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## Class of 2010 Top Students Named



**Bethany Berry** Valedictorian Post High School    **Clint Windham** Salutatorian Post High School    **Journey Zeleznikar** Valedictorian Southland High School    **Courtney Rackler** Salutatorian Southland High School    **Kagan Benham** Valedictorian Borden County High School    **Lacey Roberts** Salutatorian Borden County High School

### Commissioners Modify Bid Process for County Owned Properties

**By Rosa Latimer News Editor**

The bid process for Garza County properties was discussed during the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday, May 24. County Attorney Mike Munk recommended that sealed bids be requested and all available properties be posted on the county web site. Tax Collector Judy Bush would hold the sealed bids in a safe until presented to commissioner's court. Munk will compose an order of the new process for the new process for the Commissioner's approval. The Court voted in favor of adopting this new process for bidding for properties under Garza County's possession.

The Court considered a bid for county property located at 513 N. Avenue F (Lot 9-11 Block 26) in the original town site of Post. The original bidder had been asked to resubmit a sealed bid and he did not meet the deadline. Tax Collector Bush reported that there is one sealed bid for this property. She also told the Court that the same property was awarded to a bidder in 2007 and then it was discovered that there was a demolition

lean by the City of Post. Therefore, the city denied the sale. The sealed bid for the property was opened and the bid amount was unclear. Commissioner Brannon contacted the bidder to determine the amount intended. The Commissioners voted to accept the bid of \$1,100 on condition that all other taxing entities approve the bid.

Victims Assistant Advocate Jayta Cravy was on the agenda to discuss the financial impact of not receiving the Victims of Crime Act grant. She was unable to appear and was represented by Constable Eric Cravy. He informed the court that the \$3264 short for the last month of the fiscal year can be transferred from a part-time employee line item when necessary. The Commissioners approved this proposal.

In a letter from Post Economic Development Corporation Chairman Giles W. Dalby to Garza County, the organization offered to give the county a portion of the old Postex mill building currently housing the Garza County MHR, Women Protective Services and the Community Recovery

Center. The roof, parking lot and utilities are of concern; however, the interior is in good condition. The county currently pays rent for the space. The Commissioners voted to accept this offer from PEDC as presented pending approval of that organization.

The 2010 Airport RAMP Grant was discussed. This grant, which could be as much as \$50,000, requires execution by the county and the city in order to qualify. According to the City of Post, needed repairs at the Post/Garza County Municipal Airport are expected to be approximately \$15,000. The Commissioner's agreed to execute the airport maintenance program grant as presented.

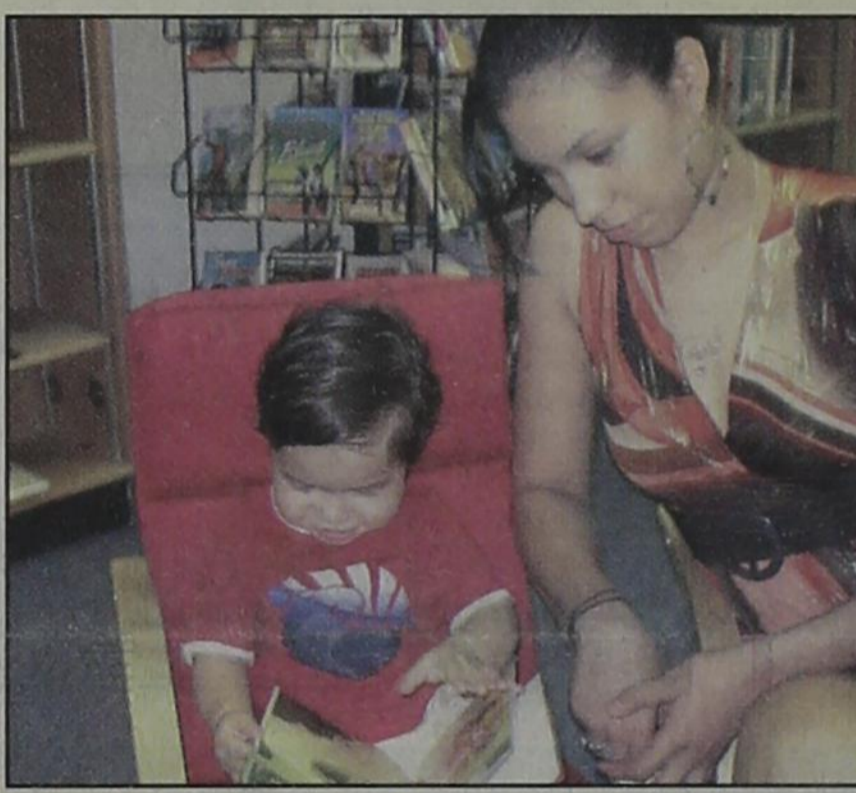
The Court considered engaging Underwood Attorneys and Counselors at Law regarding Limited Assessed Value Agreement and tax abatement agreements with Freemantle Energy as it relates to the wind energy project in the Southland School District. Judge Norman explained that legislation has changed concerning wind energy projects and how they can benefit school districts,

### "Get Caught Reading Program" begins at the public library

The Post Public Library and The Post Dispatch are sponsoring a summer reading program encouraging you to "Get caught reading!" Each week you'll find pictures in The Dispatch of individuals and groups who have been caught reading.

"Free summer reading logs are available at the Post Public Library, 105 E. Main, for any student who is ready for a challenge this summer," said Peggy Ashley, Librarian. "Bring a friend and visit the public library." Ashley encourages students of all ages to start their own summer reading club or discussion group about your favorite books. "Discover new authors, begin a new series, take an adventure, solve a scary mystery or giggle with a humorous story," Ashley continued. "Everyone should try a variety of reads this summer to broaden your mind and improve your reading skills. Plus, it's fun!"

If you catch someone reading, snap a picture and bring it to the library or email it to The Post Dispatch, [postcitydispatch@yahoo.com](mailto:postcitydispatch@yahoo.com). Let's see how many readers we have in Post!



*Photo by Peggy Ashley*  
Kimberly Torres was caught reading with her son, Josh at the Post Public Library this week. In addition to sharing a story, she is teaching Josh how to hold a book properly and turn the pages gently.



*Photo by Peggy Ashley*  
Carolyn Black (center) was caught reading at the Post Public Library with her grandchildren, Seth, 13 years old (left) and Rachel, 10 years old (right). Seth and Rachel are the children of Chuck and Angi Black of Pleasanton, TX.

### Post Notes

**Memorial Day Service**  
VFW Post 6797 will host their annual Memorial Day Breakfast Monday, May 31 at the Post, 7 - 9 a.m. All veterans and their families are welcome. A Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial at the Court House, also Monday, May 31, will begin at 10 a.m. Guest speaker for the service will be Retired Air Force Col. James Gibler.

**Yard of the Week**  
The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will choose a "Yard of the Week" during the months of June and July.

**Summer Food Service Program**  
The Post Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be

held Monday through Friday beginning June 1, 2010 and continuing through June 30, 2010. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 South Avenue K, Post, Texas. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program and in accordance with Federal Law and U. S. Department of Agriculture Policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S. W. Washington, D. C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA

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**Raffle Tickets**  
The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for a 6-piece patio set. Tickets are \$1/each or \$5 for six. The patio set will be given away at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown July 3. To purchase raffle tickets contact JoAnn Stelzer, 495-3393 or Betty Posey, 495-2067.

**Summer School Opportunity Available**  
If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten or first grade next year who has been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) and you are interested in having them attend summer school, please



**Have an opinion?**  
In response to "Speak Up" from the past two weeks (which, by the way is why a lot of us are trying this newspaper again), I believe the remarks of one writer "keep on doing what you're doing" were completely misunderstood. I believe the writer meant that he is doing regarding continuing to be active in AA and the 12-step community. Thank you for

this column where all who choose can speak out, not just the ones who try to bully those around them. Do you have an opinion? Then Speak Out! Love and blessings to you all.

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and

you can address any topic you want. Published "Speak Up" comments can not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit for length or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to [postcitydispatch@yahoo.com](mailto:postcitydispatch@yahoo.com).

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## Chamber News

Our quarterly members meeting will be next Wednesday at noon at the Community Recovery Center. Lunch will be provided and they are going "all out", so make plans to attend. All of our members are welcome and if you want to come and see what the Chamber is all

about, we would love to have you.

The Garza Theatre will open "The Jungle Book" on June 4 and it will run for 3 weekends. That's a classic story and will be very entertaining for all ages.

Saturday June 5 will be the next Old Mill Trade

Day Downtown event. It should be a good day to "Shop in Post".

Have a Happy and Safe Memorial Day!

Congratulations to our members of the week: Platinum Member- SUD-DENLINK WEST TEXAS and Gold Member - PATTY & K.W. KIRKPATRICK

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## Obituary



**Roscoe Kropp**

Services for Roscoe Kropp were held Wednesday May 26, 2010 at the First Baptist

Church with Bo Jackson and the Rev. Danny Williams officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr. Kropp passed away May 24, 2010 in Post. He was born August 30, 1917 in Lubbock, TX to William and Effie Kropp. On December 25, 1937 he married Dorothy Burdett in Lamesa, TX. She preceded him in death on April 26, 2001. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He worked as a cowboy.

He is survived by one daughter, Dortha Jackson and husband Jim of Post; one sister, Betty Biegert of San Antonio; two grandchildren, Benny Jackson and wife Paula of Lubbock and Darla Swiggart and husband Brian of Mansfield. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gregg Fletcher, Stacy Fletcher, Sterling Kropp, Richard Williams, Bryson Swiggart, Cotton Swiggart, Noah Swiggart and Ricky White.



Photo by JoAnn Stelzer

The Post Lions Club held a benefit Saturday night at the Post Stampede Arena for Brynne Bigham. Helping prepare for the event are (from left): Chuck Ratliff and the Howard Alford family. Attendees enjoyed a crawfish boil, silent auction and the music of the Martin Country Band.

## LAKE NEWS

**Lake Alan Henry Report**  
May 24, 2010  
Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level  
Elevation: 2220.09 feet,

0.09 feet over the spillway  
Water Temperature: 74 degrees F  
2010 cumulative precipitation: 10.85 inches  
Fishing for all species has

slowed with mainly smaller fish being caught. Water clarity was normal.  
Mark A. Record, P.G.  
City of Lubbock  
Lake Alan Henry

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## Book Review

*What In The World Is Going On?*

by Dr. David Jeremiah.  
Chapter One Review

**By Marita Jackson**

Last week I gave a brief introduction of Dr. Jeremiah's book, *What In The World Is Going On?* Dr. Jeremiah gives ten prophetic clues that one should not ignore. These clues make up the ten chapters in the book. Each week I will attempt to review each chapter. I hope this will pique your interest to read the book for more detailed information.

Chapter One: The Israel Connection.

Why did God choose the Jews as His chosen people? Was it because they were so numerous, so righteous, so obedient? Dr. Jeremiah says none of the above. God is God and has the right to choose who he wills.

God promises to make Abraham's descendants a great nation and to bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them. (Bible references are listed in the book.)

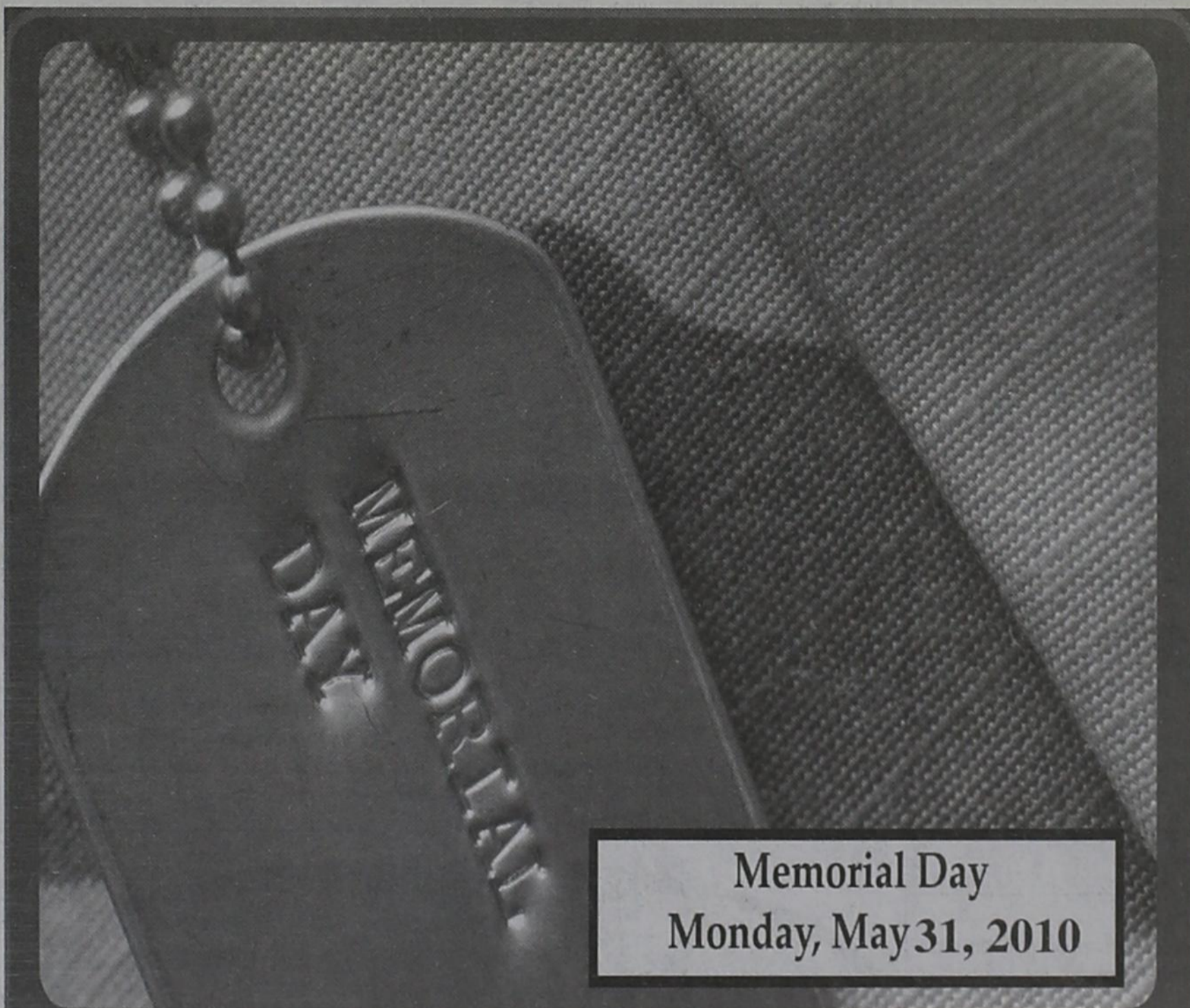
God's covenant with Israel is an exact land: from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River, and 100 miles south and 100 miles north of Jerusalem. In today's modern world, that would include Israel, Lebanon, the West

Bank, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. Israel has never occupied all of this land. The Jews became rebellious and disobedient. They became wanderers and were scattered all over the world. The Jews have suffered greatly.

On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel was born. This prophecy of the birth of secular Israel was written 740 years before the birth of Jesus. Now Israel has a population of slightly over 7 million people. (Read how President Truman and a Russian Jewish chemist were instrumental in the establishment of the nation.) Israel has become the geopolitical center of the world and is mentioned more in the nightly news than any other nation except the United States.

Why is Israel so important? Because God's covenant with its founder, Abraham, greatly affects every one of us. Why is it important that the United States continue to support Israel? So we will be blessed.

The birth of the nation Israel had to occur in order to set the stage for the final fulfillment of biblical prophecies; it pinpoints where we are on history's timeline. "It is exhibit A in the lineup of convincing evidences that the Bible's prophecies concerning the future ahead of us will be fulfilled."



**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 31, 2010**

In honor to the courageous servicemen and women who gave their lives to defend our freedom, we will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010 and will re-open to serve you on Tuesday, June 1st.

Please join us in saluting these great American heroes on this important day.



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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

## Weather

Is the wind finally going to lay down??? I watched the weather last night (Tuesday) and there was not one day that said "windy" it was a nice forecast. Most of the guys are just about finished planting so let's keep good weather and a good year in our prayers.

## News

We have some kids with Close City ties graduating from High School this week. Sr.'s from Post this year are: JD Young, Brooke Morris,

Trent Laurence, Justin Boren, Dakota Johnson, Kaleb Tanner, Robert Contreras, Colby Crispin and Tiana Reyna; those from Borden County are D'Nae Johnson and Raylea Underwood; my son, Reece is a graduate of Home School and from Wilson is Cody Cross. I want to say a special congrats to Keith Meridith who graduated with honors from Texas A&M University. Keith is really a Graham boy but he's also my cousin so I thought it would be ok if I put

him in the Close City News. I hope I mentioned everyone if I left anyone out let me know. We got our garden planted out here last week. I say a big thank you to Jake Morris who helped me plant it. Thanks Jake, couldn't have done it without ya!

Kay Tanner sent me the neatest note the other day telling me about her school days at Ragtown and how much she loves her cookbook... Thanks Kay! we love hearing stories like that.

## Visitors

Haven't had anyone out to visit this week other than our regulars, everyone must be busy. Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

## Get Wells

Joe Neal, Nita Jo and Shirley Sappington McInroe have all been under the weather and we want them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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 28<sup>th</sup> - Steffi Norman Scott

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reece Belongia

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 safe and happy Memorial Day!



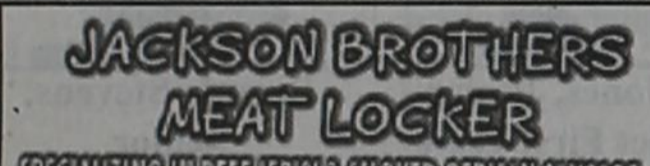
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## Weekly Inspirations

### EXCUSE ME SIR, BUT DO YOU HAVE CHANGE?

By Michael F. Taylor

It was a bright and clear sunny day, when the Mansfield Mental Hospital bus drove into the parking lot of the local steak house. Dr. Sully stood up and announced to each of the fifteen passengers that the field trip was going to take a break and that everyone could order a nice steak and their choice of tea or soda pop to drink. Everyone calmly and carefully walked down the three steps of the bus and excitedly stepped into the entranceway of the restaurant rustic appearing eating establishment. Dr. Sully separated himself from the throng of patients and asked the greeter if he might speak with the manager. A few minutes later, a professionally attired man approached the good doctor and identified himself as the owner of the place. "Well, Sir, it is very nice to meet you. I am Doctor Richard Sully of the Mansfield Mental Facility and these are all my patients. They are all doing very well and we have initiated a field trip program for those who are excelling in their treatment", Dr. Sully proudly explained. "But I would like to explain one particular idiosyncrasy about the group. They all have taken to paying for the things that they purchase on these trips with bottle caps from the soda pops that we buy. If you will just humor them and take the caps, I'll settle up with you at the end of the meal", the Doctor continued. Not wanting to be considered insensitive, the owner of the steak house heartily agreed and the meal went without incident. Right up until the Doctor walked up to the cash register and said, "Why that was a marvelous meal. Thank you so very much for your kindness. Now I'll gladly settle up the bill! By the way, do you have change for a Hubcap!!!"

So many times, it seems to me that those who rely solely upon human learning and knowledge without the guidance of God, miss the boat when it comes to a realization of all that we have learned is nothing compared to a God who simply spoke the universe into existence. And even more sadly, so many times when we as believers in Christ put our faith and trust in God, the world seems to think of us as being foolish and uneducated about the world. I believe that Paul wrote about this in his letter to the Church at Corinth. In Chapter 2 of 1 Corinthians, Paul teaches, "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words." I don't know about you, but I am so thankful today that God doesn't expect me to know and understand in human terms everything that He is doing. But rather, that God is working through my faith to enlighten my Spirit through His Spirit. And the coolest thing is, at the end of the meal, we are not paid in bottle caps!!! God bless and have a wonderful week in the Lord!

"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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This racing season, Chris Dawson (shown here) of Post, is the number one IMCA modified driver in the United States. He is leading in national points and competed against all five top drivers in Killeen recently. Dawson is winning his way to the Grand National Championship in Boone, Iowa in September, 2010.

## Extension Extras

**District Trap & Skeet**  
June 25-26 will be the D-2 Trap & Skeet Contest. The contest will be held at Monk Palmers Shooting Range.

**Fisheries/Wildlife 4-H Tour**  
This tour will be held June 23. It will cost you \$1 and lunch will be on your own. It will begin at 9:45 with an Outdoor Challenge will begin at 2:45. The deadline to enter will be July 18. Contact the office for more information.

**Carlsbad Caverns Leadership Trip**  
This one day trip will be held on June 24. Tentative

plans are for this trip to be \$10 per 4-H member, guests are welcome, details to follow. Call the office if you are interested.

**Youth Range Workshop**  
This camp will be held June 20-25 at Texas Tech University Junction Campus. The cost will be \$280 due by May 30, 2010. You will gain knowledge in plant species & growth, watershed management, & range livestock 7 wildlife needs just to name a few. Contact the office if you want an application or additional information.

**Playdays**  
The next playday will be Saturday, May 29 at 9:00 at

the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds.

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

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## 11 Lady Lopes get All-District kudos

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

Behind the pitching of junior Miranda Hair, the catching of senior Brooke Morris, the fielding of junior Sydnee Jones and seniors Branda Stevens and Bethany Berry, the Lady Lopes softball team finished second in District 3-2A in the 2010 season with a 6-4 record.

All of these young ladies were recently named to the all-district softball first team.

Hair led the Lady Lopes on the mound with a 21-11 season record, Morris was solid behind the plate leading the team in the fielding category with a .956 percentage. Jones was the teams batting champion with a .481 average. Berry was the infield leader at shortstop while Stevens anchored the perimeter in center field for the Post team.

Also, all five of the Lady Lope first team all-district selections were of the top six offensive weapons for their team.

Starters senior Alex Miller and junior Kari Dunn were placed on the second all district team for their noticeable contributions this past season.

Lady Lopes receiving honorable mentions were senior Danica Williams and juniors Tiny Williams, Chelci Hair, and Caitlin Cravy.

District champs the Shallowater Fillies also

placed a few players on the all-district teams including Most Valuable Player Charlsi Brawley, Co-Defensive MVP Nicole Deanda and Tiffany Rasco who was named the districts top Utility Player.

Other players receiving top district honors are Slaton's Brooke Carlton, Defensive MVP and Co-Defensive MVP Ashleigh Hoover. Kelsey Escobar of Roosevelt was honored as the Newcomer of the Year.

### DISTRICT 3-2A ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS:

**DISTRICT MVP**, Charlsi Brawley, Shallowater;  
**OFFENSIVE MVP**, Brooke Carlton, Slaton;  
**CO-DEFENSIVE MVP**, Ashleigh Hoover, Slaton;  
**CO-DEFENSIVE MVP**, Nicole Deanda, Shallowater;  
**UTILITY PLAYER**, Tiffany Rasco, Shallowater;  
**NEWCOMER**, Kelsey Escobar, Roosevelt.  
**FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT**: Jessica Bloxom, 1st, Slaton; Maci Sanders, 1st, Shallowater; Kelly Duenes, 2nd, Roosevelt; Melissa Mercado, 2nd, Slaton; Sydnee Jones, 3rd, Post; Amanda Ryg, 3rd, Shallowater; Hunter Bernal, 3rd, Shallowater; Bethany Berry, SS, Post; Miranda Hair, P, Post; Madilyn Hettler, P, Idalou; Brittani Weir, C, Denver

City Brooke Morris, C, Post; Taylor Polk, OF, Slaton; Ciera Scott, OF, Roosevelt; Savannah Velazuela, OF, Shallowater; Caitlyn Parks, OF, Shallowater Branda Stevens, OF, Post

Samantha Eubanks, OF, Denver City.

**SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT**: Melanie Beeler, 1st, Idalou; Samantha Hawkins, 1st, Roosevelt; Alex Sailler, 2nd, Post; Karen Maenz, 2nd, Denver City; Toni Garcia, 3rd, Roosevelt; Karissa Estrada, 3rd, Idalou; Brittrany DeLeon, SS, Idalou; Leslie Arenivas, 3rd, Slaton; Kami Satterfield, P, Shallowater; Samantha Martin, P, Roosevelt; Larissa Lopez, C, Idalou; Carlie Contreras, C, Shallowater; Celina Vela, OF, Slaton; Kari Dunn, OF, Post; Audrea Furgeson, OF, Idalou; Brittrany Lewing, OF, Roosevelt.

### HONORABLE MENTION:

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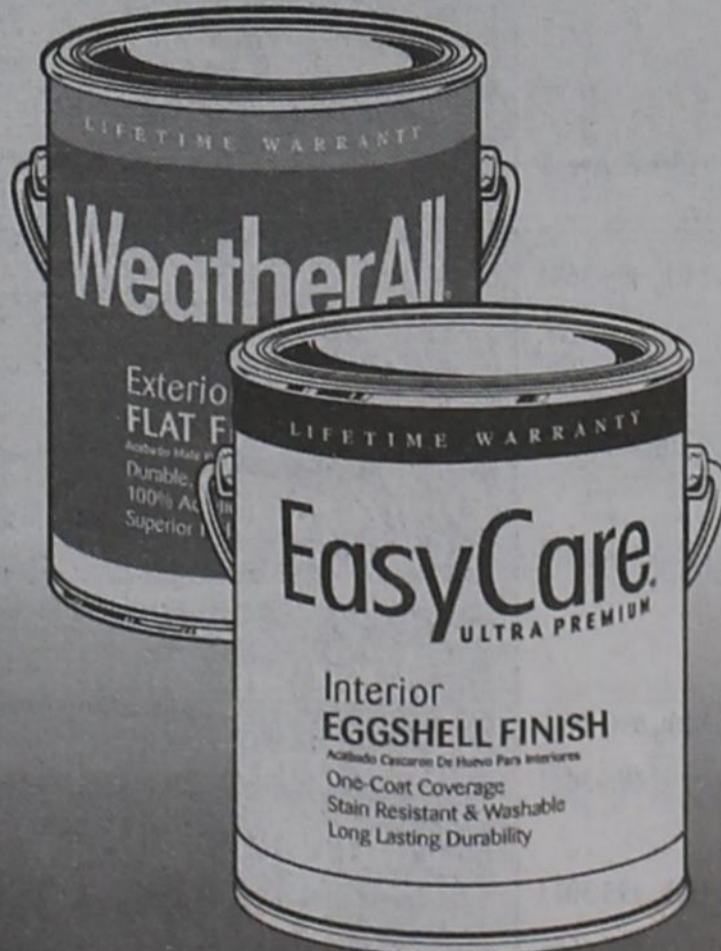
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### White River Municipal Water District May 24, 2010 Report

Gauge Reading:	2248.60
Feet below spillway:	23' 9"
Rise:	6"
Rainfall past week:	.81
Rain 2010 to date:	13.02"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
Rainfall 2009:	12.70"

White River Lake has 2,103,694,056 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 20% capacity or 6,456 acre feet. Subtract 35,318,943 MG for evaporation this week in May that leaves 2,068,375,113 BG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2009 was 1.36 million gallons per day for all White River Customers. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level raises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan. Mickey Rogers, GM White River

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### Personal

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket, Tuesday night, 8 p.m. Book Study Thursday night, 8 p.m. Closed Meetings. For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371. Monday, 8 p.m., Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday meeting, call 495-3173.

**Post Al-Anon**  
Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

### Thank You

To the Antelopes of '61,  
What a wonderful surprise it was to receive a beautiful "black and gold" floral arrangement for Harold's service. It meant a lot to me and to our kids. I dug out the yearbooks from those years and did a trip down memory lane. The names slowly came back to me. I don't know who to thank for remembering Harold. Hopefully the person or persons responsible will read this.

Thank You!  
Jean Teal, Salado TX

### Greetings Post—

On behalf of the Texas Plains Trail Board, I just wanted to say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you," for making our day in Garza County/Post so memorable. As I said at the Post Office, you should be so proud of what your community has accomplished. I truly think CW Post would be extremely satisfied with what you have continued to build in "His" Utopia. Ya'll are a shining star and great model for the rest of the region. Holle Humphries and I (after shopping for a few hours) stopped by the Ragtown Theater (just to have a look around) and were delighted to meet Glen Polk. Wow! Speaking of visionaries, I believe seeds of greatness & creativity must be in your water. I have a habit of recounting all of the blessings of each day before I go to sleep...and this day was a Red Letter Day thanks to all of you. May God Bless Post, Texas!

Deborah Sue McDonald  
Regional Executive Director  
The Texas Plains Trail Region

The Post Lions Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of the Bryne Bigham Benefit: Dalby Correctional Facility, United Supermarket Rotary Club of Post ISD, KLBK Television, 105.3 True Country, Dave Walker & Steve Richey, Martin Country Band, VFW of Post, Post Stampede Rodeo Assoc., Post Volunteer Fire Dept., Porter Hardware, CoCaRa's Restaurant, LaPosta Salon, Chapas Restaurant, Saddle Shop, Garza Theatre, Main Street Deli, Central Bail Bonds, Tanners, J. Cruise Gallery, Rockin K. Outfitters, Maurine's Flowers, Main Street Mercantile, Garza County Animal Hospital, Plum Crazy, Texas Treasures, Sophisticut's, Hudman Furniture, Ron Mason, Twins Fashions, Hometown Pharmacy, Kirklands, Higginbotham Bartlett, Head to Toe Salon, Jackson Brothers Meat, Morrison Supply, D & D Enterprises, Chris Dawson, Tricia Sturgeon, Ben Edwards Family, Ruth Davis Family, Chris Stelzer Family, Heald Family, Donna Aten Family, Lewis Mason Family, Freddy Roberts, Lee Roberts, Ken Bell Family, William Reed Family, William Weldon, Misty Smith, K. Kelly Family, Shad Sturgeon, Danny Vernon, Doyle Newton, Lillie Hart, Donnie Martin Family, Howard Alford Family, Kerry Wink Family, James White Family, Shea House House Painting, and The Post Dispatch

### Help Wanted

Burnham Country Store & Grill under new ownership at LAH is hiring part-time/full-time help. Call 629-4061 or come by and ask for Jaymie.

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### Public Notice

**Request for Sealed Bids For DEMOLITION OF CONDEMNED HOUSING**  
On May 20, 2010 the Post City Council voted to move forward in condemning substandard buildings. Notice is hereby given that the City of Post is soliciting sealed written bids by insured, qualified contractors to demolish and haul the debris of four (4) houses, condemned by the

city. Successful bidder is required to have sufficient equipment and insurance to handle the job. The homes are all located in Post, Texas at the following addresses:

1. 208 N Ave. I
2. 512 N Ave. I
3. 402 S Ave. I
4. 510 N Ave. M

A list containing bid amounts for the total job, and for each separate house, should be signed, dated, placed in a sealed envelope, and submitted in writing to Deana Watson, City Secretary at 105 E Main Street in Post, Texas 79356. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm June 25, 2010 in Council Chambers. Late bids will be thrown out. Questions may be directed to Cynthia Williams, Code Enforcement Officer at 806-495-2811 or at 105 E. Main Street, Post, Texas 79356.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

D & D Oil Co. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry Elmo Bush Lease, Well Number 2RE. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles West of Post, Texas in the Post, West (Strawn) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5534 to 5542 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the

Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT (to increase pressure)

J-D Oil Co. has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to raise the pressure to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta, Valton Wheeler Well #2. The well location is located 10 miles north of Post in the Sims (Glorieta) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval of 3700 to 3800 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of

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### ORDINANCE NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SETTING FORTH RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING VEHICLES ON

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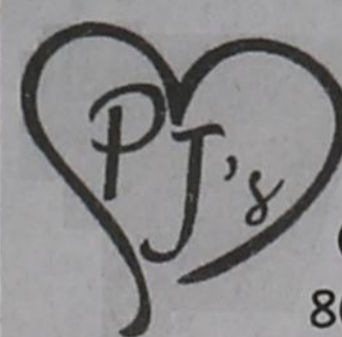
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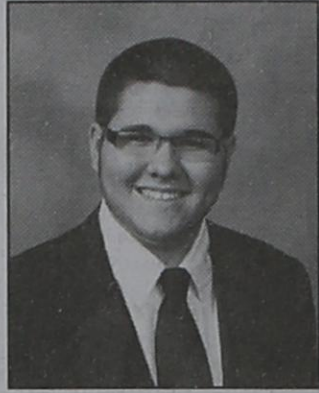
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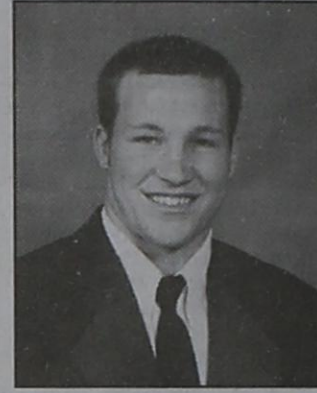
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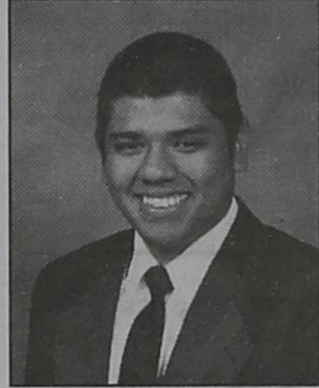
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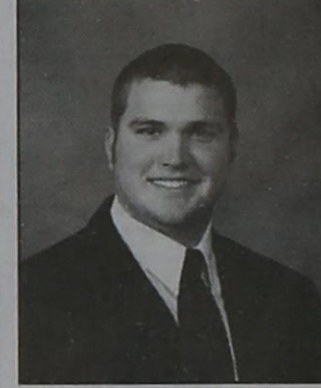
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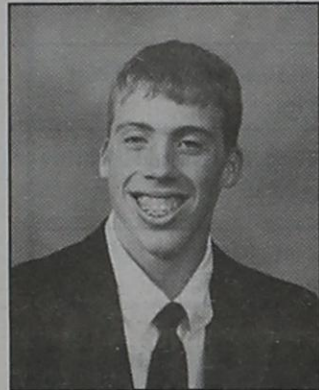
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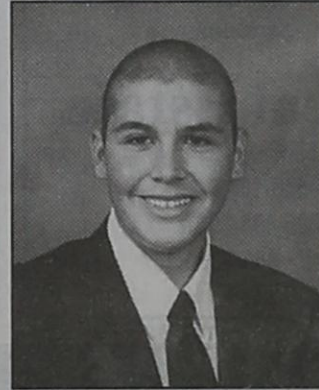
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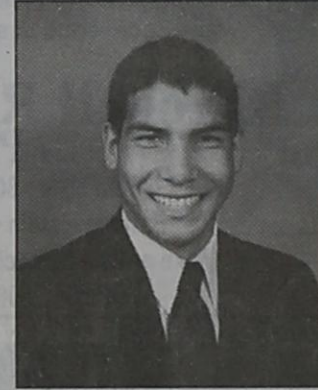
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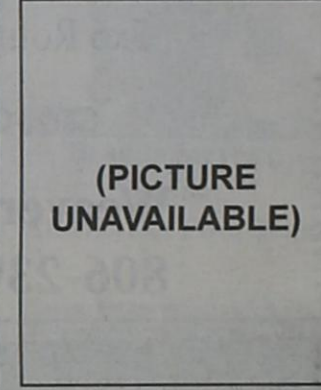
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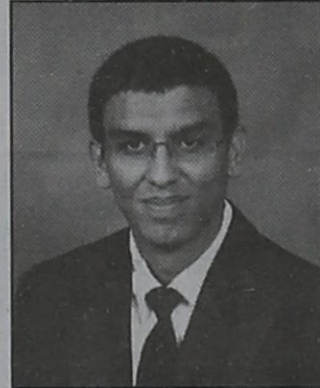


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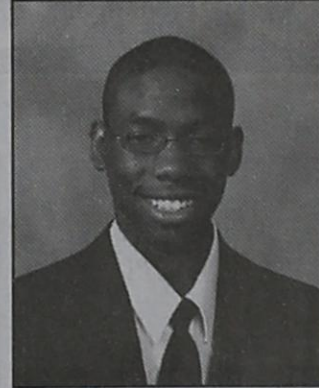
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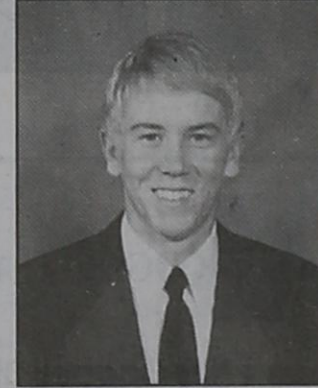
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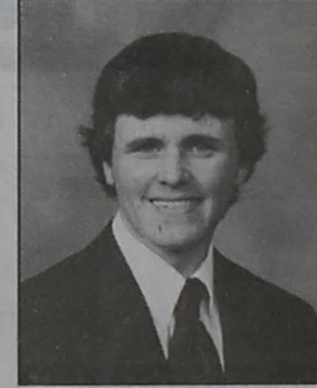
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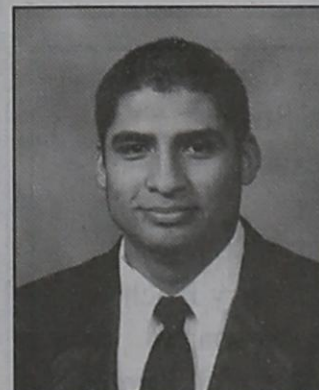
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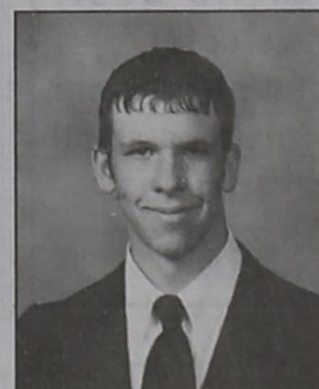
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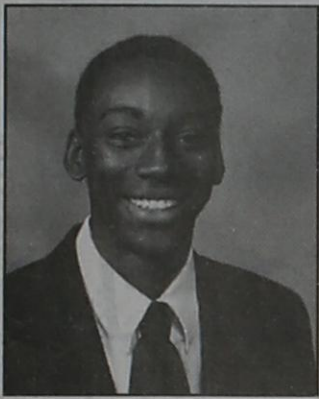
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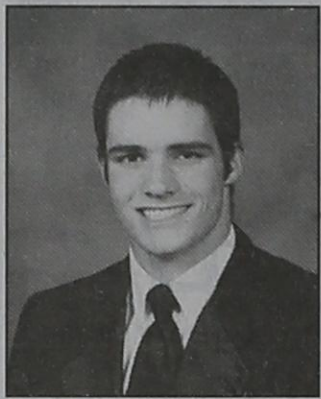
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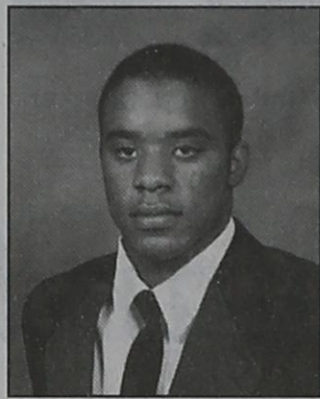
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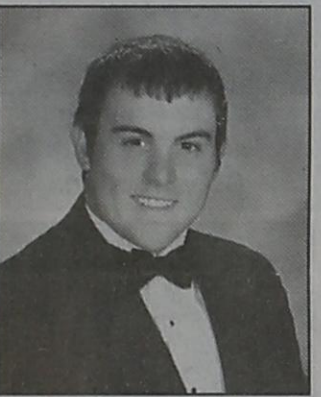


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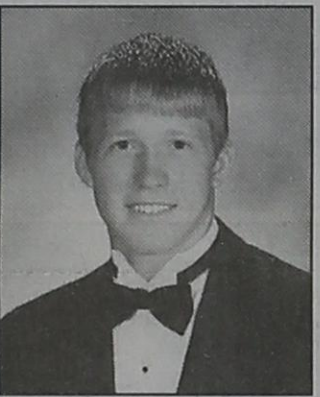
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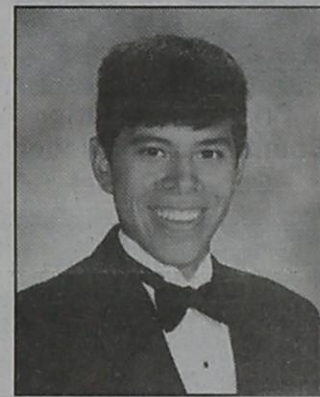
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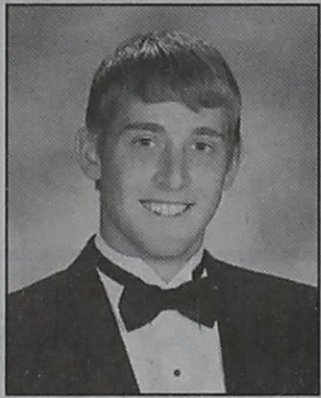
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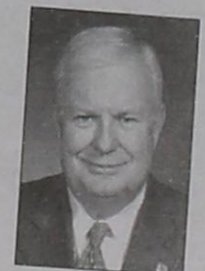


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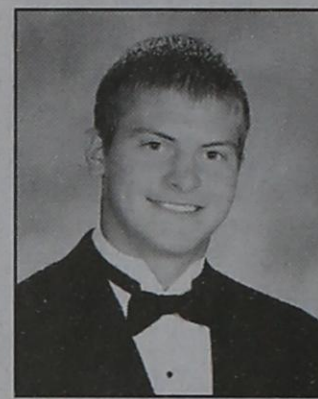
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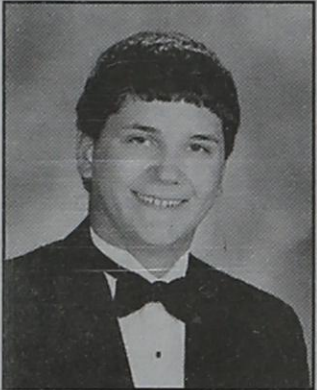
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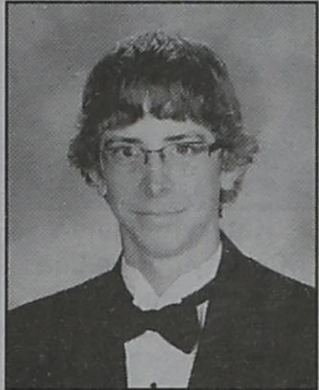
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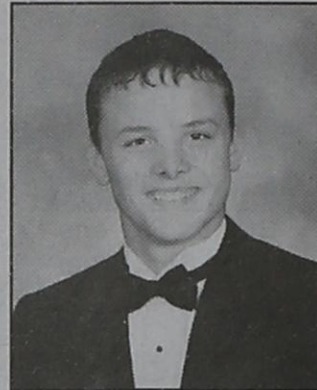
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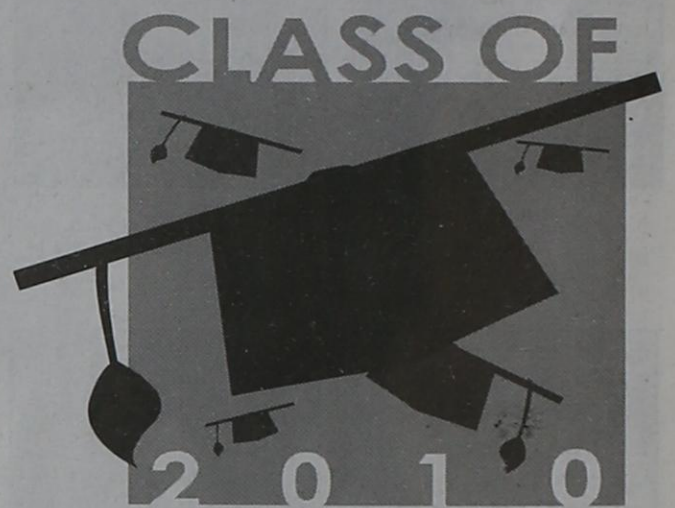
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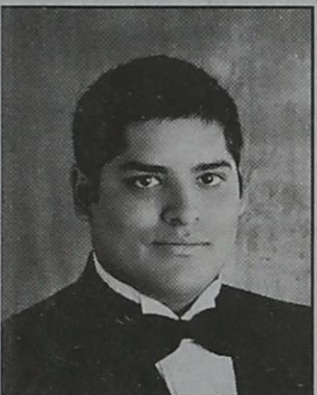
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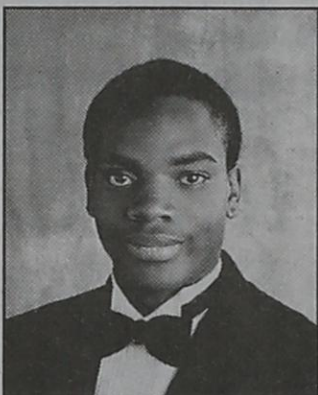
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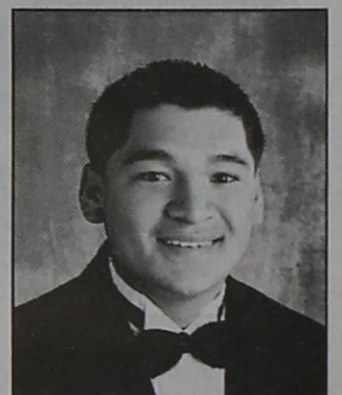
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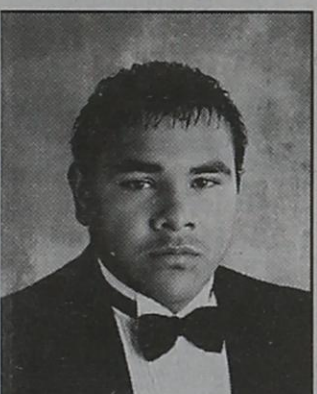
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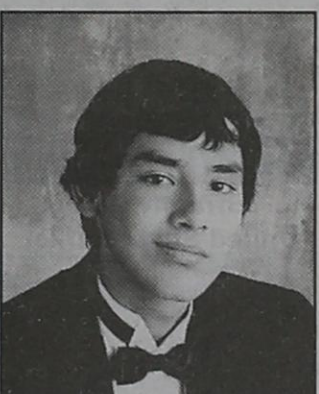
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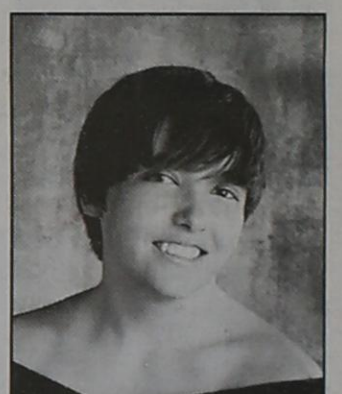
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## Summer Childcare Options Available in Post

By Eleya Richards  
Staff Writer

Unfortunately for parents, just because school is out for the summer does not mean that work is out as well. During the summer months, parents must get creative to find ways to keep their children entertained and safe. The First Baptist Church Christian School will not be open during the summer. Fortunately, Post has several other options.

My Special Place, located at 111 North Avenue H, will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. all summer long. My Special Place takes children aged six weeks to 13 years and accepts up to 44 at a time. For more information call 495-3446.

Wyndham Head Start Center is another choice for summer-long childcare. Located at 212 East 7th Street, Head Start is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and accepts students aged 18 months to three years. Head Start only accepts children that have gone through a registration process so

you will need to call 495-2544 to make an appointment.

Registration for Summer Rec runs Tuesday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 30 at the Post Middle School gym. All students must be registered before participating in any activities. The program will run from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and children must be picked up between 12:15 and 12:30. Breakfast and lunch will be served from the school cafeteria. Summer Rec is for kindergarteners through 12th grade students. For more information, contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465.

Any of these options gives your child a great place to have fun and stay safe while you are away at work. If you or your family has trouble paying for childcare, Workforce Solutions may be able to help. The income limits for assistance in paying for child care have increased. To apply for these benefits, call to schedule an appointment, 806-744-3572 or 1-800-658-6284.



Photo by Rosa Latimer

Representatives of (from left) Workforce Solutions, the U. S. Marine Corps and Stripes along with half-dozen other employers were on hand last week for the Post Area Chamber of Commerce annual Job Fair held at the Chamber office. The event provided an opportunity for those looking for employment to learn what jobs are available, complete applications and learn more about employers in the area.

## Post ISD Read Right Program gets results

PostHighSchoolPrincipal, John Berry, recently spoke at a National Reading Conference in Omaha, Nebraska about the district's Read Right Program. Mr. Berry presented yearly data to support his conclusion that all 120 Post ISD students enrolled in Read Right on the district's three campuses improved in reading, in their confidence and likely on State Accountability Testing scores to be released later this month.

PISD campus principals, Staci Marts, Marvin Self and John Berry recommended using Federal Stimulus Funds to target all students considered at risk. Approval for targeting these students and using the funds came from Special Services Director, Byron Garrison, and ultimately PISD Superintendent, Marlin Marcum.

The Read Right system is currently being used in such districts as Merkel, Brady, Decatur, Ozona, Sonora, Irving, Arlington, Wortham and 20 additional districts in the State of Texas. Mr. Berry used the Read Right system in Sonora ISD as a campus principal to help raise the district from acceptable to exemplary.

Post ISD currently has five staff members helping students to improve their reading with the Read Right Program. They are Cathy Sawyer, J'Lynn Hodges, Misty Winkle, Peggy Graves

and Audra King. PISD administrators and staff are excited about the first year results and continue to explore ways to expand and help every child in the district to read "excellently."



Courtesy photo

John Berry, Post High School Principal, is shown making a presentation recently at the National Reading Conference in Omaha, NE. Berry spoke about the success of Post ISD "Read Right" program.

## Golden Spread EC granted \$17 million for 'Smart' grid improvements

The Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded Golden Spread Electric Cooperative a "smart" grid grant of \$17 million to help 10 member distribution cooperatives increase their reliability of service and lower the cost of electricity.

The grant was part of \$3.4 billion in stimulus grants awarded nationally by the DOE on October 27. Five generating utilities in Texas received grants. Golden Spread EC will match its \$17 million with an additional \$30 million for the smart grid project. The cooperative and its affiliates will use the money for advanced hardware and software capable of providing cooperatives with real-time information on the status of the electric system. In addition, upgraded two-way communication between each distribution co-op and each retail member consumer will create the opportunity to implement "demand

response" programs. That means that the electricity usage information in the meter will be accessible in time for member consumers to adjust for savings. Member consumers will not have to wait until the end of the month to learn how much electricity they have used.

Big Country Electric Cooperative is a participating member of Golden Spread EC and will receive \$1.9 million in smart-grid grant funds that will be applied to the co-op's automated metering project. Other participating Texas cooperative members are: Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association; Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc.; North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative, Inc.; South Plains Electric

Cooperative, Inc.; and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The Texas members serve retail member consumers in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions.

"Almost all of the smart grid funds will go to the electric distribution systems owned by the participating members," said Mark W. Schwartz, president and general manager of Golden Spread EC. "Golden Spread does not operate distribution facilities, and its focus will be on upgrading its control systems to make use of the additional information and capabilities from the smart grid upgrades that its members will make to their distribution systems."

Terms of the grant have been finalized. "Golden Spread is looking forward to working with its participating members to deploy the smart grid technology," Schwartz said.

## Drivers Face Fines Up to \$250 for Failing to Properly Secure Young Passengers

Booster Seat Grace Period Ends May 31

AUSTIN - It's a common mistake that many parents make—taking their children out of child safety seats too soon and letting them use seat belts before they are tall enough or old enough for seat belts to fit properly. Beginning June 1, that mistake could be a costly one.

A new state law passed last year states all children under 8 years old have to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Texas legislators gave parents and others who transport children several months to comply with the new requirement. When the grace period for making sure children have the correct safety seat ends May 31, violators face fines of up to \$250 plus court costs.

The deadline falls during TxDOT's annual Click It or Ticket campaign when officers statewide are cracking down on unbuckled drivers and passengers and drivers who don't properly secure children in their vehicles.

"Safety belts are designed to fit adult bodies," said Carol T. Rawson, P.E. TxDOT's traffic operations director. "That's why children need a booster seat to raise them up so the safety belt fits correctly and gives them maximum protection."

According to national safety advocates, most children outgrow forward-facing child safety seats around the age of four. That's where booster seats come in. A booster seat does exactly what the name suggests: It boosts your child up so that your vehicle's lap and shoulder belts safely

restrain him or her. Without a booster seat, an adult seat belt can actually cause head, neck, spinal and internal injuries in the event of a crash rather than preventing them.

Parents can choose from two main types of booster seats: high-back or chair-style seats. The type that is best for your child depends mainly on what kind of seats you have

in your vehicle. Booster seats can be purchased for as little as \$15 at discount retailers.

For more information about selecting the child safety seat appropriate for your child's height and weight, visit [texasclickitorticket.com](http://texasclickitorticket.com). For additional information on safety seat checkup events in your area, please call Safe Riders at 1-800-252-8255.

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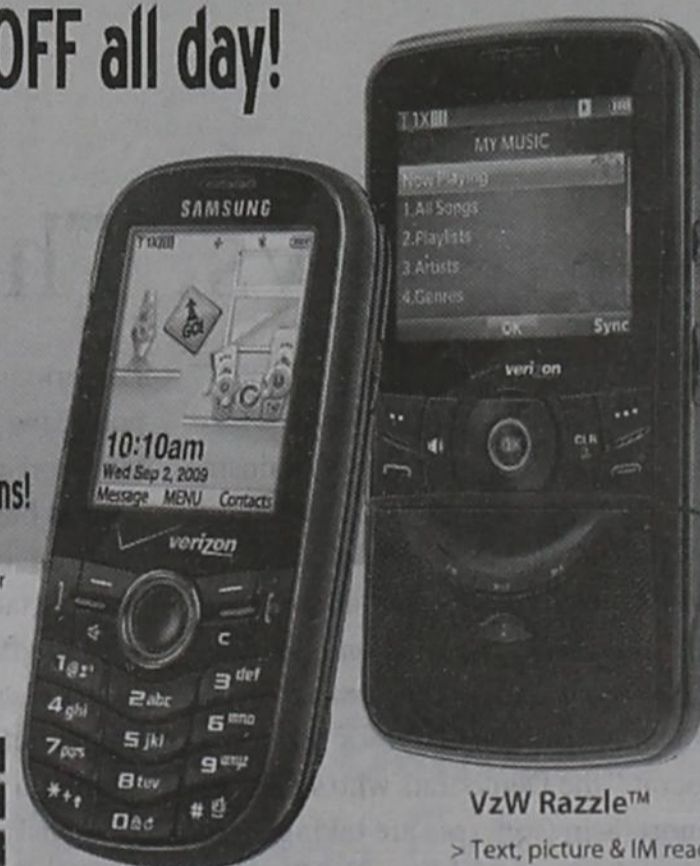
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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### A time for serious people

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

One of the big problems around the world is the retirement age. Pensions and retirement packages are helping to bankrupt countries.

The fact is, people are living much longer than ever before. Fifty years ago, 65 was getting on up there and 70 was old. Today, 85 is getting on up there and 95 is old.

The bottom line is that some are going to have to bite the bullet and retire later. That's not a big deal for many Americans, but it sure seems to be in places like Europe.

France is considering raising their retirement age from 60 to 62 and Greece was paying huge salaries and benefits to some retiring at the ripe old age of 52. I don't know about you, but 52 seems to be very young to retire. In fact, many business people I know are in their prime and they are in their 50's, 60's and 70s.

I can understand why those accustomed to early retirement would be upset. They have been conditioned to expect it. But, it's obvious that the few need to sacrifice for the greater good of their respective country.

The mainstream media really needs to do their job. When Obama officials dare to criticize another state and stand against that state with a foreign country, they should be called out on it.

The White House has drug Arizona through the mud for weeks now only to admit that they hadn't read the bill. That is absurd.

There are two states - Louisiana and Arizona - which are very angry with Washington's "do nothing but gripe and blame others" policy.

Blaming British Petroleum for the oil spill is fine, but waiting on BP to help Louisiana is foolish.

Criticizing a state for trying to protect their border is ridiculous. If the government were following the laws on the books, Arizona would not have had to take matters in their own hands. When people are getting murdered because Uncle Sam is too busy with health care reform to provide security, what choices are the states left with?

In the past year, over 12,000 were murdered in Mexico. Are the border states the only ones worried about this? It seems so to me.

The first job of our government is to protect its CITIZENS. In this world, the citizens are given less consideration than illegal immigrants. Then again, this is the same group that wants to give the rights of a U.S. citizen to enemy combatants...

It's the job of the mainstream media to enlighten the public on these matters. But, it's hard to be an objective reporter when your head is in the sand. And when I say "in the sand," I really mean somewhere else.

What if every incumbent seeking re-election to U.S. Congress was voted out of office? Republicans, Democrats, Independents ... every single one of them.

These days, politicians sit around and blame the other side no matter the issue. What good does that do?

This planet is in terrible shape financially because the leaders we put in office care more about getting rich than they do about governing and doing the people's business. Where is the communication? Where is the leadership?

Both major political parties in this country are nothing more than a shell for special interests, giant corporations and unions. The representation we send to Washington is a joke. They seem to sell their souls shortly after they arrive and before long, it's no longer about the constituent at all, but how much they can get for their vote.

If our elected officials were really doing their jobs, they would read their own legislation. They would listen to their constituents and do their bidding.

It is our fault. We should be demanding better. I'm afraid that until we do, we'll be stuck in this awful rut because I'm sure not seeing much change I can believe in ... anywhere.

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## Other Opinions

### A Lamentation of Scott Brown

It took four months for Senator Scott Brown to be transformed by the Washington establishment, but it has finally happened. No longer the 41st vote against far-reaching government takeovers, yesterday Brown availed himself as the 60th vote in favor of the Dodd financial takeover bill. This came only a day after he had voted no on the very same legislation.

No significant revisions justified a "yes" vote on this legislation. It still institutionalizes "too big to fail", perpetuates unlimited bailouts and government takeovers, and establishes limitless powers for the bureaucracy to levy taxes on the American people and monitor their finances, all without any vote in Congress or any opportunity for judicial review of government seizures of private companies. And it still would not address the root, government causes of the financial crisis, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Department of Housing

and Urban Development's Community Reinvestment Act regulations.

Sadly, Brown conditioned his support for the bill on so much less than ending bailouts or addressing root causes of the crisis. All he wanted were exemptions to the Volcker Rule's ban on proprietary trading for insurance companies and bank asset management in Massachusetts. According to The Hill, "Brown has expressed concerns that Massachusetts-based financial firms, such as MassMutual, could be adversely affected by a potential ban on proprietary trading." So, assurances in place from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid that the bill would be fixed, Brown switched his vote.

This is a sad day for Brown supporters, especially the tea parties that got behind his candidacy on the premise that he stood against Big Government. As a candidate, he even ran against a bank tax on the premise that it would simply be passed on to the American people via higher financial transac-

tion costs. Brown said at the time, "With all due respect, that money is going to be transferred down to the individuals through ATM fees, increased fees. I thought banks were supposed to lend. So now they're going to take the money that they would be lending to the small businesses in this state and the men and women who want to buy homes ... and there's less of a pool there."

Alas, the Dodd bill contains such a bank tax. Institutions with \$50 billion or greater in consolidated assets will be charged assessments to finance the so-called "orderly liquidation fund." There is no cap on those assessments, nor any limit on how much money can flow through the fund. Nor will the assessments require any vote in Congress.

That's taxation without representation — and Scott Brown of Massachusetts voted for it. Reverend Jonathan Mayhew, who coined the popular revolutionary slogan in a sermon in Boston, must be rolling over in his grave.

It gets worse. On April 18th, on

CBS' Face the Nation, Brown said that the bill "doesn't end the bailout mentality of the big banks are too big to fail concept." It still doesn't, and Scott Brown has now voted to perpetuate the concept of "too big to fail" by giving government unlimited bailout authority.

Just this past Wednesday, after he voted against cloture on the legislation, Brown issued a statement where he said, "the legislation contains loopholes that could leave the taxpayers on the hook for future bailouts of Wall Street." Then he voted for it anyway, without securing any protections for the American people against future bailouts or doing anything to unwind the current government credit lines to Fannie, Freddie, AIG, GM and Chrysler.

In fact, without any changes at all — Reid merely promised that his concerns regarding the Volcker Rule would be addressed — Brown switched his vote. For his own Massachusetts carve-out for insurance companies and banks in his

state — which reminds one of the ObamaCare "back room deals by an out of touch party leadership" he blasted in his victory speech — Brown betrayed the trust of the American people who had hoped that he might be a different sort of politician. One who puts principle over compromise.

Scott Brown had a chance to be different by standing firm against the government takeover of the nation's entire financial system. Instead, he has repudiated the principles of the tea party movement — which was founded in opposition to bailouts — that helped to propel him into office. A movement that can now only lament the tyranny that will surely rise from a bill that allows the government to monitor every financial transaction in the country, seize or bail out any company it wants in the interests of the "financial stability of the United States," and levy unlimited taxes to those ends. It didn't have to be this way.

## Other Views

### Congress vs. The Oil Industry

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

It's beyond question that the oil industry is down on its luck right now, and the black eye received from the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico is a shiner which will stay on its public face for quite awhile. And while radio host Stephanie Miller claimed the Gulf oil spill as proof that "God is a Democrat," the Democrats who sit among us mere mortals in Congress are taking direct aim at what they sneeringly call "Big Oil" with two particularly punitive measures.

With Democrats' first try at cap-and-trade (better known as Waxman-Markey) stalling in the Senate after a contentious House vote, last week Senators John Kerry and Joe Lieberman brought forth their version of energy legislation. Originally sponsorship crossed party lines when Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican, agreed to back the bill, but Graham withdrew his support when Senate leader Harry Reid decided to press for passage of immigration reform rather than this measure.

That's not to say Graham would be staunchly against the proposal. But the sticking point he sees is that, "problems created by the historic oil spill in the Gulf... have made it extremely difficult for transformational legislation in the area of energy and climate to garner bipartisan support at this time." Predictably, Democrats representing waterfront states like Florida, New Jersey, and Maryland are already coming out dead set against the additional oil exploration included in Kerry-

Lieberman, a tradeoff intended to get Republicans to support a bill which would levy taxes on greenhouse gas emissions and, as studies have concluded, be a net job loser.

Moreover, Kerry-Lieberman gives a rare nod to states' rights from the liberal side, allowing affected states more liberty to curtail or cease oil exploration off their shores. It's a complete turnaround in one month's time — only a few weeks ago the oil industry was cautiously optimistic about the Obama Administration allowing exploration in certain leaseholds to go ahead beginning in 2012. Needless to say, those ambitious plans are on hold after White House adviser David Axelrod warned, "no additional drilling has been authorized and none will until we find out what has happened (with the Deepwater Horizon)."

A second Congressional attack on the energy industry in the accident's aftermath comes from their bid to bolster a little-known federal fund called the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF). Created by Congress in 1986, the OSLTF lay dormant until 1990, when in the wake of the Exxon Valdez tanker accident a per barrel tax was levied on petroleum produced or imported into the United States. Currently oil companies pay eight cents per barrel toward this fund. In addition, there is a limitation on liability of \$75 million per incident for economic damages — companies already have to shoulder the actual cleanup costs.

But a new proposal would devastate

small- and mid-size oil companies, forcing them out of business by increasing the prospective liability to \$10 billion. Naturally, the OSLTF would be increased as well through the possible fourfold increase of the per-barrel tax to 32 cents, but the additional revenue may not necessarily go to the OSLTF — proceeds could be spent on other projects Congress deems worthy of funding.

These are just two of the more egregious examples of how Congress wants to punish Big Oil for the sin of having a tragic accident occur on an offshore platform. The federal government has done its part to assist British Petroleum in coping with the accident and its aftermath, so there's no need for Congress to exert another pound of flesh from an apologetic industry.



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Rev. Charles Gibson, Post Church of the Nazarene

### Church of the Nazarene announces new pastor

Post Church of the Nazarene, located at 202 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, announced the arrival of their new pastor. Reverend Charles Gibson has been the official pastor of Post Nazarene since May 16, 2010. Pastor Gibson, his wife Michele, and two sons Joshua and Paul came to Post from Pueblo, CO, after a pastorate of six years at Pueblo Belmont Nazarene and two years

building a church in Pueblo West (Harvest Community Church). Gibson graduated from Nazarene Bible College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and has served in North Carolina, Michigan, and Colorado. Pastor Gibson is very happy to be in Post and has "fallen in love with the town and the folks [he has] met already." His goal is to "make an impact for Jesus Christ

and His Church here in Post; to be involved and get [the] church more involved in our community."

The pastor welcomes everyone to the Nazarene services. Sunday School begins at 9:45am and Sunday morning worship is at 11:00am. Sunday evening services start at 6:00pm and Wednesday night services are at 7:00pm.



There's a nail in one of my tires. It's plugging a hole. Call me lucky.

I noticed the nail when I stopped to fuel my car. Actually I think it was when I stooped down to put gasoline in the container for the lawn mower or diesel in the container for the tractor. I was filling everything I could when the offending nail came into view.

Most regular farm families have big fuel tanks on their farms. We don't. But we're not very regular. That's why my car smells like gasoline, diesel or propane, depending on which containers I'm hauling around with me, generally forgetting they're there despite the aromas wafting through the car. Yesterday I was carrying all three. I usually take them to town, forget they're back there behind me and bring them home empty. You get used to the odors. As bad as my car smells I might as well smoke it, if I smoked.

No doubt you've got a vision of me lighting up in my fume-filled vehicle and blowing myself to smithereens. That's OK. The same image came to my mind. Makes you wonder where smithereens is, doesn't it? If it were capitalized it would sound to me like some place in Ireland, but it's not capitalized. Let's look it up.

#### DICTIONARY PAUSE.

Well, believe it or not, my dictionary says "smithereens" is probably from the Irish word "smidirin." How did I almost know that? Uncanny. Let's just say it's been

one of those days. After all, I found that nail. Usually when you see something stuck in the tread that looks like a nail, it's a little gray rock instead. So I seldom look.

As for "smidirin," we could look it up on the Internet, but I'm out on the farm with just dial-up. I can't think of anything I'd rather do less than look up "smidirin" at dial-up speed, oxymoronic at best.

#### SLEEP PAUSE.

Yes, folks, that's right. My deteriorating prose put me to sleep. Now it's the next day. But if I hadn't written myself to sleep last night, misspelling "smidirin" in the process, I wouldn't have coined the phrase "oxymoronic at best" to describe the speed of dial-up. That's almost clever.

Back to those little rocks that masquerade as nails. I have a confession. When one of those little pieces of tread-trapped gravel catches my eye and turns out not to be a nail, I'm always a little bit disappointed. Instead, I should be glad.

Sure enough when I saw that nail in my tire yesterday, I felt rather smug. My heart skipped a beat. I'd found a nail instead of a rock. I'd done something significant.

I couldn't wait to take the car to my tire folks and point out the exact location of the offending nail. I even called ahead. So, was I expecting them to congratulate me?

They did, sort of, for not pulling it out. That would have been stupid.

But just between us, I wanted to.

## A Worthy Quality

By Macy Blair, Junior Post High School

*Editor's Note: As announced in March Post junior Macy Blair's essay was chosen out of more than 50,000 other participants for a top spot in America's largest high school essay contest Macy's sponsoring teacher was Sterline Marcum. The contest, sponsored by the Bill of Rights Institute, required students to share their thoughts on American citizenship by answering this question: "What civic value do you believe is most essential to being an American?" As promised, in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day observance, here is Macy's essay:*

It is uncomfortably quiet. A temperature where only glaciers could exist and a desolate view which only winter could achieve portrays the barren field where Redcoats prepare for battle. "Boom!" - A heart wrenching sound that seeds fear into one's bones explodes across the field. The battle rages and there is no other option but to find the courage to fight. Courage is the founding principle planted in America's roots by her founding fathers. Courage lives in her documents, the men who penned them, and the actions of present day patriots.

A document that portrays great courage is a work of Thomas Jefferson's own hand, which freed the colonies from the tyranny of King George III. Courage is distinguished through action. The "Declaration of

Independence" illustrates courage through its furious accusations such as those made against Britain's monarch for imposing taxes without the colonists' consent. The founding fathers took action by declaring their grievances and signing their names to the bottom of the document. Courage is making change occur. Instead of sitting in their homes and complaining, they took it upon themselves to change their world. They listed the thirteen colonies' grievances and compiled them in one document to send over the Pacific Ocean to the tyrant.

"Author of the 'Declaration of American Independence,' of the State of Virginia for religious freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia," reads the tombstone of a true advocate of courage, Thomas Jefferson. Courage is exposed through many diverse outlets. For example, Jefferson was a part of the military; however, he did not experience combat but chose to exercise courage through pen and parchment, rather than guns and cannons. Jefferson was the drafter of the "Declaration of Independence" and the first delegate of the Second Continental Congress to sign his name which marked him as a traitor to England. Even though he knew the British could invade his home, seize his most precious belongings

or hang him from the tallest tree, he found the courage to defy his suppressors. Also, courage is found where one least expects it. During the Revolutionary War, courage emerged not only in the founding fathers, but also in the People. "Enlighten the people, generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day," Jefferson wrote. The people showed great courage when they cooked, cleaned, and housed British soldiers, even though it was doubtless harder to have courage while the enemy was in one's home. Jefferson's words defined courage.

Furthermore, courage is found in the lives of the average American today. Courage rises in times of trouble. I remember a normal day, sitting in my incredibly boring third grade class, when suddenly that class was no longer normal or boring. September 11, 2001, is a day marked in American history as a day of fear, anger, and courage. Courageous policemen, firefighters, and medical physicians exemplified the word courage as they risked their lives for strangers. The ultimate price was paid by many of those courageous men and women, but they will be forever known as heroes because of their courage. In my life the need for courage rarely

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odom From The Post Dispatch archives

#### 10 years ago- May 25, 2000

Bringing home state medals for Post High School were Dianna Williams and Marcus Lopez. Williams placed third in the 100-meter hurdles and Lopez took second in the golf tournament.

Scotty Gaydos earned Valedictorian title at Post High School for the class of 2000, with Kelci Hart earning Salutatorian honor.

Stephen Sadler was named Valedictorian for Southland High School's gradating class of 2000. Amy Little earned Salutatorian honors.

Lindsay Denise Feagan and Jay Cliff "Brandon" Bird II were married May 20, 2000, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

Luke Williams and Erin Gregory were named Mr. and Miss PHS for 2000.

Four students from Post were among the 643 students who received degrees or certificates during the South Plains College's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual commencement exercise. Melanie Carol Heatherington, Associate in Arts Degree; Jose Pasqual Ortiz, Associate in Applied Science Degree; Melisa Gutierrez, Associate in Science Degree; and Kaylee Self, certificate of Proficiency, nursing.

Garza County Juvenile Detention Center recognized several people in a ceremony. Meg Nelson was honored as Community Supporter of the Year, Rhonda Hosey was selected as Administrative/Support Services Staff Member of the Year, Sharon Kelly was named Corrections Officer of the Year, Gloria Greathouse was awarded Employee of the Month and Eduardo Estrada was named Program Services Staff Member of the Year.

#### 30 years ago- May 29, 1980

The Post Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Bostick's OMC Pump Agriculture Equipment during its grand opening on the Frank Bostick farm west of Post. Those present for the cutting included

Chamber President Danny Shaw, Maxine Marks, Ruby Bostick, Frank Bostick, Larry Schrivner, Colley Gatlin and Chamber Secretary Carol Ann Brazier

Wedding vows between Minnie Kay Bible and Randy R. Thomas were exchanged May 26, 1980 in the Wayside Community church.

Nancy Strawn Pendley, a 1970 graduate of Post High School, graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse.

Members of the Post Jumping Jacks are bound for the Acro-Gymnastics Federation National Championships in Quincy, Illinois. They include Amy Thuett, Risa Willard, Jeff Lamb, Keith Hart and Danny Grace. Jackie Arnwine instructed the group.

#### 40 years ago- May 28, 1970

Director Herbert Germer presented David Hamilton, Post High School band drum major, the annual John Philip Sousa band award. Hamilton, who was selected to the All-State Band, was a member of the 1970 graduating class at PHS.

Greg Fisher was first place winner in the range

judging contest sponsored for Vocational Agriculture students by the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District. Others competing were Tommy Cole, second place winner and David Stelzer, third place winner.

John Thomas Bilberry of Post received his Bachelor of Science degree at Sul Ross State University. He majored in Range Animal Science.

Fernando Raymundo of Post received a Bachelor of Science degree at Sul Ross State University. He majored in Industrial Arts.

#### 50 years ago- May 26, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Huddleston announced the birth of a son, Joel Don, born on May 23.

A son was born on May 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller. He was named Gregory Tim.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wiley announced the birth of a son, Jimmy Craig.

Coach Billy Hahn presented district championship trophies to captains of the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams. Eighth grade team captains were Lynette Potts and Shirley Sappington. Seventh grade team captains were Shirley Isaacs and Frances Solis.

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# Texas Crop and Weather

**COLLEGE STATION** - Most of the state had adequate or better soil moisture levels, but East Texas remained extremely dry, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

According to the U.S. Drought Portal, the public information website for National Integrated Drought Information System, many counties bordering the Texas/Louisiana border are now experiencing "moderate drought" conditions.

The extremely dry region encompasses counties from north of Longview to the Houston area and east of U.S. Interstate 45.

The extremely dry and moderate drought counties comprise only about 10 percent of the state, according to the U.S. Drought Portal.

Wood County, east of Dallas, is technically "extremely dry" and technically not in a drought, but if you're a livestock or dairy producer, it's a moot point, said Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent for Wood County.

"But we are pretty droughty," Perkins said. "If we don't get a rain about every 10 to 14 days, we're in a semi-drought because of our sandy soils."

The hardship on his county's farmers has been compounded because of not just a dryer than normal May but a cooler one too, he said. The past week was the first this year that nighttime temperatures recently climbed into the high 60s to low 70s.

"Our Bermuda grass pastures have greened up, the nighttime temperatures really haven't been high enough to

promote excessive growth," Perkins said. "Coupled with the very limited rainfall, we're just not producing any hay right now."

Most of the dairies in his area are grazing dairies that supplement with feed, Perkins said. They have had an abundance of ryegrass, but ryegrass is a winter grass, and what's happening is that it's drying down and Bermuda grass pastures are trying to come on, but there's no moisture.

Perkins said he was particularly concerned about the dairy producers in his county. Because of previous droughts, low milk prices and high feed costs, they have lost considerable equity, and now milk prices are bottoming out again. He hasn't seen any dairy operators sell out yet, but suspect they would if they weren't "upside-down" on the financing of their cow herds.

"I'd probably lose some of them if the price of cows were a little higher," he said. "The problem is they have their cows mortgaged for more than they are worth right now."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

**CENTRAL:** Sporadic rain fell across the district. Heavy winds continued to dry out topsoils and crops. Soil moisture levels were expected to become critically low in a few weeks if rainfall continued to be below normal. Wheat was nearly ready to harvest. Growers were spraying for pecan nut casebearers. Livestock were in good condition.

**COASTAL BEND:** The

region received substantial rain, but windy conditions and their drying effect caused producers to be guarded in their optimism. Most crops were in great condition. Cotton fleahoppers were reported in high numbers, and control was needed in most fields. Livestock were in good condition.

**EAST:** Storms pushed through the area. While some counties receive as much as 2 inches of rain, many counties did not record any measurable amount. Temperatures were extremely high and very dry for May. High winds continued to pull moisture from already drying soil. Many producers had yet to take a first cutting of warm-season grass hay. Pond and lake levels began to recede. However, despite dry conditions, livestock remained in good condition. Feral hog activity was high.

**NORTH:** Soil moisture was short to adequate. Rain and severe weather with hail fell in some counties. Crops, pastures and hay meadows benefited from the rain. Producers were baling early season hay, with about average yields. Warmer weather increased growth of all crops. Wheat and oats headed and were starting to turn, with harvest expected to begin in a couple of weeks. Corn and sorghum were 80 percent to 100 percent planted. Peanuts were in fair to good condition. Soybeans were 70 percent to 100 percent planted and in good condition. Livestock were in good condition with pastures greening up. Feral hogs continued to be a major problem.

**PANHANDLE:** The northern part of the region received rain, wind, hail and tornadoes. An exact appraisal of the damage was not yet available. Wheat was heading out, and was expected to be ready for harvesting in two to three weeks. Depending on the county, corn was 75 percent to 100 percent planted and 25 percent to 100 percent emerged. Cotton was 25 percent to 100 percent planted, and warming soil temperatures should help it emerge, said AgriLife Extension personnel. Soybeans were 100 percent planted with 50 percent emerged. Sunflowers were 80 percent planted, and sorghum was 20 percent to 65 percent planted. Rangeland was in good to excellent condition. Cattle were in good condition.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Custom combine crews arrived in the district as the wheat harvest neared. Wheat producers were watching the weather as storms have crossed the district several times. Some areas received damaging hail and high winds. Rust was reported at extremely high levels, but the wheat was at a stage of maturity where the disease will not do further damage. Wheat and oat hay were being baled. Conditions remained favorable with high soil-moisture levels and daytime temperatures in the 90s. Growers continued planting cotton and milo. Pastures and rangeland were in good to excellent condition thanks to the rains and warmer weather. Stock water tanks were full. Livestock were also in good condition.

Livestock producers were branding cattle and shipping yearlings and culling herds.

**SOUTH:** The region's weather was mild with average temperatures and light to heavy rains, up to about 5 inches in some areas. Soil moisture levels were adequate throughout the region, and rangeland and pastures were in excellent condition. Good rainfall helped fill low stock tanks in many parts of the region and improved the livestock outlook. In the northern part of the region, cotton was squaring. Corn was in the silk stage. Sorghum was beginning to head. Oats and hay were cut and baled, peanut planting began, and the harvesting of wheat and potatoes started. In the eastern part of the region, cotton looked good and small grains were heading. In the western part of the region, dryland sorghum looked better after widespread rains, and producers saw their irrigation costs on cotton, corn and onions considerably reduced. Wheat harvesting continued, and cotton, corn and sorghum were progressing well in that area. In the southern part of the region, spring row-crops, especially melons, were progressing well.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Soil moisture was adequate. Most corn emerged and looked good. Some corn fields had low spots that were submerged too long and appeared to have weak stands. Growers continued planting peanuts, sunflowers, sorghum and cotton. Wheat not cut for hay or terminated for cover was filling grain and appeared to be in fair

to good condition. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Livestock also were in good condition.

**SOUTHEAST:** A 5-inch rain helped save the corn and hay in some parts of the region. Other areas, Brazoria County for example, only received 0.1 inch. Crop conditions remained good, but pastures were in poor to fair condition. Parts of the district were still feeling the effects of the 2009 drought. Severe weed pressure continued in pastures.

**SOUTHWEST:** A heavy rain boosted spring growth. Crops, pastures and rangeland were making excellent progress. Corn was tassling, and wheat was drying down. High humidity and the recent rain delayed the wheat harvest. Forage availability remained above average. The corn harvest for the fresh market began. The spring onion and cabbage harvests were ongoing. Corn, cotton, sorghum, peanuts, watermelons, cantaloupes and potatoes made excellent progress.

**WEST CENTRAL:** The weather was hot, dry and windy. A few areas received scattered showers. Producers were harvesting small grains and planting where it didn't rain. The few areas that received rainfall were expected to begin harvesting hay and planting cotton as soon as conditions allowed. Rangeland and pastures were fair to good in most areas. Livestock remained in good condition. Pecan growers were irrigating orchards and treating for pecan nut casebearers.

## New cold storage unit warms hearts of Guatemalan farmers

**CHIMALTENANGO, Guatemala**—An ongoing U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded Guatemalan Food for Progress project led by the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture is helping farmers in the highland region of Chimaltenango by establishing a new cold storage unit and food processing training center.

The storage unit and training center were established in response to food production, processing and safety needs identified through on-site project personnel working with local farmers, community leaders and others involved in agribusiness, said Johanna Roman, coordinator for Latin American programs with the Borlaug Institute, part of the Texas A&M System.

"Since 2005, we have helped tens of thousands of Guatemalan farmers, mainly indigenous people, through different USDA-funded Food for Progress projects," Roman said. "We're hoping

this recent addition of a cold storage unit and food processing training center will help them expand their ability to sell their products locally and through export."

Roman said Borlaug Institute involvement in the project has farmers in the central Guatemalan highlands, as well as livestock producers in Izabal and Peten and others involved in agriculture in the southern coastal region of Escuintla.

"We've been working to help increase farmer knowledge and to help provide farmers with access to new markets and technology," she said. "We're hoping to help them improve every link in the agricultural value chain, including production processing, storage, packaging, shipping and marketing."

Roman said previous Guatemalan Food for Progress efforts led by the Borlaug Institute have included the establishment of food processing centers, an extensive greenhouse

and crop demonstration and training garden facility, and biodiesel production facilities.

Project efforts also have included extensive education and training for thousands of Guatemalan farmers, as well as community leaders and agribusiness and agriculture ministry representatives. Topics have ranged from best agricultural practices, crop rotation, irrigation, production, harvesting and sound environmental techniques to fair trade, micro-credit, product marketing, food processing and safety, organic farming, agroforestry and horticulture. Instruction is typically provided in Spanish by AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research and other Texas A&M System experts, as well as experts from local institutions and organizations.

"Through several Texas A&M student organizations, we also helped bring the Junior Master Gardener program, a youth education program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, to hundreds of teachers and youth, including children in three Guatemalan orphanages," she added. "This was a way not only to build the children's interest in horticulture, but also for them to learn useful life skills and expand their knowledge of math and science through a fun and interesting program."

Roman said the new cold storage unit in San Juan Compala was established as part of the Food for Progress project's Agriculture in Guatemala:

Technology, Education and Commercialization effort.

It was added to a small local post-harvest packing center to help improve the livelihoods of members of an area agricultural cooperative, the Asociacion de Pequeños Agricultores Comalapenses de Productos No Tradicionales (Association of Small Farmers from Compala Growing Non-traditional Products). The new cold storage facility will benefit 125 farmers of the association, and will provide additional economic benefits for the community at large.

The main products packed at the center are blueberries, snow peas and baby vegetables, which are also exported to several countries.

"We saw that the center needed support in strengthening its cold-chain system, improving food safety and expanding their cold storage capabilities," said Vanessa Salazar, the program leader overseeing enhancements to both the post-harvest center and the food processing training center in Chimaltenango.

Along with the cold storage unit, beneficiaries received a series of trainings on food safety, Roman said. And with the support of AGTEC, the association's packing plant was able to receive GlobalGap certification after completion of food safety training.

The GlobalGap standard is based on food production through good agricultural practices which reduce the negative environmental

impact of farming operations and demonstrate a concern for worker health and safety.

While the new food processing center at the Central de Estudios Cooperativos Training Center in Chimaltenango has been operating since February, an official opening ceremony was held April 23 and attended by representatives of the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service-Guatemala, the training center and El Instituto Tecnico de Capacitacion y Productividad, Guatemala's national training institute.

"We remodeled one of the existing rooms at the farmer training center and brought in food processing equipment for the purpose of hands-on demonstration and training," said Salazar.

She said both local and national training entities are already offering training programs at the center, and project instructors have been training farmers and agriculture students on new food product development and food safety.

Salazar, who is conducting a series of courses at the center as an AGTEC food processing expert, said the educational component will benefit hundreds of area farmers.

"Some of the new food products being developed at the center are baked goods, fruit jams and hot sauces," she said. "And the training center will also be used to offer training programs to Mayan men and women who want to become part of the restaurant and food service

industries."

"This food processing facility is a great contribution to the community, and the instruction provided will help improve small-scale food processing of the participants," said Linda Eilks, the USDA agricultural attache who inaugurated the center in April.

Having taught the Master Food Preserver Program for the Illinois Extension Service, Eilks said she was impressed with the caliber of the facilities.

"In a teaching facility like this, the quality of the equipment and facilities are important, but more important is that the instructors teach the students not only proper food preparation methods, but to constantly keep in mind the safe handling of food," she said.

Roman noted that much of the credit for these new efforts, as well as the previous work done in Guatemala, should also be given to Dr. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and world-renowned "father of the green revolution" for whom the Borlaug Institute was named. Borlaug was a distinguished professor of international agriculture at Texas A&M from 1984 until his death last year.

"We also need to thank Dr. Borlaug for inspiring us to help the farmers of Guatemala in the same way he helped others in countries throughout the world fight hunger and increase food security during his lifetime," she said.



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## McGregor receives degree from Texas A&M



Jonathan McGregor, a 2006 graduate of Post High School, has received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M University. Jonathan graduated *summa cum laude* with an English major and a Philosophy minor. He earned the distinction of University Undergraduate Research Fellow, writing a thesis entitled "A Novel Approach: Religious Epistemology in Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*." A University Scholar, Jonathan also completed his undergraduate work with the prestigious designations of University, Foundation, and College of Liberal Arts Honors.

Prior to commencement exercises, McGregor was named the winner of the Undergraduate Research Essay Prize for his essay "Wisdom's Sister: Milton's Muse in Biblical and Theological Context," which he presented at a national conference at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. He received the Graduating Senior Award in English and won the coveted Gordone Award for undergraduate fiction for his story "Ray County." Jonathan will enter the Ph.D. program in English and American Literature this fall at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

## Classifieds ...

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**CERTAIN STREETS, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING SUCH ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH ORDINANCE.** SECTION 2. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.  
Mayor Thressa Harp  
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## Commissioners ...

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making these projects now more advantageous to counties. The proposed agreement will make it possible to help Southland School District benefit from the project. After discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed agreement, the Commissioners agreed to table the agenda item until more information is available.  
County Attorney Mike Munk reported to the Commissioners that DWI convictions were up 55%

from the previous year. He attributes the increase in convictions to new evidence procedures including the blood draw program.  
Sheriff Cliff Laws was on the agenda for this Commissioner's meeting to discuss and consider budget amendments for the county jail. However, Sheriff Laws was not present. The Commissioners did approve a line item transfer presented for the sheriff's office for \$10,000.  
Minutes from the May 20, 2010 regular meeting

## Mysty Ayala to graduate in June



Mysty Moon Ayala, of Post, will graduate from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin June 4, 2010. At a recent Athletic Banquet held at the school, Mysty was awarded Athletic Scholar of

the Year for the second year; Outstanding softball Player of the Year; All-District First Team Softball; Honorable Mention Basketball; and All-Tournament at Softball Finals.

Mysty played varsity softball (shortstop and pitcher) and basketball for four years in Austin. After graduation she will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY where she will major in Digital Cinema and Animation.

Mysty is the daughter of Desmond and Tammy Ayala and the sister of Ben Ayala, all of Post.

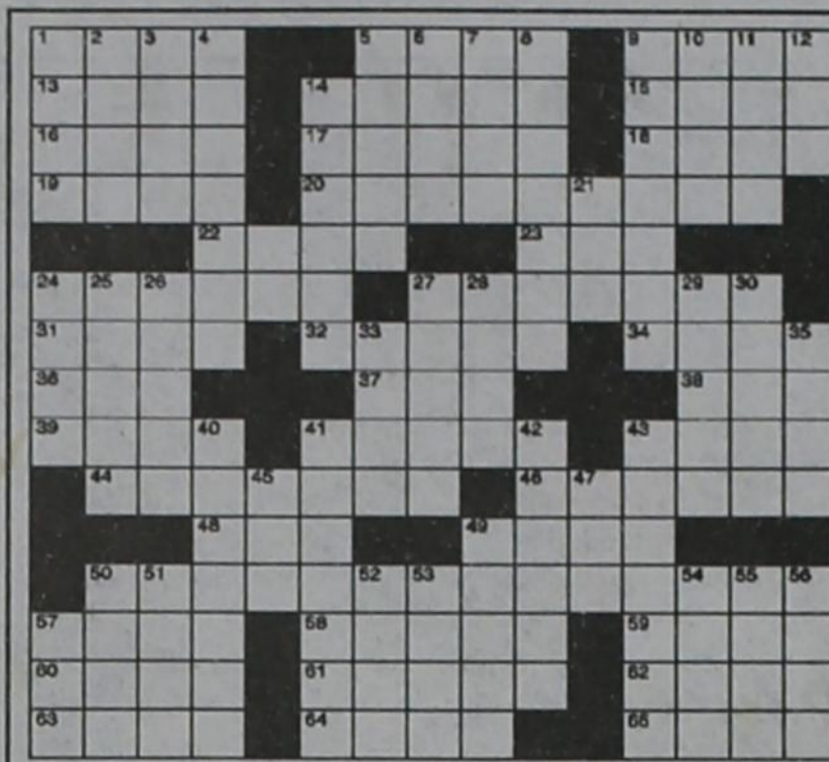
## Worthy Quality ...

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arises, but my courage is revealed through my choices. For example, it is a late hour Halloween night, and our school has beaten our rivals in an intense football game the night before. For celebration, a senior girl decides to have a party. Jane and I, high school juniors, arrive earlier than other attendees, but I notice there is alcohol available for guests. Late into the party, the hostess offers me a drink. Knowing how my mother would react to my illegal intake of alcohol, I politely decline. The small amount of courage I use to say "no" to peer pressure is one courageous act that I can

accomplish for myself and my parents.

Courage is publicized by the heroic feats of intelligent people, men and women who care about the welfare of others. It is immortalized in our founding documents, men like Thomas Jefferson, and people who exemplify the principles on which our country is built. So, when an apartment building has combusted and the smell of burning wood and fear fills the air, courage will send a fireman into the building to find the source of the heart breaking cries of a baby; though he may be fearful, he will go. This is courage.

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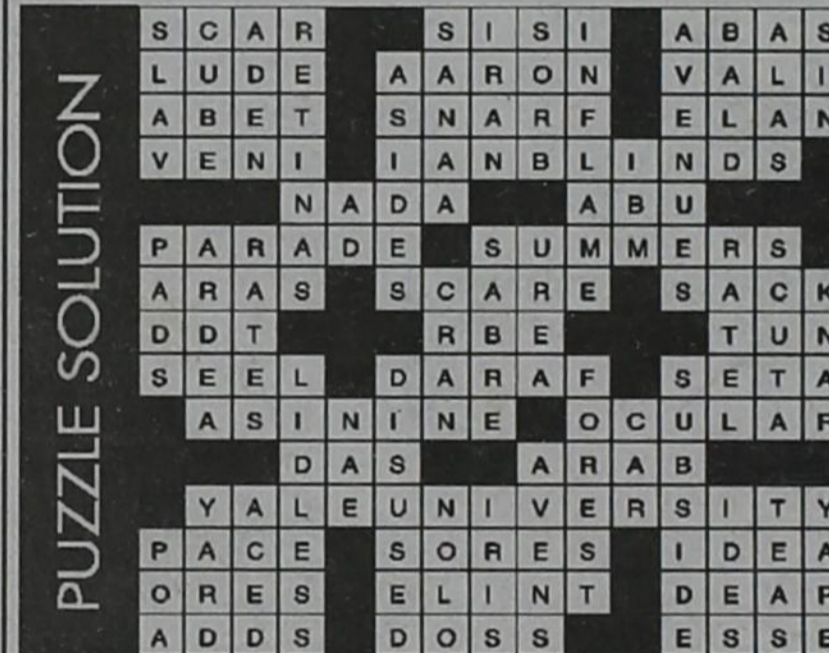


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1. Pock mark
5. Yes, yes (span.)
9. Cas... winter melons
13. Inter... intervening period
14. Moses' elder brother
15. ...date: confirm
16. Assist in wrongdoing
17. Pilfer (slang)
18. Ardor
19. ...vidi, vici
20. ...ian ... Window coverings
22. Zilch
23. ... Dhahi, Arabian capital
24. A marching procession
27. Winters, opposite
31. Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
32. Cause to lose courage
34. Paper bag
35. Insecticide
37. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
38. Volume equal to 2 butts
39. Sew up a hawk's eyelids
41. Elastance unit
43. Stalk of a moss capsule
44. Inanely foolish
46. About vision
48. Petersen film "\_\_\_ Boot"
49. Saddle horse
50. New Haven school
57. Tempo
58. Skin lesions
59. Thought
60. Minerals
61. Electronic intelligence
62. A beloved person
63. Totals
64. Cheap lodging (Br. slang)
65. Sidhartha author H\_\_\_

### CLUES DOWN

1. One of an eastern European people
2. Solid with 6 equal square faces
3. Arabian Gulf
4. To sprout (Spanish)
5. Yemen capital
6. Former Shah's country
7. ...et: fruit juice ice
8. Igaité
9. Streets
10. Without hair
11. Unfortunately
12. Violate a law of God
14. Digressions
21. Big Blue
24. Launching platforms
25. Heron genus
26. Charges per unit
27. A type of fencing sword
28. Epic...n: gourmet
29. Honey badger
30. Roman shields
33. Vaccinium or \_\_\_ berry
35. Burl in wood
40. Without hat
41. No longer in use
42. A dense growth of trees
43. Lessen
45. No (Scottish)
47. Automobile
49. Genus geum
50. 36 inches
51. Breezed through
52. ...contendere, plead no contest
53. Fleur-de-lis flower
54. Farnous March date
55. Orange pekoe or green
56. Agile, lively
57. Blue grass genus



## Post Notes ...

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### Women's Division Garage Sale

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is 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.

### 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 2002 and

2007, please contact The Post Dispatch. We how have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluitt, 2004; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick & K. W. Kirkpatrick, 2006, and Bill Long, 2008 as well as years prior to 2001. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

### PHS Class of 1970

The PHS Class of 1970 will host a reunion June 18 & 19, 2010. All former teachers are invited to the meet and greet at the VFW Friday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. All Teen Town Alumni are invited to dance at the VFW Saturday night, June 19. There will be a picnic at the park Saturday afternoon and a catered dinner at the VFW Saturday night - \$30/couple.

### Class of 1965 Plans Reunion

The class of 1965, the largest PHS graduating class, and of course the best class will have it's 45th reunion on Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th. Class dues are \$25.00 per classmate. Please contact Larry Osman laryosman@att.net 806-445-3359, or Dan Johnson djohnson65@consolidated.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 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 Jendy Thomas Touchstone at jhtouchstone@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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Southland FFA Organization

# Future Farmers of America in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

By Eleysa Richards  
Staff Writer

FFA students show animals in stock shows, learn to restore farm equipment, and farm – right? Traditionally, yes, but they are doing so much more in Southland. In that small Garza County community, Nick McCollister, FFA Advisor, and his students are trying to make FFA fit every student - not just the stereotypical farm boy.

To help with this goal, the Southland FFA has started a website. This website is maintained by sophomore Angela Garza and is a free site through the state FFA

organization. Garza is a first year member and was in a class learning the different parts of livestock when she started working on the site. She says, "It has been a great experience working on the site. It's just fun having to put pictures on there and entertain other people."

The website is more than just pictures. It contains information regarding everything the Southland FFA does from stock show schedules to the State Convention, from pictures of students to information about things required by FFA

members. There is a page on the site dedicated to answering some of the most popular questions about FFA.

Sophomore Kelcee Lewis is another "nontraditional" FFA member in Southland. She "didn't see [herself] in FFA but Mr. McCollister said he was going to have [her] in boots and showing animals." And, she did have to show a goat. Lewis, the organization's secretary, provides pictures for the website.

This is not to say that Southland is not still participating in the more "traditional" FFA activities.

Junior David Blanton has been involved in FFA since the third grade. Blanton shows pigs and is ranked in the top ten in the Texas Junior Livestock Association. Advisor McCollister tries to do the "entire program." The organization does a great deal of agricultural mechanics and participates in the agriculture fair. The group sent 17 students to a stock show in San Antonio in February 2009. The students in Southland also raise wheat on the school farm to give to students for animal bedding and have made spurs for themselves.

According to McCollister, "the main purpose of the site is to teach people. Most people think FFA is an ag class, showing [animals], and mechanics. But it's a three-ring model - FFA, a supervised agricultural experience, and class. We're trying to make the site so we can grow and fit more students." And grow they have. The Southland FFA and Junior FFA organizations together have 44 members this year.

Each of these students has the opportunity to earn college scholarships for their participation in FFA.

There are approximately 36 scholarships available for Area Two FFA members. Area Two of the Texas FFA Association consists of 44 counties spanning from Garza to Terrell, from El Paso to Nolan. These scholarships range in amounts from \$1,000-\$12,000. Currently, Southland has eight sophomores and juniors that are in line to compete for one of these scholarships.

To learn more about Southland FFA activities and the FFA organization, visit the group's web site: [www.southlandffa.org](http://www.southlandffa.org)



Photo by Rosa Latimer

Among those participating in the commemorative postmark festivities at the U. S. Post Office in Post last week were (from left): Deborah Sue McDonald, Regional Executive Director of the Texas Plains Trails Region; local Post Master Dana Gully; and Harry Record, Texas Plains Trails Region Board Member and Public Relations/Membership Director of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The special postmark is available until June 18.



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First Baptist Christian School held its Kindergarten graduation program May 20, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Post. The 2010 Kindergarten graduates are (from left): Cade Edwards, Jake Morris, Cohen Allred and Macee Rathbun. Mrs. Nancy Gordon (not pictured) is the Kindergarten teacher.

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9	2	6	7	3	4	5	1	8
3	6	9	1	2	7	8	4	5
7	5	1	4	8	9	2	6	3
2	4	8	5	3	6	9	7	1
4	1	3	5	6	2	7	8	9
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Marlin Marcum, Superintendent of Post ISD is shown with his wife, Sterline, a teacher at PHS, during a reception for the couple honoring them for the 7 years they have worked in the community. And Post schools.

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