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Post Antelope Baseball Team Advances to Play-Offs
 (See Details on Page 7)
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Blood Drive Thursday

Connie Hollinshead (left) presented a special plaque to Ron Miner recognizing the Post Lions Club and its long-time support for United Blood Services. The Lions Club is hosting another blood drive Thursday, May 1 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Nazarene. "It is important during uncertain times to come together as a community to help one another," Hollinshead said. "We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Post Lions Club in its consistent support of our blood drives," she added.

Post Notes

Kindergarten Roundup May 2

Post Elementary School will host an open house to all students interested in attending the pre-kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. Students must be four years old on or before September 1, 2003 to qualify for the half-day program. The session begins at 9 a.m. with Ms Gafford and Ms Peña in their rooms and will continue until 10:50 a.m. Parents need to bring birth certificates, social security cards and immunization records for children expected to be enrolled for next year's program. Registration will be available at the open house or daily at the school office from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Post Elementary School Field Day May 6

A Field Day will be held Tuesday, May 6 at the Post Elementary School. Activities for pre-k through second grades will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and for third, fourth and fifth grades from noon until 2:45 p.m.

Health Fair at Old Mill Trade Days

Covenant Home Health Care is sponsoring a health fair during this weekend's Old Mill Trade Days on Friday. The booth, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be in the Weaving Room near the Whistle Stop. Participating services include Covenant Home Health Care, Covenant Home Medical Equipment, Covenant Home Infusion, Covenant Hoome Nursing Private Duty, Hospice of Lubbock, Care Connection, Garza County Family Health Care Center and others. Blood pressure and foot care screenings will also be available.

Middle School athletic banquet

The Post Middle School athletic banquet will be held Monday, May 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Seventh grade girls are reminded to bring salads, seventh grade boys and eighth grade girls should bring meats or vegetable dishes and eighth grade boys are to bring dessert dishes.

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.

Trailblazers set May 9 fund raiser

May 9 has been set for a Garza County Trailblazer fund raiser, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 205 E. 10th (Corner of Avenue I & 10th). Plates, which include beans, cornbread, desert and ice cream are \$5 per person. Music and singing by The Silver Thread, Jerica Tyler and others will be featured. There will also be whole cakes, pies and cookies for sale. Treat Mom for Mother's Day Fellowship with old friends and meet new ones. Proceeds benefit senior citizens of Post.

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.

"Our Town" at Garza Theatre

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder and directed by Jay Young opens Friday at the Garza Theatre and continues May 3, 4, 9, 10, 16 and 17. Contact the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Church league teams sought

Area churches are encouraged to join a community church league for junior high ages to adults, with deadline for registration May 23. Contact Lynn Williams at 495-3554 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942. Teams must be co-ed and consist of enough men and women to have an equal number of each on the field during games. Co-ed rules will apply. Registration fee is \$50 per team.

Post Public Library sets summer hours

The Post Public Library will be open Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning May 1. The library is also beginning its automated check-out program on May 1. Library patrons are urged to stop by to get a new automated library card. Summer programs will include expanded computer services and training and extended hours. Details of new hours and programs will be announced later.

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 pcr1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

Memorial scholarship funds accepted

Funds are being accepted for the Barbara Reece Memorial Scholarship. Contact Carol Short at 495-2804 to contribute to the fund, which each year awards a PHS senior for a college scholarship.

Early voting indicates healthy turnout for local election Saturday

by Sheri Lewis

If early voting numbers are any indication, Saturday's city, school district and health care district elections could produce good voter turnouts.

Early voting continued through Tuesday afternoon, but early estimates showed healthy participation in the pre-election day balloting.

At City Hall, where early voters could cast ballots in both the municipal and health care district elections, city officials reported that more than 90 ballots had been cast in the city election as of Monday.

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

Proposition 1 asks voters to decide on the adoption of an additional sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to reduce the property tax rate.

Proposition 2 deals with the adoption of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to fund the cost of debt service to finance a new water supply project and to manage the bonded cost of the project and the acquisition, transport and furnishing of water to the public in both the city and in Garza County, according to the sample ballot provided by city officials.

Mayor Archie Gill is running unopposed in his bid for re-election, and two council members - Juanita Pantoja in Ward 1 and Dick Odom in Ward 2 - 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.

Health care district officials reported a "pretty good" turnout as well, with approximately 240 early ballots cast as of mid-day Tuesday.

Voters in 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 "issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10.5 million by the Garza County Health Care District for a new hospital and levying the tax in payment thereof," according to the sample ballot provided by district officials.

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.

Over at the Post Independent School District administration building, officials reported a "wonderful" turnout in the election that will fill three at-large positions on the district's board of trustees.

Eight candidates are vying for the open spots, including Rex A. Cash, Diana Gonzales Looney, Alexa M. Collier, Mark E. Short, David Davis, Delbert Wartes, Milton Williams and Scott Creech.

Election Day Saturday, May 3 Polling Places

- City of Post
- Garza County Health Care District
- Post Community Center 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Post ISD Board of Trustees
- Post High School Commons 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City Council stamps approval for three-year improvement plan

A plan for citywide upgrades to be budgeted over the next three years has been approved by the Post City Council.

"Plans for the Next One to Three Years" is designed to "serve as a general guide for budgeting for the future," City Manager Fred Stephens advised council members as part of the report.

The document calls for upgrades in the cemetery, baseball field areas, streets, sewer, water, landfill and municipal facilities.

A breakdown of the plan is as follows:

- Cemetery - Lengthen the chain-link fence along Hwy. 380; fill potholes; grade dirt roads; emulsify paved areas; mow/shred area under fence; install water hydrants within 40 feet of gravesites; replace deteriorated water pipes.
- Baseball fields - New restrooms; move lights/poles at T-

ball field; haul off or move metal and other debris; mow/shred area; surface parking lot with caliche and keep roads graded; plant additional trees; install watering system in Little League field.

• Streets - Spray emulsion on heavily-cracked streets; fill potholes on East 8th and other places as needed; spray emulsion around all streets in Reese Village; maintain/resurface alleys used extensively by public near United, Wells Fargo, post office, behind community center, etc.; work to divert truck traffic from East Main; purchase used steel wheeled roller; review placement of street signs; develop systematic paving program.

• Sewer - Purchase/install mechanical bar screen with shed; plan for installation of additional setting pond; install 12-inch pipe linking two ponds; enlarge/re-

fence Imhoff area; repair/expand drying ponds.

• Water - Replace deteriorated 2-inch line with larger line; after completion of Slaton water project, investigate the installation of new water tanks to assist periphery water customers (Caprock and Cedar Hills); plan/investigate development of well water between Post and Southland; replace leaky valves with new valves where needed.

• Landfill - Acquire additional acreage for future landfill; develop better procedure for hauling metal; grade/clean landfill area as often as needed; move metal storage from front area to back; keep tires hauled off; maintain plastic debris fence along dirt road; improve control at gate.

• City facilities - Complete equipment shed at warehouse; repair/replace metal roof on warehouse #1; resurface exterior

walls of city hall; clean city hall walls and carpet; clean up and haul off junk at warehouses.

Additional projects may be added as needed or deleted as completed, according to Stephens.

Local VFW hosts district meeting May 7

by Lana Comer
 VFW Post 6797 men and women will host the District 7 convention for two days, May 3 and 4.

Commander of District 7 Chuck Ratliff will welcome all members to Post 6797, of which he is also commander.

The state president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Meredith Howard, will be visiting Post as well. Arriving Thursday, May 1, in Lubbock, she will attend a meeting for Lubbock Post 2466 at which time new officers will be installed.

On Saturday, May 3, the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 and the state president will take time to visit Old Mill Trade Days. Then at 1:30 p.m., she will be treated to a lunch at the Alamo Restaurant. Everyone who is a member of Post 6797 VFW is welcome to attend the lunch or go along to Trade Days.

A past president meeting will be held at the VFW Post on the Clairmont Highway starting at 4 p.m.

Pre-registration for the convention will be from 2-4 p.m., followed by a social hour.

Sunday, May 4, will be the District 7 convention held at VFW Post 6797. Registration will be from 8-9:30 a.m. There will be a flag raising ceremony at 9 a.m., followed by a joint session.

At 10 a.m., a memorial service will be held for all fallen members and soldiers. At 10:30 a.m.,

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Sandy Smith (left) is assisted by U.S. Post Office staff Suzanne Shaw (right) and Roy Willis (center) with sending "care" packages to Garza County men and women serving on active military duty. "We just are so fortunate to have so many people help," Smith said. Smith and other volunteers had prepared a number of boxes for mailing as part of "Operation Support Our Troops."

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello for one more week! I want to say I'm sorry for the column not being in the paper last week. Things just got so crazy here in the store that time just did not permit. I will try to see that it does not happen again.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. We certainly did at our home. We had eleven grandchildren, seems like 500 Easter eggs, all of the parents and three dogs. I don't know who found more eggs, the kids or the dogs! Joining us were our moms, Fannie Ballentine and Lucille Bush. We had a great time.

MARGIE I wanted to say "welcome to town" to Margie Carpenter. She has moved from the country and joined all of you "town" folks. Margie, I hope you are happy in your new home.

TO SANDY Sandy, I saw a really, really nice looking kid on the news the other night. I know all of you are so happy to have Jonathon back home. He looked happy to be here.

LOVE THOSE CELL PHONES Several hours into her road trip, Marge pulled into a rest area to use the facilities.

The first stall was occupied, so she went into the second one. She no sooner sat down when she heard a voice from the next stall, "Hi, how

are you doing?" Marge wasn't the type to chat with strangers in highway rest areas, but she didn't want to appear rude, so she answered, "Not bad." The stranger said, "And what are you up to?" Marge thought it was pretty dumb question but said, "Well just taking a road trip like you." Then she heard the stranger, all upset, say, "Look, I'll call you back. There's an idiot in the next stall answering all the question I'm asking you." (Thanks to Mason McClellan)

SURPRISE I had a nice surprise Monday morning. Pat Martin dropped by the store and had daughter Patricia and son-in-law Cebo with him. Patricia and Sebo live in Austin, but were here for a short visit. Patricia told me the worst mistake she thinks she ever made was leaving Post. There is just no place like home, huh Patricia? Any way it was nice to see them and to visit for a very few minutes.

BASIC TRAINING GRADUATION Stephen Randall Bell graduated from Basic Training April 18 in San Antonio. He is in the Air Force at Lackland AFB. Stephen is the son of Wayne and Patti Bell of Wellston, Ok. and the grandson of Jeanette (Bell) Edwards of Post.

After graduation, Stephen will be stationed at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls for nineteen weeks studying fuel systems for Jets, F-15, F-16, F-17 and Stelth Fighters. He then will go to an Air Base near Glendale, Arizona.

Those attending the graduation were: Jeanette Edwards, Jeff, Marilyn and Lily Lashway of Lubbock, Bill Fowler of Lubbock, Wayne and Patti Bell of Wellston, Oklahoma with daughter Sarah and Ken Bell of Post with Cidy and Cody Pickett.

FOR ALL OF THE LADIES... WHY GOD INVENTED MENO-PAUSE

With all of the new technology regarding fertility, a 65 year old woman gave birth to a new baby. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, her relatives came to visit. "May we see the new baby?" one asked. "Not yet," said the 65 year old mother, "Soon". Thirty minutes had passed, and another relative asked, "May we see the new baby now?" "Not yet," said the mother.

After another few minutes had elapsed, they asked again, "May we see the baby now?" "No," replied the mother. Growing impatient, they asked, "Well, when CAN we see the baby?" "When it cries," she told them. "When it cries?" they demanded. "Why do we have to wait until it cries?"

"Because, I forgot where I put it". (Thanks to Jerry Taylor)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Alyssa Joy Dolberry of Mesa, Arizona celebrated her 11th birthday in Post and Lubbock last weekend. Joining her in the celebration were her parents, Kimberly and Allen Dolberry, her sisters Callee, Whitney and Lindsey; her maternal grandparents Pat and Wes Burnett of Post, her Uncle Tim Burnett of Dallas, her paternal grandparents Betty and Syd Shavor of Lubbock; paternal great grandmother Doris Lange of Lubbock, Uncle and Aunt Richard and Renea Fikes of Idalou and their daughter Pam and her son Dax and cousin Melissa Fikes of Lubbock. TILL NEXT WEEK Hope all of you have a great weekend. Remember that this is Old Mill Trade Day week end. Go out and shop. The weather is supposed to be great.

May God bless each of you. See you next week. Judy



Gregg Haire and Mandy Caswell

Mandy Caswell, Gregg Haire announce engagement

Gerald and Tere Caswell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mandy, to Gregg Haire, son of Sherry Farquhar of Southland and Johnny Haire of Lubbock.

The couple plan to marry July 5 at the Monte Carlo Hotel & Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Brownfield High School and Baylor University in Waco, is employed by the Slaton Independent School District.

The future bridegroom, a graduate of Southland High School and Texas Tech University, is employed by Shamrock Chevrolet.

Extension Extras

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

Summer Camp Signups

Anyone interested in participating in Leadership Camp at South Plains College, Electric Camp at Weed, New Mexico, Prime Time or Spectra at Lake Brownwood, need to come by the Extension office to get registration information. Camps are filling fast.

Steer Selections

Anyone interested in showing steers need to contact Greg Jones at 495-4400. State steer validation tag orders are due April 25, and are \$7.50 each.

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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.

Grandparents are Edward and Belinda Byrd of Crosbyton and Jake and Mary Baldree of Post. Great-grandparents are Elton and Mary Lee of Post and the late Anna Lucile Byrd. Aunts are Tamara (Byrd) Crawford of Shallowater and Barbara Rivera of Post, and Brenda Prather of Post is the baby's great-aunt.

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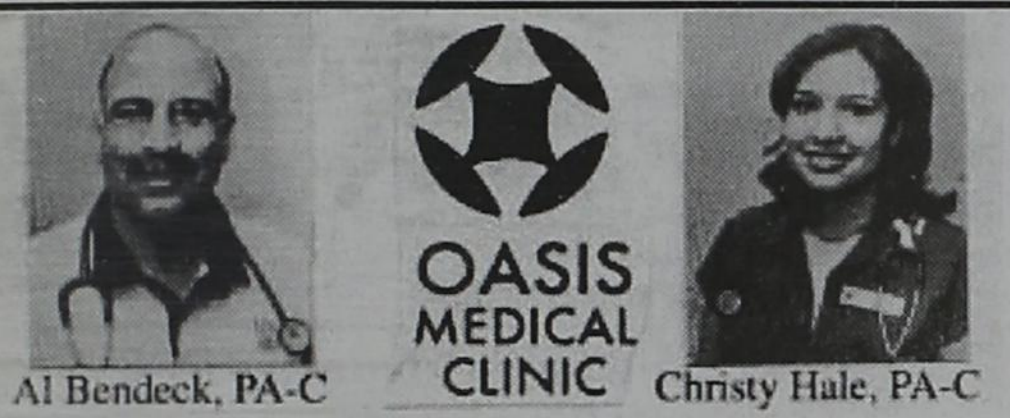
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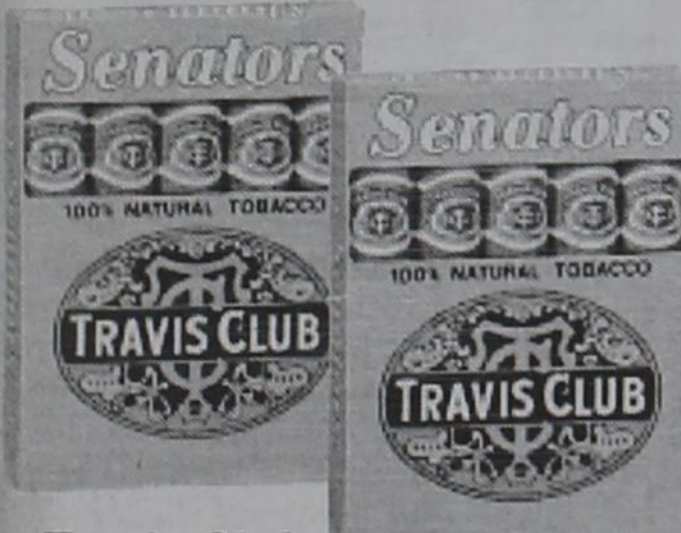
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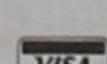
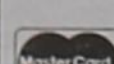
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Rickie Paul Greer

Services for Rickie Paul Greer, 50, of Carlton, Texas, were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2003, in the Rutledge-Jones Funeral Home in Hico, Texas, with David Keith and Paul Roch officiating. Burial followed in the Carlton Cemetery. He died April 24 at his home.

Born Jan. 2, 1953, in Post, he was a carpenter and a Baptist. He had been a resident of Carlton since 1967.

Survivors include his parents, George and Sybil Greer of Carlton; one brother and sister-in-law, Don and Joy Greer of Carlton; one sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Herb Hays of Austin; and four nephews, Mark Greer, Brad Greer, Curt Greer and Cody Hays.

Marylon Joyce Reber

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 10 near Mertzton for Marylon Joyce Reber, who died April 17, 2003 in Houston from bronchial asthma. Wesley W. Burnett of Post will lead the memorial service.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and had lived in Houston for several years, but listed her permanent residence in Irion County, where she owned a small acreage just east of Mertzton on Texas Ranch Road 72.

Born May 26, 1940 in Knox County, Joyce was the daughter of Corman Lorene Rowell and Alton Theodore Voyles. She had lived in Munday, Lubbock, Tahoka, Big Spring, Pennsylvania and at Air Force bases in England, North Carolina, Clovis, N.M. and Florida; Abilene, Sonora and Mertzton before moving to Houston to serve as a home provider for handicapped and elderly clients.

She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1958.

Preceding her in death were her sisters Pearl in January 1933 and Maxine in January 1946; nephew Gary Voyles in January 1957, father in January 1957, nephew Jimmy Van Loon in December 1957, and her mother in January 1999.

She is survived by her children Ronald Miles Reber and his wife Debi of La Plata, Md.; Donna Renee Hale and her husband Harvey of Mertzton; Linda Lee Neff and her husband Scott of Sonora; brother Rex Douglas Voyles and his wife Johnnie of Hobbs, N.M.; sisters Lilian Fay Mann of Crowley; Patsie Ruth Burnett and her husband Wes of Post; grandchildren James Earl Gamble II, Nicole Ann Reber, Brandy Tra'Chelle Neff, Jeremy Thomas Reber, Dustin Heath Neff, Keith Jerome Hale and her fiancée Jim Wilson of Kansas City, Kansas.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Irion County EMS, P.O. Box 859, Mertzton, Texas 76941 or to a favorite charity.



Alexa Collier announces candidacy

Alexa M. Collier, a 20-year resident of Post and a former Post Independent School District trustee, is one of several candidates seeking to fill three open positions on the Post ISD's board of trustees.

Collier taught school for several years after graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in secondary education with an emphasis on English. She taught seventh grade in Post and freshman English for two years at Howard County Junior College in Big Spring.

In the early 1980s, Collier and her husband moved back to Post with the goal of raising their children in a small community.

Collier returned to Tech where she received her elementary education certification. She taught fifth grade for two years and first grade for a year before returning to her job in the small oil and gas business of which she has been a partner for the past 20 years.

"This school year I have had the opportunity to substitute in two long-term elementary teaching positions," Collier said. "This experience in the classroom has allowed me to see first-hand the dedicated work and effort of our faculty and students."

Collier also has experience with the Post ISD through her service on the board of trustees from 1994 through 2001. During her tenure, she served as board president and vice-president and accumulated 34 hours of board training and continuing education.

All three of Collier's children have attended Post schools. Her son, Cody, graduated from Post High School in 1994. Her oldest daughter, Kelli, graduated in 2000, and her youngest daughter, Christin, is a PHS sophomore.

"I believe that my years of small business experience combined with my teaching experience provide me with a unique perspective as a board member," Collier said. "I feel that I have the ability to look objectively at the policies of our school district and make decisions that provide for the betterment of our students as a whole."

"I want to work with the fine staff and administration we have and help to provide the best education possible for the children of the Post ISD," she said. "I would appreciate your vote on May 3."

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I'm voting NO on hospital bond

"No" will be my vote on the bond issue for a new hospital.

Do you care? Probably not, but in my "not" so entertaining videos is one in which Zoe Kirkpatrick explained with visual aids (i.e. flip chart) all the reasons the hospital board was forced to close Garza Memorial in 1996. Now the hospital board comes back with vim and vigor to try to convince us we need increased taxes to build another hospital. They have not proven to me that the potential patient population has increased appreciably since 1996.

If hospitalization is necessary, I prefer tertiary care; load me in the ambulance once, try to make it to Lubbock (45 miles from my carport to either hospital), and if I'm not DOA most medical resources will be available in one facility. My last three visits to an emergency room

required specialists and tests that will not be available in Post. I am grateful I was under the care of three very competent Garza County EMT/paramedics on one of those visits.

Since 1996, property owners have continued to pay a "hospital tax" when none existed; it is time to say enough and not build another white elephant!

Mozelle Rogers

Urges support for local clinic

In response to the Letter to the Editor (Post Dispatch, 04/17), the writer states that, "too many Post folks are already going elsewhere for their medical care." My question is "Why?"

If there is a clinic already in the town of Post, why go anywhere else? Besides Lubbock, I am not sure about the locations of health care in the surrounding area. What I am sure of is the QUALITY of the health care in Post!

Dr. Scott Bergfeld is probably one of

the finest physicians, as well as one of the finest men, I have ever known. Let me tell you a little about the quality of man that he is. This is a man that has resigned from the Covenant Health Care System to stay on as the doctor here in Post. I am sure that encouragement and a little bit of begging from patients and staff had a part in his decision, but if you know him, you know how valuable he is to this town. Besides, any doctor that wears part of his medical equipment around his neck along with a WWJD key chain is fantastic in my book.

Now this next part may be just a bit biased, but there is also an excellent nurse practitioner at the Post clinic. A nurse practitioner is about as close to actually being a physician as you can get.

Jennifer Warren moved to Post, not just to have a job, but also to be here for the people of Post, to be a part of the community. I have seen her give medical aid to people here when she just happened to be in the right place at the right time. I have seen her leave her home to assist people when the phone rang or a knock at the door came. I have heard her call in prescriptions for people and dispense medical advice over the phone. And she loves it and lives for it that is why

she is here. And to top it all off, she is really pretty (that was the biased part, the rest was FACT).

And those are just two of your primary care personnel at the clinic. The rest of the staff there are equally competent and caring. And that is the point - the people at the Post clinic CARE about the patients there. They care about the people here. I am sure that there are other really good clinics and hospitals in surrounding communities, but why travel all that way if there is no need? Why support a clinic in another town when you can support your own hometown clinic?

Mike Travis has said that for a hospital to work in this town, it will have to be supported by this town. Whether you are in favor of a hospital or not, Post needs health care. And our current health care system is the clinic here, manned by Post citizens for Post citizens. Let's support it first and foremost!

Sure, PNS is coming in. They are coming in to pick up the pieces left by Covenant. Sure, there are changes being made, probably some good and some not so good. Sure, there are questions and matters to be dealt with. All in good time. Sure, health care costs money. But one thing is for sure, Post cannot do without some

form of medical care in town.

If you are a Post taxpayer (for health care as well as other services in town), take advantage of those services that you are already paying for. Use YOUR clinic.

Johnny Warren

Taxpayer opposes hospital bond

We are unable to vote in Garza County at this time. However, we do pay taxes in Garza County.

I have been reading with interest the articles in the paper concerning the hospital. I lived in Post and Garza County when the hospital was open. When it was first built there was a need for a hospital.

The distance to Lubbock was considerably further than it is today. (Notice how things are smaller now than when we were young.) A four-lane divided highway, with no stops, connects Post and Lubbock. It is possible to leave Post and reach a hospital in Lubbock in less time than someone in some parts of Dallas or Houston can reach their local hospital. Guthrie, Snyder or Muleshoe may need a local hospital.

When a patient went to our hospital for an emergency, they had to wait for the doctor to arrive and then were transferred to a Lubbock hospital.

The local EMS people are very good. You can be in Lubbock almost by the time a doctor arrives at the local hospital, examines you and decides to transfer you to Lubbock.

The Lubbock hospitals have better technology, more equipment, and doctors who specialize in all aspects of medicine. Lubbock is one of the largest, most modern medical centers in the southwest United States.

The Covenant Health System in Lubbock is having financial difficulties; there is no way for a local hospital to even begin to pay its own way. Tax dollars will have to be used to build or remodel the hospital. Tax dollars will have to be used to maintain the hospital. A lot of tax dollars!

Obviously a patient would receive better care in Lubbock than in a small local hospital. The only advantage to having a local hospital would be the convenience for those visiting the patient.

The cost would be much less to rent a super stretch limousine with a driver in one of those little hats to take visitors to Lubbock and back each day than to operate a hospital for a day.

Jerry Windham

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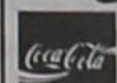
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No pain, no gain?

by Bill O'Reilly

So let me get this straight. We know that for 25 years Saddam Hussein tortured, murdered and brutalized his people. Then in three weeks, coalition forces removed him and his thug pals from power. Then, a few days later, thousands of Iraqis took to the streets and beat themselves silly in a bloody display that made slasher flicks look tame.



Do I have this right?

Now you might think that these self-abusers would take a few days off from pain. How about a spring break from physical abuse? After suffering so long through the horrors of Saddam, why not relax a bit and smell the sand dunes? I understand that the display was done in the name of religion, but I think any deity would cut his devotees some slack here. Taking the torture chamber

to the streets so soon after the brutal dictator was deposed might be seen as, well, somewhat nuts.

And therein lies the problem. The United States is faced with a situation whereby it is trying to reason with people who believe that the Rolling Stones had it nailed when they recorded "Let it Bleed." The Bush administration wants to convince fundamentalist fanatics that Thomas Jefferson and James Madison are the way to go. But unless the new Bill of Iraqi Rights contains provisions whereby you have the right to pulverize yourself with a hammer, things may get dicey.

The New York Daily News ran a front-page photo of hundreds of bloody guys running around the town of Karbala. They were Shiite Muslims marking the anniversary of the death of the Prophet Muhammed's grandson in the 7th century. In addition to beating themselves silly, many of the demonstrators loudly demanded that the Americans leave immediately so they can impose more such celebrations on the entire country.

The tragedy is that most Iraqis think that kind of display is as loony as most Westerners do. But the adamancy and irrationality of fundamentalist Islam is so intimidating that the majority of clear-thinking Muslims are fearful of speaking out. Thus, the fundamentalists can and have imposed a system of government that brutalizes people in the name of religion. The Taliban did this, and so did the mullahs of Iran.

The United States and Britain cannot allow this to happen in Iraq. Fundamentalist Islam is the enemy of human rights. It is a danger to the world and the primary reason the USA was attacked on 9-11. Even in the politically correct world in which we live, all decent people should be outraged that governments exist where women are treated as dogs and people of other faiths are considered infidels to be killed with impunity.

Where is the worldwide outcry against fundamentalist Islam? Why is this violent culture deemed an acceptable form of behavior? Most Muslims are not fundamentalists but are being demonized because of this fanatical sect. That is unfair and unjust; it would be like saying David Koresh is the poster boy for Christianity. But moderate Muslims must lead the charge against the fanatics because non-Muslims are far too frightened to do so.

It should be clear to everyone by now that the entire world is threatened by the likes of Osama Bin Laden and his followers. There is no discussion here. These people will use any weapon they get their hands on to kill little kids and everyone else they see as not following the true path.

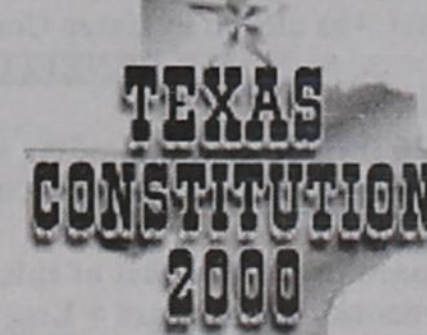
The United States is going to have to confront the bloody faces in Karbala sooner or later. If the Bush administration does not, they will turn Iraq into another Taliban operation by using murder and terror. These people are worse than Saddam Hussein, whose tyrannical regime was tied down inside a poor country.

Fundamentalist Islam is a worldwide threat that cannot be reasoned with. Freedom of religion does not include the imposition of brutal methods to regulate a barbaric code of conduct. America did indeed free the Iraqi people from terror, but another kind of terror is lined up to step right in. It had better be dealt with quickly.

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From whence comes income?

by Walter E. Williams

Here's part of a letter from a reader: "A hard-working, conscientious person can earn \$10,000 a year in a fast-food restaurant. At the same time, movie stars and athletes, who make very little contribution to society, can earn in excess of \$10,000,000 a year. A baseball player earns more with every swing of the bat than many people do in a year."



Jordan play and wouldn't pay a dollar to see me play. I'm also willing to sell my name as endorsements for sneakers and sport clothing, but no one has approached me.

The bottom line explanation of Michael Jordan's income relative to mine lies in his capacity to please his fellow man. The person who takes exception to Jordan's salary or sees him, as my letter-writer does, as making "little contribution to society" is really disagreeing with decisions made by millions upon millions of independent decision-makers who decided to fork over their money to see Jordan play. The suggestion that Congress ought to take part of Jordan's earnings and give it to someone else is the same as arrogantly saying, "I know better who ought to receive those dollars."

Another part of the explanation for Jordan's high salary is simply a matter of supply and demand. If there were tens and tens of millions of people with Jordan's talents, you can rest assured he wouldn't be earning \$33 million a year. And similarly you can bet that if people really valued hamburgers and there were only a few people with those skills, they'd be earning much more than they currently earn.

We might think of dollars as being "certificates of performance." The better I serve my fellow man, and the higher the value he places on that service, the more certificates of performance he gives me. The more certificates I earn, the greater my claim on the goods my fellow man produces. That's the morality of the market. In order for one to have a claim on what his fellow man produces, he must first serve him. Contrast that moral standard to Congress' standing offer, "Vote for me and I'll take what your fellow man produces and give it to you."

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A few reasons to vote against the \$10.5 million hospital bond issue

by Wes Burnett

In the past few weeks, and again in this edition, The Post Dispatch has published a number of letters to the editor which have pointed out numerous reasons voters here should reject the Garza County Health Care District's absurd (and outrageous) \$10.5 million, 10 (or 15, depends on who's doing the counting) bed hospital.

Those who have not voted yet and plan to cast ballots Saturday at the Post Community Center, and who have not quite made up their minds should consider the following reasons for marking the "Against" block on the bond issue ballot.

1. The people of Garza County already voted on this matter, having deserted the former Garza County Hospital District's Garza Memorial Hospital years before its final demise and closing in 1996. They voted with their feet (or cars) by heading to Lubbock for hospital care, and nothing is going to change that trend. No matter how much money is put into a new hospital here, it is not going to be able to match the kind of services available at those regional medical facilities in Lubbock.

Wisely, the former GHD board of directors shut down the aging and almost useless hospital. They cited all the right reasons, but the most important one of all was that Garza County folks didn't use the hospital, for whatever reasons. No one, including the most ardent supporters of this proposed boondoggle have demonstrated any evidence whatsoever that the market has changed in the past seven years.

There simply is no demand for a hospital here. The "survey" that has been used to justify this project was unsound and grossly off target. Supporters claim that the survey demonstrated the people here want an emergency room... but the questionnaire did not explain the exorbitant cost of such a facility, which in Texas can not be operated unless it is in a certified hospital. But no matter, GCHCD board members pressed on with the project, ignoring the fact that the primary and basic assumption was incorrect.

2. No supporter of the bond issue has come forth with any financial plan, no presented any hint of what the end cost of operating such a facility be. When asked about it, board members just shrugged their shoulders as if it didn't matter. I suppose that is true, since they are playing very loosely with other people's money.

Such a massive undertaking should at the very least include a carefully thought out marketing and financial plan. It's as if the board were scripting a new version of the Hollywood movie "Field of Dreams." Only in this case, public funds are involved, and the financial risk is a burden of taxpayers, not the dreamers who wish

and hope that it will be successful. Fact is, GCHCD board members have absolutely no inkling of what it will cost to keep the doors open, even for one year. The failure to answer the critical question about financial budgeting is by itself the single most important reason to vote against the measure.

3. We have a very professional and effective Emergency Medical Service, manned with dedicated and proven public servants, and the EMS operates without tax subsidy. As Jim Schooler (former EMT and now Registered Nurse) so clearly pointed out at the public meeting, a well equipped and well trained EMS can offer everything that a hospital emergency room can do. There is no need for an emergency room "to stabilize" patients and transfer them to Lubbock.

We already have a very effective system here, in fact, in my 20 odd years in Post, I can't recall a single incident of anyone who died in one of our ambulances while being transported to Lubbock. The vast majority of people here expect to be rapidly transmitted to their favorite Lubbock hospital when facing life-threatening conditions.

They sure don't want the EMTs to stop off at the Garza County hospital first, take up valuable time while a doctor here makes arrangements to transfer them to Lubbock.

That happened to us more than once when Pat's mother faced emergency medical situations before the closing of the old hospital. Against her wishes, EMTs routinely trotted her over to GMH, where up to an hour was wasted on X-rays and other stuff, only to repeat the procedures again at the emergency room in Lubbock.

4. The future economic situation in Garza County is uncertain at best... especially since we rely so heavily on mineral production to carry the load on property taxes. It doesn't take much figuring to realize that when oil prices drop (and we all know that can and does happen), local property owners take up the slack. Or, as production declines (and it's historically proven that day will come), the tax burden will shift to homeowners, businesses, farming and ranching.

5. It's just too much of a financial risk, unless of course, you're working with other people's money. Problem is, those making decisions somehow have the idea that the majority of voters think that is okay to steal from others to pay for their favorite project.

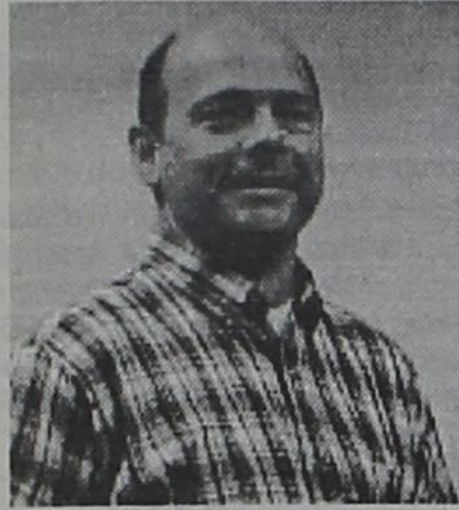
Let's cast votes against this \$10.5 million bond issue and send a loud signal to the members of the Garza County Health Care District... "Enough is enough."

By the way, there is no "right" to vote in the United States, it is a privilege, not a right. Individual rights come from God, not from government.

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SCOTT CREECH for SCHOOL BOARD



On Saturday May 3rd you will get to choose 3 school board members to serve you for the next 3 years. This is not a choice to be taken lightly.

This is an action that will influence the development of the greatest potential resource of our future Our Kids! There are 8 candidates for this position and I ask that you choose your candidate based on their ability and desire to educate and develop all of our kids in a fair, equal and cost efficient manner.

I am a candidate able and willing to serve in this capacity. I know first hand the value of a good education. I also realize the importance of our schools in assisting the parent in the development of morals, character and citizenship in our youth.

With my diverse background I understand the need to educate our children for a global world.

I have listed below some of my qualities and qualifications that I feel will allow me to be a positive contribution to the Post School Board.

*Highly involved father of two very active children in the Post School System. Gentry, a sophomore, is a student council member, cheerleader, one-act play cast, and participates in track and power lifting. Colter, an 8th grader, participates in National Junior Honor Society, Gifted & Talented, UIL competition and all athletic programs.

*Committed Christian, member of FUMC and currently serving on the Pastor, Parish Relations committee, and on the board of Trustees.

*1986 Texas A&M graduate with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Currently employed as the Manufacturing Engineering Manager for Noble Construction Equipment Inc. in Lubbock.

*16 years experience in manufacturing engineering, with the last 9 years in management positions. I have experience in personnel decisions and the execution of multimillion-dollar corporate budgets.

*My employment and family welfare are independent of any local influences. My decision making will be based solely on what I believe is the best for the good of the kids, school and community as a whole.

Although I work in Lubbock, we wanted our children to live and attend school in a small town. After careful consideration and investigation of area schools, we chose Post, a decision we have not regretted.

*I have been highly involved in the other two school systems where our children attended: Clifton, Texas and Minco, OK. I know all school systems have problems, but solutions can be found.

*I have been married to my wife Joy for 20 years.

I ask for your vote on May 3rd,

Scott Creech

Scott Creech

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Slowly, but surely

The state and federal governments are trying every way they can to take any freedoms and rights we have left.

Just look at the recent law that went into effect. The feds passed a law making it against the law to give out medical conditions of crime and

accident victims. This new federal privacy law is nothing short of another right they have taken away. As far as I'm concerned, the new law is B.S.

Sometimes the only way we might know if a friend or neighbor has passed on, been hurt or robbed or injured might be from the news media. Who knows, we might want to send someone a card, flowers or maybe even send a prayer their way. (victim or victims)

It troubles me that our young people are not gonna have rights or control of their own life in only a few short years. They (us and the young people) won't be able to say or do anything unless the federal government says its o.k.

I love our great America, but every day that goes by, I care less and less for the way our government operates. Whether it be Democrat or Republican, they are all alike - nothing but a bunch of power hungry, greedy fools.

As I see it, the feds want full power and control over all of us. And my opinion of state politicians want all our money. I wonder how in the hell Austin big shots got Texas \$10 billion in the red. I had to learn the hard way that if I ain't got it, then I can't spend. Wonder why those idiots can't use the same theory? (Legislators).

I wonder why they don't use some of the lottery money and bail Texas out. The fools want to cut out anything we got that's worth a damn, such as, alcohol & drug abuse counseling, insurance for people working in the education field, medical assistance.

Looks to me like somebody, or a lot of somebodies had their head up their ass to let the great state of Texas get in this shape. And why did they wait till they were that far in debt before anyone noticed?

I bet the politicians haven't considered an insurance or wage cut for themselves. Looks like we need to vote against incumbent candidates from now on.

A bunch of oilfield hands could handle our tax money better than they are doing, and that's probably a fact.

Oh well, the legislators are getting ready to pass a law making it illegal to drive with your windshield wipers on unless our headlights are also on at the same time.

Gosh in no time at all, the police will be able to wipe out the state \$10 billion deficit. But in my opinion, its gonna have to start raining or we ain't gonna need no windshield wipers, plus we'll probably soon have to get permission from the federal government to go for a drive.

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



Serving their nation...

by Sandy Smith

Operation Post Support Our Troops would like to thank Suzanne Shaw and Roy Willis at the Post Office. Roy you took the time to help me find the perfect boxes for our troops care packages. Suzanne helped me more than any one can know and service with a smile the whole way through so many custom packages to over seas. A big thank you again for your great service in our community. And I promise next time to only bring no more than 3 packages at a time.

We did get out our first care packages. Several went to the Iraq area. There was plenty for all and we packed so many things from our wonderful community family. I did write a letter explaining that our community and merchants all worked together to make all of this possible. I want to thank some very special young men for helping put these care packages together, Jason Smith, Tyler Odom, Josh Lively, and Jermaine Perez. They did this from their hearts and then wrote a letter also.

Linda Trevino got a letter from her son Val, who is in Baghdad until possibly December. You have got to see the pictures he sent to her. You can see the background of Baghdad and the things that have taken place there. Val also reported that he is helping get the utilities built back up. A lot of work there yet to be done, we all pray you will get to come home before December Val.

Well if you have not heard, my son Jonathan Smith is home! A big welcome home son! He will be here until Friday and then will return with his wife Lindsey and 2 children Hayley and Jaiden to Ft. Brag, North Carolina. I am not real sure about how I will handle them all leaving. So if you do not see this article next week, please know I too am Carolina bound.

Doris and Albert Deleon parents of Timothy Perez called and said Timothy left for over seas April 15, he was in the Kuwait area for awhile and then his wife Lee Perez from Florida called Doris to report he had moved on to the Syria border. Timothy we are praying for your safe return home and if any one would like to write to him you can write to this address: Sgt. Perez Timothy K-TRP 3/3 ACR Unit # 91471 APO AE 09320-1471.

Elouise sister of Steven Martinez received a very long awaited letter from Iraq. He reports he is wants very much to see his family. Even though it is very hard on him not seeing his family Steve remains in good spirits and continues to serve our country with pride. Thank you Steve and all of our military for the sacrifices you make daily.



Post Middle School STARS members assisting Operation Support our Troops at Old Mill Trade Days last month were (back row, left to right) Marissa Bustoz, Adrianna Ceja, Mary Huffman, Jakelin DelGaldo, (front) Becca Striblin and Preston Ortiz. (Photo courtesy Judy McAlister)

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GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT REFERENDUM FOR HOSPITAL

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003 at POST COMMUNITY CENTER, 113 W. MAIN St., Post, Texas

Estimated Tax to Build Hospital				
Property Value	Current Annual Tax	Estimated Hospital Tax	Estimated Total Tax	Total Monthly Expense to Taxpayer
	0.10258	0.26000	0.35934	
\$ 10,000	\$ 10.26	\$ 26.00	\$ 35.93	\$ 2.99
\$ 20,000	\$ 20.52	\$ 52.00	\$ 71.87	\$ 5.99
\$ 30,000	\$ 30.77	\$ 78.00	\$ 107.80	\$ 8.98
\$ 40,000	\$ 41.03	\$ 104.00	\$ 143.74	\$ 11.98
\$ 60,000	\$ 61.55	\$ 156.00	\$ 215.60	\$ 17.97
\$ 70,000	\$ 71.81	\$ 182.00	\$ 251.54	\$ 20.96
\$ 90,000	\$ 92.32	\$ 234.00	\$ 323.41	\$ 26.95

The increase is estimated for a \$10.5 Million Bond Issue, to be paid off in 15 years. Note \$10.5 million is the maximum bonds to be issued. There can be no increase without a separate election.

IT MAY BE TIME FOR GARZA COUNTY TO REOPEN A HOSPITAL

WHAT COUNTY RESIDENTS WOULD RECEIVE

- Up to 15-Bed capacity hospital
- Emergency room available 24-hours/day with "stabilization" and "transfer" care available.
- Basic medical and emergency needs would be covered with the benefit of local treatment and/or admission.
- **Most money you spend on healthcare stays in Garza County.**
- More Local Jobs
- Major surgical and OB/GYN would not be available
- **SOME AVAILABLE SERVICES**
- Sutures and Fracture Care
- Snake Bite Care
- Minor Surgical Operations
- Physical Therapy
- Emergency Care, e.g., for heart attack, stroke, pneumonia
- Possibility of telemedicine requiring less time and travel to specialists, and enhanced emergency services

DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax increase is **ONLY** the Health Care District's portion, **NOT** your entire property tax.
- The estimate given is a "worst case" scenario, based on the current market for the bonds and the current assessed valuation of the proposed hospital.
- Operating Costs will be supplemented by the \$0.10258 tax you already pay. This election is asking for a 26-cent increase so that Garza County can provide an emergency room and a hospital to its citizens. Voting against the bond issue **will not** make the \$0.10258 tax go away.
- Tax for the payment of the bond will cease upon payoff of this debt. If community support is strong, less tax dollars will be needed for both the bond payback and operating costs. Thus, your total tax could be reduced.
- Garza County Health Care District will own the property at the end of 15 years.
- TX Dept. of Health has designated Garza Co. a Health Professional Shortage Area, enabling better reimbursement and funding.
- TX Dept. of Health has designated Garza Co. as medically underserved, qualifying County to operate a Critical Access Hospital.
- Critical Access does not refer to the type of care, rather to the availability of care in rural areas.
- Critical Access Funding is a federal program, not state. The program did not exist until 1997, as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The hospital was closed in Garza County in 1996, just one year prior to this.

SOME BENEFITS OF ACTING NOW

- Interest rates are at historical lows
- Authorizing this additional \$0.26 (per \$100 value) of tax will enable the District to build this hospital with a very cheap source of funds. The current low interest rates and the Critical Access designation may never again be available to finance this as cheaply.
- The District will continue to pare down the cost of this project so that taxes can be reduced as much as possible as quickly as possible. More Community Support = Less Tax Dollars Necessary.
- Current EMS volunteers may staff the ER as paid, full-time employees

GARZA COUNTY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS SINCE 1996

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- Lake Alan Henry
- Highway 84
- Prison / Correctional Facility
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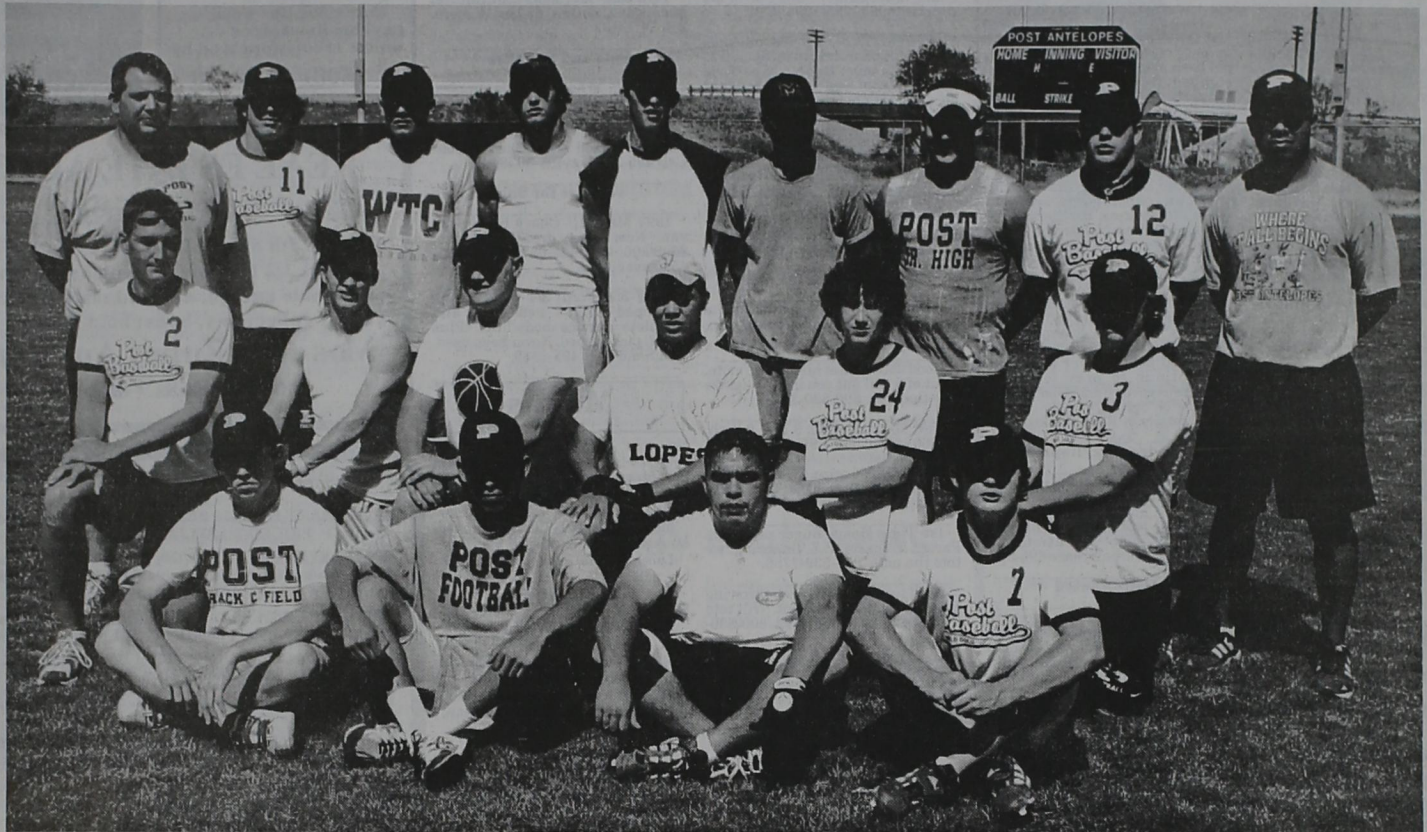
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The family of Maude Cade wish to express our deepest appreciation to our friends and family for all you have done and said at this time. Rev. Jim Hancock, Mary Margaret Norman, Nancy Gordan, Tara Williams, Darrell Reese, and Curtis Hudman provided a beautiful dignified service for her. Thank you! Visits, flowers, food, phone calls, just a touch on the shoulder saying, "I care" means more than you will ever know.

Jackie Curb
Mary, Cecilia, & Richard Cade
Sally Roberts & family
Lannie & Danielle Lee & Kristian, Zechariah, & L'Nae.

To the Close City Co-op Gin Board of Directors and members, I want to thank you for the retirement party, plant and for the trip. A special thank you to Oneita, Sharon, Jane, Marsha, Max and Rebecca for your hard work. Thanks to all who attended the party, and for the cards flowers and gifts. With grateful appreciation.
LaVerne Aten

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that has been done for our family over the last three months. Since Ryan's first surgery on February 3rd, there has not been a day that someone has not stopped to ask about him. The prayers, cards, gifts, financial help and the benefit have overwhelmed us. We feel so humble and so grateful to live in this place. A special thanks to the courthouse employees for their support and their hard work on the benefit; to United for the donations of beans, paper goods and extra fixings; to Jackson Brothers for the sausage; to Dan Nelson for cooking the sausage; to the fire department for the use of the roasters; to the county employees for the cornbread; to the Graham and Post Churches of Christ for their baked goods; to Karla Scholer for the jewelry; to "The Silver Threads" musical group; and to Nanny for her German Chocolate cake. God does answer prayer and we continue to pray for Ryan's complete recovery and God's richest blessing on each of you.

The family of Ryan Belongia

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Menus

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May 5- Breakfast-Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch-nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

May 6- Breakfast- Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch-Burrito, salad, pears, snicker bar, milk

May 7- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk

May 8 - Breakfast-Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch-chicken Nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk

May 9 - Bad Weather Day!

Garza Trailblazers

April 28- chicken w/mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, hot roll, lemon cake

April 29- Brisket, potatoe salad, fried okra, wheat roll, apricot cobbler

April 30- Catfish, navy beans, carrot salad, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, fruit and cookies.

Sheriff reports 11 arrests

Eleven arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to records provided Monday by the sheriff's department.

A 42-year-old male was picked up following a grand jury indictment, while a 20-year-old male was arrested on a Nolan County warrant. A 56-year-old male also was arrested on a warrant.

A 28-year-old individual was jailed for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, while a 32-year-old was picked up following an indictment.

Two individuals, ages 46 and 28, were jailed on charges of driving while intoxicated, first offense.

An 87-year-old male was picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, as was a 49-year-old man, who also was arrested for possession of a dangerous drug.

A 27-year-old was jailed for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and criminal mischief.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
April 28, 1993

Jarrett Dickson of Post is one of the fifty Tarlton State University students chosen for recognition in the 1993 edition of the National Collegiate Awards yearbook. Dickson is a Liberal Arts major at the University.

The Post Bold Gold 'Lopes are preparing to compete in Abilene for the Regional track meet. Placing for the 'Lopes were Lemuel McDonald, Anthony Martin, Brad Lawson, Alvin Reed, 400 M relay.

Girls Scouts honored their top cookie salesladies and the "Cookie Coordinator" at the annual Father/Daughter banquet held Friday night. Honored were Marion Cruse, neighborhood cookie chairman, Sharla Cruse, top Cadet sales with 134 boxes; Amy Line, Junior sales, 210 boxes and Naomi Gonzales, top Brownie sales, 370 boxes.

Post Class of 1935 held their 58th class reunion at the Chaparral Steak House on April 17. Seventeen classmates and guests were present. Members and guest attending were Rosemary (Surman) Justice, Doyle Justice, Marguerite (Hart) Stotts and Harold Stotts, E. J. Roninson and Clyde Hodges, Helen (Box) Taylor, Helen Vern Taylor, Paul Simpson, Eula B (Mason) Smith, Consie (Baker) Thuet, Ruby (Tipton) White, Elvus Davies, Opal Davis, Johnnie (Coleman) and Francis and Faye (Richardson) Mathis.

20 Years Ago
April 27, 1983

State qualifiers in UIL are Alphonso Reyna and LaDonna Craig. They left Monday for Austin to enter the UIL state literary events in Number Sense and Poetry Interpretation respectively.

Varsity cheerleader tryouts were held last Monday in Post High School with newly elected cheerleaders. The 1983-84 cheerleaders are Bunny Miller, Pam Ehret, Leigh McCook, Mendy Tatum, Denise Smith and Rhonda Storie.

4-H winners bring home a third place at the Horse Judging Contest held in Lubbock recently were Tyra Hart, Jill Richardson, Clay Cowdrey and Keitha White.

Mr. and Mrs. James Babb of Post announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lea Ann, to Brad Burnett. The couple plan a July 23 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Post.

Qualifiers competing in the regional track meet in Odessa are Golden Capps, Patricia Price, Marta Holly, Regina Williams, Cynthia Samora, Heidi Ehret, Kayla Peel and Denise Smith.

30 Years Ago
April 26, 1973

Formal opening of the Ben Owen Cabinet Shop at 318 East Main is to be held Saturday with three prizes to be given visitors. The new all-steel building is 36 by 75 feet.

Miss Pam Petty of Post was elected "Miss WTC" at Western Texas College at the college's spring formal. Miss Petty, a Post High School graduate, won the Miss WTC crown from among a field of five candidates.

Curtis Didway, Muleshoe High School coach and teacher, was awarded the Muleshoe Jaycees' "Outstanding Young Educator of the Year" award.

The Post Doe 440 and 880-yard relay teams and triple jumper Becki

Dalby, accompanied by Coach Jay Wilson, will leave Friday for the regional girls' track and field meet at Abilene. Members of the 440-relay team are Cathy Howell, Patricia Bilberry, Pam Feagin and Dalby. Feagin, Melanie King, Jenda Gilmore and Sherri Compton complete the 880-yard relay team.

Post High School students Jan Hall and Cindy Bird won senior division high point individual honors in horse and livestock judging at the annual district 4-H judging contests at Texas Tech University. Jan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall and Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bird.

40 Years Ago
April 25, 1963

C. W. Post founded and began building the town that bears his name 56 years ago as a colonization experiment "to help men to help themselves." A large painting now hangs in the Community Room of the First National Bank.

Sixty-four archers registered here Sunday for the Post Archery Club's biggest event to date, a combined invitational and West Texas League shoot, at the club's range near the city reservoir. Thirty-eight of those taking part were members of the West Texas League. Of the 64 shooters, 54 were from out of town.

Marcia Newby and Joe Hudman are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of this year's 8th grade graduating class at Post Junior High School.

Charles Hopkins of Post defeated Bruce Finley of Abilene, 2 and 1, Sunday afternoon to win the first flight championship of the 12th annual Lamesa Country Club Invitational Golf Tournament.

Johnny Haire of Southland placed first in both the Class B 100 and 220-yard dashes at the regional meet in Lubbock to qualify for the state meet in Austin.

50 Years Ago
April 30, 1953

A peak enrollment of 333 in Post High School this school year makes extremely over-crowded conditions in the building during the 1953-54 school year a virtual certainty.

Dixie Boy Jordan of radio station KWFT, Wichita Falls, will conduct a Home Talent Show here Friday night in the Post Grade School auditorium. The show is sponsored by the Post Junior 4-H Club.

Mayor T. L. Jones, E. S. Stewart, and Roy Baker, city councilmen, began new terms recently after taking the oath of office.

Letter jackets were awarded members of the Post High School girls basketball and volleyball teams by Coach N. R. King to the following girls; Tommie Williams, Joy Martin, DeElva Lofton, Virgie Ammons, Arleta Gary, Jackie Dale, Maxine Baylis, Frances Craig, Woody Stewart, Wyanne Morris, Maudie Ray, Mary Jo Williams and Pearl Craig and Velta Carpenter and Janyce Lobban, Managers.

Dr. Irving P. Krick's seven-day weather forecasts will be posted at four places in Garza County every Monday afternoon, according to John F. Lott, president of the West Texas Weather Improvement District. The forecasts will be posted at the Chamber of Commerce office and Collier's Drug Store, the C. R. Baldwin Store at Graham and the Southland Hardware Store.

Post ISD sponsors summer food service program

The Post Independent School District will sponsor a summer food service program Mondays through Fridays beginning June 2 and continuing through June 27.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria at 309 W. 8th St. behind the elementary school from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

Children ages 18 and younger are eligible to participate and will not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief, according to school district officials.

Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against should write to the director of the Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, TX 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. (Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred to the director of the Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.)

El Verano Comida Servicio Programa

El Poste el Distrito Escolar Independiente anuncia el patrocinio del verano comida servicio programa ser sostenido Lunes de Viernes empezando el 2 de Junio de 2003 y continuando de el 27 de Junio de 2003.

Se proporcionar n el desayuno y el almuerzo en la cafetera escolar, 309 oeste 8th calle (detras de la escuela elemental).

El desayuno de servir de 8:30 de la mañana hasta las 9:30 de la mañana con el almuerzo que se sirve de 12 mediodoa hasta las 1 postmeridiano.

Niños 18 años de edad y mas joven es elegible participar en el programa y no debe diferenciarse contra debido a la raza, colore, origen, nacional, el sexo, la edad, la invalidez, la religion Oregon la creencia polotica.

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Amity Study Club News

The Amity Study Club met April 22 at the Garza County Historical Museum.

The program, "Medical Care Then and Now" was presented by members Margaret Bull (then) and guest Christy Rathaehel (now), emphasizing the differences in nursing from the early days to the present when nurses have many specialty fields to choose from and more pay.

Two Amity scholarship recipients were chosen and will be presented with their awards in May. (Thanks again to all who helped us with the Christmas card page.)

Thank-yous were received from Victims of Crime Assistance and STARS for the club's support.

Hostesses for the evening were Naomi Matsler and Louella Bilberry. They served refreshments to the following members and guest: Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Patsy Bilbo, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Juanelle Etheredge, Suzanne Hudman, Janey Middleton, Carolyn

Sawyers, Anne Sims, Carol Williams, Ruth Ann Young, Margaret Bull and Christy Rathaehel.



These Slaton youngsters brought in some big fish at Two Draw Lakes last Friday and Saturday. Hauling in the catch are (left to right) Franchesca Camargo, Jason Torres, Aaron Torres and Ildalis Camargo. They are children of Genaro Camargo of Slaton. (Photo courtesy Carol Tobias)

VOTE MAY 3 for DAVID DAVIS Post ISD Trustee

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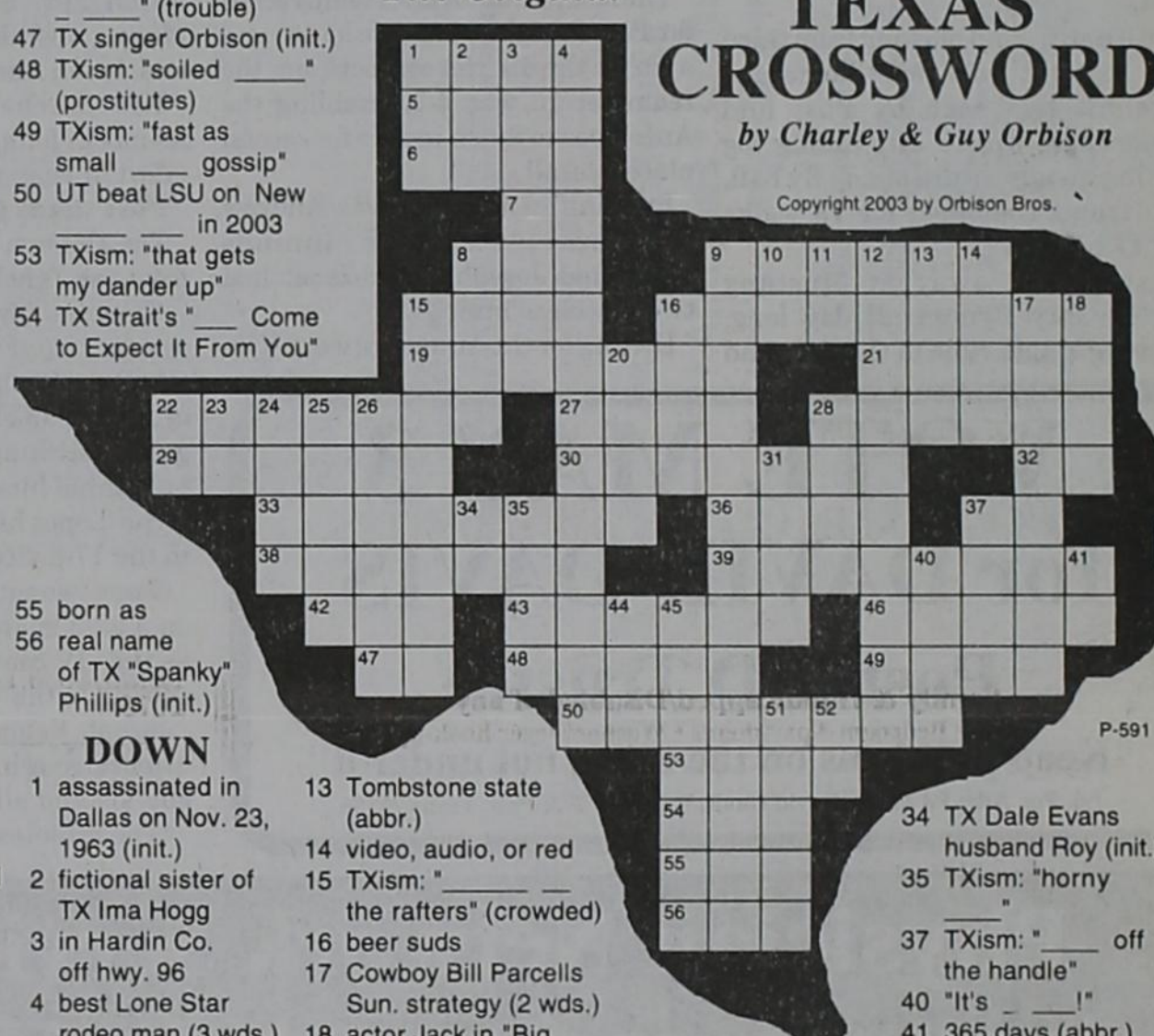
- TXism: "over yonder"
- Pearsall is seat of this County
- Alpine FM station
- Mary's Univ. in San Antonio
- TX once had the "Lincoln Law School"
- speak sharply (2 wds.)
- Dallas/Fort Worth: "Metro"
- math computation
- TXism: "drawing it"
- large India fig
- TX Helmond's "Soap" character
- sewing junction
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- hit the golf ball with club heel (2 wds.)
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- is said to have led 1540 TX expedition
- "Hook" Horns!
- this Charles created Dr. Pepper in Waco
- lion's cry
- TX Fess of "Old Yeller" (init.)
- TX folk singer
- Wilson
- Guthrie
- Gov. John who became U.S. Treasury Sec.
- TXism: "worth didley squat"
- TXism: "bones" (skinny)
- TXism: "woke up" (trouble)
- TX singer Orbison (init.)
- TXism: "soiled" (prostitutes)
- TXism: "fast as small" gossip"
- UT beat LSU on New in 2003
- TXism: "that gets my dander up"
- TX Strait's "Come to Expect It From You"

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- assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 23, 1963 (init.)
- fictional sister of TX Irma Hogg
- in Hardin Co. off hwy. 96
- best Lone Star rodeo man (3 wds.)
- in Wood co. on 69
- Hays Co. tributary
- wife of 39-across (init.)
- TXism: "chompin' the bit"
- TXism: "high as picture show"
- Tombstone state (abbr.)
- video, audio, or red
- TXism: "the rafters" (crowded)
- beer suds
- Cowboy Bill Parcels Sun. strategy (2 wds.)
- actor Jack in "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy
- 18-down Jimmy
- Goodnight's pan-handle ranch
- star RB who left Cowboys in '03 (init.)
- TX blues pianist Robert
- hair or beauty
- TX's 1st rodeo was held at what is now the Cowtown Coliseum on FM 917
- TXism: "raise the" (celebrate)
- TX Dale Evans husband Roy (init.)
- TXism: "horny"
- TXism: "off the handle"
- "It's" (init.)
- 365 days (abbr.)
- Greenville in Dallas (abbr.)
- TXism: "preparing up" (preparing)
- TXism: "if you wake up with fleas"
- fleur-de-lis flew over TX

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Mark Short announces candidacy

Mark Short is one of eight candidates seeking election to the Post Independent School District board of trustees.

"As a graduate of Post High School, it was an honor to be elected to the school board in May 1995, Short said. "During my eight years as a trustee, I have seen the school grow and the level of education increase yearly. The high school and middle school are exemplary campuses, and the elementary school is a recognized campus, just missing the mark of exemplary by only a few students. This shows the professionalism of the staff and administration and their desire to give the students the best education possible

"As a trustee, being able to bring teachers and administrators of this quality into the district to work with the existing staff is the reason the test scores are increasing," he said.

Short said the educations of his own two children Courtney, a Post High School sophomore, and Jeremy, a Post Middle School seventh grader have benefited from the board's direction in recent years. The two have been involved in Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, football, basketball, track and the Gifted & Talented Program in addition to their studies.

"I feel confident the education they are getting in Post will have them ready for higher education and life in general," Short said.

"As a trustee of eight years, I feel my experience on the board is a strength that is needed as we move into tough financial times with the (state's) \$10 billion deficit," he said. "The tax rate is now \$1.39 (per \$100 valuation), two cents less than the \$1.41 it was in 1995. We have built a new high school library/media center, a junior high science lab and the new Antelope Arena. This was done with no tax increase, no bond issue and no money out of the fund balance. This shows the ability of the current board members, desire to get the best for the kids and at the same time, save tax dollars."

Short said he hopes his experience on the board and his desire to see the Post ISD continue in its quality educational services to children will enable him to serve on the board for another term.

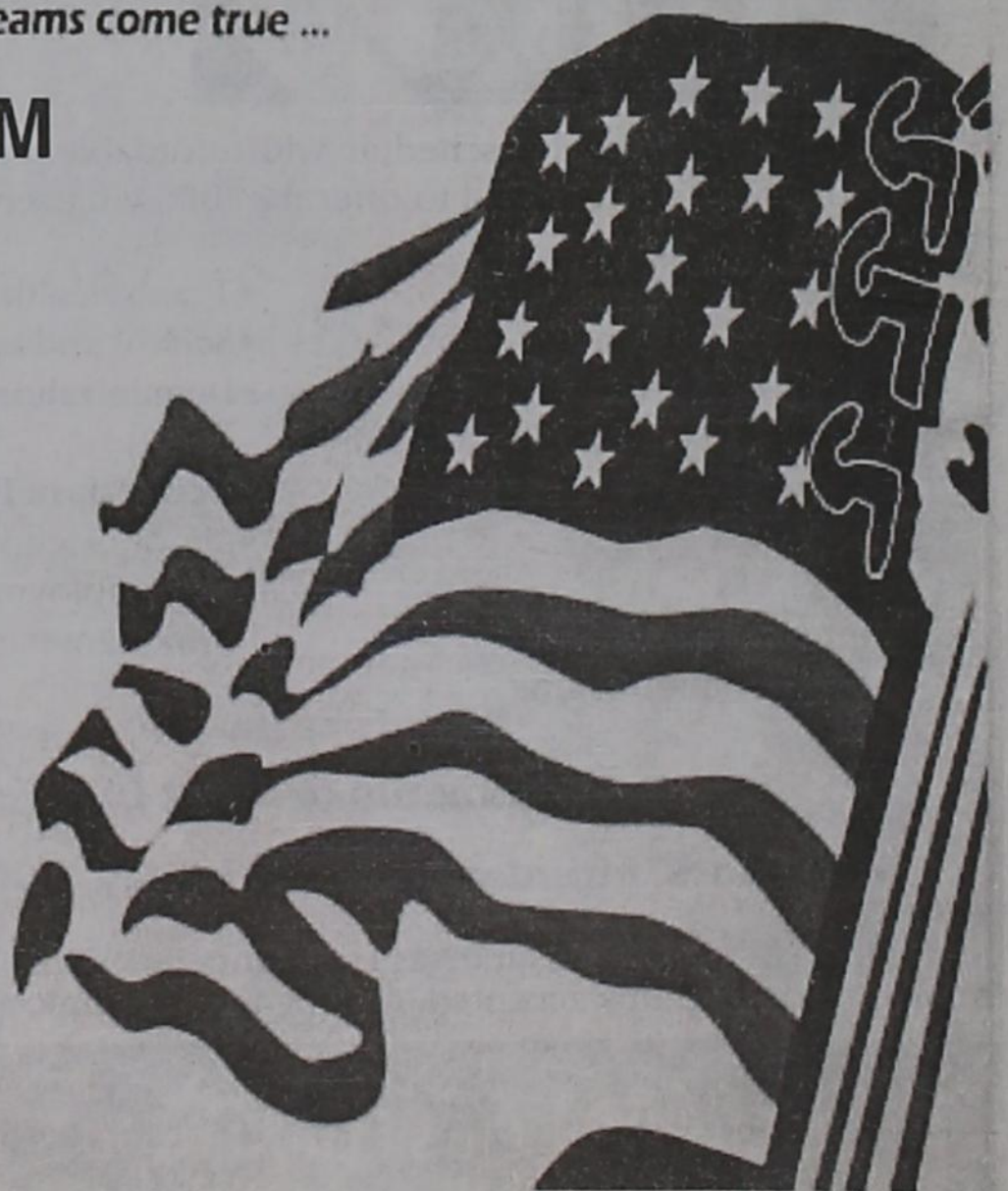
"There has been much accomplished, but there is still much to be done," he said. "I would appreciate your vote on Saturday, May 3."

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Sports

Antelopes win district co-championship

The Post Antelopes won the co-championship district title last week, then on Saturday Shallowater edged the Lopes to take first seed in the playoffs.

The Antelopes will play Crane at Lubbock Western Field in Lubbock Friday at 8 p.m. for the bi-district title.

Friday's contest will be a one-game only championship, with the winner to play Alpine, who drew a bye.

Fans who aren't able to attend the playoff games may follow the action live on KPOS Radio, which will broadcast the playoff games. Steve Mason will call the action. KPOS Radio is found at 97.7 FM (in Post only) and on Classic Cable Channel 12.

In the district championship contest, the Lopes notched seven runs leading off the seventh inning, breaking a five-all tie and then held off a furious rally by Shallowater to take a wild 12-10 victory over the Mustangs, forging a first place tie (8-2) and forcing a one-game rubber match for the No. 1 seed from District 4-2A.

With a stiff wind blowing from third base to right field, four homeruns were hit two each by Post and Shallowater with a late-inning fog making an adventure of any fly ball, both teams combined for 13 walks and 17 hits.

Post pecked away at Mustang starter Gary Bynum all day long, notching single runs in the first and

fourth games and three in the fifth. Two of the Antelopes' first five runs were aided by Mustang errors, but Post also took advantage of its opportunities to walk off homeruns by Cody Fox and Kenny Ratke in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively.

Rusty Baker relieved Bynum after 20 Antelope batters and lasted 12 batters with Gary Gates coming in to face seven Lopes. Conversely, Post starting pitcher Randon Blacklock went to 10 batters with four strikeouts, Fox faced 20 Mustangs with eight strikeouts but also two homeruns and Bryan Looney going

six batters with two strikeouts.

Offensively, Post had only five strikeouts in 39 at-bats while Shallowater was burned for 14 strikeouts in 36 at-bats. Eight of 10 batters in the Antelope line-up reached base at least once and scored at least once.

Batting for Post were Ratke, single, homerun, double, E-6 hit, three RBIs; Mitchell Mills, one walk, one on-base by hit batter, E-6 hit; Looney, double, walk; Luis Zubia, one double, two singles, E-5 hit, two RBIs; Patrick Gonzales, one single; Fox, one walk, homerun, one double, E-7 hit, two

RBIs; Blacklock, one walk; Brody Robertson, one walk; and Jett Lott, one walk (bases loaded), one RBI.

Pitching for Post were Blacklock, going for two innings with three hits, two walks, no hit batters and four strikeouts. Blacklock's pitching count showed 18 strikes and 19 balls. Fox going to four innings plus four batters with four hits, three walks, no hit batters and eight strikeouts. Fox's pitching count showed 35 strikes and 36 balls. Looney had no hits, two walks no hit batters with two strikeouts. His pitching count showed nine strikes and 13 balls.

JV baseball team suffers loss, tie for district runners-up

Post 2, Shallowater 10

The Post junior varsity baseball team capped off its 2003 campaign April 21 with a 10-2 loss to a strong Shallowater squad.

The loss put the overall team record for Post at eight wins, five losses and a tie. In the district competition, the team record was 4-2, enabling the Antelopes to finish in a tie for second place overall.

Pitching in the loss was Andrew Espinoza with four innings completed. Joseph Espinoza pitched two scoreless innings.

Hitting for the Antelopes were Kyle

Gunn, 1-3, and Miles Gray, 1-3 with a homerun and two RBIs.

Members of the JV squad included Quinton Odem, Andrew Espinoza, Gunn, Theo Paiz, Eric Renya, Gray, Aaron Fox, Braden Bratcher, Colt Mason, Josh Lee, Joseph Espinoza and Javen Abraham.

The coaches lauded the team members for all their hard work and effort during the season.

Post takes two over Tahoka

The JV team captured two victories from the Tahoka Bulldogs April 12.

The wins improved the Antelopes, season record to 7-4-1.

Andrew Espinoza pitched game one of the doubleheader and won the game, striking out 13 and allowing only three hits.

The Lopes had 17 hits on their way to the 17-6 victory.

Game two equaled another win, this on a 22-3 spanking for the Bulldogs as the JV continued its hot hitting, getting to the 'Dogs for 13 hits.

Joseph Espinoza received the win in four strong innings of work, striking out six and allowing four hits.

"The athletes are really starting to

come together," the coach said.

Post downs New Deal

The team bumped its record up to 5-3-1 with a win over the visiting New Deal Lions.

Andrew Espinoza pitched for the Antelopes, surrendering one run on four hits while striking out 10.

Odem was the catcher, throwing out two would-be base-stealers.

The team pounded out 21 hits that led to their 11 runs in the win.

Top hitters were Joseph Espinoza, 4-4; Reyna, 4-4; Andrew Espinoza, 3-4; Gray, 3-3; Lee, 2-2; Fox, 1-1 and Odem, 1-4.

The Lopes made several strong defensive plays in the ballgame.

Colgate Country Showdown gets exclusive partnership

The Colgate Country Showdown, the oldest and largest country music talent showcase in the nation, has signed an exclusive partnership with Lyric Street Records Nashville to provide this year's Showdown winner with a demo deal in addition to the \$100,000 grand prize already being offered.

The local show, sponsored by KPOS Radio, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Garza Theatre.

Dean Unkefer, president of SPI, the company producing the talent showcase is proud to have the label onboard.

"We are in the business of providing new opportunities to struggling artists and are proud to be associated with Lyric Street," he said. "They will provide an even greater opportunity to our national winner."

Doug Howard Sr., vice-president, A&R, Lyric Street Records, said he is excited about the partnership.

"Everyone at Lyric Street Records is thrilled to be involved with the Colgate Country Showdown and their long history of discovering fresh, new country music talent."

Lyric is home to such artists as SheDaisy, Rascal Flatts, Aaron Tippin and Sawyer Brown.

The Colgate Country Showdown is the largest radio promotion in the country involving more than 50,000 contestants.



PHS sophomore Ryan Babb placed fourth at last Saturday's Regional Track Meet in Abilene, bowing out at 13' 6" at Abilene Christian University's track field. Babb cleared the mark, but tipped the pole as he came down. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

3-On-3 Basketball All-Nighter

Ninety-eight Post Middle School and High School youth participated in the 3-On-3 Basketball All-Nighter/Character Training sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Mad Dads and Probation office. Volunteers from the organizations were referees, speakers, concession stand workers (where everything was 25¢) and general supervisors. The program held last Friday, started at 10 p.m. and concluded at 8:00 a.m.

Eleven junior high teams competed in this division where the champions were "The Ballers" whose team was made up of Edgar Garay, Zach Perez and Colter Creech. Second place team in the junior division was the "No Names" with team members Kylie Easterling, K'Neil Dalby and Rachel Gray.

The high school division, consisting of six teams was won by "Three Towers" team members Cole Easterling, Chris Curb and Jannssen Eilenburger. The second place team was "The Low Lives" with Tony Garay, Francisco Duran and Jarred Grisham being team members. All first and second place teams received T-shirts with the 3-On-3 logo.

A big thank you to all volunteers, youth that participated and David Capps, United Supermarket Manager for all of his assistance throughout the night. The volunteers were: Rodney Tidwell, Jason Powell, Wayne McKim, Linda and Leroy Bergen, and Kit Layman.

According to Julie Neitsch and Greg Jones, County Extension Agents, all youth had a good time and at the conclusion of the event everyone was ready for bed.

PMS students inducted into NJHS at ceremony

Induction ceremonies for the Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society were held April 7 at the First United Methodist Church with Kylie Easterling, society president, presiding.

New inductees recognized for outstanding scholarship, citizenship, service, leadership and character were Rachel Grey, Jackie Hays, Becca Striblin, Josie Whisenhunt, Allen Heckaman, Meagan Howard-Griffis, Brenna Postell, Steven Short, Cass Tatum, Stacy Bocko, Braden Courtney, Alex Hart and Chad Miller.

Members assisting with the ceremony included Wilson Cash, Colter Creech, K'Neil Dalby, Claire Kirkpatrick, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Blake Nichols, Steffi Norman, Suhani Bhakta, Samantha Hoover, Kelsey Sanderson, Timothy Wilson and Call Windham.

Special guests included the Post Independent School District superintendent, Marlin Marcum, and Brian Brownlow, Post Middle

School principal. Marcum also served as a guest speaker for the event.

Following the signing of the membership book and receipt of membership cards, parents served cake and punch.

Sponsors for the organization include Steve Pena and Pam Humble.

VFW ...

(Continued from Page 1) there will be the individual business meetings, followed by a barbecue lunch with all the fixings. Following the meal will be drawings for door prizes.

All members of the VFW and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary are invited to attend.



Saturday, June 28, 2003
7 p.m. - Garza Theatre

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