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Post Notes

Post Middle School athletic banquet

The Post Middle School annual athletic banquet is set for Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Tickets are \$5 each for athletes. Tickets must be paid to Mrs Hester or Mrs Tatum before April 21.

Auditions for Garza Theatre production

Auditions for the Garza Theatre production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," directed by Mitchell Britton, will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, April 21 at the Garza Theatre and at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 22 at Monterey Church of Christ, 58th and Memphis in Lubbock. Show dates for the production are June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 20 and 21.

Church of the Nazarene Easter services

The Church of the Nazarene Easter week services are Thursday, 7 p.m., Last Supper; Friday, 7 p.m., Good Friday and Sunday, 10 a.m., Easter Service. There will be no evening service Easter Sunday.

Christian School registration 2003-04

Applications for enrollment and registration fees are now being accepted for the 2003-2004 school year at First Baptist Christian School. Applications are available at the church office, 402 W. Main or contact Nancy Gordon at 495-3554. Classes are available for PreSchool three years old and PreSchool four year olds, as well as kindergarten. FBCCS is a member of Christian Schools International.

Photos of troops needed

The First Baptist Church Christian School is seeking photos and addresses of those from the community who are currently serving in the military. The photos are designed to show students the faces of those for whom we pray and for writing to them. Bring a photo by the church, providing name, address, age and relation to family, where they are serving and other information that might help us to know them and pray for them.

Raffle for TV/DVD

A raffle is being held for a TV/DVD combo to benefit Bryan Looney in his fund raising campaign to attend an All-Star football session this summer. Call 495-0454 for raffle tickets.

Operation Post-Support Our Troops

A group of Post citizens have formed "Operation Post-Support Our Troops," which is organized to bring about community awareness and show support for our troops. The organization is coordinating the sending of care packages, which will be sent to Garza County service people. Items sought for care packages are sunscreen, lip balm, wet wipes, wrap-around sunglasses, toilet tissue, Kleenex, individually wrapped candy, gum, snacks and drink mixes, toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors and toothbrush kits (travel size). Collection boxes are at United Supermarkets, First United Methodist Church, County Extension Office, Brady's and the courthouse. For more information or a more complete list of supplies, contact Angela Massey at 495-4405, Sandy Smith at 495-9900 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942.

MAD DADS open weekdays

MAD DADS is open weekdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for all students ages seven and older. The after school program provides student a comfortable and safe setting for homework, watching t.v. or playing games. The snack bar will be open and students may purchase drinks and snacks. Students will need to complete a membership form and be signed by a parent. Membership is free, but MAD DADS must have contact information for participating youth. Call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 or 620-0960 for more information.

Donations to help with eye surgery

The Post Church of Christ is coordination donations to help pay for eye surgery for Ryan Belongia. The son of Tracy Freeman, Ryan is undergoing expensive surgery. Those interested in helping should call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

Benefit for Ryan Belongia April 26

A benefit supper will be held Saturday, April 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Post Community Center, Youth Center to assist Ryan Belongia. The event features beans, cornbread and sausage meal, bake sale and raffle for a VHS/DVD player with tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. Contact Meg Nelson at 495-4405 or LuAnne Terry at 495-4422 to purchase tickets.

PHS Junior Class seeks items for auction

The Post High School Junior Class is seeking items for use at an auction during its "Casino Night" during the May 17 prom. Those businesses and individuals interested in donating items should contact Mitchell Mills at 200 W. 6th Street, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-2770 (high school office).

"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.

Southland Cemetery 'work day'

The annual Southland Cemetery "work day" has been set for Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. until completed. Call Barbara Johnston for more information at 806-996-5536.

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.

Colgate Country Showdown talent sought

Country music singers and bands are encouraged to apply as contestants to the 2003 Colgate Country Showdown, hosted again this year by KPOS Radio. The event will be at the Garza Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Applications are available at The Post Dispatch office or by contacting KPOS Radio e-mail per1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

8th grade banquet information

This year's Eighth Grade Banquet will be held Saturday, April 19, from 7-11 p.m. at the Community Center. Picture-taking will begin at 6 p.m. There will be no charge for the meal, but students must sign up in Mrs. Adams' room by Monday, April 14, in order to attend. Picture tickets must be purchased in advance and will be on sale at the school April 15-17 at a cost of \$1 each. Decorating will begin Thursday, April 17, at 4 p.m. and will continue on Friday, April 18; all help will be welcome. For more information, call Terri Cash at 495-3355; Joy Creech, 495-4966; Lisa Kirkpatrick, 495-2235; Karen Nichols, 495-3409; or Shellee Odom at 495-2457.

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Early voting opens for hospital bond, school board, city sales tax

by Sheri Lewis

Early voting by personal appearance in the local municipal, school district and health care district elections is under way.

Voters in the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Health Care District will go to the polls May 3 to decide a variety of posts and proposals; however, voters can cast their ballots early by personal appearance through April 29.

Early voting for the city and health care district is being conducted at city hall during regular business hours. Early balloting in the school district election is being offered at the Post ISD administration building.

City ballots will ask voters to fill the mayoral and three vacant council seats, as well as to consider a pair of propositions. Proposition 1 will ask voters to decide on 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.

Mayor Archie Gill will run unopposed in his bid for re-election, and two council members - Juanita Pantoja in Ward 1 and Dick Odom in Ward 2 - will have no opposition in their bids to return to two-year council positions. 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.

Eight candidates will compete to fill three open Post ISD trustee 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. In the health care district, two candidates - incumbent Zoe Kirkpatrick and newcomer Terry Bartlett - will seek a pair of open positions on the district's board of directors.

Voters also will be asked to decide the proposal to construct and operate a \$10.5 million, 10-bed hospital/24-hour ER/rural health clinic to be built through the sale of tax-revenue bonds. To meet the financial obligation, district officials have proposed a tax rate increase of approximately 30 cents per \$100 valuation.

U.S. Justice Dept. approves central voting for GCHD

A single central location will be utilized for balloting during the Garza County Health Care District May 3 election.

According to a April 3 letter from the U.S. Department of Justice, Voting Section, the health care district has been authorized to set up a single balloting station during the upcoming election.

Plans call for the health care district to set up tables in the Post Community Center on election day. Each of the tables will represent a county commissioner's precinct. Each voter will be required to cast his ballot at the table that corresponds with his voting precinct.

Early voting by personal appearance, which began earlier this week and will run through April 29, will be conducted at City Hall during regular business hours.

Voters within the health care district will be filling two open board of directors, posts. Incumbent Zoe Kirkpatrick and newcomer Terry Bartlett are the only candidates seeking election.

Also, voters will be asked 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 hospital/24-hour ER/rural health clinic to be built through the sale of tax-revenue bonds. To meet the financial obligation, which is projected to be paid off over a 15-year term, district officials have proposed a tax rate increase of approximately 30 cents per \$100 valuation.



Headed for State Competition

Jonathan McGregor (left to right) Adam Nobles and Russell Eaton are headed to Austin to compete in U.L.L. literary competition. McGregor advanced from regional competition in Ready Writing as second alternate, Nobles took first place at regional in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Eaton advances in Persuasive and Extemporaneous Speech.



Contract negotiations were completed last week between the Garza County Health Care District and Physicians Network Services (PNS). Joining in congratulating PNS chief executive officer Paul Ackerman (center) were GCHCD directors (left to right) Ray Bagby, Edna Owen, Mike Travis and Zoe Kirkpatrick, along with district administrator Tanya White. PNS will manage the operation of the health clinic, filling the void left by Covenant Health Systems.



Among the Post Antelope Booster Club members meeting with Post ISD superintendent Malrin Marcum (third from left), PHS principal Johnny McGregor, newly appointed athletic director Tim James and assistant John Wright Monday evening were club officers Larry Mills, Joe Gregory, Jana McCalister and Sheila Gregory.

County faces tough choices

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court heard some back economic news from Judge Giles W. Dalby at Monday morning's regular meeting.

Dalby informed the court that the state legislature is determined to write a budget with no new taxes, with big cuts in many programs.

"They are basically passing along the funding of many programs to the local communities," Dalby emphasized, "and it's going to put cities and counties in a real bind."

Dalby pointed to one program here which has been funded at the rate of \$17,000 per year by the Texas Criminal Justice Dept. for alcohol and drug abuse treatment. That funding will be cut, and if the county wants to continue the program, it'll have to find the funding.

Dalby also said that the legislature is considering changing some felony convictions to misdemeanors, which will put more pressure on county jails.

In other matters, Dalby said that the juvenile detention center management change looks to be on track with Cornerstone.



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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello for another windy week!
GATHERING AT PARK I hear that the rally at the park for our troops had a really good turn out. I was so sorry that I was out of town and could not attend, but happy that so many people did. Happier still that there was such good news this week for our POW's.



BRAGGING RIGHTS I visited with Weaver McKamie this week and she was ready to crow about her grandkids. Not only does Weaver and Billy have a grandson playing 2nd baseman for Texas Tech's baseball team, they now have a granddaughter that is going to be a twirler for Tech next year. Grandson Josh Haney, son of Jana and Doyce Haney of Midland played his first year for Tech this season. Granddaughter Casie McKamie, daughter of Kenny and Sidney McKamie of Lubbock, tried out for twirler Saturday morning and was picked. So, if you see Weaver and Billy and their heads seem somewhat bigger than they should be, you will know why. Congratulations to everyone!!

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY I want to wish my bestest friend Trish Metsgar, a very happy birthday, Easter Sunday. I hope you have a great day Trish. Love ya!!

FROM FERG The following was given to me by Ferg which was given to him by Lloyd Stice, pastor at First Methodist Church. This is so Texan! Say howdy to God's rules. The Ten Commandments are posted in a little sign on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas. But all the "shalt" and "shalt not" biblical dictates are delivered with a cowboy twang: *Just one God *Honor yer Ma & Pa *No telling tales or gossipin *Git yourself to Sunday meeting *Put nothin' before God *No follin around with another fellow's gal *No killin' *Watch yer mouth *Don't take what ain't yers *Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

TAPS The following was sent by Kenneth R. Boteler, TSgt, USAF. Kenneth is with the NCOIC, 41st FTS Life Support. Most moving.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps". It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about it's humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harris's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, he decided to risk his life and bring the soldier back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When he finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was a Confederate soldier and that he was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath with shock. In the dim light he saw the face of the soldier, it was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out.

Without telling his father, he had enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they gave him one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in his son's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps"... used at military funerals was born.

The words are: Day is done... Gone is the sun... From the lakes... From the hills... From the sky All is well... Safely rest... God is nigh... Fading light... Dims the sight... And a star... Gems the sky Gleaming bright... From afar... Drawing nigh... Falls the night Thanks and praise... For our days... Neath the sun... Neath the stars... Neath the sky... As we go... This we know... God in nigh

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you did either so I thought I would pass it along.

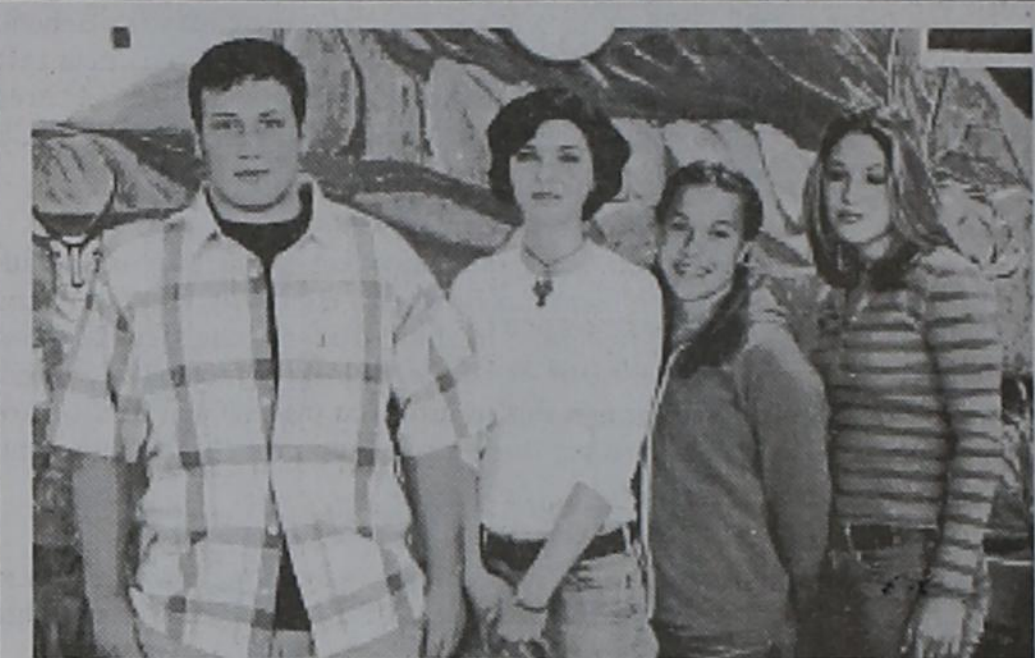
REMEMBER THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. ALSO THOSE PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

OLD FRIEND REUNION Mom let me know that she ran into a former Post resident the other day and had a really good but short visit with her. Margaret Dixon of Pottsboro, has been in Post several days sharing her stay with Marilyn and Ted Williams and Francis and Royce Josey. She has spent her time also visiting many other old friends. I hear she is a "Jabberin'" reader and I just wanted to say thank you to Margaret and I hope she had a really nice time while she was here.

TILL NEXT WEEK Hope all of you have a great weekend. Pray for rain, we need it so bad! May God bless each of you and our troops. God bless America. See you next week. Judy



The First United Methodist Church third and fourth grade Sunday School Class participated in a recent supply drive for My Special Place. Items collected and donated were easy-to-read children's books, writing tablets and construction paper. Helping with the project were (left to right) Madison Cash, Allisha Jones, Skylar Jones, Jackie Davis, Jonathan Davis and My Special Place director Mary Ann Permenter.



PHS students earning Area One-Act Play cast honors recently are (left to right) Jace Pollard, Rene Hatley, Gentry Creech and Christina Zellmer.





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Births

Avery Lee Baldree

Robert and Vanessa (Byrd) Baldree of Lubbock proudly announce the birth of an "already spoiled" daughter. Avery Lee Baldree was born Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 10:58 a.m.

The infant weighed six pounds, two ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Great-grandparents are Elton and Mary Lee and Jake and Mary Baldree, all of Post, and the late Anna Lucile Byrd. Great-aunts are Brenda Prather and Barbara Rivera of Post.

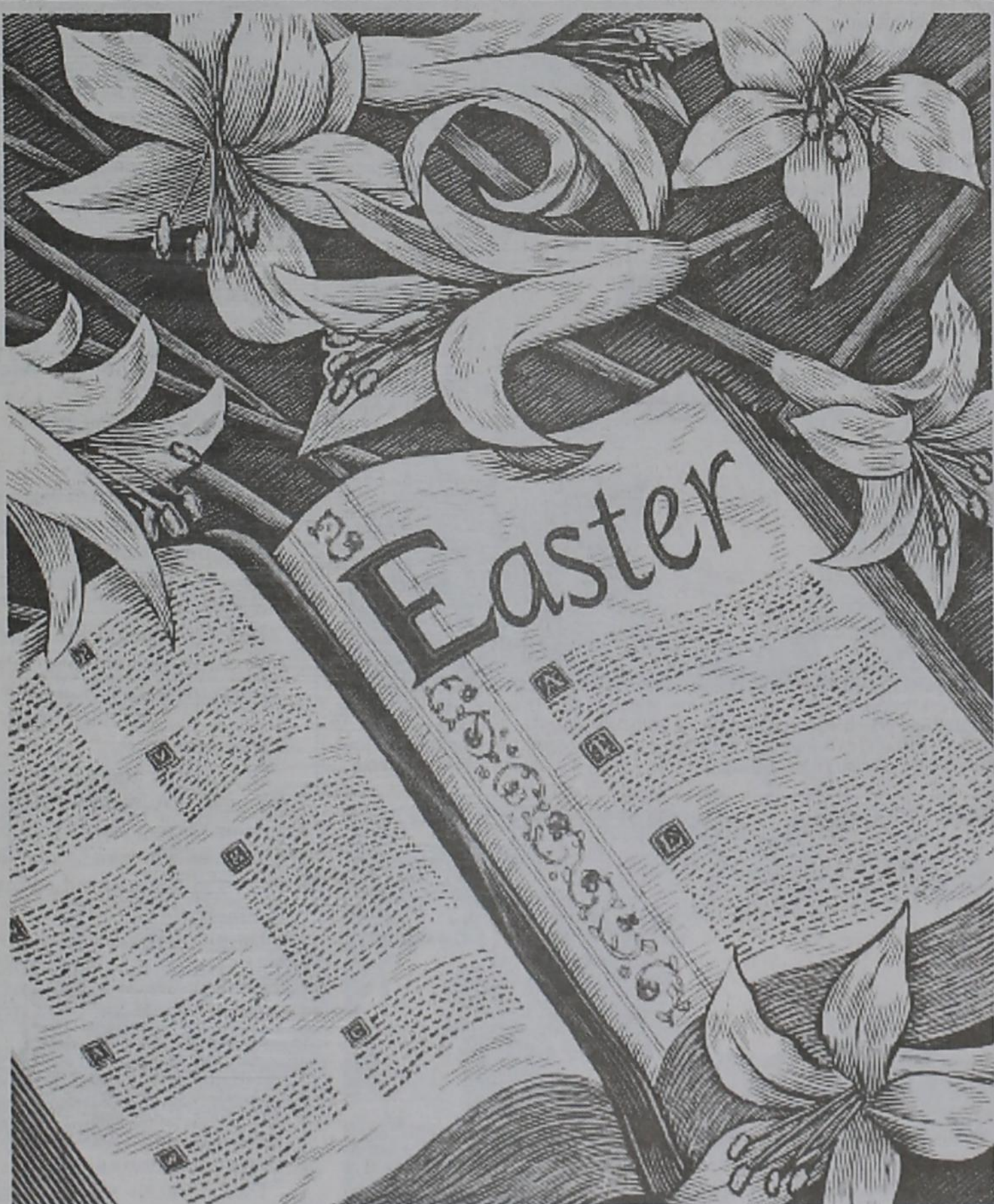


Avery Lee Baldree

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Advancing to regional competition in U.I.L. Literary competition were PHS students (back row, left to right) Donae Dalby, Adam Nobles, Christin Collier, Russell Eaton, (front row) Kayla Dunn, Jonathan McGregory, Jarrett Vickers, Kenda Josey and Breana Heckaman.



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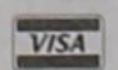
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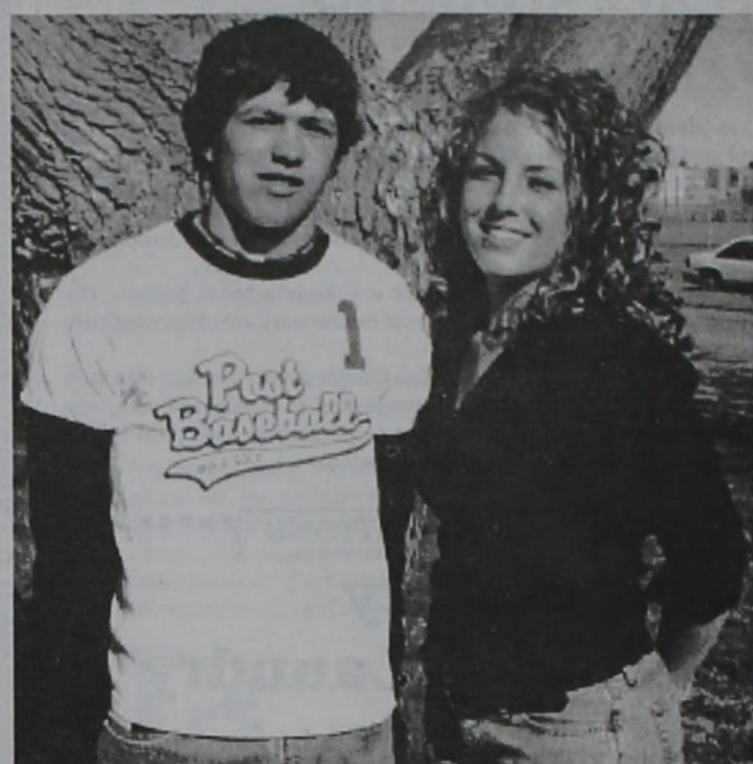


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Obituaries

Geneva Jo Foster

Services for Geneva Jo Foster, 78, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, in the Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Billie Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. She died Thursday, April 10, at her home. Born April 30, 1924, in Post, she was a bank teller until her retirement. She was a Baptist. Survivors include three daughters, Diann Guthrie of Post, Paula Hair of Mineral Wells and Melba Cochran of Lewisville; one sister, Imogene Rosenbaum of Post; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.



Brody Robertson (left) was named "Mr PHS" with Jessica Mason (right) named as "Miss PHS."

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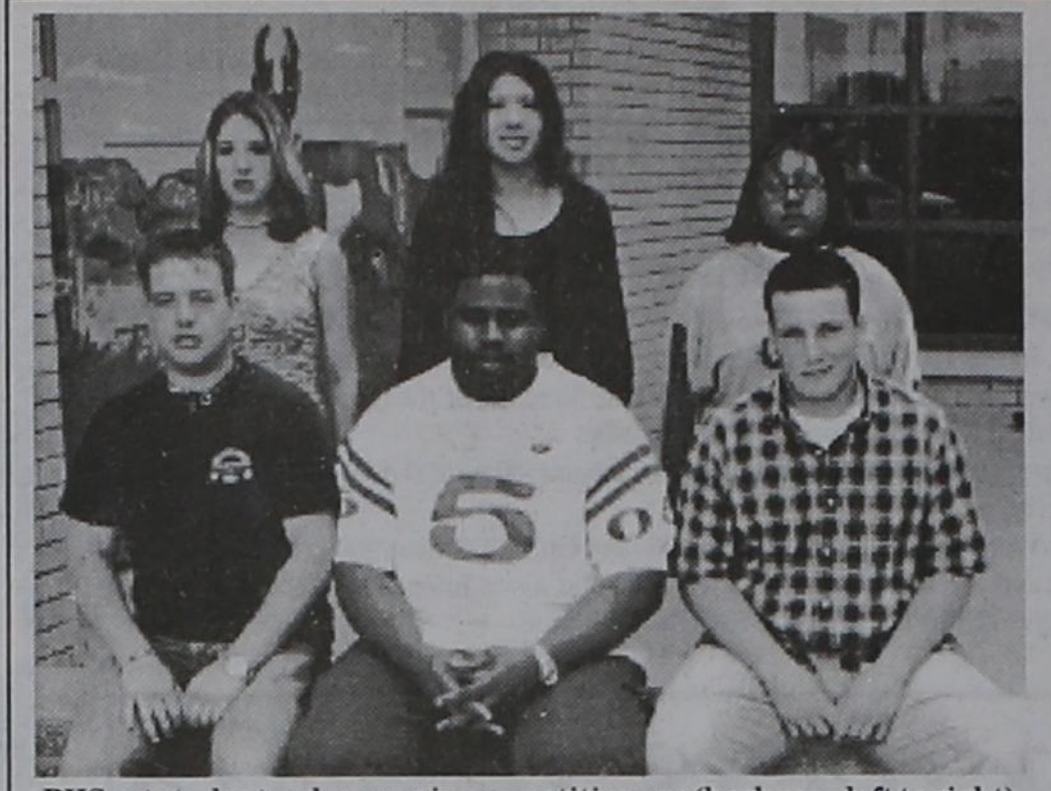
PHS art students advance in competition

Five Post students were tapped to advance to the district finals following the regional competition of the 22nd Annual Congressional Art Show held earlier this month at Old Mill Trade Days.

R.C. Reed, Stephanie Saldivar, Christina Zellmer, Niebes Marin and Coby Jones are eligible to compete with other high school artists from throughout the 17th Congressional district.

At the next level of competition, one work will be selected to hang in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., alongside the works of other students from throughout the nation.

The OMTD show also featured a People's Choice Award, which was won by Jace Pollard, and a merit award was presented to Chelsea Reed by the OMTD staff. Each of the award winners was presented with \$100 dollars, and the space for the event was donated.



PHS art students advancing in competition are (back row, left to right) Christina Zellmer, Niebes Marin, Stephanie Saldivar, (front row) Coby Jones, R.C. Curtis and Jace Pollard.



Serving their nation...

by Sandy Smith

If you missed the rally this weekend, you really missed out on a lot. To Begin with Vance Guthrie stirred our emotions with pride by performing "Have You Forgotten" Judge Dalby gave a very heart felt speech to welcome all those attending.

It continued to get better and better as Jerica Tyler, sang The Star Spangled Banner while the ROTC Color Guard of Slaton marched in with the flags and later Jerica had the crowd hooting and hollering with pride as she sang Proud To Be An American.

Everyone stood with pride as Courtney Short sang America The Beautiful and Judge Dalby summed it up for all of us "The cold chills are still there" Chuck Ratliff brought tears to our eyes as he spoke about our military and Vets that have sacrificed so much for freedoms sake. Chuck later reported that all of the flags that Joe Duran from the Lions Club placed around the park were noticed by a traveling soldier who was on his way to California to see his parents from Florida. He saw all the flags and wanted to see what was going on so he stopped in. Chuck said the young man said he had never seen anything like that before.

There are so many thank yous and so many who were a great part of this to make this rally a success. We want to thank you all with out you, none of this would ever have been possible.

I honestly stand amazed at what the people in Garza County are doing to support our military. Not only am I proud to be an American, I am also so proud to live in a community who cares so much for their fellow man. I just can not put into words how I feel. I love you all and God Bless each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

Linda and George Trevino's son Val DelosSantos of Post is in Iraq on the front lines. Please keep him in your prayers that God will keep him safe and bring him home soon to his family. Val would love to have cards and letters from anyone who would like to write to him, his address is BM2 Val DelosSantos NCWG-1 11 BU-15 APO AE 09336. Val also sent home a \$25 bill from Iraq with Saddam's picture on it. You may have seen the interview with Val's family from Post City Park.

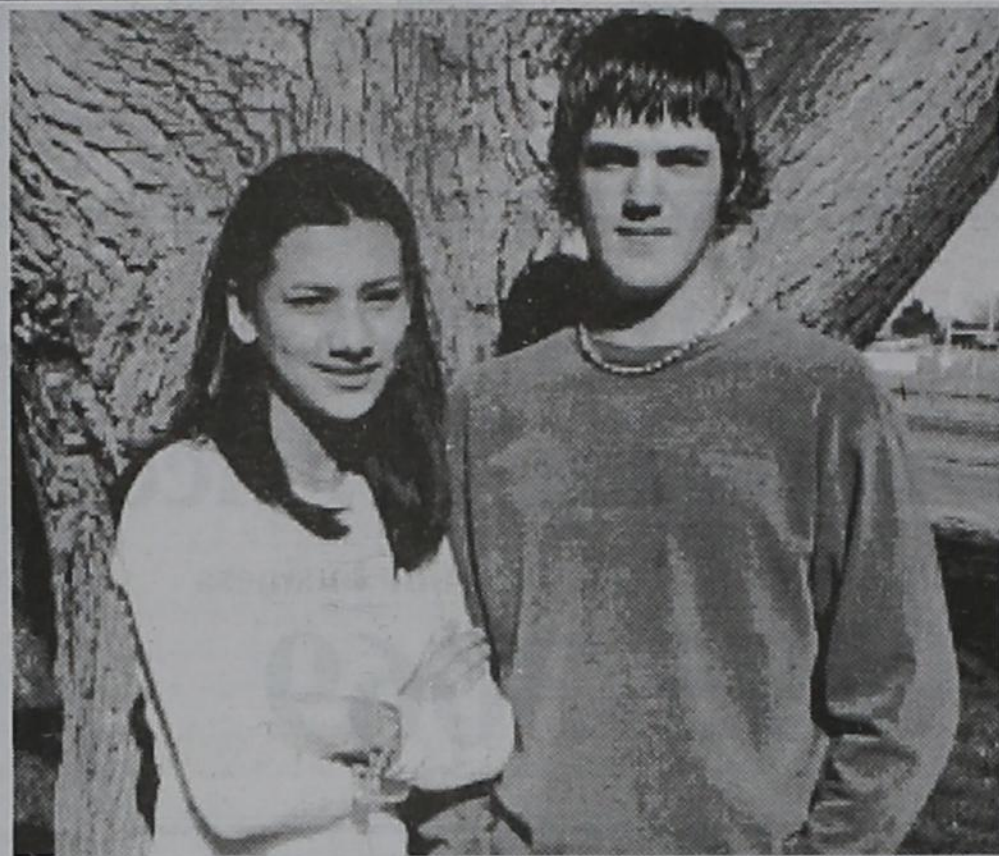
Roberta Leavans' son-in-law SSgt. Floyd D. Williams is stationed in Ft. Hood, TX. in the Army and will also be leaving for overseas. God be with you Floyd and bring you home safe.

Garza County Deputy Sheriff Charlie Evans, has a son, AIC Casey Evans, who is stationed in Hill AFB, Utah. Casey is in the Air Force is a specialist in AWAC planes with repairs. We thank you Casey for serving our country and for all the sacrifices you make.

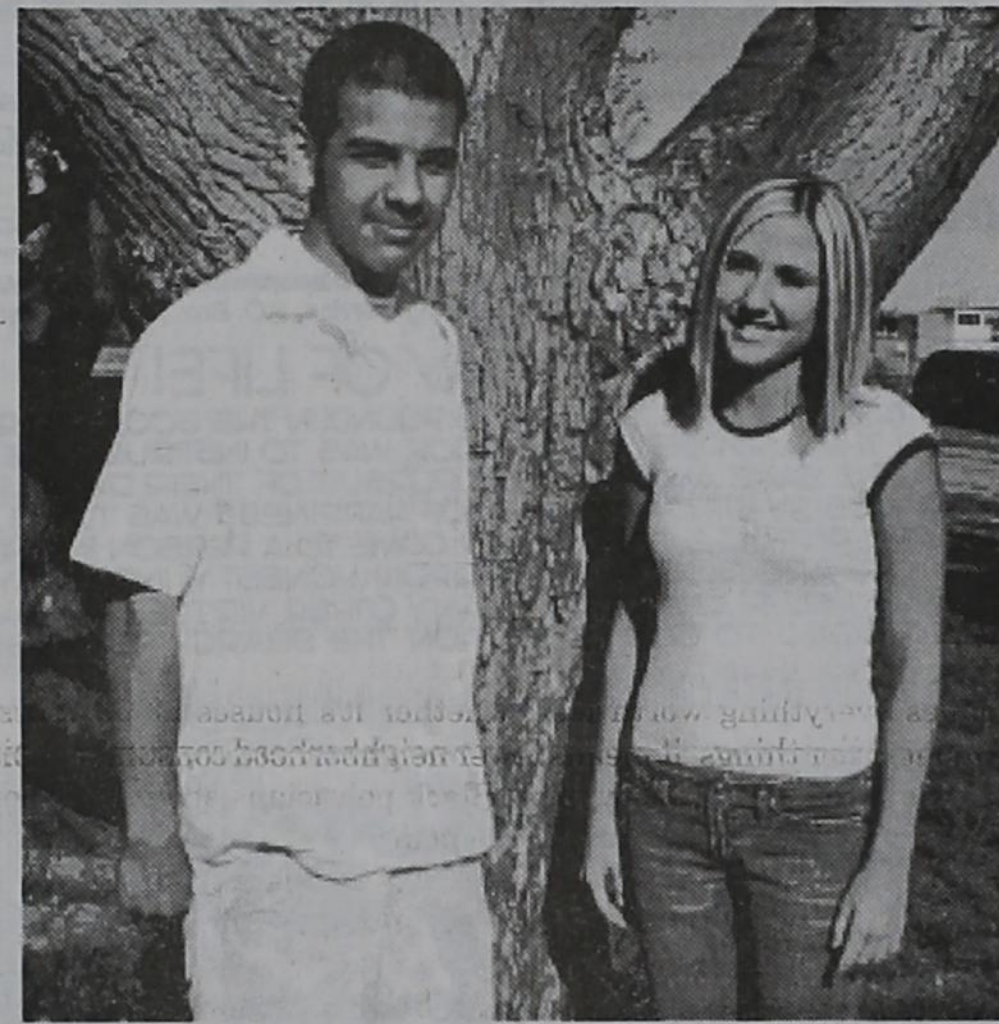
Let us all continue to keep Steven Martinez and his family in our prayers. He is still somewhere on the front lines of Iraq. His family still has not heard from Steve and this is very hard on them, the not knowing. We all know no news is good news in this case, but just to hear his voice on the other end of the phone right now would mean so much to his family. Steve we all miss you and keep you in our prayers that God will keep you safe in the midst of this war and all of our military.

Christy Rutherford's brother has arrived in Iraq and now has an address: SSgt. Melton Samuel 800 BDE-115 BN-186MP Co.APO AE 09366 Camp ARIS Gan. Sam, may God surround you with his angels and keep you safe in his care that you may soon return home to your family.

We would like to honor your family member Please call Sandy Smith 495-9900.



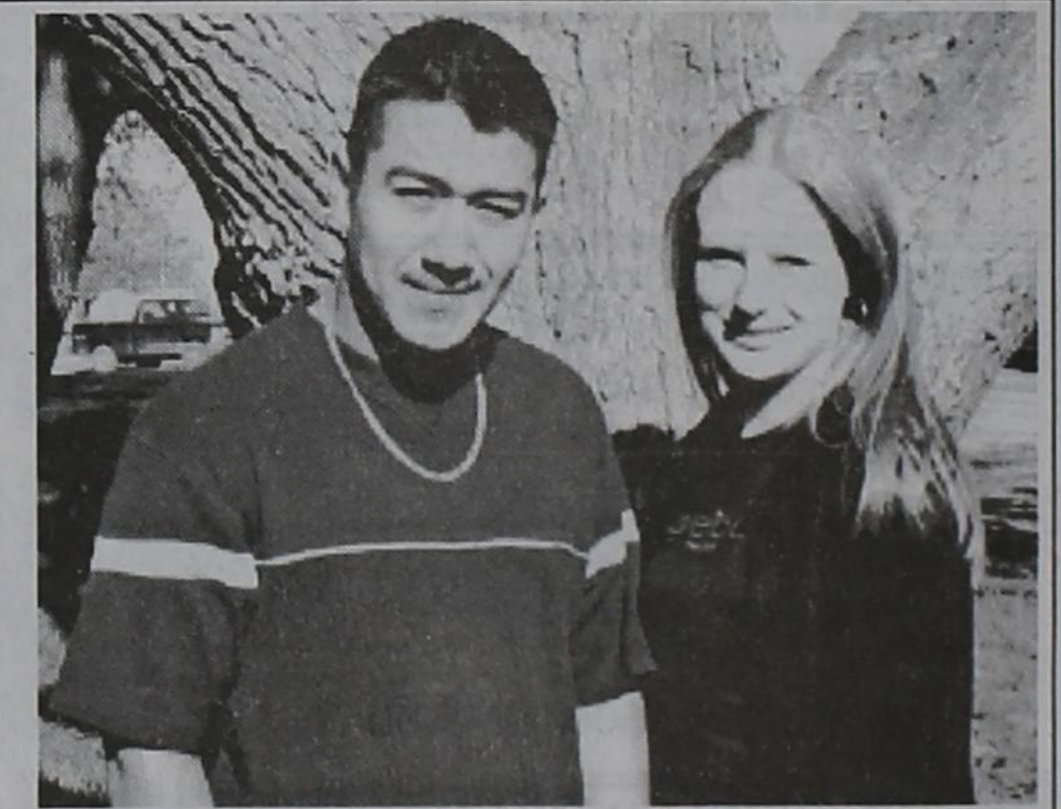
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Does political power mean economic power?

by Walter E. Williams

Much of the '60s and '70s civil rights rhetoric was that black political power was necessary for economic power. In 1967, Clevelanders heeded Malcolm X's infamous "The Ballot or the Bullet" speech with the election of Carl B. Stokes, who became the nation's first black big city mayor.



As of 1999, blacks were mayors of 29 major cities; that includes Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, San Francisco, St. Louis and Washington, D.C. In some of these cities, blacks are also city councilmen, superintendents of schools and chiefs of police.

That this is a major achievement is without question and a fine commentary on America's racial progress, especially when we consider the fact that blacks were mayors in cities where blacks are a small minority, such as: Des Moines, Denver, Houston, San Francisco and Dallas.

By no means does it demean black political achievement to ask a more important question: What does black political power mean for the lives of ordinary black people? In other words, is political power a necessary condition for economic power?

Let's look around. Japanese and Chinese-Americans faced gross discrimination in our country, but when's the last time you heard of them worrying about how many congressmen they have or going into a tizzy worrying whether a Reagan or Bush presidency would mean the end of their handouts? By the way, Japanese and Chinese-Americans have median family incomes higher than white Americans — in the case of Chinese-Americans, 58 percent higher.

Other discriminated-against minorities in America who've eschewed the political arena are: Koreans, Arabs and Armenians. For the ordinary person, what's more important: economic power or political power? I think it nearly goes without saying that economic power empowers the individual; it gives him the power of self-determination.

Political power empowers, and even enriches, the political elite; for them, getting out their constituent vote is the be all and end all. This observation has nothing to do with race. Economic power empowers

people of any race, and political power empowers the political elite of any race.

While black politicians have preached that political power is a means to gain economic power, whether it has done so is a testable proposition. We only have to examine the socioeconomic status of black Americans in cities where blacks hold considerable political power, cities such as Washington, Newark, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Memphis and others.

What we'll find in those cities are grossly inferior education, welfare dependency for much of the population, unsafe neighborhoods and citizens, both black and white, who can't wait for the first opportunity to get out. Let me be clear. I am not stating a causal link between black political power and the living conditions and welfare of many of its citizens in these cities. It's simply an argument that the expectation that political power will translate into economic power for the ordinary citizen is apt to be disappointing. But there're some political steps that black politicians can take that can create an environment for economic power.

Crime exacts a huge cost on people least able to bear it. High crime makes everything worth less, whether it's houses or businesses. Among other things, it means fewer neighborhood consumer choices and neighborhood employment. Black politicians should develop a ruthless zero tolerance anti-crime policy.

Rotten education in these cities where blacks hold dominant political power needs to be addressed, but that's more difficult. Black politicians are beholden to and serve the interests of the powerful teachers' unions, and not the voters who elect them to office. Otherwise, they wouldn't begin to tolerate the near systematic destruction of learning opportunities for generations of black children.

A solution is to break the education monopoly through educational vouchers.

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The 'Drug War' helps terrorists

by Scott McPherson

The U.S. government has become quite accustomed over the years to orchestrating world events to fit its own agenda. In our name, the government keeps American troops in over half the countries of the globe, openly supports brutal regimes, and uses its intelligence agencies to manipulate the policies of foreign governments.

But no matter how hard it tries, the play never seems to unfold as scripted. Still, it is in the name of the "War on Drugs" that the US truly excels in showing how poorly equipped it is to act as director of international affairs. Since the 1970s, administration after administration has sought to enlist foreign nations in its jihad against arbitrarily prohibited, but nonetheless popular recreational drugs.

The results have often been quite similar to the U.S. experience, with widespread corruption of police, judges, and politicians; gang wars and drive-by shootings; and a general increase in drug use. Yet America, "war on drugs" manages to escape the shame of one of its most horrific consequences: the destruction of thousands of lives in this and other countries. For the drug war has led to the enrichment and expansion of vicious terrorist groups around the world, even the one responsible for the horrible attacks on 9/11. Sadly, the government continues to ignore the warning signs and feeds the mouth that bites us all.

Heavily influential for over twenty years, "narco-terrorist" organizations are a conglomeration of leftist rebels, international terrorist rings, arms dealers, and the drug cartels themselves. In Beyond the War on Drugs: Overcoming a Failed Public Policy, author Steven Wisotsky pointed out more than a decade ago that "the War on Drugs has seriously undermined the power and stability of the central governments [of Peru and Colombia], delivering effectual control of large regions to alliances of drug traffickers and guerrilla armies. In short, to terrorists.

How is this possible? Thanks to the massive profits they derive from the illegal drug trade, "narco-terrorists" are able to buy control of anything they need to sustain their business. In the "large regions" where they rule, they serve as the de facto government, supplying schools, sports teams, and security to local peasants. With the support of indigenous farmers, they grow coca and opium with impunity, raising incredible sums of money to finance their terrorist activities and, worse, create the conditions for international cooperation with other terrorist groups, a fact made clear by a recent anti-terrorism report which showed Hezbollah training camps in the "tri-border region" of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

The connection between drugs and terrorism is not exactly the world's best kept secret. In March, 2002, in a statement before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government, Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona reported that "opium production in Afghanistan [under the Taliban] accounted for 72% of production worldwide and was used to "shelter Osama Bin Laden and other Al Qaeda terrorists."

He similarly indicated that Bin Laden "provided protection to heroin processing labs, was a part owner in numerous labs, [and] part owner of one load shipped to the U.S." Even a casual knowledge of economics is enough to understand that, rather than hurting the drug trade, the drug war is its greatest boon. The popularity of drugs alone is sufficient to drive up price through intense demand. Any effect that interdicting or limiting the supply of a given drug may have will merely be to raise the price it brings on the market even further, meaning larger profits to those who deal in drugs. And in the Latin American and radical Islamic countries where the dealers are typically terrorists, this means more money for terrorism.

Even the Office of National Drug Control Policy inadvertently admitted the effect of its own policies by broadcasting national advertisements telling people who use drugs that they are supporting terrorism. If helping to put money in the pockets of drug dealers is akin to aiding terrorist causes, then by continuing to drive up the price of drugs the U.S. government is the biggest supporter of terrorism in the world. The "war on drugs" might possibly go down in history as the worst domestic policy blunder in American history.

After more than thirty years of fighting, the cost in lives, dollars, the erosion of our social and moral fabric, and the impact on our law enforcement and political institutions may never be fully known. Adding insult to injury, in all the years that our government has been battling to make people stop using drugs, it has been helping to enrich those who wish to fight terrorist wars against innocent people everywhere.

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The spoils of war

by Bill O'Reilly

It should come as no surprise that the fall of Saddam Hussein is causing an avalanche of repercussions all around the world. While no one can predict the future, the immediate past is fairly easy to catalog, and Saddam has taken a lot of people down with him. The following folks are, at this very moment, feeling Saddam's pain.



Vladimir Putin: Once a guy who roamed the range with President Bush, Mr. Putin should not be planning any visits to Texas soon. His government likely supplied the Iraqis with weapons outlawed by the United Nations, and many Texans might find that extremely offensive. You can be sure the powers that be in Washington have. Can it get any colder in Moscow? You bet.

Vicente Fox: Another former pal of George W.'s, the Mexican president now finds himself so far outside the American power "loop" he might as well be the king of Tonga. Fox's decision not to support his close friend Mr. Bush in the United Nations Security Council must be considered muy malo.

Jacque Chirac: replaces Michael Jackson as the most detested man in America. Maybe he should visit one of Jackson's plastic surgeons as he faces persona non grata status in the USA. The Hollywood Left: Martin Sheen, George Clooney, Susan Sarandon, et al. all failed auditions as serious thinkers. Only the French are still listening.

The Pope: Apparently, John Paul II is on a personal crusade to destroy the Roman Catholic Church in America. He's still allowing cardinals like Roger Mahoney in Los Angeles to stonewall priest sex abuse allegations. Then the Pontiff has the chutzpah to call the Iraq war "immoral." A miracle is needed.

John Kerry: A genuine American war hero, the senator redefines the word "inappropriate" by calling for a "regime change" in the USA in the middle of a shooting war. Even Democrats shuddered. Network News People: Ratings for CBS News have declined 15 percent during the war! ABC News was down 6 percent, and NBC was up only 3 percent. In the meantime, Americans flocked to watch cable TV news. Talk about regime change!

Pinhead Professors: The reputations of fine universities such as Columbia and Princeton have been tarnished by the insane rantings of some radical professors. Even some students are getting fed up with so-called "teachers" advocating the deaths of American troops. Would you pay \$30,000 a year to hear a professor applaud Mogadishu?

The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times: "The times, they are changin'," sang Bob Dylan. Well, yeah. These two powerful newspapers slanted hard news headlines to fit their editorial position early in the war. Plus, their editorial positions were flat and wrong. Who wants spin home delivered?

Senator Edward Kennedy: His appeasement of Saddam may mean the death of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party. Moderates like Joseph Lieberman and John Edwards are rising, Senator Kennedy and his committed ideologues risk extinction. At this point, Ted makes George McGovern look like a Navy SEAL.

And finally, one big stealth winner in the Iraq war: Senator Hillary Clinton. She simply disappeared after voting for military action last fall, dodging all direct questions about the war but making it clear she did not side with the peace movement. Say what you want about Hillary, she has no use for losers.

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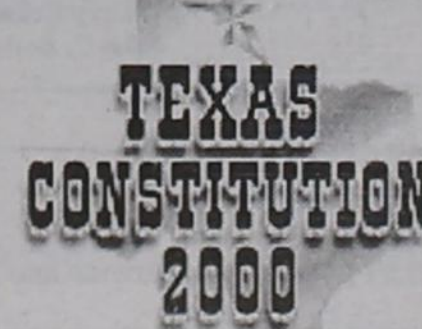
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENTS, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said District as provided in an Order Calling an Election duly passed by the Board of Directors of said District, which Order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF GARZA §
 GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Garza County Health Care District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that holding the hereinafter called election on a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, is in the public interest; and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT:

- That an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 in the District at the regular election precincts of the District, at the polling places and with the election officials as set forth in "Exhibit A," which exhibit is incorporated herein and made a part of this Order for all purposes.
- That each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two or more than five qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.
- That early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at the early voting as designated in "Exhibit B," which exhibit is incorporated herein and made a part of this Order for all purposes. During the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 16, 2003 through April 29, 2003, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays and the early voting clerk shall keep said voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.
- That an early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and Billie Windham is hereby appointed the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the board.
- That all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at said election.
- That notice of said election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this Order at the Garza County Courthouse, on the bulletin board used for posting of the meeting of the Board of Directors, and at three other places in the District, not less than 15 days prior to the date set for said election; and a substantial copy of this Order also shall be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District, the date of the first publication to be not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 14th day prior to the date set for said election.
- That at said election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Board of the Garza County Health Care District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,500,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, constructing, renovating and equipping buildings and improvements for hospital purposes, to wit: a new hospital, with the bonds to bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Board, to mature within 40 years and be in all other respects issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District in an amount sufficient, within the limit prescribed by law, to pay the annual interest on the bonds and to provide a sinking fund to redeem the bonds at maturity?

8. That the official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

For: _____) THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
) \$10,500,000.00 BY THE GARZA COUNTY HEALTH
) CARE DISTRICT FOR A NEW HOSPITAL AND
 Against: _____) LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

9. That in all respects said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code

Exhibit A

Garza County Health Care District Bond Election May 3, 2003

Polling Place	Address	Garza County Commissioners Precinct(s) Number(s)	Presiding Judge	Alternate Presiding Judge
Post	113 West	1	Kay Hays	Cindy Johnson
Community Center	Main Street, Post, Texas 79356	2	Shirley J. Riedel	Crystal Mason
		3	Cherry Eckols	Twana McCrary, Melba Cimental
		4	John C. Boren	Peggy R. Smith

Exhibit B

Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and mail at:

Post City Hall Council Chambers
 105 East Main Street
 Post, Texas 79356
 Billie Windham, Early Voting Clerk

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

A LOS RESIDENTES Y ELECTORES QUE CUMPLEN LOS REQUISITOS DEL DISTRITO DE SALUD DEL CONDADO GARZA:

CONSIDÉRESE NOTIFICADO que se llevará a cabo una elección en dicho Distrito según lo estipulado en una Convocatoria de Elección debidamente aprobada por la Junta Directiva de dicho Distrito, siendo el siguiente el contenido esencial de tal Convocatoria:

CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIÓN PARA LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS §
 CONDADO GARZA §
 DISTRITO DE SALUD DEL CONDADO GARZA §

CONSIDERANDO que el Consejo Directivo del Distrito de Salud del Condado Garza (el "Distrito") considera recomendable convocar a una elección que se ordena mediante este documento; y

CONSIDERANDO que se ha encontrado y determinado oficialmente que llevar a cabo la elección ordenada mediante este documento en una fecha distinta a la fecha de elección uniforme establecida por la Sección 41.00(a) del Código Electoral de Texas es en beneficio del interés público; y que dicha reunión estuvo abierta al público y que se dio aviso público sobre el lugar y hora y propósito de dicha reunión, todo de acuerdo a lo estipulado en el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas.

DESE PUES POR ORDENADO POR EL CONSEJO DIRECTIVO DEL DISTRITO DE SALUD DEL CONDADO GARZA:

- Que se llevará a cabo una elección entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. del 3 de mayo de 2003 en el Distrito en los precinctos electorales regulares del Distrito, en las casillas electorales, y mediante la elección de funcionarios electorales según lo establecido en el "Documento A," el cual está incluido en este Aviso de Convocatoria y que forma parte de esta Orden para todo propósito.
- Que cada Juez Presidente nombrará entre dos y cinco secretarios electorales aptos para prestar sus servicios en dicha elección y asistir en su desarrollo; se establece que si el Juez Presidente funge en su cargo según lo esperado, el Juez Presidente Substituto será uno de tales secretarios.
- Que se llevará a cabo la votación temprana mediante presentación personal y por correo en la votación temprana según se establece en el "Documento B," el cual se incluye en este Aviso de Convocatoria y que forma parte de esta Orden para todo propósito. Durante el periodo que la votación temprana se permite o requiere por la ley, siendo del 16 de abril de 2003 al 29 de abril de 2003, el horario de votación temprana por presentación personal será entre 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. todos los días exceptuando los sábados, domingos y los días festivos oficiales del estado, y el secretario de votación temprana mantendrá dichas casillas electorales abiertas durante dicho horario de votación temprana por presentación personal.
- Que se constituye mediante la presente Orden un consejo de boletas de votación temprana para procesar los resultados de la votación temprana, nombrándose a Billie Windham como juez presidente de dicho consejo. El juez presidente nombrará a por lo menos otros dos miembros del consejo.
- Que todos los electores que cumplan los requisitos y residentes del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en dicha elección.
- Que se dará aviso de dicha elección mediante la publicación de una copia substancial de esta Orden en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado Garza en el tablero de avisos usado para publicar la reunión del Consejo Directivo y en otros tres lugares en el Distrito, cuando menos quince días anteriores a la fecha fijada para dicha elección; y también se publicará una copia substancial de esta Orden el mismo día en cada una de dos semanas consecutivas en algún periódico de circulación general publicado en el Distrito, no pudiendo ser la fecha de la primera publicación anterior al treintavo día o posterior al catorceavo día antes de la fecha fijada para tal elección.
- Que en dicha elección se someterá a elección la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICIÓN NO. 1

¿Se autoriza al Consejo Directivo del Distrito de Salud del Condado Garza a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por el monto agregado principal de \$10,500,000.00 (diez millones quinientos mil dólares) con el fin de comprar, adquirir, construir, renovar y equipar edificios y hacer mejoras encaminados al proyecto del hospital, es decir, un hospital nuevo; que los bonos devengarán una tasa interés que será determinada por el Consejo, a un plazo de cuarenta años y serán en cualquier otro respecto emitidos y colocados de acuerdo a la ley al momento de la emisión; y se autoriza al Consejo a gravar y obligar la valuación y cobro de impuestos por avalúo sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito por un monto suficiente, dentro de los límites establecidos por la ley, para pagar el interés anual de los bonos y proveer un fondo de amortización para redimir los bonos a su vencimiento?

8. Que las boletas electorales para dicha elección serán preparadas de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas de manera que se permita a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN arriba mencionada, debiendo las boletas contener tales disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje según lo dispuesto por la ley, y que tal PROPOSICIÓN se expresará substancialmente de la siguiente manera:

PROPOSICIÓN NO. 1

A Favor: _____) LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR UN MONTO DE \$10,500,000.00 POR
) EL DISTRITO DE SALUD DEL CONDADO GARZA PARA UN
) NUEVO HOSPITAL Y LA RECOLECCIÓN DE IMPUESTOS PARA
 En contra: _____) EL PAGO DE LOS BONOS.

9. Que en todo lo conducente dicha elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas.

Documento A

Elección de emisión de bono del Distrito de Salud del Condado Garza el 3 de mayo de 2003

Polling Place	Address	Garza County Commissioners Precinct(s) Number(s)	Presiding Judge	Alternate Presiding Judge
Post	113 West Main	1	Kay Hays	Cindy Johnson
Community Center	Street, Post, Texas 79356	2	Shirley J. Riedel	Crystal Mason
		3	Cherry Eckols	Twana McCrary, Melba Cimental
		4	John C. Boren	Peggy R. Smith

Documento B

La votación temprana debe llevarse a cabo mediante presentación personal y por correo en:

Post City Hall Council Chambers
 105 East Main Street
 Post, Texas 79356
 Billie Windham, Secretario de votación temprana

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el veinte cinco de Abril, 2003.

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.

Not happy with editorial

I hope this letter helps define my position when use of a credit card is approved at the county level. I would agree that it is inappropriate to use any credit account of Garza County for personal use.

I want to clarify what is considered personal use. Personal use is for the singular benefit of an individual and outside the realm of the needs relating to a job. We require purchases by law enforcement personnel for the completion of the employee's job that must be paid for by the employee, and I call these job-related purchases. The nature of the job-related equipment purchases is found predominantly in the law enforcement area.

Your recent reference to personal use, I believe, does not accurately explain the intended use of the charges. Only job-related purchases are approved for the expenditures of tax dollars. These charges by law enforcement personnel are for job-related equipment and are required by the county (i.e. boots, uniforms, handcuffs, firearms and holsters).

Law enforcement personnel are provided an allowance of \$25 per month to help with these job-related expenses.

The Commissioners Court procedure is to review and require three signatures for approval on every account payable that is provided by the county treasurer. Bills that the treasurer brings to the Court are pre-approved by an appropriate elected official. In this procedure, the Court monitors expenditures for all department budgets.

These accounts are public record.

County records show that any inappropriate charges have been reimbursed when discovered by normal review by the county treasurer and Commissioners Court. Charges deemed inappropriate but charged in good faith by an elected official may still be refused payment with county funds.

I am convinced that this system is effective and does comprise the proper oversight relating to our county's funds.

The County Commissioners Court is in the process of clarifying and specifically speaking to issues concerning the expenditure of funds. My understanding of our present system of elected official accountability and the Commissioners Court scrutiny of accounts payable is adequate and much more efficient than normal business use of a purchase order system.

I can assure you that I am aware of the personal and professional responsibility my job entails and do take these responsibilities seriously.

I do claim that the recent editorial on April 10 is incisive at best. The article 'Just say, "Charge It to the County"' casts a slanderous climate on the Commissioners Court and displays an inciteful and erroneous report of the facts that have been presented to you. I believe that your job to report the facts about a news event carries a responsibility to be accurate and honest. This article is neither.

Please consider the position that I have stated early in this letter and realize the demands that the county puts on employees just to carry out their job requirements. We then make efforts to be fair and reasonable when making employee demands on one hand and then expending funds on the other hand.

Garza County holds that its dealings with the citizens are due and demand the highest standards.

Thank you.

Lee Norman County Commissioner, Precinct 1

And life just keeps getting' better...

I suppose it must have been back in November of 2002 that I happen to run across an article the Caprock Ambucs (American Business Club) had ran in the A-J paper.

They were telling of their 44th annual Caprock Holiday Basketball tournament up in Lubbock. This is one of their many fundraisers that support the Girls & Boys Clubs in Lubbock, and also supports the give away of "The Amtryke." The Amtryke is a hand peddled tricycle for handicapped children. In this article, The Ambucs were looking for folks that were interested in obtaining a Amtryke for a handicapped child.

When I read that article, bells went a ringin' in my brain. I knew just the lil kid that oughta have one of them trykes. That being our lil pal over in Olney, Texas, none other than Gage Firestone. Remember the little boy I ask everone to pray for? By the way, the prayers are working so far.

Nevertheless, I wrote Ambucs a letter, and threw in a couple of pictures of Gage. I never heard back from them, I lost the address, and forgot the name of the organization. So I blew it off as a lost cause. Three or four weeks ago they called me and said Gage had been chosen as this years handicapped child to receive the Amtryke.

When I called and told them (his Mom and teacher), I think maybe two tears fell on that end, and one on this end.

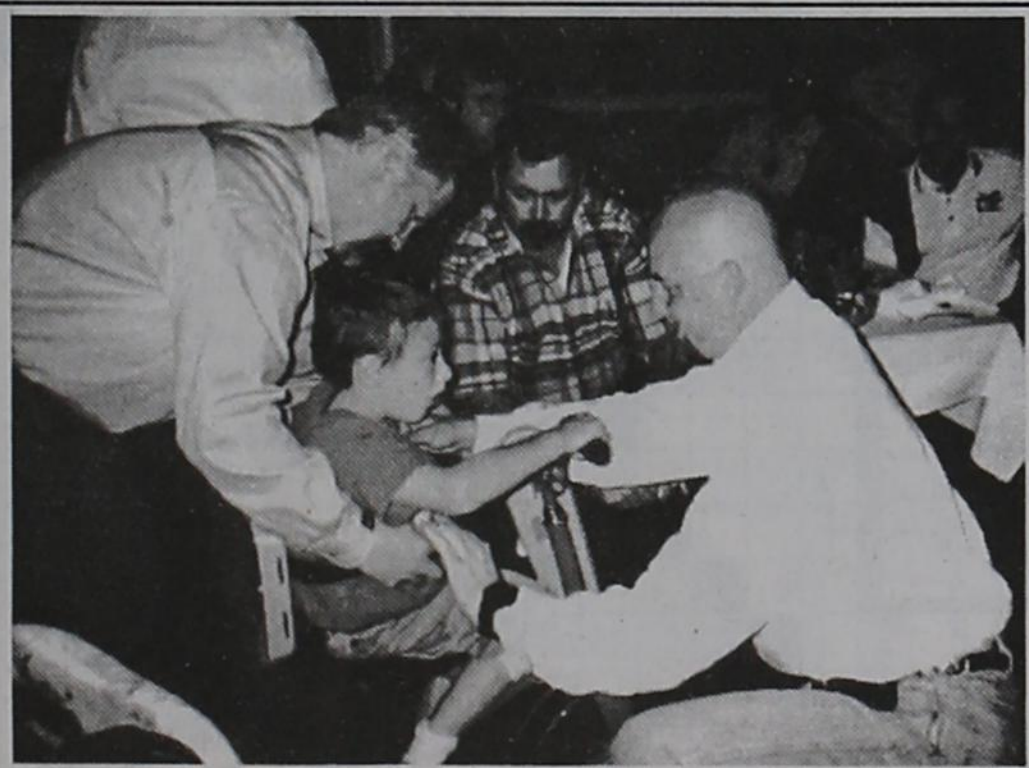
On April 4 at noon, at the 50 Yard Line resurant in Lubbock, me, Mike Babb, Joe Marts, and Leon and Linda Couch got to each lunch and see Gage be presented with what I had decided would never happen ... a brand new hand-driven all-terrain Amtryke. It was presented to him by the ABC Rodeo folks, which is sponsored by Caprock Ambucs of Lubbock.

Gage got to meet all the rodeo VIP's and the rodeo queen, and bull fighters. Believe me, Gage was thrilled beyond words. I know some other happy people too, that being the crew form Joe Marts Construction. Gage will be our life long lil pal.

I have to say... hats off to Caprock Ambucs and the ABC Rodeo for producing another wonder day in Gage's life. God be with 'em.

As for the status on Gage, he appears to be feeling fairly well. He has grown a little bit, and is still jolly and full of joy. But we must all continue to pray for the lil guy, he is not out of the woods yet....

God bless and have a good day,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



Gage Firestone (center) gets a helping hand from friends.

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To the taxpayers of Garza County

If you haven't already heard, there is an election coming up on May 3rd. There are two positions on the Garza Hospital Board to be filled. But most important, on that ballot will be a chance for your voice to be heard concerning the \$10.5 MILLION worth of bonds they want to issue to build the new hospital.

Before you go to vote, I feel that you should do some serious thinking about just what our hospital board is wanting to do. The bond issue that you will be voting for or against will raise your taxes FOUR TIMES what they are now. That is what the hospital board says it will take to issue these bonds to build the hospital.

But have they really figured out what it will take? I have seen some figures that indicate with interest on those bonds, etc., it may take more than that. So, if you vote for the bond issue, be expecting to pay MORE THAN FOUR TIMES the tax you pay now. Can we afford a hospital at this price???

To make matters worse, however, the hospital board has approved a contract with PNS to run the current clinic here. Last information from them was that we taxpayers would be paying PNS \$5,000 to \$6,000 a month for management of the clinic.

Then, on top of that, we taxpayers would also have to pay all the salaries of the staff for the clinic, X-ray and lab plus operational costs and building

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maintenance. No way will they bring in enough from patient billing to cover all this (too many Post folks are already going elsewhere for their medical care) ... and that's even IF the hospital district receives the payments from patients!

For all we know, our hospital board may be dumb enough to let PNS keep the monies received from the patients just like they've done with Covenant. OK... let's add all this up... the hospital board hasn't done it. They even admitted that they have NO BUDGET for running the clinic.

THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S GONNA COST!!! The \$300,000 we were giving Covenant may look like Easter candy after we get the bill for this clinic! So how much will our taxes go up to pay for this? They may have to DOUBLE or TRIPLE our taxes for this, too!

So after the tax increase to pay for the current clinic, if the bond issue on the May 3rd ballot passes, our taxes may very well be increased to SIX OR SEVEN TIMES what we're paying now!

Taxpayers, is this what you want to pay for medical care in Post? Can you afford it??? Surely there is a better, less expensive way, but our hospital board isn't interested in those because they have plenty of YOUR MONEY to spend! Think before you vote!

Bertha Fuentes

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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 3

20 03, for voting in a Special election, to elect Board Directors for Precinct 3 position
and for Precinct 4 position.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el tres de Mayo
de 20 03 para votar en la Elección para electo Directores del Distrito por Precinto 3 posicion
y por Precinto 4 posicion.

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

Post Community Center 113 West Main St. Post, Texas

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

Post City Hall Council Chambers 105 East Main St. Post, Texas
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003
(date)

(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el dieciséis de Abril, 2003
(fecha)

and ending on April 29, 2003
(date)

(y terminando el veinte nueve de Abril, 2003)
(fecha)

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

Billie Windham
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

105 East Main St.
(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
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 25, 2003 veinte cinco de Abril, 2003
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 13th day of March, 2003
(Emitada este día trece de Marzo, 20 03.)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)
Michael Travis

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

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LVN needed full-time day shift for correctional facility in Post. Starting pay \$12.50/hr. Applicants must be able to perform assessments and have excellent documentation. Contact Suzanne or Maritta @ 806-495-4040, email mjreed@mtctrains.com, or fax resume to 806-795-1294. EOE

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Legal Notices

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GARZA COUNTY REGIONAL JUVENILE FACILITY

WHEREAS, Garza County, Texas (the "County") is lessee of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Facility (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking proposals from qualified entities to act as manager for the facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. A Request for proposals to act as manager for the Facility be published in accordance with the applicable state law (including but not limited to Chapters 262 and 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, and Chapter 2051 of the Texas Government Code).

2. Publication shall be made in a newspaper which meets the requirements of Section 2051.044, Texas Government Code of general circulation in Garza County, Texas, with the first day of publication to be before the 14th day of the day set for public opening of the bids.

3. This information is applicable to the advertisement, consideration and award of contracts pursuant to proposals from qualified offerors to provide for the operation, maintenance and management of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center and for all things necessary and/or ancillary thereto. Conforming proposals should be delivered to Judge Giles W. Dalby, Garza County, 300 West Main, Post, Texas 79356, on or before 2:00 o'clock p.m. on April 15, 2003. All proposals and responses thereto shall be made in writing and will be a part of the project records and available to interested parties in accordance with state law.

Menus

Post ISD

April 22- Breakfast-French toast, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch-Chicken strips, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk

April 23- Breakfast- Donut, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch-Taco salad, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, rosey applesauce, corn bread, milk

April 24- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk

April 25- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk

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

Garza Trailblazers

April 21- Pot pie w/chicken, tossed salad, stuffed celery, hot roll, plums and cookies

April 22- Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potato, green bean casserole, wheat roll, fruit

April 23- Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, spinach casserole, hot roll, apple cobbler

April 24- Hot turkey on toast, tater tots, tossed salad, greens, raisen pie

April 25- Pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, hot roll, applesauce cake

SOUTHLAND ISD

April 21- Breakfast-Biscuit & gravy, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit cup, milk

April 22- Breakfast-Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch-Fajita chicken breast, rice pilaf, broccoli & cheese, bread sticks, cake, milk

April 23- Breakfast-Breakfast pockets, juice, milk

Lunch-Pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk

April 24- Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Corn dogs, pork-n-beans, salad, chocolate chip cookies, milk

April 25- Breakfast-Scramble eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ice cream, milk

Sheriff reports 27 arrests here

Twenty-seven arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past couple of weeks, according to sheriff's department records.

A 23-year-old man was arrested for aggravated assault, while a 47-year-old man was picked up for driving while license invalid and no automobile liability insurance.

A 19-year-old man was jailed for possession of marijuana, under two ounces; a 42-year-old man was picked up on a Lubbock County warrant; and a 27-year-old female was picked up on a commitment.

A 44-year-old female was jailed for driving while intoxicated/first offense, and two men, ages 20 and 25, and a 21-year-old woman were jailed for possession, under two ounces.

Charges of driving while intoxicated/second offense, driving while license suspended and failure to stop and render aid were leveled against a 46-year-old man.

Two men, both 20 years of age, were jailed for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

A 35-year-old man was picked up in response to a grand jury indictment, and a 38-year-old man was picked up on a Garza County warrant.

A 40-year-old individual was jailed for criminal trespass, while a 40-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman were picked up on warrants.

A 41-year-old man was arrested on a warrant and for driving while license suspended. A 34-year-old was arrested for assault, and a 19-year-old man was jailed for consumption of alcohol by a minor. A 24-year-old man was jailed for making alcohol available to a minor and for driving while intoxicated/first offense.

A 19-year-old man was jailed for criminal trespass and an 18-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon and making alcohol available to a minor, while another 21-year-old was jailed for expired automobile insurance, no driver's license and no liability insurance.

A 17-year-old was picked up for public intoxication and minor in consumption of alcohol, while a 42-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
April 14, 1993

Post Caprock Photographers were well represented in the Lubbock Art Association's annual Photography show. Bill Mueller, won 1st place in color photography, with Joe Miller and Zoe Kirkpatrick also bring home honorable mentions.

The Post High School FFA horse judging team is headed to state competition. Team members include Cody Collier, Shawn Read, Michael Gomez and Heather Dickson.

All Post High School sophomore Brad Lawson did last Friday in Brownfield at the Cub Relays was crack the 50 second barrier in the 400 meter dash with a time of 49:94, win the event and set a new Antelope record while he was at it.

David Tyler recently received a Certificate of Service for his nine years on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Garza County Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Crenshaw of Post are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amber Renee Crenshaw to Chet Allan Byerly.

20 Years Ago
April 13, 1983

Cynthia Poole won first in the girls singles in tennis at district play in Floydada last week qualifying her for regional. Poole earned 15 points, with Rhonda Storie, alternate with five points. In girls doubles, Kim Carlisle and Patty McCowen qualified for region with 15 points, with Misty West and Channa Williams as alternates with 10 points.

Selma Loveless was honored with a surprise birthday party in her home April 11, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie L. Palmer announce the birth of their daughter, Miranda Leigh, born April 8 at Lynn County Hospital.

Air National Guard airman Ricky D. Nelson, son of Ellwood and Rita Nelson of Post, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado after completing Air Force basic training.

Senior members of the Post Antelope band recently received a Division I rating in sight reading. This is the first Division I rating the band has earned since 1977. Senior band members are Curtis Clinesmith, Jay Norman, Kenny Bullard, Kelly Binford, Monique Claborn, Pete Trevino, Kevin Beal, Arthur Striblin, James Lee and Joe Samora.

30 Years Ago
April 12, 1973

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the Post Implement Company building and lots at 215 W. Main St. by the Holy Cross Catholic Church. The building, owned by C. E. Basinger, will be converted into a church.

The school's community center, between the bank and the post office, will be the scene again this year of the Post Art Guild's annual Easter Art Show. A display of W. Earl Chapman Jr.'s handcrafted jewelry will be an added attraction during both days of the art show.

Post's freshman sprint relay team came in ahead of the field in the Postex Junior Relays with members, Bryan Davis, Bruce Sanderson, Dale Odom and Edward Price.

The Post Antelope golf team was disqualified in the District 5AA tournament last Thursday when one

of its four team members marked his scorecard incorrectly. But Post wasn't by itself in the "slip-up department." Two other teams were also disqualified for the same reason.

Sid Wyatt has resigned as minister of the Post Church of Christ, effective May 1. He has accepted a position with Investors Diversified Services.

40 Years Ago
April 11, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Dilliard Morris are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Shelia Morris, to James Melton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melton of Jackson Gap, Ala. The marriage will take place May 31 in the Church of the Nazarene, Post. Miss Morris is a 1962 graduate of Post High School and is employed by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. Mr. Melton attended school in Alabama and served in the armed forces.

The Southland High School track team had seven to qualify for the regional meet which will be held at Texas Tech. Those headed for the regional are, Johnny Haire, Webster Crawford, Joe Hall, Don Altman, Jackie Dunn, Ronald Saunders and Rod Callaway.

Five Post men and a Garza farmer returned home Sunday night from a successful fishing trip to Falcon Lake in South Texas. They reported catching some 200 fish. Making the trip were Claud Collier, Frank Blanton, Richard Borgman, J. C. and Andy Stelzer, and Red Chandler.

One of Grassland Community's old land marks has been torn down. The first Church of the Nazarene, a wooden structure, has been replaced with a beautiful brick building. The old church was once used to finish out a school term after the little three-room school was destroyed by fire.

Miss Juanette Williams, a Texas Tech graduate, will become Garza County's new home demonstration agent, replacing Mrs. Leta Smith, who is resigning. Mrs. Smith has been the county's HD agent since 1960.

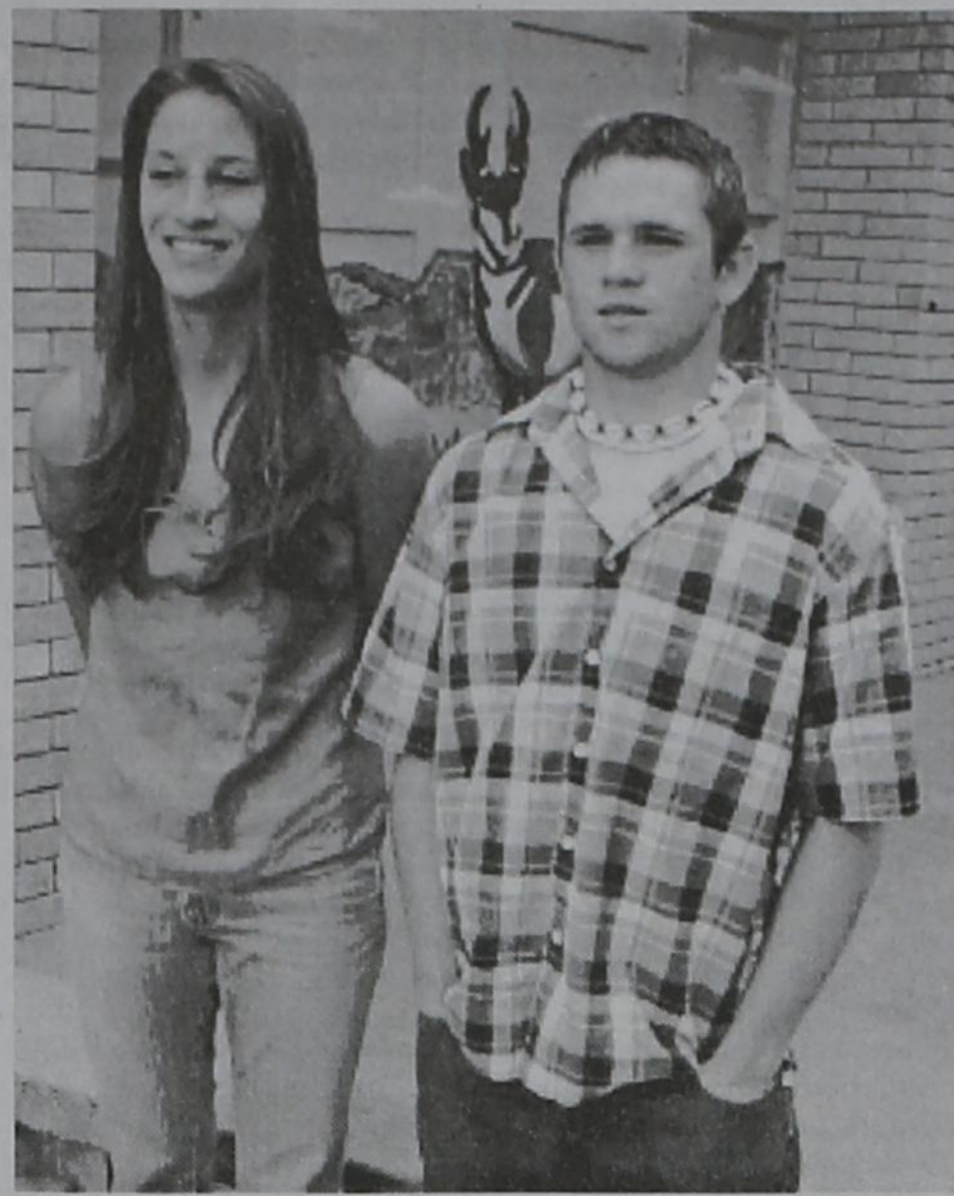
50 Years Ago
April 16, 1953

A comprehensive plan for remapping of the City of Post, including renaming of all but two street, renumbering of blocks and lots and numbering of houses was approved by the City Commission. With the Main Street and Broadway intersection as the hub, members of the committee have numbered the streets running east and west and used the letters of the alphabet to designate those running north and south.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. (Doc) Kennedy observed their golden wedding anniversary with an open house in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy. Highlight of the celebration was when Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy renewed their wedding vows.

The new traffic light to be installed at the Main Street and Broadway intersection will be of the latest type. There will be four lights on each of the four sides of the signal — two red, one amber and one green. One of the red lights will flash just after the amber signal to bring all traffic to a complete stop. The other red light will be the regular stop signal.

"High School Daze," a one-act comedy, was presented by the junior class with cast members, Velta Carpenter, Joy Martin, Gayle Askins, Charles Chandler, natalee Tracy, Larry Waldrip, J. C. Shedd and Tommie Williams, announcer.



Tana Starkey (left) and Ryan Babb will compete at the regional track meet in Abilene following their individual efforts at last week's district track meet. Tana placed first in the 300 meter hurdles and Rayn tied a PHS pole vault record to advance to the regional competition. Tana will face a preliminary race Friday, April 24 to qualify for the Saturday finals. Ryan will compete at noon Saturday, April 25. The regional meet is at Abilene Christian University's track facility.



The Post Lady Lope golf team advancing to regional competition are (left to right) Ashley Powell, Meagan Hoover, Nikki Norman, Kaycee Gorman and Tana Starkey. The team placed second at district, with Nikki earning second place individual medal.



Advancing to regional competition are Post Antelope tennis team members (left to right) Brice Easterling, Jarrett Vickers, Cole Easterling and Patrick Raitza.

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Placing third at district are PHS golf team members (left to right) Jonathan McGregor, Mark Norman, Mitch Holly, Jerrad Grisham, Sterling Smith and Zach Lopez.

PHS language students earn honors at SPC festival



PHS students competing in the recent South Plains College Foreign Language Festival were (back row, left to right) Lisa Soto, Stephanie Nelms, Dianna Ratke, Xane Mason, Eboni Gonzales, Melissa Arredondo, (middle row) Kyzandre Harper, Keila Rodriguez, Teri Salas, Veronica Hernandez, Jessica Ordonez, Alex Chapa, (front row) Sierra Ortiz, Maria Mares, Cecilia Contreras, Niebes Marin and Tana Starkey.



PHS students competing in the recent South Plains College Foreign Language Festival were (back row, left to right) instructor Ed Singletery, Alfred Segovia, Jarrett Vickers, Jerrad Grisham, Traven Smith, instructor Mrs Susan Ferguson, (middle row) Randon Blacklock, Mirna Gomez, Kenda Josey, Mirta Gomez, Nicole Gray, Rice Ward, (front row) Chessauf Garcia, Evan Montanez, Carlos Herndndez, Jose Ladinis and Adam Nobles.

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The Post Independent School District was well represented at the 12th annual Foreign Language Festival held recently at South Plains College in Levelland.

A total of 35 Post students participated in the event, the highest number to date representing the local school district.

Results were as follows:

- Poetry, Superior - Niebes Marin, Ricky Reyna, C.C. Cruse, Diana Ratke, Veronica Hernandez, Ivan Montañez and Adam Nobles.

- Poetry, Excellent - Kenda Josey, Stephanie Nelms, Jerrad Grisham, Tana Starkey, Eboni Gonzalez and Xane Mason.

- Prose, Superior - Cruse, Nelms, Jarrett Vickers, Grisham, Nicole Gray, Traven Smith and Adam Chapa.

- Prose, Excellent - Kenda Josey, Jose Ladinis, Kyzandre Harper, Starkey, Nobles and Mason.

- Sight Reading and Extemporaneous Speaking, Superior - Marin, Mirta Gomez, Teri Salas, Elena Alaniz, Alfredo Segovia and Chapa.

- Sight Reading and Extemporaneous Speaking, Excellent - Mirna Gomez, Jessica Ordonez, Vickers, Cecilia Contreras and Christy Soto.

- Written Test, Superior - Maria Mares.

- Written Test, Excellent - Segovia and Sierra Ortiz.

- Syllabication, Superior - Segovia, Mares.

- Syllabication, Excellent - Alaniz.

- Syllabication, Good - Contreras, Soto.

- TV Broadcasting, Excellent - Teresa Salas

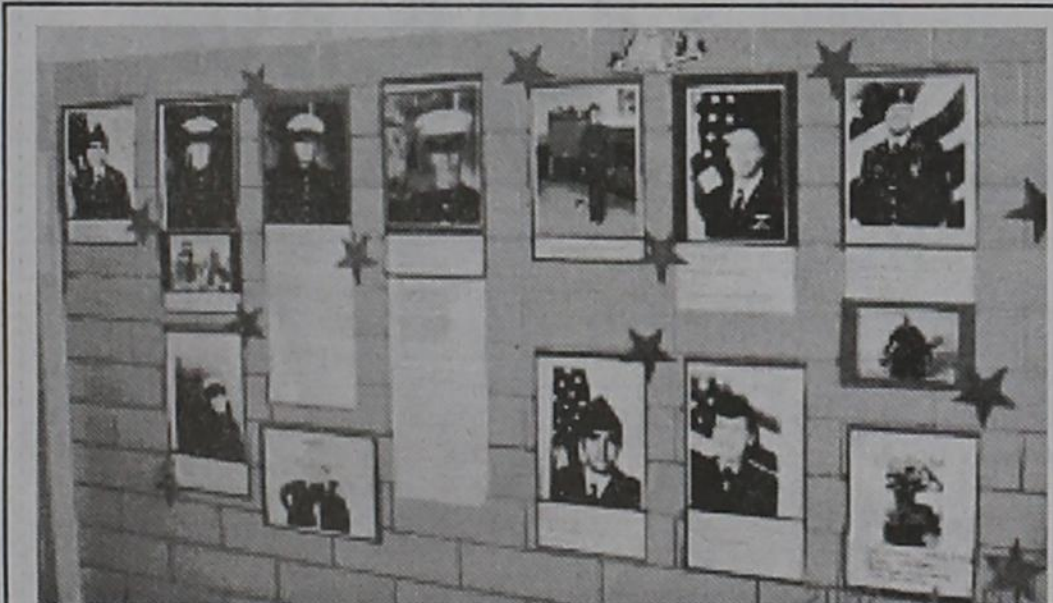
- TV Broadcasting, Good - Marin.

- Art, Excellent - Keila Rodriguez (two), Marin.

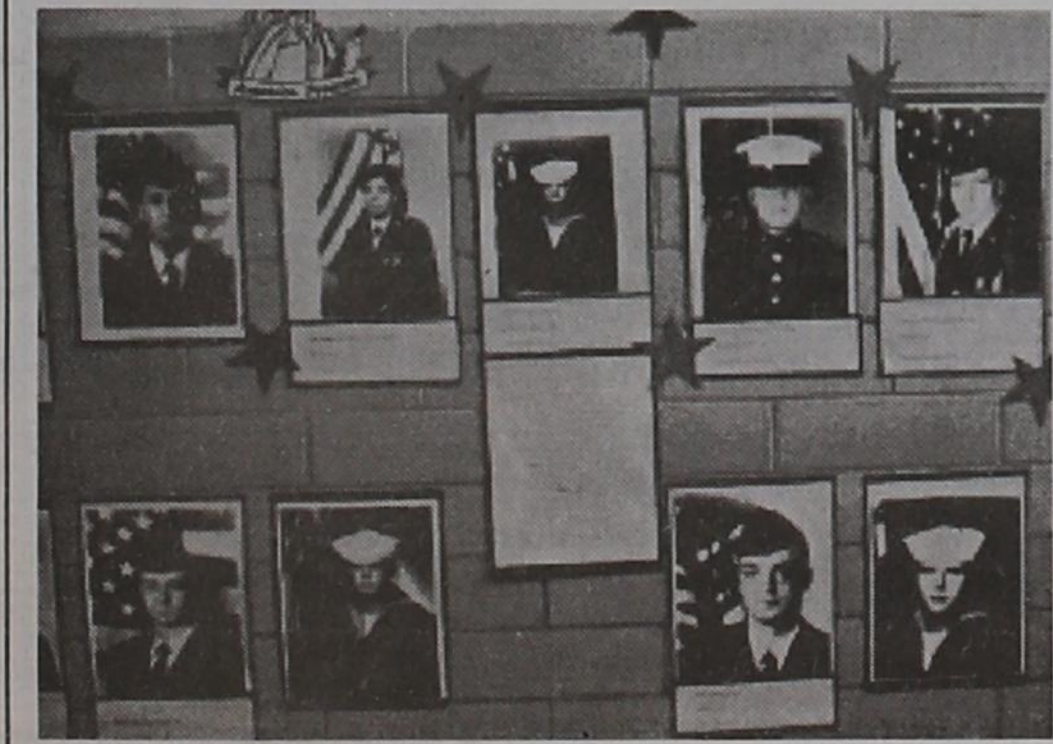
- Art, Superior - Marin.

Also drawing recognition for their efforts at the festival were Randon Blacklock, Ortiz, Reyna and Melissa Arredondo, participants in poetry and prose.

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A few of the photos and information about Garza County men and women serving in the U.S. armed forces, on the "Wall of Honor" at the Post Elementary School.



Sports

'Lopes aiming for district championship

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes outpointed Tahoka 10-7 in a District 4-2A game played Friday at Antelope Field.

Post's victory secured a playoff spot for the Antelope baseball team headed by first year head coach Max Kattwinkle. Post (20-6, 6-1) swept Tahoka to remain one game behind the Shallower Mustangs (7-0) in district and two games ahead of the Roosevelt Eagles.

Tahoka went ahead in the top of the first on Kody Bueerman's two-run homerun to left field. Post retaliated with a three-run bottom of the first keyed by a bases-loaded two RBI single by Cody Fox.

Tahoka regained the lead after a scoreless second inning by plating three runs leading off the third inning on three doubles sandwiched around a walk. Post answered with their own three-run rally with the main damage being Coby Jones bases-loaded two-RBI fielder's choice hit.

Tahoka was shutout in the fourth inning while Post plated four runs from Randon Blacklock's bases-loaded two-RBI single and Brody Robertson's two-RBI single. The score remained in Post's favor 10-5 until the seventh inning when Tahoka staged a two-run rally as Tahoka's first three batters got on base. Fox relieved Bryan Looney with two men on base and one run in. Tahoka then plated their second run on Singer's put out to first base. Fox closed out the sixth and seventh innings with no more runs and Post took a 10-7 victory.

Post had only three strikeouts in 37 offensive at-bats but stranded nine base runners (three on a bases-loaded sixth-inning ending strikeout).

Hitting for Post were Kenny Ratke, an E-5 hit, one on-base by hit batter,

one single; Mitchell Mills, two on-base by hit batters; Looney, two singles, one RBI, scored twice; Jon Eilenberger, two walks, one double, scored twice; Fox, one single, one E-5 hit, two RBIs, scored once; Blacklock, three singles, three RBIs, scored twice; Jett Lott, two on-base by hit batters; Robertson, two singles with two RBIs; Cody Jones, two singles, two RBIs; and Colton Valdez, one single, one RBI.

Pitching for Post were Looney (9-2), five innings, five hits, three walks, no hit batters and five strikeouts. Looney's pitching count showed 35 strikes and 21 balls. Fox pitched two innings with zero hits, zero walks, no hit batters and four strikeouts. His pitching count showed 13 strikes and six balls.

Post clips Idalou 7-6

The second round of District 4-2A games began the same as the first round with a one-run victory over Idalou.

The Antelopes clipped the Idalou Wildcats 7-6, riding Looney's gutsy relief pitching performance over 4 2/3 innings of three hit ball with two runs scored. Looney typified Post's tough-as-nails effort, battling a feisty Wildcat (4-11, 0-6) batting order that's not indicative of their winless district record. Looney (8-2) allowed just five baserunners but had to work out of trouble in three innings when the Wildcats had at least two baserunners per inning.

Starter Blacklock went 2 1/3 innings with four runs scored with three coming in on a bases-loaded triple as Idalou took a 4-1 second inning lead. Blacklock pitched a shutout first inning, going only 15 pitches.

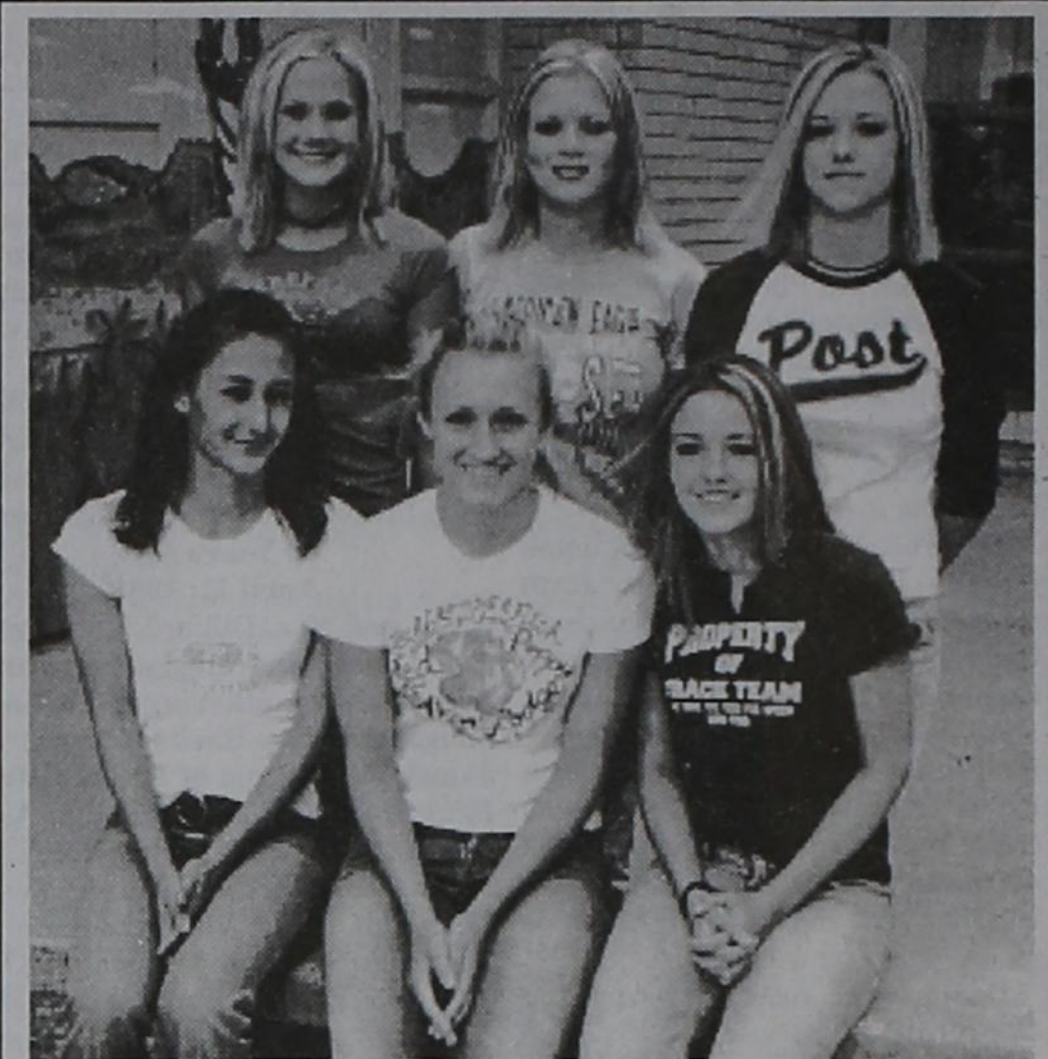
Post's number one through number five batters went 8-17 (.471) collectively, with seven runs scored and so efficient was the Post offense the Antelopes had only four strikeouts in 34 at-bats. Idalou's number one through number three batters took an on-base percentage of .833 on 10-for-12 at-bats but only three runs scored.

Post answered Idalou's second-inning, four-run blast with their own four-run explosion leading off the third inning by sending eight men to the plate. At the start of the fourth inning, Post and Idalou played catch-me-if-you-can as Idalou matched Post's one-run in the fourth and sixth innings and both teams being shutout in each of the fifth and seventh innings.

Luis Zubia sprained his ankle legging out a single leading off the seventh inning with his availability undetermined at this time. Zubia's injury is a serious blow to the Antelopes with playoffs just four games away.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, two singles, scored twice; Mills, two singles, one E-5 hit, one triple, one RBI, scored twice; Looney, one double, one RBI; Zubia, one E-5 hit, one single, scored once; Eilenberger, one walk, one double, two RBIs, scored twice; Fox, one single, one sacrifice fly, one RBI; Blacklock, two singles; Lott, one walk; and Robertson, one single.

Pitching for Post were Blacklock, 2 1/3 innings, four hits, three walks, three hit batters. Blacklock's pitching count showed 17 strikes and 27 balls. Looney, 4 2/3 innings, three hits, one walk, not hit batters, and six strikeouts. His pitching count showed 27 strikes and 23 balls.



Post Lady Lope mile relay team members advancing to the regional competition next weekend are (back row, left to right) Jenee Lott, Lyndee Strawn, Courtney Short, (front) Meagan Hoover, Brittney Courtney and Kayla Dunn. The team placed first at district and will compete Friday, April 25 in the preliminaries to qualify to Saturday's finals.

Lady Lopes put five into regional competition

Five Lady Lopes earned the right to advance to the regional level in track after posting top finishes at the District 4AA Track Meet last week.

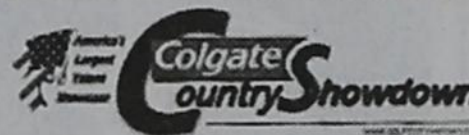
Taylor Starkey took first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.21 and is eligible to compete at the regional contest in Abilene. Also, the 1600 m relay team of Kayla Dunn, Courtney Short, Megan Hoover and Brittany Courtney captured first in their event with a time of 4:23.71 to earn a shot at the regional competition.

- The team finished in fourth place overall. Other finishes by Post High School female track athletes included:
- 3200 m run - Strawn, fourth place, 13:37.78; Zellmer, sixth place, 14:12.01; and Bhakta, 16:49.84.
 - 400 m run - Dunn, Starkey, Courtney and Workman, fourth place, 54.23.
 - 100 m hurdles - Tatum, sixth place, 17.96; Collazo, 18.43; and Creech, 20.23.
 - 800 m run - Collier, 2:45.96; Lopez, 2:59.09.
 - 100 m dash - Hoover, fourth place, 13.20; Workman, sixth place, 13.5; Gamez, 15.5.
 - 400 m dash - Hoover, third place, 63.5; Short, 67.9.
 - 300 m hurdles - Starkey, first place, 50.21; Collazo, fifth place, 53.4; and Lott, 58.8.
 - 200 m dash - Workman, fourth place, 27.5; Gamez, 31.5; and Moore, 32.15.
 - 1600 m run - Strawn, third, 3:25.86; Zellmer, sixth place, 6:16.73; and Collier, 6:29.84.
 - 1600 m relay - Dunn, Short, Hoover and Courtney, first place, 4:23.71.
 - 800 m relay - Dunn, Gorman, Lott and Starkey, third place, 1:56.00.
 - Shot put - Mason, 29'5"; Crawford, 24'1"; and Orona, 23'9".
 - Discus - Wuertes, 71'3"; Heckaman, 70' 2 3/4"; and Zubia, 67'2".
 - Pole vault - Dalby, tied for second, 7'0"; Creech, NH.
 - Triple jump - Lott, tied for fifth place, 30'11 1/4"; Starkey, 27'5 3/4"; and Wilson, 26'11 1/2".
 - Long jump - Hoover, 13'7 1/2"; Wilson, 12'8"; and Starkey, 12'2 3/4".
 - High jump - Courtney, tied for third place, 4'8"; and Gorman, NH.

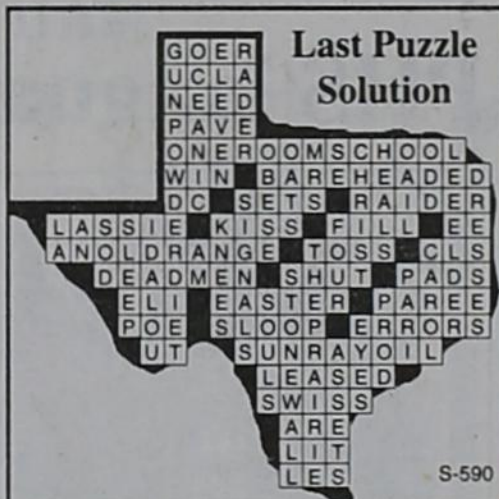
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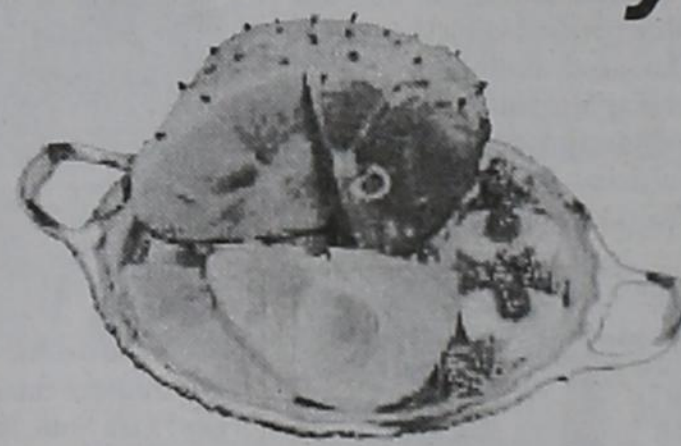
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