandit Queen" Starr
- TXism: "not a lick"
- Lou Gossett role on TX "Return to Lonesome Dove"

- TXism: "keep your eyeballs"
- noted TX poet Crowell (init.) (1886-90)
- TXism: "the in the fire" (in trouble)
- in Seguin: "Texas University"
- Park, TX
- TXism: "horse town"

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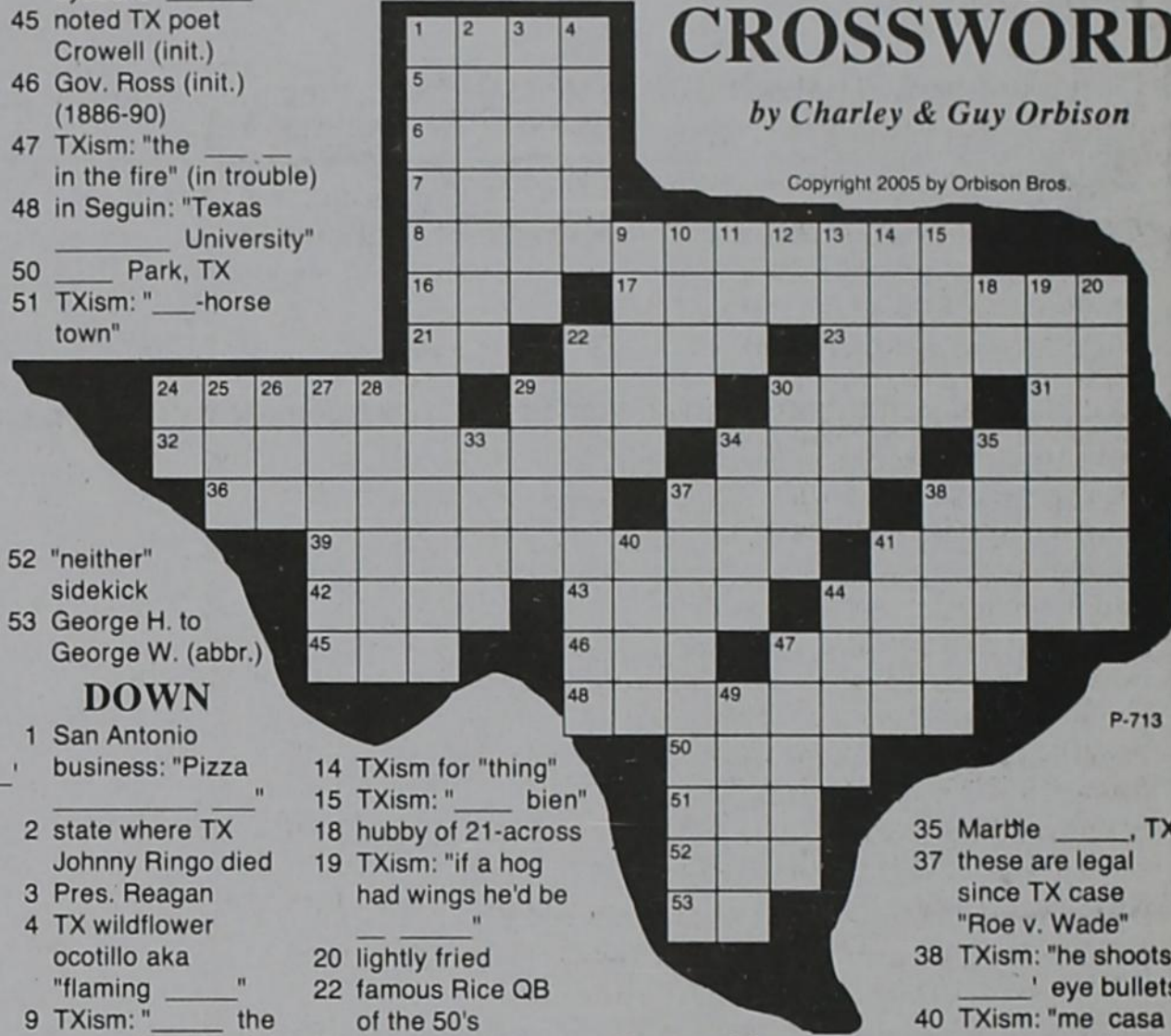
- San Antonio business: "Pizza"
- state where TX Johnny Ringo died
- Pres. Reagan
- TX wildflower ocotillo aka "flaming"
- TXism: "the unvarnished truth"
- "his and"
- there's a mess of "Marts in TX"
- this Ladd starred in "Santiago" with TX Chill Wills (init.)
- TX Dan Jenkins' "Life self"
- TXism for "thing"
- TXism: "bien"
- hubby of 21-across
- TXism: "if a hog had wings he'd be"
- lightly fried famous Rice QB of the 50's
- TX runner Mal who won 3 gold medals (init.)
- TX Hamlin created "Alley"
- fictitious "sister of TX Ima Hogg"
- TXns go to NM & CO for the
- Marble, TX
- these are legal since TX case "Roe v. Wade"
- TXism: "he shoots eye bullets"
- TXism: "me casa casa"
- TX barbed wire tycoon: John "Million" Gates
- "chute" or "graph" syllable
- less than Texas Stadium "Ring of"

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• August 26 thru September 1

Friday, August 26

- 7 a.m. Middle School Laptop Arrival
- 10 a.m. This Week In Post City
- 2 p.m. Middle School Laptop Arrival
- 5 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 7:15 p.m. Post City Radio LIVE Post Antelope Football
- 11 p.m. This Week In Post City

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28

- 2 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 5 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Seminole
- 8 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 10 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Seminole

Monday, August 29

- 7 a.m. Post Antelope Football vs Seminole
- 10 a.m. This Week In Post City

1, 5 & 10 p.m. Post Church of Christ Sunday Services

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 30, 31 & Sept. 1

- 7 a.m. Middle School Laptop Arrival
- 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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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the GARZA COUNTY property tax rate was \$.49500. That rate raised \$ 2,026,059, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER, MEALS ON WHEELS, LIBRARY, CITY AND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, COUNTY MUSEUM, SUMMER RECREATION, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND 62 COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

This year, GARZA COUNTY is proposing a property tax rate of \$.44500. That rate would raise \$ 2,125,691, which is \$ 99,632 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. AT THE YOUTH CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. The second hearing will be held on SEPT 12, 2005 at COMMISSIONERS COURT, ROOM 9:00A.M.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

Post Middle School one of only 22 in Texas for Apple Laptop program

by Judy Miers,
Post Middle School Principal

At last Monday's Apple Laptop Rollout, I commented about an ancient Hebrew text which states, "Without a vision the people will perish". I then alluded to the visionary

C.W. Post as the founder of the very ground upon which we stand as Post, Texas. Technology is a new frontier that allows us to be visionary as well.

In Post, TX we are on the cutting edge of the state of Texas as well as the nation by being one of twenty-one schools who have issued a computer to every student. This means that when we begin on-line state assessments, we will be among the first to do so.

We have followed in the tradition of

our founder as a community and a school district by involving ourselves in the TIP grant. A high school ensemble played the school song and the fight song."

We were pleased to introduce Apple Computer representative Tom Burnett of Austin, who challenged the students to try new paths to learning.

Also speaking at the event, Maria Henderson, Apple Distinguished Educator challenged the teachers to open their minds to new ways of teaching. She challenged the students to become life-long learners just as their teachers have become.

Henderson introduced Matt Cooper, Account Executive for Apple Computers, who challenged the community to come

involved and support the new ideas and technology in which their children are engaged.

Mr. Cooper, along with the help of Post ISD Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Kerry Pettijohn and Post ISD Technology Coordinator James Easterling, drew the winning ticket for a mini ipod. The winner was 8th grade student Adriana Barbosa.

Carol Hester, Post Middle School Instructional Technologist, then spoke to the parents and students about the procedure used for issuing the Apple iBooks.

Washington Delicious apples were furnished by United Grocers in Post so the students went home with an Apple iBook and a Washington apple to celebrate feeding our minds and our bodies.



Post Junior High Principal, Judy Miers (left), recognizes the Post ISD Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Kerry Pettijohn and Technology Coordinator James Easterling for their roles in implementing the Technology Improvement Program (TIP) at the Junior High. The Apple Laptop Roll-out drew a large crowd of citizens. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

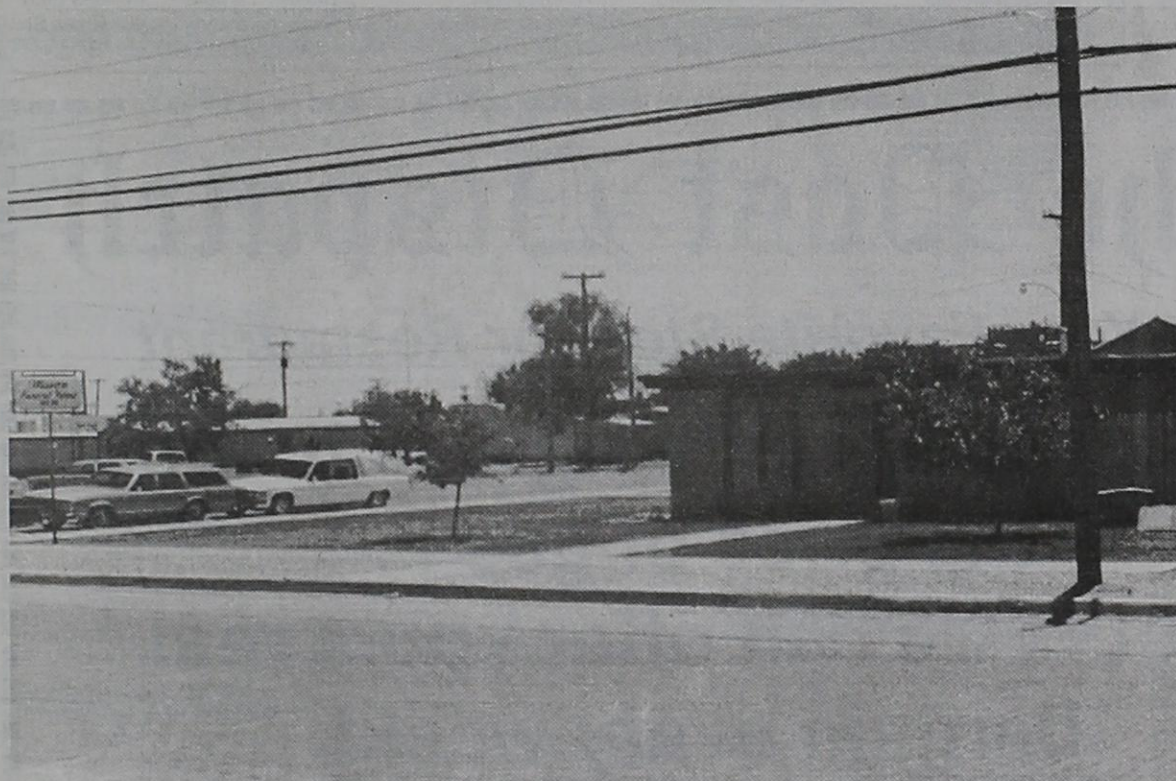
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Sheriff reports 10 arrested last week

Ten arrests were made in recent days, according to a report provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests included that of a 37-year-old male on a Taylor County warrant, a 19-year-old male on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container; a 39-year-old male, possession of drug paraphernalia; a 45-year-old male, Terry County warrant; and a 22-year-old male, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Also, a 28-year-old female, Lubbock County warrant; a 46-year-old female, driving while intoxicated; a male, age unlisted, for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; a 25-year-old male, revocation of parole; and a 43-year-old male, public intoxication.



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In celebrating our 90th anniversary, we want to thank the families that have put their trust in us. Our dedication to Post, Garza County and West Texas will continue.