

## TCEQ inspects city sewage treatment

Grease accumulations and operational problems at the city's wastewater treatment plant led to a notice of violation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) last month, according to a report released by the agency.

The report indicates that in a treatment plant inspection July 9, several problems were found, including an accumulation of grease in the imhoff tank, cattails in wastewater ponds and failure to weigh the dried sludge being pulled out of the drying beds.

According to the report, approximately a foot of solid grease material that contained adult flies and fly larvae was located in the settling basin of the imhoff tank. Also, "large amounts" of grease were found in one of the sludge-drying beds.

City Manager Fred Stephens told the inspector that the grease problem began when the prison became operational, and Delbert Rudd, director of public works, said city personnel are bringing in a backhoe once a month to remove the accumulated grease from the imhoff tank to allow it to dry in the sludge-drying beds, according to the report.

City officials were advised that the municipality must "initiate actions to prevent the industrial discharge of large amounts of grease into their wastewater collection system..." and that "with such high amounts of grease entering the plant, once-a-month removal... from the imhoff is not frequent enough," the report states. Instead, grease removal should be a daily maintenance operation at the current rate of accumulation.

Additional findings in the report included:

- \* "Very large" cattails were found in the outside perimeter of the wastewater ponds, although their size and presence did not appear to be problematic at the time of the inspection. The city manager was notified that should the cattails begin growing beyond the perimeter of the ponds, control measures would be required.

- \* Dried sludge taken from the drying beds is not being weighed prior to transport to the landfill. Rudd told the inspector that the landfill does not have scales and the trucks cannot be weighed. Instead, estimates have been done by calculating the cubic yards of dried sludge disposed of at the landfill. It was noted that this is an acceptable practice when landfill scales are unavailable.

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## County sets 50¢ tax rate with \$2.9 million budget

by Wes Burnett

A tax rate increase to 50 cents per \$100 evaluation was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court during its regular meeting Monday morning. After three days of budget work last week, commissioners agreed to a budget of just under \$3 million, with a \$2,555 deficit.

A public hearing will be held September 8 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center, a requirement by law because the proposed tax increase exceeds the rollback rate of 103 percent of the effective tax rate.

Projected revenues for the county are \$2,963,929.92, compared to budgeted expenditures of \$2,969,285.50.

The biggest single expense is \$644,470 for the sheriff's department. Other big ticket items include general administration at \$474,052.50, social services for \$261,677 and building maintenance of \$213,496.

In other matters, the court rejected an indigent application because the individual did not qualify under the county's indigent guidelines.

The court approved a motion by Commissioner Mike Sanchez to extend the "burn ban" another 90 days.

A loan of \$3,000 was approved by the court to assist the newly established Lake Alan Henry Water District board of directors. The new law creating the district authorizes Garza and Kent counties to contribute \$10,000 per year for three years to assist the water district.

The water district has scheduled an election in November and is conducting engineering studies in preparation for its water distribution plans.

No action was taken on an agenda item concerning collection of outstanding funds owed to the county by individuals. A list was circulated, with commissioners agreeing with Commissioner Mason McClellan that personal contact by commissioners should be attempted before taking legal action.

### Power outage reported Monday

About 20 Post structures were affected by a power outage on the west side of town Monday afternoon.

The power interruption, initially reported to Xcel Energy officials at 2:41 p.m., was apparently caused when a piece of metal roofing was blown from a nearby barn and became tangled in a primary conductor's power lines, said Xcel's Bill Crenshaw. The affected area included Burlington Place and an area near West 8th Street and the Tahoka highway.

The debris was cleared and power restored at about 4:17 p.m.

There was no "significant severe weather" in the Post area at the time of the outage, Crenshaw said. A dust devil has been cited as the apparent culprit behind the power interruption.

### Free Texas Tech home game football tickets

The Post Dispatch and KPOS Radio will give away two Texas Tech football home game tickets throughout the 2003 season. The promotion will start Friday evening, August 29 during the live KPOS Radio broadcast of Post Antelope football game at Denver City.

The Red Raiders will host six home games this season: August 30 v. SMU, September 6 v. New Mexico, October 4 v. Texas A&M, October 11 v. Iowa State, November 11 v. Colorado and November 22 v. Oklahoma.

During each live KPOS Radio broadcast, play-by-play announcer Steve Mason will alert listeners to call the station within five minutes for a chance to win two free tickets to the next scheduled Texas Tech Red Raider home game. The third caller will be asked to identify five advertisers supporting the live broadcast. Advertisements for those businesses are published weekly in The Post Dispatch and included in radio promotions during the week and live during KPOS Radio broadcasts.

Additional call-in chances will continue through the game until a winner is named.

See this week's Post Dispatch for additional details about this exciting new KPOS Radio promotion.

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## Post ISD rolls approach 1,000

Enrollment in the Post Independent School District is on the upswing, suggesting a trend that could push the district's student count close to 1,000 in the 2003-2004 school year.

On the first day of classes, Aug. 18, the district recorded an overall enrollment of 957 students, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. By Aug. 20, that figure had climbed to 975.

On Monday, enrollment was 984. The number had jumped to 989 as of Tuesday.

A breakdown of Tuesday's enrollment by campuses includes:

- \* Elementary - 459
- \* Middle school - 201
- \* High school - 302
- \* Detention center - 27

Marcum said the numbers are showing a "definite trend," and if that pattern continues, the district could come close to achieving the 1000-student mark later this year.

On Aug. 30 of last year, a total of 887 students were enrolled in the Post ISD.

### Early voting opens for Texas constitutional amendments

Early voting for the September 13 Texas constitutional amendment election begins today (August 28, 2003), continuing through September 9. Early voting is available at the county courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Monday, September 1 (Labor Day).

The polling places for the September 13 election will be at three locations: Presbyterian Church, 910 W. 10th in Post; Southland School, 8th and Georgia in Southland and Justiceburg First Baptist Church, U.S. Hwy 84 in Justiceburg.

## Post Notes

### Grassland Homecoming August 31

The Grassland Church/Community Homecoming is set for Sunday, August 31. The event opens with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:40 a.m. A lunch on the grounds will follow the morning service. Special music service will follow from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Antelope Booster Club meets Mondays

The Post Antelope Booster Club meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the PHS commons. All parents and community supporters of Post athletics are urged to attend. Memberships are available at \$10 for individuals, \$20 per family or \$50 for businesses. A membership card at home games entitles the member to a free program. Business membership provides for a football or basketball poster of individual player, cheerleader or team.

### Patriot Day September 11

On Patriot Day, September 11, the Post Elementary School music department will present a patriotic program honoring our soliders, civil servants and veterans. We invite all veterans and civil servants to attend as well as the public. The program begins at 10 a.m.

### Post Flag Football sign-ups open

Sign-ups for the 2003 Post Flag Football program began August 25 and continue through September 8 from 3:30 to 5:30 daily at MAD DADS Inc. youth center, 108 N. Broadway. Call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 or 620-0960 or Cain Abraham at 495-3439 or 620-0967.

### Post Church of Christ special lessons

The Post Church of Christ will host a series of special lessons beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, with special speakers bringing lessons for the next few weeks. Speakers for the Wednesday series include Terry Ellison of Crosbyton, Dale Huff of Snyder, Ron Bontrager of Lubbock and Colt McCook of Abilene. For more information, call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

### Christian concert September 12

The Church of God of Prophecy is sponsoring a Christian concert with artist Nacho Galindo on Friday, September 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Algerita Park. Everyone is welcome.

### Gran concierto Cristiano

La Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia celebra gran concierto de musica cristiana con el artista Nacho Galindo, Viernes 12 de Septiembre de 6 a lat 9 p.m. en el Algerita Park, East Main St. todos estan invitados. Todos son bienvenidos.

### Gospel Singing 2nd Thursday

The Trinity Baptist Church is hosting a monthly Gospel Singing on the second Thursday each month, beginning September 11. The program begins at 7 p.m. Also on September 11, the church doors will be open all day for prayer and meditation.

### Out-of-town game pep rally

Post Antelope fans will meet Friday afternoon on the parking lot near the field house for a "send-off" rally prior to out-of-town football games. The team is scheduled to leave at 3 p.m., with fans gathering before that to cheer the team on its trip to Denver City. PHS pep rallies will only be held for home games with times to be announced later.

### Team Up With Schools Campaign

Wells Fargo Bank is collecting school supplies as part of its "Team Up With Schools Campaign." The campaign continues through September 13. Donations may be brought to Wells Fargo or call Jana Bullard at 495-2804.

### MAD DADS open weekdays after school

MAD DADS is open every weekday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for students seven years old and older. The after-school program provides a safe and comfortable place for students to do homework, watch t.v. or play games. The snack bar will be open with drinks and snacks. Participating students and parents must complete a membership form. Membership is free. MAD DADS needs addresses and telephone numbers where parents may be contacted if needed. Call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 or 620-0960 for more information.

### Booster Club sells T-Shirts

The Antelope Booster Club is selling Antelope T-Shirts for the 2003-04 school year. There are three different shirts to choose from in white, black or gray with short sleeve, long sleeve and a sweatshirt style. Call Larry Mills at 495-3726 or any booster club member for an order form. The new Antelope cap is also available for \$10.

### "Charley's Aunt" at Garza Theatre

The next performance at the Garza Theatre will be "Charley's Aunt" opening September 19. The play continues September 20, 26, 27 and October 3, 4 and 5. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

### Booster Club clappers on sale

The Post Antelope Booster Club is offering clappers for sale. Clappers may be purchase for \$2 each and will be available at the first junior varsity home game, Thursday, August 28. Two Draw Welding, Grassland Butane and Deluxe Inn donated the clappers.



### Hwy 84 construction...

Construction crews are moving north on U.S. Hwy 84, opening up the west side of the highway for new concrete surfacing. The project brings the busy thoroughfare down to two lanes through most of Post. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



## Synthia Huff, Ryan Hart exchange wedding vows

Synthia Huff and Ryan Hart were wed in an evening ceremony June 19, 2003, on the Terrazzo of the Bellagio Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas.

For her wedding the bride wore a strapless, floor-length lace gown adorned with pearls and Austrian crystals and a tiara attached to a waist-length veil. The tradition of something new was carried out with the bride's wedding dress, something blue was the bridal garter and an Italian cloisonné heirloom pin passed down from the groom's Great-

grandmother Cox served as something old and something borrowed. The bride carried a bouquet of deep red roses.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Ingram of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Karen Schenhoff of Sylvia, Kansas. Each wore a dress of black chiffon and carried a bouquet of red roses.

Groomsmen were Justin Johnson of Vernon and Casey Hart, the groom's brother, of Midland.

Jerel and Linda Hoff of Lubbock, the bride's parents, and

Richard and Lillie Hart of Post, the groom's parents, attended the ceremony. Also attending were Kelly Johnson and Keely Clark.

The bride presented her mother with a long-stemmed rose as her father walked her down the spiral staircase on the terrace. The ceremony included a prayer and scriptures chosen by the couple and the signing of the family bible by couple and their mothers, symbolizing the unity of their families and the blending of their lives. Upon the pronouncement of husband and wife, the waters of the Bellagio fountains shot high into the air, accompanied by a recording of Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon."

Cake and champagne were served in the Bellagio's honey-

moon suite following the ceremony.

The bride graduated from Clovis High School and received her bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The groom, a Post High School graduate, received a bachelor's degree from WTAMU.

The newlyweds plan to reside in Amarillo where the bride is a speech pathologist employed by Progressive Steps Rehabilitation and the groom is a financial advisor with Modern Woodman of America.

An informal reception dinner and dance will be held in the couple's honor at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Range Riders Club House in Amarillo. An open invitation is extended to family and friends.



Mr and Mrs Ryan Hart

## Flanigan, Bigham announce engagement

Maggie Flanigan and Craig Bigham, both of New Deal, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Billy Max and Nancy Gordon of Post and the late Michael Flanigan and granddaughter of Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman of Post and Bill and Barbara Flanigan of Lexington, Missouri. A 1997 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail, she holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and mass communications from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and a master's degree in education from WBU in Lubbock.

She is employed as a business and technology teacher at New Deal High School. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Bill and Kathy Bigham of New Deal and grandson of Burly and Fern Bigham of Lubbock and Venita Simmons of New Deal.

A 1996 New Deal High School graduate, he received a bachelor's degree in sports and exercise science from West Texas A&M University and is employed with Bigham House Moving in Lubbock.

The wedding is set for Nov. 22, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Post.



Craig Bigham and Maggie Flanigan

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## Births

James and Andrea Mock of Austin are the parents of a baby girl, Maci Jill, born at 8:55 a.m. July 17, 2003, in Seton Medical Center in Austin.

The infant weighed six pounds, 14 ounces, and was 18 inches long at birth.

The baby girl was welcomed home by her 2-year-old brother, Caden.

Grandparents of the infant are Lea Mock of Post, Dan and Betty Mayberry of Gatesville and Mary Mitchell of Trickham.



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## Close City-Garlyn Reunion reports 60 guests

The Close City-Garlyn Reunion was held Aug. 16 in the Post Community Center.

Mary Gale Young and Cleo Sappington registered 60 guests. James and Mary Allison traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion, coming from Cedar Park. Thurman Frances was the oldest present.

CoCa Kais and the Close City Gin provided door prizes for the event. Bunny Smith was elected president for the next reunion, which will be held in August 2005. Oneita Gunn was elected secretary and treasurer.

Those attending from out of town included Ruby Mason, San Angelo; James and Mary Allison, Cedar Park; Lester and Ann Adams, Janet Porterfield, D.R. and Jean Adamson and Faye Ramsey, all of Tahoka; Hazel Moseley of Dallas; Horace and Jackie Bowden, Big Spring; Arthur Jones, Seminole; Linda Rumbles, Midland; Lorry Lou Moore of Rising Star; and D.G. and Alice Porterfield of Abilene.

Also, from Lubbock, Velma Fletcher, Marilyn Rains, James and Jenine Parks and J.M. Haley; Margaret Grimes of Hawley; Lois Sparks of Portales, N.M.; Harold and Kathryn Coffey of Breckenridge; Eldon and Eva Lee Roberts of Abilene; N.B. and Ann Teaff of Roscoe; T.C. and Vynonna Clark of Hale Center; Joy Smith of Lubbock; and Kathy Hubbard of Shallowater.

Attending from Post were Mary Gale Young, Cleo Sappington, Ginger Phillips, Chester Morris, Stanley and Geraldine Butler, Jody and Marilyn Mason, Billie Jean Cross, Neal and Lanella Clary, Bunny Smith, Odee Kemp, Imogene Stone, Robert and Patsy Craig, Evelyn Jones, Thurman and Annie Frances, Mack and Jane Terry, Imogene Rosenbaum, Charles and Sharon Morris, Tommy Young, Oneita Gunn, LaVern Aten, Leni Williams and Johnny Kemp.

Anyone with information concerning students of Close City, Garlyn, Garnolia or Maginola whose names are not included on the mailing list should contact Bunny Smith at 495-2009.

## LAH Water District board seeks county financial support

Lake Alan Henry Water District board members decided to request \$30,000 in start-up funds from Garza County and \$20,000 from Kent County officials.

In their Aug. 20 meeting, district directors discussed submitting additional letters to the commissioners courts of Garza and Kent counties requesting funding for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The amounts were decided and received the board's unanimous approval.

The funding requests are, according to the meeting's minutes, "in alignment with enacted legislation."

The group decided that director Mark Kirkpatrick would be the representative in charge of the confirmation election in Garza County. Jody Ashley was tapped as the responsible party for the Kent County confirmation election.

In other business, directors:

- Discussed the existing pipeline at Lake Alan Henry and agreed that Post attorney Leslie Acker should draft a letter to begin contract negotiations and meetings with the City of Lubbock. The proposed action earned the board's unanimous approval.

- Received a report from chairman Odie Hood, who said he has spoken with Mark Lundgren of Cong. Charles Stenholm's office. Lundgren said he would be available for the next board meeting.

- Approved the opening of a bank account at Citizens Bank in Post. Hood and Jim White, secretary, will have their names on the account.

- During open public discussion, spoke with Rich Oller of Oller Engineering and Vince Vialle of First Southwest Co. Oller gave the directors information on types of treatment plants and discussed costs. Vialle discussed types of financing available to the water district.

Directors on hand for the session included Hood, vice-chairman Jody Ashley and director Wayne Edwards. Absent were Kirkpatrick and White.



## Deleon, Aguilar set August 30 wedding

Melissa Deleon and Jeremy Pete Aguilar will be married at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, in the Post Community Center. The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deleon and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Aguilar Sr. Friends and family are invited to participate in the ceremony.

## Post ISD holds line on tax rate

The \$1.39 per \$100 valuation tax rate assessed in the 2002-2003 school year will again be utilized by the Post Independent School District in the new fiscal year.

District officials voted in their regular meeting earlier this month to maintain the \$1.39 tax rate for maintenance and operation, despite declining mineral values and legislative actions that may prove costly to the school district.

Superintendent Marlin Marcum said the move to hold the tax rate steady for another year is the result of "good financial decisions made in the past" and actions taken by an "outstanding" school board.

The budget for the 2003-2004 school year is about \$100,000 below that of the previous year, but Marcum said the cuts were made in areas that do not directly affect instruction.

The budget for the new fiscal year received the approval of the school board in August.



## Haven Sims, Joshua Grisham engagement

Tom and Leslie Simms of Amarillo have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Haven, to Joshua Grisham, son of Allen and Pixie Grisham of Post. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Amarillo High School and a 2002 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The prospective bridegroom is a 1997 Post High School honor graduate and a 2002 graduate of WTAMU. He is employed in management training by Cintas Corp. in Amarillo. An Oct. 18, 2003, wedding is planned at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. A reception will follow in the Grand Ballroom of the Amarillo Civic Center.

## Dinner party celebrates engagement

An Aug. 2 dinner party was held in the Citizens Bank Room to celebrate the engagement of Haven Howard and Joshua Grisham.

The room was decorated in the bride's colors of black, white and deep pink, and tables were covered in black-and-white checked cloths. Pink cloth-wrapped rose-scented Yankee tea light candles served as individual centerpiece, which guests were given as gifts following the dinner. Dinnerware consisted of deep pink plates set inside clear chargers. Clear forks and white napkins were placed inside black, heart-shaped napkin rings accented with pink rosebuds. Soft music completed the setting.

Guests were treated to a Mexican fiesta dinner with a variety of drinks and desserts. The dessert table included a photograph of the couple, a framed print featuring the text of I Corinthians 13:13 and an inlaid silver cross, and a Yankee wedding votive candle placed inside a silver wire basket filled with white raffia. Table items served as gifts for the engaged couple.

The table also featured a pink rosebud arrangement, along with a heart-shaped lollipop bouquet to round out the dessert offerings. Crystal and sterling silver were used as serving pieces for the meal.

Family and friends attending the celebration were from Amarillo, Littlefield, Anton, Lubbock and Post. Out-of-town guests were treated to an overnight stay at the historic Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast.

The event was hosted by the groom's parents, Allen and Pixie Grisham.



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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Believing...

by Tim Burnett

Anybody who wants to develop a close and personal relationship with God must practice believing His word. The Bible is full of examples of people believing God. In every situation, God gave His word and people believed His word to the end that they received the promise. We have God's word packed nicely in the Bible. Simply because it is written does not make it any less believable. God is still able to back His written word for all who believe. See 2 Corinthians 1:20,

"For all the promises of God are in him yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

The earlier known translations show the words "yea" and "Amen" to be "indeed" and "guaranteed." In the name of Jesus Christ all God's promises are indeed and guaranteed to the end that God is glorified by us. God guarantees His word, and in the name of Jesus Christ that we have access to all God's promises. It's our responsibility to believe His word.

Believing is having the confidence and trust in the information received unto actively laying hold of something, or reaching a goal. It is simple, easy, and requires no heavy thinking. When you go to sit in a familiar chair you are believing. When you meet somebody at a particular place and time, you are believing. That person gives you a promise to meet, and you take the believing action by arriving at the pre-arranged place and time.

Everybody believes all the time. It is part of life.

As toddlers our confidence in overcoming the force of gravity was not as great. That's because the whole walking process was new to us. After taking that first step, our families and friends encouraged us (over and over again) to get back up and keep walking. At first they helped us get up and even gave little jump-starts. Next thing you know, we're pushing ourselves up and stepping everywhere. It took courage and faithfulness to press on with the learning process. We stumbled here, fell there, smacked our heads into this and that. But we pressed on. Now as adults we can move about with easy believing. Why? Because we got so much experience in walking that our believing was internalized within our hearts. This is what it means to believe God's word.

Believing God's word from the heart brings desirable and dynamic results in our relationship with God in heaven. Go to 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also, thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men but as it is in truth the word of God which effectually worketh in them that believe." Believing God's word is what causes His word to effectually work in each person's life.

God loves us so very much. And wants us to enjoy a victorious and more-than-abundant life as His children through Jesus Christ. He is able to meet all our needs and wants (according to His word), help us conquer life's problems and obstacles, seize and maintain a peaceful mind in all situations, obtain and keep good health, and so much more. We know God's will by His word, and in the name of Jesus Christ God's people have the authority to claim His promises in every situation. Believing God's word is the key to receiving anything from Him.

The following series of articles are intended to shine the light of God's rightly divided word on the subject of believing.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Acting like investment brokers

Over the past few weeks, I have read a lot, watched the county commissioners' meetings and heard from lots of folks. I am quite sure we are experiencing a slump in the economy of Garza County as well as the state of Texas. Because of this, I feel that it is time our politicians get about doing the job they were elected to do. Quit acting like investment brokers gambling with OUR tax money and start wisely protecting and managing it!

For starters, I recommend that we cut out losses as much as possible. It has already been determined in the last few weeks that although the idumyí Garza County Public Facilities Corp. actually issued the bonds used to raise the money to build the prison and juvenile detention center, if worse comes to worse, GARZA COUNTY TAXPAYERS will be left holding the bill to pay off the bonds.

What if either MTC or Cornerstone pulls out and we can't find someone to take over? Counties are not able to declare bankruptcy, so the only alternative is to raise taxes high enough to cover the bills. Yes, the liability ibuck stops here! In the pockets of the taxpayers and we have our county commissioners. Oh, yes, they are looking into buying the bonds at a premium to lower the interest that we have to pay. That sounds like a good deal for the county, but

interest that we have to pay. That sounds like a good deal for the county, but it will cost quite a bit up front (so it may/may not actually save us any money). The problem lies in getting the bondholders to agree to this. We're asking them to sell or exchange their high interest bonds for ones with lower interest. Any idiot could tell you this will not be a wise move for the bondholders! So how do our commissioners and Judge Dalby expect to convince them to go along? Maybe throw in a lot more of our hard-earned tax dollars? Sounds like we're robbing Peter to pay Paul and that usually leads to trouble! Let's stop the gambling with our tax money! It's only getting us deeper in debt. Let's just make the payments on the current bonds.

On top of all this, we have been informed that the state is cutting many programs from their budget because they don't want to raise taxes. Unfortunately, the county will be picking up the tab on a lot of these programs and will probably have to raise county taxes to do this. In light of the debt that has been created with the prison and JDC (between \$30 million and \$40 million), how high will our taxes here have to be raised to pay it all?

Besides trying to cut our losses where we can, I also recommend we start being more frugal with county funds and equipment. MTC and Cornerstone are both private management companies who are running the prison and JDC. Garza County does not need to allow them to utilize county equipment on their grounds, nor do we need to purchase any vehicles for them. It is simply not an appropriate expenditure!

Finally, in tough economic times, there should be no new projects started. Our judge and commissioners don't even know if they will be able to pay for what we have now. Any plans for new projects should be shelved or abandoned. This would include, but not be limited to, the emergency center at Lake Alan Henry. As I have stated before, this is Lubbock's lake and, if it is built at all, Lubbock should build the emergency center as well as equip and staff it.

If I'm sure there are more things that could be trimmed for the county to be able to pay its bills. If not, then our taxes may go so high that only the rich can afford to stay here. Everyone else will either escape the high taxes by moving out or having their property sold for back taxes for pennies on the dollar. Either way, I think Mr. Post would be ashamed of what's happening to the county he worked so hard to build.

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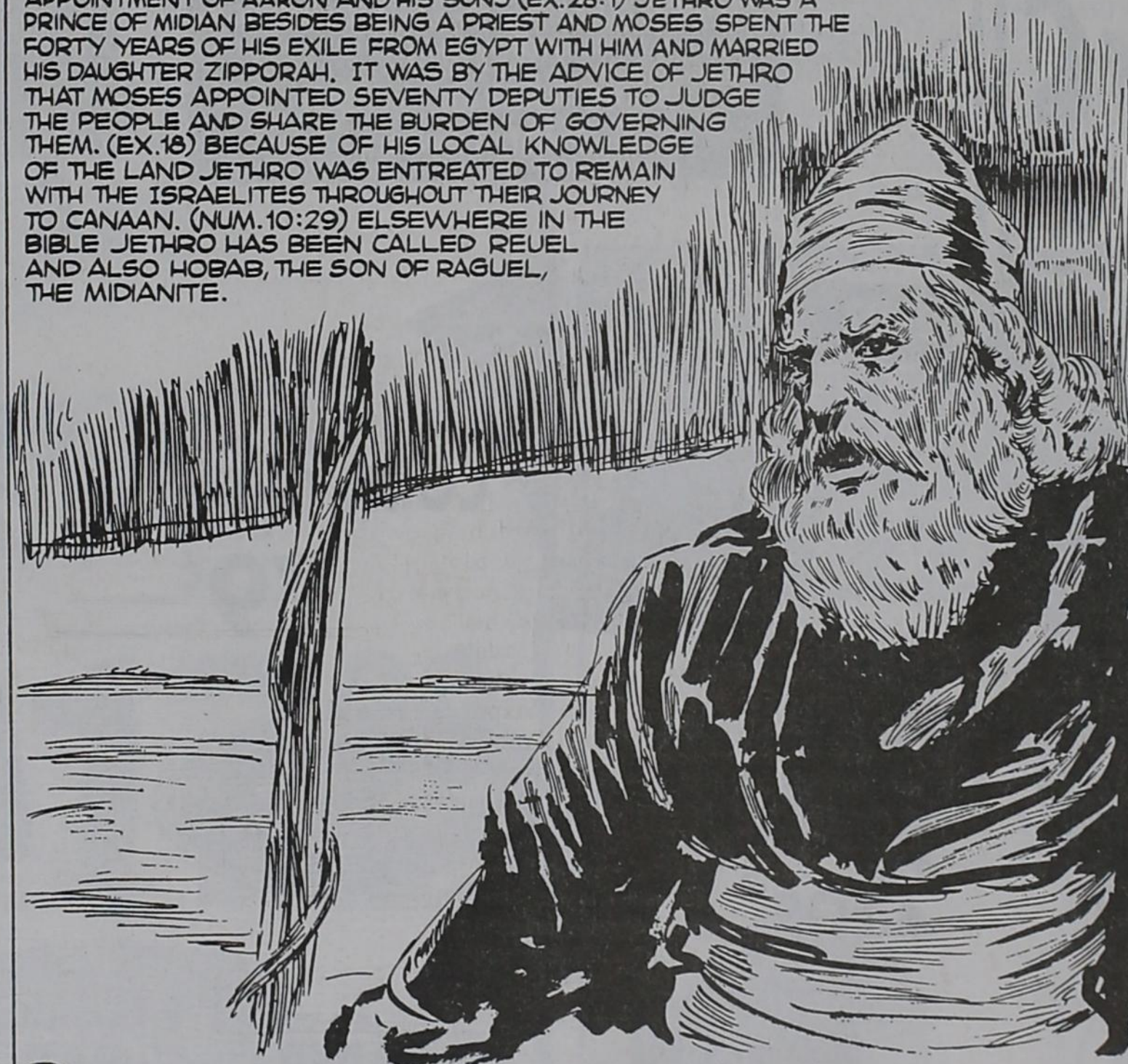
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JETHRO DISCHARGED THE PRIESTLY FUNCTIONS IN ISRAEL BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT OF AARON AND HIS SONS (EX. 28:1) JETHRO WAS A PRINCE OF MIDIAN BESIDES BEING A PRIEST AND MOSES SPENT THE FORTY YEARS OF HIS EXILE FROM EGYPT WITH HIM AND MARRIED HIS DAUGHTER ZIPPORAH. IT WAS BY THE ADVICE OF JETHRO THAT MOSES APPOINTED SEVENTY DEPUTIES TO JUDGE THE PEOPLE AND SHARE THE BURDEN OF GOVERNING THEM. (EX. 18) BECAUSE OF HIS LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAND JETHRO WAS ENTREATED TO REMAIN WITH THE ISRAELITES THROUGHOUT THEIR JOURNEY TO CANAAN. (NUM. 10:29) ELSEWHERE IN THE BIBLE JETHRO HAS BEEN CALLED REUEL AND ALSO HOBAB, THE SON OF RAGUEL, THE MIDIANITE.



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## California Lessons

by Bill O'Reilly

"And California dreamin' is becoming a reality." — The Mamas and the Papas

It is truly pathetic to see Democrats and Republicans alike try to spin the blackout and the California Recall. The truth is that neither party has embraced energy conservation, and both have sold out to special



interests. The GOP has allowed energy deregulation pirates to maximize profits at the expense of the folks. For example, deregulators laid off about 800 workers at the Mohawk plant in upstate New York, leaving the workforce there as thin as a fiber optic line. And, oh, yeah, don't mention any high-tech gizmos to the deregulators who prefer to run power plants the old-fashioned way: with tin foil.

The Democrats, on the other hand, have bowed before the greens, who want to go back to candlelight and stagecoaches. No drilling, no fossil fuel, no nuclear plants, no anything, and don't you dare disturb the caribou! Then, when the lights go out, Hillary Clinton and her pals are running around pointing fingers. Is anybody besides Sean Penn buying that charade?

Out in California, the spin is even more dizzying. Gray Davis has now thought up an excuse for bankrupting the state: The people passed so many tax-and-spend initiatives that he had no room to maneuver. So why is it that four years ago, California had a \$10-billion surplus, Governor? Those same initiatives were in place. Next, Davis will be telling us California had to pay for invading Iraq.

The reason Californians passed so many initiatives in the first place is that the people can't trust the politicians to do the right thing. Looting the treasury is now a parlor game in Sacramento with elected officials buying as many votes as they can, and the folks be damned. Just listen to this: California spends an astounding \$6 billion a year on K-12 public education. There are approximately six million kids in the system. That's about \$10,000 per student. And the Los Angeles school system still can't stop social promotion. Ten grand a kid, and hundreds of thousands of them can't pass. The solution: more money, of course.

California is the first state to collapse under the weight of political correctness run wild. If you are an illegal alien in the Golden State, the authorities will not report you to the federal government but will spend more than \$100 million giving you food. If you earn less than \$40,000 a year, there's a good chance the state will pay health insurance for your kids. That perk costs the taxpayers another \$800 million. I could go on and on, but the point is that the working people of California cannot provide the money for all of the spending; it's as simple as that.

Many Americans are California dreamers believing that public money can heal all ills. Most entitlement programs have noble intentions, but with private housing and other costs out of sight, the money can heal all ills. Most entitlement programs have noble intentions, but with private housing and other costs out of sight, the working folks just can't keep up. More than 800,000 people left California last year, and it's not because they didn't like the weather.

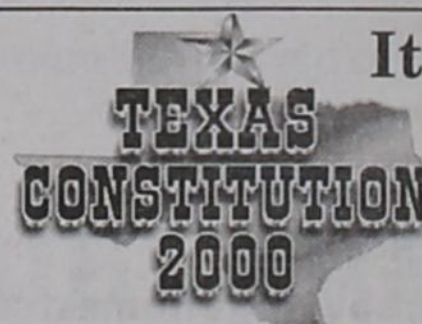
Some clueless Democrats are still running around promising to solve everyone's problems with cash. This is a lie. It cannot be done. On the other side, Republicans say the "trickle-down" approach will revive the economy. This is debatable, but at least the Bush administration is giving back some money to the folks. Once the economy revives, the Bush people know tax revenues will rise, so that's why they are pushing the tax cut "for the rich."

The polls show that even many poor people aren't buying the class warfare stuff anymore. We are all in this together. When the power went off everybody got hosed, and when Al Qaeda strikes it doesn't matter what your tax bracket is.

As with most things in life, we have now been warned. The collapse of California's political system, the blackout and 9-11 before that have all been signals sent. We Americans better wise up and start electing people who have a sense of urgency about protecting us and solving problems. For Americans remaining in the dark is simply not an option anymore. Let there be light.

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## And thereafter, exporting jobs...

by Walter E. Williams



Among George Orwell's insightful observations, there's one very worthy of attention: "But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought." Let's look at a few examples of corrupted language, thought and information. Pretend you're a customs inspection agent. There's a cargo container awaiting a ship bound

for foreign shores. You ask the shipper, who works for a big corporation, what's in the container. He answers, "It's a couple of thousand jobs that we're exporting overseas to a low-wage country."

What questions might you ask? How about, "What kind of jobs are in the container?" or, "Are they America's high-paying jobs?" Most people would probably say: "You're an idiot! You can't bundle up jobs and ship them overseas!"

A job is not a good or service; it can't be imported or exported. A job is an action, an act of doing a task. The next time a right- or left-wing politician or union leader talks about exporting jobs overseas, maybe we should ask him whether he thinks Congress should enact a law mandating U.S. Customs Service seizure of shipping containers filled with American jobs.

Let's turn to the next part of the exporting jobs nonsense, namely that corporations are driven solely by the prospect of low wages. Let's begin with a question: Is the bulk of U.S. corporation overseas investment, and hence employment of foreigners, in high-wage countries, or is it in low-wage countries?

The statistics for 1996 are: Out of total direct U.S. overseas investment of \$796 billion, nearly \$400 billion was made in Europe (England received 18 percent of it), next was Canada (\$91 billion), then Asia (\$140 billion), Middle East (\$9 billion) and Africa (\$7.6 billion). Foreign employment by U.S. corporations exhibited a similar pattern, with most workers hired in high-wage countries such as England, Germany and the Netherlands. Far fewer workers were hired in low-wage countries such as Thailand, Colombia and

Philippines, the exception being Mexico.

The facts give a different story from the one we hear from the left-wing and right-wing anti-free trade movement. These demagogues would have us believe that U.S. corporations are rushing to exploit the cheap labor in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Ethiopia. Surely with average wages in these countries as low as \$10 per month, it would be a darn sight cheaper than locating in England, Germany and Canada, where average wages respectively are: \$12, \$17 and \$16 an hour.

Let's look at a few of the reasons why some U.S. corporations choose to carry their operations overseas. Much of it can be summed up in a phrase: less predatory government and the absence of tort-lawyer extortion. While foreign governments can't be held guiltless of predation, their forms of predation might be cheaper to deal with than those of our EEOC, OSHA, EPA and IRS. Plus, tort lawyer extortion and harassment in foreign countries is a tiny fraction of ours. With each tort lawyer extortion and expansion of predatory regulations at federal, state or local levels of government, foreign operations become more attractive to U.S. corporations. Free trade helps make those costs explicit. American workers are just about the most productive in the world — however, our government and legal establishment have reduced that productive advantage.

It'd make far more sense for Americans to start attacking the real sources that have contributed to making foreign operations more attractive to those at home. It's more effective than caving to the rhetoric of leftist and rightist interventionists who mislead us with slogans like, "How can any American worker compete with workers paid one and two dollars an hour?" when in reality our real competition is mostly with European workers earning a lot more.

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## 'New' drug war strategy is old news

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Newly appointed Drug Enforcement Chief Karen P. Tandy has announced that her goals will be to target drug organizations, dry up their money supply, and dismantle them entirely.

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But wait a minute! I think they did! What about all the cartels that have been targeted and destroyed since Tandy graduated from law school in 1977, six years after President Nixon declared war on drugs? Do the Medellín and Cali cartels come to mind? And what about all the drug lords who have been busted over the years, such as Carlos Lehder and Antonio Noriega? Surely Tandy knows about them.

And what about the asset-forfeiture laws, whose fruits have been used to fund drug-enforcement agencies for years? Surely Tandy is also familiar with them.

If these things haven't proven successful after 30 years of drug warfare, why should we expect them to prove successful in the future?

One big problem, of course, is that they don't teach economics in most law schools in the country. If they did, Tandy would know that even if the government succeeds in knocking off drug organizations or drug kingpins there will always be more waiting in the wings to take their place.

Why? Because exorbitant black-market profits inevitably arise from the artificially high black-market prices of the illegal drugs. In fact, the more the government "cracks down" on drug organizations and drug lords, the higher the price goes, which attracts even more drug organizations and drug lords.

Despite any good intentions she might have, the result will be the same for Tandy as it has been for all other drug-war chiefs for the last 30 years. It

's called the law of supply and demand.

Think about all the "record drug busts" that the drug warriors have made for the past 30 years of drug warfare. Think about how the DEA trumpeted those drug busts as great successes in the war on drugs. Think about how they were used to justify ever-increasing budgets for the DEA.

Now ask yourself: Did any of them do anything to reduce the supply of drugs? Did any of them result in victory in the war on drugs?

In fact, just recently, we've read that Bolivian authorities have seized 5 tons of cocaine in a "record drug bust" and that U.S. officials have indicted one of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels, the Zambada-Garcia organization, and arrested 240 people as part of

that drug bust.

That's all great, but haven't we heard this a thousand times before? And would someone mind explaining to me why new record drug busts are considered a success in the decades-long war on drugs?

For the past 30 years, the drug war has destroyed countless lives busts are considered a success in the decades-long war on drugs?

For the past 30 years, the drug war has destroyed countless lives and wasted millions of dollars of taxpayer money. Karen Tandy's appointment as the new DEA chief reminds us of another downside to the war - the horrible waste of lives devoted to what is arguably the most nonproductive and destructive government program in U.S. history. We'd be doing both Tandy and the world a favor by bringing it to an end.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

### FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words "no" and "not" employed in restraint of governmental power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights." — Edmund A. Opitz

"A very good case can be made, on moral as well as economic grounds, for a system in which the individual is required to stand on his own feet, not to lean on the state for handouts. Character, resourcefulness, capacity are formed and developed in struggle with obstacles, not in waiting passively for benefits from outside." — William Henry Chamberlin

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# Antelopes get ready for season opener at Denver City Friday

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes capped off the pre-season scrimmages last Thursday evening with a solid offensive and defensive effort, putting together two touchdown drives and denying the Stanton Buffaloes the end zone.

"We're just very pleased with the team's overall improvement," Antelope head coach Tim James emphasized. "We look for getting better each week, and they've done just that."

Coach James was particularly pleased with the defense, pointing out that the secondary did an excellent job, backed up by strong effort on the line.

There were two injuries, however, which put a big question mark on the quarterback situation for Friday's opening game at Denver City. Sterling Smith suffered a knee injury and is not expected to play this week. Randon Blacklock, who took over the offense, came out of the scrimmage with a hip pointer and his status is questionable for tomorrow's game.

Coach James said that coaches are still evaluating players for starting positions, expecting to make firm decisions by Friday.

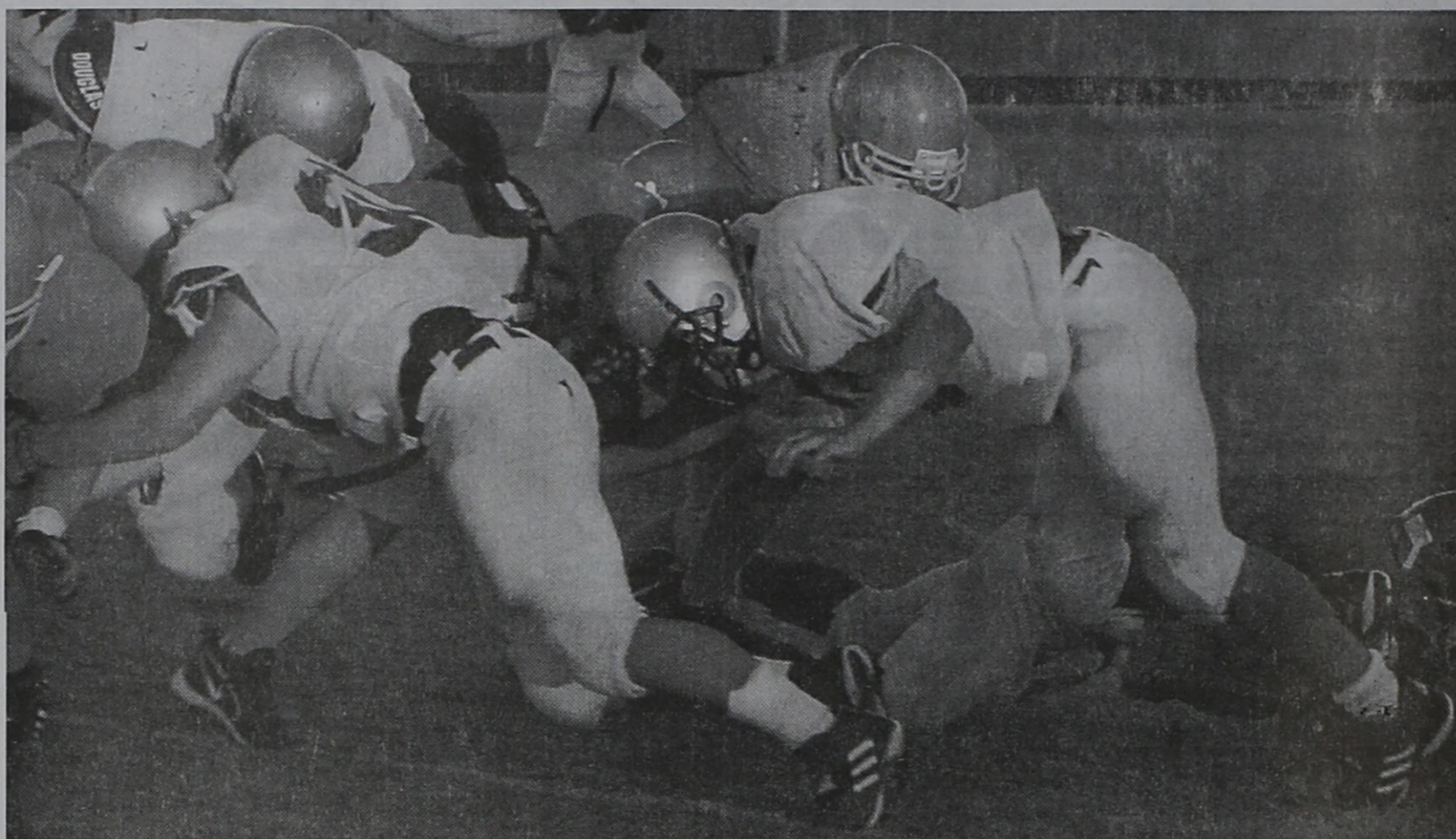
The Antelopes will need to be at their very best when they step onto the field at Denver City. The Mustangs have a top notch senior quarterback who can throw and run, and an excellent outside receiver. Quarterback Kelsey Henson and receiver Sam Girffin are a noted combination.

The Mustangs also have a quick running back who knows how to manage the field. On defense the Mustangs rely on a split six, with solid tackles and secondary defenders.

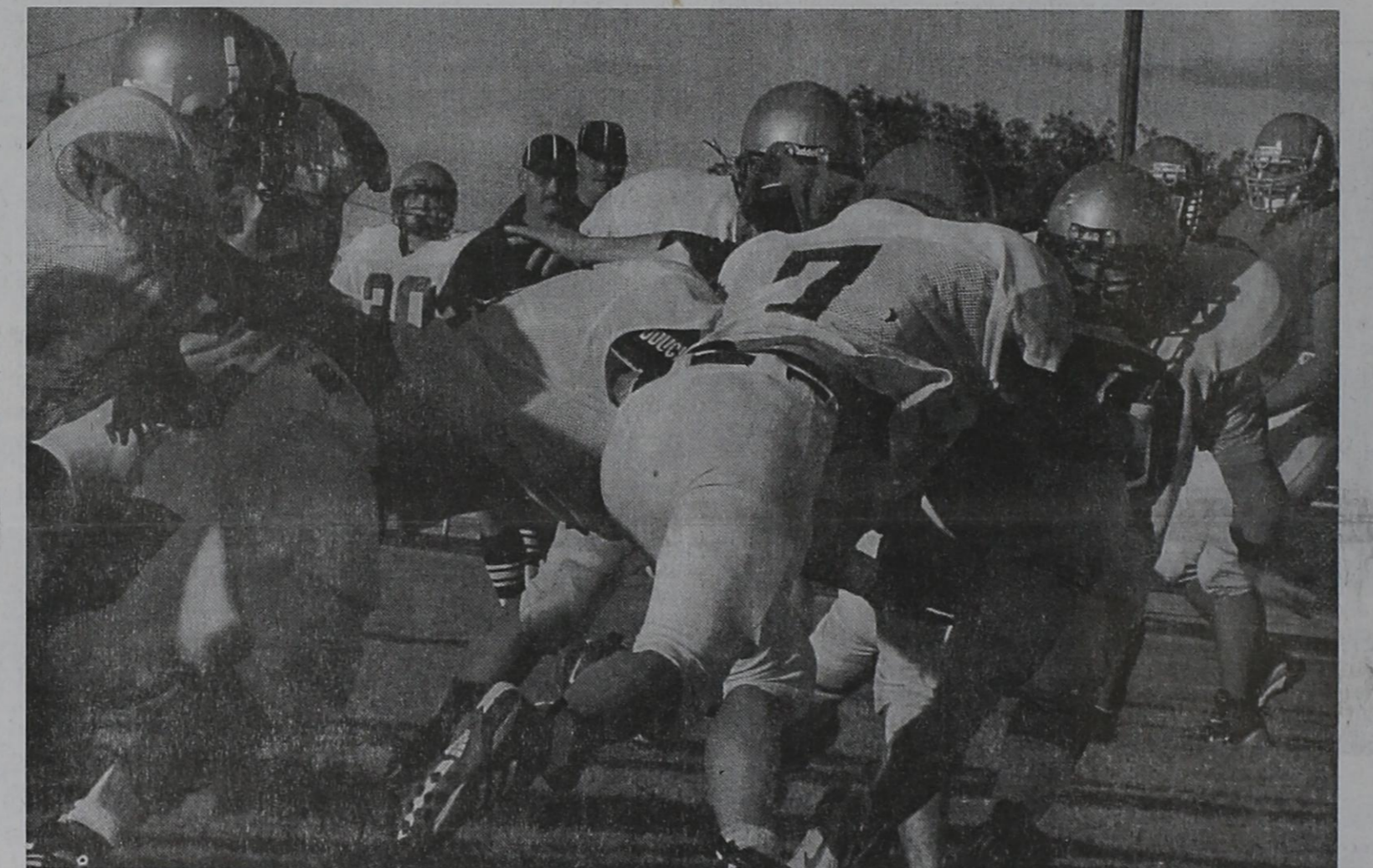
Last year the Antelopes surprised Denver City with a 33-14 win over them. "You know those guys are gunning for us," coach James added, "but that's okay, we have to expect every team to be fired up when they play us."

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Denver City. The team will leave the parking lot south of the high school about 3 p.m., with a "send-off" rally before the team boards the busses.

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The Post Antelopes mounted a stiff defense against the Stanton Buffaloes during last Thursday's scrimmage. Mark McCallister (left) stuffed a Buffalo lineman as an unidentified teammate takes down the ball carrier. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Randon Blacklock (7) takes down a Stanton runner during last Thursday's scrimmage at Stanton. The Post Antelopes face a potentially explosive, experienced offense when they open the 2003 season Friday at Denver City. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Quien exactamente es un niño con "necesidades especiales?" Sabemos que todos los niños tienen necesidades y que todos los niños son especiales. Pero, las necesidades de unos de los niños son mas diferentes que las necesidades de los niños "tipicos," esas necesidades quizas son en la area del desarrollo mental, social, sensible y fisico. Si eres un padre o son amigos de un niño que beneficia de estos servicios individuales, llame al director de programas especiales en su distrito, o contacte el coordinador de encontrando niños en el Education Service Center el telefono es 806-792-4000.

Who exactly is a child with "special needs?" We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional or physical development. If you are a parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call the Special Education Director in your school district, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806-792-4000.

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The GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 27.59 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

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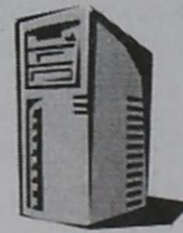
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Tax rate	.3790	.5000
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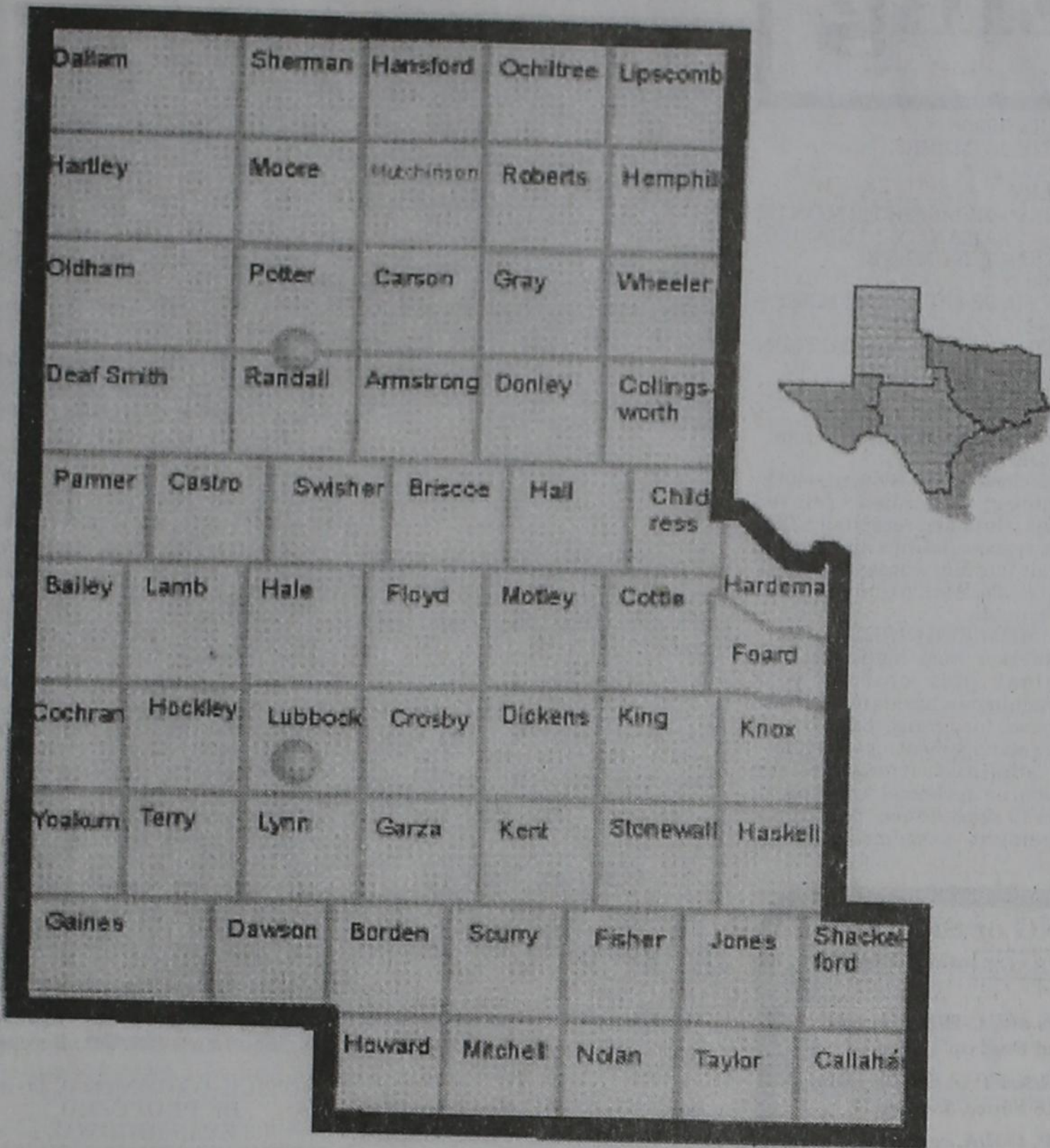


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# Garza County part of new Plains Trail



The new Panhandle Plains Wildlife Trail opens this month with 97 different parks, ranches and other locales where motorists can discover the best places to see wildlife and get back to nature. Road signs will be installed this fall to help drivers find sites on the trail.

The Panhandle Plains Trail is organized into 13 loops that provide travel itineraries for those who want to focus on a particular region. The trail features 29 private properties, from small bed and breakfasts to large ranches.

Area sites included on the trail include, in the Colorado Headwaters Loop, Lake Alan Henry and White River Lake. Included in the Llano Estacado Loop portion of the trail are Lubbock's Mackenzie Park, Yellow Canyon Lake, the Lubbock Cemetery, Buffalo Springs Lake and Lubbock Lake Landmark, as well as a handful of Lubbock-area parks.

On the Colorado Headwaters Loop north of Big Spring near Snyder, the Wagon Wheel Ranch has opened its gates to birders, hunters, Rivers and others. It's a longhorn cattle ranch, but most of the income these days comes from tourism.

"An outstanding feature of the Panhandle Plains Wildlife Trail is the awesome private ranches that are now open to guests," said Linda Campbell, TPWD nature tourism coordinator. "We've got more private ranches on this trail because of the limited number of public lands in that part of the state. These are some of the state's best-kept secrets - places few people have ever seen before that are now opening to serve nature-

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The driving trail runs through 60 Texas counties stretching from just south of Abilene up through the Rolling Plains and Panhandle to the Oklahoma border.

The Panhandle Plains Wildlife Trail is the second of four driving trails developed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. and local communities through funding from the Texas Dept. of Transportation. All are modeled after the

successful Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail that was created in the late 1990s.

The Heart of Texas Wildlife Trail also will open this fall, running through 55 counties from near Brownwood and San Angelo down through the Hill Country and South Texas to Del Rio and Laredo. The Prairies and Pineywoods Trail, featuring sites in north and east Texas, should be completed in late 2004.

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### New Hospice Volunteers

Seven Post residents participated in the Hospice of Lubbock volunteer training conducted recently. Volunteers from Post are (left to right) Shirley Stice, Rev. Lloyd Stice, Pauline Ham, Rev. Ron Miner, Pauline Mathis, Jackie Miner and Lily Blacklock. Following completion of the 24 hours of training, volunteers are certified to go into the homes of families served by Hospice of Lubbock to provide emotional support and friendship to patients and their families. Professional and non-professional volunteers are utilized as part of the program.

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# Yesteryears

## 10 Years Ago August 18, 1993

After months of delay because of redistricting, the Post city council election is over, almost. Post voters elected a new council Saturday, and returned first term Mayor Jim Jackson to office for another two years. Incumbent city councilman Larry Mills will face newcomer John Butterfield in a special runoff election for the seat in ward 5.

A number of future rodeo clowns competed in the Post Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Clown Contest Saturday afternoon at the Garza Theatre. Stace Norman was named the overall winner at the clown contest. Lorenzo Soto was named first place finisher in the seven and under contest.

Winners of the recent Garza County Roping were crowned Saturday night during the final night's action of the Post Stampede Rodeo. Two event champions were decided earlier. They were Cassie Short in breakaway roping and Steve Miller in steer stopping. Perry Smith held his lead in calf roping to take the title Saturday night and the team roping title was won by Eddie Clark and Joel Kirkpatrick.

Tony and D'Anne Bishop of Wilson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Anthony Lynn. He was born August 18, at 10:37 a.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

## 20 Years Ago August 21, 1983

Dena Renae Alexander and Cliff Gaylord Kirkpatrick were united in marriage at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, July 16. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Alexander of Lovington. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. Kirkpatrick of Post.

Special treatment for restoring the old Double U building in downtown Post was applied early this week, partially shutting down city hall, which is temporarily located in the front of the building.

Post High School cheerleaders attended camp at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and received three superior ribbons, two excellent ribbons and received the spirit stick twice. Members are Mendy Tatum, Leigh McCook, Bunny Miller, Denise Smith, Rhonda Storie and Pam Ehret.

Kim Hester became the bride of Scott Copeland in a double ring ceremony at the Singing Oaks Church of Christ in Quinlan, Texas, August 12. The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. George O. Hester, Sr., of Post.

The Post High School band started practice this past week, preparing for the opening performance Friday at Roosevelt. Band Boosters are currently selling memberships, and other fund raising activities, with the goal of providing refrigerated air conditioning for the band hall.

## 30 Years Ago August 23, 1973

A Gibson Discount Store is coming to Post. The Moore Brothers Company, announced here Tuesday that the company will open its tenth Gibson Discount Store in the former United Super Market building in the 100 block North Broadway, probably about mid-September.

Cliff Kirkpatrick, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirkpatrick, won the "world champion calf roper, age 12 and under" title at Odessa last weekend.

The busiest reader in the Post Public Library's summer reading program for boys and girls was

Melissa Morrow, who read 134 books. Her brothers, William Morrow, who read 54 was second and Daniel Morrow, who read 52 was third.

Introducing some of the new teachers for the upcoming school year are: Mrs. Bill Collier, who will teach seventh grade language arts in junior high; Mrs. Ben Miller, who will teach first grade; Mrs. Lee Norman, teaching special education in junior high, and Miss Nancy Vaughn, who will teach third grade.

On August 24, 1913, Luther Harper and Miss Beulah Genoway were married in the home of her parents. This Sunday, August 26, 1973 they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in the Sun Room at Twin Cedar Nursing Home.

## 40 Years Ago August 22, 1963

All except one of the U.S. highways and farm-to-market roads in Garza County will get the new 70 miles per hour speed limit that goes into effect this Friday, Julian F. Smith resident highway engineer, said today. The only road restricted to 60 miles per hour is FM 211, which runs from FM 122 (Ralls Road) to U. S. Hwy. 84.

Roger Dale Hair, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saddle Wesley Hair, of Rt. 2, has enlisted in the United States Army for three years.

Playing his best golf since he took up the game some two years ago, Mike Mitchell won the first flight Sunday in the Aspermont Invitational Tournament.

"If enthusiasm is any indication, then we'll have a better football team than last year," Head Coach Harold Teal said Monday after greeting 42 candidates for this year's Post Antelope squad. The 17 lettermen back for this year's grid campaign are Pat Cornell, Tom Clark, Butch Cross, Teddy Scott, Jackey Fluitt, Benny Owen, Billy Mitchell, Charlie Brown, Billy Blacklock, John Sutter, Danny Pierce, Curtis Hudman, Wendell Johnson, Danny Odom, Pat Sullivan, Ricky Little and Ronald Simpson.

## 50 Years Ago August 20, 1953

A get-acquainted Coke party for Lometa and Loveta Perrin, twin sisters, who are newcomers to Post, was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Bille and Margaret Moreland. The Perrin sisters and their parents recently moved here from Farwell. The girls will be freshmen in high school.

Drawing "oohs and ahhs" from the spectators in last Thursday's rodeo parade was Garza County 4-H Club float. Riding on the float were Queen Jennie Lou Redman and members of her court.

The Garza County Fair, September 11 and 12, will be held at the City Warehouse, across the street east of the locker plant. The Lone Star Amusement Company's carnival will be on the midway, and will also be here for two nights before the fair begins.

Garza County kiddies have a big treat in store for them this week if they see Walt Disney's "Peter Pan" and featurette, "Bear Country," both filmed in color and booked for showing at Tower Theatre.

Main Street: Seeing Sue Hudman back in town waving and smiling to her many friends made a pleasant spot in our day. Sue's husband, Cpl. Charles Hudman, of the U. S. Marine Corps, sailed recently for the South Pacific. Sue is dividing her time with her parents, the Dan Carpenters of Tahoka and with relatives in Post.

# Central Bail Bonds celebrates 25th anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, Kenneth Knowles received a telephone call from a friend and business associate, explaining that he was in a new business he thought Knowles would be perfect for.

"What would that be?" Knowles asked.

His friend replied, "Bail bonds." Knowing nothing about bail bonds, Knowles asked once more, "What is that again?"

After a long conversation with his friend about the bail bond industry, Knowles traveled to Dallas to check into the business. He liked what he saw and went to work for the company. He spent a week in Dallas training and took over the company's Wichita Falls office. That was in February 1978.

While posting a bond in April 1978, Knowles ran into an attorney friend at the city jail. He told the friend he was posting a bond and that he was working for a bail bond company out of Dallas. The attorney asked if he would like to be self-employed, posting bonds for several Wichita Falls attorneys. That was the start of Central Bail Bonds.

In May 1978, Knowles filed his DBA and opened his office at 711 Lamar.

After 25 years, his "hard driving" attitude has brought Central Bail Bonds to the top of the industry as Texas' largest privately owned surety with 30 offices and 51 agents. Knowles attributes the accomplishment to the God-fearing Christian upbringing provided by his parents. His father taught him to give 100 percent in everything he chose to do.

"Anything but your best is not good enough," his father said.

From his modest start in the business, Knowles worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week to educate himself and to learn everything he could about the bail bond business. He took every course available and joined the state association of which he is now president for a second term.

In 1981, along with a handful of bondsmen from throughout the U.S., he helped found the Professional Bail Agents of the United States.

One of Knowles' greatest achievements was being named top bondsman of the 20th Century by a nationally recognized magazine. The honor came, in part, for Knowles' dedication to the industry and assistance in steering it into the 21st century. It also was a result of his status in the community, his professional integrity and the respect he has earned from his peers and the courts.

"How Texas goes is of much importance to our industry, and the state is in good hands with an honorable man like Ken Knowles," said Kelly McClelland, editor of the Bail Bond Chronicles.

Despite Knowles' achievements, he continues to fight health obstacles. In 1994, he was diagnosed with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, a rare inherited type of emphysema. In 2002, he had a heart attack that resulted in heart catheterization, and in March of this year he discovered he had another rare condition, Carcinoid Syndrome, a malignant-type of tumor that occurs in less than 10 percent of the population. On June 2, Knowles had surgery to

remove the tumor, but he keeps pushing to better his company and make sure the state's bail bondsmen's business continues.

Knowles' winning ways can be linked to his days as an athlete, as seen in old newspaper articles written about him while he was a student at Holliday High School and Texas Tech. He was named All-State and All-American in football, basketball and track, and in the 1957 and 1958 football seasons, he gained 6,000 yards rushing and passing while scoring 63 touchdowns - all in 21 games. In track, he set records in both the high and low hurdles, and his broad jump record stood for 13 years.

Knowles also has a winning family. He has three grown children - Angela Burgher, a homemaker with three children; Kent Knowles, who works with his father and has three children of his own; and Kristy Knowles, a dental hygienist who recently married. On June 30, Knowles became a great-grandfather to Zephyr Keith, son of Keith and Talya Scoughton.

Knowles' memberships and financial support, as well as his personal effort, greatly benefits community organizations and projects, including the Better Business Bureau, the Wichita Falls Board of Commerce & Industry, Crimestoppers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Texas, Hospice of Wichita Falls, United Regional Health Care Center, Beacon Lighthouse for the Blind, Humane Society of Wichita Falls, Midwestern State University, the FFA and 4-H Clubs and the American Cancer Society. He also is a member of the Thornberry Baptist Church.

Knowles' achievements have earned him inductions in Who's Who in Leading American Executives in the U.S. His professionalism and drive have given him and Central Bail Bonds the competitive edge needed to be the biggest and best bail bond company in the industry.

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### Youth Development Committee

The Garza County 4-H Youth Development Committee will meet at 12 Noon, Tuesday, September 2, at Post High School Home Economics Lab. Lunch will be provided.

### Horseman hip Clinics

There are two Horsemanship Clinics scheduled for September 7 and September 14 at 3:00 p.m., at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. Come learn how to show your horse at Halter and for Showmanship. Lessons will cover proper clothing and attire, grooming and clipping techniques, showing and training your horse. Having a horse present would be better, but not required.

### GCJLA Horse Show

The annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Association horse show is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. This show will consist of Halter Classes and Showmanship Classes for Mares and Geldings. Classes will be divided by age of horse. Pee-Wees (for kids 8 and under) may enter also. Entries and fees are due and payable in the Extension office by October 7.

### 4-H Bears

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### GCJLA "Fundraiser"....

.....is scheduled for October 3 at the Post Community Center. Limited number of tickets for cash prizes are available from GCJLA members. Watch for more details later.

## GHD clinic losses down

The Medicaid and Medicare paperwork is done, and the Garza County Health Care District is seeing a drop in the amount of money required to support local clinic operations.

According to Tanya Boucher, the district's interim administrator, board members for the district approved a payment of just under \$19,500 to cover management, payroll and "everything" for the July operation of the Garza County Health Clinic. Approval of the expenditure came at the district's board of directors meeting Aug. 21.

"That's much better than last month," said Boucher, noting that the district infused the clinic with \$36,500 to cover June expenses and \$40,000 to cover expenses incurred in May. "It looks to be improving.... It should start leveling out."

The difference, Boucher said, is that Medicaid and Medicare enrollments are in place, and collections are on the upswing. Collections were down in May and June, but should continue to pick up.

In the meantime, the clinic is not only overcoming some financial struggles, but some personnel changes as well. Dr. Scott Bergfeld left the clinic at the end of July, but the clinic operator, PNS, has already put another doctor in place, Boucher said. The new physician is on duty 4 1/2 days each week, working mornings on Fridays, and the nurse practitioner is "always there," the interim administrator said.

In other business at their regular meeting, health care district directors:

- Approved a Written Hazard Communication Policy as required by state officials. Boucher said the board is in the process of updating several of its policies.
- Again tapped J.W. Anderson & Assoc. of Lubbock to continue conducting the district's annual audit.
- Discussed the administrator's employment agreement. No action was taken.
- Discussed and requested additional information on a bid made on Lot 9, Block 39 (401 N. Ave. F).
- Discussed but took no action on the planned extended absence of director Terry Bartlett and if and how that position might be filled in the interim.
- Reviewed an assignment of medical records agreement received from Covenant.

- Tabled action on the proposed budget until the board's budget workshop Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Citizens Bank.
- Received the indigent care report. As of the end of June, 15 individuals had been served. That number climbed to 16 by the end of July. Through 10 months of the fiscal year, a total of slightly more than \$50,700 of funding earmarked for indigents has been spent. A total of \$150,000 is budgeted annually for indigent care, Boucher said.

Three directors - Ray Bagby, Bartlett and Edna Owen - were present for the session.

The group's next regular meeting is set for Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like death warmed over"
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- TXism: "useless as panty \_\_\_\_\_ to a pig"
- TX Charley's "\_\_\_\_\_ Losing You?"
- Reba's "\_\_\_\_\_ Life Out There?"
- NASA drink
- TXism: "popular as \_\_\_\_\_ daughter"
- TCU All American center Charles "\_\_\_\_\_ Aldrich"
- 1st female TX Sec. of State, Meharg
- TXism: "smart as a bunthouse \_\_\_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ work"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ better, I couldn't stand it"
- Tony McGee's \_\_\_\_\_ position on the Cowboys (abbr.)
- TXism: "tall hog at the \_\_\_\_\_" (VIP)
- TX Roddenberry's "Star \_\_\_\_\_"
- a daughter of TX Gene Tierney
- TXism: "beats a \_\_\_\_\_ with a sharp stick"
- Gulf fish
- Houston Building
- tree chopper
- Winnboro FM
- natural height
- "\_\_\_\_\_ of Laredo"
- "A-Rod's" pos. on the Texas Rangers (abbr.)
- TX actress Sandy (init.)
- TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ blood in his veins" (lover)
- 58 traps
- sour tasting substance
- news wrangler (abbr.)
- TXism: "two-\_\_\_\_\_ nag"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ some gravel" (fell)
- TXism: "at the drop \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX-OK lake
- TX Browning won \_\_\_\_\_ diving gold in \_\_\_\_\_, Finland
- Gen. Robt. \_\_\_\_\_ state where TX Buddy Holly crashed (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ an egg-sucking dog"
- TXNs Landry & Kite
- TXism: "gave \_\_\_\_\_ dose of his own medicine"
- African antelopes raised in TX

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- "Dang Me" singer TX Roger (init.)
- TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of a sow's \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "never look a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mouth"
- TX Walker was commander of the United \_\_\_\_\_ forces in Korea
- chicken fried \_\_\_\_\_
- TX singer Hank (init.)
- in Smith Co. off 64
- TXism: "it's \_\_\_\_\_ hog or die"
- Rangers NY foe
- TXism: "tough \_\_\_\_\_ hoe"
- Gulf fish catcher
- Ft. Worth Univ.
- deliver a fugitive to another jurisdiction
- Jackson Co. seat this Calhoun was TX "Domino Kid"
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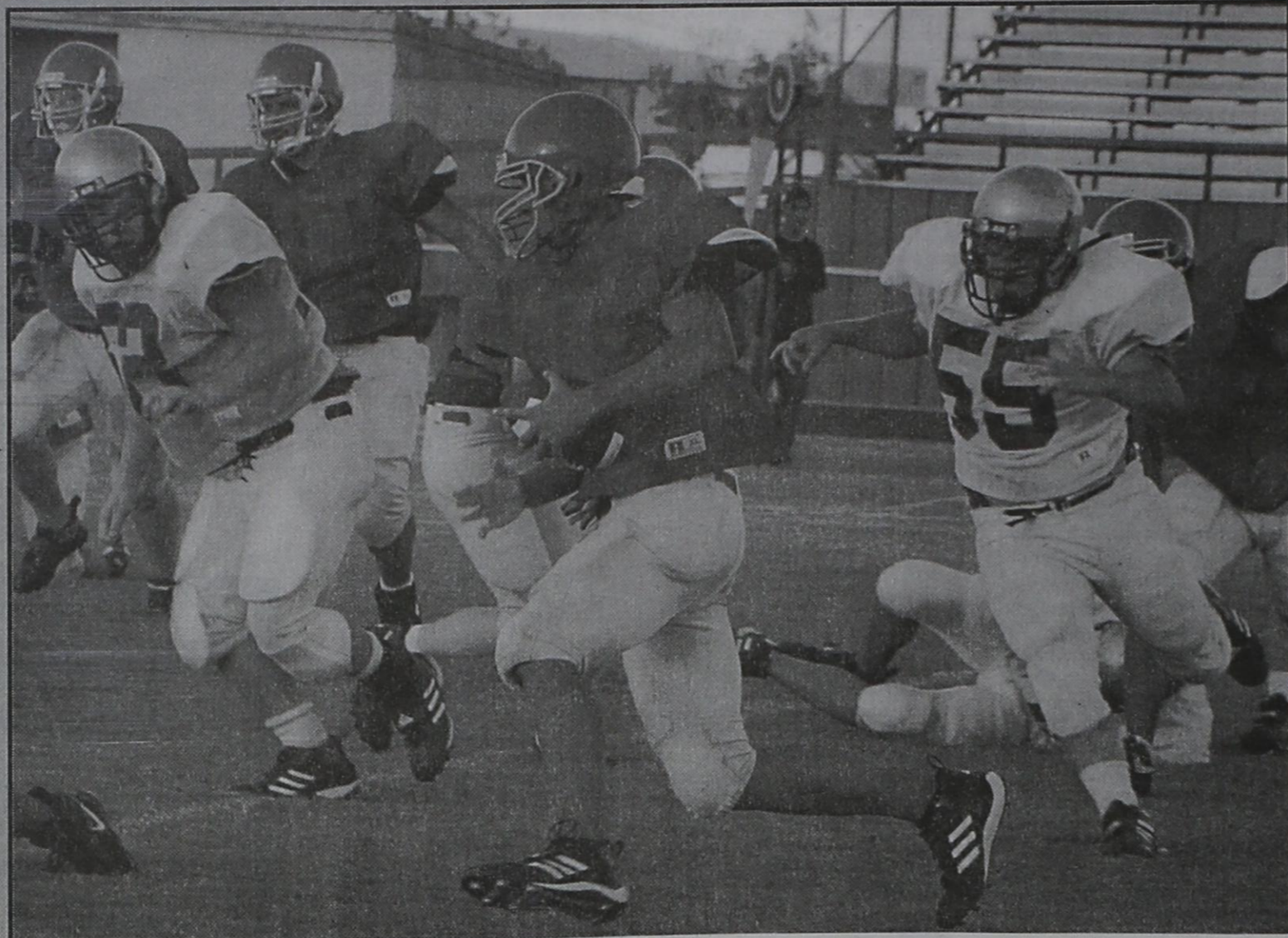
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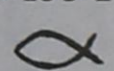
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Sept. 5	Varsity	Roscoe	7:30
Sept. 11	7-8th	Friona	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ Friona	6:30
Sept. 12**	Varsity	Homecoming Friona	7:30
Sept. 18	7-8th	@ Merkel	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Merkel	5 & 6:30
Sept. 19	Varsity	@ Merkel	7:30
Sept. 25	7-8th	@ Brownfield	5 & 6:30
	9th	Floydada	6
	JV	@ Snyder	7:30
Sept 27 (Sat)	Varsity	@ Perryton	3
Oct. 2	7-8th	Crosbyton	5
	9th	Colorado City	TBA
Oct. 3	Varsity	OPEN	OPEN
Oct. 9	7-8th	New Deal	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ New Deal	5
Oct. 10*	Varsity	New Deal	7:30
Oct. 16	7-8th	Shallowater	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ Shallowater	5 & 6:30
Oct. 17*	Varsity	Shallowater	7:30
Oct. 23	7-8th	@ Idalou	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Idalou	5 & 6:30
Oct. 24*	Varsity	@ Idalou	7:30
Oct. 30*	7-8th	Tahoka	5 & 6:30
	9th	at Floydada	TBA
	JV	@ Tahoka	6
Oct. 31*	Varsity	Tahoka	7:30
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