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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

COMMUNITY/ GOVERNMENT MEETINGS All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court April 6 9 a.m. **Garza County Courthouse** 300 W. Main

> City of Post City Council Meeting April 14 6 p.m. Council Chambers City Hall 105 E. Main Street

Post ISD **School Board Meeting** April 14 7:30 p.m. **Administrative Board Room** 501 S. Avenue K NOTE: Video of last month's meeting at post.k12.tx.us - click on "Board of Trustees"

**Garza County Health Care District** April 16 6:30 p.m. Citizens Bank Meeting Room 210 N. Broadway

**Chamber of Commerce** Voter's Forum City and School Candidates Heritage House April 21 7 p.m.

OTHER COMMUNITY **EVENTS** Event info available at press time.

"Moon Over Buffalo" Garza Theatre April 3 and 4 8 p.m. April 5 2:30 p.m. 495-4005 for reservations

> Varsity Baseball vs Abernathy April 4 10 a.m.

JV/Varsity Softball vs Slaton April 4 Noon

Ivan Parker in Concert Ragtown Gospel Theater April 5 3 p.m. 877-RAGTOWN for

Trailblazers Senior Citizens

reservations

Center Game Night April 7 5:30 p.m. 205 E. 10th

> Varsity Softball @ Idalou April 7 5 p.m.

Varsity Baseball Vs Idalou April 7 7 p.m.

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## City of Post Sales Tax Down 3% Monthly; Up for Year

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.74 billion, down 2.6 percent compared to February 2008.

Combs listed numerous reasons for the decline.

"State sales tax collections declined in February as important sectors such as retail trade and construction continue to struggle," Combs said. "While state sales tax revenue has grown 2.8 percent through the first half of fiscal 2009, further declines are expected as the economy continues to weaken."

Post's monthly total was \$64,097.78 down 3.31 percent from this time a year ago. Year-to-date, however, is \$220,353.06 which is up 8.71 percent over a year ago.

Combs delivered \$433.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to March 2008. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations remain ual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose cent, year-to-date - \$708,312.45, up 2.18 percent.

up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Alloca-

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$291.1 million to Texas cities, down 0.7 percent compared to March 2008. Since Jan. 1, city sales tax allocations are 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.5 million, up 2.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-todate, county sales tax allocations are 7.2 percent higher than last year.

The 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$17.3 million in sales tax revenue, up 21.6 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$97.4 million, down 4.3 percent.

For details of March sales tax payments to individ-

tion Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

\* Post - monthly, \$64,097.78, down 3.31 percent; year-to-date- \$220,353.06, up 8.71%

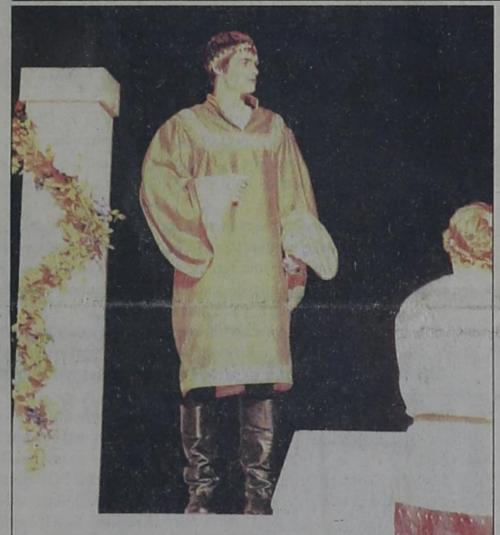
\* Floydada - monthly, \$16,313.05, up 0.58 percent; year-to-date- \$58,449.78, down 0.62 percent.

\* Lockney - monthly, \$7,967.12, up 2.64 percent; year-to-date-\$26,541.27, up 8.89 percent.

\* Lubbock - monthly, \$3,494,125.33, up down 0.44 percent, year-to-date - \$12,840,218.12, up 2.99 percent. \* Slaton - monthly, 33,706.99, up 9.12 percent,

year-to-date - \$123,249.44, up 7.41 percent. \* Tahoka - monthly, \$6,875.68; down 5.36 percent, year-to-date - \$24,343.44, up 9.56 percent.

\* Snyder - monthly, \$176,098.46; down 16.21 per-



PHS Junior Clint Windham portrays Prince Escalus of Verona in this year's UIL One Act Play

Photo by Susan Strawn

## Teamwork Takes the Stage

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

It is encouraging to see several Post High School athletes performing in the One Act Play production of "Romeo and Juliet." From the quality of the production, it is obvious that good teamwork brings success on the stage as well as in athletics.

I visited with two members of the cast, Chad Miller, who has the role of Romeo and Clint Windham, who is Prince Escalus of Verona in the play. These young men are very involved in school activities and consider their experience in the One Act Play a valuable part of their education.

Miller, who is a Senior, participates in tennis and football. He is Vice President of the National Honor Society and President of the Student Council. Chad has been in the UIL One Act Play event since his sophomore year, performing in "Edith Stein" and "The Would Be Gentleman" before landing the lead in "Romeo and Juliet." He is the son of Gwen and Charla Miller and plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Windham, a Junior, is the son of Don and Diann Windham. He plays football, basketball and baseball. Clint is a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. In addition to One Act Play, he competes in UIL Number Sense and Math. His first experience in theater was a part in last year's production of "The Would

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Chad Miller as Romeo and Giles Dalby as Tybalt in a scene from the One Act Play production "Romeo and Juliet."

Photo by Susan Strawn

## Taylor Begins Tenure As City Manager

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

Arbie Taylor, formerly Assistant City Manager in Lamesa, began his tenure as City Manager in Post this week. From all appearances, he is bringing a positive attitude and a great appreciation for life in West Texas to the job. "This feels like home to us. Post may be off the Caprock, but it still has that good West Texas feel," Taylor explained.

Ric Walton, who is retiring as City Manager, plans to continue with the City until the end of May to allow for a smooth transition for Taylor as he takes his new responsibilities.

Taylor has 15 years of experience in public works including positions with the City of Amarillo, City of Perryton and most recently almost seven years as Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director with the City of Lamesa. He is a member of the American Society for Public Administration, Texas City Management Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as several other professional organizations. Taylor received a B.S. in Construction Engineering Technology in 1989 from Texas Tech University and the designation of Certified Public Manager in 2008 also from Texas Tech University. He served in the U.S. Army receiving an Honorable

Discharge in 1983. When asked about the challenges of a community the size of Post, Taylor said, "There's not a lot of difference in the nuts and bolts of the way a larger and a smaller city is run. It is just that in a smaller city things tend to be more magnified. You have a smaller group of concerned peo-

The new manager explained his view of his responsibilities, "My goal is to make sure that the community's wishes through the City Council are met and the standards of the community are upheld," Taylor continued. "It is a two-way street. The Council will say, 'This is our policy or the direction we want to go.' I have to supply them with information to make that happen."

Taylor and his wife, Kim, have three children: two daughters, Rose, 12 and Amber, 8 and a son, Ricky, 22, who lives with his wife Nicky in Oklahoma. Ricky serves with the U. S. Army and has completed two tours of duty in Iraq. For the immediate future, the new City

Manager will commute from his plant roots, work the rest of my home in Lamesa; however, once career in a place I can call home

home here.

the closing on the family's house and get my girls ready to meet is complete, they will make their life as we hopefully did our son. I think we can accomplish these

"My personal goals are to goals in Post," Taylor said.

New City Manager Arbie Taylor

Photo by Rosa Latimer

## Post Notes

**Voter's Forum Scheduled** 

Be an informed voter! Attend a Voter's Forum sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 21, at the Heritage House located at 109 N. Ave N. Candidates for city and school elections have been invited to attend this non-partisan event to present their platforms. All Post & Garza County residents are invited to attend this free event. Call 495-3461 for more information.

Stitchin' Club learns to knit

The Stitchin' Club will have a knitting instructor at the next few meetings to help members learn to knit. The club meets at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. There is no cost to be part of the group. Members provide their own supplies. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Methodist Church planning celebration

Anyone who has any information regarding former pastors, members, or who may have a connection to the First United Methodist Church of Post, please contact either the church office at 495-2942 or JoAnn Miller at 748-3812. FUMC Post is planning a 100 year celebration for Labor Day weekend, 2009, and would like to include all who have or have had a special connection or memory of the church.

Garza County Tax Office needs update information

If you have recently changed your name or address, please contact The Garza County Tax A/C Office. We need to update your information so you will be able to vote in the upcoming city elections and Post ISD School board election.

PHS Class of '79 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1979 is looking for contact information for all classmates that attended Post High School with this class. Please contact Danny Gunn at dgunn@idalouisd.net or call 806-201-1475.

Easter Egg hunt Saturday at Park

Family Harvest Church will host their Annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 4th at 11 am. There will be 7,000 eggs. Hunters 5th grade and under. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Girls Softball Sign-ups

Girls Softball Little League is back again. Sign ups will

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# Opinions

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#### White River Weekly Report **April 3, 2009**

Rainfall for 2004 Gauge Reading 43.58" 2351.10 Rainfall for 2005 Feet below spillway 15.57" 21'5" Rainfall for 2006 Rise 28.85" Rainfall for 2007 Rainfall Past Week

Rainfall for 2008 Rain to Date .98" 33.16"

White River Lake has 2,806,554,663 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,613 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 2,787,003,604 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White river customers.

The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contigency Plan.

Remember that the water district is there for you if we

can assist you in any way let us know. -Mickey Rogers-GM White River

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 41604

APPLICATION Close City Cooperative Gin has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 41604, which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 524 County Road 230, Post, Garza County, Texas 79356-5385. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 5, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Garza County Courthouse, 300 West Main Street, Post, Garza County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: amendments. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to ments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not

bearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), malling address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Close City Cooperative Gin, 524 County Road 230, Post, Texas 79356-5385 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, P.E., Director of Technical Services, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102.

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## Obama's Chilling Effect on Capitalism

By Howie Rich

The tombstone for General Motors really should have read taken the unprecedented - and 1908-2008.

That's because December 2008 is when the bell finally tolled for GM - when the marketplace determined that a combination of poor management decisions, union pressures and a slumping economy had made the automotive giant's continued mathematically existence impossible.

Of course, that was also precisely when the administration of former President George W. Bush stepped in with a \$17.4 billion bailout for GM and Chrysler, with further funds contingent on the two companies creating a "path to profitability."

At the time, a skeptical American public heard talk of all the concessions that were being made by company executives, car dealers and the notoriously inflexible union bosses.

But it was former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson who hinted that this massive infusion of taxpayer cash might be nothing more than the world's most expensive delaying tactic.

"If the right outcome is reorganization or bankruptcy, then isn't it better to get there through an orderly process where every effort is made to avoid it, and if it can't be avoided, everyone's prepared for it?" Paulson said at the time, comments which were echoed by the Bush White

Fast-forward to February 2009, when the "reorganization plans" of Chrysler and GM were unveiled - and shown to be nothing more than requests for even larger taxpayer funded bailouts.

Still, the "tombstone moment" was delayed another month until this week, which has brought us perhaps the most bizarre - and disturbing - chapter in the evolution of the bailout culture that has infected our nation's capital.

This week, the President of the United States insisted on the removal of a private sector CEO. And once he had been removed, that CEO's severance package was governed by Treasury Department regulations.

No longer just bailing out companies, the White House is now determining who should run them and what their retirement packages should be.

Thank about that for a

unnerving - step of guaranteeing moment, in its ongoing attempts Not only that, Obama has all GM and Chrysler warranties. to revive a dying patient, the

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

#### **Absolute Power**

President Obama urged GM CEO Rick Wagoner to resign. The request was complied upon. Wagoner, 56, who spent 32 years with GM working all over the world, stepped down effective immediately. He was replaced as CEO by Fritz Henderson, the company's vice chairman and chief operating officer.

Obama did so with out any advice from Congress, according to Carl Levin (D), Michigan's

"He didn't ask us about it, he informed us," Levin told reporters in a conference call Monday afternoon. "The president said he'd already decided."

According to reports, Levin said he and three other lawmakers were informed of the decision in a phone call Obama made from the Oval Office. Obama told the members of Congress that Wagoner needed to resign so that his administration could show the public it was making an effort at a fresh start with the auto industry.

Does that not sound strange to anyone but me? Is the president supposed to be in the business of firing people whom aren't in government?

Does that mean if your business receives money from a bank which received money from the government, Obama can have you fired?

Granted, Wagoner's company had lost \$82 billion the last four years and is a recipient of billions in taxpayer money, but shouldn't he be judged by the board and shareholders?

In Wagoner's defense, he was making a difference. He had cut GM's U.S. work force from 177,000 to roughly 92,000; closed factories; shed the unprofitable Oldsmobile brand; globalized GM's engineering, manufacturing and design; led a resurgence in quality and performance; and ushered in a more affordable \$14-per-hour wage for new hires, about half that of a former wage. These measures saved the company billions.

What really sunk Wagoner was the GM's focus on larger SUVs and trucks instead of smaller fuel efficient automobiles as fuel prices climbed.

By the way: GM's stock was down \$.92 Monday ... down to \$2.70 a share. That's a pretty

In fact, it's safe to say the market reacted poorly to the Obama-Wagoner news. Investors are probably worried about the prospect of the president handing pink-slips out.

Here's what worries me. The government is getting far too close to the private sector. If a company is not viable, let it fail. If it is viable but needs to be restructured, let it enter bankruptcy.

What ever happened to the anti-trust legislation? They used to use it when a company was deemed too big. Anyone thinking that should have been the case with AIG?

Mr. President, I implore you, run the country, not businesses. Please protect our Mexican border, take out North Korea's missile and make sure Congress spends OUR money WISELY!

If Obama wants to reach beyond his powers and start firing people, he should start with Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Chris Dodd and Barney Frank - as they know nothing about business but plenty about spending OUR money poorly. I bet the markets would react great to that news.

And before you Democrats get the rope for me and you Republicans begin praising me, here is something else to chew on.

At least there is leadership on the left. There is virtually no voice coming from the GOP. Where's the leadership? Who is going to step forward and become the new face of this downtrodden party?

It's a fact - one party rule in this country stinks. The GOP proved that and it cost them dearly. The Democrats continue to prove that point by spending like coeds on spring break with Daddy's

Our current economic situation and the government's reaction - dating back to the Bush Administration, make me want to puke.

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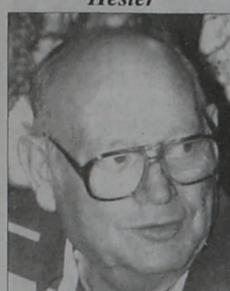
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Services for George "Shorty" Hester, 79, of Post were 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the Post Church of Christ. Charles McCook and Travis Sweet officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Services were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

Shorty died on Friday, March Home. 27, 2009 at the Covenant Medical years. After being discharged Wallace Ferd Barnett on March he returned to Post and married 28, 1937 in Crosbyton, TX, Jerry Short May 11, 1956 at the moved to Girard, and enjoyed her Lubbock. Jerry preceded him in operator before moving to Post their home in Post and Shorty the Forest Lumber Company. She worked for Exxon Mobile at the followed him to Anton, Wolfforth, Salt Creek Unit. He retired in 1991 after 39 years.

Shorty helped organize the Post Booster Club and was a very active volunteer in high school sports. Shorty also played football and baseball while in high school. During his service time he boxed. Later he coached baseball. He was a member of the Post Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, Jerry, Shorty was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Milton 'Jelly' Hester Jr., Dell Hester and by a sister: Johnie Wallace.

He is survived by a son, George and wife Carol Hester, Jr. of Post; a daughter, Kim and husband Scott Copeland of Quinlan; a brother, H.L. 'Fritz' Hester of Breckenbridge; three sisters: Dorothy Mason of Post, Billie Meeks of Slaton and Mary Lee of Post; five grandchildren: Angela and husband Josh Whiteley, Patricia and husband Mullins, Copeland, Trevor Copeland and Hannibal Copeland; five greatgrandchildren: Destany Whiteley, Shawn Whiteley, Bryson Whiteley, Karmon Mullins and Jayd Copeland.

Wallace, Dickie Wallace, Scotty Copeland, Dennis Mason, Bobby Meeks and Jimmy Dell Hester.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Othella Chandler of Dalhart. Justice-Mason Funeral Home in

The Post Dispatch was founded in 1926.



Services for Winona Stephens (Barnett) Ward, 95, of Post, were 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the Church of Christ, 10th and Travis Sweet, minister. Burial followed in the Girard Cemetery in Kent County at 2 p.m. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, of Justice-Mason Funeral

Winona died Tuesday, March Center in Lubbock. He was born 24th, 2009 in the privacy of her on December 16, 1929 to Milton home. She was born August and Josie (Thomas) Hester in 23, 1913 to Aggie A. (A.G.) Garza County. He graduated and Lola Rue Stephens of Kent from Post High School and County along with 6 brothers joined the Army and served two and 3 sisters. Winona married Broadway Church of Christ in time working as a switchboard death April 7, 1995. They made in 1946 where Wallace managed Fritch, and Lubbock as a devoted years prior to her retirement. wife and mother of 3 sons before returning to Post for the remainder of her years.

> Winona was a devout believer in Christ with a strong devotion to her church, home, and her community. She often volunteered at the Golden Plains Care Center, and until recently could be found taking walks for to sew and read and was known often expressed her thankfulness McAfee on April 20, 2002. and love toward her church

Her husband Wallace preceded Hospice. her in death on December 4th, 1973. Winona later married Johnny Q. Ward on December 17, 1981. He died November 5, 1989. She is also preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, and one

She is survived by her three sons: Hugh Wallace Barnett of Ft. Worth, Herman Monroe Barnett of Mississippi and Johnny Leon Barnett of Rosharon, TX; five grandchildren: Clay Barnett and his wife Lisa of Elkhart, H. Gary Barnett of Bedford, Sandra Barnett of Euless, Johnny Barnett Pallbearers were: Charles and Coby Clay Barnett; two great-grandsons: Kyle Barnett and Brad Barnett of Elkhart; and two sisters: Beth Evans and husband M. D. of Abernathy and

Memorials in her honor to charities or organizations of your choice, if desired, would be

appreciated. Pallbearers were Del Wilson, Koen Josey, Kyle Josey, Kevin Hart, Jerry Eply, Bill McBride, Will McReynolds, Dan Rankin, Bart Whisenhunt and Kevin Hart.



Memorial services for Avenue M in Post, officiated Mollie O'Brien, 75, of Post were held Wednesday, April 1 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Travis Sweet of the Post Church of Christ officiating assisted by Charles McCook and Phil Demetro of VistaCare. Arrangements are under the direction of Hudman Funeral

She died Sunday, March 29, 2009 in Post. She was born August 1, 1933 in Jones County to Ted and Ruth (Williams) Washburn. She married Johnny McAfee in 1950. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1975. She later married L. H. O'Brien on Oct. 25, 1983 in Aransas Pass. He preceded her in death on June 22, 2000. She worked at the Postex Cotton Mills for many

Survivors include two sisters: Cedaelia Williams and LaVena Palmer both of Post and a brother: Glen Washburn of Denver.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a step-father, G. H. McAfee; three brothers: James McAfee, Robert McAfee, Norman Washburn and Benny Coble and two sisters: JoLena her regular exercise. She loved Bridgeman Blair and Ruth Palmer. She was also preceded for her dry wit and humor. She in death by her daughter, Kathy

The family who watched over her like memorials to American Lung Association VistaCare Or

> The record for a largemouth bass at Lake Alan Henry.... is 15.0 pounds caught by Billy Greeson on March 31, 2006. The fish was 25 ¼ inch long with a 22 inch girth



mind.

Georgia was my first cow. Ouch. Whether named for the song or the state, I don't know.

on rare occasions - like maybe carrying golf clubs or both. saw Georgia herself, grazing No horns. away in her new surroundings.

granddaughter of the man who anyway. bought Georgia. I mentioned the knew the venerable Georgia by name and told me she'd died not

I once had a cow named Georgia would have been about Georgia. She's been on my 100. Then I got my second surprise. Lightning killed her.

But if you're an old cow, I guess that's not a bad way to Not that she was really mine. go. In fact, in the bovine world When you're 5 years old, and it happens often enough to be a your daddy says it's your cow, natural cause - sort of like for it doesn't necessarily mean she's golfers. Chances of getting struck really yours. Sure enough, when and killed by lightning must we sold her a couple of years later, increase if you've got four feet I never saw the money. Instead, planted on the ground or if you're

twice -- when we happened to For that matter, maybe cow horns drive down a certain country road attract lighting. Maybe that's how several miles from our place, Georgia lived as long as she did.

Nope, no poster cow she. Then, one summer when Georgia was a plain old black was home from college and baldy - not the kind of cow that teaching swimming lessons, one makes a good wall mount or even of my students happened to be a a fancy rug. Here's to Georgia

There you have it - my first cow, and, amazingly enough, she cow eulogy and closure at last. Goodbye Georgia.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch and speaking of poster cows, Wow! In regular cow years here's a phone conversation

The Post Dispatch Friday, April 3, 2009 Page 3 I overheard just last week in

downtown Grapevine: "I bought a Texas longhorn. I shipped it by rail. It should be

there in three or four days." What? Since when do guys in jogging attire buy cows? And ship them by rail?

I quickened my own pace to catch up with the cell phone talker, but he walked into a busy restaurant and disappeared into a crowd of people who also didn't look like cattle buyers.

Somewhere, I thought, a topof-the-bloodline Texas longhorn must be ensconced in a special railcar, speeding over miles of track to a distant longhorndeficient part of the country, like maybe upstate New York, where nondescript dairy herds dot the landscape.

OK, so maybe I got a little carried away with my imaginary scenario, no doubt energized by classy downtown Grapevine, where Mercedes and BMWs outnumber Chevrolet pickups and my car was the only one with farm dents. What do I know about the upscale end of the longhorn business? Maybe that's how shipping works - the cow gets a one-way ticket on Amtrak. Georgia would have gotten the senior discount. Go Georgia.



**USMC Lance Corporal** Byron A. Soto

Byron Soto of Post has completed 6 weeks of Motor Vehicle Operator Course, 4 weeks of Logistics Vehicle Systems Operator Course, Completed AAA Driver Improvement Program. He received a grey belt in Marine Corps Martial family suggested Art Program. Byron also was awarded The Gung Ho Award for displaying Superior Motivation and Leadership while attending the LVS Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Marine Corps Detachment. He will be stationed in Lubbock, TX as a Marine

> Reserve. Byron is the son of Leslie and Augustine Soto, and the grandson of Felis and Abelardo Reyna and Lennor Ramirez and Pablo Soto.

Thanks For Reading!

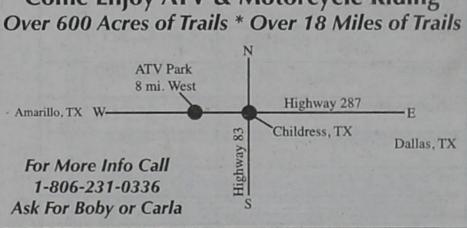


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Upon completion the following changes will take place: The Admitting desk, located in the main lobby, will be staffed from 7:00am - 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. Customers coming in to register for outpatient testing, surgery, etc. will need to enter through the main lobby during these hours of operation. Registration for outpatient services after normal hours of operation will take place in the Emergency Department.

Visiting hours for family and friends of patients will remain between the hours of 8:00am - 9:00pm, seven days a week. On weekends and after the hours of 9:00pm on weekdays, visitors will need to go to the Emergency Department to request a visitor's pass.

The staff of Cogdell Memorial Hospital thanks our patients and visitors for their support as we continue to provide the highest level of quality service to meet the health care needs in our community.



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

(Continued from Page 1) **Trailblazers Senior Citizens** Center

Game Night April 9 5:30 p.m. 205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group Heritage House April 9, 6 p.m. Call 495-4148 for information

> Varsity Baseball @ Shallowater April 10, 7 p.m.

Varsity Softball Vs. Denver City April 11, Noon

#### Teamwork ...

(Continued from Page 1) Be Gentleman." school work.

Both students expressed an appreciation for Sterline Marcum to District competition in the One and their experience in her The- Act Play competition last week. ater Arts class. "Being involved All Star cast members from the in One Act Play teaches us a work Post production of "Romeo and ethic, determination and team- Juliet" were: Kelly Chapa (Juliet), work," Miller explained. "It has Chad Miller (Romeo), Kat Villamade it easier to speak in front of lon (The Nurse), Clint Windham a crowd," Windham added.

sentative of a cast and crew of 19 his portrayal of Mercutio. Post High School students who have invested countless hours to represent their school in this UIL event. In addition, while all of Ledford described the Post perfor- 3rd, Brandon Martin - 13.8 7th, these young people may not participate in high school athletics, they are involved in other school activities, church activities, work, and, let's not forget, each is also

Post and Roosevelt advanced These two actors are repre- received Honorable Mention for Steve Mata 51.94

> The judge for the Zone Com- 2:37 petition was Traci Ledford, a PhD. candidate from Baylor University. mance as "a powerful ensemble show." and added, "I can't praise the beauty of the staging, lights, music, and costumes enough."

Once again the Bold Gold dealing with the challenges of has made us proud.

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Track teams for a good 54.04-3rd showing at the Dawson Track meet on Thursday. Results are listed below:

3200 Chris Zeleznikar-17:30

Cantrell/ 4x10 Reagan (Prince Escalus). Quinten Davis A.J.Gatica/ Travis Arguello/

800 M Patrick Martinez ñ 10th SteveMata ñ 2:49 15th Mike Rodriguez.- 3:44

100 M- Trevor Metcalf- 13.5 Laken Johnson- 15.00, McKinsey Cantrell- 16.10

4x200- Reagan Cantrell/A.J. Gatica/Travis Arguello /Patrick Martinez 1:49

400M Laken Johnson :74

Metcalf-Trevor

Running events were stopped after 200 because of time.

Jade Zeleznikar Shot 29.4, 1st McKinsey Cantrell 26.5, 4th A.J. Gatica 38, 7<sup>th</sup> 38.7, 6th Junior Vasquez Brian Armendariz 29.5 Discus Junior Vasquez '85í

Congratulations also to our Judging teams for the way they competed at Texas Tech last week. The Friday judging contest was rescheduled for this week at WT A&M.

**Events for This Week:** 

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Boys and Girls Track at Borden County on Saturday. Events for Next Week:

Monday- District Golf at Gaines County Course for Boys and Girls Golf teams

Tuesday- TAKS Math for 5th and 8th Grades

Wednesday- National Honor Society Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 7:30

Thursday- District Track Meet at Borden County Early release on Friday. The students will be getting out at noon.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

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The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

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All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interests.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79604, (325) 698-5560.

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be on April 4, 2009 at 1:00 pm - 2 pm at Bunny Lynch's house located at 403 Osage Street. Girls must be in 3rd - 6th grade and passing. The cost is \$25 per child and anticipating playing through June. All games will be played on Saturday. The League will provide softball shirts. Coordinators are: Bunny Lynch 620-0051 or Dawn Guerrero 241-1672 if you have any questions feel free to call.

Bake sale scheduled April 4th

Garza County Trailblazers will have a bake sale on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at United Supermarket from 8:30 am til all gone. Proceed to benefit the Garza County Trailblazer Center. Annual broom and mop sale

Post Rotary annual broom and mop sale will be on April 7, 2009 from 8 am - 5 pm. The sell will be located at 110 West Main

Golf Tournament Scheduled June 27

Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility's Women in Corrections organization is sponsoring a two man scramble golf tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society. The golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 27 at Elm Grove golf course in Lubbock. Cost is \$100 per team to play and hole sponsorship are \$150. Prizes will be awarded for winning teams, closest to the pin contest winners (male and female) and longest drive contest winners (male and Female). Contact Susan Little or Sara Mackey (495-2175) at the Dalby Facility to sign up.

Holy Cross Catholic church fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a fish fry every Friday during lent from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$7 a plate and the plate includes fish, beans, potato salad, slaw, drink.

Post Book Club

The Post Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 21 at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N. The book selection is "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown who is also the author of "The Da Vinci Code". For more information call the Heritage House, 495-4148 or Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665.

Quilt show

The Cotton Trail Quilters of Terry County are accepting entries for their Third Annual Quilt Show April 23-25. Comtempary and antique quilts are being accepted at teh Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield, TX 79316. Each entry must be accompanied by an Entry Form. The form can be found at http:// www.terrycountyquilts.com. Or, call 806-637-4060 to have an Entry form mailed. There is not entry fee. There is no limit to the number of quilts that a individual can enter. The deadline to turn quilts in will be 5 p.m. April 20. The Quilt Show will be in the building on the corner of South 5th and West Tate Streets in Brownfield from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. There is not admission fee and no judging; the purpose of the show is to enjoy quilts, salute quilter's and appreciate cotton.

Special account to help Clark family

A Special account has been setup for Chris Clark who is needing financial help to pay medical and utility bills. His kidneys have stopped working and he is permanently on dialysis or until a donor is found. He is unable to work at this time, for more information contact Suzie or Carol at Wells Fargo.

Class of 98' Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1998 is looking for a few classmates to contact for our upcoming reunion. If you have informaion regarding the following, please contact us at phs\_class98@yahoo. com or call Macee at 719-260-8312. We are missing home and email addresses for the following people: Danny Bilbo, Shad Bradford, Richard Cade, Trey Conner, Luke Cooper, Michelle Cotter, Bobbie Jo Davis, Joseph DeLosReyes, Patricia DeLuna, Micaela Eagle, Johnny Espitia, Jodi Foreman, Creselda Garcia, Troy Gilbert, Homer Gomez, Anthony Gomez, Imelda Gonzales, Jerry Graham, Chris Guerrero, Aaron Hanna, Sharlene Hymes, Clay Johnson, Chris Kagey, Erick Lopez, Amanda Martinez, Kayla Moore, Bryan Navarro, Brandon Patschke, John Perez, Amanda Pierce, Javier Ramos, Katrina Reed, Brian Reidel, Christy Reiter, Leonard Rodela,

Michael Sanchez, Brenda Simental and Sam Woods. Girls Scouts sell tickets for Mother's Day Basket

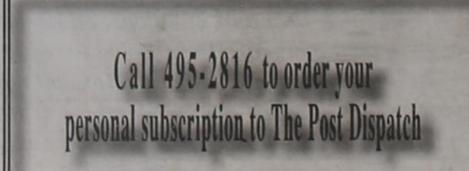
Post Girl Scouts will be selling tickets for a chance on gift baskets for Mother's Day. Each basket will have a variety of assorted items from local merchants. The tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on May 2nd at the Girl Scout Banquet. To purchase tickets, contact any Post Girl Scout or call one of the leaders to have a girl come by: Leslie Solis 495-4592, Alicia Graves 495-1029, Courtney Fontenot 239-0086, Jenny Francis 495-2146 or Carol Tobias 495-3057.

Special account at Wells Fargo

A special account has been set up at Wells Fargo for Justin and Holly Willson to help with funeral expenses for the daughter, the granddaughter of Cy and Charity and the great-granddaughter of the late Georgie Willson and Johnnie Willson. For more information contact Susie or Carol at Wells Fargo Bank at 495-2804.

"Reflections of Spring"

OS Museum invites you to view "Reflections of Spring" from 10 am to 12 and from 1 pm to 5 pm Monday thru Saturday. The location is 201 East Main Street and Ave I upstairs. Elevators for your convenience. For more information call 495-3570.



## In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

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Well......after it being so cold on Friday it warmed up pretty good, but we still have the wind to contend with. Even though we are in bad need of some moisture the guys are in the fields putting down chemical and getting listed for planting. Keep rain in your daily prayers.

News

Congratulations to Daniel and Veronica Contreras who are new parents to little Alexa who was born on Saturday March 28th, 2009 weighing 7 pounds. Proud grandparents are Martin and Aurora Esparza of Close City

Jerry and Judy Bush met up with Jerry Don and

Barba McCampbell in Lubbock Monday night to celebrate Jerry Don's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. They had supper at Harrigan's and enjoyed a good visit. Jerry Don and Barba live in Roswell, New Mexico.

Susan called me last night and told me the neatest story. Steve Gonzales works for Brookhollow Golf Course in Dallas where he is the assistant superintendent. George W Bush is an honorary member there and Tuesday he came to play golf. While there Steve got to meet him and shake his hand. He said it was an amazing sight to look out and see all the secret service around. Not bad for an 'ol Ragtown guy.....huh??

Visitors

Melanie Morris brought Jake by so he could spend the day with "Pawpaw." Chuck stopped in on his day off to visit. Billie Jean came by for a coke. Kristi Morris brought Rylan in for a while Tuesday afternoon. Grant Bright called to get some info. We had some seed delivered by a man that said he had first heard of Close City back in 1954 when he started hauling cotton seed for other gins. Until today he had never been in the big town of Close City and he was proud to finally get here!

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lilly Wilke Wright April 6<sup>th</sup> – Lorrye Lou Moore Anniversaries

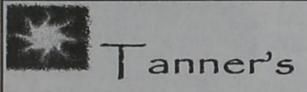
April 7th – Robby and Kerri Dean
Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham. If I am missing anyone from this list, please let me know. Keep our troops in your daily prayers and check out our blog at http://closecitycoopgin. blogspot.com don't forget to send me your recipe's so that I can post them on the blog.

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. If you don't tell me, I don't know to write about it. You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

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A RATTLE FOR ROBIN

Weekly Inspirations

By: Michael F. Taylor

In one of my former police officer jobs, I worked an off duty assignment at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. At around 1:00 A.M., it was the responsibility of the on duty officer to lock up the entire campus. This was a particularly enjoyable time for me because it took several hours and the cool of the night was always refreshing and invigorating. Making it even more enjoyable, my lovely wife and my oldest daughter (only three years old at the time), many times would come down to the campus and we would stroll leisurely through the manicured lawns while I locked up the buildings. On this particular night, Joyce and Robin had arrived and we were going through the usual routine when we came upon the Science Building. Now this distinctive structure always fascinated me due to the animals and plant life located on the third floor. Wanting to share with my wife and child the interesting creatures located there, I invited Joyce to go with me to the third story and look around for a few moments. Eagerly, Joyce took Robin by one hand and I the other as we ascended the stairs. Robin, a typically curious three year old, owed and awed over the trees and shrubs planted inside the building, going all the way up to the third floor. Upon our arrival, I explained to Joyce that inside a particular classroom there were numerous kinds of animals such as gerbils, squirrels, raccoons, and the like. Being the natural orator, I had both Joyce and Robin very interested in seeing all of the interesting creatures. Unfortunately, I was not aware that in the week which had passed since the last time I worked, a large cage had been placed on a stand directly across from the front door just to the left. The cage could not have been more than a foot away from the entrance to the room. Even more unfortunate for my young daughter, I had no inkling that several large Rattlesnakes were contained in that cage. Joyce and I entered the door with Robin between us, holding our hands swinging her arms happily. As we stepped all the way into the doorway, the biggest Rattlesnake I have ever seen struck the cage just inches from my arm. I ran one way and Joyce ran the other. And naturally, our parental instincts kicked in! Now granted, normally, it would have been the right thing to do, but neither of us let go of poor Robin's hands. Still to this day, she asks me why she has such long arms!

Let me tell you on that night, at that time, I was afraid! Have you ever felt that way? Do you have fear of what the economy has to bring? Or how you are going to be able to deal with some obstacle in your life? When I feel this way God reminds me of what the Psalmist said in Chapter 27, "1 The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. 3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. 4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock" NIV

Those words from King David encourage you and me today that the Lord Himself is not only our light and salvation, but also a stronghold in times of fear. So if you are facing a challenge this week and aren't sure of how you will ever be able to overcome, take solace in the Word of God and dwell in the Lord's tabernacle!

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Page 6 The Post Dispatch, Friday, April 3, 2009

Today

Post High School hosts track meet Post High School Tennis in Abilene meet

Saturday

**Baseball-Abernathy** @ Post; noon

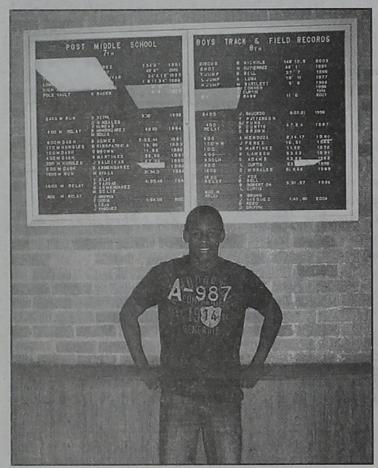
Softball-Slaton @ Post; noon Monday

Golf-Post Lopes @ Idalou in **District Tournament** 

Tuesday

Baseball-Idalou @ Post; 7 p.m. Softball-Post @ Idalou; 5 p.m. Wednesday

Golf-Lady Lopes @ Idlou in **District Tournament** 



#### Record Breaker ...

DJ Brown Is a 7th grader at Post Middle School. He recently broke 2 school track records last week. He broke the 200 meter dash record of 25.4 seconds, and the triple jump record of 34'6". His new records are 25.21 seconds in the 200 meter dash. His new record in the triple jump is 34'11."





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8th Grade Girls

Shot Put - 3rd place - Kristiana Perez 23'9"

Discus - 3rd place - Miley

McKee 67' Long Jump - 2nd place - Haily

Berry 14'4" 4th place - Mariah Morales

13'4" Triple Jump - 1st place - Haily

Berry 32'10"

Macie Merritt, Miley McKee, Slaton 12-3 last week. Mariah Morales, Haily Berry

800 m Run - 2nd place - Patti Lopez 2:49.96

5th place - Fernanda Contreras

6th place - Julie Boren

3:08.88 100m Hurdles - 1st place -

Mercedes Solarzono 18.03 100 M Dash - 1st place - Haily

Berry 13.79 3rd place - Miley McKee

14.77

4th place - Macie Merritt

4x200 m Relay - 3rd place - Macie Merritt, Morgan Deen, Kelsey Isbell, Miley McKee 2:06.79

400 m Dash - 2nd place -

Mariah Morales 66.85. 300 m Hurdles - 1st place -Mercedes Solarzano 52.95

200 m Dash - 3rd place -Morgan Deen 31.83

Fernanda Contreras 7:00.07 4x400 m Relay - 1st place

1600 m Run - 4th place -

- Haily Berry, Patti Lopez, Continued on page 7

Post's varsity Lopes fell in a district game to Littlefield 4-3. The JV fell 12-2. Top, Clint Windham is at the plate for the Lopes. Above, Chess Postell pitches for Lopes against Littlefield. Right, John Backo pitches for the Post JV squad. Below, the varsity 4x100 m Relay - 3rd place squad enjoys a rest after beating

Photos by Dianne James



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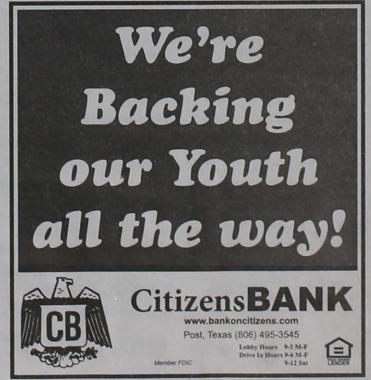
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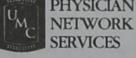


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7th Grade Girls Shot Put - 4th place - Britt

Steggs 20'11".5 6th place - Taylor Graves

Discus - 3rd place - Taylor Graves 58'3" 4th place - Britt Steggs

56'8" Smith 28'0" Long Jump - 4th place - Jaycee

Johnson 11'9" 100 m Hurdles - 1st place -Miranda Solarzano 19.38 6th place - Bethany Curtis

21.28 100 m Dash - 2nd place -Jaycee Johnson 14.09

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6th place - Cheyenne Gill 33.05

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> 400 m Dash - 2nd place -Taylor Osborn 70.78

300 m Hurdles - 1st place -Miranda Solarzano 55.05

200 m Dash - 2nd place -Jaycee Johnson 30.48 4th place - Jasmine Collazo

5th place - Katie Dunn 33.72

Sierra Hodge (above) tries

to make contact with a pitch Tuesday night. Left,

Bethany Berry attempts to

do the same. Below, Miran-

da Hair winds up for the pitch. The Lady Lopes are

at home Saturday against rival Slaton and are on the road Tuesday against Idal-

Photos by Lance Dunn

4x400 m Relay - 3rd place -Matti Smith, Bethany Curtis, Sierra Isbell, Taylor Osborn 5:03.86

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#### Card of Thanks

Words cannot express how very grateful I am for all the prayers, love and support, the flowers, cards and food. This has been a very long and difficult year for me. All your most wonderful prayers are what has seen me through it. Now, again thanks to prayers, doctor's treatment and God's healing grace I can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. Is is going to be a long and hard recovery to climb up the ladder, but I'm on my way up. I am so glad I am a part of the family of God. I am also so very glad to have the privilege to live in Post City - USA. Again, thank you all my Post City friends for prayers, love and support.

**Betty Posey** 

The family of Barbara Ethridge would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who called, visited us at the hospital, prayed for our family, brought food, and came out to the house just to visit with us during our time of loss. The outpouring of love from this community when we lost our Barb has just been amazing. Thank you for all the cards, donations and beautiful flowers. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Travis, Charles, Noel and Jane- the service was very special and we appreciate each of you

Sincerely, **Eddie and Debbie Hanks** Mike and Betsy Painter **Daymon Ethridge** 

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Family Group Meeting, meets at 8:00 p.m. Same building, different room. For info, contact: 495-3053

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**Marion Mathews** 

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Lunch-BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

April 8 Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch – Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, cherry bar, milk

April 9 Breakfast - Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk Lunch - Fajita chicken, oven rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, bread stick, fruit, milk

April 10 Breakfast - Student Holiday Lunch- Student Holiday

> Southland ISD April 6

Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger, hamburger fixings, tater tots, carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding, milk

April 7 Breakfast - Sausage & potato burrito, juice, milk

Lunch - Fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll, milk

April 8 Breakfast - Biscuits, bacon,

juice, milk Lunch- BBQ on a bun, baked

chips, corn cobbett, pickle spears, pineapple tidbits, milk April 9

Breakfast - Muffins, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch - Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

April 10 Breakfast - Holiday Lunch - Holiday

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April 7

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April 9

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Garza County ranchers and Jackson's Cafe. planned to protest against lowlevel bomber training across Snyder, Post and Lamesa area.

8-hour CPR course were Ivan were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Propst Court changed the place of Line, Dennis Mason, Les Looney, of Castle Rock, Colorado. Kelly Baker, Daniel Redman, Bobby Terry, Barry Morris, Jerry Ayala, son of Miguel and Delbert Rudd, Ronnie Metsgar, Francisca Ayala of Post departed Presbyterian Church. Darrell Reece and Mark Short.

More than 460 students and Pacific. coaches from area schools participated in the Caprock Relays Regional U.I.L. competition at increased interest paid on savings here, the first time in several years Texas Tech was Amy Thuett, accounts from two and one-half that Post High School had hosted Kevin Craig, Trushell Marts, percent to three percent. an area track meet.

> 20 Years Ago April 5, 1989

on the grand opening of Rumors totaled \$1,597,060.34. in Manna Square on East Main

Nona Lusk, Henri Warren, Ruth Martin, Zilla Huddleston site at the City-County Park was River Dam was expected to and Sara Ault represented Post at discussed by directors of the the Texas Extension Homemakers Post Chamber of Commerce at

at San Angelo, placing second in in the Community Room. the 200 meter dash with a time of

and Carry Farm and Ranch Store according to D. H. Bartlett.

30 Years Ago April 5, 1979

Visiting in the home of her during the 1969 cookie sale. Firefighters attending an mother, Mrs. Jim Hays, last week

for deployment in the Western

Representing Post in Holly Giddens and Kerri Pool.

Post Chamber of Commerce announced in a newsletter that the for the center of the church. directors Susan Pennell, Bryan official 1978 cotton production Williams, Becky McCullough, for Garza County totaled 19,020 youngest high school golf team open house for the station's new Joy Fluitt, Judy Wall, Kathy bales with 48,028.2 acres in the state represented Post High Service and Parts Departments. Floyd, Jan Crawford and Joe harvested for a 220 pounds per Harris congratulated Jess Ortiz acre yield. Low yield payments Floydada. On the Post team were

> 40 Years Ago April 3, 1969

The proposed trailer camp

Association, South Plains District a scheduled meeting, with the time table set up for the project Post High School One-Act Lubbock. Henri Warren won committee should confer with the Home Finance Agency. second place in crafts at the park board to see if the site could not be completed at once.

earned Best actor, Daniel Fluitt Antelope varsity boys' track team was honored with a bridal shower official survey made to determine

Airman Birch Lobban was city mail delivery here. named Outstanding Airman of the Business hit by a busy Month in his unit at Malmstrom

A checker tournament,

that the Post Girl Scouts sold 149 cases (1,788 boxes) of cookies

election for voters in the big Navy engine man Fireman Number 1 Post precinct back to Teen Town from the First

> 50 Years Ago April 2, 1959

The First National Bank

Landscaping began this week County executive director of at Calvary Baptist Church and a the ASCS office, Joe D. Barnes, new aisle had just been completed anniversary.

School at the district meet in freshmen Leslie Acker, Roger Camp and Lee Williams and sophomore Jimmy Minor.

Construction of the White get underway by April 1, 1960, according to the fast-moving

2. held at the KoKo Palace in directors deciding that a Chamber by officials of the Housing and

Interest grew higher in home mail delivery as nearly 400 Lannie Lee paced the Post Mrs. Benny Owen, recent bride, questionnaires were filed in the the advisability of establishing

> 60 Years Ago April 7, 1949

Johnny Thurman and his band, of Lamesa, were scheduled to play at the annual Fireman's

For the second time in Mrs. Alton Clary announced recent weeks, the Post Dispatch telephone rang early in the week with calls from News Tipsters regarding an airplane flying over The County Commissioners Post and leaving a vapor trail across the sky.

> Mayor John T. Herd and Commissioners Vachel Anderson and Glenn Kahler were re-elected for second two-year term in the city election.

> A. B. Haws, announced a 10-day Haws Department Store sale in observance of his 20th anniversary in business here, said that he and his son and junior partner, Burnon Haws, were now looking forward to their 40th

Wilson Brothers Station on What might have been the South Broadway held a formal

> Carolyn Hudman and Gene Young were both honored with birthday parties this week.

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Troop #6064 Front row (left to right): D'Kota Walls, Darcie Sanchez, MyKayla Ortiz, Victoria Gutierrez, Ericka Solis Back row: Leaders Beckie Stelzer and Leslie Solis

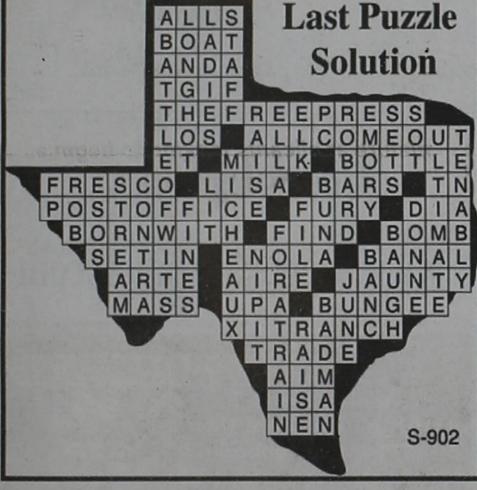


Troop #6741 Front row (left to right): Marisa Gutierrez, Cierra Fontenot, Courtney Ramirez, Jaycee Moore, Alondra Vazquez Back row: Leaders Jenny Frances, Courtney Fontenot, Marisa Vazquez



Back row (left to right): Joni Huffman, Hailea Apolinar, Cecilia Hernandez, Kara Thomas, Heather Jackson, Averi Graves, Sylvia Hernandez, Alicia Graves, Jennifer Brown Middle Row: Caitlyn Silva, Elizabeth Soria, J'nia Brown, Kierra Curtis, Katelynn Clark, Addisen Rodriguez, Alexus Rodriguez. Front Row: Courtney Lamb, Ryleigh Graves, Shayla Brown, Krista Moore(Not Pictured: Delaney Fluitt, Marissa Luna, Yesenia, M'Keison Guerrero)

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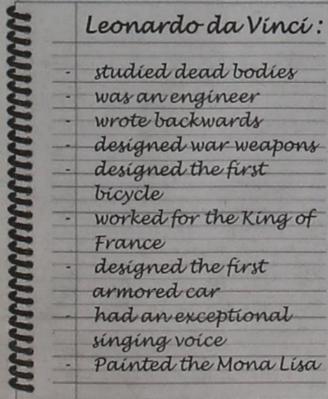


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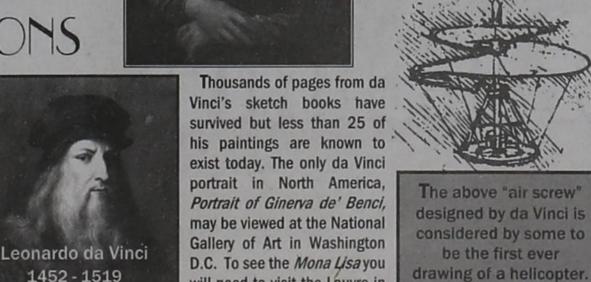
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Thousands of pages from da survived but less than 25 of his paintings are known to exist today. The only da Vinci portrait in North America, Portrait of Ginerva de' Benci, Gallery of Art in Washington

Vinci's sketch books have may be viewed at the National D.C. To see the Mona Lisa you will need to visit the Louvre in Paris, France.

If you guessed all of the statements (left) are true you are definitely "Art Smart". Leonardo was quite a guy. It wasn't enough he painted the most famous piece of art in the word, The Mona Lisa. Renaissance man, Leonardo, also studied botany (plants) and anatomy (the human body). To become a more realistic painter he dissected over 30 corpses. A slight problem since cutting up cadavers (dead bodies) was illegal! Leonardo made his living designing cities and weapons to protect the cities from attack. He was also an accomplished musician and inventor of musical instruments. But, da Vinci did have his faults. He rarely finished projects he started and had trouble getting up in the morning. We can't be all perfect, even if your name is Leonardo.





←A drawing from Leonardo's sketch book,

created 300 years before the parachute

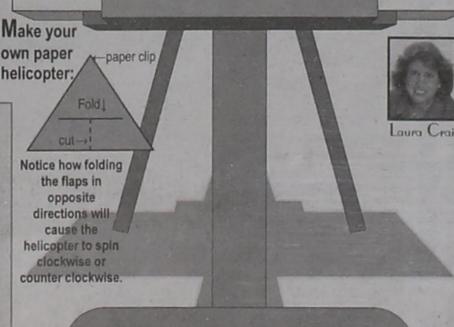
was invented.

If art is "priceless" does that mean it is free?

No. It means its value is beyond measure, so valuable it is hard to assign a monetary value.

In 1962 the Mona Lisa was insured for over \$100,000 making it the most expensive painting in the world. Today it is valued at well over 500 million dollars.

In 1995 software billionaire, Bill Gates, purchased one of the Leonardo da Vinci sketch books (page sample left) for 30.8 million.



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#### Effects...

(Continued from page 2) Obama administration has just put every American taxpayer on the hook for potentially billions in auto repairs!

Obama's auto task force is also calling the shots on which models GM should produce and sell, and telling Chrysler who to merge with and for how much all the while holding additional bailout billions over the heads of the two "private" corporations in case they refuse to abide by the government's wishes.

pro-free market One commentator told me that "Obama might as well have reached into the corporate boardroom and started running that company."

"That's exactly what he did," I said.

Obama's actions "should send a chill through those who believe in free enterprise," said Tennessee Senator Bob Corker.

How true.

And yet even as the government is guaranteeing GM's warranties and providing an undisclosed amount of interim operating cash during this latest two-month reprieve, Obama and his socialist sycophants are pretending that they have administered some "tough love" to the company.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

America should have never taken those first, fateful steps down the road toward our present socialist experiment. And yet \$13 trillion later, with the market still in shambles, jobs still on the decline and income levels flatter than pancakes, we're stuck with an administration that seems hell bent on pushing the envelope of government control as far as it will go.

How bad has it gotten for what's left of our free market?

Consider this - three months ago language like "socialist sycophants" would have been considered over the top.

Not anymore, though. What used to pass for rhetorical "red meat" among true free market supporters is now putting things mildly.

With each fresh interventionist encroachment, Obama is twisting the knife deeper into the belly of an economic system that founded, built and sustained these United States through generations.

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billions of dollars lost and tens of thousands of jobs lost, Rick Wagoner deserved to be shown the door at GM.

But that should be a decision reserved for GM shareholders.

The fact that such a decision was made unilaterally by the President of the United States holding the taxpayers' checkbook in his hand as he made it - runs completely counter to everything this country stands for.

Yesterday's invisible hand has become today's iron fist.

We must unclench it, or risk joining our former Cold War adversaries on the ash-heap of history.

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## Russell Graves Outdoors Elk Camp

By Russell A. Graves

If you have a list of things you must do in life, consider this: go to the mountains and see the elk rut. Believe me, you'll love the spectacle.

Last September, my wife Kristy and I loaded up our two kids and headed for the Colorado mountains just outside of Estes Park. Having never been to

the mountains in the fall, I was taken aback by the beauty of the area as autumn slowly transformed the landscape. Punctuate the beauty of the mountains with the eerie sounds of bull elk bugling in the alpine valleys and you have all the makings of a memorable outdoor experience.

In Rocky Mountain National Park, the elk graze along side the road and are unfazed by the legions of cars that ease past them while eager wildlife watchers capture images with video cameras, cell phones, and high-end photographic equipment. In these parts, the elk rut is a bona-fide tourist attraction that brings people from all over the nation to see the natural spectacle. Amazingly, each evening parked cars and lawn chairs line one of the cul de sac-esque park roads as hundreds of people pause to watch the bull elk fight and chase one another in an attempt to protect their harem of cows from unwanted suitors.

Like many of the nation's wildlife species, the story of the elk is one of success. At the turn of the



twentieth century North American elk numbers were a paltry 41,000 nationwide. One hundred years and millions of sportsman's dollars later, the elk's numbers are over 800,000 strong and growing and, as in the case of Estes Park, their presences pumps hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy annually.

In early March, elk fever reached down into Texas as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation held their 25th annual meeting in Fort Worth. While in attendance I watched the World Elk Calling Championships, visited booth after booth about all things hunting, and gained a renewed appreciation for the foundation and all they do to ensure the survival of a

western icon.

- For example, since the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's founding in 1984, the group has:
- Protected and enhanced more than 5.7 million acres of elk habitat
- Secured or opened more than 580,000 acres for public access including hunting and other outdoor
- Initiated more than 6,190 permanent land protection, habitat stewardship, elk restoration, conservation education and hunting heritage projects
- · Restored long-absent elk populations to Kentucky, North Carolina, Ontario, Tennessee, and Wiscon-
- Built a national membership of more than 155,000
- Established more than 500 chapters in the United States
- · Mustered more than 10,000 volunteers for various projects

In the end, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation left an indelible mark in Texas by raising more than \$1.5 million during the four-day event.

For more information about the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, check out www.rmef.org

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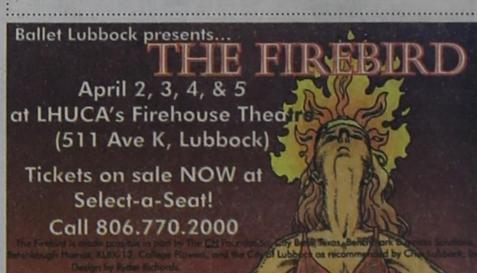
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