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Post Antelope "Exes" team played the Big Spring Steers in an Alumni game Sunday, April 25 in Big Spring Memorial Stadium.

## Junior high holds annual honor society induction

Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society held the 2010 Induction Ceremony on Monday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the middle school library. Campbell Kirkpatrick, president of the organization, conducted the ceremony.

Guest speaker was Mr. Marvin Self, middle school principal. He spoke to students on the seven things to remember as they continue to be successful.

Eighth grade members who spoke at the ceremony were Katie Dunn, Sara Greer, Tyler Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Taylor Osborn, and Matti Smith. Seventh grade members who assisted were Dakota Greer, Kelsey Griffin, Carson Kirkpatrick, and Kelbie Oden. New members inducted were Kimberleigh Orona, Savina Gomez, and Kaitlyn Walden. Sponsor for the organization is Pam Humble.

Eighth graders were given national certificates in recognition of their membership.

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## Saturday election day in Post

If you missed the opportunity to vote early in the city council and school board election, you can cast your vote for both this Saturday, May 8 at the Community Center, 113 W. Main, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The school board race for two at-large positions drew almost twice the amount of early voters as last year's race with a total of 447 early votes cast. Post ISD School Board candidates for two at-large positions are Theresa Doggett, Drew Kirkpatrick, Robbie Williams and incumbent Diann Windham.

Early voting was light for City Council positions: sixty-five votes were cast for Ward 4; thirty-five votes for Ward 5. Candidates for City Council are Ward 4, O. L. (Ferg) Ferguson and Mark Short; Ward 5, Brant Guthrie, Terri Morris and Anita Morris.



Courtesy photo

Members of Post NJHS are (from left) front: Savina Gomez, Kaitlyn Walden, Dakota Greer, Katie Dunn, Matti Smith, Kelsey Griffin, Kimberleigh Orona; back: Tyler Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Taylor Osborn, Sara Greer, Kelbie Oden, Carson Kirkpatrick.



Courtesy photo

National Junior Honor Society Eighth Grade Members are (from left): Tyler Jones, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Katie Dunn, Taylor Osborn, Matti Smith, Sara Greer.



### Love Living in Post

I love living in Post! My family and I had a great time Saturday with Little League activities and Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, we all had fun right here in our little hometown. We have our ups and downs, but bottom line, there is more good here than bad. We should all be proud.

### Front Page Coverage

I really don't believe that a trial for a DWI needs to be on the front page. By telling all

who read the paper that the defendant had 8 DWIs in the past 35 years. Who of us could look back 35 years and not find things we would like to have done differently? I'm sure this man paid a hefty financial price for those charges. Does he really need to be crucified in his hometown newspaper? I say to him, "keep doing what you are doing. Your best days are in front of you!"

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send continued on page 9

## Bold Gold Exes face Big Spring in Alumni game

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

Representatives from several past Bold Gold football teams came together to wear their school colors once again in an Alumni football game against the Big Spring Steers last Sunday afternoon at Big Spring Memorial Stadium. Originally the 4A school, was scheduled to play Lamesa and the Antelopes were to play Slaton. However, Slaton and Lamesa were "no shows" and Post, with traditional Bold Gold grit, took on the challenge to play the 4A opponent.

Post players were: Jared Blevins, Josh Lee, Brody Robertson, Pat Reiter, J. J. Harris, Zack Sanchez, Aaron Fox, D. J. Rivera, Cody Fox, David Lee

Rivera, John Vasquez, Justin Raymundo, Bryan Looney, Colt Mason, Brandon Perez, Jeremy Short, Chessuaf Garcia, Andrew Martinez, Victor Soto, Jovanni Garay, Kenneth Garay.

The final score was Big Spring 20, Post Antelopes 7. Jared Blevins scored the sole touchdown for the Antelopes and earned the Defensive MVP Award. Other

Antelope standouts were: Brody Robertson, Offensive MVP; Bryan Looney, Team Captain and Best Lineman; Andrew Martinez, PHS '98, Oldest Post Player in the game.

Even facing a team with many more subs and officials with less than accurate judgment, the Bold Gold gave their fans a great afternoon of football.

## Post Notes

### Car Wash Fundraiser

Building 3115 Youth Ministry will have a car wash fundraiser Saturday, May 8 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sonic.

### Post Masonic Lodge Open Meeting

Post Masonic Lodge #1058 AF & AM will have an annual roll call and open meeting May 13, 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served.

### Calvary Baptist Church Meet and Greet

Calvary Baptist Church will have a meet and greet this Saturday, May 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in their fellowship hall for the community to meet their new pastor and his wife, Darren and Holly Weaver. Refreshments will be served.

### Pre-K Registration Still Open

Pre-registration for Pre-Kindergarten at Post Elementary is currently still open. If you missed the Pre-K round-up held on April 20th you may still pre-register your child. Please come to the elementary school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The child must be four years old by September 1, 2010. Pre-K will be all day for the 2010-2011 school year. Please bring the child's social security card, birth certificate and immunization record as well as a parent's drivers license and proof of residency in Garza County (any document mailed to your home or P.O. Box with your residence address printed on it). If you have any questions, please call the school at 495-3414.

### Mobile Dental Unit in Post

The Community Health Center Mobile Health Unit

will be in Post Tuesday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the South Plains Community Action Building, So. Hwy. 84. The mobile unit provides dental and medical care for children and adults on a sliding-fee scale, based on income and family size. The unit accepts Medicaid, CHIP and other forms of insurance. To schedule an appointment call 1-866-788-2425.

### East Side Clean Up Planned

East side clean up is set for May 14 & 15. The group will be mowing, removing trash from empty lots as well as clearing debris. The Power House Church of God in Christ will be the host church on Saturday. An advance meeting will be at Pleasant Home Baptist church, Monday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your ideas or concerns to this meeting.

### Special Stamp Cancellation Coming To Post May 19

The Texas Plains Trail Region and the Postal Service are partnering together to do a pictorial Special Stamp Cancellation postmark in the county seat of the 52 counties in the Plains Region. This is an effort to promote travel and heritage tourism by connecting points of pride, and hopefully generate a little revenue for the Postal Service.

An identical postage cancel for every county has been produced for each county seat Post Office. You are invited to join the fun at the Post Post Office at 11:00, May 19.

For more information, visit [www.TexasPlainsTrail.com](http://www.TexasPlainsTrail.com) or e-mail Deborah Sue McDonald, Regional Executive Director at: [tx-plainstrail@yahoo.com](mailto:tx-plainstrail@yahoo.com).

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## Chamber News

There were a total of 17 outside booths at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown last Saturday. When you add all of our local merchants, that's quite a shopping experience. The next event is June 5.

There is a lot going on this month. On May 13, the community is invited to a retirement reception for our school Superintendent, Marlin Marcum. It will be at the Heritage House from 4-6 p.m.

May 18 will be the Garza County Job Fair at the PACC office from noon - 3:00 p.m. All employers are welcome. If you would like to have a booth, please call 495-3461.

May 19 will be the Texas Plains Trail Postage Cancellation Project in Post. This is a fun event, so watch for more details.

This weekend, both theaters will have productions. "Peter the Rock" will be at Ragtown Gospel Theater Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Satur-

day at 3:00 p.m. The Garza Theatre will offer "The Mystery of Irma Vep" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to our

members of the week: Silver Members RUSTY'S COTTAGE & TANNER'S APPLIANCE, HEATING AND AIR.



Photo by Janice Plummer  
 CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER TANNER'S APPLIANCE, HEATING AND AIR.

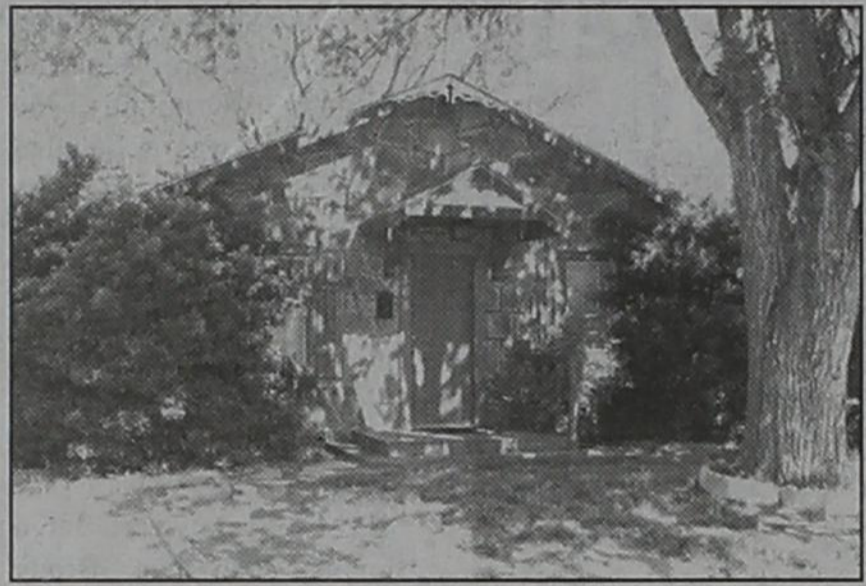


Photo by Harry Record  
 MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER RUSTY'S COTTAGE

## Chandler Receives Promotion

Jennifer C. Chandler has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Chandler, a noncommissioned officer in charge of preventive health assessment, is assigned to the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The sergeant has served in the military for 13 years.

She is the daughter of Barbara L. and stepdaughter of Bo Bowley of Lubbock.

Her father, Darrell W. Maloney resides in San Antonio, and grandparents, Chuck and Janet Ratliff live in Post.

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## Letter to the Editor

I would like to write an Orchid Letter on behalf of one of your town's businesses: Post Tire & Lube.

This past Friday I had a flat tire right outside of Post, TX. I changed my tire and went into town to ask where I should go to have a new tire put on. I knew my doughnut tire would not get me the next 5 hours of my trip. I asked a patron of store there in Post and was directed to Post Tire & Lube. As I followed the directions I noticed that I passed a few other possible candidates and wondered why I was being led off the busy street...but I am so glad I was. The gentlemen were so helpful and kind. Though they did not have the right size tire for my vehicle, they attempted to call around to see if another business had my size tire. They then noticed a very dangerous characteristic to my front tires that I had not even mentioned to them...the front two tires were severely worn and had little tread left on them. The men earnestly explained that it was very important that I get back home and replace those tires for my safety and the safety of my passengers (my 2 young sons). He also warned me that he would not feel "right" sending my family

on the road for five more hours on those front two tires. They then helped me figure out the most efficient, inexpensive, and safe way to have me back on the road to my home to get 3 new tires put on my vehicle.

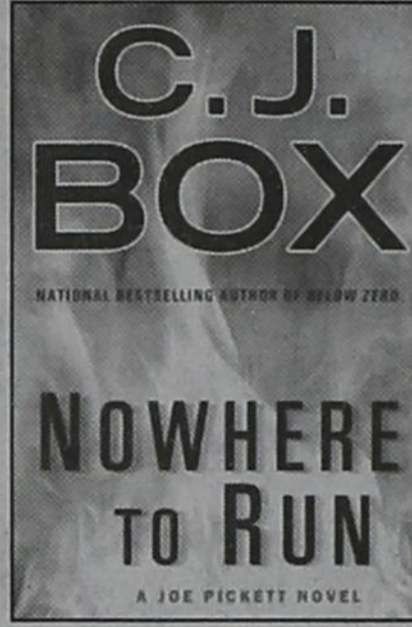
They hardly charged me anything, put a tire on my car that would work to get me home, aired up my other tires, gave my children quarters for the candy machine, and sent me on my way safer than I was when I arrived.

The main point I want to convey is that in this time of our economic troubles, local businesses are struggling. But there is Post, TX, was a business of true gentlemen that were more concerned with my family's safety than of making a sale (which they easily could from a lady with no knowledge of what tire size or type needed for her car). Please visit these guys...they are worth it!

And to the guys at Post Tire and Lube, from my family to you, thank you for your kindness, honesty and integrity.

Sincerely,  
 Paige, Cash & Canon Ball Johnson  
 Lubbock, TX

## Book Review



By Marita Jackson

C.J. Box has done it again-a winner Joe Pickett novel, *No Where To Run*. Game Warden, Joe Pickett, is in the high mountains searching for poachers and for clues

of a missing female runner. He happens upon a mountain man fishing. Joe attempts to give him a citation for fishing without a fishing license. A battle results with Joe narrowly escaping with his life.

Joe is a stubborn man and returns to the mountain, with the encouragement of the governor, to find the young woman believed to be with the mountain man and his brother. A trusted friend, Nate, accompanies him. Both Joe and Nate wrestle between sympathy for the men's plight or arresting them for murder.

A twisted plot caught me by surprise. This is one of Box's best books. I recommend it.

## Extension Extras

### Playdays

The next playday will be Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds.

### Rabbit Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, May 10 at 5:00 at Garza Abstract.

### Fundraiser

We still have candy available at the Extension Office. Our state bound Consumer Decision Making team is selling this to help cover expenses.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

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## Texas Back to Work Offers Millions to Texas Employers Incentives

Area employers can receive monetary incentives for hiring unemployed workers under a two-year, \$15 million program promoted by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and funded by the Texas Legislature last session. *Texas Back to Work* offers employers subsidized-wage reimbursement assistance for hiring qualified out-of-work Texans.

*Texas Back to Work* offers employers a wage subsidy of up to \$2,000/each for hiring qualified out-of-work Texans. Through the new program, employers who hire qualified individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits could receive a subsidized-wage reimbursement of up to fifty percent of the new employees' wages for eleven weeks.

*Texas Back to Work* is available to employers through Workforce Solutions South Plains, which also provide employers with workforce recruitment assistance, pre-screening of qualified applicants, job registration/matching assistance and resources for training. More than 6,300 employers and 32,000 job seekers were

Workforce Solutions...  
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Please join us to wish Post ISD Superintendent, Marlin Marcum best wishes on his Retirement And to express our appreciation for the years of dedication he has given to education, Post ISD and future of our students.

Thursday, May 13  
 from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Other than the wind, the weather has been fantastic! The guys are in the fields and everyone has been able to enjoy outdoor activities. Summer is definitely in the air.

We had our annual meeting Tuesday night and had a great turnout. Riversmiths catered the fish and chicken dinner to approximately 130 people. This year we held it at the School cafeteria, thanks Trena and Debbie for your help; also thanks to all the business's that donated a door prize and I want to personally thank Sharron Morris and Julie Aten for helping me to set up.

Everyone remember to go vote tomorrow (Saturday) No matter which area you live in you will vote at the Post Community Center.

### Cookbooks

We still have some cookbooks left, if you want one you can pick yours up at Cocara's or LaPosta. Or you can come to the gin, we have several here.

### Visitors

Visitors this past week were: Josh Bush, Grant Bright, Drew Kirkpatrick, David Norman and Sylvia Winder.

Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stuart also in Lubbock. Please let me

know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

### Close City Birthdays-

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Kimberly Craig Yarbrow

Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com>; we have all sorts of info on there as well as some really good recipes and some fun pictures. If any of you Close City people have a picture or a recipe you would like for me to put on the site send it to me, I'd be glad to do so. Everyone have a great week!

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## Weekly Inspirations

### BAKING A CAKE

By Michael F. Taylor

Little Jennie was frowning sadly as she walked into the brightly lit kitchen. She immediately noticed that MeeMe; that's what she had called her grandmother for the past eight years of her life, was busily preparing something for baking. Her grandmother noticed the sour look upon her face and asked Jennie what was wrong. Jennie began to tell her about the terrible day that she had experienced. Everything went wrong at school today! Jennie's BFF got mad at her over a science project that they were doing together and when she got home, Mom wasn't feeling well and didn't listen to her complaining. All the time, MeeMe just smiled and kept preparing the ingredients for a chocolate cake. After several minutes of listening to Jennie's lamenting her terrible day, MeeMe said, "Oh my dear child. You must be having a horrible day. "Would you like a snack?" she gently asked Jennie with that loving smile that only a grandmother can smile. "That would be wonderful", Jennie replied back. MeeMe picked up a white mixing bowl filled with several raw eggs and handed it to Jennie. "How about some delicious eggs?" she asked. "That's gross MeeMe!" Jennie exclaimed looking down into the bowl of runny whites and two big yellow globs. "Oh, okay. Then how about some cooking grease to tide you over?" MeeMe said as she gently pushed a lump of white Crisco toward Jennie. "That's disgusting!" Jennie shot back. "Well what about some fresh flour then?" MeeMe continued. "MeeMe, what's wrong with you. That stuff is all Yucky!" Jennie finally said in desperation. "Yes of course they are Sweetie. At least they are all by themselves. But, when someone who knows what they are doing places them all together, mixing it just right, and then placing it in the oven for a few hours, it makes the most delicious cake!" MeeMe explained. "And I believe that is just the way that God works. So many times in our lives, we are left to ponder why God would allow us to experience such bad or awful times. But God knows that when He places all of our experiencing together in His order, that it will work for our good. The trick is trusting that God knows what He is doing. Even when we feel as if the oven has been turned on and the heat seems so uncomfortable! With our trust in Him, eventually our lives become just like Grandmother's cake, delicious and scrumptious." MeeMe finished her lesson. "Oh, by the way, would you like to lick the spoon", she asked as she handed the now smiling Jennie a large spoon filled with the just mixed chocolate icing for a perfectly prepared cake.

I really believe that MeeMe knew what she was talking about. We are taught in Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." NIV Jesus assures us in John Chapter 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." NIV I think that King David might have said it well in Psalm 66:10 when he praises God in the midst of adversity "For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver." It seems that MeeMe's illustration of the ingredients of a cake in and of themselves didn't sound too appetizing. But when mixed and prepared by the hands of one who loves the creation, can be transformed into the sweetest smelling and tasting of treats. May God truly be a part of your transforming today. God bless and have a great week.

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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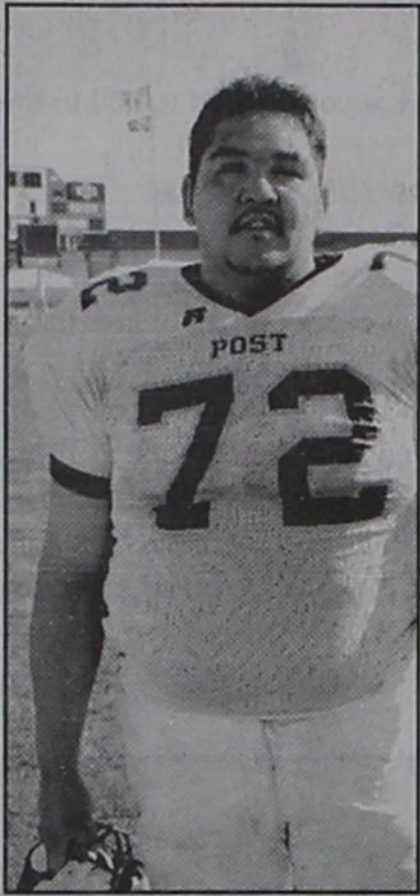


Photo by Sonya Harp Ellis  
Andrew Martinez, PHS '98, won the honor of Oldest Post Player in the "exes" game against Big Spring.



Photo by Sonya Harp Ellis  
Antelope Ex Brody Robertson earned the Offensive MVP award in the Alumni show-down against Big Spring.

## One District Team Remains in Softball Playoffs



Photo by Rosa Latimer  
The Lady Lopes Softball team received a rousing send-off last Friday as they left for a bi-district game in Seminole against the District 4-2AA Crane Lady Birds.

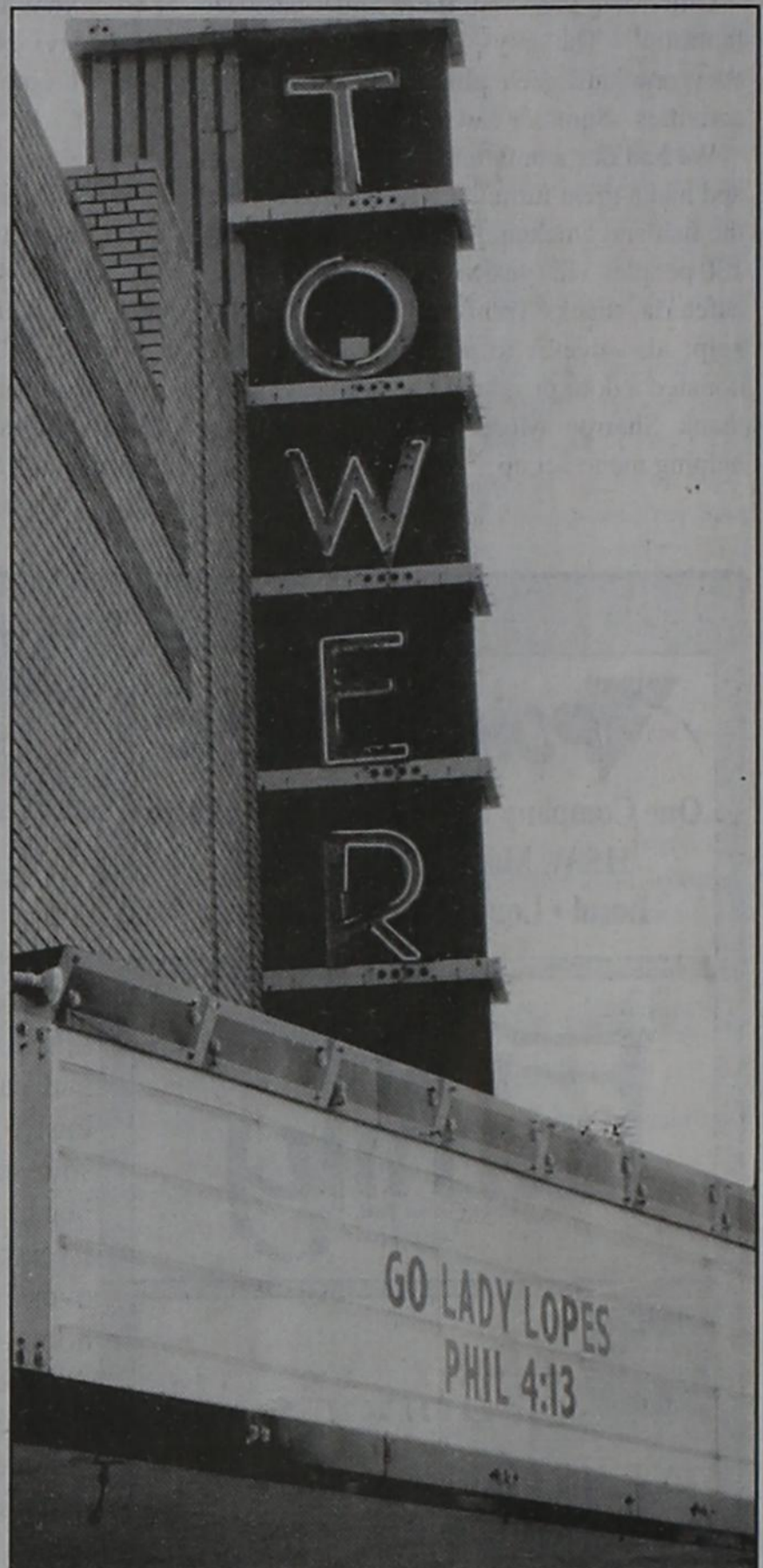


Photo by Rosa Latimer  
The marquee at the Tower Theater along with yellow Antelope flags lining Main Street sent a strong message of support from the community for the Lady Lopes Softball team for their bi-district game against Crane Friday.

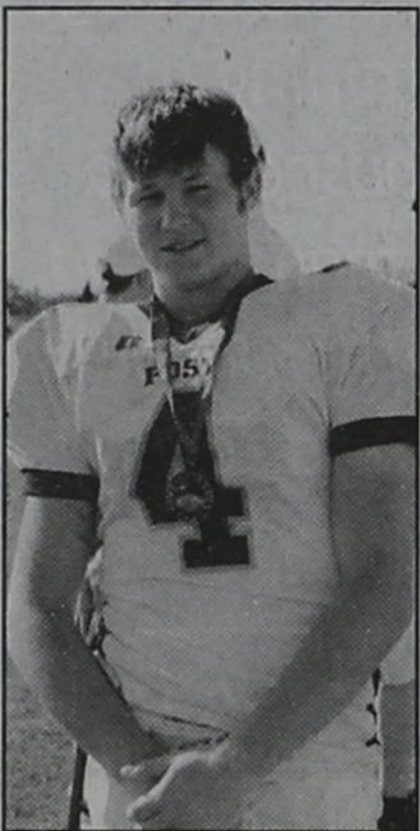


Photo by Sonya Harp Ellis  
Josh Blevins scored Post's single touchdown in the Alumni game against Big Spring and earned the Defensive MVP award.



Photo by Sonya Harp Ellis  
Bryan Looney earned Best Lineman Award in the Alumni game against Big Spring.

**By Jim Plummer Sports Writer**  
The Post Lady Lopes traveled to Seminole for a bi-district contest against the Crane Lady Birds on Friday, April 29. The Birds of district 4-2A were the victors with a 7-1 win ending the Lady Lopes season.

Crane will now face District 2-2A champs Littlefield in a single game playoff 7:00 p.m. Friday at Seminole. Littlefield had a bye in the first round.

Meanwhile, the Slaton Tigerettes, the third place team in Post's district, also saw their season come to an end. The Kermit Lady Yellowjackets handily defeated Slaton 16-6. Kermit

will face Bushland in a possible three game series.

The one school from District 3-2A that remains in the softball post season is the team that didn't participate in a play-off game last week. The district champions Shallowater Fillies were granted a bye to the Area round skipping a bi-district contest. Shallowater will face Abernathy of District 2-2A for an Area round series starting at Abernathy on Friday and at least one game (two if necessary) at Shallowater on Saturday. Abernathy defeated Sanford-Fritch winning the first two games of a best of three series to advance to the second round.

## Little Dribbler All-Stars Bring Home Medal



Courtesy photo  
Post Little Dribbler All-Stars (from left): Front: Blaine Reece, Jarred Curtis, Edel Sanchez, Kade Smith, Shandon Wiley. Back: Christian Saucedo, Tristan Fannon, Jordan Solorzano, Kyle Jones, Cambry Gilbert

**By Jim Plummer Sports Writer**

Can you remember when you could play seven basketball games in three days? What about five in a day? Maybe you could when you were in junior high?

That's just what ten 6<sup>th</sup>

grade future Antelopes did starting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in a twelve team all-star tournament at the Lockney High School gym.

The Little Dribblers All-Star team, coached by Post ISD Athletic Director Chris Jones, started out the tournament on that Thursday by overwhelming Abernathy 27-11.

The next day Post was tamed by the eventual tournament champions Floydada, 24-13.

The loss put Post in a must win, win, win, win, win situation to make it to the cham-

pionship game in the double elimination tournament.

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, the boys put on their game faces and got after it. At the end of the fifth game of the day, Post was just two points short of playing in the big game, which would have been their sixth game of the day.

The sixth grade boys opened up the long fun day of basketball defeating Lorenzo, 49-6. They went on to beat Tahoka 25-22, then Hale Center 34-27 and their last win of the day was against Slaton, 36-26.

The fifth game of the day

for Post and the third for host team Lockney went down to the wire. With little time left on the clock, a Lockney player hit two free throws to win the game for the team that finished second in the tournament, 22-20.

The Post "players did a fantastic job of holding up physically while playing so many games," said Coach Jones.

The team consisted of Blaine Reece, Jarred Curtis, Edel Sanchez, Kade Smith, Shandon Wiley, Christian Saucedo, Tristan Fannon, Jordan Solorzano, Kyle Jones and Cambry Gilbert.

Jones was impressed with the unity of the squad: "The 10 players on the All-Stars did a great job of playing together as a TEAM. They learned new offenses and defenses and played hard the entire tournament. They represented Post with great attitude and effort. Those that missed seeing them play would have been proud of the way they represented our community."

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Idalou	7-7	8-9
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### Thank You

To all our friends, neighbors and the Garza County EMT's,

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Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposed forms of contract documents: including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office

of the Housing Authority of the City of Post.

A pre-Bid Conference is not required but a visit to each job site is suggested. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

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Scope of work for each site and its respective bid is as follows:

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF POST Delores Redman Executive Director 806-495-2233 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY Security Screen Door Specifications

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wall.

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4. Hinges: The door comes with six hinges which are made up of

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5. Main Frame: The door main frame has a continuous cavity that is an integral part of the door for inserting the screen frame and also to hold the kick plates firmly in place. The dimension is 1.250" x

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 7. Kick Plate: The kick plates are a hollow extrusion with a center cross web for added support. Each has a tongue on one side and a groove on the other side to facilitate stacking them to any desired height. The kick plates are held in place by the continuous cavity in the main frame. The dimensions are 1.00" x 4.00" x .062 typical wall, with a cross web for added support.  
 8. Center Bar: The center bar is inserted into the continuous cavity of the door on top of the kick plates. The dimensions are 1.250" x 2.00" x .062 typical wall.  
 9. Screen Frame: The screen frame is an "L" shape which is miter cut. There is a groove at the back of the small leg to accept either vinyl or felt weather stripping. It also has raised edges on the surface where the wire lies to help in securing the wire tightly to the frame. The frame dimensions are 1.118" x .968" x .062 typical walls.  
 10. Sill Expander: The sill expander is an adjustable shape that fits on the bottom of the main frame for final fitting. It has two recessed grooves to accept vinyl in one or both grooves. The dimensions are 2.5" x 1.38" x .062 typical wall.  
 11. Cover Plate: The cover plate is used to secure the wire to the screen frame. It has raised ridges to accomplish that task. It also has a channel on each side to accept a vinyl stripping which serves to hide the screws from view. The cover plate dimensions are .830" x .167" x .062 typical wall.  
 12. Hardware: Each door comes with a heavy duty kit consisting of

a handle assembly with a push button to the outside and a sliding dead bolt to the inside. Both the latch and the dead bolt lock on the z-bar. The closure is a pneumatic type with all the hardware to install it. It can either be installed at the center or top of the door. The hardware kit will also include a wind chain with all necessary fasteners for installation. A lever type handle will be provided for all handicap units.  
 13. Finish: Each door will be finished with the color Mill and with the specified screen wire of 12 x 12 x .028 stainless steel wire.  
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# The 501

by  
Hanaba Munn Welch

Phobias. They are legion.  
 The TV weatherman just predicted a windy day and said the term for fear of wind is "anacraophobia."  
 Well, I'm not scared.  
**FMWOOMPFK!**  
 Too bad this column doesn't have sound effects. As soon as I made my no-fear statement, a piece of loose barn roof made that sheet metal-flopping-in-the-wind sound, as if to challenge my declaration. FMWOOMPFK is my word for that startling noise, but trying to transcribe sounds like that is really beyond the alphabet - like if I wanted to share with you the sound of the bird currently chirping away, obviously not anacraophobic and not scared of either stiff breezes or sudden barn noises.  
 The other name for "anacraophobia" is "anemophobia." I'd never have guessed.  
 Yes, the meteorologist's remark prompted me to investigate phobias on the Internet. The list is practically endless. There's even one for fear of garlic -- "alliumphobia." Vampires must struggle with that one. In my mind's eye, a guy in a cape with a stiff collar is stretched out on a psychiatrist's couch, describing how alliumphobia affects his life.  
 I'm not alliumphobic, but I'll admit to several others fears and aversions. You'd see yourself too if you scanned the list. My husband would be looking for onions.  
 Some phobias wax and wane.  
 Remember when the movie "Psycho" made everybody scared to take a shower? I've never even seen the movie, but showers in cheap old motels still scare me a little.  
 "Jaws" made us all fear to take a dip in the ocean. I've never seen that movie either, and

I'm still scared.  
 Let's check for sharks and showers.  
**PAUSE TO CHECK LIST.**  
 "Selachophobia" is the name for fear of sharks. There's not one for showers. There should be.  
 Interestingly, some phobia names sound more credible than others. For example, a fear of beggars or bums is "hobophobia." Who'd take seriously anyone who complained of that condition? But if you could just find a fancy Greek or Latin name for "hobo," that phobia would get some gravity. Should I say "gravitas"?  
 Another question is whether to put that question mark inside the quotation marks or not. Which is it? For some of you, it's no big deal. But I have a fear of making punctuation errors. Maybe there's a name for that phobia, but I can't find it on the list.  
 Sometimes I also have a fear of not being serious enough for the editorial page. Not often, but sometimes.  
 So humor me. Let's end on a serious note: Never underestimate the importance of labeling. If you want sympathy or drugs for a phobia, give it a name. For the most mileage, make sure it's Latin plus Greek or all Greek - not simple and understandable like "hobophobia." Better to go with something like the very next phobia on the alphabetical list:  
 Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia means a fear of long words.  
 The word should have had quotation marks, but I wanted to sneak up on you.  
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# OPINION

## The Paperboy



By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the answer for immigration in this country? Many are up in arms over Arizona's efforts to protect the citizens claiming the law will lead to racial profiling and infringe upon the rights of U.S. citizens. Those in favor of the law, which is around 70 percent in Arizona, say that something must be done because the federal government refuses to enforce the laws on the books. In a perfect world, those around the world would play by the rules and gain entrance into the United States the legal way. But tell me how those running across the border are supposed to know the rules. There is no question that this country needs to reform some of our immigration laws and enforce others. There must be an adequate solution. When asked what I would do about our immigration issues the other day I realized what a complex and contentious issue it is. What would I do? 1. I would shut off the border. If you want in, go through the proper channels.

2. Any illegal immigrant with a violent criminal history should be removed from this country at once. 3. Illegals actively employed in this country should be given the opportunity to begin the steps toward citizenship and should be encouraged by their employer to do so. They are living here and in many cases, have children in our schools, let's get them legal and on the tax rolls. 4. Illegals not employed, but who are here to work, should be contacted and invited to begin the process of becoming a U.S. citizen. 5. Illegals who will not play by the rules of the rest of the citizenry need to be deported. The fact is, most of us would be trying to get here if we were in the same situation as the vast majority of those wanting in this country. They are seeking what we have and I don't blame them. The status quo is not working so the system must be fixed. If not, we could have a disaster on our hands. The Bush Administration and now the Obama Administration have yet to get in front on this topic. Well, if the feds refuse to do anything, then the states are forced to act, which brings me back to Arizona.

I don't blame Arizona's elected officials for trying to resolve their border situation. Likewise, I can certainly see why people are demonstrating over the nature of the law. Frankly, it's too late and too expensive to round up 18 million illegals and deport them. Even to attempt such a feat would be a disaster and tragic for millions. Somehow, we have to deal with those that are here working hard and rearing their families. We need to indoctrinate them into our society and "Americanize" them. They need to be involved in the process just as we are. Right now, fear of deportation prohibits this from becoming a reality. We cannot keep hiding with our collective heads in the sand on this issue. Families, states and the country suffer from the lack of action from the federal government. Hopefully, we can find a peaceful resolution to our border problems. If not, I fear civil unrest and violence will become the norm in this country and that must be avoided.

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## Get Ready for a Nuclear Iran

By JOHN BOLTON

Negotiations grind on toward a fourth U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution against Iran's nuclear weapons program, even as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrives in New York to address the Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference. Sanctions advocates acknowledge that the Security Council's ultimate product will do no more than marginally impede Iran's progress. In Congress, sanctions legislation also creeps along, but that too is simply going through the motions. Russia and China have already rejected key proposals to restrict Iran's access to international financial markets and choke off its importation of refined petroleum products, which domestically are in short supply. Any new U.S. legislation will be ignored and evaded, thus rendering it largely symbolic. Even so, President Obama has opposed the legislation, arguing that unilateral U.S. action could derail his Security Council efforts. The further pursuit of sanctions is tantamount to doing nothing. Advocating such policies only benefits Iran by providing it cover for continued progress toward its nuclear objective. It creates the comforting illusion of "doing something." Just as "diplomacy" previously afforded Iran the time and legitimacy it needed, sanctions talk now does the same. Speculating about regime change stopping Iran's nuclear program in time is also a distraction. The Islamic Revolution's iron fist, and willingness to use it against dissenters (who are currently in disarray), means we cannot know whether or when

the regime may fall. Long-term efforts at regime change, desirable as they are, will not soon enough prevent Iran from creating nuclear weapons with the ensuing risk of further regional proliferation. We therefore face a stark, unattractive reality. There are only two options: Iran gets nuclear weapons, or someone uses preemptive military force to break Iran's nuclear fuel cycle and paralyze its program, at least temporarily. There is no possibility the Obama administration will use force, despite its confused and ever-changing formulation about the military option always being "on the table." That leaves Israel, which the administration is implicitly threatening not to resupply with airplanes and weapons lost in attacking Iran—thereby rendering Israel vulnerable to potential retaliation from Hezbollah and Hamas. It is hard to conclude anything except that the Obama administration is resigned to Iran possessing nuclear weapons. While U.S. policy makers will not welcome that outcome, they certainly hope as a corollary that Iran can be contained and deterred. Since they have ruled out the only immediate alternative, military force, they are doubtless now busy preparing to make lemonade out of this pile of lemons. President Obama's likely containment/deterrence strategy will feature security assurances to neighboring countries and promises of American retaliation if Iran uses its nuclear weapons. Unfortunately for this seemingly muscular rhetoric, the simple fact of Iran possessing nuclear weapons would alone dramatically and irreparably alter the Middle East balance of

power. Iran does not actually have to use its capabilities to enhance either its regional or global leverage. Facile analogies to Cold War deterrence rest on the dubious, unproven belief that Iran's nuclear calculus will approximate the Soviet Union's. Iran's theocratic regime and the high value placed on life in the hereafter makes this an exceedingly dangerous assumption. Even if containment and deterrence might be more successful against Iran than just suggested, nuclear proliferation doesn't stop with Tehran. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others will surely seek, and very swiftly, their own nuclear weapons in response. Thus, we would imminently face a multipolar nuclear Middle East waiting only for someone to launch first or transfer weapons to terrorists. Ironically, such an attack might well involve Israel only as an innocent bystander, at least initially. We should recognize that an Israeli use of military force would be neither precipitate nor disproportionate, but only a last resort in anticipatory self-defense. Arab governments already understand that logic and largely share it themselves. Such a strike would advance both Israel's and America's security interests, and also those of the Arab states. Nonetheless, the intellectual case for that strike must be better understood in advance by the American public and Congress in order to ensure a sympathetic reaction by Washington. Absent Israeli action, no one should base their future plans on anything except coping with a nuclear Iran.

## The Consent of the Governed

By DAVID NACE

Adams, Franklin and Jefferson made it very clear when they wrote the Declaration of Independence. Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed. On March 23, 2010, when the President signed the healthcare reform bill, the United States government lost its just power to govern. Our republic is founded on the principle that every individual has certain inalienable rights and the purpose of the government is to protect those rights against the infringement by others. This insures the individual is

insulated against actions from a majority or even a mob that threatens to take away those rights. However the government is given no such protection. It only exists because it represents the consent of the governed. Regardless of what poll you look at, it is abundantly clear that the Obama Administration did not have the support of the American people when it forced its version of health care reform upon the American public. In poll after poll, 60% of the American public opposed Obamacare. This was made abundantly clear to legislators during the August recess and in the millions of letters, telephone

calls and emails that were sent since then. However, the Obama administration, in conjunction with a group of special interests that would benefit from the legislation, including organized labor, pharmaceutical manufacturers, hospital associations and trial lawyers choose to proceed with the legislation over the objections of the American public. These objections were so strong that Obama, Pelosi and Reed had to resort to the reconciliation process reserved for budget bills and bribes to individual legislators to obtain its passage. In a country where the government exists to protect the rights of the people, why would

the Internal Revenue Service be enlisted to force people to participate in a program or face fines for nonparticipation? Clearly this violates the concept that inalienable rights belong to the people not to the government. Americans, our government no longer enjoys the consent of the governed. Just as 2009 was the year that Americans rediscovered the Boston Tea Party, will 2010 be the year that Americans rediscover the words of the Declaration of Independence and again assert their independence from a government that no longer derives its just power from the consent of the governed?

## New Jersey's "Just Say No" Debt Plan

By RANDALL W. FORSYTH

New Jersey has made great contributions to the nation's culture. Not The Sopranos and Jersey Shore, but to American music. To be sure, there's Bruce Springsteen, but the greats also include Count Basie from Red Bank, Sarah Vaughn from Newark and, of course, Frank Sinatra from Hoboken. Where New Jersey potentially could lead next is in tackling its debt crisis. As Europe prepares a bailout for Greece, New Jersey is attacking its fiscal mess head-on. The Garden State last November elected a governor who vowed to "just say no" to raising taxes. The voters underscored their message by voting down a majority of school budgets earlier this month. This stance could make New Jersey a test case for the rest of the country, writes Howard J. Cure, Director of Municipal Research for Evercore Wealth Management, a New York money manager for high net-worth individuals with \$1.6 billion under management. The outcome of that test is by no means certain, however. For New Jersey investors seeking income sheltered from the state's crushing taxes, Cure suggests a number of essential-service revenue bonds with stable finances as an alternative to government-backed bonds "until we are convinced that structural changes to the state's finances have become permanent." Unlike his predecessors, Republican Gov. Chris Christie has recognized that high taxes were a problem, not the solutions to the state's fiscal woes. The Tax Foundation ranks New Jersey as the highest in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of income. It's especially bad for top earners: 4.4% of individuals account for 55% of personal income-tax revenue.

Even though the state faces a \$10.7 billion deficit -- equal to more than one-third of the total budget -- in fiscal 2011 starting July, Christie has refused to raise taxes and further increase this tax burden. Indeed, he has recommended not renewing a 2% "millionaire tax" enacted by former Gov. Jon Corzine, so that the top state income-tax bracket will revert to 8.97%, still among the highest in the nation. In addition, New Jersey homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the nation, \$7,281 on average annually. That represents a 90% increase from 1999 to 2009 -- a trend that is driving wealthy New Jerseyans to other states -- mainly Florida, Pennsylvania and even New York, according to Boston College's Center on Wealth and Philanthropy. As Cure notes, for years the migration went in the other direction across the Hudson as heavily taxed New Yorkers sought relief in New Jersey. Christie has proposed \$10.1 billion in spending cuts while projecting a \$600 million increase in revenues as tax receipts finally show signs of growing. The biggest cut -- \$3 billion in pension expenses -- seems to fly counter to the state's chronically underfunded retirement liability. But the governor contends that reforms have reduced the system's underfunding. And Cure adds that the recent publicity about generous public-employee pensions has allowed the legislative and executive branches to address this problem. The governor also proposed a constitutional amendment to cap property-tax increases at 2½% per year and another amendment to cap direct state spending increases, also at 2½% annually. That would put pressure on state aid to municipalities and in turn force cities and towns to make meaningful, structural budget reforms, Cure contends.

For municipal bond investors, he notes the state's debt report shows that of the \$33.8 billion of debt outstanding, only \$2.5 billion are state general obligation bonds, which are backed by taxing power of the state. The state constitution limits GO debt based on the operating budget for the year, unless approved by the majority of the voters. To circumvent the requirement for voter approval to issue GO debt, there's been a huge expansion debt backed by appropriations, which can rely only on the state's promise to pay by the legislature. But Cure doesn't think the legislature will renege on that promise. "The risk of nonappropriation is reduced because funding for a broad range of New Jersey's capital programs depends on market acceptance of approximately \$29 billion of securities backed by general fund appropriations," he adds. While that means state-funded issues should be secure, Cure recommends for New Jersey residents a number of essential-service revenue bonds that are not as reliant on the state for funds: • The New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which operates the Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. If you travel by car through New Jersey, it's almost impossible to avoid their tolls. • The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "Near monopolistic control of critical transportation infrastructure," Cure points out, "including the Hudson River crossing and the three major New York airports, a trend of favorable financial results, large reserve balances and recent toll increases." That should support the authority's complex planned capital projects, including redevelopment of the World Trade Center, he adds. (Note: a recent article showing the Port Authority's bonds as the most expensive mu-

nicipal credit on which to buy protection in the credit-default swap market was in error. Port Authority bonds trade at a tighter spread, or risk premium, than New Jersey GOs.) • Higher Education Student Assistance Authority -- State of New Jersey Student Loan Revenue bonds. The underlying student loans are strong and overcollateralize the bonds, Cure explains. In addition, there is a debt-service reserve fund and a loan reserve. • Rutgers University: "Flagship state research university with growing financial resources and strengthened fund-raising profile." • New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust: The credit quality of borrowers in the program is strong. Cure says its loan pool could withstand a 45% default rate. • Princeton University: "Exceptional balance sheet, superb student market position and consistent operating surpluses," he writes. • New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency -- Single-Family Housing Revenue Bonds. Strong financial position, 1.10 to 1 asset-to-debt ratio. Delinquency and foreclosure rates below the state and national Federal Housing Administration rates. With states across the nation facing deficit crises, they are watching to see if Gov. Christie can force New Jersey to live within its means. And Cure also notes, states also will wait anxiously to see if Christie -- a former chief federal law enforcement officer for New Jersey -- can challenge the state's endemic corruption. If Gov. Christie does succeed in bringing New Jersey's dysfunctional deficit under control, the significance would exceed that of a thousand Tea Party rallies.

## Mosquitoes: We're all in this together!

By Arbie Taylor  
Post City Manager

As we begin to experience relief from winter's unpredictable weather and are blown into spring, we have to face another common nuisance; mosquitoes. Unlike the weather though, there are some things that can be done to minimize the impact of this pesky insect. The City of Post employs several individuals who are on the front line in the war against mosquitoes. Because of health related concerns and in order to manage the mosquito population and its growth, our employees are trained in all methods of IPM, or Integrated Pest Management. IPM involves several pest control tactics including biological control, cultural practices, mechanical controls, and the careful use of chemical and biological pesticides. The City begins control measures in the spring and continues them throughout the summer. Depending on the weather, often times the controls extend into the early fall. Not all mosquito-control measures are related to the use of chemicals. In fact, by the time it is necessary to spray for mosquitoes, often we are already losing the war. Real mosquito control begins while they are still in the egg and just after they hatch. The mosquito begins its life as an aquatic insect, in other words, they start their lives in the water! Because they are much less mobile and much more delicate in their early aquatic stages, it is much easier to control their populations while they are still in the water. Mosquito control in water is usually called "larviciding", or the act of killing the mosquito larvae. However, there is something that can be done even before larviciding begins and this is where the City asks for the public's help in mosquito control.

Before larviciding, mosquito control begins with what we call "source reduction". Source reduction involves the reduction of sites where mosquitoes can breed and lay eggs. Mosquitoes can lay eggs in as little as 1/4 inch of standing water, and the dirtier the water the better! If water is left to collect in any low area, flower pot, soda can, used tire, bird bath, roof gutter, etc, mosquitoes will find it and use it to deposit eggs. Adult mosquitoes will emerge from the water in 7 to 10 days. Because most floodwater species of mosquito do not fly more than a city block from where they emerged, standing water in a few back yards equates to a mosquito problem for the entire neighborhood. Other species known as permanent water mosquitoes may fly several miles from where they emerged. If everyone will diligently avoid and eliminate standing water in their yard, all of their neighbors will benefit. Because we are very aware, as all of our citizens are, of the cost of mosquito controls, we try very hard to get the most control for the least amount of expense. Also, as concerned citizens ourselves, we are very careful not to put any more chemical into the environment than is absolutely necessary. Therefore, while you may not see the fogger truck in your neighborhood every week, rest assured that we are using all methods of control at our disposal in order to keep the flying mosquito population as low as possible. But, if anyone is concerned that the amount of mosquitoes is unusually high, or if they are becoming an annoyance, we ask that they call the Public Works Department. One of the most valuable tools we have in assessing the need for mosquito fogging is still direct contact with our citizens.

Although it is not humanly possible to kill 100% of the flying mosquitoes, we will continue to attempt to make the out of doors as pleasant as possible for everyone. *And remember, the use of mosquito repellent containing DEET is always a good idea when spending time out doors in areas where there is a potential for the presence of mosquitoes.*

### Some more things to remember

- 1) Standing water promotes mosquito breeding! In as little as 7 to 10 days, mosquitoes will emerge from standing water locations.
- 2) Empty all containers holding water in your yard at least once a week! Water left in children's wading pools, rain barrels, bird baths, old tires, etc, are prime mosquito breeding sites.
- 3) Stop over-watering! Poor irrigation practices can and do produce mosquitoes around the home.
- 4) Clean out all eaves and downspouts to prevent standing water. Mosquitoes can reproduce in as little as 1/4 inch of water!
- 5) Ditches must be kept clear of vegetation and other debris. Pond edges should be kept clear of vegetation which is an ideal environment for mosquito larvae to develop.
- 6) Keep your yard mowed as short as practical. Adult mosquitoes love to rest in tall grass and weeds.
- 7) Cut back all dense undergrowth as low as possible surrounding your yard. This is where mosquitoes go to hide during the heat of the day.
- 8) Plan outdoor activities during daylight hours or later in the evening. Many mosquitoes are active at dawn and for about an hour after dusk.

## Newest Superstar Rose Named for Grandmother



Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Robert Burns  
Grandma's Yellow rose is the newest Texas Superstar selection. It is a hardy rose, easy to root and highly disease resistant, according to Texas AgriLife horticulturists, and was named in honor of one of the developer's grandmother.

Grandma's Yellow is not the perfect yellow rose, but your grandmother might say it's 'mighty dang near close,' according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service horticulturists.

Grandma's Yellow rose is the newest Texas Superstar selection, one of five that will be announced for 2010, said Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist and one of the developers of Grandma's Yellow rose.

AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Researchers extensively test and designate plants as Texas Superstars that are not just beautiful but perform well for Texas consumers and growers. Stein and his fellow horticulturists named the new Texas Superstar in honor of Stein's grandmother, Tillie Jungman, who helped grow test varieties in her garden near Castroville, Stein said. It was after "Miss Tillie" died in late November 2005, the name Nacogdoches was changed to Grandma's Yellow. At the funeral, her pallbearers each wore a yellow rose bud in their lapels, Stein said.

Stein also noted the name 'Grandma' has other connotations in addition to his grandmother helping test the plant. The new Texas Superstar is tough yet beautiful, self-sufficient on its own root stock, and low-maintenance, requiring little intervention except some occasional tender loving care. Which is a lot like how his grandmother Tillie was, Stein said.

"This is a rose which does not need constant spraying to survive and produce lovely yellow Valentine-like

blooms," Stein said, becoming more serious. "It produces successive flushes of blooms -- from spring until frost -- and is so disease tolerant that fungicide sprays are seldom required. However in wet, high-pressure disease years, fungicide sprays will be needed to keep black spot in check. It is an outstanding performer even in highly alkaline clay soils."

And though it has a lot in common with antique roses, including growing on its own root stock, Grandma's Yellow rose produces large, modern "Valentine's Day" blooms, he said. And like most people's grandmothers, the rose has a rich, interesting history.

"Valentine's Day" bloom is a rosarian term for long-stemmed, cutting roses, typical of the type favored as Valentine's Day gifts, Stein said.

A team comprised of Stein; Jerry Parsons, retired professor and AgriLife Extension horticulturist; and Greg Grant, horticulturist with Stephen F. Austin State University and former AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Bexar County, began looking for a better yellow rose in 1996. In addition to aesthetic value and good performance, they wanted a plant that was both easy to take care of and to root and otherwise propagate, Stein said.

"There are a lot of yellow roses on the market, but most you have to spray every week or so to really make them do well," he said. "One of the main elements of being made a Texas SuperStar is it must be able to be propagated and mass-produced in

sufficient numbers to meet the increased consumer demand generated," he said. Grandma's Yellow is readily propagated.

The team looked for yellow roses that had lived a long time in the area they were found. Five candidates were identified and were given names for where they were discovered. One group was found near Sabinal, which is northeast of Uvalde. Another series was identified near Seguin, east of San Antonio. A third candidate came from Somerville, Tenn. The fourth series came from Nacogdoches, where one plant was found blooming near an abandoned motel. And the fifth was found off a street named Brady in southwest San Antonio, Stein said.

The Brady and Seguin roses were almost identical in color and fragrance but Seguin was very difficult to root, and was one of the first to be rejected, he said.

The other roses were ruled out, one by one, for various reasons. The Nacogdoches roses showed the most promise, and the selections were eventually weeded down to a few varieties, which were tested in Miss Tillie's garden for four years, from 1999-2003, with attention to disease resistance. The results were encouraging, as Stein and his team partners remarked in their official report. Even when red roses in the garden were completely defoliated with black spot fungus disease, the Nacogdoches yellow roses were clean.

"We put this test plot in of six plants of Nacogdoches, and there was one plant that was different which ended up being Grandma's Yellow," Stein said. "So it either sported or mutated for us to get this plant that was even better than any of the original Nacogdoches (plants). It was just one of those things that happen in nature."

More information on the history and characteristics of Grandma's Yellow rose can be found online at [http://plantanswers.com/grandmas\\_yellow\\_rose07.htm](http://plantanswers.com/grandmas_yellow_rose07.htm).

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

You may call (806) 495-3518 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee & try to come to a settlement

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

Garza Central Appraisal District  
P.O. Drawer F, 124 East Main  
Post, Texas 79356

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

Garza Central Appraisal District  
P.O. Drawer F, 124 East Main  
Post, Texas 79356 Phone (806) 495-3518

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

## Menus

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| <p>May 10- BBQ chicken, baked beans, fried okra, cornbread, blue berry crisp</p> <p>May 11- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, peach cake</p> <p>May 12- Taco boats, salad, ranch style beans, cobbler</p> <p>May 13- Lemon baked chicken, broccoli/rice casserole, pea salad, banana pudding</p> <p>May 14- Fried fish, potato salad beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, fruit salad</p> |
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# Yesteryears

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## 10 years ago- May 4, 2000

Garza Theatre cast members keeping audiences entertained in "Bus Stop" are Jeff Conner, Anthony Burton, Jeremy Danial, Steve Witmer, Clent Hill, Valerie Burelsmith, Laura Mac Bryant and Jessica Culwell. It was directed by Linda Ellis.

Post High School students competing in state finals included Raymond Silva, poetry interpretation; spelling team members were Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble and Teresa Salas; 100-meter hurdles, Dianna Williams and golf Marcus Lopez.

Annalee Schubert's painting won best of show at the annual Post Art Show.

Madison Brooke Fluit announced the birth of her sister, Delaney Kathleen Fluit. She was born March 17, 2000 to Patrick and Amy Fluit.

The Post FFA horse judging team placed first in the Mesa District competition, third in Area II and 9th at the Texas Tech Judging contest. Members of the team were Laci Williams, Clint Johnson, Jeremy Bland and Emily Smith. Their instructor was Perry Smith.

Eighth grade NJHS members included Francisco Duran, Josh Payne, Mitchell Mills, Mark McCallister, Kris Hernandez, Breann Heckaman, Diana Zubia, Tana Starkey, Lisa Soto, Ricky Reyna, Anthony Merrell, Jerica Tyler, Jennifer Reiter, Kyle Gunn and Zane Marts.

## 20 years ago- May 9, 1990

Winning the prize Conoco car recently at Wes-T-Go were the Cowley children. They include Joshua, Tisha, Derrick, Joey and Bobby.

"The Happy Time" cast and crew included Sid Estep, Emily Hataway, Brandon Bird, Sheri Riedel, Christy Morris, James Bell, Will McCrary, Jeffrey Redman, Alston Hoefler, Jon Steele, Randy Sutherland, Charles Somervil, Charlie Redman, Brandi Brush and Troy Timms.

Judging the Fajita Cooking Contest at the Algerita Park were Cinco de Mayo judges State Representative David Counts, Giles Dalby and Mike Rodriguez.

Kelly And Kaye Edwards of Southland were proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Kaye, born Friday, April 27, 1990.

State qualifiers and Region 1-AAA Champions- Post Varsity Girls' headed to Austin for the Finals in 400, 800 and 1600 meter relay events included Freshman-Ranetta Cruse, Lou Ann; Sophomore- Sara Alexander; Junior- Crystal Clay; Senior-Dana Morris, Megan Bush, Dusti Cash and Reshea Hair.

## 30 years ago- May 8, 1980

Nine PHS students were inducted into the PHS National Honor Society at its annual banquet.

They included Pam Riley, Amy Britnell, Trushell Marts, Donna Baumann, Amy Thuett, Susan Strawn, Lana Dunn, Tammy Eckols and Pattie McClellan. Sponsors for the group were Mrs. Linda Linn and Mrs. Joy Pool.

Leanna Davis was the valedictorian of the 1980 Pos High School graduating class. Melisa Tatum was salutatorian. Other class honors include Historian- David Poole; Class Prophecy- Brent Mason; and Class Will-Donna Baumann.

Jana Terry and Brent Howard were chosen as district reporter and treasurer at the district meeting in Seminole.

Three Post Middle School students were some of the winners in the U.I.L. meet held in Post. Brad Sharp won first in spelling; Mendy Tatum tied for first in number sense; Keith Craig finished sixth in spelling; Missy Morrow placed second in ready writing and Judy Dudley placed fifth in oral reading. The Middle School finished second overall with 60 points.

## 40 years ago- May 7, 1970

Post FFA's cotton judging team won the Texas Tech contest and won the Area II contest. The team was made of Danny Lee, Ricky King, Vince Gribble and Tol Thomas. Their chapter advisor was Taylor Knight.

Competing in the state Interscholastic League meet at Austin will be three Post High School athletes.

They include Kippy Payne, who will compete in girls' tennis singles; Larry Scrivner, 100-yard dash; and Steve Newby, 880-yard run.

Mr. and Mrs. John English are the parents of a son, Stephen Lynn, born May 2, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ford announced the birth of a daughter, Bonnie Janine, born May 2, 1970.

Mr. Marie Nelson announced the birth of a daughter, Michele Denise, born May 2, 1970.

Nancy Reno was Garza County's only first place winner in the District 2 4-H contest. She competed in the junior division and won first place in Home Improvement Educational Activity.

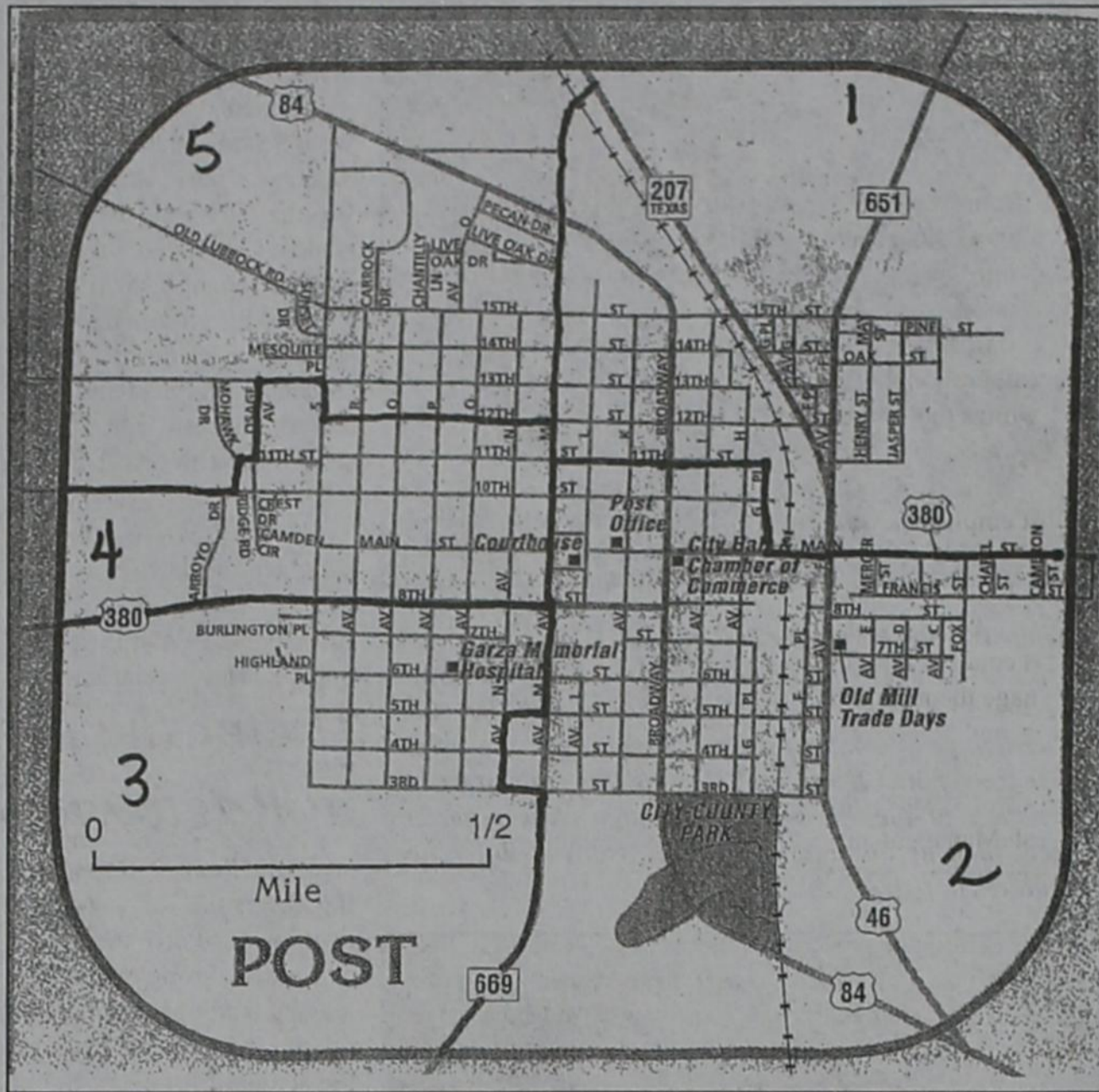
## 50 years ago- May 5, 1960

Two Garza County 4-H Club members, J.W. Payton and Jerry Ligon, placed third and seventh, respectively, in District two cotton production program.

Wendell Landtroop Jr. was home on a 30-day furlough. He received his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lee Jones Sr. announce the birth of a son, Ivan Lee Jr. born April 30, 1960.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lee Scarborough May 1. They named him Scott Vernon.



## Citywide clean up May 10-14

The City of Post is sponsoring a program May 10 - 14 to help you dispose of household waste and large miscellaneous debris that can't be placed in your trash dumpster. During this time there will be free curbside pick-up for general items.

The items you want picked up must be placed out by the curb the night before the day pick up is scheduled in your area (see below). This will ensure that the trash will be ready for pick up no matter how early the truck comes through your neighborhood.

The following items are not accepted

for curbside pickup: oil, gas, diesel fuel or household hazardous waste such as cleaning solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, batteries or paint.

Curbside Pickup Schedule: Monday, May 10 for residents in Ward 2; Tuesday, May 11, Ward 3; Wednesday, May 12, Ward 4; Thursday, May 13, Ward 5 and Friday, May 14 for residents in Ward 1.

The Citywide clean up is sponsored by the city of Post. For more information or if you have questions, call City Hall, 806-495-2811.

## Workforce Solutions...

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served in the region's Workforce Solutions Business and Career Centers last year.

"The additional funding has proven to be beneficial to a number of participating

employers in the region by defraying a portion of their costs and by providing on-the-job training to new-hires who may lack some of the skills required by the employer," said Workforce Solutions

CEO Martin Aguirre.

For more information, contact Workforce Solutions Business Services division toll-free at 1-866-765-5038 or by email to danny.soliz@spworkforce.org.

## Census starting door-to-door visits

About 635,000 2010 Census takers across the nation begin going door to door tomorrow to follow up with households that either didn't mail back their form or didn't receive one. An estimated 48 million addresses will be visited through July 10.

"America's had a very successful first half of the 2010 Census, where more than 72 percent of the nation's households mailed back their census forms," U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves said. "But achieving a complete and accurate census requires us to now go door to door to count all the remaining households we've not heard back from."

If a 2010 Census worker knocks on your door, here are some ways to verify that person is a legitimate census taker:

- The census taker must present an ID badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. The census taker may also be carrying a black canvass bag with a Census Bureau logo.

- The census taker will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the local census office phone number for verification, if asked.

The census taker will only ask you the questions that appear on the 2010 Census form.

The 2010 Census taker will not ask for social security number, bank account number or credit card number and will never solicit for donations

or contact you by e-mail.

In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each housing unit address to count possible residents. This includes leaving notifications of the attempted visit at the house or apartment door, in addition to trying to reach the household by phone to conduct the interview or schedule an in-person interview.

"If a census taker knocks on your door, please help by providing the basic information required for the census," Groves said. "Your answers are strictly confidential. There are just 10 questions on the form and it should only take about 10 minutes to complete."

Census takers will go to great lengths to ensure that no one is missed in the census.

After exhausting their efforts to do an in-person interview with a resident of an occupied housing unit, they will seek out proxy sources — a neighbor, a rental agent, a building manager or some other knowledgeable person familiar with the housing unit — to obtain as much basic information about the occupants as they can.

Some households will receive a visit even though they may have mailed back their form. If the form arrived too late to be processed before nonresponse follow-up packets were sent to one of the 494 local census

offices, the household occupants must still be interviewed when the census taker arrives. The Census Bureau is urging cooperation and patience with the census takers, as this is the best way to ensure that everyone is counted properly.

Households that didn't receive a form by mail, including those that pick up their mail from post office boxes, will be visited by census workers as part of the follow-up plan. The Census Bureau doesn't mail forms to post office boxes because responses must be associated with a specific residence location, not the post office box location.

The part-time, temporary census workers are hired from the communities they serve to obtain the remaining census responses. Census workers are your neighbors; they are familiar with the neighborhood and are working to ensure that it is accurately and completely represented.

The Census Bureau has stringent systems in place to ensure that people can feel safe when they open their door to a census taker. All census takers undergo an FBI background check that includes both name and fingerprint checks.

All have taken an oath for life to protect the information they collect and understand that they face stiff penalties, jail time or both for any disclosure of personally identifiable information.

## Thanks For Reading!

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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6	4	7	8	5	3	9	2	1
8	5	1	9	2	4	3	7	6
6	2	2	6	7	1	4	5	8
7	9	5	4	8	2	1	6	3
1	6	9	7	3	5	2	8	4
2	8	4	3	1	6	7	9	5

ANSWER:

## United Supermarkets



Courtesy photo Associate Warden Hugh Bryan (left) and Training Manager Maurice Herridge (right) both representing the Dalby Correctional Facility in Post are shown with Dr. Gary Stephensen, professor of Forensic Psychology at Wayland Baptist University. Bryan and Herridge recently presented information to the Forensic Psychology class regarding subjects such as hostage negotiation, cultural differences and careers in corrections.



Photo by Rosa Latimer Joshua Aguirre as Lord Edgar contends with his emotional wife, Lady Enid, played by John Davis in the current production, "The Mystery of Irma Vep" at the Garza Theatre.

**Popular Production at the Garza Continues**  
By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

The current production at the Garza Theatre, "The Mystery of Irma Vep" will continue this Friday and Saturday night with performances at 7:30 p.m. and next weekend with Friday, Saturday and Sunday matinee performances.

Audiences who attended opening weekend performances thoroughly enjoyed the mystery.

"I was impressed by the energy of the performances," said Irene Strahan of Lubbock. Roberta Webb from White River, who at-

tended Saturday night, appreciated the "clever" production.

Written by Charles Ludlam and directed by Ronnie Miller, the mystery/melodrama has a small, but strong cast. John Davis and Joshua Aguirre portray all of the characters in the play treating the audience to seemingly impossible costume changes.

Tickets are: \$12/adults; \$8/children 12 and younger; \$10/students, seniors and military; \$10/group rate. Call the box office, 495-4005 or visit [www.garzatheatre.com](http://www.garzatheatre.com) to make reservations.

**Morris, Odom honored by Rotary Club**

Continuing a long tradition of supporting local students, the Post Rotary Club recognized two more Post High School students in April. Seniors Chase Odom and Brooke Morris were among students selected throughout the school year to attend Rotary club meetings. If the students meet the Rotary attendance requirements they are considered for annual scholarships awarded by the club.

Brooke Morris is the daughter of Barry and Amy Morris and is involved in softball and FFA at Post High School. Her special interests

are softball, reading books and magazines, golf and spending time with her family. Brooke plans to attend Angelo State University to study Kinesiology. While at PHS, she has received several awards for her softball efforts: Honorable Mention her Freshman year; First Team All-District her Sophomore year and First Team Utility Player her Junior year. She is a member of the current Lady Lopes Softball team that qualified for Bi-District play.

Chase Odom, the son of Dick and Shellee Odom, participates in FFA, showing pigs, horse judging and band



CHASE ODOM



BROOKE MORRIS

at PHS. His special interests include dirt track racing, horses, trap shooting, hunting, fishing and working on cars and boats. Chase plans to attend South Plains College to study Diesel Mechanics. He has received the Top Hand

Award - Garza County Jr. Livestock Association and All Region Band honors and numerous pig show places. Chas has also completed the South Plains College Welding Program and will soon take his certification exam.

**'Peter the Rock' continues at Ragtown Gospel Theater**

With Glenn Polk portraying Peter, the Ragtown production of "Peter the Rock" continues through May 22, leaving six opportunities to see this dynamic portrayal set the standard for every drama staged at the unique venue. Friday performances begin at 7:30 and Saturday performances are at 3 p.m.

You can now receive a discount if you purchase your tickets to regular Ragtown productions in advance: \$20 at the door, \$17.50 in advance; students and children \$10. Groups of 12 or more are \$15 each for regular performances reserved in advance.

Ragtown's Celebrity Concert Series continues with a performance of the Homecoming Concert stars,

The Talley Trio Sunday, June 6 at 3 p.m. This family trio features Lauren Talley with Debra and Roger Talley. Lauren also enjoys a solo recording career and has recorded four albums and authored a book, "Songs in the Night." Tickets for this special concert are \$29 when purchased in advance or \$35 at the door the afternoon of the performance. Additional discounts are available for groups of 12 or more.

Additional performers for the popular concert series are: The Anchormen, July 11; Jeff & Sheri Easter, August 22 and Ivan Parker returns to Ragtown, September 26.

For more information or to make your reservations, call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit [ragtown.com](http://ragtown.com).

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and new members were presented with membership cards as they signed the register book.

It was noted that numerous parents' names were in the membership book that has been maintained since 1976.

National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929 with support of National Association of Secondary School Principals to recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy.

Students must submit ten hours of community service by the end of the first semester, maintain a 90 core subject average throughout the year, and have Faculty Council approval in order to maintain membership.

**Chamber sponsoring annual job fair**

Residents of Garza County who are unemployed or perhaps considering a job change, have an opportunity to meet with potential employers at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Job Fair, Tuesday, May 18. The event, in partnership with Workforce Solutions of the South Plains will be at the Chamber office, 131 E. Main Street from

Noon to 3 p.m. Employers in Garza County are invited to have a booth to take applications or hand out information to job seekers. There is no charge for a booth for Chamber members and a \$25 fee for non-members. Vendors should call the Chamber office if you are interested in participating in this event - 495-3461.

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**Lions Club Fundraiser**  
The Post Lions Club will sponsor a fundraiser for Brynne Bigham May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. The event will include a crawfish boil, games for the kids and a dance.

**Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame**  
We are trying to complete information in tribute to past recipients of Cowboy Hall of Fame honors. If you know who received this honor in the following years, please contact The Post Dispatch: 2002, 2004, and 2007. We have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick, 2006, Bill Long, 2008. Call 495-2816 or email [postcitydispatch@yahoo.com](mailto:postcitydispatch@yahoo.com).

**Women's Division Garage Sale**  
The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce are accepting donations of items to sell in a garage sale that will be a fundraiser for the organization. If you have anything to donate, please call JoAnn Stelzer, 495-3393 or Betty Posey, 495-2067. The Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 5 at the Community Center (Old Rotary Room in the SE corner), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Panhandle Professional Writers Conference**  
On June 25 and June 26 at the Amarillo College Union Building, Panhandle Professional Writers will hold their annual Frontiers in Writing Conference. This year's conference is called From Inspiration to Publication. The Keynote Speaker, Joy Jordan-Lake will address the conference theme with her speech, "From Hobby to High Calling." Other speakers include publishers, agents, writers and technical people discussing all aspects of writing and publishing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For further information including registration forms and costs, please go to: [panhandleprowriters.org](http://panhandleprowriters.org) and click on the link "FiW 2010

Conference Brochure.

**OS Museum Spring Exhibit**  
It's time for an exhibit change and the winds blew in "Spring" at the OS Museum. Spring and Easter art and artifacts are on display from the McCrary's travels around the world. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 12 and 1 - 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Closed most major holidays. OS Museum, 201 E. Main Street and Avenue I in Post. Upstairs - elevator for your convenience.

**Class of 1965 Plans Reunion**  
The class of 1965, the largest PHS graduating class, and of course the best class will have its 45th reunion on Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th. Class dues are \$25.00 per classmate. Please contact Larry Osman [larryosman@att.net](mailto:larryosman@att.net) 806-445-3359, or Dan Johnson [djohnson65@comsolidated.net](mailto:djohnson65@comsolidated.net) for details.

**PHS Class of 1990 Reunion**  
Can you believe it has almost been 20 years since we roamed the halls of Post High School? The date for the reunion is July 3, 2010, here in Post. Pay your reunion fee to Susie Barboza (Class Treasurer) at Wells Fargo. The cost is: \$25 per classmate, \$10 with spouse, or \$40 for the family. We also have an "early bird" special of \$20 for the classmates if you pay by April 1, 2010. For more information visit our website, [www.phs90lopelegends.webs.com](http://www.phs90lopelegends.webs.com) or call Cornelio "Corky" Saldivar, 956-281-4058.

**Class of 1980 Reunion**  
Class of 1980 is looking for all classmates in preparation for our 30 Year class reunion set for Saturday July 3, 2010. Anyone interested in attending or who would like more information contact Leanna Davis on Facebook or email [jilhtouchstone@hotmail.com](mailto:jilhtouchstone@hotmail.com) or call her at 361-296-3772. We need all classmates' addresses so we can get information to you. Hope to see everyone there.

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