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A nasty-looking cloud brought much needed rain, along with some pesky small hail to Garza County last Satuerday afternoon. The stormy weather was a stark reminder that spring has arrived on the South Plains.

(Photo by Merika Strivens)

## Post Notes

VFW District 7 meeting held in Post

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the District 7 meeting this Saturday and Sunday at the VFW Post on Clairemont Highway. All members are urged to attend this very important meeting. Past State Commander, Doug Bell, will be the special guest. Also in attendance will be Distric Commander, Joe Galindo and District President Patty Brookerson. Registration is from 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Commanders will meet on Saturday at 4 p.m. followed by the social hour. Sunday registration begins at 8 a.m. Meetings will begin at 9 a.m. followed by lunch.

Church sets building fund raiser

The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street is offering a taco plate dinner on Friday, May 2 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plates include three tacos, rice, beans and salad - \$6 each. To place an order call 495-3644.

Pre-K roundup set May 8

Post Elementary will conduct an open house from 6-8 p.m. for all students wanting to attend pre-kindergarten in the 2008-2009 school year. Students must be four years of age on or before September 1 to qualify for the half-day program. Parents should bring the cild's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records to register.

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 -

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## News you won't find anywhere else

# Murphy performs Saturday at Ragtown Gospel Theater

Russ Murphy, said to be one of the nation's fastest rising inspirational country music stars, will be featured at the Ragtown Gospel Theater Saturday in a concert set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

In February, Murphy's "Godly Man" reached the No. 1 position on the charts, and in April "Wood and Steel" climbed to the No. 4 spot.

Murphy also was named a Top 5 finalist for a pair of Agapefest Awards during the month of April.

The former Lubbock minister also has made a name for himself as a songwriter, as his songs "Welcome Home Soldier" and "My America" were hits for recording artist Mike Hammock.

Following Murphy's performance, the theater's current production, "Mary, Mother of the Lord," will be staged.

"This beautiful production meets and exceeds all expectations of Ragtown Gospel Theater audiences," reads a notice about the production in the theater's online newsletter. "You cannot miss this touching portrayal of the mother of Christ. Laura Bryan is stunning audiences every weekend with a gripping portrayal that leaves audiences with an indelible portrait of the blessed virgin. Directed by Glenn Polk, every member of this ensemble cast brings life, personality and heart to the person they portray. You will not read the Bible the same after you see this play."

Only seven weekends remain during which "Mary, Mother of the Lord" will be performed.

Tickets to this weekend's concert and production cost \$20 for adults, while children and student tickets are half-price. Tickets will be available at the door.

Groups of 12 or more qualify for a 25 percent discount and reserved seating.

For more information, call 1-877-RAGTOWN or go to www.ragtown.com/tickets.html.

# Test of early warning system today in Post and Southland Stormy weather upon us

Last week's severe weather in neighboring counties was a reminder that severe weather season has once again descended upon the South Plains.

In preparation for storm season, the Garza County Emergency Management Office will, with assistance from the sheriff's department and local constables, test the area's early warning system Friday.

Weather permitting, the testing will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. and will last about 30 minutes, according to Michael Isbell, emergency management coordinator for Garza County. The warning signal will be sounded several times.

While testing is taking place in Post, the system in Southland also will be tested.

"This will help this community to be better prepared in the event the warming system may be needed," Isbell said in an April 23 press release.

Anyone with questions concerning the warning system or planned testing should contact Isbell's office at 495-2773 or the Garza County judge's office at 495-4405.



Last week's "Senior Prom" at Golden Plains Care Center was a huge success ... residents, their families and guests were given "royal" treatment, complete with magnificent deocorations, music and entertainment. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Post City, Texas ... Home of OS Museum

### Community Recovery Center names Whittington as new executive director

Post/Garza County Community problems. Recovery Center.

LCDC, ADC, IC & RC, has been Schenrock, who left the center named executive director of the last year because of health

Whittington, who lives in Lubbock, has experience in



Whittington replaces Dr. C.J. adolescent and adult counseling in a wide variety of settings including counseling centers and prisons.

> "I am so happy to be associated with this facility," Whittington said. "We have so many great assets to share with the community - an awesome facility, effective program materials, and services to meet a variety of needs."

The Community Recovery Center, which opened in 1986, provides many services to residents of Post and Garza County including individual and family counseling for adults and adolescents; grief counseling and

addiction counseling including drugs and alcohol, violence and rage; and relationship or codependency.

The center also provides some grief counseling and assists referral clients from Victims Assistance, Children's Protective Services and the Post Independent School District. A 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at the Center Mondays at 8 p.m. Whittington also works closely with the Garza County Juvenile Probation Office to assist adolescents and parents.

Working with GIFT

The center will be working closely with the Garza Instructional Foundation of Teachers to assess all kindergarten parents at the beginning of the school year to determine potential needs. In some circumstances, Whittington also can serve as an advocate for individuals with their attorneys in pre-trial situations.

"We have the capability to go beyond traditional group or individual services," said Whittington. "In some situations we can provide counseling in the home. We are equipped to perform more specialized services such as interventions."

Whittington also is leading a Spiritual Recovery Program, a Bible-based program with Christian principles.

"The program is open to anyone interested in participating," said Whittington. "I oversee the meeting; however, the participants actually conduct the to use the Bible to instill coping mechanisms that help with everyday circumstances. We have approximately a dozen participants, but individuals can join at any time."

A Spiritual Program

The Spiritual Recovery Program meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Recovery Center.

Fees for services provided by the Community Recovery Center are set on a sliding scale based on income. Services are free to those who cannot pay a

The center receives funding from the City of Post, Garza County and the E.A. Franklin Trust, as well as individual donations, often in memory or in honor of family and friends. Individual businesses also provide help by supporting various fundraising efforts.

**Funding Event** 

"The primary fund raising event for this year will take place this summer. We'll soon have the details and will be seeking participation from the community," said Johanna Waterhouse, administrative director of the center.

The Community Recovery Center is located on the east side of the Postex Mill property at 7th Street and Avenue C. Its telephone number is 495-3173. All inquiries and assistance are kept confidential.

Renee Whittington (left) and Joanna Waterhouse



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#### May is Older Americans Month

by Nancy McDonald,

County Agent, Family & Consusmer Sciences

The United States is nearing the start of a tremendous demographic shift. Beginning in 2011, the first of 78 million baby boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964) will start transitioning into retirement, kicking off an expansion in the number of elderly people that will continue for decades.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one out of every nine baby boomers will live to be at least age 90.

Our nation will benefit in many ways from a larger population or older adults, a group that

constitutes one of our greatest resources. Older adults support meeting. The group is learning our society by providing millions of hours of volunteer, community and civic service through formal organizations and a variety of informal arrangements. They enhance our communities and personal lives by sharing and transferring knowledge of cultures, values and life experiences among generations. Thankfully, the contributions of older adults will continue to flourish in the coming years since older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult populations in our nation's

An expanding older adult population also spotlights our responsibility to ensure the well being of our older citizens. As a nation, we are working diligently to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges. The thousands of professionals, care givers and volunteers who make up the National Aging Services Network have been collaborating in innumerable ways for decades to fulfill the mission of the Older Americans Act. Led by the U.S Administration on Aging, the network now is engaged in modernizing systems of care to provide consumers with more control over their lives.

May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attentior to the issues that affect older

adults. This year's theme is "Working Together for Strong Healthy and Supportive Communities," which speaks to the opportunities we have to create better care and reinforce

healthier societies for all ages. Working together, our communities can improve older adults'

overall quality of life by helping them:

• Make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce risk of disease, disability and

· Obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about and gain better access to existing health and long-term care op tions in their communities.

· Have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as

possible.

Americans of all ages and backgrounds can celebrate Older Americans Month. Volunteer for activities in your area, promote community, state and national efforts to serve older adults and find ways to enrich the lives of the older adults who touch your life. By working together we can improve the health and well being of our nation's older adults and pave the way for future generations.

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, reli gion, age or national origin.

## Post City Celebration rescheduled for Aug. 9

Aug. 9. The event, conducted Rodeo events.

In addition to traditional evening rodeo and dance, the ro- an exhibit of dirt track race parade, call 495-3461. deo parade, co-sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place at 3 p.m.

The Heritage House will celebrate its community grand opening as part of the Celebration Day. Cowboy poets, special music and other entertainment are planned, along with tours of the newly renovated historic building.

Following the rodeo theme, there are also plans for mechanical bull rides, wagons and horses, and children's activities such as stick horse races throughout

the day. A walking historical tour of Post will be introduced during the event. This tour, which will originate at the chamber office,

will be designed to help introduce

Celebration Day is planned for ums and other places of interest.

in June for the past three years, Main Street and regional artists will sell homemade ice cream. also will be open. Citizen's Bank will sponsor

This year's Post City visitors to historical sites, muse- cars. Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center will serve a hamburger Musicians will perform on lunch, and the Post Rotary Club

was moved to the second week- will exhibit in various locations. As in the past, all community end in August to highlight the The Garza County Historical nonprofit organizations are in-68th annual Post Stampede Museum and the OS Museum vited to participate by using the event as a fundraiser.

For more information or to sign Celebration Day events and the an antique tractor show and up as a participant in the rodeo

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#### ORDER OF CANCELLATION ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN

The Garza County Health Care District hereby cancels the election in Precincts 2, 3 and 4 scheduled to be held on May 10, 2008 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are

El Garza County Health Care District por la presente cancela de la elección de Precincto 2, 3 y 4 de contrario, se hubiera celebrado el diez de Mayo, 2008 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(c) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya

indicado a continuación: Candidate

(Candidato)

Edna Owen

Ray Bagby, Jr.

Brandt T. Taylor

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(Cargo al que presenta candidatura)

Precinct #1 Director

Precinct #2 Director

At-Large Director

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elecctión.

Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción) March 20, 2008 (viente de Marzo, 2008).

#### Jennifer Rogers feted with Sunday shower

Jennifer Rogers of College Station, bride-elect of Brice Easterling, was bride's chosen colors of black, red honored from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon, April 27, in the home of silk flower arrangement, a black and Leslie Tatum.

of the prospective bridegroom, photos of the couple. Amy Easterling; the mother of Williams.

Other special guests attending were Easterling's grandmother, Jennie Cowdrey; his aunt, Sue Luft of Fort Stockton; three great-aunts, Maxine Cook of Levelland, Billie Windham and Delores Redman; and a cousin, Kristen Luft and Annie of Lubbock.



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Digital sign -- After last week's thunderstorms, our digital sign has not been working properly. We are working to get this issue resolved.

Spring job fair May 19 - The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce of the South Plains will host the area's first job fair May 19. We will provide a booth free of charge to all chamber members interested in participating and charge a \$25 fee for all nonchamber members. Space is limited, so if your business is interested, give Shawnette a call at 495-3461 as soon

Mark your calendars - Chamber Night at the Garza Theatre Saturday, May 10. Join your fellow chamber members for a very entertaining night of live theater. "The Crucible," a powerful drama set against the backdrop of the Salem witch trials in the late 17th century, is the production to be staged. The chamber will send out "Chamber Night" admission cards by the end of the week. When you present your admission card at the box office on chamber night, you and your party get in for the group rate of \$10. If you have any questions or do not get your card by the end of next week, please call Shawnette. For reservations call the theatre at 495-4005. The performance begins

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District 4-H Roundup

Several Garza County 4-Hers will be participating in the District 4-H Roundup Contest, Saturday, May 3. Ragin Kimmons and Chase Morris, Susan Littrell and Jackie Milton will be presenting Method Demonstrations. These same members and Chelby Morris also will be participating in Entomology ID Contests.

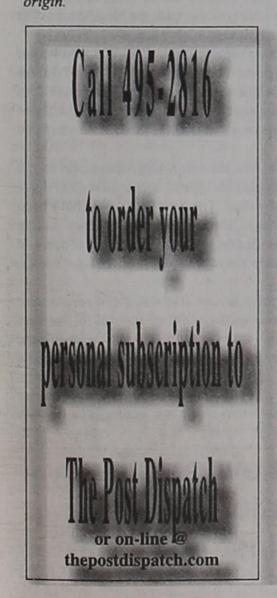
**Shotgun Project** Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun

4-H End of School Party Come join the fun at the countywide end of school party at 5:30 p.m. May 15 at City Park.

Leadership Lab

District 2 4-H Leadership Lab is scheduled for June 3-5 at South Plains College in Levelland. Deadline to sign up on 4-H Connect is May 15.

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



with a black cloth and featured a red crystal chandelier candleholder with Approximately 50 guests were a red pillar candle, two red glass

the honoree, Lisa Rogers, and her and ladle belonging to the late Sue grandmother, Louise Booth, both Maxey and milk glass serving of Anton; and hostess Herschel trays belonging to Imogene Stone Orabeth White, Carol Tobias, Judy were used to serve punch, whitefilled cookies, strawberries and

The serving table carried out the fountain completed the table.

The 22 hostesses presented and white. The table was covered the couple with a stainless steel microwave. The couple gave the hostesses thank-you gifts of cookies, party dip mix and whisks.

Hostesses for the event were greeted by the honoree; the mother lovebirds and a pair of black-framed Marianne Hart, Pixie Grisham, Diane Graves, Michelle Mason, The white milk glass punch bowl Charla Miller, Jane Mason, Diane Josey, Barbara Tatum, Kim Mills, Sterline Marcum, Joyce Tatum,

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## Fight back against big oil

by Bill O'Reilly

So now we have the presidential candidates running around telling voters that they will help solve the problem of high gas prices. Well, if you believe that, you'll believe that Hugo Chavez drives a Yugo. It's just bull.

Both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are calling for "investigations" into "price gouging" by American oil companies. Good. There's plenty of price manipulation going on and, under Presidents Bush and Clinton, little federal oversight. If a big oil company wants to tighten supply, for example, it's a snap. Just slow down the refinery process by ordering extra "maintenance" or something.

But who is going to investigate Sens. Obama and Clinton on their opposition to oil drilling? The Democratic Party has consistently opposed new drilling and nuclear energy, as well. Even the dedicated liberal governments in France and Sweden bought into nuclear. But not the American left, no way.

On the Republican side, President Bush has done absolutely nothing about rising gas prices, which is part of the reason his approval rating is approaching 20 percent. He blames the Democrats. Fine. But the president should be telling all Americans to cut back their gas consumption by 15 percent. He should be urging us to use less gas. That would at least cut into big oil's record profit margins.

Sen. John McCain proposes a gas tax "holiday" this summer. True, that would save the folks a few bucks, but it would also add to the massive spending deficit. The government better start balancing the budget soon, before Haagen-Dazs becomes more valuable than the U.S. currency.

The sad truth is that both political parties have sold out the folks. For decades, economists knew China and India were industrializing, and that those countries would demand much greater amounts of oil. Everybody knew that OPEC would slow down production and gouge the world if it could, and of course, now it can.

But if Americans would get angry and begin punishing the oil bandits, prices would drop. However, we are often a selfish people. We want those gas-guzzling Hummers and SUVs, and we're paying a big price for that, above and beyond the sticker.

If I were president, I'd be on every program, leading the charge to buy less gas, urging folks to conserve energy in creative ways. I'd create peer pressure against the guzzle crowd. I'd name the names of greedy oil company CEOs making tens of millions of dollars while working folks suffer.

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We need leadership on this energy business or it is going to cripple our economy. Our energy incompetence has already empowered our enemies.

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So let's get angry out there. We the people can do this. Big oil is not looking out for us. Let's stop rewarding it.

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## Opinions



## Cigarette smuggling ...

by Walter E. Williams

While it's politically popular to impose confiscatory taxes on America's 40 million tobacco smokers, there are a number of consequences one might consider, but let's start out with a quiz. If a carton of cigarettes sells for \$160 in New York City, and \$35 in North Carolina, what do you predict will happen? If you answered tons of cigarettes will be going up I-95 from North Carolina to New York City, go to the head of the class.

Smuggling cigarettes is illegal; so the next quiz question is: Who is most likely to engage in cigarette smuggling? It's a mixed answer, but for the most part, organized smugglers will be people with a high disregard for the law. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has found that Russian, Armenian, Ukrainian, Chinese, Taiwanese, and Middle Eastern (mainly Pakistani, Lebanese, and Syrian) organized crime groups are highly involved in the trafficking of contraband and counterfeit cigarettes. What's worse is the ATF found that some of these groups use the money to provide material financial assistance to terrorist groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas.

Some smugglers are good people who differ little from the founders of our nation such as John Hancock, whose flamboyant signature graces our Declaration of Independence. The British had levied confiscatory taxes on molasses, and John Hancock smuggled an estimated 1.5 million gallons a year. His smuggling practices financed much of the resistance to British authority — so much so that the joke of the time was that "Sam Adams writes the letters (to newspapers) and John Hancock pays the postage." Like Hancock, some of today's cigarette smugglers are providing a service to their fellow man caught in the grip of confiscatory taxation.

In my book, the Hancock-type smuggler is a hero of sorts. Let's look at it. During the days of the Soviet Union, Swiss watches were illegal. During our Prohibition era, the sale, manufacture and the importation of intoxicating liquor was illegal. Britain's Navigation Acts imposed high tariffs and restrictions on goods sold to the American colonies that ultimately led to our 1776 War of

Independence. The common theme in all of these acts is government seeking to interfere with, regulate or outlaw peaceable voluntary exchange between individuals

Tell me what's wrong in people wanting to wear a Swiss watch, having a drink, purchasing tea from a Dutch seller rather than an English seller, or cheap cigarettes from North Carolina rather than expensive ones from New York. People in government or those in pursuit of a do-good agenda think they know better and think they have a right to use government's brute force to hinder peaceable voluntary exchange.

In comes my hero the smuggler to the rescue. He's the guy who, in effect, tells us, "I know the government wants to interfere with your consumption of booze, tobacco, or tea, but I can get a deal for you." He might have to run clandestine operations, blackmail and corrupt public officials, but at least you get the item, if it has been prohibited, and for a lower price if it has been confiscatorily taxed.

The smuggler who uses the proceeds to finance destructive activity is not my hero, but that is not an argument against the smuggling itself anymore than it would be an argument against the practice of medicine if some medical practitioners used their earnings to finance terrorist activities.

The easy solution to cigarette smuggling, and its attendant activities, is to eliminate the confiscatory taxes. Unfortunately, for politicians and do-gooders, the attack on smokers is a moral crusade that sees only benefits and costs are irrelevant. Or as novelist C.S. Lewis put it, "Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive."

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## Shameful Pentagon Conduits

by Sheldon Richman

As we now know, thanks to the New York Times, the military-industrial complex is well represented in the daily television news coverage of the Iraq and Afghan occupations. Those former generals who seemed generously to have come out of retirement to provide disinterested analysis of the Bush administration's military adventures are neither generous nor disinterested.

Instead, they are self-conscious, self-seeking conduits for the Pentagon's talking points, and well connected to military contractors trying to make money off war. We viewers were not told this by the news organizations that proclaim their objectivity and independence. In fact, the organizations themselves apparently did not know about the connections — or preferred not to know. "Don't ask, don't tell," has more than one military application.

The Times says that "several dozen ... [television] military analysts represent more than 150 military contractors either as lobbyists, senior executives, board members or consultants. The companies include defense heavyweights, but also scores of smaller companies, all part of a vast assemblage of contractors scrambling for hundreds of billions in military business generated by the administration's war on terror. It is a furious competition, one in which

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inside information and easy access to senior officials are highly prized."

Where did they get their inside information? From briefings with some of the most senior officials of the Bush administration. And why did those officials provide the briefings? Because they wanted the retired generals to pass along

the official administration spin to the television audience.

And what would guarantee that the talking points would be faithfully delivered? The threat of loss of access to the officials. That's a pretty darn good guarantee. A retired general representing or wishing to represent a military contractor has no better credential than access to insider briefings about current operations. To lose that access is to lose one's livelihood.

Thus the Pentagon's plan worked. Disguised as objective analysts, the Defense Department's mouthpieces faithfully delivered the administration's propaganda.

As the Times put it, "Records and interviews show how the Bush administration has used its control over access and information in an effort to transform the analysts into a kind of media Trojan horse — an instrument intended to shape terrorism coverage from inside the major TV and radio networks."

While most of the American people came to oppose the Iraq invasion and occupation anyway, we can't say the Bush administration didn't try to sell its military policy. It was willing to mislead its own mouthpieces when the real news was bad.

This is not the first time the administration's corruption of the news has been

revealed. In fact, this very story was hinted at in the Times five years ago. No one paid much attention. Even the Times ran op-eds by some of the retired generals. The latest story has gotten little notice outside the blogosphere. The television networks certainly have no interest in covering it.

One might think that the major news organizations would be ashamed of themselves, but we're long past that point. They have been boosters of war for many years. They, along with the major newspapers, were little more than cheerleaders during the administration's run-up to the Iraq invasion. The Times was one of the biggest offenders. Who needs state-controlled media when you have a lapdog press?

And what about this administration, which has shown so little respect for the truth, the law, and the American people? Its official spokesmen could have openly presented the propaganda any time. The networks would have been delighted to accommodate them. Instead, it chose undercover agents, taking advantage of the good will most people have for former military officers. If President Bush thinks that people wouldn't have believed the official spokesmen, we can only hope he is right.

The analyst scandal shouldn't surprise anyone. The American people were deceived into supporting the Iraq invasion, from claims about WMD to hints that Saddam Hussein had something to do with 9/11. So why wouldn't the administration continue the deception by disguising its propagandists as objective analysts?

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## Sharla Cruse is speaker on work zone awareness

Association scholarship recipient Sharla Cruse spoke before a large crowd in Sacramento, Calif., on April 8 as part of the National Work Zone Awareness Week observance conducted at the California state capitol.

Caltran hosted the event, which ilso included the 18th Annual Caltran Workers Memorial Ceremony.

The event was attended by jundreds of Caltran employees, oadway workers and a large number of family members of workers who were killed or injured in work zones.

Cruse was one of many featured zuests who addressed the audience ollowing the invocation and a pagpipe solo.

Cruse, who is working toward her h.D. in psychology and research in education at the University of Kansas, spoke about her father, Marion D. Cruse, who suffered permanent lisabling injuries in a work zone ncident while employed by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Near the conclusion of the event, he Caltran Honor Guard performed silent ceremony that included the placement of cones to signify each worker killed in the U.S. in 2007. A

#### **National Volunteer Week** recognizes local residents

Today, May 2, marks the end of National Volunteer Week, which was established by the Points of Light Foundation to recognize individuals who volunteer their time to enrich the lives of others.

As part of this observance, three local residents - Richard Collins, Bobby Harper and Lupe Martinez - have been tapped for recognition for their work with the South Plains Senior Companion Program.

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The program's volunteers, all seniors at least 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults, provide 20 hours per week of volunteer time, according to a recent press release. The "companions" worked 3,343 hours last year, which would have cost more than \$61,000 if the clients or their families were forced to hire assistance.

The program does not charge its clients for the services offered by volunteers. Instead, fundraisers are conducted annually to supplement federal and state funding received.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded through the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is through the South Plains Community Action Association. Some funding for the program is received from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

In addition to Garza County, the program has "companions" active in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

### **Post PTO** names new board members

Officers for newly formed Parent-Teacher Organization for Post schools recently formed, and a new slate of officers was selected to lead the group in the 2008-2009 school

Tapped as president was Paige Huckaby. Vice president is Dawne Guerrero. Barbara Palmer is secretary, while Kim Lott was named reporter and Judi Martin, treasurer. Campus representatives are Liza Taylor, elementary; Tonya Kirkpatrick, middle school; Beverly Miller, high school; and Stacy Bell,

The group has organized to help "create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work - and so can our children," according to information printed in the recent elementary school newsletter. "We want to provide support for our teachers in and out of the classroom. We want to provide resources they need. We want to help create learning opportunities for children. And we want to try to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun."

The PTO's next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. May 13 in the school cafeteria. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

American Traffic Safety Service soloist also performed "Amazing In 2001, she graduated from the Grace" prior to the release of a large flock of white doves to commemorate work zone workers who lost their lives.

Cruse, the daughter of Pat and Marion Cruse and the granddaughter of Delores and Albert Harper and the late Henryetta Cruse, is a 1998 graduate of Post High School.

University of the Permian Basin at Odessa with a bachelor's degree in psychology. In 2003 she earned a master's degree in criminal justice and criminology from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, and in 2006 graduated from the University of the Permian Basin with a master's degree in education counseling.



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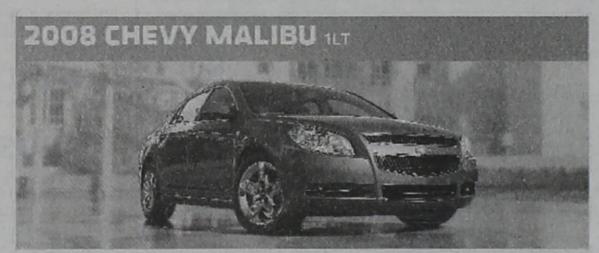
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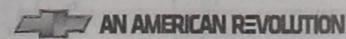
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Cheerleaders selling Top O' Texas ads

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.

Elementary Field Day set May 9 Post Elementary School will host a fun-filled Field Day on Friday, May 9. Students will participate in a variety of different events.

Third grade to perform 'BUGZ' The Post Elementary third grade musical "BUGZ", will be staged

Thursday, May 15, at performances set for 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The presentation will take place in the elementary school auditorium. 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.

Chamber to Host Job Fair

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce Solutions of the South Plains, will host the area's first job fair from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 19. Businesses can recruit new employees and showcase themselves to the community. The chamber will provide a booth (6-foot table and two chairs) free of charge to all chamber members interested in participating; a \$25 fee will be charged to all non-chamber members. Space is limited. Call Shawnette at 806-495-3461 to sign up or for more information.

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.

New hours for Post Public Library

Beginning on Monday, May 5 the Post Public Libray will be open Monday-Friday, 12 noon until 5 p.m.

EMT class begins in May

An EMT basic class will be held this summer in Tahoka. Classes begin May 6 and end August 7. Anyone interest in taking this class and being trained as an Emergency Medical Technician please contact me. This is not a Band-Aid class and only those who really want to learn and work hard should attempt to take the class. If you think you would like to become one of the few who can do it, please call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1813 or 620-0960. The cost of the class is \$650 each. Assistance may be available for those who are serious.

1981 & 1982 Class Reunion planned

The Post High School graduating class of 1981 and 1982 have scheduled a class reunion on Saturday, August 9 beginning at 12 p.m. at the VFW. RSVP by July 20. For more information contact Barry Morris at 495-2454 or Laura Mason at 549-0732.

Garza Theatre Presents THE CRUCIBLE

Garza Theatre presents 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.

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Post native, Don Collier (left) accepts the print "Texas" from Garza County Judge Lee Norman (r). The painting, by Lubbock artist Robert Chennault, is on loan to the Caprock Cultural Association by Norman and his wife, Marsha, to exhibit in the restored Heritage House in Post. Collier, Assistant Professor Interior Design at Texas Tech University, has led the entire restoration of the historical structure formerly known as the Graeber/Little house. Upon completion in late June, the building will house a family history research library; meeting and conference space; reception/banquet area with kitchen; and offices for the Caprock Cultural Association. Community Grand Opening of the Heritage House is set for August 9.

#### In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We finally got some rain! It just showered here at the gin. We measured about three-tenths. Just a couple of miles around us we measured anywhere from one to a little over two inches. We are very thankful for that and we could use some more, so keep it in your prayers.

Congratulations to Hector and Gricelda Esparza on their marriage. They were married on April 26 in Mexico. Hector is the son of Javier and Lupe Esparza. They will make their home in Close City. We wish them all the best.

David and Melinda Quintana, along with their children, Quincey and Andrew, and David's parents, Lupe and Adelina Quintana, traveled to Edinburg over the weekend. David's grandmother lives there and they went to visit her and pick up an old John Deere tractor David had bought.

Jerry and Judy Bush, along with two of their grandkids, Kale and Will, traveled to Bowie this past weekend to celebrate another grandson's birthday a little early. Journey Page will turn eight on May 11. They all enjoyed cake and ice and watching Journey open all of his presents.

Visitors -- Been kinda quiet out here. We had Gene King out visiting. While here we asked him about Rub. He said she is doing pretty good. Ken Young brought doughnuts out one morning. Ken is one of our producers, but doesn't get to come out a lot, When he does he always brings doughnuts and the biggest cinnamon rolls vou have ever seen!

Get Wells

I have to send out a big get well to my cousin, Joe Reno. Joe had a motorcycle wreck last week and is in the hospital in Fort Worth. Uncle Harold and Aunt Niecie say he was real lucky. He's pretty bunged up, but he will fully recover.

Birthdays

• May 2 - Janiece Fluitt Reno • May 2 – Maurice Fluitt

• May 6 - Mark Fluitt

May 6 – Skyler and Kyler Fluitt

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

### VFW Post, Auxiliary to host district meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 and its Ladies Auxiliary will host a District 7 meeting Saturday and Sunday at the VFW Post on the Clairemont Highway.

Past State Commander Doug Bell will be the special guest. Also in attendance will be District Commander Joe Galindo and District President Patty Brookerson.

Registration will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The commanders will meet on Saturday at 4 p.m., and social hour will begin at 5 p.m.

The ladies will not have a meeting on Saturday, but are urged to attend social hour.

Sunday registration will begin at 8 a.m., and the regular district meeting and the Ladies Auxiliary meetings begin at 9 a.m., followed by lunch.

All members are urged to attend.

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#### A Big Thanks to Firemen and Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers and auxiliary personnel that helped with the U Lazy S/PLK Inc. fire on Wednesday, April 16. We are never ceased to be amazed at the effort these people make to protect the property loss of each and every one of us - with little or no regard to their time of welfare.

The Post VFD was on the scene first at approximately 3 p.m. and did not leave until 11 p.m. Their diligent work and efforts prevented a significant fire that could have been much worse had

it scaled the caprock and started eastward.

Thank you so much to the following groups: Post Volunteer Fire Department, three trucks, 10 men; Garza County judge, one unit, one man; Garza County Emergency Management director, one unit, one man; Garza County law enforcement, three units, four men; Strawn Transport, two trucks, two men; BOF Transport, two trucks, two men; Garza County maintainers operators, four graders, four men; Precinct 2 commissioner, one man; Justiceburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, two trucks, six men; Borden County Volunteer Fire Department, one truck, three men; Crosby County Volunteer Fire Department, four trucks, eight men; Ralls Volunteer Fire Department, two trucks, six men; Lorenzo Volunteer Fire Department, one truck, three men; Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department, one truck, four men; Scurry County Fire Department, one truck, three men; Texas Forest Service, one truck with four men; two dozers with two men and three planes with nine men; EMS/paramedics, one unit, one man; Ted's Tire Service, two trucks, five men; and Sonic Drive-In, food for firefighters

Total - 37 units, 74 men.

Please consider that most of these people would only be available through your donations to volunteer fire departments. Moreover, it's great to see your tax dollars at work through government agencies. The list is too extensive to thank everyone individually; however, we appreciate all you do and realize how important you all are to our communities.

Great job! Jay Lott, U Lazy S Ranch Mark Kirkpatrick, Drew Kirkpatrick,

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by Brad Ellison

· Congratulations to Mr. Miller, who finally reached that golden age of 40 over the weekend. Thanks to all who worked very hard to make sure it was a memorable experience for him.

• Thanks to Mrs. Cardona, Mrs. Adamek and Mrs. Basinger for all of their dedication and hard work for Southland ISD. These people are truly heroes in education at Southland Independent School District.

Events for this Week

· TAKS testing through Friday.

Events for Next Week No school on Monday.

 Athletic banquet Thursday, May 8. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Meal will be served in the cafeteria, with awards to be held in gymnasium.

• Student Council elections will be held Friday, May 9. Students need to see Ms. Bonner about running for an office.

Thought for the Week "Opportunity is like a door; when it swings open, you quickly

enter because it will not be open forever."

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**Billy Guinn Jones** 

Services for Billy Guinn Jones, 73, were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Levelland with Dr. Steve Vernon officiating. Burial was at 4:30 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery in Post with Terry Hancock officiating. The George Price Funeral Home was in charged of arrangements.

He died April 26 in Levelland.

Born May 30, 1934, in Grassland to Carl and Ella Mae Jones, he married LaRue Stevens on Dec. 25, 1957. A graduate of Post High School, he

received his bachelor's degree in banking and finance from Texas Tech and served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He farmed in Garza and Lynn counties. He began his banking career as a national bank examiner in Virginia and throughout the West Texas area. He served as an officer and director of the Bank Administration Institute and was a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the National Commercial Lending Graduate School of Banking at the University of Oklahoma.

An officer of the First National Bank of Levelland, he also served as president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Slaton, Plains State Bank in Plains and South Plains Bank, Levelland. He was president of the Levelland Chamber of Commerce and the Levelland Goldcoats

Organization (Ambassadors) and was a director for the Levelland Development Foundation. He also served as an umpire for the Levelland Little League. A member of the First Baptist Church, he was an avid fast-pitch softball pitcher.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, LaRue; son, Steve and wife Carrla of Levelland; daughter, D'Les of Dallas; three grandchildren, Tye, Caycee and Cyanne Jones of Levelland; two sisters, Dorothy Custer and husband Cordell of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cerretha Rose and husband Jerry of Cedar Park; and two nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock or the First Baptist Church Library, P.O. Box 700, Levelland, TX 79336.

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#### Fruit of the Spirit

God's word utilizes a beautiful analogy to explain our spiritual growth. It's so simple. He uses the tree and the fruit it bears.

The first chapter of Psalms uses the tree as follows, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of living waters, that brings fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not whither. And whatever he does shall prosper" (Psalms 1:3). Although this was talking about any person who did the will of God during the Old Testament days, the analogy is still applied to all of God's righteous saints during the period of time we live in now.

When we plant ourselves by the rivers of living waters we bear good fruit at the perfect time and whatever we do will succeed. This is such fantastic information that deserves more attention in our studies. What is the living waters? What is the good fruit? What are the benefits of bearing good fruit? These are all reasonable questions for us to ask God about. So let's dig into His word as found

While passing through a community called Samaria, Jesus approached asked a woman to give him some water. After she questioned him for talking to her, he said, "If you knew about the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, 'Give me something to drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10).

According to John 4:13 the living water would eventually come from him and would result in everlasting life. A word study of "living waters" leads us to Revelation 7:17 where it says, "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters." The context of this verse is related to all of God's saints who will some day be in paradise which is also known as the new Jerusalem or new earth. These saints will include the 144,000 of Israel and inumerable saints who will not be of Israel.

There is another context for rivers of living waters as seen in John 7:38, "He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters." This is quite different from the live waters of Revelations. That of Revelations refers to people being lead to a fountain of living waters, whereas, the above reference in John is about living waters flow out of the seat of our hearts or "bellies."

The first record of people fulfilling Jesus' prophecy can be found in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak other tongues as the spirit them the words." From this time on it became available for anybody to believe on the name of Jesus Christ being filled with holy spirit, and to start speaking in tongues. A closer study of Acts will show that many other people began to speak in tongues.

When people start speaking in tongues, the rivers of true living waters start flowing or gushing from within. What is the living waters? Based on a rightly dividing of God's word it must refer to God's holy spirit and his ever living and abiding word that flows from within the inner seat of our hearts while speaking in tongues. It is also the true fountain referred to in Revelations.

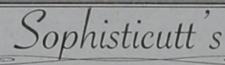
To understand what is the fruit of the spirit we need only turn to Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." In the earliest known texts, the above list did not include commas and the word "and" in between. This is significant in that lacking the word "and" the list had to be spoken and read without pauses between each one. In other words they were

meant to be together as a whole. Due to a lack of space we are unable to extensively cover each fruit of the spirit. But our readers are encouraged to dig into God's word concerning each one. Study the useage of each one throughout His word. The word "love" was the Greek word agape. We can use a helpful Bible study tool in Crosswalk.com for a word study on agape as used throughout the New Testament.

God in heaven is so gracious and merciful to help His people understand mentally and experientially what the fruit of the spirit means and how it bears in our lives. As we continue to put on God's word in our lives and to lovingly walk by His spirit that is in us through Jesus Christ, we will begin to bear good fruit in our lives at just the right time.

As we grow in the spiritual matters as described in 1Corinthians chapter 12 (and other areas), we will no doubt start to bear the good fruit that God promised.





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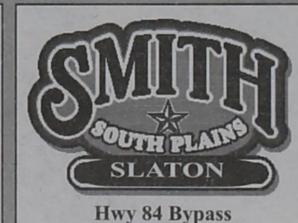
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## Spring Sports



Kaylyn Villalon gets set for a discuss toss in the regional track meet finals at Abilene.

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## PHS Track Teams at Regional Meet



Branda Stevens goes airborne in the regional track meet triple jump finals.

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Kevin Griffin pushes through the finish line in the 100 meter spring at the regional track meet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Gabi Gomez stretches out on the final sprint in the 100 meter dash at the regional track meet. She also competed in the 200 meter run. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Brittney Miller shows her endurance duirng trhe 1600 meter run at the regional track meet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Regional Track Meet Photos by Tim Burnett



Katelynn Short (right) passes the baton to Branda Stevens in the 100 meter sprint relay at the regional track meet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



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Elaena Morrison puts the shot during the field event finals at the regional track meet in Abilene. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Bethany Berry takes the baton for the Lady Lope 800 meter relay team at the regional track meet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Smaantha Hoover shows her style in the 3090 meter hurdles event at the regional track meet.

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#### Lady 'Lopes thump Lubbock Christian, compete in Area Championship series tonight and Saturday in Lubbock

The Post High School Lady 'Lopes defeated Lubbock Christian High School 6-3 in a game played April 24.

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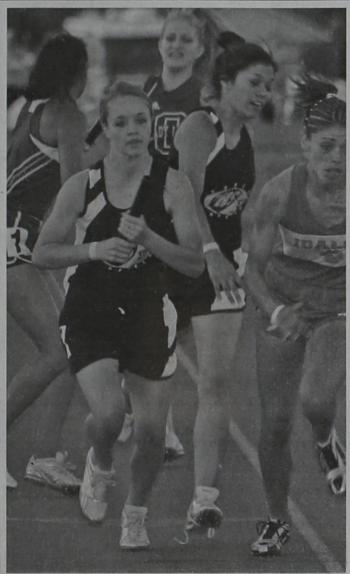
Offensively, Brooke Morris scored one run with one RBI off of a single and a triple and got an in-the-park homerun but was not scored because of a running error by another base runner; Caitlyn Cravy scored one run off of a walk; Miranda Hair scored two runs with two RBIs off of one single and one homerun; Kelsey Overton scored one run off of one single and one homerun; Sydnee Jones hit for a single; Danica Williams reached base on a walk; and Hayley Lester scored two runs off of a walk and a hit pitch

On defense, Hair had eight strike outs with three walks and had one put-out with one assist; Ashley Stenzel had five put-outs at first base; Williams had three assists at second base; Morris had two put-outs and one assist at short stop; Overton had one put-out and one assist at catcher; Jones had one put out at third base; and Lester had three put-outs in right field.

The team was short five players because of the regional track

The Lady 'Lopes' next game will be a playoff game against Abernathy at Lubbock High Westerner Field on May 2.

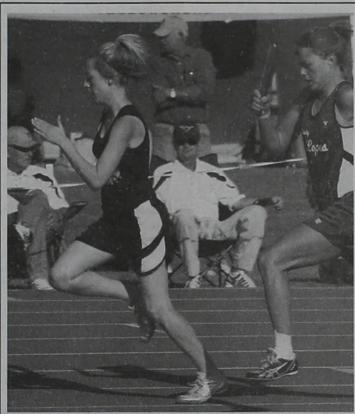
The team currently holds a 9-5 season record.



Katelynn Short (center) trakes off with the baton for the Lady Lopes in the mile relay at the regional track meet. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

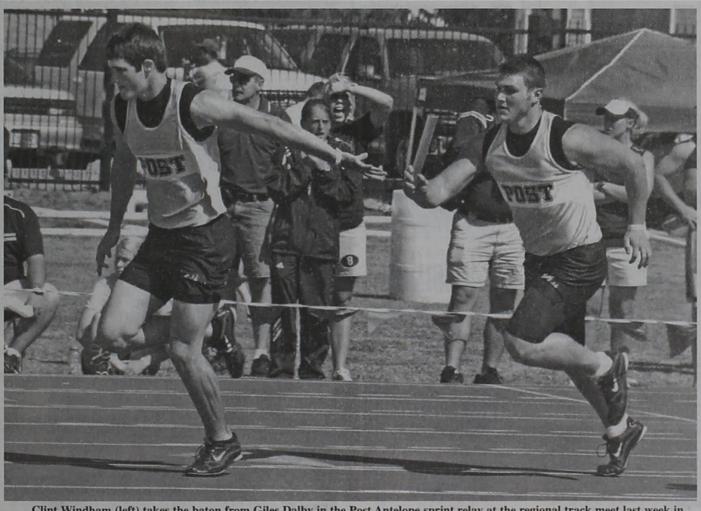


Ben Mason clears the pole during last week's regional track meeting competition in Abilene. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Alex Miller(left)gets a step out front in the mile relay for the Lady Lopes at the regional track meet last week. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

#### **Regional Track Meet Photos by Tim Burnett**



Clint Windham (left) takes the baton from Giles Dalby in the Post Antelope sprint relay at the regional track meet last week in Abilene. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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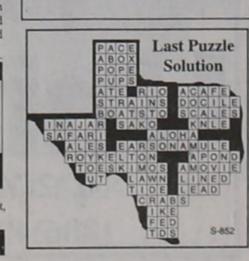
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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven C. Tidwell, son of Wesley and Anita Morris of Post, participated in the Pacific Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned

> 20 Years Ago May 1, 1988

Maxine Earl of Post, was one of eight disaster organization. candidates on the May 24, 1988 ballot body of 116 Texas citizens 60 years of Post. age and older elected by their peers, to consider and vote on proposed legislation that concerns the needs of both present and future older Texans.

The number one FFA livestock judging team from Post was first high point team overall at the South Plains College annual Richard Johnson.

Heather and Ashley Mason were proud to announce the birth of their brother, Colt, who was born Saturday, April 23 in Methodist Hospital.

Conference.

30 Years Ago May 4, 1978

Post High School Principal Billy Hahn announced he would retire June 30, 1978 after 31 years in the classroom of the 1957-58 school year as a physical class and a coaching assignment as junior Claxton. high girls cage coach.

Danna Giddens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens, was named valedictorian of Post High school's graduating class. Remaining seniors Johnson, class prophecy.

Miss Pat Nelson and David Bradbury exchanged wedding vows Saturday, April Holly. 29 in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Nelson. Harold Britton officiated the double ring ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bradbury.

> 40 Years Ago May 2, 1968

The 65-member Post High School band left on two school buses for Enid, Okla., to compete in the 36th annual Tri-State Music Festival. The band was under the direction of Herb Germer.

The Post Industrial Foundation membership voted to support with its own funds, if necessary, the \$15,000 needed from the community to secure Small Business Administration financing for Jim and Bo Jackson to construct a new \$175,000 meat processing plant here.

Seniors' class will blessing to Juniors: Voda Beth Voss leaves to Sue Harrison her well-worn road and famous porch (We're not talking about White Road); Chris Stelzer leaves to his sister, Brenda, a deep regret that he won't be back next year; "Mama", "Woc", or "Abby" better known as Teresa Maddox, wills to "Tristie", or "Tristine", rather Christine Morris, her fondest nicknames; Danny Cooper wills to James McBride his "hotrodding" 1953 DeSoto, in hopes that James will some day win the Indianapolis 500; Dennis Ray leaves his gift to gab to Loretta Gatlin, Mary Ann Strawn and Mary Ann Stelzer; Adrienne Cook leaves to Helen Hodges, Kay Lofton and Delbert Rudd her English accent in Spanish class; Lee Norman leaves his curly hair to Jerry Crenshaw; Peter Morales wills his state mile trophy to Marsha Tipton in hopes that she can run faster than all her boy

admirers; Charles Harper II wills to Ben

50 Years Ago May 1, 1958

Donald Young, scoring 381 points in the Teen-Age Safe Driving Road-e-o sponsored by the Post Junior Chamber of Commerce on West Main Street. Second place went to Kent Green and Carroll Cowley was third.

Any immediate tornado threat to Post and its surrounding area would to Fighter Squadron 31, embarked be signaled by four 15-inch aerial flash aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham salute bombs which would be fired by mortars high over the city and exploded at one-second intervals, announced John F. Lott, chairman of the Garza County

Bob Poole of Post was elected to elect representatives to the Silver commander of District 6, Veterans of Haired Legislature. The Silver Haired Foreign Wars, at the annual district Legislature is an elected non-partisan convention held at the Lubbock VFW

The newly organized Phillips "66" softball team won its first three games. Jackie Hays was the winning pitcher in the O'Donnell games and he and Wayne Baldwin combined to pitch the locals past Draw. Other members of the roster were Dink Taylor, Shorty Hester, Al Parsons, livestock judging competition. Members Jimmy Redman, Jerry Hays, Emmett were Janell Jones, Shawn Bevers and Goode, Darrell Stone, Darrell Norman, Nolan Williams and Jerry Key.

> 60 Years Ago April 29, 1948

The original C. W. Post home was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Giles Connell to Marvin Clay Cowdrey returned home from and Victor Hudman who hope to open it Washington, D. C. where he was a as a funeral home in the near future. The delegate to the 58th National 4-H Victor Hudman family would use the upstairs as living quarters and the entire first floor would be used as a funeral

The formal opening of the Post Kash and Karry Grocery and Market was held in the store building formerly occupied and credit for three more for World War by Collier's Drug Store. Owners, H. A. II service. Hahn came to Post at the start Karpe and A. B. Haws invited the public for coffee and doughnuts and to meet education teacher with a sixth grade math employees, Pete Kennedy and Bobby

The birthdays of Ruby Pierce, T. A. Pierce, Ben Owen, Gloria Jean Caylor and Scottie Joe Pierce, were celebrated with a dinner at the home of B. T. Pierce.

Coach N. R. King presented basketball in the "top five" were David Morrow, jackets to Joy and Jeanette Stewart, Alic salutatorian; Tricia Dudley, class history; Ruth Carr, Elsie West, Claudia Ticer, Peggy Jackson, class will; and Sharon Billie Nichols, Helen Thaxton, Jeneice Fluitt, Frances Benson, Cletta Buster, Lanell Brown, Ann Floyd and Vada

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Did It This Way?'

for horse & cattle

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**Buffalo Bill Cody** 

"Buffalo Bill's Wild West" show began touring the

country. Showman Bill Cody recruited real cowboys

Rodeo history can be traced back to 1882 when

47 TXns would always

say "snuck" rather than this word fair in love and war"

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un-n-Facts for Brain-ians

VOL 5 Bulldogging - piggin - doggies If you know these terms you are either a cowboy or a rodeo fan. Once cowboys roamed the open range, ridin' ropin' and rasseling. Bronco riding wild horses & cattle roping were just part of a days work. What began as friendly cowboy competition, after a

Women have performed in the rodeo since 1896 when some cowboys refused to perform in a mud soaked arena and the girls stepped in. Barrel Racing is often preformed by women. Riders must cloverleaf around a triangular

professional sport: Rodeo track. Points are lost by making a barrel wobble or fall over.

cattle drive, is now a

Bill Pickett, an African American cowboy, invented the rodeo event called: Bulldogging.

While riding a galloping horse the wrangler must jump on a steer (called doggies), and rope it. To help gain control, the cowboy might bite the lip of the steer (like a bulldog). Biting is no longer allowed, but the name and the sport lives on.

Everybody loves a clown, but cowboys count on rodeo clowns for protection and safety. Bull riding is the most dangerous rodeo event. A rodeo clown's job is to distract the bull so the cowboy is unharmed. Padded barrels are used as a barrier or a quick hiding place from danger.



Calf roping is the oldest rodeo event. A cowboy uses a 6-foot rope called a piggin to tie three of the calf's legs



ACROSS 1 Buffalo Bill's last name

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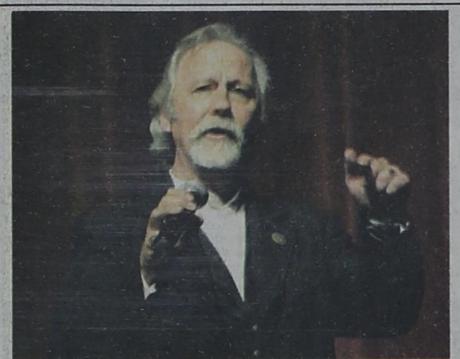
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Chip Polk entertains Ragtown Gospel Theater with favorite gospel songs. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Mary, Mother of the Lord ky Chip Pelk

Raptown

Gospel

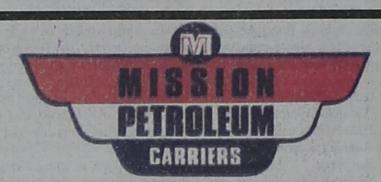
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Call 1-877-724-8696 for reservations 7:30 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays 3 p.m. First Sunday Monthly



No one was seriously injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of Broadway and 8th Street Thursday afternoon, Arpil 24. The green sedan was turning from 8th Street left onto Broadway when it was struck by the red SUV, which was southbound on Boradway. The SUV driver said she thought she may have run through a red light at the intersection. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

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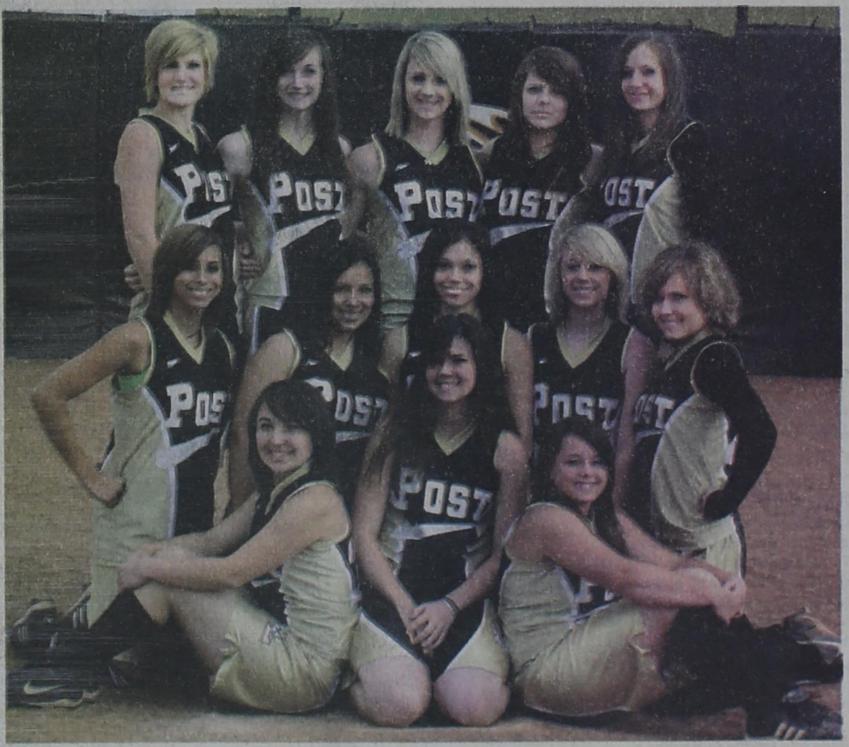
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While perfecting a trick off his skateboard, Dylan Pearson joined other skateboarders and roller blade enthusiasts and took advantage of last Saturday's free demonstration of equipment. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

## Congratulations Lady Lope Softball Team Area Qualifiers



PHS Lady Lope 2008 Softball Team competing Friday & Saturday at Lubbock Westerner Field in the Area Championship with Abernathy. Team members are (back row, left to right) Bethany Berry, Haley Lester, Branda Stevens, Kelsey Overton, Caitlyn Cravy, (middle row) Danica Williams, Gabi Bagera, Sabrina Sanchez, Alex Miller, Miranda Hair, (front row) Sydnee Jones, Ashley Stenzel and Brooke Morris.



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