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Harlem Ambassadors Return to Post Sunday Feb. 27



The high-flying Harlem Ambassadors return to Antelope Arena Sunday, Feb. 27, 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of basketball fun.

Courtesy photo.

The internationally acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will return to Post Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at Antelope Arena. "The Ambassadors may find a tougher appointment this year than in last year's game," said Rosa Latimer, Post Area Chamber of Commerce President. "The local team, the PACCers, have been practicing all year and are determined to win."

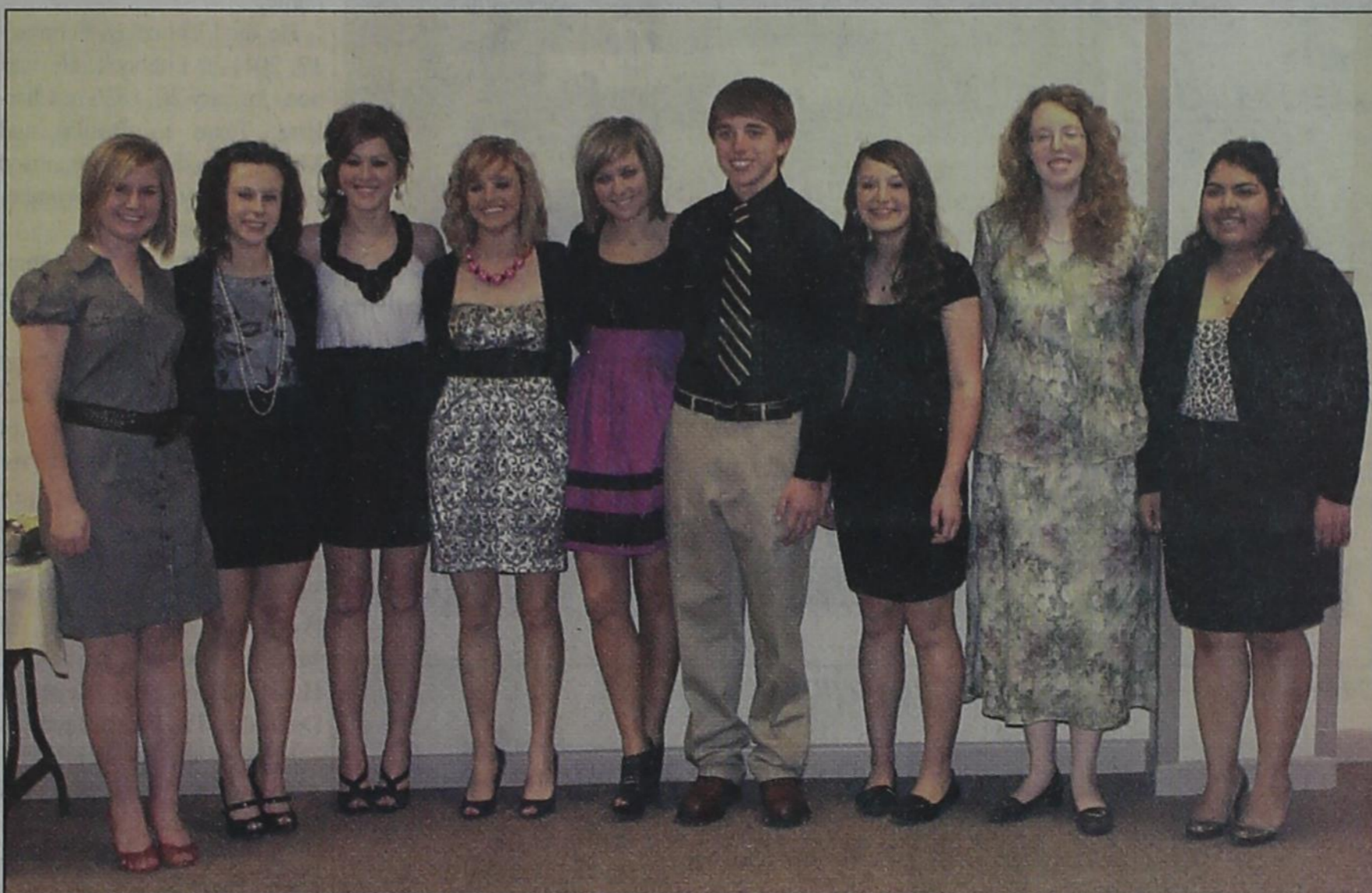
The Ambassadors are partnering with the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a fast-paced basketball game that promises a very entertaining afternoon for the entire family. Tickets for the event are: \$9/adults, \$7/students, \$5/ages 6 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Post Chamber office, 131 E. Main St. until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday afternoon. "The purpose of this show is to provide the kids in the area with quality, positive entertainment," said Harry Record, Public Relations Director for the Post Chamber. "One lucky person will leave the event with a basketball signed by the entire Harlem Ambassadors team. We'll sell raffle tickets for the signed basketball at the game; \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner will be announced during the halftime of the game." The Harlem Ambassador team members will be available after the game to visit with their fans and autograph game memorabilia.

Members of the Harlem Ambassador team presented an assembly for Post ISD students Thursday afternoon in Antelope Arena. The team

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National Honor Society Inducts New Members



The names of the students in the picture from left to right are as follows: Kambry Mason, Morgan Deen-Staggs, Haily Berry, Katelynn Short, Morgan Williams, Dalton Holly, Kayla Comeaux, Audree Williams, Evette Rodriguez, Kari Dunn

Courtesy Photo

The Post High School chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Induction Banquet on February 17, 2011, at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. Nine new members were inducted: Kambry Mason, Morgan Deen-Staggs, Haily Berry, Katelynn Short, Morgan Williams, Dalton Holly, Kayla Comeaux, Audree

Williams, and Evette Rodriguez. During the induction, the officers-Amber Wilson, president; Madison Davis, vice-president; Kari Dunn, secretary; Macy Blair, reporter/student council representative-reiterated the characteristics by which new members were selected: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. During a

candlelight ceremony, the inductees recited the pledge of the society and current members Brittney Miller and Sydnee Jones presented each with a certificate of membership.

Amy Easterling, NHS sponsor, presented NHS patches to last year's inductees who maintained their standing in NHS and to the newly inducted seniors:

Katelynn Short, Evette Rodriguez, and Morgan Williams. Easterling also presented senior certificates to Macy Blair, Madison Davis, Sydnee Jones, Brittney Miller, Amber Wilson, Katelynn Short, Evette Rodriguez, and Morgan Williams. Each senior then briefly spoke about her plans for after graduation.

Dog of the Week



Oreo is a fun-loving young border collie mix. He is very playful and loves people. If you are interested in adopting him or any of the other animals at the Post Animal Refuge Center, please contact us at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook at Post Arc.

Regional Science Fair



Courtesy Photo

Post Elementary attended the South Plains Regional Science Fair and Engineering Fair held at Texas Tech on Friday, February 18th, 2011.

5th Grade participants: Brooke Blair, Isaac Gonzales, and Pete Lascano.

4th Grade participants: Bandy Osborn, Sydney Quinn, and Jadin Reece

5th Grade Science Teacher Mrs. Quinn

All 5th grade students received a 2nd Place ribbon.

4th grade students Bandy Osborn and Jadin Reece received 2nd Place Ribbons.

4th grade student Sydney Quinn received a 1st place ribbon and medal.

Congratulations Post Elementary Science fair Students you did a great job.

Post Notes

Gunn Children Scholarship Fund

A memorial scholarship fund established to honor Danny Gunn and benefit his children.

Donations can be made to the: Gunn Children's Scholarship at Lone Star Bank, 2499 74th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

BROWN BAG BOOK Talk

Friday, Feb. 25 bring your

lunch to The Heritage House and talk about books! Peggy Ashley will lead the informal discussion. You'll hear about new books, old favorites and enjoy time shared with others. We'll begin at noon and end no later than 12:50. The Book Talk group will meet the last Friday of every month. Call 495-4148 (The Heritage House) or 990-2149 (Post City Library). for more information.

22nd Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock will host the 22nd annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, March 4. This luncheon will raise funds and community awareness. Hospice of Lubbock, serving 19 area counties, is our regions ONLY non-profit adult and pediatric hospice. General Admission is \$10.

Recognition Business Tables are \$1,500 for 8 people. For more information please call Lindsay Webb at 762-6020.

The Stitchin' Club to meet

The Stitchin' Club will meet at The Heritage House the first and third Thursday night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Thursday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no charge and everyone is welcome! Bring whatever project you are

working on or want to begin: crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, etc. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Post High School Calendar

Friday, 25 - End of the 4th-Six Weeks and Early Release at Noon! Submit your Grades.
24-26 - V Softball Tourn. at Sweetwater
24-26 - V Baseball, Norm Cash Clash Tourn. at Post Looking Ahead:

Feb. 19 - Band UIL Solo & Ensemble, Coronado HS, LKB

Feb. 19 - 12 PM JV/V Baseball at Levelland

Feb. 19 - Girls Softball TBA

Feb. 19 - Art V.A.S.E. Competition

Feb. 28 & Mar 3 - OAP Play Practice, 6:30 PM

Mar. 1-4 State TAKS

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Chamber News

The Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be this Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at Antelope Arena. We have tickets available at the Chamber office or you can buy them at the door. This was a great event last year and we expect it will be bigger and better this year.

Ragtown Gospel Theater will have "Heaven - A Divine Comedy". Performances

will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

March 31 is the date of our Small Business Seminar. We have a group from Lubbock coming down to discuss managing a small business. Watch for details coming soon.

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be April 9 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to great food and a silent auction, we

will award Business and Citizen of the Year.

The Chamber will also be hosting a Bingo Night on Tuesday, April 19. It will be a night of fun and prizes and the Women's Division will be in charge of concessions, so you know there will be some great food.

Congratulations to our members of the week:



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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

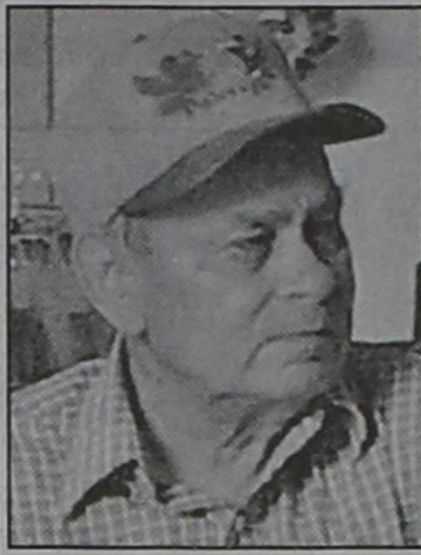
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

Obituary



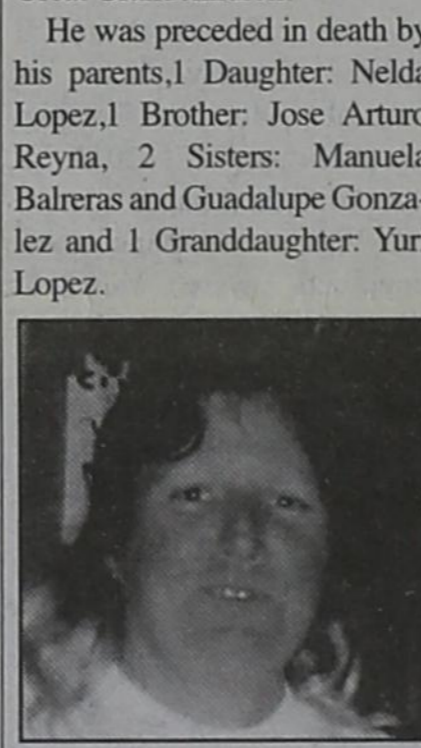
ABELARDO REYNA
Mass of the Resurrection for Abelardo T Reyna, 75, of Post was held at 2 PM Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Rosary was held at 7 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

He died Thursday, February 17, 2011 in Lubbock. He was born January 20, 1936 in Charlotte, Texas to Basilio and Maria (Taber) Reyna. He married Felicita Fuentes on November 4, 1958 in Post.

Prior to his retirement he worked in the oilfield.

Survivors include his wife: Felicita Reyna of Post, 3 Daughters: Soyla Reyna of Post, Felice Leslie Soto of Post and Mary Lou Sabas of Post, 10 Sons: Jose Reyna of Smithville, Tx, Mario Reyna of Smithville, Tx, Abel Reyna of Post, Alphonso Reyna of Michigan, Basilio Reyna of Houston, Danny Ray Reyna of Del Valle, Tx, Frank Reyna of Tahoka, Hector Reyna of Post, Abel Reyna Jr. of Post and Aaron Reyna of Post, 1 Brother: Esabel Martinez of Corpus Christi and 1 Sister: Antonia (Toni) Ammons of Post and by a number of Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 Daughter: Nelda Lopez, 1 Brother: Jose Arturo Baleras, 2 Sisters: Manuela Baleras and Guadalupe Gonzalez and 1 Granddaughter: Yuri Lopez.



BETH ANN TODD
Services for Beth Ann Todd, 46, of Post were held at 10

AM Monday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Taylor officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, February 18, 2011 at her home in Post. She was born May 5, 1964 in Slaton to Clifton and Carrol Jean (Long) Grigsby. She was a graduate of Post High School. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother Mike Huff.

Survivors include 1 son: Will Todd of Post, 1 Daughter: Shyan Todd Whisenhunt of Abilene, 4 Brothers: Moe Huff of Bloomfield, NM, Jack Huff of Bloomfield, NM, Freddy Huff of Post, Tx and Clifton Grigsby of California, 1 Sister: Judy McInroe of Post, Tx and by 2 Grandchildren: Bryson Todd and Caden Whisenhunt.

the on-line guest book at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.



PANSY SMITH
Pansy Drennen Metsgar Smith, 90 of Post, died Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Services were held 1:00 pm Monday February 21, 2011 at the Calvary Baptist Church of Post with the Rev. Darren Weaver and Ted Tatum officiating. A graveside service was held at 3:30 pm Monday at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born at Wapanucka, Oklahoma, March 5, 1920, to William Wallace and Sarah Muhlda (Rowbotham) Drennen. She was raised and attended school at Spur and Dickens. She married W.C. (Clint) Metsgar Feb. 6, 1946 at Hagerman, New Mexico. He preceded her in death March 24, 1957. Pansy worked many years at Spur and then moved to Post in 1987. Since living here, she has been active in the Senior Citizens Center, bible study and visiting. Her special interests were dancing, meeting people and talking. Her quote was: Always smile, it is better to smile, than to frown. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother and six sisters. One grandson: Scott Metsgar and a son-in-law: Kenneth McClanahan.

Survivors include two sons: Johnny Metsgar and his wife Vivian of Lubbock and Ronnie Metsgar and his wife Tricia of Post. One daughter: Carolyn McClanahan of Lubbock. Seven grandchildren: Jaylee Hightower and her husband Paul. Kathy Snelson and her husband Larry, Glenn McClanahan, Clint Metsgar and his wife Cynthia, Corey Metsgar and his wife Christine, and Christopher Metsgar. Four great-grandchildren: Eddie Hightower, Krysta Hightower, Tyler Snelson and Kendra Snelson. One great-great-grandchild: Cory Hegdal. Several Nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the Garza County Trail Blazers, 205 East 10th Street, Post, Texas 79356 or to a favorite organization.

Visitation was held Sunday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the funeral home.

Trailblazers Menu

Feb 28th

Monday

Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Pudding

Southland ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu for February 28- March 4

- Monday**
Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday**
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Wednesday**
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast Quesidilla, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Friday**
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu for February 28 - March 4

- Monday**
Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Apples & Oranges, Sherbet Cup, Milk
- Tuesday**
Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday**
Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Cinnamon Apples, Milk
- Thursday**
Chicken Fajita Meat, Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk
- Friday**
Hamburger, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Baked Fries, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit, Milk

Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Feb 28th - March 4th

- Monday**
Waffles, Sausage, Butter and Syrup, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday**
Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday**
Malt-O-Meal, Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Milk
- Thursday**

Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

- Friday**
Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- Lunch Menu Feb 28th - March 4th**
- Monday**
Hot Dogs, Oven Fried Potatoes, Orange & Apple Smiles, Sherbet Cup, Milk
- Tuesday**

Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches, Milk

- Wednesday**
Salsbury Steak, Rice Pilaf, English Peas, Pineapple Tidbits, Hot Rolls
- Thursday**
Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Milk
- Friday**
Hamburger, Let, Tom, Pickle, Baked Beans, Carrots, Crispy Treats, Milk

Legend
By Linda Pucke
The H.G. Smith came to Garza county was organized in 1905-two years had lived in Lubbock moved here for son Alexander's home. He traveled every weekend got tired of the home and decided to move to Garza County, even if it live in a covered wagon. Finally Smith moved into their building and Mrs. Smith always heard how West Texas was amazed to come find it covered high grass. The people so friendly and Neighbors gave and chickens."

The first place after coming here hear a Baptist preacher in a tiny little home was used as a school. Her neighbors knew her that everyone there. "When we there were no people to fill the room remembers.

Next the family a picnic at the Little Creek. It was very for Mrs. Smith who taught school in before moving

10 YEARS
Russell Eaton Josey advances to UIL debate meet.

Post Lady Lopez All District honor display the District Champion trophy members are: Hernandez, Kelly Megan Mills, Emily Davida Gregory, Lopez and Kendra

20 YEARS
Malachi Mitchell 91 among West Students in America and Colleges honor Mitchell, served 2 half years in the U.S. a student at the University of Central Texas.

Post Project manager Wanda spoke in Austin about the benefits Street Program at and Historical Committee heard State Capital.

30 YEARS
Syd Conner she trophy and ribbon in the West Texas Association Bull Services for John 71, former mayor and manager of Theatre here until 13 students on Post Tech honor roll. Aten, Lee Cal Howard, Peggy Cynthia Kent Kirkpatrick Morrow, David Redman, Dan Say Simpson, Norm and Nathan Wheeler

NOT ON THE SUB

Legends...Garza County Historial Museum

By Linda Puckett

The H.G. Smith family came to Garza County in 1905-two years before the county was organized. They had lived in Liberty, but moved here for their small son Alexander's health.

Mrs. Smith was staying in Snyder with Mr. Smith's sister until they could build a home. He traveled to Snyder every weekend, but his wife got tired of the separation and decided to come to Garza County, even if she had to live in a covered wagon. Finally Smith completed the building and the family moved into their own home.

Mrs. Smith related, "I had always heard how droughty West Texas was, and I was amazed to come here and find it covered with knee high grass. The people were so friendly and helpful. Neighbors gave us guineas and chickens."

The first place she went after coming here was to hear a Baptist preacher speak in a tiny little house which was used as a school house. Her neighbors kept telling her that everyone would be there. "When we got there, there were not enough people to fill the room," she remembers.

Next the family went to a picnic at the Little Grape Creek. It was very lonesome for Mrs. Smith who she had taught school in Liberty before moving to West

Texas and was accustomed to going somewhere every day. However, her husband's nearness made up for the scarcity of others. Here he was in sight or calling distance all the time, where before, as a practicing lawyer he was away from home all day and sometimes into the night.

The first roundup they attended was at the OS Ranch. The horses were so well trained; the Smiths felt they had received a new education.

A man named Doc Knox lived about seven miles away. The atmosphere was so calm they could hear him singing every morning as he went to feed the stock. The men had to go to Snyder to purchase supplies, that meant a three day round trip with a horse and wagon. Women who lived near each other would get together and watch for their husbands about dusk on the third day. They could be seen quite far away.

There were only seven school children in the district so Mrs. Smith taught them for a few months. When she had to stay home with the baby, her husband held the sessions. He was a graduate of the University of Texas.

The first year they were here, there was a 12-15 acre plot which did not need to be grubbed out so they planted cotton. The cotton was beautiful and they counted

on two or three bales to the acre, judging it by the cotton grown around Liberty. One morning a neighbor came by and asked if they had seen their cotton. A killing frost had occurred in the night and they were lucky to harvest two or three bales of cotton in all.

Soon after, C.W. Post came down to build Post City and the county was organized. Mrs. Smith believed that her husband and Hal Murray were the only men in the county who were not cowboys. They ran against each other in the first election for County Clerk, with Murray winning by two or three votes.

Mrs. Smith recalled the famous picnic held on July 4, when Post was being built. People came from as far away as Big Spring. Big Spring even sent a uniformed band. At last she got to see the large crowd she so desired. The Smiths, along with everyone else came in a covered wagon and camped out.

In 1908 they moved to Post from their farm home. They bought a four room house and H.G. Smith set up a law office. He later got a job with the Double U Company. That same year he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace-precinct 4 until 1910. Mr. Smith served as County Attorney from 1910-1916, 1930-1936, 1938-1940.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Sofa cushions are beneath me.

Actually, at the moment, just one sofa cushion is beneath me. But in the grander sense of my opening statement, the reference is to all sofa cushions in roadside ditches - the ones people lose when they transport sofas and forget to batten down the cushions. I don't brake for sofa cushions. Unless they're mine.

But as for other roadside objects of interest, that's a different story. Why not turn around, backtrack, investigate and possibly appropriate whatever the treasure happens to be? (Refer to Section 545.058, Texas Transportation Code.)

Last week the treasure was a blue hardhat. Maybe you saw it too resting upright on the right-hand southbound shoulder of U.S. 287 somewhere between Vernon and Wichita Falls. Maybe it's yours. Describe it in detail, and I might give it back. Otherwise not. I needed a hardhat.

If you have a hardhat, clipboard and safety glasses, you can walk onto a job site and pretend to be a safety

inspector. The idea of doing that was one of the first things that came to my mind once I had that hardhat in hand. Not that I'd do that.

Enter Carl Jung. What I remember from reading one of his books is his theory that humankind shares some sort of collective historic subconscious or something like that, which is why drunks tend to see the same things when they hallucinate, namely pink elephants or mice, although the elephants aren't always pink. That's what I remember from reading Jung three decades ago.

Back then I was working at a mental hospital. Even as a low-echelon employee, part of my job was to interview incoming patients to learn about them and note any odd notions or behavior. For instance, one woman thought she was God. I made a note of that.

Of course, doctors did all the diagnosing and social workers did the counseling, but we front-line workers executed various fill-in-the-blank intake assessments for the patients' charts and made other written comments during their time

with us.

A popular delusion then among the patients was that they conversed with E. T., the extra-terrestrial creature popularized by the blockbuster movie of the same name. Even though it was a shared delusion, it didn't seem Jungian to me but more like a delusion du jour - just what you would expect mentally unstable movie-watchers to think after watching the cleverly concocted E. T.

But when I came across two patients who both erroneously claimed to be safety inspectors, of all things, I figured I'd stumbled onto a significant common delusion to add to Jung's list of common hallucinations, if it's OK to mix delusions and hallucinations. I think it is.

That said, when I found that hardhat and begin to fantasize myself about masquerading as a safety inspector, it's no wonder I remembered those two deluded guys at the mental hospital who, amazingly enough, each believed they really were safety inspectors. If only they'd had hardhats, they might have pulled it off.

Yesteryears

10 YEARS

Russell Eaton and Kenda Josey advances to state in UIL debate meet.

Post Lady Lopes earning All District honors proudly display the District Co-Champion trophy. Team members are; Manuela Hernandez, Kelly Moore, Megan Mills, Emily Smith, Davida Gregory, Yvonne Lopez and Kenda Looney.

20 YEARS

Malachi Mitchell in 1991-91 among Who's Who Students in America Univ. and Colleges honor program. Mitchell, served 28 and one-half years in the US Army is a student at the University of Central Texas.

Post Project Main Street manager Wanda Mitchell spoke in Austin on behalf about the benefits of the Main Street Program at the Cultural and Historical Legislative Committee hearing at the State Capital.

30 YEARS

Syd Conner shows off his trophy and ribbon he won in the West Texas Hereford Association Bull Award. Services for John N. Hopkins, 71, former mayor of Post, and manager of the Tower Theatre here until it closed.

13 students on Post on Texas Tech honor roll; Donna Aten, Lee Calvert, Eric Howard, Peggy Jackson, Cynthia Kirkpatrick, Kent Kirkpatrick, Charles Morrow, David Pool, Jackie Redman, Dan Sawyers, Denis Simpson, Norman Weaver, and Nathan Wheeler.

40 YEARS

Boyd Noble of Post, who at 6-11 is the tallest athlete ever to wear a Red Rader Uniform, is a mainstay on this season's Texas Tech freshman team.

The annual Chamber of Commerce awarded Mrs. Marie Neff and Buster Morland as

"Woman of the Year and Man of the Year." "Organization of the Year," went to Garza Co. Historical Survey Committee, award accepted by Mrs. Gwendolyn Boren.

50 YEARS

Ira Lee Duckworth and Mrs. J.L. (Bett) Stewart, announced as Post's man and woman of the year at the annual Post Chamber banquet.

Max Knox and Capt. E. L. Posey of Lubbock were two highway patrolmen assigned to Post.

Post Bowling Center Manager Billy Miller has inaugurated a "King and Queen of the Week" event. Man winner receives \$10 prize and the woman winner will receive \$5 prize. Last week's winner was Allen Nichols.

60 YEARS

Mrs. J. S. Spencer, 38 gives birth to triplets-two boys and a girl, in Lamar Co. They make 17 children for the Spencer family. The older is 21 and there is one set of twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hall and son move here from Lubbock. He is the market

manager of Kash and Karry Grocery coming here from Lubbock chain stores.

Vandon Thomas, Charles Bird, Don Rose, Clarence Gunn Kenneth Rogers and Billy Taylor members of Future Farmer of America, admire the pick presented to them by Connell Chevrolet

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
All I can say is we are in bad need of some moisture. Keep rain in your daily prayers.

News
The Wilke bunch all traveled to the Dallas area this past weekend to attend the PBR Bull riding that was held at the new Cowboys stadium. While there they got to meet several bull riders, bullfighters as well as attend a Toby Keith concert. Enjoying the weekend were GB Wilke, Robbie Wilke, Efrain, Jenny, Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez.

Raul Guerrero, great-grandson of Lois Childs and grandson of Jim and Nedra Ellis competed in the State Wrestling match in Amarillo and was named State Champ in his division; way to go Raul!!!

A few of our kids have been in San Angelo at the stock show this past week. Russ Morris and Kari Dunn that I know of were there. I'm not sure how either of them did but I know that they put

a lot of effort in the animals each year so if you see them out and about, give 'em a pat on the back.

FYI to Close City residents ... watch out for your dogs, I hear there are some small obstacles out here.

Visitors
Can ya'll believe we had no visitors out this week? Just our regular "coffee crew" Ya'll come out and have a cup with us some morning ... you are guaranteed to be entertained.

Close City Birthdays
February 26th - Jose Julian Esparza
February 27th - Shelia Melton
February 28th - Kaylyn Dean
March 2nd - Jody Thuett, Diane Graves
If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

We have a few that have been under the weather and we want them to know that we are thinking of them ... Claudine Tipton, Joe

Abraham and Troy Nelson. Hope ya'll are feeling better. Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are ... W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Nelson in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka, Jean Tipton in San Angelo, Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are Mack Ledbetter in Slaton, Doris Wilson in Castorville, John and Mary Gist in Lubbock and Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

EYI
Our Close City Community BINGO night tentatively set for March 19th ... we'll let you know the exact details as it gets closer. Anyone wishing to help in anyway give Nancy or I a call.

We'd like to add some pics to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCara's downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

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-Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

THE phone rang as I was leaving home for exercise and work. A friend was ill and asked me to drive to her house, pick up some flowers, and deliver them. I thought of the plans I had for my day. Couldn't someone else help her out? Maybe someone who was less busy than I? I thought of excuses — lots of excuses. Then I began to think about how our society prides itself on keeping busy. I keep busy, although I'm retired now and could relax more. Actually, I like to stay active.

As I was driving to my friend's home, I prayed for God to help me change my attitude and make me a more cheerful friend. Gradually I could feel the tension fading from my body, and peace replaced my reluctance. By the time I had made the short drive, I was feeling glad about the favor I was about to do.

We don't have to be far from home serving on a mission field to help others. God offers us little opportunities every day to serve someone else in some way. I pray that God will open my eyes to little acts of kindness that I can do right here and give me a loving heart so that I happily serve.

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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What's your story?



Pictured are: Seated left to right, J.C. Steel (deceased), William Wiley, Cecil Foster (deceased), Doug Tipton, Tommy Lewis (deceased), Dean Nolan, Dempsey Zachary; standing left to right are Robert Buckley, Walton McQuien, and JoAnn Blacklock, standing in for Eddie Holly (deceased).

Post is a city rich in heritage and history, and familiar with the costs involved to protect our freedom. Without the freedom so many of us take for granted, our heritage would quickly be consumed in the flames of anarchy or living under the shadow of a foreign flag. Ask a veteran, however, and they can tell you we should take none of these things for granted. The front yards and parks of Post can be filled with the sounds of children playing without fear of the violence that is typical in many parts of the world, thanks in large part to the sacrifices made by our military, current, future, and past.

Unfortunately, many of our beloved veterans are leaving this world to go to a better one, and their stories are leaving with them. Just since the above photo was taken in November, four of these proud men have gone on to be with their loved ones in a better place. As we near the anniversary of the beginning of World War II, it is hard for many of us to believe that seventy years have passed since that fated

date at Pearl Harbor. As time treks onward ever more rapidly, the rich stories of those who fought so bravely are beginning to fade away like an old photograph.

As the nephew of several World War II veterans, one of which made the ultimate sacrifice in the lonely reaches of North Africa, I am personally interested in the accounts of those individuals who contributed so greatly to my family's freedom to worship as they see fit, and my child's ability to walk through the green grass of a public park without fear. Conflicts such as the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the War on Terror have all sent our brothers, fathers, sons, and uncles to fight on foreign soil. Many times our soldiers fight hunger, cold, heat, and a hateful foreign populace, all in order to serve a country they love so dear. If they can make such a sacrifice, we should take an interest in them as human beings.

A generation of those veterans has left us. World War I, almost a century removed, has finally left us

no survivors. As precious lives expire, so do stories rich in the heritage we hold to so proudly. Right here in Post, there are many veterans of World War II and later conflicts that can teach us valuable lessons about life and the freedoms we have grown to depend upon. These freedoms we have are not entitlements, and it is not something we are owed or simply deserving of because we are born as citizens. They are earned the hard way. If those who bravely serve become less and less, our freedoms can be expected to seep away. These brave men and women deserve our respect and gratitude. Many are just waiting to be asked, "What's your story?"

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Jones headed to LCU



By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

Lady Lope Sydnee Jones signed on to play softball for Lubbock Christian University starting with the 2012 season. Wednesday, February 16th was a momentous time at the Post High School library when the PHS senior committed to attend LCU. LCU head softball coach Daren Hays was present to sign the deal that gives Jones the opportunity to play her collegiate career at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school known for excelling in its athletic programs as well as academics.

Hays explained that it's good to keep "good athletes close to home. She's a good fit for us (LCU)." He said that Sydnee's "power and speed combination" will help her become a good college

player.

Coach Hays, LCU's third softball coach, is in his first season as head coach. He thinks this year's team should compete for another National Championship after playing well in the Sooner Athletic Conference. Daren follows in the footsteps of his father Larry and brother Shanon whom were the previous head softball coaches for the Lady Chaps. Shanon coached LCU to its first national softball title in the school's inaugural season in 2008. Last season under Larry Hays, LCU went 54-7 and claimed their second consecutive Sooner Athletic Conference regular season title. Larry led the Lady Chaps to a 16-0 start and to their third consecutive NAIA National Championship appearance.

"We're super proud of her" said Sydnee's dad Lane

Jones. Starting next season, Sydnee's parents Lane and Christina plan on making the frequent drives to Lubbock to follow the Lady Chaps softball program.

It was late in junior high, the Jones' noticed "that Sydnee showed a spark and that she really loved it (softball). Since then, she has received personalized instruction and played each season with the Lady Lopes softball program that has advanced her game enough to be a recruited college athlete. He added that "she is looking forward to the opportunity that Lubbock Christian's given her."

In the Lady Lopes 2010 season, Jones led the team at the plate with a .481 batting average and 21 runs batted in 17 games. In the field at third base, she posted a .711 fielding percentage. Sydnee earned first team all-district honors last season and was a second team selection the previous year in 2009.

Many of Jones' softball teammates, coaches, parents, and her grandparents were present for the signing ceremony.

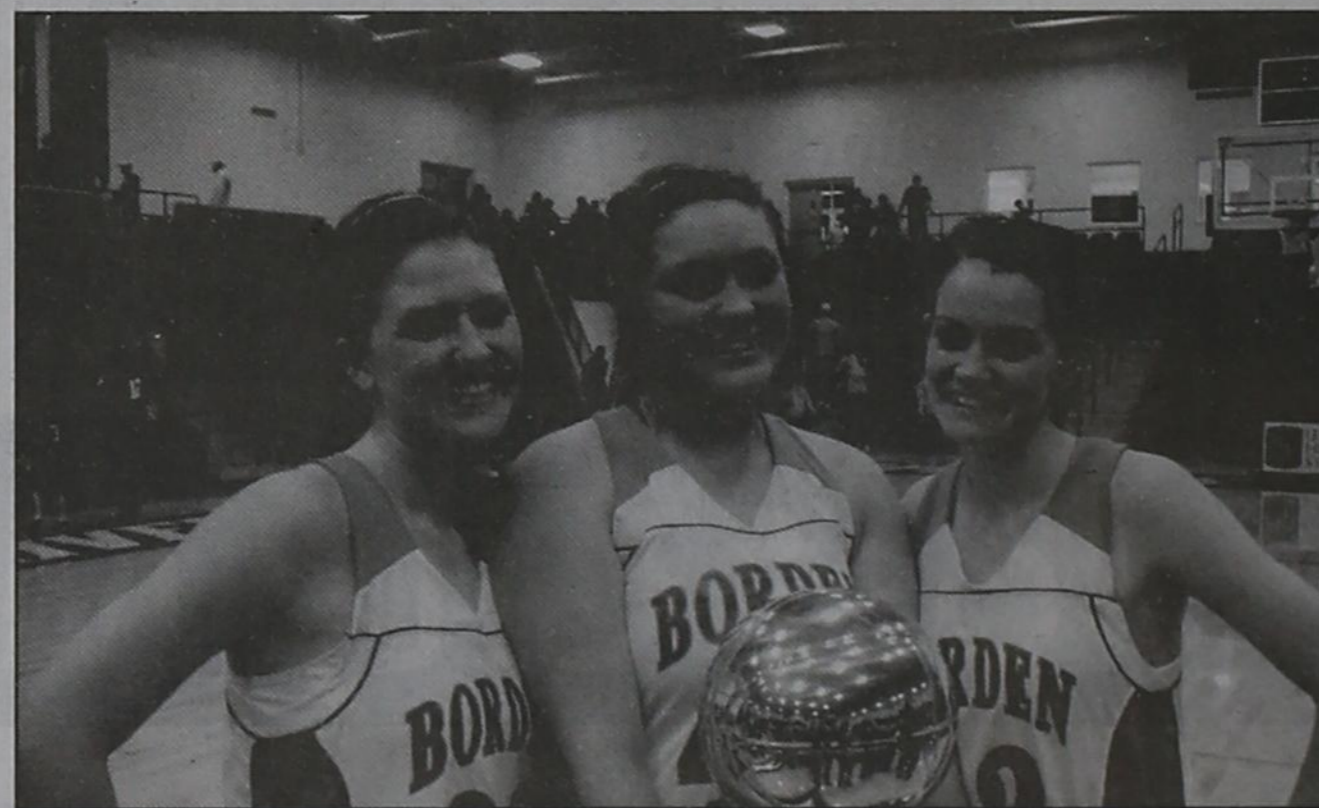
Sydnee is playing her final season with the Post Lady Lopes under the direction of Head Coach Charles Whitfill.



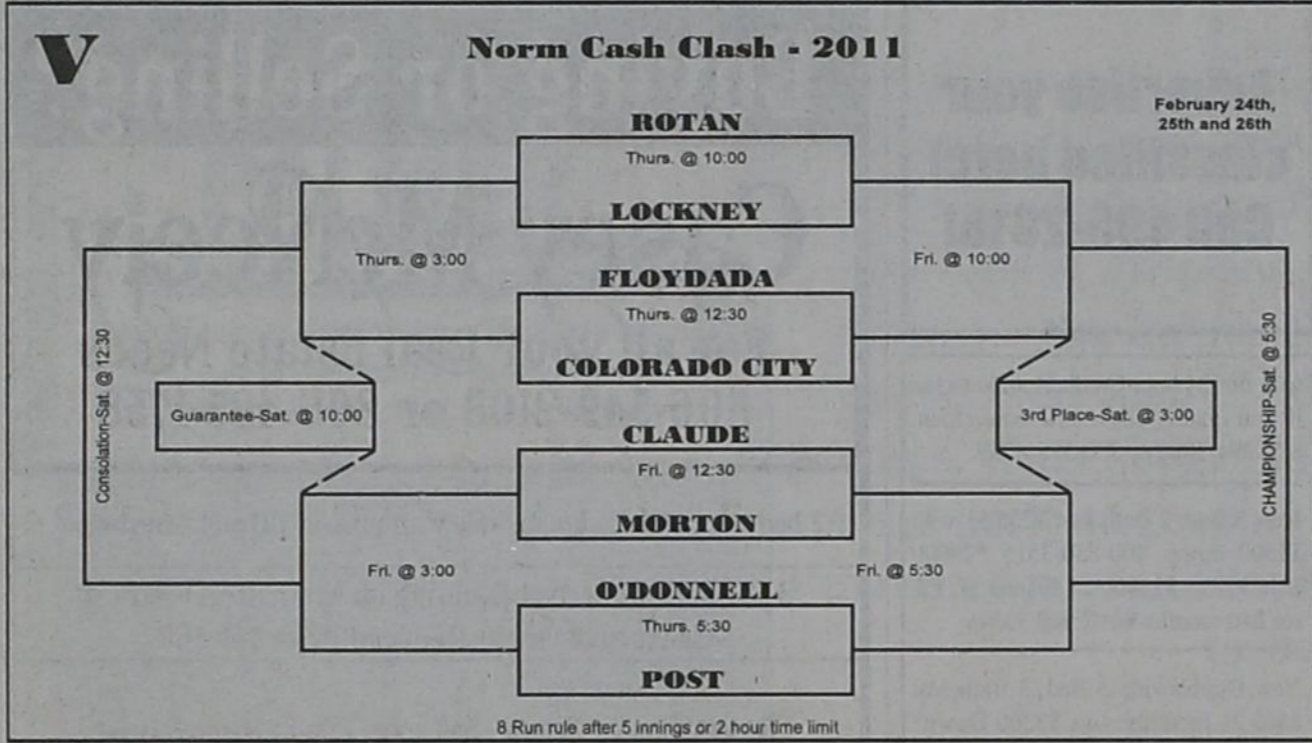
Quincey Quintana, a 7th grader at Post Middle School was a Ball Girl for three of this year Lady Raider games. On Wednesday January 26, 2011, Quincey was a Ball Girl for the Tech vs. Texas game, Tech 67 Texas 75. That night she also took a picture with her favorite Lady Raider #23 Monique Smalls. Quincey is the daughter of David and Melinda Quintana, sister of Andrew, granddaughter of Tino and Linda Alaniz, Lupe and Adelina Quintana and the great granddaughter of Eva Gonzales all of Post.



Quincey Quintana enjoyed watching Rachel Gray, a guard for LCU, Saturday February 12, 2011. LCU vs. Oklahoma Baptist game. Rachel was a former Lady Lope and is the daughter of Rodney and Vicki Gray. Quincey is the daughter of David and Melinda Quintana, sister of Andrew, granddaughter of Tino and Linda Alaniz, Lupe and Adelina Quintana and great granddaughter of Eva Gonzales all of Post.



Raegan Belongia and Aubree Lester both of Post are part of the 2010-2011 Borden County Lady Coyotes. The team played and won the area championship at the Rip Griffin Center on the LCU campus in Lubbock. Shown left to right; Stefanie Cooley, Raegan Belongia and Aubree Lester. Courtesy Photo



Way to go Lady Coyotes!

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Jake Gonzalez, grandson of Jerry and Lilly (Wilke) Wright enjoyed riding the mechanical bull at the PBR Bullriding event. Jake and his family attended at the Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. Courtesy Photo

ANTELOPES BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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COLORADO CITY 25, POST 11 (2/11/11)

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Post scoring: Pake Jones 2, Travis Greathouse 2, Dakota McDonald 2, Nathaniel Gill 2, Chris Yarbrough 2, Mondo Martinez 1. Post Record: 9-16.

8TH GRADE BOYS, A-TEAM

POST 22, COAHOMA 18 (2/14/11)

Coah 3 0 7 8-18
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Post scoring: Blake Boren 12, Jayson Walden 4, Freddy Araiza 6,
Post's Final Record: 8-8 (season), 4-6 (district)

7TH GRADE, A-TEAM

POST 64, COAHOMA 12 (2/14/11)

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Post scoring: Kyle Jones 17, Blaine Reece 10, Jaybren Rodriguez 10, Cambry Gilbert 8, Jarred Curtis 8, Jordan Solorzano 6, Shandon Wiley 5.
Post's Final Records: 12-4 (season), 7-3 (district)

See more on PostSportsPage.com.

LADY LOPES BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

VARSITY GIRLS

ROOSEVELT 60, POST 34 (2/8/11)

8TH GIRLS

DENVER CITY 34, POST 11 (2/7/11)

Post scoring: Kelbie Oden 7, Anahica Duran 3, Chelby Morris 1.

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January 2011 - December 2011

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income

households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

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Rivera Takes 1st at Levelland

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

The Post power lifting team showed up strong again this time at the Levelland meet on Saturday, February 12.

Coach Ken Roberts was pleased with both the boys and the girls saying "all competed well".

Junior Kim Rivera finished first in her class lifting a total of 525 pounds.

Sydney Jones, Class of 2011, finished 2nd with a total of 635 pounds. D.J. Brown, a freshman, also placed 2nd in his class with a 920 pound total lift. Junior Jordan Aguilar claimed 6th place with a 1085 pound total lift. And sophomore Nathan Gill finished 7th in his class with a 1000 pound total hoist.

The Post girls will lift next at the Regional meet in Odessa on March 5th. The boy's qualifiers will compete at their Regional meet on March 12th in Sundown.

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Rain slows cotton harvest but doesn't hurt yields

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by the combined effects of excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding and high winds associated with and in addition to Hurricane Alex on June 29, 2010 through July 31, 2010 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Lubbock, Craig Simpson said today.

Garza County is one of 31 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the natural disaster.

Craig Simpson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Mr. Simpson said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider

proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 17, 2010 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Mr. Simpson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lubbock is open from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

COLLEGE STATION -- Rain slowed or halted cotton harvest in the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains, but in most cases there wasn't enough rain to adversely affect yields, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"Fortunately, in most places (the rain) was less than half an inch," said Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist based in Vernon. "So with the weather looking like it does, things should clear out and we should be able to get going again pretty quickly."

Baughman estimated that "definitely less than half" of the Rolling Plains cotton crop was harvested by mid November.

"With a big part of the dryland crop, we're actually still waiting on a killing frost to get into a lot of those fields," he said. "Typically we'd already had our first freeze by this time, and we'd already had a lot this cotton sprayed (with desiccants)."

For several reasons -- the lack of a killing frost among them -- the cotton harvest already is running "somewhat late" in the Rolling Plains, Baughman said.

There also was a lot of late-to-mature cotton, and having

nearby fields of wheat already up limited the use of desiccants because of the potential damage to the newly emerged plants, he said.

The cotton was late to be planted because of weather, and might not have made a crop some years. But nearly perfect October conditions allowed the late cotton to mature, Baughman said. Also, the area cotton had considerable re-growth, which is harder to kill by chemical means.

"A lot of guys who had already sprayed once will still need a killing frost to go ahead and kill the cotton."

Baughman expected above-average yields on dryland cotton. About 90 percent of the Rolling Plains cotton crop is grown without irrigation.

"Yields have been kind of all over the board, but overall I think we'll be above average," Baughman said. "Dryland long-term average has been about a half bale (per acre), and I definitely think we'll be in the 300- to 400-pound range across the whole area. Now, we're going to have some individual fields that are way above the average."

A bale of cotton typically weighs about 500 pounds, Baughman noted.

In the South Plains, fields dried out rapidly, allowing the

cotton harvest to continue, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports. U.S. Department of Agriculture offices continued to give incoming cotton samples high marks as regards to quality.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

NORTH: Soil-moisture levels were better thanks to rain which ranged from short to adequate. Conditions were good for both planting and growing. Small grains were in good shape, as well as winter annual pastures, though most were planted late. Some areas reported light frosts but not a killing frost. Many pastures were in poor condition due to overstocking and/or overgrazing. Winter pastures began to germinate. Livestock, cattle, sheep and goats were in good condition going into the late fall and early winter. Hay supplies were adequate, but not overly abundant. Some producers were still looking for hay to buy. Ryegrass, wheat and other cool-season forages had good growth. Some wheat and oats planting continued. Feral hogs remained a major problem. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to good condition.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were near to above aver-

age early in the reporting period, with rain, sleet and snow coming to most of the region by the middle of the first week of November. By the following weekend, temperatures returned to near average or above. Soil-moisture levels were short to surplus with most counties reporting adequate. A few isolated fields of corn remained to be harvested. Wheat varied in condition from poor to good, with most counties reporting poor to fair. Rangeland varied from very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting it to be in poor shape. Cattle were in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Wet weather stymied the cotton harvest, but conveyed a blessing to pastures and winter wheat. The danger of wildfires was still high because of the abundance of dry forages in pastures. Wheat producers were about halfway finished planting, with favorable conditions for good stand establishment. Peaput producers wrapped up this year's harvest with some good yields. Livestock were in good condition at this time with sufficient forage, though some producers were supplying supplemental feed. As wheat growth took off, producers were moving cattle in for grazing. Pecans matured and nut fall began.

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Area AgriLife Extension cotton specialist heads home to Oklahoma

By: Steve Byrns
Dr. Randal "Randy" Boman, longtime Texas AgriLife Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock, is heading home to Oklahoma.

Effective March 1, he'll become the new research director and cotton Extension program leader with the department of plant and soil sciences at Oklahoma State University. He'll be headquartered at Altus directing mostly cotton work, but will also deal with other agronomic crops at the Southwest Oklahoma Research and Extension Center.

Boman has spent the past 14 years leading AgriLife Extension's cotton education and applied research programs across 30 Texas High Plains counties, but he said now it's time to move on to new challenges.

"A lot of people have asked me why I'm changing jobs," Boman said. "The answer is that my new job is very close to my home. I believe it's an excellent position and it's going to continue to provide me with challenges."

"Oklahoma doesn't have a lot of cotton acres, but cer-

tainly they still have all the same issues that we have here in Texas," he said. "Producers there are as inquisitive and many times, just as progressive as those here in West Texas. They do have their own set of problems, and I plan to address those in a scientific and timely manner as I have been doing here at Lubbock for Texas producers."

Boman said he is proud of his work with Texas producers, the industry, AgriLife Extension county agents and AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agents.

"During the time I've been here in Lubbock, we've gone from the cotton fiber quality doldrums we saw back in the late 1990's to the remarkable increase in quality in terms of staple, strength, uniformity and color grades we see today."

Boman has worked extensively with AgriLife Extension agents on large test plots planted on many growers' farms. He said the resulting highly reliable cotton variety and fiber test data helps producers make the proper variety selection leading to

the outstanding cotton being produced today.

"When growers see the tests conducted on their own farms and participate in the work, they put a lot more stock in the data," he said. "We work with the industry to identify varieties that might fit in various locations and environments. Then it's been my job to put on that striped shirt and referee the data in such a way that producers get the answers they need."

"It's just good solid Extension work. It's the same strategy the agency has used successfully for the past century, but it works, and it's what's needed to help producers make those successful profit-making decisions."

Boman holds three degrees from Oklahoma State University: a bachelor's and master's in agronomy, and a Ph.D. in soil science.

Before accepting the position at Lubbock in March of 1997, he worked for Oklahoma's Noble Foundation as a soil fertility and crops specialist at Ardmore, Okla.; for AgriLife Extension as an agronomist for District 3 at Vernon; as a senior agriculturist at Oklahoma State University's department of agronomy at Stillwater; and as assistant superintendent with Oklahoma State University's Southwest Research and Extension Center at Altus, Okla.

USDA To Release New Long-Term Agricultural Projections

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2011--The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will release new 10-year agricultural projections Feb. 14 at 12:00 noon EST. The "USDA Agricultural Projections to 2020" report will be released on the Office of the Chief Economist Web site at www.usda.gov/oce. USDA publishes the projections each year in February.

The long-term projections are developed by interagency committees in USDA, with the Economic Research Service (ERS) having the lead role in the preparation of the report. The new projections cover crop and livestock

commodities, agricultural trade and aggregate indicators such as farm income, and food prices through 2020. The projections do not represent a USDA forecast, but a conditional, long-run scenario based on specific assumptions about farm policy, weather, the economy and international developments.

Provisions of the 2008 Farm Act are incorporated into the projections and are assumed to remain in effect through 2020. Normal weather also is assumed throughout the projection period.

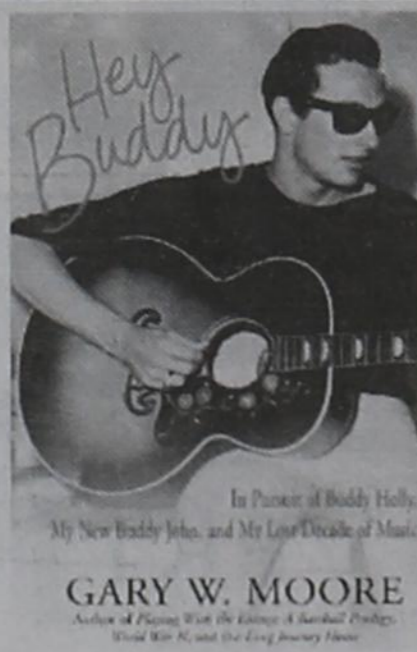
Background on USDA's long-term projections and past issues of the report are

available on the ERS Web site at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/projections.

The report will be available in printed form on February 24-25 at USDA's 2011 Agricultural Outlook Forum in Arlington, Va. (Conference details are found at: www.usda.gov/oce/forum). Copies also can be ordered from the National Technical Information Service at www.ntis.gov or 1-800-999-6779. Request document OCE-2011-1. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Great Presidents

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Have you ever attempted to get your mind around how much a trillion is? With our national debt now over \$14 trillion dollars, it's almost incomprehensible.

Our government throws the word trillion around like it's just another number. They're right, it is just another number ... a very large one.

In a discussion about Social Security the other day, I told someone that I viewed the Social Security deducted each week out of my check as a payment I make to older family members. In a sense, that's what it is. It's certainly not something I'm depending on seeing for myself someday, not with the country going broke. Throw in the fact that the baby boomers are hitting retirement and you can kiss Social Security goodbye for my generation and younger.

So how much is a trillion? Here's some perspective:

- The population of California is about 34 million. One trillion people would equal 29,500 Californias.
- Texas is roughly 270,000 square miles. One trillion square miles would equal 3.7 million Texas size states.
- If you travel around the world at the equator 40 million

times, you would travel one trillion miles.

• One trillion dollar bills laid end-to-end would stretch from the earth to the sun ... and back ... with a lot of miles to spare.

• With one trillion dollars, you could buy 50 aircraft carriers such as the USS Ronald Reagan and outfit each of them with 45 of the newest fighter jet, the F-22 Raptor.

• The average annual premium that a health insurer charges an employer for a health plan covering a family of four is \$12,700. For one trillion dollars, you could cover 78 million people with health insurance for one year.

• One trillion dollars would allow you buy Coca Cola, Apple, IBM, Bank of America, Ford, General Motors, Toyota, Motorola, AT&T, Exxon Mobil and have billions left over.

• One trillion seconds is longer than recorded history, about 32,000 years.

• A trillion dollars would pay the entire cost of college for every student now in high school in America.

• A trillion dollars could pave the entire Interstate highway system with 23 karat gold leaf.

• A trillion dollars is enough to double the 700,000 cops

now on the beat across America... for 32 years.

• A trillion dollars could build 16 million habitat for humanity houses... enough to house more than 50 million people.

Understand? A trillion is a thousand billions, or, a million millions.

Maybe this gives you a clue as to the significance of our national debt, maybe not.

By the end of the year, our debt will exceed \$15,000,000,000,000. Our federal government is spending money more rapidly than it ever has. This must change!

I don't want to live in a banana republic and if we don't start making changes, we're finished.

Sell land, drill on U.S. soil, mine for gold, charge China more for selling their goods here ... do it all. Do everything it takes, but in the meantime, STOP SPENDING LIKE TEENAGE GIRLS AT THE MALL!

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OTHER VIEWS

No Laughing Matter

By ROBERT ROMANO

According to Barack Obama's ten-year budget, the \$14 trillion national debt will increase every single year and never be repaid.

But don't believe your lying eyes. When Obama delivered his budget to Congress, he boldly suggested that "[B]y the middle of this decade our annual spending will match our annual revenues. We will not be adding more to the national debt." Everyone laughed.

A fourth grader could easily calculate that on average the White House promises to add \$1.088 trillion to the national debt every year for ten straight years. It will hit \$15.459 trillion the end of this fiscal year, and then rise to \$26.346 trillion by the end of FY 2021. So, what is Obama talking about?

He was using an accounting gimmick, called the "primary deficit," that does not count the average annual \$572.6 billion of net interest owed on the public debt. Nor does it count the average \$275.8 billion owed in interest on the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

All told, by not counting interest, the White House is attempting to avoid talking about some \$848.4 billion being added to the debt every year. Neat trick.

Of course, the only way interest payments can be avoided is if the principal balance on

a debt is paid early. Otherwise, those payments are simply added to the gross debt — the total owed.

The hilarity carried forward into the White House briefing room. There, the White House's pretense that we are not adding to the debt was easily exposed by ABC News' Jake Tapper in an exchange with Obama's green, new Press Secretary, Jay Carney.

Tapper said, "The president seems to think that borrowing money to pay the interest on the debt is not adding to the debt. I don't understand that math." He wanted Carney to explain it to him. Now, the whole White House press corps was laughing at the Administration.

Carney replied, "What the president made clear is that we need to get to a place — and his budget absolutely does this — where we are no longer spending more than we're taking in." Except, making interest payments is spending. Everyone knows that. It's a real obligation that must be paid, or the nation would default.

Tapper tried again, saying, "I assume when the president calls for an adult conversation, he means that conversation should be forthright and politicians shouldn't be hiding behind cute language such as 'We will not be adding more to the national debt,' even if hundreds of billions of dollars are being added to the national debt in interest — paid

on debt that President Obama helped, himself, create." Ouch.

Now, Tapper was questioning the White House's maturity to carry on an "adult conversation" as promised with the American people. Carney dodged, simply regurgitating the tired line to Tapper that the debt "has been created over a number of years, as you know. And we came in here with an economic crisis, the likes of which, I daresay, I think nobody in this room has ever seen, and which threatened to head straight into a depression if we didn't act."

Now, the White House was making excuses. Carney's very first press conference was not going well. Tapper was eating him for lunch, and then went in for the kill, finally asking of Carney, "Just to button this, you think that, 'We will not be adding more to the national debt,' is a statement that stands [up] to scrutiny?"

Carney quickly replied with a straight face, "Absolutely, absolutely." Really?

More like absolutely absurd. What a lousy liar. A better campaign commercial could not have been contrived by the Republican National Committee for 2012.

The best Tapper could say about the Obama statement was to call it "cute". Nonetheless, Carney maintained that Obama "looks forward to working with Republicans and Democrats in Congress to, you know,

deal with both the budget proposals and the long-term debt."

Of course, if congressional Republicans were mention the interest payments, they might wind up talking in circles with Obama, who childishly wants to quibble over who started adding to the debt first. Some "adult conversation".

The fact is, the nation really does need to get serious about all of its spending, including its rapidly escalating interest payments. If we do not, the debt will bury us.

In 2021 alone, a total of \$1.167 trillion in interest payments will be made both on public debt and the trust funds. That would be exactly 19.38 percent of the \$6.02 trillion budget planned for that year, including all of the interest owed.

The problem is that tax revenues would only be \$4.923 trillion that year, resulting in approximately \$1.09 trillion in new debt from interest being added to the debt.

But not to worry, says Obama, "We will not be adding more to the national debt."

While everyone is laughing, the truth is that this is not really that funny. By 2031, interest alone will easily surpass \$2.4 trillion every year. There will come a day when the principal and interest owed on the debt shall become too large roll over, and we'll default. Then, the ensuing insolvency will be no laughing matter.

ObamaCare vs. The Constitution of the United States

By REBEKAH RAST

In Obama's world it is clear that not all branches of government are created equal.

If they were equal then he would know to stop creating new regulations for his takeover of the nation's health care system. It has, after all, been ruled unconstitutional by Florida Judge Roger Vinson and prior to that Virginia's U.S. District Court Judge Henry E. Hudson found ObamaCare's individual mandate unconstitutional. Most recently, Alaska's governor refuses to implement the federal health-care overhaul following in the footsteps of Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen who also won't recognize Obama's law.

But this still isn't enough to stop Obama. In fact, Politico reports that the, "Justice Department on Thursday asked the Florida judge who struck down the health care overhaul to declare that the law must still be obeyed. In a motion, the department asked Judge Roger Vinson to clarify that his ruling 'does not relieve the parties of their rights and obligations under the Affordable Care Act,' while the case is being appealed."

By filing this "motion for clarification," the Obama Justice Department is saying that they don't understand Judge Vinson's ruling. "They are basically saying we don't understand English; please explain your previous order to us because if we were to do what you told us it would ruin all our plans for Utopia," says Don Todd, director of research at Americans for Limited Government (ALG).

As Obama puts the squeeze on the courts, hoping for a change in their decision, a look back in history shows that he isn't the first President who tried his hand at enforcing unconstitutional ideas. Much of the health care provided by the federal government today was once too labeled unconstitutional.

Many of the changes began in 1965 when President Lyndon B. Johnson and a Democratic Congress enacted two massive federal entitlement programs — Medicare and Medicaid. These enactments were the start of socialized health care by making millions of people dependent on the federal government for their health care needs.

"Prior to 1937, the Supreme Court correctly understood the Constitution to deny the federal government any power to create and operate social-welfare programs," states an article from CNS News. "The Constitution held no such enumerated power, and the 10th Amendment left powers not enumerated to the states and the people."

Americans were self-sustaining, taken care of by their communities and states. There was no need for federal handouts or bailouts or a health care system of any kind. That simply wasn't the intended role of the federal government.

President Franklin Roosevelt was another leader who changed all that. The CNS News article goes on to explain:

"He [President Roosevelt] used the crisis of the Great Depression to pass the Social Security Act of 1935, compelling Americans to pay a payroll tax in return for the promise of a federal old-age pension. This was blatantly unconstitutional. That same year, in Railroad Retirement Board v. Alton, the Supreme Court had justly slapped down a law mandating what amounted to a Social Security program for the railroad industry alone.

"FDR attempted to defend the railroad pension law as a legitimate regulation of interstate commerce, justifiable under the Commerce Clause — the same argument the Obama administration has used to defend the individual mandate in ObamaCare."

The rest of history tells the story of more and more of America's leaders increasing government spending and

therefore increasing government involvement in Americans' everyday lives—and ObamaCare is no different.

Even though a federal court has ruled his law completely void, he continues to implement new regulations. The Obama Administration has not even taken the basic step asking the courts for a stay of that decision. Instead it is as if the court decision doesn't exist or didn't even take place.

"The problem is that the executive branch has no power to implement regulations based on voided legislation," says Bill Wilson, president of ALG. "These actions are explicitly barred by Judge Vinson's ruling."

America's leaders going beyond the legal bounds of the Constitution should be no small matter. ALG's Wilson had hoped more states would fight against the implementation of the health care law and even sent a letter to governors involved in the Virginia and Florida lawsuits urging them to return to court and stop Obama from further advancing his law.

History has proved that more government involvement and instances of pushing beyond the limits of the Constitution result in unnecessary government spending and if it continues will very soon bury America under a mountain of debt so deep there will be no hope for recovery.

"Obama must cease and desist from all implementation of this defunct law," ALG's Wilson states. "To waste taxpayer money putting something into effect that has been found to be unconstitutional is a dereliction of duty."

Past Presidents have gotten away with it, will Obama as well?

For the sake of America, the judicial branch and powers of the state need to be made equal again to Congress and the President. Otherwise these current years will go down in history as when America voided out the Constitution for the sake of a health care law.

Quilt Exhibit Set for March 19



The Caprock Cultural Association will sponsor the "Garza County Quilt Exhibit" at the Heritage House, 109 North Avenue N, March 19 through April 2. The exhibit will open with a reception Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. Entries will be accepted March 14 through

March 16, 9 a.m. to Noon at The Heritage House. "We are excited to highlight this part of Garza County culture," said Millie Sentell, President of the Caprock Cultural Association. "We hope to display a variety of vintage and contemporary quilts in

this exhibit and encourage anyone who has a unique quilt of any size to share it with the community." This is a non-juried event and there is no fee to put a quilt in the exhibit. All entries must be the creation of a Garza County resident. At the time the CCA was

making plans for the quilt exhibit, the organization received an email from Michael Acuff regarding a vintage quilt she found among her mother's belongings. Ms. Acuff's mother was Helen Mangum Fields who lived with her aunt and uncle, Lizzie and

Jake Mangum at Close City. Fields is the author of "Walking Backwards in the Wind," an account of growing up in Garza County during the Great Depression. The quilt displays over 30 embroidered signatures of Garza County women and the CCA is currently researching

the names to determine the origin of the quilt. If you are interested in putting a quilt in the Garza County Quilt Exhibit or would like more information about the event, call Rosa Latimer, Executive Director of the Caprock Cultural Association at 806-495-4148.

Public notice regarding student records

Notice is hereby given that South Plains Community Action Association Head Start and Early Head Start intends to destroy records of students who received special education and/or related services from 2002-2003. Records herein described include students receiving special education and/or related services in Brownfield, Denver City, Crosbyton, Floydada,

Littlefield, Levelland, Lorenzo, Lubbock, Morton, Muleshoe, O'Donnell, Olton, Plainview, Post, Ropesville, Slaton, Springlake-Earth, Smyer, Sudan, and Tahoka. Legal guardian of student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting the SPCAA Head Start office at 2127 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411 or calling (806) 762-8815 by March 25, 2011.

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ORDINANCE NO. 613

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE 8.02, ILLEGAL SMOKING PRODUCTS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, AND SALE OF THE SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID KNOWN OR SOLD UNDER SUCH NAMES AS "K-2," "K-2 SUMMIT," "K-2 SEX," "GENIE," "DASCENTS," "ZOHAI," "SAGE," "SPICE," "KO KNOCK-OUT 2," "SPICE GOLD," "SPICE DIAMOND," "YUCATAN FIRE," "SOLAR FLARE," "PEP SPICE," "FIRE N' ICE," AND "SALVIA DIVINORUM" FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas has been informed of the dangers and physiological effects of K2 and similar substances, which are believed to pose a significant health concern to the citizens, particularly the youth, of the City of Post;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas, has determined that certain businesses within the City may be selling certain substances that when ingested produce intoxicating effects similar to THC or marijuana;

WHEREAS, the substances identified above are considered to be generally described as synthetic cannabinoids or salvia divinorum are distributed, sold and marketed under such names as "K-2," "K-2 SUMMIT," "K-2 SEX," "GENIE," "DASCENTS," "ZOHAI," "SAGE," "SPICE," "KO KNOCK-OUT 2," "SPICE GOLD," "SPICE DIAMOND," "YUCATAN FIRE," "SOLAR FLARE," "PEP SPICE," "FIRE N' ICE," AND "SALVIA DIVINORUM";

WHEREAS, the substances identified above have not yet been designated as controlled substances under the laws of the State of Texas or permanently designated as such under the laws of the United States;

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2010, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency announced a Notice of Intent to Temporarily Control five synthetic cannabinoids—JWH-018; JWH-073; JWH-200; CP-47; 497 and CP-47, 497 C8 homologue. The temporary control, which added these substances to the list of Schedule I substances in the Federal Controlled Substances Act, has gone into effect and will remain effective for at least 12 months;

WHEREAS, the substances described above may be marketed as incense but are commonly being used as an alternative to marijuana which is an identified and documented controlled substance, and the sale and use of which is prohibited under the laws of the State of Texas and the United States;

WHEREAS, the synthetic cannabinoids substances identified above may be presented under a variety of street names but share the common ingredients including JWH-018 and JWH-073;

WHEREAS, salvia divinorum contains the ingredient known as Salvinorin A;

WHEREAS, these unregulated synthetic cannabinoids and salvia divinorum produce a very potent, intoxicating effect which is estimated by the medical community to produce effects ranging from three to one hundred times greater and more potent than THC, the active ingredient in marijuana;

WHEREAS, the substances identified above manifest all the demonstrated attributes of substances that deprive individuals of judgment, coordination and the ability to conduct themselves in a safe and appropriate manner in modern society;

WHEREAS, the available medical and law enforcement information on these products indicates that individuals under the effects of these substances may be a clear and present danger to themselves and others; further the long term effects of these substances are not yet known;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Texas Legislature will consider appropriate regulation of these types of commodities in its upcoming legislative session but that it is essential for the City of Post to enact a restriction on these products until a statewide regulatory system may be properly implemented;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the effects of these substances are a health concern to the City of Post; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to immediately address the health concerns to the citizens of the City of Post by adopting a local ordinance prohibiting the substances identified above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS;

PART 1. ENACTMENT.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Post, Texas, be and the same is hereby amended by adding Article 8.02, Illegal Smoking Products, to prohibit the use, purchase, possession, sale and offering for sale the synthetic cannabinoid known or sold under such names as "Spice," "Spice Diamond," "Spice Gold," "Pep Spice," "Yucatan Fire," "Solar Flare," "Fire n' Ice," "Genie," "Dascents," "Zohai," "Sage," "Salvia Divinorum," "K-2," "K-2 Summit," and "KO Knock-Out 2" to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8.02. ILLEGAL SMOKING MATERIALS

Section 8.02.001 Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to prohibit the use, possession, sale, ingestion or smoking of illegal smoking products and ingestion devices, hereinafter defined, within the city limits of the City of Post.

Section 8.02.002 Definitions.

"Person" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, wholesaler, retailer or any licensed or unlicensed business.

"Illegal Smoking Product" shall mean any substance, however marketed, which can reasonably be converted for smoking purposes whether it is presented as incense, tobacco, herbs, spices or any blend thereof if it includes any of the following chemicals or comparable chemical:

- Salvia divinorum or salvinorin A; all parts of the plant presently classified botanically as salvia divinorum, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, any extract from any of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salts, derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds or extracts;
- 2-[(1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-5-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)phenol (also known as CP47, 497) and homologues;
- (6aS,10aS)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)-6a,7,10,10a-tetrahydrobenzo[c]chromen-1-ol (also known as HU-211 or Dexamabinol);
- 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthyl) indole (also known as JWH-018);
- 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthyl) indole (also known as JWH-073); or
- 1-pentyl-3-(4-methoxynaphthyl) indole (also known as JWH-081).

Products containing some of the above substances are currently being marketed under the following commercial names:

"K-2," "K-2 SUMMIT," "K-2 SEX," "GENIE," "DASCENTS," "ZOHAI," "SAGE," "SPICE," "KO KNOCK-OUT 2," "SPICE GOLD," "SPICE DIAMOND," "YUCATAN FIRE," "SOLAR FLARE," "PEP SPICE," "FIRE N' ICE," AND "SALVIA DIVINORUM"

It is anticipated by the council that new products will be marketed under different names but will be subject to this definition if they contain any of the chemical components set forth above.

"Ingestion Device" shall mean any paraphernalia, product, equipment, or utensil that is used or intended to be used in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing an illegal smoking product into the human body, and may include:

- A metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipe with or without a screen, permanent screen, hashish head, or punctured metal bowl;
- A water pipe;
- A carburetion tube or device;
- A smoking or carburetion mask;
- A chamber pipe;
- A carburetor pipe;
- An electric pipe;
- An air-driven pipe;
- A chillum;
- A bong; or
- An ice pipe or chiller.

Section 8.02.003 Sale, Offer, Gift, Display or Possession.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, purchase, barter, give, publicly display, sell or offer for sell any illegal smoking product.

Section 8.02.004 Use or Possession of Ingestion Devices.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or possess with intent to use an ingestion device to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body an illegal smoking product.

Section 8.02.005 Defenses to Prosecution.

It shall be a defense to prosecution for a violation of this article that any act described in this article is under and pursuant to the direction or prescription of a license physician or dentist authorized to direct or prescribe such act.

It shall be a defense to prosecution under the terms of this article if an individual charged with a violation can provide proper and complete historic documentation that the use of such materials is a portion of a religious undertaking or activity of religious denomination in which they have long standing historic membership supported by documentation from clergy or a spiritual leader recognized by the State of Texas.

Section 8.02.006 Penalty.

Any person, entity, corporation, or firm violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Post, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense, and each and every day and such violation shall continue be deemed to constitute a separate offense."

PART 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

If any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

PART 3. REPEAL.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Post in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to conflict with the *Texas Controlled Substance Act*, or any other state and/or federal law governing the same.

PART 4. PUBLICATION.

The City Secretary is authorized and directed to publish the caption and penalty prescribed by ordinance in accordance with State Law.

PART 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this the 11 day of February, 2011.

CITY OF POST, TEXAS

By: Theresa Harp
Theresa Harp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dena Watson
Dena Watson, City Secretary

Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of February 21, 2011 - 2217.64 feet, 2.46 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature February 21, 2010 - 48 - 50 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of February 21 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of February 21 - 9.05 inches

Bass fishing improved, but is still slow. There were no reports of catfish or crappie being caught.

White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2355.85	16' 7"	0"	.17"	0.17"

Rainfall for	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"	32.16"

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,916,077,318 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,018 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in February that leaves 3,896,526,259 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

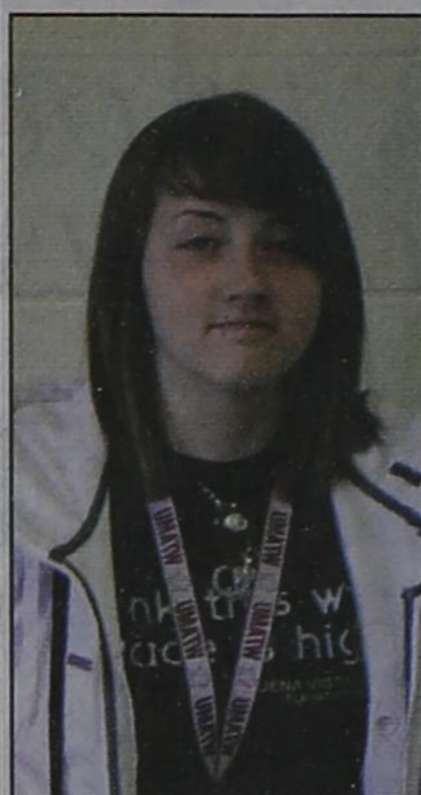
White River Municipal

Water District is in stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

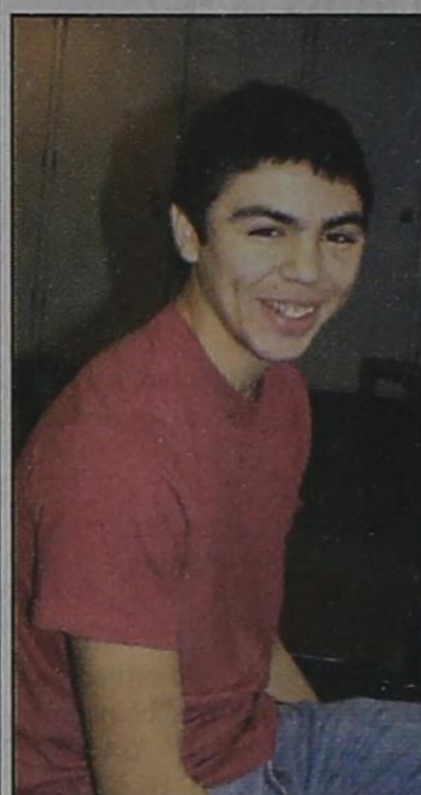
Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Mickey Rogers General Manager

Students of the Week



Megan is the daughter of Misha and Kenny Tolbert. This is her first year in Post schools. After graduation she plans to go to the Navy



Manuel is the son of Arturo and Alma Lopez. His friends call him "Thuties." He has attended Post schools for thirteen years. He has participated in basketball, football, and baseball at PHS. His hobbies include riding around with friends and talking to girls. After graduation, he plans to attend WTAMU and study either psychology or coaching



Jackie is the daughter of Robby and Barbara Palmer. She has attended Post schools for eight years. She has been active in Band and 4-H. She enjoys showing rabbit and various 4-H projects. After graduation, she plans to attend Tarleton State University, and major in Wildlife Management. Later, she wants to attend the veterinary school at Texas A&M to become an exotics veterinarian.

Post Notes...

From Page 1

- Testing
- Mar. 1 - JV/V Baseball at Anson, 5:00/7:00
- Mar. 1 - V Softball at Coahoma
- Mar. 2 - Spirit Day, wear fav T-shirt
- Mar. 2 - B/G Golf at Plains
- Mar. 3-5 V Baseball Tourn. at Sweetwater
- Mar. 3-5 V Softball Tourn. at Ralls
- Mar. 3-5 JV Baseball Tourn at Lamesa
- Mar. 4 - Track at Tahoka
- Mar. 4 - B/G Tennis at Levelland, 8 AM
- Mar. 5 - Girls Regional Meet at Odessa Permian
- Mar. 7 - Boys Golf at Tahoka
- Mar. 7&10 - OAP Play Practice, 6:30 PM
- Mar. 8 - 10 AM Honable

Judge Alberto Gonzales, Auditorium

Mar. 8 - JV/V Softball vs. Denver City

Mar. 8 - JV/V Baseball vs. Denver City

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

2/26-Jessie Collazo

Post Elementary Calendar

March 1st- Tuesday- 4th Grade Math TAKS test. Parents, please make sure that your student is well rested and has a good breakfast on the morning of the test. The campus will be closed to visitors during the test. If you do need to come into the building, please have your ID ready to show and proceed directly to the office.

March 11th- Friday- Life-

Touch pictures. Both individual and class pictures will be taken. Payment for pictures is due on the day pictures are taken.

March 14-18- Spring Break. No classes.

GRAHAM OLE OPRY

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday February 26 from 7:00pm till 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399.

There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

Call (806) 495-3461 for tickets

At the Antelope Arena in Post Sunday, February 27 4 p.m.

Call (806) 495-3461 for tickets

\$9 adults, \$7 students, \$5 ages 6 & under
Buy your tickets in advance at the Chamber office, 131 E. Main or at the door the afternoon of the game

Ambassadors...

From Page 1 message is "Stay in School, Stay off Drugs." "The assembly was high spirited and lots of fun, yet at the same time encouraged kids to work hard in school, respect themselves and their peers and focus on their education so they can achieve their goals," Record said. "The Chamber believes it is very important to get this message to our young people whenever possible. We sponsored the assembly so all students would have the opportunity to hear this positive message from these positive role models."

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines. The Ambassadors feature non-stop laughs and deliver a positive message

for kids. "At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team, too," said Ambassadors Coach/Player Lade Majic. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do." Harlem Ambassador team members are selected not only for their basketball skills, but also for their positive lifestyles and ability to truly be "ambassadors" both on and off the court. The Ambassadors travel and play throughout the United States and recently made their 8th tour of Japan visiting U. S. military bases.

For more information about the Harlem Ambassadors event in Post, call the Chamber office, 806-495-3461. The office is open 9 a.m. to Noon, 1 to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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