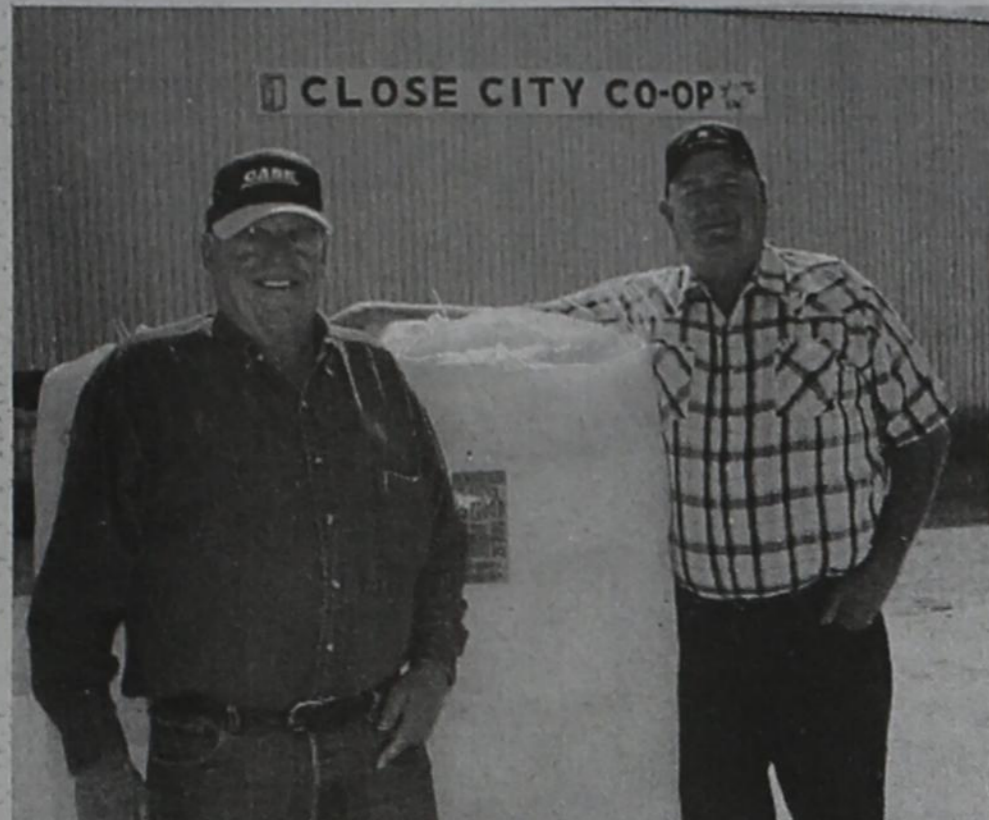


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**First Bale Ginned in Garza County**  
Ronnie Dunn (left) is congratulated by Close City Coop Gin Manager max Haney (right) for harvesting the first bale of cotton for the season. His bale was ginned October 22, 2004. Close City Co-op Gin is the only Gin remaining in Garza County and continues to serve the area cotton farmers. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## Post Notes

**Play Off T-Shirts**  
Antelope Booster Club will take orders for play-off shirts at Friday night's game against Slaton. Sign up at the game or call Terri Cash at 495-3355 or Pixie Grisham at 495-4154.

**Halloween Carnival Set**  
Golden Plains Care Center invites everyone to attend their halloween carnival on Friday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 at the door or .25 a game. There will be nine booths, a spook house and refreshments. Please come and join the fun! If you have any questions please contact Amber at 495-2848.

**Used Eyeglasses Needed**  
Your area Lions clubs, working with U. S. Post Offices, are collecting all type of used glasses to repair, categorize and give free to needy people around the world. Put them in or by your mailbox on Saturday, Halloween eve for the mail carriers to collect or you can drop used glasses off at any Post Office during the week prior to Halloween.

**2004 Voter's Guide**  
The 2004 Voter's Guide to the general election on November 2, will be available free of charge at the First Baptist Church office entrance. The guide is published by The Free Market Foundation.

**Clinic Making Flu Shot List**  
The Garza County Health Clinic has not yet received the FDA go-ahead to give flu shots for the upcoming flu season; however, the clinic is taking the names of individuals interested in obtaining a flu shot at the clinic. To place a name on the flu shot list, contact the clinic at 495-2853.

**Special Presentation of Flags**  
The VFW Post 6797 has received flags flown in Iraq by Garza County residents. The flags will be presented to the Post ISD at a special ceremony during the Post/Roosevelt game here on Friday, November 5 at Antelope Stadium.

**Invitation Open to Honor Guard**  
VFW Post 6797 has invited All-Service Honor Guard for a special Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony at the Post/Roosevelt football game at Antelope Stadium on Friday, November 5.

**Flea Market and Much More**  
The Holy Cross Catholic Church will be having a flea market on Saturday, November 6, beginning at 8 a.m. Breakfast burritos and menuo will be sold at 7 a.m. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. gorditos, rice, beans and salad will be available.

**Graham Chapel Church of Christ**  
A Homecoming and Building Dedication Service will be held Sunday, November 7 at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. The new location is at 15th and Avenue S. Services with visiting song leaders will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the dedication and presentation. Worship service will begin at 11 a.m., with evening service starting at 5 p.m. Please join us for this special day. We look forward to seeing you.

**Texas Country Reporter in Post**  
Texas Country Reporter personnel were in Post on Friday and Saturday, October 1-2 to tape footage for an upcoming episode. The story focuses on Jim and Janice Plummer, who are owners of the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast, the hotels relationship with the Garza Theatre and Post tourism. The segment is scheduled to air the weekend of November 6-7. The program should appear on Lubbock station KCBD, Newschannell 11 (Cebidge Cable channell 11) at 6 a.m. Saturday, November 6 and at 8 a.m., Sunday, November 7.

**Antelope Booster Club Program**  
The Antelope Booster Club is sponsoring a new idea this year to recognize our Varsity athletes. A program is being compiled with ads to honor varsity athletes for their participation in extra curricular activities. These programs will be sold at all home high school basketball games. Prices range from \$10-\$60. 1/4, 1/2, and full page ads can include a picture. Don't miss your chance to salute your athlete. Contact Terri Cash at 495-3355, Alexa Collier at 495-3739, Pixie Grisham at 495-4154, or Gena Lott at 629-4265 for an order form and additional information or e-mail us at postbooster@aol.com.

**FFA Selling Fresh Fruit**  
The Southland FFA Chapter will be selling fruit from Fresh Country this year. We will start the sale on October 25 thru November 15. The window for delivery from Fresh Country will be December 7-17. Contact any Southland FFA member or the Southland Ag Department at 996-5339.

**Cisneros Family**  
Groceries are desperately needed for this family during their troubled time. If you would like to help, please drop off food items at 116 E. 15th street.

**Art Classes Offered**  
Glenda Morrow will be teaching art classes at the Algerita Art Center on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Call 629-4393 or 495-4000 for more information.

**Halloween Story Time**  
All young children (4th Grade or younger) are invited to participate in a Halloween Story Time at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main St., Saturday, October 30 at 1:00 pm. The story teller will be Dr. James Bell, who many children know from his participation in story time at Post Elementary School. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and have their picture taken with Ruby Pumpkin. Halloween Story Time will last approximately one hour and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 495-0140 for more information.

**Home for the Holidays**  
Garza County Home for the Holidays will be November 16th. at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Cost will be \$8 per participant. Call (806) 495-4400 or come by 215 West Main to sign up.

## Judge Dalby answers letter to the editor on prison funding

Recent questions concerning revenues generated by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility evoked a lengthy response during Monday's brief meeting of the Garza County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners met for about 30 minutes, but a third of the meeting was dedicated to County Judge Giles Dalby's response to a letter to the editor in last week's Post Dispatch from an individual he described as "confused." Dalby said the letter, written by Charles Propst, raised questions about the county's recently approved audit of the Dalby unit 2003 operations.

In his letter, Propst made reference to a recent Dispatch article that stated that the Dalby unit "submits a commission payment to Garza County at the rate of \$1.55 per prisoner per day. Of the \$1.55 per day paid to the county, 50 cents is withheld and applied toward startup costs that MTC incurred. This money is not currently being accounted for by the county or MTC," according to the audit.

Propst asked why the money is not being accounted for and why commissioners would approve an audit that contained such a statement.

Dalby said he already had called Propst to offer a personal explanation, but wanted to make a public explanation as well.

According to Dalby, revenues generated by inmate housing at the Dalby Unit are used first to satisfy the bond allocation.

"The bondholders are protected first and foremost. They come before everybody," he said.

Secondly, MTC is paid for its operation of the facility, then Garza County receives money to cover its relocation of local overflow prisoners to a neighboring jail.

Of the prison's proceeds, 50 cents per prisoner per day goes into a

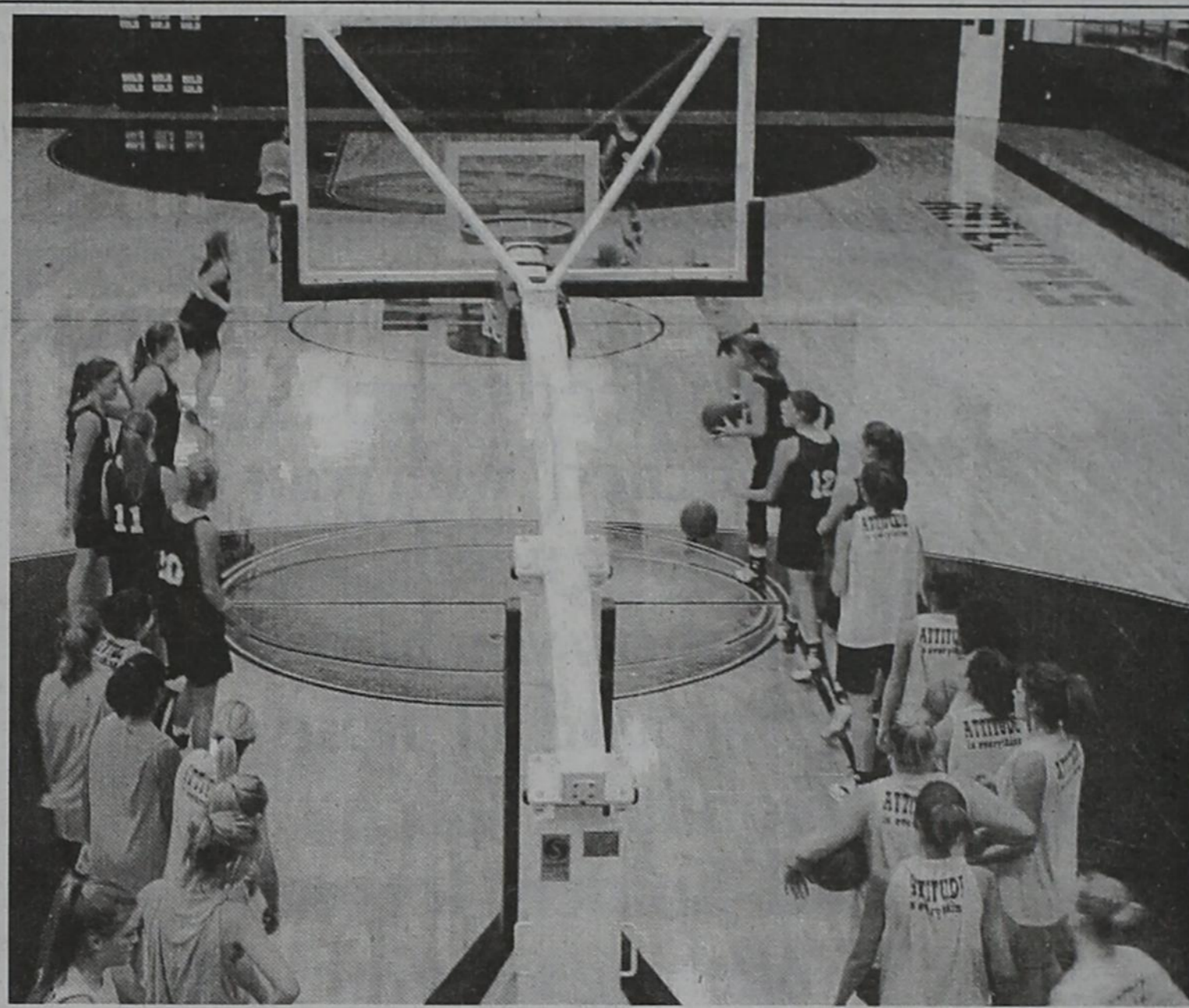
reserve fund in the USA Bank in Minneapolis, Minn. As part of the original operating agreement for the prison, Dalby said, anything that constitutes an expense of a liability against Garza County is paid for out of that fund.

"We never get that money," Dalby said.  
An example of what the money is

used for, the judge said, surfaced when the prison was initially ready to open. Hiring had been done and the unit was prepared to accept state prisoners; however, that opportunity dissolved, leaving MTC prepared with supplies and personnel for an empty prison. MTC relocated personnel as they could, but expenses still existed.

"That put us into a deficit," he said. Following the implementation of the agreement with the Bureau of Prisons to accept federal inmates, "the liability stopped as far as expenses against the county," the judge said.  
Today, the county bears no responsibility, he said.

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### Meet the Lady Lopes

Post Bold Gold fans and parents were introduced to this year's 7th grade, 8th grade, JV, and Varsity Lady Lopes Basketball teams Monday night at Antelope Arena. After introductions, the JV and Varsity teams demonstrated routine practice drills and concluded the event with a scrimmage. The basketball season begins Thursday, November 11 against Smyer in Antelope Arena. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## GHD directors look at indigent care

After weeks of keeping a close eye on rising indigent care expenditures, directors of the Garza County Hospital District breathed a collective sigh of relief last week following a report that the program's end-of-year expenses came in under the budgeted \$100,000 mark.

The district's indigent care program ended the fiscal year Sept. 30 with annual expenses of \$96,836, or about \$3,200 under budget, according to a report delivered at the directors' regular October meeting.

"It was a tight one," said Tanya Boucher, district administrator. "You just never know. It's a very small program."

The program began the month of September with 13 individuals and ended with 15. Nine applications were screened. Monthly expenses totaled \$2,027.72.

In other business, district officials:

- Received a report on the Garza County Health Clinic for the month ending Sept. 30. A total of 559 visits and 849 procedures were recorded, with charges totaling \$41,500. Charges were down about \$4,000. Expenses were down slightly more than \$5,000. The clinic's deficit for the month was \$9,499. Last month's deficit was about \$14,500. Collections remain steady, with the clinic operator, PNS, reporting an "excellent accounts receivable turnover," Boucher said.
- Were reminded of a reception this week for Dr. Ben Edwards, a physician who has shown interest in moving to and practicing in Post.

Edwards is a native of West Texas who grew up in a rural community.

- Approved a \$14,703 expenditure to join the city and the county in assisting with the purchase of an ambulance for the local ambulance service. The City of Post, Garza County and the Garza County Hospital District each will pay one-third of half of the cost of the new ambulance. The new vehicle will replace an older unit that will kept and utilized as a backup ambulance, according to reports.

- Made some clarifications to the Indigent Health Care Program Policy implemented in March. The biggest change, Boucher said, was the determination that the program will no longer pay for expenses incurred prior to enrollment date. Changes also were implemented with regard to the provision of diabetic supplies, inhalers and oxygen, and it was determined that any applicant found to have deceptive information on his or her application will be denied program enrollment for the maximum period allowed under the rules.

- Tabled action on a resolution to accept a retainer agreement with the law offices of Philip Mack Furlow, PLLC.

- Approved minutes for their Sept. 2 and Sept. 16 meetings. Director Kenda Bartlett was absent from the session.

The board's next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Citizens Bank Community Room.

## OS Ranch Steer Roping events set for November 6, 7

The roping events of the OS Ranch Steer Roping & Art Exhibit Reunion, postponed because of rains in the first weekend in October, have been rescheduled for Nov. 6-7.

On Nov. 6, the senior team roping will begin at 8 a.m., followed by a noon barbecue. At 1 p.m., the seniors steer roping will continue, followed by the finals in the senior team roping.

Nov. 7 events include an open team roping at 8 a.m. and a noon barbecue. An invitational calf roping will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the finals of the open team roping. A matched calf roping, featuring Trent Walls of Stephenville and Monty Lewis of Hereford, will round out the afternoon's activities.

For more information, contact the OS Ranch Reunion office at 495-0151.

## "Hobbit" continues at Garza Theatre

Performances of "The Hobbit," the latest offering at the Garza Theatre, continue this weekend.

Show times will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Final performances will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 5 and 6 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

Directed by Mitchell Britton, the

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### Celebrating Red Ribbon Week

Post Middle School students painted the town red during National Red Ribbon Week October 16 thru 22, 2004. Red ribbons were tied throughout Post and merchants invited to wear them in support of this special week reminding people to take a stand for a drug-free land. (Photo by Dedra Adams)

## Jennifer Josey, Thomas Henderson exchange wedding vows

Jennifer Lynn Josey of Post and Thomas Dean Henderson of Hermleigh were wed at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18, 2004, at the Henderson Ranch in Hermleigh. Dr. Charles McCook, an elder with the Post Church of Christ, officiated the

double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Kohlen and Patti Josey of Post. The bridegroom is the son of Anne Henderson of Hermleigh and the late Charlie Henderson. The outdoor country wedding took

place under a lighted mesquite tree. Soft lights set the mood. Curtain lights, white tulle and lanterns with white bows accented the bridal path. Washtubs and mums accented the unity candles.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose for her wedding an ivory A-line strapless satin gown created by the bride's grandmothers, mother and aunts. The ensemble featured a lace overcoat accented with floral appliques, and crochet and pearls lined the edge of the jacket. The bride wore an ivory tulle mid-length veil accented with ivory ribbon on the edges. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Bridesmaids were Angela Whorton of Woodrow, a friend of the couple; Amanda Maxfield of Snyder, a friend of the couple; Monica Davis of Clovis, N.M., the bride's cousin; Erica Curry of Lubbock, the bride's cousin; Niki Henderson of Visalia, Calif., the groom's sister-in-law; and Kenda Vickers of Abilene, a cousin of the bride. Each wore a black skirt topped with a white or black wrap shirt. The bridal attendants each carried a Gerbera daisy.

Will Henderson of Snyder served as his brother's best man. Jay Josey of

Post, the bride's brother, was man of honor. Other attendants included James Henderson of Visalia, Calif., the groom's brother, and three friends of the couple, Craig Leatherwood of Snyder, Greg Kitchens of Midland and Clinton Garcia of Big Spring. Each wore black pants and a red shirt accented with a yellow boutonniere.

Candlelighters were the bride's grandmothers, Theona Josey of Post and Edith Emery of New Deal, the groom's mother and the bride's parents.

Music featured during the ceremony included "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me; "When You Say Nothing at All" by Allison Kraus; "I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know" by Travis Tritt; "Create In Me" by Acappella; and "You Can't Hurry Love" by The Supremes.

Christine Thomas of New Deal, the bride's cousin, registered guests. The registration table, covered by antique quilts, featured black-and-white photographs of the bride's grandmother's wedding and an assortment of other antique items.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the ranch.

The bride's table was covered in a white tablecloth accented with red, yellow and orange plaid overlays. The three-layered ivory iced cake, which featured octagonal layers, was topped with a "getting hitched" cake topper. Servers at the bride's table were three of the bride's cousins, Monica Davis, Erica Curry and Kenda Vickers.

Server at the groom's table, which held a red velvet cake, was Lisa Johnson of Snyder, a friend of the couple.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cripple Creek, Colo., the couple will be at home in Lubbock.

The bride, a 1999 Post High School graduate, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration computer information services from Lubbock Christian University in 2004. She is employed as a computer assistant at the USDA Agriculture Research Service, Cropping Systems Research Laboratory in Lubbock.

The groom, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, is studying organization management at LCU. He is employed as manager of the Country Inn in Lubbock.

### "Hobbit" ...

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cast for the show includes Clarrisa Baker, Jeff Conner, Taylor Blevins, Taylor Cole, Kassie Savage, Savannah Baker, Madison Weaver and Bethany Ratliff.

Also, Camila Bermudez, Tayler Wyatt, Harrison Franks, Ashley Stephens, Joshua Quinton, Brandon Blevins, Joshua Schlegel, Todd Eldridge, Aimee Eldridge, Tanner Britton, Sophia Shires, Christy Jones, Britney Blackburn, Michel Castro, Laurie Smerud, Ashley Richardson and Michal Blackburn.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6 to 12.

For more information, contact the box office at 495-4005.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson

## Judge offers explanation to letter

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"If the prison were empty today, that would go back on the stockholders or the bondholders, not us," Dalby said. "Now as far as the operation is concerned, we do have some (responsibility)."

With regard to the 50-cent withholding, which the judge said generates about \$15,000 per month or \$191,625 a year, the funds continue to go into a USA Bank fund. If no obligations arise, the bank makes a distribution to the county from that fund each October and April.

"We do not have any obligations. We have no obligations for that 50 cents anymore," the judge said, noting that the fund is a "protection" for the county. "Garza County has no obligation out there at the prison at the current time."

In other business, commissioners:

- Authorized the county to become a member of the Texas Yes Program in support of a Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau project.
- Postponed action on the advertising for bids regarding an EMS/fire station. Precinct 1 Commissioner Lee Norman said he needed additional time to gather information regarding bid specifications.
- Postponed action on an application for public assistance.
- Paid bills and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

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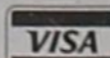
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# Early voting sets record here

A record number of early voters have already cast ballots in Garza County.

A total of 537 voters had cast early ballots as of 8 a.m. Tuesday, according to a report from the Garza County clerk's office. Another 120 ballots have been mailed out.

"We've never had this many (early voters) that I can remember," said Terri Laurence, deputy county clerk. "We've had a real big turnout."

Early voting in the Nov. 2 general election will run through Friday. The early voting period began Oct. 18.

The following is an overview of candidates to be listed on the ballots in Garza County, according to a report from the secretary of state's office.

Local offices to be filled and the

candidates vying for those positions include (listed in the same order as provided in the state report):

- County attorney - Leslie C. Acker, Democrat
- Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Gary McDaniel, Republican; Lee Norman, Democrat
- Commissioner, Precinct 3 - John Valdez, Democrat
- Sheriff - Kenny Ratke, Republican; Cliff Laws, Democrat
- District/county clerk (unexpired term) - Jay Young, Democrat; Jim Plummer, write-in candidate
- County tax assessor/collector - Judy Bush, Democrat
- Constable, Precinct 1 - Randy Nielsen, Republican; Daniel Yarbro, Democrat

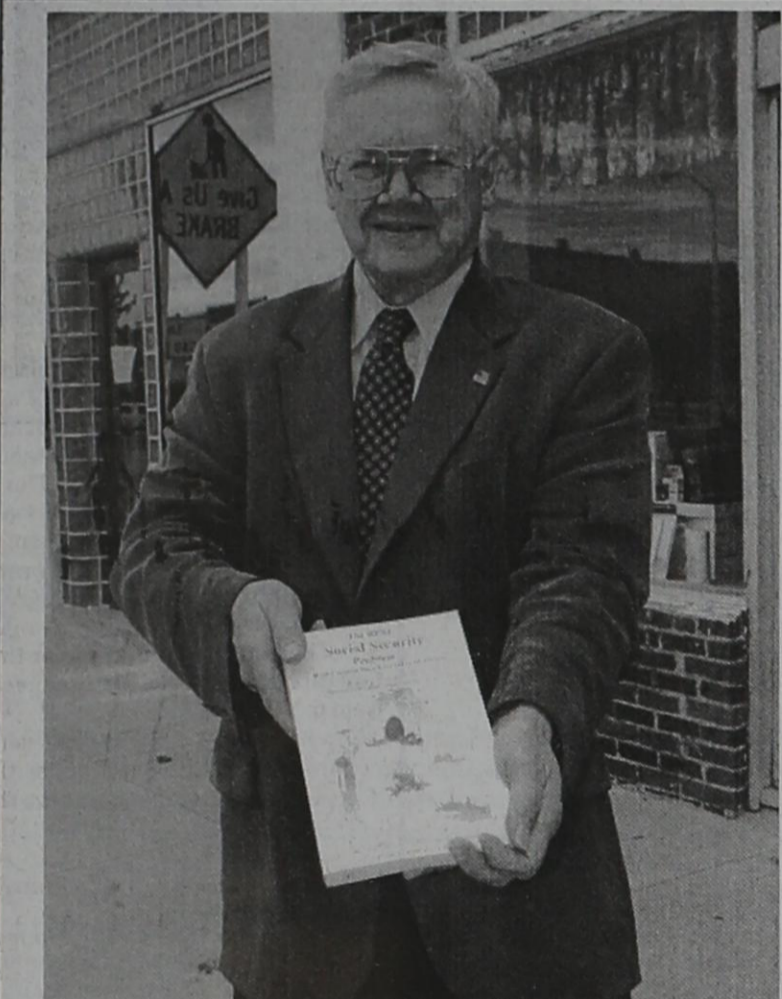
- Constable, Precinct 2 - Eric Cravy, Democrat
- Other offices to be filled via the Nov. 2 general election ballot include:
  - District attorney, 106th Judicial District - Brian L. Kingston, Republican; Ricky B. Smith, Democrat
  - Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4 - Jim Campbell, Republican
  - State representative, District 85 - Kent Sharp, Republican; James E. "Pete" Laney, Democrat
  - State senator, District 28 - Robert Duncan, Republican
  - Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 - Michael E. Keasler, Republican; J.R. Molina, Democrat
  - Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 - Cheryl Johnson, Republican; Tom Oxford, Libertarian
  - Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 - Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Republican; Quannah Parker, Libertarian
  - Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 - Scott Brister, Republican; David Van Os, Democrat
  - Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 - Paul Green, Republican

- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 - Harriet O'Neill, Republican
- Railroad commissioner - Victor G. Carrillo, Republican; Bob Scarborough, Democrat; Anthony Garcia, Libertarian
- U.S. representative, District 19 - Randy Neugebauer, Republican; Charles W. Stenholm, Democrat; Richard Peterson, Libertarian
- President/vice-president - George W. Bush/Dick Cheney, Republican; John F. Kerry/John Edwards, Democrat; Michael Bednarik/Richard V. Campagna, Libertarian

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## Congressional Candidate for District 19 visits Post

Dr. Richard L. Peterson, Professor of Finance at Texas Tech University recently visited Post. Peterson is the Libertarian Party Congressional Candidate District 19. In hand is his book, *The REAL Social Security Problem: What Everyone Must Know Before It's too Late.* (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## Garza County General Election Polling Places Nov. 2

Voting Boxes 1 & 1B - Presbyterian Church, 910 W. 10th, Commissioners Pct. 1  
Voting Box 2 - Southland School, 8th & Georgia in Southland, Commissioners Pct. 1  
Voting Box 3 - Citizens Bank Community Room, 210 N. Broadway, Commissioners Pct. 3  
Voting Box 4 - Justiceburg First Baptist Church, US 84 at Justiceburg, Commissioners Pct. 4  
Voting Boxes 5 & 5B - Presbyterian Church, 910 W. 10th, Commissioners Pct. 1  
Voting Box 6 - Post Middle School, 405 W. 8th, Commissioners Pct. 2  
Voting Box 7 - Wells Fargo Bank Room, 216 W. Main, Commissioners Pct. 4  
Voting Box 8 - Post Middle School, 405 W. 8th, Commissioners Pct. 2  
Voting Boxes 9 & 9B - Citizens Bank Community Room, 210 N. Broadway, Commissioners Pct. 3 - information provided by the Garza County Clerk's Office

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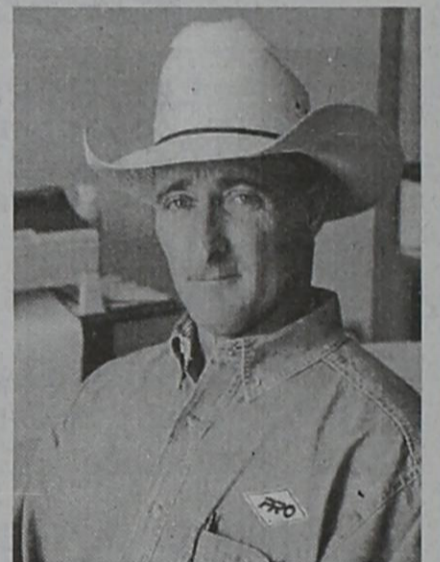
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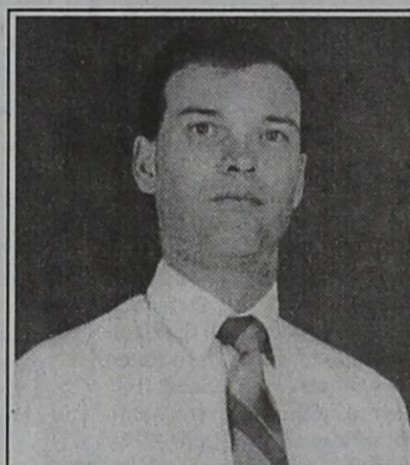
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There's no coasting for a sheriff with a published phone number. Personal sacrifice and caring about people isn't a choice, it's a way of life. When I hear folks talking about separating city and county law enforcement, I clearly object. I see this as a misguided statement that would lead to trouble on both sides. This philosophy breeds inefficiency. "Too many chiefs, not enough Indians." My views aren't always popular with everyone, but long-term results speak for themselves. No law suits, controlled spending, hard work, opposing micromanagement and practicing diplomacy when possible are high on my priority list.

• **With your help, I'd be proud to continue serving as your County Sheriff.**



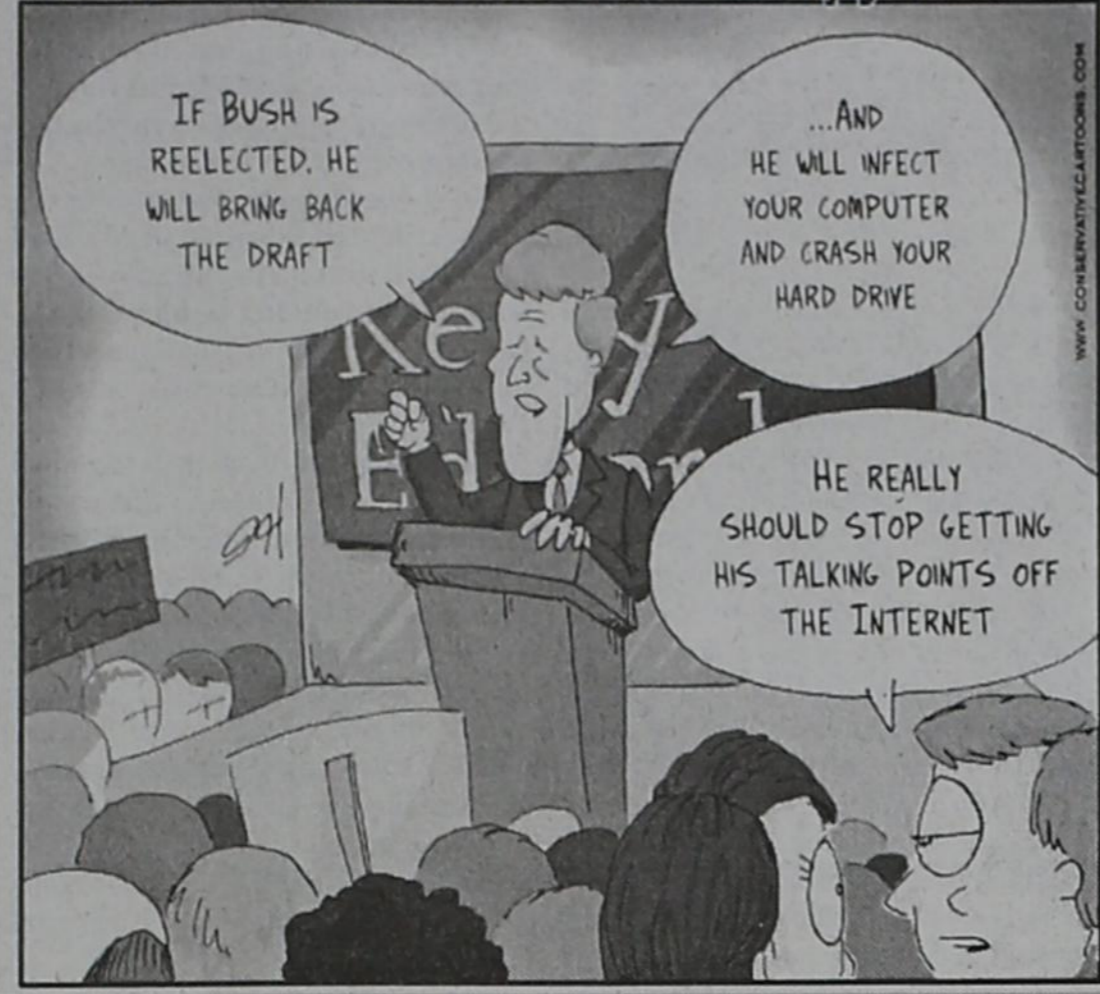
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**POLITICALLY CORRECT** By Jim Huber



## And thereafter, political demagoguery

**by Walter E. Williams**  
 Politicians have a field day misleading Americans who, as a result of having been dumbed down by our education system, can't think, reason or analyze. How many times have we heard the political lament "There are 43 million Americans without health insurance"? While that observation might very well be true, what are we to make of it? Does it mean that there are Americans dying on the streets for want of medical treatment? Were that the case, you can bet the rent money that the major TV networks would feature nightly stories of medically indigent Americans in various stages of pain, suffering and death.  
 I've seen no such stories. So what does the absence of health insurance mean? Among the things that it might mean is that you don't receive medical treatment on the same terms as a person with health insurance. You might spend a day waiting for treatment at a clinic instead of having an appointment at a chosen time at a physician's office. It might also mean that you'll receive a smaller quantity and lower quality of medical care such as hospitalization in a ward instead of a private room, interns rather than specialists, and treatment at voluntary clinics and free hospitals such as Shriners.  
 Let's face it: People who can buy insurance get benefits that those who cannot afford it don't. Those with lots of money get things that those with little money don't. Whether we like it or not, these are facts of life. By the way, a healthy young person might opt for self-insurance and not purchase health insurance because he believes that the money could be better spent elsewhere.  
 According to some of the electoral rhetoric, President Bush has been responsible for shipping the best American jobs overseas, thus turning us into a nation of hamburger flippers. But according to a study by Bruce Bartlett, a senior fellow at the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis, "How Outsourcing Creates Jobs for

Americans," over the past 15 years, foreign corporations have moved jobs to the United States at a faster rate than jobs have left. "Jobs insourced to the United States increased from 4.9 million in 1991 to 6.4 million in 2001," reports Bartlett. There's been an 82 percent increase in insourced jobs compared to a 23 percent increase in outsourced jobs.  
 Moreover, because of the higher and increasing productivity of American workers, the jobs that move here pay more than the ones that leave. Insourced jobs pay roughly 16.5 percent more than the average domestic job, and one-third of them are in the manufacturing sector, says Bartlett. Americans who lose their jobs due to outsourcing might have to make painful adjustments. But should we listen to political proposals to ease their pain by erecting trade barriers that will make the nation as a whole worse off?  
 Speaking of jobs, let's look at the numbers. Our unemployment rate, which the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics put at 5.4 percent in September, is one of the lowest in the world and in our history. France's unemployment rate is 9.4 percent, Germany's 9.9 percent and Italy's 8.6 percent. Our Canadian neighbor's is 6.6 percent. The only reason for today's hysteria over jobs is because it is an election year, and one of the ways politicians gain power is to create fear among the electorate. The next time you hear a politician whining about our "awful" job climate, ask him which European country we should look to for guidance in job creation. The fact of business is that our country is the world's leader not only in job creation but in terms of where the world wants to invest its money.  
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## Field of (Bad) Dreams

**by Sam Bostaph**  
 Washington, D.C., will soon begin construction of a new taxpayer-funded baseball stadium at an estimated cost of \$400 million, give or take \$50 million. Thirty-three years after the Washington Senators left town to become the Texas Rangers, a majority vote of the D.C. city council will fill the vacancy by providing the former Montreal Expos the stadium that Montreal voters denied them. Touting the project, Mayor Anthony Williams of Washington claims that the revenue bonds that will be issued to build the stadium will be paid off completely by a lease payment of \$15 million a year, by taxes on facility revenues, and by socking large businesses in D.C. with a new tax.  
 Coincidentally, about two and a half hours away by air is Arlington, Texas, home of the former Senators, now the Texas Rangers, and the scene of another new stadium proposal. Local voters are being urged to approve a similar deal to build a football stadium to house the Dallas Cowboys just next door to the existing Rangers' stadium. The subsidy request comes from Jerry Jones, the owner of the Cowboys.  
 The requested Arlington-taxpayer subsidy is estimated by the city's treasury manager to be about \$600 million, including interest. New taxes are necessary to get the money. Local politicians in Arlington are trying to sell the deal to voters with the same promises D.C. officials made: lease payments to the city, jobs, redevelopment of surrounding areas, and higher revenues to local businesses. The job and multi-million-dollar local-business revenue projections all come from a study, funded by the Cowboys, that treats every dollar of revenue and every job created as new. This ignores the fact that since the new Cowboys stadium will be only a few miles away from the old one, current workers at the stadium will not have to move their homes or their spending and that construction employees will only be temporary. Also, the revenue projections are based on projections of future game attendance and other uses of the stadium that could easily prove wrong, and they ignore the "distribution effect": money spent on game attendance is money not spent on other entertainment and recreation.  
 What about the lease payment? In contrast to D.C., the city of Arlington will receive an insultingly meager \$2 million a year in rental fees and 5 percent of the money paid for the naming rights to the stadium, up to a ceiling of \$500,000 annually. Obviously, the total won't even cover the interest payment on the bonds. Taxpayers will be out the principal and most of the interest. Jones has offered to throw in another \$16.5 million for "youth programs," to pay the local school district the revenue it would lose from any private property

seized by the city for Jones's use, and to bribe local minority groups with discriminatory minority set-asides.  
 If the proposed stadium subsidy is not a shrewd investment opportunity for Arlington, then what is it? Economists refer to such programs as "transfer programs" or, more honestly, "business welfare" programs. Money is taken from taxpayers, and real property is condemned, so that it can be transferred to those held in higher favor by public officials. In a word, thievery. This is most blatant in the plans to seize the property of those living south of the proposed building site. Jones and local politicians propose to milk taxpayers and steal property to benefit Jones, subsidize football fans, favor businesses near the stadium, and provide local politicians with another costly monument to boosterism next to the one that was built for the Rangers.  
 The same sorts of promises that were made to voters to build the Rangers' stadium are being made once again. In the case of the Rangers, the results failed to match the hype. The stimulus to land development around the park failed to materialize and the park itself sits empty most of the year.  
 There is one substantive difference between the Washington, D.C., situation and that in Arlington, Texas. In D.C., voters replaced three pro-ballpark council members with three opposed to the scheme; but the new members don't take office until after December 31. Mayor Williams and the majority of the old council are rushing to approve the issuance of revenue bonds before then in an end run around voters. The Arlington council occupies a higher ground. The proposal itself is being put to voters on November 2. Lacking their approval, the deal is dead in the water. It should be.  
*Samuel Bostaph is head of the economics department at the University of Dallas and an academic advisor to The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org).*

**Democracies always destroy liberty**  
**"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government forever. It will only exist until the people learn that they can vote money for themselves from the treasury and the politicians learn that they can distribute that money, to buy votes to perpetuate themselves in power. Hence a democracy always collapses over weak fiscal policy - to be followed by a dictatorship."**  
*(British historian Alexander Tyler, written over 100 years ago. He added that the average age of the world's great democracies between birth and death (or collapsing) was 200 years.)*  
**The United States is 221 years old (from 1782).**

## Assessing Bush presidency

**by Bill O'Reilly**  
 Hide the plants! Political partisans are sucking much of the air out of the environment with insane rants, and it's tough to get oxygen. So I am going to try something new by attempting to evaluate the Bush presidency using simple logic and stone cold facts. Please don't hate me.  
 The president's biggest problem is bad foreign intelligence. The CIA bungled the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction scenario and failed to predict the toxic problems that have occurred in Iraq after Saddam's fall. Also, the Central Intelligence Agency and the FBI both failed to detect the 9/11 plot. All of this happened on Bush's watch.  
 In response to those catastrophic intelligence failures, the president has said little. It took him forever to remove CIA chief George Tenet, and Mr. Bush is reluctant to address the WMD and Iraqi controversies, preferring to paint an optimistic picture of the future.  
 But millions of Americans are deeply troubled by the chaos in Iraq, and the president's hopeful outlook is not soothing that apprehension. Thus, Mr. Bush is fighting for his political life.  
 On the home front, things are better. Despite Democratic hysteria, the economic sky is not falling. Unemployment is less than it was when Bill Clinton won reelection in 1996, and most Americans are living comfortable lives. The situation does vary from state to state, however. Florida, for example, is booming while Ohio is struggling. That situation makes the electoral vote outlook a tossup.  
 Gas prices are way up, but Americans seem to be taking that in stride. Once again, the president has not said much about rising fuel prices, concentrating on the big picture, which is that the U.S. economy is much better than that in most other developed countries.  
 On social issues, Mr. Bush has played it smart. He and his conservative base are compatible, and the president sincerely believes that gay marriage, partial birth abortion and faith-based initiatives are subjects worth taking a strong stand on. Bush's support is much more fervent than Kerry's, according to all the polls, and that's because of his social outlook.  
 The presidency of George W. Bush is hard to evaluate because of the war on terror, which has consumed much of his time. The No Child Left Behind Act is a vast improvement over the directionless academic chaos that had been plaguing many American school districts. The funding issue is largely bogus; many states simply can't spend all the money that is available because of poor administration.  
 Homeland Security is debatable, but what is undeniable is that we have not been hit again by Al Qaeda. That's a big win for Mr. Bush. So summing up, the president's big downside is the intelligence debacle and his failure to adequately explain it. His big plus is that most Americans like him and his conservative base reveres him. If he defeats John Kerry, he will do it on who he is rather than what he's done.  
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## Holding public officials accountable

**by Wesley W. Burnett**  
 The continuing struggle by taxpayers and citizens to hold public officials accountable seems to never end. We expect elected officials to guard the public treasury with careful oversight. However, we often discover that elected officials, whether in Post, Austin or Washington, pay lip service only to their fiduciary trust.  
 As in the case of the so-called "start up" loan after building the prison here, it appears that Garza County officials have spent untold thousands of dollars without a record of any accounting for those funds.  
 When challenged, county officials answer with glib statements and little substance. Here are some questions for which answers need to be provided:  
 1. Who authorized the loan and where is the documentation to support that decision?  
 2. How much money was involved?  
 3. Where are the records of payments paid?  
 4. Who are the bond holders for the bonded indebtedness and how much have they been paid?  
 We observe that elected officials say "yes" to just about any request for funding that comes knocking on the door... it is an example of the old adage: "It's so easy to spend other people's money."  
 We believe that our elected officials must be held accountable, with detailed records, of every penny of our hard earned money that they steal from us in the form of taxation.



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# Another district win puts 'Lopes in driver's seat

by Wes Burnett

It wasn't the blow-out a lot of fans expected, but the Post Antelopes proved one more time that they are the undisputed District 5AA leaders with a convincing 36-6 win over the visiting Tahoka Bulldogs last Friday.

The Lopes suffered six fumble turnovers during the game and a number of penalties, but overcame all those obstacles with a dazzling display of offensive power and an impressive defense.

The Bulldogs haven't won a game this year, but they were a feisty bunch, showing that they did in fact come to Post with winning on their minds.

The game opened with Post winning the toss and deferring to the second half... the kicked the ball to Tahoka. The 'Lopes defense stuffed Tahoka's first series, forcing a punt from their own 19 yard line.

The snap sailed over the head of the punter into and out of the end zone... and with 10:56 left in the first quarter, the 'Lopes led 2-0 with the safety.

On its first possession, the 'Lopes ripped off two play touchdown drive, which started at the Tahoka 36 following the "free kick" by Tahoka.

Quarterback Sterling Smith fooled

defenders with a fake inside to Jett Lott, dropped back and lofted a pass to Jonathan McGregor, who pounded his way to the four yard line.

Wilson Cash came in at quarterback and pulled the option with a pitchout to Lott, who roared over left tackle, breaking through defenders to the end zone. Lott got the call for the two point conversion, crashing through right tackle, giving the 'Lopes a 10-0 lead with 10:19 on the first quarter clock.

Tahoka's offense rolled off a six play drive before Blake Nichols, Chris Reed, Theo Paiz and Jace Pollard trapped the quarterback on third down, forcing another punt from their own 24 yard line.

Trent McDonald took the ball at the Post 45 and raced down the right sideline to the end zone... unfortunately, officials called a holding penalty, nullifying the electrifying run.

The 'Lope offense was unable to take advantage of the situation, running out of downs at the Tahoka 25.

Another strong defensive effort stopped the Bulldogs, with the fourth down punt going to Kenny Garay and setting up a first down at the Post 45 with 3:37 left in the first

quarter. A nine play drive featuring Lott, Randon Blacklock, Cash and a pass from Smith to McDonald, fizzled on a fourth down effort at the Tahoka five yard line.

At the end of the first quarter, the 'Lopes held a 10-0 lead with Tahoka trying to get out of a hole. The Post defense once again stood firm, forcing a punt from the Tahoka 25, setting up a first down for the 'Lopes at their own 37.

Lott burst out over left guard to the Post 49... the ball popped loose as he was going down, and the Bulldogs pounced on it. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Tahoka set the ball at the Bulldog 36.

Another Tahoka drive stalled, with key defensive action by Zach Sanchez and Reed. McDonald called for a fair catch of the punt, but the ball pounced off his pads and the Bulldogs got another break, setting up a first down at the Post 34 yard line.

On second down, Tahoka's tailback broke over right tackle and Jerrad Grisham stripped the ball loose and grabbed it for the Antelopes. With 7:44 remaining in the first half, the 'Lopes opened up their second touchdown drive.

The nine play effort featured a fourth down conversion at the Post 30 yard line. The drive started at the Post 21, but penalties set the ball back to the five. Lott carried twice to the 11, then Smith completed a pass to McGregor setting up the fourth down play at the 30.

Cash pulled the option around his right end to the Post 49, an offside penalty gave the 'Lopes another five to the Tahoka 46. Smith completed a pass to Garay to the 36, Lott ripped off a big one to the 17 behind blocking by Israel Beggs. Smith's pass to Garay was too high, then Cash came in, faked the handoff to Lott and raced around his right end to the end zone.

With 3:52 left in the first half, the 'Lopes took a commanding 17-0 lead after Sanchez kicked the extra point.

The Bulldogs held onto the football with a 13 play drive that finally was stopped as time ran out at the Post four yard line. A final desperation pass sailed too high in the end zone and the teams trotted off to the locker rooms for halftime.

## Second Half Action

The 'Lope offense couldn't get it going early in the second half, setting up a fourth down punt by Grisham from the 10 yard line. The Bulldogs took the ball at the Post 49 and marched to the end zone in six plays. The final play in the drive came on

fourth down from the Post 16 with a pass in the end zone. The two point conversion was stuffed by Blake Nichols and Blacklock, putting the score at 17-6 with 6:32 left in the third quarter.

The Post offense rolled off a six play drive that failed on first down at the four when Lott was hit and the ball fell to the ground. Tahoka got the ball at their own three yard line.

The 'Lope defense forced another punt on fourth down at the Tahoka nine yard line. The punt went to Garay, who couldn't hang on to the ball and once again Tahoka covered it, setting up a first down at their own 42.

The five play drive was stopped with big plays by Reed, McGregor, Pollard, McDonald and Paiz. With 37 seconds left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes took over on downs at their own 40 yard line.

Smith handed the ball to Lott, who ran behind Beggs and Travis Mathews, broke through tacklers to the Tahoka 23. Cash pulled the option over around left end to the four and then Lott got the call over right guard, dragging defenders into the end zone.

With 16 seconds on the third quarter clock, the 'Lopes led 23-6. The extra point attempt failed when Cash picked up the snap and was trapped

behind the line of scrimmage.

The fourth quarter opened up with a break for the 'Lopes when Lott stripped the football from a Tahoka pass receiver, then Martin Garcia fell on the ball for the recovery at the 50 yard line.

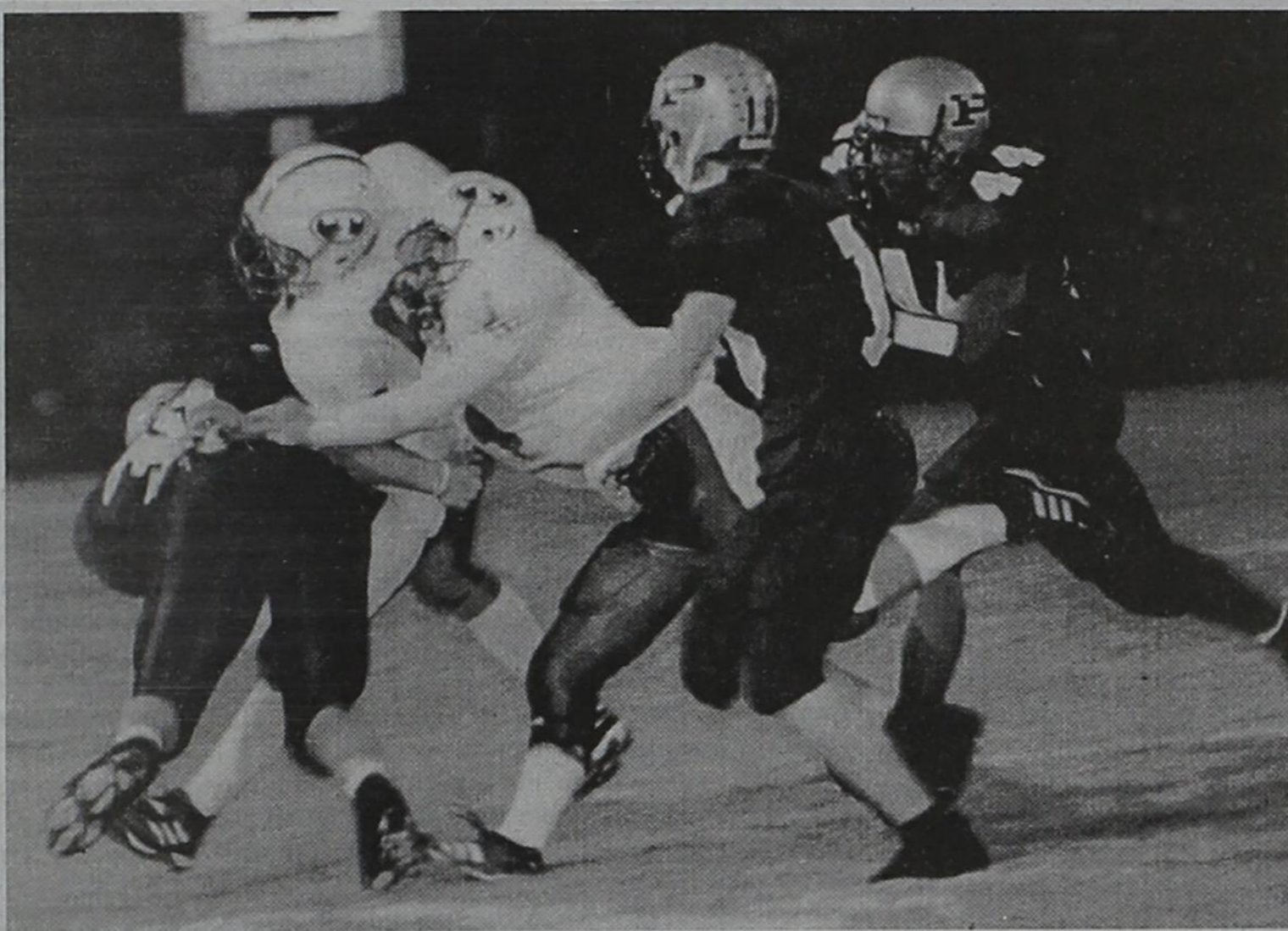
It took two plays for the 'Lopes to add another six points on the score board. Smith pulled a quarterback keeper, scrambling and braking loose from three tacklers, and getting a big block downfield from Garay. Tahoka was flagged for "spearing," which set the first down markers at the Bulldog 14 yard line.

Cash came in at quarterback, faked a handoff to Lott, then ripped through left tackle and into the end zone. The two point conversion pass attempt failed, and the 'Lopes took a comfortable 29-6 lead with 11:25 left in the game.

Tahoka rolled off another sustained drive, starting at their own nine yard line. The 10 play effort stalled on a third down pass play defended by McDonald. The short punt set the 'Lopes up at the Tahoka 41 yard line with 6:49 on the clock.

A five play drive put the 'Lopes out front 36-6 following Sanchez' extra point kick with 5:20 left in the game. On second down Smith's pass to Garay went incomplete, but officials

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Post Bold Gold Antelopes converge on a Tahoka Bulldog runner during last Friday's game at Antelope Stadium. (Photo by Gena Lott)



Quarterback Wilson Cash (right) dashes past Tahoka defenders on the way to another Post Antelope touchdown during last Friday's 36-6 win here. (Photo by Gena Lott)

## Letters to the Editor

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### Who's really confused?

Well, it seems we know for sure that Judge Dalby reads the Post Dispatch! After my letter to the editor last week, I got a call from Judge Dalby.

At Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting, he spoke about the call he made to me by saying that I was "confused" and that he "explained everything" to me. From watching the meeting, one would probably get the impression that Judge Dalby "explained everything" concerning the missing money supposedly paid to the county from MTC.

On the contrary, Judge Dalby did not explain that to me. He told me to call his office and they could give me the information I wanted as he didn't have it in front of him at the time. He also "explained" to me that he didn't want to see any more letters in the newspaper. Judge Dalby, are you trying to intimidate me? Sorry, but I think the public needs to know about these matters! Now, for your explanation of all this at the Commissioners' Court meeting, there are still some unanswered questions. You went through a list as to who gets paid from the funds received from the Bureau of Prisons.

You listed the bondholders as being paid first, then MTC operating expenses and you stated Garza County gets "\$1.64 per month (?) plus the 50 cents for relocating county prisoners" so that the prison can be considered a "federal" facility and go by the federal standards.

You also made the statement that YOU "sign the bills with the allocations". When you do this, are you working for the county or for MTC? This looks to me like a conflict of interest here. And also, just how many of those bonds for this facility do you own?

Is it not a conflict if you as an officeholder of the county also own bonds in this facility?

I feel all this is very inappropriate at the least! Now, concerning the "missing money", you explained that there were unexpected costs associated with the start-up of the prison and that the 50 cents per

prisoner per day was to repay those costs.

You stated that the money goes into a "trustee account" at the USA Bank in Minneapolis, MN and amounts to approximately \$15,000 per month. You stated that this money was "to protect the county from any liability or expense against Garza County".

You also made a statement in the meeting that there was "no liability to Garza County" and that "if the prison were empty, it goes back on the bondholders". Right after that, you stated that "as far as operations are concerned, we do have some". So do we or don't we have any liability to the county? (Who's confused?)

And why did the county borrow money without any authorization for this prison? Another citizen questioned that just a little while ago and no record was ever found concerning it, but in the recent contract renewal with MTC, there was an offer to "relieve" the county of the balance of this debt. Okay, so you say this "missing money" goes into a trustee account in the USA Bank in Minneapolis at about \$15,000 per month. If there's no liabilities to cover with it, then you state that the bank disburses it to Garza County twice a year.

You also stated that all obligations are now paid, so the county will be getting the money unless there are expenses that come up. You neglected to give us any information on what the county does with this money.

Where does it go after the county receives it? And there's still the issue of a record of the "missing money". If it goes into a trustee account, does the bank not keep any records of it?

There should be a statement from

them periodically and it should be made part of the county records for the taxpayers to review if they so desire.

It should also be included for the auditor so that there will be no money "missing"!

Audits with money "missing" should never be approved!

If you aren't doing anything wrong with any of these funds, then put records of all of them in the county records and there will be no doubts! As it is, you seem to be keeping secrets and we taxpayers don't like to be kept in the dark!

Charles Propst

### Some are happy with VA

Kick me, beat me, feed me, angleworms

I've spoken to several volunteers that said Lubbock has a good chance but it's only a clinic and doesn't take care of a lot of service. But the facts remain that 7,000 maimed and disabled men and women have been injured in Iraq and more will be.

By closing down more VA hospitals (Texas only has three or four in the whole state) our vets will have to travel farther and wait longer. I tried the Veterans Commission number 1-800-252-8387. You can't. (No more toll-free numbers.) 512-475-2395. No answer. Robert Duncan's office directed me to Billie G. Green. No answer. Lubbock called back and said it depends where you have to go. Amarillo is an eight hour drive there and back.

The letter that got me started is from Kansas City, Mo., Ladies Auxiliary secretary-treasurer. We may have a good clinic here, but Texas is a key state in this election. Missouri is not.

These Americans are being asked to lose their lives or be permanently disfigured and disabled. All the men and women who fight for us deserve the best we can give them, no matter where they live.

Sheri Riedel

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# We Support Sheriff Kenny Ratke

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DEPUTIES AND STAFF OF THE GARZA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR SHERIFF KENNY RATKE TO BE RE-ELECTED AS SHERIFF OF GARZA COUNTY. WE SEE AND WORK WITH HIM EVERY DAY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU, THE PEOPLE OF GARZA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF POST, SOME OF THE REASONS WHY WE SUPPORT HIM:

## I. STRONG MORAL VALUES:

- Sheriff Ratke exemplifies integrity in his professional and personal life. He has a strong adherence to ethical and moral values.
- Sheriff Ratke has a deep compassion for all of the people of Garza County. He frequently counsels with individuals and families that are in crisis. He does everything he can to help them or directs them to someone who can help them.
- Sheriff Ratke understands the enormous amount of sacrifice and hard work that it takes to maintain strong families. He focuses his efforts to empower individuals to be able to withstand these hardships and to break the cycles of abuse, neglect and dysfunctionality existing in some homes in Garza County and Post.
- Sheriff Ratke, at his own personal expense, has bought groceries, necessary appliances, paid bills and repaired houses for people in this community who have been in the midst of great financial hardship and troubles.
- Sheriff Ratke makes himself available to the public and his staff, 24/7, day or night, to listen to them and try to help them as much as possible with their concerns, complaints or issues. This is FACT.
- Sheriff Ratke is NOT motivated to do these things by personal ambition or "ego". He is motivated by having a **true sense of public service and stewardship** to every citizen in Garza County and Post.

## II. PROFESSIONALISM:

- Sheriff Ratke maintains an aggressive stance against violence of any kind and against the very presence of illegal drugs in Garza County and Post. He demands the same from his deputies and staff.
- Within the last year, under Sheriff Ratke's leadership, at least two active methamphetamine labs have been dismantled along with the confiscation of the components of several mobile meth labs. One large cocaine bust was made by Sheriff's Deputies this year netting approximately \$100,000.00 worth of "crack" cocaine that was being trafficked through Garza County. Numerous arrests of drug dealers and traffickers have been made along with seizures of illegal drug related property. These and other criminal cases have "**true billed**" by the Grand Jury resulting in the prosecution and incarceration of the suspects involved. He has a true and proven record in this.
- Sheriff Ratke has zero tolerance for sexual harassment of any kind among his deputies or staff inside or outside of the office. He actively seeks to create a non-hostile work environment and truly cares for each one of his employees and their families.
- Sheriff Ratke makes the assistance of himself, his deputies and staff available to any law enforcement agency needing help. He attempts to create solid working relationships with other agencies and welcomes them in the office at any time regardless of the person or agency.
- Sheriff Ratke administers the jail with no record of lawsuits or complaints from inmates. He demands that all deputies and staff treat prisoners with the respect and dignity as one would want their own family members treated.
- Sheriff Ratke is very fiscally conservative with every tax dollar entrusted to him in administering the Sheriff's Department. He saves the citizens of Garza County and Post countless dollars by taking care of the department budget as he would his own household. The money he saves the tax payers of Garza County and Post is returned to the general fund each year in order to fund vital services that are underfunded such as Victim's Services.
- Sheriff Ratke has not and will not abuse tax payer money for things the Sheriff's Department does not require to fulfill its job in combating crime. He has not and will not withhold money from areas that require more money or equipment to get the job done to combat crime. He believes in absolute accountability and getting the job done with greatest efficiency.
- Sheriff Ratke is able to communicate clearly and professionally with members of both city and county government thereby facilitating a more efficiently run government.

## III. PERSONAL QUALITIES:

- Sheriff Ratke has made Garza County his home. He has raised his family here. He owns a home here and he pays property and Post ISD taxes. He has a vested interest in making Garza County a safe, comfortable and economically sound place to live and raise families.
- Sheriff Ratke is a man of serious faith, deep convictions concerning family values, and the belief that everyone can better themselves no matter what the circumstances. He is patient and long suffering with those who attempt to personally wrong him and forgives the ones who do.
- Sheriff Ratke has not and will not ask any of his employees to do anything illegal or immoral. He leads by example.
- Sheriff Ratke is a deep thinking and rational decision maker. He examines all angles of an issue before making decisions. He is mindful of far reaching consequences before he acts on something. He consistently keeps the best interest of the citizens he works for in mind.
- Sheriff Ratke has a heart for the youth in Garza County. He works to keep educating and empowering them to make the right decisions in life that will make them successful.
- Sheriff Ratke has an enormous amount of energy and physical stamina. He is friendly and easy to talk to. He is physically up to the task of leading the Sheriff's Department as evidenced by him assisting deputies with incidents that happen late at night after already working all day and personally counseling with families in crisis regardless of the time of day or night.

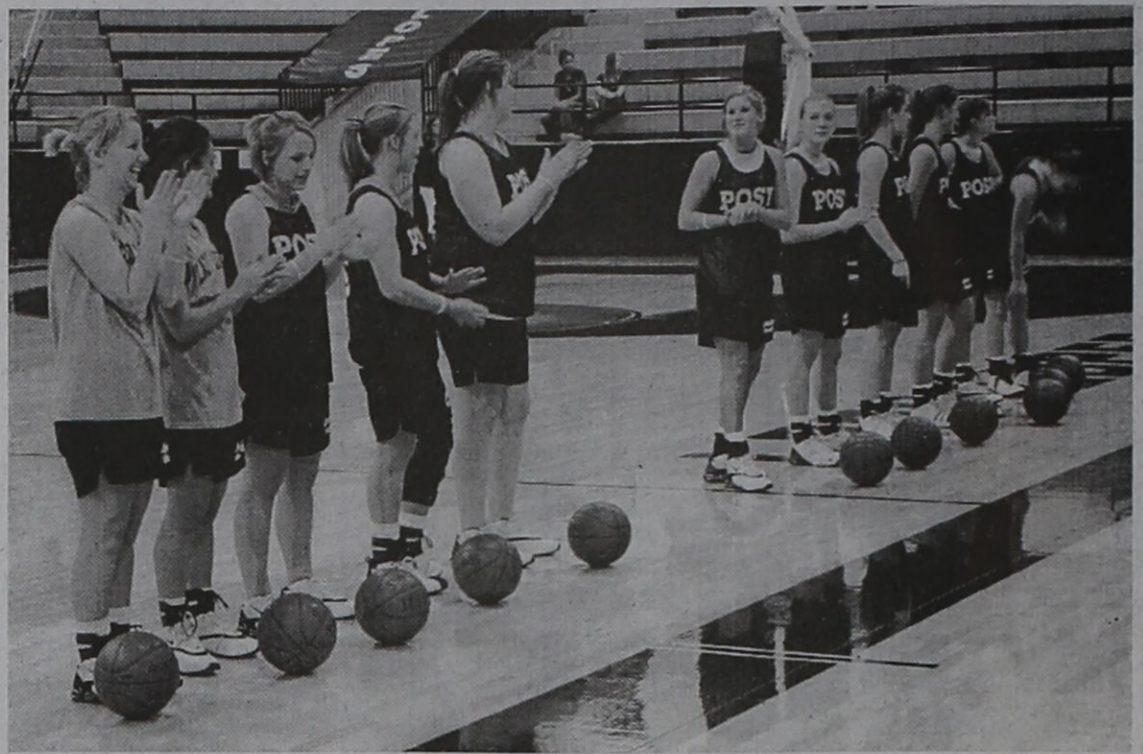
These are some of the things we have seen and the things we uncontestedly know about Sheriff Ratke. We believe that he will continue to do these things and more if RE-ELECTED AS SHERIFF. We strongly endorse Sheriff Ratke as Sheriff of Garza County. We candidly appeal to the people of Garza County and Post to keep our law enforcement hard working, financially responsible and impartially aggressive on all crime. We ask that the people make the right choice and keep Sheriff Ratke in office. He is and will continue to be an absolute asset for everyone in Garza County and Post. Thank you for your support.

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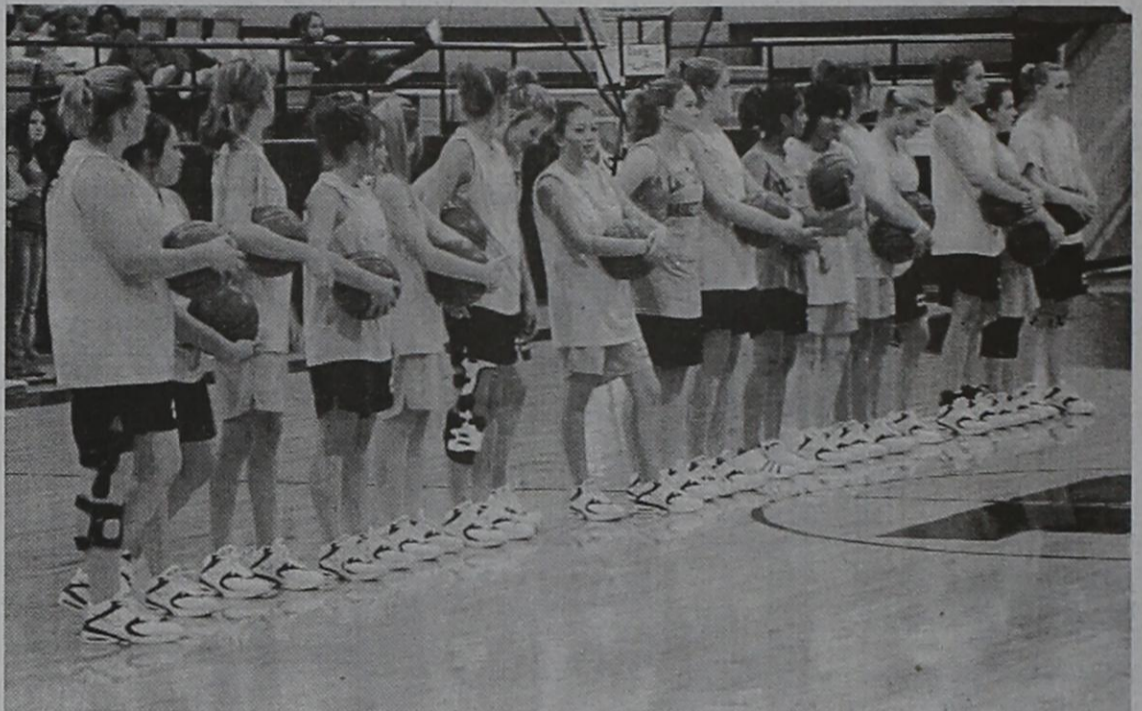
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The 2004 Post High School Varsity Lady Lopes basketball team was introduced by Head Coach James White during Monday night's Meet the Lady Lopes in Antelope Arena.



During Monday night's Meet the Lady Lopes ceremonies in Antelope Arena, Coach James White introduced the 2004 J.V. Lady Lopes Basketball team.

## Antelopes swamp Tahoka...

(Continued from Page 6)

flagged Tahoka for pass interference, setting up a first down at the 26. A run and an illegal procedure penalty set the ball back to the 33. On third down, Cash pulled the fake to Lott handoff one more time, running behind blocking by Zach Witcher and Grisham around his left end and to the end zone. The defense took charge and the Lopes posted another win, remaining undefeated in District 5AA competition. The team travels to Slaton Friday for a matchup with the Tigers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. with Post City Radio broadcasting the live play-by-play action on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and on the internet at postcityradio.com.



Due to a series of big rains the first weekend of October, the roping events of the OS Ranch Steer Roping and Art Exhibit Reunion had to be postponed. These roping events have been rescheduled for

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# Flu shots still elusive for local residents

Flu shots continue to remain elusive in Post. As of Tuesday morning, the Garza County Health Clinic still had not received any of the flu vaccine,

office manager Vicki Gray said, and it remains unclear whether the clinic will receive any this flu season.

"We continue to search," Gray

said, noting that the clinic's name is on several suppliers' waiting lists, "but there's been no word yet."

The scarcity of flu shots has

become problematic in recent weeks following an announcement by federal officials that the expected U.S. influenza vaccine supply would be approximately half of what was anticipated for the 2004-2005 flu season.

Because of the cutback, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended healthy individuals forego flu shots to ensure the availability of shots to those at high-risk or in "priority groups." Priority groups for the inactivated influenza vaccination, according to the CDC Web site, are identified

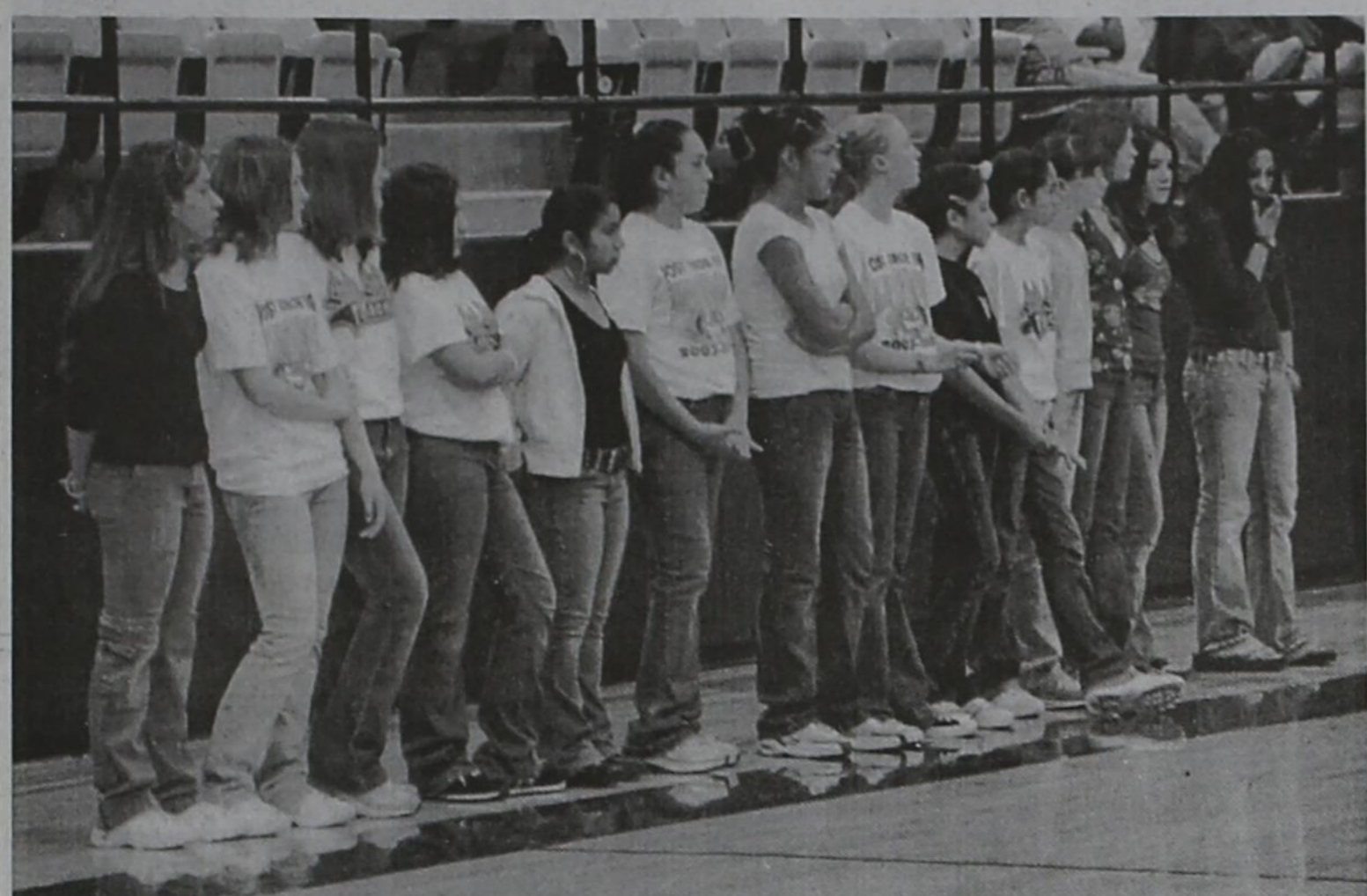
as:

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- Adults ages 65 and older
- Individuals ages 2-64 with underlying chronic medical conditions
- Women who will be pregnant during the flu season
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- Children ages 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
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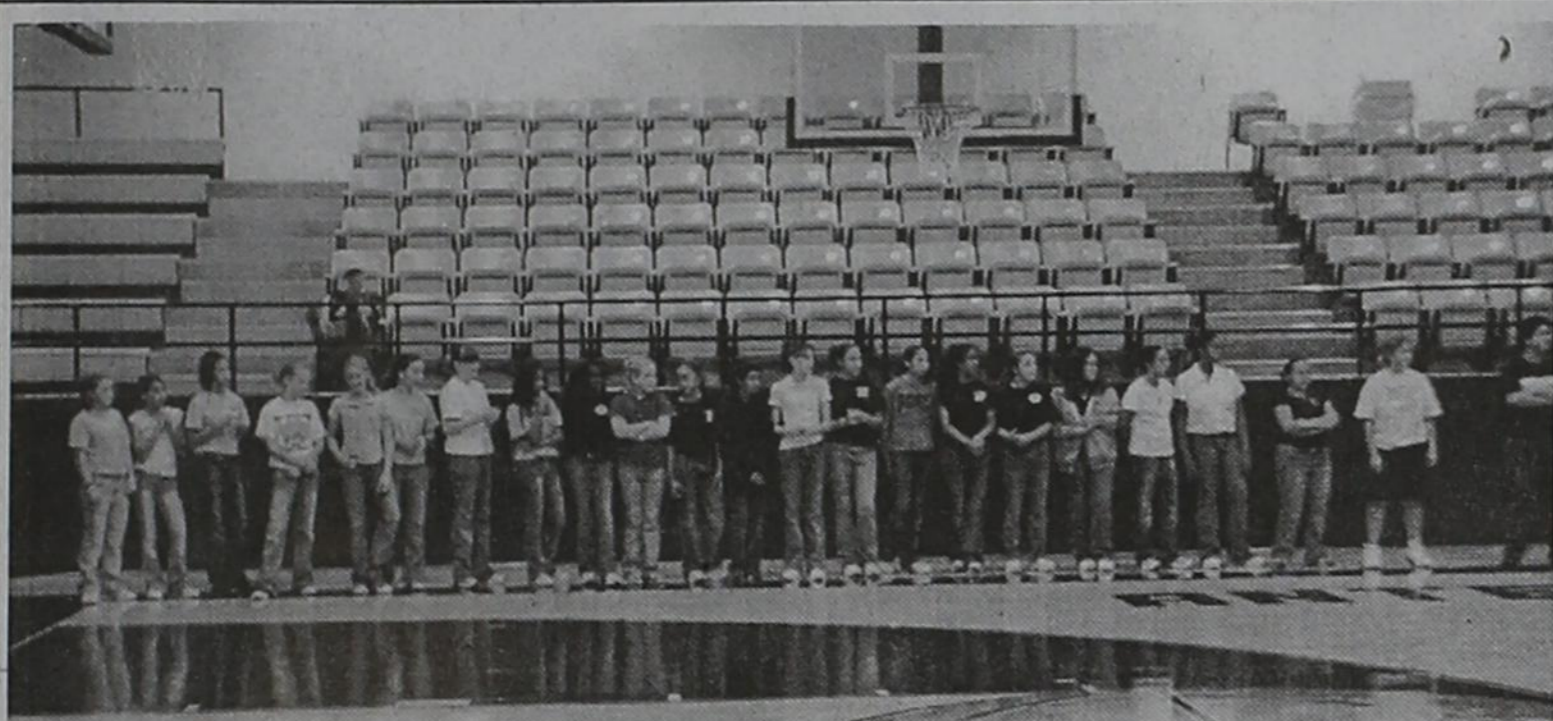
than six month of age

Information on the availability of flu shots may best be found through the media, Gray said, but some providers are choosing against advertising shot clinics because they want to avoid long lines and excessive demand. Providers who do have a supply of flu shots are screening would-be recipients to ensure that high-risk individuals receive the vaccine.

No cases of the flu have been diagnosed at the local clinic, according to Gray.



The 2004 Post 8th Grade Lady Lopes Basketball team stood proud as the Lady Lopes fans and parents cheered during last Monday's Meet the Lady Lopes in Antelope Arena.



Post Lady Lopes Head Coach James White boasted the largest roster for a 7th Grade basketball team in years as the 2004 girls stood before cheering fans and parents during Meet the Lady Lopes last Monday in Antelope Arena.

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Texas Department of Public Safety.  
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Certified Texas Peace Officer.

Civil Litigation: Hammerman and Gainer.  
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Appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in 2001 as vice chair of the Governor's Planning Council for STOP Violence Against Women.

Graduate: South Texas College of Law, Houston, 1987.  
The University of Texas at Austin, 1984.

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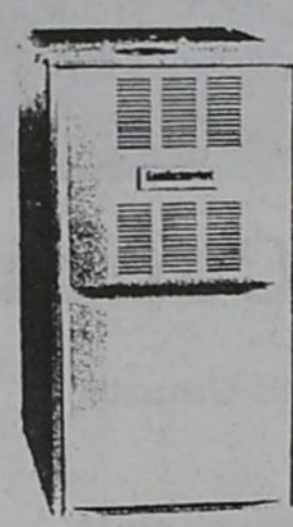
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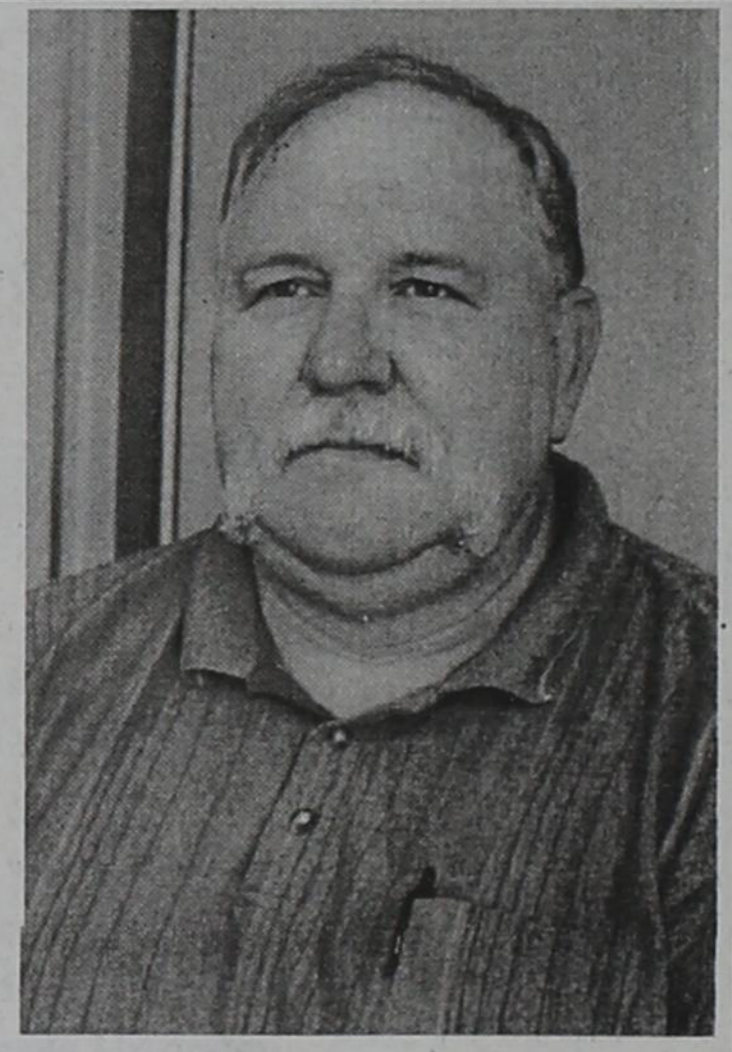
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### 7th grade 'Lopes whip Idalou

The seventh grade Post Antelopes blanked Idalou last week by a score of 22-0. Travis Bergen scored a touchdown on a 23-yard run and Giles Dalby added TD runs of 64 and 23 yards, according to Coach Jason Holdman's report. "The defense played great," Holdman said. "They allowed less than 150 yards in total offense. "The offensive line did a great job. They deserve the most credit for the win."

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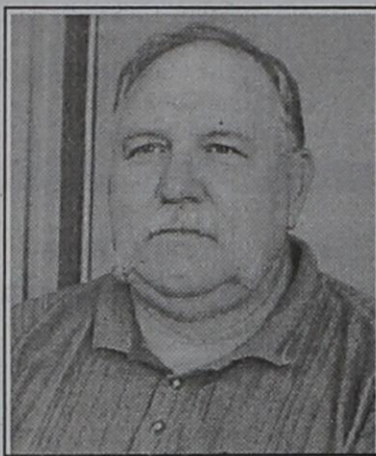
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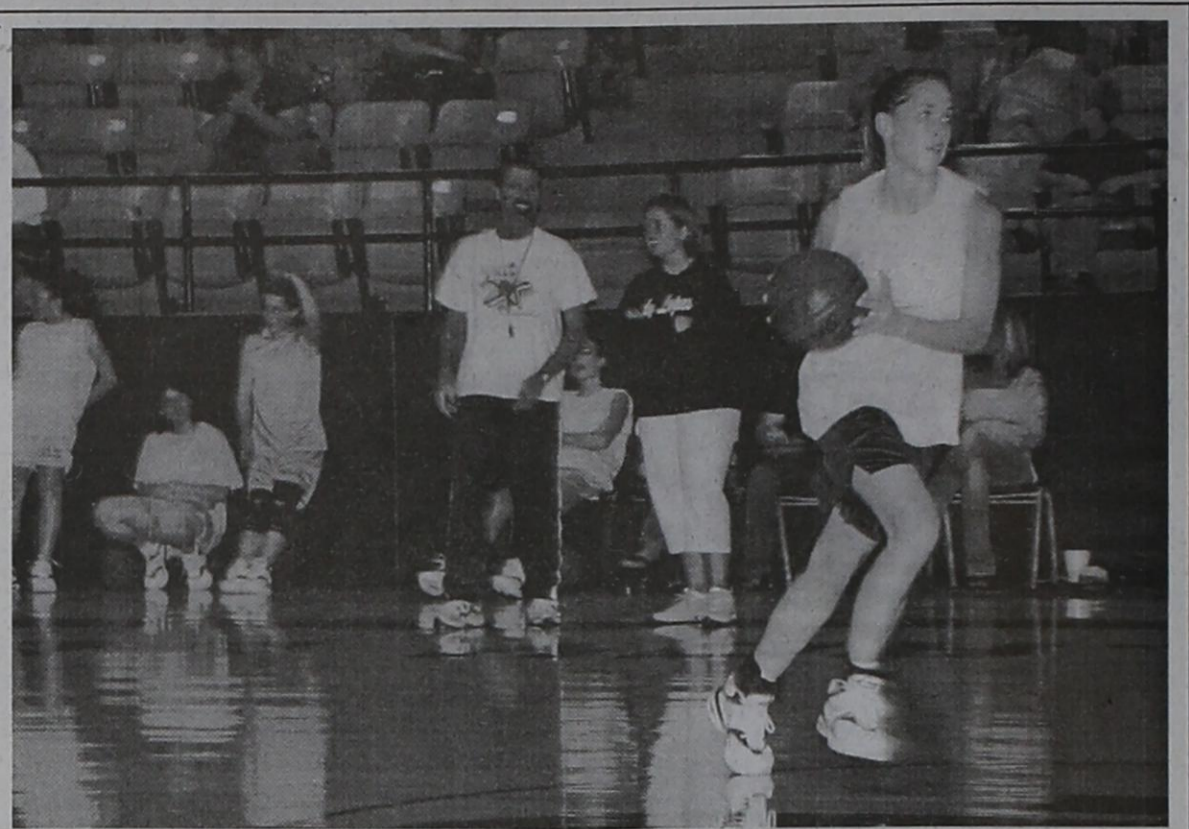
It's time to chose a new record that will be best for Garza County. Please consider me when you vote on November 2, 2004.

**VOTE FOR CLIFF LAWS for Garza County Sheriff**

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Samantha Hoover of the Lady Lopes JV team skirts across the court in Antelope Arena as Head Coach James White and Coach Kara Swindell look on during last Monday's Meet the Lady Lopes.



Suhani Bhakta (JV team) faces up with Lady Lopes Head Coach James White as the Varsity and JV teams demonstrated daily practice drills during last Monday's Meet the lady Lopes in Antelope Arena.

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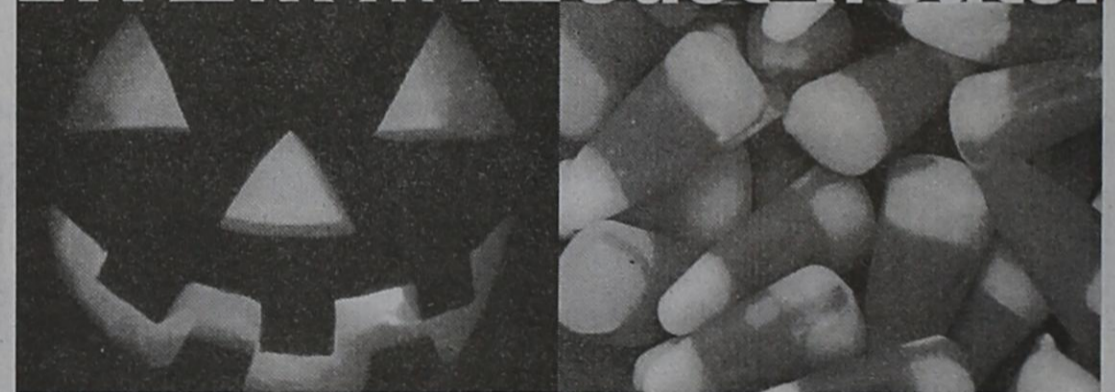
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The 2004 Post Pee-Wee Football team are (back row, left to right), Jacob Perez, Kyle Copeland, Jonathon Perez, Grant James, Austin Tyler, Brian Osborn and Jake Wischkaemper (middle row), Dakota McDonald, Aaron Macy, T.J. Basques, Chess Postell, Henry Apolinar, Earnest Saldivar and Quentin Benham (front row), Micheal Guerra, Bailey Tidwell, Bradley Benham, Vance Blair, Anthony Soto, Austin Fields and Branden Carrell.

### 8th grade 'Lopes tough in Idalou loss

The Post Antelope eighth grade squad sports a "never-die attitude," according to Coach Mark Young. Giovanni Garay caught three passes for 35 yards in a game played last week in Idalou. Jarrett Blevins threw for 35 yards and three passes.



The Texans took on the Longhorns during last Saturday's Flag Football action in Post. Longhorns ball carrier Austin Williams rushed for more yards as Texans Michael Taylor shot in toward the flag tackle. In on the play are (back ground left to right), Blaine Osborn (Longhorns), tyson Scott (Texans), Christen Pena (Longhorns) and Jordon Morgan (Texans). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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## Lake Alan Henry controversy...

A gazebo that has been part of an ongoing controversy at Lake Alan Henry will be removed, according to a press release issued last week.

Templeton Mortgage Corp., owner of the gazebo, agreed last week that it would remove the structure from its present location as soon as possible.

"Recently, counsel for the City of Lubbock has assured Templeton Mortgage Corp. that discussions are imminent concerning Lake Alan Henry and the issues surrounding the rights of property

owners and the City of Lubbock," reads the Oct. 22 press release from L. Shane Stokes of Midland, an attorney for the mortgage group.

"Because of these representations and the efforts toward good faith discussions and negotiations, Templeton Mortgage has agreed to remove its gazebo...."

Controversy has been ongoing for some time between the City of Lubbock, the lake's owner, and owners of individual waterfront properties. Lubbock officials main-

tain that some Lake Alan Henry property owners have failed to comply with the city's mandates regarding the building of structures within the 300-foot easement area around the lake.

Last week, Lubbock officials threatened to remove structures erected in violation of the city's regulations.

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J.A. (Jimmy) Holleman

I have personally known District Attorney Ricky B. Smith for many years. I consider him to be a good friend. I worked with him when I was the Garza County Probation Officer and I have observed his demeanor in and out of the courtroom. He is a good prosecutor and a good man. We need to keep him as our District Attorney. Vote with me to keep Ricky B. Smith as our District Attorney.

*Ed Sawyers*  
Ed Sawyers

I have known District Attorney Ricky B. Smith for many years. I worked with him when I was Sheriff of Garza County and I have bailiffed the Grand Jury on occasion for him since that time. Ricky is fair in his dealings and he is tough when he needs to be. He is a good District Attorney for Garza County and we need to keep him on the job. I am voting for Ricky B. Smith and I ask you to vote for him.

*J.A. Jimmy Holleman*  
J.A. Jimmy Holleman

Our District Attorney, Ricky B. Smith, is *experienced, qualified and hard working*

We invite you to consider his EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant District Attorney for Garza, Lynn, Dawson, and Gaines Counties, 1976-1984;
- Elected District Attorney for Garza, Lynn, Dawson, and Gaines Counties, 1984-Present;
- Has led hundreds of Grand Juries in Garza, Lynn, Dawson, and Gaines Counties;
- Has tried major felony cases before the court and before juries in Garza, Lynn, Dawson, and Gaines Counties and as a special prosecutor appointed by Districts Judges of area districts;
- Has extensive appellate experience upholding court and jury verdicts before the El Paso, Eastland, and Amarillo Courts of Appeals and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

We ask you to look at his QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduated from Baylor University School of Law in 1974;
- Entire legal career devoted to practicing before the courts of Garza, Lynn, Dawson, and Gaines Counties and other-west Texas counties;
- Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization;
- Certified Texas Peace Officer holding the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Master Peace Officer Certificates;
- Member: State Bar of Texas; College of the State Bar of Texas; Texas District and County Attorneys' Association; National District Attorneys' Association
- Faculty member of the College of the National District Attorneys' Association and has taught trial advocacy the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, to prosecutors from across the United States.

We want you to know that Ricky is a HARD WORKER:

- As a community leader with many civic organizations such as Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Club, Senior Citizens Center, Little League, United Fund, Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- As an attorney who has furnished free legal services to the poor, to churches, and to non-profit associations.
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You can vote early through Friday, October 29.

Election day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

Please vote, and please vote to re-elect District Attorney Ricky B. Smith.

# Ricky B. Smith,

## A Proven Leader For Safer Communities And Schools

## Post Middle School observes National Red Ribbon Week

by Dedra Adams

Students began the week by meeting at the courthouse on Oct. 16 to "turn the town red." They tied red ribbons from the statue of C.W. Post to the railroad tracks and delivered red ribbons to merchants to wear in support of the Red Ribbon Week observance.

Students also tied red ribbons at the elementary/primary school campus prior to going on to their own campus. At the middle school, red ribbons were tied inside and outside of the building to decorate each hall and office, as well as the commons area. Red dots were placed all over the walls on the school, each carrying a drug-free message.

Students observed a Red Ribbon Dance at the gym. Theme for the dance was "Drugs Make Your Life Stand Still." Students dressed in '50s and '60s styles. Randy Nielson worked with the sound system.

Red Ribbon Week was inspired by the life and work of Drug Enforcement Agency special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who yearned to make a difference from an early age. After receiving a degree in criminal justice and serving as both a U.S. Marine and police officer, Camarena joined the DEA to help fight illegal

drugs. In 1985, while working undercover in Mexico, he was kidnapped and killed by drug traffickers. Responding to his murder and the affects of drugs on society, citizens of Camarena's hometown of Calexico, Calif., began wearing red ribbons. The trend spilled across the U.S. and in 1988, Congress proclaimed a week in October as Red Ribbon Week. Now every October, American children, parents and educators unite to take a stand for a drug-free nation.

As part of the local observance, all students, staff and faculty members were given bracelets to wear all week. The bracelets carried the message "Power Drug-Free."

Each day of the week, students, staff and faculty members dressed up to show support for a drug-free school. Winners were selected each day, and the winners' names were placed in a box for a chance to win T-shirts on the last day of the week. Daily winners received a candle pro-

vided by Judy Sanderson of Main Street Mercantile or a free pass to the next STARS dance.

Daily winners included:

- Monday's Dot Out Drugs (contestants were to wear as many dots as possible) - Cheyenne Poe and Jackie Melton, sixth grade; Melinda Vega and Toni Wait, seventh grade; Adriana Ceja and Marissa Bustoz, eighth grade; Mrs. Kattwinkel, Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Heckaman, faculty.

- Tuesday's Proud to be a Drug-Free American (red, white and blue clothing) - Katie Hair and Jayta Whitehead, sixth grade; Misty Ayala and Solomon Abraham, seventh grade; and Stacy Bocko and Brandon Crawford, eighth grade; Coach Swindell, Mrs. Miran, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Osborn, Miss Potter, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. Fluitt and Mrs. Heckaman, faculty.

- Wednesday's Happiness is Following Your Dreams Drug-Free (dress as what you would like to be in the future) - Quentin Benham, Jonathan Perez and Skylor Taylor, sixth grade; Samantha Pearson, Chandni Bhakta and Trent Lawrence, seventh grade; Adriana Ceja, Kendra Whitehouse, Brandon Crawford and Jakelin Delgadillo, eighth grade; Mrs. Miran and Mrs. Bland, faculty.

- Thursday's Be on the Team that Makes Post Drug-Free (favorite jersey day) - Winners in all three grades and in the faculty included everyone who wore a jersey.

- Friday's Drugs Will Make Your Life Stand Still ('50s and '60s clothes) - Katie Hair, Rayli Anderson and Allison Hair, sixth grade; Melinda Vega, Samantha Pearson, Justin Boren, seventh grade; Klent Baker, Susan Littrell, Mercedes Enriquez, eighth grade; Mrs. Self, Mrs. Kattwinkel, Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Heckaman, Miss Potter, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Miran, faculty.

Friday's T-shirt winners were Susan Littrell, Brandon Crawford, Allison Hair, Cheyenne Morris and Chandni Bhakta. Miss Potter was the winning faculty member.

Individuals winning prizes for wearing their drug-free power bracelets were Andie Polanco, Kenzie Mason, Shawnda Wiley, Cheyenne Morris, Caitlin Cravy and Jaime Hernandez.



Enjoying the 50's and 60's clothing theme during the Red Ribbon Dance last week are (back row left to right), Jackie Slaugh, Stacy Bocko, Brook Morris, Klent Baker, Mercedes Enriquez, Adriana Ceja and Jakelin Delgadillo (front row), Haley Lester and Sabrina Sanchez.

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## Vote and Support Cliff Laws for Sheriff

He believes in protecting the liberty and property of each and all residents of Garza County, without self serving publicity and fan fare or need for debating about doing the job.

A life time resident of this area, he will listen to your concerns...

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Garza County Democratic Committee

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."  
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Lewis Earl, chairman, 601 W. Main, Post, Tx. 79356



Tiny Williams participated in the Hula Hoop contest during the 50's and 60' period Red Ribbon Dance held at the Middle School Gym. The theme of the dance was "Drugs Make Your Life Stand Still."



Adriana Ceja was named the winner of "Dot Out Drugs" with her fancy poka dot outfit. Ceja, along with other Middle School students painted Post with red ribbons in honor of National Ribbon Week.

Elect...

# CLIFF LAWS

Democratic Candidate for Garza County Sheriff

I believe that the Sheriff is in office to enforce the laws that are already put in place by the State Legislature of Texas. There is no need for debate on this matter; it is not who can yell the loudest, talk the longest, or give away the most gifts. It is about who can do the best job at enforcing these laws in a fair and just manner for everyone. I am running for Sheriff because I want to work for every citizen of Garza County.

I would appreciate your vote and support on Nov 2, 2004.  
Early voting is thru Oct 29, 2004

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Abbott	\$ 9,419.41	Merck-Medco	\$ 36,830.92
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Avantis	\$ 3,471.16	Pharmacia	\$ 2,918.22
Bayer	\$ 664.08	Pfizer	\$ 77,031.37
Bertek	\$ 1,120.00	Proctor & Gamble	\$ 627.03
Biovail	\$ 1,520.22	Roche	\$ 189.02
Boehringer Ingelheim	\$ 2,960.78	Sankyo	\$ 236.26
Bridges to Access	\$ 7,831.11	Schering	\$ 9,877.18
Bristol-Myers	\$ 50,782.70	Solvay	\$ 154.75
Forest	\$ 11,199.33	Takeda	\$ 8,875.52
King Kare	\$ 7,377.55	Tap	\$ 4,747.72
KOS	\$ 331.52	Upsher-Smith	\$ 317.78
Lilly Cares	\$ 2,156.76	Wyeth	\$ 18,725.95
		Zyprexa	\$ 1,902.21

Total: \$301,522.02

# A Leader We Can Be Proud Of

Growing up in West Texas, Pete Laney learned the values of hard work, fairness and integrity. Those values remain his guiding principles.

Pete does his job as our State Representative quietly and effectively, with a strong determination to do what is right for our area. Despite pressure to vote with special interest and along party lines, Pete refuses to vote against his district.

He remains committed to the philosophy of bipartisanship where our state's leaders work together with mutual respect and places public needs ahead of personal interests and partisan politics.

Pete is the right man at the right time doing his job the right way.

Let's re-elect Pete Laney. He's a leader we can be proud of.

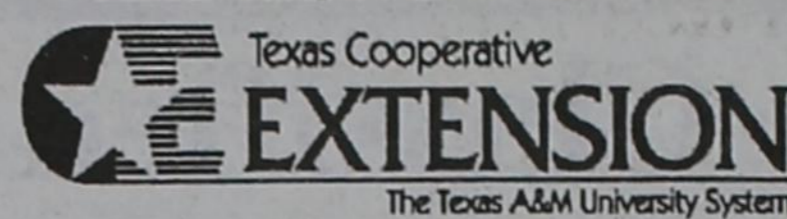
LISTED BELOW ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY GROUPS THAT SUPPORT OR HAVE ENDORSED PETE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION:

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- Texas State Rifle Association
- Texas Medical Association
- National Rifle Association
- Texas Hospital Association
- Texas Farmers Union
- Texas State Teachers Association
- Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
- Texas Cattle Feeders Association
- Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
- Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT)
- Department of Public Safety Officers Association (DPSOA)
- Texas Public Employees Association

**Pete Laney**  
State Representative

Early Voting is Oct. 18-Oct. 29  
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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,  
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

### Halloween Safety

Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Many communities officially designate a "Beggars' Night" and assign specific hours for trick-or-treat activities.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

**Motorists** The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween. Watch for children darting out from between parked cars. Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

**Parents** Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should: Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12. Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.

Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route. Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home. Establish a return time.

Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home. Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules. Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

### Costume Design

Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes. Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.

Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.) If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

### Face Design

Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead. When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.

If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

### Accessories

Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects. Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark. Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

**On the way** Children should understand and follow these rules: Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision. Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

**Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.**

**Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.**

**Treats** To ensure a safe trick-or-treat outing, parents are urged to: Give children an early meal before going out. Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.

Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.

When in doubt, throw it out.

Source: National Safety Council, "Halloween Safety", June, 2004



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### Junior Food & Nutrition

Project meeting has been set for October 28 at 3:45 at the Extension office. Recipes are due that day. November 2nd. will be the Garza County Food Show at 3:45 at the Extension office.

### Senior Food & Nutrition Project

The next Senior 4-H Food and Nutrition Project meeting will be held Monday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the county Extension office. On the evening of November 8, the group will take a field trip to Lubbock to tour a foods establishment. For more information call 495-4400.

### Home for the Holidays

Garza County Home for the Holidays will be November 16th. at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Cost will be \$8 per participant. Call (806) 495-4400 or come by 215 West Main to sign up.

## White River reports increase in level

White River Lake has seen a six-inch rise since the first of the month thanks to recent rainfall in the lake's watershed.

According to report Monday from Mickey Rogers, general manager for the White River Municipal Water District, the lake's gauge reading was 2349.5, or 22.6 feet, 4 inches below the spillway.

The lake has seen rain to date totaling 34.72 inches, according to the report.

Even if no further rise is noted, White River Lake could supply its four member cities with water for 2 1/2 years, the report states. Additionally, the well field developed for emergencies can produce 1.6 million gallons per day to serve all four cities.

White River's daily average demand for water in 2003-2004 was 1.66 million gallons per day.

Members of the district's new Water Supply Contract Committee include Estevan Flores of Crosbyton, chairman; David Prewitt of Ralls; David Stelzer of Post; Eric Swanson of Spur and Rogers.

### Ronnie Parrish earns SPC scholarship

Ronnie Parrish from Post, recipient of the Christine DeVitt Memorial Scholarship in Design and Communication, was among more than 300 donors and scholarship recipients recognized during South Plains College's recent 2004 Scholarship Recognition Banquet.

The SPC Foundation, observing its 25th anniversary, received \$624,360 in contributions in 2003-2004 and awarded \$165,000 in scholarships to more than 220 scholarship recipients for the current school year.

"We especially want to thank the donors and friends who make our scholarship programs possible. We are so appreciative of the support you have given the South Plains College Foundation in past years. You and your family members have made many dreams become reality for many SPC students," said Russell Hall, director of development and master of ceremonies for the occasion.

## Amity Study Club treated to program on Halloween

The Amity Study Club met Oct. 12 at the Methodist Church. A short business meeting was conducted prior to the program by Naomi Matsler. Theme for the evening was Halloween, and all members came in costume.

Halloween was a Christian event that started in the 17th century designed to celebrate All Saints Day Nov. 1. Later gatherings were held in churches for both adults and children.

Members present for the session included Pat Bilbo, who was dressed as a clown; Janie Davis, Queen of Spades; Joy Pool, Queen of Hearts; Ginger Carlisle and Margaret Bull, pumpkins; Carolyn Sawyers, a bumble bee; Kathy Rankin, a cowgirl; Janie Middleton, an environmental inspection agent; Edna Owens, a hobo; Anne Sims, a nun; Matsler, a witchy pirate; and Susanne Hudman.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses.



### Garza SWCD AND NRCS directors at state meeting

Garza County SWCD and NRCS directors attending the 65th Annual State Meeting of the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation District Directors in Laredo recently are Helen, Saldana, District Secretary; Glen Killough, District Conservationist, NRCS; Helen Thomas and B.L. Thomas, Chairman of the Garza SWCD Board.

## Sample Ballot

### GENERAL ELECTION (ELECCION GENERAL)

(Condado de) GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 2, 2004 (2 de noviembre de 2004)

### SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

**INSTRUCTION NOTE:** Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may cast a straight-party vote (that is, cast a vote for all the nominees of one party) by placing an "X" in the square beside the name of the party of your choice. If you cast a straight-party vote for all the nominees of one party and also cast a vote for an opponent of one of that party's nominees, your vote for the opponent will be counted as well as your vote for all the other nominees of the party for which the straight-party vote was cast.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia para cada candidatura marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Usted podra votar por todos los candidatos de un solo partido politico ("straight ticket") marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre de ese partido politico. Si usted vota por uno de los partidos politicos y tambien vota por el contrincante de uno de los candidatos de dicho partido politico se contara su voto por el contrincante tanto como su voto por todos los demas candidatos del partido politico de su preferencia.)

Candidates for: (Candidatos para.)	REPUBLICAN PARTY (Partido Republicano)	DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Partido Democratico)	LIBERTARIAN PARTY (Partido Libertariano)	INDEPENDENT (Independiente)	WRITE-IN (Voto Escrito)
<b>President and Vice President</b> (Presidente y Vice Presidente)	<input type="checkbox"/> George W. Bush/ Dick Cheney	<input type="checkbox"/> John F. Kerry/ John Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Badnerk/ Richard V. Campagna		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>United States Representative, District 19</b> (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Neugebauer	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles W. Stenholm	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Peterson		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Railroad Commissioner</b> (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Victor G. Carrillo	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Scarborough	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Garcia		
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3</b> (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Harriet O'Neill				
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5</b> (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Green				
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9</b> (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Brister	<input type="checkbox"/> David Van Os			
<b>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2</b> (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence "Larry" Meyers		<input type="checkbox"/> Cuanah Parker		
<b>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5</b> (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Johnson		<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Oxford		
<b>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6</b> (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael E. Keasler	<input type="checkbox"/> J. R. Molina			
<b>State Senator, District 28</b> (Senador Estatal, Distrito Num. 28)	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Duncan				
<b>State Representative, District 85</b> (Representante Estatal, Distrito Num. 85)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kent Sharp	<input type="checkbox"/> James E. "Pete" Laney			
<b>Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4</b> (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Num. 7th, Lugar Num. 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Campbell				
<b>District Attorney, 106th Judicial District</b> (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Num. 106th)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian L. Kingston	<input type="checkbox"/> Ricky B. Smith			
<b>District and County Clerk, Unexpired Term</b> (Secretario del Distrito y Condado, Duracion restante del Cargo)		<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Young			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sheriff</b> (Sherife)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenny Ratke	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Laws			

### Precincts 3 & 4 Ballot

#### Precinct 1 Ballot

<b>County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1</b> (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary McDaniel	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee Norman
<b>Constable, Precinct No. 1</b> (Condestable, Precinto Num. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Nielsen	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Yarbro

#### Precinct 2 Ballot

<b>Constable, Precinct No. 1</b> (Condestable, Precinto Num. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Randy Nielsen	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Yarbro
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### On All Ballots:

### UNCONTESTED CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED (CANDIDATO SIN CONTENDIENTE DECLARADO ELECTO)

Office Title (Titulo Oficina)	Candidate Elected (Candidato Electo)	Party (Partido)
<b>County Attorney</b> (Procurador del Condado)	Leslie C. Acker	Democratic (Partido Democratico)
<b>County Tax Assessor/Collector</b> (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)	Judy Bush	Democratic (Partido Democratico)
<b>County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3</b> (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 3)	John Valdez	Democratic (Partido Democratico)
<b>Constable, Precinct No. 2</b> (Condestable, Precinto Num. 2)	Eric Cravy	Democratic (Partido Democratico)



# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

## 10 Years Ago October 26, 1994

Break out your costumes and pumpkins, The Post Chamber of Commerce and the Post Main Street Project will hold a costume contests, the best carved pumpkin contest and the best baked pumpkin pie contest on Monday, October 31.

Cassie Oats of Slaton and Randy Lewis of Post were united in marriage Saturday, September 17. The bride is the daughter of Connie and Debbie Oats of Slaton. Parents of the bridegroom are Edwin and Linda Lewis of Post.

A 50th wedding anniversary celebration in honor of Marshall and Ruth Reno was held October 16. The couple were married October 3, 1945 by Brother I. A. Smith, Methodist pastor in Post.

Randy and Amanda McKee proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Miley Paige McKee, born October 12 at Methodist Hospital in Levelland.

Norwest Bank ribbon cutting ceremonies were held October 11. Those attending were Jim Plummer, Charles Hardin, Brenda Brown, Jana Bullard, Deana Gunn, Rita Nelson, Diana Looney, Linda Hernandez, Marta Williams, Doris Riddle, Carol Short, Terry Moore, Linda Waldrip, Ann Stelzer, and Donna Baker.

## 20 Years Ago October 31, 1984

Mendy Tatum was crowned football queen during the homecoming pep rally in the high school gym. Other candidates were Roxanne McClellan and Kayla Peel.

Wayne Whitten is celebrating his 61st birthday November 1. Friends and family wish him well.

The Texas Water Commission approved a four year extension to the permit to build the Post Lake to the White River Municipal Water District.

John Strubhart, radiology technician with Garza Memorial Hospital has again volunteered to fluorescope trick or treats on Halloween night at the hospital. This is Mr. Strubhart's second year to perform the service to the public.

The Garza County Sheriff's office recovered a barbecue pit, valued at \$2,000 after being stolen from Handy Hardware. The pit was parked behind the Handy building when taken and was recovered in Lubbock.

## 30 Years Ago October 31, 1974

Jennifer Miller plays the title role in "The Diary of Anne Frank," directed by Miss Dianne Lewallen. The Drama Club of Post High School will present the play Saturday, Nov. 2.

A slender black man with a pencil mustache and wearing a floppy hat held up the Pioneer Service Station in the 500 block on South Broadway Monday and escaped with about \$370 in cash and 24 cartons of cigarettes.

Sue Cowdrey, a graduate of Post High School, was recently notified that she is to be featured in the eighth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-74."

Within the next 30 days Garza County is going to have a 15-passenger "mini-bus" for the transportation needs of its senior citizens.

The Rev. Henry White, new pastor of Post's First Presbyterian Church, has moved to Post with his wife, Jean, and conducted his first worship service Sunday morning.

## 40 Years Ago October 29, 1964

Coach Bruce Burnett's Colts are out in front in Post Junior High intamural football standings with four wins and no defeats. Team members are Mike Rinker, Grady Shytles, Vonnie Byerly, Kim Wilks, Ricky Hines, Bill Alexander, Ronnie Hair, Frank Hernandez, Steve Newby, John Birdwell, Darrell Odom, Randy Levens, Randy Hudman, Joe Shook, Jay Bird, Terry Cross, Alton Steele, Larry Johnson and Dicky Wallace.

Garza County voters will join millions of others throughout the nation Tuesday, Nov. 3 in trekking to the polls to decide between Democratic candidate Lyndon B. Johnson and Republican candidate Barry M. Goldwater for president. Second only to the presidential race, as far as Texas is concerned, is the race between Ralph W. Yarborough, the Democratic incumbent, and Republican George Bush for a six-year term as U. S. Senator.

Mrs. Neil Crosby's hobby of making pixie dolls has produced more than 20 of the 18 inch dolls. Mrs. Crosby lives northwest of Post and says she got the idea from a picture on a doll-kit folder. The dictionary defines pixies as "mischievous sprites or fairies," and Mrs. Crosby's dolls look real enough to almost convince one that there really are such things as pixies.

Four deacons were ordained at the Calvary Baptist Church Sunday. The four are Vancil Bowen, Billy Greene, Boyd Copple and Billy Joe Lofton.

## 50 Years Ago October 28, 1954

The "Modernaires," Post High School orchestra, will present an open-to-the-public program tonight in the school lunchroom, under the direction of W. B. (Bill) Parks. Members

of the orchestra are Frances Dietrich, Boyd Dodson, Lexa Acker, Tommy Mayfield, Mozzelle Edwards, Janie Gossett, Linda Moreland, Bobby Dunlap, Kenneth Mills, Walter Didway, Gene Young, Jimmy Short, Jimmy Bowen, V. A. Dodson and Glenda Askins.

Discussions of General Telephone Company's rate increase request in on the agenda of the City Commission tonight. The telephone company has set the following as the required rates: Business - One party, \$11.50; two-party, \$10. Residence - One-party, \$5.75; two-party, \$4.75.

Miss Ann Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pierce, and Maurice Stelzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stelzer, were united in marriage Thursday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton.

Miss Joy McMahon, Post High School senior student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Bill) McMahon, was crowned 1954 Football Queen Friday night just before the start of the Post-Tahoka football game. Miss McMahon was escorted and crowned by Billy Meeks. The queen's attendants were Miss Sherry Taylor, escorted by Darrel Norman, and Shirley Watson, escorted by Moody Graham.

## 60 Years Ago October 26, 1944

Sailor of the Week: Weldon Panter, T. C. 1-c, has been in the South Pacific theatre of war four years. He is the brother of Mrs. Cecil Osborne and lived here before joining the Navy.

R. H. Ranson was elected to replace L. V. Bearden as superintendent of the Post schools in a board meeting. Ranson comes to Post from Welch, Texas. Another vacancy in the school system, which to date has not been filled, is that of High School principal S. L. Smith, principal here for two years, resigned last week to accept a position as principal of the Junior High school in Colorado City.

A new postal rate for special deliver will go into effect November 1. First class mail weighing under two pounds will increase from a dime to 13 cents, and that weighing between two and 10 pounds will be 20 cents. Packages weighing under two pounds will be 17 cents, two to 10 pounds, 25 cents.

Two of the world's largest aircraft carriers will carry the names of famous battles in the Pacific - Coral Sea and Midway - the Navy announced recently. The two 45,000-ton flattops are under construction at the Brooklyn Navy yard.

Cpl. and Mrs. Walter Caffey, jr., are announcing the arrival of a baby girl on Oct. 23 at Snyder General Hospital. The new daughter was named Sammie Kay. Mrs. Caffey is the former Marjorie Pettigrew.

## Menus

### Post ISD

November 1 - Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch - enchiladas, refried beans, spanish rice, salad, pears, milk  
November 2 - Breakfast-Donut, sausage, fruit, milk  
Lunch-Salisbury strak, whipped potatoes, black eyed peas, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk  
November 3 - Breakfast - Bacon, eggs, toast, fruit, milk.  
Lunch - BBQ on bun, tater tots, coleslaw, cantelope, milk.  
November 4 - Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk.  
Lunch - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk.  
November 5 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.  
Lunch - Fajitas, onions & peppers, salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

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### Southland ISD

November 1 - Breakfast - Cheese toast, sausage, juice, milk  
Lunch - Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, pineapples w/apples, milk  
November 2 - Breakfast - Cream of Wheat, toast, sausage, juice, milk.  
Lunch - Taco salad, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, sour cream, refried beans, pudding, milk.  
November 3 - Breakfast - Scramble eggs, toast, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch - pizza, green beans, salad, cake, orange, milk.  
November 4 - Breakfast - Cereal, Graham Crackers, fruit, juice, milk.  
Lunch - Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, apple cookie, milk.  
November 5 - Breakfast - Biscuit w/ gravy, sausage, juice, milk.  
Lunch - Corn dogs, oven fries, green salad, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk, wheat roll, peaches, lemon cake

**RE-ELECT**  
**RICKY B. SMITH**  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**Keep Your Experienced,  
Qualified District Attorney  
Working for You!**

**Thank you for your support and your vote!**

Early voting: **October 18, 2004 - October 29, 2004**  
Election Day: **November 2, 2004**

### ACROSS

- TXism: "sleeping dog lie"
- TXism: "still wet behind the ..."
- Campbell was a TX ranger in film "True ..."
- TXism: "I'll a monkey's uncle"
- "monkey suit"
- Highlands is "Pearl of ... Jacinto"
- TX Helmond on "Who's the Boss"
- TXism: "active as a fox in ..."
- TXism: "grave" (fell)
- TX Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did " ... high heels"
- cramped quarters? (2 wds.)
- TX Tierney film "Heaven Can ..."
- warship groups
- "pina ..."
- everlasting
- copper symbol
- TXism: " ... an oilman's daughter"
- TX Willie's dad was an ... mechanic
- TXism: " ... the mark"
- stability in the Gulf
- how killer bees attack (2 wds.)
- TX JoBeth Williams film: " ... Crazy"
- "Hook 'em ..."
- "All My ... Live in Texas"
- oil additive
- spice film
- TXism: "he couldn't ... through a barbed wire fence"
- new soldiers
- "House Ways and ... Committee"
- TXism: "sit up and ... right"
- boxing victory (abbr.)
- venomous snake

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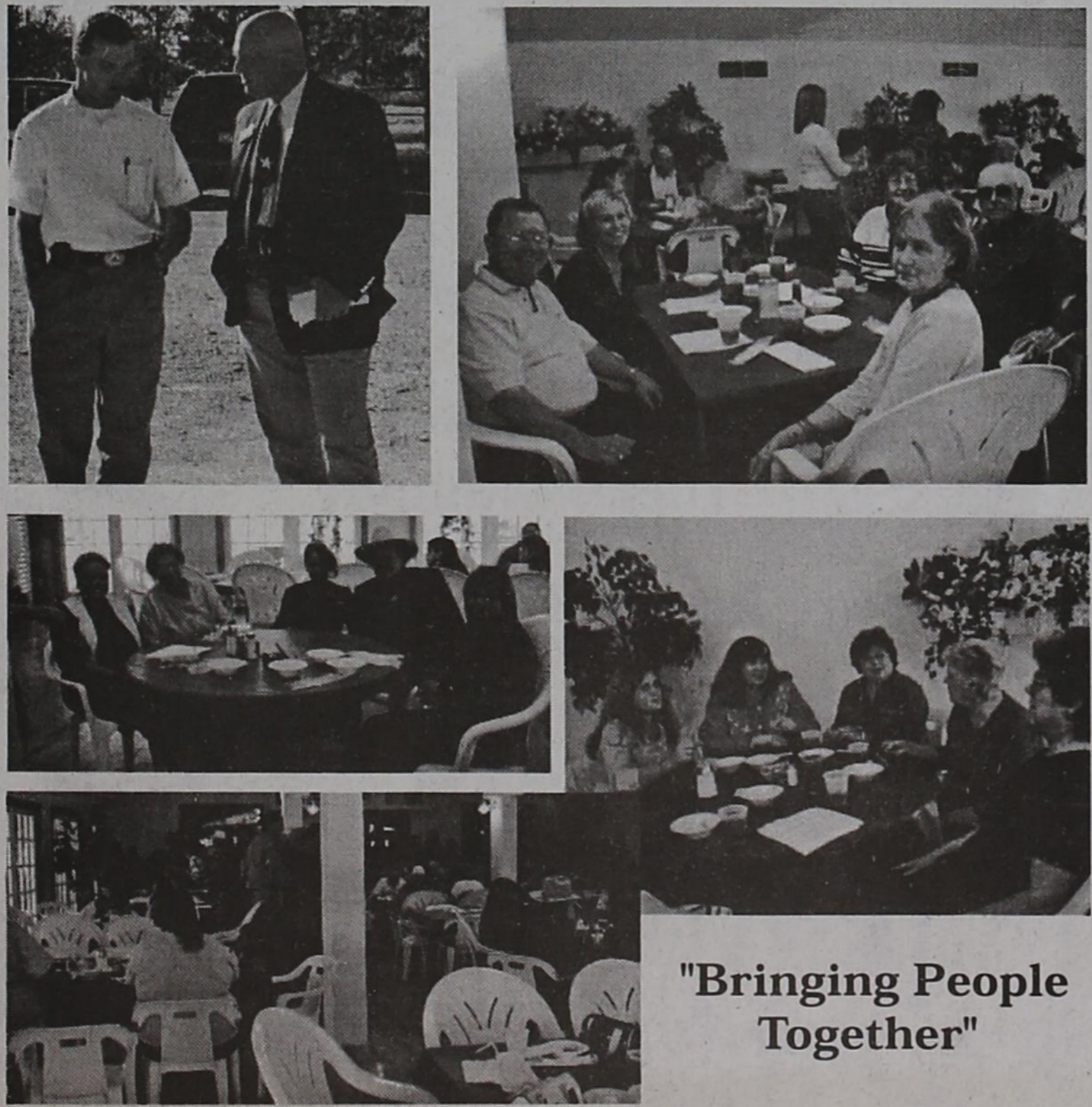
- TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind ..."
- TXism: "cute as a bug's ..."
- newspaper in Valley, TX
- TXism: "unpredictable ..."
- TXism for carry
- TX young'uns might put a penny on these (3 wds.)
- TXism: " ... two-steps to his own beat"
- Ranger sportscaster Nadel (init.)
- most superficial
- TXism: "busy as ...-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "naked as a jaybird"
- TXism: "whatcha ... (gadget)"
- female friend in France
- shows by TX Peri Gilpin of "Frasier" and 15-across
- follows
- TXism: "feeling his ... (frisky)"
- Gov. Connally's wife (init.)
- Boerne's Kronkosky Hill inhabitants
- org. for some older TXns (abbr.)
- this Ringo was in "Caveman" with TX Dennis Quaid
- pecan is state ...
- chops
- in San Patricio Co. on hwy. 77
- TXism: "hard as dodging ..."
- wedding"
- pop the cork?
- Austin's last words: "TX ... recognized"

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# Thank You Friends

I'd like to personally express my gratitude to all who helped make the "Support Sheriff Ratke Gathering" at Chapa's Family Restaurant this past Saturday a success. The theme of "Bringing People Together" was a fitting one! Even though Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez is not from Garza County, I feel he and his family saw first hand what we're about when we come together.  
I love and appreciate you all.

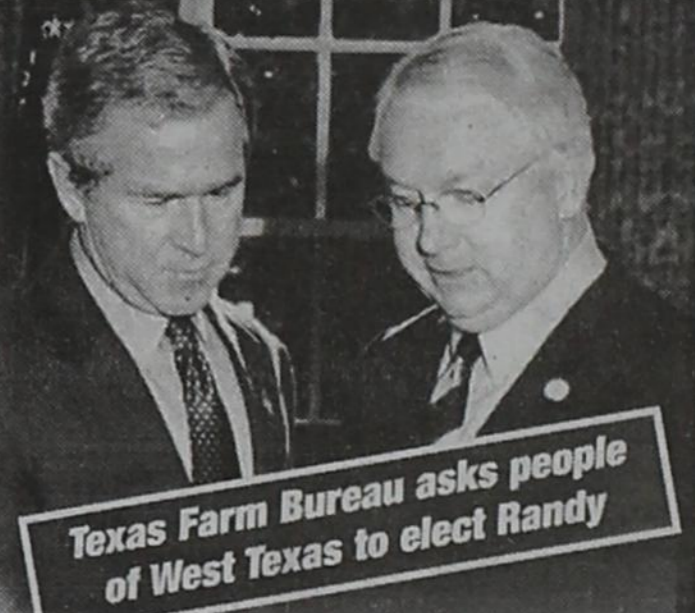
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# President Bush and Randy Neugebauer have more work to do.



Texas Farm Bureau asks people of West Texas to elect Randy

President Bush needs a strong conservative leader like Randy Neugebauer in Congress to help in the fight to:

- Lower your taxes
- Win the War on Terror
- Defend our conservative values
- Stop government waste

Randy's Conservative values will not disappear on Nov. 3 - character matters to Randy and that's why he is a "NO COMPROMISER" when it comes to supporting:

- A constitutional amendment preserving marriage between a man & a woman
- Higher standards of decency in the entertainment industry
- Protecting the flag from those who would burn it

Randy Neugebauer doesn't believe that Stenholm-Kerry values represent the best of America.

President Bush knows that he can always count on Randy Neugebauer to stand up for working families. Randy has never voted for a tax increase.

George W. Bush and Randy Neugebauer share more than West Texas roots. They share the common values that make strong, conservative leadership right for America.

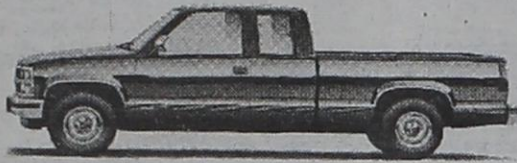
**Randy Neugebauer**  
REPUBLICAN  
Conservative For U.S. Congress

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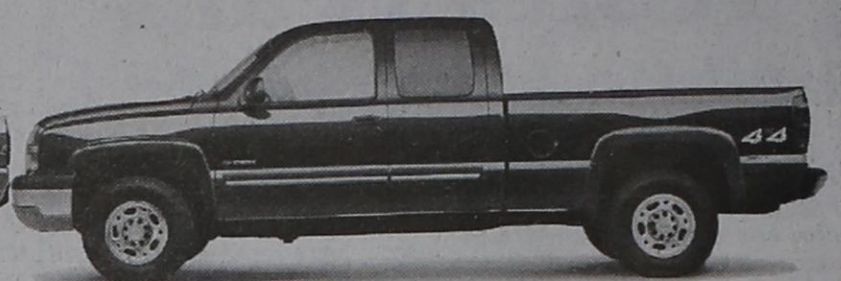
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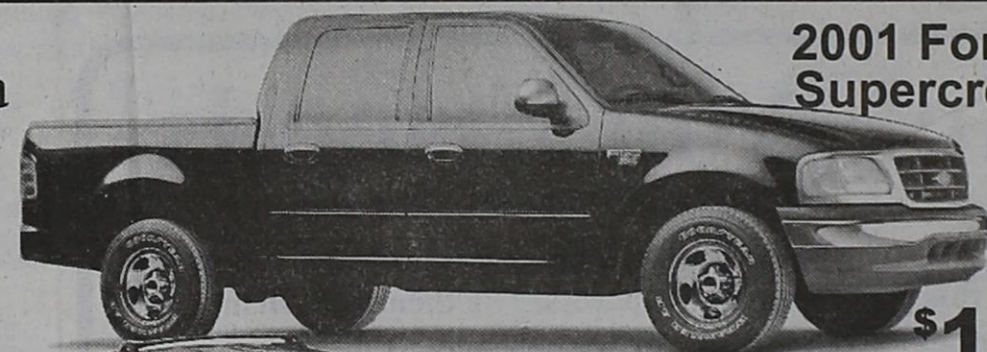
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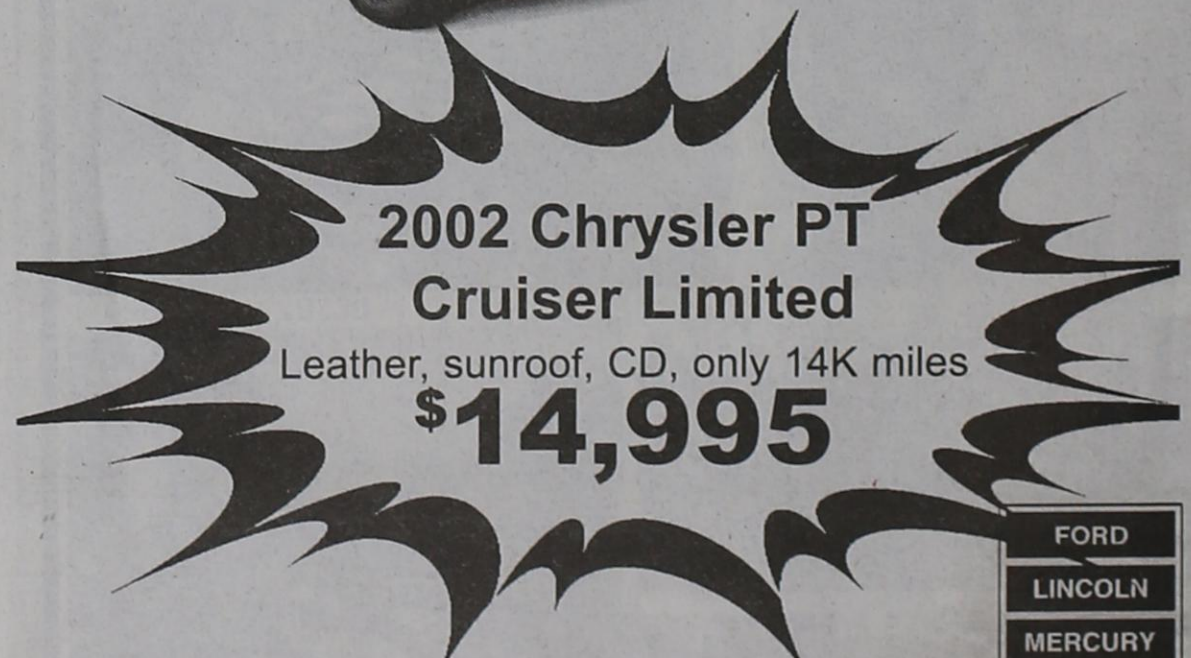
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