County voters reject hospital bond, approve city sales tax increase

by Sheri Lewis

Voters voiced a resounding 'no' against the proposal to construct a \$10.5 million hospital, while a green light was given to a pair of municipal propositions in Saturday's elections.

A total of 861 voters, or almost 31 percent of the district's registered voters, cast ballots in the Garza County Health Care District election. Of that total, 113 voted in favor of the district's hospital proposal, while 743 voted against the plan.

The proposal called for the construction of a 10-bed hospital which was to have been built through the sale of tax-revenue bonds. To meet the financial obligation, the district planned to impose a tax hike of approximately 30 cents per \$100 valuation.

Health care district officials were to meet Tuesday evening to canvass the votes, but the district's interim administrator, Tanya White, said it will likely be at the group's 6:30 p.m. meeting May 15 at Citizens Bank before there is much discussion about what direction the board should now take.

"I don't really know exactly," White said Tuesday afternoon. "Now's the time we need to get some feedback."

White said the money spent on organizing the hospital proposal has not been wasted; instead, that information can now be refocused - to enhance the existing clinic operations, the creation of an urgent care center or on other options.

Local state, county officers collect \$31,875 in March traffic fines

by Wes Burnett

Garza County and the State of Texas collected \$31,875.50 in March for traffic fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.

JP Court 1 reported \$16,713 in March with JP Court 2 showing \$15,162.50 for the same month. State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads,

But the question about the lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration:

is now a huge money-making

machine for corporate govern-

the reader's consideration: by Timothy W. Burnett

The laws of the land were established in the united States of America and in Texas for the foundational purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property

"Whatever is going to get the most use and be most beneficial to everyone at a reasonable cost," she said. "At this point, the more feedback we can get, the better."

one-half of one percent to reduce the property tax rate. The vote on Proposition 2, which called for the adoption of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to fund the cost of debt service

In the municipal election, 370 voters cast ballots in favor of Proposition 1, while 125 voted against the proposal. Proposition 1 called for the adoption of an additional sales and use tax at the rate of

Voters active in Saturday elections

Voter turnout was healthy in Saturday's school district, hospital district and city elections.

A total of 644 voters, or about 23 percent of the total number of those registered, participated in the Post Independent School District election, according to district officials.

In that election, three open trustee positions were filled. The top three vote-getters from the field of eight candidates included former board member Alexa Collier, 479; Scott Creech, 339; and Milton Williams, 334. The incumbents - Rex Cash, Diana Gonzales Looney and Mark Short - received 222, 120 and 193 votes respectively. Other vote totals included David Davis, 142 and Delbert Wartes, 82.

The incoming board members are slated to be sworn in at the board's Thursday night meeting.

In the Garza County Health Care District election, a voter participation rate of almost 31 percent was recorded as ballots were cast for two unopposed board candidates - incumbent Zoe Kirkpatrick and newcomer Terry Bartlett. According to district officials, Kirkpatrick received 80 votes, while Bartlett earned 108.

of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element.

The city saw a voter participation rate similar to that of the school district, with 509 of its 2249 registered voters casting ballots, according to district officials. All candidates for municipal positions

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Relay for Life

M.B.F.A Relay For Life team affown and Country this weekend. The team raised money to go toward their goal by washing windshields for donations. All proceeds go to benefit the American Cancer Society. Thank you to Town and Country and to all who donated. (Photo courtesy Shellee Odom)

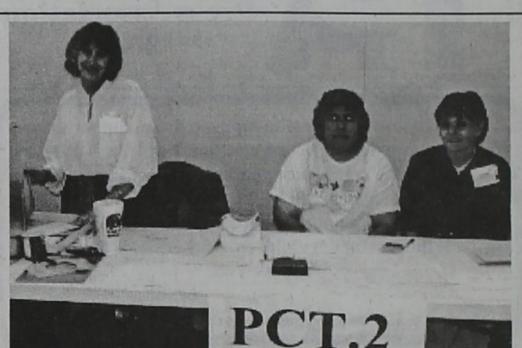


Director Jay Young has assembled an excellent cast for the current production of "Our Town," which continues at the Garza Theatre Friday and Saturday and again May 16 and 17. The cast includes (back row, left to right) Caleb Mitton, Shawn Merritt, Ricky Reyna, Bill Woodard, Roy Willis, Stan Tucker,

Jason Porter, (middle row) Inez Seaborn, Kelsey Wimmer, Christy Morris, Micah Robnett, Jessica Culwell, Juanetta Bocko, Stacy Bocko, (front row) Elizabeth Elston, John Bocko, Zachery Kocurek and Michael Porter. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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Proposition 2, which called for the adoption of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to fund the cost of debt service to finance a new water supply project, was 337 in favor, 132 against.



Sheri Riedel, (left to right) Alma Laredo and Crystal Mason assisted Garza County Health Care District voters at the Precinct 2 table during voting Saturday at the Post Community Center.

Post Notes

PHS Athletic Banquet May 12

Tickets the May 12 PHS Athletic Banquet are available in advance for \$10 through noon, May 12 or \$12 at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at CitizensBank, Collier Drugs, Caprock Veterinarian or at the high school office. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center.

Spiritfest 2003 set May 10

Area junior high and high school students are invited to attend "Spritifest 2003" at the Post Elementary School auditorium on Saturday, May 10 beginning with registration at noon. The event concludes at 5 p.m. following an afternoon of fun, fellowship and praise. The event is sponsored by the Graham Church of Christ. For more information call Cole at 495-3840 or Jordan at 495-3066.

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.

New officers to be installed

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. The group will have a hamburger cookout followed by the installation of new officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

First Baptist Church yard sale Sat.

The First Baptist Church will hold a big yard sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the church at 402 West Main. All proceeds go to supporting the church's missionaries for July 7-13 trip to Nassau, Bahamas.

Booster club offers bus trip to Alpine

Post Antelope baseball fans needing a ride to Alpine should call Larry Mills at 495-3726 to reserve a seat for the chartered bus scheduled to leave Post Friday at 10:30 a.m. Seats are \$32.50 per person. At least 30 seats must be sold in order to charter the bus. Deadline for reservations is noon Thursday.

"Our Town" at Garza Theatre

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder and directed by Jay Young opens Friday at the Garza Theatre and continues May 3, 4, 9, 10, 16 and 17. Contact the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Retirement reception for Rebecca Haney

A retirement reception will be held at 3:20 p.m. in the Post Elementary School lounge on May 22 for Rebecca Haney, who is retiring after 30 years as an elementary teacher.

Church league teams sought

Area churches are encouraged to join a community church league for junior high ages to adults, with deadline for registration may 23. Contact Lynn Williams at 495-3554 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942. Teams must be co-ed and consist of enough men and women to have an equal number of each on the field during games. Co-ed rules will apply.

Registration fee is \$50 per team.

Post Public Library sets summer hours

The Post Public Library will be open Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning May 1. The library is also beginniking its automated check-out program on May 1. Library patrons are urged to stop by to get a new automated library card. Summer programs will include expanded computer services and training and extended hours. Details of new hours and programs will be announced later.

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.

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. Msic and singing by The Silver Thread, Jerica Tyler and others will be featured. There will also be whole cakes, pies and cokies for sale. Treat Mom for Mother's Day Fellowship with old friends and meet new ones. Proceeds benefit senior citizens of Post.

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The Country Cowboys at Old Mill Tade Days are one of the confirmed acts for this year's KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown, set for Saturday, June 28 at the Garza Theatre. Band members are Tinker Carlen, Billy Cork and O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson.

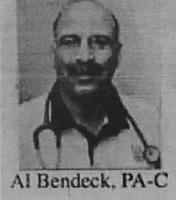
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I want to thank all those who supported who supported me in Saturday's School Board election. I will work hard to insure that the confidence you have placed in me is well served. My decisions will be fair, educated and prayerful as I work with the other board members to continue to provide the best for our children, teachers and community. Thank You,

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Judy's Jabberin

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone, Hope everyone is have been out having a great week. The weather is to the ball really warm but my goodness we park?? Take a need some rain. Maybe we all need ride out and to wash our cars this weekend.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN Rick and I of out kidos had a super nice Friday night. We playing t-ball ventured out to White River to the marina to have a fish supper and listen to the entertainment provided before you there. We took our moms, Lucille Bush and Fannie Ballentine and two special ladies Dorothy Mason and Doris Lester along for the ride.

Now let me tell you all something. watching those little kids. If you want to spend a really enjoyable evening with some good fried fish and some great entertainment don't miss this. My good friend O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson is a member of a three piece band, "Country Cowboys" Cork. Billy is lead singer, a very good singer, and Tinker plays guitar.

of the Buddy Holly band and has many of the oldie goldies down pat. base. I cannot tell you how much we all enjoyed the evening. We ran into very nice evening.

ANOTHER FUN THING I'll tell you another fun thing to do. How long has it been since a lot of you

Births

Jason Drew

Porter

Jason and Donna Porter of Post

have announced the birth of a

son, Jason Drew Porter, on April

Michael, the baby weighed 7

pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2

Grandparents are Jim Porter

and Joan Porter of Lubbock and

Jim and Mona Boles of Matador.

Jason Drew Porter

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inches long.

watch some minor league. Now



take offense, I know your games are exciting to watch and I plan to do that also, but there is nothing quite like

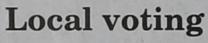
The way they get so excited makes you wonder when the last time was you felt that excited, and to watch the minor league, they are all still so little but they sure don't think so. I want to thank all of these parents along with Tinker Carlen and Billy that spend their time coaching, assisting and volunteering so that our local kids can have these teams and Tinker at one time was a member have this experience. Go out one evening and partake!!

THE BLONDE PAINTER (from Ferg of course plays his wash tub Gene Posey) This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all the blonde jokes and how all blondes Tom and Janie Middleton and are perceived to be stupid. She destopped back by their home for cof- cides to show her husband that fee. It was the perfect ending to a blondes are really smart. While her husband is at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house.

The next day as soon as he leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand. Her husband arrives home at 5:30 p.m. and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He waltzed into the living room and finds his wife lying of the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time. He goes over and asks if she is

She replies yes. He asks what she is doing. She replies that she wanted Welcomed home by big brother to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a ski jacket on over her fur coat. She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and they said FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS!!!!

> TO ALL OF THE MOMS OUT THERE SOMEBODY SAID.... Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby... somebody doesn't know that once you are a mother, normal is history.



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ran unopposed.Mayor Archie Gill, seeking to return to his post, received 386 votes. Ward 1 Councilwoman Juanita Pantoja earned 43 votes in her bid for reelection, while Ward 2's Dick Odom had 44. Joshua Whiteley, who ran to fill the unexpired, oneyear term in Ward 3, received 69

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good"... somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guaran-

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices... somebody never came out the back door to see their child throw a ball through the neighbor's window.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as the first... somebody doesn't have five children. Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and deliv-

ery.... somebody never watched their baby get of the bus for the first day of kindergarten.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a "good" mother... somebody never helped a forth

grader with math. Somebody said a mother can quit worrying after her child gets married... somebodydoesn't know' that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home... somebody never had grand-

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her... SOMEBODY ISN'T A MOTHER.

HAPPY MOTHERS TO ALL OF YOU TILL NEXT WEEK Hope all of you have a great weekend and a great Sunday. Everyone pray for rain, our farmers and ranchers need it!! May God bless each of you. See you next week.

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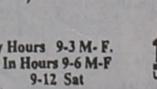
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Services for Ezekial Joseph Perez, one-month-old son of Jeremy Scott of Hereford and Ashley Perez of Amarillo, were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2003, in the Dayspring Dream Center with the Rev. Troy Bond officiating. Burial followed in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

He died April 29.

He was born in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents; one brother, Zachariah Bradley Tijerina of Amarillo; his grandparents, Bradley and Niki Perez of Amarillo and Robert and Tammie Scott of Hereford; great-grandparents, Fred and Lou Gilmore of Amarillo, Pauline Perez of Post, Jim and Claudine Scott of Hereford and Delta Wilbanks of Hereford; and great-great-grandparents, Myzra Tow of Amarillo and Bennie Back of Hereford.

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Quail Appreciation Day

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4-H Brisket Fundraiser

The annual 4-H Brisket Fundraiser will be May 20, 2003. Anyone wanting to purchase a brisket needs to come by or call the Extension office (495-4400) to get their order in by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14. The briskets will be \$30 each. You can come to the City Park on May 20 at 5:00 p.m. to pick out your brisket off the grill or it can be delivered between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Please help with our major fundraiser for the year.

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Anyone interested in participating in Leadership Camp at South Plains College (deadline May 13), Electric Camp at Weed, New Mexico (deadline May 21), Prime Time or Spectra at Lake Brownwood, need to come by the Extension office to get registration information. Camps are filling fast. Scott Able 4-H Expedition

Want to experience a five day, four night back packing expedition in Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico? 4-H'ers 14 years of age and over can sign up for this outdoor living skills program with certification from the American Camping Association which meets the Gold Medal level of the Congressional Award. Deadline to sign up is May 22. For more information on registration and costs come by the Extension office.

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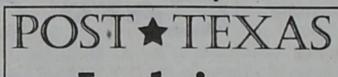
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(left to right) Melba Cimental, Vera Wartes and Sofie Martinez.

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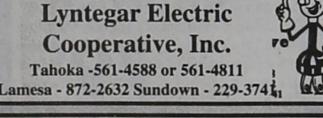
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Elections... everybody can't win

I felt about the hospital thing about like I feel about getting a new pickup. I can't see paying 30 or 40 thousand dollars for something I actually don't need. Although I would just love to have a big new Ford or Chevy, I can't see me paying 5 or 6 hundred a month for something to set in my driveway 90 % of the time.

I would like to see a hospital here, but good gosh, for 10 million bucks, I don't think so. I heard a guy say the other day... you could put in a million dollar radiator shop and have all the tools in the world, but if no one brings in any radiators to be fixed, then

what? I voted AGAINST for the simple reason of I believe we might as well

and soon. Maybe later on a band-aid joint, but right now don't seem to me like the time to do it.

Since I ain't gonna buy nothing big the county line myself. anytime soon, I'm all for a sales tax increase and let some of these high rollin tourists help pay for our lil towns liberal spending.

Now I'm guessing this big property tax cut we are suppose to be getting probably won't even be enough to notice. That's just the way politics works. A better name for it is called

don't get to involved with school affairs. As Mark K. said, I thought it looked pretty neat that so many folks have contacted the Veterans of over the area this year. I am a believe appreciate their questions. in "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." But To assist in displaying our nation's

fixin, then the voting place is the guidelines: place to get it fixed. All the bitchin and gripeing don't fix nothing.

In my opinion, the school board has antenna or the window. handled their business with a good qualified to hold a office of any kind should go ahead and give 'er a whirl.

I suppose I'd have to say flag outdoors, 24 hours a day, there Imogene, then was changed to either in the play. He enjoyed the CCA eexpect to see other taxes to increase, congratulations to the winners, and it would only be fair to the losers to say you all have my sympathy.

Next year I may just try running for worn, please replace it.

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

Proper flag display

resurgence of patriotic pride. The U.S. flag can be seen flying everywhere to indicate a symbol of unity, to remember the men and women U.S. flag at this location. serving in our military and to Since I don't have kids in school, I remember those who have died for our country. Many individuals asking questions about proper flag etiquette took a interest in leadership around Foreign Wars (VFW) and we

then if the voters thought it needed symbol, I would like to share a few yet to find birth information for her. Close City, Texas. I went to school

should be a light near it at night so it Nancy Pearl or Betty Jo. Her last mail news and hearing from Post. is not in complete darkness.

For additional flag etiquette post commander.

Please drop off your torn or faded your time and help.

Remember, Old Glory has been I am interested in information about Lane and has a son named Charlie. flying for more than 226 years and will be flying for many, many years in the future. Thank you for showing your patriotic pride.

God bless America! Charles Ratliff Commander, VFW

CCA gets lots of e-mail

by JoAnn Mock

Folks seem to want to get in touch with their roots. Maybe you can help. These inquiries and questions came to us via e-mail or from the Web site. If anyone can help, please come by the CCA office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or call 495-4148 for names and addresses:

* Nancy Mousa and mother were born in post. My mother's place of birth is listed as Post, but we have

but cannot remember the names. She Cowling. * If displaying a flag on a wall, the was removed from the home at age name would have been either Moore * I am searching for a Regina

located on the Clairmont Highway. for health purposes? Thank you for advance.

My mother's parents were James and there in the early '50s (1953). I think *Aflag displayed on a car should be Marie Moore. James emigrated from one teacher's name was Miss Hossel. fastened to the right side bumper, Ireland. Mother had other siblings, From: Nita (Juanita Fitzgerald)

* Remember Rafe Foreman? Post bit of professionalism the last few blue field should be in the upper left two and given into the care of John lawyer that moved to Lewisville. months. I also believe that any one corner, and it should never touch the Cherry and wife. Birth parents stayed Wrote and said that he was in the in touch, but the Cherrys raised her. theatre cast for "Footloose." Guess * When displaying an all-weather My mother's name at birth was Billy what, Rafe was the Rev. Shaw Moore

* Above all, when the flag becomes or Cherry. Any assistance would be Robinson that lived there. She would be in her mid-30s, used to live in * My name is Josh Fay. I'm working Tallassee, Ala. (that's where I know information, visit the VFW Web site on a project that I was hoping you her from), she has an older brother at www.vfw.org or contact the local could help me with. I am a local named Byron and a younger sister herpetologist working on named Paula. Her mother's name VFW Post 6797 will be conducting a conservation of local reptiles. Can was Estell, or something like that, In the past years there has been a flag retirement ceremony Saturday, you get hold of some people to find and her father's name was James. June 14, at 1 p.m. at the Post home out if they want their snakes relocated Can you offer any help? Thanks in Danny Dunson, Peaveyguy2003@hotmail.com. Oh, * OK, folks from Close City school. and she used to live on Mockingbird

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Serving their nation... by Sandy Smith

Word is, that the worst part of the war is over. But in my eyes it is not over until every last troop is on homeland soil. May God continue to bring them all home safe.

I got a letter from Steven Martinez in Iraq, he says he is just outside Baghdad. He also said he has received several letters from home and they mean a lot to him to know his hometown cares about him and his safety. Steve,s friends were in the truck that the suicide bombers attacked and killed. Steve is taking this very hard. Please remember to pray for Steve and that God will bring him comfort and that he may feel peace in this war. Jonathan, Lindsey, Hayley and Jaiden Smith are now in Ft.Brag. We all had a wonderful but very short visit. So many things to do and not enough time to do it all.

We continue to honor our military and if you have news or an update, or if your military loved one is coming home for a visitplease call Sandy Smith



Assisting with City of Post voting last Saturday were (left to right) Joy Creech, Leslie Tatum, Carol Short and Ginger Carlisle.

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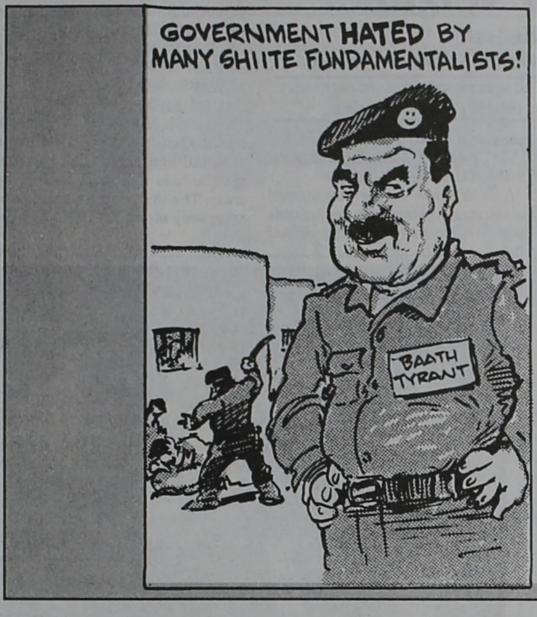
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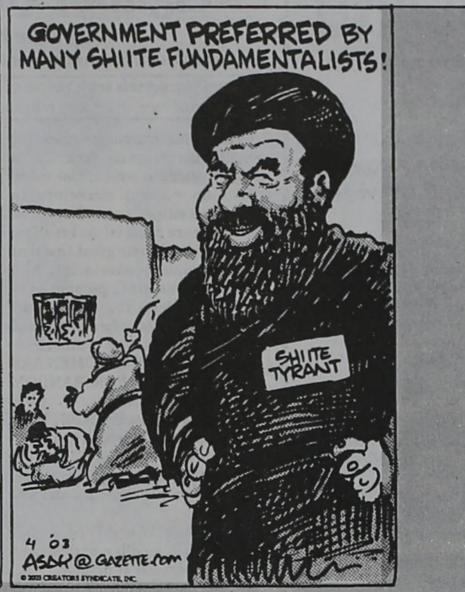
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Opinions





The morality of markets

by Walter E. Williams

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My recent column "From Whence Comes Income" sparked considerable favorable reader response, not to mention thoughtful reader correction of my grammar error in the title: "From Whence" is redundant. Quite a few readers were a bit confused about my assertion that market allocation of goods and services are infinitely more moral than the alternative.

The first principle of a free society is that each person owns himself. You are your private property, and I am mine. Most Americans probably accept that first principle. Those who disagree are obliged to inform the rest of us just who owns us, at least here on earth.

This vision of self-ownership is one of those "self-evident" truths to which the Founders referred to in the Declaration of Independence, that "All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." Like John Locke and other philosophers who influenced them, the Founders saw these rights as preceding government, and they said, "That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted."

The Framers of the Constitution recognized that while government was necessary to secure liberty, it was also liberty's greatest threat. Having this deep suspicion of government, they loaded our Constitution with a host of anti-congressional phrases, such as: "Congress shall make no law," "shall not be infringed" and "shall not be violated."

Once one accepts the principle of self-ownership, what's moral and immoral becomes self-evident. Murder is immoral because it violates private property. Rape and theft are also immoral — they also violate private property.

Here's an important question: Would rape become morally acceptable if Congress passed a law legalizing it? You say: "What's wrong with you, Williams? Rape is immoral plain and simple, no matter what Congress. says or does!"

If you take that position, isn't it just as immoral when Congress legalizes the taking of one person's earnings to give to another? Surely if a private person took money from one person and gave it to another, we'd deem it theft and, as such, immoral. Does the same act become moral when Congress takes people's money to give to farmers, airline companies or an impoverished family? No, it's still theft, but with an important difference: It's legal, and participants aren't jailed.

Market allocation of goods and services depends upon peaceable, voluntary exchange. Under such exchanges, the essence of our proposition to our fellow man is: If you do something I like, I'll do something you like. When such a deal is struck, both parties are better off in their own estimation.

Billions of these propositions are routinely made and carried out each day. For example, take my trip to the grocery store. My proposition to the grocer is, essentially: "If you make me feel good by giving me that gallon of milk you own, I'll make you feel good by giving you three dollars that I own." If my proposition is accepted, the grocer is better off, since he values the \$3 more than the milk and I'm better off, since I value the milk more than the \$3.

Contrast the morality of market exchange with its alternative. I might go to my grocer with a pistol and propose: give me a gallon of milk or I'll shoot you. Or, I might lobby Congress to take his milk and give it to me. Either way I'm better off but the grocer is worse off.

Lest there's misunderstanding, there are legitimate and moral functions of government, namely that of preventing the initiation of force, fraud and intimidation, and we're all duty-bound to cough up our share of the cost. All other matters in our lives should be left to civil society and its institutions.

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Immorality of code enforcement

(Continued from Page 1)

of life, liberty, and property. Some modes of travel include walking, bi- license known to Texas law as a 'driver's license." [Callas v. State 167 Tex. cycle, tricycle, motorbike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc. In other situ- Crim. 375 1959]. ations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to an- Today the Transportation Code still requires a license to operate a motor other. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

use the public highways and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a Driver's License is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right holding a license. Through word crafting, the insertion of the term "driver" way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and

Similar to Cod's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no public. Yet the Transportation Code does use the term "traveling public." private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect or have appointed certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related rules.

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's of the scope of the law. Without a clear and precise understanding of the license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself. In 1953, the Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as there is no such li- officers to refuse the filing an affidavit of information on any person found cense as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. driving without a "driver's license." Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opinion:

"The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of sidering the high cost of travel in Garza County. Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been posed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of governissued either an operator's commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of between what the law did not say, and what it did say.

Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was com- wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they bemitted because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known come victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers. to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

which Judge Woodley insisted, "This court has held that there is no such corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate policies.

vehicle on the highways of Texas. In Subchapter B. General License Re-These entities paid to carry for another are known as carriers. Carriers quirements, Section 521.021 it reads, "A person, other than a person expressly exempted under this chapter, may not operate a motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless the person holds a driver's license issued under this chapter."

Please note how the statement ".may not operate." is conditional upon s license" creates the illusion that a license is required to drive. Section 521 also includes various examples such as operators of "Certain School Buses," "Junior College Buses," and "Restrictions on Certain Common Carriers."

Notice there is nothing included which remotely includes the traveling Maybe the "traveling public" is not known by the law to be operators of

To this day, the Code does not require any person to hold a license to "drive." No person traveling on the public highways is required to have an operator's license unless he is using the roads for the privileged purpose of "transportation." The letter of the law agrees.

In law enforcement, the enforcing agent must have a clear understanding law's scope, the agent faces the risk of time consuming lawsuits and life threatening confrontations with law-abiding people.

Inherent in a sworn oath of office is the authority of law enforcement

Why? Because this type of license is unknown to the law.

Freedom of travel has a whole different meaning when it comes to the pocket book. It's a wonder travelers bother to use the highways here, con-

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of the corporate form of government im-

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules travel from one place to another.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated Later, Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided over a criminal appeals case in U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered

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Let's misbehave

by Bill O'Reilly

Perhaps the most profound change in American society over the past 40 years is how bad behavior is processed. When I grew up in the 1960s, bad boys and girls were usually held accountable for their misbehavior, punishment was almost a lock, and very few scandals resulted in profit

participation.

Today, all that has changed. In the latest of a long line of rewards for questionable activity, Monica Lewinsky has been hired to host a primetime television program called "Mr. Personality." Since Ms. Lewinsky has no prior TV experience, one can assume that the only reason she is doing "Mr. Personality" is that she did Mr. Personality, if you know what I mean.

Monica's employment follows a long list of people who have profited from notorious incidents. G. Gordon Liddy has a syndicated radio show, Oliver North works for Fox News,

Wynona Ryder is doing commercials fresh off her shoplifting conviction, Robert Downey Jr. got a role on "Ally McBeal" right out of drug rehab. The

Even Paula Jones, who made a federal case out of sexual harassment allegations against then Governor Bill Clinton, was paid six figures for showing her figure in Penthouse magazine. After seeing those pictures I wanted to sue for sexual harassment.

Jessica Hahn and Tonya Harding also made some good money in the aftermath of their scandals. Many rappers will tell you the more they are busted by the police, the bigger their recording contracts. R. Kelly has a hit album after being charged with sexually abusing a minor.

The message here is that American society really doesn't care how anyone behaves and that some in corporate America will reward tawdry behavior all day long. Believe me, this situation is not lost on children. They see Monica scoring in the media, and they know exactly how the play was made. Surely TV programs starring Anna Nicole Smith and Ms. Lewinsky send a signal that the USA is a place where hard work doesn't really matter if you are ready to marry an 89-year-old guy or exceed your internship job description.

While it is true that we Americans love a story of redemption, contrition is not needed to capitalize on scandal. Few of the infamous ever admit wrongdoing, and it is certainly not required by those who hire them. No, the only thing that is required is a famous name, and it really doesn't matter how you become famous just as long as you are.

You would think that the National Organization for Women (NOW) would be outraged over Monica's "Mr. Personality" gig. First of all, aren't there any women in America who are actually qualified to host a reality program of this kind? Who actually worked for years developing communications skills? Where is NOW on this?

In fact, where is anybody on this? I know these TV programs are culturally

insignificant, but there is a larger issue here. Isn't there? Unfortunately, very few of us care about the issue. Americans are numb to tawdry actions because we see so much of them and the celebration of boorishness has now been elevated to a level the decadent Roman emperors would have enjoyed. The result is that America unquestionably has become a coarse society, a country where crude can be very profitable. And we're not

talking oil here. File the hiring of the infamous under freedom of expression. The Constitution gives us all the right to profit from our mistakes. And never has the business

of bad behavior been better. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.

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One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines are paying as "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their "motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

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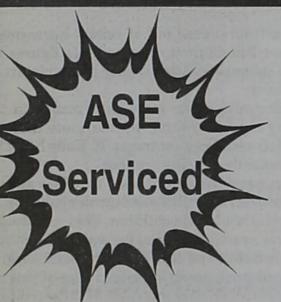


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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic

level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

I was sitting in my office when this policeman to walk you back out. e-mail came across my desk. I read it and thought to myself, how many SAFE THAN SORRY. realize we are doing it? As I read on, the article had some great tips that could potentially save a life, so I thought it was worth passing on to all of you. I hope you will take the time to read this information, and maybe even pass it on to others! THREE REASONS WOMEN ARE

EASY TARGETS FOR RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE: Lack of Awareness You MUST know

Body Language Keep your head up, swing your arms, stand straight

where you are & what's going on

Wrong Place, Wrong Time, DON'T walk alone in an alley, or drive in a

bad neighborhood at night. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.). DON'T DO THIS! The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in the passenger side, put a gun to your

head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.

A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage: Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most predators attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars. Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE

times do we put ourselves in ALWAYS take the elevator instead dangerous situations, and not even of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect

crime spot). If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times. And even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN! As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN THE SITUATION OF BEING THE VICTIM!

PLEASE BE SAFE AND NOT SORRY! JUST A WARNING TO ALWAYS BE ALERT AND USE YOUR HEAD!!!

Extra Tip If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved



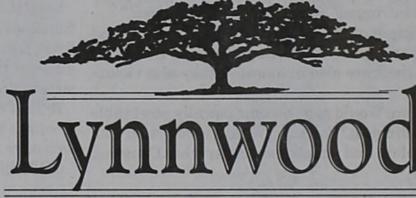
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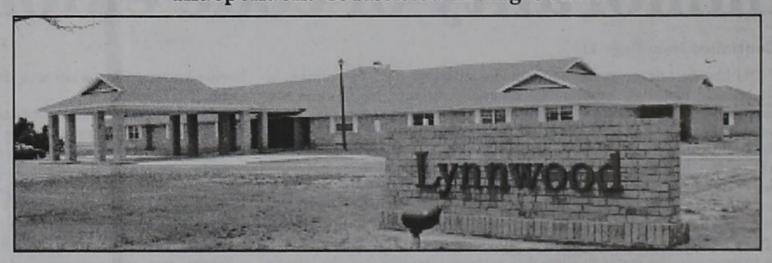


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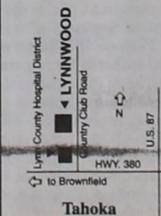
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LEGALAUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code as amended, and the Statewide.

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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for

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Menus

Post ISD

May 12- Breakfast-Pancake on stick,

Lunch-Corn dog, mixed vegetables,

May 13- Breakfast- Breakfast taco,

Lunch-Spaghetti with meat sauce,

May 14- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, toast,

Lunch-Fajitas, onions & peppers, salad,

May 15- Breakfast-Cinnamon roll,

Lunch-Steak fingers, gravy, whipped

potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding,

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Lunch-Fish, macaroni and cheese,

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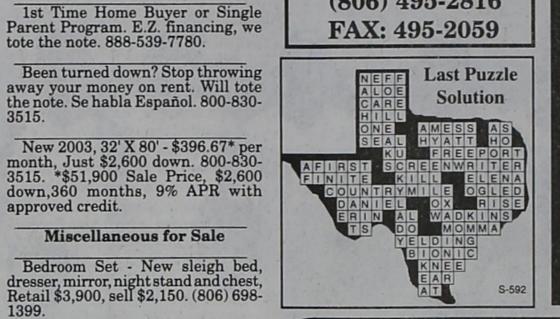
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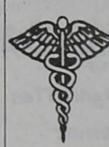
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the 400 m run at regional competition parsonage. in Abilene last week.

Syd Conner, retired Garza County Extension Agent, was honored at the Post Rotary Club last Tuesday by the Panhandle South Plains Fair. Conner was presented a plaque for having Post-Ralls highway. A Floydada as Dairy Show Superintendent for 30 years and General Livestock Superintendent for one year before his retirement.

Incumbents had little trouble retaining their seats on the Post ISD school borad following last Saturday' election. Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick were sworn into office Charlie Luttrell, Chamber president. during a special school board meeting Luttrell defined a community held in the high school library.

finished off a fine season on the links with a fifth place finish in regional competition in Abilene last week.

20 Years Ago May 4, 1983

Spirit Award at the annual Red Raider Club Sports Banquet held Dallas. recently. Dale is a member of the Texas Tech Red Raider Baseball team.

certificate last Sunday, Loyalty Day, contest. Selected by the judges as at the VFW for his 60 years of first runner-up was Sammie Kay continuous service to the American Caffey, with Vickie Wilks chosen as Legion.

Lovington, N. M., announce the are the parents of a daughter, Lucy, engagement and approaching born April 26 in Garza memorial marriage of their daughter, Dena Hospital. Renae, to Cliff Kirkpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirkpatrick.

Gray exchanged wedding vows in the banquet held recently. Pierce won First Baptist Church Saturday night, the Wes Kleinschmidt basketball April 30. Dr. Tom Pass, pastor of the award and the Fighting Heart First Presbyterian Church, performed the double ring ceremony.

Jimmy D. McKamie will receive his degree in Petroleum Engineering Friday, May 6 from Texas A & M University.

president at the school board Monday sponsored by the Fort Worth Press. night. Other officers of the board Hodges, who farms 400 acres in the include Charles McCook as vice Cross Roads Community, northeast president and Royce Hart as of Post will receive \$200 cash and a secretary.

30 Years Ago March 3, 1973

fired upon by a youthful burglar he to select the most appropriately surprised trying to break into the dressed citizens during Western back door of Dodson's store. Jolly Week. All Post residents will be who had just checked down the alley expected to wear western garb during behind Dodson's store and had circled the period preceeding the rodeo, or back when his spotlight picked up pay fines ranging from 25 cents the youth at the back door, thats upward. when the mexican youth fired upon no one was injured.

School choir queen contest at the will be that of Walter S. Duckworth, was presented her winner's bouquet president of the rodeo association. by Dan Hodges, choir president.

the Floydada Band Festival.

Postings: Haydelene Shepherd has moved Betty's Grub Stake Cafe to Audograph recording machine and 507 South Broadway this week, the was using it for the first time this former home of Darby Don's week. The new machine is being used

Hospital Auxiliary installed at the machine, which records two sides of annual awards banquet include: Mrs. long-playing records, cost the county Barnie Jones, membership and approximately \$500.

Candy Striper chairman; Mrs. Nora Kiker, president; Mrs. O. V. Amy and Gabriel Perez are proud McMahon, second vice president; Kaylem Blake Perez. He was born chairman; Mrs. Helen Richards, first and treasurer.

Brad Lawson continued to rewrite Mrs. Willie Cross and Bill McBride the Bold Gold record books with a were united in marriage Sunday, sizzling 49.03 run in the prelims of April 22 in the Church of Christ

40 Years Ago May 2, 1963

A life-sized dummy, laying in the west lane of traffic, nearly caused a wreck six miles north of town on the couple struck the dummy and summoned aid from a nearby farm house before discovering the "man" they had run over was only a dummy.

A new community building is the No. 1 need of Post according to the think of a vast majority of Chamber of Commerce members, according to building as a public building where a The Post Lady 'Lopes golfers thousand persons could be served a dinner and which had an auditorium to seat a thousand, plus smaller rooms for organizations.

Dr. A. C. Surman, pioneer Post physician, received a 50-year Dale Redman, Post High School membership award at a luncheon graduate received the Arch Lamb heldduring the annual convention of the Texas Medical Association in

Linda McMahon was crowned Saturday night as "Miss Amity," Tom Bouchier was presented a winner of the Budding Beauties second runner-up.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Alexander of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Abraham of Post,

Scottie Pierce, Post student at West Texas State College, was a double Vicki Dyann Teaff and Rodney Jay award-winner at the annual athletic basketball award.

> 50 Years Ago May 7, 1953

Floyd H. Hodges Family has been selected as the outstanding farmer of Region I inthe annual Soil Jack Kirkpatrick was elected Conservation awards contest plaque at the Region I awards dinner in Memphis, Tex.

Judges, whose identity will remain City Patrolman Jerry Jolly was unknown, were appointed this week

The voice you hear as the parade Jolly and then fled the scene. Luckily winds through the business section here Thursday afternoon, to open Sue Cowdrey won the Post High the annual Post Stampede and Rodeo choir and "Top Twenty" concert. She prominent Post businessman and vice

The city this week is completing The Post Junior High band, new concrete work at five street directed by Herb Germer, was intersections - two on South awarded a sweepstakes trophy at Washington and three on Adams

The county has purchased an by County Clerk Ray N. Smith to New officers of the Garza Memorial record court proceedings. The

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

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Quail Appreciation Day Quail habitat, nesting habits, feeders, water requirements, preferred food source, nesting habitat, predators and quail populations will be the topics at the Quail Appreciation Day to be held at Chimney Creek Ranch May 22, 2003.

stop at the Sanderson Ranch North of Kalgary. Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist and others will be on hand. More information will be forthcoming. This all ages regardless of socioeconomic educational program is sponsored by level, race, color, sex, religion, Texas Cooperative Extension.

Garden Checklist for May, 2003 - Cut off old blossoms on springflowering annuals such as pansies, snapdragons, stock, and calendulas to prolong the flowering season.

- Continue to fertilize roses every four to six weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer.

- Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before

- Set out plants of portulaca and purslane in sunny areas. Root cuttings of your favorite colors by placing 3- to 4-inch stems in moist, sandy soils.

- It is not too later to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles, and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias, and other summer-flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.

- Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well branched plants with more flowers.

- Time to plant caladium tubers, impatiens, coleus, begonias, and pentas in shady areas.

increase the power of the State at home, in the name of security. If there is no imminent threat to the security of the State, it is prudent for the successful tyrant to create an enemy or an emergency. If he does not, and attempts to implement the same measures, the People will rise up and overthrow him, one way or another." - Daniel New (who has read Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, Lincoln, Hitler and Mao

- Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 or 6 days to prevent

Replace or replenish mulch in Northeast Garza County Thursday, materials in flower beds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and The program will also include a reduce weed growth. - Prune climbing roses as they complete their spring bloom season. Remove dead or weak wood as needed.

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Sheriff reports six arrests last week

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

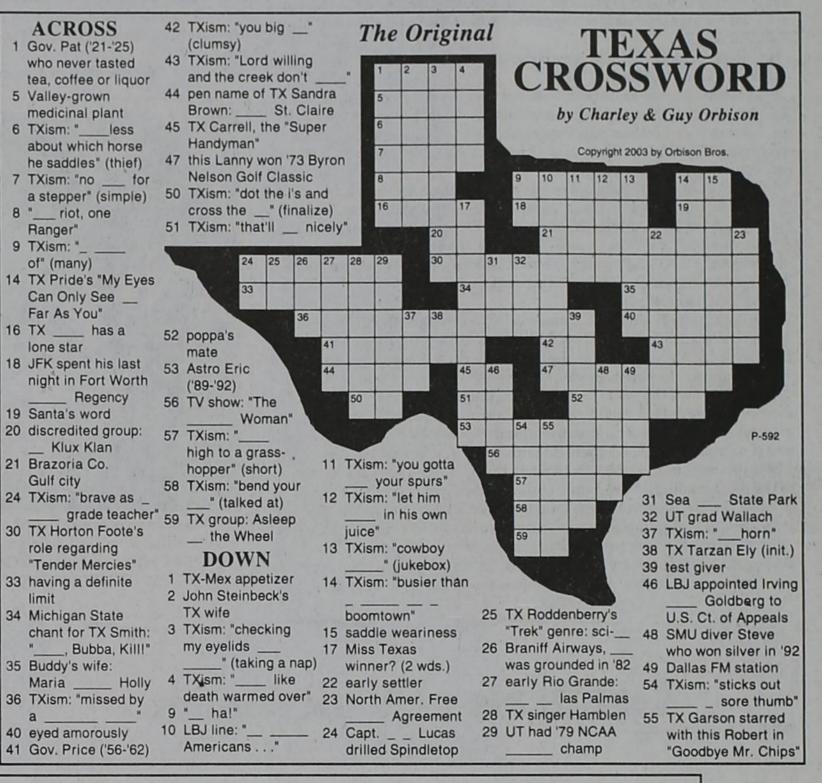
An 18-year-old man was picked up on municipal warrants April 28. On that same date, another man, age unlisted, was jailed for possession of marijuana/under two ounces.

Two arrests were made April 30, including that of a 21-year-old man for possession of marijuana/under two ounces and a 19-year-old man for driving while intoxicated and endangering a child.

On May 4, a 23-year-old male was arrested on Collin County warrants, and a 39-year-old mane was picked up for driving while intoxicated/first

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the unequal appraisal of your property

the inclusion of your property on the appraisal

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If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening,

Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition with 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Garza CAD, 124 E. Main, Post, Tx 79356, (806) 495-3518. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protest are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or the ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice as mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Sports

Antelopes hammer Crane for Bi-District Trophy

Heavy bats, pitching lead Lopes to big 19-6 win

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes, the second seed out of district 4-2A, figures to have the making of a deep post-season run this year. The Antelopes are anchored by a senior-laden pitching staff and an explosive offensive attack.

The 'Lopes are led on the mound by right-hander Cody Fox (7-2), who carried a 2.94 earned-run average. The senior has struck out a West Texasleading 120 batters in 64 1/3 innings pitched. The 'Lopes also have a 10game winner in wily right-hander Bryan Looney (10-3) with 56 strikeouts in 57 2/3 innings pitched. Looney carried a 3.52 ERA and an incredible 19

Randon Blacklock, a sophomore right-hander, has solidified the rotation with a 5-2 record and a 4.51 ERA.

Post has an offensive attack this season that relies on power and more on line drive hitting. The Antelopes have hit just 16 homeruns as a team but are batting a .361 collectively. Post comes into the Crane bi-district game averaging 11 runs in their last three games and have not lost two consecutive games this season.

As the Post baseball team opens the playoffs, the Antelopes have all the motivation they need in head coach Max Kattwinkel. The first-year mentor has the 2003 Antelopes square off to a school-record win total at 22-8. The Antelope coach knows playoff success, coming off an eight-year run at previously 3-A Shallowater, where the Mustangs lost out to Abilene Wylie in the regional semi-finals last season.

Post 19, Crane 6

Luis Zubia jolted a three-run homerun in the top of the third inning in the winner-take-all, one-game Class 2A bi-district playoff game, culminating an eight-run, third-inning explosion to spark the Antelopes to a 19-6 victory against the Crane Golden Cranes at Westerner Field in Lubbock.

Post (23-8) won the game to move on to the Class 2A area round where they will face Alpine (16-4) Friday in a best-of-three series with the first game played at Alpine Friday at 6 p.m. and then in Post Saturday at 1 p.m., and if necessary a second game 30 minutes after the first game.

Post jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead as the Antelopes send seven batters to the plate leading off the game. Unfazed, the Golden Cranes plated two runs in the bottom of the first on a walk, an RBI triple and an RBI 4-3 groundout. The Antelopes expanded the lead to 13-2 after four full innings.

Crane refused to fold, nothing four runs in the fifth to prevent Post from closing the game on the run rule; however, the Antelopes put together a sixrun sixth inning scoring spree to enforce the 10-run rule at 19-6.

Cody Fox (8-2), pitching the complete game, came on one last time, throwing eight pitches to stifle the Golden Cranes with three quick outs with strong defensive plays from the strong defensive Post players - pop out to shortstop Kenny Ratke, a diving catch to left fielder Lott and a 6-3 putout.

Post number one through number four batters scored 10 times collectively, and their on-base percentage was .778 on 14 of 18 at-bats. Post's number six through number nine batters scored nine times collectively, and their onbase percentage was .647, going 11 of 17.

Crane's number four through number nine batters went three-for-16, a .188 percentage, with one error and one walk. Crane's number one through number three batters on-base percentage was five of nine at-bats (.556) with

Last Friday's win gives the Antelopes their first playoff series win with the strong Antelope offense recording only six strikeouts in 43 at-bats, while defensively, Fox scattered six hits and three walks in the complete six-inning

Hitting for Post were Ratke, two on-base by hit batters, one walk; Mitchell



A sssisting voters at the polls last Saturday were City of Post election helpers (left to right) Donna Jones, Lilly Blacklock, Wynelle Craft and Frances Conrad.

Mills, one double, one on-base by hit batter, one walk; Looney, two singles: Zubia, one walk, two singles, one double, one homerun; Patrick Gonzales, one single; Fox, one single, one walk; Blacklock, one double and two singles; and Brody Robertson, one walk and one on-base by hit batter.

Pitching for Post was Fox (8-2), going six innings with six hits, three walks, no hit batters and six strikeouts. His pitching count showed 43 strikes, 36 balls and 111 total pitches.

Post High School May Activities & Events

May 9 - Bad weather day/school holiday

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 12 - Athletic banquet, 7 p.m.; cap and gown distribution, 9:15 a.m., high school commons area

May 14 - Student Council, noon

May 17 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 19 - Awards assembly, 7 p.m.

May 21 - National Honor Society, noon

May 26 - Memorial Day school holiday May 28-29 - Semester exams; 1 p.m. dismissal May 29

May 30 - Graduation

VFW state commander at district meeting

VFW Post 6797 men and women hosted a district meeting over the

Don Harwood from Brownfield, a past state commander, attended the session, as did Meredith Howard, state president for the Ladies Auxiliary. Officers for the coming year were elected. District 7 Commander Chuck Ratliff was re-elected, and Janet, his wife, was elected as district president for the ladies. Chuck also is commander for the local post.

Representatives from Ralls, Slaton, Lubbock, Littlefield, Plainview, Muleshoe, Olton, Floydada, Seminole and Brownfield were in attendance. On Saturday, some of the ladies took time out to attend Old Mill Trade

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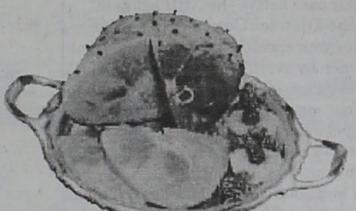
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