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An event scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday will give inline skate and BMX bike enthusiasts and skateboarders a chance to see what it would be like to have a park designed for their specialty sports.

As part of its 2008 Demo Tour, the skate park manufacturer American Ramp Company will erect a temporary skate park at the old high school gym parking lot in Post. The temporary set-up is designed to give local riders the chance to "experience ARC equipment firsthand" and give individuals interested in setting up a skate park insight into the type of equipment the Joplin, Mo.-based company offers.

The tour is being hosted by the local committee dedicated to bringing a skate park to Post.

Admission will be free and open to individuals of all ages. Contests, music and giveaways of skateboard decks, T-shirts, key chains and other items will sideline the demo.

Each participant will be required to sign a release waiver, and participants under the age of 18 will be required to have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Waivers will be available at the demo site, but the paperwork also is available for early pick-up by calling Krishna at 781-3986. Individuals who pick up and sign their paperwork early should have their documents notarized, according to the event's organizers.

Helmets also will be required. ARC will provide a limited number of helmets that will be loaned out during the demo. A \$5 refundable deposit will be required on each helmet loaned out.

No skateboards, inline skates or BMX bikes will be available for rent or loan at the event.

Local businesses, individuals assist with firefighting efforts

Several local businesses and individuals have provided key assistance to the firefighting efforts waged this month by Post Fire Department volunteers.

On April 16, when a mid-afternoon fire started about 9 1/2 miles south on Hwy. 669, firefighters from Post received assistance from Strawn Transport, BOF, Garza County maintainers and Ted's Tire Service, as well as manpower from fire departments representing Justiceburg, Borden County, Crosby County, Ralls, Lorenzo, Fluvanna and Scurry County.

Sonic also donated more than 80 hamburgers to feed the volunteers battling the blaze.

The fire, which Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell said was caused by the use of a cutting torch, consumed about 1,500 acres in the area of the U Lazy S and Kirkpatrick ranches. Although winds drove the fire and eventually caused the blaze to jump the highway, no injuries or

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A pile of old tires collected during last Saturday's special campaign kept City of Post employees busy. Working on the project were (left to right) Arthur Kelly, Mark Valdez, Paul Perez, Lee Ferguson, Oscar Velasquez and T.J. Copeland. Riley Odom and Shawn Perez were not available for the photo. The tires are being hauled by T.K. Thompson to State Tire & Rubber Recycling Co. in Denver City. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Early voting in city, ISD elections begins Monday

Early voting in the May 10 elections for the City of Post and the Post Independent School District will get under way Monday.

The early voting period will run through May 6. Two Post City Council seats - Wards 3 and 4 - are scheduled to be filled in the election, according to information provided by City Hall.

A trio of candidates has filed as candidates for the Ward 3 position, including Janet Dean, Josh Whiteley, a former council member, and Tommy Basquez, the incumbent.

Three candidates also have stepped forward to seek the Ward 4 post. Incumbent James Easterling will be challenged on the ballot by Delbert Rudd and O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson.

The Ward 5 position was to have been determined by voting on May 10; however, incumbent Rodney Tidwell was the only candidate who stepped forward.

According to city officials, individuals interested in casting early ballots in the city election may do so at City Hall. On Monday and on May 5, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; regular weekday business hours will be observed on other days included in the early voting period.

Four individuals have declared candidacy for two open positions on the Post ISD's Board of Trustees, according to district officials.

Delton Osborn, Randy Conner and incumbents Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick will be vying to fill two open at-large school board positions.

Polling for the school district will take place at the Post ISD Administration Building.

Post Notes

Skate Park Demo this Saturday

Come join in the fun at the old high school gym parking lot this Saturday, May 26 at 11 a.m. for skate board fun. Check out the skateboard decks, shirts, key chains, and more. Must wear helmet to skate! Don't miss out, we need your input.

"A Night to Remember" at Golden Plains

You are cordially invited to "A Night to Remember", a very special prom night for the residence of Golden Plains Care Center. The event will be held Saturday, April 26 at the care center, 605 W. 7th street from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Benefit this Sunday for Danny Cooper

A benefit for Danny Cooper to assist with medical expenses and prosthesis is planned for Sunday, April 27 beginning at noon at J.D.'s Bar & Grill. Brisket dinner, auction and music. Everyone is welcome. Call in orders available.

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.

Garza Theatre Presents "The Crucible"

Beginning May 2, the Garza Theatre will present the exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in Old Salem, The Crucible, by Arthur Miller. Stage direction will be by recent TTU graduate Topher Payne and experienced Garza Theatre director and actor Mitch Britton. The three week schedule for The Crucible is May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee May 18 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for children 12 yrs & under. Group rates are available. Call 495-4005 for more information.

Graves honored at retirement reception

A retirement reception honoring Diane Graves will be held Friday, May 2 from 3-5 p.m. at the Extension Office 215 W. Main Street. The public is invited.

Academic Banquet scheduled May 15

Post High School students who performed well in academics, band, and FFA will be honored at the Academic Banquet on Thursday, May 15 at the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Also presented will be all class awards. Parents of students involved will receive an invitation in the mail. Brisket will be provided but each student's family will be asked to bring a dish for eight: Freshman - salads; Sophomores - vegetables; Junior and Seniors - dessert.

Cheerleaders selling Top O' Texas ads

PHS Cheerleaders are currently conducting three fundraisers to help raise money for camp and associated costs. They are 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.

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A massive grass fire on the U Lazy S Ranch southwest of Post was brought under control April 16 with the aid of fire department crews from Post, Crosbyton, Lorenzo, Ralls, Fluvanna, Borden County, Justiceburg, Snyder and the Texas Forest Service. The fire is believed to have started from a cutting torch on the ranch. (Photo courtesy Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell)

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Heritage House project

JoAnn Mock (right), Caprock Cultural Association's executive director, is shown with news stories and other items about the C.W. Post family. Mock recently received the packet of information from the Kenneth & Harle Montgomery Foundation in Chicago. These Post-Montgomery family stories will be combined with other Garza County family histories to form the research library at the Heritage House, originally built by Post to provide living quarters for the nursing staff at the adjacent hospital. The former hospital building now houses the Garza County Historical Museum. Renovation of the Heritage House should be completed by June. In addition to a research library and CCA offices, the newly renovated building will have community space available for events such as meetings and receptions.



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Pre-K Roundup set May 8

Post Elementary will conduct an open house for all students wanting to attend pre-kindergarten in the 2008-2009 school year. Students must be four years of age on or before Sept. 1 to qualify for the half-day program (students will either attend school in the morning or the afternoon). Amy Guthrie and Kathy Fluitt will host a dinner for interested parents and their children from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the playground. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization records to register. Those unable to attend may register their children beginning May 5 at the elementary school office.

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Benefit planned for Keith Tidwell May 10

Everyone is invited to a BBQ-Auction-Dance benefit for Keith Tidwell on Saturday, May 10. The meal and auction will be held at the Senior Citizens Trailblazer Center from 5-8 p.m. Plates - \$5. Take out orders are available. A BBQ pit, baked goods and other various items will be auctioned after the meal. The dance will be held at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds beginning at 9 p.m. featuring Tommy Reed and Texas Mesquite, along with Jason Steelman Hwy. 208. For more information contact Rodney Oden 781-6750, Anita Morris 990-3827, Diana Poe 495-3069.

Soliciting citizens for cemetery board

In an effort to maintain an active cemetery board the City of Post is soliciting input from any area resident who would be interested in serving on the cemetery board. The Terrace Cemetery board is advisory with respect to the maintenance and operations of the cemetery and acts as the administrative body on behalf of the City Council. For more information please call City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday at 495-2811.

Post Book Club to meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m., Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Papa Hemingway" a personal memoir by A. E. Hotchner. Anyone interested in expanding their reading experiences 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.

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.

Garage sale to benefit cancer society

Women in Corrections will hold a fund raising garage sale benefiting the American Cancer Society, Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. until ? at the Garza County Show Barn.

Volunteer help with fires...

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losses of structures or livestock were reported. "The good Lord was looking down on us," Isbell said. Because of thick smoke that affected visibility, law enforcement personnel were forced to control highway traffic for about four hours. The Texas Forest Service also brought in crews from Midland, Big Spring and New Mexico to provide an aerial attack on the fire, which was declared contained at about 11:20 a.m. the following day. On April 3, a fire erupted in the Verbena area that consumed about 4,000 acres. Twenty-three different agencies assisted Post firefighters in battling the blaze, Isbell said, including 54 trucks and numerous independent volunteers. During that fire, which stretched about 15 hours, Sonic donated hamburgers and Town & Country donated burritos, corn dogs and other food items to help feed 140 firefighters, Isbell said. "They would not take payment," he said. After Sonic stepped forward last week to again provide assistance to the firefighters, Isbell said he was flabbergasted. "I kind of felt like I was taking advantage of them," he said. "The kind of business support we have here is just awesome." Isbell said the Sonic manager told him that since the firefighters are volunteers, the least the restaurant could do is to donate food to keep everyone fed.

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Alyssa Arrezola, Clell Knight wed in Lubbock ceremony

Alyssa Ashley Arrezola of Post and 1st Lt. Clell Knight, a Justiceburg native stationed in Great Falls, Mont., were married in a 2 p.m. ceremony Oct. 20, 2007, at Christ the King in Lubbock.

Monsignor Ben Kasteel officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Janet Kitten of Post. The groom's parents are Brent and Jennifer Smith of Snyder.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a sleeveless white satin Oleg Cassini ball gown that featured a pick-up skirt and beaded metallic embroidery on the bodice.

Serving as maid of honor was Tanya Hand. Bridesmaids were Lana Kitten, the bride's sister, and Sarah Smith. Each wore a red satin strapless side-ruched ball gown fashioned with a rhinestone brooch.

Rachyl Kitten served as flower girl and carried a white satin basket filled with red rose petals. She wore a white A-line satin dress and, in her hair, a wreath of baby roses.

Matt Cooper was best man. Groomsmen were Nick Jeffers and Colt Miller, and Wyatt Gray served as ring bearer. Each wore a traditional black tuxedo, a white shirt and black vest.

Ushers were Clay Ashley, Clay Miller, Clint Miller and Daniel Fluitt.

Ivy and red rose pew markers decorated the church.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the McInturf Center at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The newlyweds traveled to Miami, Fla., for their honeymoon and are at home at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

A rehearsal dinner hosted by the bride's parents took place Oct. 19 at the 4 Bar K in Lubbock.

The bride, a 2000 graduate of Slaton High School, holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Texas Tech University, where she was listed on the Dean's List and was a member of Sigma Iota Epsilon. She is employed by Wells Fargo Bank.

The groom, a 1999 Post High School graduate, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern studies and a minor in Arabic. He is employed by the U.S. Air Force.



Lt and Mrs Clell Knight

Rebecca Bartlett honored at April 6 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.

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A new reason to go to war

by Sheldon Richman

President Bush acts like a teenager with a credit card and rich parents. He never sees the bill, so he just buys what he wants and charges it. The problem is that instead of rich parents, this president has debt-ridden taxpayers and a gutted military.

A few days before Gen. David Petraeus confirmed for Congress how overworked the military is in Iraq — Bush has now promised to shorten the tours from 15 to 12 months — the president was in Croatia talking about the significance of that country's and Albania's invitations to join NATO.

"Henceforth, should any danger threaten your people, America and the NATO alliance will stand with you, and no one will be able to take your freedom away," he said.

Were the American people consulted on this? Are they aware they are now committed to go to war to protect Croatia and Albania if "any danger" threatens them? Is this administration filled with madmen?

Oh, I forgot. The legal eagles in this administration don't believe the president has to consult anyone before sending troops anywhere. In their view, that prerogative is part of the inherent powers of the presidency. The recently released 2003 "torture memo" by Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo states, "The decision to deploy military force in the defense of U.S. interests is expressly placed under presidential authority by the Vesting Clause ... and by the commander-in-chief clause."

As conservative legal analyst Bruce Fein notes, "In other words, the president may launch pre-emptive war against any state or nonstate actor by his simple assertion that U.S. interests require it. Venezuela or Iran could be invaded on the president's say-so alone to secure adequate oil and gas supplies.... In sum, the president has proclaimed the White House an uncrowned kingship."

It's there in the Constitution — if you read it just right. Which is to say, if you ignore Article I's setting out the powers of Congress. Reading that section will fool you into believing that Congress has lots to say about warring and the military. How "quaint," as this administration once referred to the Geneva Conventions.

This is where the imperial mindset gets you. The Bush administration might try to sell his views on the unitary executive as a government-streamlining program. Why have three branches of government if one will do? Think of all the money the taxpayers could save! It's a deficit-slashing measure.

But seriously, where is the outrage? Bush already has U.S. troops bogged down in two open-ended occupations, at a cost of more than \$10 billion a month. Ten billion dollars every 30 days! We mere taxpayers can't get our minds around that idea. Preoccupied with our petty concerns, such as raising our children and saving for retirement, we actually think we have better things to do with our money. That's why we need wise leaders; they see the bigger picture.

More than 4,000 American troops have been killed in Iraq. Thousands more lives have been ruined. Tens of thousands of Iraqis civilians have been killed and maimed. The surge in Iraq has been so successful that American bombers had to be called in to put down the Shi'ites in Basra — Shi'ites who were resisting a Shi'ite-led government with close ties to Iran, the bogeyman of the Middle East. In Baghdad, residents were fleeing with as many personal belongings as they could carry because of the violence. The Green Zone, where the Iraqi government and American officials are hunkered down, has been under Shi'ite attack.

Meanwhile, American officials — and Republican standard-bearer John McCain — talk up the threat of Sunni al-Qaeda. Well, we can forgive McCain; despite constant reminders, he thinks al-Qaeda is Shi'ite and taking its orders from Iran.

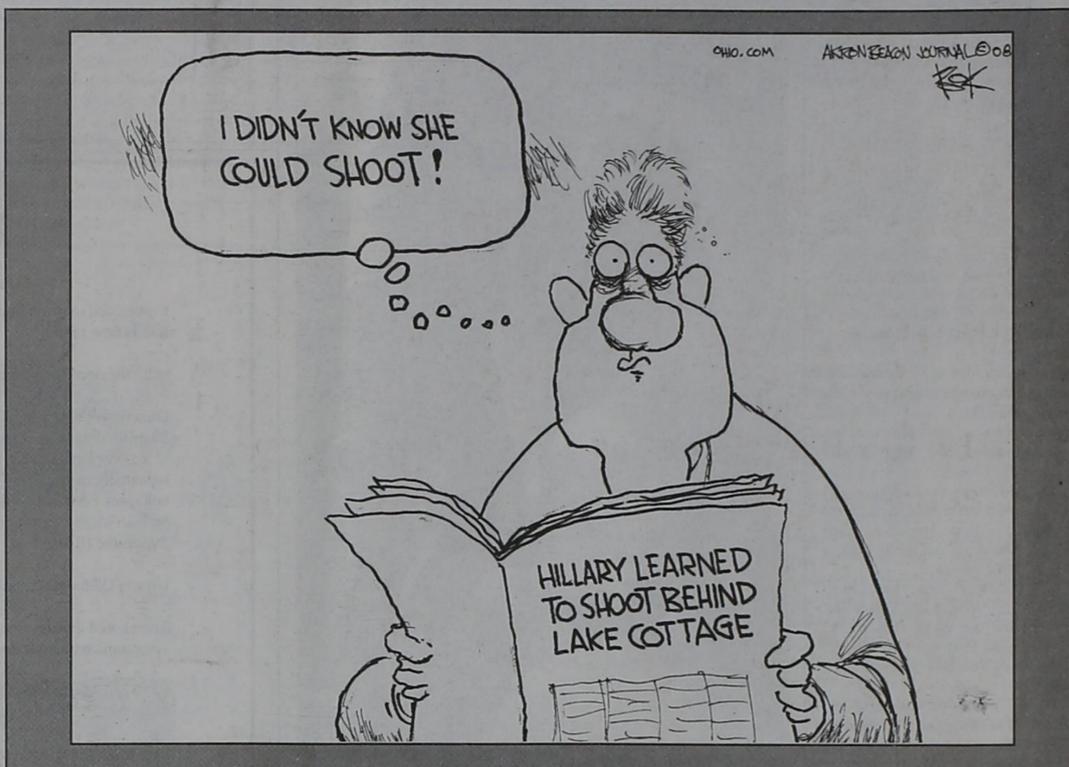
While Bush, McCain, and the rest of the war chorus tout signs that the surge is working, it has become clear that by the end of the year, there will be more U.S. troops in Iraq than were there before the surge began. This, by administration standards, is success. Stay the course, they say.

And in the midst of all this, President Bush is finding new reasons to send Americans into combat, oblivious to the fact that if you bring NATO, that Cold War relic, up to Russia's doorstep, the Russians may not believe it's the Welcome Wagon.

When will this idiocy stop?

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Opinions



Politics and black Americans

by Walter E. Williams

Dr. Thomas Sowell's recent column, "Republicans and Blacks," (April 10, 2008) pointed out the foolhardiness of Republican strategy to secure more black votes. He pointed out that it is a losing strategy to reach blacks through the civil rights organizations and black politicians. It's like a quarterback trying to throw a pass to a receiver surrounded by a bunch of defenders. The second losing strategy is to appeal to blacks by offering the same kinds of things that Democrats offer — token honors, politically correct rhetoric and welfare state handouts.

Sowell suggests that Republican strategy should be to highlight the liberal Democratic agenda that has done great harm to the poorest of the black community. Among those he mentions is the environmental agenda where "tens of thousands of blacks who have been forced out of a number of liberal Democratic California counties by skyrocketing housing prices, brought on by Democratic environmentalists' severe restrictions on the building of homes or apartments." Since 1970, San Francisco's black population has been cut in half.

Then there are the liberal judges and parole boards who have turned criminals loose to prey on black communities. According to Bureau of Justice statistics, between 1976 and 2005, while 13 percent of the population, blacks committed over 52 percent of the nation's homicides and were 46 percent of the homicide victims. Ninety-four percent of black homicide victims had a black person as their murderer.

The Democratic leadership gives unquestioned support of teacher unions that have delivered near criminally fraudulent education. Professors Abigail and Stephen Thernstrom's book, "No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning," reports that the average black high school graduate performs a little worse than white eighth-graders in both reading and U.S. history, and a lot worse in math and geography. Black education is the worst in cities where Democrats, both black and white, have held the reigns of political power for decades and in cities spending the largest amount of money on education. Washington, D.C., ranking third in the nation in terms of per-pupil expenditures, is a classic example. At 12 of its 19 high schools, more than 50 percent of the students test below basic in reading, and at some of those schools the percentage approaches 80 percent. At 15 of these schools, over 50 percent test below basic in math, and in 12 of them 70 to 99 percent do so. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which conducts periodic testing, defines "below basic" as not having any of the knowledge and skills to master a subject.

Both Democratic and Republican leaders give support to economic agendas harmful to poor black people. A particularly egregious example is New York City's taxicab licensing law that requires that a person, as of May 2007, pay \$600,000 for a license to own and operate one taxicab. Then there's the Davis-Bacon Act that mandates "prevailing wages" be paid on all federally financed or assisted construction projects. The Davis-Bacon Act is a pro-union law that discriminates against non-unionized black construction contractors and black workers. In fact, that was the original intent of the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931. During its 1931 legislative debate, quite a few congressmen expressed their racist intentions, such as Rep. Clayton Allgood, D-Ala., who said, "Reference has been made to a contractor from Alabama who went to New York with bootleg labor. This is a fact. That contractor has cheap colored labor that he transports, and he puts them in cabins, and it is labor of that sort that is in competition with white labor throughout the country." While today's supporters of the Davis-Bacon Act talk differently, its discriminatory effects are the same.

If a politician had the guts to take on these issues, it's stupid to address them through the black civil rights or education establishment, or the black political structure. The reason is that blacks who are members of, or are served by, these

establishments have an interest in the status quo.

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The Double Trouble of Taxation

by Congressman Ron Paul

Taxes were on the forefront of many Americans' minds this week as they scrambled to meet the April 15th deadline to file their returns. Tax policy in this country hurts taxpayers twice — once when they pay taxes, and then when the government spends the money. Americans are sick and tired of the financial burden and the endless forms to fill out. To add insult to injury, after collecting this money the government does some very detrimental things to the economy. The burden of complying with the income tax is tremendous. Since its inception in 1913, the tax code has gone from 400 pages to over 67,000. The Tax Foundation estimates that around \$265 billion dollars and 6 billion hours are spent just on compliance. That expense amounts to about 22 cents of every dollar the IRS collects. Imagine the boon to the economy if we spent that time and money expanding our businesses and creating jobs!

Aside from the direct loss of money and productivity, the funds from the income tax enable the government to do some very destructive things, such as vastly over-regulating economic activity, making it difficult to earn money in the first place. The federal government funds over 50 agencies, departments and commissions that formulate rules and regulations. These bureaucracies operate with little to no oversight from the people or Congress and generate around 4,000 new rules every year and operate at a cost of about 40 billion dollars. There are some 75,000 pages of regulations in the Federal Register that Americans are expected to know and abide by. Complying with these governmental regulations costs American businesses more than one trillion dollars per year, according to a study by Mark Crain for the Small Business Administration. This complicated system drives production to other countries and shrinks our job market here at home.

Big government is destructive when it takes your money and when it spends it. There is no economic benefit to supporting a government sector as massive as ours. In fact, this country thrived for well over 100 years without an income tax. Today, if you took away the income tax, the government would still have revenue from other sources equal to total government spending in 1990, when government was still too big. \$1.2 trillion should be more than enough to fund a government operating within its constitutional confines, and that is exactly what we need to get back to.

I have introduced legislation many times to abolish the IRS and the income tax. It is fundamentally un-American to require taxpayers to testify against themselves and be considered guilty until proven innocent. Abolishing the IRS altogether would trigger an avalanche of real growth in the economy.

With these financial hard times only just beginning, this would be the most efficient and logical way to get our economy growing again, and Americans would need not dread the 15th of April every year.

When is it okay to steal?

God said, "Thou Shalt Not Steal!"
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal except to help the poor."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps the homeless."
 He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."
 God's word is solid, complete, simple and profound ... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment:
Thou shalt not steal!
 Theft: Taking property against the owner's permission.
 Taxation: Taking property against the owner's permission.
 Taxation Can Not Be Supported by those who claim to follow God's commandments.



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Chamber Corner

by Shawnette Hinkle

• Business of the Week – Platinum Member Citizen's Bank, located at 210 N. Broadway.

Business Brochures or Fliers – Wow. The brochures have been a going like hotcakes. If you want to get your business noticed and have brochures you want added to the brochure holders around town, give Shawnette a call at the chamber office at 806-495-3461.

• May 19 Spring Job Fair – The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce of the South Plains, will host the area's first job fair on May 19. This is the perfect opportunity for your business to recruit new employees and showcase your business to the community. The event will be publicized extensively in mail-outs/e-mails to college students and job seekers, area newspapers, television and radio advertisements. We will provide a booth (6-foot table and two chairs) free of charge to all chamber members interested in participating and charge a \$25 fee for all non-members. Space is limited, so if your business is interested, please give Shawnette a call as soon as possible.

• Mark your calendars – Our next chamber meeting will be May 1. The lunch will be sponsored by Citizen's Bank. The guest speaker will be Karl Rivers with Travelhost Magazine. His program is titled "Regional Tourism," and he will be giving a report on how people view Post in the region. His presentation also will include comments on buying power in hotel rooms and commerce and tourism strengths and weaknesses from an outside perspective.

May 19 Job Fair slated for area employers, job-seekers

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce Solutions South Plains, will host the area's first job fair on May 19.

The job fair will run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 131 E. Main Street. The event is designed as a response to the demand of area businesses needing full-time, part-time and seasonal employees.

The Post Area COC is accepting registrations from area employers wishing to highlight their employment opportunities. Employers from Post and surrounding communities are encouraged to participate. Registration for chamber members is free of charge. Non-members will pay a \$25 registration fee. To register as an employer, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Each registered employer will receive booth space and an exhibit table; refreshments will be served. Internet access and electrical outlets also will be available.

The job fair is free to all job-seekers.

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., employers seeking summer help will be given the opportunity to meet with local high school juniors and seniors seeking summer employment.

From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., job-seekers from the general public and recruit candidates will meet with the employers. Job-seekers are encouraged to bring resumes. A number of the employers are expected to interview applicants on site.

For more information, call the Post Area COC at 495-3461.



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Dr. James Bell shares a Georgia folk story, "The Farmer & The Snake," with the Post Rotary as part of the group's program last week. Post High School seniors Call Windham and Jeremy Short, both student guests, gave recaps of their school activities and revealed their post-graduation plans. The Post Rotary, which participates in several community service projects each year, has been recognized by the Rotary District for membership growth. The group meets at noon every Tuesday at the Community Center.

Triple C Boys' Ranch Fundraising Yard Sale/Bake Sale

• May 17th from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm (or until all is sold)

Post City Lodge (107 W. 7th - next to Sonic)
Needed: yard sale donations, a dozen of your best cookies/brownies

and lots of volunteers to setup and work

Contact: Teri Jo Franke (495-3455) or Keri Ann Thompson (495-1669) www.triplecboysranch.org



The mission of Triple C Boys' Ranch is to promote Christ Centered Change in the lives of juvenile delinquent and pre-delinquent boys in a Christian environment where they will receive training, education and counseling with a Biblical basis.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (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 3 & 4.

129 W Main, Post, Texas (East Door)

(Notifiquese, por la presente, que las casillas 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.

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2008 GMC SIERRA 3500 4WD REGULAR CAB

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Dealer Discount	3,109.00

Your Price **\$30,691**



2008 GMC SIERRA 3500 2WD CAB/CHASSIS

1-TON, DIESEL
60" CAB TO AXLE, STK# G10331

MSRP	\$36,487.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,051.00

Your Price **\$28,186**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 4WD EXT-CAB

LONGBED, DIESEL
STK# C10736

MSRP	\$41,639.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,390.00

Your Price **\$32,999**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 3500 4WD CAB/CHASSIS

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60" CAB TO AXLE, STK# C10776

MSRP	\$40,622.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,377.00

Your Price **\$31,995**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 4WD CREWCAB

DIESEL, POWER WINDOWS
STK# Tc10573

MSRP	\$43,262.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,399.00

Your Price **\$34,613**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 3500 4WD EXT-CAB

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MSRP	\$43,537.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,404.00

Your Price **\$34,883**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 2WD EXT-CAB

GAS ENGINE, LOCKING DIFF.
STK# Tc10808

MSRP	\$30,609.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	1,945.00

Your Price **\$24,414**



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V8 ENGINE, TOW PKG.
STK# C10789

MSRP	\$24,800.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	900.00

Your Price **\$20,400**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 2WD EXT-CAB

V8 ENGINE, TOW PKG.
STK# C10346

MSRP	\$25,487.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	2,000.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	1,492.00

Your Price **\$19,995**



2008 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500 4WD CREWCAB

DIESEL, LONGBED
STK# Tc10674

MSRP	\$42,259.00
SCR Consumer Rebate	1,500.00
GM Purchase Bonus Cash	1,750.00
GM Owner Loyalty Rebate	2,000.00
Dealer Discount	3,413.00

Your Price **\$33,596**

ADDITIONAL \$500 REBATE TO TSCRA MEMBERS

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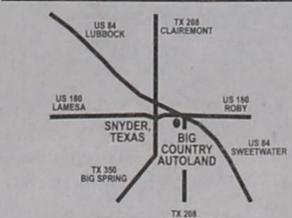
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GENERAL ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GARZA
POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 11, 2008

Be it Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School District, Garza County, Texas, that a general election be held on the 10th day of May, 2008 at the hereinafter designated polling places, for the purposes of electing two at-large trustee members. All elected trustees shall serve a term of three years commencing on May 10, 2008. Furthermore, qualified voters may opt to vote cumulatively for the candidate of choice by marking an "X" in one or two boxes. The voter may vote up to two times for one candidate.

Said election shall be held at the places in the Post Independent School District hereinafter designated as voting precincts and voting places. Polling places shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and all electors shall vote in the precinct of their residence unless otherwise provided herein.

For the District, Kay Postell is appointed the early voting clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District and will appoint deputy clerks. Shellee Odom is the Alternate Temporary Deputy Early Voting Clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District.

The Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge are named in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the following branch early voting locations:

Early Voting Dates:
April 28, 2008 through May 2, 2008
May 5, 2008 through May 6, 2008

Post ISD Administrative Offices: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./April 28 - May 2, 2008 (M-F)
501 South Avenue K 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./May 5 - May 6, 2008 (M-Tu)
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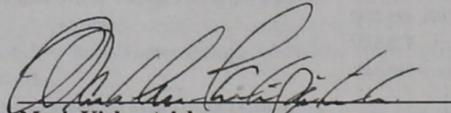
Candidates may file for a place on the ballot at the Administrative Offices, Post Independent School District, on regular business days, as follows:

February 9, 2008 - March 10, 2008 Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

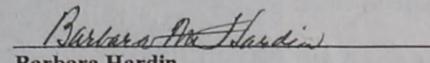
All registration and voting notices will be in both the English and Spanish languages. All newspaper publications will be in both English and Spanish. Two English/Spanish speaking translators will be provided at each polling place. All information and other materials relating to the voting process, including ballots, will be in both English and Spanish

A copy of this order signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of this Board shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the President shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law by posting notices at the Post Independent School District Administrative Office, Garza County Courthouse, United States Post Office of Post, Texas, local newspaper, and other locations or any other method as required by law for at least twenty (20) days before the date of the election.

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of said Post Independent School District Board of Trustees and the seal thereof hereunto affixed this the 11th day of February, 2008.


Mark Kirkpatrick
President, Board of Trustees
Post Independent School District

ATTEST:


Barbara Hardin
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Post Independent School District

Russ Murphy to appear at Ragtown on May 3

The 2007 ICM New Artist of the Year, Russ Murphy, will be at the Ragtown Gospel Theater for a single performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

Murphy sings in churches all across America and appears at major conferences highlighted by singing for the Military Order of the Purple Hearts in Washington, D.C., and at the West Point Military Academy in New York. He also travels the world - Kenya, Italy, Sicily, England, Germany, Israel, Canada, Bolivia and China - sharing his talents.

A resident of Nashville, Murphy has seen three of his songs go to No. 1 on the national Inspirational Country charts ("Welcome Home Soldier," "My America" and "Godly Man") and two more of his songs go into the Top 20. He was nominated in 2006 and 2007 as ICM Songwriter of the Year and recently won the 2007 ICM New Artist of the Year Award.

His stirring tribute to the military, "Welcome Home Soldier," was nominated as 2006 Song of the Year, and Murphy has distributed more than 25,000 copies of the song to military personnel.

"Every now and then you have an opportunity to do something really special in a worship service that blends worship, evangelism, and patriotism," said André K. Dugger, senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Nashville. "We had one of those rare experiences that our people will never forget. Russ Murphy led a fabulous time of celebration that included the most unique recognition of past and present military I have ever seen. I'll never forget listening as the men and women stood at the front of our worship center identifying themselves, their branch of service, and their locations of service."

"When Russ sang 'Welcome Home Soldier,' the tears were freely flowing and the appreciation of those who currently serve in the military as well as those who previously served in the military was obvious from the prolonged standing ovation. Russ then shared in a simple, yet profound way, that one day each of us could hear God say, 'welcome home faithful soldier' to us if we would come to Him through His Son, Jesus Christ."

John J. Cook III, a colonel and chaplain at the West Point Military Academy, said, "Russ Murphy and his team are an incredible blessing to all who wear the uniform of our armed forces. Having come home from combat three times, my heart swelled with pride and I had tears in my eyes when he sang 'Welcome Home Soldier.' What makes his music so powerful is his genuine humility and his genuine appreciation of our military and our service to the citizens of this great nation."

Following the music performance, the audience will enjoy the new production, "Mary, Mother of the Lord."

Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and \$15 for groups of 12 or more. Shuttle buses will deliver audience members to the theater's front door. All seating is handicapped accessible, and the entire presentation will be over by 9:30 p.m.

Call 877-724-8696 for reservations.

Kirkpatrick wins national Enduro

In the West Texas dust and heat on the Park's Ranch outside of Fluvanna, Cole Kirkpatrick of Lubbock raced his KTM/Cycle Shack of Lubbock/Moose Racing/FMF/Maxxis/Enduro Engineering KTM 300XC off-road motorcycle to his first national Enduro win.

The event, hosted Sunday by the Lubbock Trail Riders Sunday, drew more than 300 racers, including 20 professionals. The 72-mile course served as the fourth round of the AMA/FMF National Enduro Series.

In attendance were riders from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and New Jersey.

After finishing sixth in the national series last year, Kirkpatrick, a Texas Tech student, now sits in third overall after his Lone Star Enduro win.

Battling all day against Nick Brozavich of Southern California and Russell Bobbitt of Georgia, Kirkpatrick gained the lead by winning the last two test sections of the day.

Also putting in a strong ride was his younger brother, Cameron Kirkpatrick. Cameron Kirkpatrick was the top A division racer and finished the day eighth overall. He is also a student at Tech and rides a KTM XCW450.

The Kirkpatricks are the sons of Richard and Kim Kirkpatrick of Lubbock and grandsons of Patty and K.W. Kirkpatrick of Post.



Cole Kirkpatrick

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Lady Lope Softball Team advances to Bi-District

The Post Lady Lopes softball team took third place in district competition, advancing to the Bi-District Championship scheduled for May 2 and 3 at Lubbock High School's Western Field. The best two of three game contest with Abernathy begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's action begins at 4 p.m. for game two, followed by game three if necessary.

The Lady Lopes played Lubbock Christian High School Thursday in a warm-up game.

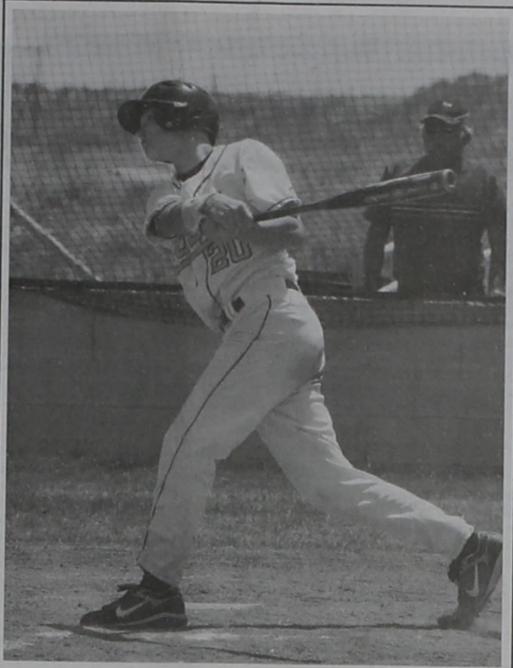
Lopes drop 6-5 game at Slaton for final game

The Post Antelope varsity baseball team closed out its 2008 season Tuesday, suffering a 6-5 defeat at Slaton. The team recorded a 4-5 district record with a season standing of 10-11.

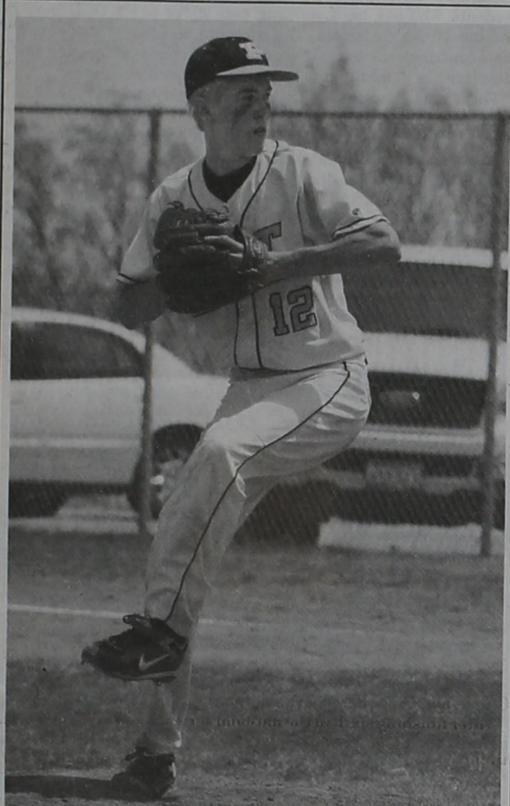
At Slaton the 'Lopes entered the game with a chance to take third place, having outscored Denver City last Saturday 12-10 in a slugfest at Norm Cash Field in Post.

Offensive stats for the Denver City game included Aaron James, two runs, one base on balls; Eric Saldivar, four runs, one RBI, two bases on balls; Call Windham, two runs, one hit, two RBIs, two bases on balls; Clint Windham, one run, one hit, one base on ball;

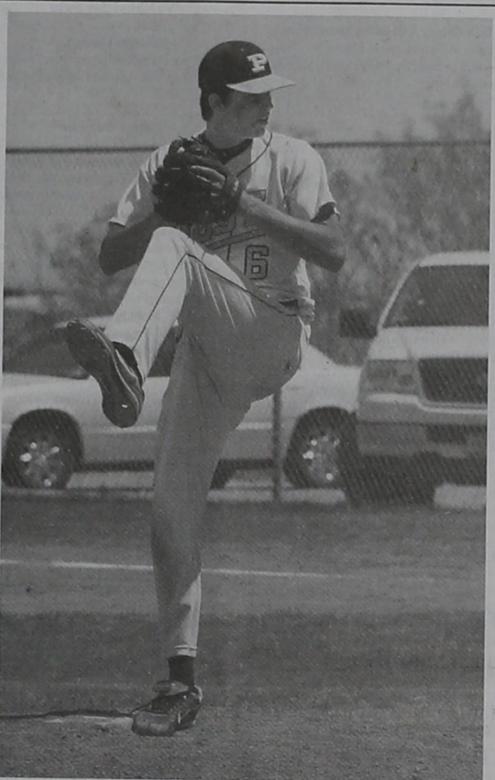
Blaise Lester two hits, two RBIs, one base on ball; Tyler Odom, one RBI, two base on ball; Mitchell James, one run, 1 hit; Jarrett Blevins, one run, one base on ball and Jesse Vera, one run and one hit.



Jarrett Blevins rips off a hit during last Saturday's Post Antelope baseball team 12-10 win over Denver City here. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Aaron James winds up for a pitch to Denver City batters at Norm Cash Field in Post last Saturday. The 'Lopes outscored Denver City 12-10. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



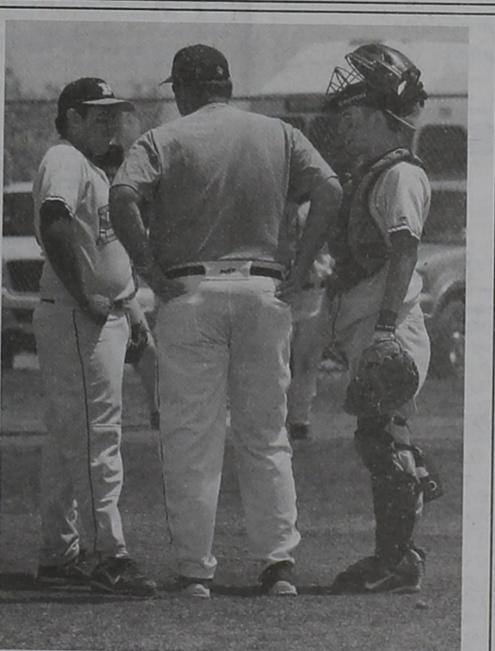
Call Windham eyes the plate for a fast ball to a Denver City batter in last Saturday's 12-10 win here. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Olivia Simpson, daughter of Jim Riley and Jill Simpson, took overall first place state champion in both tumbling and double min-trampoline events at the April 5 USA Gymnastics State competition. She finished sixth place in the trampoline event Olivia is a member of the Air Extreme gymnastics team in Lubbock and a first grad student at Cooper-South Elementary School.



Addison Dale Guerrero of Post brought home the first place gold medal for the 7 to 8 year old division at the recent Brownfield Karate Tournament. He also placed fourth out of all competitors at the event. He is the son of Ashley Hair of Post and Adam Guerrero of Midland. Grandparent are Roger and Kathy Hair of Post and Ramon Guerrero of Post and Rosie Guerrero of Midland.



Coach Morrison (center) talks strategy with Jesse Vera (left) and Tyler Odom during last Saturday's win here. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Christi Morris encourages Mary with food at Ragtown Gospel Theater's "Mary, Mother of the Lord." (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Glenn Polk (Clopas, left) and David Armendariz (James) recall meeting with Jesus on the road to Emaus during last Saturday's performance of "Mary, Mother of the Lord" at Ragtown Gospel Theater. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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