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Donny Sneed belting out one of his classic songs at Ragtown Gospel Theater Sunday. (See story on Page 11) Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Post Notes

Graham Ole Opry set Saturday, April 19

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, April 19 from 7-10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There will be no charge for admission; a hat will be passed for donations to help with the upkeep on the building. A concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. Entertainers include Ted Brannon, Jimmy Kemp, Jane Mason, Bill Harp, Ollie Abraham, Aaron Rathbun, Audry Beth Hunt, Clint Chapman, Ronnie Raybon, Morris Tyler and Noel White.

"A Night In Paris" planned for prom

Post High School Jr./Sr. Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Post ISD Cafeteria. This year's theme is "A Night in Paris." Out of respect for all of the hard work and effort by the junior class students, parents, and sponsors that decorated and prepared for this event, we respectfully ask that the public refrain from entering the building during the event. For those wishing to see the decorations, public viewing will be available from 6:00-6:20 p.m. that evening.

Scrap Tire Roundup

Post City Manager Ric Walton announced that an aggressive Scrap Tire Roundup will be starting later this month. Through an agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the City of Post will be allowed to collect used tires and transport them for recycling. There will be designated drop-off points announced. There will be no limit to the number of type of tires. Both individuals and businesses will be allowed to participate.

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Spring gospel meeting April 27-30

Ted Kell of Brownwood, formerly of Lubbock, will be the guest speaker *at the spring gospel meeting at Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 15th and Avenue S. Everyone is invited to come hear Kell, an outstanding speaker of the gospel from Sunday, April 27 through Wednesday, April 30. The meeting will begin with services Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. A homemade ice cream supper fellowship will be hosted after the Wednesday evening service. Please plan to attend to learn more of God's word and be built up spiritually by the lessons and song services led by a guest song leader. Everyone is welcome at Graham Chapel.

Cheerleaders selling Top O' Texas ads PHS Cheerleaders are currently conducting three fundrais-

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ers to help raise money for camp and associated costs. They are



County Commissioners split on cancelling engineer services

Judge Norman casts tie-breaking vote

Garza County's contract with Oller Engineering was restructured Monday following a lengthy discussion that centered on construction of a new sewer line to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional

County Judge Lee Norman cast the deciding vote on the contract change, which provides that the only projects the engineering firm will supervise for the county will be construction projects approved by the county judge "so that we require some communication," the judge said. Oller's involvement in any other county project will require court approval.

Commissioners Gary McDaniel and John Valdez voted against the change in the contract. Both said the change will cost the county more money.

"That's a fair assessment," Norman said, "but I can't go there because of the track record."

Norman recommended the contractual change after expressing his disappointment in communication between Oller Engineering's Rich Oller and Garza County since plans for the sewer line project began in December 2006.

According to Norman, the original plan carried an estimate of \$275,000, which was to be paid out over time by the operator of the prison, Management Training Corp. Earlier this month, however, MTC officials were advised that the project cost now stands at \$1.3 million and is scheduled to be repaid to the city through a \$14,000 per month addition to the prison operator's sewer bill over a 10-year period.

"The prison doesn't have funds to pay for that," Norman said, noting that Oller failed to keep the county apprised of the cost changes over the 16 months since project planning began. "Rich, if you're the county engineer, we would expect to be apprised of the ongoing project

Oller, who provides engineering services for both Garza County and the City of Post, said that since project planning began, several alternatives were explored and discussed, including some he discussed via telephone with Norman. The county's decision to construct a new county jail/law enforcement facility impacted the plan, requiring engineering changes that resulted in increased costs. Conversations with the Dalby unit warden also dictated changes in the type of system to be installed.

Oller said he shared information about the changes with City of Post officials, as the municipality is the entity providing up-front financing for the project. Oller agreed his communication with county officials could have been better, but insisted his obligation relating to the project lies with the City of Post.

"My issue is the lack of communication, and I just have no understanding of why you haven't contacted this court about this project," Norman said. "I don't understand that at all.... We understand costs running up some, but \$1.3 million just kind of blows everybody's mind.'

City Manager Ric Walton, who also was present at the meeting,

pointed out that the county's communication with the city also could have been better. Walton said he received no notice from the county about the Bureau of Prison's decision to expand the headcount at the Dalby unit; instead, he learned of the change, which had a "major impact" on the plans for the sewer line, through a newspaper article.

In other business, commissioners:

· Received the sheriff's annual report on racial profiling. The bulk of discussion regarding the report did not focus on race, but on the number of citations and/or warnings issued within the City of Post as opposed to Garza County. Of the 2,053 citations issued last year, 1,178, or 57 percent, were issued inside the city limits, while 875 were issued in the county. Of the 54 criminal trespass citations issued, all were issued within the city limits, according to Sheriff Cliff Laws. When asked what number of calls for service received by the sheriff's department come from within the city limits, the sheriff provided a "rough estimate" of 85 percent to 90 percent.

· Reviewed and approved price increases from Ben E. Keith for the Garza County Regional Detention Center Food Program. Price hikes range from 3 percent or 4 percent to 25 percent, according to the county judge.

 Approved a resolution supporting the expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas, including infrastructure to export wind power. The county judge reminded

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Post ISD officials eye plan to curtail cell phone disruptions

Cell phone use by Post High School students could be limited following a discussion at the April 10 meeting of school district

Superintendent Marlin Marcum asked trustees for their input on a proposal to help deal with the escalating number of disruptions caused by cellular phones at the high school.

The proposal, which already is in place at Post Middle School, would allow school officials to confiscate the cell phones of students whose phones are determined to be disruptive. Any student whose phone is picked up could either pay a \$15 fine for the immediate return of his or her phone or have the device returned following a three-day waiting period.

Since the plan's implementation at the middle school, cell phone texting does seem to be "less disruptive," Marcum said.

Although the board took no formal action on the proposal, trustees seemed to be in general agreement concerning the introduction of the cell phone plan at PHS.

In other business, trustees:

 Reviewed information regarding projected revenues and federal and state contributions as part of budget development for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approved the curriculum for 2008-2009.

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High winds and dry conditions have kept Post Volunteer Firemen on the run in recent weeks. One of the biggest was northeast of Post last week, sending every available firemen to the scene. Firemen expressed appreciation to county officials for providing equipment to assist. (Photo courtesy Michael Isbell)

Post City, Texas ... Home of Ragtown Gospel Theater

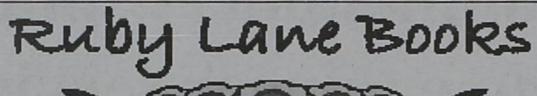


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selling ads to be placed in the fall 2008 Top O' Texas Football Magazine, notepads, and little kids cheerleading suits and football jerseys. To purchase any of the above, contact any 2008-2009 PHS Cheerleader or call Marie Mashburn at the high school.

Benefit Rag Ball Tournament for Sanchez

Cinco De Mayo Rag Ball Tournament will be held at Towle Park in Snyder on May 2-3. \$12 per team, limit 12 players per team. 1st and 2nd place will receive t-shirts. All proceeds will go toward Rose Sanchez medical bills. For information or to register call Andrew at 325-573-1814 or Joe at 325-573-8164.

Crosbyton Jam Fest Talent Contest

Crosbyton Jam Fest is seeking singer for Talent Contest. Proceeds will benefit Youth Building fund. Special guest Highway 101. For more information please call 1800-749-0760.

> Tickets available for All **Sports Banquet**

Tickets are on sale for Post Booster Club's annual "All Sports Banquet" to be held on Monday, May 5 at P.I.S.D Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. A catered meal will be served and varsity athletes will be recognized. You may purchase tickets from: Donna Jones, Ammons Printing; Carol Short, Wells Fargo Bank; Kay Postell, P.I.S.D Business office or the office at Post High School.

Salute to 2008 Graduates

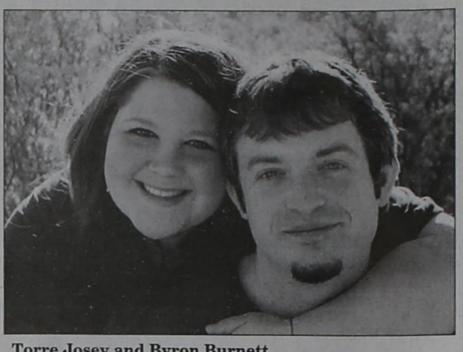
The Post Dispatch is now accepting sponsorships for graduates in its "Salute to the Class of 2008" special edition. Deadline for reserving sponsorships is at 5 p.m., Friday, May 16. The special edition will be published in the Friday, May 23 edition. The Salute includes graduating seniors from Borden County, Post and Southland high schools. To reserve a senior sponsorship (\$30) call 495-2816, send fax to 495-2059 or e-mail postcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Writer's Workshop

A writer's workshop for both promising and published writers will meet the first and third Saturdays during April, May and June. Each class will include an informational program over subjects helpful to all writers as well as discussion and Q&A relevant to each participant's writing experience and plans. Cost for the six week workshop is \$30 per person. Enrollment is limited to 8 participants. Call Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665 or email rosa@ rubylanebooks.com for more information or to enroll in the workshop.

Post Book Club to meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m., Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "The Secrets of a Fire King" a collection of short stories by Kim Edwards. The May selection is "Papa Hemingway" a personal memoir by A. E. Hotchner. Anyone interested in reading can attend. 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 or email rosa@rubylanebooks.com.



Torre Josey and Byron Burnett

Torre Josey, Byron Burnett announce engagement

Karla and Gary Richardson of Panhandle and Patricia and Randy Josey of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Torre Nikole, to Byron Jackson Burnett, son of Dinah and Danny Daugherty and Bruce Burnett of Amarillo.

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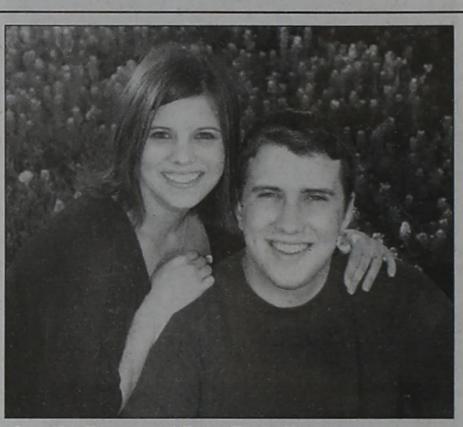
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The bride-elect, granddaughter of Gene and Wyvonne Kennedy and Bobby Josey of Post, R.E. and Martha Josey of Karnack and Flo and Thurman Richardson of Panhandle, is a 2004 graduate of Panhandle High School. In 2007 she graduated from West Texas A&M University with a mass communications degree. She is a producer for KCIT-TV.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Amarillo High. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from West Texas A&M in 2006 and will graduate with his master's in counseling in August.

The couple plans to wed July 12, 2008, in the Calvary Baptist Church in Panhandle.



Jennifer Rogers and Brice Easterling

Jennifer Rogers, Brice Easterling plan June 7 Anton wedding

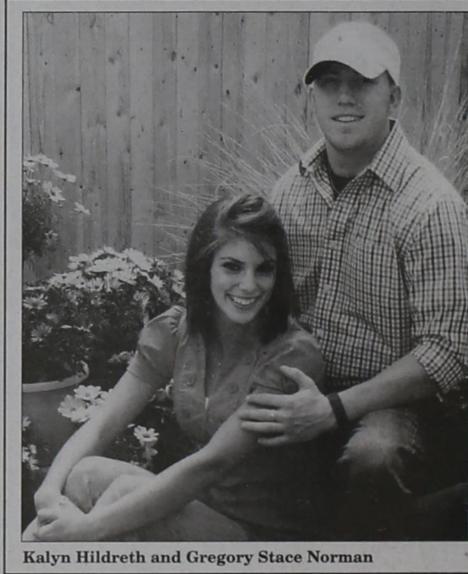
Marshall and Lisa Rogers of Anton are proud to announce the engagement and approaching

marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Brice James Easterling, son of James and Amy Easterling of Post.

The bride-elect graduated from Anton High School and Lubbock Christian University. She is employed by The Eagle newspaper in

Bryan as a graphic artist. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Post High School. He is employed as a technology associate at Office Depot in College

The couple will be married on June 7, 2008, in Anton.



Kalyn Hildreth and Stace Norman announce marriage

Paul and Kim Hildreth of Big Spring are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kalyn Kaye Hildreth, to Gregory Stace Norman, son of Kim and Rhonda Norman of Post.

The grandson of Ronald and Shirley Story of Lubbock and Gerald and Laveta Norman of Post, Stace is employed with Dalby Correctional Unit.

Kalyn plans to attend Texas Tech and earn a teaching certificate. She is the granddaughter of Nelson and Kaye Halfor of Hermleigh.



for City Council Ward 3

Municipal Election Saturday, May 10th

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Josh Whiteley, 609 W. 8th, Post, Texas 79356

Lubbock ISD – Online Summer School For Advancement (2008)

Online Registration:

Monday, April 7th through Friday, May 2nd (regular registration) Saturday, May 3rd through Monday, May 5th (late registration) Online registration form - http://www.lubbockisd.org/atc/online

Timeframe for Courses:

1st Session – Friday, May 30th through Monday, June 16th 2nd Session - Tuesday, June 17th through Thursday, July 3rd ** With last day of session being the Final Exam date**

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- BCIS 1A/B (Tech Prep Credit Available) Communication Applications
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- English IV-A/B
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- P.E. (Outdoor/Adventure) Psychology
- Swimming (not an online course; will meet at the Aquatic Center)

Lubbock ISD Students = \$100.00 for each semester course

Out of District Students = \$200.00 for each semester course

- Web Mastering 1A/B World Geography 1A/B
- · World History 1A/B

Tuition:

Late Registration fee = \$25.00 added to each semester course Credit Card payments can be made at time of online registration. All payments must be made before Online Summer School begins.

Program Content:

All work will be completed via the Internet. Students will work from their own home computer accessing their online courses through our Blackboard platform. Most course textbooks are embedded into the course as online textbooks. Students will need Microsoft Word for all courses. The BCIS course requires students to have Microsoft Office XP or later (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint).

Online Program Coordinator: Tracy Clanton-Smith

LISD-TV (34th and Ave. Q) 806-766-1132 tclanton@lubbockisd.org



Post City was host to a tour group visiting from Belgium this week. Chamber of Commerce members introducing the group to the area are Linda Puckett (middle row, far left), Lee Norman (middle row, second from left) and Thressa Harp (front row, center). Also during the visit, was greeted by Mayor Kim Mills and Main Street & Tourism Executive Director Wanda Mitchell. Mills presented a gift to each member of the group and the Chamber gave each a copy of the Post City Centennial Photo by Rosa Latimer

Belgium tour group pays visit to Post

A Belgium tour group visited Post this hosted. The visitors were greeted at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office by Mayor Kim Mills and Main Street & Tourism Executive Director Wanda Mitchell.

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The Mayor presented a gift to each member of the group and the Chamber gave each a copy of the Post City Centennial magazine.

The visitors enjoyed lunch at Karen's at Hotel Garza and visited with Chamber representatives about and encouraged everyone to attend. the agriculture industry in this area.

in Belgium, the tour group is on an secretary salary. 11-day trip that began in Dallas and includes stops in Abilene, Addition of Garza County. Post, Lubbock and Amarillo. Leslie Matthews, Lubbock Visitors and storage space for election equipment. Convention Bureau, arranged the mid-day stop in Post.

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owner of Iowa-based international tour agency Star Destinations,

Cathy Greteman, tour guide and reported that the group had a great time in Post and was impressed with the hospitality shown by our community.

County split vote...

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commissioners of an April 24 public hearing in Amarillo on the subject

 Rescinded a budget amendment made at a previous meeting and reviewed Members of a farmers' cooperative and approved the re-evaluation of funds appropriated for the Extension

Approved a re-bid of \$689 from Ernesto Bustoz for Lot #49 of the Hart

· Renewed an agreement with the hospital district for the provision of

· Approved a three-year service agreement with Election Systems &

Software for election ballot and coding services. · Approved a contract with Allied Compliance Services Inc. for drug and alcohol testing.

· Proclaimed Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention Year.

· Handled accounts payable.

· Approved budget amendments and line-item transfers as presented.

· Received and approved reports from various county offices. Approved the minutes from the court's previous meeting.

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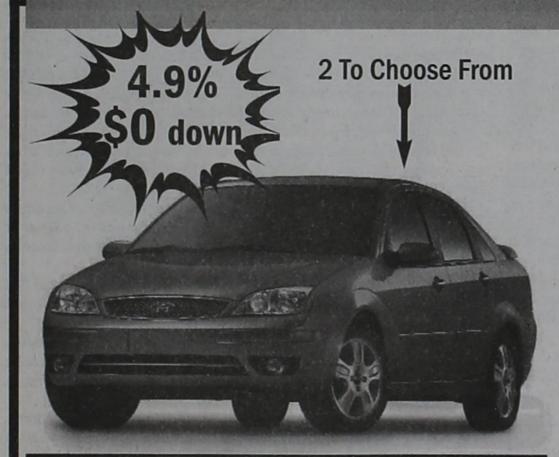
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Fighting for America

by Bill O'Reilly

It was interesting to see my old pal Phil Donahue making the rounds this week promoting his new anti-war documentary. Shining eyes opened incredibly wide, Donahue fulminated against the Iraq war and brooked no dissent: The war is evil and that's that.

Donahue's performance brought back memories of my debate with him on "Good Morning America." Shortly after the U.S.-backed campaign against the Taliban in Afghanistan began in October 2001, Diane Sawyer sat us both down and the rhetoric flew like hungry bats at dusk. Poor Diane. When the dust settled, Donahue had proclaimed that America was wrong for unilaterally disturbing the Taliban, and that a world consensus should have been reached. After that agreement, he said, a "police action" could begin.

I think I might have called Donahue a pinhead.

Back then, Donahue was routed by public opinion and retreated to his compound in Connecticut to lick his wounds. But after a period of quiet, the left-wing zealot is re-energized by the mismanaged Iraq war. To paraphrase Austin Powers: Phil has his mojo back.

Now, what Phil Donahue thinks is not important in the grand scheme, but what Barack Obama thinks is, and there may be some intersection here.

Recently, a far-left radio guy called John McCain a "warmonger" at a Democratic event in North Dakota. Sen. Obama was on the scene but did not comment.

Since Sen. McCain immediately chastised a far-right talk show host who insulted Obama at a McCain event, some believe Obama might have been smart to return the favor.

But, again, he did not.

I believe the reason Obama avoids criticizing the far left is because he needs them. Donahue's strongest ally in denouncing the U.S. action in Afghanistan was MoveOn.org, the organization that is now helping Obama raise record amounts of campaign money.

MoveOn, of course, has received millions from far-left billionaire George Soros, who is a huge supporter of a "One World" foreign policy that demands the United States seek world approval before any aggressive action against another country.

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It would be unfair to link Obama's foreign policy vision to that of Donahue and Soros because we simply don't know what the senator's overall worldview is. His rhetoric on Iraq and other trouble spots remains rooted in the past, and he has not yet clearly defined his future strategy.

But there is a chance that, like Soros and Donahue, Sen. Obama has some "One World" sympathies. If so, it would be great if the American people could know that before they go to the polls.

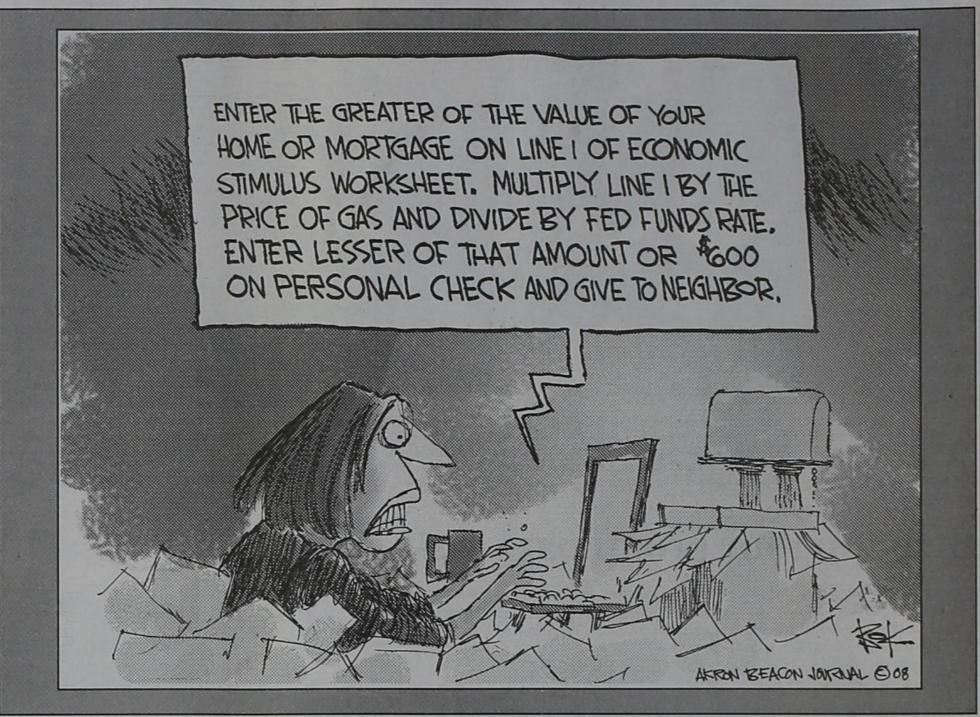
With Iran, al-Qaida and other dangerous groups causing major trouble for America, it is vital to know exactly how Barack Obama sees this troubled world. Isn't it?

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Opinions



Foreign trade angst

by Walter E. Williams

Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, pandering to anti-trade activists, suggest that should they become president, they will restrict trade agreements. Before you buy into their promised paradise, there are a few trade questions you might consider.

Suppose you were choosing a country to live in. Which country would you prefer: a country that has the world champing at the bit to put its money into or one where the world is unwilling to invest? Let's look at the numbers.

The United States is the world's largest recipient of foreign direct investment. According the Economic Report of the President, in 2004, foreigners owned \$5.5 trillion in U.S. assets and had \$2.3 trillion in sales. They produced \$515 billion of goods and services, accounting for 5.7 percent of total U.S. private output, and employed 5.1 million workers, or 4.7 percent of the U.S. workforce in 2004. According to the Congressional Research Service, in 2006 alone, foreign investors spent \$184 billion investing in U.S. businesses and real estate, the highest amount foreign investors have spent since 2000. My question to Clinton, Obama and the anti-trade lobby is, would Americans be better off if there were no foreign investment in our country?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 1996 and 2006, about 15 million jobs were lost and 17 million created each year. That's an annual net creation of 2 million jobs. Roughly 3 percent of the jobs lost were a result of foreign competition. Most were lost because of technology, domestic competition and changes in consumer tastes.

Some of the gain in jobs is a result of "insourcing". Foreign companies, such as Nissan, Honda, Nokia, and Novartis, set up plants, hire American workers and pay them wages higher than the national average. According to Dartmouth College professor Matthew Slaughter, "insourced" jobs paid a salary 32 percent higher than the average U.S. salary. So here's my question to anti-traders: If "outsourcing" is harmful to the U.S., it must also be harmful to European countries and Japan; would you advise them to take their jobs back home?

Wal-Mart has become the whipping boy for political demagogues, unions and anti-traders. I suggest that they have the wrong target. The correct target is revealed by answering the question: "Why does Wal-Mart exist and prosper?" Wal-Mart exists and prospers because tens of millions of Americans find Wal-Mart to be a suitable source of goods and services. Clinton, Obama, unions and anti-traders should direct their outrage and condemnation at the tens of millions of Americans who shop at Wal-Mart and keep it in business.

There's great angst over the loss of manufacturing jobs. The number of U.S. manufacturing jobs has fallen, and it's mainly a result of technological innovation, and it's a worldwide phenomenon. Daniel W. Drezner, professor of political science at the University of Chicago, in "The Outsourcing Bogeyman" (Foreign Affairs, May/June 2004), notes that U.S. manufacturing employment between 1995 and 2002 fell by 11 percent. Globally, manufacturing job loss averaged 11 percent. China lost 15 percent of its manufacturing jobs, 4.5 million manufacturing jobs compared with the loss of 3.1 million in the U.S. Job loss is the trend among the top 10 manufacturing countries who produce 75 percent of the world's manufacturing output (the U.S., Japan, Germany, China, Britain, France, Italy, Korea, Canada and Mexico).

But guess what -- globally, manufacturing output rose by 30 percent during the same period. According to research by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, U.S. manufacturing output increased by 100 percent between 1987 and today.

Technological progress and innovation is the primary cause for the decrease in manufacturing jobs. Should we save manufacturing jobs by outlawing labor-saving equipment and technology?

Economist Joseph Schumpeter referred to this process witnessed in market economies as "creative destruction," where technology, innovation and trade destroy some jobs while creating others. While the process works hardships on some people, any attempt to impede the process will make all of us worse off.

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Bailing Out Banks

by Congressman Ron Paul

There has been a lot of talk in the news recently about the Federal Reserve and the actions it has taken over the past few months. Many media pundits have been bending over backwards to praise the Fed for supposedly restoring stability to the market. This interpretation of the Fed's actions couldn't be further from the truth.

The current market crisis began because of Federal Reserve monetary policy during the early 2000s in which the Fed lowered the interest rate to a below-market rate. The artificially low rates led to overinvestment in housing and other malinvestments.

When the first indications of market trouble began back in August of 2007, instead of holding back and allowing bad decision-makers to suffer the consequences of their actions, the Federal Reserve took aggressive, inflationary action to ensure that large Wall Street firms would not lose money.

It began by lowering the discount rates, the rates of interest charged to banks who borrow directly from the Fed, and lengthening the terms of such loans. This eliminated much of the stigma from discount window borrowing and enabled troubled banks to come to the Fed directly for funding, pay only a slightly higher interest rate but also secure these loans for a period longer than just overnight.

After the massive increase in discount window lending proved to be ineffective, the Fed became more and more creative with its funding arrangements. It has since created the Term Auction Facility (TAF), the Primary Dealer Credit Facility (PDCF), and the Term Securities Lending Facility (TSLF).

The upshot of all of these new programs is that through auctions of securities or through deposits of collateral, the Fed is pushing hundreds of billions of dollars of funding into the financial system in a misguided attempt to shore up the stability of the system.

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The PDCF in particular is a departure from the established pattern of Fed intervention because it targets the primary dealers, the largest investment banks who purchase government securities directly from the New York Fed.

These banks have never before been allowed to borrow from the Fed, but thanks to the Fed Board of Governors, these investment banks can now receive loans from the Fed in exchange for securities which will in all likelihood soon lose much of their value.

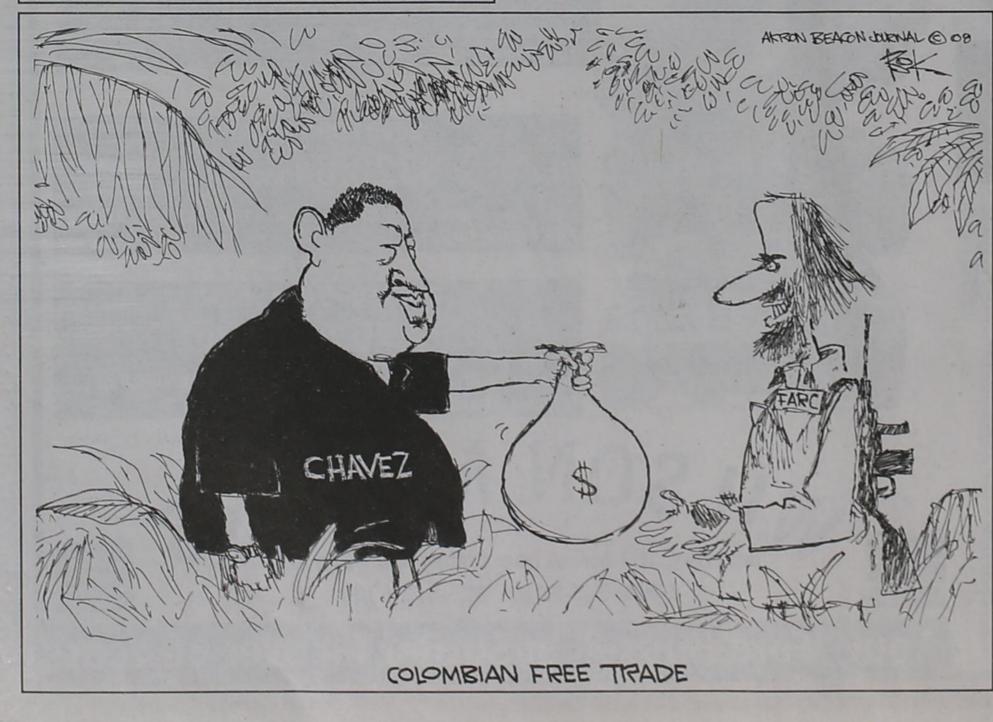
The net effect of all this new funding has been to pump hundreds of billions of dollars into the financial system and bail out banks whose poor decision making should have caused them to go out of business.

Instead of being forced to learn their lesson, these poor-performing banks are being rewarded for their financial mismanagement, and the ultimate cost of this bailout will fall on the American taxpayers. Already this new money flowing into the system is spurring talk of the next speculative bubble, possibly this time in commodities.

Worst of all, the Treasury Department has recently proposed that the Federal Reserve, which was responsible for the housing bubble and subprime crisis in the first place, be rewarded for all its intervention by being turned into a superregulator.

The Treasury foresees the Fed as the guarantor of market stability, with oversight over any financial institution that could pose a threat to the financial system. Rewarding poor performing financial institutions is bad enough, but rewarding the institution that enabled the current economic crisis is unconscionable.





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There is a \$5 registration fee for

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at 495-4400 no later than noon on

Monday, April 21. Hope to see you

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• 2:15 p.m. - Post test

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Feral Hog Appreciation event scheduled April 22

Feral Hog "Appreciation" Day ? Saying 'appreciation' in front of the words feral hogs is

like saying 'jumbo' shrimp or 'hot' water heater -- or ain't no such thing, right?

In this case there might be more to appreciating feral hogs than you might first think. So, to

help folks learn to understand and even, dare say appreciate feral hogs, AgriLife Extension

Offices in Garza, Mitchell, Scurry and Borden counties have completed plans for a Feral Hog Appreciation Day to be held at the C.C. Thompson Room adjacent to City National Bank in Colorado City on April 22.

The program will feature a number of presenters and promises to offer excellent insight to help residents learn to deal with hogs. Those needing Continuing Education Units for Private Applicator License certification can receive five CEUs.

The agenda for the day includes: • 8 - 8:30 a.m. - Registration, coffee and doughnuts

• 8:30 a.m. - Complete CEU

• 8:45 a.m. - What's Your Feral

Hog IQ? • 9:00 a.m. - Appreciating Feral Hogs, Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension

Wildlife Specialist • 9:15 a.m. - Feral Hogs in Texas, The Good The Bad and the Ugly,

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• 10:45 a.m.- Animal Health Regulations and Disease Transfer, Dr. David Finch, DVM, TAHC

• 11:15 a.m. - Research Updates, Rollins

· Noon - Lunch

• 12:45 p.m. - Controlling Feral Hogs, Rick Gilliland, Texas Wildlife

by Shawnette Hinkle

· Business of the Week - Platinum Member Brady's Package Store, located at 503 E. Main. Brady's is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

· Chamber meeting -- We had approximately 20 people attend our last meeting. Thank you! Karen Green for catering our lunch. City Manager Ric Walton discussed the many projects the city is working on. Anne Sims brought Author Bill O 'Neal as her special guest. Next meeting will be May 1.

Rebecca Bartlett honored with bridal shower

Rebecca Bartlett, bride-elect of Matthew McCallister, was honored with a bridal shower from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 6 in the home of Debbie Macy.

Guests were served assorted cookies, fresh fruit, nuts, mints and punch from a table featuring a spring floral arrangement and spring napkins.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Susan Bartlett of Abilene; her sister, Sara Kiger of Lubbock; the groom's mother, Jana McCallister of Post; his grandmother, Teresia Rhew of Lorenzo; and his aunt, Karen Elliott

of Lewisville. The couple was presented cookware by the hostesses: Debbie Macy, Jane Odom, Pixie Grisham, Eddie Jo Miller, Mary Edwards, Earline Bagby, Natha Jo Arnold, Voda Gradine, Kellie Macy, Melinda Mason, Donna Stelzer, Carol Williams, Marianne Hart and Alexa Collier.

For more information, call

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· Spring Job Fair -- PACC will sponsor a Spring Job Fair to help local employers find employees and to help Garza County residents find new and/or better jobs. Date and time of the job fair will be announced as soon as plans are finalized. We need to hear from employers in the area (do not have to be chamber members) interested in having someone at the job fair to take applications and hand out company information. Please call the chamber office if you are interested in participating in this

Post ISD...

(Continued from Page 1)

· Approved the 2008-2009 district calendar. According to reports, classes will begin Aug. 25, 2008, and end May 28, 2009.

· Approved the District and Campus Improvement Plans as recommended by the Campus Committees and the District-Wide

· Approved textbook adoption as recommended.

· Approved a budget change related to the start-up costs associated with the special education program.

· Approved a tax roll change as recommended by the appraisal

 Approved a student transfer. Clarified policy DK (Local) with a change in wording, which was approved.

Approved the hiring of Sandra

Jones, who will teach special education on the elementary campus. · Approved items on the consent

· Received the superintendent's

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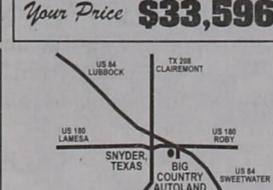


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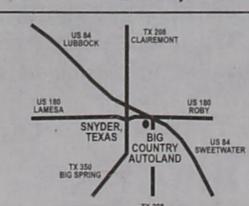


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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

It is still dry and windy as of today (Tuesday). The producers are doing the best they can to get their fields ready for planting considering it's so dry. Keep that rain in your prayers! It's been kinda quiet out here this week but I did manage to get a little bit of news.....

*Tino and Linda Alaniz just got back from a trip to Pabellon

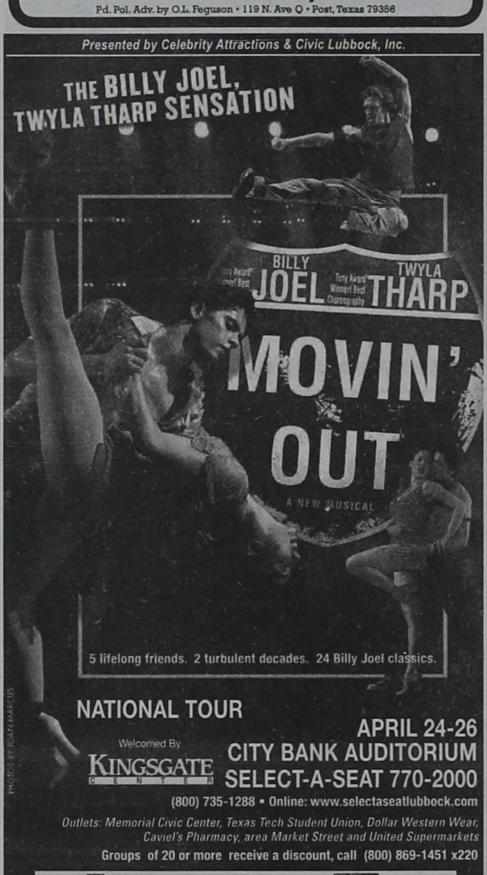
Aguascalientes, Mexico. They flew from Lubbock to Aguascalientes, Mexico and spent 2 weeks visiting family, friends and enjoying their stay at their newly built two story

They went to furnish the home and get it ready for a family trip that the whole family plans on taking in the near future.

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*Jim Amanda McCampbell and their children, Jubal and Shawnee of Artesia, New Mexico spent all day Saturday fishing.

Jim tries to bring his kiddos here when he can to go fishing north of town on the family's land. Jim is the son of Jerry Don and Barba McCampbell of

*TheBordenCountyLivestock Judging Team did very well this year. The team will get to compete at the state level next week. The competition will be held in College Station. Raylea Underwood is on the team, Raylea is the daughter of Jana and Ray Don Underwood of Gail and the granddaughter of Mack and Jane Terry of Close

*Visitors... We had Travis Lancaster and Cecil Stalle in this week. Noah Sweeten and Joe Cimental came by for some

been here drinking coffee, we even had donuts one morning. Ya'll should come out and join us one morning, we are pretty entertaining out here. *Get Wells...

Fannie Ballentine is still in the hospital in Tahoka. "Get to feeling better Nana!"

I spoke to Nedra Childs Ellis Tuesday and she says that Lois is doing great! Remember your loved ones and ours in the nursing homes, Doug Tipton and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge in Lubbock.

*Pray that our troops come safely home.

*Birthdays-April 18th - Judy Ballentine

April 22nd - Dalton Thuett lApril 22nd - Brandon Massey

April 22nd - Ronnie Gradine April 23rd - Jane Terry April 24th - Jim Freeman

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. You Of course our regulars have can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com Traci Freeman Close City Coop Gin 524 CR 230 Post, Texas 79356 close.city.coop@pcca.com

EMS Service

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In an effort to illustrate the value of the Post/ Garza County EMS and its community contributions, The Post Dispatch plans to publish monthly overviews of ambulance calls.)

• Feb. 1 - Post resident, 34, female, chest pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 77, female, weakness, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 2 - Post resident, 43, male, fever, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 3 - Post resident, 70, female, weakness, transported to CMC; Post resident, 32, male, assault, transported to CMC; Denver City resident, 68, male, weakness, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 5 - Lubbock resident, 26, female, fall, refused transport; Post resident, 20, male, seizure, refused transport.

• Feb. 6 - Post resident, 76, female, fall, transported to CMC; Post resident, 67, female, weakness, refused transport; Post resident, 83, male, abdominal pain, transported to UMC.

• Feb. 7-Post resident, 1-year-old, male, abdominal pain, transported to CMC Pediatric; Post resident, 58, female, syncopy, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 8 - Post resident, 90, female, fever, transported to CMC; Post resident, 76, female, cardiac, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 9 - Post resident, 17, female, abdominal pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 70, male,

hemorrhage, transported to UMC. • Feb. 10 - Post resident, 19, female, OB/GYN, transported to

• Feb. 11 - Post resident, 16, male, abdominal pain, transported

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to CMC; Post resident, 72, male, altered LOC, transported to CMC. • Feb. 12 - Post resident, 73, female weakness, transported to

chest pain, transported to UMC. • Feb. 13 - Sundown resident, 76, male, MVC, transported to UMC.

UMC; Post resident, 45, male,

• Feb. 14 - Post resident, 59, male, fever, transported to CMC; Post resident, assist (age, gender and primary complain not available); Post resident, 22, female, weakness, transported to

 Feb. 15 - Post resident. 50, female, abdominal pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 86, female, fall, transported to Lynn County.

• Feb. 16 - Post resident, 20, male, altered LOC, transported to

· Feb. 17 - Post resident, weakness, no injuries (age and gender not available).

• Feb. 18 - Post resident, 90, female, weakness, transported to CMC; Post resident, 36, female, chest pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 51, male, fever, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 19 - Post resident, 57, male altered LOC, transported to UMC; Post resident, 94, female, syncopy, transported to UMC; Post resident, 71, female, weakness, transported to UMC; Post resident, 28, male, abdominal pain, transported to CMC; Post resident, diabetic symptoms, no injuries (age and

gender not available). · Feb. 20 - Post resident, 51, male, fever, transported to CMC.

• Feb. 21 - Post resident, 74, female, respiratory, transported to Lynn County; Post resident, 16, male, altered LOC, transported to CMC Pediatric.

• Feb. 22 - Post resident, 47, female, MVC, refused transport; Post resident, 53, male, abdominal pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 35, female, respiratory, refused transport; Post resident, 48, male, respiratory, transported

• Feb. 24 - Post resident, 70, female, abdominal pain, refused transport; Post resident, 67, male, respiratory, transported to UMC; Post resident, 28, female, seizure, transported to UMC.

• Feb. 25 - Post resident, 58. male, weakness, transported to Lynn County; Post resident, 61. female, respiratory, transported to UMC; Post resident, 90, male, altered LOC, transported to Lynn County; Post resident, 84, male, abdominal pain, transported to

• Feb. 26 - Post resident, 67, female, respiratory, transported to CMC; Post resident, 56, female, respiratory, refused transport; Post resident, 28, male, abdominal pain, transported to UMC; Post resident, 56, female, respiratory,

transported to CMC; Post resident, 94, female, fall, transported to UMC.

• Feb. 27 - Post resident, 68, female, respiratory, transported to Lynn County; Post resident, 75,

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Dear Citizens of House District 85:

I am writing urging you to support the development of wind energy in House District 85 and West Texas. A formal hearing of the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Regulated Industries will be held on, Thursday, April 24, at 9 a.m. The meeting is to be held at the Region 16 Education Service Center, Panhandle Conference Center, located at 5800 Bell Street, Amarillo.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss wind energy and transmission lines. The development of wind energy is very important for the residents of House District 85 and all of West Texas. I encourage you, if possible, to spend the day at the committee meeting. It will give you first hand knowledge of the process as it unfolds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my district office at 806-675-1583. I hope to see you in Amarillo. Joe Heflin

State Representative, District 85

Very busy year so far

As many of you know, the Fire Department has been yery busy this

Lady year we had a grand total of 180 runs or calls. That's for the whole year. Here we are, now four months into 2008, and are already sitting at

Needless to say, the majority of our runs have been grass fires. Some large, some small. Some two hours long, some 22 hours long. This year has already worn some of us out, but that's part of being a volunteer.

Sometimes it seems like another full-time job on the side. I think our wives and children deserve much thanks for putting up with us when we have to put off family time to help someone else out. Even when we have to leave Lubbock in a hurry so we can come back home and help out with a grass fire. I know I'm guilty of such things at times, and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

Being on this department means a lot to us, and I'm sure it means a lot to the citizens of this town and county. I'm not saying that we're special or better than anyone else, but if it weren't for volunteers there wouldn't be a fire department.

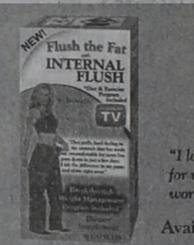
I truly love my part as to being on this department. There's a great bunch of guys who also feels the same way I do about being here. There's a lot of man hours that are put in and seems like we'll never get them (Continued on Page 7)

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(ADVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Post, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Post, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to

7:00 p.m., on May 10, 2008, for voting in the general election to elect Aldermen, Wards

(Notifiquese, por la presente, que las cassillas electorales listadas abajo abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el dia 10 de Mayo del 2008, para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Regidores del Barrio 3 & 4, Alcalde).

129 W Main, Post, Texas (East Door)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES LOCALIZACION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday (regular business hours) beginning April 28 through May 6, 2008 with extended hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28 and Monday, May 5, 2008.

(La votaction adelantada en persona se llavara a cabo de lunes a viernes en):

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There's too many to thank for the help and assistance we have had during the recent grass fires, so I'm going to try my best to get everyone: Lake Alan Henry Fire Department, County Commissioners, blade operators, sheriff, constables, local deputies, Emergency Management, Post EMS, Post Tire & Lube, Stanley Tire, Strawn Transport, TK Thompson, BOF Services, Joe Marts, Bobby Terry, Ronnie Metzger. You guys have no idea how much help you've been over the past few weeks. You are a great asset to this community, and I hope you as well as the town's people realize that. There's too many to list, so I apologize if I did leave someone out.

I know that being a member of this department has shown me one thing: Working together achieves more and there's nothing like teamwork. That's what the people in this community need to try a little more of. Working together. I mean, it's no secret that there's criticism and too much debating within the city and the county and the list goes on and on. It's time we look past our personal problems and issues with one another and focus on what we can get done by helping one another, by loving one another. Life's too short to hold grudges against someone. Let's work together!

Bryan Looney, Public Information Officer, Post Fire Department

New policies - what's next?

My water bill came yesterday. It had a notice printed and highlighted on the front: Any unpaid balance will subject this account to disconnection of service.

I called and am told, "It is a new policy printed on every bill." My water bill is paid by draft every month and has been for years. I wonder who sits up there in those new offices and thinks up all these new policies? The one about registering pets. Now

What will be next? Can't we find something better to spend our taxpayers' dollars on?

Lois Thomas

Angelita Landa

Services for Angelita Landa, 46, of Post were conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2008, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Deacon Jimmy Gonzales officiating.

She died Saturday, April 12, at her home.

Born July 27, 1961, in Luling to Epifiano and Eduvirgin Cimental, she married Adrian Landa Sr. on Sept. 13, 1980, in Post. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Adrian Landa Sr. of Post; three sons, Chon Lee Landa of Aguilar, Colo., Andrew Landa of Post and Adrian Landa Jr. of Post; one daughter, Andrea Menchaca of Post; four brothers, Joe Cimental of Post, Lupe Cimental of Lubbock, Domingo Cimental of Lubbock and Epifiano Cimental Jr. of Levelland; four sisters, Claudene Cimental of Luling, Janie Hernandez of Scott City, Kansas, Paula Collazo of Slaton and Beatrice Torres of Post; and five grandchildren, Augustine Menchaca Jr., Jonah Menchaca and Josiah Menchaca, all of Post, and Christian Landa and Victoria Landa, both of Aguilar.

Golf tourney to assist with local scholarships

The Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau will host its First Annual Scholarship Tournament beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at the T-BAR Country Club.

The event will be a four-person scramble, \$200 per team, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Payback will be \$400 for first, \$300 for second, \$200 for third, with a minimum of 12 teams.

Mulligans (2 for \$10); closest long putt on 9 (\$5 to enter), payback 50 percent of pot to winner; longest drive #4 in the fairway (\$5 to enter), payback 50 percent of pot to winner; closest to pin on #3

The Post Dispatch Friday, April 18, 2008 Page 7 (\$5 to enter), payback 50 percent of pot to winner.

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Sausage wraps will be sold at lunch and free hamburgers and soft drinks will be served following play.

All proceeds go to the Lynn-Garza County Scholarship Fund. To sign up, call Cherry at TBAR 998-5305.

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What about those voluntary firefighters! Garza County has the best. Simon Trindad and I were leaving the house when this big pretty red fire truck drove up with Bobby Terry and Doug Flanigan. I said, "You just came by the fire." Bobby said, "We don't go in the pasture, we protect the homes." I said, "Howdy do-do - stay as long as you like and we are sure glad to see you." We met Eric Cravy on the road directing traffic to the firefighters. Not only is he a good neighbor, but he was doing a great job. Next came Cain Abraham with the maintainers, just in the nick of time or it could have been real bad. Next was the water truck, which was Bradley Cimental Less Moreno and Bryan Looney. Say, those young men are as good as they get. All we can say is thanks to all the firefighters. Jimmy & Ada Lou Bird

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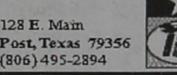
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History of the earth...first rainfall

Reading through Genesis chapter one, we learn that God divided a massive body of water between a separation area called firmament (Genesis 1:6-9). The body of water below the firmament became the oceans and seas (Genesis 1:9-10). From this point on it makes no mention of the body of water above the firmament.

Genesis 2:5-6 reveals that plants were watered by a mist that came up from the ground. We would call it dew. The mist provided water over the whole ground and must have been much more significant than the dew that we see in the early morning hours. It also says that rain had not fallen on the earth.

As we read through Genesis, we find no record of rain until the record of Noah. During his life, something cataclysmic happened on the earth. It rained...and rained...and rained for forty days straight.

It seems that up to this event, all of mankind only knew water to exist as oceans, seas, rivers and dew. What is beautiful about this story is how Noah meekly did as God commanded even without fully understanding. It's possible he knew about the mass of water above

the firmament because of the words passed down from Adam. Hebrews 11:7 shines more light on Noah's knowledge of rain, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with reverence, prepared an ark to the saving of his house...." God warned Noah about something he had never seen before. That was rain.

God's word describes the rain as, "...all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened" (Genesis 7:11). The word deep literally referred to deep abysses of oceans or rivers, and was figuratively used in the context of the true source of the rain that was located above the firmament.

The word firmament helps to understand the significance of this event. According to the Crosswalk.com Bible Study tool, the word firmament was used for an extended solid surface, expanse such as a flat base or a support, or a vault supporting the waters.

Therefore, the mass of water was suspended above the earth by a supporting canopy like entity, and the volume of water was described as that of a great abyss of an ocean. This information alone can help to understand the extent of the first rainfall in the history of earth.

According to Genesis 7:24 the waters stayed upon the ground for 150 days. One way I've heard this story explained is by slowly dumping water from a big bucket or bladder of water unto a bunch of small bugs. Even the biggest Texas rainfall doesn't even come close to the

It appears the earth has not experienced any other major changes since the great flood during Noah's time. Plants still grow. Animals, birds and fish still exist. People still exist. Rain still falls. The sun, moon and stars still shine. Yet, there are scriptural records that reveal some major changes to the earth in the distant future.

Acts 2:20 says, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord comes to pass." A more extensive scriptural study of the sun and moon might shine more light on what this is about. If we start with basic common sense, it could be that the sun will shut down and stop burning.

According to Revelations 8:7, 11:19 and 16:21, the earth will be bombarded by an astounding storm described as hail from heaven. The word "heaven" in 16:21 literally refers to the open expanse of the universe. The storm will likely burn up a large part of the earth's trees and all the grass.

Finally, there is scriptural reference to the earth no longer existing as seen in Revelation 21:1, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. And there was no more sea."

by Timothy W. Burnett



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Kelsey Overton swings for a Lady Lopes hit against Roosevelt last Friday in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Brooke Morris throws to Ashley Stenzel at first base during last Friday's game against Roosevelt.

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Lady Lope softball team takes third in district, advances to playoffs

The Post Lady Lopes softball team is headed for playoff action for the second time in three years following a 6-4 district season and third place. The team finished the regular season 18-5.

The date, time, place and team they will face in the first round was not announced as of press time.

Tuesday, April 15 the Lady Lopes hammered Idalou 12-2 in the final district contest. Last Friday the team shut out Roosevelt 10-0.

In the Roosevelt shut-out, Brooke Morris scored two runs off three singles; Sabrina Sanchez scored one run with one RBI off an in-the-park homerun;

by Sterline Marcum

PHS students

Wilson for winning 4th in girls' singles.

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advance to regionals

Congratulations to Quinton Valdez for winning first place in

boys' singles tennis last week at Slaton. In the finals, he defeated

an Idalou opponent 7-6, 6-1 to advance to regionals in Abilene on

April 23-24. Good job, Quinton. Also, congrats to Tim Wilson and

Chad Miller for winning fourth in boys' doubles and to Amber

Congratulations also go to Bethany Berry for making it to the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Quarter Finals at the Regional Meet in

Abilene on Saturday. She was eighth out of 24, which is a super

Also, a big congratulations to Jessica Quisenberry for placing

fifth in ready writing out of 24 writers at the regional meet. She

wrote an excellent paper about America's moral growth since its

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inception as a nation. Great job, Jessica and Bethany.

Miranda Hair scored two runs with one RBI off of two singles and one double; Branda Stevens scored one run with two RBIs off of two singles; Kelsey Overton score once off one single; Alex Miller scored twice with one RBI on one single and one in-the-park homerun; Ashley Stenzel scored once with one RBI on one single and two bases on pitcher hitting her; Sydney Jones got a double and Gabi Vergara got a single and one RBI.

On defense Hair recorded seven strike-outs, one walk and two put-outs with two assists; Stenzel had four put-outs at first base; Miller had two put-outs and one assist at second base;

Morris had two put-outs and one assist at short stop and Overton had one put-out at catcher.

In the Idalou contest Morris got one RBI on one single; Sanchez scored two runs on two doubles; Bethany Berry got a single for one RBI; Hair scored once with one RBI off a double and a single; Overton scored two runs with one RBI on two triples and one single; Stevens scored twice with one RBI on a homerun and a single; Miller scored three times off three walks and a single; Jones got one run with one RBI off three walks and a triple; Vergara got two singles for four RBIs and Caitlin Cravy scored once off one single.

On defense Morris had two put-outs at short stop; Overton had one put-out and one assist at catcher; Miller had one put-out and three assists at second; Jones had three put-outs and three assists at third and Stenzel had four put-outs at first base.

EMT Basic class offered in Tahoka

An EMT Basic class will be offered this summer in Tahoka. Classes will begin in May and end in August.

This is not a first-aid class; only those who really want to learn and work hard should attempt this training. Cost is \$650; assistance may be available to those who are serious about the class.

Individuals interested in the class and being trained as an Emergency Medical Technician should contact Rodney Tidwell for more information. The Post/Garza County EMS is always in need of personnel.



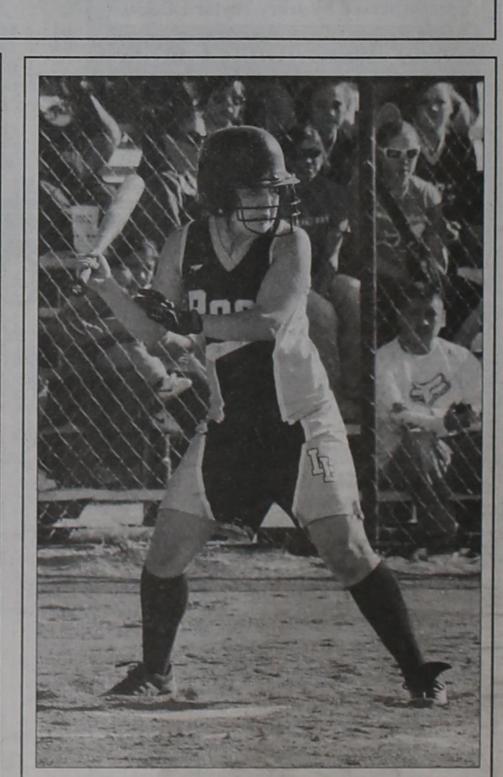
Alex Miller takes a swing for a Lady Lopes RBI base hit during last Friday's game against Roosevelt

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Lady Lopes Kelsey Overton (second from left) gladly touches home base during last Friday's game against Roosevelt in Post. At right, Ashley Stenzel cheers on her team.

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Sydnee Jones gets ready for what would be a two base hit double RBI during Friday's game against Roosevelt in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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The Post Antelope varsity baseball team dropped a high scoring game to Idalou Tuesday evening 19-13, with both teams mounting heavy bats in the outing.

Blaise Lester started on the mound for the 'Lopes, replaced by Call Windham in the third inning with bases loaded. Clint Windham took the mound in the sixth inning with the Lopes trailing 14-9. He was replaced in the seventh inning with bases loaded by Aaron James who finished out the game.

Idalou opened scoring with three in the first inning. Tyloer Odom's double brought in Clint Windham for the 'Lopes. Jesse Vera hit a double and brought in Blaise Lester and Odom knotting the game at 3-3.

Idalou bats knocked in three more runs in the top of the third inning, while the Lopes picked up two runs in the bottom of the third for a 6-5 Idalou lead.

Idalou took charge with three more runs in the fourth and shut down the Lopes for a 9-5 lead at the end of the fourth inning. Another big scoring effort by Idalou in the fifth put the score at 10-5, but the 'Lopes came roaring back with four runs for a rally and a one point deficit at 10-9. The rally opened with Clint Windham's double, Lester walked, Odom drew a base on balls loading the bases with two outs. Jarrett Blevins got a base hit and two RBIs, followed by Odom stealing home plate from third base while Idalou's first baseman argued with the umpire over a call. Vera came to bat to hit a double turned into a triple due to an Idalou error, bringing in two more runners for Post.

Idalou ripped off four RBIs from two doubles in the sixth inning and Clint Windham took over pitching chores for the 'Lopes putting the score at 14-9. Another Idaou pounding took the score to 19-9 in the seventh, and Aaron James came to the mound with

The Lopes came to bat with Mitchell James hitting a home run followed by Blevins with a home run narrowing the score to 19-11. Vera got a base hit but was thrown out at first base. Ernest Saldivar got a base hit, Call Windham's double and an error brought Salidvar to home plate for a 19-12 score. Lester's base hit brought Windham in for the final 'Lope score.

The team hosts Denver City Saturday at noon, followed by the final regular season game at Slaton Tuesday, 5 p.m. The 'Lopes are 4-4 in district competition following Tuesday's loss to Idalou.

In Other Action

team in contention for playoff action earlier in April.

The 'Lopes lost 10-7 to Denver City April 1; outscored Slaton 4-1 April 5; whipped Tahoka 14-4 April 8 and lost to Roosevelt 13-7 April 12.

At Denver City

Ernie Saldivar had two hits, one RBI and scored twice; araon James score twice on two walks; Clint Windham had two hits, one

RBI and scored twice; Mitchell James got two bases on balls and scored once; Jarrett Blevins got one RBI on two hits; M.J. Wynne got one RBI; Jesse Vera hit once and Chess Postell got one hit.

At Slaton

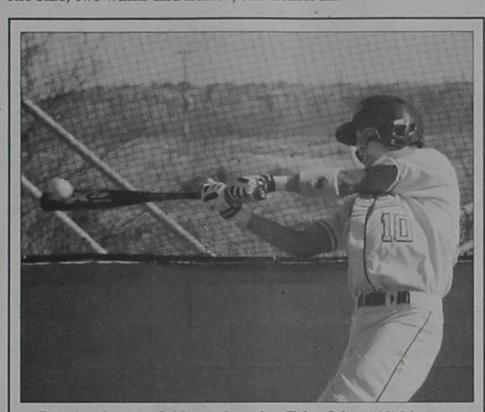
Aaron James, one hit, two walks, scored once; Clint Windham, one hit, scored once; Lester, two hits, two runs, one RBI; Mitchell James, two hits, one RBI; Odom, one hit, one RBI, one walk; Blevins one hit; M.J. Wynne, two walks.

Vs. Tahoka

Call Windham, two hits, two RBIs, scored once; Saldivar, one walk, scored once; Aaron James, three hits, three RBIs, scored three times; Clint Windham, three hits, four RBIs, scored once; Lester, two hist, one RBI, scored twice, one walk; Mitchell James, one hit, scored once; Odom, one hit, two RBIs, scored twice, one walk; Blevins, one hit, scored once; Vera one hit, scored once, one walk and Postell, one hit. Call Windham, Clint Windham, Lester and Odom were credited with one homerun each.

At Roosevelt

Aaron James, four hits, scored once; Saldivar, one hit, scored twice; Call Windham, tow hits, one RBI, scored once; Clint Windham, one RBI; Lester, one hit, two RBIs, scored once; Mitchell James, one wlak, scored once; Odom, three hits, one RBI, scored once; Blevins, one RBI, two walks and Lester, one homerun.



Post Antelope outfielder and catcher Tyler Odom (10) hits a two base single RBI during Tuesday's game against Idalou in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Antelope Clint Windham (left) watches the Idalou pitcher and stands ready to steal second during Tuesday's game in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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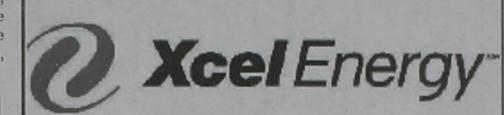
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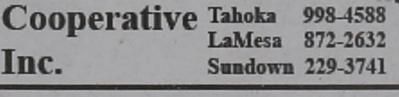
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Two big shows at Ragtown Gospel Theater

by Wes Burnett

Donny Sneed's show Sunday afternoon at Ragtown Gospel Theater left the audience both amazed and dazzled ... not to mention bent over with laughter. The Branson, Missouri entertainer pulled out all the stops with his multi-talented

Sneed's second appearance at the theater was offered at no cost, with patrons making voluntary donations to support the theater. "We can not adequately express our appreciation to Donny and to you," Glenn Polk exclaimed during the show.

The afternoon event opened with Chip Polk serving as master of ceremonies, bringing the audience to their feet with his powerful singing piano combination. He then introduced his brother Glenn to the stage ... "For the first time not in costume." Glenn was interrupted momentarily by "Rev. Cecil Watson," one of Sneed's comedic characters. Sneed was in full stride with laughter filling the auditorium from his hilarious "Can you say Honolulu" skit.

Glenn showed his musical talents at the piano, getting his own ovation, especially his final selection of the "Tickle Song," which featured his wild laughs bringing big smiles and laughter from his appreciative audience.

Glenn introduced "Sisters Joy" who wowed the audience with their finetuned harmony, belting out a number of favorite gospel tunes. The three Lamesa singers were a big hit with the audience. They have performed several times at

Glenn's biggest moment on stage came when he introduced Savannah Sever, his lovely and talented 14 year old granddaughter. Her wide-ranging vocals were wildly popular. She capped off her first ever public performance with an emotional and inspirational rendition of "Amazing Grace." The audience loved her.

After the intermission Sneed mixed in some classic gospel, sparked with more great, clean jokes than can be counted or remembered and closed out the crowd pleasing performance with his transformation from Donny Sneed to Charlie Chaplin, all the while singing "Smile," the only song Chaplin wrote.

It was a magnificent show.



Donny Sneed in his dramatic final scene performing as Charlie Chaplin singing "Smile." (Photo by Tim Burnett)



A talented young Savannah Sever wowed Sunday's audience at Ragtown Gospel Theater.
(Photo by Tim Burnett)



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The Imperials and "Mary, Mother of the Lord" We were greatly blessed with last Friday evening's performances at Ragtown

Gospel Theater, which included aother outstanding musical offering, featuring Chip Polk and The Imperials.

The gospel music delighted the more than 250 guests, who were treated to a a full measure of the classic sound of the famous quartet. Standing ovations kept The Imperials on the stage for more than an hour.

Following intermission, "Mary, Mother of the Lord" came to life on the magnificent stage with Laura Bryan delivering a dramatic and inspirational performance as Mary. Supporting her on stage with deep and convincing roles were Glenn Polk, Jerri McCreight, Twila Polk and David Armendariz.

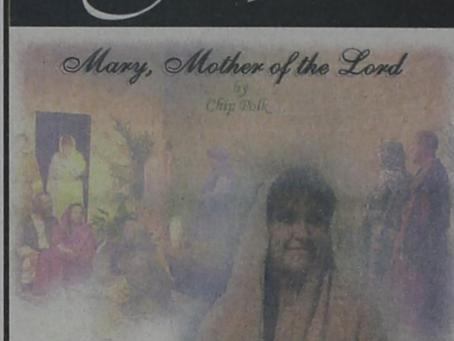
Written by Chip Polk, the play is set in Jerusalem where Jesus told his disciples to ait until they were "clothed with power from on high." The story takes place in the rooftop garden outside the Upper Room.

Twila Polk has been seen on stage in the past, however, as she said later, "This was my first speaking role." She was performing as Martha, sister of Mary in place of Christy Morris who had another committment.

Glenn Polk tied the story together as Clopas, brother of Joseph and Armendariz brought to life the somewhat rebellious James, the brother of Jesus.

Bryan's emotional and inspirational closing scene left a hushed quiet in the auditorium as tears burst into a standing ovation.

"Mary, Mother of the Lord" continues on Fridays and Saturdays with 7:30 p.m. curtain time. For reservations call Ragtown Gospel Theater at 877-724-8696.



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lucky to have all of these guys ensuring our safety. Thank you again,

Krisha, Jane, and Valerie

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness while I was in the hospital and since returning home. The prayers, cards, calls, and visits have been greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to the sheriff's office and to Jason Powell and Jerin Tyler for their excellent care. Also to Chuck Morris and Traci Freeman and the rest of my "ragtown family" for all that they have done.

May God bless you all, Lois Childs

I would like to thank everyone for the concern and help that I have received during my injury. The calls, cards, visits, help and prayers has meant very much. I thank Weldon Smith for keeping my feed business running, Russel Benham and boys for keeping my livestock feed. I appreciate George R. Brown for their patience while I recover and all the Brown boys covering for me. I am very fortunate to have so many friends and family to help my family and I while I'm injured.

Thanks To All Shawn Pennell

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USDA authorizes emergency use of CRP acres

In response to producers who lost forage acres or fencing as a result of recent wildfires, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has extended the authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 100 Texas counties.

Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres by close of business May 9.

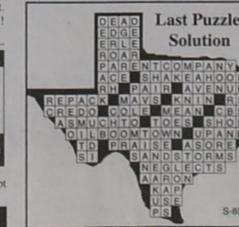
Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Andrews, Archer, Bailey, Brooks, Callahan, Coke, Comanche, Crane, Crockett, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Glasscock, Hidalgo, Howard, Jim Hogg, Kent, King, Knox, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Martin, Midland, Parker, Pecos, Real, Scurry, Starr, Sterling, Terrell, Val Verde, Willacy, Winkler, and Young Counties as well as 65 adjoining counties, which includes Bor-

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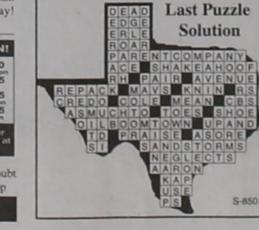
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50 Years Ago

April 17, 1958

son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. (Doc) Kenne-

10 Years Ago April 23, 1998

Post High School's girls golf team U.I.L. competition at Lubbock. The captured the district title with a first Post contestants were Kippy Payne, atre. place finish in the second round of girls' tennis singles; Peter Morales, the District 4-AA Golf Tournament. Team members included Kasey Har- Karen Hundley, ready writing; Jimmy din, Natalie Pollard, Becca Stelzer, Johnston, science; David Hamilton, Yvonne Lopez, Kelli Collier and Miranda Palmer. Hardin was first Lucas, informative speaking. medalist in the competition while Pollard was named third medalist.

In 1994 the Woman's Culture cilmen by Mayor John Hopkins club established a fund to support the S.T.A.R.S. Program. This year nounced the arrival of a 7 lb. 13 oz. the club voted to name the scholar- son born in West Texas Hospital at rine Lackey, Miss Bonnie McMahon, ship in honor of one of its dedicated Lubbock. members. It is now called the Ruby S. Kirkpatrick Scholarship.

B.L. "Shug" Thomas, chairman of of service, planned to retire. Clint the Garza Soil and Water Conserva- Herring, who opened his store here tion District announced the district March 1, 1938 announced he would Maud Alice Zorns, and Mrs. Pearl would join in the national observance retire upon completion of the current Storie. of Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

Post High School track athlete Sam Department Store. Woods advanced to regionals after taking a pair of first place finishes at the district meet. Woods will compete in both the 110 High Hurdles and the dy, who were married Easter Sunday, 300 Hurdles at the regional meet in April 12, 1903, observed their 55th Abilene. wedding anniversary with a family

20 Years Ago April 20, 1988

five children, 12 grandchildren and Nelda Dalby, Theressa Harp, Donna Stelzer, Rene Boren, and Malinda 12 great-grandchildren, attended the Elijah Foster and her sister, Miss Pat-Finch were appointed Area Captains Sunday morning services at the First sy Adams, became the bride of Ray to lead the American Cancer Society's Baptist Church before going to the Horton. educational and fund-raising Cancer Crusade in Post and Garza County.

Kent Ammons and Curtis Williams placed third in the district boys' doubles tennis competition. They were selected to the all-district team.

Curtis Williams received a certificommittee ended January 1988.

Osborne presented a plaque to Bob the livestock judging team are Rackler also placed in the Palmer and Monk Palmer for all of freshmen. The team consists 100 and 400, just missing out their work and dedication to the Post of Devin Blanton, Michael on a trip to regionals as well. Athletic Program.

30 Years Ago April 20, 1978

elected to a one-year term to fill a vacancy in the runoff election.

Mrs. Lil Conner was chairman of ever held here with 356 entries.

Raymie Holly became the District 5AA boys singles champion in a two day tournament held in Denver City.

Raenell Rogers and Belinda Reece placed second and first respectively in the Association Bible Drill held in Lubbock. The two would represent Post and the Lubbock Baptist Association in the state semifinals Bible Drill.

A bridal dinner was held at K-Bobs in Lubbock for Pat Nelson, brideelect of David Bradbury. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Deljuan Wilson and Mrs. R.L. Simpson.

40 Years Ago April 18, 1968

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Cross home for the family dinner.

Jimmy Bird, who this season is competing with the pros, is among the 77 ropers entered in the \$10,000 world championship jackpot roping event at Bandera.

Three outstanding shows, "Jambo-Post High School was represented ree," "Paths of Glory" and "Noah's by seven contestants in the Region I Ark," in that order were booked for the coming week at the Tower The-

Post welcomed a new attorney and mile rune; Norman Tanner, shot put; certified public accountant in Thomas W. Ghamblin, who opened his office in the Stevens Style Shop building on West Main Street.

60 Years Ago April 15, 1948

The Post Independent School Board re-elected the following teach-Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Graves an- ers who qualified for the 1948-49 term: Mrs. Nola Brister, Mrs. Mau-Mrs. Joe Norton, Miss Zora Anne One of Post's oldest merchants, Outlaw, L. H. Welch, Mrs. Bruce measured in the number of years Legg, Mrs. H. T. Carr, Bill J. Davis, Mrs. Cora Fleming, Mrs. Lillie McRee, Mrs. Ray N. Smith, Miss

Dan Altman and Keith Kemp this week in 1948 leased the Triangle Service Station, which had been operated by Harold Lucas.

Hayden Johnson and Reece Bivens leased the Perry Service Station, on South Broadway, from Ira Lee Duckworth and renamed it the Lone dinner in the home of a daughter and Star Service Station.

In a double wedding ceremony at Kim Mills, Laura "Chita Hataway, The couple, accompanied by their the Assembly of God Church, Miss Juanita Adams became the bride of



by Brad Ellison

competed against 83 other teams Good job, ladies. Royce Hart and John Boren were and finished in 20th place. That reelected to new terms on the P.I.S.D is an extremely good finish for very difficult competition. Good week.

· Congratulations to our horse Skyviews Restaurant. the local art show. The Post Easter judging team as well. They Art Show was the biggest and best finished in 23rd place, also competing against some very towards our TAKS tests the good teams from our area. The following week. team consisted of Mackenzy Buckner, Kevin Strube, Bianca Abraham and Jared Rackler.

to Jared Rackler, who competed Shikha G., India very well at the regional UIL

Congratulations to our kids meet this past Friday morning.

and Mr. Miller who competed at • Congratulations to our girls cate of appreciation of his six years the area judging show at Texas and coaches who competed at of service on the Garza County ASCS Tech on Saturday. Our livestock the area track meet this past Committee. Mr. Williams' term on the team did extremely well week. Jade just missed out on considering it was there first big a trip to regionals in the shot Post Athletic Director Dewayne contest. All of the members of put, coming in fifth. Courtney Estrada, Jade Zeleznikar and McKenzy Cantrell also made Colton Schoonover. These guys, a fine showing in the shot put.

Events for this Week

• The Elementary will begin board of trustees and Charles Morris any group of freshmen in this the St. Jude's Math-a-thon this Prom is Saturday night at

> **Events for Next Week** · Gearing up for the final push

Thought for the Week

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FIVE GENERATIONS - Pictured above are five generations of the family of Mrs. H. B. Conner, who helped her observe her 89th birthday Sunday. They are: Mrs. J. Dudley Brown, and S. C. Storie Jr. (standing), Mrs. S. C. Storie Sr. and Mrs. Conner. Mrs. Storie is holding Kendra Beth Brown, daughter of Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Conner was honored on her birthday Sunday with a family dinner in the home of Mrs. S. C. Storie Sr., with Mrs. Alice Parsons assisting with the hostess duties. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Conner, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Prichard, Graham; Mrs. Cecil Braley and James, Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parsons, Mike and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown and Kendra Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Storie, Sharon and Gary, Silverton; Mrs. Parsons, Jewel Parsons, S. C. Storie Jr., S. C. Storie Sr., and Mrs. Conner. (Photo courtesy Cal and Rose Casteel Photographic Arts).

April 17, 1958

Haley/Gadd reunion

Descendants of Oliver F. Haley and his wife, Emily Gadd Haley, gathered in Post on Saturday for their first reunion in more than 20 years.

Lots of good, home-cooked food was enjoyed by all, and many recipes were shared.

Family genealogy and old and new family stories were exchanged. Old and fragile family photo albums were passed around and viewed. A group family photograph was taken and copies were given to each family in attendance.

Afamilymeetingwasconducted to discuss future reunions and Renee Claborn volunteered to head the committee for next year's event.

Those attending were Kennith Gerner of Houston, Louise Gerner of Dallas, Gerald and Helen Gerner of Post, son Karl Gerner and his son, Kade Gerner, of Slaton, marc and Kathy (Gerner) Wall and son, Aiden, of Lubbock and Bill and Laura (Gerner) Wood of Lubbock.

Also, Marie (Claborn) Anderson of Roswell, N.M., Mary Lee Claborn (wife of Gene) of Post, daughters Renee Claborn and Belinda (Claborn) Baker of Lubbock, Monique (Claborn) Hendrix of Post, Peggy Claborn and friend, Debbie Friedman, of Springfield, Ill., Dennis Haley of Hondo, Ron and Martha Haley of Lubbock, Larry and Betty Brown and daughter, Cathey, of Lubbock, J.M. Haley of Lubbock and daughters Karen (Haley) Burns of Pine Ridge, Ark., and Brenda (Haley) and husband, Bill Walker, of Lubbock.

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Life Cycle of a Bean

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Roots anchor the plant.

Seedlings: The plant breaks through

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Flowers bloom and bees pollinate

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Bean Pods grow. The bean seeds

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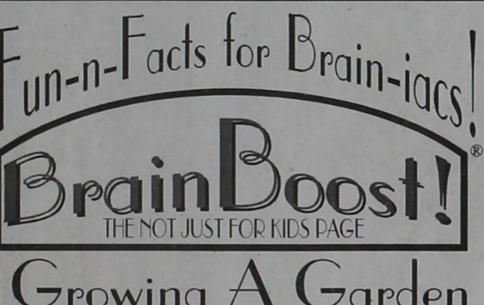
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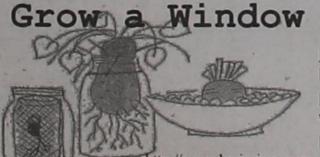
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rowing A Garden Plants are part of our everyday lives. You may have added leaves (lettuce) to a ham sandwich, ate seeds (beans), for dinner or munched on roots (carrots), for a snack. You are probably wearing

a t-shirt from the cotton plant. Even the newspaper you are reading comes from tree pulp (mashed up wood chips and water mixture).



Garden

Potato Plant: Place a sweet potato in a large glass jar. Secure it in place with 3-4 toothpicks. Add water. Set the jar in a warm dark place until the roots form, and then ttp://www.brain-iacs.com add it to your window garden.

(ALBERTA)

Carrot Plant: Cut off the bottom of the carrot. Trim away the leafy green part, leaving a little of the greenery. Place the carrot in a shallow bowl. Add gravel and water.

Look-n-See Bean Plant: Soak beans in water over night. Roll & fold several paper towels. Place them in a tall glass. Moisten the towels. Place beans between the side of the jar and the towel. Watch it sprout!



What do a worn out shoe, rusty toy dump truck, and an old beach pail have in common? They all make great planters! Use a hammer and nail to punch drainage holes. Next, add gravel and dirt. zinnias marigolds and place in

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Cruse to sign books April 26 at Walden's

Nikki Cruse, daughter of Carolyn Cruse and granddaughter of Henrietta and Marion Dean Cruse Sr., will sign copies of her book, "The Orchard," from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at Walden's Bookstore in the South Plains Mall.

Cruse graduated from Post High School in 1997 and continued her education at Lubbock Christian University. While in college,

she worked at the Lubbock State School. Her desire to work with individuals with disabilities led her from Lubbock to San Angelo where Cruse decided to pursue her dream of writing a book.

The result was Cruse's work of juvenile fiction, published by Tate Publishing & Enterprises, which according to a press release "tells the story of Ashley who has the love and support of her family, but

is still challenged to adjust to all of the sudden changes in her life. With her parents' decision to divorce, and her mother's decision to move away from the city to live with her grandparents, Ashley feels that her whole world is out of control."

In her book, Cruse "takes readers on a journey with Ashley, her

family and a few new friends as

book also is available through the publisher. Cruse's passion for writing and compassion for the disabled led her back to the South Plains where she realized an opportunity to work with special needs children in Lorenzo. Cruse currently resides in Post and continues to write.

everyone pulls together to help her adjust to her new life. Eventually she learns that just because something seems unbelievable,

doesn't make it less real. She wasn't counting on a summer of unbelievable secrets, new friends and a lifetime of memories in

"The Orchard" is available at most bookstores or may be ordered

through barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, target.com or from the

publisher at orders@tatepublishing.com. An audio version of the

The Red Patch

by Rodney Tidwell

the orchard."

Here in Post we are very fortunate to have such a great team of Emergency Medical Service professionals. Some people may call it a hobby, an adrenaline rush, or just a group of people who want to drive fast and make a lot of noise. Well, there is a whole lot more to it than that.

But do you know what it takes to become an EMT? First of all to become an EMT, you have to attend classes two nights a week and some Saturdays for four months, learning things you never thought about or even heard. While you are going to class you have to read a lot, do a lot of homework, study for quizzes. All while you are doing clinical rotations and field rotations to become acquainted with emergency medical stuff. This is not a first-aid class, and it is very hard work.

When you finish with the class room, clinical and field rotations, pass all tests and get a course completion, you can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel, but you are not finished yet. You then have to take and pass the National Registry of EMTs Basic

test. This test is probably one of the hardest things you have ever done, but it is very doable.

When you pass the National Registry test, you make application to the Texas Department of State Health Services for State Certification as

You now are standing in the light at the end of the tunnel, but not out of the tunnel yet.

When you get state certified, you then get a thick book of rules and regulations with specific illness and chief complaint algorhythms. This is yours to learn and know front and back. This is called the SPEMS (South Plains EMS) protocols; they are our regions medical rules and guidelines. Now you finally get the opportunity to be involved with EMS and become a very important part of a dynamic team of individuals, serving Post and Garza County. You are now out of the tunnel and standing in the light, sometimes a very dim light, but still a light.

You now get to wear a blue patch signifying you have become one of approximately 40,000 others in the state temporarily putting their lives on hold to answer the call of someone in need. You wear it proudly on your uniform and place the decal on your personal vehicle. You are proud to say you are an Emergency Medical Technician, or EMT.

Shortly after you become an EMT and you are active with our service, you begin to have a deeper desire to learn more and get more training to do more things in the back of our rolling emergency room. All of a sudden you have forgotten how hard the initial class was and how much you had to study and you enroll in an

EMT-Intermediate class. This time it is approximately six months of class and a whole lot more clinical rotations and field rotations, but you get to do a lot more things in the EMS field so it is well worth it. Now you can start IVs, give certain medications and intubate or place breathing tubes in those who are not breathing to make them breath.

This is a long tunnel, lots of class, plenty of tests and then the National Registry-Intermediate test, followed by state certification and another protocol, but when you are clear and standing in the light again you have a lot more responsibility. All is well worth it. You are now working at a more advanced level of EMS and learning the ins and outs of everything especially traumas. You have become a trauma specialist. You now get to wear a different patch. This one is blue with big read letters on the bottom saying Intermediate. You wear this patch proudly and again display your hard earned patch on your vehicle.

Time rocks on and you get more experience. You see things you wish you could do, but to get the chance to do those things you will have to go back to school. This is when you have to survey your very existence and decide if you have enough time and the desire to do it again. You make the decision and enroll in Paramedic class. This time the class is nine to 14 months long with 10 times the clinical and field rotations -- a very long dark tunnel with no light at the end for several months. You agonize through it all, hours upon hours of studying, reading, crying and worrying if you can really do this.

Class is half-way finished when you can see a very small glimmer of light. You don't know if it is really light or just a mirage at first, then a few weeks later, you can actually see a light. Weeks keep going on and the light gets brighter and brighter until you are standing at the end of the tunnel, but not in the light yet. You still have the National Registry Paramedic test to go. This is the hardest thing you have ever had to do, you take the test and pray you passed it (only 50 percent pass it the first time).

When you finally get the test passed you apply to the state and finish that process. You again get a new protocol. This one is thicker and much more detailed than any other you have seen. You pass the protocol test and now you get a new patch to put on your uniform. This one is red with white letters that says Texas Department of State Health Services Paramedic. You are more proud of this patch then even your first car. You wear it with pride and are very proud to say you are a Paramedic.

With that pride comes even more responsibility and demands. You are now trained at the highest level of pre-hospital care.

You are now in the full light, but then darkness grows on you as you realize what you have done. One mistake on your part can kill a patient, so the tension is very high, the demands are even higher. You have the skills and knowledge to push the right medication, read the rhythms, give the cardiac drugs, push the pain medication, call all the shots and save life. Your team members look to you to have all the answers. Only by the grace of God, who answers your cries for help, are you even close to being able to answer their questions or do what you now do.

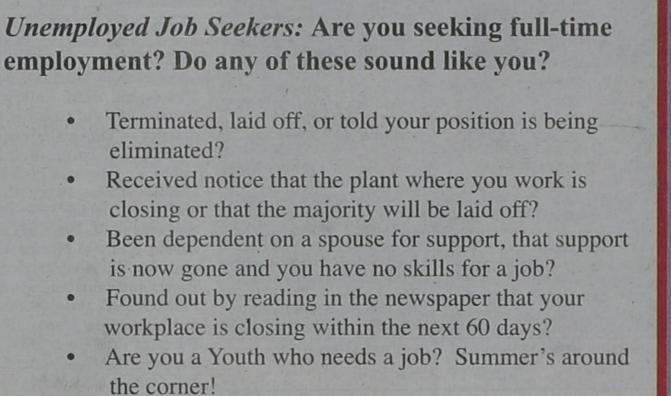
It is a long trip with lots of heartaches and headaches, but it is well



Nikki Cruse



Jessica Quisenberry places fifth in Ready Writing out of 24 writiers during the recent Regional Meet. Quisenberry wrote a paper about America's moral growth since its inception as a nation. Photo courtesy of Post High School



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