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BBQ cookoff, dance highlight Founders Day

Founders Day in Post will open Friday night with a free street dance, and continues Saturday with the Third Annual WTBA Sanctioned Barbecue Cook-off on Post's historic Main Street.

The popular Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will perform at the Saturday night gala, which includes a catered meal and dance at Old Mill Trade Days. (See Page 10 for more details)

Corporate sponsor for the event will be Kingsford Charcoal, which will include the addition of the Kingsford Shoot Out and the best of the "backyard cooks." Organizers of this year's event said this year's event marks the first time for the Kingsford Shoot Out, but they hope it won't be the last.

There will be a \$25 per event entry fee for the BBQ cookoff, with an additional \$200 prize money added for the Kingsford Charcoal Shootout.

Downtown vendors will be open all day Saturday, and music, food, washer pitching, an antique tractor show and many other activities will be ongoing.

The Holy Cross Catholic Church also will conduct its "Jamaica," with food, music and games.

Saturday evening, a barbecue feast will be catered by Coop's BBQ, and a dance featuring the music of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Old Mill Trade

Alvin G. Davis collection opens at Garza Museum

A favorite son of Garza County, Alvin G. Davis, will be recognized Sept. 15 during the Post Founder's Day celebration. A room in the Garza County Historical Museum, the Alvin G. Davis Room, will be dedicated and opened for public viewing at 11 a.m.

The room will house memorabilia accumulated by Davis throughout his lifetime, representing many of the activities that he played leadership roles in.

"Possibly no single individual has ever contributed as much as Alvin has to the carrying on of our great heritage and the Cowboy way," said Linda Puckett, the museum's director.

Davis has made more than 1,000 appearances, performing cowboy poetry in 18 states, Canada and the White House. Additionally, he has introduced cowboy culture in its many forms to 11 other states and 12 additional nations.

Davis has served as chairman, president or administrator of 18 national organizations connected with cowboy culture, including the American Junior Rodeo Association, the National Western Artists Association, the American Chuck Wagon Association, the International Western Music Association, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the American Cowboy Culture Association, the Western-English Retailers of America and the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration.

He has been the recipient of dozens of awards from local, state, regional, national and international organizations and has helped start more than 20 cowboy culture events across the United States. Some of Davis' most recent awards include the Lifetime Achieve-

ment Award of the American Cowboy Culture Awards; the first Pioneer Tumbleweed Award by the Cowboys, Heroes and Friends Organization of Branson, Missouri, and the Rounders Award presented by the State of New Mexico for Davis' leadership in cowboy culture.

He also was featured in the movie, "The Cowboys and the Americans," produced by King Motion Pictures LTD of Canada. Davis is listed in both Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World and recently learned that he was to be listed in the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England's "One Thousand Great Americans" publication and the first edition of the "2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century."

"This is pretty good, I'd say, for a West Texas farm boy from Post," Davis said when asked of his experiences in his 73 years. "I've been to a couple of goat ropings and a county fair or two."

Friends of Davis' and a saddlery are scheduled to make a special presentation — a 7-inch seat miniature trophy saddle resting on a special saddle stand with an engraved place — as part of the ceremony. Individuals interested in participating in the ceremony who will be unable to attend are encouraged to write a letter to Davis, addressed to the museum (119 N. Avenue N, Post, TX 79356), expressing personal thoughts and best wishes for his lifetime dedication to the promotion of cowboy culture and the heritage of the West.

All of the letters will be placed in a binder and included as part of the exhibit, and the names of the letter writers will be added to the list of "friends" making the saddle presentation to the honoree.



Jody Nix

Post Notes

Jones reception Sept. 18

Senior Citizens are hosting a special farewell reception for Mr and Mrs Paul Jones on Tuesday, September 18 at 6 p.m. at the Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th. All are welcome to fellowship and wish them God's blessings.

Church offers Carne Guisada

The Bethel Assembly of God, 407 E. May Street, is offering carne guisada plates with trimmings Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 781-2300.

Class of '46 reunion Saturday

The Post High School Class of '46 will hold its 55th year reunion Saturday with visiting from 3-5 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant Garden Room and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Church sets fund raiser Saturday

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is hosting a food, games and music event Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

September Praise Fest on 15th

The Church of God of Prophecy is sponsoring a "September Praise Fest" on Saturday, Sept. 15 beginning at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Post City Park and will feature games, food and live Christian music.

Punt, Pass & Kick

The annual MAD DADS Inc. sponsored "Punt, Pass & Kick" competition will be held Tuesday, September 25 at Antelope Stadium beginning at 5:30 p.m. Signups will be at 5 p.m. for youth ages 8-15. There are no fees for participating.

Methodists collect clothing for children

The First United Methodist Church is collecting socks, underwear and sweatshirts for elementary aged children to donate to the nurse's office at Post Elementary. These items will be used for children who have soiled their clothes at school, either by accident or illness. Please drop your donation off at the church office between 9 a.m. to noon, or at the school. For more information, contact Pixie Grisham at 495-2942 or Mary Ann Hart at 495-3414.

New stops signs near high school

Local folks are reminded that four-way stop signs have been installed at the intersections near Post High School. "I think people just don't realize the new stop signs," one school employee said, "because most people are just driving right through the intersection without even slowing down."

Library offers book sale

The Post Public Library has recently received a grant to automate and update the book collection. With this new automation, the library has withdrawn a number of books from the shelves and offering them for sale to the public. Interested patrons are encouraged to visit the library and browse the selections available for sale.

Methodist youth host car wash Sept. 15

The Methodist Youth will host a car wash Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church's parking lot. A "come and go" pancake breakfast will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to "customers" while their cars are being washed. Youth are asking for donations. Call Kelly Laxon at 495-2942 for more information.

Band boosters sponsor taco supper

Post Band Boosters will be sponsoring a Taco Supper before the Homecoming football game Sept. 21st in the Post School Cafeteria. Each \$5 plate includes tacos, chips, beans, desert and drink. Serving will begin at 5 pm and run until 7:30 and take-outs will be available. Tickets can be purchased from any Pride of Post Band member or at the door.

One more marker for Garza County

The Garza County courthouse recently joined the list of more than 30 local sites marked with a Texas Historical Marker.

During dedication ceremonies conducted last week, the courthouse marker was unveiled by Linda Puckett, chairman of the Garza County Historical Commission, and County Judge Giles W. Dalby.

"This building was built in 1923, and has for 78 years housed the archives of the history of Garza County since its conception in 1907," Puckett said.

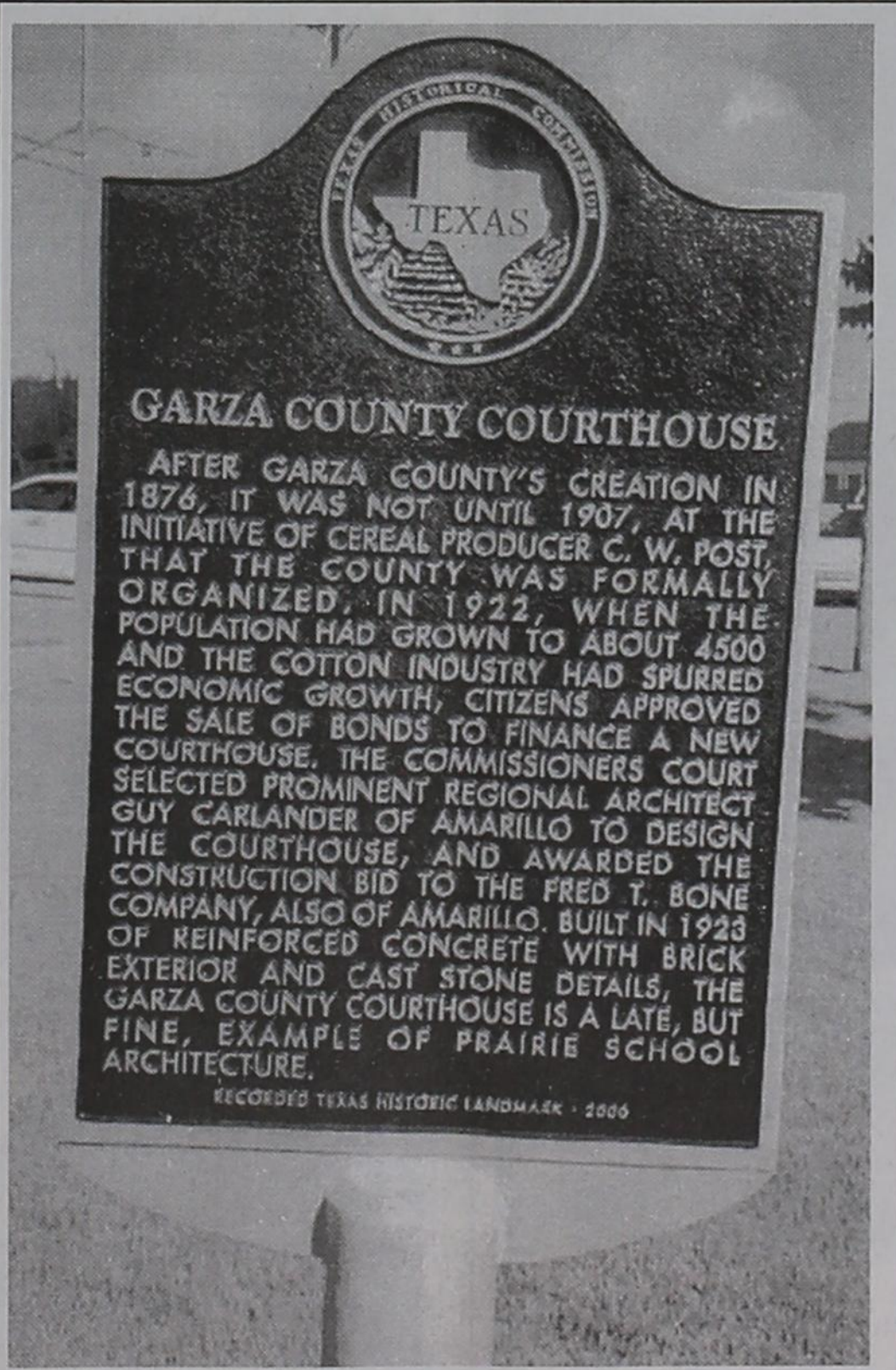
"I commend all of the hundreds of dedicated men and women whose job it was, and is, to not only be caretakers of the past, but the daily documentation of the business of governing our county and state.

"The Garza County courthouse is like any other business — it must have leadership. And we can certainly boast that we have the best. Judge Giles W. Dalby and the commissioners have done a phenomenal job. Their efforts have shaped our lives, both economically and culturally."

The text of the marker reads as follows:

After Garza County's creation in 1876, it was not until 1907, at the initiative of cereal producer C. W. Post, that the county was formally organized. In 1922, when the population had grown to about 4,500 and the cotton industry had spurred economic growth, citizens ap-

proved the sale of bonds to finance a new courthouse. The commissioners court selected prominent regional architect Guy Carlander of Amarillo to design the courthouse and awarded the construction bid to the Fred T. Bone Co., also of Amarillo. Built in 1923 of reinforced concrete with brick exterior and cast stone details, the Garza County courthouse is a late, but fine, example of prairie school architecture.



Commissioners work through budget problems

A public hearing on Garza County's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be conducted Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. in the community center. Commissioners worked through the budget one more time at their Sept. 5 meeting.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby said hammering out this year's spending plan was "a lot tougher" than in years past because officials were forced to contend with cuts of about \$124,000.

Many of those cuts came in the form of health costs, the judge said. Plans call for the budget to be funded at a tax rate of 31.6 cents per \$100 valuation, a rate lower than that approved a year ago, Dalby said.

Following the public hearing, the commissioners court will be asked to consider the proposed budget for final approval at the Sept. 27 meeting.

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Jennifer Reiter (right) leads one of the horses during the recent Girl Scout outing.

Girl Scouts enjoy outing

by Carol Tobias
Last Saturday, Girl Scouts invited any interested girls in Post to come out and join the fun...horseback riding. All girls attending were given basic instruction in safety around and/or riding horses and then enjoyed taking turns riding at the rodeo arena.
A big thank you goes to Noel White and Glenna Reiter for providing the horses and teaching the girls about them. Also, thanks to Pat Reiter and Jennifer Reiter for assisting with the horses and to Post Stampede Rodeo Assn. for allowing the girls to use the rodeo arena for the event.
Girls participating were D'Nae Johnson, Marla Crenshaw, Katelyn Elmore, Courtney Basquez, Victoria Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Tierni Crenshaw and Anna Crenshaw. Leaders were Marilyn Crenshaw and Tammy Bland.
Any girls who were not able to attend Saturday's event can still join Girl Scouts at any time. Call Kim Pollard at 745-2855 or Carol Tobias at 495-3057 for more information. Leaders are also needed for troops and training will be provided for anyone willing to have some fun with girls.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Following is "Judy's Jabberin'" as I had written it Monday and early Tuesday morning. Nothing is quite the same anymore.

May God be with all of the families of those innocent people. How often we take for granted the day ahead of us. I'm sure none of those people suspected that their life would end that day. God bless each of you.



Well, this is a big weekend coming up for Post. Our annual Founders Day celebration will be this weekend and from what I hear there is lots going on.

The downtown merchants are all putting on sales to make your weekend a lot more fun. I suggest if you want to get in on some good bargains, visit main street Post this weekend.

Of course there will be a dinner and dance for all of you boot scooters out there, so go out and have a little fun this weekend and at the same time celebrate Post.

Sent by a good friend

There are recent rumors that Julie Andrews did a concert for AARP. Ms. Andrews sang a favorite from the Sound of Music, Favorite Things. There were a few changes to the words, to fit in with the AARP theme. Here are the new words to this tune.

Maalox and nose drips and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillac's and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,
when the bones creak,
when the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
and then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
no spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
these are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin'
thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
and we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
when we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,
when the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
and then I don't feel so bad.

(This was sent to me by Katy Slone of Tahoka. I just could not keep it to myself. Thanks Katy.)

Sad Note

I was saddened to hear of the death of Katherine Trammel. Katherine was one of my favorite folks and she was a big "Jabberin'" fan. She always called in news to me and let me know what was going on.

To her family, I know you will miss her, she was a sweetie. You are all in my prayers.

Birthdays

Friday, September 14, Jorden Mellus, Voda Beth Gradine, Jessica Putman, Stephanie Smith, Lometa Epley and Loveta Josey (happy birthday ladies!), one of my favorite ladies, Alva Shepherd and Stephanie Palmer Smith; anniversary, Charles and Pam McClain; Saturday, September 15; Neighbor, Mack Ledbetter, Ryan Jeffery, Krishna Hoelscher, Diana Poe, Clarice Johnson, Earline Bagby, Jackie Cruse, and Belinda Wimmer; anniversaries, James and Laverne Aten and Gary and Laura Eaton; Sunday, September 16, Zach Weaver, Jerica Tyler, Ralph White, Kelly Ahrens and Jonna Raben, Monday, September 17, Keagan Jeffery, Cynthia Williams, Paula Voyles and Rosa Salazar, Tuesday, September 18, Barbara Babb, Danny Cooper, Alonzo Armendariz, Jesse Salinas and Emma Barnhart; anniversary, Ronnie and Sandy Eaton, Wednesday, September 19, Carol Hester, Diana Looney, Pabilto Mendoza and Cameron Hood, Thursday, September 20, Cole Edwards, Amy Cross, Frank Tobias, Ken Ratke, Cody Dean, Kate Gonzales, Amy Cross, Lanelle Clary, Kenny Ratke, Sr., and Deann Ulm; anniversaries, Tim and Edwina Pettyjohn, Cain and Anita Abraham and Jimmy and Leslie Sosis.

News

Please call your news in for "Jabberin'" You can call 495-0277 and I will be more than happy to take your news you wish to share with everyone. It is really hard to keep up with everyone if you don't share your info, so please call it in. More so it makes it really hard to write a column with no news!! Please remember, I need you!

Thanks Jerry Taylor

A client brought a litter of golden-retriever puppies to my veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, I realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. I turned on the water faucet, wet my fingers, and moistened each dog's head when I had finished.

After the fourth puppy, I noticed my hitherto talkative client had grown silent. As I sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptized."

Till Next Week

Don't forget the Founder's Day Celebration. May God hold you in the palm on his hand and the angels watch over you. See ya next week.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

The Outhouse Lady of Stinnett



Deborah Summers of Stinnett spent several years as a nurse, then decided to change careers and now has a degree from Texas Tech in anthropology.

She works part time at the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon. She and her husband bought a historic old hotel in Stinnett and turned it into a bed and breakfast.

What pays the bill for all her activities is the family business. It rents outhouses. "We're usually the first building on the job site," says Deborah.

"People who call do not know what to ask for. They either call for boys and girls rooms or something else. I just call them outhouses. There are people who have probably never gone in an outhouse. So they don't understand why they don't flush. Women are pickier than men, I must admit."

She and her husband have had the business since 1974.

"They were building a dam and there was a man that had some old wooden ones and he decided to get out of the business. We went from wood to fiberglass. Now they're using some lightweight plastic material that is similar to Tupperware. But we've stayed with fiberglass."

People do all kinds of things to their outhouses.

"They've been roped, they've been dragged. We've been called at two o'clock in the morning to come get them out of people's yards. They've burned three to the ground."

The outhouses have made appearances at schools.

"They'll just call and ask us to come get the porta-potty off the school roof. We ask them if they could go find the people who put it up there and have them get it down."

The outhouses come in a variety of colors.

"We have yellow, red, orange, blue and olive drab. Those OD ones were used by the Army for Desert Storm and they didn't need them all, so we got them. When we bought our last load, the guy told us we wouldn't like them because they were green on the outside and rose pink on the inside."

I told him good, maybe they won't stay in there so long and graffiti them up. I think there actually is a division of anthropology called latrinalia especially for people who write and draw on outhouse walls.

"There are some artists in this world who are wasting their time in construction. And poets. Lots of poets. They write about who's in office and share their thoughts on those people."

Some outhouse users do more than just write on walls.

"They've totally disassembled them. They will sit there with tools and take out the screws and the urinal falls off and the vents come off. The homeless have camped out in them."

She says they used to be the only outhouse providers in the panhandle, but they have lots of competition these days. Deborah furnishes outhouses for movies and big weddings.

"When they filmed Leap Of Faith with Steve Martin around Plainview, they wanted all yellow ones. We had 'em."

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Borden County High School Cheerleaders



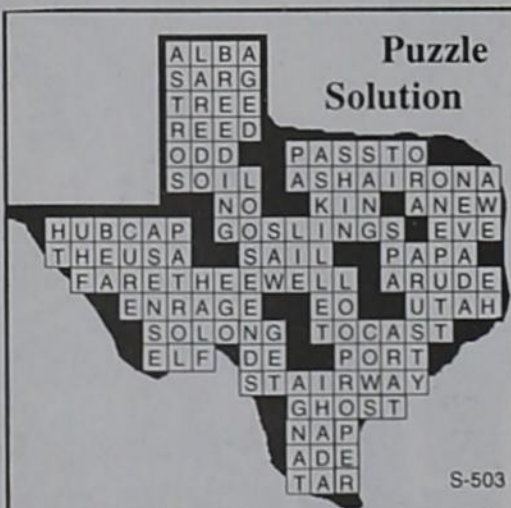
Borden County High School Cheerleaders - (back row, left to right) Emily Mayes, Rika Copeland, Micah Hensley, (middle row) Amanda Boucher, Cassidy Rinehart, Shayla Gass, (front) mascot Alexis Brooks.

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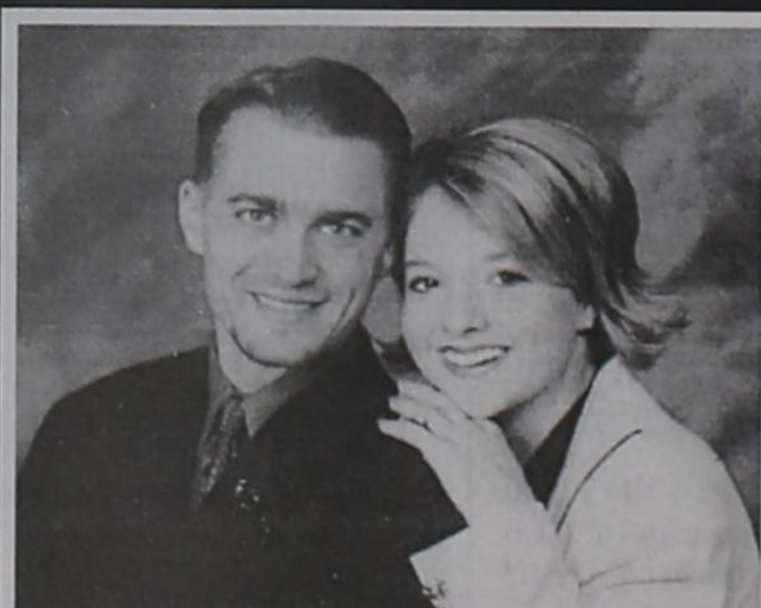
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Fall Leader Forum

Texas Tech University, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 2001 * All leaders and parents are encouraged to call the Extension Office to sign up. Training sessions will cover the following topics: Clothing and Textiles, Consumer Critters, Meat Goats, Shooting Sports and Curriculum/Resources.

District 4-H Council Meeting & 4-H Project Show

Saturday, September 15, 2001, 9:00-12:30, Texas Tech University * 4-H Council delegates are encouraged to attend this district meeting and all 4-H'ers can display their handywork at the project show. Training sessions will include Parliamentary Procedure and 4-H Opportunities.

West Texas Beef Cattle Conference

Big Spring Livestock Auction, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Monday, September 17, 2001. Two CEU's and noon meal.

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Tuesday, September 18
Meatloaf, corn, greens, cornbread and pineapple dessert.

Wednesday, September 19
Chicken w/mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, biscuit and lemon cake.

Thursday, September 20
Brisket, au gratin potatoes, okra, roll and apricot cobbler.

Friday, September 21
Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potato, green beans, wheat roll and apricots.

Post ISD

Monday, September 17
Breakfast: Pancake on stick, syrup, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie and choice of milk.

Tuesday, September 18
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, peaches and choice of milk.

Wednesday, September 19
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Manwich, salad, pear halves, cake and choice of milk.

Thursday, September 20
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, and choice of milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and choice of milk.

Friday, September 21
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice and white milk.

Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, fresh apple and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Monday, September 17
Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, fruit, rolls and milk.

Tuesday, September 18
Breakfast: Breakfast tacos, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Carne guisada, rice, beans,

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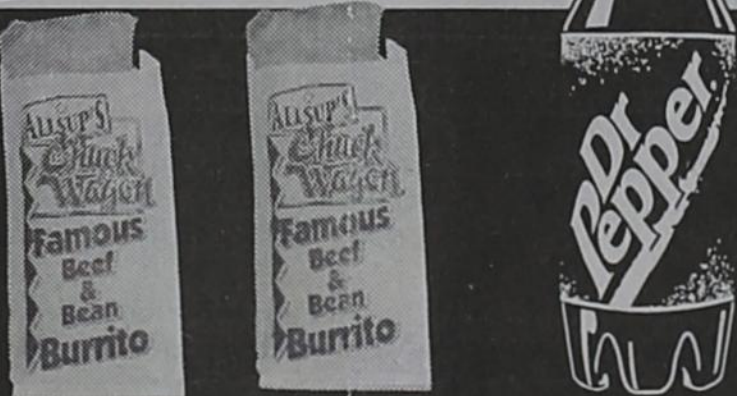
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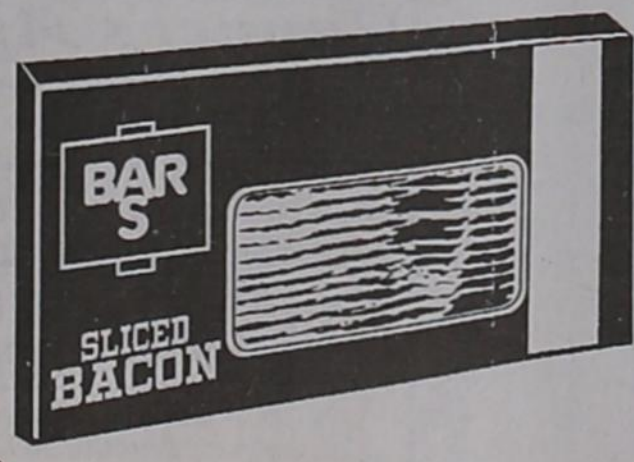
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State Department Confusion over Liberty

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The great German thinker Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once observed, "No one is as hopelessly enslaved as the person who thinks he's free." Goethe's words might sum up the plight of the American people, a plight that was recently reflected in a secret report that emerged from the U.S. embassy in Guatemala, which is headed by U.S. Ambassador Prudence Bushnell.

The report, which was exposed and criticized in a Wall Street Journal op-ed entitled "A Guatemalan Free-Market Reformer Is under Fire" by Mary O'Grady (Aug. 3 WSJ), harshly criticized one of the leading advocates of free-market thinking, Manuel Ayau, and the prestigious university he founded in Guatemala 30 years ago, Universidad Francisco Marroquin (www.ufm.edu.gt).

The embassy document took Ayau to task for his uncompromising devotion to free-market principles and criticized the university for emphasizing the economic philosophy of such ardent free-market economists as Friedrich A. Hayek, a Nobel Prize winner, and Ludwig von Mises.

The report also suggested that Ayau and the university were anti-government, anti-democratic, and anti-freedom because they questioned such things as income taxation, welfare, and public schooling, all which of course are well-established governmental institutions in the United States. The implication is that since the United States is the model of a free and democratic society, anyone who criticizes these core elements of the American way of life must be an opponent of freedom and democracy.

The controversy raises important questions about the nature of freedom and control and the differences between a free-market economic system and a socialist one.

Consider public (state) schooling. I challenge anyone to show me a better model of socialistic central planning than public schooling. A central board of elected or appointed government commissioners, whether at a national, state, or local level, plans, in a top-down fashion, the educational decisions of thousands or even millions of people. School attendance is mandatory by law, and school funding is based on the Marxian principle "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Students are taught by government-approved schoolteachers using government-approved textbooks following a government-approved curriculum. I repeat my challenge: Show me a better model of socialistic central planning than public schooling.

Most everyone would agree that Cuba is a good model for a socialist society. Guess what they have in Cuba. That's right — public (state) schooling, all the way through college! In fact, public schooling is one of Fidel Castro's proudest accomplishments.

Now, is public schooling an island of freedom and free enterprise in Cuba or is it a socialist institution within a socialist society? If we were to ask Fidel Castro, he would unquestionably respond, "Every socialist knows that state schooling is an essential element of a socialist, centrally planned society."

How would U.S. governmental officials respond to that same question? They would undoubtedly answer that public schooling is instead the backbone of a free society.

But how can public schooling be both free-market and socialist? Or as the famous advocate of unfettered capitalism Ayn Rand would have put it, how can A be non-A? And if public schooling is free-enterprise, how would we label a way of life in which school and state were separated, in which compulsory-attendance laws and school taxes were repealed, and in which the state was prohibited from establishing education or abridging the free exercise thereof?

This confusion over freedom and socialism has been manifested by Bushnell's boss himself, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. In testimony before Congress last April, Powell praised Castro for having done "some good things for his people," referring to Castro's having provided public schooling to the Cuban people.

If the U.S. government permitted Americans to travel to Cuba and spend money there, they would also find, in addition to public schooling, the following government institutions: income taxation; social security; national health care; welfare; occupational licensure; economic regulations; travel restrictions; drug laws, and gun control.

The words of Goethe raise a troubling question, especially with respect to the relationship between indoctrination and state schooling: Who are more enslaved — the Cuban people, who know that they're living under socialism, or Americans, who think they are living under freedom?

Mr. Hornberger is president of *The Future of Freedom Foundation* (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., which published *Separating School & State: How to Liberate America's Families* by Sheldon Richman. Hornberger recently delivered a five-lecture series on freedom at *Francisco Marroquin University* as part of the school's 30th-anniversary celebration. He has also visited Cuba.

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Opinions



And thereafter, too much safety

by Walter E. Williams

There's the old admonition: It's better to be safe than sorry. The fact of life is that one can be both safe and sorry — that's if we acknowledge the consequences of having too much safety. Let's look at it.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators blamed a fuel-tank fire for the July 17, 1996, crash of Paris-bound TWA 800, where all 230 people on board were killed. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advisory committee recently heard a joint industry-agency task force report concluding that adding nonflammable gases (fuel-tank inerting) would significantly reduce, perhaps eliminate, the risk of fuel-tank explosions. Nonetheless, the task force recommended against an FAA fuel tank-inerting mandate, saying that it would "have an enormous operational impact, with costs that far exceeded the benefits." They estimated that the \$10 billion to \$20 billion cost of fuel-tank modification would save a total of 253 lives.



One predictable response to the agency-industry task force recommendation was the condemnation: You can't put a price on human life. That's a frequently heard response to safety issues, often accompanied by: If it saves one life, it's worth it. Despite the emotional appeal of such pleas, intelligent — not to mention humane — public policy demands that we ask: Is it worth it to spend \$10 billion to \$20 billion dollars to save an estimated 253 lives? Of course, if it's your life that's saved, you'll say, "It's worth it," but that's a callous disregard for other lives.

You say, "Williams, what in the world could you possibly mean?" Reconfiguring airliner fuel tanks will cost \$10 billion to \$20 billion. Guess how airlines will recoup that cost? If you guessed higher ticket prices, go to the head of the class. Higher ticket prices might mean that some families, who might otherwise fly to visit grandmother

during the Christmas holidays, would decide to drive instead. Highway travel is many times more hazardous than air travel. So we should ask: How many people would die on the highway as a result of higher ticket prices caused by "fuel-tank inerting"? It might be many more than 253 lives.

Some years ago, there were calls for mandatory airline infant seats. The FAA's analysis showed that forcing parents traveling with babies to purchase another ticket instead of their infant traveling on their laps would cost an additional \$1 billion in airfare expenses on families over a 10-year period. Because of the higher cost, 20 percent of the families would shift to driving. Because of the higher fatality rate associated with driving, FAA analysis concludes there would be a net increase of 82 infant and adult fatalities over the 10-year period as a result of imposing this "safety" regulation.

So what's the lesson? The first is that if we only look at the benefits of a policy, we'd do darn near anything, including stupid things such as mandating a 5 mph highway speed limit. After all, there's a benefit to anything. The second is that in evaluating public policy we shouldn't only pay attention to what is seen but to what is unseen, as well.

Another way of putting this is: There is no free lunch. Fuel-tank inerting might save 253 lives by preventing fuel-tank explosions, but is the \$10 billion to \$20 billion price tag the only cost? What if higher airfares led to an additional 1,000 highway deaths? Are the 253 lives saved by fuel-tank inerting worth it?

If more of us were familiar with Frederic Bastiat's pamphlet "What Is Seen and What is Not Seen" (available through fee.org), these questions would be a natural part of the public-policy debate.

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Fingerprinting the sick

by Vin Suprynowicz

Attempting to steer a course that will honor the letter of the law — Nevada voters have twice overwhelmingly OK'd a constitutional amendment authorizing the medical use of marijuana — without throwing in the towel on the entire repressive police state superstructure built on the "War on Drugs," Nevada's state Board of Agriculture last week unanimously OK'd an Oct. 1 startup for the state's amazingly prissy new medical marijuana regime.

Participants may send in written applications to the Department of Agriculture in Carson City beginning Sept. 24. Approved applicants (a doctor's "recommendation" is required) will be required to get fingerprinted by a local law enforcement agency, thereupon acquiring an appropriate government-issued photo ID — whereupon they'll be allowed to possess no more than seven plants and no more than one ounce of harvested marijuana, which may not be smoked in public.

I called Steve Kubby, 1998 California Libertarian gubernatorial nominee (Steve was instrumental in helping win passage of California's Proposition 215 on medical marijuana, and is now living in exile in Canada) to ask him his opinion of this proposed system.

Rather than requiring fingerprints, "I think it'd be a lot simpler for everyone involved if they just had us patients tattooed," Mr. Kubby advised, possibly indulging in a touch of irony. "That way they couldn't punish us for losing or forgetting our cards. ..."

"Doctors regularly prescribe really toxic, dangerous, lethal drugs, and no one really cares," Mr. Kubby points out. "But if it's a drug that actually makes patients feel good, now we need to fingerprint them and monitor them as criminals. ..."

Kubby — an adrenal cancer patient — was himself found innocent of all marijuana charges based on a medical defense in California earlier this year, after explaining to his jury why he needed to maintain more than 200 plants in various stages of growth at his Lake Tahoe home to successfully breed the strains which keep his adrenal levels below toxic levels.

"The federal government sends its medical marijuana patients between seven and 10 pounds of pot each year," Kubby reports. "So why can't Nevada at least conform to the federal standard? There's no way to make the calculation (of precisely how many plants it takes to produce that volume of herb) accurately, but typically indoors you get 1/4 to 1/2 ounce per plant, according to DEA studies. And four ounces per plant outdoors."

Using those figures, producing the volume of marijuana supplied annually by the federal government to its own registered medical marijuana patients would take 28 to 40 large, mature plants grown outdoors, or 224 to 640 plants grown indoors — while anyone who's ever grown lettuce or radishes knows you need to start many more seedlings than you ever expect to harvest as mature plants.

"That's according to the DEA's own study," Kubby points out. "And of course that's under optimal gardening conditions" ... for which arid Nevada is not exactly renowned.

"There's only one limit that's going to work," Mr. Kubby concludes. "The police want a bright blue line that they can identify to tell them how to enforce the law, and there's only one limit that will work, because any limit that's a set amount invites police to kick down doors and go on a fishing expedition to find some crime to charge a patient with."

"So the only limit that we recognize is the property line. There's no reason

that a patient shouldn't be able to grow as much marijuana as they feel they need as long as they're not engaging in sales or diversion.

"Once you set any kind of a limit on how much a patient can possess, it's just a matter of time before the county and state officials are going to be looking at multi million-dollar civil suits, just as they are now in Placer County (California), where the Placer County Tax League has publicly rebuked the sheriff, the district attorney and the board of supervisors for the millions of dollars in lawsuits — I think we're now up to over eight lawsuits now. ..."

A possession limit of seven plants "shows a callous disregard for the civil rights of seriously ill people and it criminalizes a whole group of people who are simply trying to stay alive," Kubby says. "It just creates conditions where patients are forced to go over the line" — patients who will now conveniently have provided their names and addresses to arresting authorities, of course.

On the bright side, Nevada doctors may gain some de facto immunity from federal harassment for recommending marijuana — at least during the next year — under the permanent injunction issued by the federal courts in the case of Conant vs. McCaffrey.

California attorney Jonathan Weissglass — one of the attorneys in that California case — reports the permanent injunction in that case "technically applies only to California physicians because the suit was brought after the federal authorities responded to California Proposition 215" by threatening to pull the DEA numbers of participating physicians, "but the same logic would apply elsewhere."

That case "is currently being briefed in the 9th Circuit" and will probably be heard there next year, at which point a ruling would have effect in all the states of the circuit (including Nevada), advises Weissglass, of the San Francisco firm Altshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Rubin and Demain.

"So while the injunction technically doesn't protect them, the question is whether, if the federal government went after a physician in Nevada, the same thing would happen there that happens here in California. I'm assuming that if what that physician was doing was giving a sincere recommendation within the doctor-patient relationship, it would be protected."

Still an awfully tentative "guarantee" for doctors contemplating putting their careers on the line, and a disturbing reminder that today's fearless drug warriors don't seem to have attended the same junior high school civics class as the rest of us — the one where we were told that if you want to repeal a bad law, all you have to do is get a majority of the citizens to vote with you.

"We find the worst atrocities always occur at the end of the war," concludes Steve Kubby. "And this is the end of the war. It is changing; it is over; it is the end of the war, and you just have to keep out of the way of the dying dinosaur's tail — the Jurassic Narcs, as we call them."

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Mustangs take control in second half



Jarrett Vickers (35), Noah Gutierrez (64) and Jonathan Eilenberger (62) get wait for the snap to quarterback Kenny Ratke (8) on the late game touchdown drive by the Post Antelopes at Denver City. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

by Wes Burnett

The first half pretty much belonged to the Post Antelopes last Friday night at Denver City ... but the Mustang stamped in the third and fourth quarters kept the 'Lopes tied down in a 26-14 loss.

The Post defense, which was on the field the majority of the time throughout the game, looked superb most of the first half, but was caught napping late in the second quarter as the Mustangs unloaded a fake punt for a first down and set up its second touchdown to lead 14-7 at halftime.

The 'Lopes couldn't wrestle the ball away from the Mustangs in the third period, allowing another touchdown, and one more in the final quarter.

Starting quarterback Michael Huff suffered torn ligaments in his left elbow late in the fourth quarter, and sophomore Kenny Ratke Jr came off the bench to guide the 'Lopes to a late game touchdown.

The Post defense gave the offense plenty of good field position in the first quarter, but the 'Lopes were unable to mount a successful drive until late in the second quarter.

Denver City put the first points on the board early in the second quarter at the end of a six play drive. The Mustangs got a break when they partially blocked a Bryan Looney punt, getting the ball at the Antelope 33 yard line.

With 6:37 left in the first half, the Mustangs led 7-0.

The Post offense got a spark, and took the ensuing kickoff 56 yards to pay dirt. Allan Bell set up the drive with a kickoff return to the Post 44.

Huff ground out the ball on option plays from the shotgun, with help from fullback Mitchell Mills. A key play in the drive came on fourth down from the Mustang 30 when Huff found Bell at the Denver City 21 yard line for a first down.

Then Huff rolled to his right and found Jarrett Vickers at the 11, with Vickers scooping up the ball before it hit the ground. Mills lunged to the six, carrying would-be tacklers and Huff ran the option twice, going in for the score over left guard from the six. Looney's extra point tied the score at 7-7 with 1:08 left on the clock.

Fans figured the Post defense would repeat its earlier showing, and the two teams would go into the locker rooms knotted up. However, the

Mustangs had other ideas.

On fourth down at the Post 38, Denver City saw an opening on the right side, and instead of punting, the snap went to the short man in blocking formation, who rolled to his right and lofted the ball to a receiver along the right side line. Two plays later the quarterback, who looked like he was bottled up by defenders, managed to escape and lofted the ball into the end zone to a wide open receiver.

With 24 seconds left in the first half, the Antelopes had the wind taken out of their sails.

The third quarter was all Mustangs, as they ate up most of the clock, allowing only five offensive plays for the 'Lopes. Denver City's third touchdown came at the end of a seven play drive after Post was forced to punt.

The point after attempt sailed to the right, leaving the score at 20-7 with 1:59 left in the third quarter.

Again, the 'Lope offense couldn't

crank up a sustained drive, and about midway into the fourth quarter, the Mustangs struck again. Putting the final points on the board came at the end of a 10 play drive. The two point conversion attempt failed when Ratke broke up the pass in the end zone.

Huff ran off three plays, getting the 'Lopes to the Denver City 42, where he went down with the injury to his elbow. Ratke came into the huddle and guided the 'Lopes to the end zone.

The drive featured tough inside running by Mitchell, aided by a first down conversion by Jett Lott to the 14 yard line. Mitchell got the call three more times, blasting into the end zone from the three. Looney's kick put the 'Lopes at 14 points with 2:15 left in the game.

The Mustangs held onto the ball and ran out the clock.

The Antelopes host the Abernathy Antelopes Friday, game time 7:30 p.m.

Abernathy experience to challenge 'Lopes

by Wes Burnett

"We thought that we could stay with those guys," Post Antelope coach Richard Gorman observed about last Friday's loss to Denver City, "especially near the end of the first half. Our defense had really played an outstanding game."

A fake punt, converting into a first down and then a touchdown late in the second quarter took a lot of steam out of the 'Lopes. "It was just one of those things that happens, with some of our players just not in the right place," Gorman said.

"When we get everyone on the field," he added, "we're going to be a much better team. Three experienced players have been sidelined for two games, and two seasoned quarterbacks are now out with injuries."

"The team is doing a lot of good things," Gorman continued, "it's just those mistakes at the wrong time that are hurting us, we've got to eliminate those kind of break downs, especially when we are playing top quality teams."

Abernathy, coming to Post off a championship last year, puts up a particularly tough challenge to the young 'Lopes. "They have a very smooth and polished offense," coach Gorman said. "They are returning most of their players from last year, and they're quarterback is the best passer we've seen this year."

"Their offense is averaging 75 plays per game, and that's a lot for high school teams," Gorman added.

On defense, Abernathy uses a wide variety of stunts, "and at times that will make us look bad, but it also will make us great if we can find the crease and take advantage of it," the coach added.

Post Antelope quarterback Michael Huff is questionable for playing Friday night. "He's got torn ligaments in his elbow, and we're just not sure if he's going to be ready," Gorman observed.

Post High School Varsity Cheerleaders



PHS Varsity Cheerleaders - (back row, left to right) Gentry Creech, Lyndee Strawn, Danny Reiter, Donae Dalby, Jessica Mason, (front) Xane Mason, Amanda Workman, Kelly Moore, Manuela Hernandez and Meagan Mills.

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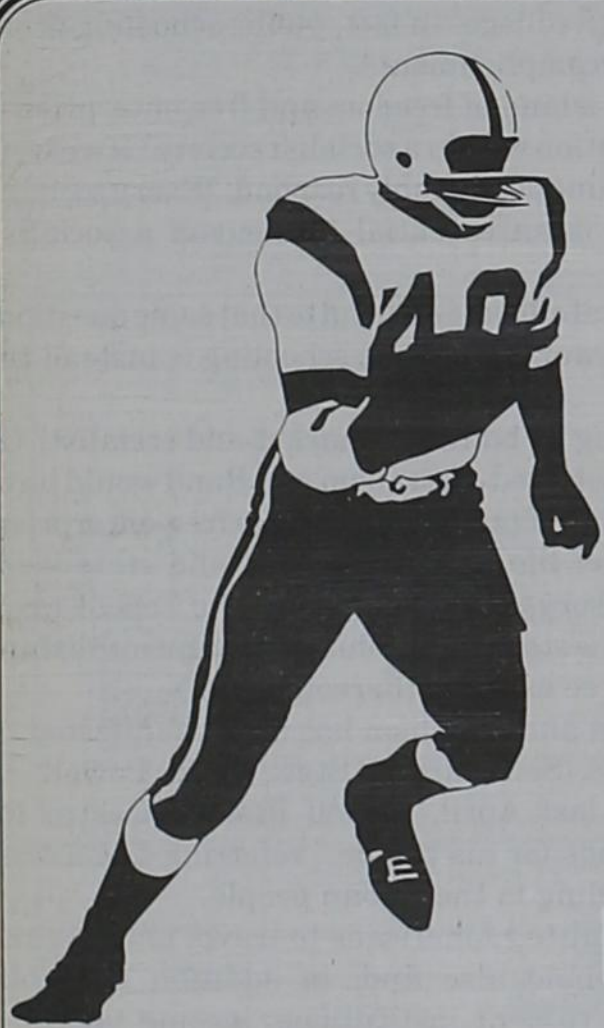


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Jett Lott (30) breaks into the open for the Post Antelopes during second half action at Denver City last Friday. Helping with blocking were Jonathan Eilenberger (62) and Jarrett Vickers (35). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

County ...

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In other business at their Sept. 5 session, commissioners:

- Approved Billie Windham as alternate judge for Box 7.
- Modified the county's existing order prohibiting the keeping of wild animals.
- Gave their annual approval to the interlocal agreement for 9-1-1 service with SPAG.
- Approved a single application for public assistance.

The whole secret of the study of nature lies in learning how to use one's eyes.
—George Sand

Post Middle School Cheerleaders



Post Middle School Cheerleaders - (back row, left to right) Jeneé Lott, Courtney Copeland, Kayla Morris, Hayley Massey, Jodye Rutherford, (front) Rachel Gray, Steffi Norman, K'Neil Dalby, Allison Blevins and Clair Kirkpatrick.

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Hamlin outlasts J.V. 28-12

The Post junior varsity black team dropped their season opener last week to Hamlin by a score of 28-12. The squad gave up 253 yards on 31 plays, but played well "in spots and at times," according to the coach.

Big plays — a 40-yard pass and run for a score; a bad snap on a punt, giving Hamlin the ball at the one-inch line; a 25-yard touchdown pass on fourth down; and missed tackles, allowing a 60-yard run — fueled Hamlin's scores for the evening.

Playing well defensively for Post were Israel Landa, who had an interception, and Kyle Gunn, who also snagged an interception.

Offensively, Post also logged a solid game. Justin Raymundo was the workhorse for the 'Lopes, scoring both touchdowns behind the offensive line of Langly Couch, Chessua Garcia, Steve Rivera, Chris Curb, Leodn Lewis and Will Todd.

Raymundo had 20 carries for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Landa had six carries for 27 yards. Russell Merritt had 11 carries for 11 yards and was one of seven for five yards in passing.

David Rivera had one carry for four yards, and Mark Norman caught one pass for five yards.



Allan Bell rips down the right sideline for the Post Antelopes during action Friday at Denver City. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Firemen help with MDA

The Post Volunteer Fire Department did its part to help "Jerry's kids" Sept. 1 by raising \$900 in the annual Fill the Boot fundraising drive to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Program Aide Position Open

The Garza County Multi-Services Center is taking applications for a full-time Program Aide. Persons interested may pick up an application and job description at the Garza County Multi-Services Center office at S. Highway 84, Post, Texas 79356, or if you have any questions contact Billie Williams at 806-495-2329.

The Program Aide will work within the service delivery area of the Post Workforce Center to make available to the residents of the county all center and community resources, which can provide services. The Program Aide should be able to discuss these programs and to involve the residents of the county in seeking solutions for family and community needs.

The Program Aide will schedule, coordinate and provide transportation for program participants. The Program Aide will do intake and assessment to Women's Health Services, assist physicians during participant examinations, participate and translate in case conferences with physicians during health exams and do outreach of childcare programs.

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Legal Notices

The City of Post will hold a meeting at 6:30 pm on September 18, 2001 at City hall Council Room, 105 East Main, Post, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001. The proposed tax rate is .3772 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Post by 7.987%.

Public Notice

Garza Hospital District Meeting to Adopt Tax Rate
The Garza Hospital District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at the Citizens Bank Community Room, 210 North Broadway, Post, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the 2002 tax year. The proposed tax rate is 10.258 per \$100 of value, which is the same rate as the effective tax rate for Garza Hospital District.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE HICKS GRAY

Notice is hereby given the original Testaments of the Estate of GERALDINE HICKS GRAY, deceased, were issued on September 4, 2001, in Cause No. 1754, pending in the Probate Court of Garza County, Texas, to:

J.W. Gray
The residence of the Independent Executor is in Garza County, Texas. The post office address is:

J.W. Gray
910 West 13th Street
Post, Texas 79356

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within

the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 4th day of September, 2001
J.W. Gray
By: Jeffrey H. Conner
3301 66th Street, Suite B
Lubbock, Texas 79413
806/793-0681
State Bar No. 04698555
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letter of Administration for the Estate of Wesley Nelson Guthrie, Deceased, were issued on August 30, 2001, in Cause No. 1751, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to Sandra Lorene Guthrie. The residence address of the Administratrix is 716 W. 3rd Street, Post, Garza County, Texas, 79356. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Joseph W. Kline, Kline Law Offices, 1639 Main Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated: September 1, 2001.

By Joseph W. Kline
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1 In Rains Co. on hwy. 69 shortened form of TX police rank

6 TXism: "barking up the wrong _____"

7 TX film critic Rex

8 TXism: "_____ as a three-dollar bill"

9 El Paso's 1st name meant "_____ the river to the north"

15 TXism: "can't grow anything but broken dreams" (bad _____)

17 TXism: "thick _____ dog's back"

21 TXism: "close but _____ cigar"

22 TXism: "kissin' _____"

23 TX B.J. Thomas hit: "Eyes of _____ York Woman"

24 wheel covering like a "baby moon"

30 young geese

34 Adam's "running mate"

35 Dallas' Steve Miller hit: "Living in _____"

36 sight on Grapevine lake: _____ boat

37 mama's mate

39 TXism: "suits me to a _____"

43 _____ awakening

45 to "rile up"

46 first state forest: _____ Siecke

47 Mormon state

48 a Texas "good-bye"

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1 Houston baseball team

2 TX song: "Streets of _____"

3 King Ranch bought Canonero II for _____ purposes

4 TXism: "she ain't _____ a day" (looks young)

9 "Ma's" mate

10 TXism: "a frog in _____ would have more fun"

11 TX Naylor was on TV's "_____ dig"

12 what Lubbock's Buddy Holly did

13 TX electronics co.

14 TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ holler"

16 TXism: "tie up the _____"

18 TX Kite's goal on the green (2 wds.)

19 TX Hughes' will was contested by this state reverent esteem

20 this Taft was 1st TX meteorologist (init.)

25 a TX "Ultra" TV station (abbr.)

26 TXism: "I'll _____ monkey's uncle!"

27 TXism: "it'll _____ what ails you"

28 Texans have _____ of pride

29 TX Border _____ watches for drugs

31 TXism: "_____ bones" (doctor)

32 TXism: "let sleeping dogs _____"

33 health resort

38 TXism: "squeaks like _____ gate"

40 TXism: "scared _____ out of my wits"

41 some Texans have a big one

42 TXism: "a three-_____ (bad cowboy)"

44 former UH BB star Hayes (init.)

49 TXism: "don't _____ your shorts in a knot"

51 milk producers

52 "I smell _____"

57 TXism: "could shoot the eye out of _____ (good aim)"

58 TX Trini hit: "If _____ Hammer"

Garza County Commissioners Court is proposing 2% salary increases for elected officials. Current and proposed salaries and allowances are as follows:

Official	Curr Sal	Curr Lngvty	Curr Supplmnt	Proposed Salary	New Lngvty	New Supplmnt
Co. Judge	24,995	1,620	(State Funded) 10,000	24,995	1,680	(State Funded) 10,000
Co. Sheriff	31,035	840	0	31,656	900	0
Co Tax A/C	26,473	900	0	27,002	960	0
Co Treas	28,840	540	0	29,417	600	0
Co Clerk	26,144	0	0	26,667	0	0
Justice Peace #1	22,607	1,200	0	23,059	1,260	0
Justice Peace #2	22,607	1,020	0	23,059	1,080	0
Cons-table #1	17,810	180	(Lake Patrol) 10,000	18,366	240	(Lake Patrol) 10,000
Cons-table #2	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
County Attorney	25,575	240	(State Funded) 16,950	26,087	300	(State Funded) 16,950
Comm Pct #1	21,489	420	0	21,919	480	0
Comm Pct #2	21,489	300	0	21,919	360	0
Comm Pct #3	21,489	660	0	21,919	720	0
Comm Pct #4	21,489	60	0	21,919	120	0

PMS students compete in U.I.L.

Post Middle School students will be competing in University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic meets this fall, and students are encouraged to sign up to participate.

Competitions will be conducted Oct. 30 in Idalou, Nov. 10 at Post and Nov. 15 at Tahoka.


The following sponsors will be overseeing academic competition. Students are encouraged to contact the sponsor of the event or events they are interested in to sign up:

Oct. 30 — Idalou • Editorial writing, seventh and eighth grades, Potter • Ready writing, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, Potter

Nov. 10 — Post • One-act Play, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, Osborn

Nov. 15 — Tahoka • Music memory, sixth grade, Tackitt • Math, all grades, Pena • Number sense, all grades, Fluitt • Calculator, all grades, Powell • Oral reading, sixth grade, Greer/Heckaman • Oral reading, seventh grade, Vaughn • Oral reading, eighth grade, Voss • Spelling, all grades, Humble • Modern oratory, seventh and eighth grades, Hester • Impromptu speaking, seventh and eighth grades, Coltrane • Dictionary skills, all grades, Tannehill • Science, seventh grade, Hester • Science, eighth grade, Henry • Listening, all grades, Didway • Maps, graphs & charts, all grades, Adams

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjunct general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxes travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Letters to the Editor

No traffic control?

Where are the deputies? Last Thursday afternoon my dad gets a call from the sheriff's department saying an 18-wheeler has turned over and cows were everywhere.

So my dad and some other men get their horses and go to Justiceburg where the wreck was. They get there around 7:30 p.m. and there were no deputies to hold back traffic so my dad and them can do their job: gathering all the cows.

And you have to know there were cows miles from the wreck and some were on the other side of the road, even some on the road. Cars drove by without slowing down, and not even paying attention there was a wreck and cows and men on horseback.

Everybody out there risked their lives for them and my dad said there were numerous times when he thought he was going to get ran over. So where are the deputies?

Who knows, probably in town stopping teenagers for no reason, or even harassing people. My dad and the other men who went out there to help didn't have to go out of their way to be there as fast as they could or even help.

What really makes me mad is when our phone at the house rings numerous times from the sheriff's department asking where my dad is, when he left hours ago. When they need to be asking where are the deputies?

If the deputies aren't going to do their jobs then no one else needs to bust their butts to help. If the deputies aren't doing their jobs I think we need to find someone who can! But what do I know, I am just a kid.

Callie Smith

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