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This Week



Hugh Brian (left) and Bob Collier (right) each won \$100 shopping sprees at United Supermarkets, a recent Post Rotary Club fund raising event. Rotarian and United Supermarket manager David Capps (center) congratulates the winners at Tuesday's Rotary Club meeting.

State budget puts pressure on local governments

The state's \$10 billion shortfall and recent legislative shuffling could lead to significant cuts in local services and higher property taxes.

County Judge Giles Dalby, who recently spent a week in Austin speaking on behalf of local taxpayers, said Texans might see the loss of many long-standing services thanks to deep cuts proposed by the legislature. Health care, the criminal justice system and education are likely to feel the most impact.

"Those are the big areas," he said. "They're really going to take a big lick."

Dalby and many other local-level officials from throughout the state are concerned that legislative cutbacks may end up costing local taxpayers, primarily because many of the proposed cuts would impact services that still must be provided. In the event that state funding for such services is cut, local entities — the county, the city, the school district and/or the health care district — may be forced to bump up tax rates to generate funds for unfunded services.

Some areas already have been affected, Dalby said. Locally, for example, Garza County will experience a \$19,000 cutback after state funding in one criminal justice-related area dries up at the end of May.

The overall picture should become clearer in coming weeks as state legislators continue to piece together a budget. The House has passed its own version, but Dalby said the Senate has one of its own that is quite different.

Nobles heads to state competition

Adam Nobles has qualified for the 2002-2003 UIL Academic State Meet to be held May 1-3 at the University of Texas at Austin. Adam is the regional champion in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

"Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL academic director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school career."

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Cornerstone signs contract with county to manage Juvenile Detention Center

by Sheri Lewis

Representatives of the Denver, Colo.-based Cornerstone firm were in town Tuesday to finalize the management contract for the juvenile detention facility.

Last week, county officials accepted Cornerstone's offer to assume managerial responsibilities of the center, County Judge Giles Dalby said.

No interruption of service is expected as the current management firm, MTC Corporation, bows out at the end of this month, the county judge said. The new management team, which manages similar facilities in Pennsylvania, Montana, Colorado and Utah, officially takes over May 1.

Dalby said he could not confirm whether the jobs of all of the detention center's employees would be secure with the changeover, as Cornerstone will be implementing its own management plan. However, he said the firm plans to hire a full-time marketing employee, a move that should help increase the 96-bed facility's occupancy rate.

Fifty-seven full-time and three part-time employees are employed at the center.

County officials learned in late February that MTC planned to pull out of the juvenile center's operations, citing financial losses as the catalyst for the change.

The local juvenile detention center opened several years ago with 48 beds routinely filled by area counties that contracted with the facility to house juveniles. The beds and the facility were generally full, so two years ago the center was expanded to 96 beds.

In recent months, however, the center has housed an average of only 40 youths on any given day, according to a statement made by Dalby earlier this year.

Tim James tabbed as Post ISD athletic director

A new athletic director was hired at the Post Independent School District meeting conducted earlier this month.

Tim James of Lamesa was tapped to serve as the district's AD following the resignation of Richard Gorman earlier this year, according to Post ISD superintendent Marlin Marcum.

James has spent the past 14 years in Lamesa, having served that school district as athletic director for the past seven years. After establishing his program at Lamesa, James earned a 38-22 gridiron record over the last five seasons, leading his team to the state semi-finals in 1999 and the quarterfinals in 2000.

A graduate of Muleshoe High School, James attended West Texas State University and Texas Tech, receiving a degree in health/physical education from West Texas State. He holds certification as a driver's education teacher from Tech.

James began his coaching career in 1984 in Floydada. He remained in Floydada until he accepted his coaching position in Lamesa.

He and his wife Dianne have two sons: Mitchell, 11, and Grant, 8. Dianne James is a biology teacher, and Marcum said he anticipates adding her to the faculty roster at Post High School.

Marcum said Tim James was one of 150 applicants for the athletic director's position.

"He came very highly recommended," the superintendent said. "He's a winning coach. He's a people person. He's a disciplinarian. He's a leader. And he's going to be an excellent role model for our kids."

Local News on Post City Television Classic Cable Channel 12



Post High School Band members celebrating the recent U.I.L. Division I Concert Band title at (back row, left to right) Ashley Crane, Monica Lopez, Colt Mason, Cassie Parrish, Dianna Ratke, Rene Hatley, Adam Nobles, Danielle Mitton, Ashley Wilson, Travis Hopper, Kenneth Garay, Jonathan McGregor, Andrew Esinosa, Brandt Guthrie, Israel Beggs, (second row from back) Erin Wartes, Stephanie Saldivar, Tamara Tuttle, Alfred Segovia, Jasmine Mitchell, Dionn Heckaman, Anthony Merrell, Javen Abraham, Kelli Melton, Kacie Capps, Miles Gray, Stace Norman, Lawrence Adams, (second row from back) Natasha Wells, Lisa Soto, Shara Egbert, Breann Heckaman, Tana Starkey, Jessica Ordonez, Dee Dee Jarrett, Eboni Gonzales, (front row) Byron Scruggs, Josh Lee, Eric Reyna and James Davis. Not available for photo were Christy Soto and Cecelia Contreras.

Post Notes

Tennis anyone?

Ladies interested in playing tennis on Saturdays please call Rhonda Norman at 495-4067 for more information.

4-H 'Turkey Shoot' Saturday

The Garza County Shotgun Sports is hosting a "Turkey Shoot" Saturday at the Palmer Gun Club, nine miles west of Post on U.S. Hwy 380. All proceeds benefit the shotgun sports club. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each shoot. Games will include Annie Oakley, Bushwacker, Follow Me, and Trap House Slide. All shotguns are welcome. Expert and novice class competitions will be held. For more information call Mark Kirkpatrick at 495-2235 or Ray Mason at 495-2776.

Early voting continues through April 29

Early voting by personal appearance continues in city, school district and health care district elections through April 29. Early voting for the City of Post and Garza County Health Care District is being conducted at city hall, while early balloting in the school district is being offered at the Post ISD administrative building.

Post ISD provides info on asbestos

Post ISD is working to maintain its compliance with the federal AHERA regulations regarding asbestos management. The district is currently re-inspecting and updating the management plan for each of the school campuses as required. A copy of the plan is available in each school principal's office for those who are interested. Any questions about the plan or this federally mandated program may contact Brian Brownlow at 495-2824.

MAD DADS open weekdays

MAD DADS is open weekdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for all students ages seven and older. The after school program provides student a comfortable and safe setting for homework, watching t.v. or playing games. The snack bar will be open and students may purchase drinks and snacks. Students will need to complete a membership form and be signed by a parent. Membership is free, but MAD DADS must have contact information for participating youth. Call Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 or 620-0960 for more information.

Donations to help with eye surgery

The Post Church of Christ is coordination donations to help pay for eye surgery for Ryan Belongia. The son of Tracy Freeman, Ryan is undergoing expensive surgery. Those interested in helping should call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

Benefit for Ryan Belongia April 26

A benefit supper will be held Saturday, April 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Post Community Center, Youth Center to assist Ryan Belongia. The event features beans, cornbread and sausage meal, bake sale and raffle for a VHS/DVD player with tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. Contact Meg Nelson at 495-4405 or LuAnne Teberry at 495-4422 to purchase tickets.

PHS Junior Class seeks items for auction

The Post High School Junior Class is seeking items for use at an auction during its "Casino Night" during the May 17 prom. Those businesses and individuals interested in donating items should contact Mitchell Mills at 200 W. 6th Street, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-2770 (high school office).

"Signs and Symbols of Spring"

The OS Museum is presenting "Signs and Symbols of Spring" with a special exhibit. There is no charge at the museum, which is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The OS Museum is located at 201 East Main Street upstairs. An elevator is available.

Homebuyer's Education Workshop Saturday

South Plains Community Action (SPCA) and Excel Energy Foundation are offering a Homebuyer's Education Workshop Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Community Action office, 111 North D in Brownfield. For registration call Judy Norton at 806-894-4560 or the local Community Action office. Deadline for registration is April 25.

Memorial scholarship funds accepted

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

Middle School athletic banquet

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

Southland Cemetery 'work day'

The annual Southland Cemetery "work day" has been set for Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. until completed. Call Barbara Johnston for more information at 806-996-5536.

Trailblazers set May 9 fund raiser

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

Antelope picked for All-Star team

Post Antelope football senior Bryan Looney has been invited to participate in the Texas All-Star Football team competing at this summer's "NO KA OI" Pigskin Classic in Hawaii. Looney is seeking financial assistance for travel and expenses of more than \$2,000. Call 495-0454 to help.

Colgate Country Showdown talent sought

Country music singers and bands are encouraged to apply as contestants to the 2003 Colgate Country Showdown, hosted again this year by KPOS Radio. The event will be at the Garza Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Applications are available at The Post Dispatch office or by contacting KPOS Radio e-mail pcr1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

Operation Post-Support Our Troops

A group of Post citizens have formed "Operation Post-Support Our Troops," which is organized to bring about community awareness and show support for our troops. The organization is coordinating the sending of care packages, which will be sent to Garza County service people. Items sought for care packages are sunscreen, lip balm, wet wipes, wrap-around sunglasses, toilet tissue, Kleenex, individually wrapped candy, gum, snacks and drink mixes, toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors and toothbrush kits (travel size). Collection boxes are at United Supermarkets, First United Methodist Church, County Extension Office, Brady's and the courthouse. For more information or a more complete list of supplies, contact Angela Massey at 495-4405, Sandy Smith at 495-9900 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942.

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Post ISD looks at tight budget

by Sheri Lewis

The Post Independent School District's existing pay scale will be recycled and re-used in the 2003-2004 school year following action taken by district trustees at their April 8 meeting.

Post ISD superintendent Marlin Marcum said the existing pay scale was adopted for use across the board, and no pay increases are scheduled for the coming year. However, personnel scheduled for "step" increases will receive those hikes.

The local school district, like other public schools across the state, remains in a financial limbo with regard to budgetary plans for the upcoming fiscal year. Until the legislature hammers out a new state spending plan, which will largely be dictated by a \$10 billion shortfall in the state coffers, Texas school officials are uncertain how to budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

In other personnel-related business, district officials approved the contract of the new athletic director, Tim James of Lamesa, and hired teacher/coach John Wright, also of Lamesa. James' employment with the district began April 9, while Wright's employment became effective April 14.

The technology director's contract also was extended, and trustees reviewed a staff salary summary detailing Region 16 and Region 17 school districts similar in size to Post. Marcum said the summary showed Post ISD salaries to be "a bit higher than average," which likely accounts for the impressive quality of the personnel the school district employs.

In other business, district officials:

- Scheduled a trustees' meeting for noon on May 8. At that session, the May 3 election results will be canvassed, new board members will be sworn in and the board will be reorganized.
- Approved the calendar for the 2003-2004 school year.
- Approved 11 out-of-district student transfers for the 2003-2004 school year.
- Named the superintendent as the local representative of the Region 17 Advisory Committee. Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain, who retired earlier this year, previously held that spot.

• Tapped district business manager Tonya Rudd to serve as the district's investment officer. Rudd will oversee the district's investments under the supervision of the superintendent and will provide monthly reports to the school board.

• Approved Policy Update 69, a by-product of the last state legislature that required that the language of local school district policies be in line with that of state laws.

• Received a report from the superintendent on the legislature's recent activities concerning school finance and the effects the proposed changes could have on the Post ISD.

• Received a report from Marcum on the Region 17 finance survey, which reviewed tax rates and maintenance and operation costs for other area school districts. The superintendent said the Post ISD "is in very good shape" financially and is "to be envied."

• Reviewed a letter stating that the recently-built Antelope Arena has been found to be in full compliance with federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

• Received monthly reports and mid-management campus and program reports.



Post High School senior band members celebrating the recent U.I.L. Division I Concert Band recognition are (back, left to right) Dee Dee Jarrett, Danielle Mitton, Shara Egbert, (front) Jessica Ordonez, Stehanie Saldivar, Adam Nobles and Jasmine Mitchell.



Post Middle School eighth grade banquet speakers were (left to right) Kylie Easterling, Colter Creech, Steffi Norman, Jackie Hays and Edgar Garay. Speakers were chosen by classmates. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

Worth repeating ...

When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic.

— Benjamin Franklin

Births

Avery Lee Baldree

Robert and Vanessa (Byrd) Baldree of Lubbock proudly announce the birth of an "already spoiled" daughter, Avery Lee Baldree was born Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 10:58 a.m.

The infant weighed six pounds, two ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Great-grandparents are Elton and Mary Lee and Jake and Mary Baldree, all of Post, and the late Anna Lucile Byrd. Great-aunts are Brenda Prather and Barbara Rivera of Post.

Nobles ...

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reers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

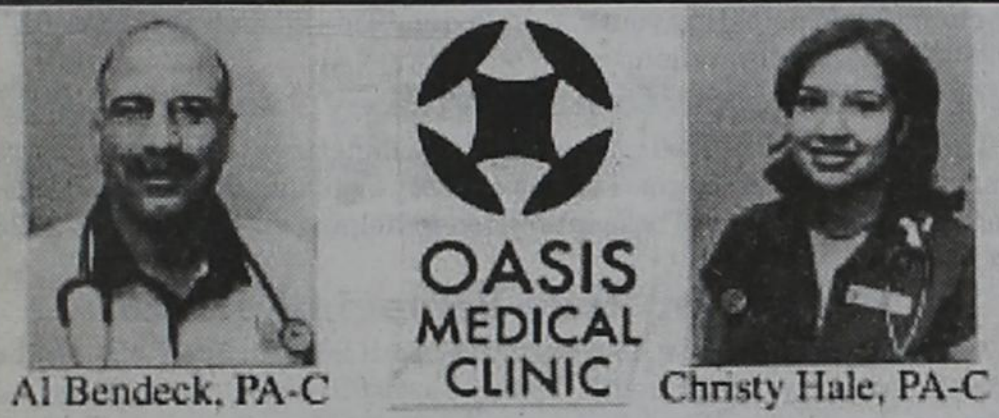
UIL academic contest range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, over 400,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

The purpose of these contests, Hawthorne added, is to teach thinking and problem-solving skills.

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Obituaries

Analue Clinesmith

Analue Clinesmith, age 97, of Olney, Texas, died Monday, April 21, 2003, in Olney.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at the Resthaven Mausoleum Chapel in Lubbock, Texas, with Scotte Clark of Olney, officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clinesmith was born April 26, 1905 in Marion, Kentucky, to the late Curtis and Julia (Carter) Bradburn. She and Elver Clinesmith were married October 25, 1933 in Garden City, Kansas. He preceded her in death January 20, 1975. She was homemaker and a retired School Teacher. In her early years she taught school in Rolla Kansas. She had lived in Post, Texas, for several years. She was a member of

the Post Study Club, the Ladies Bridge Club and past president of the Culture Club. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She moved to Olney in 1996 from Kayenta, Arizona. She was preceded in death by one son: Jack Clinesmith on November 11, 1993.

Survivors include two daughters: Kay Parsons and Judy Gandy both of Olney, Texas; eight grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 900 W. Edwards Olney, Texas 76374.

Maude Elaine Cade

Memorial services for Maude Elaine Cade, 47, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2003, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Hancock officiating, assisted by Darrell Reece. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Friday, April 18, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born July 26, 1955, in Andrews, she was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She had been a waitress for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Danielle Lee of Odessa; one son, Richard Cade of Post; her mother, Mary Cade of Post; two sisters, Cecilia Cade of Lubbock and Sally Roberts of Seguin; one brother, Tom Cade of Lubbock; and three grandchildren, Kristian Lee, Zechariah Lee and L,mae Lee, all of Odessa.

Benny M. Mathis

Services for Benny M. Mathis of Georgetown were held Friday, April 18, 2003, in Andice, Texas, with the Rev. Woodson Yates officiating.

He died April 15 at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 14, 1924, in Post to Willie and Ben Mathis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; one son, Benny Jr. of Austin; one daughter, Donna Rangholt of San Antonio; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Helen Jones, Doris Riddle and Rita Nelson, all of Post.

Sheriff reports 11 arrested last week

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

On April 10, a 49-year-old was picked up for driving while intoxicated. On April 13, a 20-year-old was arrested for possession of marijuana and Department of Public Safety warrants out of Brownwood.

A 30-year-old man was arrested April 14 and held for Cameron County officials. On April 15, a 25-year-old man was jailed on a criminal trespass charge.

A 32-year-old individual was arrested April 17 on a forgery charge.

Four individuals were jailed April 18, including an 18-year-old man picked up on Lynn County warrants; a 20-year-old jailed for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and a 32-year-old and 33-year-old charged with public intoxication.

On April 20, two individuals' men ages 44 and 22 were jailed for possession, less than two ounces. The younger man also was charged with driving while license suspended.

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Inadequate planning for bond issue

In the initial phase of any major project a cost vs benefit analysis should be prepared. This usually includes a budget, a financial plan and a detail list of the assumptions that were utilized for their preparation. This will provide the necessary information so that the management, board members, or voters can make a decision about the potential success of the project.

During the past three weeks I have been trying to obtain this basic information and have decided that the information that is available is not sufficient to support a vote for the \$10.5 million hospital bond project.

I read in the brochure that Health Care District taxes would be expected to increase 294% based on 2002 tax roll values but I did not see any projection of what taxes would be in fifteen years if the mineral reserves decrease based on current production levels.

I read that the tax increase was the amount estimated for a \$10.5 million bond issue but I did not see any projection of operating costs, maintenance costs, collection rates, patient utilization rates, federal reimbursement projections, or any of the other items that might impact the amount that might need to be paid by Garza County tax payers.

The County tax payers will also need to pay for schools, law enforcement and county operations. The voters should not approve any project that might be a future drain on tax funds that might be desperately needed elsewhere unless or until they have a detail understanding of what they will be receiving and what it will cost.

Sincerely,
Fred Howell

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Enthusied about Post ISD

I am enthused by the number of people that have filed for the upcoming school board election. It shows a genuine interest in our school system and the education of our youth. However, as a current board member, I want to remind voters of the serious importance that each vote carries.

The next few years will be a critical time for the Post school system. We currently are considering a budget of approximately \$8.6 million while facing the possibility of reduced state funding due to a \$10 billion state deficit. Continual attempts are being made to take more control away from school boards while state funding is being reduced, putting more and more burden on the local taxpayer.

Board members will be faced with trying to maintain quality standards in the classroom while facing declining revenues. Moreover, there is the problem of an increasing shortage of teachers and administrators statewide that will force board members to make adjustments. The state also has mandated a change in testing and performance standards that will require districts to put more and more emphasis on testing and classroom outcomes.

With these increased complexities, it is so important that voters consider and weigh the complete experience of each candidate. These are pertinent questions that should be asked in considering the qualifications of the candidates: What experience has the candidate had with the school district in the past? What is the educational background of the candidate? Will the business experience of the candidate enable them to make tough decisions with an \$8.6 million budget? Can the candidate display fairness and equity with each student, faculty member and administrator? Finally, and most importantly, will the candidate keep their primary focus on the education of all

our children?

Please seriously consider each candidate and the skills they can bring to the board management team. Then exercise your right to vote. The board is not truly representative of our community unless we all cast votes. Early voting continues through April 29, and the regular election is on May 3. Please vote!

Thanks,
Mark W. Kirkpatrick

Seeking info on Landreth

I am with the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR). I am looking for an obituary of (and any possible photos) for Nevel Landreth. He was a former professional baseball player and died in Post in September of 1980. I unfortunately do not know the exact date.

Thank you.
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Post ISD candidates

Scott Creech

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

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

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

With my diverse background I understand the need to educate our children for a global world. I have listed below some of my qualities and qualifications that I feel will allow me to be a positive contribution to the Post School Board.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I ask for your vote on May 3rd,
Scott Creech

David Davis

David Davis is one of eight candidates vying for three open at-large positions on the Post Independent School District board of trustees in the May 3 election.

In a recent press release, Davis states that he is a resident of Post "by choice" and chooses to operate a local business and send his son to the Post ISD.

"I believe in the Post school system, and I would like to contribute to that in whatever way possible," he said. "That is the reason that I have decided to run for the board of trustees."

If he is elected to the school board, Davis said he would strive to accomplish several goals, including the operation of the school district like a business.

"The school is the most important

business in Post because they are turning out the best commodity that any community can have their young people," he said. "I operate a manufacturing facility in Post. If I have a problem with a piece of machinery, I first try my best to fix the machinery for economic reasons. However, I cannot afford to turn out a less-than-quality product; therefore, if I cannot fix the equipment, I have to replace it. The product is the most important thing to business, not loyalty to an obsolete piece of machinery."

Davis also indicated he wants to

help establish and enforce district policies.

"I do not believe in setting down ground rules and then changing them to suit a situation," he said. "Rules are rules, and they are for everyone."

Finally, Davis said he would make it a priority to listen to Post ISD parents and taxpayers.

"I will listen to any parent with any concern or complaint," he said. "All of us want the best for our children, and our students deserve only fairness and impartiality. I believe in putting problems on the table and not sweeping them under the table."



Serving their nation...

by Sandy Smith

This war is so close to being over. President Bush says it is not over until General Tommy Franks says the word. Some of our troops have already begin coming home, but I am looking forward to all of our military men and women coming home to the US. What a wonderful day that will be. We all anxiously await "the word".

I stayed up Saturday night to watch the 7 POW's safely arrive back here in Ft. Bliss, Texas. They did look great and I am sure just being back home will have them quickly back on the road of recovery. Shoshana who was shot in both ankles wanted to be raised to her feet, to greet all of those who were there to welcome them home.

I know the homecoming of all our local military will be just as exciting. Speaking of local military arriving home I want to give a big welcome home to Russ Moore. Russ thank you for serving and we are all so glad to have you back home. As I reported earlier Russ was stationed in Atsugi, Japan.

I would also like to let every one know that my son Jonathan Smith will be home this Saturday, we are all so very excited because he will see his son Jaiden. As for me and my family we will never forget the many others who also made this sacrifice of missing their children born and so many others with even greater sacrifices.

I stayed in Ft. Bragg, NC for 2 months with Lindsey while we were awaiting the arrival of Jaiden and I had the opportunity to see some of the awesome training these military men and women go through. I have always respected and realized that it is very hard training, but I really never stopped to think about all the dangers they face every day here at home while training. I was also there at the hospital several times after a jump and a truck load of soldiers were brought into emergency with injuries that are never reported. God Bless all of our military for all they do and hurry home.

Pvt. Dominic Reyna, son of Soyla Reyna and grandson of Abelardo and Phyllis Reyna. Dominic is stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas. You can write to Dominic at the following address: Pvt. Ian Dominic Reyna HHC 3/8 Cav. Box 239 Ft. Hood, Texas 76544. Dominic was home last weekend and we thank you Dominic for serving and being ready to do what ever you must to defend our country.

Pvt. Frank O. Reyna son of Abelardo and Felicitas Reyna. Pablo and Lennor Ramirez are Franks proud grandparents. Frank is stationed in Veanf Mill, NY. You can send cards or letters to Frank at this address: Pvt. Frank O. Reyna # 26811 Annabell Box #6 Veanf Mill, NY 13637 Catty, 4-27 FA Unit 23735. Frank is another brave soldier who has made the decision to defend his country and we thank you also Frank for serving our great country, and as always in the years past our home of the brave.

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We stand of guard of thee

by Bill O'Reilly

Oh, Canada, what the heck is going on? In a staggering display of in-your-face defiance, the Canadian government now says it will not turn over any members of Saddam Hussein's crew should they eventually show up in Canada to the United States, including the evil dictator himself! Canadian Minister of Defense John McCallum bluntly told the world that his government would only give Saddam to the World Court in The Hague.



This non-provoked belligerence comes after Prime Minister Jean Chretien gleefully pilloried the Bush administration over fighting Iraq every chance he got. Chretien and his cohorts have made no secret of their disdain for Mr. Bush, and the Canadian press has generally been brutal to America in portraying the war.

In response, President Bush has canceled his May trip to Ottawa, and it would be wise not to send him an autographed picture of the Montreal Canadian hockey team anytime soon. That's because Montreal fans recently booed the national anthem before a match with the New York Islanders, causing some angst among American hockey fans, who are not generally known for being too accepting of that kind of display.

But it doesn't end there. When a group of Boston kids went up to Montreal to play in a peewee hockey tournament, they were not only taunted by the Canadian kids, (SET ITAL) but also by the referees. (AUNT ITAL) Eh?

My question is this: Do the Canadian people have any idea how close they are to serious pain here?

Canada's economy is utterly dependent on the United States, and Americans pump more than \$10 billion directly into it every year. Nine million of us cross the northern border more than 40 million times annually, and we buy lots of stuff. And that stuff is heavily taxed by the tax-and-spend Canadian government. So what happens if we all emulate Mr. Bush and just say no to the land of snow?

Canada's economy melts, that's what happens.

A loosely organized boycott of French goods by some Americans has brought immediate pain to the wine and travel industries in that country, according to business titans in Paris. One analyst told me that French wine consumption in the USA is down 10 percent, and travel to Paris is off by more than 20 percent with almost record low bookings for the upcoming summer. Since the French economy was growing at just 1 percent before Jacques Chirac began his quest to embarrass America, a French recession is now likely.

If the same economic pressure were applied to Canada, the results would be much more intense. Simply put, if Americans cut back doing business with Canadians, that country could go into a depression.

And herein lies the problem. Most Americans are not mean people and don't want to hurt working-class Canadians. It is Chretien who's the problem, and he's out of office in less than a year. But, there comes a point when enough is enough, and Canadians should understand that storm clouds are gathering to the south. Humiliating American kids in a hockey rink is simply not acceptable. Thumbing your nose at 127 dead Americans in Iraq by making defiant statements about where Saddam should be extradited is not a wise policy.

Millions of Americans are beginning to realize that their buying power is not only a democratic choice but can be used as a weapon against people who are hostile to us. No American is under any obligation to buy any product, foreign or domestic. I'm sure the Molson beer people understand that Budweiser fits in the cooler as well.

So I am giving the haughty Jean Chretien one more chance because I have always liked and respected the Canadian people. I am not going to travel north this summer, but I'm not boycotting Canadian products as I am with France. But hear this Mr. Prime Minister: One more cheap shot, one more unnecessary taunt, one more insult directed at the USA by you or your minions, and I'll give you a very accurate long-range forecast. It's gonna get mighty cold mighty fast west of the St. Lawrence.

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And thereafter, call it as it is

by Walter E. Williams



There's considerable unnecessary confusion and debate on public policy issues that would be more intelligently discussed and resolved if we'd say what is actually meant rather than using euphemistic disguises. The Grutter and Gratz vs. Bollinger cases before the U.S. Supreme challenge the University of Michigan's use of racial preferences for undergraduate and law school admissions.

The university, along with its supporters who've filed amicus curiae briefs, gives all manner of euphemistic justification for its racial practices. Instead of using terms such as "diversity" and "multiculturalism," the debate should make what is actually being practiced more explicit.

That would enable us to ask what standard of morality justifies a publicly financed institution creating an advantage for one person, at the disadvantage of another person, based on the race of the individuals involved. Is race a suitable criterion for deciding who gets what in our society? That's a simple question with a yes or no answer, except for the devious intellectual and political elite. How about all the government programs that account for at least two-thirds of federal spending, such as: aid to higher education, Medicare, food stamps, welfare or farm subsidies? Are they moral?

To get at the answer, we must first ask where Congress gets the resources to finance these programs. All except the most naive would recognize that neither the Tooth Fairy nor Santa Claus supplies Congress with the money. That means Congress can give one American a dollar only by first taking it away from another American.

Now we can ask the moral question. Is it right to take, through threats, intimidation and coercion, what one American has earned and give it to another American who has not earned it? Or put another way: Is it right for one person to be forcibly compelled to serve the purposes of another person?

That question can be asked at two levels — the private and the social. If I see a person in need of food, what if I walk up to another

person and, through threats, intimidation and coercion, take his money and give it to the needy person? I believe and hope that most Americans would see such an act as theft. Would the conclusion differ if we collectively agreed to take one person's money to feed the needy person? It'd still be theft. Immoral acts such as theft, rape and murder don't become moral when done collectively through a majority decision.

As a sidebar, it's most disappointing that black Americans are some of the strongest advocates for forcibly compelling one person to serve the purposes of another. Isn't that what slavery was all about? How about the morality of tariffs or other restraints on foreign trade? Some of the obfuscation is lifted when we recognize that, for the most part, countries do not trade with one another. That is, the U.S. Congress doesn't trade with England's or France's parliaments or Japan's Diet.

It's individual Americans who trade with Japanese automakers, French wine producers and English clothing manufacturers. What's the moral case for congressional use of threats or use of force to prevent two people who wish to engage in peaceable, voluntary exchange on mutually agreeable terms? If it's immoral for Congress to stop me or interfere with me, a Pennsylvanian, from trading with my fellow man in New Jersey, why isn't it also immoral for Congress to stop or interfere with my trading with my fellow man in London, Paris or Tokyo?

When we make government practices and programs explicit, we see that most of them are immoral. More importantly, we see why our Founders sought to limit the scope of government: The essence of government is force, and most often that force is used to accomplish evil ends.

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Reducing property taxes makes sense

by Wes Burnett

The proposition for increasing sales tax to decrease property taxes just makes sense to us. Although we favor no taxes at all, to be replaced with a local lottery and other voluntary methods of funding, any move toward reducing property taxes is welcomed.

That's the choice Post voters have on the May 3 municipal election ballot. Early voting continues at City Hall through April 29.

There are two proposals on the ballot, both to increase the sales tax by one-half of one cent. One is directly to reduce property taxes, the other authorizes payments be made toward the emergency backup water system.

By approving both proposals, property owners (and renters) will benefit by a reduction in property taxes through the increase in sales tax to the city.

Of course, no one can accurately predict the total amount of increased sales tax revenue, but based on current sales tax reports, the city would see an additional \$200,000 per year, and property taxes would be lowered by that same amount.

The current tax rate is \$.77 per hundred dollars on valuations, which would be reduced to \$.53 based on the estimate of \$200,000 additional sales tax revenue.

Although the sales tax is also a form of theft, and we oppose all forms of theft, it might seem a bit odd that we are supporting voter approval of the increase.

We only support the increase based on the assurance that property taxes will be reduced in direct proportion to the increase in sales tax collections.

We continue to oppose taxation and favor the implementation of voluntary methods of funding, such as a local lottery. Until then, we must insist that government restrict its use of thievery to the bare essentials required to sustain order and justice.

Water, streets, sewer and justice... those are the fundamental necessities for government.

If city and county government adhere to those essentials, there should be little problem finding adequate funding.

It is when government exceeds those fundamental purposes that we speak out in opposition, especially when funding excessive government is sustained by theft.

Waco tragedy must not be forgotten

Saturday, April 19 marked the 10th anniversary of the Waco tragedy, when the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a religious group known as the Branch Davidians clashed violently in Waco, Texas. The consequences of that event have had wide-reaching implications for civil liberties and the proper role of the federal government in law enforcement. Accordingly, the Cato Institute's director of the Project on Criminal Justice, Timothy Lynch, has released the following statement:

"Ten years ago, more than 80 people lost their lives in an imbroglio that has come to be referred to as 'Waco.' The controversial manner in which federal law enforcement agents dealt with a small religious community led to the most tragic police operation in modern American history.

"The government ultimately blamed the carnage at Waco on David Koresh, the leader of a so-called religious 'cult.' But the facts demonstrate that federal law enforcement agents abused their power, broke the law, and then covered up their misconduct. Because those crimes were never punished, many people fear that the FBI has become lawless and unaccountable.

"Waco is a vivid example of the danger of the militarization of police tactics. Federal agents at Waco came to view American citizens as an enemy force that had to be attacked with tanks and chemical agents. The resulting deaths were nothing short of scandalous. It was an ugly incident that should not be soon forgotten."

Timothy Lynch is the author of a policy analysis, *No Confidence: An Unofficial Account of the Waco Incident* <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-395es.html>.

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The family of Pauline Wilke would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends from this community for the wonderful outpouring of support. We appreciate all the wonderful food, visits, beautiful flowers, cards, and most of all your love and support. A special thanks to Pastor Ron Miner and the wonderful people at the Church of the Nazarene. The meal the ladies prepared for the family was wonderful. Curtis Hudman's kindness was a great help during this time of loss.

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Lunch-Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, milk

April 30- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch-Smoked sausage, salad, pork-n-beans, Reece's cup, milk

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

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

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

Judge Carter Schildknecht completes training

More than 180 Texas judges, including the Hon. Carter T. Schildknecht of the 106th Judicial District Court in Lamesa, attended a judicial training program April 7-9 at the Renaissance Dallas-Richardson Hotel in Richardson.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the curriculum for the conference. All Texas appellate, district and county court-at-law judges who hear criminal cases were invited to attend.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago April 21, 1993

Several students from the First Baptist Christian School in Post recently competed in the ACSI District Speech Meet in San Angelo. Shane Walker brought home a medal for the Post school. Ten entrants from the school received a good rating or above.

Well known Lubbock artist Robert Chennault is displaying a large scenic painting in the studios of Post Channel 31. The scenic painting of a bluff near Justiceburg will hang in the studio and be used as a back drop for various presentations by the local television station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rackler of Post will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Rackler and the former Ruby Bowman were married in the D. W. Reed home near Post on April 24, 1943.

Senior Airman Dewayne E. Warren has graduated from an airman leadership school in Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan. He is the son of Chester and Nancy Warren. He is a 1988 graduate of Post High School.

Break out the brooms. The Bold Gold Antelopes swept away all corners as they dominated all three divisions of the District Four 2A track meet held April 16 in Post winning district crowns in boys varsity, junior varsity and girls varsity.

20 Years Ago April 20, 1983

Bill Black and Cynthia Poole were named Mr. and Miss PHS in recent elections held at the school. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chili Black and Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Poole.

Billy Max Gordon, former Post resident has been recommended for coach of the girls athletic department subject to the approval of the board of trustees at their May 2 meeting.

Miss Vicki Teaff, bride elect of Rodney Gray, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the bank community room.

Holly's Volleyball Team is sponsoring a benefit volleyball tournament set for May 5-7 in the Junior High gym. Proceeds from the tourney will go to the Jackie Arnwine Fund.

Carl Cederholm was honored with a surprise birthday party at the bank last week. Carl celebrated his 80th birthday.

30 Years Ago April 19, 1973

Eight area gins this week are winding up the ginning of Garza County's "unbelievable 1972-73 cotton harvest"—according to The Dispatch's final weekly gin check it totals up to a record-breaking 35,280 bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Cooper announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Debbie, to Bruce Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ledbetter.

Ed Witt and Tommy Jones are helping Cecil Fox and others see to it that there are enough rattlesnakes on hand for the rattlesnake rodeo on May 3, at the Horace Wood Ranch.

Ed and friends have caught approximately 150 rattlesnakes the last few weeks—but not without a casualty. Witt was bitten on the back of his right hand by one of the snakes he had caught and spent three days in Garza Memorial Hospital.

The Post High School band was rated "superior" in sightreading last Thursday at the UIL concert and sightreading contest in Seagraves and also received a rating of "excellent" in concert competition. The band is directed by Mr. Herb Germer.

Judy Norman, a member of the Texas Tech women's track team qualified for the state meet in the mile run at the Texas Collegiate Women's district track meet held Saturday in Canyon. Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Norman, is a sophomore at Texas Tech.

40 Years Ago



READY FOR TRIP—Shown here are 19 of the 30 Cub Scouts and two of the adult leaders who attended the outing at Slaton last Saturday. Seated, left to right, are: George Brown, Leslie Acker, Billie Sumard, Wayne Kiker, Gary Simpson, Bobby Cokerum, Charles DeAr-

mond and Roger Camp. Standing, left to right: Joe Trammell, Gary Hays, Bennie Loper, James White, Larry DeArmond, Sammie Martin (den chief), Royce Hart, Sidney Hart (den chief), James Minor and Mike Cornell. Cubmaster Phil Trammell is at the left and Joe DeArmond is at the right.—(Post Dispatch Photo).

From The Post Dispatch April 23, 1953

April 18, 1963

Post High School's district champion one-act play cast will be trying for the state meet in Austing when they compete Saturday in the Region I Interscholastic League Meet at Lubbock. Members of the cast are Lin Alyn Cox, Jimmy Wells, Cheri Moore, Linda McMahon, Teddy Scott and Kenneth Barnes. Also representing Post High School in the regional meet will be Marianne Jones in typing, Elisabeth Tubbs and Diana Borgman in debate and Argan Robinson in ready-writing.

Roy Gilmore shot the highest

bowling score of the year at the Tangerine Bowl. Gilmore shot a 256. It was the first time 250 has been topped this season.

Second Lieutenant Bryan Williams III left Post Wednesday to report to Fort Benjamin Harrison, outside Indianapolis, Ind., to begin two years of army service.

Claude Collier of Collier Chevrolet-Olds has announced that along with new equipment he has hired D. G. (Dude) Robertson as his new service department manager.

Sandra Guichard and Lynn Edwards are March's high point girls

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in the Post High School Future Homemakers of America chapter.

50 Years Ago April 23, 1953

Jimmy Bird of Post came up with the best average among calf ropers at the 11th annual Horse and Colt show rodeo at Paducah last weekend.

Graham edged Close City for high point honors in the annual Garza County Rural School Play Day held last Friday. Garnolia, a consistent winner for the past few years, finished third in total points, and Justiceburg was fourth.

Post spellers won first and second in the adult Spelling Bee and third in the student Spelling Bee at O. L. Slaton Junior High School in Lubbock. Ellis Mills, principal of Post Grade School, correctly spelled "analogous," and then spelled the next word, "anathematize," to win first prize. Charles Didway, editor of the Post Dispatch, finishing second in the adult category. Howard Jones, Post eighth grade student missed the word "scholar" in the student Bee to win third place.

Staff Sgt. Harold W. Isaacs, Mrs. Isaacs and their son, Mike, left last Thursday for West Palm Beach, Fla., Sgt. Isaacs' new station, after a 12-day visit here with his mother, Mrs. Guy Davis, and friends.

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Post Elementary School students get close look at dairy industry with Mobile Dairy Classroom visit here. (Photo by Melissa Flanigan)

Mobile Dairy Classroom gives young folks close-up view

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Sponsored by the Southwest Dairy Museum and Learning Center, the Mobile Dairy Classroom is used to provide educational opportunities to thousands of people in this region of the United States. It is a free program offered to schools, day care centers, camps, fairs and festivals, providing a "traveling milking parlor" complete with a live cow and milking demonstrations and presentations about the modern milking process, characteristics of dairy cows, the importance of dairy foods, and modern environmental and food safety practices.

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- TXism: "scorch the ___" (run)
- LBJ's early education was in this (3 wds.)
- TX Charley Pride's "You ___ Again"
- going around without a hat
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- Rockport is "Where the fun never ___"
- a TX Tech athlete: Red ___
- TX Jack Wrather produced this TV series starring a dog
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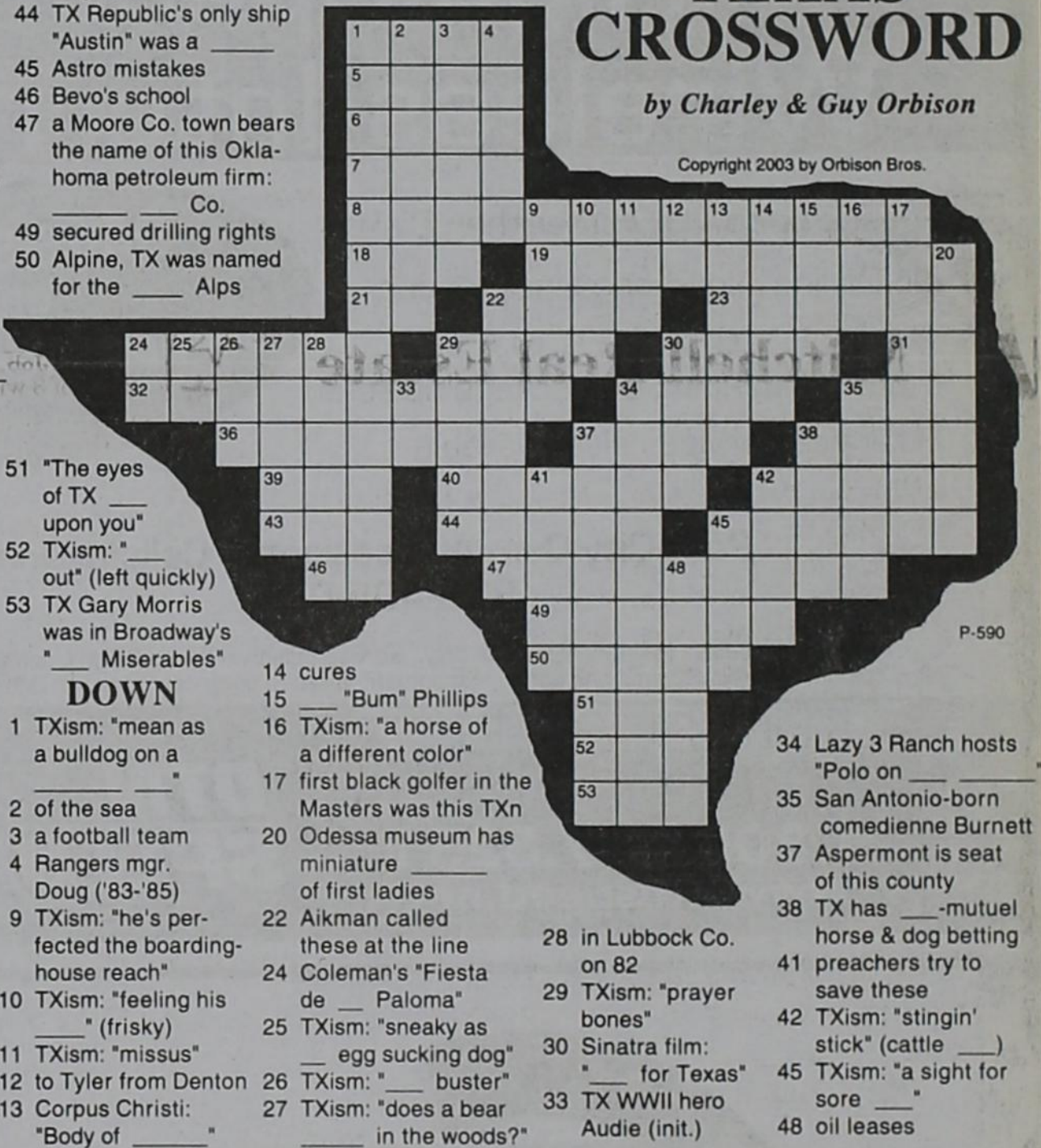
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- "The eyes of TX upon you"
- TXism: "___ out" (left quickly)
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- 14 cures
- "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "a horse of a different color"
- first black golfer in the Masters was this TXn
- Odessa museum has miniature ___ of first ladies
- Aikman called these at the line
- Coleman's "Fiesta de ___ Paloma"
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Sports

Antelopes headed for playoffs

by Ernest Fox

Aaron Rave's three-run homerun in the bottom of the eighth inning gave the Roosevelt Eagles a key victory in a District 4-2A game over the 9th-ranked Post Antelopes.

With the loss, the Antelopes remain in second place, one game ahead of the Eagles and one game behind the district leader Shallowater Mustangs.

The game was played one day later than scheduled as high winds pummeled West Texas. Tuesday's brown-out forced many high schools, Post included, to reschedule games, playing two games over two days. Post caught New Deal on the back end of a two-game swing.

Julian Torres got the win in relief of Marty Whetzel with one inning thrown on eight pitches. Cody Fox took the loss, his second, in a four-inning stint in relief of starter Randon Blacklock.

A total of four homeruns were hit as both teams played long ball, with Roosevelt bagging three with the Antelopes, Luis Zubia, returning from an ankle injury, hitting a sixth-inning solo blast that tied the game three-all. Zubia's blast, his third of the season, tied for the team lead with Fox and was his first in district action.

Roosevelt held a 3-2 lead through five innings before Zubia's blast off Eagle starter Whetzel, who scattered seven hits with three walks and six strikeouts. Both teams combined to play error-free ball.

Post went down 1-2-3 in each of the sixth and seventh innings, but had only six strikeouts in 31 at-bats.

Hitting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one double, one RBI, scored once; Mitchell Mills, one ground-rule double, one single, one RBI; Bryan Looney, two walks; Zubia, one walk, one homerun; Blacklock, one double; Brody Robertson, one single, scored once; and Jett Lott, one single.

Pitching for Post was Blacklock, going four innings with seven hits, two walks, one hit batter and two strikeouts. Blacklock's pitching count showed 26 strikes and 28 balls. Fox went four innings with two hits, three walks, no hit batters and seven strikeouts. His pitching count showed 25 strikes and 19 balls.

Post 11, New Deal 1

Playing their second game in 24 hours, the Antelopes rebounded to get another key district victory with an 11-1 pasting over the New Deal Lions. The romp was the second run-rule victory for the Antelopes over the New Deal baseball team.

Post wasted no time in taking a top of the first inning 5-0 lead and eventually scored two and one runs in each of the second and third innings, with New Deal plating a lone run in the bottom of the third.

The Antelope offense had three strikeouts in 30 at-bats while suffering only one three-up-and-down inning. Looney got the pitching start and faced 20 batters, five over the minimum.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one on-base by hit batter, one walk; Mills, two walks, E-6 hit, one double, two RBIs; Looney, one double, one single, two RBIs; Zubia, E-3 single, one RBI; Jon Eilenberger, one single; Fox, one single, two RBIs; Blacklock, two walks, one RBI; and Robertson, one walk,

one single.

Pitching for Post was Looney, going four innings, six hits, no walks, no hit batters, and one strikeout. His pitching count showed 20 strikes and 13 balls.

Thursday's win sets up this week's game at Shallowater (8-1) in District 4-2A play against Post (7-2) for the first-place tie.

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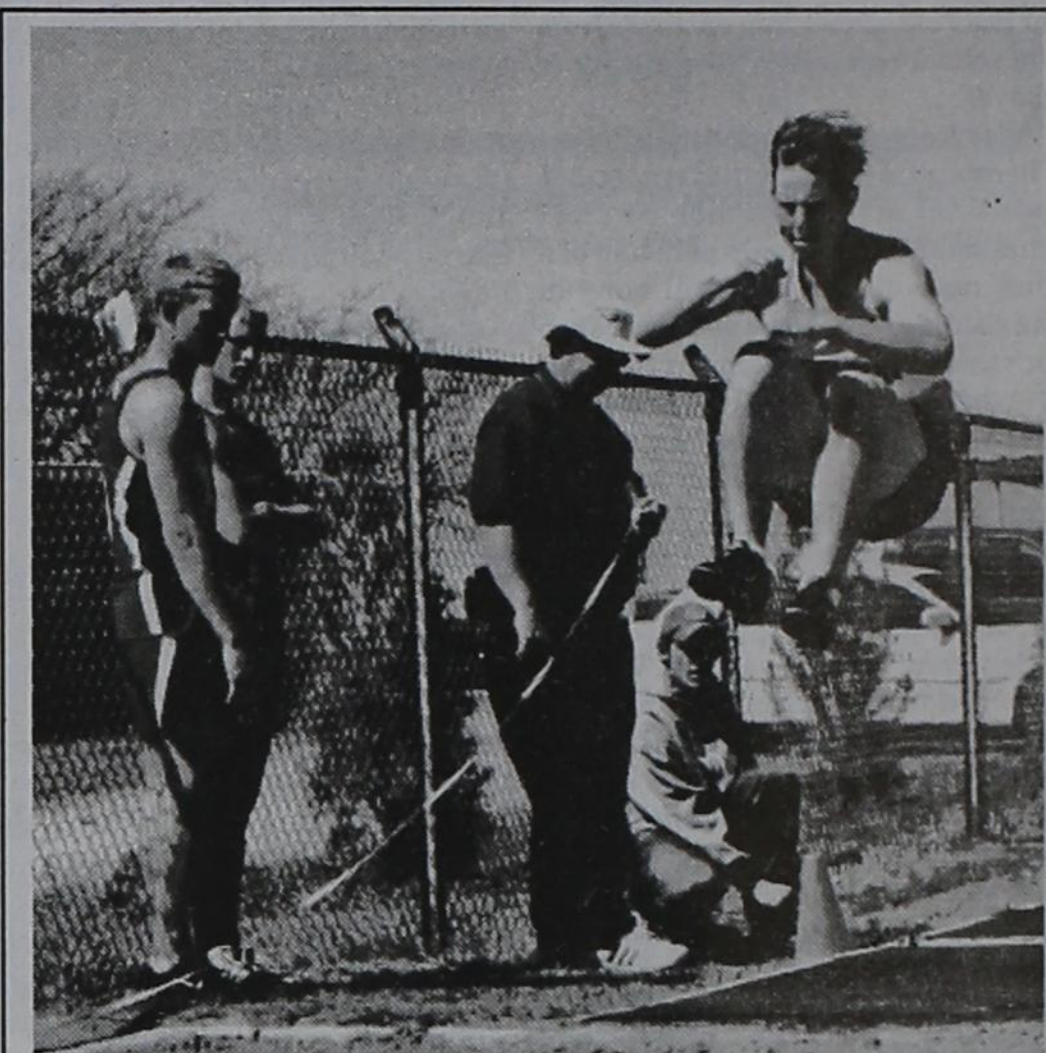
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Kyle Gunn (right) leaps high in the long jump at the recent district varsity track meet. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



The Post Junior Varsity sprint relay and mile relay team placed third in district. Team members are (left to right) Jarred Smith, Stace Norman, Kenneth Garay and Quinton Odom. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

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Points of Light sets National Volunteer Week April 27-May 3

The Points of Light Foundation has set the week of April 27 through May 3 as National Volunteer Week. Would you please recognize those individuals that volunteer within Garza County in all activities?

One such program of volunteers is the South Plains Senior Companion Program. The program has volunteers (seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults) who work within Garza County for 20 hours per week.

The Companions worked 6390 hours during 2002. To hire someone to do what they did would have cost the clients or their families over \$87,223.

The Companions that are presently active in Garza County are Alyne Clanton, Richard Collins, Angela Raymundo, Margarita Romero, Delia Rosas and Lupe Ybarra.

During 2002, Emile Cervantes was active in the program. Emilia, who

recently passed away, had been active in the program since 1989.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded through the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is through South Plains Community Action Association Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services are received through South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), the Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department on Aging. Several

fundraisers are done each year to supplement federal and state funds received.

The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by volunteers.

The program has companions also active in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this recognition.

Patricia Hartin SCP Director
Levelland, Texas

PROPOSITIONS FOR SALES AND USE TAX (PROPOSICION SOBRE LA TAX RATE)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION):

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Marque con una "X" el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere usted votar.)

PROPOSITION 1 - TAX RELIEF (PROPOSICION 1 - DESGRAVACION)

- FOR { "The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City of Post at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate." (La aprobacion de un impuesto adicional sobre la venta y uso dentro de la ciudad de Post con una tarifa de 1/2 de uno por ciento que se usa para reducir la tarifa del impuesto de propiedad.)
- AGAINST

PROPOSITION 2 - 4B ELECTION (PROPOSICION 2 - PARA LA ELECCION 4B)

- FOR { "The adoption of a Section 4B sale and use tax (as described in Article 5190.6 Section 4B, V.A.C.S.) at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one percent to fund the cost of debt service to finance a certain new water supply project; to manage the bonded cost of the project and the acquisition, transport and furnishing of water to the general public in both the entirety of the City of Post and in Garza County." (La aprobacion de un impuesto sobre la venta y uso, Seccion 4B (se describe en Artículo 5190.6, Seccion 4B, V.A.C.S.) con una tarifa de la mitad (1/2) de un por ciento para financiar el costo de un proyecto del nuevo fuente de agua; para administrar el costo asegurado del proyecto y la adquisicion, el transporte y el proporcionar del agua al publico general en toda la ciudad de Post y el condado de Garza.
- AGAINST

The City of Post ballot proposal for property tax reduction. Early voting continues through April 29 at City Hall. Voting May 3 will be consolidated at the Post Community Center.

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