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City's May 3 election poses sales tax proposal

Voters in the City of Post will not see any contested races on the May 3 ballot, but a pair of propositions linked to ad valorem tax relief and the city's new water supply project will be up for consideration.

Candidate filings, which closed last week, indicate that Mayor Archie Gill will run unopposed in his bid for re-election, according to reports from city officials. Two council members - Juanita Pantoja in Ward 1 and Dick Odom in Ward 2 - also will run unopposed in their bids to return to the municipal governing body.

Gill, Pantoja and Odom each will seek a two-year term. A fourth candidate, Joshua Whiteley, is running for an unexpired, one-year term in Ward 3. That council seat, previously filled by appointment, was left vacant following the death of Councilman John Redman.

Also to be considered are two propositions. Although the final wording of the ballots has yet to be formalized, Proposition 1 will ask voters to cast a ballot 'for' or 'against' the adoption of an additional sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to offset a corresponding reduction in the ad valorem tax rate.

Proposition 2 will deal with the proposed adoption of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to fund the creation of a 4B corporation that will oversee the finance, management, acquisition, transport and furnishing of water through the Slaton water supply project.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin April 16 and run through April 29.

Post ISD election sees eight candidates

Eight candidates will compete to fill three open Post Independent School District seats in the upcoming school board election.

Candidates, as they will appear on the ballot, include Rex A. Cash, Diana Gonzales Looney, Alexa M. Collier, Mark E. Short, David Davis, Delbert Wartes, Milton Williams and Scott Creech, according to district officials. Cash, Looney and Short are the incumbents.

The three open positions are at-large seats with three-year terms.

Early voting in the election, which is set for May 3, begins April 16 at the administration building and will continue through April 29.

Two candidates file for GCHD May 3 election

Two candidates - an incumbent and a newcomer - will vie for a pair of open seats on the Garza County Hospital District board in the May 3 election.

Incumbent Zoe Kirkpatrick has filed for return to her post, but fellow board member Danny Guthrie did not choose to file for re-election. Instead, his precinct position is being sought by Terry Bartlett, according to Tanya White, interim administrator for the district.

Candidate filings closed last week.

In addition to casting ballots for Precincts 3 and 4 board members, district voters also will be given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposal to construct and operate a new hospital facility in Post. The proposal calls for the construction of a \$10.5 million, 10-bed facility to be built through the sale of tax-revenue bonds.

Deadline to register to vote in the election is April 3.

Early voting by personal appearance will run April 16-29. According to White, any registered voter who resides within the Garza County Hospital District will be eligible to cast a ballot in the May 3 election.

Post Notes

Fish Fry Friday at Holy Cross

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is offering fish fry plates with trimmings, desert and drinks Friday in the Parish Hall for \$6 per plate.

Letters to military service members

The Garza County Judge's office is interested in sending letters of appreciation to military service members from Garza County or who have close relatives who live in Garza County on behalf of the community. Please contact Angela Massey at 495-4405 with names and addresses of service members so that we can show our support for the job that they do.

Baseball field day Saturday

All parents and friends of summer baseball are urged to be at the baseball park Saturday for a "field day." Bring rakes, weed-eaters, lawn mowers and other essentials for getting the park ready for the season.

Homestead Exemptions available

Home owners turning 65 during the year 2003 are entitled to an additional exemption on their homesteads, one per household. Those born in or before 1938 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 2003 need to be on file by April 15.

Bartletts begin daily prayer vigil

Terry and Kendra Bartlett have announced that they will be at the flag pole on the Garza County courthouse grounds every weekday for prayer and invite others to join them for a few minutes to pray for U.S. service men and women, the country and its leaders.

Calvary Baptist offers free BBQ

The Calvary Baptist Church, 6th and Avenue H, is offering a free BBQ meal Sunday, March 30 in a "Come to church and feed our whole family" campaign. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. with the BBQ lunch to follow. Children and youth night at the church is Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. with food fellowship to follow.

Revival at Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a revival Monday, March 24 through Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. each evening. Services will be led by Evangelist Jimmy Holleman Jr, a 1990 PHS graduate and youth director at St Joe Baptist Church in DeLeon, Texas.

Relay for Life teams sought

It's time again to get teams together for the Third Annual Garza County Relay for Life. This year's Relay for Life will be held June 13-14. The Relay for Life is a fun way to join others in the fight against cancer and to raise funds for activities of the American Cancer Society. For more information about forming a team or participating as a survivor, call Amy Pennell at 495-3600 or 495-4316 or Jana Bullard at 495-2804 or 495-2037.

Half Day of Beauty tickets help 4-H

Those interested in winning a "Half Day of Beauty" will find tickets for the drawing (\$2 each or six for \$5) at the Extension Office. The winner will receive a half day of beauty from Avalon Day Spa, a value of \$145. Proceeds from the ticket sale benefit the District 4-H Clothing project. The drawing will be held April 8, the winner does not need to be present to win.

Little League concession stand vendor

Anyone interested in operating the concession stand during summer baseball season this year should contact Rachel Dunn at 495-3540 no later than April 4.

Baseball try-outs April 5 and Carnival

Try-outs for summer Little League baseball will be held April 5 at 3 p.m. and April 17 at 6 p.m. A baseball carnival will also be held April 5 with an umpire clinic beginning at 9 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. hamburgers and sausage wraps will be served and prizes to win. At 1:30 sponsors will be recognized, followed by safety meeting for all coaches and youth, ending with try-outs at 3 p.m.

'Day at the ball park' April 5

"A day at the ball park" is set for April 5 as Post summer baseball gets started. There will be a hamburger cookout beginning at noon. The cookout includes hamburger, chips and drink for \$5 per plate. Games will be played and sponsors recognized. A small garage sale will be held, and anyone who missed out on registration and welcome to sign up at the event.

'12 Angry Men' at the Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre presents "12 Angry Men," with performances March 28, 29 and April 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12. The play, written by Reginald Rose and adapted by Sherman Sergel, is directed by Jeff Conner. Cast members are Ricky Reyna, Chris Gilmore, James Cutrea, Mitchell Britton, Stan Tucker, Dangie Tabor, Steve Berry, Bill Woodard, Tim McIntire, Cordell Green, Darryl Lippe, Rudy R. Reyes and Patrick Jones. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

"Signs and Symbols of Spring"

The OS Museum is presenting "Signs and Symbols of Spring" with a special exhibit. There is no charge at the museum, which is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The OS Museum is located at 201 East Main Street upstairs. An elevator is available.

Relay for Life Luminaria form

The "Relay For Life" Luminaria order form is available for those interested in making a donation to help the American Cancer Society. Forms may be obtained by contacting Lisa Copeland at P.O. Box 105, Post, Texas 79356.

Antelope picked for All-Star team

Post Antelope football senior Bryan Looney has been invited to participate in the Texas All-Star Football team competing at this summer's "NO KA OI" Pigskin Classic in Hawaii. Looney is seeking financial assistance for travel and expenses of more than \$2,000. Call 495-0454 to help.

Student researching old Post schools

Post High School student Crystal Crawford is researching the history of the Lincoln Elementary and Alexander schools as part of a school project. She is particularly interested in any photos of the old schools which were located on East Pine Street. Anyone able to assist Ms Crawford should call her at 495-3798.

No response yet to document request

As of Tuesday afternoon (3/26/03), The Post Dispatch has had no response to a request to the Garza County Treasurer for copies of monthly credit card statements for the calendar year of 2002.

The formal letter also requested itemized payment by county officials for personal items charged to the credit cards.

"Accessing public records of county expenses related to credit card use are essential to fair and accurate reporting on this matter," publisher Wesley W. Burnett emphasized.

The issue was raised at the Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting of Monday, March 10 when Judge Giles W. Dalby said that one elected official had been in arrears on payment to the county for personal charges on the American Express credit card.

The Post Dispatch requested that treasurer Ruth Ann Young identify the county official who had been in arrears, but she would not provide that information.

"What bothers us about this situation," Burnett added, "is that until the full details are revealed, every elected county official is under suspicion, and that just isn't fair. This past week I've heard people talking about this, and almost every elected official has been named by speculation."

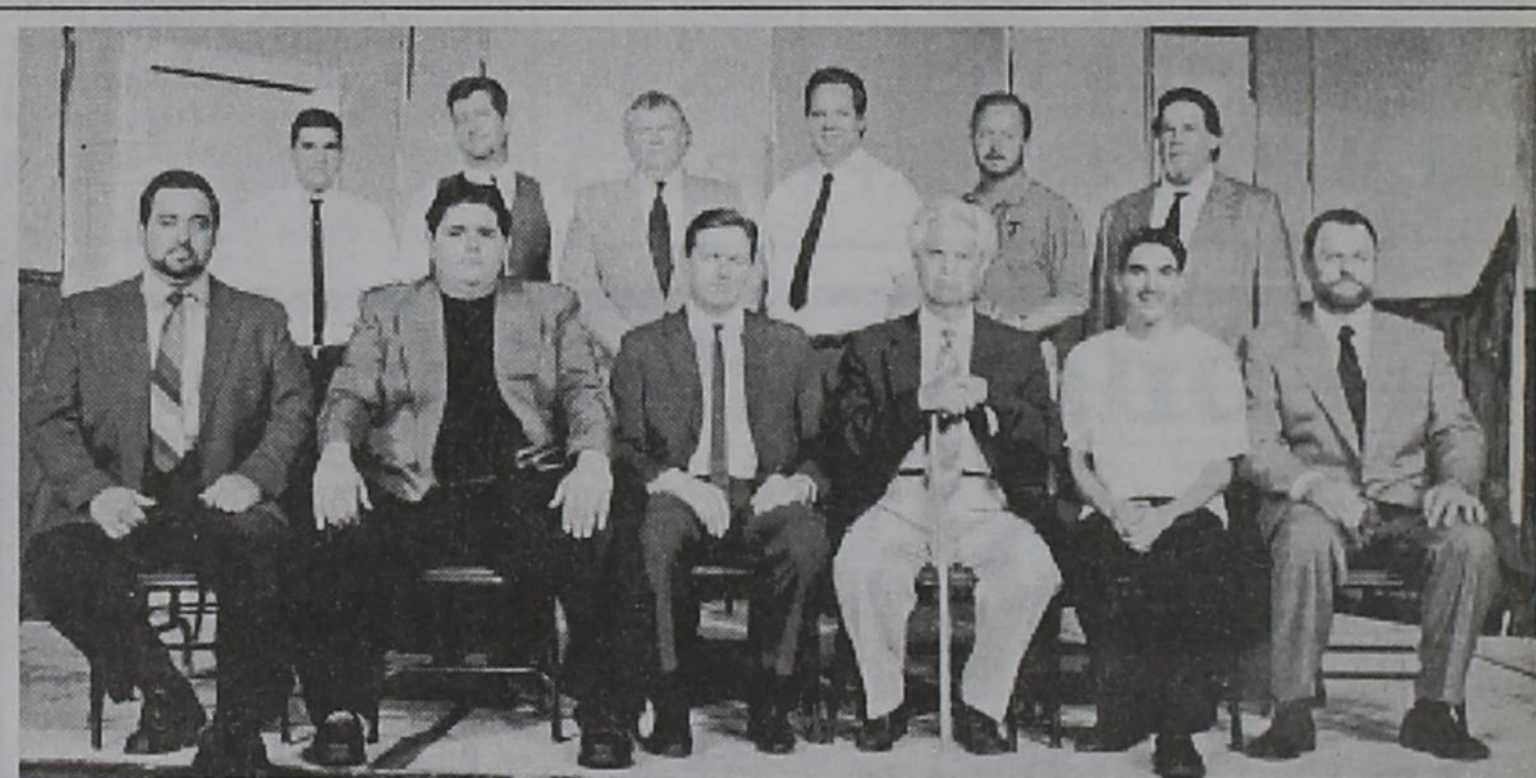
"Personal use of county issued credit cards raises several questions," Burnett said. "To begin with, it seems just downright obvious that no personal use of pub-

lic funds should be allowed by any government official.

"We want to know if those personal purchases included state and local sales taxes. Most retailers accepting credit cards from government agencies ring up the purchases as tax exempt. Also, were there any special government discounts involved?" the publisher continued.

"Is it proper, or even legal, for government to make loans to public officials? When they use publicly funded credit cards and pay back later, they are essentially borrowing money from taxpayers for their own personal benefit, that just doesn't seem proper to us."

"When we get the requested documents, we will study them carefully in an attempt to answer these questions," Burnett concluded.



"12 Angry Men" cast members at the Garza Theatre prepare for the dramatic opening Friday. Cast members are (back row, left to right) James Cutrea, Mith Britton, Dangie Tabor, Steve Berry, Bill Woodard, Tim McIntire, (front row) Christian Gilmore, Patrick James, Darryl Lippe, Cordell Green, Rudy Reyes and Stan Tucker. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations. The play continues this weekend, April 4, 5 & 6 and April 11 and 12.

1st two months of traffic fines start 2003 with \$66,868

by Wes Burnett

Garza County and the State of Texas collected \$35,360.35 in January and \$31,508.37 in February for traffic fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.

JP Court 1 reported \$17,165.75 in January with JP Court 2 showing \$18,194.60 for the same month. In February JP Court 1 reported \$16,882.50 with JP Court 2 collecting \$14,625.77.

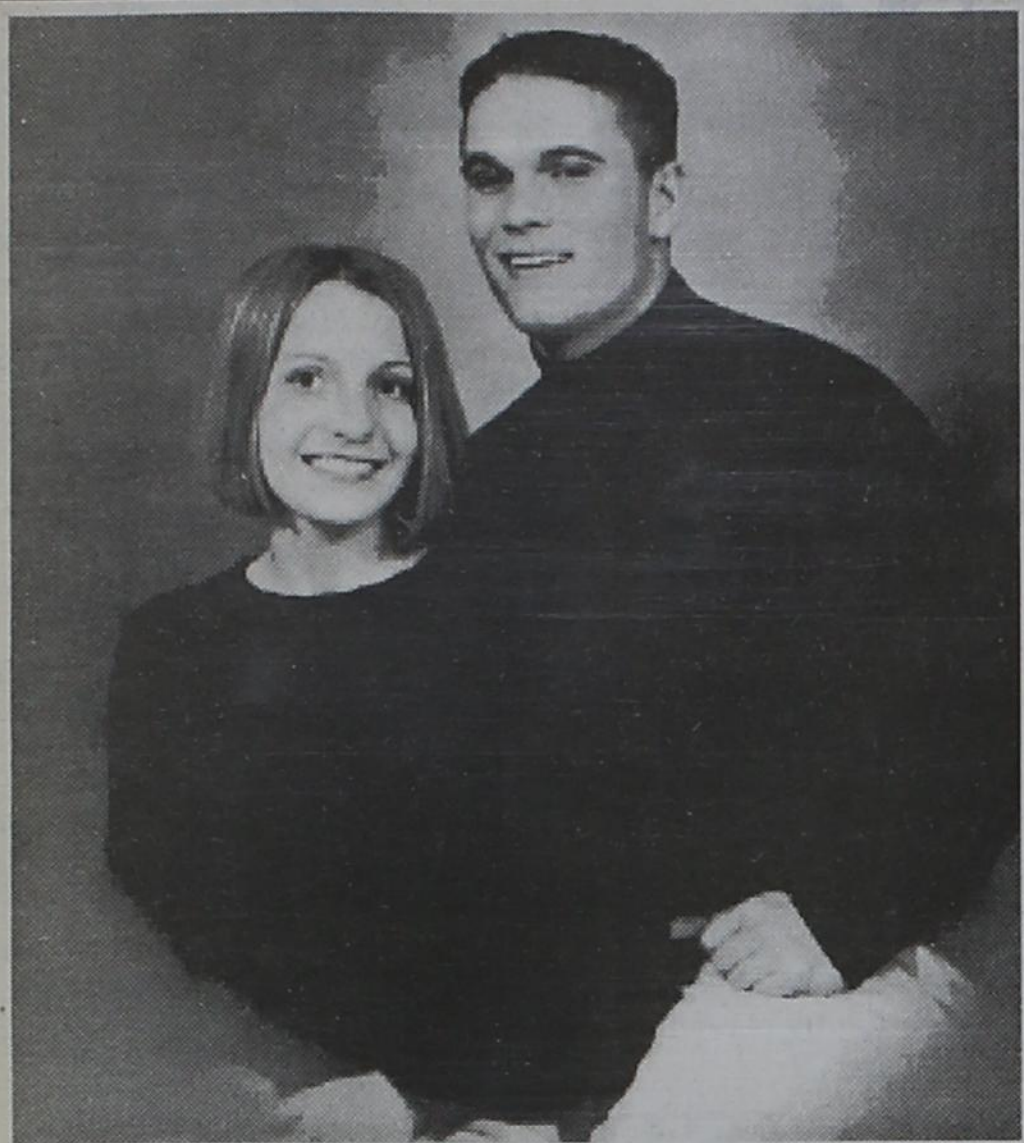
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Taba'na Yuane (Sunrise Wind) last Saturday morning indicated an "Above Average" year as Kenneth LeBlanc (left) pointed the feather toward the Northwest. LeBlanc, assisted by several local people, led the traditional ceremony. Participants also devoted a memorial to the late "Chief" Frank Runkles, who died on March 21, 2002, one day prior to the annual event. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

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Meagan Mills and Blandon Hancock

Meagan Mills, Blandon Hancock set July wedding

Dr. and Mrs. Larry Mills are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Meagan Michelle, to Blandon Reid Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hancock of Tahoka.

The couple will wed July 26, 2003, in Post. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Post High School. The prospective groom is a graduate of the Tahoka High School Class of 2002. Both are students at Navarro College in Corsicana.

Arlene Price, Ramon Guerrero wedding March 29

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Henry Osby of Lubbock have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Arlene, to Ramon Guerrero, son of Placeda of Post.

The bride-elect is employed by Community Action and Post Middle School. The groom is employed by Rodger Hair.

Following a March 29, 2003, wedding at 5 p.m. in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church, the couple plans to live in Post.



Arlene Price and Ramon Guerrero

Cody Sparks appointed to USDA NRCS here

Cody Sparks has been appointed as the GS-7 rangeland management specialist to the Post Field Office, according to Mario Avila, district conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservationist Service for Garza and Lynn counties.

As rangeland management specialist, Sparks will provide technical assistance to farmers and ranchers in the planning and application of conservation practices of their land. Also, he will assist landowners with the administration of cost-share programs and help manage an information program to keep the public informed on the latest conservation

technology research and government cost-share programs available.

Sparks also will receive training while serving in the Post and Tahoka field offices.

A native of Brady, Sparks graduated from Mineola High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in wildlife and fisheries management from Texas Tech University in December 2001. He and his wife Traci reside in Lubbock, where she is enrolled at Texas Tech.



Traci and Cody Sparks

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



I can not believe that the weather for this week end is a possible freeze! Of course it is not Easter yet, so we all know what that means. Easter is really late this year so I hope that we don't have cold weather until that time!

The following was sent to me by Andra Dunn and I thank her. I think this is real food for thought.

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap! Retreating to the barnyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house." The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house." "I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers." The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I in grave danger, Duh?"

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the barnyard for the soup's main ingredient. His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock.

To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well. In fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

SO THE NEXT TIME YOU HEAR THAT SOMEONE IS FACING A PROBLEM AND THINK THAT IT DOES NOT CONCERN YOU, REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE LEAST OF US IS THREATENED, WE ARE ALL AT RISK.

And so it may come to pass with Germany, France and Belgium..... DON'T FORGET!!!! OF INTEREST TO THE LADIES

Remember Baptist Church will be holding a seminar for women sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention April 11 and 12. The seminar will be headed up by Shirley Moses who will speak to everyone with five additional speakers with five different subject matter all of which will be educational and enjoyable.

You will decide which session you want to attend. Friday will be the first evening and will begin at 6:30, with deserts being served at break. Saturday the session will run 8:30 am until 3:00 p.m. with a Continental breakfast being served and Jason's Deli providing box lunches. The charge for the seminar is \$20 if you register before March 31.

If you wait until Friday of the seminar there will be an additional charge of \$5.00. If you are interested in attending, you may call Linda Self at 495-3554 for more information or pick up your registration form at the church office.

GUESTS IN THE RIEDEL HOME

Jerry Riedel had welcome visitors from the cold north country. When they left home it was 8 degrees below zero, wind chill 20 below. Brother Bill and wife Vivian of Oskosh, Wis. were just here February 27th, but when they heard Jerry was ill, Bill came down again and brought brother John and wife Kay of Pulsvier, Wis.

Also making the trip was sister Helen Ulrich and husband Larry of Neenah. Jerry's youngest sister Sharon Lafaber of St. Cloud, Wis. had come earlier and spent a week. The day they left, brother and sister-in-law, Amil and Jessie Wahl came for a week. The visits and help were great and the weather was beautiful for the surprise visitors.

(I visited with Sherri this morning and she reports that Jerry is doing better. He appreciates all of the prayers for his recovery. Everyone continue to pray for Jerry's quick recovery.)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY I want to wish Chuck and Janet Ratliff a very happy anniversary. Thursday, March 27, they will be married 48 years. Congratulations to you two. Also, a belated birthday wish to their great granddaughter, Ashlee Gray. Ashlee celebrated her 5th birthday last Tuesday.

DINNER WITH THEIR KIDS I visited with Linda Green for a few minutes today. Last Tuesday Linda and Bobby and Linda's mom, Blanche Stewart, had dinner in Lubbock with Linda and Bobby's daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Art Taguba. Also attending was Art's brother, Major General Antonio M. Taguba, who you may have seen on the local news last week. He works for the Pentagon and was in Lubbock to speak to the Lions Club. Linda said they really enjoyed visiting with him.

TILL NEXT WEEK Until the next time, hope all of you have a wonderful weekend. May God bless each of you, and may He bless America and our troops that are fighting for us. Judy

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Obituaries

Gay Britton

Services for Gay Britton, 76, of Post were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Billie Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died March 27 at IHS in Lubbock. Born Dec. 13, 1926, in Gorman, she married William Dearld Britton in 1947 in Gorman. He died in 1962. She was an employee of the Postex Cotton Mill.

Survivors include five sons, Roy of Carlsbad, N.M., Alfred of Moorcroft, Wyoming, Gaylon and Mike of Green River, Wyoming, and Jerry of Lubbock; one daughter, Sue Leatherwood of Dallas; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Pamela Richardson, preceded her in death in 1995.

Albert Louis Hawkins

Services for Albert Louis Hawkins, 76, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died March 23 at IHS in Lubbock. Born March 18, 1927, in Hill County, Texas, he married Juanita Nicholson March 11, 1947, in Dallas. He was an employee of the Postex Cotton Mill until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, of Post; one son, David, of Lubbock; one daughter, Beverly Richey of Wolforth; two sisters, Wanda Smith Holland of Austin and Leona Steen of Mount Vernon; three brothers, Clarence of Big Spring, John of Shallowater and Charles of Oklahoma; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, James Louis Hawkins, on Dec. 3, 1973.

Winston Roy James

Services for Winston Roy James, 68, of Dickens will be at 2 p.m. March 27, 2003, in the Calvary Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



He died March 24 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born April 24, 1934, in Cross Roads to Roy and Evalina James, he joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and underwent basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He served in Korea from 1953 until 1956. In 1963 he moved to Texas from Newton, Iowa, where he worked for Maytag until his retirement in 1992. He returned to Dickens in 1997. He was a member of the VFW. He married Betty Walls Aug. 8, 1953. She preceded him in death Dec. 6, 1997.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Travis and Christina James and William James, all of Newton; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Jackie and Kevin Gooding and Donna and Daryl Soderblom of Newton; four sisters, Ruth Martin and Elberta Martin, both of Post, Claudene Bilberry of Dallas and Deloris Baldrige of Dimmitt; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Birth

Isaiah Juan Alvidrez

Lisa and Jose Alvidrez are proud to announce the birth of their son, Isaiah Juan Alvidrez, who was born Jan. 30, 2003 at 12:34 p.m. at Lubbock's University Medical Center.

He was welcomed home by his big sister Nicole.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Linda Peña and great-grandfather Margarito Contreras of Hobbs.

Paternal grandparents are Ana Alvidrez and the late Juan Alvidrez of Hobbs.



Isaiah Juan Alvidrez

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Been wonderin'

Been wondering. Keep hearing about an independent group that would like to build and operate a hospital in Post. What's to keep them from doing so? It's a free enterprise country. Just get the property and get at it. Of course, for profit businesses often fail and leave town, sometimes in the middle of the night. Then what? Lots of unpaid bills.

Geraldine Butler

Editor's Note: The letter writer may be referring to Oasis Medical Clinic which has expressed interest in operating a clinic in Post, at no expense to property taxpayers. As far as we are aware, there are no private organizations interested in opening and operating a hospital here.

Improved card security?

Aw come on, surely some elected official ain't usin the county card for their own use.

At first I found it to be almost amusing that a fine up-standing elected official may have abused the money tree card. Then, I thought about how much ass bustin most of us do just to pay the taxes that these supposedly trusted bums we elected choose to steal.

Actually, I guess stealing a few

bucks off the ole card ain't the end of the world if a hipocrit can get away with it without getting caught. But... we gotta remember the ole saying: "Give 'em a inch and they'll take a mile".

Does make a taxpayer wonder what else the trusted person may be trying to steal... huh?

I would be inclined to believe that the proper way to secure proper credit card use would be to throw the S.O.B. in the trash. If our trusted elected public servants need to do a little hiro-llin, then let them pay cash and bring in legitimate receipts for proper reimbursement.

Some young folks look up to people with power for a example to follow through life, and maybe as a mentor. I wonder what in the hell kind of a lesson a elected official might be teachin a kid by abusing a taxpayer funded credit card. It probably teaches a youngster to go steal Momma and Daddie's credit card and get a tank of gas and go out on the town and play the roll of a fool for a while... huh?

Using myself as a example, I have made very few mistakes in my life. Of course I've done a lot of things wrong in my life, including credit abuse. But none of these things I done were a mistake, I did it all on purpose. Then a few years ago I begin to see that I was doing some things that

were maybe mistreating my fellow man, maybe I was doing some stuff that was unethical toward society, or maybe I wasn't showing good etiquet.

But I think what was bothering me the most was that God might not be approving of everything I was doing. Although I haven't come close to being perfect, I have managed to throw up a roadblock on some of my evil past.

The person or persons abusing cards, stealing from the taxpayers, and or is abusing his or her job should attempt to save their integrity by turning in everything that belongs to the county, including credit cards, keys, vehicles and etc. They should then resign their elected job immediately. They should sign a contract with the city and county agreeing to never run for public office ever again.

This person or person should have their name displayed down on mainstreet where Old Mill Trade Days is advertised each month on the little portable billboard. The sign should say: "Hi, my name is So and So... I've been stealing from all you taxpayers, hope you liked it". Now its somebody elses turn"... I resign.

I am disappointed in our public officials. I thought this sort of thing only happened in our neighboring towns and counties to the north.

At next election, I wonder how we are to choose a reliable politician?

As I see it and my opinion only, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Where's the planning?

My wife and I recently moved to Post. We have been reading about the \$10.5 million bond election

scheduled for May 3 to determine if a hospital will be built in Post.

We recognize the advantages of having a local hospital that would be convenient for area residents to receive treatment and visit patients. However, we are also home owners and as such pay property taxes and have concerns about the financial viability of the proposed hospital.

I am a retired financial executive with extensive experience in budgets and strategic (long range) plans and have several questions:

1. Has a detailed budget been prepared for the first full year of operation?
2. Has a strategic plan been prepared for the first five years?
3. Have the assumptions used to

prepare these items been set out in a detailed list?

4. Have "what if" cases been prepared to address the impact of material changes in critical assumptions?

5. If all of these have been prepared, have they been reviewed by a knowledgeable third party?

We regret that we were unable to attend the last community meeting about the proposed hospital where we could have addressed some of our concerns. Hopefully all of this information has been accumulated and can be readily available for review and we can become comfortable that the hospital can be built and will be successful.

Fred Howell Post



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of

District Archery Contest will be held Saturday, March 29, in Brownfield. Good luck to the 184-Hers entered and we extend our appreciation to Randy and Lana Conner for getting the Archery Club organized.

Half Day of Beauty

Would you like to spend part of a day at a spa? If so, come by the Extension office to purchase a \$2 ticket (6 for \$5) for an opportunity to win a half day of beauty from Avalon Day Spa. Proceeds from the sale of this package, valued at \$145, benefits the District 4-H Clothing Project. Drawing will be held April 8 and you need not be present to win.

District Record Book Training Advance Level - April 7, TAMU Research & Extension Center, Lubbock, 6:30-8:00 p.m. RSVP to 495-4400 by April 3. Beginner/Intermediate Level - April 15, Colorado City. RSVP by April 10 to 495-4400.

District 4-H Senior Fashion Show will be held April 8, at the District Extension Office. Registration for participants will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the public show being set for 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve as a judge please call 495-4400 by March 29th.

4-H Club Charters Due in the Extension office April 9.



Serving their nation...

The Pains of War

by Sandy Smith

As we begin another week here at home the war is well under way. Just as thousands of others, my family and I sit by the TV for every news report. The tragedies I hear reported just break my heart.

Some of you may not be aware that

Highway collections...

(Continued from Page 1)

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.

But the question about the lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration:

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 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 erty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their "motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual rights.

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

CSM. Bobby J. Brown, son of Judy McAlister of Post, is among the Patriots which is the troop who have been attacked in Iraq.

There are casualties, hostages and their helicopter went down. Judy said her daughter-in-law Sherry talked with CSM. Brown and he reports it's gonna get better, it has to. He also requested food for his troops. Judy and Sherry have been sending care packages. Sand conditions are, very bad and he also asked for baby-wipes, cards, letters, from anyone, to these young men and women who serve. Some of them have no one. These brave men and women need our support now more than ever, they are OUR sons and daughters.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Russ Moore, is the son of Jodi Moore and Brad Moore. He is also the grandson of Loveta and Gerald Norman. Officer Moore is an Aviation Tech Mate now in Atsugi, Japan and works on military jets. He has not been home for over a year and a half. But if all goes well he could possibly be home in May. We all hope to see you in May, Russ, and God Bless you and keep you safe in his care.

Thressa and Jackie Harp report that their son-in-law (Tonya's Husband) stationed in Ft. Brag, NC recently returned from a mission in North Afghanistan with the Navy Seals. Sgt. Smith is an Army Ranger Paratrooper in the 82nd. Everyone knows that Rangers lead the way and we are all behind you here at home too. You can write to Sgt. Smith at following address: Sgt. Smith Gregory Doyle ACO, 20505 PIR 82nd Division APO, AE 09355.

Did anyone see Lance Corp. Steven Martinez on the news? His Dad saw him and they also got a call from him just before he left to go into Iraq with Marine troops.

Our prayers are still with you Steve, that our Lord will protect you and bring you home safe to your family who loves you!

Knowing that it is sometimes hard to be strong not knowing where your child is or what dangers he or she may be facing in the world of war, I would like to share this poem with all Moms out there who have brave children that serve our country today.

Mom Be Bold
I may clutch a picture of my child
Go in that room of memories wild
Thoughts come with me wherever I go
Prayers often lead my way, you know
My young one has left to be so brave
The hero of my heart, gone to save
At times I want to reach out and hold
But I know the answer, Mom be bold
The love of my child is part of me
So strong and good, it will always be
Nurtured in life with a caring heart
This child to me is a work of art
Dear God you know how my love is true
I've prayed for my soldier, more I'll do
And to mothers who live their life as I
We'll grow in support, our flag raised high
Together we'll get through each new day
Becoming great friends, God Bless our way

Roger J. Robicheau

- Freedom isn't Free -
Please remember all of our military in your prayers as they face the dangers before them. If you know of a military person we can honor, or if you the addresses of those we have, please call Sandy at 495-9900 or Angela Massey at 495-4405.

Happy 7th Anniversary

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That's the way it isn't, Walter

by Bill O'Reilly



No surprise, ideologues on both the left and the right are screaming that the media coverage of the Iraq War is slanted away from their beliefs. The sound and fury of partisans is predictable and not very important, because there are so many media outlets that the sheer amount of information Americans can potentially get obliterates any narrow agenda an individual journalist might have.

As far as TV news is concerned, the reportorial flow of information is occasionally tainted by a biased remark, but this is not a serious problem, because, again, there is just so much verbiage. However, there is a philosophical divide among the broadcast anchor people, and this you should know about.

In a speech at Drew University last week, Walter Cronkite harshly criticized the war and the Bush administration saying: "The arrogance of our spokespeople, even the president himself, has been exceptional, and it seems to be me they (other countries) have taken great umbrage at that. We have told them what they must do. It is a pretty dark doctrine."

It seems to me that the 83-year-old former CBS anchor is minimizing the fact that the Bush administration did try to work through the United Nations to disarm Iraq. And while it is true that many in the Bush administration could do with a Dale Carnegie seminar, it is also true that America was royally screwed in the U.N. Security Council by our so-called allies. Ask Colin Powell what he thinks of the way the French have conducted themselves.

But the real problem with Cronkite's analysis is that he looks at the situation from an international point of view, while the president and some other newsmen, including your humble correspondent, look at the Iraq conflict from an American perspective.

Walter Cronkite is an internationalist. That is, he sees other countries in the world as being on an equal footing with America when vital situations arise. A few other national TV anchormen are internationalists as well in varying degrees.

But there are major problems with covering the American war on terror from an internationalist point of view. As a journalist I want to be fair, but I also want President Bush to put the protection of Americans above the economic and political concerns of other countries. Call me a jingoist, but your family's security is more important to me than Gerhard Schroeder's political career. I understand that some countries are angry that Mr. Bush rejected the Kyoto environmental agreement, and, like Bill Clinton, I feel their pain. But not nearly as much as the pain I felt watching 3,000 of my countrymen die on 9-11. So if some egomaniacal leader like Jacques Chirac is going to protect Saddam Hussein because he doesn't like Bush's style, I am going to knock Chirac. Hard.

But Uncle Walter doesn't see it that way. He sees the war on Iraq as "pre-emptive" and unnecessary because it doesn't have worldwide validation. Mr. Cronkite believes that the agendas of other countries should be considered when making decisions about the defense of Americans, even when those agendas are based on greed and petty politics. I strongly disagree.

The truth is that Walter Cronkite stood by and said little while the Vietnam War raged out-of-control in the 1960s. Finally, he confronted the lies and deceit the Johnson administration perpetrated on the American public, but Cronkite's conversion came very late in that deadly game.

When President Clinton bombed Milosevic's Belgrade, circumventing the United Nations and ignoring the objections of France and Russia, Cronkite said nothing publicly. Maybe he didn't notice that the bombing was "pre-emptive" and that many nations disapproved.

So while Mr. Cronkite is an internationalist, he seems to be a selective one. But even if he were consistent in giving equal weight to the policies of other nations vis-à-vis the security of the USA, he would be wrong.

American journalists commenting about the war on terror are obligated to inform their listeners or readers if they see the world as a level playing field. If Walter Cronkite believes that the French view of the terror threat is just as valid as the American view, then he needs to clearly state that so people like me can challenge him.

Look at it his way. In covering World War II, the young Cronkite would have never given the Spanish view of the war the same weight as the American view. Franco's Spain was sympathetic to Hitler. As a responsible reporter, Cronkite could not have possibly done that.

Yet, in the war on terror, Cronkite and others like him want a "world consensus" on how to deal with villains like Saddam. This is truly misguided and might even be dangerous to the health of Americans. But Francisco Franco would love it.

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And thereafter, market wonders

by Walter E. Williams

We've all seen gasoline prices rising; is that good news or bad news? Congress could enact price controls and "odd and even" days for gasoline purchases like they did in the 1970s. Sure we'd be paying lower prices, but the selling price of a good is just one element of its cost.

The full cost of a good includes all additional resources expended for its acquisition. These additional resources might include time and travel that are by no means free. Say that Congress legislates gasoline price controls that sets a maximum price of \$1 a gallon. As sure as night follows day, there'd be long lines and gasoline shortages, just as there were in the 1970s.

For the average consumer, a \$1.60 a gallon selling price and no waiting lines is a darn sight cheaper than a controlled \$1 a gallon price plus searching for a gasoline station that has gas and then waiting in line. If your average purchase is 10 gallons, and if an hour or so of your time is worth more than \$6, the \$1.60 a gallon free market price is cheaper.

Prices aren't just made up. Prices are important market signals, reflecting the relative scarcity conditions of any good. Rising prices imply an increase in the scarcity, or expected scarcity, of a good. In other words, if a good becomes scarcer or is expected to become scarcer, its price will rise. The opposite is true when a good becomes abundant or is expected to become abundant.

When a good becomes scarce, there are several socially optimal responses: Consumers should economize on its usage and search for cheaper substitutes. Producers should increase production of the good and search for substitutes. Rising prices provide both consumers and producers with incentives to behave in socially optimal ways. Plus, they do so voluntarily.

Another player in this economizing process are futures markets



such as the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). One function of a futures market is to allocate goods over time. Let's look at a simplified example of this process. People can buy or sell orders today for future deliveries of oil — for instance, December 2003.

Say today's oil price is \$35 a barrel and people expect the December price to be \$50. Speculators can buy oil today for \$35, hold it and sell it in December for \$50 a barrel, making a \$15 profit. One effect of taking oil off today's market, and holding it for a later date, is to reduce today's supply and raise today's prices.

You say, "Williams, that's what's wrong with capitalism; greedy speculators rigging the market!" Imagine there were no futures market and speculators. In our scenario, it would surely mean there'd be more oil today at lower prices, but what about the future availability of oil?

It would be scarcer and at higher prices without futures market and speculators. Without futures markets allocating goods over time, there'd easily be feast or famine. By the way, most of us are mini-speculators. If gasoline is \$1.60 a gallon this week, and we expect it to be \$2 next week, I'm guessing that the average person will fill his tank to the brim this week — which, by the way, would cause this week's price to rise.

Of course, the price might turn out to be \$1 a gallon next week; we'd lose, just like our speculator would if the December oil price turned out to be \$20 a barrel instead of \$50. Markets are not perfect.

After all, markets consist of millions upon millions of imperfect independent decision-makers like you and me. Abundant evidence, not faith, demonstrates that markets are far more reliable and predictable than a bunch of arrogant politicians and bureaucrats.

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Hospital district ignores the law

by Wes Burnett

Apparently the Garza County Hospital District (GCHD) intends to place a \$10 million bond election on the May 3 ballot, for the purpose of building a new 10 bed hospital. The issue raises several questions, including the most important one of all... who will be eligible to cast a vote on the bond issue?

That question brings us back to one we have asked since the passage of HB 2477, which supposedly took effect September 1, 2001. To refresh your memory, HB 2477 was an amendment to the hospital district's enabling legislation (HB 1325), which was approved by Garza County "property taxpaying" voters in 1969. The original legislation contained a restriction for voting on bond issues: only "property taxpaying" voters can vote.

GCHD directors crafted changes to the legislation, which State Representative David Counts railroaded through the legislative process with help from State Senator Robert Duncan. The amendment eliminated the requirement for voters on bond issues to be "property taxpaying" voters.

Now comes the critical question: is the hospital district under the control of HB1325 as it was originally approved by Garza County qualified voters, or is the amendment (HB2477) the controlling statute for the district? Before any election can be held, that question must be definitely answered.

According to GCHD directors, HB 2477 has been fully implemented. But wait... can that amended legislation be implemented without approval of the "qualified property taxpaying" voters of Garza County?

We think not.

Here's our reasoning:

The original legislation was approved by the voters here, therefore, any amendments to that legislation must also be approved by a majority vote of qualified voters. The legislature does not have the power to force taxpayers here to accept amendments to legislation that requires the approval of voters.

Furthermore, at the legislative committee hearings in Austin in the spring of 2001, Representative Counts emphasized to the committee considering the amendment (HB 2477) that "Garza County voters will have the final say." Counts and board president Mike Travis both repeated that condition several times at the hearing.

The legislation itself contains language which specifies the condition that it can not be implemented until an election is held.

The original legislation defining the election process was not amended. It allows for the Garza County Commissioners' Court to hold the election either voluntarily setting a date, or by petition required to hold the election.

Until an election is held to ratify HB 2477, it is merely a statute without power, only the qualified voters in Garza County have the power to alter legislation which was approved by voters in 1969.

Any election held under the provisions of HB 2477 will be null and void.

GCHD directors might as well get ready for a legal challenge to the election if they conduct this bond vote under the authority of HB 2477.

Another blatant violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last week (3/20/03) the Garza County Hospital District (GCHD) board of directors met in special session, and within a few minutes turned their backs to the law one more time.

The required public notice was posted in a timely manner, and the agenda was included. But shortly after the meeting began, board secretary Zoe Kirkpatrick, who was acting as chairman of the meeting due to the absence of president Mike Travis, announced that the board would need to amend the agenda in order to take action on an item that was not posted.

That is a blatant violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The posting of an agenda is an important and critical part of that act, it provides public notice of what a government unit intends to discuss and potentially take action upon.

To change the agenda during the meeting is simply unheard of... and it points out once again that members of the GCHD either are ignorant of the law, or have no regard for the law. But for citizens who want to be informed and make a decision about whether or not to attend government meetings, the agenda is a central part of that process.

The open meetings act is designed to secure the right of citizens to participate and hold elected and appointed officials accountable for their actions.

But the members of this board have consistently thumbed their noses at the requirements of the law. That includes every meeting when secret sessions are conducted.

The agenda cites a code section which has nothing to do with the topic for the closed meeting: negotiating terms of a contract for operating a health clinic. That topic is a public matter, it directly affects the pocketbooks of all taxpayers.

And when a government unit violates provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all of the business conducted as a result of that violation are null and void. That includes of course, action taken on March 20, 2003.

It is simply shameful that elected officials are so disdainful of the law.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our many friends and relatives who have helped us through this difficult time, in the loss of our brother Leonard. Your prayers, phone calls, flowers, and food were appreciated so much. God is holding us in His arms and giving us comfort. May He bless each and everyone.

Opal Morris & family
Bea Dodson & family
Chester Morris & family
Harlan Morris & family
Juanita Peel & family
families of the late Wilburn & Alvin Morris

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, meals, cards & flowers. Jerry is home & doing better, but he still needs lots of prayers. This is such a special place to live and God surely knows where Post is by all the prayers He hears.

Jerry, Sheri & all the Riedel's

Personals

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City of Post
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The Housing Authority of the City of Post Texas will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for re-roofing of 46 Dwelling Units, 1 Office Building, 2 Maintenance Buildings including all work specified until:

Monday, April 14, 2003 at 1:00PM Housing Authority of the City of Post

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Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are available at the Office of the Housing Authority.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety bond in an amount of five (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

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Housing Authority of the City of Post, Texas
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(806)495-2233

The Housing Authority of the City of Post, Texas will receive sealed bids for 27-30 inch gas stoves and 2-24 inch gas stoves. Model and Serial numbers are at the office for specific stove brand. Bids will be opened:

Monday, April 14, 2003 at 1:00PM P.O. Box 356

Post, Texas 79356

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ESPERANZA PADILLA SOLIS, Cause 1784, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of Esperanza Padilla Solis, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 5 day of February, 2003, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. Ruben F. Solis, Registered Agent, 8107 Toledo Ave., Lubbock, Texas; the Law Office of Preston L. Poole, Jr., Attorney, Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
March 24, 1993

Jerri Baumann and Morris Locknane were wed in a double ring ceremony March 13 in the Lubbock County Courthouse. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baumann of Post.

Marine Cpl. Timothy J. Rudd, son of George E. and Judy S. Rudd of Post, recently reported for duty with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Several Post High School band members were recently involved in the All-Region Band which performed at the Monterey High School Auditorium. Members are Michael Voss, Lynette Graham, Jayson Fry, Mario Tobias, B. J. Hart, Marty Dissinger, Rodney Meeks, and Bryan Justice.

Post residents Lisa Haynes and Beth Curry were among a class of nursing students at Western Texas College recently "pinned" in ceremonies at Trinity United Methodist Church. The pinning ceremony indicates the students have successfully completed half of the 12-month course. The OS Ranch Museum helped usher in spring with an Eggstravaganza Sunday, March 21. The museum mounted an exhibit of Easter eggs from around the world.

20 Years Ago
March 20, 1983

My Line by Norm: The tennis team deserves a big congrats for winning

the Floydada tourney recently. Chris Belongia was so happy with one of his wins at the recent meet that he wanted to show his sportsmanship and hop up to the net to pat his opponent on the back, but in his enthusiasm, he got a little too aggressive and fell over the net. Slowly, Chris, Slowly.

Cheering and applause broke the quiet morning air yesterday when "Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the feather toward the northeast, predicting a very good year by the "Taba'n Yuan'e" ceremony.

In recent church action, the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church has called Travis Ellis to serve as interim pastor until a permanent replacement has been found.

Garza County rancher Jack Lott was honored at last week's Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet as Outstanding Conservation Rancher of the Year. Lott, who is operator and part-owner of the family U Lazy S ranch wouthwest of Post, was recognized for his progressive ranching, his use of scientific ranching methods and for his pioneering of cell grazing.

Jeff Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lamb, has been invited to be a member of the United States Aero-Gymnastics Federation team for International Competition in South Africa in April.



Maudie and Don Rose, April 1953



Mr and Mrs Don Rose

Maudie and Don Rose celebrate 50th Anniversary

Don Rose and Maudie Ray, joined in marriage April 4, 1953, are celebrating 50 years together on a journey filled with highs and lows.

The couple's first rough spot was on their anniversary. (Don married Maudie on Easter, thinking he was safe from ever forgetting their special day. Needless to say, Easter is on a different date each year; Maudie, being the person she is, saw the humor in the situation and forgave him.)

The couple's travels have taken them from Texas to Wyoming and

then to settle in Oklahoma. No matter how many times they moved, their four children — Danny, Melody, Bill and Donna — always seemed to follow.

The couple also has been blessed with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The love they share for each other spreads to others around them and only continues to grow.

Sheriff reports 7 arrests

Seven men, ages 17-21, were arrested and jailed March 23 on drug-related charges.

According to records provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department, all seven were arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper Chris Wischkaemper. Each was charged with possession of marijuana.

Two 17-year-olds, two 18-year-olds, two 20-year-olds and a 21-year-old man were arrested, according to the report.

No other arrests had been recorded in the county jail log as of early Monday morning.

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¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal al día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 en sus impuestos de propiedad. El Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cambio de domicilio" en sus impuestos de propiedad de residencia. (El Ud. califica para una exención de impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas exenciones pueden afectar otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y al Ud. máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/hija menor de edad o al hijo menor de 18 años de edad y es de \$15,000 de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede transferir un porcentaje de su exención de impuestos de propiedad que le tocó en su domicilio anterior.

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapaz—si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos de propiedad. El Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cambio de domicilio" en sus impuestos de propiedad de residencia. (El Ud. califica para una exención de impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas exenciones pueden afectar otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y al Ud. máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/hija menor de edad o al hijo menor de 18 años de edad y es de \$15,000 de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede transferir un porcentaje de su exención de impuestos de propiedad que le tocó en su domicilio anterior.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2002, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2003, a menos que se le pida su jefe de valoración. Sin embargo, si su residencia tiene una exención de impuestos de propiedad que cambió de domicilio, puede solicitar una exención para el 2003. Si Ud. cumplió los 65 años durante una semana hasta un año de su fecha para solicitar una nueva exención, el cambio de domicilio a su nueva residencia en el 2003, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local de valoración antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede presentar su solicitud con nosotros antes del día 30 de mayo. El costo de la solicitud es de \$10.00. Si desea más información, visítanos o obtenga una copia gratis de "Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos" o escriba a:

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¿Cuál es la Fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoración antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2003. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si se 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—si menos que se le pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva se requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

Para más información, llame o visite:

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Una "rendición" es un reporte para el distrito de valoración en donde Ud. lista toda la propiedad que posee o controla al día 1º de enero. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local de valoración—o puede imprimir una forma parecida.

¿Quién debe hacer una rendición?

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

¿Que ventajas 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 estarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- También puede solicitar un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para evitar el riesgo de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2002. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de disminuir un valor en el 2003.

¿Cuál es la Fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar sus rendiciones para el 2003. 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 fecha límite.

¿Dónde hago mi rendición?

Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en: Garza Central Appraisal District
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- 5 graduation gown
- 6 TXism: "chew ___ awhile"
- 7 TX-based hotel chain: ___ Quinta
- 8 ex-Cowboy Renfro 9 dressed in jeans
- 15 weather maker "Ei ___"
- 16 Rangers manager Bobby (1985-92)
- 19 TXism: "hard as putting up ___ a windstorm"
- 21 famed Aggie coach ___ Bible
- 22 ex-Cowboy CB Waters
- 27 TXism: "___ together like chili and pepper"
- 28 Travis Tritt's ___ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- 29 breakfast food
- 30 TX-filmed "The ___ Heaven"
- 32 he starred with TX Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire" (init.)
- 33 govt. medical help this Heche was in "Wag the Dog" with TX Willie
- 37 TXism: "chompin' at the ___"
- 38 the best
- 39 longtime Valley congressman ___ Garza

DOWN

- 12 Mavs were this for first 14 games in '02-'03 season
- 13 Brer Rabbit met up with ___ baby
- 14 TXism: "hook, ___ and sinker"
- 15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a snow bank"
- 16 many TXns fought in ___ nam
- 17 meanly
- 18 bet to pick the 1st & 2nd horse at Lone Star Park
- 20 TXism: "horny ___"
- 22 actress Colbert of "Texas Lady" (init.)
- 23 TXism: "___ blazes a wide trail" (big)
- 24 TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"
- 25 coral ridges
- 26 "L" of LPGA
- 28 wild goose sound
- 31 OK town
- 34 Clint of "Space Cowboys" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
- 35 TXism: loud ___ hungry call"
- 37 Big ___ Nat. Park
- 40 "now you've gone and ___ it"
- 43 "king" so. of the border
- 44 Mrs. Roosevelt
- 50 TXism for "get going" (2 wds.)
- 51 TX WWII hero Audie (init.)

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 own as of 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 taxable personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used for 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 a significant decrease in the value of your property in 2002. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2003.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2003 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?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at: Garza Central Appraisal District
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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 2003 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.

For more information, call or come by:

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We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of:

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

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 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 homestead exemption 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 home's 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 2002, you won't need to reapply for 2003 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2003. 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 became disabled during 2002, 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're having trouble, call us at: Garza Central Appraisal District
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Sports

Post Middle School tracksters get good start

The Post Middle School seventh grade girls team finished in second place and the eighth grade girls team in fourth at the Slaton Junior High Track meet held March 13-14.

"Both teams had a great track meet," the coach said. "Most times and distances were improved from the last meet. We had a lot of the girls place in this meet, which was great. I thought the girls competed extremely well considering we were the smallest school in the meet. The seventh grade girls won all three relays and placed very well in all the other events."

The seventh grade team finished 12 points behind the host team's first place finish.

Seventh grade winners included Tarama Raymundo, 100 m hurdles, first place, 20.9 seconds; Samantha Hoover, 300 m hurdles, third place, 58.42 seconds; Lori Jones, Raymundo, Lauren Gonzales and Hoover, 1600 m relay, first place, 4:52.1; Jones, Marlee Plummer, Ashleigh Harris and Hoover, 800 m relay, first place, 2:05.1; and Gonzales, Raymundo, Harris and Plummer, 400 m relay, first place, 57.17.

Also, Shelly Gearhart, 2400 m run, fourth place, 11:38.7; Suhani Bhakta, 800 m run, third place, 3:03.4; Gonzales, 400 m dash, fourth place, 1:13.3; and Bhakta, 1600 m run, third place, 6:56.6 and Gearhart, fourth place, 7:06.6.

Hoover took first place in the high jump with a jump of four feet, seven inches, while teammate Lori Jones took third with a finish of four feet, two inches. Hoover earned second in the long jump with 12', 10 1/2", while Raymundo captured fourth place with a jump of 12', 5 1/2". Plummer finished fourth in the triple jump with a showing of 27'.

Brenna Postell took fourth in shot put with a throw of 22', 7 1/4". She took third in discus with a 48' throw, followed by teammate Madison Mason with a throw of 45' 10 1/2" for a sixth place finish.

Eighth grade winners were K'Nell Dalby, 100 m dash, fifth place, 15.61 seconds; Steffi Norman, 100 m hurdles, second place, 19.7 seconds; Dalby, Jackie Hays, Rachel Gray and Larissa Halford, 800 m relay, second place, 2:02.8; Gray, 2400 m run, third place, 11:27.4; Gabby Paiz, 800 m run, fifth, 3:01.2; Sarah Kirkpatrick, 300 m hurdles, first place, 54.16; and Anahi Garcia, 1600 m run, sixth place, 7:04.0.

In the 400 m relay, the eighth grade team - Dalby, Claire Kirkpatrick, Keisha Odom and Sarah Kirkpatrick - took third with a time of 75.41. In the 1600 m relays, Gray, Claire Kirkpatrick, Norman and Halford teamed up for a fifth place finish of 4:51.5.

Other results for Post eight graders included Claire Kirkpatrick, high jump, third place, 4'2"; Halford, long jump, second place, 13' 10 1/2", and Norman, sixth place, 12' 7"; Sarah Kirkpatrick, triple jump, first place, 29'4", and Halford, fifth place, 22' 1 3/4"; Odom, shot put, sixth place, 22; 1 3/4"; and Kylie Easterling, discus, fifth place, 56'3".

Post clips Idalou 3-2

In a hard-fought opening District 4-2A game between Post and Idalou, the Antelopes came out on top 3-2 last Friday.

Right-hander Cody Fox gave up two runs, one earned in seven innings, and Patrick Gonzales delivered what turned out to be the game-winning hit on an RBI single, scoring Mitchell Mills who had an earlier walk.

Hits were at a premium for both teams. Post logged four and Idalou two. Post's number one through number five batters went 1-for-14 (.071) with one walk. Idalou's one through five batters were equally cold, going 2-for-13 (.154) with two walks and an E-1 hit.

Post's six through nine batters had an on-base percentage of .500 on 5-of-10 with two scores, both by Mills. Idalou's six through nine batters were 0-for-7 with two on-base by hit batters.

Six-inning action saw Idalou's biggest chance to win as leadoff batter Chris Olmos reached first base on Fox's errant throw to first on Olmos' slow roller to the mound. After a 4-3 putout for out number one, Tyler Bigham laced a RBI double to left field, followed by Zach Poteno lining an RBI single up the middle. Fox wiggled off the hook when the next batter hit into another Blacklock to Gonzales putout and struck out the next batter to end the Idalou mini-rally.

Fox didn't help his own cause by placing the leadoff batter on base in three of seven innings - all without a hit. Idalou's Devin Sherman opened the seventh inning by taking a Fox fastball off the arm for a free pass to first. However, with the tying run on base, Idalou's next three batters went down on a popout to Gonzales at first, a strikeout and a long fly to right where David Rivera corralled for the game-ending out.

Hitting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one double, scored once; Bryan Looney, one walk; Mills, one on-base by hit batter, one walk, one double, scored twice; Gonzales, one single with an RBI; Luis Zubia, one single with an RBI.

Pitching for Post was Fox (6-1), giving up two hits, two walks, two hit-batters and 15 strikeouts. Fox's pitching count showed 55 strikes, 49 balls and an average of 17 pitches per inning.

PHS Tennis teams fare well

The Antelope tennis team enjoyed quite a bit of success in recent tournaments at Snyder, Plainview and Brownfield.

At the Snyder tournament, Cole Easterling lost in the quarterfinals to Tindol of Coahoma 6-3, 6-0. Patrick Ratiza also lost in the quarterfinals to Chevez of Westbrook 6-0, 6-0. Jarrett Vickers and Brice Easterling played five matches and finished with a doubles championship win, defeating Holt and Wainton of Memphis 6-3, 6-2.

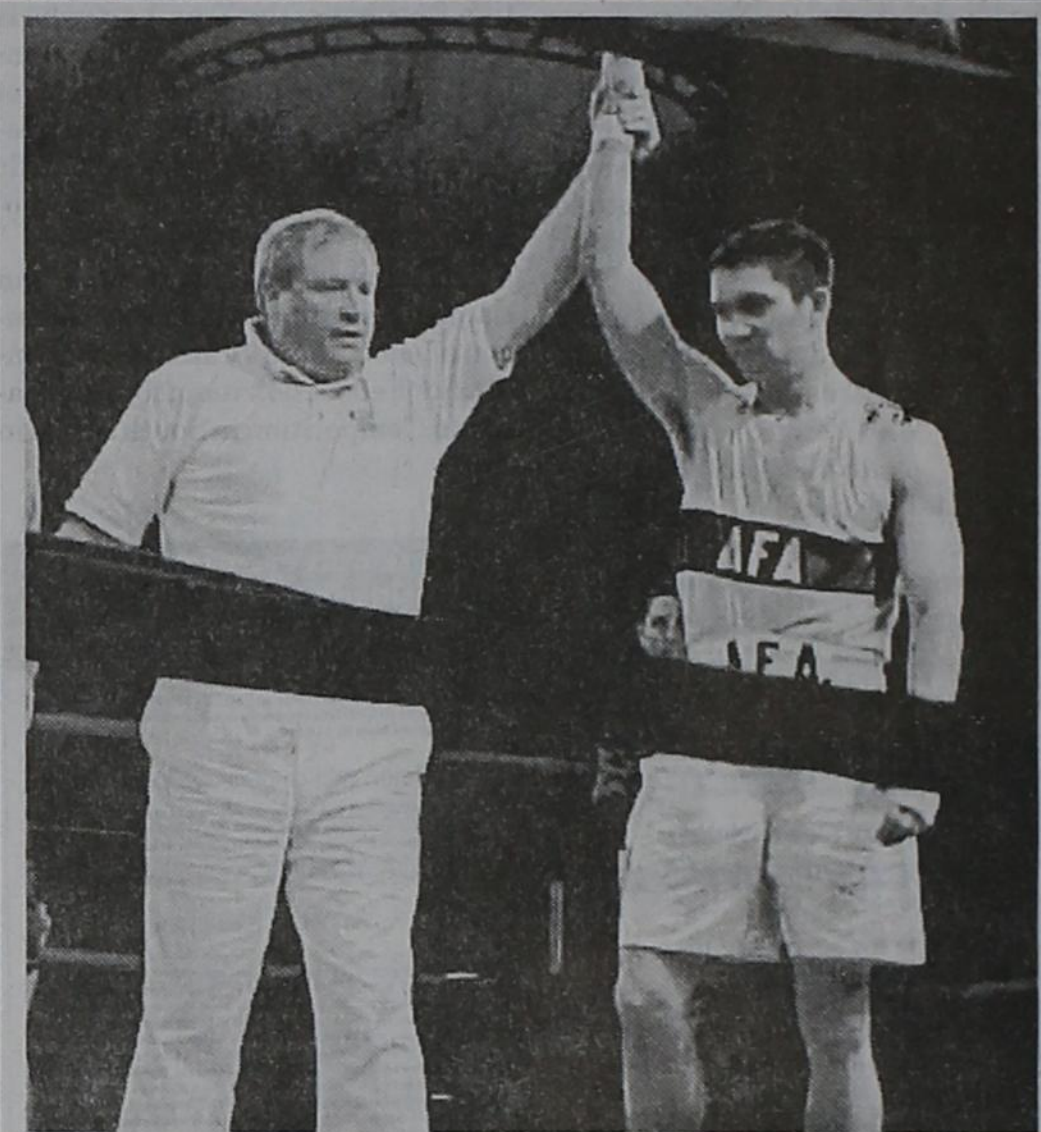
During the Plainview tournament, Cole Easterling and Ratiza played doubles and lost in the second round to Ball and Keffer of San Jacinto 8-3. Brice Easterling and Vickers advanced to the semifinals but lost to Gaston and Province of Sudan 7-5, 6-2.

Last week, the Antelopes traveled to Brownfield where Brice Easterling and Vickers lost in the quarterfinals to the eventual doubles champions, Bennett and Rodriguez of Floydada 6-1, 6-3. Cole Easterling advanced to the finals where he met teammate Ratiza. Both played well, but Ratiza ended up with the win 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

The Lopes travel to Colorado City this week, their final tune-up before the District 4-AA Tournament April 2-3 in Frenship.



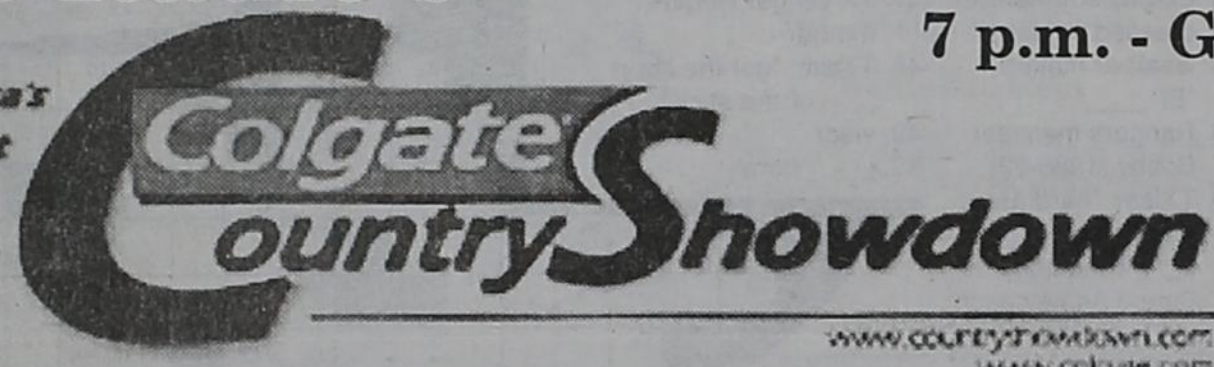
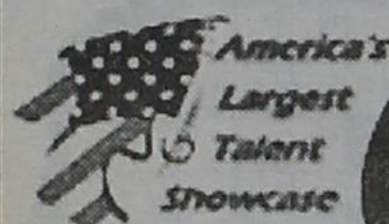
Bryan Looney sets up for a hit against the Idalou Wildcats in the district opener last Friday evening in Post. The Antelopes won the game in a 3-2 decision. (Photo by Timothy W Burnett)



Headed for the National Championships

Clell Knight, a cadet and boxer from the United States Air Force Academy, fought and won the Western Regional Collegiate Boxing championship (165 pound division) held at the El Dorado hotel/casino in Reno, Nevada last weekend. His fight against Keishi Sakakihara from the University of Nevada was won convincingly. Clell will compete for the National Collegiate title in Las Vegas April 3, 4 and 5 at Cox Pavillion. He is the Jenny and Brent Smith and grandson of Riley and Mary Miller.

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