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Post Notes

Southland 3-on-3 basketball tourney

The Southland ISD FCCLA is sponsoring a "3-on-3 Basketball Tournament" at the school on Saturday, April 13. Team registration continues through April 11. Contact Karleen McDougal at 806-996-5599 for information or clip the registration coupon in this edition of The Post Dispatch.

Blood drive April 12

A community blood drive will be held in the parking lot of the Dalby Correctional Facility from 2 to 7 p.m. April 12. The UBS Mobile Coach will be at the location. For an appointment call Deanna Leake at 495-2175. Please bring photo identification and lists of medications. All donors will receive a T-Shirt.

Little Dribblers ceremony Saturday

The Post Junior Basketball Little Dribbler closing ceremonies will be held Saturday, April 13 at 4:15 for grades first through sixth.

Mexican combination plates Sunday

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is offering Mexican combination plates Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$5 each.

Homestead exemptions available

Home owners turning 65 during the year 2002 are entitled to an additional exemption on their homesteads, one per household, those born in or before 1937 who had not signed up for the additional homestead exemption are encouraged to do so at the Garza Central Appraisal District office, 124 East Main Street. Exemptions for the year 2002 need to be on file by April 15.

Church seeks armed services addresses

The First Baptist Church is seeking addresses for all active duty U.S. military personnel from Garza County or family in Garza County. Call 495-3554 to provide mailing address of military personnel now serving on active duty.

Photos of active duty military needed

Anyone who has family members serving in the U.S. military are encouraged to bring photos of those service people to Nothin' Butt Smokes. Addresses are also needed so people can write them. The project is designed to recognize service women and men.

'The River' praise and worship April 20

"The River," a praise and worship experience led by "Thousand Hills Band" will be held at the Post Community Center April 20 at 7:37 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Parenting classes Thursday evenings

The First Baptist Church is hosting parenting classes for the whole family on Thursday evenings in the fellowship hall. Classes are 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call Alisa Sisemore at 771-0939, ext. 16 for more information.

Community vigil set for April 22

The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program is hosting an April 22 community wide vigil in honor of all victims of crime. The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Post Community Center with a reception following. Door prizes will be given.

Resource Fair set April 25

The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program and the Garza County MHMR will host a County Resource Fair April 25 in the Community Center Teen Room from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The resource fair will provide information about health insurance, medical information and other needed resources to individuals and families in the Garza County area. For more information call 495-2479 or 495-2813. There is no cost for the resource fair and door prizes will be awarded.

AARP safety driving course

The Garza County Trailblazers are hosting an AARP safety driving course at the senior citizen center April 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for the program is \$10 per person. Call 495-2998 for more information.

Ladies' retreat fund raising

The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy is raising funds for its Ladies' Retreat by selling \$5 plates with fixings: Friday, April 5, taco plates; Friday, April 12, fish plates and Friday, April 19, enchilada plates. Call Norma or Lydia at 495-3644 to place orders.

Used cell phones sought

Ever wonder what to do with your old or used cell phones? Turn them in to the Methodist Church. The First United Methodist Church will collect used cell phones to donate to the victim assistance program and the Garza County Sheriff's office. These phones will be activated to call 911 only and will be given to women who are in abusive situations or trying to get out of such. You may drop phones off at the church office between 9 a.m. to noon, or at Post City Communications (CellularOne), 206 E. Main Street.

Printmaking classes at PHS

The Post ISD is offering evening art classes at the high school on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., beginning April 11 and ending June 20. Printmaking techniques will be explored. The 11 week course is \$100, including materials. Call Stephen Henry at 495-2770 for more information.

Post Elementary Book Fair

The Post Elementary School will host the 2002 Scholastic Book Fair April 29 through May 3 in the school library. Family Book Fair Night is set for April 30. This year's theme is "Dive into Reading! An Undersea Adventure."

Pre and kindergarten enrollment

Post Elementary school offers open enrollment for the 2002-2003 school year with pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment at the office during the school day. Pre-kindergarten children must be four years old by September 1 to qualify. Children must be five years old by September 1 to qualify for kindergarten. Students will need shot record, birth certificate and social security number.

Pre-kindergarten open house

Ms Gafford and Ms Peña invite parents of Pre-K children to an open house at Post Elementary in the Pre-K room from 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 19. A second open house will be held May 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Little League try-outs April 13

Post Little League try-outs will be held April 13 at the ball park, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for youth ages nine through 12. A second and final try-out session will be held April 15 at the ball park beginning at 6:30 p.m. That will be the final opportunity for parents to sign up children for the program. Any child who is not on a little league team, who is age nine before August 1 and who will not be 13 before August 1 will need to try out to participate in the summer program.

City council tables action on water conservation plan

While local officials continue in their quest to ensure the availability of water to Post-area residents, the city council tabled action on a proposed water conservation plan presented during the April 2 council meeting.

The five-page document, described in the meeting's agenda as "an educational program to assist in the conservation of water," is to be reviewed by council members and considered at a later date, City Manager Fred Stephens said this week.

Sidelining discussion of the proposed conservation plan, city officials reviewed the status of efforts between the White River Municipal Water District and the municipality. While the City of Post has declined to extend its contractual agreement with White River for another 20 years, they are "trying to come up with some alternate solutions," Stephens said.

City officials are hesitant to sign the 20-year agreement with the water district due to reports that indicate the lake has approximately one year's worth of potable water supply left.

The City of Post has contracted with White River for its water since the mid-1960s. The existing contract with the water district will expire in 2005.

Local volunteers seek to help low income families

A handful of individuals met with Garza County Commissioners Monday to outline a proposed effort, which would use volunteer labor, in-kind services and donated materials to assist low-income households in and around Post.

In other business, city council members:

- Accepted Mason Brothers Construction's \$750 bid for lots 1 and 2, Block 78 (122 N. Avenue H). The property is owned jointly by the local taxing entities, and the Mason Brothers bid was the only one submitted.

- Approved on second and final reading an ordinance which will provide for the erection of three-way and four-way stops in the area surrounding the high school and the new high school gymnasium. As time permits, city crews will install four-way stop signs at Avenue K and 4th Street; Avenue

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Billie Williams and Brian Brownlow were on hand to discuss the grassroots effort, which began as separate ideas in Sunday school classes in two different churches.

"We want to get the word out," Williams said. "We want to help families who can't do for themselves."

Williams said the project, which is still in its infancy, was initiated through the recognition of the needs of limited- or low-income families. One of the first projects to be tackled is re-roofing the home of an elderly resident in need.

Representatives of the group are scheduled to meet with Les Rutherford, president of the Ministerial Alliance, next week in the hope that other churches can be rallied to assist in the effort.

Brownlow said he hopes to recruit five or six men to serve as leaders of the group.

"I'm very interested in this," County Judge Giles Dalby said. "If you'll let (the commissioners) know what you need... hopefully we could prevail on some of our employees, the commissioners here and myself to help out."

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved Boogie Webb's proposed zoning for the Turkey Ridge Development on FM 2458.

- Approved an application for \$200 worth of public assistance.

- Received a report from the tax assessor/collector, who noted that

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GHD early voting opens

Early voting in the Garza Hospital District election will begin April 17 and will run through April 30.

Two candidates have filed for positions on the hospital district's board of directors. Incumbent Mike Travis, the at-large candidate, will seek to return to the board, while newcomer Ray Bagby will run unopposed for the Precinct 2 spot.

No one filed as a candidate for the Precinct 1 seat.

In addition to voting to fill vacant board seats, hospital district voters also will be asked to determine a referendum limiting the number of terms a board member may serve.

The question to be posed to voters will read as follows: "This is a vote to determine if you, as a resident of the Garza County Health Care District, desire that the service of a Director on the Board be limited by the number of terms that a Director can serve. A term is two (2) years. Currently, there is no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve."

Voters will be asked if they want the district's board members to be limited to a certain number of terms. Voters may mark "no, I do not want them limited," or "yes," which is followed by suggested term limitations - two terms (four years); three terms (six years); four terms, (eight years); or five terms (10 years).

Post ISD voting begins

Early voting in the Post Independent School District May 4 elections will begin Wednesday, April 17.

School board members Mark W. Kirkpatrick and Barbara M. Hardin are facing opposition from two challengers - Susan (Suzi) Clary and Vera Wartes. The two top vote getters will fill the open posts in the at-large election, according to district officials.

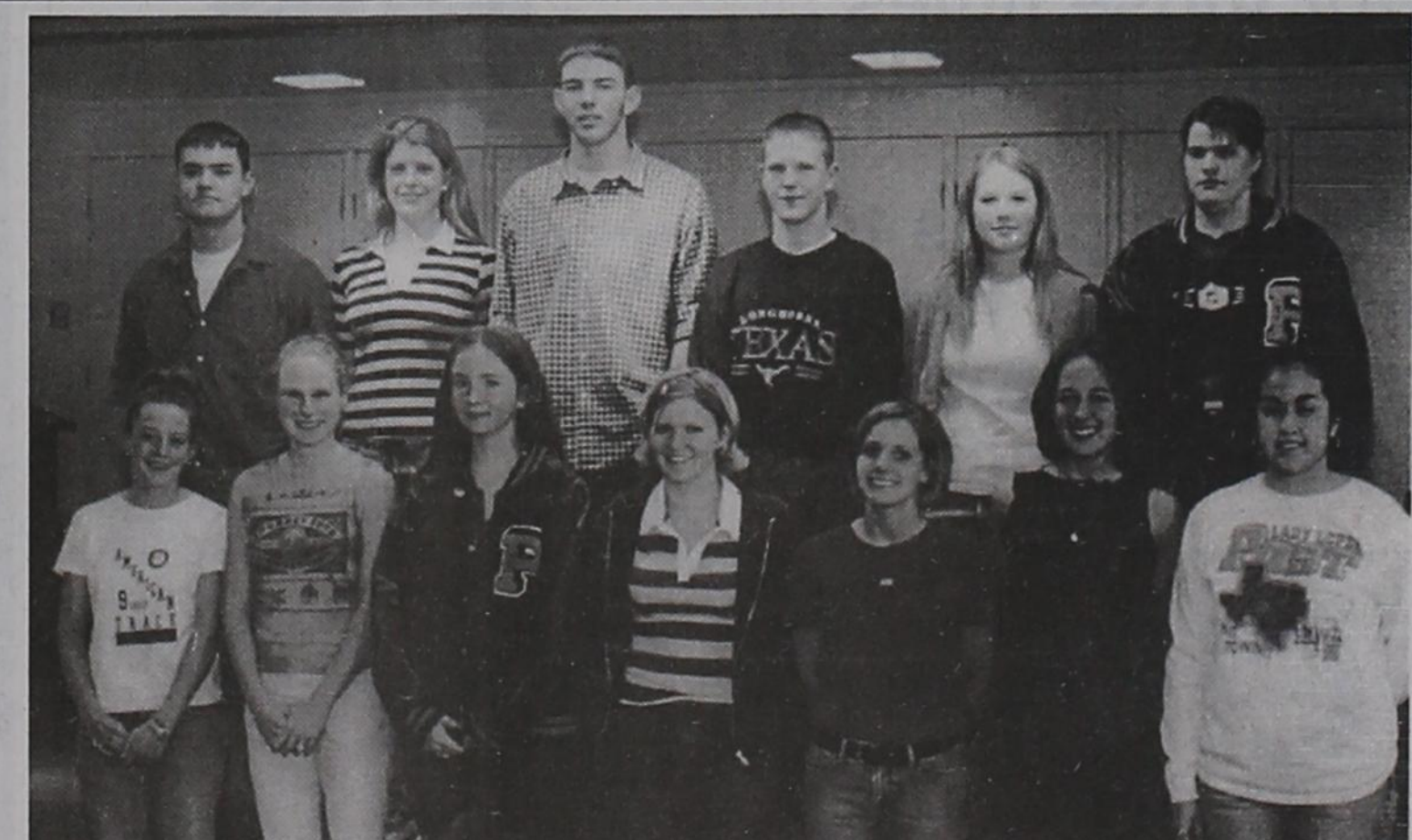
Early voting will run through April 30 at the Post ISD Administration Building.



PHS varsity tennis players advancing to regional competition are (back row, left to right) Brice Easterling, Cole Easterling, Jon Ellenberger, (front row) Noah Gutierrez and Jarrett Vickers. (Photo by Kathy Vickers)



PHS One-Act Play U.I.L. cast members won the Area Championship and now advance to regional competition at Abilene Christian University's Cullen Auditorium April 19. Cast members are (back row, left to right) Russell Eaton, Jay Cole, Mikey Gonzales, Adam Noble, James Soto, Jordan Tatum, (front row) Gentry Creech, Lesley Rutherford, Heather Bullard and Christina Zellmer. They will be competing with Mason, Panhandle, WT Stinnett and Plains.



PHS Regional Qualifiers in U.I.L. Academics are (back row, left to right) Seth Pennell, Jana Schwartzkopf, Jarrett Vickers, Adam Noble, Kenda Josey, Russell Eaton, (front row) Kayla Dunn, Amanda Workman, Heather Bullard, Nicole Gray, Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble and Naomi Gonzales.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month emphasizes child care

by Dorieta Rogers LPC
Post Elementary counselor
Three children die everyday as a direct result of the mistreatment from the very people who are supposed to care for them and keep them safe - parents.

This statistic has held true for the past 10 years. The majority of these fatalities are children under the age of 5. In the year 2000, approximately 95,000 cases of abuse were confirmed in the state of Texas. One estimate about the prevalence of child abuse

is that for every case that is reported there are six others that aren't. Child abuse includes neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. The majority of victims suffer from neglect, although it is rare that a child is maltreated in only

one area or one time. The impact the abuse has on the life of the child is dependent upon several factors. These include length of time the abuse continued, the severity of the abuse, the resiliency of the child and if there are any supportive adults in the child's life.

The effects of child abuse do not simply go away when the person is no longer a child. As they enter into adolescence and adulthood, they are often plagued with a multitude of problems. Primary among these are delinquency, drug use, poor academic performance, teen pregnancy, and emotion and mental disorder problems.

To this point the problem, if it is acknowledged to even exist, has been viewed by some as a family problem that the family should handle. But attitudes change rapidly when these children mature and start exhibiting acting out behaviors. It is suddenly viewed as a community problem because these behaviors wreck havoc with society at large.

It can no longer be swept under the rug or ignored or wished away. These actions are too destructive and dangerous to overlook. Society now takes steps to protect it by reacting to the symptom rather than the cause. Legal actions are taken and punishment is meted out, but since the cause has been ignored, the problem continues generation after generation.

Although the common perception is that physical and sexual abuse are much more serious offenses and have the greatest and severest effect upon the life of the child, research does not bear this out. Neglected children and abused children are arrested in almost equal numbers for violent crimes as teens and young adults. Maltreated delinquents are going to be drawn to the more serious and often violent forms of delinquency. There is a direct relationship between the degree of seriousness and violence of the crimes and the severity of the neglect/abuse the person endured as a child.

April has been Child Abuse Awareness Month since 1983. It is a result of a presidential proclamation.

Most people agree that this is a heinous thing and something should be done. Many kind souls would do something if they knew what to do. There are several things that we can do as caring, interested citizens of the community.

Support prevention education programs, be a Scout leader, Bit Brother or Big Sister, or mentor a child. Contribute money to the cause of your choice, support anti-abuse legislation, join or start a child abuse prevention program in your community.

If you know children that you are concerned may be living in undesirable conditions, an important thing to know and remember is that if a

child has one person who believes in them it greatly increases the likelihood that the effects of their victimization will be less harmful for them. They have someone that cares for them and they can see the hope of a better life ahead. Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, and simple interest and caring.

Be a friend to the young and powerless - report abuse when you are aware of it. The number to call is CPS

Hotline 1-800-252-5400. There will probably be a wait, but be patient. You are taking an important step to improve the quality of life for an unfortunate child.

"To leave the world a better place - whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or an improved social condition - that is to have succeeded. That only one life breathed easier because you lived - that is success."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

J.V. baseball team wins

The Post junior varsity won April 1 at Nichols Park in a five-inning rule game.

Post scored in every inning except the second to race to earn the convincing 15-5 win over the JV team from New Deal. The win was a total team effort, with superior pitching, great hitting and above-average defense.

Post on offense had 11 hits with the big blast on John Castro's three-run home run to left field, scoring Joseph Espinoza and Jett Lott. Post batters also drew eight walks and two on-base by hit batters.

Castro got the starting honor, going four innings, giving up one hit, with two walks, three runs - two earned. A sophomore transfer from Andrews, he also struck out seven New Deal players. Lott closed out the fifth inning with one walk, two strikeouts and two runs given up.

Batting for Post were Lott, three singles, one walk, three RBIs; David Rivera, two singles, one error hit, one RBI; Castro, one on-base by hit batter, one single, one home run with three RBIs; Patrick Gonzales, two walks, one error hit; Kyle Gunn, one error hit, one double with two RBIs; Coco Valdez, one walk; Quinton Odom, one single, one error hit, two RBIs; Theo Paiz, one walk and a double; Justin Williams, one on-base by hit batter, one walk and one error hit with an RBI; Javen Abraham, one walk; and Espinoza, one single, one walk, one RBI.

J.V. girls win tennis title

Traci defeated Wodam of Sundown, 7-5, 6-0; Keith of Idalou, 6-2, 6-2; and Isom of Idalou, 7-5, 6-0, to win the junior varsity girls' singles title. Jana Schwarzkoph beat Castillo of Idalou, 6-3, 6-4 for third place in the girls' singles division.

Kristy Shifflett and Jennifer Reiter lost to Barry and Castillo of Sundown, 6-2, 7-5, in the first round, but went on to defeat Breanne Heckaman and Christina Zellmer, 6-2, 6-2. This game them the third place finish in the girls' doubles division. Heckaman and Zellmer lost in the first round to Bryant and Soto of Idalou, 7-5, 6-0.

Jordan Tatum lost to Olguin of Idalou, 6-0, 6-1, in boys' singles.

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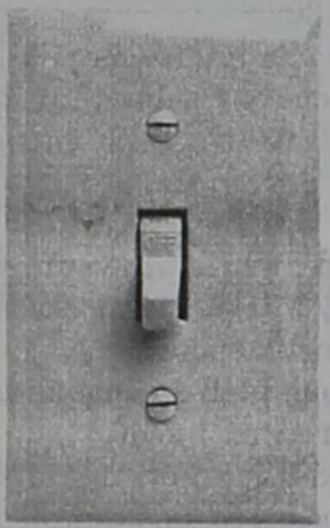
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City Council ...

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K and 5th Street; and Avenue L and 5th Street. Three-way stops will be established at Avenue L and 6th Street and Avenue L and 4th Street.

• Approved an order providing for the cancellation of the May 4 election. State law allows governing entities to cancel elections in which candidates are running unopposed. Incumbents Bill Pool, Ward 4, and Harold Craig, Ward 5, have each filed to return to their positions on the municipal board; however, Crystal Mason, who was appointed to fill the unexpired Ward 3 term following the recent death of council member John Redman, did not file as a candidate for election to her post. An appointment to fill that open position is expected once Mason completes the unexpired term to which she was appointed.

• Heard a report from the Caprock Cultural Association's JoAnn Mock on the creation of a new program, Post Toasters. The program is being designed to show appreciation to local volunteers; to provide the community with more in-depth information as to how local projects and programs operate; and to better document volunteer efforts.

"We, as a grant-writing entity, have always estimated in-kind services," Mock said. "Sometimes that means a little more money in our pockets." Better documentation of those services would perhaps mean even greater revenues in the form of grant monies, she said.

• Four Post Toaster programs are planned for the coming year - on Thursday, May 16, a presentation by Giles McCrary on his account of "Vatican Experiences," on Thursday, July 18, a program entitled, "Discovering Your Roots," led by Gene Mathis; and programs on Thursday, Sept. 19; and Thursday, Nov. 21.

Post Toasters is open to anyone interested. Letters are being mailed to all local organizations, but any individual interested in participating should go by the CCA offices or call 495-4148.

• Received the city manager's report, which included a request from Community Center Chairman Lee Norman for financial assistance in upgrading the large heating/cooling units in use in the facility. The units are 20 years old and are frequently in need of repair. City council members discussed staggering the replacements of the units at a rate of one or possibly two per year, depending upon the availability of finances.

Birthdays This Week

- April 11 - Meagan Mills
- April 12 - Marvin Self
- April 14 - Gregory Reynolds
- April 15 - Kenny Ratke Jr., Esthela Montanez, Tierni Crenshaw
- April 16 - Christopher Grisham, Traci Nelson
- April 17 - Dave King

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

Big Spring's downtown model railroad



In October of 1991, Doc Hardy started constructing a model train display in a building on Big Spring's Main Street. He was a model railroad buff and was looking for a way to display some HO Gauge trains.

He got with the Big Spring Downtown Association folks and they supported the idea. Doc Hardy worked on the project four or five hours a day for nearly a year.

He told me at the time "I don't guess it'll ever be finished. I keep adding to it all the time. I see something I think would make it better and I get it. Besides that, people are always bringing stuff by."

He included many Big Spring landmarks in the display. He has a replica of the old Big Spring freight depot and a miniature version of a local mountain called Signal Peak. He has a complete city laid out with hotels, residences and all types of businesses.

Doc died five years ago and the building with the elaborate model train display went dark and stayed that way until last year when a retired philosophy professor came to town. His name is Jack Harrison and he loves model trains.

"I was looking for a hobby and naturally thought of a model railroad, since I've had several N-Gauge railroads of my own for thirty years." Hearing about the display, he began looking for someone to talk to about buying the setup for himself.

He found out the building and its contents were owned by Big Spring Main Street and the small trains were not for sale. When a Main Street representative showed him the display, Jack caught his breath. "It was the biggest HO railroad I had ever seen in person."

The board member showing Jack around said they were looking for someone to restore the railroad and run it. "You've found him," Jack replied. Jack made an inventory and discovered the replacement value to be nearly \$11,000. On the 900 feet of track were 42 diesel locomotives, 10 steam locomotives and 117 pieces of freight and passenger cars.

An additional \$2,000 worth of structures, people and scenery, along with a 6-unit roundhouse with a turntable were included in the count. Jack spent nine months bringing the display back to life. It opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony to an enthusiastic crowd. Jack shows the display to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.

There is no admission charge, but contributions are accepted. He especially welcomes school groups.

"I think five year olds are some of the smartest people I know," he said. "I have fun with them."

He has replicas of the Harry Potter train, the 150 mile-an-hour train of the future and the Texas & Pacific steam train that first came to Big Spring in 1881. Jack gives some railroad history to anyone who seems to want to hear it.

He tells how the railroad was built across Texas and how it replaced the stagecoach. The Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad is located at 123 Main in Big Spring, just a block up the street from the Union Pacific railroad tracks.



PHS U.I.L. Academic team members winning the district title are (back row, left to right) Seth Pennell, Brice Easterling, Jordan Tatum, Adam Nobles, Russell Eaton, Kayla Babb, Kenda Josey, Chase Tatum, (middle row) Ronnie Parrish, James Soto, A.J. Dickman, Jana Schwartzkopf, Jarrett Vickers, Jessica Mason, Breann Heckaman, Lisa Soto, (front row) Mirta Gomez, Kayla Dunn, Amanda Workman, Heather Bullard, Nicole Gray, Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble and Naomi Gonzales.

PHS students earn regional berths

Post High School's UIL academic competitors fared well at the district literary meet, with many advancing to the regional competition at Abilene Christian University in Abilene April 19.

Kayla Dunn took fourth place in both news writing and feature writing, while A.J. Dickman earned third

place in ready writing. Jana Schwartzkopf was named an alternate in chemistry/science.

Post took first and second places respectively in the Lincoln-Douglas debate, with Jarrett Vickers and Adam Nobles topping the contest. Russell Eaton placed first in persuasive speaking.

Heather Bullard finished in second place in poetry, while Amanda Workman earned an alternate's position in prose.

Nicole Gray finished in second place in computer application.

In spelling, Meagan Mills took first, followed by Tandi Humble in second place. The school's spelling team included Mills, Humble and Gonzales. Kenda Josey represented the school in accounting.

Menus

Post ISD

April 15 - Breakfast - Pancake & sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

Lunch - Enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, spanish rice, pears, choice of milk

April 16 - Breakfast - Breakfast taco, fruit, milk

Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, california mix, pineapple slices, garlic toast, choice of milk

April 17 - Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch - Fajitas, peppers & onions, salad, mixed fruit, cookie, choice of milk

April 18 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, got rolls, jello, choice of milk

April 19 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice, milk

Lunch - Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, orange, choice of milk

Garza County Trailblazers

April 15 - Soft corn tacos, red beans, zucchini, cornbread, purple plums, cookies

April 16 - BBQ chicken, black-eyed peas, brussell sprouts, cornbread, cherry cobbler

April 17 - Roast beef on toast, tater tots, peas & carrots, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad

April 18 - Meatballs w/sauce, noodles, corn, broccoli-n-cheese, white roll, peach shortcake

Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Spring Contest

Any youth interested in participating in Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Rifle Project, Shotgun Project, Method Demonstrations, Photography contest or any other current 4-H event, call the Extension office at 495-4400 to sign up.

Camp Counselors Needed

If you are a Senior age 4-H'er and are interested in applying to be a Camp Counselor during 4-H Leadership Camp, June 2-6, come by the Extension office for an application which is due April 16.

Camp Applications

All 4-H'ers who want to attend any of the camps this summer need to come by and pick up an application. There are various camps with various due dates including Prime Time (April 12), Spectra (April 26), Range Workshop (April 12), Goat Camp (May 16), Lamb Camp (May 16), Leadership Camp and Electric Camp (May 22). Deadlines for these camps are coming up soon.

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Obituaries

Glendon F. Presson

Services for Glendon F. Presson, 83, of Corpus Christi were held at the First United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi March 29, 2002. Burial followed in the Seaside Memorial Park.

He died March 26 following a short illness. Born in Sulphur, Okla., Jan. 27, 1919, his family moved to Post in 1923. He was active in the Boy Scout program and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Post High School in 1936, the state's centennial year. He served as a technical sergeant in the 67th General Hospital Medical Detachment of the U.S. Army during World War II. A 1947 graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in business, he worked with Humble Oil, which later became the Exxon Corporation, until his retirement in 1983. He was an active member of the Methodist church and an American Cancer Society volunteer.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Presson; two daughters, Melinda Hord of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Karen Free of Corpus Christi; one nephew, Jan Marc Olson of Post; four grandsons; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by one brother, H. Kent Presson, and a sister, Wilma "Boo" Olson.

Lynch elected to SPCAA board

Rodger Lynch was elected to serve on the South Plains Community Action Association board during a March meeting at the Garza County Community Action Center in Post.

Lynch was elected alternate for Pam Mitchell, and both will serve the South Plains Community Action (SPCAA) board of directors to represent low-income individuals and families. Lynch joins Mitchell and Donald Windham on the SPCAA board in representing Garza County.

Lynch received 40 votes, while his challenger, Eloise Rodriguez, received 19 votes.

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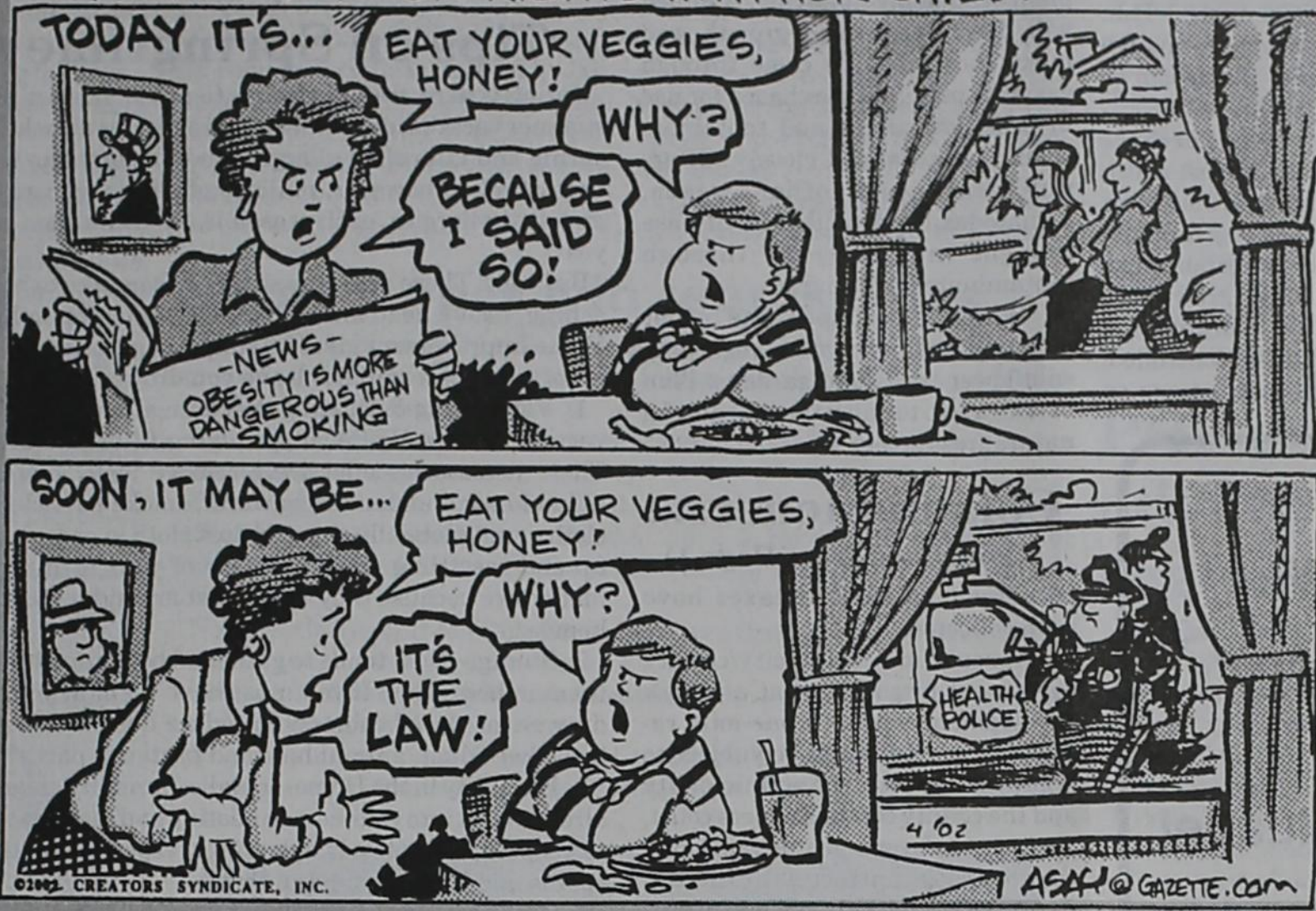
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And thereafter, jiving us about security

by Walter E. Williams

Let's think about airport security.

It seems as though the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) and Department of Transportation's (DOT) operative assumption is that there's an equal chance that any person, including pilots and crew members, who boards a plane is a potential hijacker. That's why FAA and DOT security regulations require that everyone, including pilots and crew, be searched and "hijacking weapons" — like fingernail files, wine cork screws and knitting needles — be confiscated.

You say: "That's stupid, Williams. They can't think that my 88-year-old grandmother, carrying her knitting needles, would hijack a plane!" While that might be true, we can't put anything past Washington's bureaucrats. They might think that a hijacker with hijacking tools might search the plane, find granny's knitting needles and stab his way through the steel reinforced cockpit doors.

It's both stupid and costly for the FAA and DOT to treat each person who boards a plane as a potential hijacker. Suppose Air Force One was in the shop for a tune up and George Bush had to fly with us plebeians. Should he be subject to the same treatment? You say, "C'mon, Williams, that's the president."

OK, what about Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Sen. Ted Kennedy or Walter Williams? In each of these cases, there is a zero chance that the person would hijack a plane. Since cockpit doors have been reinforced, and with random assignment of sky marshals and passengers not likely to be docile in the face of hijacking, we could return to the passenger screening methods in place on 9-11, with added measures to detect firearms and explosives on persons and their baggage.

Americans have been bamboozled into believing that with federalization of airport security we'd be safer. After all, according to media reports, Europeans who have a much longer history of dealing with terrorists have government-controlled airport security. Nothing can be further from the truth.

According to Robert Poole, a Reason Foundation air transportation



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expert (reason.org), 33 out of 35 European airports use private companies for passenger and baggage screening, and that includes high-risk airports such as: Amsterdam, Belfast, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Paris and even Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. At these European and Israel airports, the government sets security standards. A private for-profit contractor performs the security screening. There's strong oversight and penalties exacted for not meeting the standards.

So what has the new Transportation Security Act (TSA) mandated, and even if the mandates made complete sense, will they be achieved? TSA mandated 100 percent baggage screening by Jan. 18, 2002. That was not achieved. TSA mandated federal takeover of existing security contracts by Feb. 17, 2002. Again failure.

TSA mandates that 30,000-plus passenger and baggage screeners be federalized and trained by Nov. 19, 2002. There's no chance that goal will be achieved. TSA mandates that all baggage be screened by Explosive Detection System machines (EDS) by Dec. 31, 2002. EDS machines are computerized tomography (3-D) X-ray machines.

They cost about \$1 million apiece to produce, and about that much again to install. They're about the size of a minivan, weigh 4 tons and require airport terminal reconfiguration to handle them. That target won't be achieved, either.

There's a far more intelligent way to produce air security. Poole recommends sorting passengers and their baggage into three classes: pre-screened "trusted travelers," who'd face pre-9-11 type screening; "innocuous travelers," who'd receive enhanced screening; and "suspicious travelers," who'd receive rigorous screening. That would improve air safety, and reduce its costs and inconvenience, but it might smack of profiling and fail the "political correctness" test.

There's hope for change because nobody's happy with the present bungling system — and that includes passengers, airport directors, pilots and crew, and airline companies.

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Is "driver's license" really required?

by Timothy W. Burnett

The laws of the land were established in the United States of America and in Texas for the foundational purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element of life, liberty, and property. Some modes of travel include walking, bicycle, tricycle, motorbike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc. In other situations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to another. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

These entities paid to carry for another are known as carriers. Carriers use the public highways and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a Driver's License is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and scope.

Similar to God's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect or have appointed certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related rules.

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself. In 1953, the Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as there is no such license as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opinion: "The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been issued either an operator's commercial operator's, or

chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished between what the law did not say, and what it did say.

Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was committed because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

Later, Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided over a criminal appeals case in which Judge Woodley insisted, "This court has held that there is no such license known to Texas law as a 'driver's license.'" [Callas v. State 167 Tex. Crim. 375 1959].

Today the Transportation Code still requires a license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Texas. In Subchapter B. General License Requirements, Section 521.021 it reads, "A person, other than a person expressly exempted under this chapter, may not operate a motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless the person holds a driver's license issued under this chapter."

Please note how the statement "may not operate" is conditional upon holding a license. Through word crafting, the insertion of the term "driver's license" creates the illusion that a license is required to drive. Section 521 also includes various examples such as operators of "Certain School Buses," "Junior College Buses," and "Restrictions on Certain Common Carriers."

Notice there is nothing included which remotely includes the traveling public. Yet the Transportation Code does use the term "traveling public." Maybe the "traveling public" is not known by the law to be operators of motor vehicles.

To this day, the Code does not require any person to hold a license to "drive." No person traveling on the public highways is required to have an operator's license unless he is using the roads for the privileged purpose of "transportation." The letter of the law agrees.

In law enforcement, the enforcing agent must have a clear understanding of the scope of the law. Without a clear and precise understanding of the law's scope, the agent faces the risk of time consuming lawsuits and life threatening confrontations with law-abiding people.

Inherent in a sworn oath of office is the authority of law enforcement officers to refuse the filing an affidavit of information on any person found driving without a "driver's license."

Why? Because this type of license is unknown to the law.

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Declaring and Waging War: The U.S. Constitution

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Excuse me for asking an indelicate question in the midst of war, but where does President Bush derive the power to send the United States into war against another nation? The question becomes increasingly important given that the president has indicated that once the Afghan War has been brought to a conclusion, he intends to use U.S. military forces to attack other sovereign nations.

It is important to keep in mind that our system of government was designed to be unlike any other in history. First, the federal government was brought into existence by the people through our Constitution. Second, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land that controls the actions of our public officials in all three branches of the federal government. Third, the powers of the federal government and its officials are not general but instead are limited to those enumerated in the Constitution.

Fourth, the government is divided into three branches, each with its own enumerated powers, and one branch cannot exercise the powers of another branch. Fifth, the Constitution expressly constrains democratic, majority rule. Sixth, public officials are not legally permitted to ignore any constitutional constraint on their power but must instead seek a constitutional amendment from the people to eliminate the constraint.

Why did the Founders implement such a weak, divided government? One big reason: they clearly understood that historically the greatest threat to the freedom and well-being of a people comes not from foreign enemies but instead from their own government officials, even democratically elected ones. And they understood that that threat to the citizenry was always greatest during war.

Consider the words of James Madison, the father of our Constitution: "Of all the enemies to public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few."

What does our Constitution say about war? Our Founders divided war into two separate powers: Congress was given the power to declare war and the president was given the power to wage war. What that means is that under our system of government, the president cannot legally wage war against another nation in the absence of a declaration of war against that nation from Congress.

Again, reflect on the words of Madison: "The Constitution expressly and exclusively vests in the Legislature the power of declaring a state of war [and] the power of raising armies. A delegation of such powers [to the president] would have struck, not only at the fabric of our Constitution, but at the foundation of all well organized and well checked governments. The separation of the power of declaring war from that of conducting it, is wisely contrived to exclude the danger of its being declared for the sake of its being conducted."

Therefore, under our system of government although the president is personally convinced that war against a certain nation is just and morally right, he is nevertheless prohibited by our supreme law of the land from waging it unless he first secures a declaration of war from Congress. That was precisely why presidents Wilson and Roosevelt, who both believed that U.S. intervention in World Wars I and II was right and just, nevertheless had to wait for a congressional declaration of war before entering the conflict. And the fact that later presidents have violated the declaration-of-war requirement does not operate as a grant of power for other presidents to do the same.

What about the congressional resolution that granted President Bush the power to wage war against unnamed nations and organizations that the president determines were linked to the September 11 attacks? Doesn't that constitute a congressional declaration of war? No, it is instead a congressional grant to the president of Caesar-like powers to wage war, a grant that the Constitution does not authorize Congress to make.

Therefore, when a U.S. president wages what might otherwise be considered a just war, if he has failed to secure a congressional declaration of war, he is waging an illegal war — illegal from the standpoint of our own legal and governmental system. And when the American people support any such war, no matter how just and right they believe it is, they are standing not only against their own principles and heritage, not only against their own system of government and laws, but also against the only barrier standing between them and the tyranny of their own government — the Constitution.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Virginia.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Garden Checklist for April, 2002

Prune spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune, and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control size.

Roses have high fertilizer requirements. For most soils, use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts, then use ammonium sulfate, or other high nitrogen source, every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the new growth cycle starts following a flowering cycle. Cottonseed meal, alfalfa meal and composted manures are organic

sources of fertilizer that work well on roses. Climbing hybrid tea and other climbing roses may be pruned as soon as they complete flowering.

Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth, and applying fertilizer to an established annual bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of the planting.

As soon as azaleas have finished flowering, apply an acid type fertilizer at the rate recommended. Don't over fertilize, as azalea roots are near the surface and damage can occur. When calculating fertilizer needs, split the

total amount into 3 equal amounts and apply each portion at two week intervals. Water thoroughly after fertilizing.

Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, marigold, portulaca, zinnia, and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant. Surplus plants can be transplanted to other areas.

For instant color, purchase started annual plants. Select short, compact plants. Any flowers or flower buds should be pinched to give plants an opportunity to become established.

Check new tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled. Always follow label instructions on

approved pesticides for control.

Many flower or vegetable seeds left over after planting the garden can be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips and storing in a sealed glass jar in your refrigerator.

Start weeding early in the flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weed growth and make those that do come through easier to pull. Soil purchased for use in beds, low areas, and containers should be examined closely. Often, nut grass and other weeds, nematodes, and soilborne disease brought into the yard through contaminated soil sources.

Watch newspaper and other publicity for information regarding wildflower trails and gardens. Plan to take a trip to enjoy these beautiful natural resources.



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by Faith Howington, Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Service

Tips on Springtime Allergies

Spring is here, weather starts to warm, flowers bloom, leaves turn green, summer vacation draws near, and allergies attack! Many people suffer from spring and fall pollen allergies and for some the winter and summer are a time of relief; however, millions of people who suffer from mold, bacteria, and dust allergies, each season is a continuation of symptoms that last all year.

But wait! There are some steps you can take to help reduce your sneezing, aching, heavy head and watery eyes brought on by your allergies. Lowe's Home Improvement gives 10 simple suggestions to keep your home allergy-proof, and these will not leave you drowsy all day from medicine head.

1. Vacuuming & Dusting- Vacuum at least twice a week, and invest in a vacuum with a HEPA air purifying filter and allergen filtration system. These accessories effectively remove 99.97% of all pollen, mold spores, animal hair and dander, bacteria, smoke particles, and dust. Use a damp cloth or magnetically charged dust cloth in order to prevent dust from flying up and resettling on the surface of your furniture. Feather dusters are ineffective because they move dust around instead of removing it from the home.

2. Storage- Dust tends to gather on books and collectibles, so avoid storing them in bedrooms. If you must have them in your bedroom, store them in drawers or closed cabinets to reduce dust. Don't store anything under the bed where dust, animal hair and bacterial particles gather.

3. Humidity in the Home- Install a humidity gauge or hygrometer, if it isn't already built into your home's heating and cooling system. Use a dehumidifier to keep humidity levels below 50%, especially in the basement where mold spores and bacteria tend to thrive.

4. Cooling & Heating Systems- Central air conditioning is the cleanest way to cool your home, and radiant heat is better than forced heat. Central air and radiant heat both work without blowing dust and particles throughout the home. In homes with forced air conditioning or heat, use a filter over air vents to reduce dust circulation and have all ducts in your home professionally cleaned.

5. Flooring Options- Use hardwood, laminate or vinyl flooring in your home. Dust mites love carpet and are difficult to remove without an air purifier and vacuum with a HEPA filter. Washable throw rugs are not only healthier and easier to wash, but are also great accents for decorating your home. If you want carpeting in your home, choose a low-pile instead of a higher-pile carpet because they are easier to clean.

6. Window Treatments- Choose window treatments that are easy to clean and collect as little dust as possible. Roll-up blinds, shades and short, lightweight, washable curtains are better choices than heavy drapes. Be sure to wash your curtains and blinds every month or two.

7. Laundry Tips- Dry clothes in a dryer instead of hanging them outside where they can collect pollen. Be sure to vent your dryer to the outside, and keep both the washer and dryer in an enclosed room away from the kitchen or eating area.

8. Kitchen Tips- Mold grows quickly in the refrigerator, so be sure to clean it frequently with bleach, and throw away old food. Be certain to clean around the refrigerator base where large amounts of dust tend to gather. Clean kitchen countertops with bleach or another household disinfectant, and don't forget to wipe down garbage cans and other humid areas with bleach so bacteria and mold don't linger.

9. Bedroom Tips- Dust mites thrive in warm places, such as mattresses and pillows, so invest in allergen-proof, washable covers to prevent dust mites and mold from entering your bedding materials. Avoid kapok, feather and foam rubber materials because they can grow mold, especially in damp climates.

10. Bathroom Tips- Bathrooms are popular havens for mold, so wash tiles and grout frequently, mop or wipe floors with mold preventing solutions, and make sure there is adequate ventilation. For bathrooms with poor ventilation, use a mold-inhibiting paint and use a squeegee to remove excess water from the tub, shower and sink.

For those of you who do not suffer from seasonal allergies consider yourself lucky. If you are included in the millions of Americans who suffer from allergies hopefully these tips will help make this season a little more comfortable for you.

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Sheriff reports 13 arrests

Thirteen individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past two weeks, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

A 23-year-old male was picked up for commitment on March 25. On March 26, a 38-year-old male was jailed for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Four individuals were arrested on March 29, including an 18-year-old male on a Lubbock County warrant; a 40-year-old male for displaying fictional registration; a 34-year-old male on a Taylor County warrant; and a 21-year-old male on a warrant.

A 46-year-old male was arrested March 29 for driving while intoxicated. On April 1, a 23-year-old man was picked up on Department of Public Safety warrants.

A 36-year-old male was arrested on revocation of probation on April 2, and a 38-year-old male was jailed for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

On April 5, two men - ages 21 and 40 - were picked up on warrants. On April 6, an 18-year-old male was jailed for driving while license suspended.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of Garza County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Garza County, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4,

2002, for voting in a Special election, to elect three (3) Directors, and to conduct a voter referendum on Board Member term limits.

(Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Cuatro Mayo

de 2002 para votar en la Elección para electo tres (3) Directores, para conducir un referendun de votante a bordo limites de termino de miembro.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

PRECINCT #	COUNTY BOX #	LOCATION
1	1, 2, 5	Trinity Baptist Church & Presbyterian Church
2	6, 8	Junior High School Library
3	3, 9	Lorenzo-Alexander Bldg. (Meals on Wheels Bldg.)
4	4, 7	Post High School Commons

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Post City Hall Council Chambers 105 East Main Street Post, Texas 79356

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 (date)

(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el diecisiete de Abril, 2002 (fecha)

and ending on April 30, 2002 (date)

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Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha) Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Billie Windham
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

105 East Main Street
(Address) (Dirección)

Post Texas 79356
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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April 26, 2002 veinte seis de Abril, 2002.
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 21st day of February, 2002.

(Emitada este día veinte uno de Febrero, 2002.)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Sports

Tahoka slips past Lopes 6-4

Post (13-3) for the year has lots of its second district game and trails Idalou and Tahoka after the first round of district games. After losing to Tahoka 6-4, the Lopes face Idalou at home in Tuesday's April 9 game.

Blanton Hancock's two-run home run to deep left field broke open a close game as Tahoka's team took over second place in District 4-2A against Post last Friday at Nichols Park. Hancock launched a shot off Antelope starter Cody Fox to give the Bulldogs (9-8, 3-1 in district) a 3-1 lead.

Tahoka never looked back, scoring three more times in the fifth inning. Tahoka's Martin Garza picked up the win to improve to 5-2 on the

season. Garza won despite scattering 11 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Cody Fox (4-2) took the loss, allowing six runs on three hits and five walks, three hit batters and eight strikeouts. He went four innings with 117 total pitches. Randon Blacklock relieved and threw two shutout innings, facing seven batters - one over the

minimum.

Tahoka batted .182 collectively as a team on four-for-22 hits but drew five walks and three hit batters, with the major damage on Hancock's two-run homer and Brandon McCord's two-run double.

Tahoka jumped ahead in the first on a bases-loaded hit batter with two

outs. Post came back in their half of the inning to tie the game on Mitchell Mills' bases-loaded single, plating Bryan Looney who got on base with an error single.

Tahoka added two runs in the third on Hancock's home run. Post pushed across a lone run in the fourth on a RBI single by Luis Zubia, scoring Mills, who reached base on a single.

Tahoka added three runs in the fifth inning on Fox's continuing control problems on two walks, one hit batter and McCord's two-run double. Post got back two runs in their half of the inning as both Looney and Roland Casteneda came in for the final runs of the game.

Tahoka had 33 at-bats, stranding six runners against 32 at-bats for Post, stranding seven base runners.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one single; Looney, one single, one error hit; Casteneda, one single, one double; Jon Eilenberger, two singles, one RBI; Mikey Gonzales, one single; Mills, two singles, one RBI; Brody Robertson, one single; and Zubia, one single, one on-base by hit batter, one RBI.

Post Antelope Baseball - Live on Post City Radio Friday - 5 p.m.



Bryan Looney crosses home plate for a 'Lope score.

Three 'Lopes win tennis titles

Jarrett Vickers and Brice Easterling won the district doubles title with convincing victories over Crump and Morales of Ralls, 6-1, 6-0, and Hogan and Precure of Sundown, 6-1, 6-1.

The duo will represent District 4-AA at the April 23-24 regional tennis tournament in Abilene.

Winning district in singles, Cole Easterling, who was seeded #1, beat Isbell of Ralls, 6-0, 6-0, and Miller of Tahoka, 7-5, 6-2. He then topped Chapa of Tahoka, 7-5, 6-2 for the singles title, winning a berth at the regional tournament.

Noah Gutierrez and Jon Eilenberger defeated Crump and Morales of Ralls, 6-3, 7-5, to take the third place medal.

Meagan Mills and Kelly Moore defeated Perez and Sehon of Sundown for third place in girls' doubles.

In girls' singles, Tandi Humble lost to Chapa of Tahoka 6-2, 6-1 to take fourth place. LaRinda Ledbetter lost her first round match to Chapa of Tahoka, 6-0, 6-0.

PHS golfers advance to regional meet

The Post High School Lady Lope golf team and varsity Antelope golfer Mark Norman will advance to regional competition April 22-23 following district golf tournament action last week.

Nikki Norman placed second medalist to lead the Lady Lope golfers, with Gorman taking fifth medalist. The young Lady Lopes finished second overall. The varsity boys team placed fourth, with Mark Norman advancing as third medalist.

"All of the golfers improved over the season," coach Chili Black said. "The bright spot is that they are all freshmen and sophomores and will be back next season."

In the April 2 district meet in Sundown, Lady Lopes results included Nikki Norman at 106, Kaycee Gorman, 107; Meagan Hoover, 116 and Tana Starkey, 119. Mark Norman led the boys' team with a 92, followed by Zach Lopez, 95; Mitch Holly, 105; Ledon Lewis, 108 and Jarrad Grisham, 118.

In the final round on April 8 at Island Oakes course in Idalou, Nikki Norman led with 100, followed by Gorman at 116, Hoover, 124 and Starkey, 128. Mark Norman shot an 86 for the boys, with Lopez coming in at 98; Holly, 100, Lewis, 101 and Grisham, 103.



Cody Fox takes a swing during action here last Friday.



Lady Lope Courtney Short in the 400 meter dash at Colorado City last Saturday. (Photo by Susan Strawn)



Meagan Hoover (right) takes the baton from Manuela Hernandez in a Post Lady Lope relay at Colorado City last Saturday. PHS track teams compete Thursday (April 11) at the district meet in Sundown. (Photo by Susan Strawn)



Kayla Dunn steps out in the 100 meter dash at Colorado City last Saturday. (Photo by Susan Strawn)



Brandon Bell crosses the finish line in the 100 meter dash for the Post Antelope track team at Colorado City last Saturday. (Photo by Susan Strawn)

Post Antelope Spring Sports

Baseball

Friday, April 12 Varsity at Ralls, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 15, J.V. hosts Hale Center, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16 OPEN

Track

Thursday, April 11
District Meet at New Deal

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Yesteryears

April 8 1992
10 Years Ago

The Third Annual "Fiesta Rancheras" will be held this year at the Post City Park on Saturday, May 2 with a dull day of family fun scheduled. Sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Assn, the "Fiesta Rancheras" features a Fajita Cook-Off with prizes. Other activities include food stands, dance contest for children and live music.

Don and Joyce Tatum of Post and Jerry and Joyce Roberts of New Home are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Melissa Tatum to Steve Roberts.

Navy Seaman Damian R. Hampton has completed the electronic warfare signal intelligence Moresse interceptor course at Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Xi Delta Rho will be hosting the Annual Little Mr. and Miss Post contest Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Why is it possible that your garbage/sanitation rates double or even triple during the next 14 months? This is the question Post city and Garza County officials are trying to answer as they come to grips with problems of how to respond to the recently imposed federal and state solid waste management rules.

April 8, 1982
20 Years Ago

The singing group, Sisters in Song, and several members of the First Baptist Church, including Bro. Glenn Reece, Don Smith and Dr. William C. Wilson, recently returned from conducting a week of revival service in the First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska.

Involuntary manslaughter charges have been filed against a Slaton woman in connection with the death of Charles A. Elmore, who was discovered by a passerby early in the morning, March 31 in a ditch on a dirt road just east of Southland.

Trushel Marts won first place at the Post Relays in the 1600 meter run and will advance to the Regional meet at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Bob Palmer, Fernie Reed, Everette Windham, and Monk Palmer were awarded certificates of appreciation from the Post Athletic Department for their help in making the Post Relays such a success. They provided the food and fed the staff and helpers following the meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Garcia announce the birth of a baby girl, Vanessa Ester, born in Garza Memorial Hospital.

April 6, 1972
30 Years Ago

Highway patrolmen yesterday afternoon were looking for a driver who left the scene after his automobile and a Hudman Funeral Home ambulance were involved in a collision northwest of Post at the intersection of U. S. Hwy. 84 and FM Road 211.

Five and one-half inches is what the snow here measured "on the level," according to the Southwestern Public Service Co., where weather records are kept.

The police department moved to County Sheriff J. A. (Jimmy) Holleman's office on the first floor of

the courthouse last Saturday. The police department consists of Police Chief Otis G. Shepherd Jr., Patrolman Jerry Jolly and Relief Patrolman Ray Bagby.

Miss Nancy Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman of Post attended the 17th National Angel Flight Conclave in Dallas. The Angel Flight is an honorary service organization for college women that support the objectives of the Arnold Air Society.

George Pierce has been selected by the paper staff as "Teacher of the Month" at Post High School.

April 12, 1962
40 Years Ago

Tommy Bouchier, Post High School senior, placed first in the physical science division Saturday at the annual South Plains Regional Science Fair in Lubbock.

The Post Independent School district trustees Monday night re-elected E. R. (Buster) Moreland president of the board for the fifth consecutive year.

Coach Charles Hopkins' five-man Post High School golf team won the District 3AA champion for the third consecutive year. Members of the team are: Teddy Scott, Tommy Bouchier, Leslie Acker, Lee Williams and Roger Camp.

The Post city council voted unanimously Monday to step up its law enforcement by employing Elton Corley.

Julie Edwards, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, required hospital treatment Tuesday after being bitten and mauled by a German Shepherd dog.

April 10, 1952
50 Years Ago

Construction on an approximately \$125,000 expansion program is expected to get underway at Postex Cotton Mill, Inc. in the near future. The expansion will include the enlargement of the bleachery and finishing departments and an addition to the weave room.

A freak accident late Wednesday afternoon took the life of Charlie H. Bradley, 66, when he became entangled in barb-wire which caught in a revolving post hole digger attached to a tractor.

Juanella McClellan and "Topper" Bilberry have been chosen Queen and Sheriff, respectively, for a day at the Post High School. The students elected Jack Kirkpatrick and W. O. Fluitt, Jr., as deputies.

A party was given Thursday for Belinda Diana Lee and Charles Wallace on their third birthday, by Mrs. Elton Lee and Mrs. Harley Wallace.

Football is in the air at Post High school. Spring football training that is. Thirty players reported to Coaches Bing Bingham and Vernon Ray Monday afternoon to begin the 30-day grind of spring training.

The Sunset Drive-In theatre will hold its grand opening beginning at 6:45 p.m. Sunday. The first picture to run at the new and modern drive-in will be "Finders Keeper" with Julia Adams and Tom Ewell. Admission prices will be 44 cents for adults and 9 cents for the children.

Texas constitution under review Tuesday at Free Texas Forum

Garza County citizens interested in ratification of a new Texas constitution will meet Tuesday (4/16/02) at 6 p.m. in Chapa's Family Restaurant to review Texas Constitution 2000.

"We'll have a bite to eat and then launch into a review of Article 1 of this new constitution," Free Texas Forum host Wesley W. Burnett explains. "The first article of this new constitution defines the rights of individuals," Burnett adds.

Texas Constitution 2000 was drafted by delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1997, and was formally adopted at a special ceremony in December 1998 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park.

The new Texas constitution contains nine articles, with a transition plan as an addendum. "It's written in plain ordinary English," Burnett emphasizes, "and is very specific as to the rights of individuals."

Based on the American Declaration of Independence, Article 1 clearly defines the meaning of "life, liberty and ownership of property." All the subsequent articles (2-9) are in direct support of the Declaration of Rights.

"Delegates made an important decision early in the constitutional convention," Burnett says. "After setting an outline and placing the Declaration of Rights as the first article, delegates vowed that no other parts of the constitution could be in conflict with Article 1."

That declaration makes Texas Constitution 2000 a unique document of its kind, binding government firmly to the task of securing the rights of individuals.

"We'll be taking each of the seven sections of Article 1 and carefully review how those rights will benefit Texans when this new constitution is ratified and implemented,"

Burnett remarks. "We extend a cordial invitation to any Texan interested in liberty and freedom to join us as we begin to organize a county ratification committee."

The constitution and ratification plan are available for review at www.trcf.com or www.freetextans.org. Call Burnett at 495-0122 for more information.

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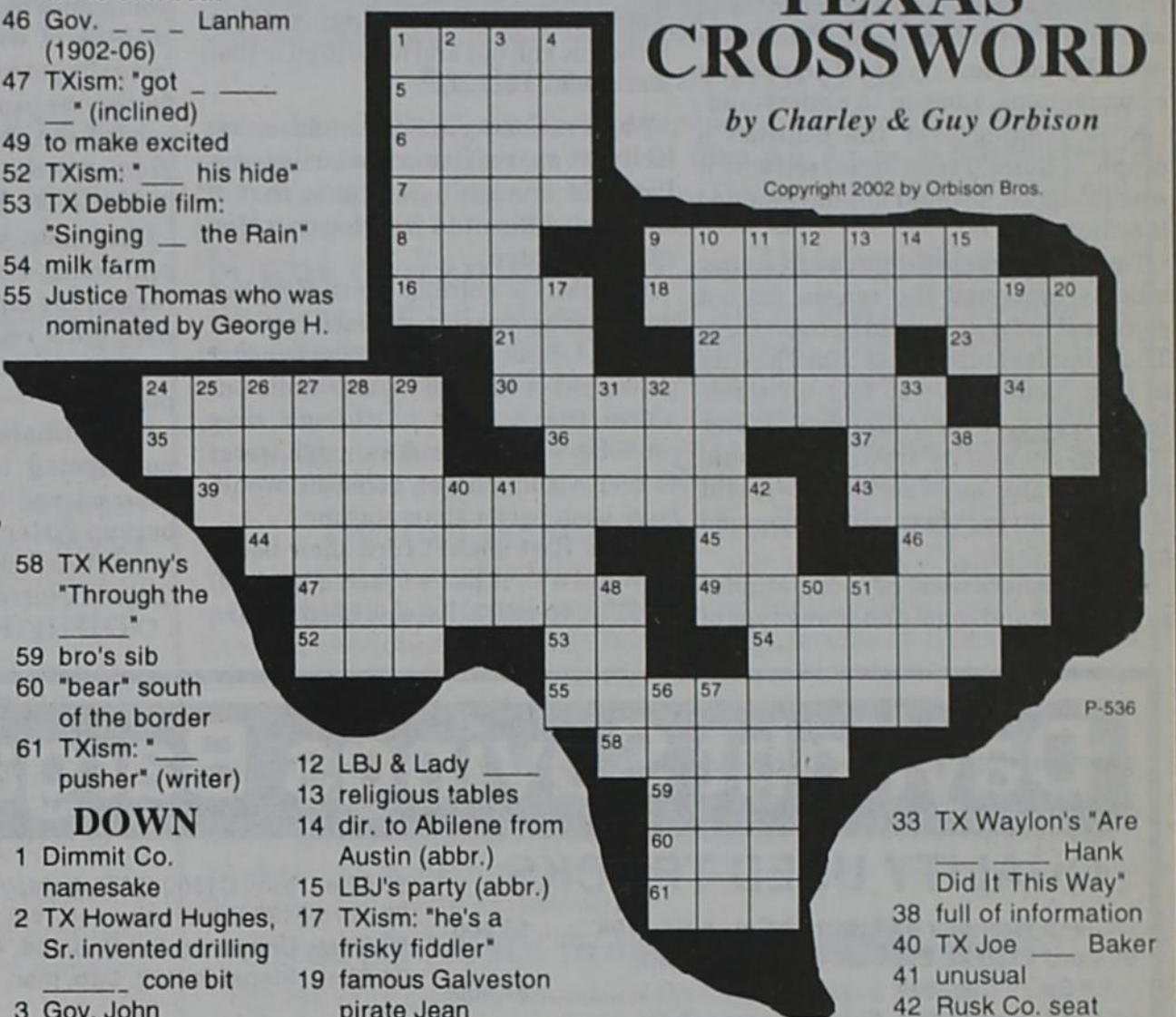
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To the Registered Voters of _____ POST _____, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del _____ POST _____ Texas;)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **MAY 4,**

20 **02** for voting in a **POST ISD** election, to **elect school trustees**

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **cuatro de Mayo**

de 20 **02** para votar en la Elección para **Fiduciarios Escolares**.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- 200 West 6th Street
- 200 West en la calle seis

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

501 South Avenue K (localizada a 501 Sur Avenida K)

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of **8:00** a.m. and **4:30** p.m. beginning on **April 17, 2002** (date)

(entre las **8:00** de la mañana y las **4:30** de la tarde empezando el **Diez y siete de Abril, 2002** (fecha)

and ending on **April 30, 2002** (date)

(y terminando el **Treinta de Abril, 2002** (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Ruby Jones
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)
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(Address) (Dirección)
Post, TX 79356
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

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April 26, 2002
(date) (fecha)
Veinte seis de Abril, 2002

Issued this the **22nd** day of **March**, 20 **02**

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More on our water

When I first heard the city government refused to sign the contract amendment for another 20 years, I thought to myself, how dumb of them to do such a thing. I immediately thought the city council must have a bad case of Mental Deficiency Syndrome. But then I visited with a few of the local politicians to see what I could come up with. After a few conversations, I began to understand.

After reading over the contract a couple of times, I seen for myself why it wasn't signed. I would not have signed it either.

There was one little clause in it that quickly concentered the reason for not signing it as far as I would be concerned. That simple clause states that The City of Post would have to buy all water from White River Municipal Water District. As well as saying Post could not buy water anywhere else without WRMWD giving their permission and go ahead.

I do not believe we need to come under an iron hand and come under any type of

dictatorship. We have elected people to run the city business, and we should expect them to do just that, not someone else.

But then on the other hand, I believe we should stand behind WRMWD. I believe we should continue getting the larger percentage of our water from them, as long as they don't run out. Then the question come around of what if they do run out and have to go to their water well back up?

Water rationing in Post would not set well with our residents and businesses. Post has enough assets now, that it would be difficult to function on a slim ration of water.

Any town is nothing short of foolish not to have some sort of a backup water system I think. Post should have never gotten rid of their old water wells out above the caprock. Although they probably wouldn't make enough water to keep a goldfish wet, at least it would have been better than nothing.

I hope Post doesn't turn their backs on WRMWD, it has worked quite well for 35 or 40 years. I see no need to turn

our backs on them now. Natcheryly the system is getting old and mother nature is working on the equipment a little bit, but the system should be kept in good shape. Besides, God isn't gonna guarantee that Lake Meredith is always gonna stay full.

Although the move to get water from Slaton is gonna be expensive, I think it's probably the best thing to do. At first I was not for the idea, but after thinking it over, I've somewhat changed my mind. It dawned on me the other day that by some slim chance a tornado happened to demolish the water purifying plant at WRMWD, then what would we do?

I guess it would be a little embarrassing to have to call the local water trucking companies to go somewhere and get us a drink of water. I suppose when we actually get to the bottom line, God will be the one to make the final decision on where the water will actually come from, whether it be White River Lake, and or Lake Meredith.

Obviously when the new system connecting Post to Slaton becomes a reality, the equipment will have to be used quite regularly to make sure all components to the system function properly.

So, for whatever my opinion is worth, not signing the WRMWD amended contract and the decision to install a backup system has my okay. Just cut us a little slack when it's time to do the large tax increase thing.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



The average American works until just after May 1 to pay his or her taxes.

"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?
If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2002 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?
If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?
Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal al día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

¿Hay otras exenciones?
Sí. Ud. es incapaz... si tiene 65 años o más... tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "Cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados, municipios y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones. La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al sucesor que sobreviva a Ud. si el día 1 de enero Ud. tiene 55 años o más de edad y es dueño de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede transferir un porcentaje de cielo máximo del impuesto escolar que le tocara en su domicilio viejo.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?
No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2001, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2002—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio—tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2002. Si Ud. cumplió los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 2001, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?
Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30° de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:
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Who qualifies for an exemption?
Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year... and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are there other exemptions available?
If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homesteaders' exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse. If the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home... Over-65 homesteaders (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former homes' over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2001, you won't need to reapply for 2002 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2002. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you become disabled during 2001, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?
File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?
You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?
The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2001. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2002.

What's the deadline?
The last day for filing 2002 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked. If mailing, you can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file?
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¡"La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!

La Ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheros y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno calificado—o sea en su habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado o madera—y no de su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.

¿Cuál es la hora del cierre?
Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si es el nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones para el día 30° de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad de 2002. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30° de abril. Si pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?
Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva le requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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¡Proteja sus derechos! "Rienda" su propiedad antes del 15° de abril.

Una "rendición" es un reporte al distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. lista toda la propiedad que poseó o controló el día 1 de enero. El formulario es disponible en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones... o puede imprimirlo en una forma parecida.

¿Quién debe hacer una rendición?
Debe hacer una rendición si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

¿Que ventaja me da?
Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:
• Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es más grande, debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
• Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarjetas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
• También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 2001. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 2002.

¿Cuál es la hora del cierre?
El 15° de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 2002. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su rendición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si le pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

¿Dónde hago mi rendición?
Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en:
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