

## April 1 is advertising deadline for First Annual VISITORS GUIDE

Advertising reservations for the First Annual Post City, Texas and Lake Alan Henry Visitors' Guide are being accepted through April 1.

A total of 10,000 copies of the full-color, top quality magazine guide will be distributed at travel industry locations in Post, Slaton, Lubbock and Snyder beginning in mid-May 2008.

The visitors' guide also will be distributed to selected Texas chambers of commerce and tourist centers, courtesy of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We've got an early deadline in order to prepare the product

and meet our printing obligations," publisher Wesley W. Burnett emphasized.

The Visitors' Guide is being published on behalf of the Post City Celebration Committee and is to be an annual promotion for Post City and Lake Alan Henry.

The guide will include maps of the City of Post and Lake Alan Henry.

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A light dusting of snow covered the Post area throughout the day on Monday, including the above shown rest area on Highway 84 atop the caprock. More snow frosted the ground on Thursday.  
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Laws, Brannon, McDaniel win contested local primary races

Two incumbents and a political newcomer were the top vote-getters in the three contested races determined in Tuesday's Democratic and Republican primary elections.

According to vote totals provided by the Garza County Clerk's Office, incumbent Cliff Laws defeated Maurice "Mo" Herridge to win the Democratic candidacy for the position of county sheriff. Laws collected a total of 371 votes, or 55 percent of the vote total, compared to 300 ballots cast for Herridge.

Each candidate captured three precinct wins, with Herridge winning Precincts 1, 3 and 4, but Laws topped the remaining precincts and grabbed the bulk of the early ballots cast. Early vote totals were 176 for Laws and 87 for Herridge.

In the race for the Democratic nomination for Precinct 3 commissioner, Ted A. Brannon defeated two other candidates — David Woods and Tommy Young. Brannon narrowly dodged a runoff by taking 110 votes, or 51.88 percent of the total, while Woods earned 62 and Young, 40.

Brannon drew 59 votes in Precinct 3 on Primary Election Day, while Woods had 44 and Young, 22. Early vote totals gave Brannon 51 additional votes, while Woods and Young each earned 18.

Incumbent Gary L. McDaniel garnered 199 votes, or 82.91 percent, while challenger Jerry Hays earned 41.

McDaniel received 91 votes in Precinct 1 and 38 in Precinct 5, while Hays pulled 19 and 3 votes in the two precincts.

McDaniel's early vote count was 70, compared to Hays' 19.

Uncontested vote counts in local elections were as follows:

- Democrat**
  - Tax Assessor/Collector — Judy M. Bush — 592
  - Constable, Precinct 1 — Daniel A. Yarbro, 290
  - Constable, Precinct 2 — Eric D. Cravy, 251
  - County Chairman — Lewis Earl, 497
- Republican**
  - Sheriff — Phil Mathews, 300
  - Commissioner, Precinct 3 — Cain Abraham, 41
  - County Chairman — Scott Creech, 299

Federal, state and district election results, as reported by the Garza County Clerk's Office, follow:

- Democrat**
    - President — John Edwards, 69 votes; Barack Obama, 226 votes, or 35.93 percent; Hillary Clinton, 316 votes, or 50.23 percent; Christopher J. Dodd, two votes; Joe Biden, five votes; and Bill Richardson, 11 votes
    - U.S. Senator — Richard J. (Rick) Noriega, 126; Rhett R. Smith, 49; Gene Kelly, 149; and Ray McMurrey, 75
    - U.S. Representative, District 19 — Dwight Fullingim, 338; Rufus Mark, 130
    - Railroad Commissioner — Dale Henry, 139; Mark Thompson, 285; Art Hall, 49
    - Chief Justice, Supreme Court — Jim Jordan, 400
    - Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 — Balfasar D. Cruz, 126; Sam Houston, 332
    - Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 — Susan Criss, 319; Linda Reyna Yanez, 142
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## City, ISD and hospital district candidate filings due Monday

Monday is the deadline for candidate filings for the May 10 elections for the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Hospital District.

In the municipal election, voters will be asked to fill council positions in Wards 3, 4 and 5. As of Wednesday afternoon, Josh Whiteley, a former city councilman, had filed for the Ward 3 post, while three candidates — Delbert Rudd, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson and incumbent James Easterling had declared their candidacies for the Ward 4 chair, according to reports from City Hall. No candidates had filed in Ward 5.

Randy Conner and incumbents Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin have declared themselves candidates for a pair of open at-large seats on the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees, according to district officials.

Incumbent Ray Bagby has filed to run for his Precinct 2 seat on the hospital district's board of directors, according to District Administrator Shirley Taylor. Positions up for election are Precincts 1 and 2 and the at-large seat.

There are no plans for an election in the Southland Independent School District, according to a representative in the district's administrative offices.

## Post Notes

### Fried chicken dinner plate sale Saturday

Bethel Assemble will be selling fried chicken dinner plates on Saturday, March 8 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Plate includes two piece chicken, green beans, mash potatoes, and dessert. Call 495-1436, pick-up at 915 W. 12th street.

### Meeting set Monday for VFW men

Post 6797 men will meet Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the post on the Clairemont Highway. Please note the time change. All members are urged to be there.

### Ladies Auxiliary meeting

Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the post on the Clairemont Highway. All members are urged to attend, elections will be coming up and they need everyone's input.

### Meet the PHS Spring Sports Athletes

The Post Antelope Booster Club will host Meet the Lopes and Lady Lopes Spring Sports on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Come to Antelope Arena and meet all baseball, softball, track, golf, power-lift and tennis athletes. Please show your support for these young student athletes by attending.

### Post Book Club to meet March 15

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Vienna Prelude" by Bodie Thoene. The historic novel is set in Europe during World War II. The book is the first in the series "Zion Covenant". Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

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## Volunteer fire department extinguishes grass fire near Close City Gin

Post-Garza County volunteer fire department personnel fighting a grass fire in a CRP field across from the Close City Gin off of County Road 399 are (left to right) Laz Moreno and Bryan Looney. Driving the truck is Tommy Basquez. The volunteers protected two barns and the old Close City school from more damage with the help of strong winds blowing toward the east.

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### Signup starts for Little League baseball

Post Little League Baseball signups will begin Monday, March 10 through Friday, March 14 after school in the Post Elementary Gym. Team coaches are scheduled to meet on Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the First Methodist Church. Tryouts are set for Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m., with makeup tryouts starting on Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Parents and coaches will attend the Workday on Saturday, April 5 at 9 a.m. New registration fees are as follows: T-Ball \$20, Minor \$40 and Major \$50. Post Little League is currently looking for individuals or groups to run the concession stand through the high school baseball, softball schedule and Little League season. For more information contact Drew Kirkpatrick at 629-4054. Kirkpatrick expressed how

proud they are to be a chartered little league program for the 52nd. "We are also excited about earning the title of 2007 District 38 11&12 year old All-Star Tournament Champions!" said Kirkpatrick.

The League thanks their many supporters who enable the approximately 160 children to participate in the program. The list included: The Post Dispatch, Porter Hardware, Rocker A, Higginbotham-Bartlett, OS Museum (Giles McCrary), RJD, Palmer Oilfield, Garza County Health Clinic, McDonalds, Dalby Cattle Co., Stoker-Kirkpatrick Ranches, ULazyS Ranch, Macy Ranch and Roy Ranch.

Other supporters include Post Volunteer Fire Department, D&D Winco, Post Auto Parts, Jenkins Electric, George R. Brown, Central Bail Bonds, Pizza Hut, IRA Pump, Joe Marts Construction, Post Stampede Rodeo, Leslie Acker and Post EMS.

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League supporters are The Alamo, Burk Royalty, Post Tire & Lube, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Citizens Bank, D3 Farms, Garza County Probation Department and Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

### SA provides water to area firefighters

In recent weeks, the Salvation Army of Lubbock has dispersed 60 pallets of drinking water to volunteer fire departments in 18 area counties, according to a recent press release.

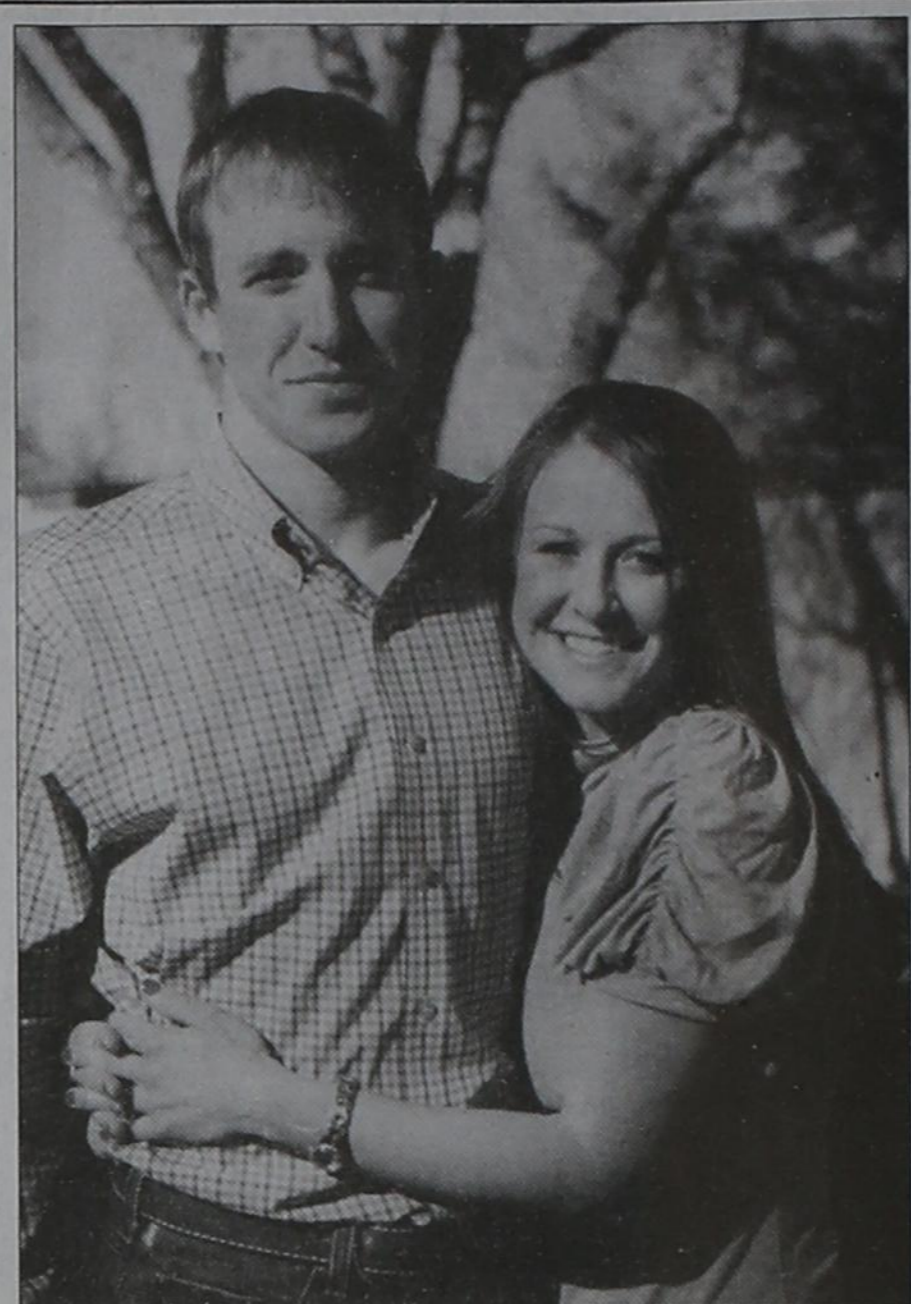
The Post Fire Department was one of the many departments that received water through the distribution.

The water, packaged in 13-ounce bottles, was distributed after the Salvation Army received water from its state disaster headquarters in Dallas.

"We saw this need based on the number of area fires that have already occurred and in anticipation of additional fires depleting volunteer fire departments of drinking water supplies and met that need," said Major Ernest Branscum, commanding officer of the Lubbock Corps.

During the recent water outage in Crosbyton, the Lubbock Corps also delivered pallets of water to that community's nursing homes, medical facilities and fire department.

In addition to the water distributed in area communities, the Salvation Army also dispersed 10 pallets of Gatorade provided by the South Plains Food Bank.



Matthew McCallister and Rebecca Bartlett

### Bartlett, McCallister plan May wedding in Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bartlett of Abilene have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Nicole, to Matthew Tait McCallister, son of Randy and Jana McCallister of Post.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Abilene High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with a bachelor's degree in nursing in August 2006 and is currently employed as an RN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2000 graduate of Post High School, earned a bachelor's degree in exercise sports science from Texas Tech in December 2005. He will receive a master's degree in biomechanics from Texas Tech in August and is currently an instructor at the university's exercise sports science department.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. May 17, 2008, in the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene.

### Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

• We had approximately 15 at the February meeting - there was lots of good discussion about possible chamber projects, good networking opportunities and a delicious lunch provided by MTC/Dalby Correctional Facility.

• Chamber Night at the Garza Theatre: Join your fellow chamber members for a very entertaining night of live theater. "On The Air," currently playing at the Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main in Post, is a great comedy about the "golden age of radio." The all-star cast presents a very professional and amusing performance. Group rate is \$10 per person if we have 10 or more chamber members attend; if we have less than 10, tickets will be \$15/each. Call the chamber office, 495-3461, to make your reservations. Performance begins at 8 p.m.

• March 14 is Chamber Night at Ragtown Gospel Theater. This will be the last weekend for the biblical drama "Lazarus." The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. We are fortunate to have an entertainment venue of this caliber right here in Post. Call the chamber office to make your reservations. Cost is \$15 per person if we have 12 or more attending, \$20 per person if we have fewer than 12 attend, so it is important to make advance reservations. Visit ragtown.com for more information.

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Abygale is proud to announce the birth of her brother, Frankie Dewayne Morris, at 4:41 a.m. Feb. 18, 2008, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Parents are Kristen Morris and Frank Puchi. Grandparents are Dewayne Morris and Ernie and Mona Puchi. Great-grandparents are Momma Nell and Grandad.

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• Antonio Apolin Plea: guilty. Sentenced pay \$258 in court cost.  
• Justin J. Harr Plea: guilty. Sentenced pay \$258 in court cost.  
• Christopher C B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced and ordered to pay fee.  
• Richard Ellis misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to pay \$258 in court cost.

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Mr. and Mrs. approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Nicole, to Matthew Tait McCallister, son of Randy and Jana McCallister of Post.

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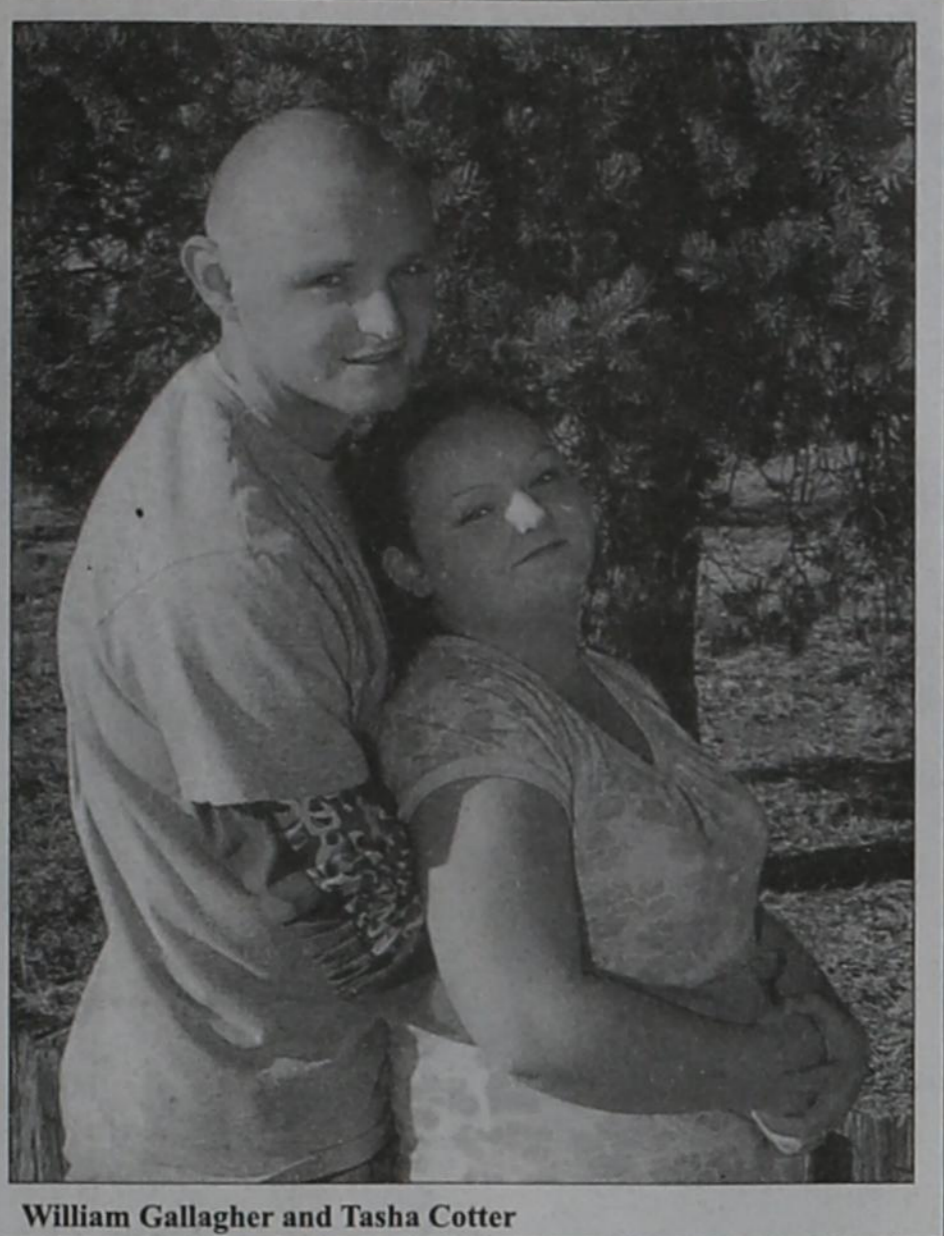
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As of late Wednesday, unable to reach the complainant that has agencies during the... Laws said he recommendation incident at the Gar general's office; he to the state agency. "I have been try AG's office stays Dispatch public sheriff is relying on "Most people w general's office," The complaint, County Sheriff's including a Dispa and U.S. Constitu when they were courthouse with murder trial in 10... When the origi to the Texas Rang and until they we... Last month, B Ricky Smith's of that "everyone c witnesses on one recommended th General's Office.

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William Gallagher and Tasha Cotter

## Cotter, Gallagher set April 12 ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cotter have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tasha Cotter, to William Gallagher, son of Thomas and Diana Gallagher of Lubbock.

The couple plans to wed April 12, 2008, in Post.

## Sheriff Laws: No action yet on complaint to AG

As of late Wednesday, Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws said he has been unable to reach the state attorney general's office concerning a Post Dispatch complaint that has been shuttled between local and area law enforcement agencies during recent weeks.

Laws said he received District Attorney Ricky Smith's Feb. 26 recommendation that the complaint, which stemmed from a November incident at the Garza County Courthouse, be turned over to the state attorney general's office; however, the sheriff said he has not been able to get through to the state agency.

"I have been trying to get in touch with them," Laws said, noting that the AG's office stays busy.

Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett said he doesn't understand why the sheriff is relying on the telephone to get documentation to the AG's office.

"Most people would use the mail to send something like this to the attorney general's office," Burnett said. "What's wrong with sending it in the mail?"

The complaint, which Burnett originally filed in January with the Garza County Sheriff's Department, contends that several media representatives, including a Dispatch photographer, were denied "their Texas Constitutional and U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights of free speech and press" when they were prevented by law enforcement officials from entering the courthouse with cameras during the final hours of the Nov. 8 Pablo Soto murder trial in 106th District Court.

When the original complaint was filed, documentation also was provided to the Texas Rangers; however, they declined to open an investigation unless and until they were asked to do so by the district attorney's office.

Last month, Burnett forwarded his complaint to 106th District Attorney Ricky Smith's office. Smith responded with a letter to Burnett suggesting that "everyone connected with the Pablo Soto case... would be potential witnesses on one issue or another regarding this case. I have, therefore, recommended that Sheriff Laws refer your complaint to the Attorney General's Office."

## Official Court Reports

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

### Garza County Court

Feb. 25

• Orlando Diaz, charged with theft by check, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to 12 months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$1,006.40 in restitution.

• Antonio Apolinar Jr., charged with theft by check, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 12 months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$599.14 in restitution.

• Justin J. Harris, charged with theft by check, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 12 months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$509.38 in restitution.

• Christopher Collin Baker, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs, \$140 in restitution and a \$25 service fee.

• Richard Ellis II, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

## In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• This west Texas weather is crazy, that's for sure. Monday it snowed all day long, and boy was it cold! Tuesday was warmer and of course the wind was hauling. The weekend is suppose to be beautiful... we'll see.

• All of us here in Ragtown want to send a big thank-you to the fire department for the wonderful job they did putting out the grass fire Tuesday. Also to Charles Morris for running the maintainer and to Danny Gonzales and Rob Freeman for running the tractors. Being across from the gin and close to a residence it could have really gotten out of hand. Thank you all very much.

• Lois Childs had a wonderful surprise on Valentine's Day. Her grandson, Skipper, came in from Iraq for two weeks. He and his wife, Connie, got to spend some time in Ragtown before he went back. I'm told he will be home for good at the end of April.

• We want to welcome some new members to Close City: Chris and JoAnn Wright have moved into the house where his grandparents, R.B. and Pauline Wilke lived. Chris is the son of Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright of Lovington, N.M., and the nephew of G.B. Wilke and Robbie Wilke, both of Close City. We welcome them to the community.

• Vernon McNabb called me last week, telling me how much he enjoyed reading "In and Around Close City." He used to live just north of here. He now lives in Harlingen. He asked me to send him a few Ragtown caps so he could show everyone where he was from. Everyone at Ragtown sends a big hello to Vernon and his family.

• Congratulations to David and Dena Watson on the marriage of their daughter, Brandi Gunn, to Matt Pleasant. Brandi and Matt were married March 1 at the Methodist Church, and a reception followed in the Post Community Center. Matt and Brandi will make their home in Slaton. Brandi's brother, Kyle, came in from Las Vegas for the big event.

• Our sympathies go out to Laveta Norman and her family on the loss of her sister, Katherine Welcher. Her funeral was held in Brownfield with Gerald, Laveta; Rynn Norman; Kim, Rhonda & Steffi Norman; Andy and Jodi Williams, all of Post attending.

• Visitors this past week: W.O. Fluitt, a.k.a., Uncle Dub and Charlie Williams came out to visit and buy a few caps. Lexi Gonzalez came to say hi on Friday. Troy Nelson called to visit a little; he says he and Joyce are doing well. Noel White stopped in for a Coke on Monday.

### Get Wells

Fannie Ballentine, a.k.a. Nana, is in the hospital and as of Tuesday was feeling better. As always remember our folks in the nursing homes, remember your loved ones and keep them close and pray for moisture and that our troops come safely home.

### Birthdays

• March 9 - Cody Nowlain

• March 10 - Patty Lopez

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

## Post Notes

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### Post Dance Club

If you are interested in joining a dance club in Post, please contact one of the following people: Jimmy Bird (806) 781-0186; Jimmy Jones (806) 495-3628; Richard Hart (806) 759-4446; Jeremy King (806) 777-5041; Kim Mills (806) 543-1055. With enough interest, the club will host four dances this year with membership fees of \$120.00 couple/\$60.00 single. Pay at the door prices will be \$20.00 per person.

### SPCAA energy assistance program

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through December 31, 2008. Funds are available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six. For additional information concerning this program, please contact Billie Williams at (806) 495-2329 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### PHS Dinner Theatre

The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for Monday, March 31 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$15 each.

### Golden Plains seeking help for "Sr. Prom"

Golden Plains Care Center is planning a Senior Prom - "A Night to Remember". There will be a planning meeting at the center on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Complete with prom dresses, suits and the crowning of a Prom King and Queen and their court is scheduled. We are looking for help with decorating, doing hair, makeup and nails. We need plants, in-door trees, water features. We are also going to need servers and entertainment. If you would like to help in any way call Christy or Bunny at 495-2848. Please help us make this "A Night to Remember".

### Catholic Church hosts fish fry Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry on Friday, March 7 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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Participating in Tuesday's groundbreaking ceremony for the future "Garza County Health Care District" health clinic in the field across from the stockshow barn are (left to right) Ray Bagby, Wynonne Kennedy, Dr. Ben Edwards, District President Wayne Edwards, Post Mayor Kim Mills, Edna Owen, PNS-CEO Paul Acreman and Brandt Taylor. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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# The Nader factor

by Bill O'Reilly  
So Ralph Nader is running for president again, and there is no truth to the rumor that the nominating convention will be held in his garage. Too spacious.

With a few exceptions, the leftwing press were openly hostile to Nader's announcement this week, taking it very personally: "He remains as obstinate, prickly and egotistical as ever," said the New Jersey Star-Ledger.

"Nader: Unsafe at Any Age," headlined the Louisville Courier-Journal. And The Boston Globe, while saying Nader has a "right" to run, wrote: "Nader has come to believe in his own indispensability."

The left-leaning media are mad because they believe Nader cost Al Gore the election in 2000 by siphoning votes away from him in Florida. You may remember that old Ralph received 97,488 votes in the Sunshine State, and that President Bush defeated Vice President Gore by fewer than 1,000 ballots. Doing the math makes many liberals cry.

So Ralphie boy, as Ed Norton might put it, is not in real solid with the Democratic establishment these days.

Not that he cares. I've known Nader for decades, and he is a hard-core socialist, a man who fervently believes the government must control evil corporations, regulate wages and even set prices for what consumers buy. Nader has far more in common with Raul Castro than Howard Dean. He thinks the Dems are almost as bad as the Republicans when it comes to exploiting folks.

That's why Nader's presidential announcement was a one-day story. No New York Times profile for him, not this year. No NBC News feature story. Ralph Nader is going to be mighty lonely on the campaign trail because the far-left has abandoned him.

Feeling sorry for the guy, I called him a few days ago and asked him to appear on my syndicated radio program, heard on more than 400 stations. At first, Nader's "person" was excited. Free media! But a short time later she told us Ralph was "unavailable." Perhaps a conference call with Raul?

The reason, I believe, that Nader passed on the Radio Factor was that he knew I would poke a bit of fun at him. Let's face it, Jane Fonda has a better chance of winning the presidency than Ralph. But unlike the lefty media, I have no problem with Nader running. He entertains me. I never know what he's going to say or whom he's going to hammer. Give him points for that.

Next November, Ralph Nader will get less than 1 percent of the vote and won't even appear on most state ballots. Sadly for him, the Ralphster will not be a factor this time around. His time has passed, and his socialistic struggle is completely irrelevant.

But I still like Ralph Nader. Even if he is unavailable. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. COPYRIGHT 2008 BillOReilly.com.

## A Dissenting Opinion

"Before placing its hand in the taxpayer's pocket, the Government must lace its finger first on the law authorizing its action."

Justice Thomas, with whom Justice Scalia joins, dissenting. *United Dominion Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 532 U.S. 822, 839, 150 L. Ed. 2d 45, 121 S. Ct. 1934(2001)



# Opinions



## Common sense and the drug problem

by Hank Sames  
"Largest Pot Bust on Record" ... "State to Fund New Jail Construction" ... "City Police and County Sheriffs Lobby for More Federal Funds to Fight Drugs" ... "Federal Courthouse Overwhelmed with Drug Cases"

The headlines are disturbing and are never-ending. The "war on drugs" has gone on since the Nixon administration in the 1970s and continues today. The "war on terror" is an infant compared with the war on drugs. The drug war is the longest war the United States has ever fought and for sure the most expensive.

The irony is that the war is unwinnable and the side effects make it certain that the problem will continue to grow, with law enforcement making very little progress against it.

The time has come to consider an alternative. We need to consider the legalization of drugs as the only solution to the problem. This conclusion is not based on whether illicit drugs are harmful or not. It comes from the realization that the approach being taken to the problem is not working and is in fact creating some very serious adverse side effects. We are at a point where the "cure" is now worse than the disease.

There is general disregard for the drug laws in this country. Threat of criminal prosecution has done little to reduce drug use, as the law is generally seen as unreasonable and is ignored. There are doctors, lawyers, and other professionals who smoke pot as casually as drinking a cocktail.

This disregard for the law from otherwise law-abiding citizens is not good for society. Legislating personal behavior that does not inflict violence on others encroaches on personal freedom, and when citizens do not perceive harm to themselves, the law becomes unsustainable in a free society.

One of the great harms that come with making drugs illegal is the criminal activity that goes along with it. The organized-crime gangs that are involved in the illegal drug trade have become both rich and violent.

The money they receive from drugs allows them to corrupt local law enforcement and politicians. Mexico is trying hard to combat a problem not of its making. Not only are they having little success but there is loss of life, loss of tranquility, and loss of legitimate businesses, such as tourism.

There are other sinister side effects to these efforts. Personal freedom and human rights are diminished as law enforcement uses extreme measures in the fight. The press is terrorized by the drug gangs and free speech is compromised. The drug gangs use their power and money to finance new ventures, such as extortion, kidnapping, and political assassination.

All of these factors create a climate of fear in Mexico and a reduction in opportunity for those who want a legitimate job. The rich either leave the country or build fortresses to live in and surround themselves with bodyguards.

The poor oftentimes become part of the criminal element because of the money to be made in the illegal-drug trade. For every drug criminal Mexico captures or kills, there is a new one eager and ready to replace him.

Mexico is in danger of collapsing under this cancer.

At the same time, there are serious problems in the United States. Law enforcement continues to grow to combat the problem, requiring ever-increasing expenditures of local and federal tax dollars. The courts are clogged with drug cases, and the jails and prisons continue to grow.

The cost of housing prisoners is escalating. An interesting sidelight: prisoners say that drugs are readily available in most jails and there is some evidence that some prisoners actually get addicted to hard drugs while there.

The first thing they do when they get out is look for a fix. Law enforcement and incarceration costs are escalating. Our law-enforcement system is overwhelmed because of the drug war. The more time that law enforcement spends on drug cases, the less time it spends on crimes of violence.

What would legalization of drugs do? First off, it would relegate drug use and abuse to the private sector, where it rightly belongs. It would also shrink the prison population and relieve the courts of those cases. That would create huge cost savings. Legalization would relieve citizens of the tremendous tax burden to fund the drug war.

A country that is educated about drug use and abuse and has personal freedom as its core value is a much healthier society. It is time for Americans to face the drug war — and its failures — head on and put a stop to this decades-long, failed, and destructive policy.

Hank Sames is a businessman in Laredo, Texas. This is a modified version of an article that appeared in *Laredo*, a news magazine in Laredo. Reprinted by permission.

## Hope for the Economy

by Congressman Ron Paul

It is becoming harder and harder for Washington and the mainstream media to ignore the ripple effect the collapse of the housing bubble is having on the economy. Inflation is up, cost of food is up, oil and gold are up, foreclosures are up, unemployment is up, government spending is at record highs, it seems that the only thing down is the value of the dollar. The middle and lower classes are getting squeezed as prices jump and wages stay flat.

Though it is good that Washington is acknowledging the problem instead of sweeping it under the rug, I always get nervous at their ideas of solutions. A proper solution requires an honest, in-depth look at the root of the problem.

What the government needs to stop doing is taxing Americans literally out of house and home in the wake of the housing debacle.

We should not take money from taxpayers to bail out bad businesses. At the same time, we need to make sure that America can get back to work by easing taxes and regulations on good businesses and allow them to function and prosper.

Also there a lot of tax cuts and tax reforms we could be making to ease the burden on the American people.

I have many bills in Congress that address the high taxes Americans pay, but one in particular — my Tax-Free Tips Act — should be a no-brainer at a time like this. This legislation would exempt gratuities earned by service sector workers from income tax liability.

A tip is a small gift and there is no contractual requirement to give it, yet if someone leaves a restaurant without tipping, the IRS will still estimate how much they should have been tipped and tax the waiter based on that, should they perform an audit. This is patently wrong.

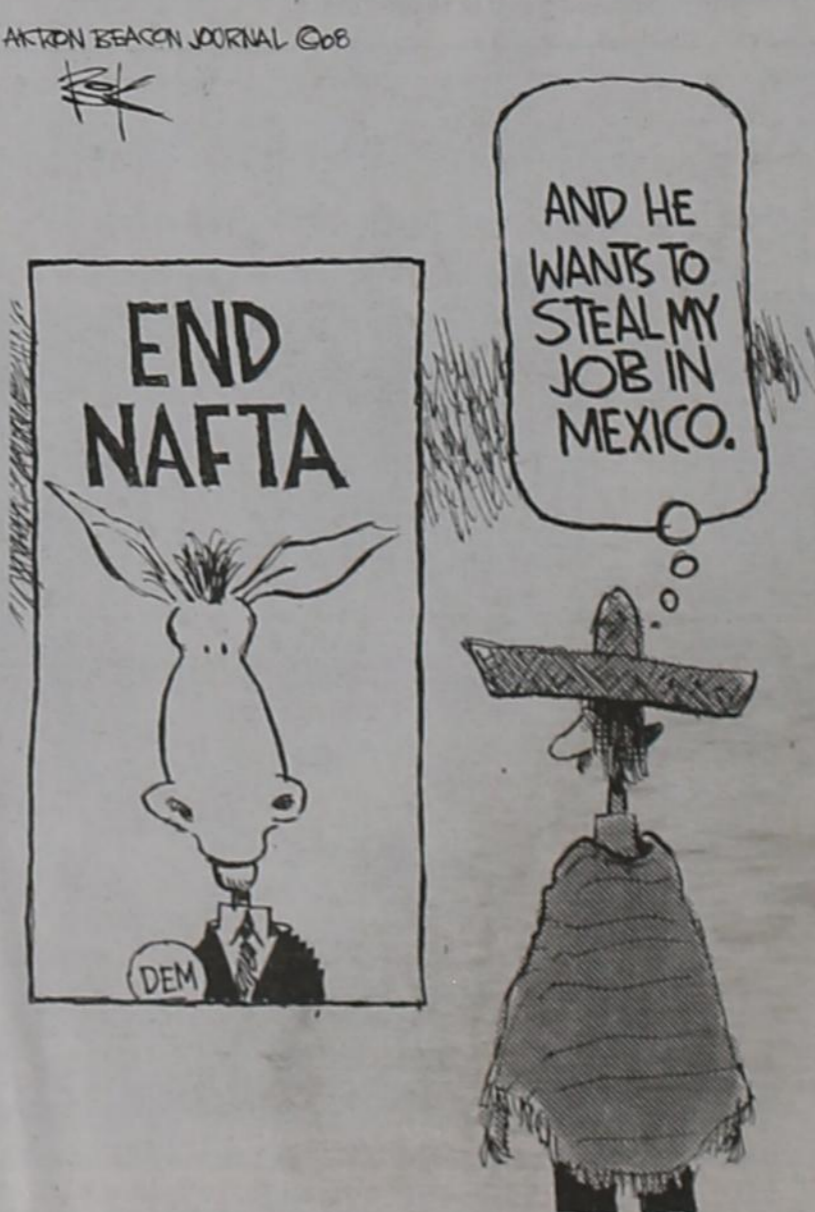
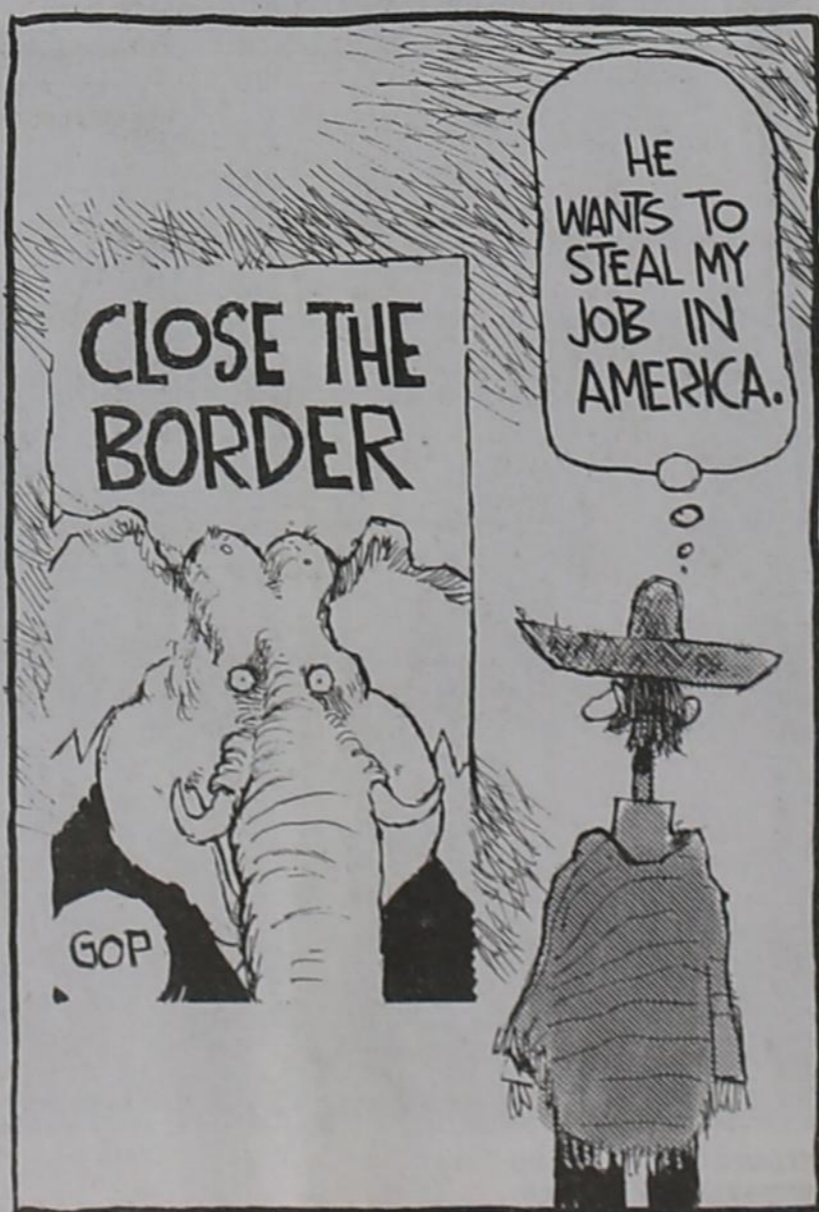
People working these jobs are the backbone of our economy, and they often support a family or put themselves through school on this money. They are already taxed on their base wages through withholding. They should not be taxed on tips. We do not need to put this kind of pressure on our service workers.

To really fix the economy and get it back on track, though, a sea change, not a quick-fix attempt, is needed.

I was very pleased and encouraged that the Wall Street Journal published my letter to the editor addressing some of our economic problems. The message is getting out because people are demanding answers.

The American people are strong, resourceful, hard working and determined. Because of this we can get through these tough economic times, but our leaders need to understand how we got here in the first place.

Continuing the same flawed policies that got us here will only prolong the agony.



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# Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA

## State ag agencies change names, renew missions

Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life sciences research in such areas as improving food and fiber production, enhancing human and animal health and conserving water, soils, wildlife and other natural resources.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences and community economic development.

"We are making these changes to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of

The Texas A&M University System, with the same commitment to their partners, clients and mission.

"But we also want to tell our story to a larger audience and a changing state population, attract new resources and build new partnerships, while strengthening our existing ones," Hussey said. "In this way, we hope to better serve the people of this great state."

The name changes are part of a rebranding initiative launching this year after two years of study and planning. These efforts were led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'"

## Posey receives award for 24 years of service

Betty Posey, who spent more than 24 years serving as an EMT with the Post City/Garza County EMS, was recognized Feb. 23 at the annual South Plains Emergency Services conference.

Posey received the Scott Murray Lifetime Achievement Award at the event, which was conducted at the McInturf Conference Center at University Medical Center, Lubbock. The award is given by Dr. Ed and Joan Murray on behalf of the late Scott Murray.

Posey worked under the supervision of Scott Murray for many years as he served as the local services SPEMS peer reviewer.

Hussey said. "The central idea is that life itself is the core value that our agencies seek to sustain and enhance."

"People usually don't realize how much we all depend on agriculture and the life sciences. Discoveries and innovations in these fields directly impact the quality of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the homes we live in, and, more and more, even the fuels we pump into our vehicles."

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension. "These new brands will impact not only our marketing materials and signage, but also the way we position and prioritize our programs and work with our federal, state and county partners to serve the state of Texas. It is vitally important to tell our story

and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous impacts they have on the state."

One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas.

"We hope to help people better understand the vital role that agriculture and life sciences still play in improving the prosperity of their lives," said Smith. "We believe that if they come to know us better, they will see that connection more clearly, even within a state population that is now 85 percent urbanized."

AgriLife Research, established in 1887, employs a team of 425 scientists on the campus of Texas A&M University and at 13 centers

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across the state. Research has made many innovative advances over the years, including development of the Texas 1015 onion and the TAM Mild Jalapeno pepper, which revolutionized the U.S. salsa industry.

Current major research includes the efficient use and conservation of water resources, the development of fruits and vegetables with higher levels of disease-fighting compounds and the adaptation of crops and other agricultural products for making biofuels.

AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

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## Nelda Lopez Reyna

Mass for Nelda Lopez Reyna, 47, of Post was conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Kariekatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Feb. 28 at her home. Born July 24, 1960, to Felicitas and Abelardo Reyna in Post, she was a homemaker and a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sergio Lopez of Post; her parents, Abelardo and Felicitas Reyna of Post; three sons, Frank Reyna of Tahoka, Hector Reyna of Post and Leonard Reyna of Post; two daughters, Yuri Lopez Rodriguez of Post and Monica Lopez of Post; six brothers, Mario Reyna of Smithville, Joe Reyna of Smithville, Alphonso Reyna of Michigan, Basilio Reyna of Houston, Abel Reyna of Post and Danny Reyna of Austin; three sisters, Soyla Reyna of Post, MaryLou Sabas of Post and Leslie Mendoza of Post; and three grandchildren, Sebastian Rodriguez, Yuriana Lopez and Mercedes Lopez.

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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## Christ in you...

Throughout the ages most societies have included a custom designed to keep certain authorities and possessions in families. It was often based on the father and son relationship, where the authority and possessions of the father was passed down to the first-born son.

Although many societies in today's world have flexibly altered this custom to include the parent-child relationship in general, the principle of inheritance is still understood and practiced within families.

Looking at the Old Testament times, the father typically had full authority and power over all the decisions made in the family. He would also have control over all the possessions. A good example of this can be seen in Genesis where it describes the different fathers such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.

When the time comes, the father will transfer authority to his first-born son. It could be said the father's authority was in the son. The son could make decisions as if he was the father. If the father was still alive, the son would most likely act according to the will of his father.

Understanding this principle goes a long way toward understanding the words found in Colossians 1:27, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

As God's first-born son, Jesus was given full authority from God. This is even more significant considering that God is counted as the ranking King. In other words, Jesus was given a royal inheritance from his Father in heaven.

This is really exciting when considering 1Corinthians 5:18, "That God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." During his ministry while walking on earth, the son of God was anointed with holy spirit when John baptized him. God was truly in his son in that He was his Father with full authority, and his spirit was in him.

God was in his son all the way until his death. Although God's spirit left Jesus' dead body, God did not forsake him in that He raised him from the dead and made him to sit at His right hand of authority in heaven. The result of this was it became available for people to be filled with holy spirit and get born-again. The first record of this is found in Acts 2:4.

Once people are born-again they become children of God. According to Romans 8:29, they are counted as the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. It says, "that he might be the first-born among many brethren."

God's born-again children obtain a royal inheritance in the name of Jesus Christ. This might be better understood as a legal inheritance that is obtained because of the true name of God's son who we call Jesus.

More light on this is seen in Ephesians 3:6, "That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel." This is a great mystery which was hid from all the prophets during the Old Testament times, but which was made known to the apostles and prophets starting with Paul.

It became available for both Jews and Gentiles to obtain an inheritance with God's first-born son. When people get born-again, they have the fullness of the inheritance of Christ in them, which is their hope of glory. Just as God glorified His son Jesus by raising him from the dead unto everlasting life, so also do His born-again children have this same hope of glory (see 1Thessalonians 3:13-18).

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Antelopes Sweetwater Bat Class...  
 The Post Dispatch traveled to Snyder Thursday through Saturday to compete in the Classic.  
 The Antelopes against Coahoma Thursday, losing by a score of eight.  
 Aaron James pitched in the first game was stopped in the first inning.  
 Clint Windham pitched three with three strikeouts.  
 Later on Thursday the Lopes pitched against Clyde, by a score of 15-0.  
 Clint Windham pitched this game with the plate with homerun.  
 The Lopes Saturday morning Merkel 7-5.  
 Jesse Vera pitched after pitching a homerun.  
 The Antelopes New Deal today

Colorado faces 10-0 the Antelopes  
 The Post Dispatch past Colorado City 19 by a score of 19-0.  
 Jessie Vera pitched in the first game.  
 Antelope win against City by a score of 19-0.  
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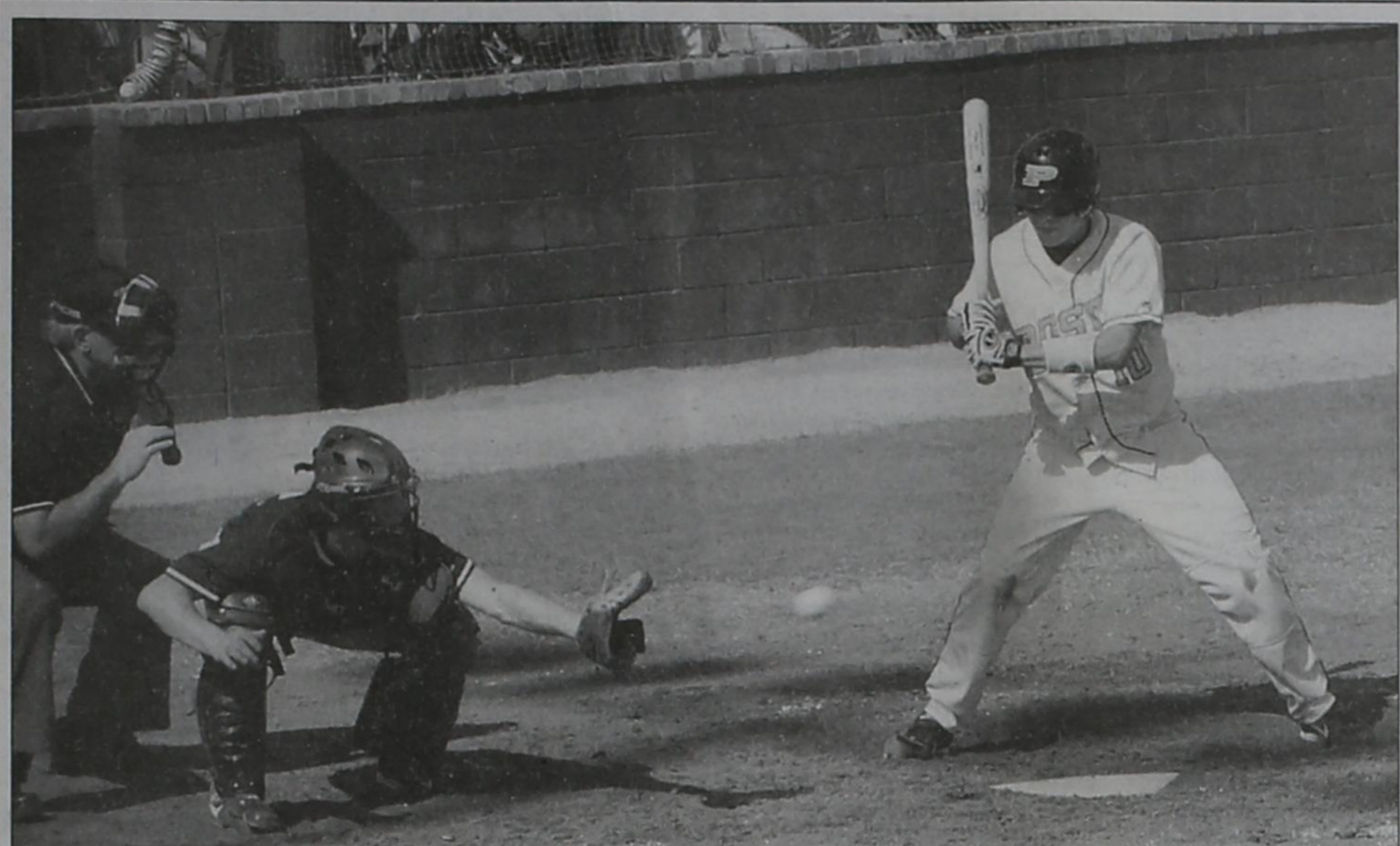
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Antelope batter Tyler Odom (10) holds up his swing against Merkel during last Saturday's game in the Sweetwater tournament.  
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## Antelopes travel to Sweetwater Wood Bat Classic

The Post baseball team traveled to Sweetwater last Thursday through Saturday to compete in the Wood Bat Classic.

The Antelopes opened up against Coahoma at 8 a.m. Thursday, losing in close game by a score of eight to seven.

Aaron James pitched four innings with Clint Windham pitching in the fifth inning. The game was stopped due to time limit.

Clint Windham went three for three with three singles to pace the Antelopes offensively.

Later on Thursday at noon, the Lopes returned to play against Clyde, coming up short by a score of 15-8.

Clint Windham shined during this game batting 2 for 3 at the plate with a double and a homerun.

The Lopes returned on Saturday morning to defeat Merkel 7-5.

Jesse Vera picked up the win after pitching a complete game.

Offensively, Jarrett Blevins batted 2 for 3 with 2 doubles.

Vera followed with his second homerun of the season.

The Antelopes are set to visit New Deal today at 4:30 p.m.

## Colorado City faces 10-2 loss to the Antelopes

The Post Antelopes blasted past Colorado City on February 19 by a score of 10-2 in Post.

Jesse Vera pitched five innings and picked up the Post Antelope win against Colorado City by a score of 10 to 2.

Aaron James came in and picked up the save to make the Antelopes 1 and 0 on the season.

Offensively M.J. Wynne went two for three with a double and a triple. Blaise Lester hit his first home run of the year and also drove in 3 runs.

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## Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

### Post Lady Lope Softball

<b>Varsity</b>		
March 6-8	Ralls Tourney	TBA
March 11	@ Denver City	6:30 p.m.
<b>Junior Varsity</b>		
March 6-8	Brownfield Tourney	TBA
March 11	@ Denver City	5 p.m.
<b>Post Antelope Baseball</b>		
<b>Varsity</b>		
March 7	@ New Deal	5:30 p.m.
March 8	@ Lockney	6 p.m.
March 11	Tahoka (here)	7 p.m.
<b>Junior Varsity</b>		
March 11	Tahoka (here)	4:30 p.m.
<b>Tennis</b>		
March 14	SPCHCA Levelland	
<b>Powerlifting</b>		
March 8	Boys Regional @ Levelland	
<b>Golf</b>		
March 10	Girls @ Tahoka	7:30 a.m.
March 12	Boys @ Tahoka	7:30 a.m.
<b>Track</b>		
March 14	@ Tahoka	JVB, VB, VG

## Lopes defeat Dimmitt 6-0

Jessie Vera pitched a no-hitter with 11 strike-outs for his third start of the season to help the Post Antelopes win over the Dimmitt Bobcats with a final score of 6-0 during last Thursday's Wood Bat Classic in Sweetwater.

Blaise Lester had two doubles to help the Antelopes offensively. Call Windham added his first home run, to assist the Lopes to victory.

## Lopes drop to Abernathy

After a six inning 3-1 lead, the Post Antelopes baseball team gave up three runs in the seventh inning to give Abernathy the win during the February 23 game in Post.

Offensively, Aaron James went two for two with two singles. Blaise Lester hit his second homerun of the season. Jesse Vera followed with another first homerun of his season.



Mitchell James (13) looks to steal second base during last Saturday's game against Merkel in the Sweetwater tournament.  
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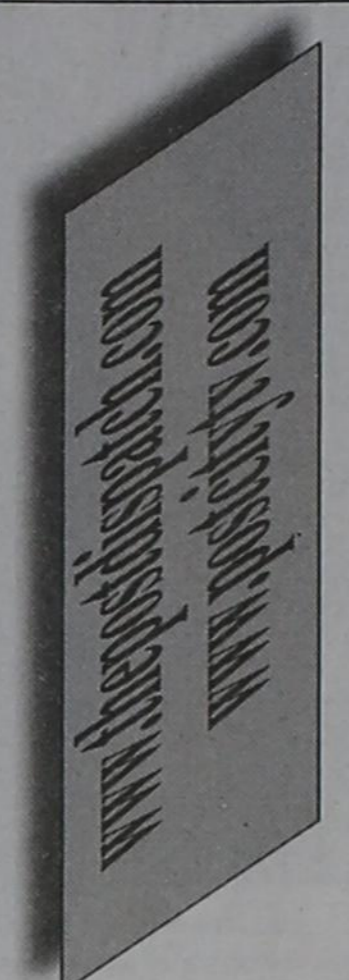
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# Yesteryears

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From The Post Dispatch archives

## 10 Years Ago March 5, 1998

Post Antelope Varsity basketball team members were Jerry Graham, Daniel Fluit, Clell Knight, Russ Moore, Billy Crawford, Jamie Hernandez, Jay Gorman, Sam Woods, and Luke Cooper.

Three positions were slated to be filled for the City of Post, including a two-year city council term for Ward 3, Ward 4, and Ward 5. Incumbents Archie Gill (3), Bill Poole (4) and Andy Stelzer (5) had filed applications for places on the ballot.

Mr. Curly Odom celebrated 30 years with Brown Brother this week in 1998. Curly started to work for the company while he was still in high school and was hired by Buster Moreland.

Post High School's Sharla Cruse set a new school record with a discus throw of 113 feet, 4.5 inches, breaking her own throw at the O'Donnell track meet.

## 20 Years Ago March 9, 1988

E. A. Howard Jr. took the Democratic Party Garza County Judge vote at 791 to face Republican David Stelzer in the November general election, following the primary voting.

Christina Martinez was named to the District 3AAA first team girls all-district basketball team. Getting honorable mention were Angela Graves and Keitha White.

Neal Clary Honored: When Neal Clary first began work on March 2, 1948, he never dreamed years later he would be celebrating his 40th anniversary as an employee of that same company in the position of Superintendent. The name of the company is now The George R. Brown Partnership, but when Clary first started to work as a roustabout in 1948, after his graduation from high school in May of '47, it was the Comanche Corporation.

## 30 Years Ago March 9, 1978

A record crowd of over 400 attended the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet where they thoroughly enjoyed the humor of Dallas Cowboy kicker and reserve quarterback, Danny White. During the event Jack Alexander, Post Elementary School principal who for years had been one of the most continually community active men in Post, was named "Citizen of the Year".

Directors of Garza Memorial Hospital announced Dr. Ricardo Rodriguez would continue his medical practice in Post in the hospital's new doctor's suite, located at the west end of the hospital.

"The King and I" was presented to the Post Music Club in the home of Mrs. Willard Kirkpatrick by Mrs. Bo Jackson and a group of her third grade music students.

Edward Price was named captain of Odessa College's track team for spring sports.

## 40 Years Ago March 7, 1968

Harold Lucas was Post's new Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealer. The new dealership, known as Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Olds, would open for business at 111 South Broadway on March 8.

Six den mothers and an ex-den mother and den leaders' coach received awards at the annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet. Honored were Joyce Teaff, Lorrye Lou McAlister, Margaret Barley, Patty Kirkpatrick, Joyce Howard; den leaders' coach Mary Mayo and

ex-den mother Maudie Faye Rose.

Post and The Dispatch would lose another fine young family when Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Morris and youngsters moved west to Farmington, N.M. where Ronnie would become an insurance adjuster. Ronnie had been employed at the Dispatch since April 1966.

Tim Prather of Post was third in steer wrestling in the 1968 championship standings released by the Rodeo Cowboys Association.

## 50 Years Ago March 6, 1958

Announcement was made that two famous television personalities - Danny Thomas, whose Danny Thomas Show ranked No. 4 in the national TV ratings, and Spring Byington, star of "December Bride" would come to Post to headline big entertainment that was staged for the

community by Mrs. Merriweather Post.

R. T. Smith, superintendent of schools at Shallowater, was employed as superintendent of the Post schools at a special meeting of the board. Smith was employed for the position under a two-year contract at \$11,000 a year.

Dr. B. E. Young, local dentist, was elected president of the Post Rotary club. He succeeded Glenn Whittenberg who as retiring president would become vice president of the club.

Miss Linda Kay Lusby and Roy Alton Jones were united in marriage

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in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gray at 815 West 6th Street.

## 60 Years Ago March 4, 1948

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, Herring's department store would open a one-week sale. The store was established by Clint Herring, owner and operator of the business.

M. M. Lauderdale was honored on his 62nd birthday when Mrs. Lauderdale entertained with a dinner. Attending were two daughters, one son and their families: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mannin, Mr.,

and Mrs. Charlie O. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Lauderdale and 12 grandchildren.

Guys and Gals: Ed Sims received a blurb in the Abilene Reporter and he was referred to as one of Post's leading young ranch men; Betty Williams made the honor roll for the last semester at T.S.C.W.; Jimmy Bird began working at the Plains Lumber Col. and Dorrae Propst began work at the First National Bank; Better watch Dub Ray when the calf roping season rolls around. He can be seen practicing almost any evening out at the rodeo grounds.

# Menus

Post ISD  
March 10

Breakfast: Muffin, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk

March 11

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Fish strips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, macaroni & cheese, hot rolls, milk

March 12

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

Lunch: Frito pie, western beans, broccoli, orange smiles, corn bread, milk

March 13

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Lunch: Turkey breast/gravy, green beans, fruited gelatin, frozen yogurt, texas toast, milk

March 14

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ on bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbets, pineapple tidbits, milk

Southland ISD  
March 10

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch: Sausage wrap, fries,

beans, jello, milk

March 11

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Steak fingers, cream potatoes, corn, rolls, cake, milk

March 12

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, cookie, milk

March 13

Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Nacho grande, salad, beans, jello, milk

March 14

Breakfast: French toast, bacon, juice, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburger, Hb fixings, fries, ice cream, milk

TRAILBLAZERS  
March 10

Chicken & rice, squash casserole, salad, roll, fruit salad

March 11

Sausage on bun, tater tots, navy beans, sliced tomatoes, applesauce cake

March 12

Brisket, potatoes & carrots, brown gravy, cucumber salad, roll, jello w/fruit

March 13

Corn flake chicken, seasoned rice, carrots & peas, roll, ambrosia

March 14

Fried fish, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw, hushpuppies, pineapple cake

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SPCAA is a private non-profit organization with over 42 years of experience "Helping People. Changing Lives." in West Texas.

The minimum Qualifications:

1. Must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Must be a resident of the SPCAA area: Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum, Lubbock, and the surrounding counties.
3. Must be willing to serve a term of two (2) consecutive years.
4. Must be willing to attend Board of Directors meetings every ten weeks in Levelland, Texas.
5. Must be willing to participate in committees and trainings.

The following organizations may be eligible for Board of Directors membership:

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| United Fund     | Girls Town U.S.A.      | Business     |
| Major Industry  | Housing Authorities    | Union Local  |
| Community Chest | Senior Citizens Group  | NAACP        |
| Utility Company | Salvation Army         | Lions Club   |
| Farmers Union   | Chambers of Commerce   | Rotary Club  |
| Farm Bureau     | Industrial Foundations | Kiwanas Club |

Interested individuals may call the SPCAA office and ask for Bill Powell (806) 894-6104 or call Community Services Division and ask for Roger Cardenas (806) 894-4560

### ACROSS

- 1 song: "Texas When \_\_\_\_\_"
- 5 TX Quaid film: "\_\_\_\_\_ for Love"
- 6 state where TX Buddy Holly died
- 7 study for the exam
- 8 TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9 long \_\_\_\_\_ (past)
- 12 '24 slogan: "Me for Ma -- And \_\_\_\_\_ Got a Derrn Thing Against Pa"
- 17 TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_\_\_ in a battle of wits"
- 19 TX Blue Bell flavor: "Cookies \_\_\_\_\_"
- 21 actress Stephens of Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader films
- 22 country music label: "Nashville"
- 23 TX Byron Nelson golf
- 28 Corpus Christi TV
- 29 "me casa \_\_\_\_\_ casa"
- 30 metal mixtures
- 31 Stars foe: "Toronto Maple \_\_\_\_\_"
- 35 TX Audie film: "\_\_\_\_\_ at Silver Creek"
- 36 TXism: "safe as \_\_\_\_\_ in a haystack"
- 42 TXism: "got as much chance as \_\_\_\_\_ packing plant"
- 44 opera composed by TX Rodriguez

46 skin irritation caused by hot temps (3 wds.)

48 \_\_\_\_\_ voyage

49 TX "yes"

50 TX Ben Hogan won the \_\_\_\_\_ Hickok Award

51 this admiral guarded the TX coast in the Spanish-American War

52 hesitation sounds

53 TXism: "table grazed"

54 "Lonesome George" comedian

56 "King" south of the border

57 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_\_\_"

58 TXism: "I'll make your hair stand on \_\_\_\_\_" (scary)

### DOWN

- 1 TX Vassar Miller poem: "\_\_\_\_\_ Deeply Enough"
- 2 TXism: "useless as a screen \_\_\_\_\_ submarine"
- 3 in Wichita Co. on hwy. 287
- 4 actor Jack of "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy Dean
- 9 surrounded by
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ on a merry-go-round"
- 11 lyric poem

### The Original

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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37 most X-mas trees  
38 TXism: "snug as a bug \_\_\_\_\_"

39 SS Jose who ended career with Astros  
40 TXism: "he's a thorn in my \_\_\_\_\_"

41 in Concho Co. on 83  
43 actor Ames (init.)  
45 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ itchy trigger finger"

47 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ ridden hard and put up wet"

48 \_\_\_\_\_ ticket  
55 TXism: "bright \_\_\_\_\_ and bushy tailed"

12 TXism: "get your ducks \_\_\_\_\_ row"

13 a description of TX Marsh's "Cadillac Ranch"? (3 wds.)

15 "untouchable" Eliot colored part of eye

16 most well known Dallas Sidekick

18 TX-born actress Meredith Mac \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. " \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson"

23 mate of 20-down

24 TX Sissy portrayed this Loretta (init.)

25 Alan of "The Aviator" about TX Hughes

26 "if \_\_\_\_\_ so"

27 Crystal City has statue of "Pop \_\_\_\_\_ Sailor Man"

32 \_\_\_\_\_ Paso

33 anno domini (abbr.)

34 some TX radio stations

36 San Antonio "River \_\_\_\_\_ Show"

# Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs

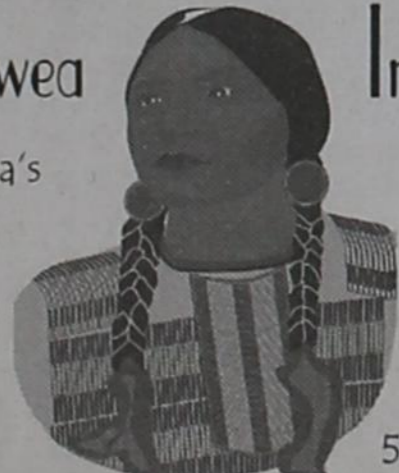
## Brain Boost!

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## Sacagawea

Sacagawea's story begins with a tragedy. child, the raided her Sacagawea and taken her homeland. Her captives sold her as a slave to the Sioux Indians. Her Sioux guardian, Red Arrow, forced her to work in the fields until an old French Canadian fur trapper, named Toussaint Charbonneau, won her in a game of chance and made her his wife. When interpreters were needed for the "Corp of Discovery" (The Lewis & Clark Expedition), Charbonneau was hired to join. Sacagawea was just a young teenage girl when she accompanied her husband on the expedition to map the unexplored territory beyond the Mississippi River. This journey will take her to new lands and into the history books.



## Indian Guide

When she was a Hidatsa Indians Shoshone tribe. was kidnapped 500 miles from her

Soon after the journey began, Sacagawea gave birth to her first born, a son named Jean Baptiste (nicknamed Pomp).

With her papoose strapped on her back, the young Indian girl would be respected for her cool head in times of danger and her skill of finding roots, berries and other food to sustain the men.

In 1998, a New Mexico college student/Shoshone Indian, posed for the likeness of Sacagawea on the newest US coin, the gold dollar. In 2000, this coin replaced the Susan B. Anthony dollar, making Sacagawea the only woman currently on US currency.



Sacagawea died of "putrid fever: at the age of 24. After her death Clark raised an educated her children as his own. A Shoshone Indian woman, who lived to be 90- also claimed to the famous explorer. Her Wyoming gravesite is still honored today.



For her contribution to the exploration of the West, Sacagawea was awarded nothing. As the years passed and the journals of Lewis and Clark were published, her intelligence, bravery and key role in the exploration became evident. Today mountains, creeks, parks, monuments, lakes and even an airplane have been named in her honor.

<http://www.brain-iacs.com>

One day while out berry picking, Sacagawea sees men on horses. She begins to dance with joy as she recognized these men are her people; the Shoshone tribe she had been taken from 5 years ago. Lewis & Clark are delighted because they feel this connection will only increase their chances to trade for the horses they desperately need to ride over the mountains. That evening the chief and other tribal elders meet with Lewis and Clark. Sacagawea is brought into the tepee to act as an interpreter. As she approaches the Chief her eyes fill with joy. Chief Cameahwait is her long lost brother! He, and an infant nephew is all that is left of her family.



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## Schelli White selected for All-District honors

Schelli White, 17-year-old granddaughter of Noel and Orabeth White, recently was named All-District MVP Defensive Basketball Player of the Year for District 12.

White, a junior and an A Honor Roll student, played wing for the Westbrook Lady Wildcats.

White is the daughter of Steve and Jackie White of the Spade Ranch south of Westbrook.



Schelli White

### Local, state fire resources remain on alert

When Texas Forest Service and the National Weather Service began forecasting extreme fire weather danger last week, TFS wasted no time activating preparedness measures and pre-positioning firefighting personnel and equipment to areas of the state predicted to be at highest risk.

As it turns out, this preparation paid off.

The highest fire danger this year occurred on Feb. 25, and fire behavior was extreme. All available Texas Forest Service resources were committed to the fire fighting effort, including resources from east Texas and all available aircraft from the Texas Air National Guard.

At the height of the fight, 1,000 gallon water drops from helitankers did little to slow advancing flame fronts. Tactics switched from offensive suppression efforts to the direct protection of homes and other assets on that day.



Garza Theatre cast members entertaining the Post area with Peter Palame's hilarious comedy "On the Air" are (left to right) Karen Dolter, Ronnie Miller, Micki Klafka, Rose Frugé and John Davis. Under the direction of Mitchell Britton, the production will run this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with its final performance on Sunday at 2 p.m. For tickets and information call the ticket office at 806-495-4005 or visit online at www.garzatheatre.com. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Texas A&M University System  
by Nancy McDonald,  
Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

#### Childhood obesity – do genes play larger role than lifestyle?

The ever-growing childhood obesity crisis has been linked to bad eating habits and a lack of exercise among many children today.

A group of British researchers looked at 5,000-plus pairs of twins, ages 8 to 11. The collection of twins included both identical and non-identical twins. They discovered that:

- 77 percent of the differences appeared to be due to the effects of genes
- 23 percent were probably the result of the twins' home environment.

So, what does that mean? To sum it all up, the researchers say their results "highlight the fact that excessive weight gain in a child is unlikely to be the fault of the parents and is more likely to be due to the child's genetic susceptibility "to a modern environment that actually encourages obesity."

According to the researchers, efforts to curb excessive weight gain in children should begin in the home during the early years. But, because genetic effects on children's weight seem to increase as they grow, they say much broader societal changes are probably needed to encourage and maintain healthy lifestyles over the long haul, especially for children who are at risk of becoming overweight.

**What This Means to You**  
Whatever the main cause behind the astounding number of youngsters carrying around too much weight, the problem is only getting worse. Being overweight or obese can significantly affect a child's daily way

of life, potentially causing serious physical and psychological problems today and in the future. Children and teens carrying around excess pounds are often:

- Prone to low self-esteem, depression and suicidal thoughts
- Teased, bullied or rejected by peers
- More likely to develop unhealthy dieting habits and eating disorders, such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia
- At risk for serious health conditions once thought only to affect adults like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

#### What You Can Do

- Encourage children to be physically active every day and to try a variety of sports and activities.
  - Restrict TV, computer and video game time to no more than two hours of quality content each day (and none for children under the age of two).
  - Serve a variety of healthy foods and eat meals together as often as possible.
  - Don't use food as a reward for good behavior or try to stop bad behavior with treats.
  - Ditch the clean-plate club. When children say they're full, let them stop eating, even if there's food left on the plate. This reinforces the idea of eating only when hungry.
- If you're worried your child may be overweight, the sooner you can make an appointment with your doctor, the better. Preventing or treating obesity in children may reduce their risk of developing medical and emo-

tional issues now, as well as serious conditions (like heart disease and stroke) down the road.

Source: American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, February 2008; provided by Nancy McDonald, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Garza County, 215 W. Main Street, Post, TX 79356, (806) 495-4400.

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

## Election results...

(Continued from Page 1)

- Judge, Criminal Appeals, Place 3 – Susan Strawn, 446
- Judge, Criminal Appeals, Place 4 – J.R. Molina, 404
- State Representative, District 85 – Joe Heflin, 478 Republican
- President – Rudy Giuliani, 2 votes; Mike Huckabee, 197 votes, or 42.91 percent; Hoe Tran, 0; John McCain, 222 votes, or 48.36 percent; Hugh Cort, 0; Ron Paul, 10; Duncan Hunter, 1; Fred Thompson, 9; Mitt Romney, 6; Alan Keyes, 3; and uncommitted, 9
- U.S. Senator – Larry Kilgore, 103; John Cornyn, 305
- U.S. Representative, District 19 – Randy Neugebauer, 391
- Railroad Commissioner – Michael L. Williams, 335
- Chief Justice, Supreme Court – Wallace Jefferson, 314
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 – Dale Wainwright, 314
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 – Phil Johnson, 311
- Judge, Criminal Appeals, Place 3 – Tom Price, 310
- Judge, Criminal Appeals, Place 4 – Robert Francis, 100; Paul Womack, 235
- Judge, Criminal Appeals, Place 9 – Cathy Cochran, 306
- State Senator, District 28 – Robert Duncan, 362
- State Representative, District 85 – Isaac M. Castro, 296
- Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals – Brian Quinn, 307
- District Attorney, 106th District – Sammy McCrary, 149; Brian L. Kingston, 258

Republican Party referendum vote totals in Garza County included: Immigration, 396, yes, and 11, no; Photo ID, 371, yes, and 39, no; and Controlling Government Growth, 357, yes, and 38, no.

### Southland ISD News

by Brad Ellison

- Congratulations to our kids that competed this last week at the San Angelo Stock Show. They all competed well. Devin Blanton got a sixth place finish with his Medium Weight Yorkshire. Good job, Devin.
- Good luck to our golf team as they battle the elements and compete in their first tournament at Idalou.
- Good luck to our track teams as they compete this week: JH at Spur and the HS at Dawson.

This Week

- Junior high track Quadrangular meet at Spur.
- HS track at Dawson on Friday
- Next Week
- Michelle Hilton, reading specialist for Service Center, will be here all day on Wednesday
- Elementary Awards Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.
- JH Track at Jayton on Thursday
- HS Track at Jayton on Friday
- Thought for the Week
- "Those who read and listen to the wise take a step towards greatness."

### Dolberry sisters serve as pages for Indiana state senator

Alyssa and Cailee Dolberry of Indianapolis, Ind., granddaughters of Wes and Pat Burnett of Post, recently completed service as pages for Sen. Patricia Miller, a member of the Indiana State Senate.

Alyssa Dolberry, 15, is a sophomore at Franklin Central High School.

Cailee Dolberry, 14, is an eighth grade student at Franklin Township Middle School.

They are the daughters of Kim and Allen Dolberry and grandchildren of Pat and Wes Burnett of Post.

Pages spend a day at the State House, assisting senators and staff members with a variety of legislative duties and learning about the structure of the state government.

The sisters spent Feb. 19 working with the state senator. According to Miller, visiting the State Capitol and serving as a page for the General Assembly provides middle school and high school students with the opportunity to observe and participate in the legislative process.



Sisters Cailee Dolberry, left, and Alyssa Dolberry, right, recently completed service as pages for State Sen. Patricia Miller of Indianapolis, Ind. The girls are the granddaughters of Wes and Pat Burnett of Post. Photo courtesy of Indiana State Senate



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