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## Council receives report on White River's rates, future

White River Municipal Water District board member Rich Oller delivered grim news about the water district, its rates and its future at a Feb. 11 meeting of the Post City Council.

Oller, who was appointed to the board earlier this year as a representative of the city, advised he recently attended his first board meeting and learned several things about the water district.

Confirming information received by the council earlier this year, Oller said the district has moved to increase its water rates from \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons to \$3 per 1,000 gallons. The new rate is to be passed on to all member cities because the water district is not selling as much water and because the district's expenses have climbed in recent months.

Oller said he told the WRMWD board that the City of Post had reviewed the district's plan to increase its rates; however, no action on the proposal was taken because no board White River board member attended the council meeting to answer questions about the proposed rate hike.

"It is absolutely paramount" that WRMWD officials make themselves available to representatives of member cities to answer questions about what the water district is doing, Oller said. "We're in a time of drought. We're in a time when they don't have a lot of water. They ought to be reporting every month to their member cities what's going on."

In addition to the proposed rate increase to member cities, the water district's board also is discussing the possibility of drilling wells near Spur to decrease the demand for water from White River Lake, Oller said. The board also has OKed a proposal to seek a low-interest loan from the Water Development Board to fund needed improvements at the water treatment plant.

In addition to receiving a report on White River, City Council members:

- Approved negotiations toward the purchase of approximately three lots located in the area of the fire station and animal shelter. City Manager Ric Walton said the city has been using the property for decades and the property is currently for sale.

- Approved the completion of sealcoating on Avenue S and repairs to the Chantilly cul-de-sac.

- Approved a request from Don Bond, chairman of the Hotel/Motel Tax Board, requesting hotel/motel tax funds for use by the Garza Theatre. The theater no longer receives funding from the Caprock Cultural Association, Walton said, and the request falls under state requirements for the funds collected via the hotel/motel tax.

- Approved the sale of unimproved property located at 603 S. Ave. H in Post with the contingency that improvements must be made within six months of the sale.

- Approved the release of \$150,000 of Texas Department of Transportation airport funds from fiscal year 2005. Walton said the Airport Board didn't spend the funds, which now must be transferred to the state.

- Declined a request to purchase the cemetery oil royalty.

- Discussed payment requests for increased concrete costs and a sludge pump being used at the wastewater treatment plant. Both items were tabled.

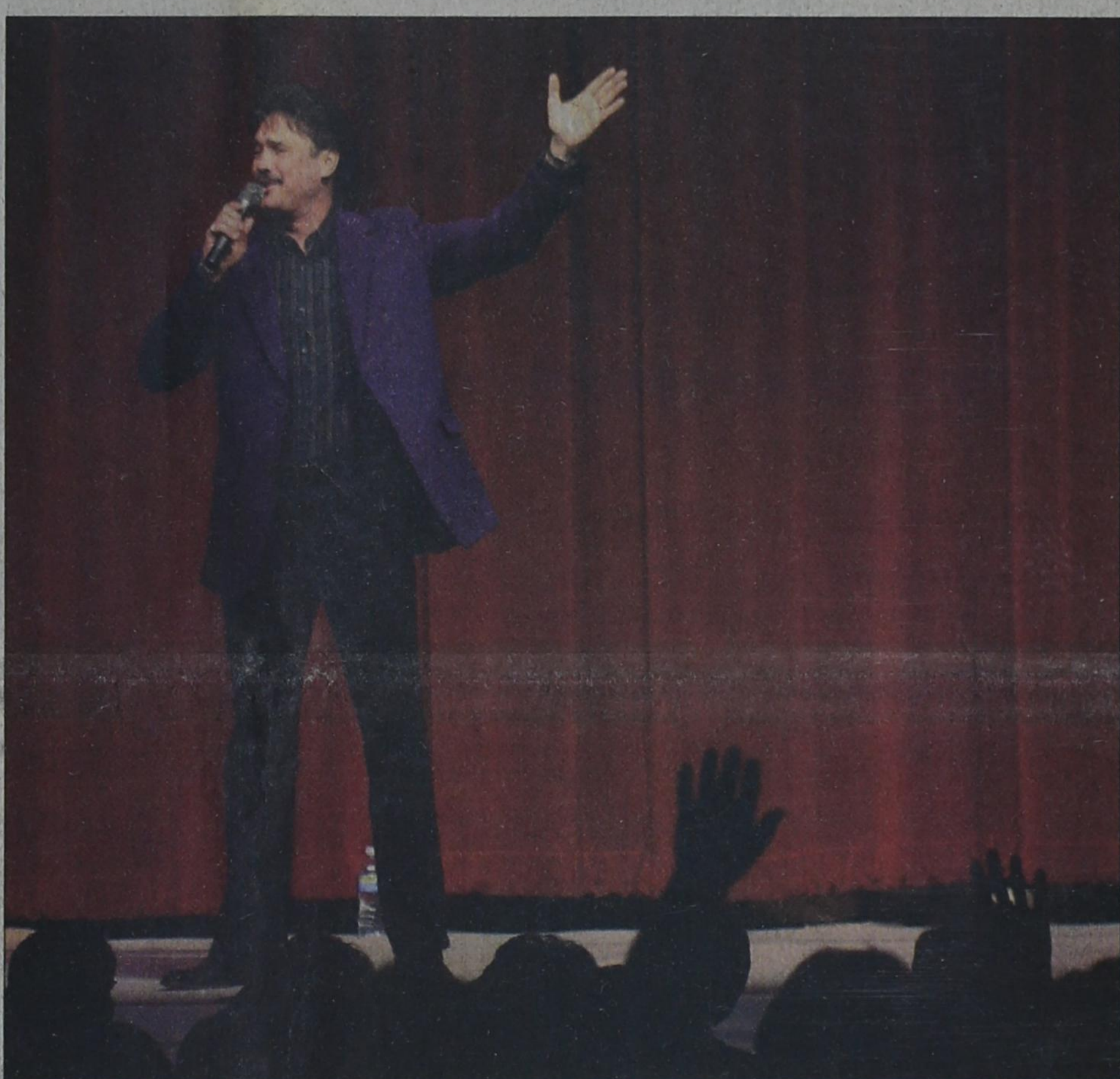
- Approved the finance option for the prison sewer line project. It was noted that the surcharge paid by the prison will pay back

the amount spent for the dedicated line.

- Called for the May 10 general election.
- Approved a resolution supporting Garza County's construction of a new county jail/law enforcement offices facility. Council

members noted that the measure was strictly a resolution of support and represented no financial obligation on the part of the municipality.

- Approved items on the consent agenda.



Nationally renowned Gospel singer Ivan Parker entertains a record breaking audience of over 600 last Sunday afternoon at Ragtown Gospel Theater. (See story on Page 3)  
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Post Notes

### American Legion regular monthly meeting

The American Legion Post 270 will be meeting at the First Christian Church at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 28. All members are encouraged to attend.

### VFW members seeking donations

VFW Post 6797 men and ladies auxiliary will make their annual visit to Big Spring Va Hospital on February 28. They will be taking down with them toiletry items and if anyone has any they would like to donate please call Ruth Walls, 495-4185 or Janet Ratliff, 495-2026 and they will be glad to pick them up. We can't take books or magazines as they are remodeling and have no room to store them. We also will be taking baked goods, so if you would like to donate, they will be appreciated.

### Annual Chamber Banquet set February 23

The Annual Chamber Banquet, "An All-American Tribute", is set for Saturday, February 23 at the Post Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Traditional awards will be presented and a delicious All-American bar-b-que dinner will be served. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office located in the front of the Algeria Art Center, 131 E. Main. The office is open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 20. For more information, Call the Chamber office at 495-3461.

### Ornaments still available for purchase

The Post Women's Division still has a few of their great ornaments available. They may be purchased at Plum Crazy, 220 E. Main Street, 495-0888 and Garza County Historical Museum, 495-2207.

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The cast of Garza Theatre's production "On The Air" are (left to right) Jacqui Neal, John Davis, Mickie Klafka, Ronnie Miller, Karen Dolter, Ian Klotzman, Rose Frugé and Todd Eldridge. Under the direction of Mitchell Britton, the cast will perform "A Nostalgiaspoo Revue of the Golden Age of Radio" written by Peter Palame. Music Director will be Debbie Gelber. The comedy will run February 22, 23, 29, March 1, 7, 8 (all at 8 p.m.) and March 9 at 2 p.m. For tickets and information call 806-495-4005, or go online [www.garzatheatre.com](http://www.garzatheatre.com).  
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### Hinkle wins VFW Patriot Pen contests

Post Middle School student Zack Hinkle landed the top prize in a pair of Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot Pen Contests.

VFW competition. Under the sponsorship of VFW Post 6797 and its Ladies Auxiliary, his essay competed at the district level where it won first place.

For his district win, Hinkle was awarded a gold medal, a certificate of recognition, a \$500 savings bond and a chance to compete at the state-level competition.

At state, Hinkle placed 16th and received a plaque and a \$400 savings bond.

The following is Hinkle's complete essay:

#### Why I Am an American Patriot

I am an American Patriot because I believe in our country and honor the men

and women who have fought for our freedoms and our way of life. I watch the news and see how other countries are ruled and how the people of those countries have no rights. I am glad I live in America, and when I am old enough I will have a vote in the way my country is ran and a chance to protect it and its people. If it was not for the blood and sacrifices of those before me, our country would not be where it is today.

Our forefathers fought and died in a battle to free us from a tyrannical government and established a new way to run our government. The Declaration of Independence was drawn up, and it outlined the way our government was to

be run. It states, "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

It is because of these words

and their meanings that my great-grandfathers and grandfathers have served, and my Dad is still serving to protect this great country. When I am old enough I will follow in their footsteps and continue to protect our freedom and rights.

Today, many try to threaten our way of life and we fight to protect our freedom and rights established by our forefathers. Americans are strong and when part of us is threatened we unite making us stronger. We do not have to always agree with what is going on, but because of the sacrifices of those before us and those who still serve us today we have a voice and a right to make our voice heard.

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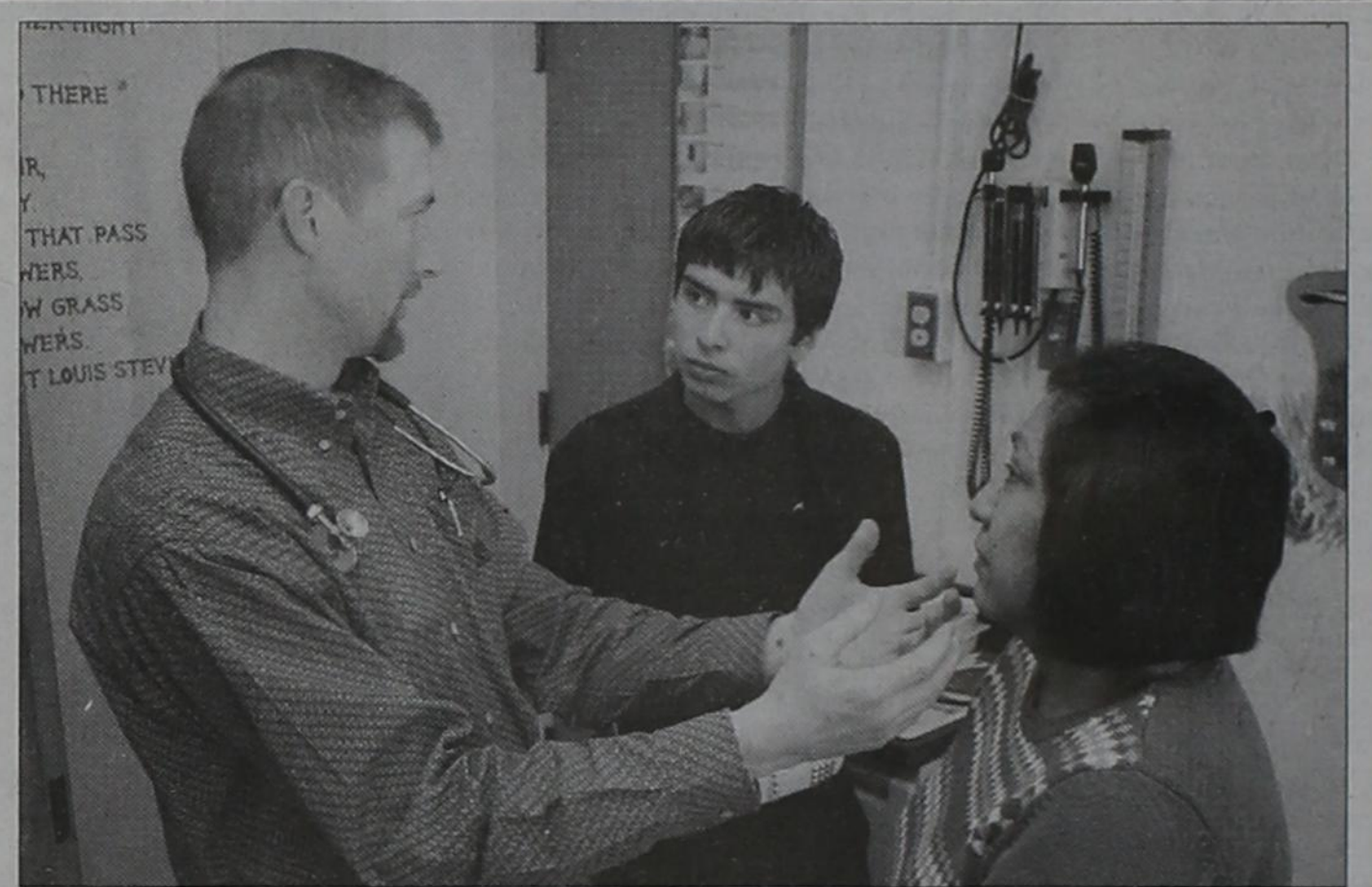
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Dr Ben Edwards (left) explains a medical examination to Southland High School Junior Jeremy Hernandez (center) during the recent Ground Hog Job Shadow Day at the Garza Hospital District's Health Care Clinic. Jeremy is the son of Raul and Elena Hernandez of Slaton. Receiving the examination is Lubbock based clinic assistant Isabella Oballe (right). According to the SPC website, the event is part of South Plains College's Tech Prep program partnering independent school districts with business, industry and community entities for career development and work-based learning experiences.

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## Ivan Parker Concert at Ragtown Gospel Theater Gets a Gold Star!

by Glenn Polk  
Exciting, fun, exhilarating, uplifting... and any other superlatives one could mention would describe what took place last Sunday afternoon at Ragtown Gospel Theater.

The Ivan Parker concert was everything we hoped it would be... and more. We had seen Ivan perform with Bill and Gloria Gaither at several of the Gaither Homecoming concerts and knew he was a top notch gospel singer and performer. What we did not know was from a genuinely nice man he is! From the first minute he came inside the building, Ivan was extremely gracious and so easy and accommodating. Following my brother can be daunting for any singer, but Ivan was indeed up to the task. Chip, who can hold his own on any stage, started the concert with an upbeat style of gospel that has become one of his trademarks. Soon, he turned the full house of 600 happy guests over to Ivan Parker, who fulfilled the expectations of everyone in attendance. His demeanor and rapport with the audience makes it easy to see why Ivan Parker is a

perennial favorite. He was recently named the male vocalist of the year in Southern Gospel Music, and currently has the number one single on the gospel music charts. We were extremely pleased to be able to have someone of Ivan Parker's stature to be the first gospel music "name" to appear on our stage at Ragtown Gospel Theater. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet him. He was SO personable and easy to work with. He could not have been more accommodating and helpful. He told the audience, "I went to sleep in my bus in Ft. Worth...and woke up in Jerusalem!" The audience enjoyed that. Of course, he was talking about the interior of the theater, which looks like a Jerusalem plaza. A great deal of research went into the design of the building, with many recognizable landmarks and architecture reminiscent of the ancient city. For a number of our guests, it was their first visit to Ragtown Gospel Theater. Many voiced their amazement at the size of the theater and the quality of the construction... with its attention to detail. We had guests from all over West Texas,

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, even California.

We still had people calling trying to get tickets a half hour before the show. Unfortunately, we couldn't help them. It is a good problem to have, but still, we would have loved to have been able to seat everyone who wanted to come. In our advertising, we kept saying that we knew the concert would be a sellout. Of course, we had been sold out for almost two weeks. I would encourage people to go ahead and get their tickets early next time. We have already booked Ivan for next year. As a matter of fact, it was his idea. He said, "I have been a performer all my life... and I have never, ever seen a place like this. I want to come back and sing in this theater again." Needless to say, we were extremely pleased to hear that...and quickly took him up on his offer.

Our plan is to have many more singers and performers of Ivan's caliber. Gospel music has always been a major part of what takes place at Ragtown Gospel Theater. Couple that with the Biblical dramas that are staged here, and you have a very

unique combination. As a matter of fact, there is no other theater like this in the country. So many people have compared us to venues in Branson, Missouri. We are most complimented by that.

Our hat is off to some very hard-working volunteers, who gave us 1000% last Sunday afternoon. We had 30 people, many of whom were from Post, who really stepped up to the plate and helped make the concert a rousing success. There were those who helped in the parking lot, some drove our buses, some were greeters, hosts and hostesses. Others helped with concessions, tickets, program sales. Many did double duty and appeared in the production of "Lazarus", after the intermission.

For those of you who were not able to get a ticket, we apologize. Maybe next time. Also, if you have not seen the production of "Lazarus", we have just announced a two weekend hold-over. You now have 4 more weekends to see it. The last performance will be on Saturday, March 15th. There will be one more 1st Sunday 3 o'clock matinee on March 2nd. All other performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm.

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4-H photography students, as part of a Monday field trip, went to the Veterans of War Memorial on 82nd Street in Lubbock, the Art on Texas Avenue Gallery, Holland Gardens and the International Culture Museum at Texas Tech. Those attending were, at front, Jessi Isbell, Reagan Kimmons, Katie Colvin and Sierra Isbell; middle row, Audree Williams, Cheyenne Morris, Casie Eller, Kelbie Odom and Chelby Morris; and, back row, Torie Wisenand, Chase Morris and Cassidi Pitts. Adults attending were Marci Oden, Georgette Isbell, Janecce Williams and Jaquita Blevins.  
Photo courtesy of Jaquita Blevins

**Voting equipment testing set Feb. 27**

The Garza County Clerk's Office has scheduled its 'Logic and Accuracy Test' on the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the March 4 Republican and Democratic Primary elections.

The testing is set for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the courthouse.  
Testing is open to the public.

**Southland ISD News**  
by Brad Ellison

Congratulations to our girls varsity basketball team and coaches on a great season. Our girls were defeated by Grady last Tuesday night in Big Springs.

**Events for this Week**

- FFA will be leaving on Friday to attend the San Angelo Stock Show. For questions related to this, please see Mr. Miller. He will be getting a list to everyone later this week, outlining who is leaving and when they will be back.

**Events for Next Week**

- Monday is a student/teacher holiday.

**Thought for the Week**

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## Some excellent advice for McCain and Obama

by Bill O'Reilly  
 As a pundit who gets paid to give his opinion whether you want it or not, it is my civic duty to dispense some worthy advice to the current front-runners in the presidential race. Let's start with Barack Obama.

Senator, there is a good chance you will pull off one of the biggest upsets in modern political history and defeat Hillary Clinton for the democratic nomination. So far, your theme has been: "Give Hope a Chance." And it's working. Good for you.

But as with the John Lennon song "Give Peace a Chance," hearing it over and over is worse than being waterboarded. So you might think about upgrading from "hope" rhetoric to actual statements about policy. Now, I understand that the more specific you get about universal health care or Iraq, the more you invite criticism. But folks like you, and effectively rebutting policy criticism might even make you stronger.

Shorthand: You might seal the deal if you boldly distinguish yourself from Sen. Clinton on a vital issue.

Over to you, Sen. McCain. After winning the Potomac primaries, you said "we dare not let" the Democrats win in November. As I told Sen. Obama, that kind of general statement doesn't move the debate dial. We dare not, why? What would happen if the Dems win the White House?

It's not like Americans are cheering the Republican Party these days, with President Bush's approval rating hovering around 30 percent. Most Americans do not like oil at \$100 a barrel and an Iraqi government that makes Moe, Larry and Curly look astute.

So, Senator, you must get very precise about the danger of a Democratic president. And you can't play the "inexperienced" card with Obama, either. President Bush the Elder did that with Bill Clinton and we all know how that turned out.

Likewise, with JFK versus Richard Nixon in 1960. Inexperience won. Senator, you have pulled off a political miracle comparable to Sen. Obama's. So it's important you understand that most Americans want new ideas and creative solutions to complicated problems. Thanks for listening.

Now, you may have noticed that I did not offer advice to Sen. Clinton. That's because punditry only goes so far. Mrs. Clinton is up against a charismatic opponent who is able to raise hundreds of millions of dollars. That's a Happy Meal if I've ever seen one.

Ever since 9/11, American politics have been dark and intense. Folks are tired, unsure. Then along comes a candidate who is optimistic and full of positive energy. Obama is like a Caribbean vacation in February. It's tough to say no to that.

So, like the Patriots losing to the Giants in the Super Bowl, Sen. Clinton may be facing destiny. Punditry is powerless against that; bloviating won't dent it. Or maybe not. Perhaps Hillary Clinton can derail the Obama Express in Ohio and Texas. Then we'll have yet another amazing political comeback.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). This column originates on the Web site [www.billoreilly.com](http://www.billoreilly.com).  
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## Is it time for GOP, R.I.P.?

by Sheldon Richman  
 I don't usually come to the defense of conservatives, but I am perplexed that they are being attacked because they don't support John McCain's presidential bid. Self-anointed Voices of Responsibility are chiding conservative spokesmen and spokeswomen for criticizing McCain on several counts and for going as far as promising to vote for Hillary Clinton if she's the alternative to the Arizona senator.

Would these conservatives really promote a Democratic victory in November in order to initiate a reform of the Republican Party, the allegedly more mature McCain supporters want to know.

Well, why not? Shouldn't principle count for something? Are there no conceivable circumstances under which a political party ought to be defeated to be saved? Of course there are.

Not that I agree with every conservative criticism of McCain. I don't. When they call him an advocate of open borders, they are wrong, although I wish they were right. The conservatives are completely off-base on the immigration issue.

Freedom is not just for Americans. The freedom to move is an individual right. Legalistic arguments against illegal immigration disguise a fear of unmonitored foreigners. The logic of the conservative position would require that everyone carry a national identity card to be presented on demand. So much for freedom.

Conservatives argue that walls intended to keep people out are different from walls intended to keep people in. Balderdash. If all countries built walls against immigration, they would lock people in the countries in which they happened to be born; those walls would be no different from the Berlin Wall, which conservative hero Ronald Reagan wanted torn down.

But McCain is not for the freedom to move. He favors "controlling the borders." As for the unauthorized immigrants already here, he would fine them steeply — for what? For exercising their liberty without government permission. Admittedly, his position is more humane than the conservative position that calls for tracking the immigrants down and deporting them.

The conservatives are on firmer ground when they criticize McCain for his so-called campaign-finance reform. Every aspect of McCain-Feingold is without doubt a violation of freedom of speech, among other liberties.

McCain has sanctimoniously insisted he's only trying to take corruption out of politics — as though that were possible — but in fact he and his allies in this cause are mainly concerned with protecting incumbents from "negative" advertising. The floor debate in the Senate made that abundantly clear.

The conservatives also cannot stomach that McCain voted against President Bush's tax cuts — using class-warfare arguments against them — cut a deal with the Democrats on judicial confirmations, and teamed up with Sen. Joe Lieberman to sponsor a bill to cap carbon emissions in order to fight allegedly man-made global warming. Whether one agrees with the conservatives on these issues or not, they hold them to be important.

Who, then, can fault the conservatives for their opposition to McCain? Is no principle important enough to stand by it, even at the cost of electoral defeat?

I wish the conservatives disagreed with McCain on more things. In my mind, one incident with McCain is enough to rule out supporting him, regardless of who his opponent is. When he stood in front of an audience and laughingly sang the old Beach Boys hit as "Bomb, bomb bomb/bomb, bomb Iran," McCain should have been regarded as disqualified from holding any office in the land.

If the United States attacks Iran, many innocent men, women, and children will be killed or maimed, just as they were in Iraq. Is that a laughing matter, Mr. McCain?

# Opinions



## Cost vs. benefits

by Walter E. Williams  
 If we look to benefits only, we'll do darn near anything because there's always a benefit. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that there were 43,443 highway fatalities in 2005. If we had a maximum speed law of 15 mph, the death toll wouldn't be nearly as high, probably not even as high as 500. You say, "Williams, that's a crazy idea!" You're right, but let's not call it crazy; it's more accurate to say: saving some 43,000 lives aren't worth the cost and inconvenience of a 15 mph speed limit.

Suppose there was a one percent risk of a \$10,000 loss, how much are you willing to pay to try to prevent or insure against it? I doubt whether any reasonable person would be willing to pay \$9,000, \$5,000 or even \$1,000, though he might be willing to pay \$100. Surely there's a benefit to preventing a loss, but at what cost?

Let's apply cost versus benefits to anti-terrorism expenditures. Wyoming has two major cities: Cheyenne, its capital, with 53,000 population; and Casper, with 50,000. Federal and state homeland security anti-terrorism expenditures in 2007 totaled \$6,673,910. What is the risk of Wyoming being a terrorist target and, if so, what is the expected cost in terms of human lives and property?

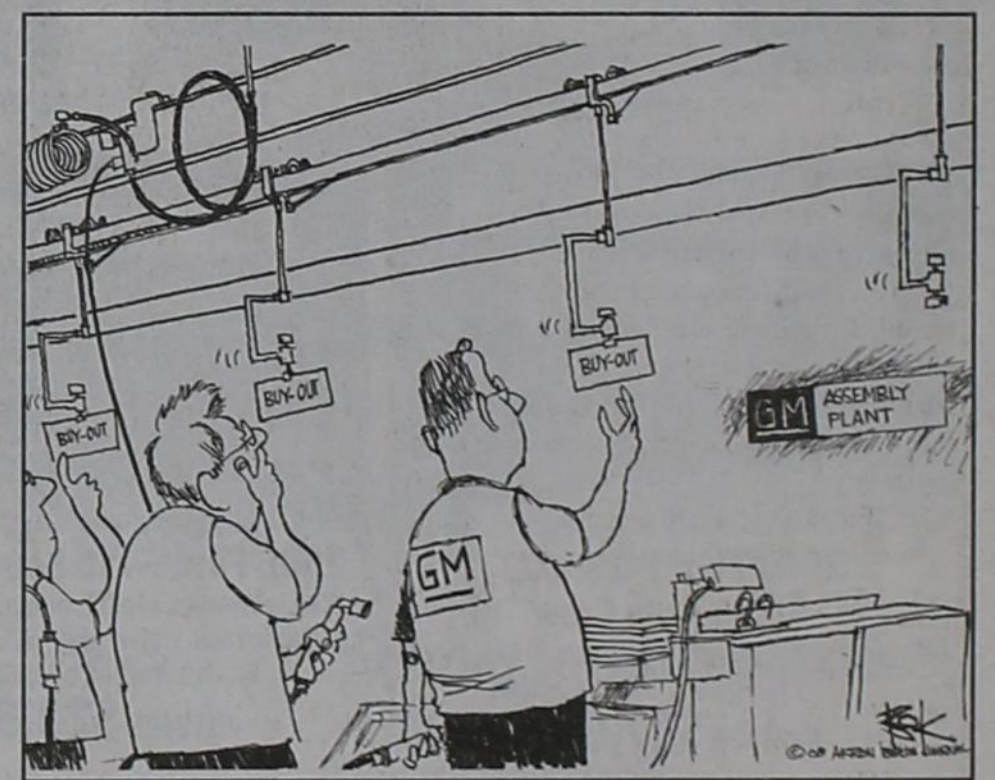
There's no precise way to determine Wyoming's risk of a terrorist attack and its cost, but simple reasoning suggests that too little or too much can be spent. The effect of spending too little might result in a devastating terrorist attack that could have been prevented. The effect of spending too much is less obvious because the victims are invisible. For example, purchase prices for new dump trucks for snow and ice removal range between \$140,000 and \$160,000. How many Wyoming lives could have been saved had some of the anti-terrorism expenditures been spent on additional dump trucks to clear streets and roads of snow and ice? There are many other lifesaving expenditures but the point is that a dollar spent for anti-terrorism is a dollar that can't be spent elsewhere

where it might possibly save more lives.  
 The 1984 National Organ Transplant Act, which prohibits payments to organ donors or their families, creates benefits in the form of feel-good ethical values at a huge cost of lives. That's because organs must be supplied to recipients at zero price. Huge shortages are the result, as it would be if cars, homes, food, dental services and clothing had to be supplied at zero price. That's precisely the finding by Professors Randolph Beard, John Jackson and David Kaserman in their article "The Failure of U.S. Organ Procurement Policy," published in the Winter 2008 edition of the Washington, D.C.-based Cato Institute Regulation magazine.

As of 2005, there were 90,000 Americans on the organ transplant waiting list that is expected to grow to 150,000 by 2015. The authors estimate that since 1990, close to 100,000 people have already died waiting for an organ and they estimate that by 2015, that number will have grown to 196,000. Such a toll doesn't include all the pain and suffering of the waiting patient and his family.

There are a couple of factors, in addition to feel-good ethical values, that might explain the success of the ban on organ sales. People awaiting organs are disproportionately poor, minority, disorganized, sick and unaware of the cause of their plight. The people who benefit from their plight earn a lot of money and are highly organized. These are owners of dialysis clinics, those who receive funding for transplant research and agencies that manage organ procurement and allocation. In fact, everyone involved in the transplant business gets paid handsomely, except the organ donor. I'd like to know what standard of ethics justifies such a death toll and disconnect between costs and benefits.

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## Weather curbs attendance at Bold Gold academic meet

More than 325 competitors attended the 3rd Annual Bold Gold Academic Classic conducted Saturday at Post High School, but predictions of bad weather prompted several schools to drop out of the meet.

Had schools such as Big Spring and Denver City participated in the meet, more than 400 students would have competed in the 20 offered contests, including science, math, number sense, calculator, accounting, computer applications, computer science, social studies, current events, spelling, LD debate, informative speaking, persuasive

speaking, prose, poetry, journalism contests and ready writing.

Lubbock Cooper won the meet with a total of 255 points, but PHS students fared well. Placing in journalism events were Zack Kocurek, first place in headlines; Jessica Quisenberry, fourth place in headlines, fifth in editorial and fourth place, news; Amber Wilson, fifth place in headlines; Chad Miller, second in editorial; Stacy Bocko, sixth place in news; and Quinton Valdez, sixth place, feature writing.

In math, Post's Suhani Bhakta won fifth place overall, with Quinten Davis taking third place in

11th grade number sense.

Meagen Howard-Griffis took second place in ready writing.

Sidelining the academic contest was an "American Idol"-like competition conducted in the old gymnasium for students waiting to compete. Using the school's sound system, Roberta LeGrand, a Post ISD custodian who came up with the idea, and Lance Dunn organized the contest for students "brave enough to warble their favorite tunes," read the district's press release. "The kids loved it, so this will be an added feature for future contests."

At the close of the day, several sponsors representing other schools congratulated Melissa Howard, UIL coordinator, on the meet's success, describing it as "fair, punctual and

well run." All agreed they would return next year.

"Post is getting its UIL academic program back to where it was when I was in school," said Salli (Bush) Page, who attended the meet to run the Tab Room.

"Successful schools offer a wide range of opportunities in which students may achieve, both academically and athletically," said Marlin Marcum, district superintendent. "From debate to science and football to tennis, the goal of Post's School Board and superintendent has been and still is to give all students as many chances as possible to develop and excel by providing excellence in every field and sport. Hats off to PHS Principal John Berry and all the teachers for their willingness to develop Post's students with this academic focus."

Organizers lauded the many parents and students who helped with the meet and singled out Dianne Griffin, Kellie Berry, Bill Short, Marv Short, Charla Miller and Diann Windham for managing the hospitality room and concessions stand.

## Ferguson seeks seat on Post City Council

My name is O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson. My wife and I live at 119 N. Ave. Q, Post. We both are very happy in Post. I like the people and all the surroundings.

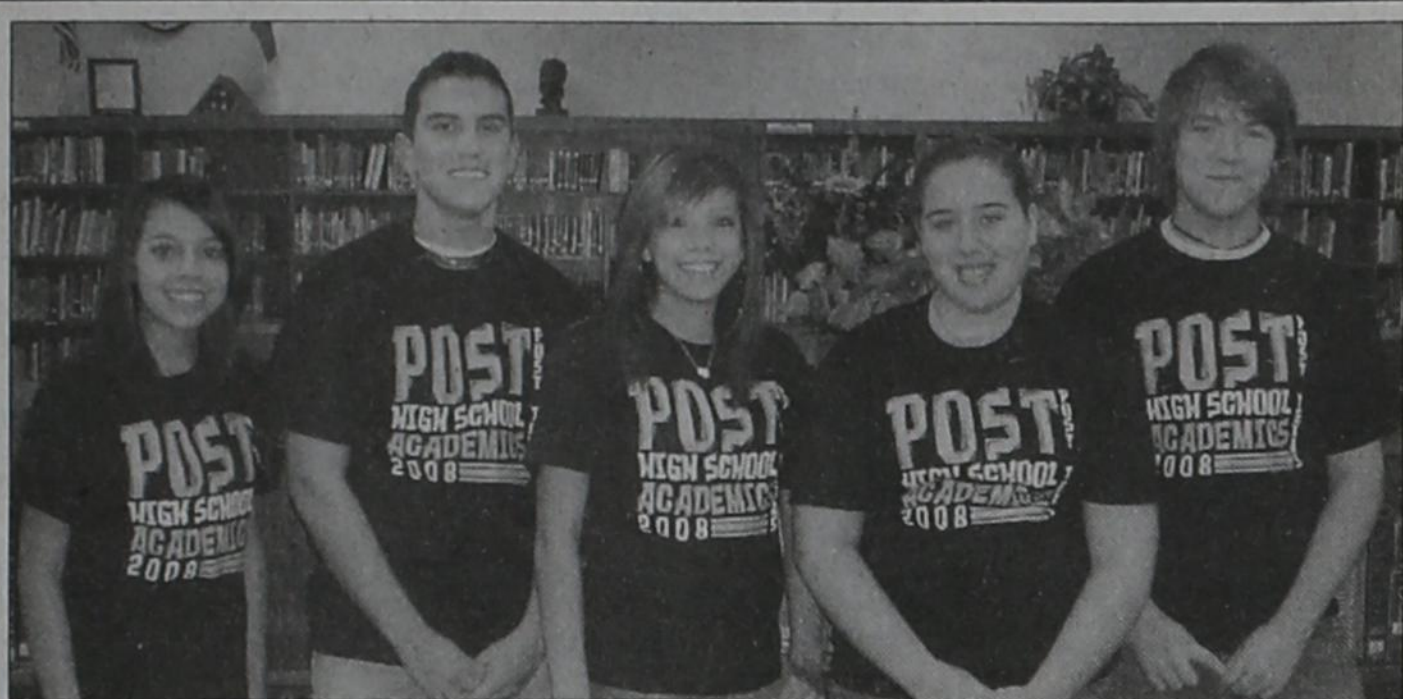
I am retired now and have more spare time available. I would like to put that time to use by being your representative in Ward 4. I would like meeting the folks in our ward and hear their wishes and ideas. No doubt there is probably some useful ideas out there amongst the public.

Of course, I have no plans to try to fix the world, but I do believe there is plenty of room for some improvements. Maybe I could help with that. I believe a more preventive maintenance measures should be taken at a more reasonable price ever year rather than wait 10 or so years and spend millions trying to bring things back up to par, such as the city sewer system for instance.

I would like to ask the voters to let me have the chance to see if I believe more watchdogging and more should be asked about the 'whys' and 'how comes' is this or that being done, or better yet, why is it not being done?

I would love to have your support in my bid for city council, Ward 4. Common sense would be my best application.

Thank you.



Post High School students working in Saturday's UIL Academic Meet in Post are (left to right) Kelly Chapa, Quinton Valdez, Ysenia Gomez, Stacy Bocko and Zach Kocurek. Photo courtesy of Post High School

## Dr. Edwards lauded by area health organization

Dr. Ben Edwards of the Garza County Health Clinic in Post has been recognized by the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of the Plains for his willingness to mentor medical and health professions students from various colleges and universities across Texas.

The only physician in Garza County, Dr. Edwards sees the need for improvement of health care in rural West Texas. By providing a productive learning environment for medical students, he hopes to convince others that practicing in a rural area has definite benefits.

Along with the fact that doctors and other health care professionals can benefit personally from working in a rural area, Dr. Edwards also believes that rural patient care can be superior to that of urban patient care.

"Because of the rural setting, doctors get to know their patients," Dr. Edwards said. "My patients are more than just a number or a chart. I know them personally and have relationships with them. My patients are the people I live with, see around town, and go to church with. I understand their situations and can address their health concerns in very specific ways because I know the ins and outs of their individual life circumstances."

"Rural medicine offers opportunities that no other medical field offers. The lack of medical specialists in a rural community also allows me to be a part of a full-scope practice, challenging me to be well versed in multiple areas. Also, the patients are very, very appreciative. That's probably one of the greatest benefits -- feeling needed and really appreciated."

Dr. Edwards said that many of the medical students he talks to shy away from the rural setting because they think they can make more money in the urban setting.

"However, a rural practice can indeed be financially rewarding," he said. "There is a lower cost of living, and there is usually opportunities for school loan debt relief."

Dr. Edwards also said he believes

that those going into the medical field who want to have a family appreciate the rural atmosphere.

"Raising a family in a small town is awesome -- it's the good life. I know, for example, that there are people in this town who are looking out for my children," he said.

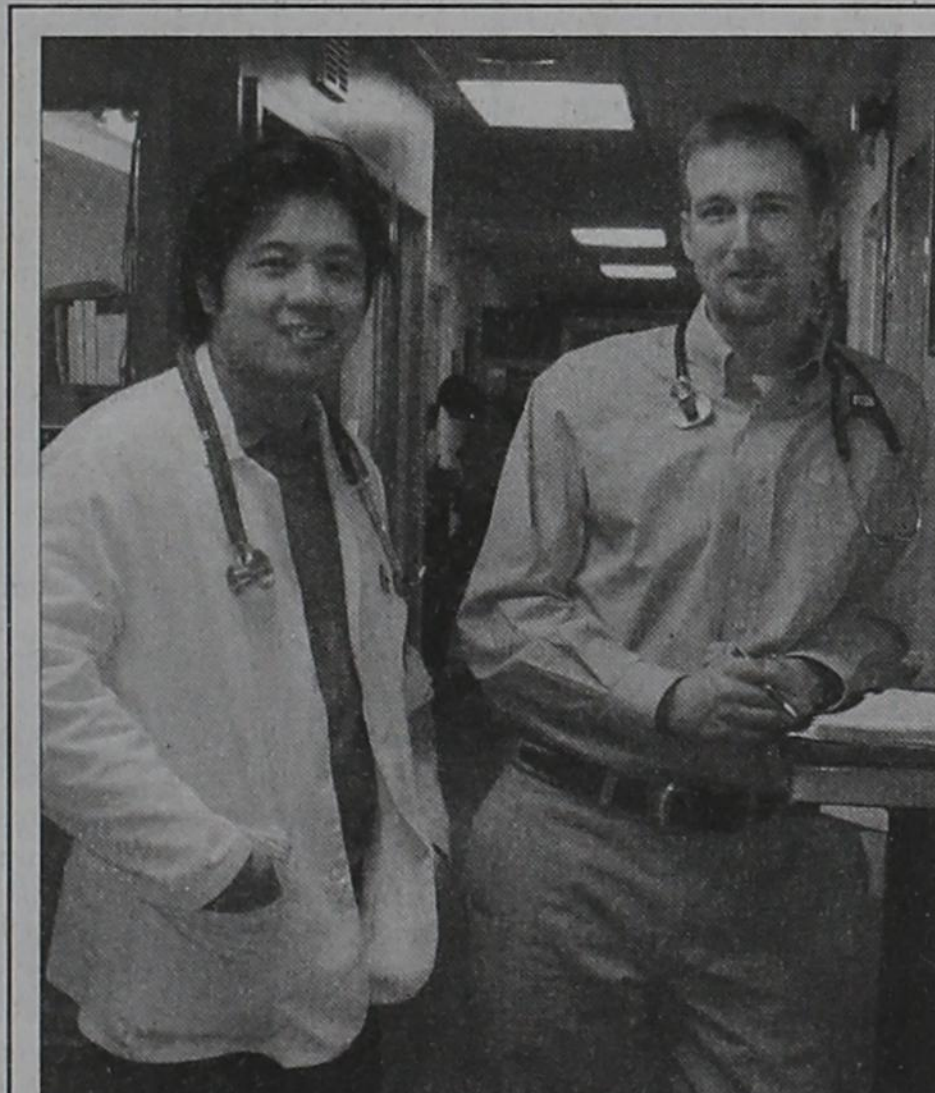
Presently Dr. Edwards is serving as a preceptor for Vinh Nguyen, a medical student from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock. Nguyen has completed a prior rotation under Dr. Edwards and said he has enjoyed the rural experience in Post.

Several local restaurants, including Holly's Drive-In, George's Restaurant and Subway provided Nguyen with free lunches as a gesture of community welcome.

The AHEC of the Plains

is dedicated to addressing the health care provider shortage and improving health care access in the South Plains and West Texas area through education and development of the health care workforce.

The AHEC of the Plains, as well as other West Texas AHEC centers, works with colleges and universities across Texas to coordinate the placement of various health professions students in rural areas. AHEC of the Plains also facilitates continuing education events for health professionals and provides programming for students, kindergarten through 12th grade. The AHEC of the Plains is supported by the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program, a service of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



Dr. Ben Edwards (right) with GHD Health Care Clinic is serving as preceptor for Vinh Nguyen (left), a medical student from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock. Photo courtesy of AHEC of the Plains

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## In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• Well, we got a little bit of rain last week. I poured out half an inch, including the bug that was in the tube! Ronnie Dunn, who lives north of the gin, got six tenths and Charles Morris also poured out a half inch. He is a couple of miles southwest of the gin. We'll take what we can get, but we need more. Weatherman says maybe Thursday and Friday... keep your fingers crossed.

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- Remember, early voting starts this week, so if you think you may not be able to get to the polls on March 4 be sure a vote early at the courthouse.
- I left my house the other day and went south in front of Lois Childs' house and noticed she has a new sign in her yard reading "Childs Farm." It was a gift from her children and is really neat.
- Bunny Smith called and said he had a couple of small dogs and one bigger dog hanging around his house, so if any of you have lost one or know who they may belong to check with Bunny.
- One of our producers, Chan Thomas, and his wife, Jamie, took their girls, Lea and Lacy, on a 10-day trip to China a couple of weeks ago. Chan reports they had a great time. I collect rocks and thanks to good friends like the Thomas's I have them from all over the world. They brought me one from The Great Wall and one from The Forbidden City.
- Charles and Sharron Morris, along with their son, Chuck, took a road trip to Midland to visit with their other son, Tim, and his wife, Diane. They all enjoyed a meal at The Cotton Patch and lots of visiting. Kristy, Dylon and Rylon didn't get to go because they were in Fort Worth visiting with Kristi's grandmother. Charles says he is going to go more often as long as Tim keeps buying!
- You know I always have to let y'all know about our visitors out here. This week we've had Travis Lancaster. He is always entertaining. Sylvia Winder called and visited a while. Kenneth Bullard popped his head in for a sec before him and Robbie Wilke took off to Lubbock. Gene King dropped in last week to pick up some paperwork for Ruby. Billie Jean also came by for a Coke. That's about it except for our "regulars."

### Get Well

We send a big get-well out to John Boren Sr. John Coleman tells us he's still in the hospital, but feeling better and hopefully will be home soon. Pop Aten is home and feeling much better. Danny tells me Mike is also feeling better and hopefully will get to come home today (Tuesday). Remember our folks in the nursing homes: Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock. Keep rain and our troops in your prayers.

### Birthdays

- Feb. 27 - Sheila Melton
- Feb. 28 - Kaylyn Dean

## Letters ...

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### An open letter to Post ISD School Board

Concerning the issues surrounding the settlement with Mr. James and the athletic director position, I feel you have been extremely wasteful with our tax money. If Mr. James has done or failed to do anything worthy of being let go, he should not profit over \$70,000 for it!

If we have this kind of money to throw around, how about putting it to better use on raises for academic teachers and programs? Or, it could be used to implement and improve our services for children with disabilities so that they don't have to be shuttled to other communities for their education?

Oh, yes...you've spent lots of money on new buildings and facilities which weren't all necessary. Couldn't we have done better to spend on the education of the children instead of high priced buildings? Now, you add to the bill the "give away" to Mr. James. The taxpayers can't continue to support this kind of spending especially now that the economy is poor.

Maybe it's time for you, the school board, to say "no" to the free-spending ideas? It's time to stop the bleeding...or replace some of our decision makers...superintendent or school board members.

Now, I read a long list of applicants for the open position of athletic director here. Does the length of this list not seem unusual to anyone? Why are so many clamoring to be hired as the athletic director? Maybe the salary is a bit too high?

Just because we pay a lot doesn't mean we're getting the quality in a coach that we're wanting. I would recommend bringing the salary down closer to what the other teachers are making, so that we can get someone who is really interested in teaching the students the good lessons of life which sports can provide. We do NOT need someone who is only interested in the money!

Berta Fuentes

*Editor's Note: Coaches serve at the "pleasure" of the school board. Recently the school board voted to end the contract with the area special education co-op in Lorenzo, setting up a program in Post to serve children with special needs. The last time Post ISD advertised for a new athletic director there were more than 300 applicants. Post has wide-spread reputation for its community support of sports.*

### Better use of money

It would seem to me that a school district, which is losing students yearly to Borden County could find a better use for \$100,000 than using it to fire a coach. I do not know Coach James, but I would imagine that his contract contained provisions for firing with cause, in which case, the District would not be obliged to "buy out" his contract.

I have paid considerable school taxes in this county for a very long time. I do not object to school taxes: I have grand children in school here. But the playgrounds are in terrible shape and inadequate, and the enrichment opportunities are very limited. Would it be unreasonable to use \$100,000 to upgrade them? Or the Library? Or the College credit courses?

Mildred B Sentell

## Post Notes

### English classes available

English classes are being offered at Post High School. Interested individuals should call 495-2770 and leave their name and phone number. The instructor will return the call, providing them with information. Classes de ingles se estan ofreciendo otra vez en la escuela, Post High School. Si usted cree que beneficiar de esta instruccion, llame al 495-2770. Deje su nombre y numero de telefono y el instructor le devolvera su llamada proveyendole con informacion sobre como puede comenzar.

### Booster club to meet March 3

Post Antelope Booster Club members are urged to attend a meeting planned on Monday, March 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Post High School library. We will discuss baseball, softball and the annual athletic banquet. Anyone interested in supporting our athletes are welcome to attend.

### PHS Dinner Theatre presented March 8th

The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for Saturday, March 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$15 each.

### Fast pitch tryouts for traveling team

The 12 & under fast pitch team will be holding tryouts on Saturday, March 1. For more information call 325-573-2592.

### Fishing tourney to benefit Cash family

An open bass tournament benefiting Clyde Cash and family in memory of Sue Cash will be held on Saturday, March 1 at Lake Alan Henry. Entry fee - \$50, big bass pot - \$10. Registration will be Friday, February 29 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 1 at 5:30 a.m. at the boat ramp. You may also register at Brenda's Last Stop. A benefit dinner and auction will be held after the tournament. For information call John or Brenda at 629-4000 or 629-4026. Also, an account has been established at Citizens Bank in Post if you would like to make a donation.

### Sample Ballots

Sample ballots and other information concerning the March 4, 2008. Primary Election are available on the Garza County web site at [www.GarzaCounty.net](http://www.GarzaCounty.net). Information is also available in this issue of the Post Dispatch under Election Corner 2008.

### GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

### Introduction of spring athletes planned

The community is invited to come out and meet the Antelopes and Lady Lopes participating in spring sports. The event will be held Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Antelope Arena.

### Catholic Church hosts fish fry Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry on Friday, February 22 from 5-7 p.m. Plate are \$7 each. The church will continue to sell fish plates for the next six weeks.

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### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0013048001

**APPLICATION.** City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas, 79356, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0013048001 to authorize a change in the disposal method from discharging into waters of the State to disposal via land application; and to authorize an increase in the disposal of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 990,000 gallons per day via irrigation on 209.24 acres of land. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located approximately 0.75 mile southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 380 in Garza County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on November 15, 2007. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the City of Post City Hall, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Post at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Rich Oller, P.E., Oller Engineering Inc. at 806-748-5700.

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# Obituaries

## Lois Walls

Services for Lois Walls, 77, of Post were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in the Post Church of Christ with Charles McCook officiating, assisted by Travis Sweet, minister. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Feb. 17, at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

Born to John Jasper and Alma Martha (Rowe) Veach on Sept. 20, 1920, at Graham, she and her family moved to Draw. When she was in the ninth grade the family moved to Post, where she graduated from Post High School in 1948. She married Herb Walls on Sept. 9, 1949, at Benjamin. They made their home in Post, but traveled with his work. She loved her family and enjoyed watching sports on TV, traveling with her husband and playing the slots.

Survivors included her husband, Herb, of Post; one son, Derek and his wife, Cheryl Walls, of Chico; two daughters, Martha Jo and her husband, Doug Roberts, of Claude and Irene Fry of Post; three sisters, Marvella Hooper of Kingman, Ariz., Patty Coburn of Fostoria, Ohio, and Sandy Wilson of Post; 10 grandchildren, Brad Roberts of Amarillo, Jeff Roberts of Claude, Leslie Fouquet of Claude, Jayson Fry of Floydada, Lucas, Seth, Austin and Nathan Walls, all of Post, Justin Carlton of Chico and Rhonda Myers of Alford; 12 great-grandchildren, Miranda and Jaycob Fry of Floydada, Kelsee and Carsen Roberts of Claude, Kinzi Roberts of Amarillo, D'Kota, Sydnee, Aisha and Samuel Walls, all of Post, and Ashley, Taylor



and Renee Fouquet, all of Claude.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dale Leslie Walls, on Jan. 9, 2005; and by her twin sister, Joyce Hodges.

Her grandsons, Brad Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Jayson Fry, Lucas Walls, Seth Walls, Austin Walls, Nathan Walls and Justin Carlton, served as pallbearers.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5121 69th St. #A10a, Lubbock, TX 79430 or the

## Ardalia Wells Wheatley

Services for Ardalia Wells Wheatley, 84, of Canyon were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, in the Brooks Chapel in Canyon with David Lough, pastor of University Church of Christ in Canyon, officiating. Burial followed in the Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

She died Feb. 12 in Lubbock.

Born Aug. 18, 1923, in Albany to Winifred and Marie Martin Wells, her family moved to Lynn County using covered wagons when she was three weeks old. She married Glenn Clark Wheatley on July 2, 1938, in Posey. They were longtime farmers in Lynn and Garza counties and she worked as a seamstress at Burlington Industries in Post. She enjoyed tending flowers in her yard, as well as fishing and painting; playing cards, dominoes and dice; and spending time with her animals.

Survivors include her son, Glenn Dale Wheatley, and wife, Clydus, of Sulphur Springs; her daughter, Elaine Fertsch, and husband, Jim, of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Shelly Downey of Amarillo, Kim Ferguson and husband, Ricky, of Canyon, Elizabeth Hopkins and husband, Dave, of the Dallas area, Glenn Dale Wheatley Jr. and wife, Sandi, of the Dallas area, and Rebecca McGee and husband, Robert, of the Dallas area; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



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## Post ISD still receiving applications for AD post

Applications for the athletic director position within the Post Independent School District continue to pour in, according to information provided to The Dispatch.

As of Monday, almost 30 more applicants had applied for the position made vacant earlier this month after the Post ISD Board of Trustees voted to pay out the remainder of Athletic Director Tim James' contract.

The latest applicants include Brent Kornegay of Orange Grove, Mike Faulkner of Whitney ISD, Whitney; Rodney Dowell, Louise ISD, Louise; Les Rhea, Frankston ISD, Frankston; Ty Robinson, Jasper ISD, Jasper; Gary Garvin, La Vernia ISD, La Vernia; Craig Bales, Winters ISD, Winters; Bruce Ray, Andrews ISD, Andrews; Bob McLeRoy, Mabank ISD, Gunbarrel; Hector Madrigalo, Sharyland ISD, Santa Elena; Steven Smith, Archer City ISD, Archer City; Keith Hendrix, The Woodlands HS, Conroe; and Jay Helling, Tahoka ISD, Tahoka.

Also, Bryan Hallmark, LaGrange HS, La Grange; Allen Harris, Bryan Adams HS, Crandall; Berry Bowman, Ranger ISD, Ranger; Layne Elkins, Goliad ISD, Goliad; Danny Carnline, Hemphill ISD, Hemphill; Richard Compton, La Marque ISD, La Marque; Joseph Daniels, Inderkum High School, Natomas; Cody Slater, Olney ISD, Olney; and Claude Bassett, San Benito High School, San Benito.

Rounding out the list of latest applicants are Brett Lang, Glen Rose High School, Glen Rose; Don Payne, Dr. John Horn High School, Mesquite; Lonnie Hansen, Campbell University, Jerry Baker, Lewisville High School, Lewisville; Randy Price, Marksville High School, Marksville; and Billy Cook, Burnet High School, Lampasas.

Last week, The Dispatch printed a list of 46 applicants for the position. The Board of Trustees is expected to be involved in the AD selection process. Superintendent Marlin Marcum said he hopes to have a recommendation for trustees when they meet in April.

Coach David Quisenberry is serving as interim athletic director until a new AD is named.

# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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## Psalms 35 on God's protection

Psalms chapter 35 teaches some special things for the heart and mind. Reading it over and over again I find myself being edified and comforted. Although it was addressed to God's people during the Old Testament, the basic principles and truths can still be applied today in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only is it an example of going to God and recognizing Him for His powerful protection and vengeance, but it trains the heart concerning how to approach our enemies. This is the part that really pierces the heart the longer it is read. This is largely because mankind has the naturally tendency to wish for vengeance upon their enemies.

The idea of man-made vengeance is promoted frequently in exciting action packed movies and television shows. The heroes are often people who successfully destroy or cut down the villains either for themselves or for others. Very few remotely include God in the picture.

King David was persecuted and chased after by his enemies both foreign and domestic from with his own people. And he poured his heart out to God in heaven often and allowed Him to direct his paths.

The Psalm starts out, "Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me. Fight against them that fight against me" (Psalms 35:1). The first thing he did was asked God to be his defense attorney and to fight against his enemies. Today, Christians have a great God-appointed defense attorney in His first-born son Jesus who is Lord over all.

Next David makes several requests for God to "let" things happen to his enemies. He asks God to "Let them be confounded and put to shame them that seek after" his soul. Let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise" his hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind. And let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery. And let the angel of the Lord persecute them" (Psalms 35:4-6).

Notice that he is not ordering God to make these things happen. Instead he is asking God to let them happen. Why? It must be because David already knew that God was able to do these things in his protection and defense. He must have known God's track record of working mightily for His people, and knew that it was God's will for him to go to God in prayer with requests according to His will.

Then a little ways down starting in verse 13, we see a great example of where the heart belongs regarding enemies, "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth. I humbled my soul with fasting. And my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother."

Suddenly we see that David had the right attitude about his enemies who sought to hurt and kill him. It is utterly amazing to read this over and over again. How it pierces the heart and adjusts the attitude that drives our thoughts and intents.

David drives in this godly attitude toward his enemies with the following words, "I bowed down heavily, as one that mourns for his mother." What a fantastically true image of something which makes little or no sense. To mourn over our enemies' hurt and painful loss... that is very difficult for most people to fully comprehend.

Yet God in heaven is able to train our hearts to put on this frame of mind. He can only do so as long as we are eager and willing to act on His word and experientially learn from Him.

We have another great example of this in the stories of Jesus' death. According to 1 Peter 2:22-23, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled, he reviled not again. When he suffered, he threatened not. But committed himself to Him [God] who judges righteously."



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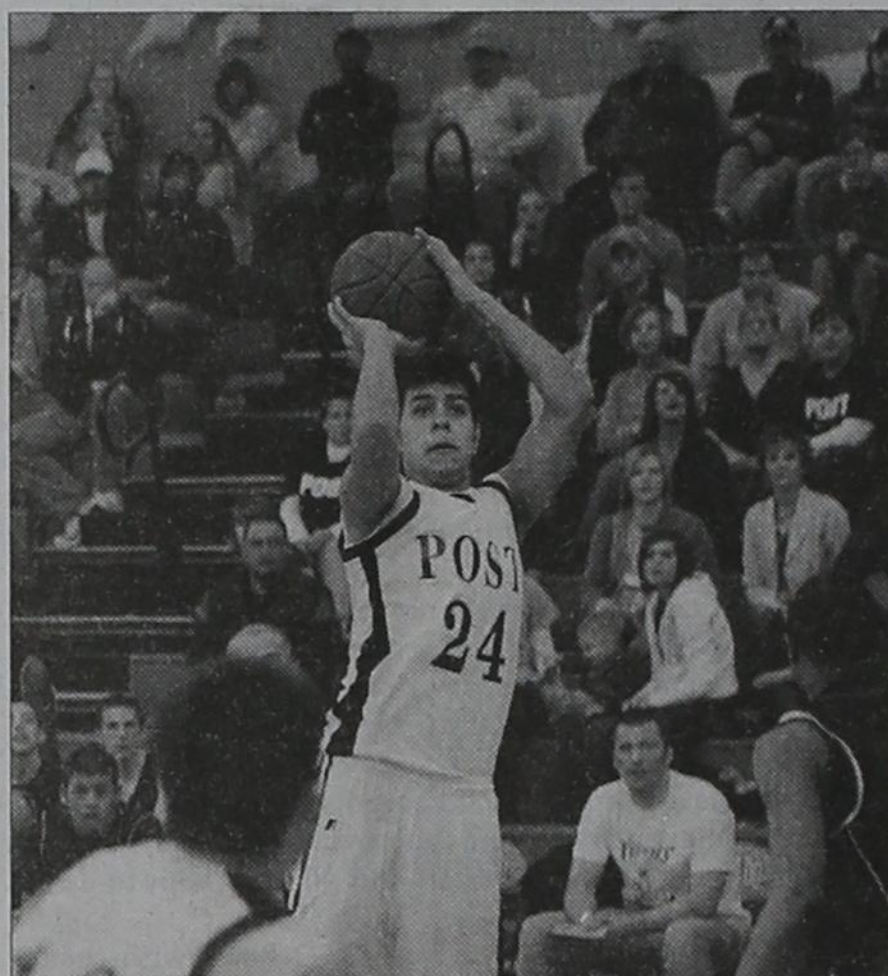


Antelopes Tim Wilson (00) passes the ball to Call Windham (10) during Saturday's game against Slaton at Estacado High School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

Post Lady Lope Softball		
Varsity		
Feb. 15-16	Coronado Tourney	(TBA)
Feb. 19	@ Dimmit	5 p.m.
Feb. 21-23	Littlefield Tourney	TBA
Junior Varsity		
Feb. 26	Lamesa here	4:30 p.m.
Post Antelope Baseball		
Varsity		
Feb. 19	Colorado City (here)	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	Abernathy (Double Header here)	1 p.m.
Junior Varsity		
Feb. 19	Colorado City (here)	4:30 p.m.
Tennis		
Feb. 26	Snyder	
Powerlifting		
Feb. 23	@ Sweetwater	

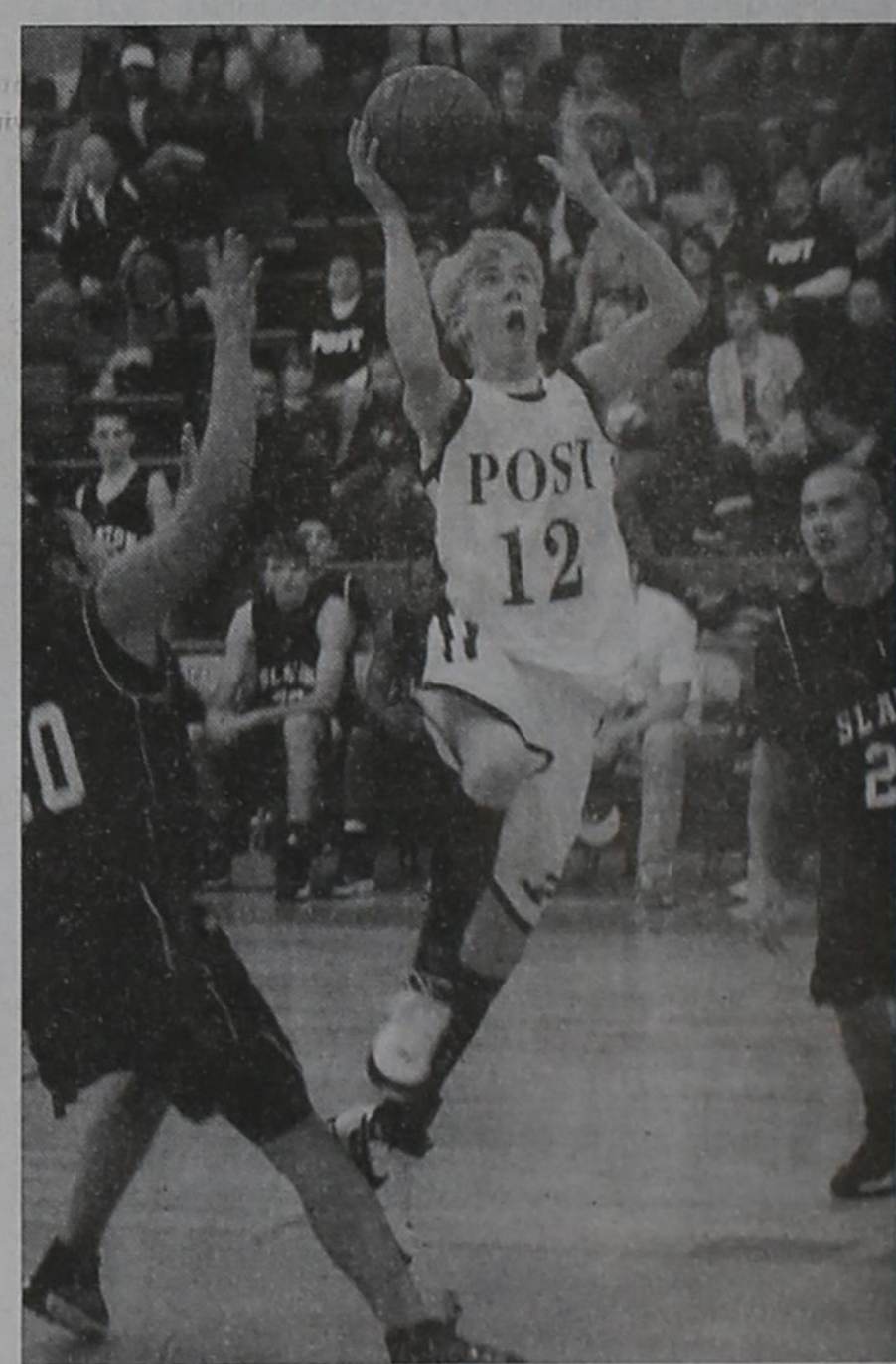
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Jovanni Garay (24) soars for an Antelope shot during Saturday's game against Slaton at Estacado High School, Lubbock. Also in the play is Call Windham (front, 10). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Antelopes Jarrett Blevins (21) helps work the ball around a Slaton defense during Saturday's game at Estacado High School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Aaron James (12) drives in for an Antelope basket during Saturday's game against Slaton at Estacado High School, Lubbock. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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**Appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2001** as vice chair of the Governor's Planning Council for STOP Violence Against Women.

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## Antelopes tie for third in District

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team tied for third place with Slaton and Roosevelt, with Slaton advancing to the playoffs following tie-breaker action last week. On Friday, February 15 Slaton edged Roosevelt, then on Saturday the Tigers took a 47-42 win over the Antelopes to advance to the playoffs.

The Tigers lost to Floydada Tuesday night in a bi-district contest at Lubbock's Estacado High School.

Last Saturday's game between Slaton and Post at Estacado was a back and forth game as both teams had trouble making their shots. Slaton led 10-7 at the end of the first period with the game tied at halftime at 17-17. In the third period the Tigers held a one point lead, scoring 10 points to the 'Lopes' nine. The final period saw a Slaton spurt of 20 points, with the Lopes trailing with 16.

Aaron James led the Antelopes in scoring with 11 points, followed by Tim Wilson and Jarrett Blevins with nine each. Clint Windham collected five and four each were credited to Call Windham and Jovanni Garay.

"It was a great season for us," coach Kevin James said, "we are proud of our players for their achievements."



Post High School Senior Jeremy Short (center) signs on to play football for West Texas A&M. The signing took place last Thursday in the Wells Fargo Bank meeting room. Proudly sharing the moment with Short are his parents Mark (left) and Carol Short (right). Coach Tim James (back) expressed how proud he was of Jeremy and what a good example he has been for the Antelope football team. Staff photo by Tim Burnett





**Antelopes earn position in 3-way tie for third place**

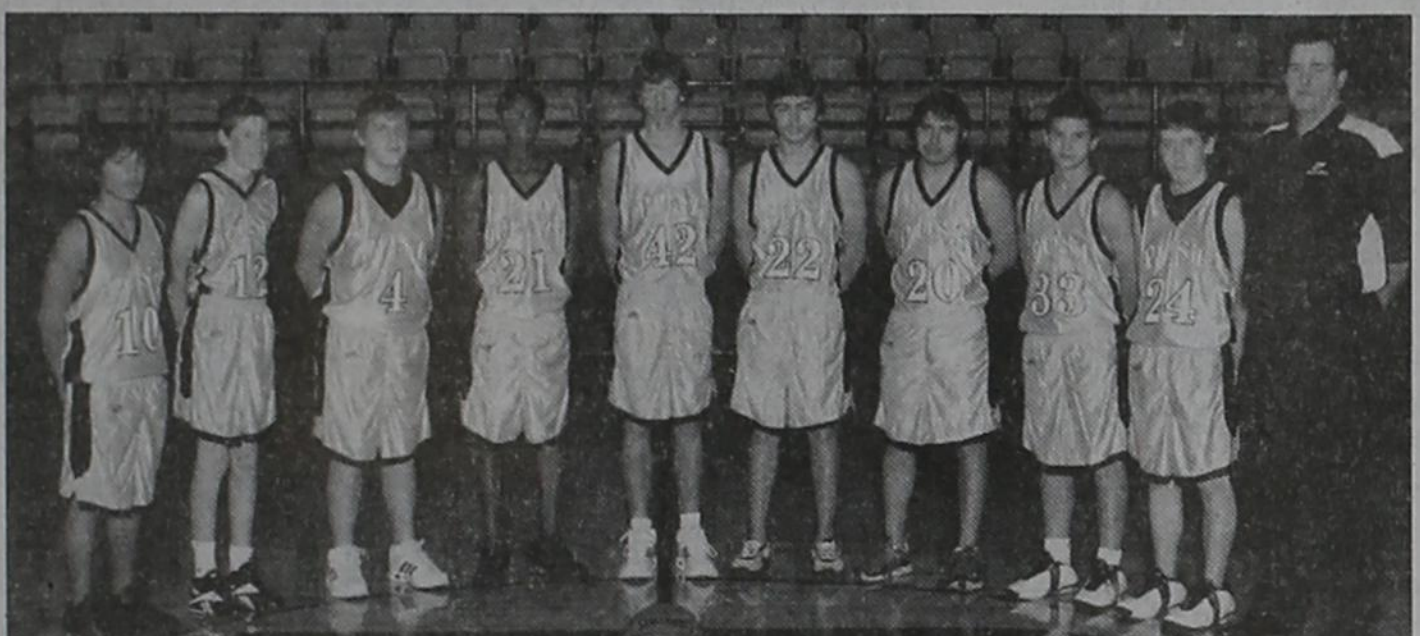
2008 Post Antelope varsity basketball players are (left to right) Coach Kevin James, Jesse Vera, Jarrett Blevins, Call Windham, Jovanni Garay, Clint Windham, Tim Wilson, Aaron James and Chad Miller.

Photo by Skip Crawford (Slaton, Texas)



2008 Post Antelope J.V. basketball players are (left to right) Coach Mitch Mason, Chess Postell, Shiloh Short, Blake Davis, Quinton Valdez, Reed Williams, John Bocko, Kyle Copeland, Allen Duran, Chase Greathouse and Ernest Saldivar.

Photo by Skip Crawford (Slaton, Texas)



2008 Post Antelope J.V. Gold basketball players are (left to right) Henry Apolar, Brian Osborn, Brandon Martin, Thorne Greathouse, Kaleb Tanner, Manuel Trevino, Shawn Perez, Dylan Huffman, Colt Deen and Coach Kent Morrison.

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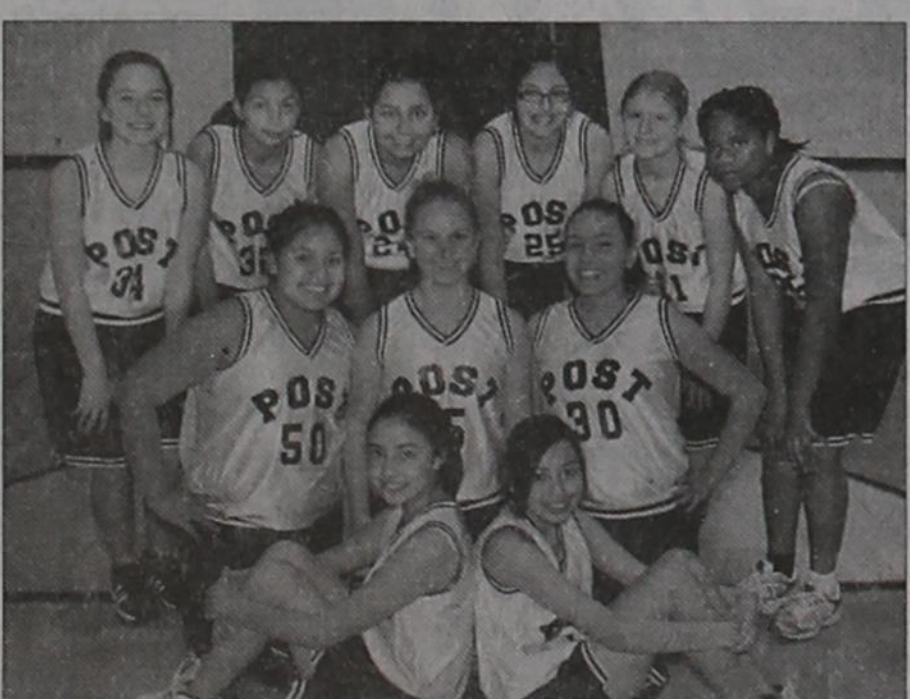
2008 Antelopes 8th grade basketball team are (back row left to right) John Eustace, Fermin Rivera, Cobin McDonald, Jacob Perez, Erin Garcia, (front row) Anthony Soto, Dale Diaz, Dakota McDonald and Zach Hinkle.

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2008 Antelopes 7th grade basketball team are (back row left to right) Tylo Kirkpatrick, McLane Hall, Aaron Macy, Matt Nava, Dalton Holly, Brody Duncan, (front row) Tavish Soto, Paul Martinez, Vance Blair, Caden Dean and Justin Hodge.

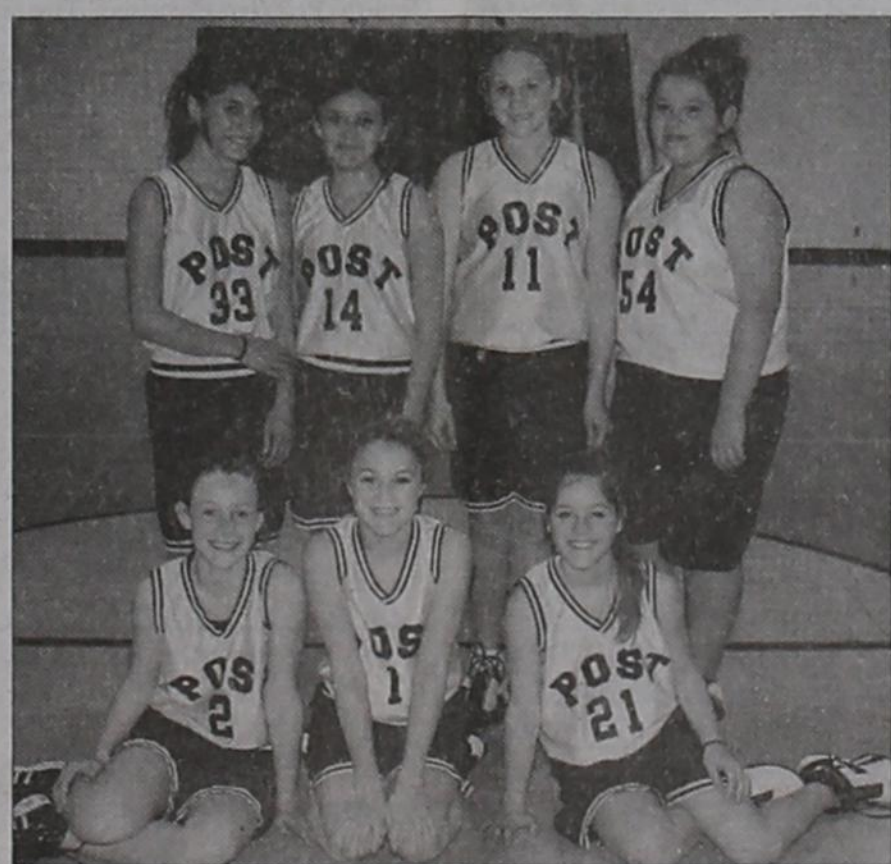
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2008 Lady Lopes 8th grade 'B' basketball team are (back row left to right) Nicole Ramirez, Dana Cabrera, Samantha Ortiz, Victoria Rodriguez, Katelyn Elmore, Melissa Whitehead, (middle row) Jessica Rodriguez, Kambry Mason, DeAmor Garcia, (front row) MariCruz Razo and Janelle Delgado.

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**Congratulations to 2008 basketball teams!!!**



2008 Lady Lopes 7th grade 'A' basketball team are (back row left to right) Kimberly Rivera, Star Rivera, Miley McKee, Ashley Collazo, (front row) Morgan Staggs, Hailey Berry and Macie Merritt.

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2008 Antelopes 8th grade 'A' basketball team are (back row left to right) Kari Dunn, Madison Cash, Paulina Hernandez, Reagan Belongia, Shirley Araiza, Vanessa Rodriguez, Skylar Jones, (front row) Nichole Alvidrez, Aubree Lester and Denisse Rodriguez.

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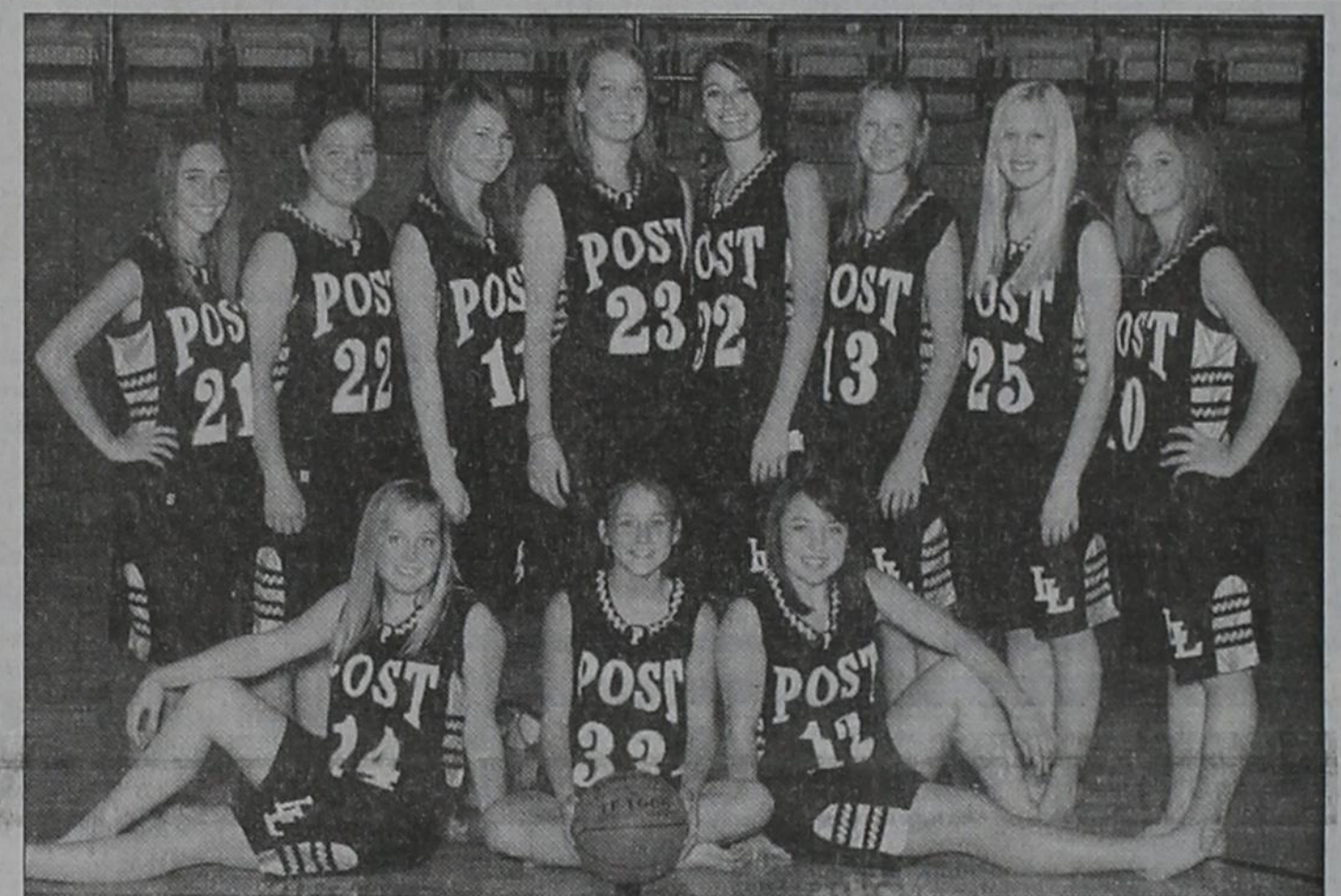
2008 Post Lady Lopes varsity basketball players are (left to right) Coach Chris Edwards, Alex Miller, Laci Williams, Branda Stevens, Lori Jones, Brenna Postell, Samantha Hoover, Eleana Morrison, Cheyenne Miller, Gabi Gomez, Shawnda Wiley, Coach Aleisha Seymore.

Photo by Skip Crawford (Slaton, Texas)



2008 Post Lady Lopes J.V. basketball players are (left to right) Coach Chris Edwards, Alex Rodriguez, Katelynn Short, Caitlin Cravy, Bethany Berry, Darlene Araiza, Crystal Sanchez, Toni Wait, Myra Perez, Danica Williams, (front row) Yesenia Gomez and Hayley Lester.

Photo by Skip Crawford (Slaton, Texas)



**Freshman Lady Lopes: District Champs**

2008 Post Lady Lopes freshman basketball team members are (back row left to right), Cassidie Pitts, Audra Johnson, Macy Blair, Amber Wilson, Cheree Conner, Cheyenne Morris, Madison Davis, Taylor Joy, (front row) Morgan Williams, Brittney Miller and Sydnee Jones.

Photo by Skip Crawford (Slaton, Texas)



2008 Lady Lopes 7th grade 'B' basketball team are (back row left to right) Monica Mendoza, Jacie Kimmons, Audree Williams, Tania Trinidad, Mercedes Solarzano, (middle row) Kelsey Isbell, Julie Boren, Chelsi Hair, (front row) Moriah Morales and Fernanda Contreras.

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A very special thanks to Curtis and Richard for their thoughtfulness and to Jeremy King for the fantastic service on such short notice.

We are all very blessed to live in such a wonderful place and to have such good friends. Billy will be greatly missed but forever remembered.

May God Bless each and everyone of you.

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones  
From The Post Dispatch archives

## 10 Years Ago February 24, 1998

Rodney Tidwell was recognized as Citizen of the Year and Brady's Package Store, owned and operated by Brady and Tracy Sanders, named Business of the Year at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet held at the community center. Named Elementary Teacher of the Year was Lisa Copeland, Middle School Teacher of the Year went to Marrita Jackson and Christy Daily was honored for High School Teacher of the Year.

It took months and months of trial and error that brought horseshoe pitching enthusiast Johnny Davenport's dream come true - creation and distribution of the patented "Mr. D Horseshoes." The horseshoes, specially designed and balanced for the flip pitcher, were billed as "The Shoe That Fits."

Marcus Lopez brought home a first place medal from the powerlifting meet held in Petersburg. Lopez medaled in the 114-pound division of the competition.

## 20 Years Ago February 18, 1988

1987-88 PostAntelope Basketball Squad included Roger Adams,

Michael McClain, Bill Rankin, Lee Wayne Greathouse, Curtis Williams, Jr. Armendariz, Rance Sappington, Kevin Williams, Dustin Ammons, Jamie Perez and Alfredo Soria.

Two Post students at Texas Tech University qualified for academic honor lists for the fall semester. Named to the dean's List was Darla Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson and Wade Giddens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush, Sally Bush, Amanda Bush and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bush took a trip down memory lane when they journeyed to Hamlin, Texas, in Jones County - the birthplace of Elmo and W. C. Bush.

Jan's came away as the winner in the Valentine window display contest over the Valentine weekend. Placing second was Prairie Flower Shop and Danish Imports awarded third place.

## 30 Years Ago February 23, 1978

Jim Norman was honored as "the outstanding conservation farmer for the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District" at the annual awards banquet. Also honored, was Lisa Cowdrey, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey, selected as conservation queen.

Three members of the Antelope Band were rated Superior at the regional instrumental Solo and Ensemble contest. The woodwind trio, composed of Danna Giddens, flute, David Morrow, oboe, and Terry Smith, clarinet, received the division I rating.

Former Postex Plant employees who were involved in closing the Hall Plant operation at Memphis, rejoined the Postex Plant. They were Leon Davis, Jack Beavers and Leon Beavers.

C. B. Terry of Terry's Tire Shop purchased McCowen's Texaco No. 1 Service Station at Main and Broadway and would operate under Terry's Texaco.

## 40 Years Ago February 22, 1968

Cpl. Jesus L. Mena of Post, an aerial gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 in Vietnam, was presented a silver star by his commanding officer. The silver star was presented Cpl. Mena in lieu of a sixth Air Medal. Men is the son of Mrs. Louisa N. Mena of Post. He had been in the Marines for about two years and in Vietnam almost a year.

Attending the Texas Future Teachers of America convention in Dallas were PHS students Danny Cooper, Elbert Rudd and Donna Stewart. Sponsors were Mrs. Gordon Lee and Mrs. Jack Alexander.

High School Happenings: Jane Hutchins and Curly Odum were among the many who went to Lubbock to hear Johnny Rivers.

Trena Jackson's field goal with seven seconds remaining gave the Post 7th grade girls' basketball team a 24-22 victory over Slaton and the championship of their division at the tourney.

## 50 Years Ago February 20, 1958

Alice Joy Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nichols, was selected by the Post Lions Club as its contestant in the queen's contest at the annual convention.

Construction was well under way on the State Highway Department's division supply house this week in 1958. Built just south of the highway department maintenance warehouse, operations at the pre-fabricated metal building were expected to be in full swing in three months. The house would supply nearly all of the highway department's West Texas area.

Mrs. Lloyd Anthony and R. E. Shedd were crowned "queen and king" of the Calvary Baptist Church's annual valentine banquet at the church.

Bryan Williams III served as president of the Student Council at Post High School. Other officers included Barbara Shytle, vice president, and Patsy Ethridge, secretary.

## 60 Years Ago February 19, 1948

Post lost to Floydada four well-known families, the Bill Barnetts, the Bake M. Robinsons, Mr. and Mrs. Bake M. Robinson, Jr. and daughter, Linda Sue, and the Paul Davises. They bought the wholesale and retail

Firestone store in Floydada.

The Post High School Faculty announced that Margie Edwards and Lloyd Shedd were selected for Who's Who of the school.

Two appointments and one resignation in the Garza County Sheriff's Department were announced. Walter Crider was sworn in as deputy tax assessor, T. J. Blacklock, city night watchman, was sworn in as deputy sheriff and Fay Claborn, who filed as a candidate for sheriff, tax assessor-collector, resigned as deputy sheriff.

Coach Bing Bingham presented football jackets to Harold Reno, Pleasant Hill, Stanley Benge, Shorty Hester, Gaylon Young, Bill Odum, Bobby Maxcey, Bob Johnson, George Pierce, Mack McCullough, Billy Thomas Ramage, R. E. Josey, Buddy Hays, Maurice Fluitt, Jimmy Smith, Ronnie Bouchier, Carter White, Calvin Storie, W. J. Goss, Charles King, Kay Kirkpatrick, Maurice Stelzer, Billy Holly, Alton Wiley, Wayne Thomas, Charlie McGuire, Junior Malouf, Roy Williams and Hugh Ingram.

# Menus

## Post ISD

February 25  
Breakfast: Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

February 26  
Breakfast: Donut, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, orange pineapple salad, milk

February 27  
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake,

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February 28  
Breakfast: Sausage on stick, fruit, milk, syrup

Lunch: Meat & bean chalupas, spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

February 29  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes & pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, brownie, milk

## Southland ISD

February 25  
Breakfast: No School

Lunch: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

February 26  
Lunch: Beef stew, corn bread, carrot & cheese sticks, orange, cookie, milk

February 27  
Breakfast: Muffins, yogurt, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, salad, peas, garlic bread, pudding, milk

February 28

Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch: Meat & bean chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, spanish rice, dessert, milk

February 29

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ rib sandwich, potato rounds, beans, ice cream, milk

## TRAILBLAZERS

February 25 Baked chicken w/ mushrooms, ranch potatoes, broccoli, roll & tossed salad, cookie bar

February 26 Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, roll, dry jello fruit salad

February 27 Baked ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, tossed salad, cornbread, Mexican wedding cake

February 28 Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, roll, peach cobbler

February 29 Chicken dumplings, pea salad, crackers, fruit salad,

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6 TXism: "handle"  
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16 female sheep  
17 TXism for "brain" (2 wds.)  
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23 TX Audie Murphy film: "40 Guns to \_\_\_\_ Pass"  
24 TX-born Gale Storm was "My \_\_\_\_ Margie"

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48 TXism: between a rock and a \_\_\_\_ place"

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## RATTLESNAKE

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The venom of a rattlesnake can kill a small animal within minutes. For humans, a rattlesnake bite is rarely fatal (of the 8000 bites a year only 10-15 will be deadly). Striking faster than the eye can see, venom is injected into its prey with razor sharp fangs. The poisonous venom begins to break down the tissue for digestion, much like the saliva in our mouth helps in our digestive process. Luckily, rattlesnakes are shy. Bites usually only occur when they are accidentally disturbed or teased.

**SNAKE DANCE** Each year the Hopi Indians perform a traditional ritual snake dance. They believe this custom may bring water to their desert home. In ancient Navajo belief, the snakes are messengers between humans and spirits. During the ritual Hopi dancers reach into pits of snakes and place the snake in their mouths!

## RATTLESNAKES BY STATE

- State where 11 of the 16 species of rattlesnakes are found:  
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- State where the longest rattlesnake is found (8 feet):  
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- States with only one species of rattlesnakes:  
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Laura Craig

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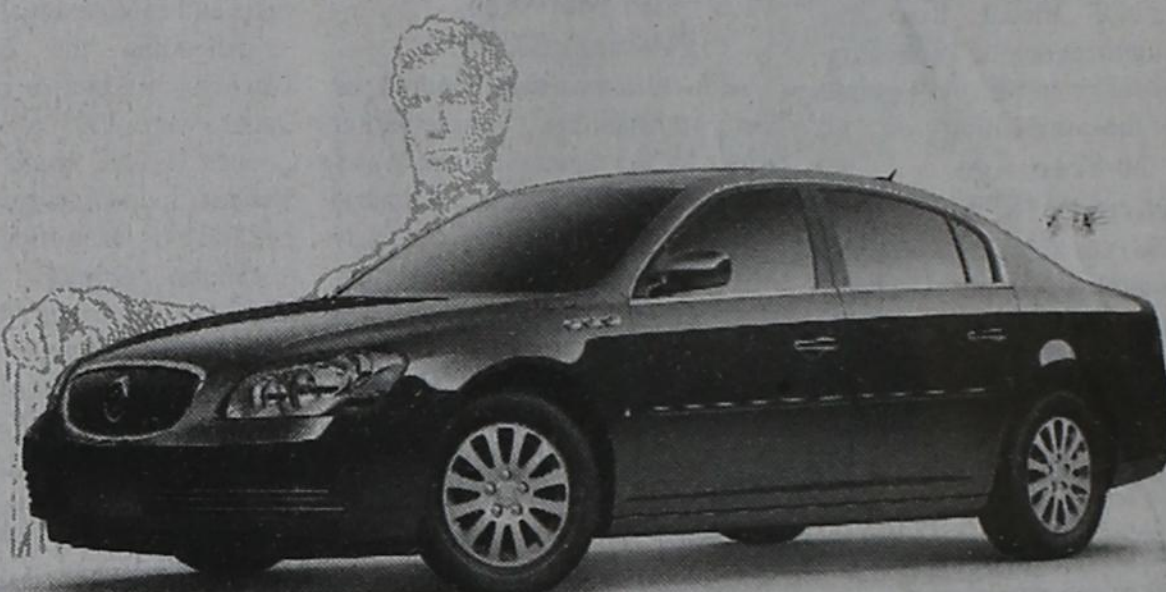


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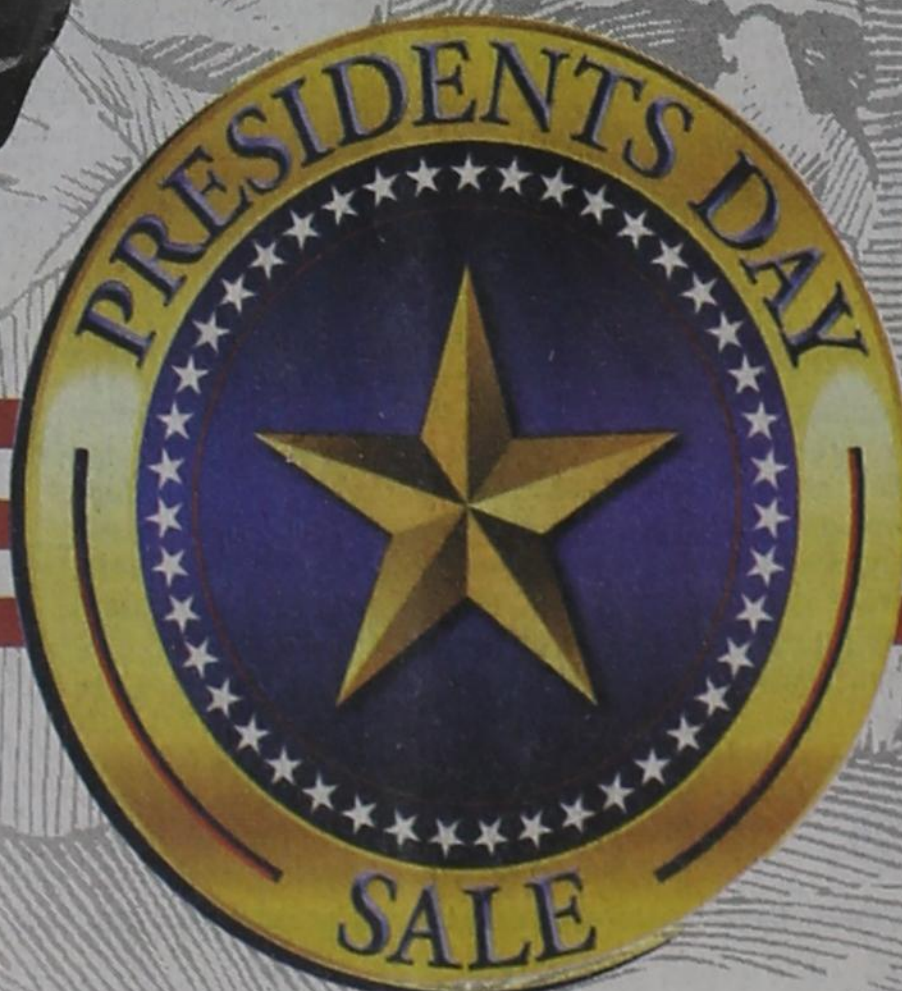
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