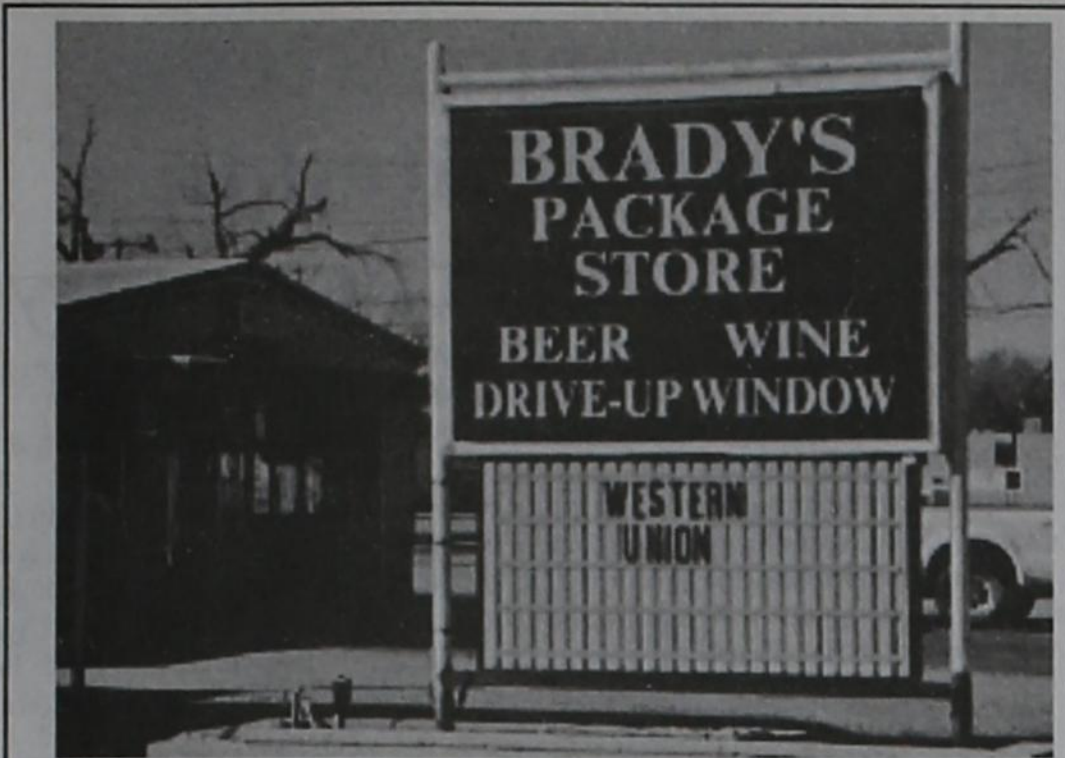


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County supporters lash out at rollback election

by Wes Burnett
Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby opened Tuesday night's information meeting at the Post Community Cen-

ter about the tax rollback election with an attack on an editorial in The Post Dispatch, challenged questions raised by Fred Howell in a recent letter to the editor and took issue with an advertisement by Jon Smith, Democratic Party candidate for sheriff.

In his comments, Dalby expressed disagreement with an editorial in the January 15, 2004 edition of the local newspaper. He quoted from the editorial, which explained that the county was bound only to four essential functions by the state constitution. "We also have been hit by unfunded mandates by the state legislature," Dalby countered. He also said that he considered himself a "moral person," and said that although he doesn't like taxes "anymore than anyone else," he couldn't figure out how else to pay for government.

Dalby pointed to Howell to expand on comments about comparison of the county budget to other counties of comparable size. Howell explained that Garza County spends more than \$1.5 million than other Texas counties of similar populations. "Maybe you should take a look at what those counties are doing," Howell suggested.

Howell, a retired accountant, had reviewed budgets from various Texas counties to determine why there is such a huge difference in spending here.

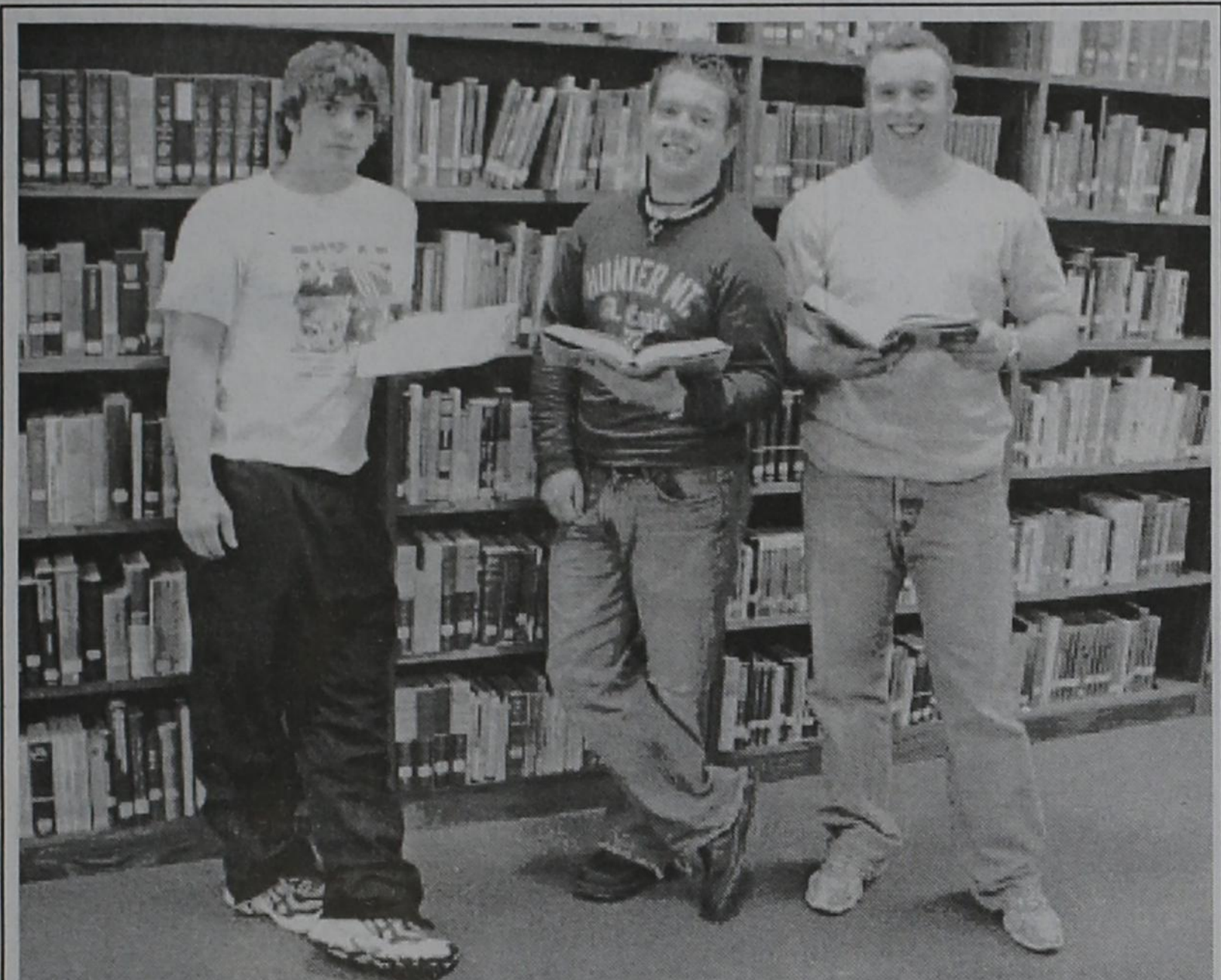
Dalby said that Smith's advertisement calling for the county to take over operations of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility was ill advised. Dalby emphasized that there are a number of financial and liability matters which make that proposition impractical.

When Dalby opened the floor to questions, several tax increase supporters directed their remarks directly to Howell and his wife Irene. A tirade of criticism and verbal assaults were hurled at Mr and Mrs Howell.

The insults continued until the couple left their seats to leave the building. Howell had a few private words with Judge Dalby. Then other speakers continued to belittle proponents of the rollback election.

Dalby and commissioner Lee Norman devoted approximately 30 minutes to a slide presentation pointing out various aspects of county expenses and revenues in defense of their opposition to the tax rollback election.

(See the entire meeting on Cebridge Media Channel 12 today at 1, 5 and 10 p.m., repeated on Monday, January 26.)



Post Antelope varsity football players earning All-State Academic Athletic honors are (left to right) Mitchell Mills, Coby Jones and Mark McCallister. (Staff Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

Early voting continues through February 3

Early voting in the February 7 county rollback election began this week and will run through Feb. 3.

Early voting in the rollback election began Wednesday in the county clerk's office. Anyone registered to vote in Garza County is eligible to cast an early vote in lieu of voting on the actual election date.

Voters planning to cast an early ballot, as well as those who plan to vote on election day, are urged to take their voter registration cards to the polling place.

An official with the Garza County clerk's office said all voters will be asked to show either a voter registration card or some legal form of identification, such as a driver's license.

A voter unable to meet this requirement may cast a provisional ballot, but he or she runs the risk of having that ballot omitted from the final count if during the official canvass process it is determined he

or she is not a registered voter in Garza County.

The tax rollback election was called several weeks ago after county officials received a petition in November calling for the action.

Supporters of the rollback are asking for the current tax rate of .50 per \$100 valuation to be reduced to .423 per \$100 valuation.

In preparation for the current fiscal year, county officials raised the tax rate from .379 per \$100 valuation to the current rate of .50 per \$100 valuation.

According to a brochure entitled 'Garza County Tax Facts,' the catalysts behind the tax hike were "state budget cuts and decreased revenues at the county level."

County officials have drawn up a plan to cut approximately \$316,000 from the budget in the event the tax rollback passes.

County Judge Giles Dalby said the

proposed cutbacks would be across the board and would cost seven local residents their jobs - two full-time museum employees, a part-time community center employee and four courthouse employees. Additionally, each commissioner would lose part-time help in his precinct and the Extension Office secretarial position would be trimmed to part-time.

Supporters of the tax rollback maintain budget cuts could be made in several areas that would be less painful to the bulk of Garza County taxpayers.

The \$162,666 budget for the Precincts 1 & 2 constable's office at Lake Alan Henry area seems bloated, rollback proponents say, particularly when compared to the \$37,482 budget of the constable's office that serves Precincts 3 & 4. Others charge that the recent provision of \$27,000 in start-up funding for the new Lake Alan Henry Water District was unnecessary.

Post ISD trustees look at long-range facility plan

Information delivered to Post Independent School District trustees last week could help establish some long-range facilities plans for the school district.

During the Jan. 14 school board meeting, trustees received a report from a consultant hired to assist in the creation of a facilities master plan. The report included data and demographics that could assist in the planning and development of district facilities in upcoming years.

Included in the consultant's report was a discussion of four possible scenarios the district might choose to follow in establishing its facilities master plan. The scenarios were reviewed by several local groups and committees, including district administrators, staff representatives, site-based committee representatives and city, chamber and community representatives prior to being introduced to trustees.

The scenario best received by reviewers was one that focused on moving the middle school into the existing high school facility and constructing a new high school building. Superintendent Marlin Marcum said this scenario was one of the less costly options presented.

Trustees also received a report on the district's involvement with the juvenile detention center. According to the report, the Post ISD spends approximately \$300,000 annually in its involvement at the detention center. If the center maintains an average daily population of 25, the school district's cost is \$12,000 per juvenile detention center student per year.

The district spends approximately \$7,000 per student per year on its mainstream campuses.

In response to the report, district officials discussed broadening the duties of their detention center staff to trustees.

to include the operation of an alternative education program designed to serve students who do not fit into the traditional high school scheme, Marcum said. Such a program might include adult education, GED, ESL, parenting training and other avenues that would help "make the expenses more cost effective for the Post ISD."

In other business, trustees:

- Evaluated the superintendent and voted to extend his contract through 2007.
- Established a budget parameter of \$8.4 million for the upcoming school year. That benchmark, based on the existing \$1.39 per \$100 valuation tax rate, was set with the goal that the district would "not spend more than we bring in," Marcum said. If the school district holds the tax rate at \$1.39 per \$100 valuation for the next fiscal year, it will mark four years the district has operated without adopting a tax rate increase.
- Approved several valuation changes recommended by the appraisal district, resulting in a slight decrease in the district's overall values.
- Reviewed the process to be followed in the sale of the school district's Justiceburg property. The property will be advertised for sale in early February. Bids will be opened later in the month and any action taken as a result of the bids will be handled at the trustees' regular March meeting.
- Approved the shared services arrangement agreement with the Regional Day School for the Deaf in Lubbock.
- Named Mark Odom the integrated pest management coordinator for the district.

Stock show exhibitors earn \$56,320 at sale

by Diane Graves

Seventy-nine 4-H and FFA youth participating in the 40th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show last week received a total of \$56,320 in premiums and prize money for the 2004 show.

Kaylee Farquhar exhibited the Grand Champion Steer which brought her a premium of \$1,225 from The Altman Group, DBR Farms and Posey Gin. The Grand Champion Steer Buckle was sponsored by the Big County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Kaylee, the daughter of David and Leisa Farquhar of Southland, won with her Exotic Division 1st. place medium-weight steer.

Coby Jones won the Reserve Grand Champion Steer plaque with his English Breed Champion light-weight entry. Coby, the son of Greg and Channa Jones, received an \$850 premium from Xpert Oil Tools of Snyder.

D'Nae Johnson won Grand Champion in the Lamb Division with her

medium-weight Breed Champion Medium Wool. She received an \$800 premium from United Supermarket and E&E Service and Supply of Odessa. The Grand Champion buckle was sponsored by Caprock Cellular of Spur. D'Nae is the daughter of Mike and Tammy Bland.

Kadie Vernon won Reserve Grand Lamb plaque with her medium-weight Reserve Breed Champion Medium-Wool. Kadie, the daughter of Danny and Tanya Vernon, received a \$550 premium from Ira Pump and Jenkins Electric.

Kaylee Farquhar won the Traveling Finewool trophy with her breed champion Finewool lamb. The trophy, sponsored by Junior and Diane Stelzer, "travels" each year with the breed champion winner. If an exhibitor wins three years in a row, the exhibitor gets to keep the trophy. This is the second year for Kaylee to take the trophy home.

In the Swine show, Israel Beggs won Grand Champion honors with his light-weight Cross Breed Champion hog. Israel received a \$1,000 premium from 3R Oil Company and the Swine Champion Buckle sponsored by Stanley Truck & Tire. Israel is the son of Jackie and Cindee Reiter.

Cheyenne Bouldin won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque with her heavy-weight Cross Reserve Breed Champion. Cheyenne, the daughter of Steve and Beverly Miller, received a premium of \$550 from South Plains Electric Cooperative-Dickens Division.

In the Goat Division, Pat Reiter won the Grand Champion buckle sponsored by Brad and Penny Mason and Milton and Billy Williams. His 1st. Place medium-heavy weight goat

brought \$1,000 from 3R Oil Company in the premium sale. Pat is the son Chris and Glenna Reiter.

Cheyenne Bouldin also won the Reserve Grand Champion Goat plaque with her 1st. Place heavy-weight and received a \$550 premium from K.W. and Patty Kirkpatrick and Mason Brothers Construction.

The 40th Annual C.C.J.L.A. Show and Sale began Wednesday afternoon with 27 steers, 90 hogs, 47 goats and 31 lambs being weighed in. Exhibiting these 199 animals were 46 4-H'ers, 15 Post FFA members and 18 Southland FFA members. Assisting the youth with these projects were David Farquhar, Southland FFA advisor, Post FFA advisors Perry Smith and Lance Dunn, and Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Also participating this year and stealing the show were 20 Pee-Wees, ages 8 and under, exhibiting goats. Haley Krauser, Brielee Daniell, Landon Greer, Morgan Lynch, Shawn Ledbetter, Caleb Willis, Lauren Lynch, and Russ Morris exhibited in the 5 and under age group. Rhaeden Bland, Colby Pennell, Callie Odom, Taylor Ann Osborn, Hayden Farquhar, Mallory Arguello, Blace Stevens, Pake Jones, Breea Daniell, Aaron Garza, Gabriella Abraham, and Sara Greer participated in the 6-8 age group. Sponsored by Garza County 4-H Booster Club, each participant was presented a Goat trophy.

Prior to the premium sale on Saturday, awards were presented to outstanding exhibitors. Breann Heckaman was presented the special "Over-all Sportsmanship" buckle

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Post Notes

Post Junior Basketball meeting Sunday

Little Dribblers will hold an organizational meeting at the Wells Fargo community room on Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m. All those interested in helping with this important program are urged to attend.

PHS Class of '94 round-up

The Post High School Class of 1994 is seeking info on classmates to invite to the 10 year reunion later this summer. Anyone with information on classmates should contact Shelly Haney at postclassof94@yahoo.com or leave a message with Rebecca Haney at 495-2960.

'Grandma Brag Pages' set for Feb. 12

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published February 12, with a deadline of Friday, February 6. The special edition features photos of grandchildren and are priced at \$10 (for one to two in a photo), \$20 and \$40 (for larger groups of children). Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816 for more details.

Post VFD Chili Supper Feb. 5

The annual Post Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper will be held Saturday, February 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the fire station, 202 South Avenue H. Cost for the chili supper is by donation. The department uses the funds to purchase equipment and supplies as needed.

Free computer training

The Post-Garza County Community Network is offering free computer training to Post and Garza County residents. Level I Excel classes will be held January 20, 22, 27 and 29 at the PHS Media Center. The class is designed for those already familiar with Excel and will focus on formulas and formatting. A FrontPage/Web Design course will be held February 3, 5 and 10 and 12. This course will cover basics of web page design and publishing. Contact Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or e-mail to sdomom@post.k12.tx.us. Class size is limited for both courses.

KPOS Radio offers live basketball game reports

KPOS Radio will broadcast live basketball game reports on Friday nights. The live reports will be aired at the end of each period for both varsity Lady Lope and Antelope games. DVD video recordings of the Friday games are also aired on Post City Television (Cebridge Media Channel 12) on Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 5 and 10 p.m. KPOS Radio is aired locally on Cebridge Media Channel 12 and on the internet at www.kposradio.com

Local newspaper offers New Year special

The Post Dispatch has launched a New Year special, offering a new subscriber bargain of \$20 for 20 months. The special subscription rate is limited to new subscribers and continues through January 31, 2004.

Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816, or send payment to The Post Dispatch, P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356.

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone, Well, it DOES still know how to frair in Post, Texas!! Was that not the most wonderful smell in this world? I don't

know how many calls I got from folks excited because they were running their windshield wipers. I am sorry for the absense last week. I simply did not have any news to share. Please call with your news items. It makes "Jabberin'" so much easier.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Janet Ratliff called and she and Chuck would like to wish their granddaughter Taylor Gray a very happy birthday. Taylor will be 8 years old Sunday. From "Judy's Jabberin'" also, happy birthday Taylor!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO STANA

Pauline Mathis called to do a little bragging on her granddaughter, Stana Feagin Washington. Stana made the Dean's List at LCU. She is the daughter of Mike and Melba Feagin of Lubbock and the granddaughter of the late Stanley and Pauline Mathis.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KIDS

I also wanted to congratulate all of

the kids involved in the Stock Show last weekend. Remembering from our kids, I know how much dedication and work it takes to raise and show these animals. So to all of you kids, winners or not, congratulations to all of you. I must also include Borden County in this congrats since I have a neice and nephew, as well as some other Post kids, in that show.

QUOTES FROM WILL ROGERS

1. There are two theories to arguing with a woman....neither works.
2. If you find yourself in a hole....stop digging.
3. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
4. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
5. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then and make sure it's still there.
5. Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
6. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that is all for this week. May God bless each of you. Have a wonderful week end, Judy



Mr and Mrs Steve Gonzales

Flora Gomez, Steve Gonzales united in double ring ceremony

Flora Gomez and Steve Gonzales were united in a double ring ceremony at 11 a.m. Dec. 22, 2003, at the Chapel of the Fountains in Las Vegas.

Parents of the couple are Gustavo and Irma Gomez of Post and Danny and Susan Gonzales of Close City.

For her wedding, the bride wore a gown featuring a strapless bodice of white Italian satin accented with pearls, sequins, bugle beads and marquis-cut Aurora Borealis rhinestones. The basque waistline of the dress allowed the full ball gown of French tulle to fall gracefully to the floor and was finished with beading that echoed the look of the bodice. To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a tiara of rhinestones accented with fingertip illusions.

Marianna Gomez, the bride's sister-in-law, served as matron of honor.

Best man was Danny Gonzales, the groom's father.

A reception and dinner followed at the New York, New York Hotel in Las Vegas.

The bride, a graduate of Post High School, attended South Plains College and is employed by the Olive Garden in Irving.

The groom graduated from Post High School and WTC and is employed by the Brookhollow Country Club in Dallas as assistant superintendent of the golf course.

The newlyweds reside in Irving.

Attending the wedding were the couple's parents; Mike and Eva Gonzales of Close City; Jim and Ann Strahan of Rising Star; Noe and Marianna Gomez of Post; Sammy Gomez and Sandy Allen of Austin; and Julie Cruz, Vanessa Cruz and Ruby Cruz of Van Alstyne.



Brooke Phillips, Tommy Duncan announce engagement

Gregg and Heidi Phillips of Lubbock have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brooke, to Tommy Duncan II, son of Tommy and Maria Duncan of Seymour.

A Feb. 14, 2004, wedding at the Post Community Center is planned. The bride-elect is a graduate of Coronado High School. The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Seymour High School, attended Texas Tech. He is employed by Ramar Communications.



Jamie Dawson, Ross Babb set August wedding date

James and Joy Dawson of Post have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamie Dawson of Lubbock, to Ross Babb, son of Randy and Deana Babb of Post.

An August 2004 wedding is planned.

The bride-elect, a Post High School graduate, attends Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock and is employed with Covenant Medical Center. The prospective bridegroom, also a graduate of Post High School, is employed by Roger Hair.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

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Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops. This conference will be held Thursday, January 29 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, Texas, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes notebook, pen, tire gauge, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20 if paid by January 23, 2004. After January 23, the registration fee will be \$25. Registration forms may be picked up at the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will feature information on Cotton Production for both Irrigated & Dryland Cotton; Weed Control Options for 2004; South Plains Peanut Production; Grain Sorghum Production; Control of Salt Cedar and Mesquite (Brush Busters); Control of Brush in Fenceline (IPT); Grazing Wheat for Profit-Diversification of Small Grain Production with Livestock; Implementation of Cattle into Cropping Systems and self-study Laws & Regulations. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (2 IPM and 3 General) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program. Participants will also have the opportunity to acquire one (1) additional CEU in Laws and Regulations through a self-study program.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. J.F. Cadenhead, Dr. Ted McCollum, and Extension Agent Tommy Doederlein with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

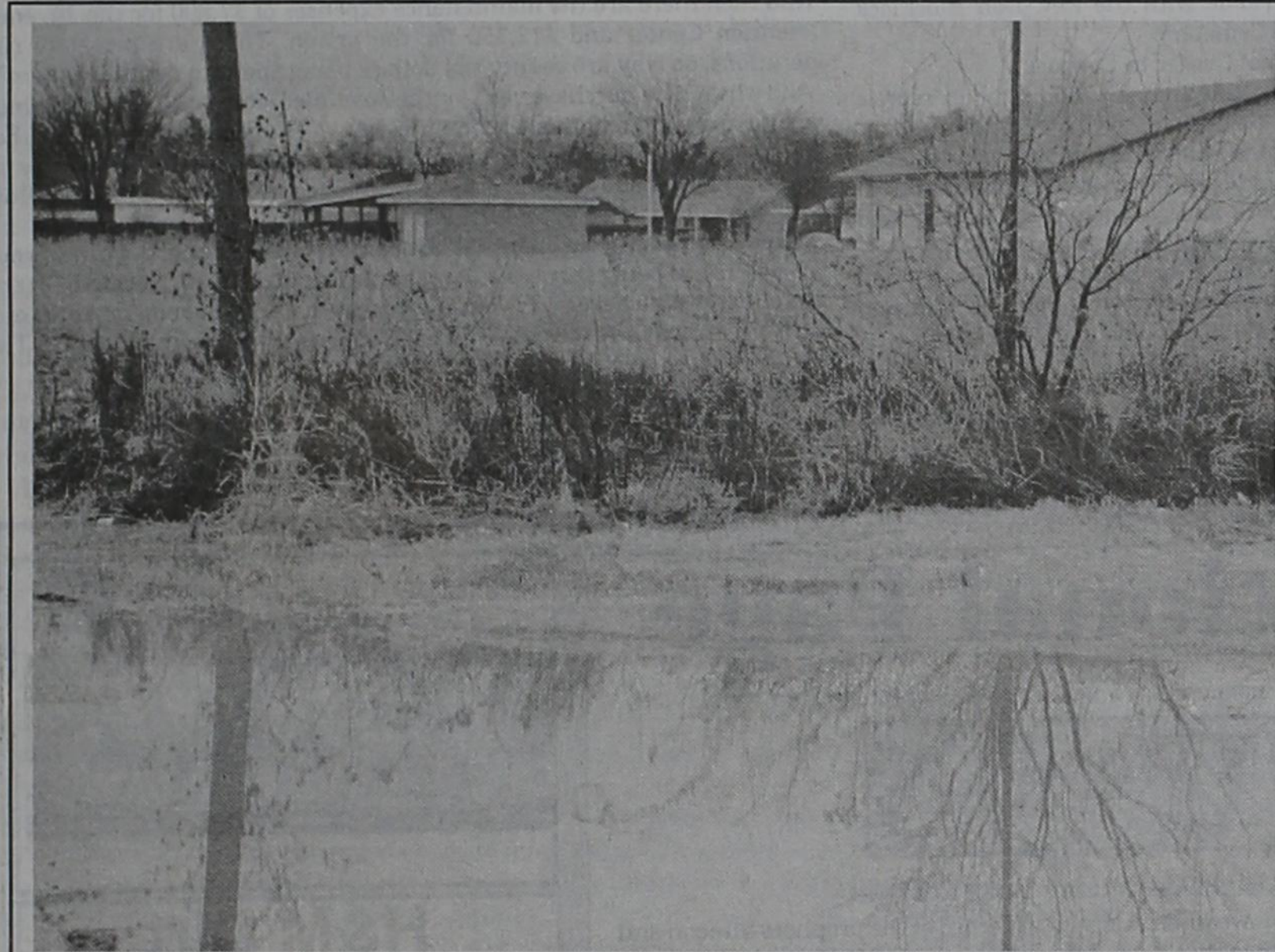
Producers who wish to pre-register should mail their check for registration to the Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Remember, the registration fee is \$20 if paid by January 23, 2004. After January 23, the fee will be \$25.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the meeting. Please contact Tommy Doederlein at the Dawson County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension (806) 872-3444 as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary and/or service needed.



PHS senior Kyle Gunn has been nominated by Congressman Charles Stenholm for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Gunn hopes to earn his wings as a Naval pilot. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Call your family and community news to Judy Bush at 495-0227 for Judy's Jabberin'



A blessing of rain put smiles on the faces of local residents last week as Garza County experienced rains showers for the most part of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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United Blood Services has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations

Last week, a two-car accident involving five high school students in the Permian Basin left three in critical condition. Another accident in Big Spring involved three 18-wheelers. These accidents, along with the daily usage of 110 to 150 units per day at local hospitals, have left United Blood Services short on O-, O+ and B- blood.

The Lubbock Center of United Blood Services provides blood and blood products to 48 hospitals in 47 counties. Sometimes the outlying areas help cover the high use in Lubbock.

"Today we need to replenish the inventory that has been drained by these auto accidents," a United Blood Services representative, Les Long, said. "Today, not all of the hospital orders will be able to be filled."

Blood donor requirements are simple. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and have a valid identification such as a driver's license or school or work ID.

The blood donor center is located at 2523 48th Street in Lubbock. The center has early morning and late evening hours to make donating more convenient. For the convenience of donors, everyone is encouraged to call and make an appointment to ensure the donor can be in and out as quickly as possible. Call 741-1752 to give the gift of life.

Environmental Quality Incentives group meeting

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be conducting a Program Development Group meeting to gather recommendations for the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). All persons interested in the EQIP program are welcome to attend.

Historically the Environmental Quality Incentives Program has been funded and administered by the NRCS State Office. At the request of the Garza SWCD, the Garza County FSA County Committee, and other local interested groups, the program has been transferred to the local level for administration.

With the transfer of the program to the local level, local stakeholders attending the meeting will have an opportunity to provide advice and recommendations on the following: * Local resource concerns * Conservation Practices to address concerns * Cost share rates * Incentive levels * Other items of interest

The meeting will be conducted on Monday, February 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 113 West Main, in Post.

All Garza SWCD activities and programs are open to all without regard to any discriminatory factor. For additional information, contact the Garza SWCD at 210 West Main, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-2056 ext. 3.

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Obituaries

Fitz Roy "F.R." Adams

Fitz Roy "F. R." Adams, 89, passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at an Abilene medical center. Mr. Adams was born October 24, 1914 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, one of eight children born to Henry and Rose Ida (Hooten) Adams. He married Mary Frances Kennedy in 1937 and they shared 66 years together. He was a longtime textile manufacturing manager for Russell, Burlington, and Allene Companies in Alabama, North Carolina and Texas. In 1952 he moved his family from Alexander City, Alabama, to Sherman, Texas. F. R. took great pride in his work and he was highly respected in the industry.



He was an avid, skilled golfer and baseball and football sports enthusiast. F. R. loved the Lord Jesus Christ, his Aldersgate Church, and members of the Home Builders Sunday School Class, where he was a faithful member for many years.

F. R. was affectionately known as "Pops" by his 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, who loved him very much for his patience and great wisdom. In 2000, F. R. and his wife Mary moved to Sears Methodist Heritage Place, where they lived until he moved to Sears Windcrest Center, where he received loving care as an Alzheimer's patient until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances; one daughter Carol Adams Warren and her husband Ronald of Longview, TX; one son Charles Adams and his wife Debra of Post, TX; five grandchildren, Kevin, Kirk, Belinda, Gregory and Roger and their families.

Funeral services were at 11:30 am Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, followed by burial in Elmwood Memorial Park. Suggested memorials are Aldersgate UMC Building Fund or Sears Methodist Foundation.

Glenn G. Voss

Services for Glenn Gafford Voss, 93, of Artesia, N.M., were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, in the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



He died Saturday, Jan. 16, at his home. Born May 1, 1910, in Henrietta, Texas, to Charlie Voss and Annie Wilson Voss, he graduated from Post High School in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Air Corp in San Antonio. He was stationed at Las Vegas and Greenland. Following his discharge in 1945, he farmed with his father in Garza County. Following his father's death, he continued to manage the family farm until his retirement when he moved to Post. He married Mable Dunlap Feb. 24, 1979, in Roswell, N.M. In 1999, the couple moved to Artesia. He was a member of the Hermosa Drive Baptist Church in Artesia.

Survivors include his wife; one stepdaughter, Geraldine King-Wilks of Artesia and her husband, Bennie Wilks of Post; one stepson, Bob Dunlap and wife, Carol, of Port Angeles, Wash.; eight step-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Mother May Voss; a stepister, Margaret Platt; one sister, Mary, and her husband, Knox Parr; three brothers, C.M. and his wife, Barbara Voss, Weldon and his wife, Vera Voss, and Tom Voss; and one stepson-in-law, James King.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Gradine, Dee Hodges, Darrell Reese, Dan Hodges and Lee Norman.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Hospice Vista Care, 611 N. Canal, Carlsbad, N.M., 88220 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Hazen Ricker

Services for Hazen Ricker, 80, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Post, are pending.

He died Jan. 12, 2004, in Anchorage. Born Sept. 26, 1923, he moved with his family to Post in 1938. He graduated from Post High School in 1941. He joined the military in 1942, trained in California and was deployed overseas. Following an extended military career, he and his family moved to Anchorage.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two sons, Ian of Washington state and Allen David of New Orleans; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Fox of St. Louis, Missouri, and Elizabeth Holt of Loving, N.M.; one brother, Ray Ricker of Lampasas; and several nieces and nephews.

Johnny Robison

Services for Johnny Robison, 61, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Blacklock officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Sunday at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He worked for many years in the butane industry and later in service stations.

Survivors include his mother Josephine Robison of Lubbock, son Jirt Robison of Lubbock, companion Beth Todd and her children Shyan and Will Todd, sister Donna Ethridge of Lubbock and grandchildren, Crystal and Patricia Robison, both of Acuff, and Skye Robison of Lockney.

Pallbearers were Jirt Robison, Will Todd, Freddy Huff, John Boren, Ben Miller and Tommy Jenkins. Honorary pallbearers were Johnnie Johnson, Roy Scott, Riley Miller, Sam Beavers, Willie Moreno and Jim Boren.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Cleo Sappington will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Trinity Baptist Church.

All relatives and friends are invited and encouraged to attend.

Letters to the Editor

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Questions proposed county cut-backs

I would start this letter by encouraging everyone to attend the tax rollback information meeting on the 20th, but by the time this is being read in the newspaper, the meeting will be history.

I sincerely hope that enough correct information will have been given at that meeting to allow the voters to make an intelligent decision when they vote on Feb. 7. However you may vote, I encourage everyone to do just that - vote.

In the likely case that this rollback election does succeed, I would like to pass on a few more suggestions for our County Commissioners and Judge Dalby on areas of the budget that could be cut instead of the vital programs they have listed on their flyer.

In looking through the budget, there are several things that caught my eye besides the overuse of the constables at Lake Alan Henry resulting in overly large fuel bills and other expenses that add up to considerably more than we are being reimburse for by Lubbock.

Part of those expenses was the telephone bill of \$3,500 last year. Granted that it has been trimmed to \$3,200 for this budget year, but that's still over \$250 a month in phone charges!

What on earth have they got to talk so much about? They have radios to communicate with the sheriff's office and other law enforcement personnel. I feel that this is a much over-used item and it should be drastically cut!

There are other offices that have high telephone bills, too, but not quite as high as Constable #1. The tax assessor/collector's office runs up a bill of \$2,450 (approximately \$200 a month) and the extension office is listed with a \$2,050 telephone bill.

Judge Dalby, your office's telephone bill is listed at \$2,000 (down from \$3,300). I don't understand why these offices are so high when everyone else's is \$500 or less, except the clerk's office at \$1,260. The telephone companies offer package plans to discount long distance, etc. Why don't they take advantage of some of those?

Besides the phone bills and other things I've mentioned before, there are also several things in the budget that just simply should not be there at all. One of these is the \$30,000 our commissioners gave to the Lake Alan Henry Water District. I seem to remember that White River Water District levied a separate tax on us to fund their operations. Why doesn't Lake Alan Henry Water District levy a tax on the people in their district? I thought the lake wasn't going to cost us anything.

And then there are the maintenance expenses of \$7,800 for the Juvenile Detention Center and \$12,750 for the prison. These are privately run operations, so why are county tax dollars being spent to maintain them?

And why did we purchase vans for the Juvenile Detention Center for which we must pay \$12,520 this year on the notes? These are expenditures that should not be made from county tax monies! Stop paying our tax money for private facilities and this will greatly help our county budget problems. Just these items I've listed are worth \$63,070 for this year alone!

Taxpayers, now is your chance to be heard! If you don't approve of how your tax dollars are being spent, let the commissioners know by voting FOR the tax rollback! Whichever way you vote, however, please do remember to vote! Early voting will have already started by the time you are reading this. The election will be on Saturday, Feb. 7. Vote!

Charles J. Propst

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Birth of Jesus Christ...Eight days later Luke 2:21-40

Continuing in this series on the birth of Jesus Christ, we come to the great record of the prophets Simeon and Anna. After Jesus was delivered, Joseph and Mary meekly obeyed the written word of God concerning post-birth procedures. During this time they encountered two prophets who spoke for God by His spirit in them.

The record begins with Luke 2:21, "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb." According to God's word after eight days they brought the child to be circumcised, and at that time officially named him Jesus. It should be noted that the earlier known texts record his name to be Joshua.

After the 40 days of Mary's post-birth purification, they brought the child to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. They also went to "offer a sacrifice" according to God's law which said, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." It was very important to God that his child be reared by people who were meek to do His will.

Next we come to their encounter with the prophet Simeon in Luke 2:25-35. According to the scripture Simeon was a "just and devout" man who waited patiently for the consolation of Israel, and holy spirit was upon him. The red thread throughout the Old Testament since Genesis 3:15 was the anticipation of the Messiah who would be the savior of mankind. Even David spoke of the Messiah in Psalms 110:1, "The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'" David distinguished between the Lord God and his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the son of God). All of Israel was to wait patiently through the generations until the appointed time. That time came while Simeon sat patiently. He was given revelation that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. God then led him by the spirit into the temple and eventually showed him the child.

Next he took the child in his arms and began to prophesy as recorded in verses 29-35. What an up-lifting moment for Joseph and Mary. They watched and listened as a prophet of God spoke of the child as "A light to lighten the Gentiles [Isaiah 42:6], and the glory of God's people Israel." He prophesied to Mary that the child was set for the fall and rising again in many Israel that the deepest thoughts of many might be revealed. Moreover, her whole life would be pierced also. We can only imagine the pain Mary must have felt during the time her son was pierced and killed.

According to verses 36-38, during their time in the temple, they also encountered the prophetess Anna. The word gives detailed background information about Anna. She came and thanked God and spoke of Him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. God sure knew how to build up Mary, Anna and Elisabeth must have played fantastic and dynamic roles in preparing Mary to raise up God's son.

Finally, we come to this wonderful scripture in verse 40, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." Mary and Joseph did God's will and reared God's son in His wisdom and grace. In the King James Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger noted that the words "in spirit" were omitted in all the earlier known texts. When he was about 30 years old he was anointed with holy spirit by the prophet John (See Luke 3:21-23).

Mary and Joseph's devoted service toward God brought very good results. God's child grew and became strong, filled with His wisdom, and His grace was upon him. During Jesus' early years, others could see God's grace in his life.

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How can it be?

by Walter E. Williams

It might have been Ross Perot who first used the expression that America is turning into a nation of "hamburger flippers," in reference to the decline in good paying manufacturing jobs replaced by low-pay service sector jobs.

Here's my question: If millions of high-paying jobs are leaving the country only to be replaced by millions of low-paying jobs, what prediction would you make about the trend in our standard of living? It would have to be in steep decline, but the facts don't square with that. Per capita GDP, the population divided into the value of goods and services produced, is one of the methods used to gauge the standard of living. The historical trend, including today, is a rising American standard of living. In fact, our per capita GDP in 1980 was \$21,500 and, as of 2002, it was \$36,000 — a 59 percent increase. So how can it be that we're becoming a nation of low-pay hamburger flippers?

How about this pronouncement: The rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer? The Census Bureau just came out with a report saying that 35 million Americans are living in poverty. Robert Rector and Kirk A. Johnson addressed this figure in their recent publication "Understanding Poverty in America," produced by the Washington-based Heritage Foundation.

From various government reports they find that: 46 percent of poor households actually own their homes; 76 percent have air conditioning; the typical poor American has more living space than the average non-poor individual living in Paris, London, Vienna, Athens and other cities in Europe; nearly 75 percent of poor households own one car, and 30 percent own two or more cars; 97 percent have at least one color television; 62 percent have cable or satellite reception; and 25 percent have cell phones.

While "poor" Americans don't live in opulence, they are surely not poor either by international or historical standards in our own country. I'm betting if God condemned an unborn spirit to a lifetime of poverty but He left him free to choose the country in which to be poor, he'd choose United States.

How many times have we heard that the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer? Contrary to that nonsense, the fact of the matter is that some of the rich are getting poorer, and many of the poorer are getting richer.

According to the 1995 Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, only 5 percent of those in the bottom 20 percent category of income earners in 1975 were still there in 1991. What happened to them? A majority made it to the top 60 percent of the income distribution — middle class or better — over that 16-year span. Almost 29 percent of them rose to the top 20 percent.

The evidence suggests that low income is largely a transitory experience for those willing to work. There's no mystery to it: As a function of age, people get wiser and gain more experience. That means it's not very intelligent to think one can make meaningful statements about poverty simply by measuring income at a particular point in time. By the way, people are also mobile downward, as suggested by the joke that the easiest way to become a Texas millionaire is to start out as a Texas billionaire.

Here's Williams' roadmap out of poverty: Complete high school; get a job, any kind of a job; get married before having children; and be a law-abiding citizen. Among both black and white Americans so described, the poverty rate is in the single digits.

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Keep politics away from money

by Sheldon Richman

The supporters of campaign-finance regulation, and now a bare majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, are trying to square the circle. They want a vast distributive state - in which politicians dispense favors at the expense of others - without the appearance of corruption. An inherently corrupt system with no appearance of corruption is about as likely as, well, a square circle.

The Court has upheld by a 5-4 vote the McCain-Feingold law, which among other things prohibits political parties from raising unregulated "soft money" and restricts "issue" advertising on television 60 days before a general election and 30 days before a primary.

This is no minor matter. Five members of the Supreme Court (including the "liberals") are willing to accept limits on free speech because in their view it will help avoid the appearance of corrupt access to government favor-peddlers. Since it won't actually do that - as even the majority admitted - that flimsy excuse to violate natural and First Amendment rights has no legs to stand on.

One wonders whether the advocates of such controls are dealing in good faith. They complain that previous restrictions have not worked; eventually everyone found a way to evade them. So now they try again. Do they seriously think the new rules won't be gotten around? (No, they don't.) What then? More restrictions on Americans' freedom? This is where it is headed. The logic is relentless: Once the government's authority to transfer wealth from one person to another is declared nonnegotiable, liberty becomes highly negotiable.

Let's state plainly what the champions of campaign-finance laws refuse to acknowledge. Government today is mostly a wealth-transfer machine. This takes roughly two forms: taxation and regulation. Through taxation politicians loot productive people and give the proceeds to favored constituencies, rich and poor. For example, when government subsidizes a business or a person, it first has to take the money from someone else without consent. Through regulation government can accomplish much the same goal. A regulation imposing quotas on imported clothing will raise the price of clothing in the American market and benefit domestic producers who otherwise would have lost out to foreign competitors. The regulation is equivalent to a cash subsidy procured by taxation.

Since government has the muscle to bestow wealth in these ways, it is no surprise that people lobby to become beneficiaries. The prospective rewards are so great that those aiming for them are willing to spend considerable sums in the effort. What better way to get a piece of the action than to contribute money to elect or reelect friendly candidates?

Money isn't spent only to obtain the unearned. Sometimes those threatened with taxation or regulation do it to protect themselves

from state encroachment. They too have an interest in finding sympathetic candidates. When government has life-and-death power over business and other areas of life, we should expect to see such defensive activities.

The second group of people is more honorable than the first, although campaign-finance reformers regard both as equally corrupt. But notice that the surest way to end that corruption is to prohibit government from engaging in favor-peddling in the first place. If government has nothing to sell, no one will try to buy.

Unfortunately, it's a rare politician who would deny himself the power to hand out booty. That's how one wins votes and makes a career of politics.

The Court didn't take its own reasoning seriously enough. If it really wanted to remove the appearance of corrupt access to government, it would have voided the entire distributive state. There's a simple way to keep money away from politics: keep politics away from money.

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Theft - the act of stealing; the felonious taking and removing of personal property with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of it. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

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Fair warning

by Bill O'Reilly



This is my second attempt in this space to convince the Democratic Party that it is committing political suicide by aligning itself with the far left. Now listen up. This country needs two strong political parties and should have more. If the Democrats self-destruct, the Bush people will run wild. They are already taken with themselves and largely unavailable to the folks. With no competition, Dick Cheney might never be seen again.

A poll by the Pew Research Center says that just 20 percent of Americans consider themselves "liberals," and you have to assume half of that crowd is somewhat moderate. That leaves only 10 percent running around calling the president a Nazi and worshipping at the altar of secularism.

But that 10 percent is making a lot of noise and has a ton of influence on the Democratic establishment. Billionaire George Soros is the big money man for the Democrats this season, and old George is one far out character. He wants to legalize pretty much every vice, sees merit in euthanasia and is moaning there isn't enough "income redistribution" in the world. Maybe that's because the Soviet Union collapsed, George. Get a clue.

Soros is pouring millions of bucks into radical movements like Moveon.org, a Website that never saw a left-wing issue: it didn't embrace. Recently, in New York City, the Moveon people held a contest to see who could come up with the best anti-Bush ad. When a few Bush-Nazi commercials showed up, the Website panicked because of the bad press. But why the commotion? Surely, these people know their propaganda makes the most extreme radicals dance.

And guess who showed up to judge the Moveon contest? James Carville and Donna Brazile, two card-carrying members of the Democratic establishment. They were surrounded by the usual suspects: Janeane Garofalo, Stuart Smalley and the rest of the Mao-sketeters.

Carville and Brazile looked on with glee as rock star Moby called the president "a f—ing liar."

As rapper Chuck D opined: "We don't want eight more years of a Colon, a Bush, and a D— (Cheney)."

As actress Julia Stiles said: "I was afraid Bill O'Reilly would come with a shotgun at my front door and shoot me for being unpatriotic." Good grief! I don't even own a shotgun. No worries, Julia, just enjoy the land of Oz.

Exactly what are everyday Americans supposed to think when they see the likes of Soros and these show biz people launching into the most far out political discourse in memory? And Carville and Brazile are right in the middle of it?

So I am sending a final warning to the Democratic Party, which my family belonged to for more than 100 years. Wise up before it's too late. People judge you by those with whom you associate. To paraphrase a protest song from the '60s: "you don't believe you're on the eve of destruction?"

Well, you are.

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Rollback election: What's it all about?

by Wes Burnett

The verbal abuse toward Fred and Irene Howell at Tuesday night's Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting was certainly a prime example of how not to conduct an informational meeting.

The meeting opened with a verbal attack on The Post Dispatch (and its editor) for an editorial which emphasized the limited requirements of county government in Texas. Then a letter to the editor by Mr Howell was quoted and Judge Dalby pointedly asked Mr Howell to show him how to cut \$1 million from the budget.

Citizens came to the meeting to be informed and to ask questions. But the meeting degenerated into a bashing session as one speaker after another hurled insults at Mr and Mrs Howell, and at the newspaper.

It's a crying shame that decent, respectful political debate can not be conducted in an atmosphere of calm and reasoned exchange.

As publisher of The Post Dispatch, I expect to be attacked from time to time ... it's the nature of the job. I am not offended, nor am I surprised at the reaction to my editorial opinions... especially those which challenge the power of government.

I am, however, most offended by the callous treatment dished out to Mr and Mrs Howell. They took the time and effort to research these critical issues and present positive ideas for reducing county expenses ... and exercising their inherent right to question government. Those who attacked them should be ashamed.

Let us stand for our principles with courage and defend them with reason and gentle debate.



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Breann Heckamann receiving All-Around Sportsmanship Buckle from GCJLA President Junior Stelzer.



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Kaylee Farquhar receiving Traveling Finewood Trophy from GCJLA President Junior Stelzer.



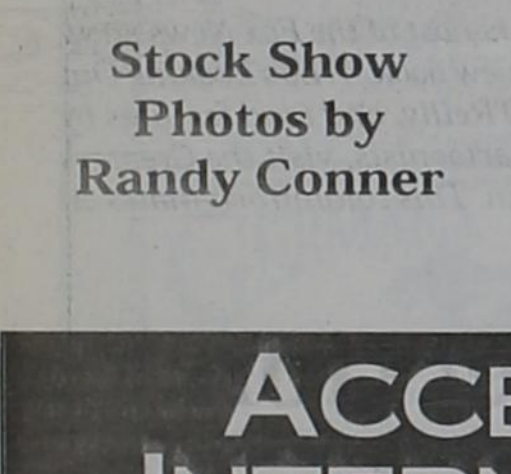
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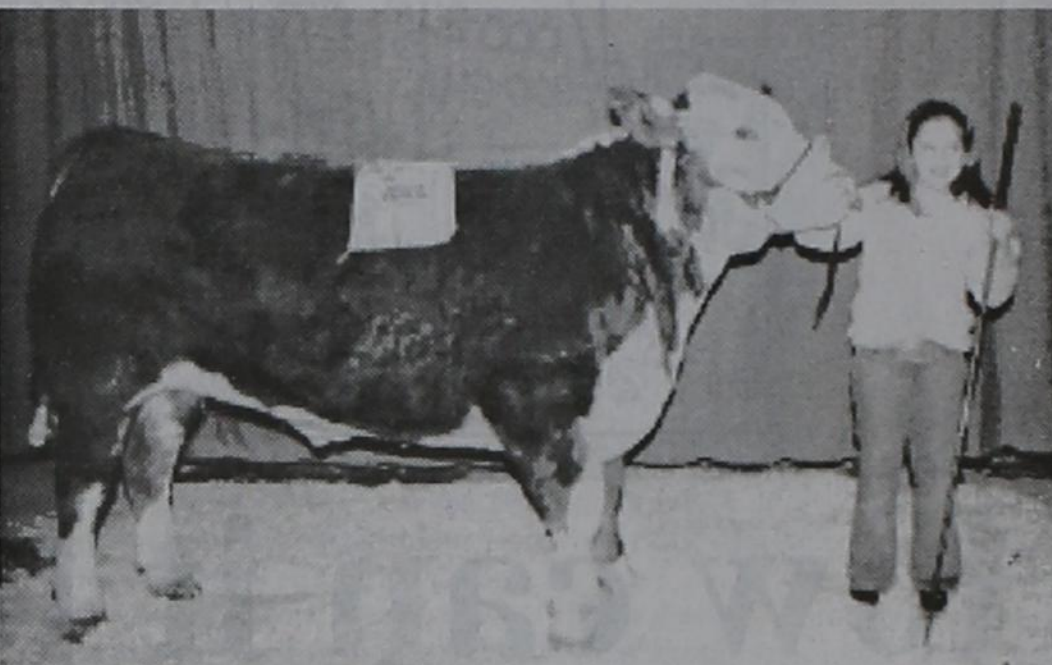
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Bianca Abraham	2			
Moses Abraham	3			
Christina Flores	4			
Courtney Rackler	5			
Travis Arguello	6			
Danielle McCarty	7			
Danielle McCarty	8			
Moses Abraham	9			
Garrett McCarty	10			
Garrett McCarty	11			
CLASS 41-Med Lt Wt Goats				
Travis Arguello	1			
Bradley Benham	2			
Henry Apolinar	3			
Jesse Moehringer	4			
Courtney Rackler	5			
Shelby Farquhar	6			
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Amanda Flores	10			
CLASS 42-Med Wt Goats -				
John Bocko	1			
Breann Heckaman	2	Overall Sportsmanship		
Kenzie Mason	3			
Quentin Benham	4			
Alex Miller	5			
Chloe Mason	6			
Amanda Flores	7			
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Quentin Benham	9			
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CLASS 43-Med Hvy Wt Goats -				
Pat Reiter	1	Grand Champion		
Alex Miller	2			
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Cheyenne Bouldin	1	Reserve Champion		
Ben Mason	2			
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Shelby Farquhar	1			
Haylee McDaniel	2			
Clint McDaniel	3			
D Nae Johnson	4			
Haylee McDaniel	5			
Clint McDaniel	6			
CLASS 37-Med Medium Wool -				
D Nae Johnson	1	Breed & Grand Champion, Jr. Showmanship		
Kadie Vernon	2	Res Breed & Reserve Grand Champion		
Kadie Vernon	3			
Kaylee Farquhar	4			
Shelby Farquhar	5			
Gary Farquhar	6			
CLASS 39-Hvy. Wt. Medium Wools -				
Mitch Holly	1	Sr. Showmanship		
Gary Farquhar	2			
Mitch Holly	3			
Steers — 25 Total				
CLASS 01-Lt Wt ABC —				
Coby Jones	1	Breed & Reserve Champion, Sr. Showmanship		
Shelby Farquhar	2			
Shelby Farquhar	3			
J. D. Young	4			
CLASS 03-Hv Wt ABC —				
Coby Jones	1	Res Breed Champ		
Chad Miller	2			
Kaylee Farquhar	3			
CLASS 04-Lt Wt English —				

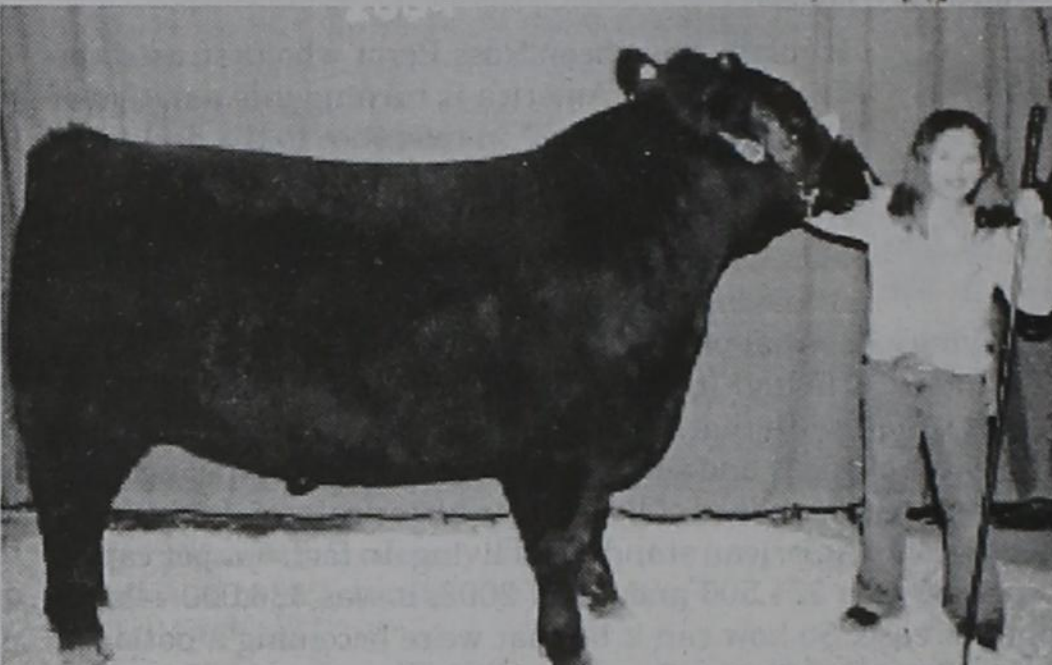
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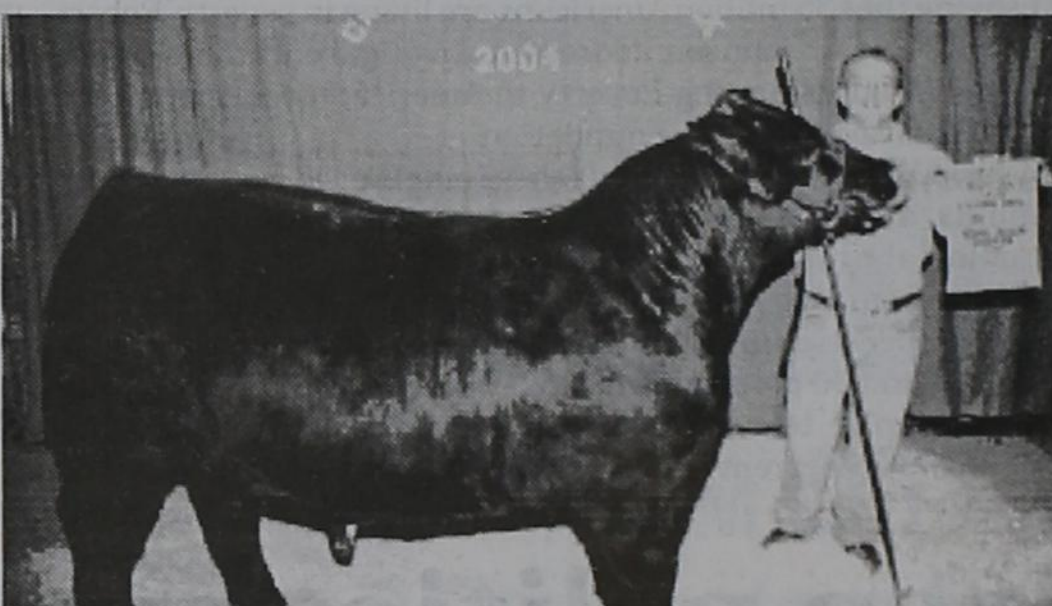
Concession stand committee members (left to right) Tracy Blanton, Southland FFA; Kim Reiter, Garza County 4-H and Cindy Reiter, Post FFA.



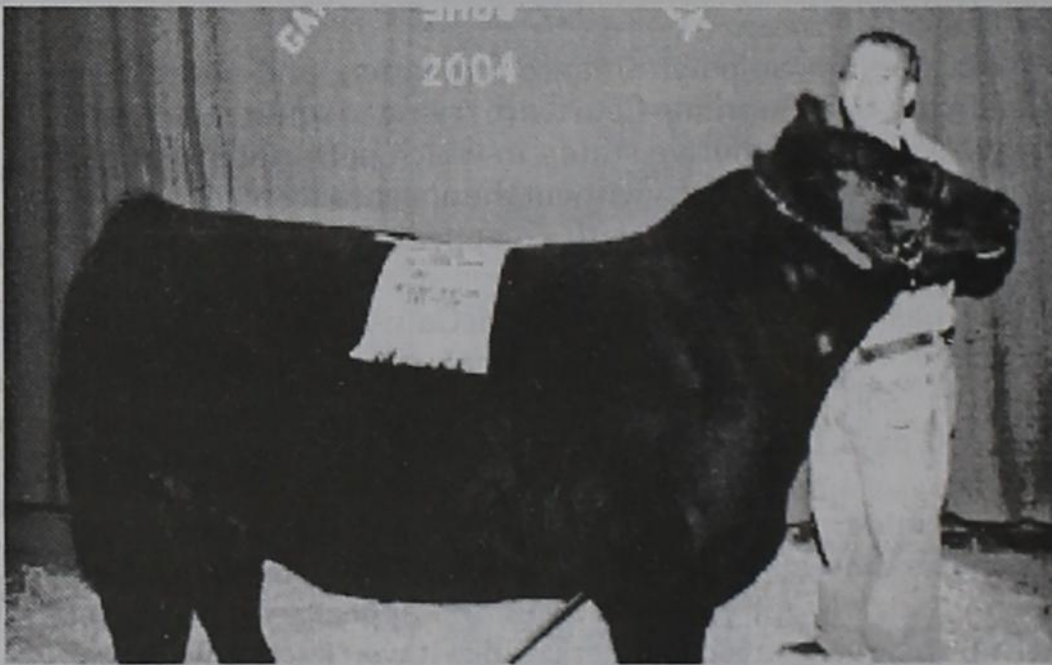
Skylar Jones received English Division Champion.



Skylar Jones with Reserve English Division Champion.



Coby Jones with Reserve ABC Division Champion.



Coby Jones with Reserve Exotic Division Champion.

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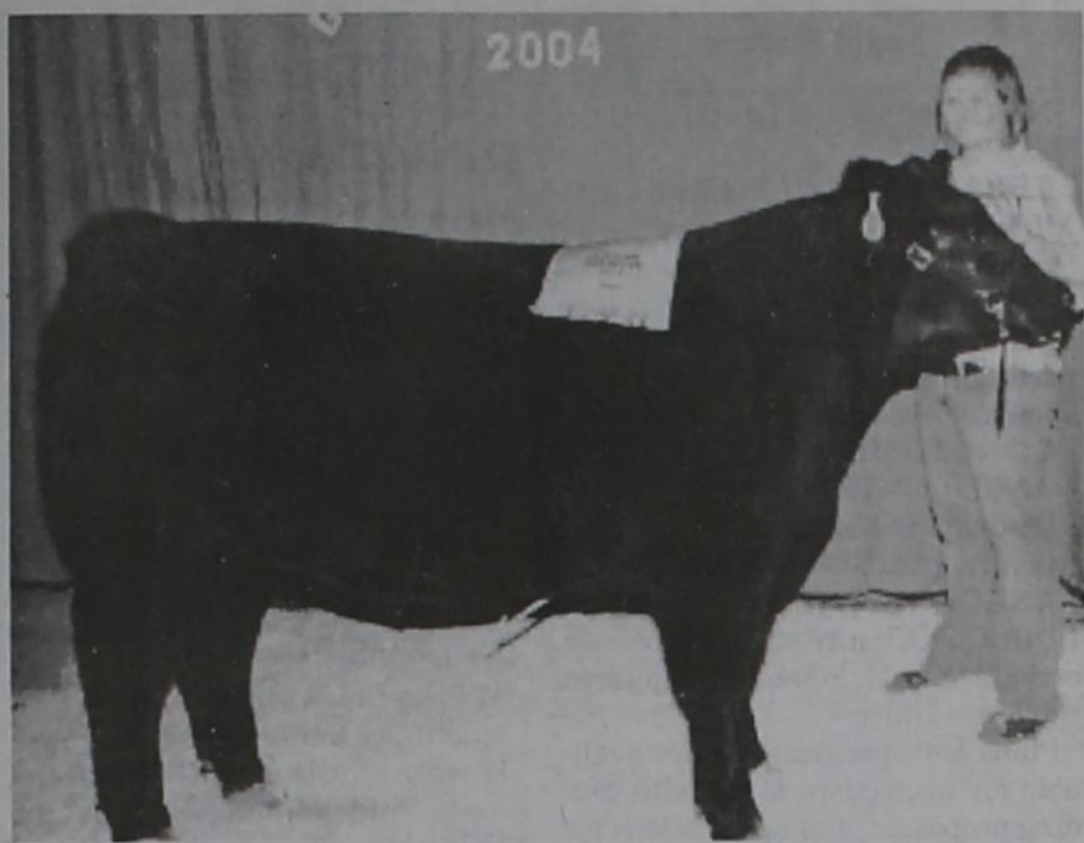
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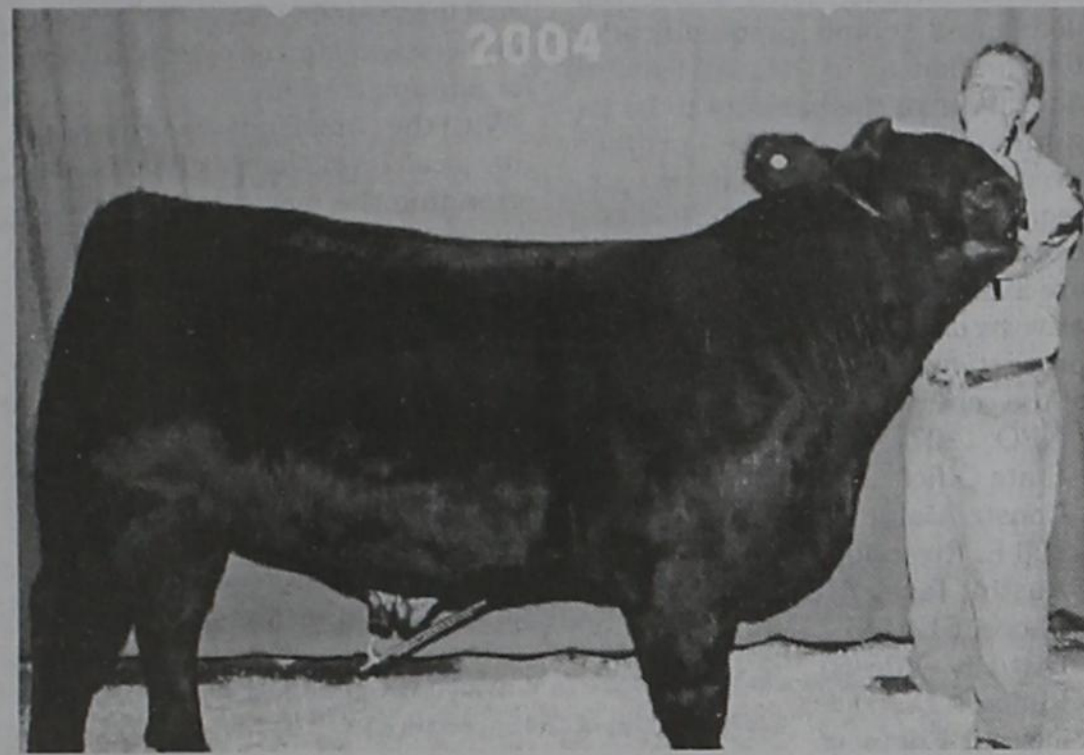
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I started this campaign with the hope that the voters of Garza County would not have to contend with rumors and such nonsense. I do not have the time or interest for rumors started at election time. I choose to run for Sheriff because I want the citizens of Garza County to know the truth and not be told rumors. I have no intention of resigning when I'm elected! The open door policy at the Sheriff's office will be reinstated at once! The citizens of Garza County pay for the services of the Sheriff's office with their tax money and they have the right to know the truth. The closed door policy and rumors are a sure indication of hiding the real truth from the voters. What are we not being told? **Rumors are started by individuals who want to cover up something wrong and divert the attention away from the real problem.**

Pol. Adv. Pd by Cliff Laws, P.O. Box 734, Post, Tx 79356 • Campaign Treasurer, Jerry Tyler, 116 Arroyo Dr., Post, Tx 79356



Kaylee Farquhar received Grand Champion and Exotic Division Champion.



Coby Jones with Reserve Grand and ABC Division Champion.



Israel Beggs received Grand Champion and Breed Champion Cross.



Cheyenne Bouldin received Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Cross.



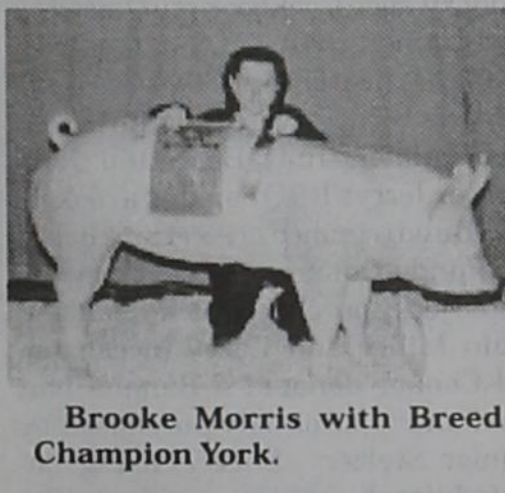
Ashley Young with Breed Champion OPB.



Zach Witcher with Reserve Breed Champion OPB.



Kaylee Farquhar with Breed Champion Hamp.



Brooke Morris with Breed Champion York.



Wes Mason with Reserve Breed Champion Hamp.



Israel Beggs with Reserve Breed Champion York.



Michael Porter with Breed Champion Duroc.



Zach Witcher with Reserve Breed Champion Duroc.

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- Skylar Jones 1, Breed Champion
- Alex Miller 2
- Ashley Young 3
- CLASS 06-Hvy Wt English —
- Skylar Jones 1, Res Breed Champ
- Chad Miller 2
- Jarrett Blevins 3
- Teraka Cowley 4, Jr. Showmanship
- CLASS 07-Lt Wt Exotic -
- Gary Farquhar 1
- Allison Blevins 2
- Traci Nelson 3
- CLASS 08-Med Wt Exotic -
- Kaylee Farquhar 1, Breed Champion, Grand Champion
- Coby Jones 2, Res Breed Champ.
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- Jarrett Blevins 4
- Ashley Young 5
- CLASS 09-Hvy Wt Exotic -
- Allison Blevins 1
- Steven Hair 2
- J. D. Young 3
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- CLASS 11-Lt Wt Durocs —
- Julie Boren 1
- Lawrence Adams 2
- Skylar Jones 3
- Michael Porter 4
- J. D. Young 5
- Kelsey Overton 6
- CLASS 12-Med Wt Durocs —
- Michael Porter 1, Breed Champion, Jr. Showmanship
- Devin Blanton 2
- Sydnee Jones 3
- Jarrett Blevins 4
- Lauren Arguello 5
- Chelci Hair 6
- CLASS 13-Hvy Wt Durocs -
- Zach Witcher 1, Res Breed Champ
- Henry Apolinar 2
- Trent Laurence 3
- Breann Heckaman 4
- Ben Mason 5
- Devin Blanton 6
- Colton Schoonover 7
- CLASS 14-Lt Wt Hamps —
- Kaylee Farquhar 1, Breed Champion
- Brittney Bouldin 2
- Brooke Morris 3
- Skylar Jones 4
- Kevin Strube 5
- Steven Hair 6
- Kelsey Overton 7
- Shelby Farquhar 8
- Justin Boren 9
- CLASS 15-Med Wt Hamps -
- Devin Blanton 1
- Trent Laurence 2
- Allisha Jones 3
- Ben Mason 4
- Kevin Strube 5
- Israel Beggs 6
- Brian Osborn 7
- CLASS 16-Hvy Wt Hamps —
- Wes Mason 1, Res Breed Champ
- Breann Heckaman 2, Sr. Showmanship
- Michael Porter 3
- Teraka Cowley 4
- Zach Witcher 5
- Diann Heckaman 6
- CLASS 17-Lt Wt Yorks —
- Israel Beggs 1, Res Breed Champ
- Wes Mason 2
- Michael Porter 3
- Corlee Greene 4
- Jarrett Blevins 5
- Gary Farquhar 6
- Tony Apolinar 7
- CLASS 19-Hvy Wt Yorks -
- Brooke Morris 1, Breed Champion
- Travis Bergin 2
- Steven Hair 3
- Lauren Arguello 4
- Ben Mason 5
- Chelci Hair 6
- Rhen Kitten 7
- CLASS 20-Lt Wt OPB -
- Zach Witcher 1, Res Breed Champ
- J. D. Young 2
- Kevin Strube 3

- Shyan Todd 4
- Corlee Greene 5
- Tanner Odom 6
- Allison Blevins 7
- Gary Farquhar 8
- CLASS 22-Hvy Wt OPB —
- Ashley Young 1, Breed Champion
- Miranda Hair 2
- Miranda Hair 3
- Diann Heckaman 4
- Heath Palmer 5
- Israel Beggs 6
- CLASS 23-Lt Wt Cross -
- Israel Beggs 1, Breed Champion, Grand Champion
- Kelsey Overton 2
- Ernest Saldivar 3
- Devin Blanton 4
- Tony Apolinar 5
- Brooke Morris 6
- Steven Hair 7
- Steven Hair 8
- CLASS 24-Med Lt Cross -
- Allison Blevins 1
- Allisha Jones 2
- Corlee Greene 3
- Kevin Strube 4
- Chelci Hair 5
- Trent Laurence 6
- CLASS 26-Hvy Wt Cross -
- Cheyenne Bouldin 1, Res Breed & Reserve Grand Champion
- Wes Mason 2
- Zach Witcher 3
- Heath Palmer 4
- Sydnee Jones 5
- Teraka Cowley 6
- Tanner Odom 7



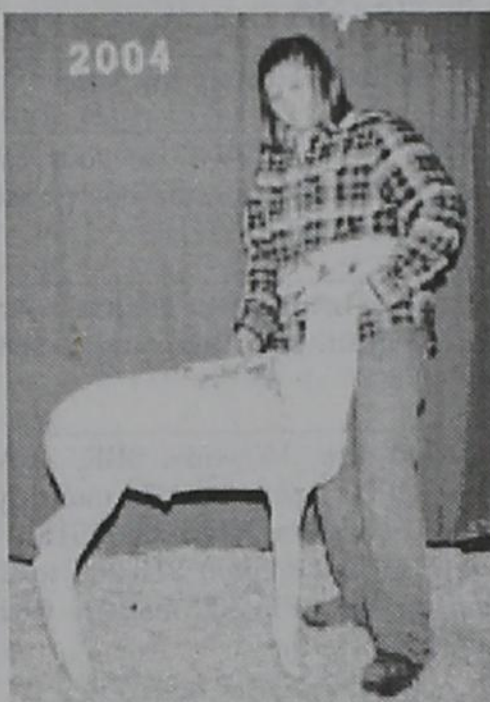
Will Todd with Reserve Breed Champion Southdown.



Sterling Smith with Breed Champion Southdown.



Kaylee Farquhar with Breed Champion Finewool Cross.



Kaylee Farquhar with Breed Champion Finewool.



Reece Belongia with Reserve Breed Champion Finewool Cross.

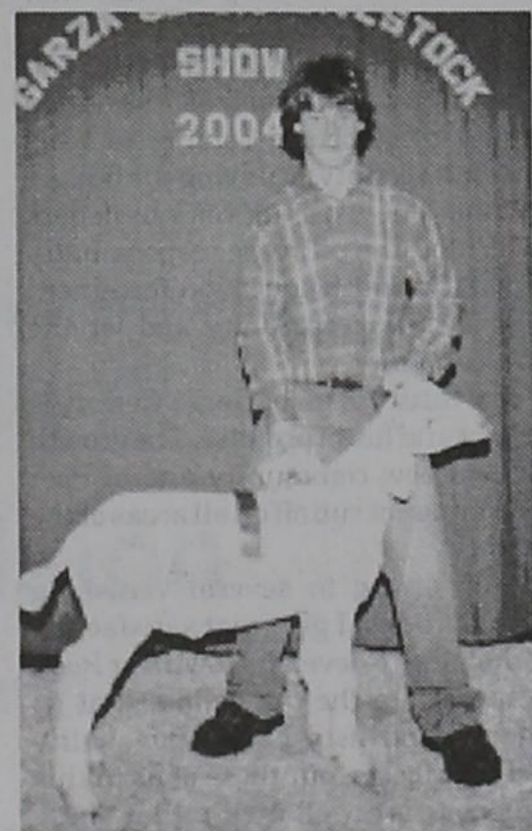


Kadie Vernon with Judge Brett Cyfert and her Reserve Grand Champion Medium Wool.

D'Nae Johnson with her Grand Champion Medium Wool Lamb and Judge Brett Cyfert.

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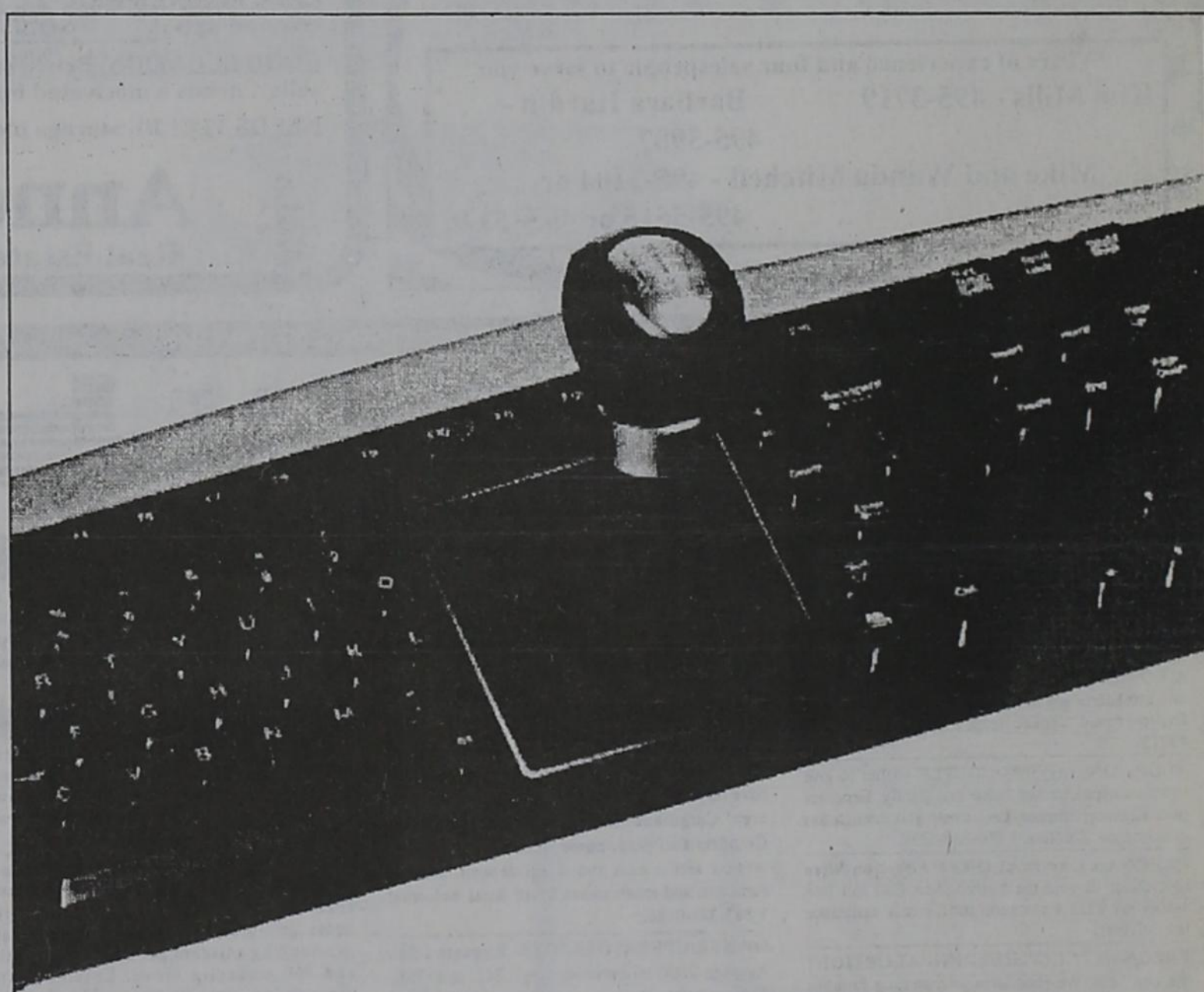
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Pat Reiter with Grand Champion Goat.



Cheyenne Bouldin with Reserve Grand Champion Goat.



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SWCD plans program development meeting

The Garza Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) will conduct a program development group meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, to gather recommendations for the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The meeting will be held at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main. Historically the EQIP has been funded and administered by the NRCS state office. At the request of the Garza SWCD, the Garza County FSA County Committee and other local interested groups, the program has been transferred to the local level for administration.

With the transfer of the program to the local level, local stakeholders attending the meeting will have an opportunity to provide advice and recommendations on the following:

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Stock show...

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Superintendent. Brett Cybert of Sweetwater served as Lamb and Goat Judge with Junior Stelzer serving as Lamb and Goat Superintendent. Syd Conner was announcer for the show and Ronnie Thornton of Plainview, served as auctioneer for the sale with Larry McDougal auctioning special items during the shows. Randy Conner served as Photographer.

Special items were donated for auction to earn money for the Jackpot. Karleen McDougal and her Southland High School class donated four Pecan Pies purchased by Junior Stelzer, Deb Palmer, Mike Johnson and John Boren who purchased two and then donated one back for resale. Larry McDougal donated a Chuckwagon Cookbook purchased by Syd Conner. B&A L.P. Gas donated a propane heater and two propane burners which were purchased by Randy Conner. Syd Conner donated jerky purchased by Royce Hart, Guin Miller and Larry McDougal. Lil Conner donated a Banana Nut Loaf and a jar of jelly purchased by Junior Stelzer. Sherry Young donated peach cobbler purchased by Rusty Morris and J.C. Stelzer. Silversmiths donated two necklaces and

a key ring purchased by Diane Graves, Fred Myers and Syd Conner. Sue Maxey donated an Italian Cream Cake purchased by Lavena Palmer. Milton Williams donated a registered Border Collie purchased by Gary Blevins. A total of \$1,130 was taken in for the auction items.

Other various donations were made in support of the association and show. Family Cleaners cleaned and stored the curtain backdrop for pictures and donated safety pins for exhibitor cards. Jerry's donated baked potatoes to the concession stand and B&A LP Gas serviced the heaters for the shows.

Assisting with weigh-in was Danny Robertson, Randy Conner, Benny Arguello, Moses Abraham, Charles Atchison, Bobby Heckaman, Junior Stelzer, Billie and Milton Williams and Ronnie Dunn. Ring help included Junior Stelzer, Milton Williams, Benny Arguello, Charles Atchison, Moses Abraham, J. C. Stelzer, Bobby Heckaman, Rusty Morris, Royce Hart, Delton Osborn, Guin Miller and T. J. Gaydos. Jason Porter, Ray Mason and Larry McDougal assisted in the sale ring. The G.C.J.L.A. Concession Stand Committee included Chairman Julie Neitsch, Traci Blanton for Southland

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Applause to Garza County judge and commissioners for job creations and for working to build a brand new community around Lake Alan Henry. There are houses, roads, infrastructure, people and property protection to develop in that new community.

How to manage start up costs and the many concerns of the huge numbers of people coming to LAH faces the county. Studying the budget is fine, but it is the commissioners who have the ultimate responsibility of safety, health and law enforcement of this new community and for the entire county.

The future of all of Garza County is bright and full of promise. The growth of this new community and of Post will no doubt rub off on all areas of the county.

After living in several vanishing communities, I get great satisfaction in helping to develop growth for Post. I appreciate the tax dollars that go the arts and history and other quality of life projects, but those of us in this business are well aware that these types of projects are always the first to be cut, whether it is from the national, state or local funding.

Have you noticed that Lubbock has pulled out all the stops for economic growth. Sales tax increase, dollars to manufacturers to create jobs and the probably hiring of a high dollar city manager? Anyone, buying anything in Lubbock will be paying for that! It's hard to understand why some folks don't want local growth or a future for Garza County. A small dollar percentage from everybody and we can have it all!

JoAnn Mock

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago January 19, 1994

On a four-to-one vote, the Post City Council voted to offer Lubbock entertainer Cecil Caldwell first crack at renovating the old Tower Theater in downtown Post. Caldwell was chosen over the Caprock Cultural Association who had also asked for the chance to renovate the historic building.

It's showtime! The 30th annual GCJLA Stock Show begins this week. "Busy" best describes this week's events and no one knows that better than Chelsa and Melissa Williams. The twin daughters of Milton and Billie Williams are juniors at Post High School. They started their showing careers six years ago with just a single lamb between them. From this humble beginning, the sisters will have 10 animals in this year's show, including five lambs and five hogs.

The Post freshmen boys invade the Lubbock Christian Fieldhouse last Thursday with a 53-47 victory. The 'Lopes were led in scoring by Jerry Crawford who scorched the Eagles with 20 points. Joining Crawford in the double digit scoring column was Josh Grisham with 11. Other scoring included Todd Terry, Jeremy Josey, Freddie Pena, Seth Pennell and Kipp Wilks.

Kevin and Donna Craig of Irving announce the arrival of their son, Kyle Andrew, born January 1, 1994 at Irving Hospital. His birth is also celebrated by his sister, Kelci. Kyle is the grandson of Harold and Frances Craig and Jane George, all of Post, and the late Benny George. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis of Post.

20 Years Ago January 18, 1984

Mrs. Ruby Kirkpatrick and Bob Palmer were honored by the Post Antelope Booster Club for their continued support of the athletic programs, during ceremonies at the Bold Gold Antelope Day last Saturday evening in the Community Center.

Seven Post High School students in the Antelope Band was named to the All Region Band. Students named to the band were Todd Wilson, Kerry Thuett, Bobby Redman, Marcie Sneed, Rita Lappen, Debbie Ethridge and Keith Craig. Steve Ladd is director for the Post Band.

Patti Kirkpatrick and Jeri Lott at Danish Imports were presented a check by Post Chamber of Commerce president Jack King as the winner of the Christmas storefront decoration contest.

Connie Flores and Elaine Wright, both teachers in the Post School System, received their Masters degrees in Bilingual Education Dec. 16, 1983 from Texas Tech University.

For What It's Worth! Barry Morris is happy again these days. He received a new Siberian Husky puppy for Christmas from Beau, Amy, Barry's first Husky, Bandit, disappeared several months ago. This one is named Smokey and he thinks he's a CAT.

30 Years Ago January 17, 1974

Jack Alexander, principal of Post Elementary School has been elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year, succeeding J. B. Potts.

The Post Insurance Agency entertained with an open house Friday in observance of Harold Lucas' 16th anniversary in the insurance business. He purchased the agency in 1958 from the late E. S. Stewart. The Post In-

urance Agency, the oldest business in Post, was founded in 1911 by C. D. Morrell and the late John Herd.

Fire destroyed about three sections of grassland at the Jimmy Bird Ranch, 18 miles east of Post, early Tuesday afternoon. The fire burned through two or three fences in destroying the well-rooted grass.

The Texas Highway Commission has set a statewide maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour, effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, January 20.

Edgar L. Fox has assumed his new duties as minister of the First Christian Church here, filling a vacancy created late last year by the resignation of Bernard S. Ramsey.

40 Years Ago January 16, 1964

The search was on in earnest this week for new physicians to man Garza Memorial Hospital's staff after the hospital board voted 5 to 1 not to reappoint Dr. Harry A. Tubbs to its staff, of which he was charter member. This decision has left the local hospital with Dr. A. C. Surman as the only active physician-member on its medical staff.

Post Highlights: Margie Harrison has a major problem. Her radio in her car almost always refuses to play. She has to get tough with it. Then she turns a corner and it quits again. Someone ought to suggest that she turn it down from now on, just so the speaker won't rattle.

Mike Mitchell of Post was among 75 farmers, ranchers and business men who left Amarillo Sunday by rail for a tour of Colorado to study the sugar beet industry. They're hopeful this will bolster efforts to increase production of sugar beets on the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy McKamie and three children returned last week to make their home in Post after living in Duncan, Okla., for four years. Mr. McKamie is associated with Cox and Hamon Oil Co. Their children have been enrolled in the Post schools; Jimmy is in the 6th grade, Kenneth, 3rd and Jana, 1st.

50 Years Ago January 21, 1954

D. C. Roberts, Sr., a resident of Garza County since 1916, was sworn in Monday as justice of the peace. The oath of office was administered by Ray N. Smith, county clerk. Roberts replaces the late J. D. King, who served in the office from 1947 until his death Jan. 2 from injuries received in a grade crossing crash here.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson of Slaton are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jimella, to R. L. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson of Post.

Mrs. Chester Keeton gave a party for her 10 year old daughter, Linda Dulaney. Cake and punch were served to Karen Davis, Beverly Young, Kay Ballentine, Carol Ann Edwards, Ruthell Martin, Patty Smart, Pat Henderson and Judy Ann McCullough.

KCBD-TV, Channell 11, and KDUB-TV, Channell 13, both have announced that they would "go on the cable" between now and July 1, bringing live television to the South Plains area.

Two former Post residents, Wallace Simpson and Elwood Wright, this week opened the K & K Food Mart on East Main, just east of the Santa Fe Railway tracks.

Letters to the Editor

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

Tax rollback... I think so

Thank God for the rain, and thank God for individuals like Mr. Fred N. Howell. This sort of rain is really soaking in the ground. It sure was needed around here.

Then we'd have to say knowledgeable folks like Mr. Howell is sure, in a big way, needed around here. Only thing I see missing is we don't have enough Mr. Howells in the neighborhood.

I signed the petition calling for the rollback, but until now I had not decided on which way to vote. After reading a few facts that were brought to our attention by Mr. Howell, I'm not gonna have any trouble deciding which way to vote. I will definitely vote for the rollback. I was shocked, but not surprised, at the fact that

Garza County has a spending difference of \$1,418,000 more than some neighboring counties.

I've been in the other counties and towns several times, and I don't see that we have anything special that the other counties don't have. With the exception of a "golden pond" in the southeast part of our county, the other counties seem to be doing as well or better than we are doing.

It would be my best guess that the Lake Alan Henry area will soon be their own incorporated town, and I see no need to waste vast amounts of money on that area. They will one day be a rich establishment and won't need to milk our tax dollars.

Besides, the taxpayers in Garza County will never see the day that the income in the form of taxes will outweigh the large tax money waste that is taking place in that area.

In comparison to White River Lake, they have one ol' cop and a game warden or two. They don't have much of a problem with drunks and rowdy folks, but then their operation is not designed to be a moneymaking scheme either. Their intentions are to provide a safe and decent recreation for John Q. Public instead of trying to milk the taxpayers of more hard-earned money.

Lake Alan Henry will always be a thorn in the side for Garza County. Although I truly enjoy that lake, get a lot of hours doing construction work out there and love that area in general, I do not believe Lake Alan Henry benefits to the county will ever outweigh the taxpayer money spent on it. Nevertheless, that's my opinion.

After reading some of Mr. Howell's material, I not only believe a tax rollback should become a reality, the Commissioners Court should cut the taxes even more. The court should be able to cut that million and a half over the other counties and give the MAD DADS, Meals on Wheels, museum, library and all necessary areas a big pay raise.

I believe all the above is necessary to the community and should not be cut back or even touched. Cuts should

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be made in all the unnecessary areas, and it sounds like there is an abundance of places to cut.

As I see it, due to high taxes, local, county, state and federal, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

I sometimes wonder just where we are at in the theory that history does repeat itself.

Such as the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. There were five reasons for the collapse and destruction of Roman society... as follows:

- The spiraling rise of taxes, property seizures and extravagant spending;
- The rapid increase in divorce and the undermining of the sanctity of the home;
- The mounting craze of pleasure and the brutalization of sports;
- The building of gigantic armaments, and the failure to realize that the real enemy lay within the gates of the empire in the moral decay of the people; and
- The decay of religion and the fading of faith into a mere humanistic form, leaving the people without a guide.

The above reasons came from reliable material. I wonder if America, Texas, Garza County - yes, even Post, Texas - has any of these ailments? Yes, I believe we have ever single one of them.

I don't suppose Post, Garza County, Texas or America is gonna fall anytime soon, but it also appears to me that our politicians are doing their dead-level damndest to get there.

I feel that a tax rollback is a must. They should not have been jacked up in the first place.

The State of Texas has had to make a few cuts. I have had to make a bunch of cuts, and I don't see a damn thing wrong with our local governments making a few.

This letter is being written before "The Great Rollback Election Information Meeting" on Jan. 20 and will not be on the newsstand 'til after it's come and gone.

But I would guess it (meeting) will be very one-sided in favor of the Commissioners Court, of course.

The meeting would be of benefit to both sides if it was held in the form of

a debate, with both sides participating equally. But of course that won't happen. With both sides being able to state their thoughts about the situation, it would give the voting taxpayers a much clearer view of which way to vote. But who knows, maybe all thoughts and views are not wanted to be made public.

In my view and opinion, the taxpayers should vote "yes" Feb. 7 for the tax rollback. I certainly will be.

All of America needs to start this process. Spiraling tax increases and wild and crazy spending has to stop or at least slow down, or our kids and grandkids are up the creek without a paddle.

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

Seeking membership contact

Dear friends and fellow members of Trinity Baptist Church, We are mailing out letters to the membership of our church within the next two weeks, but we may have missed you. If you do not receive a letter, will you please notify us?

Our purpose is to revise our church roll and to bring it up to date. We are aware that records have not been kept current and we want very much to have an up-to-date, correct church roll. Please help us by calling or sending a note advising us of your current address and possible name change. Trinity Baptist Church

Vanishing communities

It's heartbreaking to watch a community vanish. Close ties with neighbors suffer when schools, businesses, churches or other community facilities close. They vanish as if they were never there. All is forgotten after a generation. Sons and daughters go elsewhere, never to return because there are no work, future or potential.

Applause to the involved citizens of Post and Garza County for working to develop a vital, prosperous and worthy place to live, to attract sons, daughters and encourage valuable input of folks from the entire area.

Applause to the folks in Southland for "hanging on" to the school and a few businesses.

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Menus

Post ISD

January 26- Breakfast-Pop tart, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cake, milk.

January 27- Breakfast-Eggs, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch-Corn dogs, tater tots, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.

January 28- Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch-Frito pie, ranch style beans, broccoli, corn bread, cookie, milk.

January 29- Breakfast-Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch-Hot pockets, salad, peaches, ice cream, milk.

January 30- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chili dog, french fries, mixed greens, fruit cocktail, milk.

Garza Trailblazers

January 26- Salmon patty, black-eyed peas, brussel sprouts, cornbread, apple cobbler.

January 27- Polish sausage, red beans, cabbage, cornbread, rice pudding.

January 28- Brisket, scalloped potatoes, stewed okra, wheat roll, apricot cobbler.

January 29- Beef tips w/gravy, hominy, brussel sprouts, carrot sticks, cornbread, peach cobbler.

January 30- Fried chicken, corn, turnip greens, coleslaw, biscuit, pineapple dessert.

Southland ISD

January 26- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch-Doritos Casserole, salad, refried beans, orange, milk.

January 27- Breakfast-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch-Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk.

January 28- Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, crackers, fresh broccoli w/ranch dressing, fruit cup, milk.

January 29- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk.
Lunch-Stuffed baked potato, steamed broccoli w/cheese, bread stick, pudding, milk.

January 30- Breakfast-Biscuits & gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch-Sandwich, chips, lettuce/tomato, go gerts, milk.



House of Faith Youth participating in the House of Faith backyard bible study display new sweatshirts. The program emphasizes taking Jesus to neighborhood children and families. (Photo courtesy Kiom Lott)

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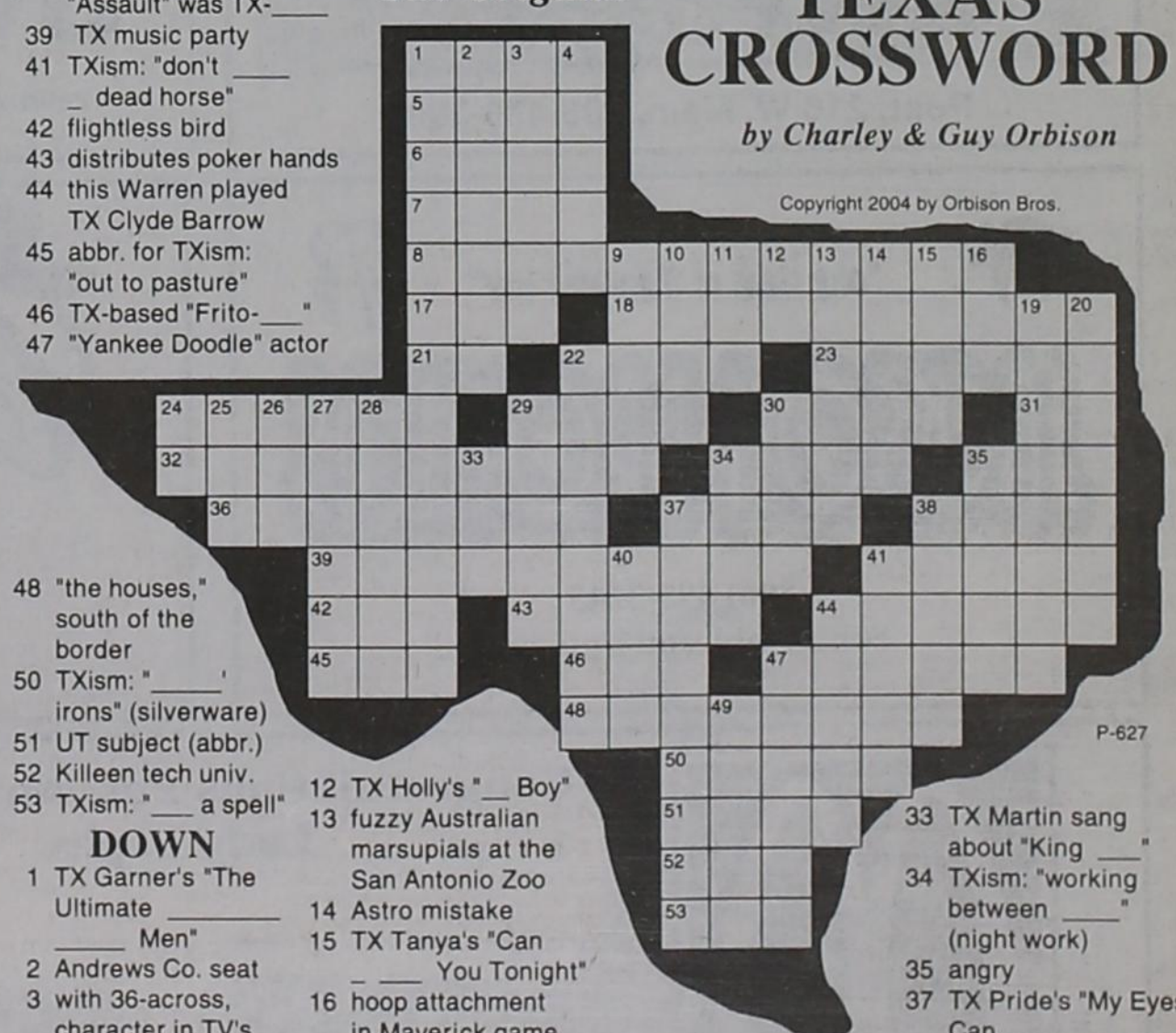
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Lady Lopes JV win in early district games

The Post Lady Lopes JV began District play on January 9 by hosting New Deal. Both teams played aggressive defense and the scoring was low, but the Lady Lopes JV won the game 23-16. Scoring by quarters: 2-0, 5-2, 10-8, 6-6. Scoring for the Lady Lopes JV were Laurel Tatum 6, Ashley Wilson 4, Jackie Hays 3, and Courtney Copeland 2.

On January 13th the Lady Lopes JV hosted Shallowater. In the first quarter the Lady Lopes JV could not get started and lost the quarter 4-23.

Finally the Lady Lopes JV started to play and lost the next three quarters by a total of 4 points, with quarters of 13-12, 13-16, 6-8. Scoring for the Lady Lopes JV were Kylie Easterling 9, Rachel Gray 6, Larissa Halford 6, Laurel Tatum 5, Courtney Copeland 4, Ashley Wilson 4, and Ashley Powell 2.

On January 16 the Lady Lopes JV travelled to Idalou. The Lady Lopes had defeated Idalou in a close game earlier in the year at a tournament and expected a tough game in Idalou's gym. Idalou lead the Lady Lopes at

the half 13-17.

The Lady Lopes won the third quarter 10-5 to take a 23-22 lead. The score changed hands several times in the fourth quarter. The Lady Lopes called time out with 10 seconds to play trailing Idalou 29-30.

On the inbound play Ashley Wilson took the ball in the corner. She was rushed and had no shot. Seeing an opening on the baseline she drove and scored a layup to help seal the victory 31-30. Scoring by quarters 7-9, 6-8, 10-5, 8-8.

Scoring for the Lady Lopes JV were Jackie Hays 8, Kylie Easterling 6, Ashley Wilson 4, Rachel Gray 4, Larissa Halford 4, and Laurel Tatum 4.

The Lady Lopes JV overall record is 14-3, and their district record is 2-1.



Post Lady Lopes fighting for possession are (left to right) Meagan Hoover, Taylor Starkey, Brittney Courtney and Donae Dalby during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Antelope varsity whips CC 54-46

The varsity boys posted another win last week, defeating Colorado City 54-46.

The game was a hard-fought one for the Lopes, who trailed for much of the game. Post was down 12-10 at the end of the first quarter and 18-10 at the half. The team dropped to a 10-point deficit at the close of the third period before pumping up the offense in the final quarter for the win.

Jerrad Grisham led scoring with 17 points, followed by Coco Valdez with 16, including one three-point field goal. Mitchell Mills had 13 points. Cole Easterling scored four points and Sterling Smith and Mitch Holly each had two points.

Stock show...

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FFA; Kim Reiter for Garza County 4-H and Cindee Reiter for Post FFA. Saturday's lunch was prepared by cook Junior Stelzer assisted by Royce Hart. Post FFA provided beans, Southland FFA provided salads and Garza County 4-H provided desserts.

Assisting Diane Graves, Corresponding Secretary, with bookkeeping and other duties throughout the show and sale were: Billie Williams, Diane Stelzer, Nancy Morris, Jaquita Blevins, Kelly Smith and Leisa Farquhar. Assisting with Sale Sheet preparation were Milton and Billie Williams, Greg Jones, David Farquhar, Ronnie Dunn, Royce Hart, Junior Stelzer, Rusty Morris, Brent Mason and Bobby Heckaman.

Serving as officers of the association for 2002-03 have been Junior Stelzer, President; Milton Williams, Vice-President; Royce Hart, Recording Secretary and Giles Dalby, Jr., Past-President. Ray Mason served as Membership Chairman collecting dues from individuals joining and becoming a voting member G.C.J.L.A. Anyone interested in joining the organization may do so by seeing Ray Mason or Diane Graves.

Association Directors would like to express their appreciation to all who helped make the 2004 stock show a success, and we apologize if we have failed to mention anyone who helped. We sincerely appreciate all who donated to the sale and jackpot in support of our youth.

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Post Antelope varsity football players selected on the All-South Plains squad are (back, left to right) Chessauf Garcia, Kris Hernandez, Mark McCallister and (front) Mitchell Mills. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Brittney Courtney takes a two-point shot for the Post Lady Lopes in their game here against Shallowater last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Congratulations Post Antelopes & Lady Lopes!

Post High School 2003-2004 Basketball Schedules

Jan. 23	@ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 27	@ New Deal	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 30	@ Shallowater	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 3	Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 6	@ Tahoka	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 10	Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
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Feb. 17	Shallowater	JVB, VB

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