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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](http://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 reservations

**Trailblazers Senior Citizens 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

up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2008.

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-to-date, 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 individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose

districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation 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, \$3,706.99, 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 percent, year-to-date - \$708,312.45, up 2.18 percent.

## 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 people."

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 home in Lamesa; however, once the closing on the family's house is complete, they will make their home here.

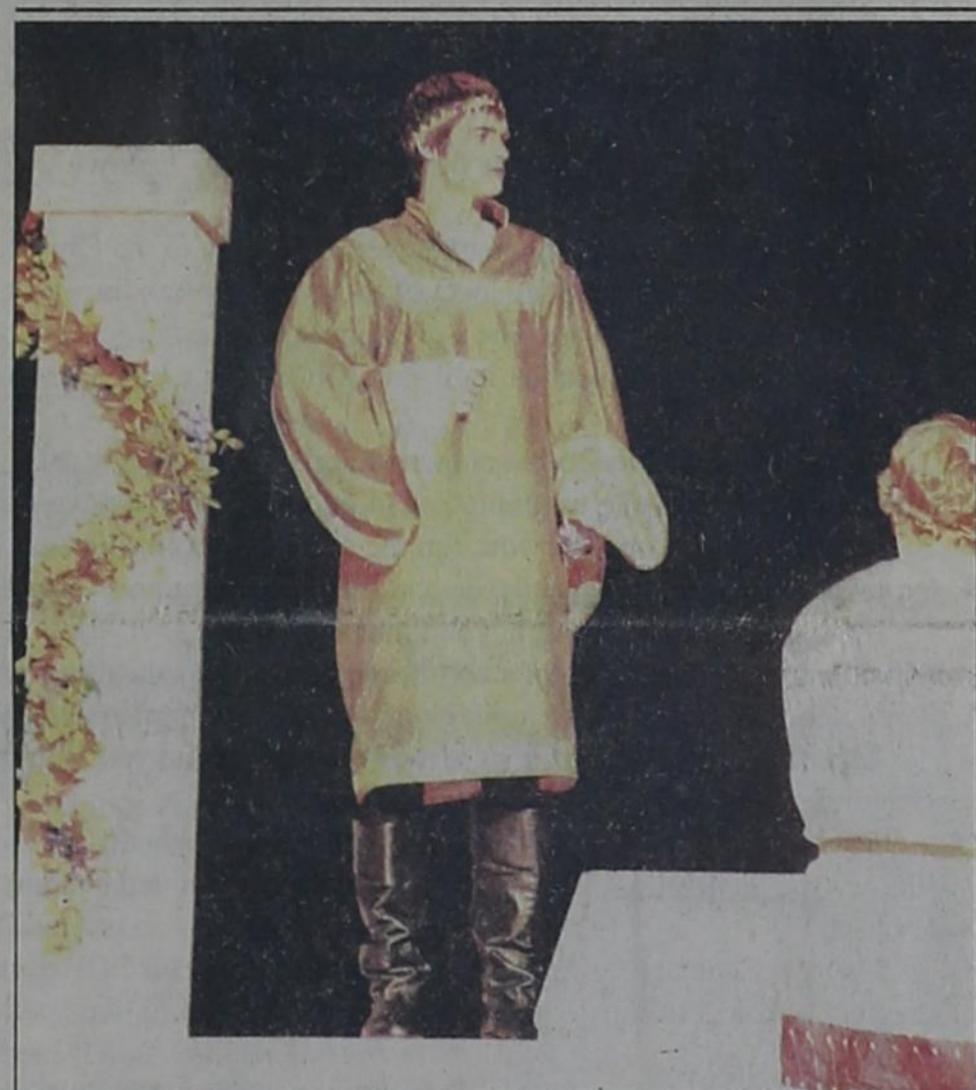
"My personal goals are to

plant roots, work the rest of my career in a place I can call home and get my girls ready to meet life as we hopefully did our son. I think we can accomplish these goals in Post," Taylor said.



New City Manager Arbie Taylor

Photo by Rosa Latimer



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

## 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](mailto: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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# Obituaries

## George "Shorty" Hester



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 27, 2009 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born on December 16, 1929 to Milton and Josie (Thomas) Hester in Garza County. He graduated from Post High School and joined the Army and served two years. After being discharged he returned to Post and married Jerry Short May 11, 1956 at the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock. Jerry preceded him in death April 7, 1995. They made their home in Post and Shorty worked for Exxon Mobile at the 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: Johnnie 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 Breckenridge; 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 Chance Mullins, Kelly Copeland, Trevor Copeland and Hannibal Copeland; five great-grandchildren: Destany Whiteley, Shawn Whiteley, Bryson Whiteley, Karmon Mullins and Jayd Copeland.

Pallbearers were: Charles 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 Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

**The Post Dispatch was founded in 1926.**

## Winona Ward



Services for Winona Stephens (Barnett) Ward, 95, of Post, were 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the Church of Christ, 10<sup>th</sup> and Avenue M in Post, officiated by 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 Home.

Winona died Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 in the privacy of her home. She was born August 23, 1913 to Aggie A. (A.G.) and Lola Rue Stephens of Kent County along with 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Winona married Wallace Ferd Barnett on March 28, 1937 in Crosbyton, TX, moved to Girard, and enjoyed her time working as a switchboard operator before moving to Post in 1946 where Wallace managed the Forest Lumber Company. She followed him to Anton, Wolforth, Fritch, and Lubbock as a devoted 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 her regular exercise. She loved to sew and read and was known for her dry wit and humor. She often expressed her thankfulness and love toward her church family who watched over her like angels.

Her husband Wallace preceded her in death on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 sister.

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 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 Othella Chandler of Dalhart.

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.

## Mollie O'Brien



Memorial services for 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 Home.

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 Post Cotton Mills for many years prior to her retirement.

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 Bridgeman Blair and Ruth Palmer. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy McAfee on April 20, 2002.

The family suggested memorials to American Lung Association or VistaCare Hospice.

**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 1/4 inch long with a 22 inch girth**



I once had a cow named Georgia. She's been on my mind.

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

Not that she was really mine. When you're 5 years old, and your daddy says it's your cow, it doesn't necessarily mean she's really yours. Sure enough, when we sold her a couple of years later, I never saw the money. Instead, on rare occasions - like maybe twice -- when we happened to drive down a certain country road several miles from our place, I saw Georgia herself, grazing away in her new surroundings.

Then, one summer when I was home from college and teaching swimming lessons, one of my students happened to be a granddaughter of the man who bought Georgia. I mentioned the cow, and, amazingly enough, she knew the venerable Georgia by name and told me she'd died not long before.

Wow! In regular cow years

Georgia would have been about 100. Then I got my second surprise. Lightning killed her. Ouch.

But if you're an old cow, I guess that's not a bad way to go. In fact, in the bovine world it happens often enough to be a natural cause - sort of like for golfers. Chances of getting struck and killed by lightning must increase if you've got four feet planted on the ground or if you're carrying golf clubs or both.

For that matter, maybe cow horns attract lightning. Maybe that's how Georgia lived as long as she did. No horns.

Nope, no poster cow she. Georgia was a plain old black baldy - not the kind of cow that makes a good wall mount or even a fancy rug. Here's to Georgia anyway.

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

Meanwhile, back at the ranch and speaking of poster cows, here's a phone conversation

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 top-of-the-bloodline Texas longhorn must be ensconced in a special railcar, speeding over miles of track to a distant longhorn-deficient 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 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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**Renovations are nearing completion in the Emergency Department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Once complete there will be a separate entrance for emergency services and the main hospital. This will allow medical staff to provide quicker and more efficient services to our patients.**

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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**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 ...**

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Be Gentleman." Both students expressed an appreciation for Sterline Marcum and their experience in her Theater Arts class. "Being involved in One Act Play teaches us a work ethic, determination and teamwork," Miller explained. "It has made it easier to speak in front of a crowd," Windham added.

These two actors are representative of a cast and crew of 19 Post High School students who have invested countless hours to represent their school in this UIL event. In addition, while all of 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 dealing with the challenges of

school work. Post and Roosevelt advanced to District competition in the One Act Play competition last week. All Star cast members from the Post production of "Romeo and Juliet" were: Kelly Chapa (Juliet), Chad Miller (Romeo), Kat Villalon (The Nurse), Clint Windham (Prince Escalus), Quinten Davis received Honorable Mention for his portrayal of Mercutio.

The judge for the Zone Competition was Traci Ledford, a PhD. candidate from Baylor University. Ledford described the Post performance 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 has made us proud.

**Southland News**

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

- 3200 Chris Zeleznikar-17:30 4<sup>th</sup>
- 4x10 Reagan Cantrell/A.J.Gatica/ Travis Arguello/ Steve Mata 51.94
- 800 M Patrick Martinez ñ 2:37 10<sup>th</sup> SteveMata ñ 2:49
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mike Rodriguez.- 3:44
- 100 M- Trevor Metcalf- 13.5 3rd, Brandon Martin - 13.8 7th, Laken Johnson- 15.00, McKinsey Cantrell- 16.10
- 4x200- Reagan Cantrell/A.J. Gatica/Travis Arguello /Patrick Martinez 1:49
- 400M Laken Johnson :74

300M Trevor Metcalf- 54.04-3<sup>rd</sup>

Running events were stopped after 200 because of time.  
 Shot Jade Zeleznikar 29.4, 1<sup>st</sup> McKinsey Cantrell 26.5, 4<sup>th</sup> A.J. Gatica 38, 7<sup>th</sup> Junior Vasquez 38.7, 6<sup>th</sup> Brian Armendariz 29.5  
 Discus Junior Vasquez '85f

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:**

FFA Area Judging contest at Texas Tech on Saturday  
 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.

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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 Street.

**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. Contemporary 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 information regarding the following, please contact us at [p\\_h\\_s\\_class98@yahoo.com](mailto:p_h_s_class98@yahoo.com) or call Macee at 719-260-8312. We are missing home and e-mail 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.

**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 74<sup>th</sup> 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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McLean	6,100
Mitchell County	≈15,000
Monahans	128,082
Morton	28,140
Nazareth	2,080
Parmer County	17,675
Post	42,321
Roscoe	≈10,000
Shallowater	20,133
Swisher County	1,614
Tahoka	16,942
Tulia	17,012
Ward County	67,114
Whiteface	9,163
<b>Total Square Yards</b>	<b>≈705,145</b>

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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The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

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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 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79604, (325) 698-5560.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325) 698-5560.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

### Weather

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### Birthdays

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lilly Wilke Wright  
April 6<sup>th</sup> - Lorry Lou Moore

### Anniversaries

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 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://closecitycoopin.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](mailto:close.city.coop@pcca.com).

## Weekly Inspirations

### A RATTLE FOR ROBIN

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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Sierra Hodge (above) tries to make contact with a pitch Tuesday night. Left, Bethany Berry attempts to do the same. Below, Miranda Hair winds up for the pitch. The Lady Lopes are at home Saturday against rival Slaton and are on the road Tuesday against Idalou.

Photos by Lance Dunn



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Idalou 103	Triple Jump - 2nd place - Matti Smith 28'0"	400 m Dash - 2nd place - Taylor Osborn 70.78	5:03.86
Floydada 68	Long Jump - 4th place - Jaycee Johnson 11'9"	300 m Hurdles - 1st place - Miranda Solarzano 55.05	Team Totals: Shallowater 200
Abernathy 58	100 m Hurdles - 1st place - Miranda Solarzano 19.38	200 m Dash - 2nd place - Jaycee Johnson 30.48	Abernathy 111
	6th place - Bethany Curtis 21.28	4th place - Jasmine Collazo	Idalou 108
<b>7th Grade Girls</b>	100 m Dash - 2nd place - Jaycee Johnson 14.09		Post 99
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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 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

## Personals

### Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous

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### Post Al-Anon

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

Public apology to all concerned about the items missing from my home, some are still missing. Everyone concerned.

Marion Mathews

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago  
April 2, 1999

Post High School One-Act Play cast members performed the ambitious "Beckett" during U.I.L. competition. Clell Knight earned Best actor, Daniel Fluitt was named to the All-Star Cast and Matt Cooper was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. The cast included Cooper, Knight, Fluitt, Clay Ashley, Derek Cowley, Amy Pedersen, Tisha Cowley, Kelsey Wimmer, Lindsey Rudd, Jay Cole, Becca Stelzer and Pam Chapman.

Garza County ranchers planned to protest against low-level bomber training across Snyder, Post and Lamesa area.

Firefighters attending an 8-hour CPR course were Ivan Line, Dennis Mason, Les Looney, Kelly Baker, Daniel Redman, Bobby Terry, Barry Morris, Delbert Rudd, Ronnie Metsgar, Darrell Reece and Mark Short.

More than 460 students and coaches from area schools participated in the Caprock Relays here, the first time in several years that Post High School had hosted an area track meet.

20 Years Ago  
April 5, 1989

Post Chamber of Commerce directors Susan Pennell, Bryan Williams, Becky McCullough, Joy Fluitt, Judy Wall, Kathy Floyd, Jan Crawford and Joe Harris congratulated Jess Ortiz on the grand opening of Rumors in Manna Square on East Main Street.

Nona Lusk, Henri Warren, Ruth Martin, Zilla Huddleston and Sara Ault represented Post at the Texas Extension Homemakers

Association, South Plains District 2, held at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock. Henri Warren won second place in crafts at the meeting.

Lannie Lee paced the Post Antelope varsity boys' track team at San Angelo, placing second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.83.

Business hit by a busy burglar who netted a total of \$250 were Wallace Lumber, Video Depot, Dr. Tubbs' office, LaPosta, Windham Butane, Cash and Carry Farm and Ranch Store and Jackson's Cafe.

30 Years Ago  
April 5, 1979

Visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Hays, last week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Propst of Castle Rock, Colorado.

Navy engine man Fireman Jerry Ayala, son of Miguel and Francisca Ayala of Post departed for deployment in the Western Pacific.

Representing Post in Regional U.I.L. competition at Texas Tech was Amy Thuet, Kevin Craig, Trushell Marts, Holly Giddens and Kerri Pool.

County executive director of the ASCS office, Joe D. Barnes, announced in a newsletter that the official 1978 cotton production for Garza County totaled 19,020 bales with 48,028.2 acres harvested for a 220 pounds per acre yield. Low yield payments totaled \$1,597,060.34.

40 Years Ago  
April 3, 1969

The proposed trailer camp site at the City-County Park was discussed by directors of the Post Chamber of Commerce at

a scheduled meeting, with the directors deciding that a Chamber committee should confer with the park board to see if the site could not be completed at once.

Mrs. Benny Owen, recent bride, was honored with a bridal shower in the Community Room.

Airman Birch Lobban was named Outstanding Airman of the Month in his unit at Malmstrom AFB, Montana.

A checker tournament, with play every other Tuesday, began at Caprock Golf Course, according to D. H. Bartlett.

Mrs. Alton Clary announced that the Post Girl Scouts sold 149 cases (1,788 boxes) of cookies during the 1969 cookie sale.

The County Commissioners Court changed the place of election for voters in the big Number 1 Post precinct back to Teen Town from the First Presbyterian Church.

50 Years Ago  
April 2, 1959

The First National Bank increased interest paid on savings accounts from two and one-half percent to three percent.

Landscaping began this week at Calvary Baptist Church and a new aisle had just been completed for the center of the church.

What might have been the youngest high school golf team in the state represented Post High School at the district meet in Floydada. On the Post team were freshmen Leslie Acker, Roger Camp and Lee Williams and sophomore Jimmy Minor.

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

time table set up for the project by officials of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Interest grew higher in home mail delivery as nearly 400 questionnaires were filed in the official survey made to determine the advisability of establishing city mail delivery here.

60 Years Ago  
April 7, 1949

Johnny Thurman and his band, of Lamesa, were scheduled to play at the annual Fireman's Ball, to be held in City Hall.

For the second time in recent weeks, the Post Dispatch telephone rang early in the week with calls from News Tipsters regarding an airplane flying over 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 anniversary.

Wilson Brothers Station on South Broadway held a formal open house for the station's new Service and Parts Departments.

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

## Post Girl Scouts Celebrate Girl Scout Week



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



Troop # 6864 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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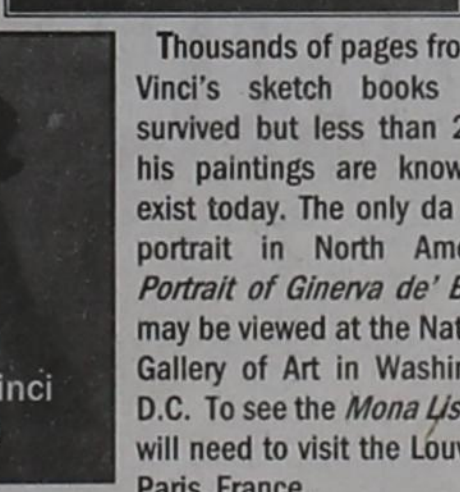
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### LEONARDO LESSONS

#### VOL 119 TRUE OR FALSE?

- Leonardo da Vinci:**
- studied dead bodies
  - was an engineer
  - wrote backwards
  - designed war weapons
  - designed the first bicycle
  - worked for the King of France
  - designed the first armored car
  - had an exceptional singing voice
  - Painted the Mona Lisa

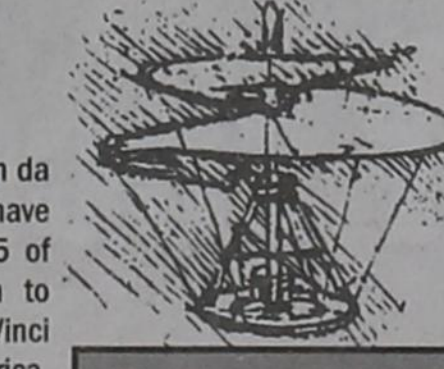
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Thousands of pages from da Vinci's sketch books have survived but less than 25 of his paintings are known to exist today. The only da Vinci portrait in North America, *Portrait of Ginevra de' Benci*, may be viewed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. To see the *Mona Lisa* you will need to visit the Louvre in Paris, France.



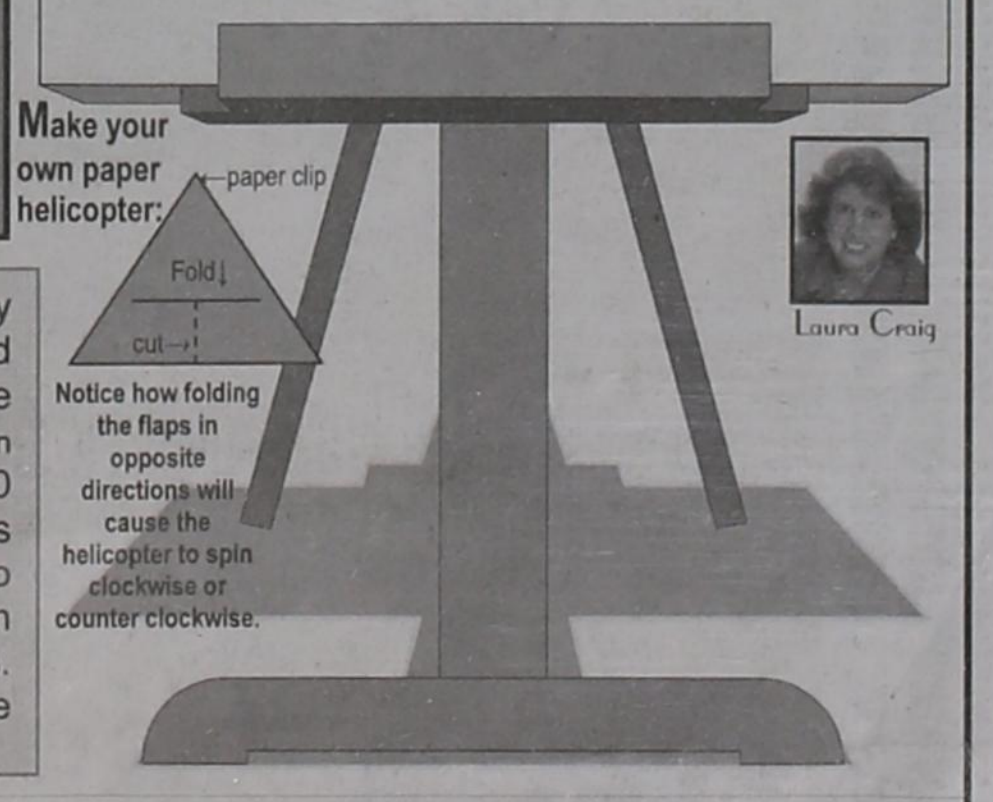
← A drawing from Leonardo's sketch book, created 300 years before the parachute was invented.



The above "air screw" designed by da Vinci is considered by some to be the first ever drawing of a helicopter.

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.

One pro-free market 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.

Certainly, based on tens of

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 recreation
- 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 Wisconsin
- 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](http://www.rmef.org)

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at [russell@russellgraves.com](mailto:russell@russellgraves.com) or visit his website at [www.russellgraves.com](http://www.russellgraves.com)

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