

Post Notes

Consolidation of VFW Posts

John Miller Post No. 6797, Post, Texas and Aaron Luman Post 6721, Slaton, Texas have consolidated to form Miller/Luman Post No. 6797 effective March 28, 2004. The first meeting after the consolidation will be Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Post home in Post. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting as officers will be elected for the coming year.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Miller/Luman Post 6797 will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Post. Officers will be elected for the coming year at this meeting.

Homebuyer's Workshop

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Community Services Division, will hold a Homebuyer's Workshop on Thursday, April 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St., Tahoka. The workshop is made possible by a grant from Xcel Energy Foundation. Homebuyer assistance is made possible by a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and through their partner, American State Bank of Levelland. The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$5,000 per household. Assistance is available for residents of Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties who meet income guidelines. Residents of these counties who are interested in purchasing a home, may telephone Billie Williams at Garza Community Action, 806-495-2329 for more information, qualification guidelines and requirements prior to attending the workshop.

Free Christian Concert

The Post Church of the Nazarene Youth welcomes Zugia. The Christian group will perform a free concert on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at 202 W. 10th street.

Women's Emmaus Reunion

Women's Emmaus Reunion meeting to be held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. For more information call Glenna Reiter at 495-2774.

Free Computer Training

Post-Garza Community Network is wanting to offer free computer training for residents of Post and Garza County. Anyone interested should call Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or email sdomod@post.k12.tx.us and let us know what programs or areas of training you are interested in. After determining an interest, we will schedule and announce classes, dates and times.

Colgate Country Showdown talent

Contestant applications are now available for the 4th Annual KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown. The deadline for contestant application submission is May 31, 2004. Application information is available on the KPOS Radio web site @ www.kposradio.com. The Colgate Country Showdown will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 3 at the historic Garza Theatre in Post. The Guthries will return by popular demand to support the eight selected contestants, with Cathy Whitten returning at Mistress of Ceremonies. Reserved seat tickets for the event are \$6 per person, available by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

"Eggs 'N Art" at the OS Museum

The OS Museum has announced the opening of its "Eggs 'N Art" exhibit. Viewing hours for the exhibit are Monday thru Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. The Museum is located at 201 E. Main. For more information call 495-3570.

Garza County Texas Community Futures Forum Rescheduled

Garza County Texas Cooperative Extension staff will host and facilitate the Texas Community Futures Forum set for April 12, 2004 with registration beginning at 6:15 and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be hosted at the First United Methodist Church in Post. This process will help to coordinate the partnering of county government, state agencies, organizations, businesses, and other groups to organize action teams to address needs of the community.

As an individual or representative of an agency or organization, you can bring your best ideas to the Garza County Forum and work with fellow residents will identify the most critical needs and concerns in Garza County, and prioritize the issues in terms of importance and ability to make an impact. Participation from citizens, organizations, and groups is essential in making this a successful event. We look forward to your participation.

Garza Hospital District election set for May 15

With no contested races in the city, school district or Garza County Underground Fresh Water District, the Garza County Hospital District's ballot will be the only one to be considered by voters in May.

Although the May 15 election is still weeks away, the deadline to register to vote in the election is next week, April 15.

Early voting in the hospital district election will run from April 28 through May 11.

Three incumbents and a challenger have filed for three open seats on the district's board of directors. Candidates include incumbent Edna Owens, Precinct 1; incumbent Ray Bagby, Precinct 2; and incumbent Mike Travis and Fred Howell in the contest to fill the at-large seat on the board.



Construction began last week at the "Ragtown" entertainment site located on the grounds of the old Caprock Golf Course. Shown (left to right) Bill Crites, Glen Polk and Chip Polk worked through the day unloading steel beams. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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County challenged on prison bidding

by Sheri Lewis

Complaints were filed with federal and state authorities last week accusing Garza County officials of mishandling the bid proposals on the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility operations contract.

Garza County resident Jon Smith sent letters to the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas Attorney General's Office to alert the agencies of the "appearance of foul play" in the handling of the bids.

Smith's correspondence focuses on a pair of actions he said County Judge Giles Dalby discussed at the March 22 commissioners court meeting. Smith wrote that Dalby "admitted to not only opening bids prior to the opening date, but also admitted to contacting one of the bidders and advising them that their bid needed to be adjusted or fixed...."

"As a concerned citizen of Garza County, I'm asking you to review the evidence that I'm enclosing...." Smith wrote in his April 1 letter. Smith provided each agency with a DVD recording of the meeting to support his complaints.

Smith, who has a background in law enforcement and corrections and made an unsuccessful bid for sheriff in the 2004 Democratic primary, said he is unhappy with the way the bids were handled.

Not only should the bids have remained sealed until the March 22 commissioners court meeting, he said, but the judge overstepped his authority when he found a problem with one of the bids, notified the bidder and allowed the submission of a corrected version.

"It was handled inappropriately," he said. "The judge took matters into his own hands and went a little too far, I think."

During the March 22 commissioners court meeting, Dalby told members of the court that when he opened the three bids March 18, he found the MTC bid contained no specific financial information. He phoned the warden at the Dalby unit, which is presently operated by MTC, and told the warden the MTC bid contained no figures.

Dalby said he was told that an MTC clerk in the firm's Utah office, believing the commissioners were merely conducting a work session, had submitted the document without including their bid's dollar amounts.

Dalby told the court he advised MTC officials to "get me something by 2 o'clock." "They hustled around," the judge said, and sent him a fax and made a telephone call verifying the needed information prior to the 2 p.m. deadline.

On March 29, commissioners awarded MTC a new four-year management contract for the Dalby unit. MTC's current contract with the

county expires July 31. "I'm not implying that wrong was done," Smith said, "but had they done things by the book, MTC would not be there."

After learning of the complaints Tuesday afternoon, Dalby said he stands by the actions he and the commissioners took in working through the contract proposals.

"We needed to know what's in (the proposals) before the (bidders) came in and gave us their oral presentations," the judge said. "We needed time to review (the proposals) or we wouldn't even know what to talk to them about.... We didn't adjust anything or tell anybody anything."

Smith said he doesn't mind that MTC landed the contract; rather, he was interested in seeing county officials have a choice in their selection

of a prison management firm. After the county published its Request for Proposals in February, Smith sent the information to several companies that specialize in managing prison facilities. He said he believed some competition would help generate more financial benefits for the county.

"What benefits this county benefits my kids and grandkids," he said. "What I know is that this (prison facility) should be generating more money (for Garza County). It's a sad, sad affair. It really is - that we have things handled the way they do and they make it look like they've got the best deal for the county."

Dalby said he will support an outside review of the process if state or federal officials choose to follow up on Smith's request.

"The DOJ is welcome to come in and look at it," he said. "Whatever they want to do. Just come out here and be my guest. I wouldn't have said anything in open court if I thought I was doing something improper."

Sheriff Kenny Ratke, who had no vote in the contract selection but met with commissioners March 27 to review the proposals, said although he is familiar with the competitive bidding process, he doesn't have enough information on this situation to speculate on its outcome.

"If someone is going to run an investigation like that, it really needs to be run fairly, objectively, and not run internally," he said. "But as far as any information on this, I'd like to have more information before I develop an opinion."



No one was seriously injured in a one-truck rollover last week on U.S. Hwy 380 near Mason's Farm and Ranch Store approximately eight miles west of Post. The truck driver and a passenger were "bruised and banged up," but refused treatment at the scene. "A pickup truck in front of me had his left turning indicator on, but then turned right (at the intersection)," the driver told The Post Dispatch, "so I tried to avoid hitting him and swerved to the left, I could feel the load shifting and we just rolled over." The truck was loaded with unshelled peanuts being hauled from Brownfield to Gustine. Post EMS, Post Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and Texas DPS responded to the accident.

Law officers continue investigation of shooting

by Sheri Lewis

Local and area law enforcement officials are continuing the investigation into the March 21 fatal shooting of 58-year-old Margie Smith Reed.

On April 1, members of the Garza County Sheriff's Department and lab technicians from the Department of Public Safety office in Lubbock conducted a crime scene reconstruction at the scene of Reed's death in the 300 block of East 5th Street. A search warrant was secured prior to the reconstruction.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke said the effort was "very educational."

"We studied a lot of the issues associated with trauma, the condition of all the physical evidence, firearms, the path of projectiles and (did a) re-examination of all previous documentation, such as photographs," the sheriff said. "We had very conclusive findings. There are a few details the lab techs want to re-examine, but everything so far further strengthens our case.... The findings do seem to support the arrest at this point."

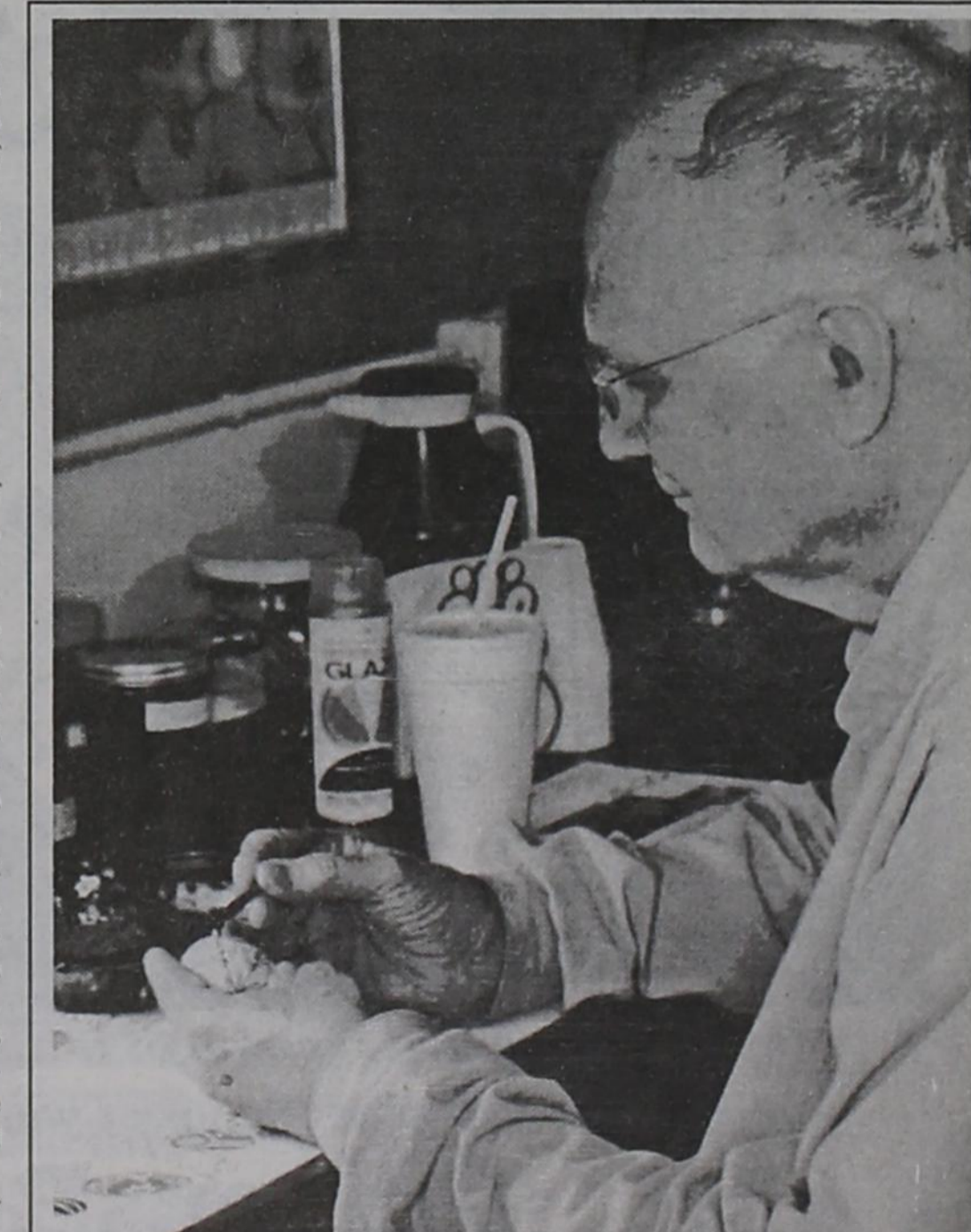
The shooting resulted in the arrest of the victim's 57-year-old husband, Bill Henry Reed. Facing a first-degree murder charge, he remained in custody Tuesday on a \$750,000 bond.

The sheriff said he and a Texas Ranger met with Reed's court-appointed attorney recently, but were denied their request to "sit down and talk" with the suspect.

"We wanted to give (Reed) another opportunity to put things into perspective," Ratke said.

Reed was arrested after lawmen were summoned to the home where they discovered Margie Smith Reed's body in the living room. Reed told investigators the shooting involved

the accidental discharge of a .30-30 lap when it accidentally went off. He said the gun was in his lap according to reports.



Dr. James Bell demonstrated traditional Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Art last Friday through Sunday at Ruby Lane Books. Dr. Bell also taught on the history of Ukrainian Egg Art as it relates to the Christian Easter tradition. The Egg Art will be on sale at Ruby Lane Books on the square this Saturday, April 10, from 10 to 6 p.m. All proceeds from the sale will fund scholarships for Grace Camp for children of incarcerated parents. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone, Talk about April showers! I'm loving this, as I know all of the farmers and ranchers are too. Sounds like we are going to have a cool Easter but I didn't have to listen to "weather master" Ron Roberts to know that. All I had to do was listen to my mom. I never got to have a sleeveless dress on Easter because she knew we would have a "cold" snap. She was always right.

GET WELL
To one of the sweetest ladies I know

and one of my favorites, Dorothy Mason, please get well soon! Dorothy had eye surgery last week and is just feeling under the weather. I hope you are feeling better soon.

TO RAYLEA

Also, to my niece Raylea Underwood, good luck on your trip to the doctor in Dallas to check out your eye. Raylea has been referred to an eye specialist in Dallas on April 20 to check out a problem the doctor in Lubbock found. I know everything will be ok Raylea.

CELEBRATION FOR JUANITA PEEL

The children of Juanita Peel are

planning a celebration for Juanita's 80th birthday. They would like for all of her family and friends to share this joyous occasion. Please call Pat at 495-1451 or Kathleen at 495-1416 for details.

TO JAYTA CRAVEY

Jayta is in Covenant Hospital having some problems with her blood pressure. At this time the Dr. is watching her and baby to make sure everything is ok. Just wanted her to know we are all thinking of her and that she and the baby are in our prayers.

GOOD LUCK TO THE TRACK TEAM

To the Middle School track team, good luck this week in your district meet. Hope everything goes great for all of you!

MADE FROM SCRATCH

(from Barbara Gossett, too cute not to print)

My mother never let me help much in the kitchen. As a result, my cooking ability was practically nonexistent when I got married. But I did remember Mother mentioning to her friends that she did make cakes, pies and other things from scratch. So my first priority after the honeymoon was to locate...some scratch. With Mother's delicious cakes in mind, my first trip to the supermarket was to buy some scratch. I found the aisle that said baking items. I spent a good 15 minutes looking at everything from vegetable oil, sugar, flour and chocolate without seeing a sign of scratch. I was sure it wouldn't be with the pickles or meat so I asked the clerk if they carried scratch. He looked at me funny and finally said "You'll have to go to the store on the corner." When I got there it turned out to be a feed store, I thought it rather strange, but I decided cakes were food. "Do you have scratch?" I asked the clerk. He asked me how much I wanted. I suggested a pound or two. His reply was, "How many chickens do you have? It comes in 20

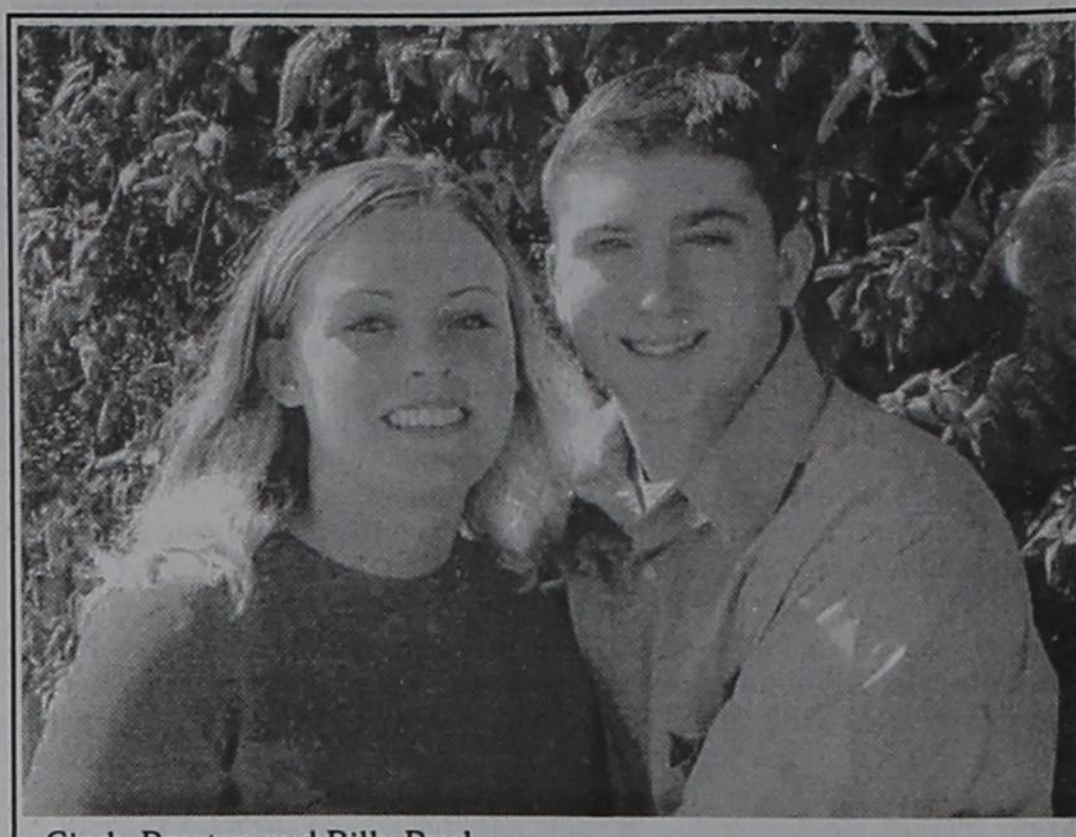
pound bags." I really didn't understand why he mentioned chickens, but I have heard mother say she made chicken casserole from scratch, so I bought 20 pounds and hurried home. My next problem was to find a recipe calling for scratch. I went through every single page of my lovely "Better Homes and Garden" cookbook, a wedding gift, but no recipe using scratch. There I was with 20 pounds and no recipe. When I opened the scratch, I had doubts that a beautiful, fluffy cake would ever result from such hard looking ingredients. I hoped with the addition of liquids and heat the result would be successful. I had no need to mention my problems to my new husband.

He had suggested very early in our marriage that he liked to cook and would gladly take over anytime. One day he made a pie and when I told him how good it was, he said he made it from scratch.

That assured me that it could be done. Being a new bride is very scary and when I found out he made pies, cakes and even lemon pudding from scratch, I was sure he had bought a 20 pound bag of scratch also. But, I couldn't find where he stored it and I checked my supply. It was still full. At this point I was ready to give up because all the people knew about scratch except me. I decided to try a different approach. One day when my husband was not doing anything, I said "Honey, I wish you would bake a cake." He got out the flour, sugar, eggs and shortening. But not a sign of scratch. I watched him blend it together, pour it into the pan and slide it in the oven to bake. An hour later we were eating the cake..... I looked at him and smiled and said "Honey, why don't we raise a few chickens?"

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that is all for this week. May God bless each of you and keep you safe. See you next time. Judy



Cindy Preston and Billy Paul

Paige Preston, Brian Riedel set wedding date

Billy Paul and Cindy Preston of Tulia have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Paige, to Brian Riedel, son of Pat and Teri Riedel of Smyer.

A May 15, 2004, wedding in Lubbock is planned. The couple will reside in Smyer.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ken and Jean Preston and Jack and Judy Hill, all of Tulia. A 2002 graduate of Tulia High School, she attends South Plains College and plans to enter nursing school in the fall.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Sheri Riedel of Post and the late Jerry Riedel, Doyle Worley, formerly of Post, and the late Geri Worley, and Ron and Laura Taylor of Visalia, Calif. A 1998 Smyer High School graduate, he attends Texas Tech University where he is pursuing a degree in finance.

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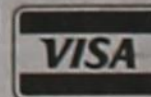
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by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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How about H2O
Water is the most abundant nutrient in our body and plays an important transmission function in every body cell and tissue. Sixty percent of our body weight is water. The fact that you can live without food for a long period of time, but live only for a few days without water is true. Under normal conditions, the body releases about one quart of water daily. Therefore, replacement to equal the losses is very important for survival. With the help of other nutrients, the body has the ability to keep its balancing mechanism constant through the process of intake and output.

Water comes from different sources. Most foods contain water in its original form. An additional amount of water is produced after the process of digestion and oxidation take place. In order to maintain normal body temperature, water as the body's climate-control system, is released through sweat when the body temperatures rises or heat is produced. The brain and kidneys manage the water balance. The hormones on the other hand perform their roles as messengers in order to complete the process of elimination and replacement. If these losses are not replaced, dehydration occurs.

Dehydration is the most common problem of water imbalance due to the water losses and deprivation. The effects of dehydration on nutrition can adversely affect one's health. Dehydration is the major cause of one's diminished ability to perform during endurance activities. Athletes are prone to dehydration because their thirst mechanism can not keep up with a large water loss from sweating and respiration. For this reason, proper water intake become very important during endurance activity.

What should you do to maintain fluid balance? You should replace water losses immediately. You should weigh yourself before and after exercise events. The following are guidelines for fluid requirements and fluid replacement.

Fluid Requirements:
* 20 ounces fluids- 1 to 2 hours before exercise
* 10 - 15 ounces fluids- 15 minutes before activity begins
* 3-6 ounces fluids - 10 to 20 minutes intervals during exercise that last more than 30 minutes.

Fluid Replacement:
* 1 pound weight loss - two 8 ounce glass fluid
* 3 pounds weight loss - six 8 ounce glass fluid
* 5 pounds weight loss - ten 8 ounce glass fluid
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Garza County 4-H'ers winning at the District Two Archery Contest were (back row left to right), Dionn Heckaman, Garrett Chapman and Breann Heckaman (front row), Chad Miller, Jarrett Blevins and Flynn Chapman. Dionn, Garrett, Breann and Flynn all placed first in Outdoor and Indoor divisions in their respective classes. Miller placed third in Indoor and Blevins placed third in Outdoor. Participants not in photo were Austin Fields, Christopher Lloyd and Kevin Strube.



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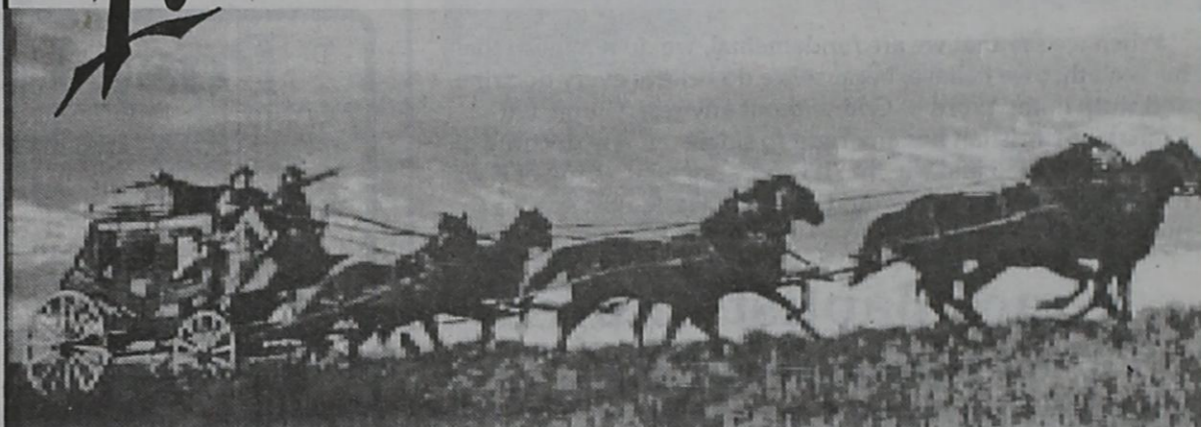
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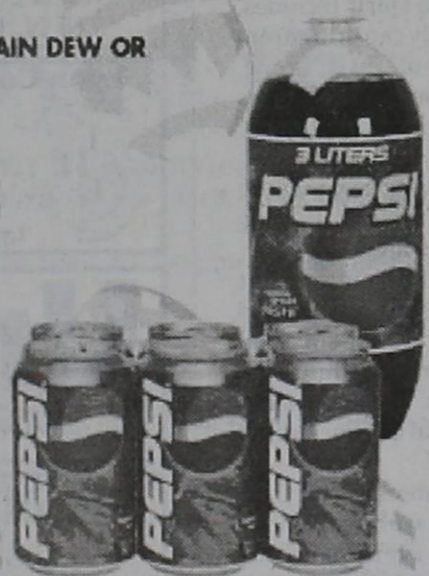


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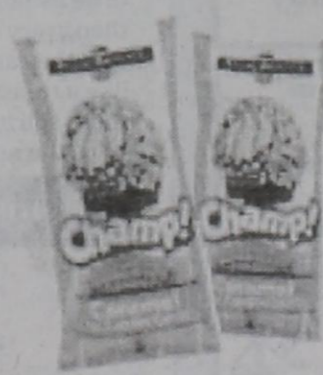
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Tidwell deserves recognition

Thank you for trying to correct the story on the power lifting competition. Yes Keith Tidwell was the first in P.H.S. history to go to the state competition in power lifting. He competed in the 123 lb class and came in 6th (not 7th) in the 123 lb class.

His stats are on microfilm if you would care to look them up. If a little research had been done you would have known this. Keith was not given the recognition he deserved back in 1985 for his accomplishments.

His coaches Dewayne Osborn and Darrell Radle worked hard to get him to Austin and I think they should be thanked for their hard work. Also, thanks to Rodney Tidwell and Rodney Odon for being his spotters in the competition.

After all a FIRST in P.H.S. sports is a big deal in Post High School or so I thought. Guess not. Not then anyway.

Rita Bishop, [former Post resident]

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By this we mean, that we accept the so-called fundamentals of the faith as opposed to modernism which denies the fundamentals of the faith. We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, the Genesis account of creation, the Virgin Birth of Christ, His sinless life, His blood atonement, His glorious bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His second coming.

When we say that we are fundamental, we do not mean that his is all that we believe; because we do believe every doctrine and truth in the Word of God without any reservation. No Church or Christian has any right to single out any doctrine of the Word of God and say that it is non-essential. If any of it was non-essential, then God would not have wasted the space by putting it in the Bible.

Grace Baptist Church

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Residents and staff of Golden Plains Care Center pulled off an "April Fools Day" gag on Administrator, Gary Pullen (shown in photo on right). This past Thursday residents, staff and volunteers inflated over 300 balloons in order to surprise Mr. Pullen with an office full of colorful balloons. Lizzie Johnson (above left) is shown discreetly pointing toward the target of their well planned "April Fools Day" gag.

Taxpayers deserve a voice in state education debate

As the debate begins in Austin over how best to fund education in Texas, I believe it is important to make sure that the people who pay the bills have a voice in the process. We need to protect taxpayers and control property taxes by confronting the critical cost drivers that cause many Texans to continue to pay more.

Since 1999, total statewide property tax levies have increased by an average 10.4 percent a year. This increase is more than twice the combined annual rate of growth for inflation and our population.

For too long Texas homeowners and employers have been the victim of an insidious, back-door property tax hike that comes in the form of higher appraisals. Instead of raising rates to generate more revenue, local governments often depend upon the local appraiser to generate additional money for them.

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Texans were told a property tax cut was on the way in 1997, but when they opened their tax bills many found that their rate cuts were offset by appraisal hikes. I want a tax cut to be a tax cut, not a sleight of hand where the end result means Texans pay more.

One of my priorities in any special session on education will be to pass a Taxpayer Protection Plan that will ensure we not only cut property taxes, but cap and control them too.

First, I want to cap appraisal growth on Texas homesteads at 3 percent each year.

The median value of a Texas home is just under \$129,000. The annual property tax bill on that home is just over \$3,500. Under current law, even without a property tax rate hike, that Texas homeowner could see their bill increase \$350 in one year and even more year after year.

It's a phenomenon called appraisal creep, and it is nothing less than a take hike by any other name.

In order to make sure a tax cut is a tax cut, I also believe we need a cap on the annual growth in property tax revenue that local governments can raise. We need to develop a measure that will allow property tax revenues for cities, counties, school and special taxing districts to grow in proportion to their population and rising prices.

However, if local governments want to raise property tax revenue beyond what it costs to keep up with growth and inflation, under my proposal they will have to ask voters for approval.

Democrats, Republicans and Independents all seem to agree in that property taxes are too high. We all understand that Texans have not only seen their property tax rates rise, they have been victimized by an appraisal system that too often seems arbitrary, cumbersome, unfair and unaccountable.

It is time to give taxpayers a voice in the education reform debate. It is time to ensure that any property tax relief is real.

Gov. Rick Perry

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Spiritual Matters...1Corinthians 12 - 14

It is written, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. You know that you were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1Corinthians 12:1-3). This scripture gives very important information. It starts a new subject. That new subject is about spiritual matters. In the King James Bible, the word "gifts" is in italics because it was added by the translators. The word "spiritual" comes from an earlier known Greek word that meant "spiritual matters." So it would more accurately read, "Now concerning spiritual matters...I would not have you ignorant." God so lovingly wants His people to understand spiritual matters. Chapters 12 through 14 reveal very significant information concerning the spiritual matters of life. God wants His people to know and live by His spirit. He freely gave His word so that we might be able to develop a close and personal relationship with Him as dear children.

Chapter 12 reveals that there is only one spirit and one Lord Jesus Christ. This one spirit includes various gift ministries, services and operations (or workings). We also learn that anybody can profit from the manifestation of holy spirit in nine different ways. God emphasizes that the body of Christ is one, and has many members who are all baptized into one body by one spirit. Each member in the body is uniquely important. From the most honorable to the least honorable member, all are important to God. And He wants each member to see the others in the same way.

In chapter 13 God emphasizes His love toward the whole world. If we have all believing so we could move mountains when God gives the word, and have not the love of God, then we are not walking according to God's will. This beautiful chapter points our undivided attention to God's love.

Chapter 14 teaches us to follow closely after God's love and to covet earnestly spiritual matters, but to prefer that we might prophesy. This chapter distinguishes between speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues in the context of who is being edified. Speaking in tongues is for the spiritual edification of the individual who is speaking. Interpretation of tongues and prophecy is for the edification of the assembly of believers. We learn from the context that speaking in tongues was commonly understood to be an essential part of the believer's life. This chapter reveals a great deal of information about speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

As workmen, let us rightly divide God's words of truth. If God gave us His word in 2Timothy 2:15, then that means He knows we can rightly divide His word. No matter what anybody else says, we have no need to be ashamed of His word. If God gave His word in 1Corinthians 14:15, "I will pray with the spirit..." then every single Christian should diligently search the scriptures to find out what it means, to the end that they are not only praying with their understanding but also with the spirit. 1Corinthians 12-14 sits like a treasure box filled with spiritual knowledge and wisdom. The next series of articles will dive into these spiritual treasures.

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Radio Daze

by Bill O'Reilly



We are living in desperate times, and the radio industry in America proves it. Now we have an "all liberal" network. Just what we need. It isn't enough that conservative bloviators sling radio propaganda all day long, it's apparently imperative that we have constant left-wing bleating as well, even though National Public Radio (NPR) is heard on more than 700 stations. Here's what we can expect on the left side of the dial.

"Lou in Seattle, you're on the air."

"Bush is a liar."
 "Good call, Lou."
 "Halliburton owns Cheney, and Laura Bush has hair extensions."
 "What about Rumsfeld?"
 "He has hair extensions, too, and lies about them."
 "Can't get enough of that, can you? Let's turn the dial to the right."
 "Lorraine in Orlando, what's on your mind?"
 "Ditto."
 "Ditto what, Lorraine?"
 "Kerry is a Communist. He has Botox."
 "And the government probably paid for it, right, Lorraine?"
 "No doubt. And Hillary dated bin Laden at Yale ..."
 "But it's not all politics on the radio, there's other talk as well."
 "Moon Man, how's it hangin', bro? You're the best, except for Howard Stern."
 "Yo, dude, I am your freedom of speech guy."
 "Excellent, Moon. What up with Janet Jackson?"
 "I had sex with her, dude, that's a fact ..."
 "How about some music, didn't we used to have music on the radio?"
 "Let's dial up some rap:"
 "My glock is nice,
 I shot her twice.
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 I got ta go ..."
 "No. 1 with a bullet on Felony 97 FM."
 "If you think I'm exaggerating, you're wrong. These days, radio will put you in a daze. The bilge is unbelievable. Let's go to NPR for some relief."

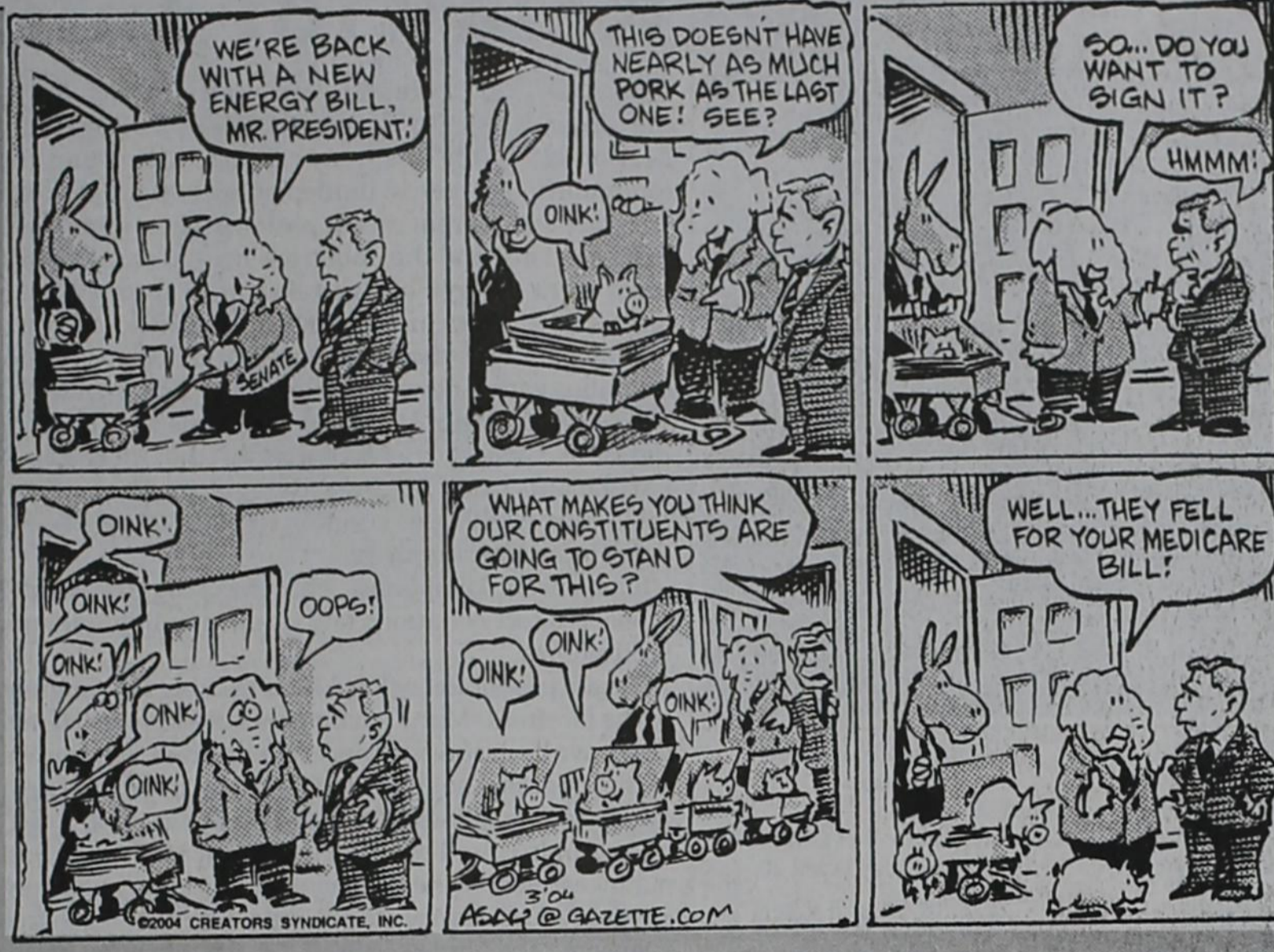
"Time for 'All Things Considered,' except for competing in the marketplace without public funding. Here's a report from our NPR correspondent in the Middle East."
 "There was sadness over a mentally challenged Palestinian boy wired up as a suicide bomber, but by no means is this PLO policy, say reliable Hamas sources who spoke to NPR on the condition that we make them look sympathetic ..."

Well, maybe NPR isn't the answer. As I mentioned, some believe that network provides plenty of liberal commentary. It sure sounds that way. Maybe it's the soothing tone they use in explaining that anyone opposing gay marriage is a cousin of George Wallace. Perhaps it's the way they frame the debate: "Joining us now from Washington is the senior senator from Massachusetts, Edward Kennedy, whose policies have enlightened this country for decades. Senator, can we send you an NPR tote bag? ..."

Anyway, there's little relief on the radio dial. It's worse than television. The ghost of Joseph Goebbels is haunting most radio talk stations, and the music people should all be in jail. One last chance for the new liberal network.

"Shirley in Aspen, what's on your mind?"
 "Bush hates cats!"
 "How do you know that, Shirly?"
 "Read it on Barbra Streisand's Web site."
 "Shirley?"
 "Yes."
 "What do you think about Bush's lies?"
 "Think? Isn't this talk radio?"

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Minimum gasoline prices

by Walter E. Williams



A couple of weeks ago, heading down to George Mason University, I pulled into my favorite Wawa gasoline station just off the Bel Air, Md., exit on I-95 South. At each of the 20 gasoline pumps, there was a sign posted that Wawa would no longer dispense free coffee to its gasoline customers. Why? The station was warned that dispensing free coffee put it in violation of Maryland's gasoline minimum-price law.

Here's my no-brainer question to you: Do you suppose that Maryland enacted its gasoline minimum-price law because irate customers complained to the state legislature that gasoline prices were too low? Even if you had just 1 ounce of brains, you'd correctly answer no. Then, the next question is just whose interest is served by, and just who lobbied for, Maryland's gasoline minimum-price law? If you answered that it was probably Maryland's independent gas-station owners, go to the head of the class.

Let's first establish a general economic principle. Whenever one sees statutory or quasi-statutory minimum prices, he is looking at a seller collusion against customers in general as well as against particular sellers, those who are seen as charging too low a price. This economic principle applies whether you're talking about minimum wages, minimum dairy prices or minimum real-estate sales commissions. Members of a seller collusion call for statutory and quasi-statutory minimum prices so they can charge customers higher prices than they could otherwise in the absence of a statutory minimum.

You say, Williams, that's preposterous; how can they sell legislators on the idea? After all, buyers of gasoline are more numerous than sellers of gasoline. To answer that question, you have to recognize a couple of other facts. First, legislators aren't known for being rocket scientists. Secondly, legislators love campaign contributions, and satisfying the interests of lobbyists is more important to their political careers than serving the interests of consumers in general.

Lobbyists such as WMDA Service Station & Automotive Repair Association,

the Gasoline Retailers Association and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America are able to sell legislators on the fairy tale that if high-marketing gasoline outlets such as Wawa, Sheetz, Wal-Mart and others are allowed to charge prices that are too low, they'll drive all other gasoline stations out of business. Having done so, these high-marketing outlets could charge any price they pleased and make huge profits.

In economics, we call this predatory pricing. It's an argument that has a ring of plausibility, but there's little evidence anywhere anytime that a predatory pricing scheme produced results even remotely close to what would be predators envisioned. Questioning this fairy tale and asking for evidence would never cross the mind of a legislator.

Another reason legislators can get away with establishing these minimum-price laws has to do with another economic phenomenon called narrow well-defined benefits and small widely dispersed costs. The beneficiaries of the gasoline seller collusion are relatively few in number and well organized. The victims, mainly gasoline customers, are difficult to organize, and the costs they bear are relatively small and widespread.

In other words, how many gasoline consumers would be willing to spend their time and energy fighting to unseat a legislator whose actions imposed, say, a nickel a gallon additional cost upon them? It's cheaper just to pay the nickel a gallon more and forget about it, but that's not true about gasoline retailers. It is worth their time and energy to pressure legislators for minimum-price laws, and politicians know this.

Maryland is not the only state with statutory minimum gasoline prices. It's joined by 12 other states, including New York, Michigan and Wisconsin. Wisconsin legislators have the gall to call its government-sponsored seller collusion the Unfair Sales Act.

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Oklahoma City- What Really Destroyed the Building, Part 1

by Devvy January 11, 2004 NewsWithViews.com

"We will leave no stone unturned in our effort to get to the truth."
 Attorney General Janet Reno

Recently two new articles on the OKC bombing have been published:

* January 28, 2004, McCurtain Daily Gazette: Langan to testify at Nichols trial, name others in OKC bombing

"A convicted neo-Nazi bank robber is expected to name several other suspects in the Oklahoma City bombing when he testifies in the trial of Terry Nichols...."

The article gives general background and then states:
 "Briefly explaining the scope of his expected testimony, Langan indicated that he will provide evidence to the jury that will tie McVeigh and the bomb plot to several men with very close connections to the white supremacist enclave called Elohim City."

I find it rather suspect that after all these years, just at the time when Nichols is scheduled to be tried again at the state level, a convicted waste of human skin suddenly wants to name suspects with conveniently white supremacist ties.

In a recent phone discussion with Brigadier General Ben Partin, U.S.A.F. (Retired), this association with the Elohim City connection is "a manufactured image to justify all this anti-terrorism legislation. Blame everything on the 'right-wing Christian threat' and lump them in with white supremacists. One only has to look at the FBI's "Project Mediggo" to see the blueprint for this scenario."

(Megiddo means "mountain" in Hebrew, and har Megiddo, "the mountain," eluded to become Armageddon. According to geography books, Megiddo lies south of Nazareth, where Jesus lived as a child. According to the New Testament, Armageddon is where Jesus will triumph over evil after an apocalyptic battle on Judgment Day. Rather interesting that the Federal government decided to use Mediggo as the title for their home grown terrorist report.)

Unfortunately, there are neo-Nazi organizations operating in this country, one being too many. But, to carte blanche paint every American who holds Christian beliefs as some sort of domestic terrorist is heinous and goes against everything this nation was founded upon. Then again, the end game for those who seek destroy what we hold so dear is literally a clash of civilizations: Christianity vs. Communism. The clash is here and now like never before in this history of this Republic.

In my opinion, the only question about the OKC bombing that should be asked is what really caused the multiple explosions that destroyed the Murrah building?

In a nutshell, the case of the FBI investigation into this horrific crime was beyond incompetence, it is an ongoing cover up. The FBI manipulated any real evidence and tore at the heart strings of Americans to build their case.

The second article cited below does raise the question and rightly so about where are the video tapes known to exist of those critical moments the morning of April 19, 1995?

February 1, 2004 - Worldnetdaily.com
 Ex-Congressman's aide has video of explosion?

"The Fairfax County, Va., home of John Culbertson - once a member of former U.S. Rep. James Traficant's scandal-plagued congressional office - was raided Friday afternoon by Oklahoma City police detectives searching for evidence related to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing."

According to this article, Culbertson may have in his possession a number of crucial videos and still photos never known to federal or state prosecutors until recently. If true, it is inconceivable that this Culbertson would conceal, at his private residence no less, important evidence - no matter who it may or may not implicate.

Further into the article it states:
 "In an affidavit obtained by this newspaper, Detective Easley said Mills told him the images he was shown included the Murrah building in "pristine condition."

"Mills then said, "Mr. Culbertson pushed a button and a second photograph came up with a small glow at the bottom of the building. Mr. Culbertson pushed another button and another frame appeared of a ball of fire rising from the building and the building fell."

Other videos still out there?
 Martin Keating (brother of Frank Keating, former company man for the FBI and Governor of Oklahoma at the time of the bombing), bragged after the bombing that he had copies of the surveillance film from the Southwest Bell building across the street from the Murrah building.

Another odd thing about Martin Keating that just can't be ignored: Brother Martin wrote a manuscript in 1991, roughly four years before the OKC bombing. Keating could not get this work published until after the bombing.

This manuscript, now a published book, is titled "The Final Hour." In this book, Keating lays out a plan for how to bomb a federal building. Guess what the name of the one of the key "terrorists" in the book is? Tom McVey.

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Local organizers plan June 4 Relay for Life

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Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 9 a.m. on June 4, 2004 until 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2004 at the track in Post.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist. Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society. Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

Teams from companies, churches, organizations, hospitals, and schools collect donations and can win individual and team prizes for their efforts.

The purpose of Relay For Life is to bring the progress against cancer to the forefront. Many participants are family, friends, and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

The funds raised enable The American Cancer Society to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services to patients. Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life contact one of the numbers below: Event Co-Chairman Michelle Rasbeary, 495-0039 Team Recruitment or Rudy Cuevas, 495-3217 or 495-1732.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org

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teams to address needs of the community. For more information about participating in the TCFE please contact Julie Neitsch or Greg Jones at the Garza County Extension Office at (806) 495-4400 or visit this website: <http://futuresforum.tamu.edu>.

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Futures & Options Workshop
On April 12, 2004, a basic Futures and Options Workshop will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center north of Lubbock. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$30 registration fee. To reserve a place in the workshop, call Wendy at the A&M Center at (806) 746-6101.

South Plains District 2 Senior 4-H Fashion Show
"Lights, Camera, Action!" is the theme for the South Plains District 2 Senior 4-H Fashion show to be held Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at the Lubbock District Texas A&M University Agricultural and Extension Center located North of Lubbock International Airport. The Modeling, Style Show and awards presentation will begin at 8:15 PM.

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Congratulations to.....
.....the McCarty family. Danielle, Garrett and Colton participated in the recent Metroplex Longhorn Association 2004 Early Spring Youth Show. Danielle placed 1st. with her Junior Heifer, Garrett won Reserve Champion Junior Bull with his 1st. Place Junior Bull, and Colton participated in the Pee-Wee Show. Again, congratulations for a job well done.

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It's a comedy, mystery, which gets lots of laughs with Garza Theatre cast members Chris Davis (left to right) Christy Morris, Jay Young and Laura Mac Bryan deliver solid performances in the current production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." The play continues Friday and Saturday, call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

'Arsenic and Old Lace' continues at Garza Theatre

Final performances of the Garza Theatre production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be staged Friday and Saturday.

Directed by Mitchell Britton, the show features a cast of more than a dozen. Cast members include Chris Davis, Christy Morris, Laura Mac Bryan,

Britton, Jeff Conner, Bill Woodard, Valerie Conner, Shane Floyd, Michael "Mikey" Gonzales, Brian McClelland, Mark Martin, Darryl Lippe, Jay Young and Jason Porter.

Jacqui Neal is assistant director and stage manager,

while Joshua Blevins is handling lights and sound for the show. Other crew members include Britton, Michael Vorauer and Davis, set design; Vorauer, set construction; Davis, set dressing; Britton and Cordell Green, music selections; Alex Chapa, Alejandra Ceja, Kayla Dunn, Stephanie Gearhart, Christina Zellmer and Naomi Matsler, box office staff; Juanetta Bocko, cover design; and Melissa Flanigan, program design.



Jeff Conner (left to right), Chris Davis and Mitchell Britton keep the action flowing in the current Garza Theatre production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." The play continues Friday and Saturday, call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

Conservation Practice Incentives Offered

The sign-up for the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is still ongoing with the local NRCS office taking applications until April 16, 2004. Through this program producers can receive cost share assistance to install conservation practices to improve water quality and quantity. Practices targeted for cost share assistance are the following: terraces, waterways, brush control, drip irrigation, and irrigation pipelines. All funded practices will be cost shared at a 50% cost share rate. For additional information or to make an appointment, please contact the local NRCS office at 495-2056 ext. 3.

Deputy Britton completes K-9 training

Garza County Deputy Melvin Britton and K-9 unit Ruger successfully completed the written and practical testing for certification from the U.S. Tactical K-9 Academy.

The certification is for narcotics detection dog, Level 2. With the certification, the team is capable of working buildings and automobiles in searches for marijuana, cocaine, LSD and methamphetamines. Britton and Ruger spent a week at the academy in Merkel.

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Irrigation wells show decline

Irrigation wells in Garza County have shown drops in their water levels in the past year, according to a report from the Garza County Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District.

An annual check of the water level in irrigation wells showed that all of the wells checked during 2004 showed a drop in the water level, ranging from half a foot to 10 feet. The average drop was 2.4 feet.

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ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Garza County U&FWCD hereby cancels the elections scheduled to be held on May 15, 2004 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Garza County U&FWCD por lo presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 15, 2004 de conformidad con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuacion:

Candidate (Candidato): Ferrel Wheeler, Precinct #1 Board Member; Ronnie Claude Graves, Precinct #3 Board Member

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El día de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.

Ferrel Wheeler, President
Ronald Thuet, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 23, 2004, KXOJ, Inc. filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, to assign the broadcast license for KOFR(FM), licensed to Post, Texas and operating on a frequency of 107.3 megahertz,

to Educational Media Foundation. The officers and directors of KXOJ, Inc. are Michael Stephens, David Stephens and Joy Stephens. All of the stock in KXOJ, Inc. is owned by the Stephens Family Limited Partnership, Michael Stephens, General Partner. A copy of the application is available for public inspection in the KOFR public file, located at 115 W. Main Street, Post, TX as well as 14302 Slide Rd., Suite A, Lubbock, TX.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Post, Texas is requesting sealed bid proposals for purchase and installation of 61 two bulb heater/Fan bathroom fixtures made from Broan Model No. 164. Some fixtures will require bracing to an existing 2 X 4, extra wiring and switches. The successful bidder will be required to furnish general liability and provide a valid electrician's license. All bids will be accepted until:

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The local authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informality in the bidding process. For more information please contact (806)495-2233.

Rosa Maldonado
Executive Director

comment should write the: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Supply Division Utilities and Districts Section, MC-153 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication or notice. A public hearing will be held only if a legally sufficient hearing request is received or if the Commission on its own motion requests a hearing. Only those individuals who submit a written hearing request or a written request to be notified if a hearing is set will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

If a public hearing is requested, the Executive Director will not issue the CCN and will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, the SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If an evidentiary hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then public read.

CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6113-02-001 for STRIPING in LUBBOCK County, et seq. will be opened on May 20, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$139,292.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMMENCEMENT OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NO. 12-3711

White River Municipal Water District has applied for an extension of time for commencement and completion of construction for a dam and reservoir with a capacity of 57,420 acre-feet of water on the North Fork Double Mountain Fork Brazos River Basin. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

APPLICATION. White River Municipal Water District, HCR 2, Box 141, Spur, Texas 79370, applicant, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Water Use Permit pursuant to 11.145, Texas Water Code, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rules 30 TAC 295.1, et seq. Notice of the application is being published and mailed pursuant to 30 TAC 295.159 to the water right holders of record in the Brazos River Basin.

Certificate of Adjudication No. 12-3711 authorizes owner to construct a dam and reservoir on the North Fork Double Mountain Fork Brazos River, tributary of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River, tributary of the Brazos River, Brazos River Basin, having a capacity of

57,420 acre-feet of water and to divert and use a maximum of 10,600 acre-feet per annum from a point on the reservoir at a maximum diversion rate of 54.22 cfs (24,400 gpm) for municipal, industrial, and mining purposes in Garza, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, and Lubbock Counties.

Certificate of Adjudication No. 12-3711 was issued on February 20, 1985 and the last order for an extension of time to begin and/or complete construction of the reservoir was issued on February 8, 2001.

The applicant requests authorization for an extension of time to commence and complete construction of the dam and reservoir. The requested date for commencement of construction is July 24, 2008. The requested date for completion of construction is July 24, 2012. The applicant has indicated that it requires an extension of time to further identify specific water demands that the reservoir will meet, and to identify project sponsors to fund construction of the dam and reservoir.

Based on the authority granted in Texas Water Code Section 16.051(f)(2), and pursuant to Tex. H.B. 3096, 77th Leg. R.S. (2001), the Texas Legislature has designated the reservoir site as being of unique value for construction of a dam and reservoir.

The Commission will review the application as submitted by the applicant and may or may not grant the application as requested.

The application was received on December 19, 2003. Additional fees were received on January 20, 2004. The application was determined to be administratively complete and filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk on February 2, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be received in the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit proposed conditions to the requested permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the TCEQ will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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South Garza Water Supply Corporation has filed an application for a CCN with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water utility service in Garza County.

The proposed utility service area is located approximately 25 miles southeast of downtown Post, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Lake Alan Henry Road; on the east by the Garza/Kent County Line; on the south by Lake Alan Henry; and on the west by CR 355. The total area being requested includes approximately 460 acres and 0 current customers.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at 1120 W. Lubbock Street, Slaton, Texas 79364-6743 Phone Number 806/828-4882

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application of a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago March 30, 1994

Several local students received degrees during Texas Tech's fall commencement exercises held in December. Jennifer Hudman and Ben James Kirkpatrick received their Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services. Randy Lewis received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Agriculture and Robert Wilson received his Master of Education in Educational Leadership.

The team of Phil Leininger and Jeff Redman placed fifth at the State Debate Spring Meet held in Austin. Redman was also named one of the top five speakers in the entire state. For his efforts, Redman received one of the Gavel Awards recognized by the UIL.

Stace Norman, son of Kim and Rhonda Norman, was the winner of the new Schwinn "Predator" bicycle at the Saturday Bike Safety Rodeo. Norman also received a matching safety helmet and lock set.

Steve and Patti Babb are proud to announce the birth of their son, Landry Seth born March 21 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Fisheries Division continued this month stocking Lake Alan Henry with game fish. To date, the lake has been stocked with 321,032 fish. Three hundred and forty nine of these are adult Largemouth Bass, each about 12 inches long.

20 Years Ago March 28, 1984

The Post High School One-Act play cast took top district honors during last week's competition, advancing to the area contest in Plainview. Lawrence Housenman's "Victoria Regina" is under the direction of Dramatic Arts instructor Candace McConell. Mark Stark was named best actor and LaDonna Craig best actress in the district competition.

L. D. Harper placed first in the discuss throw at last weekend's Colorado City track meet, leading the varsity Antelopes at the event.

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority met with the County Commissioners Court Monday to advise them that Garza County is one of 16 counties that have possible sites for the waste program. Radioactive waste is produced by hospitals, universities, research laboratories and power plants. The site would be a landfill on about 400 acres of land, and will look like any common

industrial facility.

The wind blew from the southwest last Thursday morning at sunrise, and "Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the pipe toward the direction of the stiff breeze, much to the disappointment of farmers and ranchers attending the annual Tana'na Yuan'e.

30 Years Ago March 28, 1974

The completely remodeled and expanded Allup's 6-11 store at 419 E. Main opens its three-day Grand Opening today. The food chain purchased the business last July from Conor Howell.

Keith Davis, who resigned as chief of police last Thursday afternoon, was indicted by a 106th District Court grand jury Tuesday morning on charges of forgery and passing in connection with an allegedly forged letter of recommendation from the sheriff of Sutton County which Davis presented to the city council when they hired him last December.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Gavis announce the birth of a son, Aaron Lynn, born March 23 in Garza Memorial Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells announce the birth of a daughter, Shelley Kay, born March 21 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Post High School senior Joe Craig won a number of honors with his Hydrogen for Fuel exhibit at the South Plains Regional Science Fair in Lubbock. Joe's exhibit was chosen by the U. S. Navy as the best senior exhibit in the fair, and he received a brief case as a prize. He also received a \$50 savings bond from the Texas Tech chemical engineering department, awards of excellence from the Army, Air Force and NASA, placed second in physical science exhibits and third place overall.

40 Years Ago April 2, 1964

Postings: Things usually move pretty fast when sons or daughters come home to visit - but not quite as fast as they did for Mrs. Inez Capps last Friday when her son Army Private Dwayne Capps flew into Lubbock on a 10-day furlough. As soon as they arrived home Dwayne first wanted to go see as many of his friends as he could find. Before retiring, Mrs. Capps turned on the electric blanket on Dwayne's bed. About 1 a.m. she was awakened to find the house full of smoke. Dashing into her son's room she found his bed aflame, but no Dwayne. Mrs. Capps called the fire department, but somehow the 116 N.

Ave. L address of the Capps home got garbled and the firm went racing all over town looking for the fire. Meanwhile Mrs. Capps got the garden hose and extinguished the blaze herself.

Post has a new cafe! It is operated by Jim and Lois Brown and will feature short orders and home made pies. Jim and Lois arrived in Post a few weeks ago to begin the Yellow Cab taxi service and now have added the cafe operation at the same location at 204 W. Main.

The Public Housing Authority of Post after over six years of preparation, today advertised for construction bids for its long sought 25-unit public housing project. The 14 duplex housing units will be built on the former site of the Lincoln grade school.

Lupe Cisneros was over-all winner in the 4-H Favorite Food Show here and will represent Garza County in the district contest in Lubbock.

50 Years Ago April 1, 1954

Two places on the board of trustees of the Post Independent School District will be filled in an election to be held Saturday. The names of five candidates on the ballot for the election are: Robert E. Cox, S. E. (Shelley) Camp, O. C. (Oscar) Garner, J. W. (Pat) Henderson and George Tracy.

Jack Rex, manager of the Garza Memorial Hospital since March 13, 1952 - five months before the hospital was opened - submitted his resignation Saturday. Another resignation at the hospital is that of Mrs. Yourlanda Petty, supervisor of nurses.

Verne D. Winslow, of Beloit, Wis., who resided in Post in the town's early years, visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crider. It was his first visit in Post since he moved away in 1914. The visitor said he was impressed with the many changes. One landmark which is just as it was then is the Algerita Hotel, he said.

Bobby Cowdrey and Jan Haynie won first place in the senior and junior division, respectively, in the Tower Theatre's amateur show. Both are singers. Other winners were: Pearl - Junior Leathers, second, and Pearl Craig, third; Junior - Scharlene Holland, second, and Kenneth Cook and the Hagler Sisters, tie for third.

60 Years Ago March 30, 1944

Winter was close behind spring Tuesday when rain, hail, sleet and snow, whipped by a stiff northern, hit the county, dropping the temperature to below freezing. Wednesday morning reports on temperature readings in Post varied from 18 to 22 degrees.

Four former Post men, three of whom have served as teachers in Post schools, were ordained Sunday as deacons of the First Baptist church of Lubbock. Those ordained were Morris Cox, and the three former teachers, Lt. M. L. Penn, Gordon Deering and Lloyd Croslin.

The Baptist R. A. boys celebrated the birthday of O. K. Bowen, Jr. Thursday with a hay ride and wiener roast at Two Draw lake. Cookies, deviled eggs and bottled pops were served with the wieners. Those attending were Bobby and Isaac Tennison, Charles Boyd, O.K. and Jimmy Bowen, Robert Smith, John J. Bilberry, Bowen Stephens, Bobby Dean Woods, Wayne Miller, Paul Wright, LeRoy Holly, Mrs. J. W. Webb and Sonny.

Bluejacket Grady Glenn Norman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman of Post received recognition as eligible to qualify for the promotion to the petty officer rate of machinist's mate third class during recent graduation ceremonies at the naval Training School on the University of Kansas campus.

Menus

Post ISD

April 12- Bad weather day
April 13- Breakfast-Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, pudding, milk
April 14- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk
Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk

April 15- Breakfast-Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Antelope wrap, salad, fruit cocktail, ice cream, milk
April 16- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch-Cheeseburger, slat, french fries, cookie, milk

Southland ISD

April 12- No school!!!!
April 13- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, corn, pineapples w/apples, milk.

April 14- Breakfast-French toast, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch-Nacho grande, lettuce/tomatoes, picante sauce, oranges, milk

April 15- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chili cheese burritos, green salad, apples, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

April 16- Breakfast-Biscuits w/ gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Sloppy joes, french fries, carrot sticks, pickle spears, bananas, milk

Garza Trailblazer

April 12- Polish sausage, cabbage, corn, cornbread, pumpkin crunch

April 13- Baked chicken, black-eyed peas, brussel sprouts, cornbread, cherry cobbler

April 14- Beef stroganoff, noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, strawberry shortcake

April 15- Beef on toast, tater tots, peas & carrots, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad

April 16- Chicken fry, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, peach dessert

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ACROSS

- UH '83 BB team: "Phi Slama"
- TX John Wesley Hardin was quick with _____
- TXism: "a legend in his own _____"
- this Alan starred with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"
- Nocona is known for this (2 wds.)
- pleasant TX month
- TXism: "short as _____ memory"
- TXism: "fast small town gossip"
- TXism: "sold me a bill of goods"
- TXism: "he uses barbed wire for floss"
- starts _____
- "Amazing Emu" Ranger pitcher Jim _____
- water vapor
- A-Rod went to this city in '04 (abbr.)
- TXism: "got 'em in my cross _____"
- Adam & Eve's garden
- TXism: "caught _____ handed"

DOWN

- this Hornet was the Maverick's 1st pick in '93
- TXism: "_____ a snake on a hot road"
- in Knox Co. on 277
- TXism: "up _____ 'em juice" (coffee)
- TXism: "got 'em in my cross _____"
- TXism: "thinking _____ doing"
- TXism: "if he was a _____ wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)
- TXism: "got more on his _____ he can say grace over"
- cheese chip
- "the" under the French flag
- _____ tea
- TXism: "_____ money"
- barn critters
- in Valley: Lake El Sal _____
- film statuette was named by _____ of Oscar Pierce

20 TX "Family Stone" founder

22 TXism: "a _____ cinch"

24 UH & pro golfer Lietzke (init.)

25 booth with

26 TX's 2nd governor Wood (init.)

27 in Hill Co. on I-35

28 this Edward was in "Fight Club" with TX Meat Loaf

29 Kerrville TV

30 TXism: "green as _____ money"

33 TXism: "thinking _____ doing"

34 "High _____"

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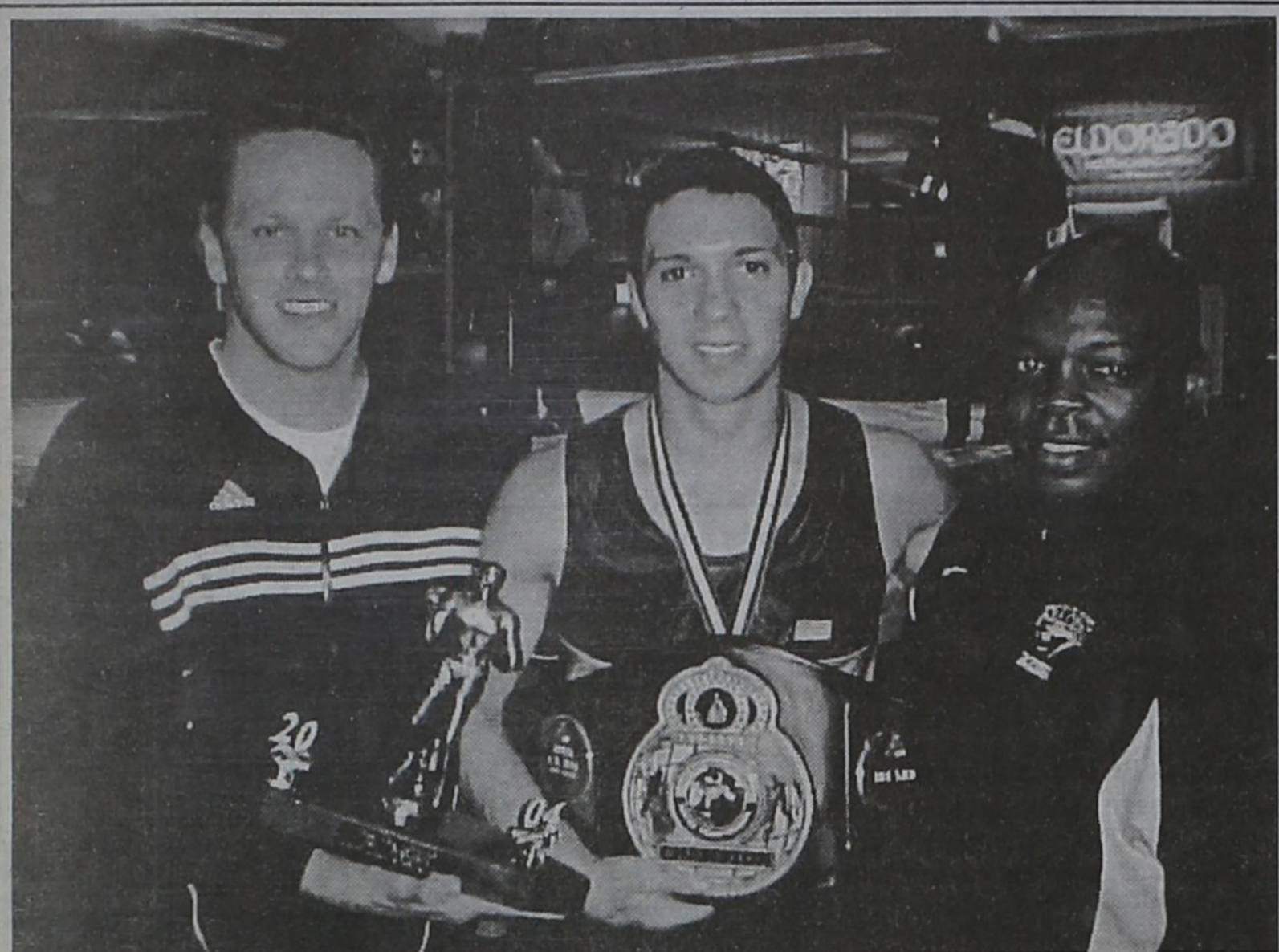
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Russ Balka (left to right), Clell Knight and Joe Watts at last weekend's National Collegiate Boxing Association Championship in Reno, Nevada. (Photo Courtesy Jenny Smith)

Clell Knight captures third All American Champion title

by Jenny Smith

Clell Knight, a 1999 Post High School graduate, brought home a Gold medal along with the trophy for Outstanding Boxer for the 2004 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championship in Reno, Nevada. Clell, a senior at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, used all the knowledge and boxing techniques that he has learned during his time "up on the hill".

Clell opened the final match with the conviction of a seasoned champion, taking control of the ring against Army's (West Point) Matt Pride.

Matt is a taller fighter with longer reach than Clell and had earned his place in the finals with two previous knockouts, against UNLV and Naval Academy fighters. Matt had proven that he could and would use his knockout punch, if given the chance.

Clell Knight had his own strategy coming into the finals against Matt Pride. Knight said he decided to stay on the outside rather than rushing in during the first round. It obviously worked. Clell and Matt exchanged a few jabs, enabling Clell to "measure him up".

Then Clell went to it and started making history for the United States Air Force Academy. The crowd was yelling along with the entire section for the Air Force Academy. Clell's performance was truly the most outstanding of the evening.

Matt had barely managed to score against Clell, who used great technical footwork to deliver combination after combination from his left-handed stance. The judges came up with a unanimous decision... Clell Knight Champion in the 156 pound weight class.

Then, to top it off, Clell was chosen the Outstanding Boxer for the National Finals Collegiate Boxing Championship. The announcer from

Nevada said something to this effect:

"This award for the Outstanding Boxer of 2004 goes to the boxer who is everything you want in a collegiate boxer. He has demonstrated the best technique and attitude in and out of the ring. This boxer is exactly what you think of when you think of what a boxer should be.

This year's winner will soon be helping to protect our country and there is no one better suited for the role".

At this point, one of the professional boxers said, "Clell Knight get up here in the ring." Judging from the reaction of the crowd, Clell had been the obvious choice for this award.

Clell's win, the only Gold for the Air Force Academy, was instrumental in the AFA's defense of their 6th consecutive National Collegiate Boxing Association team title. During his collegiate boxing career, Clell racked up two Gold (165 and 156 divisions)

and one silver medal, giving him the status of 3-time All-American.

Air Force won the National team title with 40 points edging out Navy who finished second with 36 points. The Air Force Falcons have won 18 of 25 National Team Titles.

Thanks to the coaches, Head Coach, Eddie Weischers, Coach Watts, Coach Clifford and Coach Russ Balka. They took a kid from a small town and showed him through determination and the best coaching all achievements are possible. These dedicated men believed in Clell and in turn he believed he could be A Champion.

Clell had the best cheering section. They were Air Force Academy Parents, graduated cadets and family along with Mike and Wanda Mitchell, Macee Mills, Russ Balka, Ashley Arrezola and friend Tanya, Riley and Mary Miller, Brent and Jenny Smith. What a Night!

What a Championship!
Post High School you have a Winner!

Middle School girls gear up for district

The Post Middle School girls fared well at a track meet at Roosevelt last week as they geared up for today's district contest in New Deal.

"This was a really tough meet," the coach said. "There were some solid 3A schools there that were great to compete with. I thought the girls handled the stiff competition well. It was really good to go up against some good teams the week before district."

Results for seventh grade Post athletes included Ashley Stenzel, shot, fifth place, 22'10"; Gaby Gomez, triple jump, first place, 30'4"; Sabrina Sanchez, triple jump, third place, 28'11 1/2"; Whitney Williams, triple jump, fourth place, 26'10 1/2"; Shyra Perez, Sanchez, Williams and Gomez, 400 m relay, second place, 56.34; Haley Lester, 800 m, third place, 2:53.4; Valerie Moreno, 100 m hurdles, third place, 20.87; Sanchez, 100 m hurdles, fourth place, 21.22; Williams, 400 m, second place, 1:11.7; and Perez, Sanchez, Williams and Gomez, 1600 m relay, third place, 4:49.6.

Eighth grade results included Samantha Hoover, triple jump, second place, 28'10"; Marlee Plummer, triple jump, fourth place, 27'7 1/2"; Plummer, long jump, third, 12'9"; Hoover, high jump, third place, 4'4"; Ashleigh Harris, 2400m, fourth place, 11:09.5; Gloria Martinez, Lauren Gonzales, Amanda Rodriguez and Plummer, 400 m relay, fourth, 57.4; Hoover, 100 m hurdles, third place, 19.03; Rodriguez, 100 m, fourth, 14.66; Gonzales, 400 m, fourth place, 1:14.4; Hoover, 300 m hurdles, sixth place, 58.57; Plummer, 200 m, first place, 28.53; and Gonzales, Erica Cravy, Hoover and Plummer, 1600 m relay, third place, 4:56.2.

McCallister shines at state powerlifting meet

Post High School's Mark McCallister finished among the top 10 in the state in the Division II 198 weight class at the state powerlifting meet.

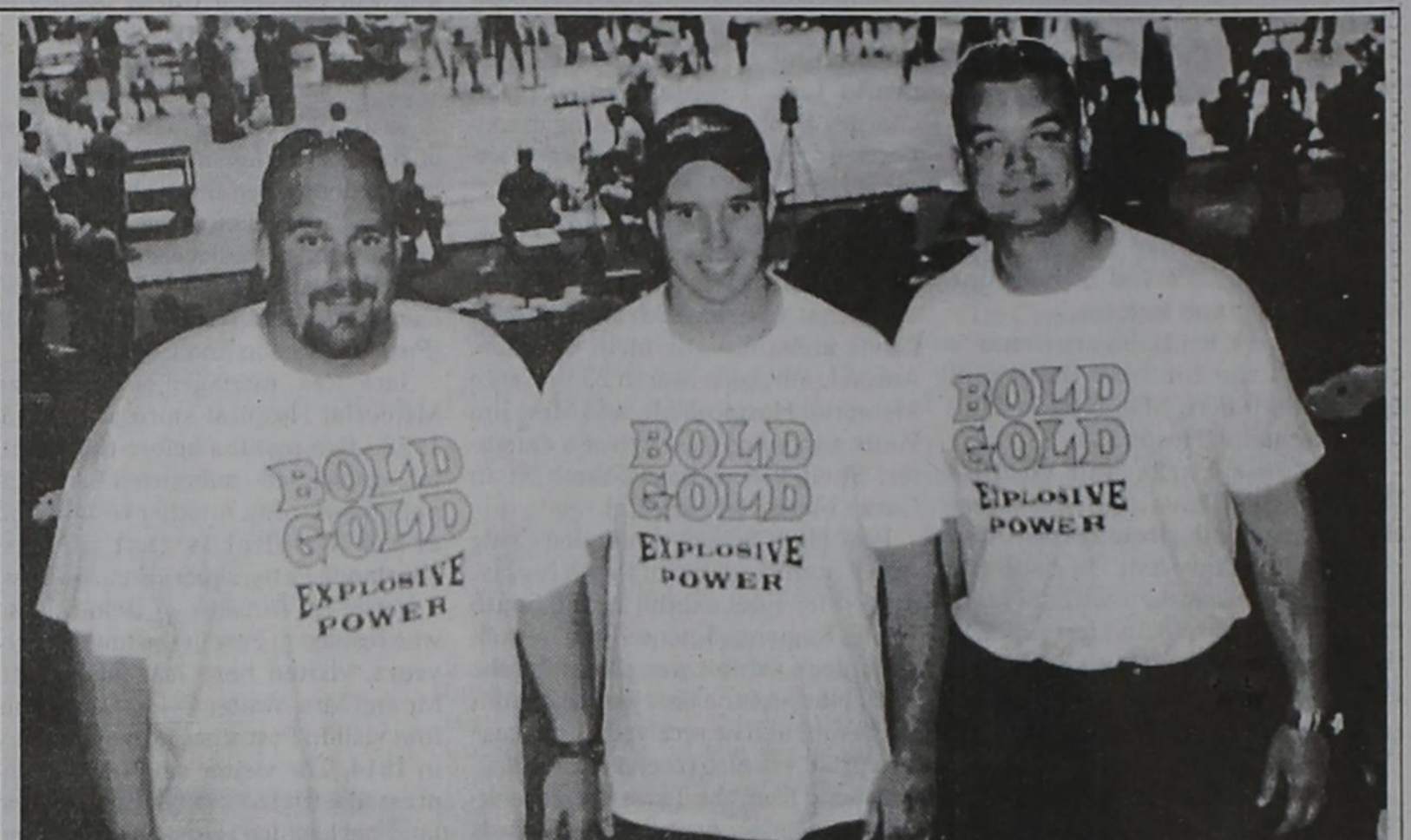
McCallister totaled 1265 on three lifts, which represents his best total of the year. He squatted 500, bench pressed 300 and dead lifted 465.

First place winner in the 198-weight class totaled more than 1500.

"After entering the meet at 14th seed, moving up to 10th is a great feat in a very competitive weight class," the coach said. "State records were broken on every platform this year."

Highlights of the meet included an 830-pound squad in the Division I Super Heavyweight competition. Another highlight of the trip was having the opportunity to be on the football field for a University of Houston workout.

"Mark had his best meet of the year in Houston," the coach said. "That is all you can ask of an athlete in that situation. Mark's trip to the state meet was a nice accent on the end of a wonderful high school career. Mark is to be commended for four years of hard lifting and dedication to his athletic programs. He has set a great precedent for future athletes in Post. Let's hope that trips to the state meet become a yearly trend."



Mark McCallister (center) with coaches Wright (left) and Motheral (right) at the state powerlifting championship.

Lady Lopes take first place

Before a large, cheering home crowd, the Post Lady Lopes won the Caprock Relays, scoring 180.5 points.

Their closest rival in the competition, Lamesa, scored 116.

The Lady Lopes finished first in the 800 and 1600 meter relays and finished second in the 400 meter relay. Members of the 400 and 800 relay teams included Rachel Gray, Jenee Lott, Tayler Starkey and Larissa Halford. Members of the 1600 relay included Kayla Dunn, Christin Collier, Gray and Meagan Hoover.

Starkey and Lott finished first and second respectively in the 300 meter hurdles. Lyndee Strawn finished second in the 3200 meter run and third in the 1600 meter run. Collier placed second in the 800. Hoover placed second in the 100 and 400 meter dash. Halford placed second in the 200 meter dash. Courtney Short finished third in the 400 meter dash.

and Erin Wartes earned a second place finish in discus. Sarah Kirkpatrick placed third in triple jump, while Lott and Hoover finished first and second respectively in the long jump competition.

Almost every Lady 'Lope scored in the meet.

Scoring for the Lopes included Hoover, 29 points; Lott, 29; Starkey, 19; Halford, 17; Strawn, 14; Gray, 14; Collier, 13; Wartes, 9; S. Kirkpatrick, 8.5; Dunn, 7; Short, 6; Vernon, 4; C. Kirkpatrick, 4; Zellmer, 2; Tatum, 2; Zubia, 2; and Dalby, 1.

Following Post and Lamesa in overall scores was Hale Center, finishing in third with 87.4; Floydada, 63.5; Roosevelt, 59; Petersburg, 50; Abernathy, 34; and Ralls, 13.

Individual results for the Lady Lopes were as follows:

- 3200 meter run - Lyndee Strawn,

third place.

- 100 meter hurdles - Laurel Tatum, fifth place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, sixth.

- 100 meter dash - Meagan Hoover, second place; K'Nell Dalby, sixth.

- 300 hurdles - Tayler Starkey, first place; Jenee Lott, second.

- 1600 meter run - Lyndee Strawn, third; Christina Zellmer, sixth.

- 800 meter relay - Post squad, first place.

- Discus throw - Erin Wartes, second place.

- Long jump - Meagan Hoover, first; Jenee Lott, second.

- 400 meter relay - Post, second place.

- 800 meter run - Christin Collier, second place.

- 400 meter dash - Meagan Hoover, second; Courtney Short, third; Kayla Dunn, fifth.

- 200 meter dash - Larissa Halford, second place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, sixth.

- 1600 meter relay - Post, first place.

- Shot put - Kadie Vernon, fourth place; A'Lana Zubia, fifth; Erin Wartes, sixth.

- Triple jump - Sarah Kirkpatrick, third; Jenee Lott, fifth; Christina Zellmer, sixth.

- High jump - Claire Kirkpatrick, fourth place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, sixth.



Valerie Moreno (left) and Sabrina Sanchez with their third and fourth place medals in the 7th grade 100 meter hurdles. (Photo courtesy Kara Swindell)



Marlee Plummer (left) placed third in the long jump and mile relay and first in the 200 meter dash in the 8th grade meet. Samantha Hoover placed second in the triple jump and third in the mile relay and 100 meter hurdles. (Photo courtesy Kara Swindell)

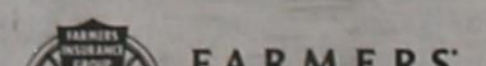
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